



HIGH HOLY DAYS EDITION

SERVICES IN PERSON, ONLINE



Temple Adath
Israel Bulletin

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Hakarot hatov: Recognizing the good for a good new year

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



David
Wirschafter

atonement, addressing our shortcomings by recognizing the hurt we have caused and changing the behavior that

Mishkan Ha'Nefesh, the High Holy Days prayerbook we have been using for the past few years, introduced a profound idea to approaching the spiritual challenge of the season we are about to enter. The overall emphasis of the Days of Awe is on

leads to such harm. Historically, the liturgy for the High Holy Days pursues this goal with prayers that enumerate an array of wrongdoings and offer deep contrition for all of them.

The editors of our new prayerbook did not cut back on the classic components. *Aveinu Malkeinu* (Our Creator, Our Ruler), "we have sinned before you," is still there. *Al Cheyt She Chatanu* (the sins we have sinned against You) is still there. *Ashamnu*, an alphabetical litany of our sins, is still there. Kol Nidre, a prayer acknowledging the limitations of our capacity to change, is still there. *Unatonatokeph*, reminding us that judgment and

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2023 TAI HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

SERVICES AT TAI ALSO VIA LIVE STREAM, FACEBOOK LIVE AND YOUTUBE; OZS VIA LIVESTREAM

SELICHOT

Saturday, Sept. 9

Hosted by TAI; co-sponsored by OZS, JFB and Lexington Havurah.

9 p.m.: Havdalah

9:15: Program

10: Service

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, Sept. 15

6 p.m.: TAI Shabbat dinner; see Page 3 for details and RSVP information.

7 p.m.: Service, followed by oneg.

ROSH HASHANAH

Saturday, Sept. 16

9:15 a.m.: Children's service, program

9:30 a.m.: Service

Directly after service: Tashlich; details to be announced.

Sunday, Sept. 17

9:30 a.m.: Torah study and breakfast on second day of Rosh Hashanah in TAI Educational Suite
(Please email office@lextai.org if you plan to attend. At least 10 affirmative responses needed by Friday, Sept. 15, for the program to be held.

2 p.m.: Tashlich on the Creek (family friendly canoeing and kayaking on Elkhorn Creek); details Page 3.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, Sept. 22

7 p.m.: Service honoring couples married 50 years or longer

KEVER AVOT

Sunday, Sept. 24

1 p.m.: Memorial service at Lexington Cemetery

KOL NIDRE

Sunday, Sept. 24

7 p.m.: Service

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, Sept. 25

9:15 a.m.: Children's service, program

9:30: Service

1:30 p.m.: Meditation and reflection program in Educational Suite (aka the library)

2:30 p.m.: Afternoon service

4: Yizkor

5:30: Neilah

6:30 (ish): Break-the-fast potluck in Mersack & Stern Social Hall; time approximate after Neilah. See Page 4 for details

SUKKOT*

Saturday, Sept. 30

Hosted by OZS

9:30 a.m.: Service

SUKKOT OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Oct. 1

2 p.m.: Open house at the home of Rabbi David Wirtschafter and Shana Sippy

FINAL DAY OF SUKKOT

Friday, Oct. 6

Hosted by OZS

9:30 a.m.: Service with Yizkor

SIMCHAT TORAH

Saturday, Oct. 7

10:30 a.m.: Simchat Torah and Bat Mitzvah of Arly Weinstein

7:45 p.m.: Service at OZS

Sunday, Oct. 8

10 a.m.-noon: Programming for all ages

* If you would like to spend time in TAI's sukkah with the lulav and etrog, contact the office to make arrangements.

TASHLICH TIMES TWO

Join the congregation as we celebrate the new year, cast off our misdeeds, and enjoy one another's company directly after Rosh Hashanah services on Saturday, Sept. 16, and again on Sunday, Sept. 17.

The site of the Saturday event has not been finalized. Look for details in upcoming emails.

