

# Temple ADATH YESHURUN

## Our Temple Children Celebrate Sukkot in September, 5779



~Photo by Ami Cadogan  
9-23-18

### Hey, KIDS: Find yourself, your sisters, your brothers & your friends in the Sukkah!

#### RABBI'S MESSAGE

Beth D. Davidson

By the time this edition arrives in your mailboxes, the High Holy Days will be weeks ago, and I am hoping that my feet no longer hurt. Thank you once again to all of you who participated in services, and I hope that each and every one of us will be inscribed and sealed for a 5779 full of Happiness, Health, Prosperity and Peace.

I got a number of questions from folks over the *Yamim Noraim*, (High Holy Days) and thought I would take this opportunity to answer some of these queries.

The philosophical underpinnings of our Reform Judaism began to coalesce in Germany in the early 19th century, and the architects of our movement wanted

our worship to appear dignified and serious. They had grown up in Orthodox synagogues—often chaotic and loud.

To an outsider, the worship appeared “free form.” This didn’t feel very dignified to the early Reformers, so they looked at their German Lutheran neighbors, and thought that this style of worship was much more decorous: people sat and stood together, people listened, people prayed with the minister, and musical instruments were a part of worship

So, as they created Reform tradition, they copied some of what they perceived as dignified, and excised what made them feel uncomfortable. They did away with “*shuckling*”—the swaying back and forth that is part of traditional *davening* (prayer). They did away with reading the service at your own pace and getting together only for specific prayers. Everyone would now read at the same time; and sometimes the

rabbi led, and the congregation responded (today’s responsive readings.)

They did away with the genuflecting—bowing at the *Barchu*, the *Amidah*, and  
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the *Aleynu*—just as they did away with standing for the final verse of *L'cha Dodi*. They had nothing against the Sabbath Bride, but as an imaginary presence, they didn't want people to think that they were standing for a real person.

They did away with the tradition of taking three steps backwards and three steps forwards at the completion of the *Kaddish*. (This tradition is rooted in the notion of God as Ruler. You don't just walk out on a Sovereign; there is protocol about how one exits the presence of a Monarch. Taking three steps back, bowing side to side, and then taking three steps back to your original place was the way to do a royal leave-taking.)

And they added music: an organ, other instruments, a choir—and rewrote melodies to conform to the Western mode (have you ever noticed that the *Bayom HaHu* we used to do sounds a little like the Farmer in the Dell, and that the Sulzer *Sh'ma* feels a lot like a Viennese Waltz?)

I hope many of you will join us as we explore what makes Jewish music. As tastes have changed, we have moved from organs and choirs, to keyboards and guitars, and even drum sets. Folk music lives side by side with classical music, and both co-exist with Biblical chant and traditional melodies.

We don't view playing musical instruments as work, and we will make use of electricity on Shabbat, so our worship is enriched by these additions.

In recent years, as the Reform movement has re-incorporated some once-jettisoned rituals, you may have noticed that some of these traditions have reappeared. On any give Friday night, when we sing *L'cha Dodi*, some of the congregation rises when we reach the last verse.

If this is NOT your tradition, I hope you will feel comfortable remaining seated. Honestly, I am only standing because I am leading services. You may notice that some folks bow at the

above-mentioned places; again, if this is not your tradition, please do not feel that you must.

You may notice that I bow only at the *Aleynu*, and then only if I am standing right in front of the Ark. I don't want it to appear that I am bowing to a human being, so when I am in the congregation, I do not.

I do take steps backwards and forwards after the *Kaddish*; here, the physical reinforces the theological for me, and I like the reminder that I may have reached the end of structured worship. But I still stand before the Ruler of the world.

Some folks also asked me why Cantor Salzman sang the first line of the *Sh'ma* at full voice, while whispering the second line. Again, this is a tradition. The first line, *Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Eloheynu, Adonai Echad*—is taken directly from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 6, verse 4; the second line. *Baruch Sheym K'vod Malchuto L'olam Va'ed* is a Talmudic creation based on a quote from the Book of Nehemiah. To make a clear distinction between Biblical Scripture and Talmudic interpretation, the two verses may be said or sung differently. Me, I sing both loud and proud. Different strokes for different folks.

It is the same with *kippot* and *tallitot*. Early Reform Jews wanted to look just like their German counterparts, they didn't want to look different, with regard to clothing or, for that matter, hair styles and beards. So *peyahs* and beards were shaved.

A generation ago, if you put on a kippah at Temple Emanuel in NYC, they would have asked you to leave—the *yarmulke* and *tallit* were among the first ritual items the Reform movement removed from use.

Today, we put out both, making them available for those who wish to put one or both on, but we do not require men or women to cover their heads or put fringes on the corners of their garments.

And since Reform Judaism is dedicated to being egalitarian, we don't put out lace doilies. If you are a woman and wish to cover your head, please feel free to use a kippah.

One of the hallmarks of Reform Judaism is that we are encouraged to make individual choices about which rituals we will follow, and which we will not. If your neighbor in the Sanctuary does something different, try it—if it appeals. If not, continue to do as you have always done.

I believe rituals are not designed to be onerous, but to support us. What matters is that as we enter this New Year, we do our best to live active and committed Jewish lives—whatever rituals we may choose to observe.

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**Please support Sisterhood by ordering some candy.**



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## Sisterhood Decorates Bimah with Donations



9-8-18. Co-presidents of Sisterhood Ruthie Gordon and Linda Rockenmacher are joined by new Temple member Priscilla Malcolm after the decorating is done. Veggies & fruits went to New Horizons.  
~Photo by Sol Rockenmacher

### SISTERHOOD NEWS

Linda Rockenmacher

Sisterhood is planning another busy year ahead and we hope many of you will enjoy the activities. Our first effort is always decorating the bimah for the high holidays. We purchase fruits, vegetables and flowers thanks to the donations from the congregation for this purpose, then following each holiday we take all the edibles to New Horizons. Elaine Silberberg, Priscilla Malcolm, Jane Haigh, Marc Birnbaum, Ruthie Gordon and Sol and Linda Rockenmacher helped to create the arrangements this year.

This fall you will be receiving an order form for delicious See's candy. This is our Sisterhood's main fundraiser for the year. Money raised will be used to enhance our temple, so we appreciate your support. [See pages 2-4 for more information on how to order.]

All See's orders and payment must be made by **November 6, 2018**; orders will be received around November 26, so gift items intended for Chanukah will be in your hands before the first night of Chanukah on December 2, 2018.

Our annual Temple Adath Yeshurun **Sisterhood Membership** dinner is scheduled for **Monday, October 22**, so mark your calendars. We promise you a memorable evening with a Moroccan theme this year. Roslyn Block is again supervising menu selections and you won't want to miss the presentation of our 2018 Woman of the Year Award that evening. You may already have seen the poster.

