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# Kol Hashofar



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Our brand new look!



# Save the Date

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Members & Non-Members welcome

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023  
11 AM

At Young Israel of Lawrenceville

Complimentary Dairy Brunch will be served

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



## President's Message

I hope that everyone is having a nice summer so far. If anyone has any interesting experiences or trips that want to write about for the next newsletter, please submit your articles to the editor, Lynda at [Lsach@msn.com](mailto:Lsach@msn.com).

Congratulations to David Klein and Ellen Buchsbaum on their recent marriage.

Congratulations to Galette Levin and Jonathan Seiden on the Bat-Mitzvah of their daughter Lia.

Congratulations are also due to grandparents Shuli and Jeanette Levin on this occasion.

Congratulations to Arthur Levner on his new house.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.



Charles Miller  
President

## VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

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It is far more pleasant to write about Chanukah, Pesach, or Shavuot than it is to write about Tisha B'Av. All the holidays have something to celebrate; Tisha B'Av reminds us of all the pain and hardships that have visited upon us in the last 2000 years. Because of this, on Tisha B'Av, we mourn. On the days leading to it we refrain from eating meat or drinking wine. We don't take full baths, nor do we go on pleasure trips; the heaviness of these days is felt acutely. But who wants to dwell on things that are painful? It is so much more enjoyable to talk about the brighter points of our history. In remembering the destruction of the Holy Temple, which is the primary focus of this important day, I am reminded of the story of Rabbi Akiva, as related in the Talmud:

It happened that Rabban Gamliel, Rabbi Elazar ben Azaria, Rabbi Joshua and Rabbi Akiva went up to Jerusalem. When they reached the Temple Mount, they saw a fox emerging from the place of the Holy of Holies. The others started weeping; Rabbi Akiva laughed. They said, "A place [so holy] that it is said of it, 'the stranger that approaches it shall die,' and now foxes are walking through it: how could we not weep?"

Rabbi Akiva answered with a story about two priests: Uriah and Zechariah. "Uriah lived [in the time of] the First Temple, and Zechariah lived [in the time of] the Second Temple. With Uriah, it is written: 'Therefore, because of you, Zion shall be plowed as a field; [Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the Temple Mount like the high places of a forest.]' With Zachariah it is written, 'Old men and women shall yet sit in the streets of Jerusalem.'"

As long as Uriah's prophecy had not been fulfilled, I feared that Zechariah's prophecy may not be fulfilled either. But now that Uriah's prophecy has been fulfilled, it is certain that Zechariah's prophecy will be fulfilled."

With these words they replied to him: "Akiva, you have consoled us! Akiva, you have consoled us!"

The knowledge that the events of Tisha B'Av were foretold fills us with confidence in the salvation that follows. On a deeper level, Tisha B'Av itself holds the key to the promise of the future redemption. This idea is further illustrated by the passage of Jerusalem Talmud that tells us that Moshiach, the person responsible to usher in the era of redemption, is born on Tisha B'Av. What better way of bringing out the goodness that lay dormant in the darkness of this day than linking it to the person who will bring about the era of peace, prosperity, and Divine revelation that we are all yearning for?

May we finally reach, in the very near future, the transformation of darkness to light, when we will look back and reach a new perspective on all the sad events of our past, including – and most poignantly – Tisha B'Av.



Rabbi Y. Goldenberg

# Our New Memorial Board



There are eight available spaces for plaques on the original Memorial Board.  
The cost of each plaque is \$250.

**Once those spaces are sold out**, plaques will become available on the new Memorial Board (pictured above).  
The cost for plaques on the new Board is \$360.

If interested in ordering a plaque, please provide the Rabbi with **both** the English and Hebrew names of the deceased, and the English and Hebrew dates of passing. We can look it up if you don't know it.



# Young Israel Renovation Update



**Our new kitchen**



**Rabbi's View of the Men's Section**



**View of the Women's Section**



**View of the Hand Washing Station**



**View of the lighted Accessibility Ramp**

**If you haven't already seen our beautiful Shul, you owe yourself a visit.**

**It's not quite done yet, so if you feel so inclined, be part of helping complete the renovations by making a dedication to a loved one. The dedication plaques will be prominently displayed on the "Donor Wall", and are to be ordered shortly.**



# Young Israel—Community Bulletin Board

YIOL offers a range of programs and services which enables opportunities for exploring Judaism in a non-judgmental way. Whether it be a prayer service, Torah class, or social gathering that you're seeking, you will be enthusiastically welcomed and celebrated, So come for a visit...and stay a while.

