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## Walking Through the Torah

*Simchat Torah Celebration*

October 21st at 6pm



Join us for a Night of Celebrating the Torah:

Eat & Drink Your Way Through the Torah (Dinner)

Torahland for Youth

Ner Tamid Award & Young Professional Award

Live Music & More!



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Sukkot Minyan Services

October 14, 15, & 22 at 7:30 am

Yizkor Service

October 21 at 9:00 am

# The Rabbi's Desk



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## New Home, New Perspective

This past summer Jessie and I bought our first home. While we contemplated moving to Mendota Heights and even Saint Louis Park, ultimately our love for Highland was too great. I am learning a lot about being a homeowner, mostly through payments and deadlines. But there is something gratifying about being a homeowner and all the beauty that comes with ownership.

I remember a few years ago when we built our first Sukkah. I was so excited, maybe less than buying a house but it was a lot cheaper! I felt a deep pride in growing my Jewish ritual life since I never had a sukkah growing up. Through the years different people have helped us build it: Howie and Joel Paper, USY, Sisterhood, etc. But the last two years my daughters and I have done it together and it has meant a great deal to me.

Not everyone has a sukkah to build or even wants to build one, but for me it was always something I wanted to do. Building a sukkah is a way to encourage hosting meals for friends and family. It is a way to have meals together as a family unit and share stories. It is the ultimate Jewish way to be welcoming; build a home and ask people to join you in it. We do this every year through Men's Club events and dinners. We hope, once our furniture arrives, that we continue to host Shabbat meals and Sukkah events.

I want to encourage everyone here to do SOMETHING for Sukkot. Come to services, Yizkor, the Young Family program or, yes, even go to another rabbi/synagogue's Sukkah. To begin the new year with the idea of entering a Jewish home or welcoming others into yours will set a nice tone for 5780.

See you in shul (or in a sukkah),  
Rabbi Jeremy Fine



## Men's Club Scotchraiser in the Sukkah

October 16 at 7:00pm at Rabbi Fine's House

Please bring an unopened bottle of your favorite scotch, whiskey, bourbon or vodka that will be donated to Kiddush Lunch. RSVP to DanaeThorpe@templeofaaron.org

**AIPAC POLICY 2020 CONFERENCE** MARCH 1-3 WASHINGTON, D.C.

**March 1-3, 2020**

\$399 for Conference (Lowest Cost Possible!)  
Flight & Hotel Purchased Separately

**Meet YOUR Congress!**  
36 spots reserved for ToA!  
Deadline is December 31st

**AIPAC**  
THE AMERICAN ISRAELI PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



## The Glass Ceiling Series

November 14, 2019

7pm

## JULIE HELDMAN

One of the Original Virginia Slim 9 talks candidly about the revolution of women's tennis, fighting through adversity, and her legacy.

Hosted by:



O'SHAUGHNESSY EDUCATIONAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

2115 SUMMIT AVENUE  
ST. PAUL, MN

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTRBITE



# The Rabbi's Notes



## Hebrew 101 with Larry Eisenstadt

Oct. 2 & 16  
6:30 - 8:00pm

In partnership with NJOP we will be offering their innovative Hebrew Reading Crash Course. This course is designed for students with little or no background in Hebrew. It concentrates on teaching the Hebrew alphabet and reading skills. In the spring we will offer a follow up course that will build on Level 1.



## Hacking the Holidays

Oct. 5 & 12

This two-part series will focus on some of the unique traditions, laws, customs, and liturgy of the festivals Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Each week teachers will bring one aspect of the holiday in order to deepen our understanding of the topic with the hope that it will elevate and enrich your celebration of the festival this coming year.



## High Holy Day Food Drive

The Social Action/Justice Committee is organizing another October High Holy Day food/fund drive beginning on Rosh Hashanah and ending October 31. We will provide grocery bags at the end of first day of Rosh Hashanah services with an October Holy Day Food Drive ask as we have done in the past years.

## Find Your Moment

I am so grateful to my parents for having sent me to Solomon Schechter Day School in Saint Louis, (now known as Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School).