JoAnn Meyers is chairing the onegs again this year. If you want to honor a loved one by sponsoring an oneg on a Friday, please contact her.

## Cantor News

Sadly, 5779 was our last year with Cantor Lori Salzman. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for many years of uplifting worship, beautiful music, and collegiality on the Bimah. She will be missed!

The Board and Ritual Committee will begin the process of looking for a new High Holy Day Cantor, and we will keep the Congregation notified.

Once again, many thanks to Cantor Salzman, for her energy, her time, and her passion.

~Rabbi Beth D. Davidson

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To be added to the group!

JoAnn has also volunteered to host our first **Breakfast with the Rabbi** on Saturday morning, **November 3**.

This Sisterhood-sponsored event is open to everyone. The Rabbi prepares a topic of interest. Breakfast begins at 9:30 AM, and Torah Study at 10. Plan to be there in time to savor your coffee before participating in our lively discussion.

Our next Sisterhood planning meeting will be on Wednesday, November 7, at 7 PM at the temple. (Postponed until Wednesday so that everyone can vote on November 6.) All interested women are Invited to participate.

L'Shana Tova,

~Linda Rockenmacher



## Peace & Pomegranates

Stacy Garnick

This October, meet some of our teaching staff through their own words. Next month, you'll meet the rest of those teaching our precious children through these word pictures.



We are blessed to have so many warm and talented teachers.

When describing teachers in any situation I am in, whether it is Jewish or secu-

lar, I always say that I want my kids to have the ETROG of teachers. In the *Arba'ah Minim* (Four Species with which we celebrate during Sukkot), the ETROG possesses both a scent and a taste. So it represents those Jews who study Torah and do mitzvot. We don't want to have to choose between good qualities. We want to have both good smell and good taste. It's human nature to want all the good stuff.

Everyone has strengths and weaknesses, but if there is a teacher who really knows her stuff, is creative AND warm, then I want my children to have that teacher, and have that learning experience: the ETROG! There are other teachers who really know their stuff but aren't warm. Or they are warm, but really don't know their stuff. Worst of all is a teacher who has neither of these qualities. The ETROG always wins out.

Be assured that all of our teachers are ETROGS (*Etrogim*, in correct Hebrew plural form). We are blessed to have them here at Temple Adath Yeshurun.

May all of our beginnings be sweet,  
Stacy

At Temple Adath Yeshurun it has been a very sweet new year.

On Sukkot we celebrated the holiday by building our own sukkot (booths) from all sorts of sweetness. Graham crackers, frosting, candy, and pretzels for a little salt, were transformed into edible works

of art. We also made decorations with waterproof foam and pipe cleaners to decorate our community sukkah.



Pictures and captions on pages 6 & 7 by Stacy Garnick

A plethora of sukkah models: too many to show ALL.



Erica and her mother, Deb worked together on their sukkah. Their s'chach (thatch) made from Twizzlers surely follows the sukkah roof rules & regulations.



Above, the Mechin family building models of their perfect sukkot.

At right, Morah (teacher) Janice Belmont adds some Hebrew to our sukkah.

## Teacher Bios: *Etrogim*

### Elliott Frank,

Grades 4 & 5 Hebrew *Madrich* (Youth Educator)

Elliott Frank (also known as "double L, double T") is in 9th grade at Bedford High School and became Bar Mitzvah in June of 2017 after six years in Temple Adath Yeshurun's Religious School. You might know him as the "drummer extraordinaire" on the bimah with Joe Rojek at select choir services and Purim Spiel. When not at temple, he is involved with Bedford High School's bands. Elliott decided to become a *madrich* to keep up with his Hebrew skills, and his parents are so proud that they threatened to put a "My kid is a *madrich*!" sticker on the bumper of the car.

### Esther Kosofsky,

*Nitznutzim K'tanim* (Little Sparks)

Esther Kosofsky is an educator, Jewish-interfaith couples counselor, and theater director. She enjoys learning with children, adolescents, and adults. Esther is passionate about welcoming and engaging individuals and interfaith families on their Jewish journeys.





She is excited to lead *Nitznutzim K'tanim*, a relevant and joyful Jewish learning experience. She is deeply committed to inclusion, ensuring that Jewish learning supports each person's unique needs and interests.

Esther lives in Amherst, NH, with her husband David and together they have two grown children.

## Janice Belmont, Grade 3 Hebrew

Janice and her husband Jud have been members of Temple Adath Yeshurun for almost ten years. They are the proud parents of four wonderful children. Before moving to Bedford to become a busy Bubbe to three fabulous grandchildren, Janice enjoyed teaching piano and playing the French Horn in the Lakes Region Symphony and the Carter Mountain Brass.

While Janice and Jud were members of Temple B'nai Israel in Laconia, Janice had the honor of sounding the shofar for the High Holy Days. Janice enjoys reading and studying Torah every morning and has enjoyed being a Hebrew teacher and tutor at our Re-

ligious School for the past two years.

She appreciates the opportunity to share her knowledge and enthusiasm for prayer-book Hebrew with our Temple youth.

## Barbara Scotch, Grades 3&5, Judaica

Taking a "selfie look"

at Barbara Katz Scotch:

Snap: Third generation member of Temple Adath Yeshurun

Snap: Second generation to graduate from Manchester Central

Snap: Graduated from Boston University and received a Master's in Childhood Education from Columbia Education

Snap: Teaching for 50 years—

YIKES!

Snap: Loves teaching Judaica Studies, but most of all, devotes love and energy to making children feel good about themselves.

Snap: Great hubby Barry, three wonderful children (Adam, Matthew, and Molly Claire) and 4 amazing grandchildren (Campbell, Amelia, Dean, and baby Ford, 2 weeks old).

Snap: Picture me having a great year!

## Nicole Leapley, Grade 4 Judaica

Nicole Leapley, Ph.D., grew up and went to college in Nebraska, earned her doctorate in French Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and has lived in Philadelphia; St. Louis; Ft. Collins, Colorado; and, since 2005, here in New Hampshire, where she lives with her two children, Simon and Alix Ratinoff and her husband Eric Ratinoff. She also lived in France for three separate years. She spent 13 years teaching French language and literature at Saint Anselm College.

Wherever she has gone, she has always been a curious learner and a voracious reader. She is especially curious in learning about Judaism, and exploring the different aspects of Jewish history, spirituality, and culture. This past spring, she taught a class called *Ecrivains Juifs*, or Jews of

French Expression, which examined books by Jews writing in French, including Jewish authors not only from France, but also Iraq, Algeria, Egypt, and elsewhere.

This is Nicole's first year teaching Hebrew school, and she is excited to learn lots of new things along the way. She hopes to inspire interest and curiosity in her students so they can learn together about Judaism's history and traditions.

