

Sisterhood Annual Luncheon - Thursday, September 26

Guest Speaker - Rabbi Danny Schiff

November
2024

Temple Talk

30 Tishrei—29 Cheshvan
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|  | | <p>SAVE THE DATE: Grand Finale & Reunion Weekend April 25 & 26 Check page 9—info about hotel accommodations</p> | | | 1 | <i>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</i> 2 Shabbat Service 10:00 am <i>Noach</i> |
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| | | Temple Board Meeting 7:30 pm | | | | Shabbat Service 10:00 am <i>Vayeira</i> |
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November Shabbat Services

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| Saturday | November 2 | 10:00 am |
| Friday | November 8 | 7:30 pm |
| Saturday | November 16 | 10:00 am |
| Friday | November 22 | 7:30 pm |
| Friday | November 29 | 10:00 am |

Please Note: Friday night Shabbat services during the upcoming winter months will be on Zoom only. Saturday morning services will continue to be both in person and on Zoom.

Check the Temple Talk calendar and weekly e-mail messages to confirm dates and times. Service dates and time can also be found online. at: www.tbioffice.org

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times November 2024

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| Friday | November 1 | 5:57 pm |
| Friday | November 8 | 4:49 pm |
| Friday | November 15 | 4:43 pm |
| Friday | November 22 | 4:39 pm |
| Friday | November 29 | 4:36 pm |



Executive Committee Message



It is only two days after Yom Kippur. I am not sure why, but I am feeling very nostalgic. It was a bittersweet experience for me in many ways to attend the final High Holiday service at Temple B'nai Israel.

Being in the building certainly enhanced the experience for me. Zoom is wonderful, but nothing like the actual experience of seeing people and having a hands-on encounter. I considered it a true privilege to be a part of our final High Holiday services.

I have to say that it was not easy to be in the synagogue without Louis. On Yom Kippur, in his memory I came in the morning and stayed the entire day which is what he did year after year. There were no 'breaks' for him.

When people talk about Temple members being their second family, it is so true. There are so many memories over the last half century! Over the years there were a plethora of traditions that we celebrated together with friends! Do you remember that the break the fast was held at the building on Shaw Avenue? A large group of women prepared the much-anticipated meal together. I have to laugh because the reason we made a change had to do with "egg salad." We then moved to the Anstandig's home. Everyone had their assigned dish to bring, and it was a lovely way to end the Yom Kippur holiday. Everyone was invited and it was wonderful.

A day or so after that the Greenwalds had a Sukkah building party, including bagels, donuts and hot chocolate. It was quite a project with lots of volunteers. If I have to say so, it was beautiful and amazing with corn stalks, pumpkins, gourds and huge haystacks. We had lots of company, but the highlight was that the entire congregation came for lunch after the service. To this day people talk about our Sukkah. I do miss that part of the holiday.

This year, although we were missing several family members, our family was at service in full force. We celebrated Ne'ilah, together, the concluding service on Yom Kippur. For as long as I can remember, this honor was given to the Kendal family. It was so good to see them all gathered in front of the ark.

It was a wonderful sight as Hannah my granddaughter, and Yona the Rabbi's daughter, were called up to the Bima for Havdalah, marking the end of Shabbat and the beginning of a new week. To me that was pure naches.

Over forty of us went into the Social Hall for our last break the fast together. We have no idea what next year will bring, but I am sure that we just experienced the last of many traditions. It makes me sad, but as they say, change happens whether you want it to happen or not.

The beautiful service did not just happen. I would like to personally thank, and I am sure that you join me in commending the following people. First and foremost, Rabbi Howie Stein. The services took place without a hitch and were extremely enjoyable. Next, kudos to Cantor Barbara Barnett. Her spirit and enthusiasm were ingrained in us all. Although Mark Simon was not with us this year, he made sure that we had a Martyrology service. The cellist played a lovely version of Kol Nidre. The Executive committee, led by president Dick Leffel as well as the Board of Directors all played an important part. The ritual committee led by Lindi Kendal worked out all the little kinks. The heroes of the day are our tech team: Gary Gaal, Dick Leffel and Steve Mayer. They make it possible to be a part of the service even if you cannot be there in person.