I am thankful for the countless friends that I made and who I am in contact with still over 20 years later. That, from such a young age, I explored the insightful and beautiful aspects of our tradition. That I was part of a community where I celebrated all the Jewish holidays with my friends.

Yet, perhaps my greatest appreciation from my Jewish education was exposure to prayer and our service tradition. I probably did not fully realize this as a child but now I look back and find a defining moment in my prayer journey.

As part of our normal school routine we would always commemorate Rosh Chodesh, the changing of the new Hebrew month. We did this by getting a little more dressed up, reading the standard Torah reading, and by chanting Hallel. The prayers from the Hallel service were catchy. They were upbeat. They were designed and arranged to help elevate us and our experiences.

I bring up this experience because I have carried the feelings, the emotion, and the spiritual experience from that day school sanctuary with me to every synagogue and service I have attended.

When discussing prayer one of my mentors, Rabbi Elliot Dorff, talked about these types of moments while I was sitting in a first year of Rabbinical School. That day our discussion on prayer led him to making an analogy to baseball (so I therefore had to listen intently!).

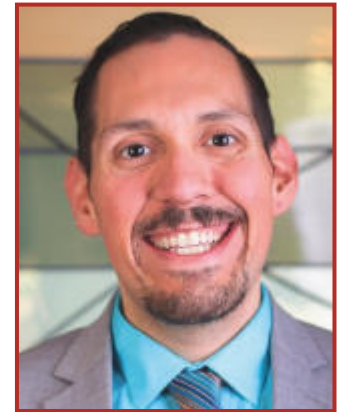
He asked, "Who here likes baseball?" I raised my hand and he asked, "Micah, what's a really good batting average these days?" I responded, "Around .300 average, maybe a little higher." He continued, "Right, the best players in the world only connect with a ball roughly three out of ten times and we applaud this!"

As he looked at blank stares, he continued, "Why can't we view prayer that way? Why can we not say it was a successful prayer experience when we have three successful moments in our service?" Some of us started to nod with intrigue as he went on, "And remember that's an average of .300. Sometimes players do not hit the ball once and that is an accepted part of baseball. So why can we not view that as acceptable in our services?"

Rabbi Dorff is right. Some days we are fully engaged — connected to prayers, the music, and the community. Some days we seem to drift in and out of sync with the rhythm of the prayer service. Some days we strike out on that spiritual moment. That is OK.

However, I challenge you, as we approach these Holiest Days of our calendar to be on the lookout for a spiritual moment. One to carry with you from these holidays until next holidays. If you find more than one, Kol HaKavod. If we can truly find one of those moments from this season of festivals, you never know how it might impact you for the rest of your life. The same way in which the Hallel service from my childhood still sits with me today.

Chag Sameach and Kol Tuv.



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# Youth Education



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It has been wonderful seeing so many of our families back in our building once again as our school year and the holidays have begun. With the holiday of Sukkot right around the corner, many people ask the question about why we put up a Sukkah each year. I'll tell you I used to ask myself that same question for many years. I remember many Sukkot for my youth that we had a lot of soup during this cold, windy, and rainy holiday on the East Coast and something tells me this year will be one of those cold ones as the holiday comes late this year.

The Jewish value that we are always reminded of each year is Hachnasat Orchim, welcoming of guests. Just like the open tent of Avraham and Sarah in biblical times, and the reminder of this concept at weddings when we see a chuppah, on Sukkot we are reminded that we should invite guests into our Sukkah. While we do have the idea

of historical guest, ushpizin, we are supposed to spread ourselves even further and invite people to celebrate the holiday with us each day, as we "dwell in the Sukkah for seven days."

While in the past, Andrea and I always questioned if we should purchase a Sukkah or not, one year ago we did and it was a great week of having over 100 people join us in the sukkah. We, along with the boys, wish to have many people join us in Sukkah once again this year. It is such a joyful time, even in the cold of Minnesota, that we can come together, be warmed by the spirit of the holiday, and good company each night.

As a community there will also be times to come together over Sukkot including our Sukkot Family Fun Night on October 16 with Walton's Hollow Petting Zoo. Please also join is to end the holiday season with our Simchat Torah celebration for all ages on Monday evening October 21.

