

## Rabbi's Message



In late August I had a lovely visit with our rabbi emeritus, Rabbi William Kloner, and his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Kloner. They are now living in a beautiful apartment on the Upper East Side in Manhattan, where Rabbi Kloner can easily be outside on nice days, either in the pleasant courtyard of the building, decorated with plants and fountains, or in Central Park. He is in a wheelchair and has the services of an attendant, but he is able to follow and participate in conversations. He looks very good.

I shared with Rabbi Kloner all the activity that has been going on at Temple—work in the sanctuary to improve our worship environment, from cleaning and seat-cushion replacements to repair of a broken part of the floor, as well as the continuing progress of the roof replacement project. He was pleased to hear it.

When asked what message he wanted to share with the congregation for the High Holy Days, he said, “They should be well and enjoy.” Later, speaking for himself and his wife Liz, he asked me to tell you, “We love you!” They are hoping that sometime this year they will be able to return to Temple for a visit. The Kloners welcome visitors, who should get in touch with Liz to make plans.

For over three decades Rabbi Kloner led our synagogue. Those of you who were members during those years know that we are still here because of his commitment to this congregation's continuity. He, and the dedicated congregants who worked with him, set the stage for the rejuvenation and growth we're experiencing, and which is the work of today's leadership and congregation. Now, as rabbi emeritus, unable to be with us physically, he continues to set an example for us.

Rabbis—and many non-rabbis too—often tend to use lots of words. We talk and talk and talk. Frequently when my kids ask me a question, they get quite a discourse in response. Their eyes glaze over, and eventually I say, “You were done hearing the answer a while ago, weren't you?” to which they often respond with a nod and an eye roll. Some of you can identify with my kids, perhaps, when you ask a question in Torah study. Sometimes we just get going and don't stop.

By necessity, these days Rabbi Kloner is very economical with his words. In the few words he asked me to pass on to you, he was able to say three things, and indeed, everything that is important. “Be well,” “enjoy,” “we love you.” What more is there to say?

At this time of the year, when we seek to make amends for our failings of the past year, when we begin anew, these are goals to take with us into the new year. We should be well: May we take care of our bodies and our minds, that we may be as healthy as possible. We should enjoy: May we find enjoyment in each day, in the simple pleasures and the rare moments of unusual beauty, in our work and in the people around us. And we should love: May we always know that we are loved, and may we freely share our love with our family and friends.

L'Shanah Tovah u'Metukah—may you and your family have a good year and a sweet year. I look forward to seeing you at Temple.

## President's Message



### New Year

I warmly welcome all members to the start of a new year at Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek. I encourage members of our Congregation not to hesitate in participating in our Temple activities. We offer a broad program of events that are sure to challenge your heart, mind and body. Our Shabbat services, either Friday evenings or Saturday mornings, offer a chance to connect to Judaism on a regular basis. There is nothing like regular participation in services to uncover deeper meaning in our religion. The complementary Torah and Shiur study sessions work to stimulate our thinking not only by reflecting on biblical events from another age but relate to ethical and political questions germane to contemporary living. Let's not forget the opportunities for good eating when joining potluck dinners, Seders and onegs. And then there are the bike rides, Israeli dancing and other events that get us in touch with our physical being. We also have field trips to ballgames, museums and other adventures. An extra bonus is the camaraderie that is sure to develop when joining any of these events. Check the Temple's calendar, website and weekly email blasts for upcoming events.

### Sanctuary Upgrades

During the past summer as we prepare for the start of the new year we have been working to get our house in order. Portions of the floor in the Sanctuary were in urgent need of repair. The Building Committee chaired by Sheldon Greenberg went into action and replaced rotted and compromised wood with new floorboards. Tired of sitting in uncomfortable seats when in the Sanctuary? The committee oversaw the repair of several dozen seats as well as cleaning of the upholstery. The marble bima also received a facelift as well as new floor tiles in the rear vestibule to name just a few of the recent upgrades.



Contractors replacing weakened floorboards in Sanctuary

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## Roof and Air Conditioning

Although actual construction will not begin until October following the High Holy Days, much preparatory work has been completed for repairing the leaking roof and replacing our outdated air conditioning system. Following the completion of numerous in-depth surveys and inspections by engineers and architects directed by our consultant, Walter Sedovic Architects, the preparatory work is nearing completion.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission issued a permit on June 26<sup>th</sup> approving our plans for replacing the roof. The application for permits from the Department of Buildings for roof replacement was completed in July. Request for Proposals for the roof repair was issued in July, and following walk-throughs with potential contractors proposals were submitted on August 13<sup>th</sup>. These proposals are now being evaluated for responsiveness and cost.

