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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

HIGH HOLY DAY
SERVICES

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
YEAR STARTS

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Happy
New Year



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HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE 5783

All services will be in the Temple and on Zoom unless circumstances change

Sept. 25, Sunday: 4:00 pm Children service

8:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Congregational Service

Sept. 26, Monday: 10:00 am Rosh Hashanah First Day Morning Service

Tashlich to follow (please bring bread)

Oct. 2, Sunday: 1:00 pm Cemetery visit

Oct. 4, Tuesday: 8:00 pm Kol Nidre

Oct. 5, Wednesday: 10:00 am Yom Kippur Morning Service

1:00 pm (approx.) "What is prayer?" a discussion led by Stephen Cahill based on the books by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel *Man's Quest for God* and *The Sabbath*

3:30 pm Yizkor (please, be seated promptly)

4:30 pm Torah, Afternoon and Concluding Service

NOTES FROM THE PREZ

Notes from the Prez... Well, Gentle readers, summer is fading and the year marches on toward another new year. So, I must ask, what did you do with your life so far this year? Did you enjoy a summer of swimming, boating, traveling, catching up with family and friends? Did you treat yourself to lazy days watching your favorite series, crafting, gardening or watching the clouds?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, congratulations, you are following the Almighty's commandments.

From bible classes {Tuesday 5:PM on Zoom} I've learned that it is one of the commands of G-d to rejoice in the good things we have, whether it be a mansion in Beverly Hills or a cabin in the Adirondacks. We are enjoined to enjoy the gifts we have been given by the design of the Almighty. And that's a commandment not a suggestion or request!

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Schedule of Shabbat Services

SHAMUS: LUCY BURRELL TAYLOR

Sep. 2, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service led by Diane Fine
Shoftim (Deut. 16:18 - 21:9)

Sep. 9, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service led by Joel Marmelstein / Oneg: Oberokas & Marmelsteins.
Ki Teitzei (Deut. 21:10 - 25:19)

Sep. 16, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service led by Stephen Cahill and Suzi Merrihew
Ki Tavo (Deut. 26:1 - 29:8)

Sep. 23, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service led by Cantor/Student Rabbi Emily Howard Meyer
Nitzavim (Deut. 29:9 - 30:20)

Sep. 30, Friday, TBA
Vayeilech (Deut. 31:1 - 31:30)

YAHREZITS

September 2, 2022

Golda Malke Feinberg
Rhea Jacobs
Elizabeth S. Caplan
George Aibel
John K. Benson
Jenny Kassel
Nochem Myerson
Laura T. Schiff
Dr. Henry Freedman
Hilda Lewis
Morris Zeaman
Rem Christopher

September 9, 2022

Norman H. Meyer
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 Freedman Werner
Eli Hurwitz

September 16, 2022

Lillian Katzper
Florence Scheier
Yetta Schiff
Fannie Isaccson
Mary F. Silverman
Morry Winternitz
Rose Winternitz
Ethel Caplan
Dora Evans
David Feldman
Edward Hauschor
Lillian Lippert
Selma B. Dunn
Louis Miller
Joseph Silverman
Sarah Gretz

September 23, 2022

Sydney Smith
Barnett Cohen
Leah M. Feinberg
Simon Meyer
Jules Treistman
Lester Levy
Walter Bujold
Julius Treistman
Fanny S. Schiff
Helene Elise Cohen
Tsilla Trunk

September 30, 2022

Margaret Pickman
David Paul Reuter
Henry T. Woehl
Anna R. Hutner
Susan Satriano
Richard Ford
Leon Rednor
Gabriel Davis
Sarah Kaye
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- In Honor of Elizabeth Brumfield’s Bat Mitzvah.

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Cheryl and Sabieli Kabeli:

- In Honor of Beth Brumfield for her Bat Mitzvah And being a great President.

Eleanor Berger:

- To Congratulate Issac Nizel on his Confirmation. To thank Beth Brumfield for all she does and to congratulate the Bat Mitzvah.

