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*Temple Israel, an egalitarian Conservative synagogue rooted in a rich heritage of traditional Jewish values, is committed to enhancing the religious, spiritual, educational and cultural life of its members and the larger Jewish community through a commitment to Torah, our community, and continuity and growth amid change.*



## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE:

### David Bruskin

Saturday, October 27th

We are pleased to announce that David Bruskin, veteran Hollywood film industry story analyst, editor, writer and childhood friend of Rabbi Kaplan will be joining us as Artist-in-Residence during Shabbat on the weekend of October 27. On the heels of our Jewish Film Series, Bruskin's visit is a perfect fit as he will review and deconstruct narratives from the film series as well as from the Tanach and other sources to analyze what makes a story work. Over a career that spans three decades, Bruskin has written and

edited "coverage" (synopsis and comments) for over 10,000 screenplays and book submissions, evaluating the material for potential purchase by studio executives. He also wrote high-priority confidential development notes for various films including *The Three Stooges (2012)*, *What Happens in Vegas (2008)*, *The Skeleton Key (2005)*, *The Brady Bunch Movie (1995)*, *Forrest Gump (1995)*, *Beverly Hills Cop III (1994)*, *Hero (1992)*, *A League of Their Own (1992)* and many more unproduced studio projects.

Bruskin will speak at Shabbat services about the narrative properties of the weekly parsha, Vayera. At the kiddush, he will share his experiences as a film school student and then as a professional story analyst at the Hollywood studios. In the evening at a time and location to be announced, he will discuss movies -- from the Jewish Film Series and beyond -- and continue to entertain questions.

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#### Schedule of Services

##### Minyan:

**Monday & Thursday Mornings,  
7:15 AM**

(Other days by arrangement with  
Cantor Abraham)

**Sunday Mornings, 8 AM**

**Sunday through Saturday  
Afternoons, 5:15 PM**

##### Shabbat Services:

**Saturday Morning, 10:00 AM**

See Detailed Shabbat Schedule  
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## JEWISH FILM SERIES UNDERWAY!

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.; R/C Wilkes Barre Movies 14

Oct 4th: "Norman"

Oct 11th: "The Invisibles"

Oct 18th: "A Majority of One"

Oct 25th: "Rosenwald"

Register by calling Penn State Wilkes-Barre at 570-675-9253

**PLUS:** Join us on Saturday Oct 27th for a wrap-up conversation about the series at with Artist in Residence David Bruskin

## Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

**Monday, October 1**

**Festival Service/Yizkor 10:00 am**  
**Minchah/Yizkor 5:15 pm**



## **Rabbi's sermon Kol Nidre 2018:**

Have you felt miserable lately? In the past few weeks, has something happened that just made you feel really miserable?

Can you think of what it was?

Some weeks ago Gerri left her phone in the car as 6 year old Sofia and 5 year old Carter were just coming in the house. She looked at them and said, "I forgot my phone in the car- could you bring it to me?" Sofia got there first, grabbed the phone, and brought it to Gerri. Carter came in the house sobbing. Clearly he wanted to be the one to deliver the phone. He sat down at the table, still crying and mumbling about Sophia. I asked him what the problem was. He said, "Sofia made my life miserable."

So I wonder, what's the last thing, or event, or news, or person that made your life miserable? **How many times a week do people or things make us miserable?** And how many of those times are truly worthy of misery, and how many of them are on the scale of a five year old whose sole raison d'être that moment was handing his mother's phone to her?

Why do we get so upset when little things happen to us? How do we let things that, in the scheme of our lives, are insignificant, make us miserable? **Because we take the significant for granted.**

Jewish prayer knows this well. And that's why the rabbis declared in the Talmud that we should recite 100 blessings a day. In order to keep us from taking the significant for granted. The Talmud points to a verse in Deuteronomy that asks, V'ATA YISRAEL, MAH ADONAI ELOHECHA SHO'EL MEI'IMACH? "And Now, Israelites, What does the Lord your God ask of you?" And it continues: "To follow His commandments and to walk in His ways." The rabbis looked at the word MAH- What- What does God ask of us? And the rabbis said you know, the word MAH sounds a lot like the word MEAH. And what do you think MEAH is? It means 100. So God is asking from each of us 100 blessings every day so that

we will be in the habit of showing appreciation for those significant things in life which we take for granted.