## Shirley Ginn, Grades 4 & 5 Hebrew

Shirley Ginn resides in Bedford, NH, with her husband Jeff, and her son Landon. Mrs. Ginn has taught 3<sup>rd</sup>—10<sup>th</sup> Grade Hebrew, Judaica, special education, conversational Hebrew, Holocaust, and history of Israel. She has been teaching in our community from 2001.

A native of Israel, Mrs. Ginn brings the unique perspective of a native speaker to language study with her students.

"One of my greatest pleasures is enriching children's minds and instilling in them

my passion for Jewish learning."



Elias and Zofia hang paper chains.



Yvette hangs her blue pomegranate.

**How Many Kids in the Sukkah on Page 1?**

**Count them!**

**But be careful: Not all kids are fully shown. Can you find the shoulders of a girl whose head and face are blocked by the boy in front of her?**

**HINT: Look in front of the madrich.**



# TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

## Simchat Torah!



*Cake from the afternoon Cake Wars. Pic by Ami Cadugan.*



*Above, Ami Cadugan captures 5 kids + with President Bob Bersak holding the scroll.*

*At bottom right, Ami Cadugan cradles the Torah. Beautifully framed by daughter Sadie Cadugan.*

*Below, from left to right: Bill Herlicka holds the end of the scroll, Mark Bilech looks on, Rabbi Beth Davidson reads, Jacob Herlicka and Kelly Arnold hold the parchment. ~Pic by Alan Kaplan*



### *Are You WAITING for . . .* **The Joke for October 2018**

by Ted Yegerman

Stanley, who had been a waiter all of his adult life, suffered a heart attack and dropped dead while serving a table.

Fannie, his wife, was grief stricken, but as an ardent believer in spiritualism she was certain that she would talk with her departed husband's spirit. For months, she busied herself attending séances, talking with spiritualists and other cultists, but not once was she able to communicate with Stanley's ghost.

Then, one day, it struck her that a spirit would probably haunt that place where he had spent most of his mortal time. "To be sure!" she exulted, "Where else but the restaurant?"

At once she phoned the owner and after explaining her idea, she asked his permission to remain in the restaurant after closing time. Rather dubiously, he agreed, and that night she entered the darkened establishment and sat at a table.

"Stanley, can you hear me?" she called softly.

"Hello, Fannie! How's by you?"

came the reply in Stanley's unmistakable voice.

"Stanley, darling, I can hardly hear you. Speak a little louder."

"I can't. It's bad for my heart."

"Then come a little closer."

"That, too, I can't do."

"But why not?"

"That's not my table!"



# TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

## Temple Adath Yeshurun Leads the Religious Response to Hunger

“Amazing! What a great, amazing and record-breaking day yesterday!” wrote Michelle Casale, Development Director, Families in Transition. In a letter to Judith Jolton, Temple Adath Yeshurun coordinator for the food drive, Michelle continued “You have a total count of 930 +bags (versus 550 bags in 2017)... Amazing! Thank you so much for all you did to make this happen!”

This Response included nine congregations who participated in the 2018 Religious Response to Hunger. Throughout the greater Manchester community, the following congregations motivated their memberships to make this event successful:

1. Cindy Watts and Julie Worthington from Brookside Congregational Church
2. Rev. Kevin Pleas and John Rowe, First Congregational Church
3. Bruce Edwards, First Presbyterian Church
4. Pastor Peter Boehringer, Gethsemane Lutheran Church
5. Pastor Robert Stewart, St. Paul’s United Methodist Church
6. Judith Jolton, Nancy Frankel and Rabbi Beth Davidson, Temple Adath Yeshurun (TAY)
7. Rabbi Jeremy Szczepanski, Temple Israel
8. Rabbi Levi Krinsky, Chabad of NH
9. Curt Smith, Unitarian Universalist Church

### Loading the Van 9-20-18

*From left, Judith Jolton, Linda Rockenmacher, Nancy Frankel, Rabbi Beth, Bob LeFevre, Al Halpern, Bruce Berk load up four cars of contributions to head out to join the interfaith Religious Response to Hunger caravan to New Horizons.*



## New Horizons:

- Serves over **250 meals** each day in our soup kitchen;
- Shelters an average of **80 people** each night;
- Provides groceries to **900 families** each month in our food pantry.

Thank you one and all for continuing to keep the pantry shelves filled when the need continues to grow.

Please see the pictures of our loading crew in the parking lot of Temple Adath Yeshurun, below on this page.

Anyone who happened to be in Manchester that morning would have been impressed by the long parade of cars filled with green bags overflowing with food items.

## Social Action Committee Update

by Bobbie Brayer

Under the leadership of Barry Scotch, the Social Action Committee has experienced a flurry of ideas for new community projects. Some projects have already become annual events on our Temple calendar.

*[Editor's Note: See the Religious Response article on this page for summary of that annual program to date.]*

New on the docket this year has been the collection of ziplock plastic bags for the summer lunch program which feeds over 13,000 children breakfast and lunch. The call went out and Temple Adath Yeshurun collected over 36,000 bags. This successful project will be repeated in the summer of 2019.

Currently, the congregation has a letter writing campaign for our troops overseas to offset the isolation many feel at holidays. Packages for detention center detainees have also been collected ongoing.

Coming up this winter will be a Souper-Bowl campaign to collect canned goods for New Horizons kitchen around the time of the NFL Super Bowl.

If you have ideas or just want to participate, contact Barry at [bscotch@hotmail.com](mailto:bscotch@hotmail.com) or call him at 668-7272.

## Welcome New Members!

Since August, 6 new families have joined Temple Adath Yeshurun, in addition to 3 more single members who have joined (or rejoined).

*Look for more info in future issues. We ran out of space.*

## President's Message for 5779

by Bob Bersak

*Ed. Note: We are reprinting Bob Bersak's message because it addresses important issues for our congregation. He shared these words with congregants at the Rosh HaShannah service on September 10, 2018.*



I work for Eversource Energy. On July 26, 2018, Eversource hosted a New Hampshire Forum on Diversity. New Hampshire has a graying population—like me—where people's kids tend not to stick

around after graduating from high school. Again, like my two kids. (Although, one of them came back home to celebrate Rosh HaShannah with the Congregation in which she became a Bat Mitzvah.)

We have a Department of Economic Development in New Hampshire. Its director, Will Arvelo, was one of several leaders of the Diversity event and he laid out the meeting's goals. He said: "We must collectively create a welcoming and supportive environment."

Just like the graying New Hampshire and the moving away of our kids, Will's words struck close to home. "We must collectively create a welcoming and supportive environment. I thought back to a Temple Board retreat I attended about five years ago. One of our main goals that year was to agree upon a mission statement for the temple. What we ultimately adopted as the mission statement begins, "We seek to create a warm and supportive atmosphere that respects diversity."