Design for the new air conditioning system is nearing completion with plans to replace the inefficient 20-ton rooftop unit with a 10-ton system. This new rooftop air conditioner will satisfy City requirements for providing adequate air circulation to serve the full 350-seat capacity of the Sanctuary. The rooftop air conditioner will be supplemented with five smaller units (four located in the rear of the Sanctuary's ground floor and one over the bema). The smaller units will direct cool air in the seating area when and where most needed.



Congregant Olgierd Bilanow (r) and Kevin Finn (l) from WSA probing crawl space over Sanctuary ceiling

An asbestos survey was conducted on July 17<sup>th</sup> for the building interior in support of the mechanical, electrical and plumbing work in the Sanctuary. All samples collected from the interior of the building were found to be negative for asbestos thus no asbestos removal is required.

## Mortgage Loan

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, a revised Order, Petition and Affidavit in support of receiving a mortgage loan from TD Bank of \$325,000 was submitted to the Charities Bureau of the State Attorney General. The Order has now advanced to a second level review at the AG's office to be followed by review by the State Supreme Court.

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, each member household of the Congregation has been billed for the next semiannual \$350 investment in the Temple's Building Fund. This investment is needed in order for the Temple to repay the mortgage from TD Bank. Without these funds repair and rehabilitation of urgently needed Temple improvements will be severely compromised and our entire capital program will be in jeopardy. I thank all those members who have made timely payments.

*Shana Tovah.*

*Gerard Soffian*

### **A LASTING LEGACY**

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To learn more, call The Temple Office or email President Gerard Soffian at [gerardsff@aol.com](mailto:gerardsff@aol.com).

*Gerard Soffian*

The Events Committee of the Board of Trustees invites you to:



### **EAT, PRAY, SHARE**

Sponsor an Oneg after Shabbat services! Shabbat services offer a special opportunity to contribute to the life and community of Temple Beth Emeth. Sign up for a date that's significant to you; celebrate a simcha with the Temple by bringing food or contributing \$36 (or more) to sponsor a simcha.

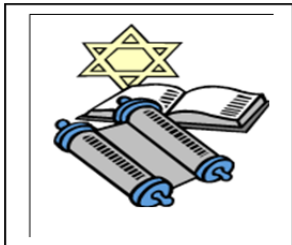
Sign up by calling Alice at the Temple Office; write "Celebration/Oneg" in memo section of your check.

### **Special Day for TBE's M/C**



On July 1<sup>st</sup>, two days after acting as "M/C" for the Temple's 102<sup>nd</sup> annual Dinner Dance, congregant and board member Alan Zarrow was invited to serve as public address announcer for the inaugural high school baseball game between an all-star team from the New York City public schools (PSAL) and a team of all-stars from the Chicago public school system. The best part about the event was that the game was played at Yankee Stadium. In spite of a two hour rain delay and a rush to get the game started and finished so that our guests from "The Windy City" could catch their plane home, the game went off without a hitch – other than the fact that NYC lost. "The people at Yankee Stadium were great to work with and catered to our every need", said Alan. "They got the field ready after a drenching downpour as if the Yankees themselves were playing that day. It was a funny thing, though, to experience the delayed sound through the speakers when speaking into the microphone just as it is heard on the film clip of Lou Gehrig's famous "luckiest man" speech - but you learn to adjust after a while. That, the rain, and the final score aside, it was truly a great opportunity to announce at one of the most famous sports venues in the country."

### Torah Study



Friday Evening September 20<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Morning September 28<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM  
10:00 AM

with Rabbi Heidi Hoover

Temple Banquet Hall

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING



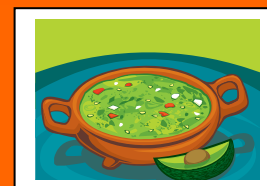
Wednesday evening,  
September 11<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 PM  
Temple Banquet Room

### Book Plates



Book plates are now available for placement in prayerbooks - either Shabbat or High Holy Days. Donation for each plate is \$18. Book plates could be for either "in memory of", "in celebration of", or "in honor of". Contact the Temple Office for donating.

### Celebrate Shabbat at our Monthly Potluck Dinner



Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
Bring a side dish, we supply wine & chicken.  
Services follow at 8:00 PM



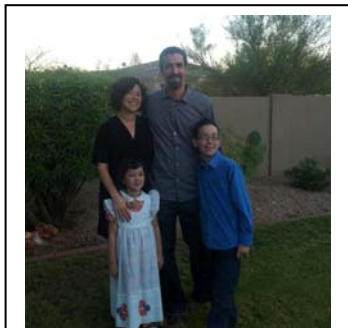
### Secrets of Beth Emeth

*It was one year ago, at the High Holidays, during my stint as an usher, that I looked around the sanctuary and thought that there are many hidden gems in our building that everyone should know about and appreciate. I started this column to help share with the membership some of these gems. I begin my second year of sharing with an easy one. Everybody should know this not-so-secret secret.*

Each time that we are asked to stand during the part of our services when the ark is to be opened, the sanctuary seems to get just a little bit brighter as our holy scrolls are shown to the congregation for a special prayer such as the "Aleynu" or to be removed for reading. Can it be an aura of approval from above? We can all think so. But...