There are websites which will show you how to reach your daily recommended minimum requirement of blessings. We're sort of used to this idea of daily minimum recommended amounts when we look at cereal boxes, and see how much protein we're getting, or how much fat we're eating. There are actually percentages of our daily requirements of these things on the side of every single package of food we open. The cholesterol, the sodium, the carbs, curse them, then Vitamin D, calcium, iron, and potassium. Heck, who needs vitamins? I could eat three boxes of Triscuits and get all the iron I need in a day.

**Do you really think we should have a daily requirement of vitamins in our diet, but not a daily requirement of blessings in our spiritual diet? Really?**

According to one estimate, if we say a hundred blessings a day, it means we're saying a blessing about once every ten minutes. Considering all the times we think that we're miserable, wouldn't a blessing every ten minutes, reminding us of all the amazing things in our life that are going right, help us to be more happy?

We are reminded of those minimum daily requirements for vitamins and protein each time we reach for something to eat. We may not actually look at the box or wrapper, but it's there in front of our eyes. We need that kind of reminder of all those blessings we take for granted. For some that reminder is in the form of the Tzitzit- the fringes on our garments, or the small tallis some Jewish men wear under their shirts. We're wearing that Tallit tonight to honor this holy day. That's based on the line in the third paragraph of the Shema that says V'ASU LAHEM TZITZIT UR'ITEM OTAM- "Make fringes, Tzitzit on your clothing and look at them" and be reminded to keep on task and follow the commandments.

I was looking online for something to keep our six year old on track, especially during her homework time. I found wrist bands for kids who need a gentle vibration to keep them on task because of ADD or ADHD. These devices can be set to vibrate every ten minutes to remind the child to stay on

task. What a great idea. Instead of being prodded by a parent or teacher or a TSS worker, the child can get herself into line with that reminder.

Some of you may have a smart watch or Fitbit that can do the same thing. I think we should all wear one to remind us every 10 minutes that we have blessings in our daily lives that we ignore. And by ignoring them we allow ourselves to become miserable for insignificant reasons.

Imagine, electronic Tzitzit. A wristband that gives us a little zetz every ten minutes to keep us on track, to recognize that there's more to be grateful for than to be miserable about.

Abraham Joshua Heschel, perhaps the greatest mind in modern Judaism, had a lot to say about this. Not about electronic Tzitzit...but about the need to be amazed at things we're used to taking for granted.

I can't say it better than he did. This won't take long, but I want you to hear his words. So if the person next to you starts to nod off, please give them a little zetz.

"The surest way to suppress our ability to understand the meaning of God and the importance of worship is to take things for granted. Indifference to the sublime wonder of living is the root of sin. Wonder or radical amazement is the chief characteristic of the religious man's attitude toward history and nature. One attitude is alien to his spirit: taking things for granted, regarding events as a natural course of things. To find an approximate cause of a phenomenon is no answer to his ultimate wonder. He knows that there are laws that regulate the course of natural processes; he is aware of the regularity and pattern of things. However, such knowledge fails to mitigate his sense of perpetual surprise at the fact that there are facts at all.

**"As civilization advances, the sense of wonder declines. Such decline is an alarming symptom of our state of mind. Mankind will not perish for want of information; but only for want of appreciation."**

Heschel said this in the 1950's and 1960's. Television still was pretty new. Radios still the main way to get news and entertainment. Most folks could still remember the telegram. The ice box when there were no refrigerators.

Cars were commonplace, but trains still ruled. Planes had propellers and no one could have imagined TSA agents telling you to take your shoes off. Men wore suits and ties and hats just to go out to dinner and women wore dresses even if they were home all day. Think about the things that amazed us then- try to imagine what it would have been like in 1965, when you picked up the receiver of that pink princess phone and dialed the number of your friend. And someone walks in to the room and shows you a text with happy face emojis and the letters LOL next to it. That would elicit from you Heschel's radical amazement. That would have kept you in wonder for quite some time. And today it is worthy of a yawn.

I had a moment of wonder when my spell checker corrected the way I had spelled emojis with a G instead of a J.

