

# THE AARONION



## TEMPLE OF AARON'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Rabbi Fine Installation

Save the Date:

Sunday November, 4, 2012

Temple of Aaron is happy to install

Rabbi Fine and wel-

come Professor Rabbi

Joel Roth. Come and join

Rabbi Fine and his family for a wonderful day of...

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### Thinking Jewishly...

Temple of Aaron has rededicated itself to strong and robust Jewish educational outlets. We have programming, classes, and sessions for different types of learners. Here is a glimpse of what's to come this year.

Ever wonder how to improve your child's Jewish identity? Take Rabbi Fine's new "25 Things You Need to Know Before Your Child's...

(to learn more go to page 7)



Our new 20s and 30s group has gotten the year off to an amazing start with some wonderful programming and is looking for you to join us at our next event on...

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### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 9

9AM-10AM IN STEIN HALL

FOLLOWED BY AN ALL-SCHOOL  
ASSEMBLY AND CLASSES AT 10:30AM

Kick off the new year with a morning of fun!

Schmooze with friends new and old!

\$5 per adult and student 13 or older

\$4 per senior and children 12 & under

Children 3 and under eat FREE!

BRING EXTRA MONEY FOR THE  
CONFIRMATION CLASS SILENT  
AUCTION & RAFFLE GOING ON  
THROUGHOUT THE MORNING!

Sponsored by 2013 Confirmation Class  
With assistance from Men's Club Cooking Crew



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### Happy New Year!

#### High Holy Day Service Times

##### September 8th

Reception/Selihot 8:30/9:00pm

##### September 16th

Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm

##### September 17th

Rosh Hashanah I 9:00am-Noon

Tashlich at the River 12:15pm

Family Service 1:00-1:45pm

##### September 18th

Rosh Hashanah II 9:00am-Noon

Theme: Renewal

##### September 25th

Kol Nidre 7:45/10:00pm

##### September 26th

Yom Kippur 9:00am-Noon

Family Service 12:15pm-1:00pm

Ask the Rabbi 4:00pm

Healing Service 4:30pm

Mincha 5:00pm

Final Shofar 7:40pm

Break-The-Fast 7:45pm

# From the Rabbi's Desk . . .

## The High Holydays Are So Much More Than Gefilte Fish

When I was a child my grandmother used to take me back to the house during Rosh Hashanah services. Even though I have been a vegetarian for the last 24 years, I remember the tastes and smells of the gefilte fish she fed me. I am not sure why my grandmother would give me gefilte fish, as I am sure there are better treats to serve children. Nevertheless, I ate it without complaint because it felt natural.

This is the time of year where it is natural for a modern Jew to attend services. We set aside our daily lives and come into the synagogue walls to pray, connect, and search for God, meaning, or even friends. As a Jewish professional I am fascinated by the natural feeling for Jews to attend High Holyday services. Many attend because they believe that these are the most important days of the Jewish calendar, and others hear their parents' guilt-filled pleas in their heads. Ultimately, we as Jews are in synagogue because it is natural. But the question is: is it natural because we find an imperative to repent and praise God or because it is the holiday season?

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have become the Super Bowl of the Jewish

Holidays and like all Super Bowls, there are winners and there are losers (for more information on winning Super Bowls please see 1985). In actuality, the High Holydays, while often referred to as the Super Bowl of the Jewish calendar, are not that at all. The Super Bowl happens once a year and there are teams competing for a title. The High Holydays are a chance for everyone to win. If we take these days seriously and use it as a time for us to reinvigorate our Jewish lives, connection, and commitment we can all be victorious. If we only view the High Holydays as a once a year time-period that we come to synagogue, then we have gone astray from the intention of our game.

This year I want to encourage everyone to use the High Holydays as a time to restart. Our theme for second day Rosh Hashanah is Renewal and what better time to recommit ourselves to participation and observance than with the synagogue. Together we will begin a new journey to learn more about each other, ourselves, and God's presence. It is my hope that during the upcoming High Holydays we all take a chance to seriously renew ourselves with an added passion for the meaning in our lives.



**Rabbi Jeremy Fine**

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I think back to the days of my grandmother's gefilte fish and realize that her intention was to instill in me the flavors and traditions of our people. It's taste and feeling was a natural way to give me something to come back to if I lost my way. This year may we all find our way back to God and use the High Holydays as a catalyst for that journey.

Shana Tova U'Metukah,  
Rabbi Jeremy Fine



Josh and Mark visit Herzl on July 23, 2012. All of our staff and youth were having the time of their lives in this amazing Jewish camping environment. There are truly no words to describe this type of Summer experience as you learn, play, and do social action programming with friends you will have for a lifetime! *Yashar Koach* to all of our youth, staff and campers alike, and their families for their commitment to making Judaism a part of their child's life throughout the entire year!

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood  
has formed a  
**"Monday Minyanaires"**  
group to support  
the daily minyan.

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Please join us on the second  
Monday of each month,  
beginning on September 10,  
for minyan at 6 pm, followed by  
supper at a restaurant nearby!

**ELUL BANNER:** In memory of Benjamin & Mary Applebaum, Louis & Rebecca Ornstein by children Harry & Olga Applebaum. Titled "Elul" (Kopel Gurwin design), it displays the Hebrew & English word for Elul.

