



Beth Israel Bulletin

ELUL 5785- TISHREI 5786



Upcoming Events: **SEPTEMBER**

Special Events

- 09/05-09/06 TBI Shabbaton: See flier below for full schedule
- 09/12: 7:00 pm: Board Installation
- 09/28: 1:00 pm: Cemetery Visit

Shabbat and Other Services

- 09/05: 7:00 pm: Shabbat T'filah/Oneg by Beth Brumfield
- 09/06: 10:00 am: Shabbat T'filah
- 09/12: 7:00 pm: Shabbat T'filah
- 09/19: 7:00 pm: Shabbat T'filah/Oneg by Sharon Ratner (6:00 pm Pre-Shabbat Reception)
- 09/22: 7:00 pm: Erev Rosh Hashanah
- 09/23: 10:00 am: Rosh Hashanah followed by Taschlich
- 09/26: 7:00 pm: Shabbat T'filah (6:00 pm Pre-Shabbat Reception)
- 09/28: 10:00 am: High Holiday Family Service

SEPTEMBER SHAMUS: Cheryl Kabeli

[View Full Calendar](#)

[Join Via Zoom](#)



FROM THE RABBI

Happy September Temple Israel,

As we begin the month of Tishrei, I am looking back on the summer as we reflect before the new year. After a beautiful but hot month of August spent in Israel, I recount some of the more memorable moments of my Birthright Israel trip. Shabbat at the Kotel (Western Wall) was by far the biggest shock; witnessing Jews from all walks of life converge on the open plaza adjacent to the last remaining wall to the Temple in Jerusalem is a master class in understanding Jewish peoplehood. Lubavitchers, Breslov, secular, and Mastori Jews all rubbing shoulders together. The vibe is super-charged on a hot Friday night in August as circles of Yeshiva boys and seminary girls break-out in Kabbalat Shabbat song and dance; separated of course by the mechitza/divider. As the sun goes down, the sky darkens, and the stars begin to shine, we slowly retreat back to our hotel for Shabbat dinner, and I feel as though my job is satisfyingly done for the day; Shabbat at the Kotel in Jerusalem always leaves a powerful encounter.

Trying to draw connections between American Jews and Israeli Jews is becoming harder because we have lost the connection to Jewish peoplehood; we much better understand Judaism through a philosophical and theology lens, but we have a poor understanding of Jewish history and the history of Jewry (Jewish people). I think if we better understand what makes us united, through a shared, collective history as a Jewish people, then we would better understand the beauty, struggle, and accomplishments of world-wide Jewry. While Israelis no-doubt disagree on much, they tend to agree on the most important aspects of life; safety, security, family, and an appreciation for life. I am always in awe of how unified Israelis seem, perhaps more so during war than in peace, but they always seem to rally around a critical moment or cause. It leaves much to be desired from the American Jewish community where internal division, politics, and a fundamental misunderstanding about the role and function of Israel often leaves us weaker and more vulnerable. How can the Jews of today fight antisemitism if they don't understand their own history?

Over the next month, corresponding directly to the late summer Shabbaton, and the High Holidays, I wish to focus some of our attention towards our own individual and communal identity. What is the identity of the Jewish community in Plattsburgh? How did we arrive in the North Country? Why and how did our current congregants arrive at Temple Beth Israel, and what would their Jewish ancestors say about the state of our community today? Maybe some of us arrived at the Jewish community later in life, as Jews by choice, or perhaps we only recently discovered our Jewish roots? Regardless, everybody has a story and those individual accounts make up the history of our Jewish people, and I am curious to learn more about us. I look forward to our continued Jewish learning and spiritual growth in the year to come. May we all be blessed with a healthy, safe, and fruitful year- Shanah tovah!

-Rabbi David Joslin

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am writing this at the height of the summer but by the time this gets to you, or you to it, we will be approaching the High Holy Days. For many of us, these Days of Awe and the holidays that follow have been a constant in our lives. This year we will celebrate them in ways both familiar and new as we join with Rabbi Joslin and Cantor Appel for their first High Holy Days together.

TBI has been busy all summer. We invited our community to a delicious BBQ here on August 8th . The Board focused on priorities for the next six months. The Board, exec, and committees have been planning all summer for a busy and meaningful year ahead. Now we need your voices so please let us know what you think and how you feel about the new face of TBI and what you would like to see at TBI this year. As the self-proclaimed queen of surveys, I will be sending out a survey asking about the one thing you would like to see us do. Be VERY specific. Do not say a cooking class, but a hallah baking or a fish class. You can reach us by phone, e-mail, or through the office.

The last thing I want to mention is volunteerism. New Year, new ask! We have a long and rich tradition at TBI of lay leadership and volunteers that tirelessly work to keep our community vibrant and successful. From the cemetery to adult ed, and religious school to the library, volunteers are the backbone of TBI. Currently, we find ourselves needing help to maintain several areas of TBI that are currently without a committee. I am appealing to all of you for help. The areas needing volunteers are: Membership, Ritual, Social Action, and Social Media. If any of these areas interest you, please call or e-mail me at tbipresident1@gmail.com and we will talk! I hope you enjoy the end of summer, the beginning of fall, and the anticipation of the High Holy Days.