We look forward to seeing you over all of the holidays, Shana Tovah and Chag Sameach!

*Josh, Andrea, Jonah, and Gordon*

## Sukkot Family Fun Night

October 16

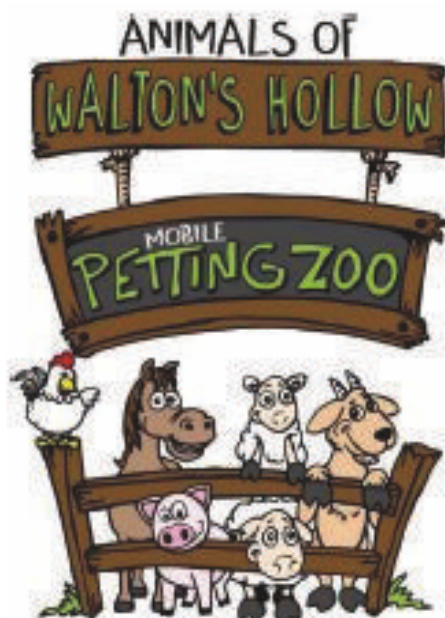
5:15pm-7:00pm

Join us for a night with food, friends, & fun with

Walton's Hollow Petting Zoo!

Questions?

[JoshuaFineblum@TempleofAaron.org](mailto:JoshuaFineblum@TempleofAaron.org)



Take Stock in Our Youth 2019

## TRIVIA Brunch

November 3, 2019

10am-12pm

Join us in celebrating our youth at this morning of trivia fun for adults & teens!

**Babysitting/Dance Party for children 18 months to 12 years old.**

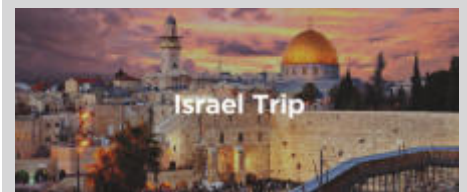
**Brunch for all!**

**\$36 per adult (includes brunch buffet)**

**\$18 per child (under 5 is FREE)**

RSVP and Questions?

[Susiehim@templeofaaron.org](mailto:Susiehim@templeofaaron.org)



## Informational Israel Trip Meeting

October 23 at 6:00pm at ToA

This Israel Trip is aimed at adults. Minimum of 20 people for the trip.

Email:

[DanaeThorpe@templeofaaron.org](mailto:DanaeThorpe@templeofaaron.org) if interested.



# Youth Happenings

**High Holiday  
Babysitting Available**  
KN, YK, NYK, BIRTH-K  
\$10/day/child – RSVP to  
[joriebernhardt@templeofaaron.org](mailto:joriebernhardt@templeofaaron.org)  
**YOUTH PROGRAMMING**  
1st-6th – RSVP to  
[joriebernhardt@templeofaaron.org](mailto:joriebernhardt@templeofaaron.org)



Jorie Bernhardt, Director of Youth and Family Programming, and Rabbi Micah Miller with Congregational President Margie Ticknor, and Rabbi Hannah Orden of Congregation Beth Hatikvah in Summit, New Jersey.

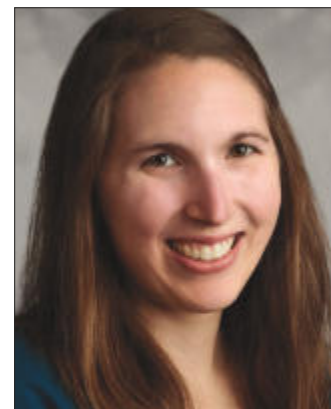


Jorie Bernhardt worked with seven community members as well as with synagogue leadership to teach them about *5 Senses of Judaism* programming. As part of the visit, we welcomed ten children and their families to model the *5 Senses of Judaism* Shabbat program. This provided the opportunity for Congregation Beth Hatikvah's staff and volunteers to have a strong understanding of each of the activity stations in preparation for them to implement the Shabbat program in October. We are proud and excited to be able to share these resources and wish Congregation Beth Hatikvah much success in their endeavors.

