

BULLETIN

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October President's Message

Friends,

It's hard to write a President's message when the dog just made a mess on the kitchen floor. It's hard to get the important things done when the day to day tasks continue to intrude. As I'm writing this, Rosh Hashanah is past and Yom Kippur is coming. Rosh Hashanah is called *Yom HaZikaron* in the Torah, the Day of Remembrance. One of my friends is going around asking people "What are we supposed to remember?" The 1st day Torah reading involves the birth of Isaac, "and G-d remembered Sarah". Not only does G-d remember the promise to Sarah, he also remembers the covenant with Abraham. The 2nd day reading has the binding of Isaac (thought by the Rabbis to have occurred on Rosh Hashanah), after which the covenant is reaffirmed. Part of the musaf service is the *zikbranot*, remembrance verses, which list examples of G-d remembering us. So, perhaps *Yom HaZikaron* is the day for G-d to remember?

We too should remember the part we play in maintaining the covenant. This is the time of year for us to reflect upon our lives, to *remember* what we have done or not done during the past year, and to think about how we should behave in the coming year. We all have to put aside the distractions of the mundane and make the time to remember.

For our shul the past month has included some distractions. We are arranging to get new gutters and roof repairs. We also have had emergency plumbing repairs in the ceiling of our kitchen. These distractions will not dissuade us from taking action on the important issue of access to our building. We are going ahead with plans to install a handicapped access lift for our main entrance. A ramp was vetoed by the historic preservation board, but a lift was approved. The total cost will be around \$15,000. We are looking for grants and we already have some money donated for the project. Please help us help all of our members come to shul by making a donation for a lift!

October brings Sukkot. The first day service will be held at Temple Beth Am. The past couple of months have seen a number of cooperative activities with Beth Am. However, I was disappointed at how few of our members attended joint events at Beth Am. Cooperation can't work if we don't give it a chance. Rabbi Goldberg will be leading Shemini Atzeret services at Beth Am on October 9th and at BHBI on October 10th and Simchat Torah service at Beth Am on October 11th. Please come and hear our Rabbi and support our joint services. We will have our own traditional Simchat Torah service on the evening of the 10th as well. It's lots of fun, so please come.

Have a great October.

Leon Metlay

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUKKOT!



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RABBI'S MESSAGE

By

RABBI GEOFFREY GOLDBERG

Judaism is blessed with many beautiful and meaningful festivals which teach us to sense the preciousness and sanctity of time. As soon as one festival is over, another seems to be on the horizon—and all too often—just around the corner. Every observant Jew wonders, “why could not the *hagim* be spread out a little more evenly over the year?” This is a very valid question, especially at this time of the year when the *Yamim Nora'im* are followed immediately by Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

Perhaps an answer to this question lies within *Kobelet* (“Ecclesiastes” in English) which we read during Sukkot (this year on Shemini Atzeret). There we read such immortal words as:

Everything has its appointed time, and there is a season for every event under the sky.
There is a time to be born and a time to die,
A time to plant and a time to uproot.
A time to kill and a time to heal,
A time to destroy and a time to build,
A time to weep and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn and a time to dance....
A time to love and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace (From *Kobelet*, Chapter 3).

Do we ever know when these times will occur? Occasionally we do, but for the most part we do not. We never know when joy will come into our lives, or illness strike and death occur. We never know when war will break out, a terrorist attack occur, or peace emerge after years of conflict. All we can do is to be prepared, as best we can, for whatever life brings. But most especially, when times of joy and happiness occur, we must seize the moment, give thanks, and rejoice.

So now we must seize the moment that the Sukkot season brings. I love the transition from Yom Kippur to Sukkot. On Yom Kippur we deny ourselves physical pleasures, we live, as it were, on a totally “spiritual” level for 25 hours. And then we throw ourselves into pure physicality: the beauty of the Sukkah and the tangibility of the Lulav and Etrog, to be experienced and enjoyed with all our senses.

In Temple times a ceremony called “Simchat beit ha-Sho'evah” the “Rejoicing of the Drawing of the Water” was performed. It was such a joyous occasion that it was said, “The one who has not seen the rejoicing of the Beit ha-Sho'evah” has never seen joy in that person's life” (*Mishnah, Sukkot*, 5:1). While we no longer perform this ceremony, surely we can say the same of the waving of Lulav and Etrog in particular, and the Festival of Sukkot as a whole. If you have never waved the Lulav and Etrog, or savored the exquisite fragrance of the latter, you have missed one of the joys of life. Don't miss out. Come to services. Of all the *hagim*, Sukkot must surely be the most beautiful, and many would say, the most fun.

Hag Sameach,

Rabbi Geoffrey Goldberg

Yahrzeits

At the following Shabbat Services, we will read the names of our late loved ones whose Yahrzeits will occur on that Shabbat or during the following week.

October 2-3	Tishrei	October 16-17	Tishrei-Cheshvan	October 23-24	Cheshvan	October 30-31	Cheshvan
Irving Solomon	15	Sam Gold	29	Ida Menter*	7	Israel Astrachan*	13
Harris I. Cenzler*	18	Bernard Israel	30	Clara Spencer	7	Marion Grossman*	13
Jean Traub*	18	Celia Israel	30	Marion Lazar*	8	Nellie Beckler*	15
Marie L. Steinmetz*	19	Bessie Miller*	1	Joseph D. Stolnitz*	8	David	
Robert Steinmetz*	19	Ida Phillips	2	Ida Buckbinder*	9	Mandelbaum	15
Stanley Toker*	20	Sarah Rickler*	4	Irene Bernstein		Lena Cohen*	16
		Blanche Florescue		Mikolasek*	9	Sofya Kaminnik*	17
		Ross*	4	Bernard		Ray Toker	17
October 9-10		Charles Schnidman*	4	Lipschutz	10	Mosheh Lazar*	18
		Harry Silverman*	4	Lottie		Nathan Pastor	18
Daniel Horowitz	23	Rabbi Jordan Taxon	4	Astrachan*	12	Nachem Reb Tsvi	
Beverly Clark*	24			Lewis Glaser	12	Hersh	18
David Israel	24	* Denotes name memorialized on BHBI Memorial Plaque		Alfred E. Hart*	12	Julia Goldman*	19
Morris Album*	25			Sol Weinstein*	12		

We pray that our mourners will be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem and that the memory of the deceased continues to be a blessing to all who knew them.

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- September 28 Harris and Aline Honickman (Yom Kippur Break Fast in memory of Milton Honickman)

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