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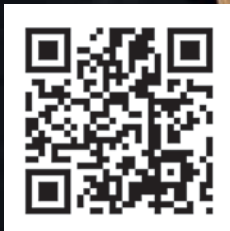


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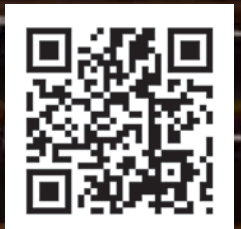


Please take a moment to send in your renewal package. Packages must be received in the Temple office by Friday, August 29 to ensure delivery of your tickets prior to the Holidays.

A separate School Registration package has been sent to all congregants with school-aged children. We are very excited about our new model for the HBT Religious School. To learn more about it, please call 416.789.3291 ext. 239 or email dspiegel@holyblossom.org.



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When Children Become Builders

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There is a Talmudic text so foundational to Jewish life that it has made its way into the prayerbook. Its wisdom is offered like a prayer. Rabbi Elazar taught in the name of Rabbi Chanina: “Sacred study increases peace in the world.” The proof-text for this assertion is the prophetic verse: “And all your children will be students of the Eternal God, and your children shall have peace.” (Isaiah 54:13) By use of wordplay, our Sages cast new light on the verse. They say: “Do not read banayich, ‘your children,’ but rather bonayich, ‘your builders.’”

So much is wrapped up in this teaching found on page 528 of our prayerbook, Siddur Pirchei Kodesh. First, that the more one engages in sacred study, the better equipped one is to bring peace to the world. Second, that peace must be built and rebuilt in each generation. And third, that we must see our children as builders and raise them as such. We construct them with building blocks of mind, heart, soul, so that they are ready for the heavy lifting and creative thinking the future demands.



The Jewish Leadership Institute at Holy Blossom Temple

Holy Blossom takes great pride in the leaders among its membership. In virtually every field, our congregants contribute to scholarship and entrepreneurship, science and civics, arts and media. Among our congregants, many dedicate countless hours to strengthen our local Jewish community and Israel. I am confident that the next generation will rise to the occasion as well, but we have to call upon them to do so, and we have to provide them with time to reflect upon how they wish to make their mark on the Jewish People.

Once they are seated at the table, our young congregants show themselves to be insightful and passionate about how to keep Judaism meaningful and relevant. Many are eager to offer what they know in order to shape the Jewish future; and many are eager to acquire for themselves what they don’t yet know about the Jewish past and present.

It’s time to build up the next generation of thought leadership at Holy Blossom Temple. Nearly a decade ago we offered the Academy of Jewish Learning. It was a real success in that the thirty-six graduates have brought important initiatives to Holy Blossom, to the Jewish community beyond 1950 Bathurst Street, and to Israel. Lisa Taylor and I look forward to launching our next initiative for emerging Jewish leaders this coming January to May, 2015. If you would like to participate or would like to call our attention to young talent, please let me know.

One of the keys to our success in “Renewal of Space and Spirit” will be this next cohort of leadership, the next generation of builders who will construct the Jewish future with both old wisdom and new insight.

Holy Blossom Temple

Leadership:

It is in us ALL

As this is the first opportunity that I have had to submit an article for the Bulletin since becoming your Executive Director 4 months ago, let me start off by thanking the membership and staff of Holy Blossom Temple for welcoming me into our “family”. I had heard for many years what an exceptional organization this was and now I have come to appreciate this first hand. However, like every not-for-profit that I know of, we have some significant challenges (I call them “opportunities”) and that is where the Leadership concept kicks in... let me explain.

We have such a wonderful, tireless group of volunteers who give of their time (and often too their money) to help complement the work that our professionals do and to, most importantly, set the policies in place that provide direction for us all. It would be impossible for Temple to employ the number of people that are needed to support the membership’s diverse needs so we turn to you, our volunteers. As a lifelong Jewish communal volunteer myself I know how rewarding it can be to work with others (either on a specific, time-limited project or on a longer time horizon) to help achieve a common goal. From my perspective, the volunteers are true Leaders. Elsewhere in this Bulletin you will find an article about volunteering at Holy Blossom; I urge you to read this and get involved!