# Cantor's Column

## Perseverance

The London Olympics kept me captivated while I watched athletes from all over the world giving their best attempts to set new records and bring pride to their countries and to themselves. One thing in particular caught my attention. While watching the women's balance beam there were two gymnasts who lost balance and fell off in the middle of their routines. You would think that they would not have the courage to get back on the beam and finish their routine. They knew that their chance of getting a good score or winning a medal had vanished. But yet they had the perseverance and determination to get back on and finish with perfect execution.

How many times in our lives do we get knocked down and feel like not getting back up? What is it inside each of us that gives us the inner strength to get back up and continue moving forward? The High Holydays not only give us the opportunity to start over but also to get

back up after experiencing setbacks. What do you do when you have been knocked down or had major setbacks in your life? Many times we feel like giving up, but there is a line from an old song that my mother taught me, that I think applies to everyone, "You pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again."

How wonderful that the Jewish religion gives us the opportunity every single year to do just this. I hope and pray that when each and every one of you encounters adversity, you keep these lyrics in mind. We all need to remember that we have the ability to persevere. We need to draw on the strength that God can give. We need to draw on the strength that good strong friendships can offer. We need to draw on the strength that our family members can provide. Only then can we truly strive to overcome life's challenges with perfect execution.



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## Little Minyan Family Service 2nd-4th Grade Families

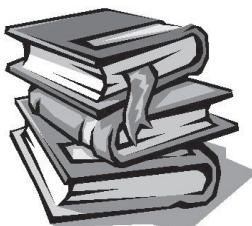
This new program enables 2nd-4th grade families to join and learn together as we honor your children as they help lead these fun and interactive Shabbat Services.



**Shabbat Mornings**  
10:30am-11:30am  
October 13      December 8  
February 9      April 13

**Questions?**  
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## Starting Dates for the 2012-2013 School Year Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas Religious School and Rossy & Richard Shaller Hebrew School



**Back to School Night**  
Wednesday, September 5th  
Toddler through 6th grade 4:30pm  
7th through 10th grade 6:30pm  
**Day of School and Pancake Breakfast**  
with Raffle and Auction  
Sunday, September 9th at 9:00am

**Remember to register your children and get one month tuition free**

by encouraging friends and non-members to try our schools.

Questions: Susie Haim or 651-698-8874 x 104

## SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We display every 5 years and all  
anniversaries of more than 50 years

מזל טוב

- 5 Stephanie and Marc Malinoff
- 25 Michelle and Mark Schuleman
- 35 Anna and Bert Walter
- 35 Lydia and Semyon Axelrod
- 50 Ira Granovskaya & Mikhail Chulok
- 51 Sheila and David Leventhal
- 51 Marilyn and Dean Greenberg
- 52 Mary and Stan Calof
- 52 Renee and Walter Kvasnik
- 53 Delores and Stan Karon
- 53 Shirley and Freeman Rosenblum
- 57 Inge and Gerry Hirschhorn
- 59 Marcella and Jim Kahn
- 62 Elaine and Ed Devitt
- 64 Millie and Marv Jacobson



# Department of Informal Education



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## Our Seats

"We need to get there early so we can get our seats." This statement is one of my earliest memories of High Holyday services at the Temple of Aaron. When I was younger I questioned why we had to sit in "our seats," but it was clear that my entire family needed to sit in the same row every year or the new year may not be as sweet as apples and honey. (If you would like to visit, this year we are on the Rabbi's side four rows from the back in the main sanctuary). This area of the synagogue for High Holyday services is like its own community. I can tell you the first and last name of every family that sits by us. I can tell you who went away to college and who just started their own family. These seats are more than just a spot in the synagogue; they represent my history here at the Temple of Aaron.

Personally, the High Holydays are a time of excitement and anticipation. They are a time to reconnect with friends, family, and a level of spirituality that, for me, only comes during this time of year. The reasons I attend services and what I gain from them has changed over the years; however, my family's presence was, is, and will continue to be a constant. From a toddler playing with Tallis toys, to a young adult attending Teen Services, to a college student only showing up briefly to kiss my mom on the cheek and shake my dad's hand before leaving, to the married professional adult that I am today, these seats — *our seats* — are a part of who I am. So the High Holydays are once again upon us. They will be here and gone before we know it. I invite everyone to claim their spot in the Temple of Aaron community, and I hope by the end of these High Holydays everyone is showing up early to get "our seats."



TEMPLE OF AARON YOUTH<sup>BLVD</sup>

## USYers' Experience of a Lifetime!

My Poland and Israel experience was life-changing as I built everlasting friendships and memories. In anticipation of traveling to Israel with USY, I looked forward to the falafel, the Dead Sea, the Western Wall and the like. All of these experiences were important, but little did I know that they would all accumulate to give me an overwhelming connection to the country and the people, making Israel feel like home. Although impossible to pick a single favorite memory, a unique experience was Shabbat in Jerusalem. I remember walking down the street on Shabbat and every person passing by turning to me as they said a heart-felt Shabbat Shalom. It was in this moment that I realized the Shabbat spirit within Israel, a feeling that will remain with me forever, even on Shabbat at home.

