

The Shofar

Monthly Message:

There is lots of news and excitement as we return to Temple Beth El this month.

After the summer hiatus, Cantor Green will be returning to Temple Beth El the weekend of September 5th and 6th for Friday Evening Services and Saturday Torah Study. Welcome Back Cantor Green!

The Sunday School opens on Sunday, September 14, and the teachers and students are very excited to get started teaching and learning. Please take a minute to fill out the Sunday School Questionnaire even if you don't have children in school this year. We thank you for your feedback ahead of time.

As you know, Richard Sternberg has stepped down from his role as President and Ron Feldstein is now Interim President. Because Ron already does a lot for the Temple as head of both the Security and Building Committees, he has asked Phyllis Sherman and me (Stephanie Bauer) to assist him in fulfilling the multitude of roles given to the President of the Board of Trustees. We three have met and are comfortable working together to make Temple Beth El thrive this year. Stay tuned for more information about the exciting 90th Anniversary Celebration.

We will be preparing a Book of Remembrance and holding our Break-the-Fast for Yom Kippur. Please look for details in this issue of the Shofar.

In anticipation of the Holy Days, we are physically preparing the building with updates needed to the roof, refreshing the paint and surfaces on the front porch, and installing a new sturdier handrail. We hope you notice and thank Ron Feldstein when you see him for his commitment to keep our synagogue safe and in good repair.

We also hope you are taking time to reflect on your year and identify areas you would like to improve. Jews are called to mend broken relationships before the new year begins. All this focus on preparation and forgiveness in the weeks leading up to the Holy Days will allow us to deepen our experience on the day of Rosh Hashanah as together, we face our transgressions and strive to be better people in the coming year.

Stephanie Bauer and Phyllis Sherman

Cantor David Green



We Should be the Driver for the High Holy Days

We should be the driver for the High Holy Days. We should use this time of year to take on the responsibilities of asking for forgiveness. Do not let someone else drive, but rather do it ourselves. Indeed, our Jewish faith has always emphasized “self-determination” rather than waiting for God to intervene. We should not wait for God to determine our fate, nor ask God to forgive us for our sins against other human beings. Especially at the times of the Days of Awe. We should not wait for God to intervene. We, as humans, should take the initiative to ask for forgiveness.

This self-determination is a part of our Jewish DNA. Jacob wrestled with an angel, demanding and challenging the authority of God. Abraham did the same when he negotiated with God in the story of Sodom and Gemora. Moses also convinced God not to destroy the Israelites after they worshipped the Golden Calf. We should use the same “Chutzpah” in asking for forgiveness from sin.

Do not wait for others to forgive or apologize to us.

It is almost as if as Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins describes our process as a metaphoric bridge: “Forgiveness is a path to be walked. There are steps along the way; loss, anger, acceptance, learning, forgiveness, and restoration.” We have to cross that bridge of our own volition and our own initiative.

But we as humans have to make those first steps ourselves and not depend on God to tell or coerce us to do so. Rabbi Peter Tarlow may have said it best: “We can use our life to be people of character by performing mitzvot throughout our lives, or give in to moments of rage, anger, selfishness and egocentricity. From the perspective of this most holy time of the year, the choice is ours and ours alone.”

Schedule for High Holy Days 5784

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Monday Sept. 22	
	Evening service	7:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Tuesday Sept. 23	10:00 am
	Morning Service	
	Torah Service	
	Shofar Service	
Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Wednesday Sept. 24	1:00 pm
	Tashlikh at Lower Wilber Park, Spruce Street entrance	
Erev Yom Kippur	Wednesday Oct. 1	7:00 pm (Please be prompt!)
	Kol Nidre	
Yom Kippur	Thursday Oct 2	10:00 am
	Morning service	
	Torah service	
	(½ hour break)	
	Yizkor (Memorial) service	
	(½ hour break)	
	Torah Study with Cantor Green	
	Forgiveness Workshop guided by Dr. Jim Bercovitz and	
	Alice Lichtenstein	4:30 pm
	Neilah	6:15 pm
	Tekia Gedolah – (Shofar blast)	
	Break-the-fast	

BREAK-THE-FAST RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

**Members will be receiving break-the-fast reservation forms with
their High Holy Day Tickets**

Non-temple members should contact Steven Feuer at 607-434-2538 for tickets and break-the-fast reservation forms.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

We are pleased to tell you we are preparing the Book of Remembrance to be distributed at services on Yom Kippur. This provides you with an opportunity to inscribe your loved ones' names in a booklet which also includes memorial prayers, to take home and use throughout the year. The names included in this Book of Remembrance will be read as part of the Yahrzeit list on Yom Kippur. The cost for one name is \$18, and each additional name is \$5.

Important - If you participated last year, you will receive an email or letter about this.

Submissions with a check payable to Temple Beth El need to be mailed to Temple Beth El, PO Box 383, Oneonta, NY 13820 by September 8th.

Yom Kippur begins Wednesday evening October 1st.

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Add any additional names on the back of this form.

Your name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

If you have any questions, please call Hollie Jaffe at (607) 287-0280 or e-mail at hjjaffe@hotmail.com.

Todah Rabah (Thank you very much)

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For a donation in memory of Danny Friedman (z"l), by Paula Friedman.