By the time you read this article you should have all received your annual Membership packages. My team and I are working on some significant upgrades to our computer software that will, we hope, make future annual renewals much easier but, for the time being, we appreciate your efforts to complete and return these to us in a timely fashion. However, as we work diligently to balance our operating budget, to get our fiscal house in order, we see that there are many other financial “opportunities” facing us. Membership

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is the key and we all need to be Leaders in this challenge.

We know (and as highlighted in the recent Pew Report) that one of the primary needs fulfilled by synagogue membership is the opportunity to combine with, to socialize with, to connect with, likeminded people and to coalesce around common ideals. In other words, we look to synagogue membership in order to be with our friends. It is with this in mind that we are pleased to announce the launch of our new, MEMBER GET MEMBER program. The concept is to encourage each and every member to invite a friend, a relative, a neighbour or an associate from work, who is not yet a member, to contact our Director of Membership, Yael Scutaru (membership@holyblossom.org). You will find on page 15 of the Bulletin details of the exciting prize we will award to one lucky member who refers a potential not-yet member. Increase your odds of winning by referring many new members; not only will you be taking a LEADERSHIP role and helping the Temple but you might just win an interesting prize!

I wish each and every one of you a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to meeting you soon.



Executive Director



Leadership

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The recent Globe and Mail feature article reflecting on Rabbi Splansky's appointment as Senior Rabbi called Holy Blossom "the most influential congregation in Canada". The sobriquet draws upon the leadership place Temple has occupied in Canada for more than a century, and anticipates a substantial future obligation.

While the article may have been alluding to the influence of individual members (of notable breadth and diversity), my focus is on the collective: our influence as a congregation. Our Statement of Identity, a living document, sets the stage.

Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto's first synagogue, is a leading Canadian Reform Jewish congregation with a rich history of responding to both tradition and modernity in our religious and spiritual expression. We pursue meaningful opportunities for personal growth and family fulfillment at every stage of life through belonging, learning, prayer and ritual, and acts of service for our congregation and community, our city and country, the Reform Movement, Israel, and all the world.

Consider the way we live our Statement of Identity from three perspectives: small acts and large gestures, our internal world and the broader community, and the act of active listening.

The Large and the Small

Our Sanctuary is an imposing cathedral space. It is where we come together in our largest communal spiritual gatherings. In the Reform tradition, we bring our individual prayer into a collective unity. We have a passion for the space, and hold in particular reverence what happens therein.

Yet, also, it is the intimate and individual which bind us to Temple. The essence of our congregation are the countless individual

touches, the moments of celebration and solace, which mark Jewish living. Whether those close encounters are between rabbi or cantor and congregant, or among each other, they are the spiritual and emotional glue that forms our foundation.

Thus, it is our ability to express the large as the aggregate of countless small moments that allows us to be a leading spiritual congregation.

Inward and Outward

At first blush, lifelong learning would seem an inward looking endeavor. We study Torah and educate ourselves, across all ages, in order to perpetuate our faith. Our ability to remain a great congregation depends on succeeding generations finding Holy Blossom to be a place of meaning. It might appear to be all about us.

Yet, it is not. What has made Holy Blossom influential has been our voice projecting Jewish values to a broader world. We do this in two ways, through the individual actions of our members, and by the collective role we take on, as Temple, as part of a broader community. We lead because we are driven to understand the moral and social dilemmas of our time. We achieve the knowledge because we welcome those of different views, communities and faiths into our conversations. Our doors are open to engagement and learning. Sometimes, out of reverence for what we have done in the past, such as marching for Civil Rights, questioning the Vietnam War, or advocating with respect to sexual identity, we forget that our communal public expression came from deep learning, penetrating debate, and respect for the context in which we acted out our Jewish values. What seems so obvious now was much more ambiguous then.