I don't think Will had read TAY's mission statement as the basis of his remarks. But our opportunities and challenges at TAY clearly appear to mirror those of New Hampshire in general.

Will's remarks continued: "We must also ensure that diversity is inclusive of not just race, ethnicity and gender differences, but of people of diverse religious beliefs, those with disabilities, those in addiction recovery, veterans, older workers and the formerly incarcerated."

**Religious beliefs.** I believe that most of the members of our congregation, including me, would likely be considered part of diverse religious beliefs in New Hampshire.

**Veterans.** I guess my 30+ years of service in the U.S. Air Force puts me in that category, too.

**Older workers.** I'll let you be the judge of that.

**Incarcerated.** Remember, I told you earlier that I work for Eversource.

The point is that every one of us here at Temple Adath Yeshurun is part of the diverse culture of New Hampshire. We each bring our own unique experiences, likes, wants, and needs, not just to the State, but also to our own congregation.

Are we Jews a minority in New Hampshire? Using the Talmudic research skill I learned in law school, I went to find the answer to this question. I Googled Wikipedia and learned that Jews make up ¾ of 1 percent of the population of New Hampshire. If you looked around our sanctuary on Rosh HaShannah or Yom Kippur, you will have seen about 3% of the entire Jewish population of New Hampshire.

In these times, is there concern having that many Jews in one place at one time? Unfortunately, the answer is "Yes, there is a concern." The Temple Board is actively addressing it. That is why for significant events we have a uniformed Manchester policeman out front. That is why we have installed additional safety and security measures in our Temple. That is why we keep our door locked.

Have there been any specific direct threats against us? Thank goodness, no. But caution and concern are paramount in the minds of the Board and the Rabbi.

Believe it or not, there are people out there who do not know us, have probably never even been in New Hampshire—who do not like us. On Google, there is one review of our congregation—of you, of me, of our entire membership. The reviewer, named Stefan K., said of us: "TAY is a great place to visit if you want to see what Jewish supremacy looks like."

"This is a great place to visit if you want to see what Jewish supremacy looks like." I could not comprehend what Stefan K. was talking about. I knew it could not be good because he only gave us one star.

Is the comment made by Stefan K. cause for concern?

Yes. Not because he is a direct threat. In all likelihood, he doesn't even live here. It is cause for concern because lately people have been emboldened to say and do things that were unthinkable in the very near past.

- Nazis marching in Thomas Jefferson's hometown of Charlottesville, Virginia? Unthinkable.
- Children being taken away from parents seeking a better life? Unthinkable.
- Attendees at a New Hampshire diversity event that was held 6 weeks ago just 600 yards from here receiving hate phone calls and letters and nationwide scorn--just because they attended that diversity event. Unthinkable.

With times and events like these, what should we do? We can ignore what is going on and hope it just goes away. Or we can step up and make a conscious decision not to be intimidated.

In late August, I was in Washington, DC, and noted two inscriptions on the walls of the Holocaust Memorial Museum. These inscriptions are quotations from two Presidents, from both sides of the aisle.

One noted, "We must make sure that from now until the end of days all humankind stares...evil in the face . . . And only then can we be sure that it will never arise again." Those were words from President Ronald Reagan.

Adjoining President Reagan's words were these from President Jimmy Carter: "We must harness the outrage of our own memories to stamp out oppression wherever it exists."

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PRESIDENT, continued from p. 10.

We must understand that human rights and human dignity are indivisible."

So, what are we to do? How can we "stare evil in the face" and help "stamp out oppression"?

Part of the solution to these ills is to ensure that we have leaders with integrity and with values that we respect. The process of getting such leaders begins at the voting box. We all must exercise our ability to influence who our state and national leaders will be, or we will just have to live with the decisions of others.

There is indeed strength in numbers. The Board and our various committees spend an enormous amount of time and effort trying to ensure that our Temple provides opportunities, activities, and events that all of our members—that is, all of you—want and will support.

Support our fundraisers. Join the Brotherhood and enjoy their camaraderie and Deli Night. Our Sisterhood is active and engaged—and sells See's candy, too. Join Sisterhood, or at least buy some candy to give to friends and relatives. Volunteer to host a few teens attending MANTY's winter wonderland event. The fun of hosting and speaking with actively engaged Jewish teens dwarfs the inconvenience of a few trips schlepping them back and forth from Temple to your home.

Believe it or not, we routinely have Sabbath and holiday services here other than on Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur. We have an exceptional religious school. And we have an engaged and growing Social Actions Committee.

We all know the expression, "United We Stand." Let's react to today's turbulent world by standing united; by participating and supporting the events and opportunities here at Temple Adath Yeshurun; by demonstrating that we are part of a vibrant and important community within Manchester and New Hampshire that make this a great place to be. Our temple is a great place to worship and belong.

Thank you to my fellow officers and board members for taking your time, our talent, and personal treasury to make Temple Adath Yeshurun  
"A Bet Tefilah—A House of Worship;

## Temple Adath Yeshurun, Facebook and the Web: Building Connections and Community

You may have heard our Temple Adath Yeshurun president at Rosh Hashannah talk about the anti-Semitic review left on our Google Business page ("This is a great place to visit if you want to see what Jewish supremacism looks like.."). The Rabbi also explored the topic in one of her sermons.

Instructions on how to offset and boost our online rating appear below provided by Tammy Gross—whose job at the Goffstown Public Library is to post and manage the Facebook page for the library.

### "How to leave a Google Business Review on a desktop PC"

(You also can view an online video created by Tammy for temple members at: [youtu.be/3HyLeEJyR88](https://youtu.be/3HyLeEJyR88)):

- If you don't already have a Google Account, you'll need to have one to continue (create one by going to [google.com](https://google.com) and clicking the Sign In button on the top-right corner of the screen, instructions should follow).
- At [google.com](https://google.com), search for your desired business (for example: **Temple Adath Yeshurun Manchester NH**)
- In the right-hand column, you'll see lots of information, including a button that says "Write a review". Click it. If you don't see that, click on the "# Google reviews" link next to the stars. Then you will see a "Write a review" button.
- Continue as directed on the screen.

That's about it. If the review doesn't show up immediately, click on the "# Google Reviews" link and then you'll see it. It takes up to a week for the average rating to be recalculated.

Want some help? Try watching the video at: [youtu.be/3HyLeEJyR88](https://youtu.be/3HyLeEJyR88).

Need more assistance? Interested in hands-on help?

If you're interested in a class or help, please send an email to Tammy Gross at [grossfour@comcast.net](mailto:grossfour@comcast.net).

