



The Clarion



Temple B'nai Emet

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Elul 5785 – Tishrei 5786 Spiritual Leader Michael Feldman

September 2025

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 2025 CONDUCTED BY MICHAEL FELDMAN

SELIHOT SERVICE - Saturday, September 13, 2025 - 8:15 P.M.

ROSH HASHANAH

Evening	Mon.	Sept. 22 nd	5:45 P.M.
First Day	Tues.	Sept. 23 rd	9:30 A.M.
Second Day	Wed.	Sept. 24 TH	9:30 A.M.

SUKKOT SERVICES

First Day	Tues.	Oct. 7 TH	10:00 A.M.
Second Day	Wed.	Oct. 8 th	10:00 A.M.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Morning	Sat.	Sept. 27 th	10:00 A.M.
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SHEMINI ATZERET

Morning (Yizkor)	Tues.	Oct. 14 TH	10:00 A.M.
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KOL NIDRE

Evening	Wed.	Oct. 1 st	6:15 P.M.
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SIMCHAT TORAH

Evening	Tues.	Oct. 14 TH	7:00 P.M.
Second Day	Wed.	Oct. 15 th	10:00 A.M.

YOM KIPPUR

Morning	Thurs.	Oct. 2 nd	9:30 A.M.
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From Our Spiritual Leader

Dear Temple B'nai Emet family,

By the time you receive this issue of the Clarion, it will be less than a month before Rosh HaShanah. It will be the month of Elul, a time when we ready ourselves for and seek forgiveness in preparation for the Days of Awe and Repentance. The Talmud teaches that God cannot absolve our errors through ritual alone if our errors include wrongs upon our fellow human beings. We must strive to make things right with each other.

It would be appropriate to begin by asking forgiveness for my own missteps. In my eagerness to bring new life to the congregation, I have sometimes thought to do too much too fast. At other times, while occupied with some of what I planned for the synagogue or the challenges of my personal life, I have missed opportunities to do things in the here and now. Some congregants that deserved more of my attention may not always have had it. Some learning or service functions I could have implemented more simply may have just not happened at all, or at least not yet. I am sure there are other types of things I have done wrong as well. And I am truly sorry for all of the above. If you believe I have wronged the congregation or you as an individual in any way, whether or not you believe I may be aware of it, I strongly encourage you to contact me in whatever way is most comfortable (e.g., you can write it all down in an email, or ask for a time to talk) so that I have the opportunity to better understand what went wrong and what we can do better for the future.

And I dare not pretend that my human mistakes are only relevant to my role in Temple B'nai Emet, as if I am some perfect paragon of virtue in my personal life. I hurt, I err, I struggle. In fact, as I write this part of my message now, I am barely recovering from a particularly overwhelming set of circumstances in which I lost my wits and greatly exacerbated serious problems for my family. I am in great emotional pain. I don't want to face my tasks. I didn't want to finish the very thing I am typing right now. Thank God, I persist, however imperfectly.

Sometimes the hardest part of a personal struggle is having some degree (or illusion) of control. If we think we can fix something, or at least make it better, how devastating to even think we might have done the wrong thing! Sometimes, we wallow in our misery even if we didn't do anything awful. Other times, we deny doing anything wrong because we don't want to face it.

In a previous Clarion article, I wrote about the understandable difficulty in coming to prayer because the meaning of the prayer is not understood. And I honored (and still honor) that reluctance because prayer without meaning is not only hollow but spiritually problematic.

At the same time, the difficulty of understanding prayer can sometimes be an excuse not to engage in the very necessary process of understanding oneself. An excuse not to engage in many of the things we care about (and worry about!). This is often a reason some people don't come to services. And I personally know some people that feel obligated to pray but then recite the words robotically if at all, without any attempt to find meaning.

By contrast, this congregation is special and full of meaning. It cares. We are now more wisely planning the formal Miller Introduction to Judaism program for immediately after the holidays. Meanwhile, recognize that our services are full of honest attempts at understanding, where questions and discussions are welcome. Instead of a long sermon, I sprinkle thoughts on various parts of the liturgy, and our congregants share wonderful and often candid ideas. There is literally nobody in the world that understands every word and aspect of every prayer. As long as we seek meaning, there is tremendous potential for benefit.

From Our Spiritual Leader Cont.