Answer on page 6.

## Member of the Month



### Liz Fisher

Our first member profile of the New Year is of someone who is recognized as a very busy person during Religious School events. And why not? With two young children enrolled in our school, she needs to be. Meet Liz Fisher.

Liz is a native of Dover, New Hampshire where she grew up in a Reform home and congregation. She is a graduate of Mills College in Oakland, CA. Liz is married to Jeremy Brown who was born (ready for this?) in Rome, Italy where his father was doing post-doctoral research. Jeremy's family eventually settled in California after moving several times and he is a graduate of UC Berkeley. The two met in Israel when she was 19 and he was 20 while they were spending a year there. She was living on a kibbutz and studying at Hebrew Union College and he was studying at Hebrew University. They have been married now for 14 years. Their two children, Abe, who is 10, and Rose, 6, attend PS 139.

Professionally, Liz is the Managing Director of *Birtright Israel NEXT* "which is an organization that follows up with young adults who have gone on a Birtright trip." The Birtright program is one "that sends young adults between the ages of 18 and 26 (340,000 of them from 62 countries) on a free, ten-day educational trip to Israel." Jeremy is a musician (violin) who "plays a lot of different types of Jewish music [as well as] other music."

Liz and Jeremy came to Beth Emeth after having been members of another congregation. They were drawn to us by the "warmth of the community and by Rabbi Hoover." Liz goes on to say that "we especially like the Shabbat morning Torah Study and the energy of the Shabbat morning services." Says Liz: Beth Emeth is a very special place with a warm, welcoming community. It reminds [me] of the small town congregation [I] grew up in. We are excited to have found it."

*Alan Zarrow*

## Secrets of Beth Emeth: The Ark Spotlight



When Temple Beth Emeth's new ark was installed during the sanctuary's renovation in the 1920's, there was no light built into the ark itself to illuminate the Torah scrolls. Rather, an ingenious switching device was built into the ark and is triggered when its doors are opened. This turns on a spot light mounted on the ceiling, above the balcony, in the rear of the seating area. As for that scared Bar Mitzvah boy that I have referenced in several columns in the past (who could I possibly be talking about??) – the light was just something else that Cantor Davidson warned us not to be distracted by (not to mention wise-acre friends and weeping relatives) during the Bar Mitzvah ceremony. It was some pretty sound advice. That thing is really bright. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank, for the entire congregation, Paul Chapell for realigning the light last year after several years of the beam being just a bit off-target.

*Alan Zarrow*

### Worship Services



#### Selichot Night August 31<sup>st</sup>

Saturday Evening 7:30 PM

#### First Night of Rosh Hashanah September 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday Evening 8 PM

#### First Day of Rosh Hashanah September 5<sup>th</sup>

Thursday Morning 10 AM

#### Second Day of Rosh Hashanah September 6<sup>th</sup>

Friday Morning 10 AM

#### September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Friday Evening 8:30 PM

Saturday Morning 11:15 AM

#### Yom Kippur – Kol Nidre September 13<sup>th</sup>

Friday Evening 7:30 PM

#### Yom Kippur Day September 14<sup>th</sup>

Saturday Morning 10 AM

#### Sukkot Service September 18<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM

#### Sukkot Festival Morning Service September 19<sup>th</sup>

Thursday Morning 10:30 AM

#### September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday Evening 8:30 PM

Oneg Following Services

Saturday Morning 11:15 AM

#### Simchat Torah Service September 25<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM

#### Sh'mini Atzeret Festival Morning Service September 26<sup>th</sup>

10:30 AM

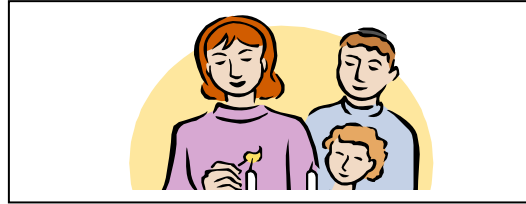
#### September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Friday Evening 8:00 PM

Oneg Following Services

Saturday Morning 11:15 AM

### Candlelighting



Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 7:06 PM

Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 8:04 PM

Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 7:03 PM

Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 6:52 PM

Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 6:43 PM

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 6:40 PM

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 6:28 PM

### Shabbat Shuvah "Welcome Back Students" breakfast



Saturday,  
September 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 AM



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**Yahrzeit Kaddish List**

The names listed below are taken from the *Bronze Tablets* and the *Book of Life*. Names are read at the Sabbath service following the date of passing. For information about *Memorial Plaques* and perpetual Kaddish, please call the Temple Office.

