



L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu!



Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday October 2nd 8:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah Festival Morning I

Monday October 3rd 10:00 AM

Children's Service 1:30 PM

Tashlich 2:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah Festival Morning II

Tuesday October 4th 10:00 AM

*Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur services will be
livestreamed, see www.bethemeth.net*

Kol Nidre

Tuesday October 11th 7:30 PM

Yom Kippur

Wednesday October 12th 10:00 AM

Children's Service 1:15 PM

Lecture/Discussion 1:15 PM

Community Break-The-Fast 6:00 PM

Erev Sukkot (Decorate the Sukkah)

Sunday October 16th 4:30 PM

Sukkot Festival Morning

Monday October 17th 10:00 AM

Erev Simchat Torah

Sunday October 23rd 6:30 PM

Sh'mini Atzeret Festival Morning

Monday October 24th 10:00 AM

*For tickets & information please call the office or
email TempleBeth83@aol.com*

Religious School Kickoff: New Year, New Teachers!

We've had a wonderful start to our new school year! Our religious school has been growing and we added an additional class to our register. We also have four new teachers, and in this month's update we will introduce them, while also singing the praises of our returning teacher, Ian Olasov.

Our classes this year are named for cities in Eretz Israel:

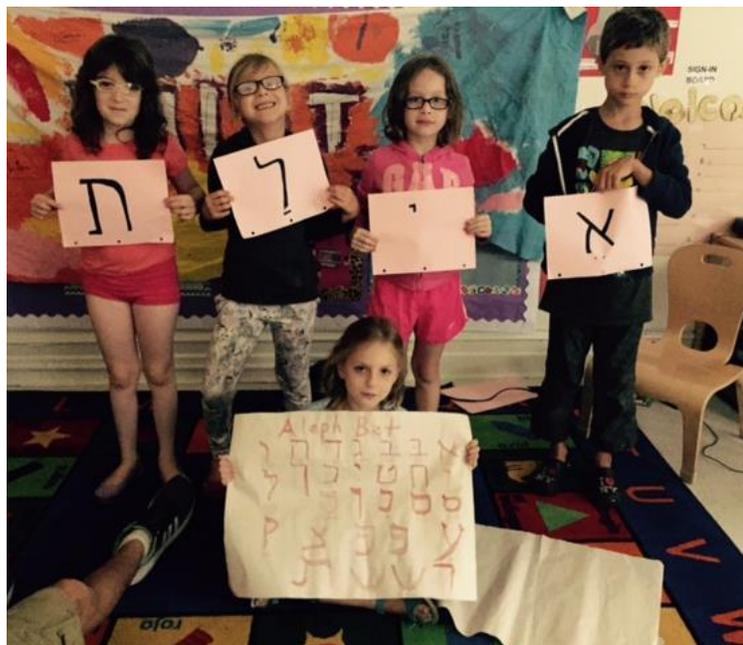
Jerusalem Our youngest class consists of children in Pre-K through 1st grade, and at the helm is Adi Meyerson. Adi was born in the U.S., but grew up in Jerusalem to American parents, so though she speaks English with an American accent, she is also a native of Israel. Adi came to New York to study music and is an accomplished stand up bassist. She specializes in jazz, and has played in jazz clubs all over New York.

Ellat This class has our 2nd and 3rd graders. Elizabeth (Lizzy) Peters, a native of California, is their teacher. Lizzy is studying for her MFA in Creative Writing and Literary Translation. When not teaching, she concentrates on translating Spanish poetry, and is a poet herself, who manages an open-mic event at Bowery Poetry.

Haifa Cara Kantowitz teaches our 4th and 5th graders. She was born in Brooklyn, but moved out of the city at a young age. Fortunately, Cara rectified this and is now working with our Temple. Cara is an occupational therapist, and has worked for the Department of Education for over six years. She spent her high school years as a teaching assistant in her Temple in Pearl River, NY, and is excited to continue teaching in a Reform Jewish setting.

Tel-Aviv This class has all of our 6th graders, and is taught by our new Rabbinic intern Jennifer (Jenn) Queen. Jenn studies at Hebrew Union College in Greenwich Village and expects to receive her smicha (ordination) in the next three years.

Jenn is particularly interested in social justice topics and is looking forward to working with the older children on their Mitzvah Projects as they begin to prepare for Bar/Bat Mitzvah.



Tzfat Our Bnei-Mitzvah class is taught by our returning teacher, Ian Olasov. Ian is a native of Brooklyn and lives in our neighborhood. He is a Ph.D candidate in philosophy, and when not teaching here he can be found hosting the Brooklyn Public Philosophers speaker series at the Brooklyn Public Library. He also occasionally sets up “Ask a Philosopher” booths in Greenmarkets around the city. He is hoping to share his love of philosophical discourse with his students.