## Adult Education Program

Please join us for our classes. All classes are conducted in English and are held at the Synagogue.

- **Tuesday evening class** -- Rabbi Goldenberg will be announcing a new series for his Tuesday night class.
- **Women's class** — Rebbetzin Goldenberg teaches a women's class on alternate Mondays at 7:30.

There is no charge for participation. For further information, call the synagogue at (609) 883-8833 any day from Saturday at nightfall through Friday early afternoon. If there is no reply, leave a message on the answering machine

## Tzedakah Fund



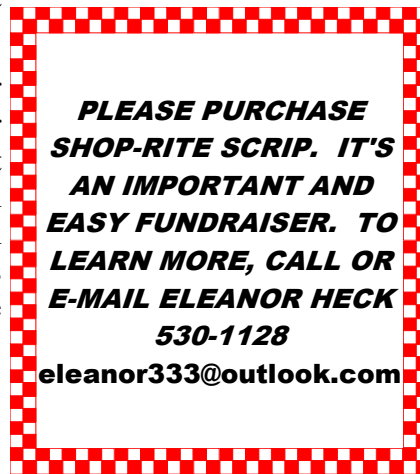
Our Shul has a Tzedakah fund to help those in special need of assistance. The fund is derived primarily from contributions collected from the "pushka" in Shul. If you know of such a person, please advise either Rabbi Goldenberg or Charles Miller.

## Kiddushim

Our thanks to those who have sponsored kiddushim. For a full list of recent kiddush sponsors, please refer to Donations and Good Tidings. To celebrate your special occasion with a kiddush, please e-mail Dina Goldenberg:

dinagoldenberg@aol.com

*When paying your dues, please send your Kiddush assessment (\$100) in a separate check, payable to the Sisterhood.*



## The Memorial Board UPDATE

The Memorial Board in the Synagogue is a special way to honor, in perpetuity, the memory of departed loved ones. Plaques are \$250 each and may be ordered by contacting the Rabbi.

**FOR MORE INFO ON UPDATES SEE PAGE 5**

## Yahrzeit Advisory

It is very important that our Shul provide a minyan to enable members and others to observe a Yahrzeit anniversary. Whenever you need to observe a Yahrzeit, please contact one of our gabbaim several days in advance so we can ensure a minyan will be available. Please contact Charles Miller (530-1846).

## Visiting the Sick



It is a religious duty (a *mitzvah*) to visit someone who is ill. If you become aware of someone who is unwell or infirm, please advise Rabbi Goldenberg or Charles Miller immediately so that the person may be contacted and visited at an appropriate and convenient time

Sample of a Memorial Plaque





What does Summertime mean to a Synagogue's Board? Time to start planning for the High Holidays!

I've seen big changes in New Jersey since my college and young adult years in the 1980's and 90's - not only were synagogues packed for the High Holidays but schools and community rooms needed to be rented to handle the crowds.

But now in 2023, High Holiday attendance is much lower than 35-40 years ago. With synagogue affiliation declining greatly in today's society, many people don't have a place to go, so they don't even bother...this really makes me feel sad!

When I talk to Jews now about High Holiday services, I hear that many people have simply given up and don't even bother looking for a shul because the last time they attended religious services, they didn't enjoy the experience.

So what can we do about it?!?

The interior renovations are beautiful.

Let's take advantage of the positive vibes emanating from Young Israel.

Let's reach out to neighbors, acquaintances, old friends, old friends of friends, that person you nod to at WaWa...and invite them to Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services.

We have a lovely minyan with a lot of friendly people. Let's capitalize on the warm amiable atmosphere of Young Israel.

I conducted some research - for unaffiliated Jews who just moved to Lawrence in the last year looking for a Jewish experience, there are not many options within 20 minutes.

Let's be proud of what we got!

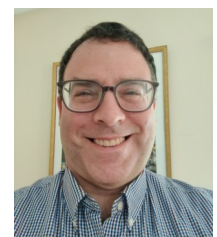
When I was on the Membership Committee at other shuls over the last 30 years, we'd organize phone trees and call people before Rosh HaShana, inviting them to shul.

But who answers the phone anymore?

A text or email inviting someone to YIOL is just fine. Or a quick Facebook "Hey, Whats Up? Wanna hear the Shofar" direct message.

I'm proud of Young Israel. I enjoy the religious services and I like socializing with the YIOL congregants ...and that's what I'm texting my phone contacts and Facebook acquaintances.

What do you say?  
Am Young Israel  
Chai!!