What do people think about and remember? The food, of course. Marsha Leffel and Rosalie Anstandig and their team put on a delicious break the fast spread for us.

For me, it was wonderful to be there with my family. I remember the years when we filled up two rows in the back of the synagogue. For one reason or another we were not all there. I am so grateful that so many of us were.

What happens next? Where will we go? One thing is for sure. We will make new memories and celebrate new traditions because that is who we are.

I thank each and every one of you who worked so hard to make it all a reality. You should know that you are appreciated for all that you do. Wishing you and yours that the year ahead be filled with peace, happiness and good health.

Janice

Rabbi's Message



Don't Believe Everything You Hear

In tractate Derekh Eretz Zuta (one of the minor tractates of the Talmud, comprising a set of guidelines one should master before undertaking study), it is taught “Teach your tongue to say ‘I do not know’ lest you tell a falsehood and become entangled.” (Derekh Eretz Zuta 3) When we are unable to admit that we do not know the answer to a question, we might then give an answer anyhow, and that answer might prove to be incorrect (misinformation in today’s parlance). The result is that we would have, whether intentionally or not, become entangled in a web of lies of our own making. We would have, whether intentionally or not, led others astray. As the saying goes, “A lie can travel halfway around the world before the truth can get its boots on.” (I should note that I do not know who said this and that while it is usually attributed to Mark Twain, that is likely inaccurate.)

Having just spent most of the month of October, from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur and on through Sukkot, confronting the unknown, we are very attuned to the apprehension associated with not knowing. While I do not wish to exacerbate that feeling, here’s the rub: whether we admit to not knowing or not, we still don’t know. Whether or not we give an answer in the absence of knowledge, the underlying (albeit unknown) truth is the same. We may feel better in the moment pretending to know what we do not, but that good feeling will pass when the truth, as it inevitably does, becomes known.

In this regard, let us consider the legend of the *golem*, a humanoid, clay creature fashioned by the Maharal of Prague (Rabbi Judah Loew) to protect the Jewish community from their enemies. The Hebrew word *emet* (truth) was inscribed on the creature’s forehead to animate it. When the first letter was removed, what was left was *met* (dead) and the creature was deactivated. There are two important metaphors here. The first is that our greatest protection, as Jews, as people, as a society, is truth; hence it is critically important that we not only conduct ourselves to pursue truth, but also ensure that the enemies of truth be exposed for who they are. The second piece of the metaphor is that truth can be fragile. If we chip away a little at the beginning, we are left with death and destruction.

It takes discipline, restraint, and discernment to sincerely pursue truth and elevate it to its necessary place in our society. We must set the example not only of refraining from speaking when we do not know, but also of being judicious in calling out those who do promulgate misinformation to the detriment of us all. It would be counterproductive, to say the least, to falsely accuse others in this regard, but when we know and recognize the problem, we must not be afraid to speak up.

I will conclude with a teaching from Rabbi Shammai, the great rival of Rabbi Hillel who is less well-known because Rabbi Hillel’s opinions prevailed in most cases. However, “Shammai used to say...speak little but do much, and receive all people with a pleasant countenance. (Pirkei Avot 1:15) I firmly believe that these words are as wise and necessary now as they were 2,000 years ago.

