

Av / Elul 5784

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From the Cantor's Desk:

It's been a year since I first wrote in the Bulletin. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to get to know the congregation and look forward to sharing more with you all. When I was growing up, my sister and I attended Shabbat services regularly all year, but not in the summer. We did not go to summer camp, but somehow our synagogue attendance was a school year activity, September to June. This year, I have a similar feeling with the high holidays falling in October, it feels like we have a chance to focus in on the month of Elul and really prepare with full mindfulness.

Elul is the last month prior to Rosh Hashanah, our spiritual new year. It is customary to sound the shofar every weekday morning, start the process of asking for forgiveness, visit the graves of our loved ones who have passed and check in with ourselves to take stock. The Chassidic rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi likened Elul to the time when the "king is in the field" – meaning that unlike when the king was in royal residence, and audiences with the king are difficult to get, when the king is in the field, anyone can easily approach and speak with the sovereign.

As we approach Elul and the holidays this year, I hope you will take stock of your physical and spiritual well-being and desires. I encourage you to take advantage of the programs and opportunities we offer to increase your knowledge of Judaism and spiritual connection. Whether that is our social programs or educational programs, we are here for you with group and individual learning opportunities. Let us help be the antidote to the loneliness epidemic.

WELCOME NEWEST MEMBERS!

Gabriel David Klompus Sligh— son of James & Janet (Klompus) Sligh— North Carolina

PERSONAL

Our condolences go to the Henry Wells family, who lost Rita (Krim) Wells on August 10th.

BOOK CLUB

Next book club is Muppets in Moscow on Sept 18th at 7:30 pm reviewed by Lynn Lazin Thompson.



At 7:30 PM SEPT 18th via zoom

Check out website for time and location

High Holy Day Schedule can be found on page 5!

Keep an eye out for information on the **Break Fast & Pre-Kol Nidre Dinner**

Pew Holders will need to let us know which services they are attending by October 1st.

Reminder that all guests to High Holy Days **MUST:**

1) Pre-register with the office

1) Follow the schedule below:

- In-Town Members (of Lebanon County) who bring guests — \$100/ guest
- Out-of-Town Members who bring guests (or non-relative)– \$50/ guest
 - Non-affiliated guests– \$200/ guest (*must pay & register in advance*)

Checks payable to Congregation Beth Israel & include names of guest(s) in memo

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR October: September 30th

President of the Month: Bernie Buzgon
Next Month: Judith Clark

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1 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID	2	3	4	5 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID Coffee w/ Cantor 11-12	6 CL 7:05 PM 7:30PM Service/ Hybrid	7 60 Min Shab- bat 9-10AM Service/ HYBRID Directory Deadline
8 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID <i>Moment Magazine</i>	9 <i>Shawn Barbour starting</i>	10 Lecture 8PM	11	12 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID	13 CL 6:53PM 7:30PM Service/ Hybrid	14 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID
15 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID	16 BULLETIN DEADLINE Sip & Learn 7-8PM	17	18 Book Club Via zoom	19 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID	20 CL 6:42 PM 7:30PM Service/ Hybrid Cantor Okoshi Installation 5:30PM	21 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID
22 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID	23 BOARD MEETING Lulav/ Etrog order due	24 <i>NYG & Flower Fund Deadline</i>	25	26 7:30AM Minyan Service/HYBRID	27 CL 6:30 PM 7:30PM Service/ Hybrid	28 9:30AM Service/ HYBRID Selichot HYBRID service 8:00 PM
29 9AM Minyan/ HYBRID	30					

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

Chet & Debbie Kessler

Steven & Lois
Weiner

Irvin Orel

Stephen Weiss

Kevin & Tracy (Pleet)
Troain

Bernie & Marcia
Buzgon

Norman & Irma
Braman

Josh & Debby (Abel)
Millman

Janet Klompus Sligh

Ethel Rich

Eta Glassman

Ira Mogetz

Robert May Jr (custodian)

Fred Wolfson

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SELICHOT HYBRID SERVICES

Saturday September 28th 8:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH HYBRID SERVICES

Evening Service (Day 1)

Wednesday October 2nd 7:30 PM

Morning Service

Thursday October 3rd 9:00 AM
Torah Service 10:00 AM
Shofar 10:30 AM
Sermon 11:00 AM
Tashlich 1:30 PM

Tashlich following services (meet at the Quittapahilla Creek near the Lebanon City Library and ritually throw our sins away!). Park at the library or on the street there

(Day 2)

Friday Morning October 4th 9:00 AM
Torah Service 10:00 AM
Shofar 10:30 AM
Sermon 11:00 AM

SHABBAT SHUVAH HYBRID SERVICES

Friday Evening- Regular Shabbat October 4th 7:30 PM- 8:45 PM
Saturday Morning- Shabbat in 60 October 5th 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM
Following service-Torah w/ a Schmeear October 5th 10:45 AM- 12:00 PM

YOM KIPPUR HYBRID SERVICES

Kol Nidre Service

Sunday October 11th 6:00 PM SHARP

Saturday, October 12th

Yom Kippur Morning Service 9:00 AM
Torah Services 10:00 AM
President's Message approx.. 10:45 AM
Yizkor & Sermon 11:00 AM

Study Session 4:30 PM
Mincha 5:45 PM
Neilah 6:15 PM
Shofar Blowing 7:10 PM
Break Fast Following Service

Come and break the fast with fellow congregants!

SUKKOT HYBRID SERVICE

Thursday Service Day Only October 17th 9:00 AM
Friday Shabbat October 18th 7:30 PM
Saturday October 19th 9:30 AM
Monday Spaghetti/Shakshuka in the Sukkah October 21st 6:00 PM

SHEMINI ATZERET/ SIMCHAT TORAH HYBRID SERVICES

Thursday, October 24th Shemini Atzeret w Yizkor 9:00 AM
Thursday, October 24th Simchat Torah 6:30 PM

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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Thank you to everyone who has already RSVP'd. We look forward to a great turn out! Reminder that the event begins at 5:30 PM

Mailing section only

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