As of 10-5-18,

we have 99 members in the Temple Adath Yeshurun Manchester Group on Facebook.

**On Rosh HaShannah, there was only one Google Review of Temple Adath Yeshurun. As of 10-5-18, eight have been posted. Truly, it's an easy thing to read what others have said, and add words of your own.**

A Bet Midrash—A House of Study; and A Bet Knesset—A House of Assembly."

Thank you to Rabbi Beth who is the spark-plug that energizes our congregation; to Karen Rothstein who fuels the day-to-day administration, and Ellen Schiavoni who keeps our books; to our Education Director Stacey Garnick; to Bob Lebfèvre for all his efforts to make our facility shipshape and ready for every activity; to Mary Singer and Jonathan Pollack for preparing, editing, printing and mailing our monthly Temple Bulletin; to Cantor Shira, to Joe Rojek, and our chorus for bringing the joy of music to our services; to our Chai members whose generosity allows us to help ensure that temple membership is available to all.

And finally, thank you all for belonging, for attending our High Holiday services, and for reading this message.

One last thing: I had the pleasure of attending Rabbi Beth's Intro to Judaism course earlier this year. I learned that there is a requirement that a temple president's High Holiday remarks must include a reference to our High Holiday Appeal. Please help us help you, help our temple, help our community, and help those less fortunate by supporting our High Holyday Appeal. There is still time.

Thank you. And, *L'shana tova tikateyvu*,

"May we all be written [in the Book of Life] for a good year."

~Bob Bersak

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## Cate Tanzer Honored with SHEM TOV

Cate Tanzer of Temple Adath Yeshurun received the Shem Tov award at the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire annual meeting—which this year was held at our temple on Sunday, Oct. 18.  
[*Shem Tov means “good name.”*]

*Below is the text of her award:*

Cate Tanzer has been part of the Temple Adath Yeshurun family for 11 years. She and her husband, Adam, and two children—Serena and Max—moved to the Manchester area in 1999 and made Bedford their home. Cate has volunteered over the years on the TAY Board of Directors and the Sisterhood Board of Directors. Cate served on the Yom Ha'atzmaut committee for two years as well as on various other temple committees. In addition, Cate co-chaired TAY's Bagels and Biscuits 5k for five years, the L'Chayim Jewish Food Festival for six years, and the Second Night Sisterhood Seder for six years. During 2016 through 2018, Cate served as President of Temple Adath Yeshurun and was responsible for overseeing all aspects of the congregation's operations. Cate is a magnificent baker and infuses everything she does, both in and out of the kitchen, with sweetness and *joie de vivre*.



10-8-18. In the photo at left, Cate shows her award with Melanie McDonald, the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of NH.

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## BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Sol Rockenmacher

### Off and Running!

The first TAY Brotherhood meeting of the 2018-2019 year was held at Temple Adath Yeshurun on Tuesday night, September 4. We started off with a nosh including chicken wings, kosher hot dogs in jackets, french fries, salad, fruit, pastry, and soft drinks.

Twenty-one Brothers were in attendance. Joining us was Los Angeles native



Marc Birenbaum, who has been in Manchester as a representative of FEMA, working on New England Region 1 infrastructure problems. He expressed his appreciation for our welcoming congregation, and to Rabbi Beth.

We discussed our programs for the upcoming year. On Sunday, September 23, we built the sukkah under the able leadership of Herlicka Construction Company, with assistance by Bob Katchen. The children and families enjoyed it! [Check out the picture on page 1 of this Bulletin; more pics on pages 6 & 7.]

The Candidates Breakfast Forum will be Sunday morning, October 28. Doors will open at 9:30 AM for servings of juice, coffee, bagels and schmeers, pastry and fruit. The program will begin at 10:00 AM.

We expect to have candidates for Governor, First US Congressional District and Fourth New Hampshire Executive Council District. Admission is free but please call the TAY office at **669-5650** to let us know that you are coming. (We don't want to run out of food.)

Sunday, December 9, 2018, will see the Joel Gordon-led Chanukah Party. The 2018 year will end up with our traditional many-year-old Mitzvah Program, which allows time-off to our Christian friends at various functions on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

As usual, we will be helping at New Horizons Soup Kitchen on Christmas

Eve and Christmas Day, covering the information desks at Elliot Hospital and Catholic Medical Center, delivering luncheon platters to the Police and Fire Departments of Manchester and Bedford, running the Bingo program at the Veterans Administration Hospital and delivering meals on wheels.

The highlight of Good-and-Welfare at the end of the meeting was our request to long-time member Ted Yegerman to tell us about his fascinating life story, with special requests for his World War II US Army war-time experiences.

Ted Yegerman was born in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, and the rest of his childhood included stops in Haverhill, Massachusetts and Somersworth, New Hampshire before the family returned to Williamsburg.

After a year at City College of New York, Ted was drafted into the US Army infantry. He was the only Jew in his company. He was eventually deployed to Germany where, the day after the Dachau concentration camp was liberated his unit was assigned to help control the area. It was a moving and horrifying experience that left Ted with a feeling that he emphasized, "War Sucks!"

Further regarding the Holocaust, sitting around the table at Ted's presentation were Bodo Schrader, who is a Holocaust survivor, and Marc Birenbaum, who is the son of Holocaust survivors. We all vow, "Never Again!"

Your TAY Brotherhood will be keeping busy and will keep on giving.

(So what else is new?)

*Stay tuned for future developments....*

### Brotherhood Meeting Dates

Tuesday, November 6  
Tuesday, December 4  
Wednesday, January 2, 2019  
Tuesday, February 5  
Tuesday, March 5  
Tuesday, April 2  
Tuesday, May 7

Tuesday, June 4:  
**Annual Meeting, BBQ**

## MAZEL TOV!

For October 2018

Welcome to the world! Miriam Ruth Shattuck was born August 20, 2018—to Sarah and Jeff Shattuck. Proud grandparents are Temple Adath Yeshurun members **Fran and Steve Short** of Windham, NH; and Martha and Tom Shattuck. Miriam joins big sister Eva Shattuck; and happy first cousin Samuel Short (son of **Brendan Short** and Sheryl Kane)—Sam made his world debut on February 21, 2018.

Mazel tov to **Bruce Harwood** of Bedford and Hannah Blumenstiel on their recent wedding. We wish them many years of happiness and joy!

On Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, our Past President **Cate Tanzer** was recognized at the Jewish Federation of NH with the *Shem Tov* award. [See the bottom of page 12 to read about her contributions, hard work, and dedication by example. And see her most recent picture.]



### MANTY Announcement: Advisor Needed for Fall 2018

With Jordan Leikin no longer available, we must search for someone to take over for this part-time job.

