

SEPTEMBER 2018



Communication: Maintaining Healthy Relationships Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner

Recently I opened a fortune cookie. Most of the time when I read the fortunes in a cookie my response is usually “big deal,” or, “seriously?” That’s the best they could come up with?” and even “I don’t understand this one.” As for the lottery numbers that appear in fortune cookies, well, I haven’t yet hit the lottery.

But I am recalling the fortune cookie not too long ago that I opened, read, then declared, “that’s nice,” and begun to discard it, and then picked it up again. “Hey,” I thought, “this one is actually pretty good.”

The sentence? “A single kind word can keep one warm for years.”

So often in our lives our communication is either self-centered—talking about ourselves, not really listening to another’s story as we think we are listening, or speaking tense words and words of aggravation.

As we prepare for the High Holidays, let’s remember the power of the word. Let’s remember to make our communication holy. Think back to the time when someone said something wonderful to you that you have remembered for a long time. Think about the compliment you received that makes you feel good when you think about it during a time of stress. Think about the time YOU said something wonderful to another person, you knew that it made them feel good and that made YOU feel good. And now remember all of these as we approach the high holidays.

Let us remember the power of the word and importance of communication. Let our communication be a catalyst for good in the world, making and keeping our relationships healthy, so that we, too, might share a single kind word with someone, a word that might help someone else feel good for years.

Leshanah Tovah.

HIGH
HOLY
DAYS



From Our President



I would like to expand on something I mentioned in the previous bulletin. That is the sacred partnership.

As I said before, sacred partnerships are built and nurtured on the Jewish values of mutual respect, trust, honesty, etc. This doesn't happen by proximity and happenstance. It must be built with intentionality. To build and sustain these relationships one must recognize each of us as individuals with different political, ideological and personal interest and convictions. Beth Israel is a small community and we must keep this in mind as we work together and especially when we disagree. We must foster a culture of civil dialogue where all opinions are heard and honored. When we find ourselves in disagreements about a plan or policy, if handled with discretion and care, we can create a stronger and more vibrant community.

As you may already know, we have begun the process of a rabbinical search. Mindy Humphrey and Stuart Rockoff co-chair the committee. They have selected as their committee: Paula Erlich, Steven Goodman, Peter Sharp, Sheila Rubin, Dave Miller, Alli Parshall, Beth Orlansky and Danielle Wahba. This is a good cross section of our congregation and we feel will do a diligent job. They have already started the process with the recent town hall meeting to get your input on what you think is important and want in a rabbi. They are in the process of putting together our application to the CCAR and will be transparent in their search. As you remember from previous searches, this will not be an easy task. Let's thank them for their time and dedication that will be involved.

And with that being said, let's get ourselves ready for a new year.

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**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

FACILITY USE AND SCHEDULE

To schedule room use and set-ups in the Social Hall or elsewhere in the synagogue, please contact Rita Hobgood at office@bethisraelms.org or 601-956-6215. You will be required to complete a Room Setup Request form. Bill Morris will assist in preparing the space, along with Jimmie Moore.

SISTERHOOD SPOTLIGHT

BIC Sisterhood is off to a great start with our 2018-2019 programming year. Our annual membership tea was Sunday, Aug. 12, and we had a wonderful turnout at the home of Marla Harbor & Erik Hearon. We held a raffle to gather gift cards to be used for Meals on Wheels, and about 2/3 of all in attendance brought a gift card for Kroger, and we collected over \$300. This just proves how large the giving spirit is in our Sisterhood.

We are looking for someone to drive for Meals on Wheels, one Friday per month. Please contact Esther Roberts if you would be interested in doing this incredible Mitzvah.

Sisterhood voted to reduce the days we offer babysitting on Friday nights. Babysitting will only be offered on the 1st Friday of the month, starting in September. We will re-address if the need changes. We encourage families with children to attend on the 1st Friday.

Esther A Roberts
BIC Sisterhood President

High Holiday Babysitting

It is time for the High Holidays and we are working on the babysitting.

Please complete the inserted form and return it to the Temple office by September 2, 2018 so that we can have enough babysitters on hand.

Thanks for your cooperation.

BABYSITTING WILL ONLY BE OFFERED ON THE 1st FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.



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Gil and Angela Hoffberg
Bea Gavant
Betsy and Joe Samuels
Bette Shornick
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Melanie Howell, Will and Reed Leonard
Melissa and Ralph Daniel
Mindy, Clay, Sam, Hannah and Nina Humphrey
Nafie and Gilbert Sollek
Phoebe Spencer
Raizy, Justin, Manny, T-J, and Max Grossman-Gould
Rebecca Laskin
Good Health and Happiness, Reva S. Hart
Bear Atwood and Sheila Hailey
Susan and Macy Hart
Freedman Family
Tammy, Bert, Jessica, Ashley, and Tovah Rubinsky

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The Fall semester is underway. The first day was Sunday, August 19.

Each session of Religious School is another opportunity to learn more about our story as Jews, to make sense of our ancient religion. This year, our students are divided into four classes: 1st grade, 3rd grade, 6th, and a combined 7/8th grade class. The curriculum, prepared by the Jackson-based Institute of Southern Jewish Life, is extensive for each grade.

