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HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE 5783

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

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

Oct. 9, Sunday: 5:30 pm Sukkot celebration with decoration of the Sukkah and Pizza in the Hut.

Oct. 16, Sunday: 5:30 pm Simchat Torah celebration

From the Rabbi

Chodesh tov and Happy New Year Temple Beth Israel,

I am so proud to begin serving our sacred community this October as your new rabbi! As a life-long New Englander and seasoned New York transplant, I warmly embrace the fall season in Plattsburgh and Lake Champlain. I have always felt such a deep sense of comfort and familiarity with the Northeast's autumn, that even after I escaped to Israel's year-long warmth, something inside me always felt amiss come September and October; the sweet smells of wood stoves, hay rides, corn mazes, football, and the *Yamim Noraim*: the Days of Awe. On the evening of Tuesday, October 4th, we will gather as a community for *Kol Nidre* on *Yom Kippur* to reflect on the lives we lived and the relationships we touched in the previous year. We will resolve ourselves to grow from these past experiences in a new, hopeful year filled with unlimited potential.

When the leaves begin to turn, we also turn the Torah over. On Sunday, October 16th we will meet to celebrate the joyful return of our Torah scrolls to the beginning of Creation and the Jewish people's amazing story. Simchas Torah is one of my favorite holidays, filled with music, singing, dancing, Torah reading, and a general lively atmosphere! Of course, this festive occasion follows the week-long celebration of Sukkot where we dwell in our Sukkahs, shake the lulav and delight in the citrus smells of the etrog. In

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Schedule of Shabbat Services

Oct. 7, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service
Ha'Azinu (Deut. 32: 1 - 32:52)

Oct. 14, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service
Sukkot

Oct. 21, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service
Bereshit (Gen. 1:1 - 6:8)

Oct. 28, Friday, 7:00 pm Shabbat Service
Noach (Gen. 6:9 - 11:32)



YAHREZITS

October 7

Hyman Cohen
Abraham Colman Feldman
Herbert Marx
Samuel Rubin Bolker
Silas Pasquorella
Devorah Handelsman
Eleazar Handelsman
Itchek Handelsman
Heniek Handelsman
Samuel Cohen
Bessie Kaplan
Minnie Bella Brody

October 15

Stanley Gotlieb
Harry Duchin
James Godfrey
Mary B. Moskovitz
Irving Albert Elias
William Lorberbaum
Beverly Caroline Nussbaum
Libby Selbst
Jesse A. Zeeman Bertha
Levien Schoenkopf
Gerald Reuter

October 21

Samuel Goodrich
Samuel Kaufman
Pauline Balkan
Alex Goodrich
Karoline Sinsheimer
Bertha Miller
Michael B. White
Frances Goodrich Leibowitz
Minnie Steiner Schiff

October 28

Joseph W. Feldman
Rachel Feldman
Gregory F. Merrihew
Harry Joseph Sklut
Joan K. Weinstein
Elizabeth Cohen
Morris Furman
Alice Ratner
Joyce Fievisohn
Rosa Scheier Mendelsohn
Monty Miller
Milton Gross



FROM THE RABBI (CONTINUED)

flipping the Hebrew calendar to 5783, I am truly honored and blessed to be a part of this haimish congregation, not only as a leader but also as a fellow member. I am excited and eager to begin working together to add whatever I can to our already loving community. Throughout the next year, I hope to meet and engage with as many of you as possible, in the pursuit of learning, growing, and enhancing our Jewish lives, but please, always feel like you can reach out to me, with whatever questions or needs arise. May you and your loved ones have a happy, healthy, and sweet new year, and may we all be inscribed with a rich and rewarding year in the Book of Life.

Chag Samaech, Shanah tovah v'Gmar Hatimah Tovah,

Your new Rabbi,

David Joslin; benyisraeldavid@gmail.com

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- In memory of Sarah Gretz.

*Thank
You*

NOTES FROM THE PREZ

Dear Gentle Reader, as I write this, we are at the edge of the High Holy Days. The year 5782 is fading fast and 5783 stands fresh and new. We can start anew on this blank slate to write our thoughts, feelings, sorrows and joys. But before we start looking forward let's reflect on what 5782 has given us.

Covid was still a major concern during most of the year until toward the end of the year the vaccines proved their worth. People were still getting Covid, but the majority of people experienced few symptoms and recovered quickly. Many in our congregation started traveling again to tour the world. Others traveled to reunite with friends and family they have not seen in years. A few women of the temple starting teaching and playing Mahjong on Sunday mornings. The group has increased and provides warmth, friendship, support and fun and all are welcome.