Rabbi Howie Stein

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In honor of Dick Leffel's special birthday

*Janice Greenwald
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Mazel Tov to Diane and Mark Simon, on the birth of their grandson, Cooper Avishai

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"In the long sweep of history, this is what will remain of these momentous days: The world will little note, nor long remember the cursed names of Sinwar, Nasrallah, and Haniyeh, but it will assuredly be indebted to the Jewish people for what we have achieved in the ongoing fight against the forces of darkness. Yet again, our people has demonstrated a full measure of devotion to that cause to which we swore our allegiance four millennia ago: to eliminate evil wherever it is to be found. And we hereby resolve once more that we will ever remain committed to fulfilling this unfinished task - such that the promise of a more peaceful tomorrow for all shall not perish from the earth." - **Rabbi Danny Schiff**



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Linda Silberman, *in memory of her husband, David*

Our 113 Year Legacy—Message from Dick Leffel delivered on Yom Kippur



Our Temple was incorporated in 1912. That was only 12 years after the Wright brothers first flight at Kitty Hawk, 5 years after Henry Ford introduced his first Model T automobile, 2 years before Babe Ruth signed his first professional baseball contract, and 8 years before women got the right to vote in 1920. Woodrow Wilson was President of the United States. During our brief 113-year history, there have been 19 Presidents. Our country has fought in WWI, WWII, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, and the Persian Gulf wars. From the Wright Brothers in 1903 and Henry Ford in 1908, we have seen radio, TV, computers, moon landings, Mars landings, cell phones, and electric cars.

In 1912, Israel was known as Palestine and was part of the Ottoman Empire. Israel became a nation in 1948 and has since fought in at least 7 major wars. In her brief 76 years, Israel the 100th smallest nation with less than 1/1000th of the world's population has become one of the most prosperous and technologically advanced nations in the world.

Quite a lot has happened during our Temple's 113 years!!!

Our Temple history is replete with so many people and events. Since 1912, 1033 students have been confirmed, 986 Memorial Plaques hang on our walls, and there are 1035 graves at our cemetery. Add our Endowment Plaques, the Window Boxes in the social hall, and our Stained-Glass Lobby Plaques and you can feel our amazing 113-year history.

To record this history, with the help of one of our members Tony Arnovitz, we are building a website. The website will have pictures and information of all graves at Elrod Cemetery, pictures and personal information of all Confirmation Classes, Yahrzeit Plaques, Endowment Plaques, Window Boxes, and Stained-Glass Plaques along with past and current Temple pictures and historical Temple information. You will be able to lookup people by name and find their history with our Temple. You will also be able to find future Yahrzeit dates.

The purpose of this website is to record the amazing people and history that have been a part of our Temple's 113 years. The website should be online within a few months. We'll keep you posted.

Yahrzeits from 2 Cheshvan - 29 Cheshvan 5785: November 3 - November 30, 2024



If the name is printed in **Bold**, a Yahrzeit Plaque will be illuminated in the Sanctuary on the date the name is read.

May their memory be a blessing z"l



Yahrzeit names observed week of: November 3

Manuel Mendelson : Heshvan 2 : 11/3/2024
Rose Broudy : Heshvan 2 : 11/3/2024
Benjamin Bondy : Heshvan 3 : 11/4/2024
Henry Firestone : Heshvan 3 : 11/4/2024
Rabbi Leonard Winograd : Heshvan 3 : 11/4/2024
Abe Mehlman : Heshvan 4 : 11/5/2024
Benjamin Pitts : Heshvan 4 : 11/5/2024
Bessie Shapiro : Heshvan 4 : 11/5/2024
Gus Broudy : Heshvan 4 : 11/5/2024
Isabelle Israel : Heshvan 4 : 11/5/2024
Paulina Baltrosky : Heshvan 4 : 11/5/2024
Ray Zeidman : Heshvan 4 : 11/5/2024
Sarah Himmelweit : Heshvan 4 : 11/5/2024
Morris Berger : Heshvan 5 : 11/6/2024
Roland Harrison : Heshvan 5 : 11/6/2024
Sam Greenfield : Heshvan 5 : 11/6/2024
David Moses : Heshvan 6 : 11/7/2024
Elizabeth Gaal : Heshvan 6 : 11/7/2024
Fannie Judd Roth : Heshvan 6 : 11/7/2024
Lana Abrams : Heshvan 6 : 11/7/2024
Mollie Mayer : Heshvan 6 : 11/7/2024
Theodore Schwartz : Heshvan 6 : 11/7/2024
Robert Kleiner : Heshvan 7 : 11/8/2024
Stanford Lefkowitz : Heshvan 7 : 11/8/2024
Harold Byer : Heshvan 8 : 11/9/2024
Simon Rudick : Heshvan 8 : 11/9/2024