To lead, to be influential, is to repeat that journey, albeit in a somewhat different way. Back then,

when our sanctuary was commissioned, our perspective was that of relative outsiders wishing to become full and equal participants in Toronto life. Now, as insiders in this remarkable society, we seek to make a continuing mark, offering the perspective of our Jewish values.

Inward and outward go hand in hand. Our acts of service are part of our belonging, to both the Holy Blossom family and a world community. To be influential leaders is to understand inward attention and outward expression as a unity. We cannot do one absent the other.

Listening and Speaking

It has been said that great leaders are never sure. They are confident, comfortable in their own skins. Their wisdom lies in their ability to engage the best. They aspire, always keeping the long view in mind, as the steps along the route are encountered, and occasionally endured. Great leaders are nimble because they are able to discern what is important, marshal resources, balance competing legitimacies, and change direction when needed. Their inspirational bedrock is a moral value set.

So it is with great organizations. And so it is with Holy Blossom.



The ‘influence’ noted in the press is the sum total of our individual members’ and our collective voices over a long time. The, to some, apparent cacophony of sounds is the process of diversity. Our strength comes from the humility of listening. Reflection in Torah gives unique substance to our voice. That voice may be soft, as a point of reference when others come to us, in safety, for guidance and learning. Or it may be strong when we are compelled by our values to take a stand. To be influential is to have listened.



Photos by Dr. Harvey Schipper





The statement of identity is meant to define our shared values...

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This important exercise was undertaken as part of a Temple governance review process which has taken place over several years. A draft was developed by a small committee using a process set out by the URJ and with examples from other synagogues. In creating this draft for our Holy Blossom Temple we were guided as well by responses we received from you as part of the survey which was undertaken last year and also by reports from the many individual and group meetings that formed part of the renewal process.

The statement of identity is meant to define our shared values, what and who we are and what we aspire to be as a congregation. As such it will guide our communal life and help our board and senior staff set priorities that reflect our values. It is a living document as, as such, will be formally reviewed from time to time to ensure that it remains relevant as our world changes.

This statement of identity belongs to all of us. Your responses matter and they will shape the final product.

Statement of Identity

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Tradition and Modernity

מסורה וחדשנות -

8 Founded in 1856 as an Orthodox congregation in downtown Toronto, Holy Blossom Temple joined the Reform movement in the 1920's and soon became known the world over as a flagship congregation of Reform Judaism. In the 1970's we began to embrace more traditional practices and today our prayer language and ritual draw from the best of the Reform tradition as well as from Klal Yisrael (the totality of the Jewish People). Within our congregation there is a respectful range of

Jewish observance and beliefs. Our commitment is to create a Jewish life, which is meaningful and challenging, authentic and joyful, responsible and relevant.

Belonging - קהילה קדושה

We aspire to be a sacred congregation in which all of our members, old and new, can connect through participation in Temple life. We come together to learn, pray, have fun, share in each other's joys and sorrows, reach out to one another in support and compassion, and create lasting and meaningful memories. We strive to be a sacred community in which all congregants and those who may wish to join us feel they are known as individuals and families and that their participation and contributions of all kinds are welcomed, valued, and fulfilling.

Learning - תורה

We pursue lifelong learning — from formal and experiential education for children and teens to adult lecture series and seminars taught by our teachers, clergy and visiting scholars. Our wide range of enriching study includes sacred Jewish texts and music, Jewish history and literature, practical Judaism, and Jewish leadership, public affairs and Israel. We pride ourselves on the breadth and depth of our offerings and that we open our doors to the broader community to learn with us.

Prayer and Ritual - עבודה

Worship not only draws us closer to God, but also to one another. By coming together for prayer services every day of the year, we sanctify the Jewish calendar. By celebrating and mourning significant moments in our lives and in the lives of our loved ones, we sanctify the Jewish life cycle. Our congregation enjoys many prayer settings — formal and informal, grand and intimate, for young and old, for holy days and ordinary days, led by Rabbis, Cantors and Lay Leaders. Music is central to our religious expression. Our own prayerbook, Siddur Pirchei Kodesh, reflects our congregation's unique blend of scholarship, innovation and tradition.