We are so technologically advanced that nothing amazes us anymore. Heschel knew that would be a problem. He was so right.

He said: "The beginning of our happiness lies in the understanding that life without wonder is not worth living. **What we lack is not a will to believe but a will to wonder.**

Awareness of the divine begins with wonder. It is the result of what man does with his higher incomprehension.

The greatest hindrance to such awareness is our adjustment to conventional notions, to mental clichés. Wonder or radical amazement, the state of maladjustment to words and notions, is therefore a prerequisite for an authentic awareness of that which is.

**Radical amazement has a wider scope than any other act of man.**

While any act of perception or cognition has as its object a selected segment of reality, radical amazement refers to all of reality; not only to what we see, but also to the very act of seeing as well as to our own selves, to the selves that see and are amazed at their ability to see."

Heschel knew about the 100 blessings. One of them is the one I mentioned on Rosh Hashanah- BARUCH ATTA ADONAI ELOHEINU MELECH HA'OLAM POKEIACH IVRIM- Blessed are You, Lord our God, sovereign of the universe, who provides sight to the blind. It's not enough to see something amazing or beautiful or phenomenal. We have to consider sight itself to be amazing and beautiful and phenomenal. And unless we have a problem with our eyes, we ignore the wonder, the miracle of sight. If only God could give us today's eyesight without glasses or cataract surgery, if only God could take our

eyesight at age 60 or 70 or 80 or 90, and give it to us at age 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 just for one day each year- then maybe we'd start to realize how much radical amazement we need to feel just for the ability to see.

Heschel said: "The grandeur or mystery of being is not a particular puzzle to the mind, as, for example, the cause of volcanic eruptions. We do not have to go to the end of reasoning to encounter it. Grandeur or mystery is something with which we are confronted everywhere and at all times.

Even the very act of thinking baffles our thinking, just as every intelligible fact is, by virtue of its being a fact, drunk with baffling aloofness. Does not mystery reign within reasoning, within perception, within explanation? What formula could explain and solve the enigma of the very fact of thinking?

The surest way to suppress our ability to understand the meaning of God and the importance of worship is to take things for granted. Indifference to the sublime wonder of living is the root of sin.

May we, who contemplate our sins over the next 24 hours, sit for at least a few moments, in radical amazement of life itself, of God who forgives, and of the deeper person we must become. Amen.

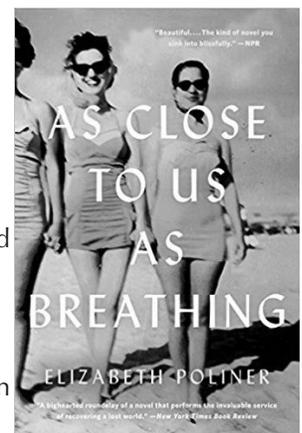
## Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Sunday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. at **Theo's Metro**, Kingston. Arrive at 6:00pm for dinner (optional). This month's book selection is *As Close to Us as Breathing* by Elizabeth Poliner about a multigenerational family saga about the long-lasting reverberations of one tragic summer.

### Synopsis

In 1948, a small stretch of the Woodmont, Connecticut shoreline, affectionately named "Bagel Beach," has long been a summer destination for Jewish families. Here sisters Ada, Vivie, and Bec assemble at their beloved family cottage, with children in tow and weekend-only husbands who arrive each Friday in time for the Sabbath meal. During the weekdays, freedom reigns. Ada, the family beauty, relaxes and grows more playful, unimpeded by her rule-driven, religious husband. Vivie, once terribly wronged by her sister, is now the family diplomat and an increasingly inventive chef. Unmarried Bec finds herself forced to choose between the family-centric life she's always known and a passion-filled life with the married man with whom she's had a secret years-long affair. But when a terrible accident occurs on the sisters' watch, a summer of hope and self-discovery transforms into a lifetime of atonement and loss for members of this close-knit clan. Seen through the eyes of Molly, who was twelve years old when she witnessed the accident, this is the story of a tragedy and its aftermath, of expanding lives painfully collapsed. Can Molly, decades after the event, draw from her aunt Bec's hard-won wisdom and free herself from the burden that destroyed so many others?