The right candidate will

- be 20-something, or older
- enjoy working with teenagers
- understand and appreciate liberal Jewish values
- have flexible schedule
- want to help shape the future by working with tomorrow's Jewish leaders

We found both of our last advisors through congregational recommendations. If you know of someone who might be interested in this part time job, please ask him or her to get in touch with **Rabbi Beth Davidson** at **669-5650**.



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## October Anniversaries

- 5 Debra & Robert Feins
- 6 Jessica & Joe Gallant
- 10 April Shaw & Alexander Granok  
(25 years!)
- 12 Campbell Harvey & Elliott Berry
- 15 Gillian & Mark Abramson
- 20 Tammy & Scott Gross
- 28 Elaine & Harvey Bloom
- 30 Elizabeth Judd Rivetz & Barry Rivetz



## November Anniversaries

- 11 Andrea & Ivan Jaffa
- 23 Ruthie & Joel Gordon
- 23 Rosalind & Gerry Angoff
- 28 Carolyn & Philip Hollman

### Did the Summer fly by in a blur?

And now Summer is almost over?  
Hardly had a minute?  
Help us keep track, because we're  
a caring community.

Send your good news:  
**news@taynh.org.**  
Share it with  
**OUR TAY  
COMMUNITY**

## DONATIONS

*Donations from August 2, 2018, through October 2, 2018.*

### Special Purpose Funds

#### Bud Baron Ritual Fund

By Jonathan Baron to Marcia Baron and family, in loving memory of your father Ira Stone.  
By Jonathan Baron to Veta Stone, in loving memory of your husband, Ira Stone.  
By Jonathan Baron to Elaine Silberberg, in loving memory of Joel Silberberg.

#### High Holy Day Bima Décor Fund

By Rabbi Michael Schadick, Susan and Shira—in memory of Stanley Schadick.

#### Mazon

By Nancy Frankel and Mary Atwell to Cathie Jacobs—in memory of your beloved Mom, Millie Malkin.

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

By Margie and Jay Hodes to Sherry and Stephen Goldberg, in memory of your beloved nephew, Gregory Long.  
By Lee Hill to David Rosenzweig, in appreciation to David Rosenzweig's photography.  
By Richard Friedman in memory of Nathan Friedman and Whendi Friedman Farris.  
By Jonathan Baron to Cliff Lopate, in memory of your Aunt Guta Kessler.  
By Sherry Goldberg in memory of Jordan Elliott.  
By Marc Birenbaum in appreciation to Temple Adath Yeshurun.  
By Deborah Linett in memory of Ronie Rosenbaum.  
By Richard Friedman in memory of Esther Fishman.  
By Richard Friedman in memory of Roberta Freedman.  
By Richard Friedman to Chip Broad and family, in memory of Ed Broad.  
By Richard Friedman to Kenneth Abrams, in memory of Betsy Ryan.  
By Richard Friedman to Eileen Resnick and family, in memory of Jack Resnick.

#### Whitaker Music Fund

By DG Krasner in honor of what would have been the 106th birthday of Alice Krasner and Sylvia Doress White.  
By Steven and Karen Rothstein to Eileen Resnick and family, in memory of Jack Resnick.  
By Karen Rothstein to Rachel Schor and Ariana Bell: wishing you both good health and happiness as you build beautiful memories together in your new home. Mazel Tov!

### Named Funds

#### Harry and Sophie Katz Fund

By Richard and Nancy Katz to Eileen Resnick and family, in memory of Jack Resnick.

High Holy Day Bima Décor Fund Rabbi Michael Schadick, Susan and Shira—in memory of Stanley Schadick.

#### Judith and Michael Goldsmith Family Fund

By Judith and Michael Goldsmith, in memory of Frank and Sylvia Gerber.

## DONATIONS, *(cont. from page 14.)*

### Yahrzeit Fund

By Sylvia Friedmann in memory of Kathy Friedman.  
 By Elaine Silberberg in memory of Mollie Zalkind.  
 By Merle Treisman in memory of Jason Treisman.  
 By Charlotte Krentzel in memory of Lester Shapiro and Theodore Krentzel.  
 By Eleanor Freedman in memory of Peter Freedman.  
 By Thelma Seidenberg in memory of Frances Seidenberg.



### Editor's Selection

### Holy Is Twilight

**HOLY IS TWILIGHT**—the realm of in-between.  
 And so our sages taught:  
     pray in the moments when light and darkness touch.  
 We are all twilight people, beyond categories and labels.  
 May the sacred in-between of this evening suspend our certainties,  
 Soften our judgments, widen our vision.  
 Let it illumine our way to the God who transcends  
     all boundaries and definitions.  
 Blessed are you, God of all, who brings on the twilight.

**HOLY IS TWILIGHT.** Adapted from Rabbi Reuben Zellman (b. 1978).

**IN-BETWEEN.** Our rabbis of ancient times knew that humanity does not fit into two boxes. Just as day and night cannot clearly be divided into two, according to some of our most ancient texts, neither can people. It was written in the Mishnah, there are people who “are in some ways like men, and in some ways like women, and in some ways like both men and women, and in some ways like neither men nor women.” It goes on to say that people of indeterminate sex and gender were not to be harmed; their lives were of equal value to any other person’s. (Rabbi Reuben Zellman)

*Prayer and Editorial footnotes selected from*  
Mishkan Halev: Prayers for S’lichot and the Month of Elul. Central  
 Conference of American Rabbis. NY: 2017, page 29.

To see the  
**Color Pictures**  
 in our 2018

**Temple Adath Yeshurun Bulletins,**

*Go to our ONLINE website:*

**<http://www.taynh.org>**

PAST ISSUES can be viewed back to February, 2015

### October Birthdays

No children between the ages of 1 and 16 have birthdays in October. Please let us know if we miss listing your birthday and we will correct our records.



### November Birthdays

Kylie Harrison

Robert Izsak

Yvette Jaffa

Elias Pound

### Birthday Blessings

At FAMILY SERVICE, children under the age of Bar or Bat Mitzvah are called to the Torah for birthday blessings.

October's Family Service was on FRIDAY, October 5.

November's Family Service will be FRIDAY, November 2, 2018.



**See you on Shabbat.**

## A Few Words About My Experience in Israel

[Editor's Note: Nina Levine was the winner of the Brotherhood's Samuel Sugerman Scholarship Essay Contest in June, 2018. Rabbi Beth Davidson invited her to speak for Day 2 of Rosh HaShannah on September 11, 2018. We thank Nina for sharing her reflections on her travel to Israel as part of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) International Science and Technology Initiatives Program, as well as graciously sending along photos and captions to illustrate her written piece.]

by Penina (Nina) Levine

**Religion.  
Mediterranean.  
Desert.**

Back in January, these were the first three words that came to my mind when I thought of Israel, and in that order. I had just been accepted to MIT's International Science and Technology Initiatives Program in Israel (MISTI), which connects students with fully-funded research internships abroad. In preparation, I enrolled in a class on Israeli history, culture, and politics. We were going around the room sharing our three words with our peers.