Think for a moment of how many times per day you utter the words "I'm sorry." As Midwesterners and Minnesotans, the count is probably quite high, and especially higher if you identify as a woman. Now think for a moment of a time that you said "I'm sorry." Were you truly sorry? Did your words and actions show repentance and a desire to right a wrong?

A fake apology does not take acknowledgement of the other person's pain and hurt. A fake apology does not take ownership of the wrong or commitment to rectify harmful and hurtful behavior. Apologies are difficult because the words we say and the actions we commit to affect relationships. Apologies require empathy and understanding. They require time. They also require the understanding that while we may say we are sorry, and that our actions demonstrate change, the person who has been hurt may not yet be ready to trust the transgressor and accept the apology.

As we stand, striking our hearts as we utter the *AI Chet*, how can we turn our vows of atonement and self-improvement into meaningful action?



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**5 Senses of Judaism**  
Foundational Sensational: Jewish Sensory Education  
[joriebernhardt@templeofaaron.org](mailto:joriebernhardt@templeofaaron.org)  
**Around the World**

October 27th  
9:15AM-11AM  
Temple of Aaron

Questions and RSVP  
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# Destination Shabbat

## Torah Reading 201 with Cantor/Educator Fineblum

Oct. 27, Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 8 & 15  
10:00 - 11:00am

Do you like to sing? Do you know how to read Hebrew? Then this class is for you! Join Cantor/Educator Fineblum for a 5-week Torah reading class where you learn the notes and intricacies of reading from the Sifrei Torah. Learn about the beginning of trope and begin the journey to your Golden Kephah and become one of our regular Torah readers.

## Join Us October 21 at Simchat Torah



as **Brian Zaidman** Receives **Ner Tamid Award**

USY Board members Arielle Shofman (Pres.), Gabi Kotovsky (VP), and Michael Rayhkfeld (VP-Programming) joined teens from all over the Twin Cities at the first Minneapolis Jewish Teen Leadership Summit in August. They also attended Emtza Region Leadership Training Institute in September.



## L'Shanah Tovah Tikatavu 2019/5780 Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

**Wishing you and those you love a sweet year, filled with health, happiness, and peace.**

Tracey and Ken Agranoff  
Lily Axelrod and Brothers and Cousins!  
Wendy and Steve Baldinger  
Jorie, Aaron and Canine Sara Bernhardt  
Marcia and Herbert Bernick and Family  
Lois and Paul Bloomberg  
Jeanne Chacon  
Jody Cohen Press and Steven Press  
Kathi Donnelly-Cohen  
Linda and Larry Eisenstadt  
Evelyn Esrig  
Rabbi Jeremy and Jessica Fine  
Andrea and Joshua Fineblum and Family  
Sue and John Flynn  
Eileen Garelick and Family  
Sis and Ron Goren and Family  
Gretchen and Errol Kantor and Family  
Barbara Kaster  
Susan and Barry Kushner and Family  
Harriet Lane

Nancy and Stephen Lane and Family  
Mary and Bill Lerman and Family  
Joanie Levey  
Harriet and Marvin Levine  
Alexandra and Gedaly Meerovich  
Amy Miller Stern and Family  
Rabbi Micah and April Miller  
Barbara Pogoler  
Roxanne and Gary Portnoy  
Sue Rosner  
Fern and David Sanders  
The Saxon Family  
Margie and Bart Schneider and Family  
Sue, Jerry and Jenni Schwartz  
Rosalyn and Yoav Segal  
Marcia Taple and Family  
Susan Tervola  
Ryvelle and Bill Tilsner  
The Toetschingers

## Service Schedule

**Friday Night Services**  
begins at 6:00pm in Leifman Chapel  
**Saturday Morning Shabbat Services**  
begins at 9:00am  
**Minyan Monday – Thursday Services**  
begins at 6:00pm in Leifman Chapel  
**Sunday Morning Minyan Services**  
begins at 9:00am in Leifman Chapel

## Shabbat Morning Features

**Shabbat Shuva Speaker – October 5**  
**Speaker Shlichia Keshet Edry**  
Hacking the Holidays Class  
**Traditional – Shabbat – October 12**  
Hacking the Holidays Class  
**Traditional – Shabbat – October 19**  
Sermon by Rabbi Fine  
**Vision Speaker – October 26**  
Vision Speaker – Former Miss Iraq  
Sarah Idan

## Help Those Who Need Food Shelf Every Week

Thousands of Minnesota families rely on food shelf for a simple meal. We can help working families, children and seniors who might go without food.