But if that seems like a lot, please believe me that it need not be as scary as it sounds: I am not asking for us to face our greatest personal demons every service! Yom Kippur is only once a year. Of course, we should certainly devote as much time for communal prayer as we can on that day and on the day that

marks the beginning of our heightened state of awe, Rosh HaShanah. At the same time, what a pity if we do not also come to the many holiday and Sabbath services that give us joy and comfort. Yes, our prayers

are designed to get into deep and spiritual truth. But they are also designed to help us see the good in life—goodness that is often hard to believe in when we are struggling. And no matter the type of service, they are designed to help us not feel alone in our pain or regret. We are all human, we are all imperfect, we are all welcome.

So, with whatever tears of joy we may have in our eyes, let us welcome this season of forgiveness and renewal. If you are not used to coming for a Sabbath service, please come to at least one before Rosh HaShanah. Ease into our rich liturgy with joy and comfort.

And, if you have the means, please do donate whatever you reasonably can. We want to keep appeals to a minimum during services. So instead of announcing immediate pledges as they come in at synagogue, we will be formally thanking all of you that give extra amounts *before* the holidays. (If you wish to give anonymously, a very noble gesture, please let us know, and we will honor that request when we announce the donation.)

There is so much more we plan to do. There is a universe of good generated by every dollar of financial support, by every time you show up to services, by every email you send to a congregant that could use some encouragement. Just like each of us as individuals, the Temple B'nai Emet community struggles, it errs, it has collective pain. And just like our prayers do for each of us individually, we so very much as an entire community need that blessed mixture of spiritual honesty, practical help, and Divine comfort.

The last thing I request at this time is to make sure you are on the email list. If you have not gotten any of my group emails, send your email to Valerie Cook (bnaiemet@yahoo.com), Joseph Perez (templebnaiemet@gmail.com), or myself (spirituallycurious@gmail.com). I will be contacting the congregation with scheduling updates and various ideas for making our High Holiday season extra special. I will seek your input for some of these ideas. Meanwhile, please reach out to me with any ideas, questions, or concerns of your own. I really do want to hear from you. And yes, that includes noting where I or the synagogue collectively could do better.

We all need improvement. We all need comfort. May we deeply acknowledge these needs in ourselves and in each other. Let us come together and make the space for these needs.

With fondest wishes for a Year of goodness, blessing, meaning, and bettering our lives,

Michael Feldman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone is well.

The High Holidays are approaching. Enclosed in this Clarion are all the forms for The High Holidays. As in the past pre-pledging allows for a nicer service. As some of you have probably noticed we are in need of an outside sign to identify our Temple. Presently, we have an abbreviated sign that was acceptable when we first moved into this location but needs to be updated. The Temple also needs electrical work and inside painting. We need your financial support so we can improve our Temple.

Rosh Hashana is approaching, and as usual, we are having in person services as well as Zoom. **A special Zoom link will be provided to everyone who purchases a seat.** Remember also the regular Saturday services link will not work for The High Holidays. So please be sure to **purchase a seat.** We are planning a luncheon - as we have each year in the past. If you are coming for services and would like to join us for lunch, please call Valerie and let her know so we can make reservations. We had a great time last year, so come and join us.

In closing, the board wants to thank those who have paid membership dues and continuing to support the Temple. If you are not a member, please consider joining the Temple and helping us continue to provide services to our community. I hope to see you soon.

Ricardo Aespuro

***PLEASE NOTE: We are updating these times as we further develop our holiday programming for everyone! Please check your emails and stay in contact. Thank you for your understanding.**

For Rosh HaShanah eve:

(Please note the earlier time: this allows everyone to have plenty of time for their Rosh HaShanah meals, with apples and honey and the like, and a good night's sleep! But we will be discussing our plans for the services together, including the timing.)

Thank You With Donation

We would like to thank everyone who sent notes, tributes, donations and flowers to Jon or the family during his illness and upon his passing. It meant a lot to Jon to see these tributes and notes during his illness. It meant a lot to me and my family to see how much Jon affected their lives.

Being such a part of his temple for over 50 years meant a lot to him.

Thank you

The Olesen and Rosenbaum families

TEMPLE B'NAI EMET TRIBUTE FUND....

Send a thoughtful card to a friend or relative for all occasions.

ALL contributions Further the support of our Temple. Tributes are **\$3.00**. WE NEED AND WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT.... Call the Temple office (626) 545-2053.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tova Rosenbaum – on being a recipient of the Jack and Harriet Kudine First-Year Student Scholarship – UCLA. From Alison and David Gostlin.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Val Cook – From Judi Tefft, Jeanette Dickman.

Luba and George Gelmis – From Judi Tefft.