During the past year, many of the temple's classes and services were still only on Zoom, but gradually members of the congregation began gathering for Hamantaschen making, baby naming, and the Purim carnival. In June, we celebrated a Confirmation and Bat Mitzvah with a full sanctuary of Jews praying and celebrating together. Also in June, we sadly said goodbye to Rabbi Kominsky and Eva as they relocated to Astoria, NY and we began a very active Rabbi Search.

Summer saw a group of dedicated members working long hours in intense heat to revitalize our religious school from the ground up. Walls, desks, rugs and bookcases were scrubbed and the classrooms were reorganized. All this was happening as we interviewed and zoomed with rabbi candidates and taking time to select the best rabbi for our temple. Taking up the slack to provide Shabbat services, temple members stepped up to the bimah and lead services with poetry, music and song. It was wonderful.

As we reflect on the year past, we need to stop and accept what we have done. We have made it. We were tested (and still will be) but we prevailed. We are emerging stronger, wiser, kinder, and more appreciative of the life Adonai presents to us.

Looking forward to 5783; a new year, a new beginning! We start the year with celebration (and relief) as we welcome our new rabbi: Rabbi David Joslin who will take the pulpit October 1st. The long hours of reading, interviewing and zooming paid off. We found the right one.

You can read more about Rabbi Joslin on our website.

A new Year! A new Rabbi! A new attitude!

Baruch Ha'Shem

ElizaBeth



Safety and Security training – open to all congregants Sunday October 2nd @ 9:30 am in the Social Hall

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. Let's be prepared, not scared.

Yenta

It is with tremendous sadness that we hear of the untimely death of Shoshana (Shosi/Susan) Satloff. She was a lover of people, especially children. A true friend of many stray dogs, she opened her heart and home to the weak, abused and unwanted animals. She will be missed.

Kudos to the Grafstein's, Kabeli's, Schlesinger/Nizel families on their cleaning of the rabinnage and Temple. The courtyard and entrances have been cleared of leaves and we're ready to decorate for Sukkot.

The Caoba's are off to visit friends in Morocco and then family in Israel. We can't wait to hear about your exciting adventure!

Alice Marx spent 2 glorious weeks with Dalia and her parents in San Diego. Ronnie continued his work on their rental home. It's beautiful and he should be very proud.

After visiting with daughter Georgette in VT for a weekend, Janet & Jerry Davis flew to MN to see grandson Henry, who started his first day of kindergarten. They spent a week with Sarah, Kori, Henry and little Albert. (Or should I say Prince Albert??) Grandma & Papa were seen passing out election stickers at a local Art Festival for Sarah's local school board race. From there, they traveled to CO to visit with Michelle, Ben, Calla, David & Leah for another week. Family visits are the best!

Marcy & Jeff Weisburgh doggiesat Heidi for the 2 wk vacation. Jaxon was happy to have his furry friend stay with him.

Sara & Harvey Hurwitz have been thrilled to have visits from daughter Monica & Ian. Granddaughter Arielle flew in for a weekend vacation as well.

Tova Soroka stopped on her way to Italy for a visit with parents Cerise Oberman & Larry Soroka. After flying to meet Zack and his Israeli family in Italy, they'll come back to be in our area again. Such a special time.



Sharon Schenkel spent some time in Colorado with son Scott, Jaycee, Sedona & Acadia

We're pleased to announce the publication of Seth Goldenberg's book-

Radical Curiosity: Questioning Commonly Held Beliefs To Imagine The Flourishing Futures. It is available through Penguin Random House. Mona & Henry are beaming with pride, as well they should be!

Mazel Tov to Max Grafstein on his 29th place finish in the VVS High School Pre-State Track Meet in Verona, NY.

We're sending quick healing vibes to Steve Leighton after his recent dermatological surgery.

Yorbe (Ron) Caoba was in a terrible accident in Tennessee. He suffered arm & knee fractures. Post-op, he's recovering nicely. Keep his speedy healing in your prayers please.

PJ and Amanda Miller were busy with local re-enactments during the War of 1812 celebration. Their enthusiasm is delightful and infectious.

Thank you to PJ Miller and Simon Davison for assisting with the steam cleaning the sanctuary pews for the High Holydays!

We're thrilled for the arrival of our new Rabbi-David Joslin, to our TBI family. If you didn't get to meet him during his interview visit, please join us at services to extend your warmest welcome!

Please keep your news coming....Don't forget to send your news to office@plattsburghtbi.org with YENTA in the subject line!



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