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#### From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman





On Tisha B'Av we attempted to illustrate a contemporary example of Sinat Chinam, groundless hate, we read an account about a mother and daughter who recently attended a prayer service at the Kotel, with the Women of the Wall. If you have followed this saga over the past few years, progressive movements such has ours are attempting to establish a place to pray at the Kotel, the Westerm Wall. The "Women of the Wall" is at the forefront of this initiative. They are experiencing tremendous institutional and governmental resistance as they attempt to establish a place to pray at the Kotel.

Imagine, after centuries of yearning, Jewish people are in control of the place where our Holy Temples stood, but we are not allowing all Jews the self determination to pray there? Leah Bieler's story is heartbreaking, how can we be so insensitive to each other? Have we learned anything?

The article by Leah Bieler can be found on line at www.Forward.com I have posted the full article at B'naitikvah.org.

Two weeks ago we observed Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of Av, the anniversary of the destruction of the two Temples, the first by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon in 586BCE, the second by Titus in 70 CE. Jews never forgot those tragedies. To this day, at every wedding we break a glass in their memory. On the Ninth of Av itself, we spend the day fasting and sitting on the floor or low stools like mourners, reading the Book of Lamentations. It is a day of profound collective grief. Yet, except for a small group of us a B'nai Tikvah, this solemn observance is off our radar and most of the progressive Jewish community. For most, the warm summer sun serves as an opportunity for us to escape our daily pressures to enjoy cool swimming pools, crashing ocean waves and fresh mountain breezes. Most of us cherish the little leisure time a hot summer weekend affords us, we willing to wait a few more weeks for a mournful day fasting in shul; Yom Kippor will be here soon enough!

Here at B'nai Tikvah, our observance of Tisha B'Av was, although sad, a profound and a positive experience. Sinat Chinam means groundless hatred. We are taught that God allowed the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem because of Sinat Chinam, the constant infighting among the Jewish people was a contributing factor, an ancient concept that continues to permeate our society.

Towards the end of Tish B'Av, the author, Leah Bieler, posted on her facebook page, that she received this response to her article, an apology. Dear Leah,

You don't know me but I feel the need to apologize to you. I just finished reading your article about your experience at the Kotel and I am deeply sorry for what you endured. I new about Woman of the wall, and I knew that it was highly controversial and woman were sometimes arrested (which is beyond insanity) but I did not know that other women visiting the Kotel also abused and harassed women praying. I am sorry. As a Jewish woman who does not wear a Tallit to daven, as a Jewish woman who ascribes to more traditional gender roles in Judiasm, I am so sorry this happened to you and your daughter. While the entire Jewish world may not agree on how to daven, where to daven and what to daven (heck we barely agree on anything, let alone tefilah) we can still respect one another.

I hope your daughter's (and your) feeling of connectedness to Eretz haKodesh and the Kotel have not been damaged. The Jewish people are inherently connected to the land and to the Beit haMikdash, so despite what imperfect (and sometimes cruel) humans might say, it is hers, it yours and it is everyone's.

Again, I apologize. The last thing we need during the 9 days is more strife and disunity among ourselves. Wishing you and your family an easy fast. I hope someday very soon to meet you in Eretz Yisrael with the entire Jewish people, together, united with true Ahavat Yisrael and mutual respect for all our differences."

Rabbi Jonathan Sachs wrote:

"One of the greatest gifts we can give to our children is the knowledge of where we have come from, the things for which we fought, and why. None of the things we value — freedom, human dignity, justice — was achieved without a struggle. None can be sustained without conscious vigilance. A society without memory is like a journey without a map. It's all too easy to get lost.

Life has meaning when it is part of a story, and the larger the story, the more our imaginative horizons grow. Besides, things remembered do not die. That's as close as we get to immortality on earth."

We pray, we learn, we are one people with many expressions of our faith in God.