Elizabeth Poliner is a masterful storyteller, a brilliant observer of human nature, and in *As Close to Us as Breathing* she has created an unforgettable meditation on grief, guilt, and the boundaries of identity and love.



# Cantor's Notes



Cantor Ahron Abraham

The cantor (hazzan) is the shaliach tzibur, the emissary of the congregation. The origins of the cantorate date from the early centuries following the destruction of the Temple (70CE). The chief qualifications required of the early hazzanim, in addition to knowledge of the liturgy and the prayer motifs (nusach) were a decent voice and an artistic delivery. A hazzan was to have a

pleasant appearance, be married with a family, and have a spotless reputation.

The cantor became a full time professional in more recent centuries. After the Enlightenment in Europe, professionally trained hazzanim were viewed as full clergy and important leaders of their congregations. Interestingly, the U.S. government recognized cantors as Jewish clergy even before rabbis (newly formed Jewish communities considered kosher butchers and cantors essential professionals, and often employed a rabbi only after they became more established).

The greatest period of hazzanut, the "Golden Age" of cantorial music was the 1st half of the 20th century. Great operatic cantors like Yossele Rosenblatt, Gershon Sirota, Leib Glanz and Moshe Koussevitzky were major stars in the Jewish world, and were respected and admired in secular circles as well. Although this style of cantorial music has given way to more participatory davening, the music of the great cantors is still available today, thanks to numerous recordings made during that period.

In my article last month I mentioned that my grandfather, Herman Deutsch was my greatest cantorial mentor and teacher. He was a major fan of hazzanut, and personally sang in the choirs of Rosenblatt, Helfman and others. His generation admired cantors like today's kids worship their favorite pop stars. He told me of how one Rosh Hashanah at a synagogue in New York where the great Moshe Oysher was davening, the crowds in the streets surrounding the synagogue were so huge that police on horseback were needed to maintain control! Another Moshe Oysher story – he did Leonard and Ruth Sten's wedding. Leonard's dad was a well-known cantor and shochet, and as a favor, Moshe came in, sang the Sheva Broches, and left. Back then, in the Jewish community in New York, that was about the equivalent of Elvis coming to sing at your wedding.

I would like to share this legacy with you. Here are a few links to videos/recordings of great cantors. The first is the great Yossele Rosenblatt singing Hineni. I personally use his version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaE8C0jsMZQ>

Next, a film clip of Moshe Oysher singing Kol Nidre . Just a little background – in the 1939 film "Overture to Glory" Moshe plays a cantor from Vilna who is seduced by the secular world and becomes an opera star. Ultimately, that world chews him up and spits him out. He happens to wander into his old synagogue on Yom Kippur, and.....

Watch the clip to find out what happens.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JB1qX8Eqm0I>

If you enjoyed these, contact me and I'll be happy to supply you with more!

## Mazel Tov to:

- Lesley & Sandy Baltimore on the birth of their grandson, Liam Martin Gibson
- Roz Duncan on the Bar Mitvah of her grandson, Cooper Berg
- Jeanne & Stanley Fainberg on the birth of their great-grandson, Samuel Lawrence Hollander
- Judy Gelb on the marriage of her grandson, Frances Steele to Krystal Johnson
- Debbie & Alan Hollander on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Lawrence Hollander
- Ruth Hollander on the birth of her great-grandson, Samuel Lawrence Hollander
- Harold & Sallyanne Rosenn on their 70th wedding anniversary
- Cooky & Jesse Savitz on the marriage of their grandson, Jason Madwed to Lindsay Campbell

## Condolences to:

- Judy Null on the passing of her husband, Dr. Jeffrey Null
- Susan Shoval on the passing of her father, Norman Weiss
- Lois Weiss on the passing of her husband, Norman Weiss

## Past Presidents at Kol Nidre 5779



*Pictured Above: Ina Lubin, Joe Mitchneck, Ann Smith, Steve Alinikoff, Atty. Harold Rosenn, Dr. Burton Benovitz, Atty. Allan Kluger, Fred Levy, Bob Greenwald, Atty. David Schwager, Atty. Alan Hollander, Jane Feinstein, Rosemary Chromey, Ruth Chariton, Atty. Richard Goldberg, Leon Greenwald, David Smith.*

# IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION: PASSING THE TORCH



Most, if not all of you, are aware of my part time work this past year for the synagogue. My assignment has been to assist with the implementation of our future vision with a focus on heightening membership engagement and the meaningfulness of our religious services.