— Rachel Lerman



My summer spent in Israel and Poland was not only the greatest summer of my life but the most meaningful experience in which I've ever participated. Whether it be waking up before sunrise to hike Masada, praying at the Kotel, or becoming closer with over 40 people in just five weeks than I do with others in a life time, my Israel experience is something I won't soon forget. The memories and friendships I have from participating in USY Israel Pilgrimage/Poland Seminar will shape who I will become as an adult both in a Jewish and non-Jewish sense.

— Joe Lane

This summer was the greatest summer I have ever had, I saw places that were so beautiful and peaceful. Jerusalem was by far the greatest city we visited on our trip, because we stayed at a place in the center of Jerusalem, we were surrounded in all this history and culture it was so amazing! I made 43 new friends this summer that will last forever.

— Evan Weil



# Lilmod U'lilamed — “To Teach and to Learn”- Pirkei Avot

## ללמד וללמד



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### **Midat Hachodesh:**

### **Ahavat Ger**

Ahavat Ger, loving the stranger, is a very important concept and value in Judaism. This Jewish value is a series of laws in the books of Shmot and Devarim of the Torah and seen in the Talmud as well and insists we have compassion and empathy toward strangers amongst us as well as include them in our community. Ahava, love, is a constant thought in Judaism when we discuss our relationships with others and with G-d through our liturgy. Ahavat Ger stems from that same place. Loving the stranger, inviting them in, and asking them to become a part of our community is something that we strive to do here at Temple of Aaron. This year we have welcomed Rabbi Fine and his family, new teachers, new students into our community and we should do so with open arms and an open heart. Thank you for welcoming them into our community and if you have not met them then take the time to speak with these new people as we begin the year.

Bruchim Ha'baim! Welcome back to another year at Temple of Aaron. While I have gotten to see quite a few people over the summer, I am looking forward to another exciting year filled with wonderful educational experiences, fun community programming and opportunities for the entire community here at Temple of Aaron. We are happy to be able to begin the year with a bang and have some amazing programming planned, including:

Wednesday, September 5 — Back-to-school night for Toddler-10th grade families

Sunday, September 9 — Pancake Breakfast with auctions and raffles for the entire community

Friday, September 14 — First “Got Shabbat?” synagogue dinner and youth-led musical service

More details about these programs can be found in this issue of *The Aaronian* or in the back-to-school packets mailed to you in August. Information about all of our year-long programming can also be found on the school pages of our website, [www.templeofaaron.org](http://www.templeofaaron.org),

We also have some exciting new programs for the entire family this year. They include:

2nd-4th grade Little Minyan Family Services

5th/6th grade Junior Congregation Family Services and Main Sanctuary participation

A new-look 5th-10th grade class schedule and curriculum on Sundays

Toddler/Parent Family Education program

Adult Education parent opportunities

We will also be continuing to enhance and upgrade our Got Shabbat programming, Jr./Sr. Seminar, Family Education, community wide programming, and family holiday programming. Please be on the lookout for e-mails, flyers and other communication about all of our programming. Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas you wish to share to help enhance our education department and our offerings.

Looking forward to an amazing year!

Shana Tova Umitukah — Wishing you and your family a healthy, happy, & sweet New Year!

— From Joshua, Andrea, and Rocky Fineblum

### **The new Temple of Aaron group TAXY — Generations X & Y**

**has had two successful programs and is already planning more fun and new events coming soon. If you are in your 20s or 30s and want information on upcoming events, please join the group TAXY on Facebook or contact Susan Tervola with your email address at 651-698-8874 x107 or [susantervola@templeofaaron.org](mailto:susantervola@templeofaaron.org)**

# ATTENTION TEMPLE OF AARON FAMILIES!

## WE HAVE A QUESTION....



Everyone is cordially invited to join us as we celebrate Shabbat together as a community.  
Dinner begins at 6:30 PM followed by a youth-led Erev Shabbat Live service at 8:00 PM.

**Friday, September 14, 2012**

Questions? Susie Haim, Administrative Assistant  
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\*\*\*To help make meals affordable to all members, we have a new pricing plan. We ask that everyone pay at least the minimum amount (\$5) but list the actual cost for each meal (\$12), and encourage all who can to pay that. We also accept donations to help make up the difference. It is our intention that this helps make everyone feel welcome at the Temple of Aaron.

\*\*\*Actual Cost: \$12  
per person  
Minimum \$5  
per person  
Donations welcome

Please return this portion to the Temple of Aaron office by September 5, 2012. Make checks payable to Temple of Aaron.