Worship the Lord with Gladness and Joy,

Cantor Bruce Rockman

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#### A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



Dear Rabbi Jacobs,

I read with interest your recent fund-raising letter for T'ruah, the rabbinic call for human rights, in which you celebrate the victory of preventing the Israeli organization Honenu from making cash payments to Israelis convicted of terrorism. I could not agree more that the horrible murder of innocent Palestinians is a heinous crime, as well as a disgrace for the Jewish people. Stopping reward payments for Israeli terrorists is a moral necessity, and I'm glad that you brought T'ruah's efforts to our attention. That being said, I was surprised that you made no mention in your letter of the hundreds of similar horrible murders perpetrated by Palestinians and lionized by Palestinian society—in stark contradiction to the mores of Israeli society. Palestinian terrorists receive tens of millions of dollars not from misguided private donors but from the Palestinian Authority.

Not to mention this explicitly in your letter generates a series of moral problems.

First, as a rabbi concerned about human rights, you must surely agree that the life of Jews is just as sacrosanct as the life of Palestinians. But your letter, by omission, implies the opposite.

Second, we must take into consideration that many people are uninformed about the conflict as a whole. Particularly for our youth, mentioning only the despicable murder of Palestinians by Jews creates the impression that the violence that is perpetuating the conflict is generated primarily—indeed, exclusively—by Israelis. The reality,

which we both know, is that Israeli Jews live under constant threat of Palestinian terror attacks (whether by rocket, car, bomb, or knife).

Third, we must ask ourselves what Palestinians learn from a letter such as yours. The basic raison d'être of a human rights organization is to bring to the world's attention those violations which rend asunder the fabric of civilization. "The whole world is watching!" is the chant that reaches the heart of anyone with a conscience, and even some who don't. But looking at your letter, a Palestinian must surely conclude that the world only watches Jewish misdeeds, and—and this is the crucial point—therefore, the Palestinians should expect no consequences for continuing their murder spree, and getting payment for it. All of which in turn makes peace that much more unlikely.

Rabbi Jacobs, the High Holy Days are rapidly approaching. It is time for *teshuvah*, and to the degree that we do *teshuvah* collectively, we must do *teshuvah* for the Jewish murderers of innocent Palestinians. It is a stain on our souls, and nothing else but. However, we must simultaneously make clear that the murder of Jewish innocents is equally heinous, and *teshuvah* for it equally necessary. If we do not, I fear that we will be perpetuating a moral imbalance that will result in the loss of many, many more innocent lives, both Jewish and Palestinian.

I look forward, therefore, to hearing about Truah's efforts to ensure that the Palestinian Authority be held to the same high moral standard as the rest of us.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

#### **HAKOL**

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#### A Message From Our Co-Presidents





Allison Nagelberg,

Ruth Anne Koenick, Co-Presidents

What a difference a day makes. We all experience life changes throughout the years. A child is born, starts school, goes off to college or the army or finds a job, meets his or her bashert or explores the world, has a career, and perhaps starts a family. While there are days and months that seem to drag, in retrospect it all goes by so fast.

For me (Ruth Anne), my life changed when I retired this past spring. Suddenly I wasn't going to work every day, although I was still getting up at 5 am, I didn't have things to fill my days, and the days and future didn't really have any structure. While many people said I would be busier than ever, I am not sure that is what I want to happen. This summer I spent in Bethany Beach DE and while my friends and family visited and I got to spend a lot of time with my sweet grandchildren, what I did realize was how much I missed being at B'nai Tikvah and sharing Shabbat with my friends. I looked forward to getting the weekly emails and Constant Contacts, "hearing" what was going on and feeling connected to my congregational family. While the Bethany Beach area has a large Jewish community in the summer, the closest Conservative synagogue is over an hour away and doesn't have Shabbat morning services in the summer. Even the close "New York Deli" doesn't serve kosher meat

For me (Allison), summer weekends are spent in the Poconos. On some weekends, I am lucky to have one of my kids around...that is, when they are not busy with their other communities in Israel, Asia or Africa, South Jersey, or Camp Ramah. I am blessed

to have a wonderful synagogue on the premises of my Pocono community, where I somehow wind up reading Haftorah every weekend. When my kids are in the Poconos, they can expect to read Torah or have another honor in our lovely shul, where we look out on the beautiful mountains and revel in our natural surroundings. We remind ourselves that no matter where we are in the world, Shabbat services have the same lyrics, the same melodies, the same cadence. And yet, it is not quite the same as being at B'nai Tikvah, singing along with Cantor Rockman, listening to and learning from Rabbi Wolkoff, and kibitzing with Ruth Anne and all of our CBT family.