For example, 1st graders will learn that God is central to Judaism and that we have many holidays and celebrations. The 3rd grade curriculum builds on that foundation, and focuses on how our Jewish values and mitz'vot relate to our holidays. They are also introduced to the amazing characters in the Torah and how we can learn important lessons from their lives.

Our 6th grade class is guided by a curriculum written by former ISJL Fellow, Leah Apotheker. It is a systematic introduction to Torah. Each week, they will study one or more Torah portions, beginning in Genesis and ending with Deuteronomy. Within Torah they will discover and track themes of Family Relations, Leadership, Miracles, and how mitz'vot guide our relationship between ourselves and God and ourselves and others.

The combined 7th/8th graders are learning about contemporary Jewish history, including the Diaspora and the Holocaust. A special emphasis on the modern State of Israel will help them understand its importance to Jews everywhere.

This semester's activities will include special holiday observances, preparation of holiday foods, and two guest speakers. Rabbi Eric Gurvis visits in October, with a social justice emphasis, and Rabbi Richard Birnholz will teach in November. He will present sessions on Jewish Assertiveness for everyone, but especially for our Religious School students and their parents. More details on both visits, to follow.

Rachel Glazer is a returning teacher, leading the 3rd graders. Kay Metz returns for the 7/8th grade class; Gino and Wendy Giammarco are together for the 1st graders, and Joshua Loya leads the 6th grade. Rachel is also leading Morning T'filah.

We are grateful for the support of all our parents—our students don't drive themselves to school! Beth Israel Congregation provides an island of Jewish education in a sea of secular ideas—that includes other religions. In the words of British rabbinical student, Rachel Blautsen, "We live in a world where identity is constructed as a choice in a secular society. The idea that your identity is simply handed down to you is at odds with the predominant social narrative." In other words, we must provide our students with a reason to be Jewish. They have many other choices. Our teachers are devoted to conveying the knowledge and spirit of Judaism, the beauty and the power of it, to your student.

Thank you for making that possible.

Bill Morris
Coordinator of Religious Education

Doubt & Discovery

We were honored to have the Reverend Chuck Poole of Northminster Baptist Church as the special Doubt & Discovery guest in August. He spoke on the relationship of Christianity and Judaism and answered questions from Beth Israel members and friends.

No meeting is scheduled for September. The next session of Doubt & Discovery will be in October. Watch for information on the October topic and meeting date.

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2018/2019 – 5779

Saturday	September 1	Selichot Service	9:00 p.m.
Sunday	September 9	Erev Rosh Hashanah I	8:00 p.m.
Monday	September 10	Rosh Hashanah Children's Service Morning Service	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	September 11	Rosh Hashanah II	10:00 a.m.
Friday	September 14	Shabbat Shuvah Service	6:15 p.m.
Saturday	September 15	Shabbat Shuvah Service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	September 16	Memorial Service at Cemetery Tashlich & Picnic Location: Reservoir Overlook – Natchez Trace Pkwy	10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	September 18	Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	September 19	Yom Kippur Children's Service Morning Service Text Study Afternoon Service Yizkor (Memorial Service) Neilah (Concluding Service) Break-the-Fast	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	September 23	Sukkot Picnic Sukkot Service in Sukkah	5:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
Monday	September 24	Sukkot Service	10:00 a.m.
Sunday	September 30	Erev Simchat Torah Dinner Erev Simchat Torah Service	5:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
Monday	October 1	Simchat Torah Service and Yizkor	10:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Shirley Orlansky
- 2 Craig Tucker
- 3 Benjamin Johnson
- 4 Hanna Schwartz
- 7 Gilbert Sollek
- 7 Miriam Smith
- 7 Ella Rockoff
- 9 Dani Turk
- 10 Sam Humphrey
- 10 Hannah Humphrey
- 10 Maryann Jacobson
- 10 Janice Blumenthal
- 11 Robert Emmich
- 11 Jennifer Tucker
- 11 Donald Sawyer
- 11 Reva Hart
- 13 Jonathan Larkin
- 13 Stephen Tullos
- 15 Alexander Nessel
- 16 Joyce Salomon
- 16 Rachelle Geiger
- 16 William Albright
- 16 Sally Leibowitz
- 19 Tabor Abeles
- 19 Melanie Dobel
- 20 Alana Schipper
- 20 Clay Crystal
- 22 Mark Fijman
- 23 Rachel Myers
- 23 Dana Dobel
- 24 Alexander Kassoff
- 25 Paula Erlich
- 27 Tori Giammarco
- 27 Jonathan Orlansky
- 27 Steve Goodman
- 28 Rachel Brannan
- 28 Irv Feldman
- 29 Joan Daniel
- 29 Angela Hoffberg
- 30 Michelle Mack
- 30 Lique Coolen

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Howard and Joy Roffwarg
- 4 Steve and Maryann Jacobson
- 5 Larry and Peggy Goldstein
- 10 Gino and Wendy Giammarco
- 24 Jerry and Christine Branson
- 25 Frankie and Frankie Springer
- 28 Gil and Angela Hoffberg
- 29 Mark and Susan Fijman

CHEVRA KADISHA

“These are things that are limitless, of which a person enjoys the fruit of the world, while the principal remains in the world to come...” So begins one of our Shacharit prayers for Shabbos morning. We are reminded that certain activities, including honoring father and mother, engaging in deeds of compassion, visiting the sick, and providing for the wedding couple, are more than mundane chores. They transcend this world with meaning and consequences both here and in the World to Come. “Accompanying the dead for burial” is one of these special tasks.