It has been a true 'labor of love' but it was meant to be a transitional position. Our new Executive Director, Jane Messenger, will take on my responsibilities in this newly defined leadership role.

My work has primarily involved reaching out to the community's 20- 30-year old generation and the baby boomers to enhance their engagement. Connecting with our interfaith members was also a priority. All of these efforts involved seeking to more fully understand what each group desires from its synagogue affiliation.

Mixers at area restaurants and a trip to a Penguins game drew our younger population. Cultural visits to local university museum exhibits, a Jewish film series in collaboration with Penn State University's Wilkes-Barre campus, a Bible and Bagel study, Basic Hebrew and trope class, a nature walk and a variety of special Shabbats were among the many events offered. This is a work in progress continuing to evolve as we gain a better understanding of programming, both religious and secular, that is significant for these generations and all of our congregation's age groups.

Monthly phone calls to participants has also been initiated thanks to the 20+ volunteers who reach out to the 8-10 congregants on their list or the smaller lists of names for those making Chesed calls to the homebound. Our ancestry theme has engaged those interested in researching their personal roots and the synagogue's history and will continue with a culmination in our 100th birthday year.

I thank the Board and Bob Greenwald for putting their faith in 'my' vision, and to the clergy, Debbie Schonfeld, Gerri Kaplan, Linda Israel and Jane Messenger...you were a wonderful team for me to engage with in my semi-retirement years. Thanks to Ellen Smith, the Ancestry team group, all the TIP volunteers, Rosemary Chromey and the leadership group, and Joe Mitchneck and Jane Messenger for their continued faith in my work. Under the leadership of the Board of Trustees, our Rabbi, Cantor, President and Executive Director we will continue to fulfill our future vision's BOLD direction. I will of course stay involved with the congregation both as a volunteer and as a mentor to Jane Messenger as she gains experience in her new role.

My Best Regards,

*Ina Lubin*

## Pianist Spencer Myer to perform at NEPA Philharmonic



Last April, Temple Israel sponsored two artists in residence for a highly successful weekend of music and collaboration between our congregation and the NEPA Philharmonic. The musicians were pianist Spencer Myer and violinist Yevgeny Kutik. Our members were able to meet the musicians and hear their

stories. The musicians appreciated the welcoming spirit of everyone and felt a unique connection with their audience that is normally not possible. On October 6th, Spencer Myer will return to NEPA to perform Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic. He would love to see some of the friends he met from Temple Israel last year!

**WHEN: October 6th, 8:00 PM**

**WHERE Kirby Center for the Creative Arts**

(on the campus of Wyoming Seminary Upper School)

Corner of Hoyt and N. Sprague Streets

To purchase tickets, all 570-270-4444 or go online at [www.nepaphil.org](http://www.nepaphil.org).

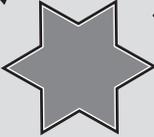
## BBYO decorates Temple Israel Sukkah

This year Cantor & Carole Abraham had some extra help decorating our beautiful Sukkah. BBYO held their meeting in the vestry and then spent the afternoon decorating our Sukkah with cornstalks, fruit, ribbons, pumpkins and more. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who participated in this event made possible by the Shaffer Sukkah Endowment.



Back Row: Hal Levine (advisor), Claire Capin, Charlie Wright, Adam Rogers, Eric Weiss, Laurel Roth, Cantor Abraham, Jason Cohen (advisor), Sara Piszcz (advisor); Second Row: Sara Kaplan, Shlomo Kornblatt, Carla Weiss, Olivia Roth, Isabelle Polgar, Breana Kravchick; Center Front: Becca Hammerman with Amos Messenger (mascot)

# SHABBAT SCHEDULE



## SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday, October 1  
 Festival Service/Yizkor.....10:00 a.m.  
 Minchah/Yizkor .....5:15 p.m.



## BERESHIT

Friday, October 5  
 Candle lighting time .....6:20 p.m.  
 Saturday, October 6 .....10:00 a.m.  
**Haftarah will be chanted by Nikki Feigenblatt**  
 Minchah .....5:15 p.m.