While some people say that being a member of a Jewish community is not a priority, we can't imagine spending every weekend away from our B'nai Tikvah community. We so look forward to the year starting again and the excitement of seeing everyone at the holidays even though we have to wait until October. B'nai Tikvah is so vibrant and alive with programs for everyone. Our love and commitment to Israel shines through in everything we do and our membership, clergy, staff and lay leadership believe in the goodness and passion of Conservative Judaism.

As we get ready to say goodbye to the summer, we look forward to starting a new Jewish year with all of you, and we wish for all of you a year filled with health, happiness and contentment.

Sincerely,
Allison Nagelberg, Co-President
Ruth Anne Koenick, Co-President

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## CBT Religious School and CBT Chai

Jennifer James, Director of Education



"Question What Is, Imagine What Can Be."

When I was studying for my Masters in Jewish Education, this was the motto of my school, and I have taken it to heart.

What "question what is, imagine what can be" says to me is: never be satisfied with things as they are or rest on laurels; there is always room for positive change; creative thinking is a powerful way to make positive change; and the process of positive change can be exhilarating and inspiring.

With these thoughts in mind, and with the many things I have learned about this congregation and our Religious School families over the past two years, I turned my attention over the past six months to two significant projects that I am now very excited to share with our students and families

First, our new school-wide curriculum is ready for use in all our grade-levels from Kindergarten through Hei (seventh grade). Building on the work that has been done over the past few years, we have a comprehensive curriculum that addresses the many areas of Jewish learning that makes for an educated Jew: Torah, Hebrew and T'filah, Mitzvot, Middot, Holidays, and Israel. Each of these areas is explored every year, with increasing sophistication and detailed information, so that Jewish learning grows as the learner grows. Additional areas of learning are introduced in specific grade levels. These include Jewish time and calendar, the origins of the Jewish people and religion, Tanakh (Bible), American Jewish history, Israeli history, Talmud, and life cycle traditions.

The curriculum is structured with the recognition that neither the core subjects nor the additional topics are truly independent of one another. Rather, in Judaism and Jewish life, they are all interwoven. Thus, for example, learning the weekly parsha (Torah portion) may

incorporate elements of Hebrew and holidays and mitzvot; celebrating modern Israel relies on knowledge of our ancient history and might also reference various bible stories; and studying a particular prayer may be integrated with learning about middot (values) that are embedded in our t'filah. My hope is that our students will learn, over time, to perceive these threads throughout their learning and weave them into their own understanding of what it means to live as a Jew.

The curriculum plan is being sent to all Religious School families, and can also be viewed on our website under the Religious School page. I would be very happy to discuss it with anyone who has questions or just wants to talk about it!

Second, understanding how important Hebrew competence and t'filah learning is for our CBT families, we have created an original new approach to Wednesday afternoon Religious School for students in Alef through Hei. Wednesdays will focus completely on Hebrew and t'filah, in a way that reaches students' heads and hearts, bodies and souls. We will be using many innovative techniques, such as Hebrew through games, Hebrew through movement, and computer programs and apps.

We will continue our weekly Wednesday t'filah prayer services as well, with some updates so that we will have both whole-school community prayer experiences on some weeks, and other weeks engage in unique t'filah services geared specifically to different age levels.

Spencer Brooks is assisting me as our Hebrew and T'filah Coordinator (in addition to his role as our Bet class teacher) to create this new approach to learning on Wednesday afternoons. This is his passion as well as mine, and we are want to share it with all our learners.

And I am happy to note that Rabbi Wolkoff, who is also very focused on prayer and meaning, will be sharing his insights with our students on a regular basis as well.

I look forward to re-connecting with you all on our first day of Religious School, Sunday, September 11.

*B'shalom*, Jennifer

The last time we changed from daylight saving time, a Rabbi posted, "For those who habitually show up 15 minutes late to the Synagogue, allow me to remind you that tonight is the night you set your clock back 45 minutes.

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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMMITTEE





Sharon Cohen

Suzanne Oliver Co-Presidents

#### WELCOME

Let us introduce ourselves. We are Sharon Cohen and Suzanne Oliver, the new Religious School Committee co-chairs.