Madrichim I have to give a shout-out to our wonderful assistants (*madrichim* in Hebrew) who help our teachers in the three youngest classes. Hannalina Hoover, Harry Grupper, and Sarah Lenaghan have been assisting our teachers for at least two years, and are a real treasure in our Temple. We really appreciate all the hard work they do in the classroom!

Bryna Bilanow, Education Director

The Simcha Zone

Congratulations to our October birthday folk!

(If your birthday's not listed and should be, please call or email the office; we also want to include anniversaries, so let us know if yours is coming up.)

Amy Sara Clark, Gary Katzen, Emily Gravina, Peter Gravina, Rabbi Heidi Hoover, Linda Silverman, Faye Penn, Natalie Friedlander, Bernard Jacobs, Mildred Morel, Phyllis Schweiger, Elliot Wolf, Maya Wechsler, Barzeli Schneider, Aaron Veal, Kate Brown, Eve Garner, Justin Zimiles, Maxine Resnick, Noah Khenkin

Rabbi's Message: Taking a Step Back

“Just as the hand, held before the eye, can hide the tallest mountain, so the routine of everyday life can keep us from seeing the vast radiance and the secret wonders that fill the world,” (Chasidic, 18th century, translation in *Gates of Repentance*). We are busy. Work, volunteer or paid, family obligations, appointments—where do the days go?

Now the High Holidays are upon us. Can we slow down? Can we interrupt the routine of everyday life to examine ourselves and get in touch with the radiance and wonders in the world and in our souls?

Recently in a discussion at a Saturday morning Parent Workshop, some parents shared how hard it is to slow down enough to have a spiritual experience during these holidays, or really, anytime. Taking care of ourselves is often what falls by the wayside; it seems to be optional and dispensable, as we try to meet all of our obligations.

We don't live in a Jewish country. Here in Brooklyn, kids don't have to go to school on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, but employers don't necessarily take the holidays into account.

Carving out time to spend hours in services, or even to spend time in contemplation about how the past year has been, may feel like an unaffordable luxury—or perhaps a boring obligation.

It is worthwhile to try to find some way to participate in the holidays. Even if you can only attend one service, to sit quietly and leave the world behind, and concentrate on your inner self, that can be worth it. For the fourth year in a row, we will be live-streaming the services online (the link will be visible on the Temple website and on our Facebook page). If it's impossible to make it to the synagogue for some or all the services, perhaps watching on a computer is possible for you.

Another suggestion is to participate online in Project Reboot's 10Q. You can find it here: <http://www.doyou10q.com>. You'll receive a question each day to answer from October 2 to October 10. Next year at the holidays, your answers from this year will be sent back to you. On the website you can read past answers, and they are so moving. (Thank you to congregant Liz Fisher, who suggested this.)

Some of us are more introspective than others, and it can be valuable for all of us to take a step back and consider the big picture of our lives. Are we where we want to be in our relationships with other people? Which relationships need more attention? How can



we make space for that? Are we where we want to be in our careers, if we are still working? Is the relationship between our job and our home life a healthy one? Are we productive and satisfied in both arenas? If not, what needs to change? Are we spiritually satisfied? What do we want for ourselves to feel more spiritually connected and fulfilled? How are we doing at taking care of ourselves, in body and in spirit?

Sometimes we forget that we have the power to change things about our lives. Not everything, certainly, but how we respond to our lives is in our power. We can decide when to ask for help from a therapist, a doctor, a life coach, a rabbi. In the whirlwind of daily life, our stress and busy-ness can be like a hand in front of our eyes, so that we can't see the tallest mountain. But that mountain may be beautiful, or climbing it may present just the challenge we need, or maybe God is waiting there to speak to us (in whatever way we understand that word "God"—perhaps here "God" may mean inspiration, revelation, or understanding).

Let us take some time during these Days of Awe to focus on ourselves. May we turn inward and learn more about ourselves, our needs, our failings and our strengths. May we feel cleansed by the holidays and enter the new year with hope and without guilt. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Rabbi Heidi Hoover

Selichot: Congratulations to our newly installed board members & officers!



photos by Sheldon Jonas

President's Message

Jeff Levinson



As many of you may know, our banquet hall is currently closed due to an order from the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB). This past summer, the Fire Department stopped by the temple to perform an annual inspection of our fire alarm system.

During the inspection, they

alerted us that our emergency exit from the banquet hall was improperly placed above the exit to the kitchen, and we therefore moved the emergency exit to the two sets of stairs behind the bathrooms.