RSVP by **September 5** by sending form to Temple of Aaron.  
Attention: "Got Shabbat," 616 Mississippi River Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55116

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarians (#) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ X (Amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

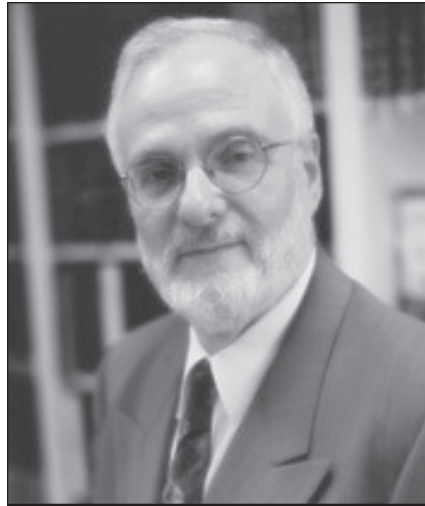
**TOTAL AMOUNT:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Rabbi Fine Installation

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...celebration, food, and learning. Temple of Aaron is happy to welcome Rabbi Joel Roth to the synagogue. Rabbi Roth is the Louis Finkelstein Professor of Talmud and Jewish Law at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Rabbi Roth also serves as Rosh Yeshiva of the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. In addition to his teaching post, Rabbi Roth has held four key administrative positions at JTS, serving as dean of students of the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies, Director of the Melton Research Center for Jewish Education, and Associate Dean and Dean of The Rabbinical School. We are happy to have Rabbi Roth join us as he teaches Judge and Jewry: Jewish Law in the 21st Century. We look forward to this wonderful day of celebration for the entire Temple of Aaron community.



Rabbi Joel Roth

## Thinking Jewishly

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... Bar/Bat Mitzvah" class. These ten sessions will begin in October. Drop your child off at Hebrew school and come do some exploring of your own.

"The Dialogue" series, hosted in congregant's homes, is a great way to tackle the burning questions every Jew is asking. Where is God? Why is there punishment in the bible? You name it, we will cover it.

"Rabbis Around the World" is exactly what it seems. Bi-Monthly, Rabbis from around the world will be Skyping in from Japan, Israel, and all over the world to teach us Torah.

Both Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein and Rabbi Fine will hold a three-part miniseries. In the Fall, Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein will teach "Dying, Death, and Beyond," tackling tough questions and helping understand the Jewish perspective. In the Spring, Rabbi Fine will dive deep into "The Lives of our Matriarchs: Sarah, Rebecca, and Rachel," to determine who our greatest fore-mother was.

We are lucky enough to also offer many introductory courses including Hebrew, Bible, Talmud, Davening, and more. Coffee with Rashi and Friends continues every Shabbat morning before services.

Be on the lookout during the High Holydays for a complete list of courses. If you have any questions, please email Rabbi Fine at [Rabbijeremyfine@templeofaaron.org](mailto:Rabbijeremyfine@templeofaaron.org)

## Member Wendy Kane Leads Committee for USY's 60th Sunday, October 14th, 2012

The four Conservative synagogues in the Twin Cities (Temple of Aaron, Adath Jeshurun, Beth El, and Beth Jacob) are all part of this USY 60th anniversary celebration. By honoring our past and celebrating our future, the funds raised will give more of our youth the opportunity to participate in USY's transformative programs, including regional conventions, summer programs such as USY on Wheels and Israel Pilgrimage, and Nativ, a yearlong program in Israel for recent high school graduates. We are grateful for the involvement and dedication of our event co-chairs and committee and look forward to the festivities. To purchase tickets, place a journal ad or make a donation, please visit [www.usy60.org](http://www.usy60.org).

# Junior Congregation Family Service 5th & 6th Grade Families

This new program enables 5th & 6th grade families to join and learn together as we honor your children leading these fun Shabbat services.

Shabbat Mornings 9:00am  
(Leading in Main Sanctuary)

November 3

January 5

March 2

May 18

(Greenie Beanie/Silver Kepah)

Shabbat Mornings 10:30am  
(Youth-Led Service in Chapel)

October 6

December 1

February 2

April 6



### Questions?

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# Temple of Aaron Youth High Holyday Programming 2012-5773

## Rosh Hashanah



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sep 17	9:30-10:30am	1st-6th	Jr. Congregation	Room 4
Day I	10:30-11:30	7th-12th	Teen talk	Chapel
	10:30-10:45	1st-6th	Snack	Rooms 1 & 5
	10:45-11:45	1st-6th	A Wail of a Time!	Room 1
		4th-6th	Time to Shine!	Room 5
	11:45-end	All Main Sanctuary for Shofar		

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sep 18	9:30-10:30am	1st-6th	Jr. Congregation	Room 4
Day II	10:30-11:30	7th-12th	Teen Talk	Chapel
	10:30-10:45	1st-6th	Snack	Rooms 1 & 5
	10:45-11:45	1st-3rd	Taking Count!	Room 1
		4th-6th	Skiping Ahead!	Room 5
	11:45-end	All Main Sanctuary for Shofar		

## Yom Kippur

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept 26	9:30-10:30am	1st-6th	Jr. Congregation	Room 4
	9:30-11:30	7th-12th	Teen talk!	Chapel
	10:30-10:45	1st-6th	Snack	Rooms 1 & 5
	10:45-11:45	1st-3rd	Be Happy!	Room 1
		4th-6th	Save the Drama!	Room 5
	11:30-end	All	Adult Service	Main Sanctuary
	6:00-7:40pm	All	Neilah/Havdalah	Main Sanctuary

\*\*\*Babysitting is available 15 min. prior to the beginning of all Main services. Please **circle the times** below when your child will be attending.