With wishes for a sweet year,

Cheryl Kabeli, President
tbipresident1@gmail.com

Rabin Religious School Returns

To all of our returning families, welcome back! To our new families, I am so glad you are joining us! We have an exciting year ahead with family holiday programs, services, and joyful, meaningful learning. Check our bulletin board by the Temple office for upcoming events, Bar/Bat Mizvah student profiles and teacher information.

As we begin our new school year, I think about the story of Jonah, a reluctant prophet. A quick synopsis: Jonah is told to warn the people of Nineveh that they will be destroyed because of their sins. Jonah says: No. They'll repent and you will end up forgiving them and will not destroy them. Jonah tries to run away, gets swallowed by a great fish, and ends up going to Nineveh. The king of Nineveh says, "Let everyone turn back from their evil ways and from the injustice of which they are guilty. Who knows but that God may turn and relent?" (Jonah 3:8,9) Long story short, God forgives the people. I have always wondered what happened to the people of Nineveh after the punishment and destruction were averted. Did they keep to the path of good choices, or did they go back to their old ways? Did they examine their actions and see where they had gone wrong, or just follow rules of behavior they didn't understand? Personally, I hope that I perform t'shuvah and try not to repeat my mistakes and get closer to the mark of good actions – to become my best self.

As your Religious School teacher, I have similar goals. Going forward, the faculty, the professional staff, and I will be looking at what worked, what did not, and how to hit the target of being the best Religious School for our children and this community. I must also thank the community members who will be helping in our classrooms. You will help our students realize the strength and caring of our Temple members. These young people are the future of the Jewish people; it is wonderful to have you with us on this journey. Here is to joyful learning to help us be our best selves.

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES

*Interfaith Food Pantry always welcomes food donations of non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations. (plattsburghfoodshelf@gmail.com)

*Winter is coming! Once again, I will be collecting for those in need: clean, gently used winter garments, coats, hats, mittens, and scarves. If you find something, please consider bringing it to the synagogue (leave in Pearlie's Closet) or call/text Carol Staves at cjstaves@gmail.com or 352-584-2827 for pick up.



Pre-Shabbat Receptions: A New Addition to Welcoming Shabbat

We're excited to introduce the Pre-Shabbat Reception—a community meal offered before Shabbat services. A variety of light meals will allow for a bit of schmoozing and socializing before services. There are 22 Friday Pre-Shabbat Receptions scheduled throughout the year. Each will begin at 6:00 PM followed by 7:00 PM Shabbat services. Specific dates will be announced in the TBI monthly bulletin and weekly emails. Come for dinner; stay for services.

Our traditional Friday Onegs (after services) and Saturday Kiddush Luncheons will continue as usual, sponsored by congregation volunteers.

The Board created an **Oneg and Reception Committee** to

- ❑ Plan and organize Pre-Shabbat Receptions, Onegs, and Kiddush Luncheons;
- ❑ Handle logistics: timelines, budgets, setup, and volunteer coordination;
- ❑ Manage publicity through the Temple website, calendar, and bulletin;
- ❑ Oversee the budget to fund the Pre-Shabbat Receptions, Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg and Yom Kippur Break-fast.

The Oneg and Reception Committee Members: Stephen Cahill, Ronnie Marx, and Beth Brumfield. We are in search of two more committee members. How about joining us?



SPONSOR AN ONEG

For Friday Kiddush keep it simple: some fruit or pastries or cookies

For Saturday Kiddush Luncheon: keep it a Jewish favorite like bagels and cream cheese

Sponsor an Oneg in honor of an anniversary, engagement, birthday, birth of a child or grandchild or a yahrzeit. Ask a friend to co-sponsor with you: many hands make light work. Reserve your Oneg date - act now!

Contact [Stephen Cahill](#) and place "Oneg" in the subject line.

SEPTEMBER 5th: Friday 7:00 pm Oneg by ElizaBeth Brumfield

SEPTEMBER 12th: Friday 7:00 pm Oneg by TBI Board

SEPTEMBER 19th: Friday 6:00 pm (Pre-Shabbat Reception) with Oneg by Sharon Ratner

SEPTEMBER 26th: Friday 6:00 pm (Pre-Shabbat Reception) - Oneg open to sponsor



✦ Renew Your 2025-2026 Membership Now ✦

Your membership isn't just a renewal - it's your ticket to being part of something truly special! Every single membership strengthens the heart and soul of our vibrant Jewish community.

--[CLICK HERE to renew your membership in just minutes!](#)

Questions? We're here to help!

Reach out to ceriseoberman@gmail.com

Together, let's make 2025-2026 our most connected and meaningful year yet!