Yahrzeit names observed week of: November 10

Barnett Marcus : Heshvan 9 : 11/10/2024
Iris Levine : Heshvan 9 : 11/10/2024
Cecie Spiegel : Heshvan 10 : 11/11/2024
Sigmund Spiegel : Heshvan 10 : 11/11/2024
Charles Weiss : Heshvan 11 : 11/12/2024
Leonard Schulhof : Heshvan 11 : 11/12/2024
Miriam Sunstein : Heshvan 11 : 11/12/2024
Baron Gottlieb : Heshvan 12 : 11/13/2024
Isadore Rack : Heshvan 12 : 11/13/2024
Margit Linzer : Heshvan 12 : 11/13/2024
Morris Hirsh Levine : Heshvan 12 : 11/13/2024
Ruben Moritz : Heshvan 12 : 11/13/2024
Arnold Klein : Heshvan 13 : 11/14/2024
Ben Grossman : Heshvan 13 : 11/14/2024
William Darling : Heshvan 14 : 11/15/2024

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Bella Chotiner : Heshvan 15 : 11/16/2024
Bernard Elfman : Heshvan 15 : 11/16/2024
Walter J. Weyman : Heshvan 15 : 11/16/2024

Yahrzeit names observed week of: November 17

Dina Wingert : Heshvan 16 : 11/17/2024
Joseph Greenwald : Heshvan 16 : 11/17/2024
Marvin Max Schwartz : Heshvan 16 : 11/17/2024
Freda Kimmelman : Heshvan 17 : 11/18/2024
Joseph Apter : Heshvan 17 : 11/18/2024
Ruth Vlad : Heshvan 17 : 11/18/2024
Sarah Rubinstein : Heshvan 17 : 11/18/2024
Tillie Acker : Heshvan 17 : 11/18/2024
Charlotte Israel : Heshvan 18 : 11/19/2024
Herman Singer : Heshvan 18 : 11/19/2024
Jean Lebowitz : Heshvan 18 : 11/19/2024
Louis Ives : Heshvan 18 : 11/19/2024
Rose Greenwald : Heshvan 18 : 11/19/2024
Lillian Cramer : Heshvan 19 : 11/20/2024
Sabina Weihrauch : Heshvan 19 : 11/20/2024
Sylvia Reidman : Heshvan 19 : 11/20/2024
Helen Weiss : Heshvan 20 : 11/21/2024
Bernard Feldman : Heshvan 21 : 11/22/2024
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Esther Firestone : Heshvan 21 : 11/22/2024
Esther Odle : Heshvan 21 : 11/22/2024
Joseph Unger : Heshvan 21 : 11/22/2024
Max Hochman : Heshvan 21 : 11/22/2024
Dr. Samuel Goldberg : Heshvan 22 : 11/23/2024
Elaine Hirshberg : Heshvan 22 : 11/23/2024
Gerald Spiegel : Heshvan 22 : 11/23/2024
Nathan Israel : Heshvan 22 : 11/23/2024

Yahrzeit names observed week of: November 24

Adolph Friedman : Heshvan 23 : 11/24/2024
Anne Firestone : Heshvan 23 : 11/24/2024
Bernard Berkovitz : Heshvan 23 : 11/24/2024
Louis M. Rubinstein : Heshvan 23 : 11/24/2024
Mary Brown : Heshvan 23 : 11/24/2024
Ruth Naimark : Heshvan 23 : 11/24/2024
William Kaplan : Heshvan 23 : 11/24/2024
Regina Spitz : Heshvan 24 : 11/25/2024