On Sunday, it's the return of Tashlich on the Creek, a 2- to 3-hour fun float by canoe or kayak. Participants are expected to be on-site at least 20 minutes before the 2 p.m. start time at Canoe Kentucky in Peaks Mill, northeast of Frankfort. Peaks Mill is a 40- to 60-minute drive from Lexington. The cost is \$65 for a canoe for two people (third person weighing less than 85 pounds is an additional \$10), \$50 for a one-person kayak, and \$75 for a tandem kayak; 3-, 4- or 5-person rafts are available, water level permitting, for \$85, \$110 and \$135, respectively. To learn more about the experience, visit Canoeky.com.

RSVP by Sept. 7 to Mark Hoffman at markrhoffman@gmail.com.



*Wishing You a
Sweet New Year*



Benefiting Religious School
at Temple Adath Israel

100% pure & natural | Honey Honey, Midway

**Bee sure to place
your order for
our honey sale**

The deadline to place orders for the TAI Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale is Monday, Sept. 11, for local pickup and delivery. The deadline to order jars for domestic shipping Tuesday, Sept. 5, to ensure recipients receive the honey before Rosh Hashanah.

To place an order online, go to TAIhoneysale.square.site or call the temple office (859-269-2979) to place or order or get an order form.

All proceeds benefit Religious School.

Pickup at the temple office starts Tuesday, Sept. 12.

JOIN US FOR
**EREV ROSH HASHANAH
SHABBAT DINNER**

6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15

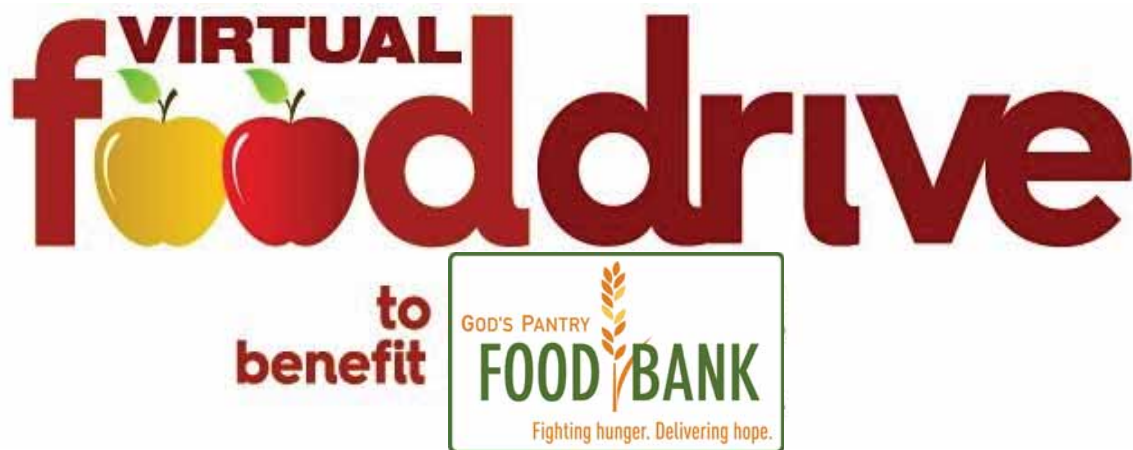
**In TAI's Mersack & Stern Social Hall;
services follow at 7, with oneg after.**

**This event is free.
Meal includes meat and vegetarian options.**

RSVP at bit.ly/TAIdinnerERH

**High Holy Days
guest policy**

TAI encourages congregants to invite out-of-town guests or unaffiliated friends and family members. Due to security considerations, please submit guests' names in advance to the temple office (859 269-2979 or office@lextai.org).



In Central and Eastern Kentucky, 220,000 residents, including more than 55,000 children, don't have enough food to thrive, according to God's Pantry.