Shelley and Michael Lack:

- To wish Beth Brumfield a Mazel Tov on becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Yahrzeit Fund:

Sue, Howard, Jacob and Daniel Meyerson:

- In Memory of Irvin Goldman.

Janet and Jerry Davis and Family:

- In Loving Memory of My Dad John J. Hiller.

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- In Memory of Ronald Bruce Korman, Elsie Leighton, Herman Leighton and Irvin Fishman – our loved ones.

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Signed _____

NOTES FROM THE PREZ (CONT.)

I once read that **true happiness is being content with what we have**. I believe this to be the essence of happiness, this and freedom from the “Iwantsit” disease.

As I look about, I observe millions upon millions of people infected with the “Iwantsit” disease. People infected have a multitude of symptoms; the most damaging is the incessant desire for more - More money, more power, more sex, more things and more, more, more. They suffer from an incessant desire to get more everything at the loss of everything that’s really valuable in their lives. They cannot rest or relax. They are driven and sad people. For them there is no security, no peace, no gratitude.

The desire for more robs them of real values, happiness and morals. They erroneously believe all their things were acquired by their hard work and drive. What a delusion that is! And unfortunately, we often envy them their things without realizing just how very little they really have.

The Almighty in wisdom has given us a way to fend off the plaque of “Iwantsit”. It starts with the morning blessings. Whether you recite the formal blessings or a simple thank you, G-d in the morning, starting with a sense of gratitude

is a good way to prevent the “Iwantsit”. As Jews we are commanded to enjoy what we have and to be grateful for it.

We awake, open our eyes and breath- thank you, G-d. Arms and legs move, we walk and go to the bathroom – thank you, G-d. We taste food and digest and our mind thinks and creates – thank you, G-d. We love and are loved in return, thank you G-d. That’s a very good start.

Moving from the general to the specific, I’d like to ask you to seriously think about what you are grateful for or about the building at 1 Bowman Street named Congregation Temple Beth Israel.

I’d really like to hear from you. What are your thoughts and your feelings. Are you grateful for this place? Tell me. Not grateful, tell me that too. No judging here. Please email me, write, text, or send a carrier pigeon; but please let me know. I’d be very grateful!

Baruch Ha’Shem

ElizaBeth



Looking for substitute teachers for the Rabin Religious School to fill in one day should a regular teacher call-in ill. Class curriculum and schedule will be prepared for you. This is a great mitzvah and need.

Please call Tracey Serlock, School Administrator

(518) 420-3356 / tserlock12985@gmail.com

BIG NEWS ...The RRS of Temple Beth Israel is opening its doors to children of unaffiliated families with tuition being charged. School is scheduled to open in September. MORE to Come!!!



Safety and Security training – open to all congregants. Sunday September 18th. TBI Safety Committee in conjunction with the Plattsburgh City Police Department (Officer Alan Wood) will present a video and training on safe practices and techniques in case we are ever faced with a shooter. Time to be announced. Let’s be prepared, not scared. **Time TBA.**

TEMPLEGRAMS

OCTOBER

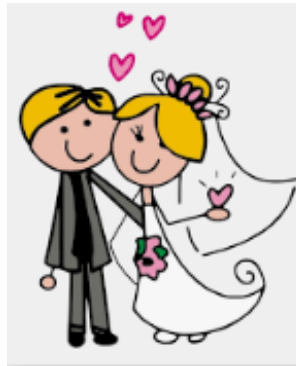
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 13/Ann & David Holland
 15/Ellen & Leo Grafstein
 18/Debra Good
 18/Leslie Faith Holland
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 23/Bunny & Bob Adler
 31/Talia Sanders

NOVEMBER

5/Sue Rech
 5/Lillian Resnick
 7/Eleanor Goldman
 7/David Kominsky & Eva Schweber
 9/Beth Brumfield
 9/Alan Goldman
 9/John Schenkel
 22/Lisa Davis
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 28/Ellen Grafstein
 30/Phyllis Freedman