We welcome you to another exciting religious school year! We have many exciting events happening this year including a Zumba fundraiser, annual Hanukah party, annual Passover seder and many more!!! There are so many ways you can get involved and help us make your child's year as great as it can be!!! To see how you can get involved, please come to our first committee meeting on **September 18**, at 11:00 am and see how you can be a part of your child's religious school experience.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sharon and Suzanne

## Federation Accepts Teen Applicants for a New J Team Class

The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 J Team Teen Philanthropy program. A select group of 9th-12th grade students meet monthly throughout the school year to learn about philanthropy, meet representatives of nonprofit agencies, engage in community service and make charitable donations - all with a focus on core Jewish values of giving. The teamwork approach to philanthropic giving makes this program a win-win for our community's teens and nonprofit agencies and gives teens the tools to begin a life of giving.

J Teamers each make a donation of \$125 and use the knowledge they acquire to propose and select organizations to fund. At the end of the year, team members decide together which programs will receive funding, and how that money is allocated to those programs. The program is hosted by the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey.

Applications and information can be found at www.jewishheartnj.org/teens. Please direct all inquiries to Linda Benish, J Team Coordinator, at lindab@jewishheartnj.org or 732-588-1816. To learn how you can help support or sponsor this program, contact Laura Safran, Director, Community Impact at lauras@jewishheartnj.org.

While hosting a garage sale, I asked a man if he was looking for anything in particular. "Yes," he said. "Place mats the color of grape jelly."



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## Molly Picon Sweetheart of Second Avenue

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This program is free and open to all. To reserve a seat, please contact: Carol Adelman 732-238-3477 or Geri Frank 732-297-2556.

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## Matzah Balls and Basmati: Growing Up Jewish with a Muslim Father

Wednesday, November 3, at 1 PM at Congregation B'nai Tikvah

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Duryan Bhagat-Clark believes it is important to share her insights and experiences growing up with a Jewish mother born in the US and a Muslim father raised in India.

Mixed marriages can be complex culturally with religion only one component. In this highly charged political season rife with differences, she is committed to sharing the value of tolerance with others. A member of Temple Shalom in Aberdeen, she is looking forward to her daughter's Bat Mitzvah, as is her Christian husband. With wit and charm, Duryan provides a front row seat to the challenges and joys of blended families.

For more information or to reserve a place, please contact Caryl Distel 732-297-0755 or Shelli Altman 732-264-8651.



#### Pre-KADIMA

Pre-KADIMA will be having
Its first meeting of the year on
Saturday, September 17th
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We are limiting this tour to 36 participants and the Sisterhood will subsidize the cost for this program! Participants will pay only \$36 (normally the tour is \$65).

Transportation to the city is on your own. Let us know if you would like to carpool and we will try to coordinate rides. We will give the starting location, a list of other activities to do in the area as well a parking garages, once registered.

The tour is approximately 3 hours in duration and requires about 1.5 miles of walking. Enough food is included so that you will not need to bring lunch.

To secure your spot, please email to edm0710@optonline.net and leave a check in the sisterhood mailbox or RSVP and pay online at <a href="mailto:bnaitikvah.org/les">bnaitikvah.org/les</a>

These spots will go quickly!

**Membership** - It's never too late to join Sisterhood. Please visit the CBT website at http://bnaitikvah.org/community-2/sisterhood/sisterhood-membership-application/ if you are interested in

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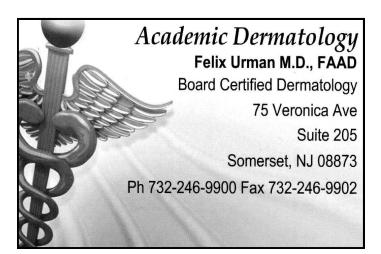
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## At B'nai Tikvah You Can... watch services from a foreign land!

We want to thank the ritual committee and anyone else involved with setting up and allowing the public to view our Shabbat services.

This summer we were fortunate to be able to attend a dear friend's wedding in Mexico. That weekend away was also the weekend that our son Joshua was to lead services during the Cantor's vacation time. Rebecca and Sarah also were participating in various parts of the service. Of course we wanted to be there at CBT to kvell in our kids service participation.