David J. Klein



## Donations and Good Tidings

*“May G-d bless those who dedicate synagogues for prayer and those who enter them to pray, those who provide light for them, wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread for guests and charity to the poor and all who are involved faithfully in the needs of the community.”*

*(from the Yekum Purkan prayer said every Shabbot at the end of the Shacharis service).*

### **Eleanor Heck**

In Honor of the David & Ellen Klein wedding  
In memory of Bruce Winkler  
Yizkor

### **Charles & Diane Miller**

Lia Seiden Bat Mitzvah  
Donation towards emergency repairs

### **Norman & Karrielyn Ferstenberg**

Lia Seiden Bat Mitzvah  
Klein Wedding  
Aliyah donation  
Donation towards emergency repairs

### **Aaron & Lynda Sacharov**

Donation towards emergency repairs

### **Chabad of Lawrenceville**

Donation towards emergency repairs

### **Bill Agress**

Donation towards emergency repairs

### **Lee & Miriam Stockhammer**

Donation towards emergency repairs

### **Eddie Kleinman**

Donation towards emergency repairs

### **Verizon Foundation**

Donation towards emergency repairs

### **Shuli & Jeannette Levin**

Donation towards emergency repairs  
Yizkor donation

### **Bruce & Lydia Bitcover**

Donation towards emergency repairs

### **Natan & Olga Vishevnik**

Donation towards emergency repairs

### **John & Galete Seiden**

Donation towards emergency repairs

### **Mary Ellen Rogers**

In memory of David Cohen

### **Bill & Carol Aronoff**

Yizkor donation

### **Rabbi & Nechama Dina Goldenberg**

Yizkor donation

### **Martha Friedman**

Yizkor donation





## Kiddush sponsors at Young Israel of Lawrenceville

Please email [dinagoldenberg@aol.com](mailto:dinagoldenberg@aol.com) to make arrangements.

Date	Name	In honor of	Email
7/22/23	Seiden Family	Lia's Bat Mitzvah	
7/29/23			
8/5/23			
8/12/23	Seiden Family	Omri Bar Mitzvah	
8/19/23			
8/26/23			
9/2/23			
9/9/23			
9/23/23			
9/30/23			
10/7/23 (n)	Goldenberg Family		
10/14/23			
10/21/23			
10/28/23			
11/4/23			
11/11/23			If you have any questions, contact Dina Goldenberg <a href="mailto:dinagoldenberg@aol.com">dinagoldenberg@aol.com</a> 609-231-8609
11/18/23			
11/25/23			
12/2/23			
12/9/23	Sacharov Family	Remembering Caryn on her birthday	
12/16/23			
12/23/23			

## The “No-Hassle Kiddush Initiative”

Dear Fellow Shul Goer,

I would like to present the community with an opportunity that could benefit its members: I’ll call it the “No-Hassle Kiddush Initiative”.

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush but you can’t (or don’t want to!) deal with the headache of shopping, preparing, setting up, etc., no worries. I will do it for you. Yup, you read that correctly. I will prepare your entire Kiddush – all you need to do is show up! It’s that simple.

I will offer you choices of delicious homemade salads and baked goods, pretty platters, tasty deserts, and more. I will even include the paper goods J Below, you will find a list of options, as well as other information that you might need.

**Note: this offer is my own personal initiative. It is in addition to, not in place of, what is currently being arranged by the YI sisterhood.**

If you have any questions, you can contact me:

[dinagoldenberg@aol.com](mailto:dinagoldenberg@aol.com)

609-231-8609



# From Dina's Kitchen

## **BASIC KIDDUSH - \$150**

**Salads (vegetable):** Choice of 3

(Each additional salad \$7)

Eggplant – marinated

Eggplant – babaganoush

Taboule (quinoa)

Coleslaw

Potato

Carrot – cooked or grated

Tomato

Egg Salad

Olive dip

Chummus

**Platters:** Choice of 1

Fresh vegetable

Fresh fruit (seasonal)

**Fish:** Choice of 2

(Each additional \$10)

Gefilte fish with horseradish

Tuna (plain or scallion)

White fish salad (store bought)

Herring (store bought)

**Nosh:** One of each

(Each additional \$5)

Cookies – 2 types (rugelach, biscotti, chocolate chip, etc.)