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Sadie Jaskol : Heshvan 24 : 11/25/2024
Sarah Mendlowitz : Heshvan 24 : 11/25/2024
Anna B. Rack : Heshvan 25 : 11/26/2024
Israel Simon : Heshvan 25 : 11/26/2024
Lotty Haas Fried : Heshvan 25 : 11/26/2024
Morris Haas : Heshvan 25 : 11/26/2024
Jennie Itscoitz : Heshvan 26 : 11/27/2024
Julius Shermer : Heshvan 26 : 11/27/2024
Mollye Seigle : Heshvan 26 : 11/27/2024
Morris Blick : Heshvan 26 : 11/27/2024
Morris Kimmelman : Heshvan 27 : 11/28/2024
Edith Gelman : Heshvan 28 : 11/29/2024

Hattie Schulherr : Heshvan 28 : 11/29/2024
Lawrence Feinert : Heshvan 28 : 11/29/2024
Sandra Weiss : Heshvan 28 : 11/29/2024
Adolph Reiter : Heshvan 29 : 11/30/2024
Goldie Serotta : Heshvan 29 : 11/30/2024
Joel Orth : Heshvan 29 : 11/30/2024
Naomi Chottiner : Heshvan 29 : 11/30/2024
Reisse Weiss : Heshvan 29 : 11/30/2024

May their memories continue to be a blessing



On Saturday night, September 28th Temple B'nai Israel hosted a special evening with members from Temple David and Parkway Jewish Center.

Rabbi Stein and Cantor Barnett along with Rabbi Jacob and Cantor Berman led a discussion after viewing the Academy Award Winner Short Film *"The Last Repair Shop"*.

Members from the three congregations participated in a Havdalah and meaningful Selichot service.



Coming to your mailbox soon!

TBI StockGame – back by popular demand!

Thanks to Ron Kendal for his offer to chair the StockGame one final time! Ron, along with his committee members Lindi Kendal, Gary Gaal and Karen Mann and with the support from Alan Izsauk and Dick Leffel are asking for everyone's support to make this final important fundraiser a success. We need to sell 450 certificates this year.

Remember—Together We Can Accomplish the Extraordinary!

**Grand Finale & Reunion Weekend
April 25 & 26, 2025**

For those of you who plan to join us from out-of-town for this special weekend, a block of hotel rooms have been reserved at the following hotels :

- **SpringHill Suites by Marriott –**
122 Daugherty Dr, Monroeville, 15146
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- **Hampton Inn by Hilton**
3000 Mossie Blvd. Monroeville, 15146
412-380-4000
- **Hampton Inn –North Huntington–Irwin**
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**Request special rates for Temple B'nai Israel—
Reunion. Last day to book: March 25, 2025**



*Barbara & Bryan Rosenberger
on the birth of their grandson,
Samuel Aaron Johnson Rosenberger*

*Murray Siegel
on the birth of his great-granddaughter,
Eloise Fiona Lederman*

*Diane & Mark Simon
on the birth of their grandson,
Cooper Avishai*



*Welcome to Rachel Majcher
our newest member.
We are delighted to have you
join our
Temple B'nai Israel family*

**November Birthdays and Anniversaries
will be acknowledged during our Shabbat service
on Friday, November 10**

Birthdays

Judith Allen, Marni Greenwald,
Colleen Arnowitz, Ross Harrison,
Miriam Leib, Rabbi Paul Tuchman



Anniversaries

Mary & Anthony Arnovitz



**Save The Date
Dinner & Movie Night @ TBI**

**Saturday, November 9
Dinner at Luciano's Restaurant
5:30 pm
Movie at Temple
7:15 pm**

***Irena's Vow* -
Based on a true story of a
Polish Catholic Nurse**



Irena's Vow is told through the eyes of strong-willed, 19-year-old Irena Gut. Gut is promoted to be the housekeeper in the home of a highly respected Nazi officer. After learning that the Jewish ghetto is about to be liquidated, Irena makes it her mission to help the Jewish workers. She decides to give them shelter in the safest place she can think of – the basement of the German Major's house. Over the next two years, she uses her creativity and quick thinking to keep her friends safe until she's able to help them escape.