*Religion. Mediterranean. Desert.* Just as I had made this list back in January, I imagined my new, post-travel words on the plane ride home. As I reflect on the three months I spent in Israel this summer, I want to share with you those words. I hope that you will gain insight into my personal experience in Israel.

**Word Number 1: Galilee.**

This is a rather personal, light-hearted one. Quite simply, Galilee is one the places where I had the most fun in my life, and for this reason its memory is first to strike me when I think of Israel.

As part of the MISTI program, students get the unique opportunity to participate in a one-week seminar with the rest of the MIT group along with some Israeli college students and guides. We got to travel the country seeing sights and having conversations we wouldn't otherwise have been able to have as ordinary tourists. For three nights, we settled at a kibbutz, Ginosar, on the northwestern shore of the Kinneret.

I will remember sitting out on the Ginosar dock, looking out over the Kinneret and its golden hour grasses, the Tiberius lights in the distance. I will remember how I was quickly making new friends and venturing out from my familiar social group, stepping out of my com-

fort zone in ways I never had before, even since coming to Israel. I will remember bonfires and Billy Joel on the beach. We came back to that beach in every free hour of our days.

Of course, I had this much fun many times in Israel, not just at Galilee: I remember my delight as I realized that everything you hear about floating in the Dead Sea is actually true, not just an exaggeration. I remember snorkeling in Eilat and haggling in the Old City of Jerusalem. So why does Galilee stand out to me?

Perhaps one of the reasons I enjoyed Galilee so much was that it reminded me of home. When I had said that Israel used to make me think of the desert, I was not misguided. Much of Israel is a desert. Being among the green waterfront land of the Galilee reminded me of summers spent at Lake Winnepesaukee with extended family. I was surprised — and comforted — to find that same feeling 7 time zones away from home. For this

reason, a special part of my heart is reserved for Galilee and the memories I made there.

**Word Number 2: Conversation.**

Israelis know that foreigners enter the country with their own preconceived notions about Israel based on things they see and hear in the media. For example, the words "war" and "conflict" were popularly cited among my classmates as their first associations with Israel. I found many Israelis excited to engage me in the conversation about Israel, its history and its identity, excited for the opportunity to write their own narrative, rather than allow the media to write it for them.

During my time there, I engaged in what I like to think of as a "collecting of narratives." I took it upon myself to speak with — and

*Cont. at ISRAEL, on p. 17.*

*June 2018. "My very first trip to the Western Wall in Jerusalem. It was very special to finally visit this significant site that I had always learnt about in Hebrew School, and to see everyone praying there."*





ISRAEL, cont. from p. 16.

truly hear — as many people as possible, from varying backgrounds. Since I tend to be reserved and quiet in nature, I was surprised by my eagerness to speak with such a wide range of people and ask the probing questions that I did; I found myself becoming more direct, as is the Israeli nature. I spoke with Jewish Israelis, ranging from Orthodox to secular, with Christian and Muslim Arab Israelis, with Palestinians. With Jordanians. American *Olim* (those who have made Aliyah to Israel); the young and the old. And through all this I tried my best to keep an open mind, even when it was hard.

A conversation that stands out to me is one I had with an elderly lady at a hostel in Nazareth. She was Jewish, and her family had lived in Jerusalem for eight generations. We spoke for hours through the night about a variety of things, and politics was one of them.

I took issue with many of her views, yet I listened to her story anyway because it was important to me to collect a variety of perspectives on Israel, to challenge my own beliefs. I know what I feel as a Jewish young adult from the United States, but in trying to understand others' positions, I learned more about myself and became more confident in my identity, and I am much better for it. I felt that I owed it to these people who are living in Israel for whom the history is theirs to listen to their narrative, not to place judgements, because it is their story and theirs to tell, and whatever they feel, whatever they think, that is a valid part of the story. I've learned that emotion is valid, even if you can't agree with it or even comprehend it.

This is probably one of the things with which I struggled most — being Jewish, Eretz Yisrael is significant to me. Being there, in the Holy land, I could feel that. Being Jewish, I felt as if I have a claim to this land and its conflict, even though I live halfway across the world. Yet I was also overwhelmingly aware that I was an outsider from another country, and I heard the resounding message from so many of our guides: "Foreigners, this is not your conflict to solve."

This, specifically, is what I struggled with: the balance between the feeling that as a Jew, I have a personal stake in this

conflict, and the feeling that I was an irrelevant outsider.

This brings me to my third and final word: **Judaism.**

I cannot help but feel guilty at this last one. Whereas before, religion in general came to mind for me, I now think first of Judaism. I know that Eretz Yisrael is a Holy land for people of many faiths. Being in Israel only solidified that for me. But more than this, being in Israel connected me to my Jewish roots in a way that I had never before even hoped to experience.

I remember my first weekend trip to Jerusalem, and how excited my friends and I were. On the bus ride there, the mountainous desert views struck me, and I was so happy. I remember the feeling of being at the Western Wall for the first time, a place I had always heard about in Hebrew School, and where I truly felt something, what it means to be Jewish as I saw Jews gathered to pray at its base and thought about generations internationally of Jews that had made this same trip before me and those who would make it after me. I thought about seeing the same views they had seen, stepping the same steps they had stepped, grappling to comprehend the age and significance of this place.

Most of all, I will remember how being Jewish feels in Israel. I felt proud to be Jewish in a way that I have never been permitted to feel before. I will remember how many people I connected with due to the Birthright Israel wallet on the back of my phone. How Israelis love Birthright, since they love how excited foreign Jews get when they come to Israel for the first time, see the sights that Israelis grow up with and take for granted. They love to share Eretz Yisrael with other Jews, love the sense of national pride.

I will remember seeing my roommate Brittany, a friend from MIT, run into so many old friends from Jewish camp who also happened to be in Israel for the summer, and thinking how mystical it was that the shared Jewish bond over the Land of Israel could bring us all together by chance.

In the same way, I would meet random people and bond with them immediately over this same shared background. I can-

not really describe this, but I came to call it "Jewing out." People would find out that I was Jewish, or hear my Jewish name, and they would take an immediate interest in my family and my background and "what was it like growing up in New Hampshire, where the majority is not Jewish?" In turn, they were so excited to share with me their own background and all their travel advice for my time in Israel.

I felt proud to be Jewish, as I knew the power it could have to connect me with new people and have interesting conversations, that near-strangers would welcome me into their homes for Shabbat dinner simply because I was a part of the Jewish community, and that was enough.