DECEMBER

2/Ann Ruzow-Holland
 4/Michelle Davis
 11/Douglas Chaves
 11/Natalie Mercaldi
 14/Alice Marx
 15/Sarah Davis
 15/Eli Goldenberg
 16/Ilana Rubin
 18/Beth Nolland
 20/Calla Stafford
 21/Benjamin Grafstein
 29/David Stafford
 30/Micki Smith



If you would like to send a greeting to anyone on the list, please circle those names and send your list with \$0.50 per name by September 25, 2022. Please make out the checks to Temple Beth Israel and mail your list to Carol Staves, 26 Tom Miller Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

Be sure to indicate how you would like the card signed:

Yenta

Well our summer started with a celebration of the Bat Mitzvah of our President ElizaBeth Brumfield. She did a wonderful job and we're proud of her accomplishment. Many turned out to join in her celebration.

At the same service, the Temple bid farewell to Rabbi David and Eva. We wish them well on their move to Queens. We understand the 3 cats are slowly adjusting to the noises of a big city.

The Kabeli's visited South Africa and even went on a safari. They have lots of tales to share.

Rabin Religious School graduates helped to clean and straighten up the classrooms for the coming year. It was a job but we appreciate their help. Max Grafstein spent time cleaning the garage at the rabbinate. This was part of his community service for Seton. Poor fellow was scheduled to go to South America but the trip was cancelled due to COVID.

It looks like the Ghelman-Sanders and Shutts families enjoyed a visit to the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. The Facebook photos show many smiling faces. Talia Sanders spent 2 weeks at camp in Pennsylvania. We can't wait to hear about it!

Mazel tov to Cerise Oberman & Larry Soroka on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. They enjoyed spending a day canoeing in the St Regis area

Mazel Tov to Jack Helfgott and his lovely bride Angela on their July wedding. Wishing you many years of happiness.

Eric Worthington and fiancée Jill Mann are tying the knot on September 3rd. Best wishes on your special day.

Lil Resnick is hoping to move into new digs at Lake Forest Senior Community this fall. She's very excited about it. Her daughter Wendy and family recently moved from Burlington to South Carolina.

Jerry Davis has been seen cycling around



Cumberland Head and Point Au Roche on his tricycle this summer. You simply can't keep that man down. Don't fret, Janet keeps track of him on her phone to be sure he stays safe.

The Hurwitz's had a large family reunion in August arranged by Craig & Dina, their son & daughter-in-law. Relatives came from as far away as Israel for it and all had a wonderful time. There were so many people of all ages that Sara can't even tell you how many there were! Unfortunately, daughter Monica and family were unable to attend due to COVID exposure.

Roger & Marilyn Lorberbaum are back in town from Utah. Their little dachshund Sadie has been having some medical issues but she is resilient and is slowly improving. They can often be found strolling the Terry Gordon Recreation path.

Don't forget to send your news to office@plattsburghbtbi.org with YENTA in the subject line!



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21st Century Fund: Ensures that funds are available to retain a Rabbi.

Woolman Rabbinical Trust Fund: Supports a Rabbi as spiritual leader for our community.

Education Funds

Rabin Religious School Trust Fund: Supports the Religious School.

Merkel-London Library Fund: Supports the purchase of books, periodicals and films that support the needs of the congregation and Religious School.

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Judge Robert J. Feinberg Memorial Educational Fund: For acquiring books, periodicals, audio-visual equipment, software and the like to aid in the education of the members of the congregation.

Rachel Harrison Camp Fund: Provides scholarship money for children and teens to attend Jewish camps.

The Israel Student Scholarship Fund: Provides supplemental funding for current and former students of RRS to travel to Israel.

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The Charles E. and Regina L. Slatkin Lecture Fund: Supports programs with Jewish content in the areas of art, literature or music.

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