

# Tamuz / Av

# August 2024

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## *From the Cantor's Desk:*

We currently are in a period on the Jewish calendar referred to as “the Three Weeks.” This is a period of mourning that runs from the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz (starting the evening of July 22 this year) through the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av (starting the evening of August 12<sup>th</sup>). Each of the first and last days of this period are marked by fasts that commemorate historical tragedies for the people of Israel starting with the incident of the golden calf causing Moses to break the tablets to the report of the spies that results in the Israelites 40-year sojourn in the desert. The mourning intensifies from the first of Av until the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, the day on which it is believed both the first and second Temples were destroyed resulting first in partial exile and finally exile of almost all of the Jews from Jerusalem. Various other tragedies are also ascribed to this day, such as the expulsion of Jews from England in 1290, the final expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492 and the start of the liquidation from the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942.

According to the Talmud, these tragedies that started with the golden calf came to their climax with the final destruction of the rebuilt Temple not because of idol worship, lack of following mitzvot or meanness to those less fortunate, but because of “baseless hatred (*sin'at chinam*). Mishna Tractate Yoma explains that this wanton hatred is equivalent to the sins that led to the destruction of the first temple: idol worship, bloodshed and depravity.

As we enter this election cycle, I hope we all will keep in mind what we have that will be destroyed by wanton and baseless hatred. Voices from right and the left play on tropes to stir up hatred against others that can only be viewed as baseless, and Jews always seem to be a convenient target. With all the warfare and civil rights abuses going on in the world, what country's athletes need 24/7 bodyguards other than Israel. Jews are not the only targets of the hate being fomented, but our history is a good example of the results and one of the reasons why we of all people need not only to avoid participating in this kind of wanton hatred, but also to actively fight against it. What sacred institutions will be destroyed if we allow the spread of hatred unchecked.

## WELCOME NEWEST MEMBERS!

Daisy Krevis  
Jacob Collins

Zoe Cowan  
Bryan Kaplan

Samuel & Francine Fleisher  
Joseph Shattls

### PERSONAL

#### *A Message from Dr. Irvin Orel*

*On September 8, G-d willing, I will be celebrating my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. I have been a member of Congregation Beth Israel for 95 years, since 1929.*

*To the best of my knowledge, I am the longest standing and one of the oldest living members of the congregation. I became a member in 1929, when my parents David & Mary Orel moved to Lebanon from Richmond VA. My parents were immigrants from Lithuania and they first settled in Lebanon in the early 1900s.*

*Subsequently, they moved to Richmond VA and back again to Lebanon, PA in 1929. I am thankful to G-d for good health of mind and body. And to my dear children Howard & Debra for the love and unstinting devotion.*

*To my friends and relatives in the Congregation, I send you my regards and wish you the best of health, happiness, and Sholom.*

*Signed, Dr. Irvin Orel 856-504-3568*

### **HADASSAH**

**Jerusalem, Israel** – The **Hadassah Cancer Research Institute (HCRI)** has achieved a major breakthrough in personalized cancer care: the development of a neural embedding model that uses machine learning, a kind of artificial intelligence (AI), as well as natural language processing (NLP) to detect dominant mutational signatures in targeted gene panels using only a few mutations, making it ideal for everyday clinical use. The research that led to the new model, called MESiCA for “mutational embeddings for signatures identification in clinical assays,” is described in an article in the journal [Cell Reports Medicine](#).

“MESiCA represents a major leap forward in personalized medicine,” said Dr. Michal Lotem, head of HCRI. “This innovative model offers a practical tool for oncologists, enabling them to make more informed decisions, ultimately leading to improved patient outcomes.”

The Hadassah Cancer Research Institute is the transitional research arm for oncology for the **Hadassah Medical Organization**, [a leading teaching and research hospital system in Jerusalem](#).

### **PRAYER BOOKS RETURN PROGRAM**

All prayer books we gave during COVID to our members have **personal dedication name plates** on the inside cover of the books.

Since these books were donated by our members in memory and/or honor of loved ones to be in our Sanctuary, we, as well as the donors would like to have them returned to CBI.

Please contact Sammi in her office for details.  
717-273-2669 Thank you.

### **!!! HELP NEEDED !!!**

#### **High Holy Days Services Zoom Assistance**

**We need a moderator/host to help run the Zoom part of services for the High Holy Days. Only simple basic Zoom computer skills are needed to allow our members to view these services. We will provide the minimal, easy to learn training!**

**Please contact  
Stu Perlmutter at 717-269-3767 or  
Ben Slotznick at 717-304-0777**



**Tamuz     August**

- 26        1     Phyllis Rich– Mother of N. Warren Rich
- 27        2     Robin Weiner— Daughter of Mr. Steven Weiner