Acts of Service - גמילות חסדים

Throughout our history, Holy Blossom has fulfilled religious and civic duties by being at the forefront of major social justice issues, both within Canada and outside of its borders. Over the years our leadership has taken bold and courageous positions in support of such causes as the civil rights movement, refugees to Canada, Soviet Jewry, AIDS, and local poverty, to name a few. Through advocacy, fundraising, and fulfillment of ethical mitzvot, we strengthen the lives of individuals as well as our society as a whole. We encourage all who join us to continue our work in mending the world (Tikkun Olam).

Israel - אהבת ישראל

We recognize and celebrate Israel as the centre of the Jewish world. The relationship between Israel and Diaspora Jewry is one of partnership and shared destiny. We feel close to Israel and its growing Reform movement. We share in Israel's joys and sorrows; we are proud of her many accomplishments and worry for her security. We hold a wide range of views on her social, religious,

and political issues and encourage the expression and respectful exchange of these views. We encourage our congregants to provide tangible support for Israel through investments and donations. We also encourage our congregants to travel to Israel for tourism, study, volunteerism, leadership, and aliyah.



You(th). Here. Always:

Our Up and Coming Holy Blossom Temple Leadership

Our teens all find different ways of making Holy Blossom Temple their own. Rabbi Helfman sat down to interview a few of our teen leaders both in person and on the phone. Many have been involved in HBT for many years, yet had not crossed paths before. While there are overlaps, each has found his or her own way of living a Jewish life connected to Holy Blossom Temple. The questions Rabbi Helfman asked were guided by the Campaign for Youth Engagement's key learnings:

Holy Blossom Temple's Congregational Commitment to You(th):

RJH: How has HBT empowered you to be a leader, and in what ways has HBT supported your growth?

Jacob Dicker: Holy Blossom has given me many leadership opportunities. There was Student teaching – This was so different than other opportunities I've had in life – teaching an actual lesson to students. It was an experience in real leadership. I also got involved in HABSTY, which was a different opportunity – leading students my age. [As President of HABSTY] I led the whole youth group. I had a lot of

HABSTY Mascot Horton



freedom. I was given someone to help me along with all of the things to create. [Our Director of Youth Engagement, Lisa Isen Baumal was the HABSTY advisor this year.]

Lesley Shiner: I first got involved in a leadership role last year – Rabbi Thomashow e-mailed me. Someone reached out to me from Holy Blossom.

Though I go to a Jewish school [CHAT], I thought it was a really good thing to get involved in my community and my synagogue.

Sam Kirsh: I work as a camp counselor in the summer – I worked with a different age group, ... With the younger students I teach at Holy Blossom, the teaching roll adds a lot to the experience. It is different than a counseling role. It helped be grow as a leader to be in different environments and deal with different dynamics.

Diversity and Differentiation

RJH: What are the different programs or opportunities you have been involved in and participated in? Why did you choose those experiences? Why did you get involved?

Georgia Hacker: The biggest thing I've been involved with is religious school volunteering Sunday mornings. I love to get involved with little kids. I'm in the JK class. I thought it was a great way to influence younger kids so they can see the path I've taken and inspire them to do the same by staying involved at Holy Blossom.

I chose to stay on through Grade 10 because I made a lot of relationships here, and I want to keep those intact as I keep going through the school.

Lesley: Basically my involvement has just been Shammai – last year and a bit of this year. It is a high school youth movement



and we organize events. We get people from CHAT and the HBT community to come out to events we create. The people who come get community service hours. The reason we do it is for charity and to give back to the community. Our events are usually very fun.

Deeper Community Relationships

RJH: What relationships have you formed as a result of your involvement in HBT?