In the past 3 years, TAI's High Holy Days Fund for Food virtual fundraiser to benefit God's Pantry has raised more than \$21,000, enough to provide more than **165,000 meals.**

Donate at TAIfundforfood.square.site



YOM KIPPUR POTLUCK RETURNS

For the first time since 2019, we're back to a potluck dinner for our Yom Kippur break-the-fast meal on Monday, Sept. 25. It will be in the Mersack & Stern Social Hall immediately after Neilah (expected to end about 6:30 p.m.) Sisterhood will provide kugel, bagels, cream cheese, tuna and egg salads, and beverages. Congregants are asked to bring salads or other vegetable or dairy (non-meat) dishes. Pre-Covid, we had quite the spread, with tables filled with a variety of homemade and store-bought sides and desserts. Don't be surprised if someone wants your recipe!

Drop off your contribution any time that Monday, preferably beforehand so we have time to set up.

Also, several volunteers are needed for food prep at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, and for final preparations about 4 p.m. Monday. If you'd like to help, contact Mary Engel at kyengels727@gmail.com for specifics.

Happy New Year, and many thanks

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Rich
Ornstein

As we head into the New Year, it's time to say my "thank yous." Thank you to everyone who was able to attend this year's annual meeting and cookout (right) on Aug. 13. It was wonderful seeing and getting to spend time with so many of you. A special thanks to those who spent so much time getting our lunch ready: Nick Fain, Pat Shraberg, Anne Banks, Laura and Trevor Creamer, and Mary Engel.

It is an exciting time to be at TAI. Our Religious School is about to start its new year. Having so many children learning about their faith and spending time with so many other Jewish children is wonderful. Thank you to Youth Education Director Elissa Weinstein, our Youth Education Committee chaired by Debbie Masters, and all of our teachers and volunteers (adults and teens) who give their time on Sunday mornings. Without these wonderful people, we wouldn't have a school!

Every time I walk into TAI, I think about how great our facility looks today compared to a few years ago. Without our fantastic Property Committee, led by Chair Jeb Messer, we wouldn't have a facility that fills me with pride.

A special thank you to Rabbi Wirschafter, the Music and Worship Committee chaired by Dr. Mark Schachman, Temple Administrator Laura Creamer and Musician-in-Residence Lorne Dechtenberg for their work as they



prepare for the High Holy Days, which requires a lot of time and energy. We are lucky to have such great leadership.

Last, thank you to all our other committee members and volunteers. You are valued and appreciated. Without you, we are just a building, not a congregation.

As 5784 dawns, I wish each and every one of you a joyous and prosperous New Year.

RABBI

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accountability are inescapable, is still there.

The editors did not cut back on the problem of sin, the pressing need for confession or otherwise water down the seriousness of the occasion. What they have done, through the inclusion of *Hakarat Hatov* – *Recognizing the Good*, is to offer a measure of balance and proportion to the demanding work of atonement. Tradition calls on us to engage in *heshbon nefesh*, an accounting of the soul. Until recently, this practice has implied an accounting of sins – where we have failed and what we have done wrong. Yet, to draw on the bookkeeping metaphor, a comprehensive accounting must

include credits as well as debits, gains and losses. A *heshbon nefesh* is not complete without a *hakarat hatov*.

A footnote in *Mishkan Ha'Nefesh* helps to put the balance between our good deeds and poor choices in proper perspective. Recognizing the good "conveys a moral lesson: that we find blessing not only in receiving something beneficial but in noticing and appreciating the good that is already ours." The purpose of *hakarat hatov* is not found in attaining gold stars or brownie points that might offset our offenses. The point of the exercise is not to get something from God or our fellow human beings. The objective, rather, is *noticing and appreciating* the goodness around us. The benefit of the exercise is found in looking for the good, not listing it.

When we take the effort to *look* for the good, the moral/spiritual opposite of fault-finding, we enhance our capacity for gratitude and optimism, and lessen our susceptibility to cynicism and despair.