On September 14, the DOB paid us a surprise visit, tipped off by the fire department about the exit issue. The DOB issued two citations, one for having improper egress through the back stairs, and the other for Aim High, our tenant, using the banquet hall as a play space. Apparently, Aim High was advised by the DOB that they were not to use the banquet hall, and Aim High did not inform us of this fact. There is a possibility that this is a misunderstanding, so we continue to investigate. In any event, the banquet hall is closed until we receive permission to use the space again from the Department of Buildings.

We have remedied the egress violation by removing the defunct chairlift from one of the stairways, replacing the hardware on the doors to allow them to open more easily in case of an emergency, and by taking out an interior door that swung the wrong way.

In order to use the space again in the long run, however, we must obtain a Place of Assembly Permit, which is required for any indoor space where more than 75 people meet, including for "religious, recreational, educational, political, or social purposes." Acquiring a Place of Assembly Permit involves hiring an architect; we have solicited bids from three architects, including Walter Sedovic Architects, the company that oversaw the replacement of our roof. By the time you read this, we will likely have chosen an architect and started the process.

While we wait for our banquet hall to open again, there will be some short term changes in programming, and some back-up plans in place. All temple activities, including Israeli Dance, Sisterhood

brunches, and Onegs, will take place in the Community Room on the first floor.

For those of you who like to stay at the temple to break the fast after Yom Kippur, we are fortunate that congregants who live nearby (within easy walking distance) have generously offered their home as an alternative location. We will also need an alternative space for our New Member Luncheon, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 3. If you would be willing to host the luncheon, please contact the temple office.

Finally, we are contacting some Church Avenue businesses to see if they would be willing to host our Latke Oneg on the 6th night of Hannukah, Friday, December 30, following the Chanukah service at the temple.

The loss of our banquet hall, even temporarily, will make it more difficult to function as a congregation, but we will survive this time off, and the creative solutions we find to accommodate the loss of space will make us stronger in the end. Likewise, going through the process of working with an architect to make sure our building is... kosher... will ensure that we are not at the mercy of city inspectors anymore.

Unfortunately, we will lose rental income each Saturday night the space is not rented. We have alerted everyone who has the banquet hall reserved on Saturday nights in October, and will start notifying the November and December renters depending on how the meeting with the architect goes. The temple will also stop taking reservations until the space's availability is resolved.

In addition to this loss of rental income, we will also sustain whatever the charges are for the architect and the costs of any necessary repairs to comply with the city's building codes. On Kol Nidre, I will be speaking about the potential impact these losses could have to our temple.

On the bright side, I am extremely grateful for those members of the board, and of the congregation, who have stepped up to help out in this difficult time.

New trustee (and all-around *balaboosta*) Madelon Jonas made sure that our Selichot cocktail hour before services was warm and inviting in our community room, and has helped us get in touch with architects and the mayor's office. Dick Boschen has lent his professional expertise, and Alvin Berk has helped us get in touch with a liaison within the Department of Buildings. Many other people — Sheldon Greenberg, Michael Rose, Kathryn Haslanger, Gerard Soffian, Melissa Scott, Karin

Orenstein, Sara West, Sally Bowman, Michael Wadman, and Joel Siegel — have worked on this project. Their help is greatly appreciated, as is the assistance of our staff, Jean Vital and Alice Hyatt.

I look forward to seeing all of you over the next few weeks as we celebrate, worship, and atone during the Days of Awe. This experience will give us all an opportunity to work on the mitzvah of patience, as we learn to deal with a little less space for an uncertain time. I hope that everyone has a constructive and contemplative holiday season, and may you all be inscribed and sealed for a good year.



**Have you patronized these Brooklyn businesses?
Do you know what they have in common?**

They all placed advertisements in the annual Dinner Dance journal last June. Be sure to let them know you saw them in The Truth!

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San Remo
Quality Custom Builders
Alarms R Us
Flatbush Development Corp.
Altschul & Goldstein, PC
Urbamo Electric
Community Physical Therapy
Andrew Oliphant, DDS
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Key Food
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Qathra Café
Lawrence Ramos
Restoration
Sparrow Locksmith
Mex Express Car
Service
Mary Kay Gallagher
Kettle & Thread
Newkirk Liquor
Kings County Wine
Leon's Fantasy Cut
Creation Unisex Inc.

Building Committee Update

Sheldon Greenberg, Building Committee Chair

The Building Committee continues its efforts to bring our facility to a state of good repair and address violations cited by the Department of Buildings, as discussed in the President's Message above.