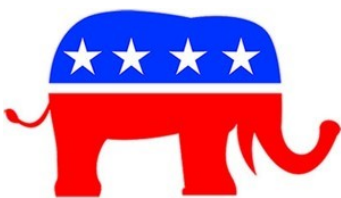
However, as many times as I felt proud being a Jew in Israel, I also felt conflicted. Going to the West Bank, you can't help but feel a degree of guilt as you see the barrier wall between Israel and Palestine stretching up to the sky, over 5 meters high, spray-painted with anti-Semitic slurs. To know that the signs that say that Israelis may not enter Area A Palestine really means that only Jewish Israelis cannot enter; to learn about the recent law declaring Israel as the State of the Jewish people, and removing Arabic from the national languages—leaving now just Hebrew and English; these are not things that make me feel proud.

**What I took away from Israel was a better understanding of myself and my identity as a Jew. The experience certainly opened up a lot of questions for me, the biggest being: how does my claim to the Land of Israel, as a Jew, fit in with my American nationality?**

I'm not sure that I have an answer for that. What I do know, however, is that living and working in Israel for the summer opened my eyes to this question in ways I had never considered before. I gained a newfound confidence in my ability to quickly adapt to unfamiliar environments, to interact with others, and to ask those tough questions. While my summer has just ended and the school year just begun, I know that this is not the end of my time in, involvement with, nor thoughtful consideration of Israel and all its complexities.

I will be back.

# TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN



## TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN BROTHERHOOD CANDIDATES FORUM

SUNDAY MORNING  
OCTOBER 28, 2018

9:30 AM – Noon

WE HAVE INVITED CANDIDATES FOR  
GOVERNOR,

1<sup>st</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT &  
4<sup>th</sup> EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DISTRICT

Juice, Coffee, Bagels, and Pastries will be served

*Admission is free*

We greatly appreciate reservations by calling  
669-5650

### Lifelong Learning News:

#### *What Makes Music Jewish?*

Please join us as we begin our yearlong focus on the question “What Makes Music Jewish?” with a three-session class with Cantor Shira Nafshi.

On Monday, Oct 15; Monday Oct. 29, and Monday, Nov. 12, Cantor Shira will explore the history and roots of music in Jewish tradition. Classes will run from 7:00—8:30 PM.

Please RSVP to the office at 669-5650 or [office@taynh.org](mailto:office@taynh.org) in advance if you plan on attending, so we can make sure that there are adequate materials.

**October 15:** “MiSinai Melodies”  
—Songs from Sinai.”

Nusach, Traditional Tunes, Melodies tied to Holidays, Trope and Modes.

**Oct. 29:** “Psalm 150.”

Exploring the different sounds of Jewish music throughout history, moving from Solomon Rossi through the centuries to contemporary times.

**Nov. 12:**  
“Who changed my melody?”

Why are there so many different melodies for one piece of liturgy? Considerations when composing music for new versions of old texts.

### Refugee Shabbat: October 15

Founded in 1881 to help Jewish refugees fleeing pogroms in Russia and Eastern Europe, for over 100 years the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) has worked to aid Jewish refugees. In the early 2000's, the organization's mission expanded to include helping all refugees. On Friday, October 19, Temple Adath Yeshurun will be joining with congregations across the country by participating in Refugee Shabbat. Please join us as we raise our awareness of those who find themselves adrift in new countries.

**F**rom your house, O God, we are about to return to our homes. Enter them with us, that they may become Your sanctuaries, dwelling-places of Your spirit. Then will our home stand firm against the storms of life, to be a shelter for all that is good, and a refuge from evil.

From the Yom Kippur Afternoon Service,  
*Gates of Repentance*, p. 518-519.

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## DATES & TIMES: Mark YOUR Calendar



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### OCTOBER

#### Monday, Oct. 15

Jewish Music Class 1  
7—8:30 PM

With Cantor Shira

#### Tuesday, Oct. 16

Religious School 4—6 PM

Ritual Committee 7 PM

#### Thursday, Oct. 18

Board Meeting 7 PM

#### FRIDAY, Oct. 19

Shabbat Service 7 PM

Refugee Shabbat

#### SATURDAY, Oct. 20

Torah Study 10 AM

#### Sunday, Oct. 21

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

#### Monday, Oct. 22

Seniors Forever Young Board 10 AM

Sisterhood Paid-Up Members Dinner 6 PM

#### Tuesday, Oct. 23

Religious School 4—6 PM

Social Action Committee 7 PM

#### FRIDAY, Oct. 26

Shabbat Service 7 PM

#### SATURDAY, Oct. 27

Torah Study 10 AM

#### Sunday, Oct. 28

Candidates Breakfast 9:30 AM

(Brotherhood)

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

#### Monday, Oct. 29

Jewish Music 2 Class  
7—8:30 PM

With Cantor Shira

#### Tuesday, Oct. 30

Religious School 4—6 PM

### NOVEMBER

#### FRIDAY, Nov. 2.

Family Service 6 PM

Followed by Potluck supper to welcome New Members & invite your reg. teacher to temple [Free Community Dinner—please register by calling Temple 669-5650.]

#### SATURDAY, Nov. 3

Breakfast with Rabbi & Torah Study  
9:30 AM

#### Sunday, Nov. 4

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

#### Monday, Nov. 5

Executive Board Meeting 5:30 PM

#### Tuesday, Nov. 6

ELECTION DAY;

No Religious School

#### FRIDAY, Nov. 9

Shabbat Service 7 PM

#### SATURDAY, Nov. 10

Shabbat Service 10 AM

Kelly Arnold is called to the Torah.

#### Sunday, Nov. 11

No Religious School

Veterans Day

#### Monday, Nov. 12

Jewish Music Class 3

7—8:30 PM

With Cantor Shira

#### Tuesday, Nov. 13

Religious School 4—6 PM

#### Thursday, Nov. 15

Seniors Forever Young Luncheon 11:30 AM

#### FRIDAY, Nov. 16

Shabbat Service 7 PM

#### SATURDAY, Nov. 17

Torah Study 10 AM

#### Sunday, Nov. 18

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

#### Monday, Nov. 19

Seniors Forever Young Board 10 AM

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Elm Street, Manchester Street.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 20

Religious School 4—6 PM

#### Thursday, Nov. 22

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#### FRIDAY, Nov. 23

Shabbat Service 6 PM

with Temple Israel AT Temple Israel, 66 Salmon Street, Manchester.

#### SATURDAY, Nov. 24

NO Torah Study

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### December DATES to NOTE

#### First night of HANUKAH:

Sunday, December 2, 2018

#### Brotherhood Hanukah Party:

Sunday morning Day 8, Dec. 9, 2018



### Next Bulletin Deadline:

**November 1, 2018**

For

**Nov-Dec 2018**

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