Georgia: I have some really strong relationships now with my peers and my teachers as a result of volunteering in Sunday school and staying on confirmation. I've gotten a lot closer with my teachers and teachers in other grades. Being part of the confirmation class has let me get closer to my friends.

Lesley: Through my involvement I've developed relationships with the Rabbis and with the Shinshinim. Also, I've built relationships with friends and people from public schools.

Sam: I've met a few new people through Confirmation. A bunch of the people I met are also going to McGill. Also getting to know other teachers and other staff, it was cool to hang out with them and be on a similar level with them as a teacher.

RJH: How does Judaism fit into your identity? Have these experiences changed how you live as a Jew?

Lesley: Judaism is really based around good values, community and giving back. And respecting people. I always try to think of the right thing to do. At CHAT I take Rabbis and those values are stressed a lot, so they stick with me with whatever I do.

Jacob: It has helped reinforced the cultural part of my identity. Unlike Georgia [who discussed how HBT enriched her understanding of herself through history and tradition], for me it is more about culture. It has helped me see which bits and pieces of Judaism I take out, and the ones that I make a part of me. HBT has helped me see the different parts of Judaism that have made me who I am.





Sam: I think it has helped me to stay connected. Especially because I go to an Anglican school, I felt like it might have been easier to feel disconnected from my Jewish identity, but staying with it really helped. Best experience I ever had was going on the Confirmation trip to Israel.

Next Steps and Advice for Future Jewish Leaders

RJH: How do you plan on continuing your Jewish involvement next year?

Georgia: I'm planning on staying on as a student teacher volunteer. Even though formal learning is over, I want to stay and help other kids get to where I am today.

Sam: I plan to study economics at McGill. I will possibly participate in Hillel. I am strongly considering joining [a Jewish fraternity] AEPi, and of course observing major holidays. I want to always have a connection.

Lesley: Jordana [Lyons] and I will continue to make a few events with Shammai - they are a lot of work. We will start early, and make sure we get a few events in. Cupcake making [for Out of the Cold and Women's Shelters] is a good event. I am reading Torah on the HHD.

RJH: What would you say to kids thinking about becoming a leader at HBT?

Georgia: I'd say it is a great experience. I wasn't planning on staying on. Now that I did, I am so happy. I got so much more out of it. I got friendships, relationships with teachers and more knowledge than I had before.

Jacob: You should get into it. If you want to spend some time and get into it, you can get a lot out of it. There is lots to do and see and lots of friendships to be made.

Lesley: You should definitely do it. It is a lot of work, but it is really rewarding. It is good to get involved in the community,

especially if you don't get involved in Jewish school. HBT is a great place. Go. Go to services, create your own program, because people are willing to help you.

RJH: Are there any specific opportunities that you would recommend to others?

Jacob: HABSTY, Student Teaching and Confirmation.

Georgia: Staying for confirmation year [Grade 10]. Once you do it is very rewarding and you'll always have that to look back on.

Sam: Doing Out of the Cold. I really enjoyed doing it. During Grades 11 and 12, I was there every other week giving out clothing and organising.

I remember earlier this year, I helped someone pick out a coat, and they came back two weeks later to tell me how they were being complimented on it all of the time!

Lesley: The March of the Living program was the best thing I've done to get connected with the Jewish community. Come to Shammai. Also, the UJA Walk with Israel is great.

It is easier than you think to get involved and bring new ideas to life. If anyone approaches a Rabbi, it can work. Lee [Davis] did it last year, and people were willing to come forward and help him.



Volunteers

Act while you can; while you have the chance, the means, and the strength.

b. Shabbat 151b

Mala Greenbaum and Bob and Nadine Cherendoff have taken this Talmudic text to heart. As past Chairs of Holy Blossom's Out of the Cold program, they 'walk the talk' and by doing so, have provided us with a model of inspired leadership.

Most of us are familiar with our exemplar Out of the Cold program that provides a safe, warm (this winter certainly provided some challenges) and friendly environment for those in our community who are less fortunate. What many of us may not realize is how the program functions week in and week out from November to April. That's where Mala, Bob and Nadine came in.