Bring food to synagogue, go to website and donate, or mail check to chair-person Harriet Levy. Harriet will mail a card for get well, celebration or condolence. Help us help others!

## Appreciation for Advertisers in Aaronion

Each *Aaronion* has a full page in which businesses and people elect to place ads. This revenue enables us to print the *Aaronion* for free.

Please review ads each month and consider using their services. We currently have four member families who have ads and we would like more. Thank you to the Oskey Family for Woodstone Renovation ad, Leventhal Family for Cecil's ad, Steve and Jody Cohen Press for Press Law Office ad, and Tracey & Ken Agranoff for private ad.



## Israel Committee

### From Miss Iraq to Political Activist

October 26



Sarah Abdali Idan, the former Miss Universe Iraq 2017, will be speaking for us on Shabbat, October 26, 2019. She was born in Baghdad and lived through the USA invasion of Iraq. Her family moved at age 14 to Syria to escape the violence and unrest. After teaching herself English through music videos, Idan returned to Iraq and worked as a linguist at age 18 for the US Military.

In November 2017, she took a picture with Miss Israel and posted it on Instagram which led to a storm of protest by Muslim radicals. That protest forced her family to leave Iraq in 2017 and move to the United States where Idan graduated from Musician Institute in Los Angeles as a vocalist. She describes herself as a secular Muslim, spiritual yet not religious.

Sarah Idan was involved in the national spotlight in August 2019 by criticizing assertions about all Muslims made by Rep. Omar from Minnesota. We look forward to welcoming Sarah Idan and hearing her perspectives.

# Group & Committee Voices

## Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

**ART, WINE & CHEESE** - Thursday, December 5 at 6:30-8:30pm at Temple of Aaron. Save the date for a fun, relaxing evening of alcohol ink on glass as the art, presented by "Paint, Paper, Scissors" while socializing over a glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage and snacks. The cost for this program is \$18. **Open to all synagogue members.**

**MAHJONGG** - Sunday, October 13 at 1:00pm in the Smith Library. Learn how to play or play with experienced sisters. Contact Margie Schneider (651-698-4358 or 7381jbs@comcast.net.)

**SISTERHOOD KNITS** - Tuesday, October 29 at 9:30am at Riverview Cafe, 38th street and 42nd Ave S., Minneapolis. Bring your own materials for knitting or crocheting. All levels welcome, including beginners. Contact Susan Gonzalez (612-791-5606 or suzimgonzalez@comcast.net).

**SISTERHOOD BOOK GROUP** - Sunday, October 27 at 9:30am at Baker's Square in Highland. The book this month is *The Last Watchman of Cairo* by Michael David Lukas. Join us for the discussion even if you haven't read the book. Contact Barb Pogoler (651-329-6340) or Mary Clark (651-249-9745) to be sure there is a place for you at the table!

**BUILDING FUND CARDS** - Purchase a card with a \$5 minimum donation for any happy or sad occasion. Just contact Susan Kushner (651-454-8336) and she will send one out. You will be billed for the cards. All monies raised are presented to the Temple for enhancements to the building!

**FOOD SHELF** - Sisterhood and the Social Justice Committee work together to fill the Francis Basket Food Shelf. Use the bins outside the gift shop for food items or send a check in honor or memory of someone you love to: Harriet Levy, 1826 Merlot Curve, Eagan, MN 55122. Questions? Call Harriet at 651-454-6829.



**SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP** - Come to the Temple of Aaron Sisterhood **Gift Shop Sale**. All merchandise is discounted 20%, except books are reduced 10%, and there is no discount on mezuzah parchment. The sale is on now, and runs through October 15. You will find beautiful High Holiday merchandise, as well as new mezuzahs from Gary Rosenthal. We also have a variety of other new merchandise from various vendors.