Please mail or drop off with check by **September 5** for all programming to:  
Attn: Youth Dept. High Holyday 2012, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. St. Paul MN, 55116

**\*\*Note there is NO CHARGE for 1st-6th grade programming**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s)/Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle for child(ren) listed

Erev Rosh Hashanah Babysitting    1st day Babysitting    1st day 1st-6th grade programming

Second day Babysitting    2nd day 1st-6th grade programming

Kol Nidre 7:30 PM Babysitting    Yom Kippur Babysitting    Yom Kippur 1st-6th grade programming

**\$5 per child per day for Babysitting only. Please make check payable to Temple of Aaron.**

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Mark Gulner, Director of Informal Education & Marketing, 651-698-8874 ext 115 markgulner@templeofaaron.org



# B'nai Mitzvah



**Samantha Gouette**

**Samantha Gouette**, daughter of **Stephanie Gouette and Steven Gouette**, will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on August 31 and September 1, 2012.

Sami is in seventh grade at Falcon Ridge Middle School, where she participates in band. She also enjoys hanging out with her friends and participating in dance, where she helps to teach the younger kids.

Sami is a member of Temple of Aaron Kadima.

Sami has designated the Minnesota Zoo for her tzedaka contribution.

Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush refreshments will be sponsored by Sami's grandparents, **Linda and Barry Gersick**, her great-grandmother, **Rose Goldsmith**, and her great-grandparents, **Florence and Al Gersick**.

**Zachary Brodsky**, son of **David and Lisa Brodsky**, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on September 1, 2012, at 6:00 pm.

Zach is in eighth grade at Oak Grove Middle School, where he participates in hockey and plans to play football this year. He is also a member of Kadima.



**Zach Brodsky**

**L'Shanah Tovah Tikatavu**  
**2012 Temple of Aaron Sisterhood 5773**  
**Wishing you and those you love a sweet year, filled with**  
**health, happiness and peace.**

Sandy Aaron and Family  
Elaine and Mark Adelman & Family  
Lori and Matt Bellin  
Phyllis and Sandy Brody  
Linda and Larry Eisenstadt  
Jessica, Rabbi Jeremy and Annie Fine  
Teddy Gerr and Family  
Sis and Ron Goren and Family  
Amy and Mark Gulner  
Marcella and Jim Kahn  
Cantor Mitchell, Joshua,  
Shelley and Michael Kowitz  
Susan and Barry Kushner  
Janice Lazarus and Family  
Harriet and Marvin Levine and Family  
Shari, Marc and Rachel Lowenthal  
Nancy and Harvey Miller

Roxanne and Gary Portnoy  
Margie, Bart and Ellie Schneider  
and Chana Engel  
Paula, David, Adam and Sam Schrabner  
Rosalyn and Yoav Segal  
Rebecca and Rabbi Alan  
Shavit-Lonstein and Family  
Dede and David Smith and Family  
Helen and Itzy Smith and Family  
Laura and Norman Taple  
Marcia Taple  
Susan, Loren, Bayley, Miri  
and Levi Taple  
Ryvelle and William Tilsner  
Judy and Al Werthausen  
Mariam Zamansky and Family

## **B'nai Mitzvah Lead 2011** **Yom Kippur Havdalah**

Our annual tradition continues with our B'nai Mitzvah students from the past year leading the havdalah service. These young men and women agree to fast for the first time as a Jewish adult.

Havdalah candles have been endowed in honor of B'not Mitzvah of Brittani and Danielle Berg by their parents, Judy and Jim Berg.

## **Support USCJ**

Once a year we ask you to support our national association that helped us find Rabbi Fine and Mark Gulner, and assists teens with local, regional, and Israeli programs. Please invest in our strong future.

# Thank You Todah Rabah תודה רבה



נחמו נחמו עמי

*Our deep and sincere sympathy to the families of the following members who have passed away*

**Evelyn Grosby  
Peter Nerenberg  
Beryl Strickon  
Esther Dobkina  
Sarah Daniels**

Thank you (*todah rabah*) to those listed below who supported our Yahrzeit Fund in memory of loved ones with donations of \$10 or more  
July 2012 Tammuz-Av 5772

Bernstein, Steven	Jerson, Francine & Sidney	Rafowitz, Sam
Besner, Rae	Kanivetsky, Rozita	Rein, Mildred
Bloom, Evelyn	Kaplan, Steven	Ringer, Sherm & Jan
Davis, Susan & Bruce	Kaster, Barbara	Rutzick, Sandy
Dudovitz, Sophie	Katz, Leon & Chelle	Sadoff, Ruth
Edelstein, Rebecca	Knurenko, Izabella	Schraber, David & Paula
Edelstein, Sandy	Kopilenko, Alexander & Bella	Shaller, Michelle & Steven
Fayngersh, Felix	Krause, Eva	Shaller, Rossy
Feldman, Kayleen	Lane, Harriet & Miles	Shimelfarb, Iosif
Fleyshman, Nelli	Lane, Nancy & Stephen	Silvermann, Toby
Frisch, Gail	Lavin, J.K.	Stacker, Howard
Ganz, Isaac	Lee, Lynne	Stillman, Tom & Sue
Garbuz, Khaye	Leibman, Jack	Strohm, Leslie, Jim, Ezra, Maya
Geller, Rosie & Loren	Levitt, Arthur & Beatrice	Swartz, Helen & Don
Gerr, Teddy & family	Leyderman, Mikhail & family	Tilsen, Robert
Getsug, Ray & Elissa	Lifson, Helen & Ron	Tilsner, William
Ginzburg, Riva	Lovich, Recie & Bob	Tisnovskaya, Izabella
Gleeman, Harriet	Marvy, Bob & Florie	Usem, Arnold & Harriet
Goldberg, Sharleen	McKee, Lenore	Watchman, Clara
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## Endowments and Special Gifts above and beyond dues add to our High Holyday experience

Yearly, a new Supplementary Service Booklet for 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah is donated in loving memory of S. Paul Johnson, Toni Braverman and Lewis H. & Rivian Johnson.