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, and throughout the year, let us enhance the practice of *heshbon nefesh* with that of *hakarat hatov*. Let us strive to look a bit harder, longer, deeper and wider for the good in one another and in the world. For when we actually take the time to notice and appreciate the good that is already ours, we enhance our capacity and willingness to help it grow even further.

May noticing goodness increase our goodness in the year to come.

Shana Tova!



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Elissa Weinstein,
Director**

Shalom! I'd like to introduce our Religious School staff for the 2023-24 school year, which starts Sunday, Sept. 10. Temple Tots: Laura Schachman; Pre-K: Jessalin Archer; Kindergarten: TBD; first grade: Faith McBride-Byrne; second grade: Wexler Yelowitz with Hebrew teacher Diane Arnson Svarlien; fourth grade: Jordan Brennan; fifth/sixth grades: Dan Isenstein with Hebrew teacher Diane Arnson Svarlien, seventh/eighth grades: Mark Schachman, ninth/10th grades: Rabbi Wirtschafter and visiting teachers. Abigail Miller is leading our art class, and Jo Stone and visiting congregants will be doing garden activities with our students. Laura Schachman will also be returning to lead cooking, and Gabe Robitaille will teach

music. Amanda Palley and Raya Isenstein will be assisting our teachers and working with various classes. In August, our staff came together for training. We spent the morning preparing for this school year and learned some interesting facts about one another during our icebreakers.

We are excited to restart our Family Shabbats on the third Friday of the month beginning Nov. 17. In October, we will host a Welcome Back Shabbat on Friday, Oct. 27. Each month a different class will lead the congregation in prayer. We are looking forward to getting back to our monthly gatherings after the High Holy Days.

If you have yet to register your student(s), email me at elissa@lextai.org for the online registration link.

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, don't forget about TAI's Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale, which benefits Religious School (more details Page 3). It is a lovely way to wish someone a sweet and special New Year. The honey, from Hosey Honey in Midway, is a great gift for friends and family, whether they are celebrating the New Year or simply like honey.

I wish you a sweet and healthy New Year and look forward to the new adventures we will share as a community this year.



BAT MITZVAH

Alan and Elissa Weinstein invite you to share in their great happiness as their daughter

ARLY CAROLINE WEINSTEIN is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023
at Temple Adath Israel, 124 N. Ashland Ave.
There will be a kiddush luncheon immediately after the morning service.

Arly also will participate in the Shabbat evening service at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6.



Ryann and Rahul Akolkar welcomed their fourth child, son Ravi Prakash Akolkar, on May 20. Ravi's grandparents are **Dale and Elaine Schermer**.



Aaron Atticus Svarlien and Julia Lacher of Chicago were married July 15 in Des Moines, Iowa. Aaron is the son of **Diane and John Arnson Svarlien**.

UK Jewish Studies' fall lecture series focuses on Hebrew Bible

The topic of the fall lecture series presented by the University of Kentucky Program in Jewish Studies Program is "The Hebrew Bible from a Jewish Scholarly Perspective."

Here's the schedule; all lectures are on Wednesdays and on Zoom only:

■ **7 p.m. Sept. 20:** "The Jewish Study Bible: What Makes It Jewish," Adele Berlin of the University of Maryland

■ **4 p.m. Oct. 25:** "The Book of Ruth and the Question of Migration," Ilana Pardes of Hebrew University

■ **7 p.m. Nov. 15:** "Why the Literary Form of the Bible Matters," Robert Alter of University of California Berkeley

The Zoom links are available at Jewishstudies.as.uky.edu/calendar.

Celebrate Rosh Hashanah at the Stewart Home

Jewish Family Services and its volunteers will take a Rosh Hashanah Celebration to the Jewish students at the Stewart Home and School on Tuesday, Sept. 12. Everyone is welcome to participate. The group will meet at 4:45 p.m. at the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass office at TAI and carpool to Frankfort.