Potato chips or Tortilla chips

Pretzels or other chips

Crackers – 2 types

Drinks: 2 seltzers and 1 juice (Soda upon request)

## **DELUXE KIDDUSH:** \$225

Same as basic plus:

2 additional vegetable salads

Fish platter **OR** deli platter

Kugel – choice of potato, noodle or apple

Nuts or chocolate

### **Extras:**

Cake for special occasion: \$50

\*Price includes paper goods

\*Liquor provided by Kiddush sponsor

List is flexible. If you would like specific or select items, that can be arranged.

### **One week advance notice for all orders!**

Orders must be pre-paid.

*NOTE: If you are expecting a larger than usual crowd, please indicate approximately how many additional*



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## SISTERS IN THE HOOD

Many interesting things have been happening at YI in the last few months. The renovation has been a huge success, with only a few small touches to finish the job. Both inside and outside are warm and welcoming. Outside there are new steps, railings and a large porch. In my opinion, the best is a ramp leading from the driveway to the porch, and then inside. It is now easy for everyone to get in and out. Inside you will find it bright, light and cheerful. There is a modern kitchen with brand new appliances. The new and improved YI is nothing like the old YI.

Mazel Tov to the extended Levin family. Lia, daughter of Gallite and Jonathan, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah this past week and Omri, son of Tali and Mannu will become a Bar Mitzvah in a few weeks.

Mazel Tov to Ellen and Dovid Klein on the occasion of their marriage.

NechamaDina is still holding her weekly women's zoom class. We usually discuss the weekly Parsha and the HafTorah, as well as any upcoming holiday. I always learn something new.

I want to wish everyone who celebrated a birthday or anniversary since the last newsletter best wishes. I hope all of your dreams came true.

Please be careful of the heat and spend as much time as you can in the cool indoors.

If you have summer travel plans, please enjoy your self, go in health and return to us relaxed, refreshed and safe.

*Wishing everyone only good things.*



Carol for Sisterhood



*Rabbi,*

*Now that we have a new washing station in shul, under what circumstances, other than before eating bread, are we required to “wash”?*

Hand washing is a very central Jewish practice, usually having nothing to do with cleanliness. However, these laws are very extensive and require much study, beyond the scope of this forum. Sticking with the precise question posed, however, I will say the following:

Usually, in Jewish practice, the act of ritual hand washing is done using a washing cup, and performed after the hands have already been cleaned. I use the word "ritual" in the sense that the purpose of this washing is strictly spiritual, having nothing to do with hygiene. It is a religious obligation to perform this washing prior to engaging in any holy activity, including prayer, to remove spiritual uncleanness. This is one of the reasons we incorporated in the Shul renovations, the building of a washing station, specifically located near the entrance.

Other common requirements for hand washing include after giving or getting a haircut, after cutting one's nails, after showering/bathing, after using the restroom, after touching a part of the body that is usually covered, and after attending a funeral or visiting a cemetery.

For more on this important subject, you may be interested to read this (and associated) article: [https://www.jewishlawrence.com/library/article\\_cdo/aid/1452816/jewish/Whats-Up-with-the-Hand-Washing.htm](https://www.jewishlawrence.com/library/article_cdo/aid/1452816/jewish/Whats-Up-with-the-Hand-Washing.htm)

## Bereavement Services

*King Solomon said, "There is a time for all under the heavens — a time to love, a time to journey, a time to plant, a time to reap, a time to rejoice and a time to mourn."*

*In a most loving and caring way and with the greatest sensitivity, Rabbi Goldenberg will make it his business to offer all the comfort, guidance and bereavement support needed. In addition, he will be glad to offer his assistance in preparation, officiating at the funeral, making Shiva services, arranging for the kaddish to be recited, etc.*

*For assistance, or for more information, please call: (609) 882-4330.*



THIS SPACE HAS TRADITIONALLY LAID OUT LIGHTING AND SERVICE TIMES FOR SHABBOS AND YOM TOV. HOWEVER, THANKS TO THE CHABAD OF LAWRENCEVILLE CALENDAR THAT THE RABBI MAELS OUT ANNUALLY AND TO THE RABBI'S WEEKLY E-TORAH E-MAIL, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT IT MAY NO LONGER BE NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE

INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE NOTIFY RABBI GOLDENBERG IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE CALENDAR OR BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE THE E-TORAH PLEASE FEEL FREE TO NOTIFY ELEANOR, LYNDA, OR THE RABBI IF YOU WOULD PREFER THAT THE NEWSLETTER ALSO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION.







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We are working on alternative ways to make payment (Venmo, Zelle, Electronic check), but until that process is completed, simply mail your check to Eleanor Heck, payable to the Sisterhood of YIOL.