**September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

Millie Appel  
 Sol Barr  
 Solomon Benjamin  
 Jack Bresler  
 Irving Cohen  
 Judith Zarrow Erlichman  
 Celia Engelhardt  
 Ida Fainglas  
 Maxwell Friedman  
 Minnie Goodman  
 Hannah Harris  
 Nathan Hirschfield  
 Max Kasner  
 Mordecai Kohn  
 Rose Levine  
 Annette Blanche Levy  
 Benjamin Oberlander  
 Joe Phillips  
 Anna Pines  
 Samuel Probstein  
 Rebecca Rosenberg Quitman  
 Yetta Rayved  
 Bertha Rosenfeld  
 Herbert Sackowitz  
 Leibish Silverman  
 Harry W. Steinig  
 David Noah Veldron  
 Cecilia Weiss  
 Leon G. West  
 Isaac Wiener

**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

Alfred Carlin  
 Etta Eisenstein  
 Sarah Freeman  
 Abe Geron  
 Michael Goldsmith  
 Alexander S. Goodman  
 George Gottlieb  
 Anne Handler Harris  
 Ray Herzog  
 Charles Heyman  
 Bertha Ehrlich Kahn  
 Edward Kahn  
 Joseph Kunreuther  
 Solomon Leichter  
 Mark G. Levy  
 Josephine Lowenstein  
 Edward Rabinowich  
 Bernard Rappaport  
 Augusta Rayved  
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 Martha Rosenfeld  
 Minnie Rosenstein  
 Ruth Rothman  
 Julia Sabath  
 Marcia Saroff  
 Doris Frances Shapiro  
 Frank Shapiro  
 May Sharnoff  
 Jonas Sonnenshine  
 David Stemper  
 Phillip Strauss  
 Fred Weiss  
 William Weiss  
 Anne E. Weit  
 Rose Wormser

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## Yahrzeit Kaddish List *(Continued from page 8.)*

### September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Herman Bacharach  
 Max Barr  
 Irving N. Bogan  
 Meir Bookman  
 Pauline Bookman  
 Florence Cohen  
 Samuel Cohn  
 Fannie Davis  
 Blanche Dozier  
 Joseph Dreyfus  
 Aaron Fawer  
 Regina Frank  
 Leonie Fribourg  
 Tait Frost  
 Adolph Goldberg  
 Jennie Hirschberg  
 Edward Katz  
 Phillip Keiter  
 Max Kesselman  
 Hattie P. Kurzweil  
 Esther Lachman  
 Louis Levine  
 Rabbi Samuel Levinson  
 Benjamin Loeb  
 Moses H. Magnus  
 Janet Weisberg Mann  
 Lena Pincus  
 Pauline Rosenberg  
 Sol Rosenberg  
 Henrietta Rosenblum  
 Cecelia Rubenstein  
 David Schlein  
 David Schlein  
 Margaret B. Schoen  
 Joseph Sonfield  
 Bella Stiller  
 Nina Wormser

### September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Ruth Achs  
 Harry Adels  
 Robert Bennett  
 Samuel Bergoffen  
 Arthur Blank  
 Leah Cantor  
 Paul Cutler  
 Louis Ehrlich  
 Capt. Henry Goodman  
 Rosalind Halpern  
 Chanin Hirsch  
 Deborah Hirsch  
 Amelia Kunreuther  
 Emma Manasia  
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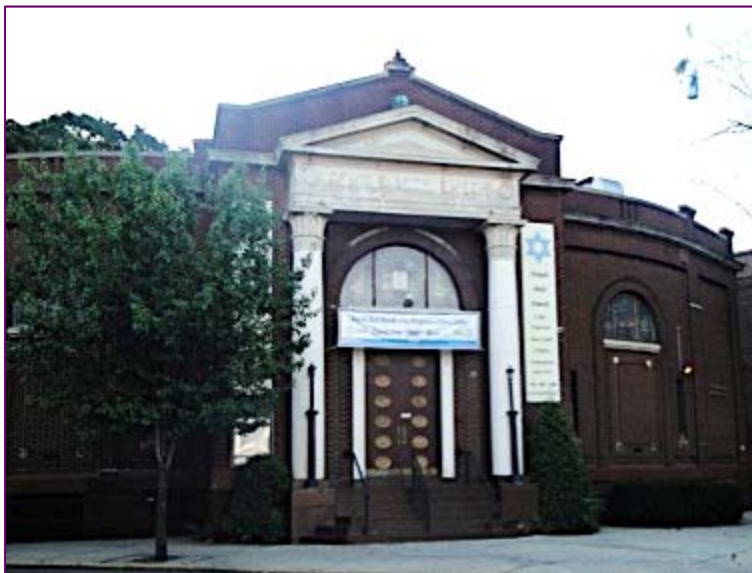
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