During the past month, we have completed the following work:

1. The main electrical panel covers in the boiler room area have been replaced and deficiencies corrected.
2. Broken and outdated EXIT signs have been replaced at several locations the building.
3. The removal of the inoperative mobility stairlift (necessary to address the egress from the function room) and the upgrades to our egress doors have been completed.
4. Contractor proposals for interim repairs of the Sanctuary has been obtained and awaiting approval. This would be for work related to improve lighting in the main entry area and possibly changing bulbs under the balcony.



New emergency egress door on Church Ave.

Treasurer's Update

Evelyn Shunaman

The Temple has been operating at a deficit for years and our reserve fund has now dwindled to where it will only keep us solvent a few more years unless we make changes.

The Finance Committee is working on four fronts to do this: fundraising (including seeking grants), recommending changes to dues structure, investigating whether the Temple should apply for official 501(c)3 non-profit status, and messaging the community to keep congregants aware of the overall financial situation as well as any outstanding balances they personally may have.

There are, however, things we can do as *individuals* to help—both in big ways and small ways.

One of the big ways we can help as individuals is to increase our Kol Nidre donations this year. If we all give three times what we gave last year, we wipe out the deficit in one fell swoop!



One of the small ways is REALLY easy. At the bottom of the Temple website there is a button to click to sign up for Amazon Smile. If you select the Temple as your charity and use Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate to the Temple 0.5% of the amount you spend. It's not a lot, but if all of us do it, it could add up!

I just signed up for Amazon Smile, and I'm making the commitment to triple my Kol Nidre donation. Can you join me in doing these things?

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October Sisterhood Brunch 10/15 at 10 am

Today's young adults; Tomorrow's Jewish communities
Please join congregant Liz Fisher in a conversation about Jewish millennials and how their interests and identities are shaping the Jewish future. Liz has spent her career engaging young Jewish adults and is currently the COO of Repair the World, an organization that aims to make authentic volunteer service a part of American Jewish life.
Temple and Sisterhood Members - \$10.00; Non-Temple Members - \$15.00.

Looking Ahead:

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| Thursday, Oct 6 | Liturgy Class #1 (of 6)
Learn about our prayers – see website for info
7:30 PM, \$120 for all sessions |
| Wednesday, October 19 | Board of Trustees meeting
7:15 PM |
| Saturday, November 5 | Sisterhood Brunch w/
speaker Michael T. Rose |

OCTOBER YAHRZEITS: "FOR THE MEMORY OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS A BLESSING"

Oct. 2 – Oct. 8, 2016

Ida Albert
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Oct. 9- Oct. 16, 2016

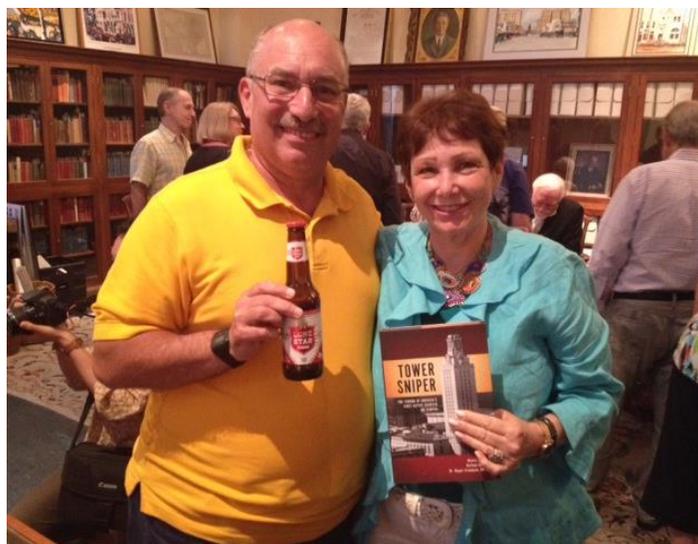
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Oct. 16 – Oct. 22, 2016

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Oct. 23 – Oct. 29, 2016

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 Flora Stacy
 Anna Susswein
 Ethel Taub
 Bella Weil
 Asher Wolff



TBE On The Road

Temple Members Sally Moses and Alan Zarrow met up this past July 26 at the Austin (TX) History Center. The occasion was a book talk and signing for a new work entitled *Tower Sniper*, that had just been published in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the University of Texas tower shootings which took place on August 1, 1966.

Sally, who was a resident of Texas at the time of the shootings and who is a personal friend of one of the authors, lost a friend on that horrible day. She was in Austin to not only attend the book talk but also for the unveiling of a long overdue monument in memory of those lost that day.

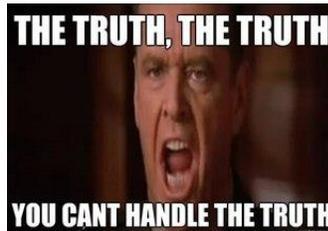
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