Their roots run deep at Holy Blossom. Mala and Bob grew up attending religious school and went on to become parents of the next generation of Holy Blossomites. They all started out either on the serving or clean-up shift at Out of the Cold. They developed a deep connectedness to both the vulnerable individuals served on Thursdays and to the other volunteers who make the program happen.

At some point in their volunteer experience, they were approached to take on the leadership of the whole program. According to Bob – and echoed by Mala – when asked what was involved, the pitch went something like “It's not a huge time commitment; the program pretty much runs itself.”

Famous last words. Needless to say Bob, along with his wife Nadine, and Mala grew into their roles. Each of them spoke of the amazing, powerful experience of being involved, contemplating who gets more out of the experience, the guests or themselves. They spoke of the sense of family that

happens during dinner and the entertainment following. They emphasized the dignity and respect shown to our guests by the team of volunteers.

After speaking with these three people, I came away with a real sense of how they contributed so effectively to their roles. First and foremost, they are passionate about the program and the fact that it is located in a house of worship – the fit is just right. They all lead by example and rolled up their sleeves to tackle whatever needed to be done. They value the team that invests their time and energy to ensure the excellence of the program, and they operate in a collaborative style.

For Bob, Nadine and Mala, the Out of the Cold chair position allowed them to use all their skills and learn as they went along. They definitely acted when they had the chance and to them we say “Kol Hakavod” – thank you for who you are and for sharing yourselves with Holy Blossom.

Bob, Nadine and Mala are 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'. If you would like to find a meaningful and rewarding opportunity at Temple, please e-mail volunteer@holyblossom.org or call 416.789.3291 ext. 221.

Lesley Miller,
Co-chair, Hineini
Volunteer Engagement Project

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Thank you

With the help of our *Early Donors* – those who contributed \$600 or more before May 23, 2014 – we are well on our way to meeting our goal for the 2014 Holy Blossom Congregational Appeal (2014 HBCA).

Through your generosity, we will ensure Temple Membership and Religious School education remain available to the many Holy Blossom families who simply cannot afford our standard rates. Your support ensures that all those who wish to participate in Temple, regardless of financial means, are able to do so.

To those of you listed below, and to all of you who have already contributed to HBCA 2014, we offer our sincere thanks. With your help we have already raised over \$271,000.

To those of you who have yet to make your pledge – **we still need your help and generosity.** The strength and vitality of Holy Blossom reside in you – our loyal Temple members. Please remember that every HBCA dollar counts and is greatly appreciated.

To make your contribution to 2014 HBCA, please either add the amount to your Membership Renewal Package, or contact Cindy Zimmer at czimmer@holyblossom.org or 416.789.3291 ext. 229.

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SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE AT HOLY BLOSSOM. SPREAD THE WORD FAR AND WIDE.

For every **not-yet** member that is referred to us, your name will be entered into a draw to win **a reserved parking spot** for the upcoming High Holy Days. The more people you refer, the greater your chances of winning.

For more information, please contact Yael Scutaru, Director of Membership at 416.789.3291 ext. 227 or membership@holyblossom.org. Offer expires September 17, 2014.

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Welcome to Our Congregational Family

Mazal Tov

- **Joan Garson & David Baskin** who were honoured by the Israeli Reform Movement, and received the "Founders of the Reform Movement in Israel" award.
- Mazal Tov on the appointment of **Professor Gillian Hawker** as Chair of the Department of Medicine. Gillian Hawker is a Professor in the Department of Medicine, cross-appointed to the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. She is Senior Scientist at the Women's College Research Institute and Adjunct Senior Scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences.
- **Elizabeth Wolfe** on receiving the State of Israel Bonds Golda Meir Leadership Award.
- **Marvin Sadowski** on his recent appointment as a Governor of Haifa University.



