



Temple House of Israel Bulletin

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Our mission is to perpetuate Jewish life and identity through a welcoming community of spirituality, learning, service, joy and worship

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From the Rabbi

A Word ... or More

“Why God Created Jewish Funeral Directors ”

This is one of the years in which all the Fall holydays and holidays occur only in September, only bordering on our beautiful Autumn season. We'd be tempted to have said, “Well, the holydays came early this year,” but what we know is that the holydays are never early or late; they begin on “the first day of the seventh month” (Tishrei) regardless what the Gregorian calendar says.

The Jewish calendar is lunar/solar. There is only the space of a few weeks in which our holidays can occur, as opposed to Islam's lunar-only calendar. Ramadan, for example, can occur in just about any month of the year.

I'm not going to get into the complex nature of our calendar. I've always told the students in the conversion classes, “God created funeral directors to make available our Jewish calendar every year!” Samson Raphael Hirsch, the Father of modern Orthodox Judaism, said, “Our calendar is the catechism of the Jews. “ Other faiths have a catechism of beliefs, but our days of celebration spell out the values we hold dear, and their connection to God. We have our High Holydays stressing our personal responsibilities; the Festivals of Succot, Pesach and Shavuot giving thanks for the various harvests as well as their connection to the Exodus and our wilderness wandering; and Holidays such as Chanukah and Purim which highlight “historical” events.

It's not too late to find a Hebrew calendar probably online. I suggest you build your Jewish life around that. It includes secular holidays we well, but it gives you the opportunity to know what special days are approaching and to check out the opportunities for celebration

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher

September/ October Services

- This Friday **September 28 Shabbat Service at the UU Fellowship, 565 Pine Ave in Waynesboro at 7:30**
- Saturday **Sept 29 Torah study at 9:00** and also
- **Sept 29 Congregation Work Session at 10:00** also at the UU Fellowship
- Friday **October 19 Community Awareness Shabbat at 7:30**
- Saturday **Oct 20 Torah study at 9:00** and
- **Oct 20 Congregation Work Session at 10:00**
- **Saturday October 27 Movie and Havdalah at 6:30**

**The weekend of September 29-30 is downtown Staunton's
Mischievous and Magic Celebration**

Words from our Temple President

Dear members and friends,

Temple House of Israel is on the cusp of change and there is some momentum forward in a positive direction with Rabbi Grumbacher to guide us. Momentum cannot be sustained by a few pulling and pushing; the job is simply too hard. True change takes a group of people working together for a common cause. Our common cause is survival, vibrancy and growth.

So now is the time to choose. Choose to make a difference in our Jewish community, choose to become an integral part of our workings. Choose to become a member. Choose to be an active participant in meaningful, serious, and honest discussions. Choose to listen to others with differing opinions. Choose to build relationships with each other steeped in understanding and appreciation.

Making a choice is a crossroads. One way or idea shakes out to seem more important than another and invariably something may be left behind. That is not the case with our small congregation. We are not leaving anything behind. We are striving for continuity; not reinventing ourselves, but evolving. So please choose to be part of the evolution of Temple House of Israel. As 19th century clergyman Edward Everett Hale stated, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." We are on a path to success. Join us!

L'Shalom,
Bonny Strassler

Thank you and you and you

- ◆ A very special thank you to Cantor Michael Mandel for beautifully leading us in song during the holydays.
- ◆ Thanks to Linda Blazer for getting a large print high holyday prayer book.
- ◆ Thanks to the ritual committee: Ruth Chodrow, Heidi Lasser, Larry Sutker for arranging all the honors and making the high holyday services run so smoothly.
- ◆ Thanks to Ruth for hosting lunch at her home following Tashlich.
- ◆ Where would we be without food?! Thanks to all who brought delicious food for the Erev Rosh Hashonah dinner and dessert and our Yom Kippur break-the-fast. It may not be all about the food, but that sure does make it nice!
- ◆ Thanks to Michelle Clark for arranging a Congregants Hour during the break at Yom Kippur and especially to Heidi Lasser and Bonny Strassler as well as Rabbi Grumbacher for sharing their Jewish journeys. What a special addition to the day!
- Collectively we donated 300 pounds of food to the Verona Community Food Pantry!! Thank you to everyone who donated food during our High Holyday food drive. A resounding success! Kudos to all.

Sukkot in Lexington

Washington and Lee Hillel is welcoming anyone and everyone to eat in their sukkah. If you're in the neighborhood, stop by with your own lunch or order from their Café (W&L students are eligible for a free lunch with a voucher). 204 West Washington Street, Lexington, VA.

LOST—

There was a Calvin Klein, black women's jacket, size medium, left in the social hall after Yom Kippur. It's now hanging in the coat closet

Women's Group

- **Our next meeting will be held Sunday, October 21 at 2:00 pm.**
- As a fun way to contribute funds for this year's Out of Darkness Walk to raise awareness for suicide prevention, we're hosting a **water color painting class** on **October 14th from 2—4 pm.** Team Tikvah will host Buffy Guthrie as our instructor. The individual price will be \$50 (\$30 goes towards our team goal) and will be held at the Ellen Boden's Artisan's Loft. Light refreshments, Prosecco and bottled water will be provided. There is room for up to 30 painters...so please spread the word beyond the temple so we can possibly raise \$900 towards our \$1500 goal. Funds raised will provide support to survivors, invest in research, create educational programs, and advocate for sound public policy. To sign up, contact Debbie at deb1130@hotmail.com.
- This year the **Greater Shenandoah Out of the Darkness Walk** will be held on **November 3rd at Gypsy Hill Park.** We hope you and your friends will join Team Tikvah as we work to raise \$1500 by 11/3. Here's the direct link to donate to our team: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm...>
To register to join Team Tikvah, click the link below:
<https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm...>

Not able to walk? There are other ways you can help: be a virtual walker or use your creativity to help us reach our \$1500 fundraising goal. Contact our Team Captain, Debbie Jacobs at deb1130@hotmail.com to discuss some ideas or get answers to your questions.