Traditionally, the body is escorted to the grave site by mourners before or after a spoken ceremony. This effort shows great respect to the deceased and honor to his or her family. For the mourners, it is an acknowledgement that we all, some day, will be carried to our final resting place.

This last milestone of the lifecycle can be confusing and distressing. The Beth Israel Chevra Kadisha, trained in Jewish traditions of death, burial, and mourning, helps prepare the soul for its journey in Death, and embraces those who remain behind, in Life. When that time comes, know that the Beth Israel Chevra Kadisha is ready to care for you.

There will be no CK Training Meeting in September. Our next gathering will be on Sunday, October 7, at 12:30 p.m. in the Library.

All are welcome.



Blood and Platelet Donation

There is currently a critical shortage of blood and platelets in MS. Please help spread the word. If you are able to be a donor, it's a great way to help others.

The main location is in Flowood although there are blood drives around the city. <http://www.msblood.com/> or call 601-981-3232 to schedule an appointment.

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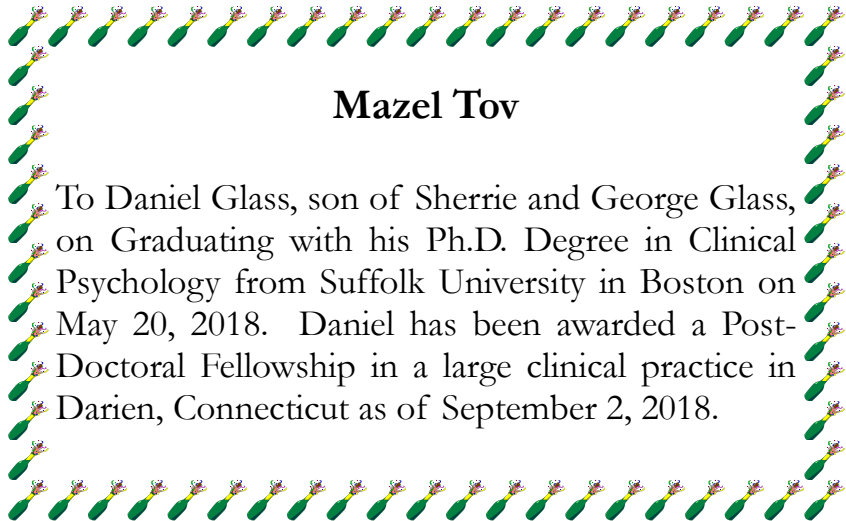
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Mazel Tov

To Daniel Glass, son of Sherrie and George Glass, on Graduating with his Ph.D. Degree in Clinical Psychology from Suffolk University in Boston on May 20, 2018. Daniel has been awarded a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in a large clinical practice in Darien, Connecticut as of September 2, 2018.



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9/2 –9/8/2018

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Jennie Korelitz
Max M. Lawfer
Sam G. Loeb
*Abe A. Rotwein
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Fanny Ruvinsky
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9/9-9/15/2018

Jack Spiegel
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Samuel Mandel
Ruth Lamensdorf
Elaine Mack
*Michael Carson
Virginia Williams
Jack Cherkasky
Sander Margolis
*Bernard Klateman
Leona Korelitz
Edith R. Levine
Joseph Blacher
Gary Orkin
Jeanette P. Lind
Ann Alpern
Al Sherman
Bernard Shapero
Jack Bennett
*Max Plotkin
Lee Korelitz

Fanny Smith

9/16- /22/2018

*Ralph Salomon
Eleanor Miller
Esther Elfassy
*Amelia Hatry
Angel Abeles
Tania Stotland
David Friedlander
Frank Barron
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*Sam Cohen
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*Kerry Briggs
*Harry Singer
Salomon S. Elfassy
*Sam Cohen
Harold Kolodney

9/23-9/29/2018

Rosamond Sigal
Ellis Saik
Herman Loeb
Sydney Jacobs
Margie Rinehart
*Nell Cohen
*Beatrice J. Fischer
Morton Adler
*Sheila Thrower
Maurice Emmich
*Beth Sollek

*Rose K. Mitchell
*Meyer Crystal
*Dudley Burwell
Jesse Harvey
Sadye Hart
*Martha R. Joseph
*Steve Laskin
Barton Sacher
Rebecca Sherman
Pearl Tannenbaum
*Robert Greenberg
Joan Orkin
Edith Nerad
*Linda Shornick
Dorothy D. Carson

9/30-10/6/2018

Alan Libglid
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