Births

- Shaina & Bryan Davis on the birth of a daughter, **Lailah Ruby Davis** and sister to Nathaniel. Proud grandparents are Sharyn Salsberg Ezrin & Hershell Ezrin; and Rona & Robert Davis. Proud great grandmothers are Sophie Davis; and Faye Singerman.
- Bonnie & Sheldon Hoppe, on the birth of a grandson, **Sam Reid Tepperman**. Proud parents are Jordana Hoppe & Carey Tepperman. Other proud grandparents are Bonnie & Jack Tepperman. Proud great-grandmothers are Mary Hoppe; Janie Rigler; Freda Urbas; and Irene Tepperman.
- Jordana Loeb & David Turkel-Parella on the birth of a daughter **Danielle Ruth Loeb Parrella**. Proud grandparents are Lorraine & Donald Loeb; and Susan Turkel & Michael Parrella.



B'nei Mitzvah



■ June 21, 2014
23 Sivan 5774
Peter Gelgor
son of Sara Gelgor &
Jeffrey Goldman

Engagements & Weddings

- **Stacy Kay**, daughter of Sheila Bruck and the late Joe Posman to **Lewis Rose**, son of the late Denise Rose and the late Boris Rose are to be married this June.
- **Audrey Karlinsky**, daughter of Julius Karlinsky and the late Sharna Karlinsky to **Richard Anderson**, son of the late Paulda and Richard Anderson are to be married this August.
- **Ilana Goodman**, daughter of Mindy and Howard Goodman to **Joshua Berger**, son of Eileen and David Berger, are to be married this August.
- **Ronit Aryan**, daughter of Sofya and Paul Aryan to **Eveni Matoussov**, son of Alla and Boris Matoussov, are to be married this June.

In Memoriam

- **Elsa Broder**, Wife of Irvin Broder, mother of Rebecca Broder, Sarah Broder and David Broder, sister of Marta Collins
- **Carole Ann Epstein**, wife of Don Epstein, daughter of Debra Hershoran, sister of David Hershoran and Merrijo Hershoran
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- **Sidney Gottlieb**, father of Matthew Gottlieb, Nancy Gottlieb and Marla Green, brother of Annie Azmier
- **Ross Hochberg**, brother of Rosemarie Berman and Mignon Schoen
- **Murray Kirsh**, husband of Lila Kirsh, father of Eric Kirsh, Howard Kirsh and Este Hughes
- **Saul Leese**, Father of Michael Leese, David Leese, Ellen Schneidman and Joan Leese
- **Irwin Lightman**, Husband of Carol Kahn, father of Bernie Lightman, E.J. Steinberg and Jonathan Lightman, brother of Richard Lightman
- **Barbara Obar**, Mother of June Obar, sister of Edith Newton
- **Emmett O'Connor**, husband of Angela O'Connor, father of Erin O'Connor, Rory O'Connor, Sheila O'Connor and Coleen O'Connor, brother of Cecil O'Connor
- **Sylvia Price**, Mother of Lola Hoffman and Roy Price, sister of Fay Greenwood
- **Dr. Franklyn Shapiro**, father of Dr. Heather Shapiro, Bill Shapiro, David Shapiro and Larry Shapiro, brother of Shannon Shapiro
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- **Mark Temins**, son of Jean Sybil Temins, father of Grace Temins, brother of Carol Temins Floral

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For all programs between July 1, 2014 - Sept. 1, 2014

Wednesday

July 9 and August 13

5:30 p.m. Picnic in the Parking Lot

Saturday

Ongoing

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Torah Study, Rabbi Yael Splansky

June 28, July 26, August 24, 2014

1:00 p.m. Beit Midrash Shabbat Learning, Marla Powers facilitator

Sunday

Ongoing

10:30 a.m. Temple Singers

Save The Dates

Rabbi Splansky Installation Weekend Celebration
With visiting Scholar, Rabbi David Ellenson, Chancellor of
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

- Sept 19 Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Study and Shabbat Dinner
- Sept 20 Shabbat morning –Torah Study and Service
 Evening - Champagne and dessert reception, Havdallah, installation and Selichot
- Sept 21 Family Picnic

High Holy Days 2014 (5775)

Sat. Sept. 20

9:00 p.m. Selichot

Wed. Sept 24

Erev Rosh Hashanah

- First Service - 6:00 p.m.
- Family Service - 6:00 p.m.
- Second Service - 8:30 p.m.