The celebration, which will include apple cake, Rosh Hashanah bingo with prizes, apples and honey, and holiday songs, will be 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. To volunteer or for more information, contact Paula Mertens, JFS director, at (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.



News From



The Jewish Federation
OF THE BLUEGRASS

Sukkah Hop

5:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2
on TAI front lawn. Music and fun for the whole family; keep your eye on JFB weekly emails for more information.

Emails and e-news

If you are not receiving our weekly Shabbat or "Beyond the Bluegrass" emails, get on the list by contacting daniel@jewishlexington.org.

Assistance requests

If you or someone you know needs help with housing, utilities, grocery shopping or other situations, contact Paula Mertens, Jewish Family Services director, at (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org.

IMPOSSIBLE TAKES LONGER

75 YEARS AFTER ITS CREATION,
HAS ISRAEL FULFILLED ITS
FOUNDERS' DREAMS?

DANIEL GORDIS

AUTHOR OF *Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn*
WINNER OF THE NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD

Formerly Torah Talk

The Jewish Experience

Thursdays, 12:30pm, via Zoom

August 24 - October 12

Join us weekly for our virtual book discussion about the book "Impossible Takes Longer" by Daniel Gordis.

The book is available for purchase through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and Joseph-Beth Booksellers.

For questions, contact Joy Fisher at joy@jewishlexington.org



Directory updates

New members

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876-4984

Address change

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and Greg Wilson
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Phone number updates

Jared and Shirley Bryan
Jared: (859) 539-3709
Shirley: (859) 489-6530

Marty and Diane Friedman
Marty: (859) 537-4105
Diane: (859) 492-4640



WORSHIP, STUDY SCHEDULE



Study groups meet in person with a Zoom option.

Sept. 1

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Sept. 2

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

Parsha 11 a.m.

Ki Tavo — Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Sept. 8

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Sept. 9

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

Parsha 11 a.m.

Nitzavim-Vayeilech — Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30

Selichot at OZS

Havdalah 9 p.m.

Program 9:15 p.m.

Service 10 p.m.

Sept. 15

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Service 7 p.m.

Sept. 16

Rosh Hashanah

Children's service 9:15 a.m.

Service 9:30 a.m.

No study sessions

Sept. 22

Shabbat Shuva 7 p.m.

Sept. 23

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

Parsha 11 a.m.

Ha'azinu — Deuteronomy 32:1-53

Sept. 24

Kol Nidre

Service 7 p.m.

Sept. 25

Yom Kippur

Children's service, program 9:15 a.m.

Service 9 a.m.

Meditation and reflection 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon service 2:30 p.m.

Yizkor 4 p.m.

Neilah 5:30 p.m.

Break the fast 6:30 (approx.)

Sept. 29

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Sept. 30

Sukkot service at OZS 9:30 a.m.

No study sessions at TAI

Oct. 6

Shabbat and YomTov service with Yizkor 7 p.m.

Oct. 7

Simchat Torah

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

No Parsha study

Arly Weinstein bat mitzvah 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 13

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Oct. 14

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.

Parsha 11 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret — Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17

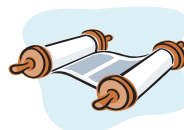
KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9 a.m. Saturdays, alternating with Jewish Texts. The group explores cultural, ethical and historical aspects of our 4,000-year tradition. The emphasis is on dialogue and exploration. You may join the group any time.



JEWISH TEXTS STUDY

We will discuss selected readings in rabbinic literature at 9 a.m. Saturdays, alternating with Kollel Study Group. The discussion is always lively and informative, and you may join any time.



PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 as we take a look at the Torah portion for the week. Sessions are not held when there is a bar or bat mitzvah service.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Executive Committee

Thursday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m.