Celebrations

Happy Birthdays to

Charles Fox who celebrates on October 5th
Marsha Pillet celebrating on October 21st
Paul Klein on the 22nd
Benn Legum on the 23rd
Bonnie Brown on the 28th

Happy Anniversary to

Paul and Diane Klein celebrating October 12th
Steve and Catherine Rosenberg celebrating on October 27th



October Yahrzeits

Annette Biatch

Samuel Goldenberg

Nathan Harrison

Mary Kravitz

Irving Schwartz

Babette Switzer

Leon Weinberg

Nina Finkel

Shirley Goldenberg

Joseph Kaplan

Leonard Legum

Henrietta Siegel

Infant daughter Walters

Morris Geller

Gussie Greenspan

Annie Klotz

Kenneth Lussen

Benjamin Sragovitz

Moses Walters



Recent Donations

Thank you to those who have supported our congregation during the past month with their much appreciated financial donations:

Yizkor Donations

In memory of Don Chodrow Ruth Chodrow
In memory of Neely Snyder Aleeza Wilkins
Daniel Schorsch, David Goldstein, Henrietta Goldstein, Ruth Schorsch,
Ruby Bornstein, Vivian Schorsch, Leopold Schorsch Ellen Schorsch
Elain Werther, Robert Werther, Saide Werther, Edward Werther,
Ida Klein Ellen Werther
Seymour Dubinsky, Libbie Dubinsky, Stephen Dubinsky Gail Davis
Ada Kaufman, Arthur Kaufman, Gloria Goldsmith, Bernard
Goldsmith Jan Kaufman and Art Goldsmith
Edward Yalowitz, Shirley Yalowitz Heidi Lasser

In memory of Ed Solomon Sue Solomon
Muriel Robbins, David Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cabbage, Allan
Robbins, Cecelia Cohen, Allen Shainsky, Israel "Sam" Shainsky, Helen
Schainsky, Betty Robbins, Max Robbins Pam Robbins
David Gutnick, Manny and Beryl Gutnick, Betty Young Rich and Beth Young
In memory of Adam Clark Michelle Clark
In memory of Hyman Blazer, Viola Pieratozzi Blazer, Charles Blazer,
Harmony Blazer Linda Blazer
Sam Goldenberg, Shirley Goldenberg, Howard Michael Goldenberg,
Israel Scherer, Gussie Scherer, Helen Scherer, Al Scherer, Morris Shapiro,
Pauline Shapiro, Harold Shapiro, Bernie Bresky, Dorothy Bresky, Stephan
Shapiro, Hugo Tagli Alan and Vicki Goldenberg

In memory of Harriet Schwartz and Benjamin Schwartz Ken Schwartz
Ralph and Mildred Degen, Pearl and Milton Klotz, Morris and Dora
Klotz, Jacob and Annie Klotz Doug Degen
In memory of Paul Shapiro and Mary Shapiro Carol and Buffy Shapiro
In memory of Arnold Pepper Frances Sadler
In memory of Paul Lowe and Harriet Brown ... Sherry Lowe, Mike and Bonnie Brown,
..... Sam and Eliana Brown
Jacob Kaplan, Mabel Kaplan, Bernard Kaplan, Joseph Kaplan,
Emerald Liberty Leah Farmer
Bea Legum, Leonard Legum, Robert Ferguson, Joe Miller Benn Legum and
..... Penelope Ferguson

For the High Holidays

..... Margery Morse
..... Maya Epelbaum
In honor of Sam Brown's shofar blowing Ruth Chodrow
For the Torah restoration challenge Sarah and Byron Grove-Humphries

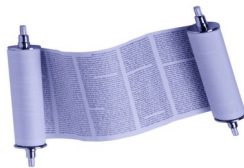
News from the Pews

- Refuah Sh’leimah to Tom Davis who successfully underwent a heart transplant at the end of August. After a few weeks of touch and go, Gail is grateful for your thoughts and prayers and reports that Tom has finally turned a corner and is now stable and being weaned off the ventilator.
- Steve Guberman suffered a stroke in early September and is convalescing at Kings’ Daughters Rehab Center on North Augusta in Staunton. He would love visitors but hopes to be released soon.
- Robert (aka Bobby) Pendleton is remarkably well at Kings’ Daughters Rehab Center, rooming with his brother Landon. He has dialysis treatments 3 days each week but would love visitors.
- Mi Sheberach and Refua Sh’leimah and all those in our community who are in need of health and healing. (If we know who you are, we can offer our best wishes personally.)
- Worthy of a second notice: Our tiny congregation collected and donated three hundred pounds of food (300 pounds on the nose) during our High Holyday food drive. Verona Community Food Pantry is extremely grateful for our group donation.

As a Reminder

Easy Ways to help

- THOI is registered at **amazonsmile.com**. Any time you shop at Amazon simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device and a portion will be donated to THOI.
- Our **flamingoes** are still flying around Contact Debbie if you’d like them to fly to someone you know! deb1130@hotmail.com. Ellen Schorsch loved them for her 80th birthday celebration!
- Start the New Year with a welcome to Jews and non-Jews alike. Our presence on **Facebook** will potentially reach others and will perhaps generate new members. Please "like" and "follow" us on social media.
- Consider a donation to the Torah Maintenance and Repair fund. Keeping our Torah scrolls in good repair requires an ongoing and regular effort. Your checks to THOI should be marked “Torah Restoration Fund”.



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