Our gift registry is available for anyone to register for Life Cycle Events. Hours are Sunday 9am-12pm; Wednesday 10am-1pm and 6-8pm; and by appointment with Marcia Taple (651-688-3030 or 651-402-6891) or Etta Lambricht (612-229-4340).

### Annual Torah Fund Event - Sunday, Nov. 10 at 12:30pm

**\$15.00 per person**

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood invites all women in the congregation, and their friends, to join us, as we continue our tradition of having a Torah Fund Tea. We will have an exciting silent auction, light lunch and then play mahjongg. If you don't play, you can learn that day or you can bring your favorite board games to play.

All proceeds from the silent auction go directly to Torah Fund, Women's League national campaign, helping to support Conservative/Masorti seminaries and education worldwide. This includes Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Ziegler School in Los Angeles and seminaries in Israel, Buenos Aires & Germany. As they prepare our future rabbis, cantors, educators, and leaders. This year's theme is *Chesed*, kindness, which is much needed in the trying times of our world today.

To donate items for the silent auction, bake or with any questions, please contact: Sue Schwartz, Torah Fund Chair (jasch924@aol.com or 651-451-2188). Your yearly contribution can also be made at the event.

# Thank you תודה רבה

Donations in memory of loved ones (\$10 or more)  
August/September 2019 Av/Elul 5779

Abramovich, Lyubov	Graham, Esther	Passon McNally, Linda
Allen, Jeff & Carol	Grinberg, Roman & Elena	Sanderson, Anne Rae
Arsenyeva, Elvira	Jerson, Francine & Sid	Savage, Edith
Axelrod, Lenny & Linda	Kahn, Jim & Marcella	Schenker, Shirley
Baldinger, Bob	Kanivetsky, Rozita	Schraber, David & Paula
Behr, Dick & Bev	Kaplan, Burleigh	Schwartz, Jerry & Sue and family
Brody, Sandy & Phyllis	Karon, Robert	Segal, Jerry & Louise
Bubar, Sana	Katz, Connie	Shaller, Rossy
Drucker, Barb & Harold	Katz, Sidney	Sorkin, Gennadiy
Gak, Feliks & Alla Vysotsky	Kopilenko, Alexander & Bella	Tilsen, Robert
Getsug, Ray & Elissa	Levey, Annette	Tilsner, Bill & Revelle
Gochberg, Vera	Lifson, Ron & Helen	Tragar, C.A.
Goldberg, Sharleen	Meerovich, Gedaly & Alexandra	Waldman, Jerry and family
Goldberger, Geri	Miller, C. Dennis	Wilton, Peter & Madee
Goldstein, Carol	Miller, Florence	
Gordon, Frank & Cookie	Ostrovskaya, Galina	

... to Menchies for its donation of treats for school students.

... to Fundraiser volunteers Rachel Haim, John Taillon, Deb Getsug Taillon, Linda Passon McNally, Danaé Thorpe, Kim Thomey, Randy and Lisa Lane, Susie Haim, and Tracey Agranoff.

## Sukkot Background & Themes

The holidays begin four days after Yom Kippur and originally were agricultural celebrations. Over time we broadened the meaning to encompass Israelites using sukkah-like structures during 40 years of wandering in the Sinai.

Sukkot teaches us to be thankful for food and mercy while Jews wandered through the desert from Egypt. Sukkot links the modern Jew to nature. Jews continue to build, harvest, create and survive. The sukkah helps us get in touch with and better appreciate nature away from technology. The sukkah can help us keep our values in perspective. Eating together on Sukkot reinforces the sense of community.

Temple of Aaron gathers for an annual Shabbat Lunch during Sukkot and that is supported by Herb and Lea Schaffer Fund. We share caramel apples October 21, 2019 for Simhat Torah provided by the David A. Berg Endowment honoring the memory of Robert H. Berg. We also dance with the Torahs that evening with music provided by the Elliot Libman Band funded by the Sandy and Bob Tilsen Endowment.

## Cemetery Planning Reduces Stress

We sell affordable graves to members and non-members with multi-month payment plans. There will be price increases taking effect Jan. 1, 2020 so make your deposit in 2019.