TAI MISSION STATEMENT

Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation linked to a tradition of welcoming those searching for a community committed to honoring the dignity we all share as children of the one God by embracing these enduring Jewish values: *AVODAH* (Worship); *TALMUD TORAH* (Torah Study); *TZEDEK* (Social Justice); and *KEHILAH* (Community). Our mission is to inspire our congregants' Jewish engagement and to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing the many generations of our community. We share a commitment to the Reform Jewish foundational beliefs of furthering individual and communal spiritual growth, while recognizing a range of personal philosophies, practices and needs. We are the community center through which our families can celebrate faith, justice, and the blessings of family lives present and future.



YAHREZEIT ... *These we remember...*



Sept. 1

Milton
Alexander
Abraham
Bloomfield
Luraine Boggs
Harry Brazin
Eleanor Burger
Heather
Creamer
Philip Flomen
Julia Biederman
Friedland
Estelle Helfand
Arlene Langman
Barbara Pastan
Mollie S. Rabiner
Pauline Ravvin
William Leonard
Shraberg
Harry Skuller
Rabbi Herman
Snyder
Madelyne L.
Strauss
Mesad Tareque
Nancy Tate
Sim Weil
Harold Weinberg
Adolph J.
Winters
Jeffrey Mark
Wurmser
Myron
Zuckerman

Sept. 8

Graham Rex
Brown
Eugene Cazden
Mazal Elkouby
Rose Friedman
Abraham
Frumberg
Dorothy Gantz
Blema Gerson
David M. Glixon
Anne Goldberg

Esther Goldberg
Miles Hall
Sheldon "Cokie"
Hymson
Mildred Jaffee
Ed Lawrence
Chadwick McKee
David M. Miller
Garnett Nathan
Phyllis
Seidelman
Dorothy Shapero
Norbert Slepian
Janice Jaegel
Wagner
Arnold Morris
Warshoftig
David Simon
Weil
Jerry Wurmser

Sept. 15

Pearl Behrman
Sylvia Bingham
Jake Bloom
Norma Cohen
Scott Eisenfeld
Edwin I.
Friedman
Reta Gailor
Harry Gordon
Joseph Arthur
Guttman
Gertrude
Hamburg
Eliot Hammer
Leonard Joffe
James A. Jonas
Julius Kauffman
Gus Kerber
Charles Kubert
William J. Leffler
Bertha Lundin
Marvin B.
Meyers
Jennie Miller
Morris Miller
Leslie Moosnick

Sonia Moosnick
Janice Newman
Jack Nigoff
Roberta Novick
Risa Rosenzweig
Marvin Snyder
Al Sommer
Don Taulbee
Samuel Wolfson
Ruth Worker
Dorothy
Zuckerman

Sept. 22

Frances L. Ades
Leo Vincent
Aranson
Julia Egli
Biederman
E. Carrington
Breck
Rabbi Lawrence
Broh-Kahn
Nellie May
Drautman
Adalbert
Erdmann
Aaron Franzblau
Arnold Goldman
Sybil Guttman
Joseph Hamburg
Ruth Katz
William
Kauffman
Louis Kleiman
Flora Lasky
Lillian Moseson
Levens
Hyman Mendal
Levenson
Paul Scott
Marder
Federico Milch
Elizabeth
Mitchell
Albert Nigoff
Reuben Rozen
Robert Sloat

Joseph Emanuel
Snyder
Jacob Speyer
Irvin H. Stern Sr.

Sept. 29

Jacob Orion
Ayers
Ben Cantor
Jean Doctrow
Nathan Heller
Pauline Stith
Hemingway
Marie P. Mayer
Olive Miller
Helen Paritz
Albert Putney
Norman Reiss
Sam G.
Rosenstein
Rosalyn Rozen
Mary Saretsky
Daniel Schermer
Alex Schwartz
Leonard Silver
Adele
Biederman
Snyder
Linda
Sondergard
Ruth Stanakis
Harold B.
Weinberger
Sandra "Cookie"
Wenneker