Isabel Caldera – From The Temple B'nai Emet Board, Lila Gordon

Lillian Gordon – From Judi Tefft.

Janis and David Kramer – From Judi Tefft.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Mrs. Sandy Olesen and Family – on the loss of their beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather Jon Olesen. From Judi Tefft, Barbara and Todd Bolinger, Jeanette Dickman, Luba and George Gelmis, Linda and Laurence Bear, Elvia and Ricardo Aespuro, Janis and David Kramer, The Temple B'nai Emet Board, Rachel Wu.

Mr. and Mrs. Sean Olesen and Family – on the loss of their beloved Father and Grandfather Jon Olesen. From Barbara and Todd Bolinger, The Temple B'nai Emet Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rosenbaum and Family – on the loss of their beloved Father and Grandfather Jon Olesen. From The Temple B'nai Emet Board, Barbara and Todd Bolinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dickman and Family – on the loss of Julie's Father Ed. From The Temple B'nai Emet Board, Janis and David Kramer, Judi Tefft, Sandy Olesen.

Fran Woodmansee – on the loss of her beloved Sister. From Judi Tefft.

Shelly Brink – on the loss of her beloved Cliff. From Judi Tefft.

THANK YOU TO:

Mrs. Judi Tefft – for your thoughtfulness. From Janis and David Kramer.

CONTRIBUTIONS

YORZEITS

Mrs. Sandy Olesen
In memory of Ruth Frolove
Mr. and Mrs. David Gostlin
In memory of Moishe Eliyahu Gryner
Susan Spitzer
In memory of Mollie Kirschenbaum
Mrs. Nina Barsky
In memory of Howard Barsky
Mr. Barry Balonick
In memory of Jay Balonick
Mrs. Marion Barsky
In memory of Howard Barsky
Mrs. Theola Kirschenbaum
In memory of Samuel W. Arak
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In memory of Mordecai Esquenazi
Gail Feuerstein
In memory of Goldie Feuerstein
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Applebaum
In memory of Rebecca Levine
Mrs. Sandy Olesen
In memory of Abe Green
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In memory of Moses Toibin
Mr. and Mrs. David Gostlin
In memory of Moses Toibin
Mrs. Jeanette Dickman
In memory of Irving Dickman
Mrs. Judi Tefft
In memory of Rebecca Smith
Mr. Wesley Markenson
In memory of Louis Walder
Gail Feuerstein
In memory of David Feuerstein

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In memory of Paula Winer
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In memory of Jon Olesen
Mr. Barry Greenfield
In memory of Jon Olesen
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Danoff
In memory of Millicent Ridge Danoff
and Lawrence Soto
Mr. Michael Weinberg
In memory of Jon Olesen
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Applebaum
In memory of Jon Olesen

SOPHIE WEINBERG MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. Michael Weinberg
In memory of Sophie Weinberg
Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Smith
In memory of Sophie Weinberg

YORZEITS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

Fannie Golden	Sept. 5-6
Albert Greengood	Sept. 5-6
Sam Grossberg	Sept. 5-6
Nathan Lager	Sept. 5-6
Mike Madnick	Sept. 5-6
Florence Hilda Rightman	Sept. 5-6
Bess Chudacoff	Sept. 6-7
Solomon Gilderman	Sept. 6-7
Irving (Irv) Polin	Sept. 6-7
Louis Silbert	Sept. 6-7
Ida Silver	Sept. 6-7
Anna Toledo	Sept. 6-7
Helen Abcug	Sept. 7-8
Pat Marks Boardman	Sept. 7-8
Sarah Feldman	Sept. 7-8
Larry Horberg	Sept. 7-8
Rebecca Kaplan	Sept. 7-8
David Maretsky	Sept. 7-8
Sol Richer	Sept. 7-8
Malka Behar	Sept. 8-9
Jennie Caro	Sept. 8-9
Raymond David Chesler	Sept. 8-9
Julius Dickman	Sept. 8-9
Alice Gartzman Haller	Sept. 8-9
David Kodner	Sept. 8-9
Jack Lefkowitz	Sept. 8-9
Stanley Martin	Sept. 8-9
Morris Meyerson	Sept. 8-9
Freda Smoler	Sept. 8-9
Bella Weiss	Sept. 8-9
Samuel Adler	Sept. 9-10
Ethel Dubelier	Sept. 9-10
Minna Davidson	Sept. 9-10
Max Friedman	Sept. 9-10
Hannah Goltz	Sept. 9-10
Gertrude Himel	Sept. 9-10
Kalmer Rosenstein	Sept. 9-10
Robert Simon	Sept. 9-10
Alva Friedman	Sept. 10-11
David Golden	Sept. 10-11
Rose Greenblatt	Sept. 10-11
Melvin Harris	Sept. 10-11
Dora Pine Weiner	Sept. 10-11
Stanley Stone	Sept. 10-11
Reva Weisman	Sept. 10-11
Lillie Applebaum	Sept. 11-12
Rebecca Friedman	Sept. 11-12
Morris Kurtz	Sept. 11-12
Richard Mirzaians	Sept. 11-12
Yisrule Moskovitz	Sept. 11-12
Albert Trunk	Sept. 11-12