Thank you to Hollie Jaffe for leading services in July and August, and to Merle Myerson and Steve Feuer for preparing D'verei Torah, and to all those who helped with the onegs.

In Memoriam

We note the passing of Shannon Munson, daughter of Faye and Rick Munson, on July 1st.

We note the passing of Danny Friedman, husband of Paula Friedman, on June 5th.

We note the passing of Lila Garfield, nee Zuckerman, Bob Garfield's mother, on July 9th.

May each of their memories be for a blessing.

Good News: Congratulations to Bill Simons for winning not one, but two Simon Rockower Awards for Excellence in Jewish Sports Journalism in 2025, one 2nd place award and one honorable mention. The awards were given by the American Jewish Press Association. He also won a Syracuse Press Club Award, 2nd place, in the Columns Category, for his column titled "Columbia Protesters chant, 'No More Money for Israel Crime'". (Editor's note – Bill's awards were noted in "The Reporter", the Jewish newspaper covering the Greater Binghamton area. I have a personal subscription and recommend the publication.)

Our Hebrew School -- A New Year of Learning and Community

From Ohad Shem-Tov, Director of the Hebrew School

We are excited to announce that Hebrew School will begin on **Sunday, September 14!**

Classes will be held **every Sunday when public school is in session the following Monday**, except on Jewish holidays (with the exception of *Isru Chag*).

To start the year, all parents will be invited to join a virtual gathering with our school staff. This will be a chance to get to know the teachers, learn about the curriculum, and share thoughts and ideas about the year ahead. We look forward to this conversation as we build a strong and joyful program together.

For our adult learners, we are delighted to continue our **Shabbat Torah Study with a touch of Hebrew learning** on Saturdays, beginning again in October. No prior knowledge is needed, and all members are warmly welcome to join! The first class will be on October 4th. More details will be shared in the October issue of the *Shofar*.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year of growth, discovery, and community for children and adults alike.

Warmly, **Ohad Shem-Tov, PhD**

Sisterhood by Faye Munson

We welcome all Temple Beth El women to join the Sisterhood. Please contact Faye Munson for information. Fayemala27@gmail.com

Men's Club by Steven Feuer

Men's Club will hold its breakfast on Sunday, September 21st at 10 a.m.

Onegs:

If you would like to sponsor an Oneg for a Friday evening service to celebrate a simcha or in honor or in memory of someone, please CALL or TEXT Faye Munson at (607) 434-3911. PLEASE DO NOT SEND EMAILS.

When you send mail to Temple Beth El, please address it to Temple Beth El PO Box 383, Oneonta, NY 13820 and not to the physical building. Please direct mail to someone's attention if possible (eg, the President, Treasurer or other Officer, or a particular Committee's Chair.)

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In event of a death, please contact Steven Feuer at 607-434-2538.

Yahrzeits

August 29 - September 4 (5-11 Elul)

Louis Berkowitz
Philip Granett

September 5 – 11 (12-18 Elul)

Jeanette Dawid
Irving J. Roberts
Harry Puritz

September 12 – 18 (19 – 25 Elul)

Jerome Peyton

September 19-25 (26 Elul-3 Tishri)

Fima (Haim) Rom
Herbert Rapp
Sylvia Chernin
Mary (Manya) Weinberg

September 26-October 2 (4-10 Tishri)

Samuel (Shlomo) Weinberg

May their names always be remembered for a blessing.

Torah Parashot for September

September 6 – Ki Teitzei – (Deuteronomy 21:10 to 25:19) "Ki Teitzei" means "When you go out". It lists 74 laws and commandments, the most in any parashah.

September 13 – Ki Tavo – (Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8) "Ki Tavo" means "When you come in." After again listing blessings if we do the right thing and curses if we do wrong, Moses tells the people that only now, after 40 years of wandering, do they have "a heart to know, eyes to see and ears to hear."

September 20 – Nitzavim – (Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20) "Nitzavim" means "Standing". Moses tells the people G-d set life and death, good and evil before them, blessing and curse- "Choose life."

September 27 – Vayelech/Shabbat Shuva – (Deuteronomy 31:1-30) "Vayelech" means "and he (Moses) went." Moses, at 120 years, speaks to the people for the last time. Leadership is transferred to Joshua.

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Sept. 14	10 am	Hebrew School starts (see page 6)
Sept. 21	10 am	Men's Club breakfast
Sept. 22	7 pm	Erev Rosh HaShanah services
Sept. 23	10 am	Rosh HaShanah 1 st day services
Sept. 24	1 pm	Rosh HaShanah 2nd day Tashlikh at the Spruce Street entrance to Wilber Park, by the creek bridge
Oct. 1	7 pm	Erev Yom Kippur services
Oct 2	10 am	Yom Kippur services, followed by Break-the-Fast (see page 3)
Oct 4	10 am	Adult Torah study (see page 6)

Shabbat times:

Fri. September 5	Light Shabbat candles at 7:12 pm
Fri. September 12	Light Shabbat candles at 7:00 pm
Fri. September 19	Light Shabbat candles at 6:48 pm
Fri. September 26	Light Shabbat candles at 6:36 pm
Fri. October 3	Light Shabbat candles at 6:28 pm

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