**Av         August**

- 1         5     Mary Orel– Mother of Dr. Irvin Orel
- 2         6     Harry Ostrow– Brother of Gerald Berman
- 7         11    Michael Magazino– Husband of Susan Magazino  
  & Father of Stefani & Alexis Magazino
- 8         12    Fay Berliner– Mother of Iris Alster  
  & Grandmother of Wynne Kantor and Dr. Thomas Kantor
- 11        15    Herman Grosky– Father of Sandra Smith
- 11        15    Isabelle Resnick– Aunt of Thomas Bowman and Diane Griffiths
- 12        16    Rachel Kantor– Grandmother of Wynne Kantor and Dr. Thomas Kantor
- 13        17    Howard Buch– Father of Beverly Magdule
- 15        19    Vera Miller– Grandmother of Carol Prouse
- 16        20    Jules Levinson– Father-In-Law of Wendy Schneider-Levinson
- 19        23    Mark Bennetch– Son of Mr & Mrs Nelson Bennetch  
  & Nephew of Dr & Mrs Irwin Roseff
- 21        25    Irene Caden– Mother of Margi Wolfson
- 22        26    Michael Druck– Nephew of Iris Alster
- 24        28    William S. Halpern– Father of Ed Halpern
- 24        28    Cynthia D. Miller– Mother of Mindy Miller-Lisman
- 24        28    Minna Wolfson– Mother of Raymond Wolfson and Fred Wolfson
- 24        28    Benjamin Kass– Father of Merle Raab
- 26        30    Harry Berliner– Father of Iris Alster  
  Grandfather of Wynne Kantor and Dr. Thomas Kantor
- 27        31    Arthur M. Isman– Father of Stewart Isman

**O u r   t h a n k s   f o r   R e m e m b e r i n g  
B e t h   I s r a e l   i n   J u l y**

**Y A H R Z E I T S :**

Fay Gitman

**H O L O C A U S T   F U N D**

Dr. & Mrs Joseph Clark

# BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER: August 19th

President of the Month & Next: Bernie Buzgon

## August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>Luah Orders by Aug 1</i>	1 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID	2 7:30PM Service/ Hybrid CL 7:54 PM	3 <b>60-Min Shabbat</b>  9-10AM Service/ HYBRID
4 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID	5	6	7	8 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID  <b>Coffee/Cantor</b>	9 7:30PM Service/ Hybrid CL 7:46 PM	10 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID
11 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID	12 <b>Lunch &amp; Learn 1-2PM</b>  <b>8PM Virtual Tisha B'Av</b>	13  <i>Tisha B'Av</i>	14	15 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID  <b>Coffee/Cantor</b>	16 <b>Shabb- arbeque 6PM</b> 7:30PM Service/ Hybrid CL 7:37 PM	17 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID
18 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID	19 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>  <i>Tu B'Av</i>	20	21 <b>BOOK CLUB 7:30PM zoom</b>	22 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID	23 7:30PM Service/ Hybrid CL 7:27 PM	24 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID
25 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID	26 <b>BOARD MEETING 7PM</b>	27	28	29 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID	30 7:30PM Service/ Hybrid CL 7:16 PM	31 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID <i>*FISCAL YEAR END</i>

## Let's Celebrate our Members with August Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Isaac Cowan

Jon Darkes

Robert Magdule

James & Janet Sligh

Bert & Gretchen Weintraub

Bev Magdule

Jere Zarkin

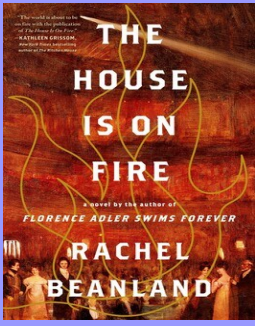
Joseph & Judith Clark

Stuart & Louise Perlmutter Tom & Deb Schaffer

Irwin Roseff

Judith Horowitz





**BOOK CLUB— Wednesday, August 21st at 7:30PM—  
Zoom Only**

Liz will review “The House Is On Fire” by Rachel Beanland, who is our next speaker on Tuesday, September 10th.

Remember the zoom link stays the same, and can also be found on our website.



**AUGUST 12**  
**2nd Monday each month**



**Ancestor Coffeehouse  
& Creperie**  
**119 Springwood Dr Ste 500**



**AUGUST 16**  
**RSVP on website**

**CANTOR OKOSHI VACATION DATES!**  
**(for life-cycle events & pastoral care):**

**AUG 18th-SEPT 1st**

**CANTOR CAROL CHESLER** carolachesler@gmail.com 631-988-9511

*All other questions and concerns can be brought to the office 717-273-2669*

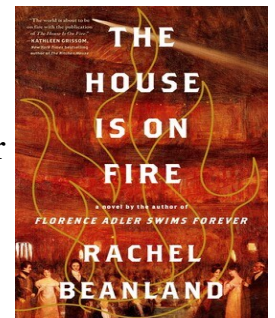
**CBI/ STEVEN P. BUZGON ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES**

The Congregation Beth Israel/ Steven P. Buzgon Annual Lecture Series will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. The name change recognizes a generous contribution to the lecture fund by Marcia & Bernie Buzgon, in memory of Stevie. Please mark the date on your calendar.

The ticket order forms will be in the mail shortly.



Our guest this year will be Rachel Beanland, author of “The House Is On Fire.” this year’s selection by the Lebanon County Library’s Lebanon County Reads program. This is such a good book that Simon and Schuster publishers bought it when Rachel had written only 75 pages! Tickets are available on our website!



Please come and support our program. -Joe Clark

The Board of Directors of Congregation Beth Israel invites you to join us in celebrating the Official Installation of Cantor Marilyn Selby Okoshi as our Religious Leader!

**SCHEDULE:**

- *Friday, September 20, 2024*
- *Light hors d'oeuvre – 5:30pm*
- *Installation and Shabbat Services – 6:00pm*
- *Festive Shabbat Dinner to follow*

There is no charge for dinner, but reservations are Required – Sign up on our website by

**September 10**



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