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Max Boronstein	Sept. 12-13
Jacob Hasson	Sept. 12-13
Jacob Sapiro	Sept. 12-13
Carl Schwartz	Sept. 12-13
Mary Weingart	Sept. 12-13
Sylvia Schultz	Sept. 12-13
John Barsky	Sept. 13-14
Herbert Boyar	Sept. 13-14
Gertrude Bukshpan	Sept. 13-14
Jacob Karz	Sept. 13-14
Isabelle Marcus	Sept. 13-14
Fanny Muehlbauer	Sept. 13-14
Max Pazornik	Sept. 13-14
Sam Blass	Sept. 14-15
Rita Rica Levey	Sept. 14-15
Myrna Joyce Bolinger	Sept. 14-15
Murry Porges	Sept. 14-15
Shane Leya Taylor	Sept. 14-15
Max Applebaum	Sept. 15-16
Isaac Hanan	Sept. 15-16
Ethel Myers	Sept. 15-16
Herman Perlmutter	Sept. 15-16
Minnie Pike	Sept. 15-16
Reuben Ruttenberg	Sept. 15-16
Lawrence Schwartz	Sept. 15-16
Henry Tobin	Sept. 15-16
Aaron Balowitz	Sept. 16-17
Max Kagan	Sept. 16-17
Ida Becker	Sept. 17-18
Ruth Feinstein	Sept. 17-18
Harry Gilston	Sept. 17-18
Joseph Schneider	Sept. 17-18
Jack Braunstein	Sept. 18-19
Jack Breton	Sept. 18-19
Irving Gilman	Sept. 18-19
David Kaufman	Sept. 18-19
J. Marian Kister	Sept. 18-19
Saide Weis	Sept. 18-19

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

Beatice Cohen	Sept. 19-20
Rodney Cousens	Sept. 19-20
Anna Brooks	Sept. 19-20
Rachel Schrager	Sept. 19-20
Sarah Lee Tarlow	Sept. 19-20
Nellie Brody Werner	Sept. 19-20
Samuel William Bergman	Sept. 20-21
Bertha Ginsburg	Sept. 20-21
Paul Goodman	Sept. 20-21
Paula Kraus	Sept. 20-21
Sarah Newport	Sept. 20-21

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH CONT.

Ida Umanskaya	Sept. 20-21
Teddie Rochelle Aran	Sept. 21-22
Herman Greenberg	Sept. 21-22
Donald Kaufman	Sept. 21-22
Diane Siegel	Sept. 21-22
Dora Speisman	Sept. 21-22
Rifka Abkowitz	Sept. 22-23
Melvin Isaac Budka	Sept. 22-23
Larry Wayne Carter	Sept. 22-23
Sarah Eiser	Sept. 22-23
Basha Fega Fishkin	Sept. 22-23
Jack Frank	Sept. 22-23
Ann Salica	Sept. 22-23
Max Zisman	Sept. 22-23
David Finegood	Sept. 23-24
Sadie Hodes	Sept. 23-24
Sy Keller	Sept. 23-24
Victoria Karter Lee	Sept. 23-24
Dorothy Marks	Sept. 23-24
Louis Snyder	Sept. 23-24
Evelyn Falk	Sept. 24-25
Narkis John Golcin	Sept. 24-25
Jack L. Matisoff	Sept. 24-25
Yoel Monin	Sept. 24-25
Morris Novicoff	Sept. 24-25
Ida Shoff	Sept. 24-25
Freda Wilner	Sept. 24-25
Hyman Cohen	Sept. 25-26
Pauline Feldman	Sept. 25-26
Benjamin Kaplan	Sept. 25-26
Milton Kaslovsky	Sept. 25-26
Sophie Kellner	Sept. 25-26
Al Kleinberg	Sept. 25-26
Elizabeth Neufeld	Sept. 25-26
Julius Wasserman	Sept. 25-26