Oct. 6

Fara Amsalem
Martin Bloom
Milly Bloomfield
Gerold (Gene)
Boggs
Carol Boyle
James Bramlage
Joseph
Engelberg
Alice Gellin

Leslie Boxer
Glass
Helen Goldfarb
Judith Hersh
Maurice H.
Hymson
Evette Joffe
Harold Kessler
Emmanuel S.
Leopold
Robert
Meade Sr.
John Newton
Ross
Sidney Scher
Marion
Schoenfeld
Jane Hill Sobel
Phillip Strauss
Dan Yarus

Oct. 13

Hilda Abraham
Rebecca Belrose
Howard
Bernstein
Ann Diamond
Miriam
Engelberg
Gertrude
Goldsmith Fox

Harry Goldstein
Katheryn Gray
Arthur Herman
Maurice
Kovinow
Alice A. Krieger
Si Mazo
Shirley Cohen
Melcher
Arthur Meyers
Alvin A. Miller
Lena Moses
Max Munich
Jeanne Nigoff
Ruth O'Koon
Yandell O'Koon
Juanita Onez
Earl Ray Roberts
Govriel L.
Rosenthal
Marianne
Rosenzweig
David Schuman
Gloria Baker
Siegel
Hannah S. Silver
Tamara Lea
Wachtel
Samuel
Weisenberg
Clara Zusman

In Memoriam ...

Jack Miller, husband of Susan Miller, father of Adam Miller (Carrie Blake); grandfather of Leo, Ivy and Tate; uncle of Jonathan (Lisa) Miller and Jennifer Miller; brother-in-law of Penny Miller.

Jean Beeman, mother of Cynthia Beeman (Dennis Lynn)

Lillian Gorman, aunt of Jane (Bill) Grisé and Anne (Wayne) Graff

*May their memories
be for a blessing*

TAI'S ENDOWMENT AT WORK

TAI's endowment supplements the temple's financial needs. Many of the more than 30 funds that comprise the endowment were set up with a specific purpose in mind by the congregants who created and initially funded them. Disbursements from those funds must comply with the establishing agreements.

The information that follows, compiled by Endowment Committee Treasurer Stacey Myers-Wilson, covers the first half of 2023. It shows how the endowment is faring and how the funds are being spent to benefit TAI.

From Jan. 1 through June 30, the cumulative value of the endowment grew 9.3%. During that time, disbursements have been made as follows to meet temple needs:

- \$16,500 from Enrichment Fund; offset operating expenses.
- \$8.4K from Preschool Reserve Fund (comprised of budget surpluses over the years from the now-defunct preschool); remaining cost of paving former outdoor playground space.
- \$6.7K from Rosenstein Family Fund; offset Religious School operating expenses.

■ \$6.1K from Dr. Sherman E. and Fannie H Miller Memorial Fund; youth activities and scholarships.

■ \$5K from Jayne Bolotin Memorial Fund; cover TAI's insurance deductible from storm damage in August 2022.

■ \$3.1K from the Marty Solomon Fund for Jewish Youth Experiences and General Fund Purposes; 2022-23 tuition offset for Religious School families.

■ \$2.5K from Music & Worship Fund; offset cost of musician in residence position.

■ \$2.1K from Skuller-Cohen-Cerel Endowment Fund; cost of Religious School curriculum.

■ \$1.6K from Anita and Harold Baker Music Trust Fund; offset cost of April concert of Moroccan Jewish music.

■ \$1.1K from Perpetual Care Fund; care of nine gravesites at Lexington Cemetery.

■ \$1K from Tikkun Olam Fund; replenish L'Chaim Fund, which helps congregants facing financial struggles.

CONTRIBUTIONS

CARING CONNECTIONS

Susan Cobin and Randall Roorda in memory of Lillian Gorman

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Jack Friedman

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Gail Levin and Tressa Miller

The Jack Miller family in appreciation of Rabbi Wirschafter

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