



September 2022 Elul/Tishri 5782-5783

Services

Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, September 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th from 5:45 PM – 6:30 PM *Zoom only*

Tot Shabbat Service (formerly called TGIS) *See attached flyer*

Friday, September 9th from 4:45 PM – 5:30PM *In Person only*

Friday Night Live Service with Dinner Welcoming Rabbi David Barnett *See attached flyer*

Friday, September 16th Service from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM In Person and Streaming with Dinner following

Morning Shabbat

Saturday, September 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th at 9:30 AM * In Person & via Zoom*

Tuesday Minyan

Tuesday, September 6th, 13th & 20th at 5:30 PM *Zoom only*

No Tuesday Minyan on September 27th due to Rosh Hashanah

Events

Congregational BBQ – Free to all Members: Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 12:00 PM

Succulent Arrangement Class *See attached flyer*: Sunday, September 18th from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Sisterhood Welcome Back Brunch and Meet & Greet with Rabbi Barnett *See attached flyer*

Sunday, September 18th at 11:15 AM

High Holidays – Schedule of Services – See attached flyer

Selichot:

Saturday, September 17th at 8:00 PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah:

Sunday, September 25th at 6:00 PM

1st Day Rosh Hashanah:

Monday, September 26th beginning at 9:00 AM

*Rosh Hashanah Children's Service

Monday, September 26th beginning at 10:15 AM

*(Pre-K – 1 in the school wing) *(Grs. 2 – 6 in the chapel)

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah:

Tuesday, September 27th beginning at 9:00 AM

*Tashlich by the Pond (immediately following the service)

Tuesday, September 27th at 12:30 PM

*Meet at pond by Water Wheel on Tillinghast

Yom Kippur Kol Nidre:

Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 PM

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 5th beginning at 9:00 AM

*Yom Kippur Children's Service

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*(Pre-K – 1 in the school wing) *(Grs. 2 – 6 in the chapel)

Minhah (afternoon)/Ne'ilah Service

Wednesday, October 5th at 5:00 PM

Havdalah w/Community Break-the-fast

Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 PM

Sukkah Raising

Sunday, October 9th at 9:00 AM

Sukkot - Simchat Torah – Lulav Shaking

Sunday, October 16th at 11:00 AM

Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor Service

Monday, October 17th at 9:30 AM

Simchat Torah Preliminary Ma'Ariv

Monday, October 17th at 6:00 PM

Simchat Torah Family Celebration w/Hakafot

Monday, October 17th at 6:30 PM

All High Holiday services will be In Person w/Streaming except Selichot, which will be In Person w/Zoom



New Beginnings – A New Year!!

New beginnings are always exciting and special, and indeed the more so when they are integrated with our best hopes and dreams for the future. In sharing this, my first article for our TTY monthly bulletin, I am honored, grateful, and delighted to be able to serve as the rabbi of this most unique and special congregation. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have

welcomed me so warmly and personally, from those who have come up and introduced yourselves to me at the Temple, to those who have hosted meet and greet get togethers with others in their homes, to others I've met in other venues. I am looking forward to hopefully sharing some of the most memorable moments of our lives in the coming weeks and months ahead with you.

In thinking about his message in the context of our approaching new Jewish year, I recalled the saying of one of my teachers at the Jewish Theological Seminary, the late professor Moshe Held: "Tetzei shanah atikah im kol tzaroteya, v'ti'kanes shanah chadashah im kol birchoteha", "That the old year with all its troubles should pass, and the new year with all of its blessings should enter." Certainly, as we join the rest of our country in adjusting and charting strong and bold pathways ahead in the wake of all of the challenges of the last several years, post-Covid and otherwise, we can and should focus on all of our blessings, which are many and bounteous.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you, and to working with all of the various constituent groups of our Temple, from the Sisterhood to the Men's Club, to the children in our school, to those in the pre-K and Sprouts group with their parents, to the recent cadre of post Bar/Bat mitzvah students, to those in our FNL group, and with all of you participating in our other groups and committees, as well as being able to represent our congregation to the greater local and statewide community as well. In this spirit, I'd like to wish all of you then a most special hope for a "Shanah Tovah u'm'vorechet", a "Good (new) and Blessed Year" ahead.

Sincerely,

Rabbi David Barnett



Shalom Fellow Congregants.