What to do? At 6:30 a.m. Pacific Time, we tuned into **Bnaitikvah.org** and were able to watch the entire service! What a great option! Thank you, again, Ritual Committee, et al!

Barry & Phyllis Safeer

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# FJMC North NJ Region Congratulates and Celebrates Andrew Goldberger



## CBT Men's Club "Man of the Year" Mazel Toy!!!

When: Wednesday, Nov. 9th at 6pm

Where: Marlboro Jewish Center, 103 School Road West, Marlboro, NJ

(Full Buffet Dinner/Dessert/Open Bar, Minyan, & Award Ceremony)

RSVP - Steve Katz (skatz56@aol.com or 732-329-0687)

\$54 per person; \$36 for MC Members

Checks payable to: CBT Men's Club (write MOY on check). Mail to or drop in the CBT Men's Club mail slot in the office.



### The JCC Early **Childhood Center at** Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Jennifer James, Director of Education

After a fabulous summer of camp, led with tremendous enthusiasm and skill by our Assistant Camp Director Carol Winter, we are ready to begin our new school year.

With an experienced staff and many improvements to our facilities, we are stronger than ever and looking forward to a terrific year. Stop in to visit our newly-renovated PreK room – it is spectacular!

September brings with it apple picking at Giamarese Farms and celebrations of many Jewish holidays. For our young learners, the concepts of saying "I'm sorry" and forgiveness and trying to do better are part of their daily growth, so they tie in nicely with the themes of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Sukkot is an especially fun time for the children – they love making decorations, and having snack in the sukkah!

We are still accepting registrations in some of our classes, so if you have friends and family looking for an excellent academic experience and an exposure to Jewish early childhood learning in a *hamish* (homey and loving) environment – send them our way!

B'shalom,

Jennifer

## Please join us for a special screening of:



The film follows the backstory of Mekonen Abebe, a new commander in the Israeli Defense Forces, as he returns to Africa to explore his roots, make peace with his past, and embrace his future in Israel.

Place: Congregation B'nai Tikvah Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Time: 8:00 PM

**Register:** There is no cost to attend, but registration is suggested. To register, email

Joshuasoliver@yahoo.com

For additional information contact the synagogue office at 732-297-0696 or email Josh Oliver at Joshuasoliver@yahoo.com





July, 2016

#### Chevre.

You may have noticed a lot of buzz in the past year around the CBT Men's Club. Under the leadership of Steve Katz, we've had more people taking on active roles to reinvigorate the Men's Club through targeted publicity and by building relationships throughout the many facets of the congregation. This has transferred into successful, well-attended, multi-generational events. In short, we've had more participation, more formal events, and more communication!

Men's Club by the Numbers—Fun Facts from 2015/2016:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Men's Club Shabbat in many years.
- 2 combined events with the Sisterhood.
- 5 games won by our Men's Club softball team.
- 20 people joined with us to raise the Sukkah.
- 25 people joined with us on an interactive geocaching tour of Duke Farms.
- 55 people joined with us for Jewish Heritage Night at Trenton Thunder.
- 350+ Yom Hashoah Candles were packed and delivered to congregants.
- 500+ people joined with us as the host shul for the regional Men's Club Man of the Year Dinner

NEW Leadership: Please allow me to introduce myself, Andrew Goldberger, as the new President of the CBT Men's Club. With many thanks, Steve Katz will continue to provide his guidance to us as our immediate Past President. My hope is that you will also help us to prosper and grow as a group by officially joining the Men's Club this year whether you've been a member for many years, whether you have been an on-and-off member, or whether you've never considered joining us in the past.

Rebuilding Membership: As part of our rebuilding process, membership is one of the most vital ways that you can help this year. Even if you don't want to take an active role, we rely on funding to sustain our programming and service commitments to the Synagogue. My goal this year with your support is for us to reach 100+ paid members. Our annual dues are only \$36. Please complete the membership form (on the back of this letter) with your payment or include it as part of your dues.