## NOACH

Friday, October 12  
 Candle lighting time .....6:08 p.m.  
 Saturday, October 13 .....10:00 a.m.  
**Haftarah will be chanted by Nora Seeherman**  
 Minchah .....5:15 p.m.



## LECH LECHA

Dedication of newly enhanced Groh Minyan Room in memory of Bill Davidowitz  
 Friday, October 19.....5:58 p.m.  
 Saturday, October 20 .....10:00 a.m.  
**Haftarah will be chanted by Molly Williams**  
 Minchah .....5:15 p.m.



## VAYERA

Friday, October 26  
 Candle lighting time .....5:48 p.m.  
 Saturday, October 27 .....10:00 a.m.  
 Minchah .....5:15 p.m.



**Groh Minyan Room enhancement dedication in memory of Bill Davidowitz**  
**Saturday October 20th, 10:00am**

Join us at Shabbat services on Oct 20th for the dedication of the newly enhanced Groh Minyan room by the Davidowitz family in memory of Bill Davidowitz.

## SCHOOL NOTES

### Happy October Birthday

**October 22: Bekah Kornfeld**

## Midrasha

“A person who has knowledge has everything”. Our parents and teachers strive to make sure our students have everything to enhance their learning. In our second year of our combined school Midrasha we are committed to seeing our students learn bible, language, holidays and prayers in a way that is meaningful and fun. Each grade is challenged on a level that is appropriate for their age.

The year started off at Temple Israel with a workshop on Rosh Hashanna. All the children had a chance to hear the Shofar being blown and the children had the opportunity to learn to blow the Shofar. Barbara Sugarman ,of the JCC, read a story from the P.J. Library series. Apples and honey were the snack of the day. Teachers explained all about Rosh Hashanna and Yom Kippur.

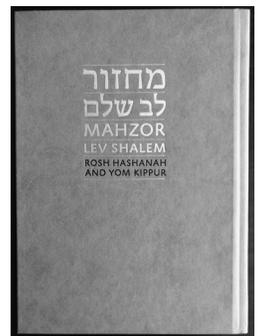
A wonderful year is planned for our students. Our curriculum is well planned to enrich the learning of each student at their own level. Parents, it is very important that your children attend classes regularly. Students will be taking part in Shabbat services and will have many chances to participate in services both at Temple Israel and Temple B’nai B’rith. As parents and grandparents be sure to ask your student about what they have been learning. We are all looking forward to a wonderful year.

Bedonna Mitchneck  
 School Board Chair

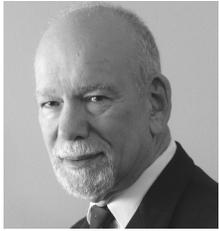


## High Holiday Prayer Book Dedication Info

The Worship Committee will meet on October 8th to finalize the details of the book dedication campaign. Please email [info@templewb.org](mailto:info@templewb.org) or call the office to let us know you are interested and to share any comments and feedback about the new book.



# From Our President. . .



Joe Mitchneck

As I had mentioned during Rosh Hashanah services, increased member participation in synagogue activities in ANY form is vital in keeping our congregation strong, vibrant and relevant in our community. Some may ask, why is this important? What programs will be available?

In order for us to meet the varying needs of all our members, we have focused our efforts not only on prayer services, but also on congregational engagement (social programs), education, chesed (good deeds), musical enhancement and interfaith initiatives. Judaism today is not only practiced in our sanctuary, it is practiced by reinforcing our Jewish heritage and values that take place in the interaction of our members.

Our goal is to create feelings of belonging to a community that has value, purpose and meaning. Some examples that reflect these choices include, but are not limited to the following:

- *Our Shira group that adds spirit to our Holiday and Shabbat services.*
- *Our mix of creative and traditional Shabbat and High Holiday services.*
- *The monthly volunteers who participate in our "Tip Line" to*

*make phone calls to our members and give reminders about upcoming activities.*

- *Our Book Club, a social group that meets over dinner and then discusses the book chosen for that meeting.*
- *Learning sessions such as Bibles and Bagels, Cantor's Trope class, Rabbi's Hebrew reading class, and, of course our Midrasha Hebrew School.*
- *Our Jewish Film Series in collaboration with Penn State Wilkes-Barre followed by an Artist-In-Residence presentation.*
- *A Temple sponsored trip to The Metropolitan Opera in New York.*
- *Friday Night Congregational Shabbat Dinners and our Groh Minyan Breakfasts.*
- *Special social activities geared for interfaith couples and millennials.*

There are many members that we only see at Temple over the High Holidays. This year, please consider attending one or more of our many activities. Bring friends and family to help make Temple Israel the best we can be! We need your support and participation to be successful.