Well, my first two months as your new president have been eventful. We honored Rabbi Philmus at his last Friday night service and we welcomed Rabbi Barnett as our interim rabbi. We held our first calendar planning meeting. Some of the board committees have already met and have planned some

wonderful activities for the new fiscal year and there will be many more compelling activities to come.

Live attendance at Rabbi Barnett's first Saturday morning service was higher than many pre-COVID services. It was wonderful to see people in person and to not depend on Zoom attendance for a minyan. It was even better to linger in the temple after services to talk with people. I encourage you all to come back to in-person Saturday morning worship. With the High Holidays coming near the end of the month, you have a few Shabbats for you to come and worship as a community. And speaking of the High Holidays, Rabbi Barnett and David Wasser have working hard to ensure that this year's services will be inspiring.

With all the positive things happening at TTY, we still have our challenges. Top of mind is financial sustainability. I will be forming a Capital Campaign Committee shortly after the High Holidays. Also, shortly after the High Holidays, the Rabbi Search Committee will begin the search for a permanent rabbi.

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In Person & via Zoom

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In Person & via Streaming.

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In Person & via Streaming

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[Tues. Sept. 27th; 9:00 am](#)

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October

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In Person & via Streaming.

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In Person & via Streaming.

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Along with our challenges, we have new opportunities. While membership remains relatively stable now, our numbers are lower than in years past. One of my goals this year is to initiate a strategy to increase our membership and will be working with several board committees to achieve this goal. Here is an area where everyone can contribute. Tell the people you know about the warm, welcoming, supportive community that is TTY. Invite them to the open house barbeque September 11.

As I've mentioned before, another personal goal is to meet with as many of you as I can to learn a little about you, about what keeps you engaged as a temple community member, and about what you would like to see to improve your experience. I will be reaching out after the High Holidays. You should feel free though, to reach out to me anytime by email (president@toratyisrael.org) or phone (510-910-9577).

Michael Katz



Torat Yisrael's Cohen School

Welcome back Cohen School families! We are excited to begin a new school year with classes starting on September 11th. After drop off there will be a parent meeting in the Temple's main sanctuary. To help strengthen the temple and school community, Rabbi David Barnett, Allyson Antin (President of the School Committee), Deb Burka (Programming Committee), Michael Katz (President) and I will share with you the school calendar and its' upcoming programs, parent programs and ways to get involved in not only school events but also temple events. Please join us for a free Open House/Temple Barbeque immediately after school at noon behind the synagogue.

We would like to welcome back our amazing and dedicated teachers: Alyse Teitelbaum (K/1), Tracey Bosco (2/3), Andrea Allgood (4/5), and Brenda Levin (6/7). We are also very lucky to have Leah Ross-Coke who will be returning to lead our monthly Sprouts program as well as stepping in to sub as needed. Thankfully, we will also have Julia Erickson as an aide this year, as well as Harrison Gertsacov.

We have wonderful holiday programs and engaging lessons planned for the year, and will start off with our Rosh Hashanah lessons and special apple and honey snack. There will be wonderful temple opportunities for families to celebrate the High Holidays at Torat Yisrael. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur there will be holiday services in the school wing for families with babies up to first grade starting at 10:15AM. For student grades 2-6, a holiday program will take place in the small chapel at 10:15AM.

We will once again be using the Aleph Champ program for grades 2-5. We will be offering three different leveled groups this year during Hebrew time with Tracey, Andrea and Dori as teachers. The 6/7th graders will be introduced to a new Tefillah challenge with Brenda. We request that the (6/7th graders) bring in tablets or laptops each Sunday for this program. The K/1 program will begin their Hebrew journey by learning to recognize and identify the letters and explore their sounds through games, songs and experiential lessons with Alyse. Tefillah (prayer) schedule is still being finalized, but we are hopeful to offer some opportunities this year for parents to join the students.

The Pre-K Sprouts program for children ages 3-5 and their guardians will begin in October. Themes and dates are still being determined. We would like to offer a Hebrew Bootcamp, and if we have enough student participation, will also begin that in October one day during the week.

Drop off and dismissal will return to pre-Covid days where parents are asked to park and enter the building and bring their children to the classrooms. At dismissal parents can go to retrieve their children from the classrooms. All parents must pick up their child, no student will be allowed to enter the parking lot without adult supervision.