**Please RSVP to the Temple office
by Tuesday, November 5
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***Refuah Shlema*—רפואה שלמה
A Prayer of Healing and Return to Good Health**



Mark Simon

***Please contact the Temple office if you wish to
have a named added or removed
from our Refuah Shlema list.***



Revva Benovitz



I have been a member of Temple B’nai Israel for most of my 93 years. My parents, Harry and Pauline Katzman moved to McKeesport in 1924 to open the Kaye Company - a women’s clothing store on Fifth Street. The Kaye Company later became Katzman’s on Walnut Street. My parents always looked forward to attending Shabbat and holiday services and special events at Temple.

I was born in 1931 and became a young member of the Temple on Shaw Avenue a few years later. I was one of Cantor Egon Pessen’s “Koodje Moujies” (a term of endearment). Mr. Pessen was in charge of our Temple life, and we followed his rules. Being on time meant you arrived 10 minutes before you were expected for Sunday School, Hebrew School, Confirmation practice, dancing lessons and social learning.

The Temple became our home ways from home. AZA basketball, plays and dances were all at the Temple. Our parents performed in the plays, which were always bit hit with the whole congregation. Mr. Pessen will always be an important part of my life. We stayed in touch until 1975 when he passed away at age 83.

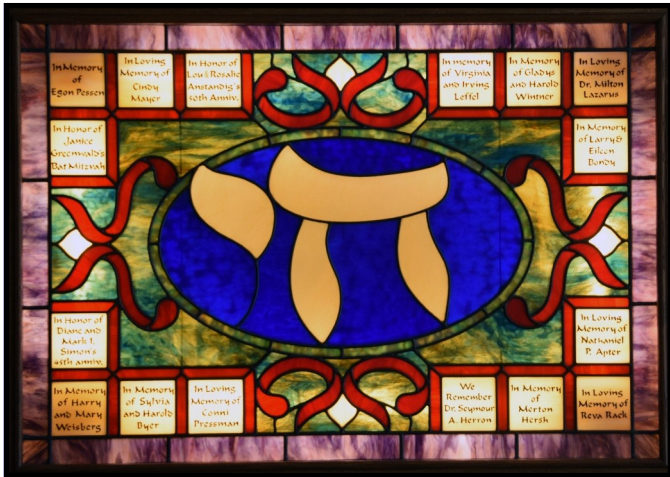
Earl Benovitz and I were married in 1951 by Rabbis Kaelter and Hailperen. Rabbi Hailperen also married my parents in 1922, and he became a long time friend of our family.

Earl and I had four children—Paula, Steve, Chuck and Bruce. They were all confirmed at the Temple, and all the boys had their Bar Mitzvah at the Temple on Shaw Avenue. Rabbi Winograd officiated over both of Paula’s and Chuck’s weddings. We have since added three grandchildren and one great grandchild to our family.

Earl was a past president of Temple from 1968—1970, and I was president of Sisterhood during that same time. The Sisterhood has always been an important part of The Temple and assisted The Temple in so many ways. I loved being on the catering committee. We really knew how to throw a party with the best cooks in town!

Earl and I have not lived in White Oak for over 30 years, but we have always had a close connection with Temple B’nai Israel. The Temple has always been a very important part of our lives and our friendships. If Earl was here today, he would join me in wishing the Temple members a wonderful future.

I am certain that the Temple Executive Committee and Board members will see to that.



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