Men's Club News: It's easier than ever to find the most up-to-date Men's Club news. Check out our monthly articles in HaKol. Look for our calendar of events in the September issue, as well as on our membership form on the back of this page. You can also find up-to-date information about our events on the B'nai Tikvah web site. And coming soon: on Facebook. Feel free to attend our monthly Men's Club meetings on selected Sunday mornings after minyan. It's your opportunity

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me by phone at 908.472.6874 or email at mkag@comcast.net or any of our VPs listed at the side. If you want to participate in any capacity, remember that the doors are always open at CBT and the Men's Club.

to find out what going on first-hand and to be an active participant. All are welcome to attend!

Thank you in advance for your support.



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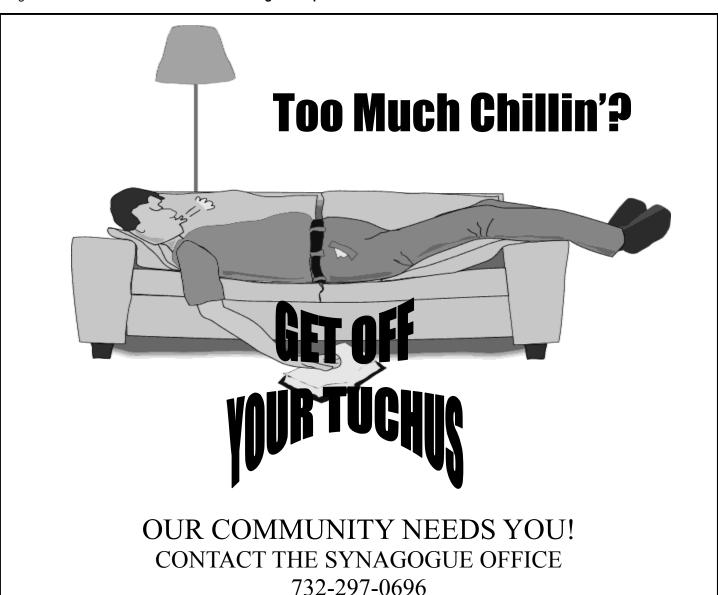
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Meets once a month for 2 to 4 hours during the day

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Meets once a month in the evening. Works to improve security in both the main building & school wing

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# WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR 5777 (2016 - 2017) HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

#### Selichot

Saturday, Sept. 24 Program 9:00 pm Service 11:00 pm

#### **Rosh Hashanah Eve**

**Sunday, Oct. 2** Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 6:19 pm

#### **Rosh Hashanah**

Monday, Oct. 3Morning – Shacharit<br/>Tashlich<br/>Mincha/Ma'ariv<br/>Candle Lighting9:00 am<br/>5:45 pm<br/>7:00 pm<br/>7:25 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 4Shacharit9:00 amMincha/Ma'ariv7:00 pmCandle Lighting7:23 pm

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#### **Kol Nidre**

Tuesday, Oct. 11Mincha Service5:45 pmKol Nidrei6:00 pmCandle Lighting6:05 pm

#### **Yom Kippur**

Wednesday, Oct. 12 Shacharit 9:30 am

Yizkor (approx.) 1:00 pm Mincha/Ne'ila/Ma'ariv 4:00 pm Havdalah/Shofar Blown 7:00 pm

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Bar Mitzvah Ilan Ostroff Son of Craig and Lynn Ostroff September 17

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#### **Daily Schedule of Services**

Sunday	9:00 am & 7:30 pm
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ROSH CHODESH	Office and Schools Closed LABOR DAY	Early Childhood Orientation Board Meting Men's Basketball	1st Day Early Child- hood Education		Birthday Shabbat	Lunch and Learn Junior Congregation
11 8 Elul	12 9 Elul	13 10 Elul	14 11 Elul	15 12 Elul	16 13 Elul	17 14 Elul
Men's Club Open House 1st Day of School	Ritual Meeting Sisterhood Meeting	Book Club Israel Stamp Club Men's Basketball	Religious School	Men's Club Football Night	Family Shabbat Service	Pre-KADIMA Junior Congregation Bar Mitzvah Ilan Ostroff
18 15 Elul	19 16 Elul	20 17 Elul	21 18 Elul	22 19 Elul	23 20 Elul	24 21 Elul
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25 22 Elul	26 23 Elul	27 24 Elul	28 25 Elul	29 26 Elul	30 27 Elul	
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