Max (of blessed memory) & Felicia Schulz established an endowment for Rosh Hashanah expenses in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The David A. Berg Family created an endowment that provides apples and honey on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah.

Friends and family of Rachel Liba Cardozo established the Baalat Koreh grant in her memory. We perpetuate her beautiful High Holyday trop by funding a teacher to train Torah readers in her trop. Wendy Kane continues to train Golden Kepah recipients.

Ken & Tracey Agranoff created an endowment to sponsor the Holydays Family Services in the sanctuary in memory of fathers Harry Agranoff and Sidney Cass, in honor of mothers Marion Cass and Betty Agranoff, and in honor of daughters, Samantha and Jessica.

David & Paula, Adam & Samuel Schraber established an endowment for High Holyday Torah Reading in honor of the 62nd wedding anniversary of David's parents, Rose & Harry Schraber, of blessed memory.

Yizkor and Yom Kippur Supplement Booklet was given in memory of William & Fanny Feldman Smith by children Lorraine & Sid Applebaum, Joyce &

Marvin Smith (of Blessed Memory), Marilyn & Richard Smith.

Tashlich Service Booklets and bird seed are provided by an endowment from Dr. Paul & Lois Bloomberg in honor of daughters Anne, Sarah and Jeanne.

The David A. Berg Family created an endowment in memory of Robert H. Berg to provide a "Break the Fast" following the final shofar blast on Yom Kippur. Janie & David Berg helped organize the festive food and beverages.

Bimah flowers are provided by a fund in memory of Marvin Perlman.

High Holyday Babysitting is partially endowed by the generosity of the congregation in memory of Carole Kowitz and by her family, Shelly, Michael, Joshua & Hazzan Mitchell Kowitz.

Our Machzorim were donated in loving memory of Ben & Stella Freeman by their children, Arthur, of blessed memory & Margie, Earl, of blessed memory & Gretta, Allen & Toba; in loving memory of Marion & Alfred Spicer and Mildred Kaplan and in honor of Louis Kaplan from the H.S. Kaplan Family Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation; in loving memory of our parents, Samuel & Edith Mack and Jack & Adele Shaller, by Rossy & Richard Shaller; with loving thoughts of our Parents and Grand-parents, Lillian & Morris Savage, Yetta & Julius Yellin from Susan & Dr. Paul Yellin, Jason & Mandi Yellin.

Yom Kippur Havdalah candles have been endowed by Jim and Judy Berg in honor of the B'not mitzvah of Brittani and Danielle Berg.

# Sisterhood News

**September Opening Program/Paid Up Membership - Dinner & Magic** — Thursday, Sept. 6, 6:30 pm at Temple of Aaron. Magician Tyler Erickson will be entertaining us with his remarkable sleight of hand techniques. He began pursuing the art of magic at the age of 15 and presently works out of the Twin Cities Magic and Costume building in St. Paul where he runs his TylerTeach classes and has taught hundreds of magicians from around the world. He has entertained a wide variety of people from all walks of life including: Garrison Keillor, trade shows, manufacturing conventions, store openings, ritzy costume balls and has appeared in industrial films for Mervyn's, Stonearch Productions and Media Loft. In 2000, he joined Ring 19 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and was awarded the Magician of the Year trophy which he also received in 2001 and 2002. In 2003, he was admitted into 4F, an exclusive invitation-only convention for sleight-of-hand artists, which is considered to be the pinnacle honor that is bestowed in the international magic community. Send your \$18 check, payable to Temple of Aaron Sisterhood by Aug. 30, to Linda Eisenstadt, 1077 Sibley Memorial Hwy., #400, Lilydale, MN 55118. To request a vegetarian meal, need a ride or have any other questions, call Marcia Taple (651-688-3030). Remember that new members are invited to this opening Sisterhood program as our guests at no charge — please RSVP to Linda (651-454-6402). Come and be totally amazed by a magician who is dedicated to his craft.

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**Community Service Project — Non-Prescription Reading Glasses/Cheaters:** Need a little help reading the siddur and announcements during services? Problem solved! We are collecting reading glasses to use at Temple. All strengths needed and you may drop them off in the Sisterhood Gift Shop. Questions: Susan Flynn (651-683-0706).

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**Book Club** — The Book Club meets on the third Sunday of the month at The Highland Café and Bakery in Highland Park at 10 am. Upcoming books: Sept. 9, - *The House I Loved* by Tatiana DeRosnay; Sept. 16 - *The Hare With Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal. Call Teddy Gerr for more info (651-405-6658).