Ken Agranoff

Act now to solidify family plans. We have a mixed faith section for members. Contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff at 651-252-6406 or kenagranoff@templeofaaron.org for an 18-minute meeting. Seize the opportunity to avoid a last-minute emotional meeting.

# Blessings

נחמו נחמו עמי

## OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

מזל טוב

- 56 Buddy & Lynn Abramson
- 55 Emmanuil & Alla Rikberg
- 53 Mark & Carol Epstein
- 45 Marvin & Sharon Cohan
- 40 Carmel & Nadav Haggith
- 30 Howard & Jody Sigal
- 25 Mickey & Rita Kieffer
- 25 Philip & Sheril & Gilberstadt
- 20 Beverley & Richard Behr
- 15 Jason Goldberg & Shayne Blacksburg

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

Harriet Usem  
June Fine  
Burniece Goldetsky

*A Memorial Plaque Has Been Displayed For*  
Anotoli Sorkin

**TISHRI BANNER:** In memory of Anna Schloff by children, Dr. Ivan Schloff, Marvin Schloff and Fern Melzer. Titled "World" (Yaacov Agam design). It shows the world is in constant movement and change.



## New to High Holiday Services



- This year several congregants worked with Rabbi Fine to create a new modern Yizkor service.
- ToA Members share their personal 2-sacred minutes on the bemah. Throughout the holiday season congregants will reflect on what is sacred to them.
- The clergy encourage you to journey through experiential prayer. On Rosh Hashanah the Smith Library will be a personal journey through inner reflection. Yom Kippur the Wine Conference Room brings Jonah to life. This is intended for adults only.



### Temple of Aaron Blood Drive Sunday, November 3rd at 9am-3pm

Book an appointment at:  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Sponsor code: TOA

Walk-Ins are welcomed!  
Must be 17 years old or 16 years  
with parent signed consent.

Questions/Volunteer:  
Wendy Oskey  
[wendy.oskey@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.oskey@gmail.com)  
Brian Zaidman  
[bmzaidman@gmail.com](mailto:bmzaidman@gmail.com)

# ...and More

## Campus Gardens at the Temple of Aaron

by Mary Maguire Lerman

It all began in 2011 when congregants Gary Portnoy and Matt Clark approached me with the idea of sprucing up the exterior of the synagogue with new plantings. The first project planned was a perennial garden in front of the kitchen windows. We altered our plans and excavated for a rain garden, featuring perennials, trees and shrubs. This rain garden won the Blooming St. Paul Golden Environmental Garden Award in 2012.

I agreed to assist with this first project provided others in our community came on board to form a garden group. The next garden was installed between the main entrance and the office entrance where niche gardens were planted to hardy perennial hibiscus, Karl Foerster grasses and Hydrangeas. Next came the Shalom Garden (between the north and northwest doors) at the Raskas Road entrance. So, we collected Hostas from the grounds, added Astilbes, Ligularias and more Hydrangeas, courtesy of Gary Portnoy. Today the Shalom Garden has inviting containers at the entrance to the veranda flanked by perennial and Hydrangea plantings that will soon mature.

Temple of Aaron partners with Francis Basket Food Shelf. I thought about fresh herbs for their clients. Since 2018 we have been planting and harvesting many herbs- basil, rosemary, chives, parsley and dill. Each Monday morning starting in July/August, members of Sisterhood and the Garden Club meet to harvest the herbs and transport them to the food shelf. Last year over 100 lbs. of fresh herbs were delivered.

In 2016 I began a two year project on clearing invasive shrubs and weeds from the slope on the east side of our parking lot. In May 2018, with the help of Ramsey County Master Gardeners, we began planting the River of Grass Pollinator Garden from Hartford Avenue south. Native Little Bluestem grass was planted to represent our Mississippi River flowing from northern Lake Itasca (planted with Blue Zinger sedges.) Other native grasses, wildflowers and select perennials were planted in corresponding ribbons. Watch for even more color and mass next year as plug plants normally mature after three years of growth.