Masks will continue to be optional and we will report any Covid positive cases to families should the need to do so arise. We request that if your child is sick, to please keep them home regardless if it is Covid or just the flu or cold to limit the transmission of germs.

Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns about the school and/or our upcoming programs. Finalized calendars will be emailed and texted soon. Looking forward to seeing you all again in September! Shanah Tovah!



Librarian's Corner

I Came All This Way to Meet You by Jami Attenberg

In this brilliant, fierce, and funny memoir of transformation, Jami Attenberg—described as a “master of modern fiction” (Entertainment Weekly) and the “poet laureate of difficult families” (Kirkus Reviews)—reveals the defining moments that pushed her to create a life, and voice, she could claim for herself. What does it take to devote oneself to art? What does it mean to own one’s ideas?

What does the world look like for a woman moving solo through it?

As the daughter of a traveling salesman in the Midwest, Attenberg was drawn to a life on the road. Frustrated by quotidian jobs and hungry for inspiration and fresh experiences, her wanderlust led her across the country and eventually on travels around the globe. Through it all she grapples with questions of mortality, otherworldliness, and what we leave behind.

It is during these adventures that she begins to reflect on the experiences of her youth—the trauma, the challenges, the risks she has taken. Driving across America on self-funded book tours, sometimes crashing on couches when she was broke, she keeps writing: in researching articles for magazines, jotting down ideas for novels, and refining her craft, she grows as an artist and increasingly learns to trust her gut and, ultimately, herself.

Exploring themes of friendship, independence, class, and drive, *I Came All This Way to Meet You* is an inspiring story of finding one’s way home—emotionally, artistically, and physically—and an examination of art and individuality that will resonate with anyone determined to listen to their own creative calling.

Laura Steele



Sisterhood

Welcome back & Happy Rosh Hashanah!

On Sunday, August 28th, the ladies all met for lunch at Gregg's in North Kingstown and we had a nice crowd at Theatre by the Sea, where we enjoyed seeing the musical, *Kinky Boots*. Below is the listing of ladies & their positions with Sisterhood for this year. Our secretary position is still open, so if interested, please contact Leah or Marion.

The New Board for 2022 - 2023

Co-Presidents - Marion Woolf & Leah Ross-Coke

VP Programing - Judy Finkle

Co-Treasurers - Anita Olinsky & Lynn Field

Secretary – Position is open

Our Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Brunch will be held on **Sunday, September 18th at 11:15 AM** following immediately after Programming’s succulent arrangement class that same day. RSVP to ttyisisterhood@gmail.com by Thursday, September 15th. Hope to see you there!

Please join our Temple Torat Yisrael Sisterhood Facebook Page

Respectfully ~Judy Finkle Programing VP of Sisterhood - email Judy hotpinkjudy@yahoo.com with any new ideas

Operation Isaiah: Kol Nidre Food Drive

In conjunction with Conservative congregations throughout the country, we ask you to please plan to bring a significant quantity of non-perishable food items with you to our Kol Nidre service on Tuesday, October 4th. We plan to collect food until Tuesday, October 18th. We collect food for two community-based food support programs:

Edgewood Food Closet: They are in need of cans of tuna, soups, pasta sauces, peanut butter, boxes of cereal and fruits and vegetables.

The Louis and Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry: Please bring food with kosher certification with you to support our peers in the Jewish community who are food-sensitive.

Temple Office Closures Announcement

The Temple office will be closed the following days in September:

Monday, September 5th for Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 26th for Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, September 27th for the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah

In Our Torat Yisrael Family



Mazel Tov to everyone celebrating a Birthday in September!

Miriam Viner (10 years old), Samuel Lev Singer-Leavitt (5 years old), Joseph Theroux, Talia Theroux (6 years old), Brandon Salomon, Bonnie Epstein-Silverman, Charlotte Katz (9 years old), Angela Libman, Seymour Brooks, Dr. Adam Niedelman, Liam Levy (15 years old), Barry Kaplan, Barry Golden, Tamar Weinberg (6 years old), Lily Salomon (10 years old) & Elaine Shapiro.

Mazel Tov to everyone celebrating an Anniversary in September! Mr. & Mrs. Steven Sholes (6 years), Mrs. Meredith Barr & Mr. David Barr, Jr. (10 years), Mr. & Mrs. Steven Cohen (14 years), Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Salomon (21 years) & Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Silverman (26 years).

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