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**Women's Shelter Donations** — Needed: new, unopened toiletries to be donated to local women's shelters. They can be dropped off in the Temple Gift Shop. Needed now are twin-size sheets. New, unopened cosmetics also will be distributed to the homeless. Help out our local community and give someone a lift with these easy, inexpensive donations. Questions, call Alexandria Ganzel (651-490-7684) or Susan Flynn (651-683-0706).

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**Building Fund Cards** — Beautiful cards for every occasion are only a phone call away. Pick up the phone and show someone you care by sending one of these lovely cards. All funds raised by the use of these cards go directly to benefit our beautiful building. To purchase our cards, call Sis Goren (651-686-0425) or Susan Kushner (651-454-8336). For billing questions, call Betty Agranoff (651-698-8275).

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**Food Shelf** — This ongoing project serves our community year round. Donate food items at any time by dropping them off in the cart located in our coat room. Monetary donations will also be accepted by sending a check, payable to Temple of Aaron Food Shelf, to Harriet Levy, 1826 Merlot Curve, Eagan, MN 55122. For more info, call Harriet Levy (651-454-6829).

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**Gift Shop** — Find all of your Judaica needs at The Temple of Aaron Sisterhood Gift Shop. Jillbeads, contemporary fashion jewelry, are now available in the gift shop. Check out these new products at [www.jillbeads.com](http://www.jillbeads.com). The shop carries Michael Aram, Gary Rosenthal and Tamara Baskin and some new Badash crystal. There are items for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, graduations, confirmations and any other special occasion. Inventory is constantly changing and if you can't get to the Gift Shop during regular hours, arrangements can be made for you at other

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**Membership Renewal** — You should have received your Sisterhood renewal envelope in Temple of Aaron's June billing statement. If you did not receive a billing statement, call Linda Eisenstadt (651-454-6042). Questions about Sisterhood memberships? What does Sisterhood do? Call Roxanne Portnoy (612-334-2725).

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**Happenings/Entertainment Book Fundraiser** — Books are available in the Sisterhood Gift Shop for \$30. Get discounts on food, hotels, films, shops and more. Call Paula Schrabner (651-454-2708) for more info.



# 1967 Victory Leads to No Peace, No Recognition, No Negotiation

By Dr. Steven Derfler

The Arab response to Israel's stunning victory in 1967 would be the now-infamous Khartoum

Conference. The site was deliberately chosen to remind the West, and Israel in particular, of the overwhelming and brutal victory a hundred years earlier over British colonialism.



The Battle of Khartoum lasted from March 1884 to January 1885. It was fought around Khartoum between Egyptian forces led by British General Charles "Chinese" Gordon and a Mahdist Sudanese army led by the self-proclaimed Mahdi Muhammad Ahmad. Khartoum was besieged by the Mahdists and defended by a garrison of 7,000 Egyptian and loyal Sudanese troops. After a ten-month siege, the Mahdists finally broke into the city and the entire garrison was killed.

On June 19, the Israeli government, still in a somewhat euphoric state over its recent victory, unambiguously declared that it was ready and willing to give back ALL of the territories occupied in exchange for peace treaties with its Arab neighbors, normalization of relations and guarantee of navigation through the Straits of Tiran. The refugee problem would be solved by resettlement outside the borders of the State of Israel.

On that same day, the USSR submitted UN General Assembly resolution 519, calling for immediate Israeli withdrawal from all territories, with no mention of peace or negotiations. The resolution was voted down on July 4.

Eight Arab heads of state attended an Arab summit in Khartoum, held August 29 - September 1, 1967. It formulated the Arab consensus that underlay the official policies of most Arab states for the next two decades and beyond, with the exception of Egypt. It gave rise to the "three no's": "no peace with Israel, no recognition of Israel, no negotiations with it."

The same policy had been followed, officially, since the 1949 armistice

negotiations after the Israeli 1948 War of Independence. This appeared to be the Arab answer to the Israeli call for a negotiated settlement based on the principle of land for peace.

A petroleum embargo was pushed for on the West. The embargo was inspired by the kind of thinking enunciated by Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser, in his speech following the Egyptian defeat in the 6-Day War. Nasser had blamed the Israeli victory on alleged air-support provided by the United States, and proclaimed bitterly, "The Sixth Fleet runs on Arab Petroleum."

In a bizarre twist, King Hussein of Jordan would reveal later that, from the Arab standpoint, the resolutions of the Khartoum conference were intended to be conciliatory, and to allow for informal de facto negotiations and recognitions. From his point of view, they were a victory for the moderate point of view espoused by himself and by Gamal Abdul Nasser, both who had just experienced a smashing defeat and were not prepared to go to war in the near future. However, the Israelis had no idea of this perspective given the language of the conference resolution.



President Nasser believed that only military initiative would compel Israel or the international community to force a full withdrawal from Sinai. On March 8, 1969, Nasser proclaimed the official launch of the War of Attrition, characterized by large scale shelling along the Canal, extensive aerial warfare and commando raids. Hostilities continued until August 1970



and ended with a ceasefire, the frontiers remaining the same as when the war began, with no real commitment to serious peace negotiations.