We Gratefully Acknowledge Gifts to Our Temple Funds

🌟 RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Elle Berger and Mike DiNunzio to wish Susan Patnode and Janet Davis a speedy recovery

🌟 YAHRZEIT FUND

- Marcy and Jeffrey Weisburgh in memory of Bertram Lieberman
- Miriam and Tom Worthington in memory of Miriam's brother Joseph Achouche
- Judith Weisman in memory of Dorothy W. Gross

🌟 MARTIN M. GOLDMAN AND FAMILY FUND

- Sue Meyerson, Alan and Mark Goldman and families in memory of Edith Goldman Shipley and Rhea Jacobs

🌟 ISRAEL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- Cerise Oberman and Larry Soroka in memory of Joseph Achouche, brother of Miriam Worthington

🌟 GENERAL FUND

- Diane Find to thank Maria and Cerise for their hard work and dedication to bringing us our online Temple bulletin every month.

🌟 21st CENTURY FUND

- Roger and Marilyn Lorberbaum to thank Suzi Merrihew for her wonderful music and adding so much to the services. For a speedy recovery to Janet Davis.



Take a Moment & Make a Difference

In Jewish tradition we make donations or tributes, to acknowledge lifecycle and milestone events including: Birthdays, Anniversaries, Births, Graduations, Weddings and of course Commemorations and Condolences. At TBI, you can direct these tributes towards causes that reflect your or your loved ones interests.

Make a Donation



Yahrzeits

It is customary to honor the anniversary of the death of a loved one by lighting a memorial candle, reciting Kaddish at a congregational service and making a donation. We hope you will do all. A donation can be made to the [Temple Beth Israel Fund of your choice.](#)

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

Elizabeth S. Caplan
George Aibel
John K. Benson
Jenny Kassel
Nochem Myerson
Laura T. Schiff
Dr. Henry Freedman
Hilda Lewis
George Staves
Norman H. Meyer

SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

Samuel Rashkin
Tillie Rashkin
Dorothy Weiss
Hortense B. Sterns
Rachel Woolman
Stuart Harrison
Zahava Harrison
Jeanette Bujold
Aaron Cohen
Zelda Lowe
Albert H. Rabin
Esther Werner Freedman
Eli Hurwitz
Lillian Katzper
Florence Scheier
Sarah Gretz
Yetta Schiff
Christopher Rem
Louis Marcus

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Fannie Isaccson
Mary F. Silverman
Morry Winternitz
Rose Winternitz
Ethel Caplan
Dora Evan
Morris Zeaman
Edward Hauschor
Lillian Lippert
Selma B. Dunn
Rabbi Carla Freedman
Joseph Silverman
Irwin Lighterman
Helena Bibliowicz
Tsilla Trunk

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Sydney Smith
Barnett Cohen
Leah M. Feinberg
Simon Meyer
Jules Treistman
Lester Levy
Walter Bujold
Julius Treistman
Fanny S. Schiff
Vladimir Munk
Allan Pallik
Helene Elise Cohen
Margaret Pickman
David Paul Reuter
Henry T. Woehl
Anna R. Hutner
Martin Henry Garrell
Susan Satriano
Jacques Greenfield

❤️ Templegrams: SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER

1 Jen Shutts
 7 Joel Shutts
 8 Debra Good and Doug Chaves
 13 Marcy & Jeff Weisburgh
 16 Sharon & John Schenkel
 18 Rabbi D. Joslin
 21 Susan Gottlieb
 21 Carol Klepper
 22 James Nominton
 25 Cheryl & Sabi Kabeli
 25 Alice & Ronnie Marx
 27 Mike Lack
 28 Sandra Ghelman & Cody Sanders

OCTOBER

1 Lea Brumfield
 12 Keith Taylor
 13 Ann and David Holland
 15 Ellen and Leo Grafstein
 19 Suzi Kier Merrihew
 23 Bunny and Bob Adler
 31 Talia Sanders

Please note. There is a change in how Templegrams work: no further donations will be accepted, however if you want to remember someone on their special day, notify Carol Staves at cjstaves@gmail.com and a TBI Templegram will be sent signed from "the congregation." If you want to add to the birthday list send the person's name and email to Carol Staves at cjstaves@gmail.com.



KNOW YOUR TEMPLE BOARD OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<https://www.plattsburghtbi.org/board-of-directors>

You can contact any of these individuals by calling the office at 518-563-3343



🙏 **Thank you to all our sponsors**

[J. Hogan Refrigeration
& Mechanical Inc.](#)

[Coldwell Banker
Whitbeck Assoc.](#)

[Plattsburgh Memorials](#)

[Agency Insurance](#)

[Mike Kalman Painting](#)[R.W. Walker Funeral.
Home](#)[Martin & Sons Auction
Sales & Service Inc.](#)[Adirondack
Pennysaver, Inc.](#)[CVPH Cardiology](#)[Brown Funeral Home,
Inc.](#)[Upstone Materials](#)**Footworks**

Beth Nolland--Foot Hygienist
Home foot care (your location)
518-572-7273

Forrence Orchards

2731 Route 22
Peru, NY. 12972
518-643-9527

Temple Beth Israel Plattsburgh, NY
(518) 563-3343

Discover the Temple Beth Israel website 

This email was created with Wix. [Discover More](#)