Thurs. Sept. 25

First Day Rosh Hashanah

- First Service - 8:30 a.m.
- Early Family Service - 9:00 a.m.
- Second Service - 11:30 a.m.
- Late Family Service - 11:30 a.m.
- Young Readers Service - 2:00 p.m. (for children six through eight)
- Little Blossoms Service - 3:30 p.m. (for children five and younger)

Fri. Sept. 26

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

- Service - 10:00 a.m.
- Family Service - 11:00 a.m.
- Tashlich - 4:00 p.m.

Fri. Oct 3

Kol Nidre

- First Service - 6:00 p.m.
- Family Service - 6:00 p.m.
- Second Service - 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Service - 9:00 p.m.

Sat. Oct 4

Yom Kippur

- Early Family Service - 9:00 a.m.
- Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.
- Generation Aleph Service - 11:00 a.m. (for 20 & 30's)
- Late Family Service - 11:30 a.m.
- Multiple Study Sessions - 1:30 p.m.
- Little Blossoms Service - 2:00 p.m. (for children five and younger)
- Young Readers Service - 2:00 p.m. (for children six through eight)
- Afternoon Service - 3:30 p.m.

Locations of individual Services are listed on the back of your High Holy Day ticket.

Jewish Holidays, Festivals and Yizkor Services 2014/2015 (5775)

2014

Sukkot

Sun. Oct. 5	9:30 a.m.	Family Sukkah Decorating
Wed. Oct. 8	6:00 p.m.	Erev Sukkot Service
Thurs. Oct. 9	10:00 a.m.	First Day Sukkot Service

Shemini Atzeret

Wed. Oct. 15	6:00 p.m.	Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service
Thurs. Oct. 16	10:00 a.m.	Shemini Atzeret, Yizkor Service

Simchat Torah

Thurs. Oct. 16	6:00 p.m.	Consecration
Thurs. Oct. 16	6:15 p.m.	Flagmaking
Thurs. Oct. 16	7:00 p.m.	Service and Celebration

Chanukah

Tues. Dec. 16	evening	First Candle Lighting
Fri. Dec. 19	4:30 p.m.	Congregational Chanukah Celebration

2015

Shabbat Shira

Sat., Jan. 31	10:30 a.m.	Service
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Purim

Thurs. Mar. 9	7:30 p.m.	Adult Megillah Reading
Thurs. Mar. 9	6:15 p.m.	Family Megillah Reading
Sun. Mar. 1	12:00 p.m.	Carnival

Pesach

Fri. Apr. 3	6:00 p.m.	Erev Pesach Service
Sat. Apr. 4	10:00 a.m.	First Day Pesach Service
Thurs. Apr. 9	6:00 p.m.	Erev Seventh Day Pesach Service
Fri. Apr. 10	10:00 a.m.	Seventh Day Pesach, Yizkor Service

Yom Ha'Shoah

Thurs. Apr. 16	7:00 p.m.	Commemoration
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Yom Ha'Zikaron

Wed. Apr. 22	6:00 p.m.	Service
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Yom Ha'Atzma'ut

Wed. Apr. 22	6:30 p.m.	Celebration
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Confirmation

Saturday, May 23	10:30 a.m.	Service
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Shavuot

Sat. May 23	8:00 p.m.	Erev Shavuot Service
Sat. May 23	9:00 p.m.	Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Sun. May 24	10:00 a.m.	Yom Tov, Baby Blessing, Yizkor Service

Tisha B'Av

Sun. Jul. 26	9:00 a.m.	Service
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