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

Mildred Greene	Sept. 26-27
Ida Lederman	Sept. 26-27
Louis Lewis	Sept. 26-27
Shirley Stearns	Sept. 26-27
Arthur Stein	Sept. 26-27
Dorothy Allenbrand	Sept. 27-28
Gertrude Frank	Sept. 27-28
Leonard Gold	Sept. 27-28
Hy Onrich	Sept. 27-28
Murray Robbins	Sept. 27-28
Jennie Rosenthal	Sept. 27-28
Edward Schwartz	Sept. 27-28
Samuel Aaron Brooks	Sept. 28-29
Anne Chalek	Sept. 28-29
Lena Feldman	Sept. 28-29
Josephine Keusler	Sept. 28-29
Max Warren Kitt	Sept. 28-29

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH CONT.

Esther Pollock	Sept. 28-29
Flora Silverman	Sept. 28-29
Ethel Glassner	Sept. 29-30
Adolph Jesse Jacobs	Sept. 29-30
Molly Krasne	Sept. 29-30
Regina Maretsky	Sept. 29-30
Don Marks	Sept. 29-30
Fannie Allen Martin	Sept. 29-30
Mayer Yaskiel	Sept. 29-30
Iris Marilyn Zaslower	Sept. 29-30
Joseph Haber	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Meyer Haber	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Dora Argall Hyman	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Sylvia Jaffee	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Sheldon Meskin	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Sarah Rand	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Bella Rosenthal	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Helen Sherman	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Mary Silverman	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Ethel Wasserman	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Kenneth Abbott	Oct. 1-2
Gert Auerbach	Oct. 1-2
Max Auerbach	Oct. 1-2
Moishe Barsky	Oct. 1-2
Ohdil Barsky	Oct. 1-2
Louis Berstein	Oct. 1-2
Mathilda Berstein	Oct. 1-2
Benjamin Braustein	Oct. 1-2
Yakov Calacci	Oct. 1-2
Cecil De Merit	Oct. 1-2
Riva De Merit	Oct. 1-2
Hirsh Drutz	Oct. 1-2
Dora Fonstein	Oct. 1-2
Betty Gilman	Oct. 1-2
Meyer Goldman	Oct. 1-2
Leah Gotesdiner	Oct. 1-2
Israel Gurwitz	Oct. 1-2
Bernard Kokotek	Oct. 1-2
Chaim Zvi Kokotek	Oct. 1-2
Chana Kokotek	Oct. 1-2
Anna Kovinsky	Oct. 1-2
Dov Kovinsky	Oct. 1-2
Eugene Mittelman	Oct. 1-2
Fanny Mittelman	Oct. 1-2
Helena Mittelman	Oct. 1-2
Max Mittelman	Oct. 1-2
Sarah Selcer	Oct. 1-2
Leib Shapiro	Oct. 1-2
Rachel Verity	Oct. 1-2
William Weinberg	Oct. 1-2
Golda Weinstock	Oct. 1-2
Rachel Weinstock	Oct. 1-2
Adolph Yungman	Oct. 1-2
Anna Yungman	Oct. 1-2


**Rest
in
Peace**


***Jon Olesen
(Longtime TBE Member)***

***May his family and friends know of no
further sorrow
and may they find consolation
in their hour of grief.***



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September

1st - Labor Day (Office Closed)

13th - Selichot **Service 8:15 pm Zoom - In Person**

22nd - Rosh Hashana Eve **Service 5:45 pm Zoom-In Person**

23rd - 1st Day of Rosh Hashana **Service 9:30 am Zoom-In Person**

24th - 2nd Day of Rosh Hashana **Service 9:30 am Zoom-In Person**

DATED MATERIAL

PLEASE EXPEDITE

Spiritual Leader.....Michael Feldman
President.....Ricardo Aespuro
Office Administrator.....Valerie Cook

Schedule of Services



Saturday morning services continue to be conducted through **ZOOM** and **IN PERSON** starting at **10:00 am**. If you would like to join services via **ZOOM**, contact the Temple office **(626) 545-2053** and give Val your email address. You will then receive the **LINK** to join services.

Candle Lighting Time

"Beautify the Sabbath and
Your Home"



September 5.....6:54
September 12.....6:45
September 19.....6:35
September 26.....6:25

May this New Year be sweet,
healthy and happy.

L' Shana Tova!

Happy Rosh Hashanah!