Under Gunnar Jarring of the United Nations, a mission to bring about a cease fire and ensure commitment to UN resolution 242 was seen as a failure. President Richard Nixon sent his Secretary of State, William Rogers, to formulate a plan that hoped to obtain a ceasefire. Finally, in August 1970, Israel, Jordan, and Egypt agreed to an "in place" ceasefire under the terms proposed by the Rogers Plan.

The short term results were favorable to Israel. However, in long view, the Israeli government and military leadership would become complacent; which would lead to tragic results in 1973.

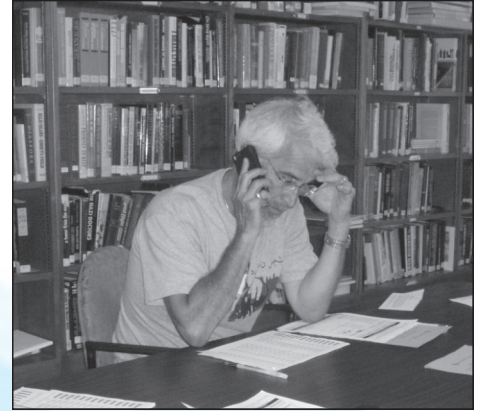
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# Social Justice - A Volunteer Committee

## Phone Conversations with Temple of Aaron members continue as Election Day nears



*Stephanie Silvers, Alexandria Ganzel, and Vic Rosenthal working the phones*

On Sunday, July 15, members of the Social Justice Committee manned their cell phones for the first time at Temple of Aaron to talk to registered voters regarding the upcoming Marriage Amendment. This fall, volunteers will have conversations with fellow Temple of Aaron members to make them aware of the amendment and ask them questions as to where they stand on the issue. The first scheduled dates are Sunday September 9 and Wednesday September 12 – please welcome the opportunity to discuss, and perhaps learn more, about this very important election issue.

The upcoming November election will include a proposed constitutional amendment concerning the definition of marriage. The Minnesota Rabbinical Assembly, putting the matter in a Jewish context, has issued a statement in opposition to the proposed amendment and is encouraging their constituencies to “vote no.” Rabbi Shavit-Lonstein is a member of the MRA and voted in support of the MRA statement and our Temple of Aaron Board has reaffirmed this.

## Our Vote - Our Future — VOTE “NO” ON PHOTO ID

Our Vote Our Future is the statewide ballot initiative campaign to defeat the restrictive photo ID amendment which will appear on Minnesota’s November 2012 general election ballot. This broad campaign of individuals and organizations from across the state (including the Temple of Aaron Social Justice Committee in conjunction with Jewish Community Action) will educate and mobilize Minnesota voters to vote NO on the photo ID amendment in order to ensure the voting rights of ALL eligible, law-abiding Minnesotans aren’t taken away.

### *The proposed amendment*

- Is an unnecessary and extreme overhaul of an elections system that isn’t broken and which is considered one of the best at elections administration in the country
- Raises property taxes and increases costs to local governments who will be

charged with creating and administering a new elections system. Estimated cost statewide is between \$30 and \$50 million to implement – cost increases which would be incurred every two-year election cycle (issuance of state photographic ID to those who don’t have a photo ID, those who changed their address) and additional elections equipment and judges to implement the verification process

- Ends Election Day registration as we know it, affecting the half million Minnesota voters that are used to registering and voting on the same day
- Ends absentee balloting by mail as we know it, affecting our troops abroad, traveling Minnesotans and those living elsewhere
- Places unfair hurdles in front of senior voters and active duty soldiers



- Would make Minnesota the most restrictive state in the nation for voting. This amendment would require voters to present “state-issued photographic identification” before being allowed to vote. It would eliminate passports, military IDs and student IDs as acceptable proof of identity – forms of ID allowed in other states with voter ID laws on the books.



# Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

September 2012  
Elul 5772 ~ Tishri 5773

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>For more information on these and other events and programs, please visit our website at <a href="http://www.templeofaaron.org">www.templeofaaron.org</a></div>						
<b>2</b> 9 am Minyan Men's Club Breakfast 6 pm Minyan	<b>3 Labor Day</b> 9 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan Office Closed	<b>4</b> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 7 pm Bldg. Closes	<b>5</b> 7:30 am Minyan 4:30 pm Parent/Student Back to School Night T-6th grade 6 pm Minyan 6:30 pm Parent/Student Back to School Night 7-10th grade	<b>6</b> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Class	<b>7</b> 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm Service—ESL Shabbat in the Garden Candlelighting 7:18 pm	<b>8</b> 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service 6 pm Minyan
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<b>16</b> 9 am Minyan Men's Club Breakfast 9 am Sunday School 8 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	<b>17</b> 1 Tishri <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> 9am-Noon Service 6 pm Minyan	<b>18</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> 9am-Noon Service 6 pm Minyan	<b>19</b> 7:30 am Minyan 4:30 pm Lower School 6 pm Upper School 6 pm Minyan	<b>20</b> 7:30 am Minyan 6 pm Minyan 6:30 pm Talmud Class 7:30 pm Bible Class ??ADULT ED	<b>21</b> 7:30 am Minyan 8 pm Service Candlelighting 6:51 pm	<b>22</b> 8 am Coffee w/Rashi 9 am Service 6 pm Minyan
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<b>30</b> 9 am Minyan Men's Club Breakfast 6 pm Minyan						





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