Finally, a selection of Paniculata Hydrangeas has been installed outside the north side of the Sanctuary. One last project remains. A rain garden that would carry another large amount of runoff from the sanctuary roof toward Mississippi River Blvd. We are starting to raise funds for this project which will involve significant excavation. To contribute, send your check to the Temple of Aaron with GARDEN written in the notation line. And... Yes, if you like to garden, we welcome your help. Please contact me at [magui011@umn.edu](mailto:magui011@umn.edu) or 651-334-0986 and I will put you on the notification list for when we schedule for gardening opportunities.

## Temple of Aaron Volunteers Help Neighborhood House

*Richard Strimling, Bill Lerman, Mary McGuire-Lerman, Jerry Schwartz, Brian Zaidman, Susan Flynn, Liz Strimling, Marge Schneider, Charles Maron, Bart Schneider and Sue Schwartz (not pictured). Plus Wendy Oskey was working separately with her young children reading program. Mary was distributing the herbs from the ToA garden.*



# Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

October 2019  
Tishri ~ Cheshvan 5780

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 9:00am Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Service 6:00pm Minyan	<b>2</b> No Hebrew School/TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Hebrew 101	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 7:23pm	<b>5</b> 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Hacking the Holidays Class 9:15am Shabbat Services 10:45am Shabbat Shuva Speaker: Shlicha Keshet Edry 11:30am Kiddush Lunch
<b>6</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 1:00pm Kever Avot Memorial Service at ToA Cemetery	<b>7</b> Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:23pm Fast Begins 7:00pm Kol Nidre Service Begins 6:45-9:30pm Babysitting	<b>9</b> 9:00am Yom Kippur Services 9:15am Family Service 10:00am Teen Talk 10am-12:30pm Youth Programming (1st-6th) 10am-12:30pm Babysitting 1:15-3:35pm Classes 5:00pm Mincha/Neilah 5-7:30pm Babysitting 7:15pm Maariv/Havdalah 7:22pm Final Sho'far/Break Fast	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 6:30pm Sisterhood Knits 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 7:09pm	<b>12</b> 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Hacking the Holidays Class 9:15am Shabbat Services 11:30am Kiddush Lunch
<b>13</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am TiKone USY Sukkot Begins 6:14pm	<b>14</b> 7:30am Sukkot Service Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	<b>15</b> 7:30am Sukkot Service 6:00pm Minyan	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Hebrew 101 5:15-7:00pm Sukkot Family Fun Night 7:00pm Men's Club Scotch Raiser at Rabbit Fine's	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Erev Shabbat 7:00pm Shabbat Potluck Candle Lighting 6:56pm	<b>19</b> NO Shabbat School - MEA 9:15am Learning w/ Rabbi Miller 9:15am Shabbat Services 11:30am Kiddush Lunch
<b>20</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast No TiKone USY	<b>21</b> 9:00am Sukkot Yizkor Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan 6:00pm Simchat Torah Celebration	<b>22</b> 7:30am Simchat Torah Services 6:00pm Minyan	<b>23</b> 4:00pm Hebrew School 6:00pm TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>25</b> 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle Lighting 6:43pm	<b>26</b> 9:00am Shabbat School 9:15am Learning w/ Rabbi Miller 9:15am Shabbat Services 10:45am Vision Speaker Miss Iraq 11:30am Kiddush Lunch
<b>27</b> 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am TiKone USY 9:15am 5 Senses of Judaism 10:00am Torah Reading 201	<b>28</b> Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Minyan	<b>30</b> 4:00pm Hebrew School 6:00pm TiKone USY 6:00pm Minyan	<b>31</b> 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<p>For more information on these and other events and programs, please visit our website:  <a href="http://templeofaaron.org">templeofaaron.org</a>  <b>All programs at ToA</b>  <i>unless otherwise noted.</i></p>	



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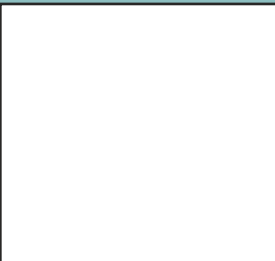
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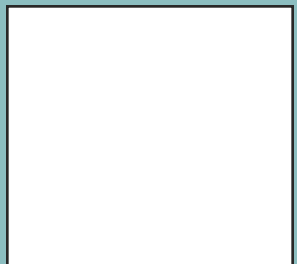
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