*Joe Mitchneck*



## OCTOBER YAHRZEITS



**Week of October 1 – October 7:** Betty Abrahamson, Sam Ambrose, Dr Steven Berger, Jeanette Berman, Lee Berman, Gertrude Bravman, Dora Cimmel, Hannah Cohen, Joel Cohen, Jr, Esther Fertig, Sidney Gibelman, Fannie Goldberg, Lee Goldberg, Jerry Goldwein, Rachel Hershkowitz, Julius Jacobs, Rose Jaffie, Jay Karnofsky, Malka Kaufer, Martha Kellner, Rosalyn Kerber, Joann Kirshner, Sylvia Kottler, Malka Landau, Boris H. Levitsky, Kusseel Libman, Dr. Harry Lyons, Ruth Mertz, Charles Meyer, David Murzin, Rose Nachlis, Anne Perloff, Evelyn Popky, Solomon Rittenberg, Abraham Seeherman, Norman Smulovitz, Miriam Tick, Louis Warshaw, William Weiner, Sophie Weinstock, Regina Weisberger, Jean Yelen, Richard Zneimer

**Week of October 8 – October 14:** Camilla Bartikowsky, Zella Berk, Joseph Berman, Maurice Cantor, Bertha Cohen, Tobie Cohen, Saralee Colson, Joseph Cutler, James K Dempsey, Rebecca Ender; Joseph Falkowitz, Gertrude Finkelstein, Leo George, June Golubock, Louis Greenberg, Emma Gutterman, Louis Gutterman, David Heit, Enid Hershey, Sally Judd, Lillian Klemow, Maurice Komblau, Sally Linshes, Frieda Lustig, Mandy Marcus, Harold Miller, Bessie Moskow, Stella Nathan, Benjamin Pezzner, Jacob Reisman, Mae Robins, Allen Rosenfeld, Sidney Harold Rosensweig, Thelma Shapiro, Benjamin Siegel, Mark Slomowitz, Howard Sugarman, Sidney Sullum, Max Ungar

**Week of October 15 – October 21:** Louis Bransdorf, Isidore Eichler, Louis Fierman, Ruth Fierman, Herman Fingerroth, Robert Friedman, Joe Gevirtz, Herman Golubock, Samuel Gourvitz, Herbie Gree, Irving Karp, Gussie Kaufer, Leonore Kornfeld, Gertrude Lappen, Brad London, Aaron Mermelstein, Ethel Moldofsky, June Nelson, Samuel Nelson, Gerald Park, Sam Pensak, Minnie Raker, Ann Rifkin, Jack Rinzler, Martha Rosenzweig, Malcolm Sagenkahn, Albert Savitz, Arnold Thalenfeld, Morris Waxman, Marvin Weisberger

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If you are planning on heading south or elsewhere for the winter, please call the Temple office with your winter address and the dates you will be there. We want to make sure you receive your Temple mailings, including your *Chronicles*.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
	Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor Festival Service 10:00am	1	Simchat Torah (no service)	2	Midrasha School Board Meeting 6:30pm at TBB	3	Film Series Movie #2 "Norman" w Speaker Rabbi Larry Kaplan 7:00pm	4		5		6
7		8	Board Meeting 7:30pm	9		10	Film Series Movie #3 "The Invisible" w Speaker Atty David Schwager 7:00pm	11		12		13
14		15	Executive Committee Meeting 7:30pm	16		17	Film Series Movie #4 "Majority of One" w Speaker William Bachman PSU 7:00pm	18		19		20
21		22		23	Worship Committee Meeting 5:45pm	24	Film Series Movie #5 "Rosenwald" w Speaker Dr. Walteen Tully PSU 7:00pm	25		26		27
28		29		30		31						

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