



Yom Kippur Speeches Revelations & New Traditions (Chiddush - חידוש)

Anne Edelman's YOM KIPPUR SPEECH

My journey began on a Tuesday afternoon, in the middle of March 2020, when a close friend called to advise me that her husband had tested positive for Covid-19. Since our husbands had been together a few nights before, she thought I should know. My husband, who always thinks he has contracted whatever illness is the most prevalent at the time, immediately got himself tested.

HE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID 19.

THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING.

The following day, as I lay in my darkened bedroom with the most excruciating migraine I had ever experienced, attempting to keep out the blinding light that was seemingly coming from within my own head, my husband drove himself to the emergency room, as he was having difficulty breathing. Although he was discharged the following day, my husband soon returned to the hospital, where he remained for the next THREE weeks, on various levels of oxygen.

In the meantime, my sons and I all tested positive for the Corona Virus and went into quarantine at home.

Everything occurred so quickly, without giving us time to prepare ourselves. It soon became glaringly apparent that we would not have enough food and supplies for any extended period of time.

Anyone who has ever lived with two teenage boys knows that an excessive amount of food is required for them and an excessive amount of alcohol is required for mom, in order for any quarantine to proceed smoothly.

However, after several attempts to order food online, we came to the frightening realization that neither would be delivered for weeks, as the population was, likewise, in lockdown and online panic shopping. I was officially in panic mode, since we could not leave our home to purchase supplies, being infected with the virus.

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Lynn Schaefer Bekerman's Speech

I was invited to share how COVID has affected my religious or spiritual life. I honestly wasn't sure what to say, because on the one hand, I'm not sure my experience has been that different from others' here. Everyone here knows life is changed, at least for now. One of the biggest ways COVID has affected it has been the ability to get together with people and to literally be with other Jews, in Jewish places and for Jewish occasions. My last live Temple service was Hanukkah last year. Since March, I have participated in a Zoom seder, attended the very-scaled-down bar mitzvah of my nephew (also simulcast via Zoom), and sadly a Zoom funeral and a Zoom shiva. We celebrated Rosh Hashanah outside, at an Italian restaurant. It has been difficult not being able to be with loved ones – or hug them, if we are with them – to celebrate simchas or offer comfort during sad times. The one routine that has remained constant has been my weekly lighting of Shabbat candles (well, except for that night we had carbon monoxide from the generator after Isaiah and had to stay at a hotel). When I can't light the candles, I feel like I've missed out on something, something beautiful and which sustains my Judaism.

I am sure we share many of those same experiences. On the other hand, I work at Nassau University Medical Center. Like others who work in healthcare, I have a somewhat different perspective of COVID. While I don't work directly on the COVID floors, I'll spare you some of the things I still know and saw. I will say that what I heard was traumatizing enough. Hearing "Code Blue" and "Anesthesia Stat" all day long on the overhead speaker back in March and April would bring me to tears by the end of the day. They even had an additional person making the overhead pages, so it was constant. Of course, you knew who these pages were for. I would initially try to whisper a Mi Sheberach when I'd hear this, but even this quickly became too much.

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STREAMED (see page 17)**Services Schedule:**

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| Fri. | Nov 6 | Erev Shabbat Service | 7:30 PM |
| Sat. | Nov 7 | Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Matthew Kusnetz | 10:00 AM |
| Mon. | Nov 9 | Virtual Kristallnacht Program Featuring speaker from Holocaust Museum & Tolerance Center | 7:30 PM |
| Fri. | Nov 13 | Men's Club Erev Shabbat Service | 7:30 PM |
| Sat. | Nov 14 | Shabbat Shalom | |
| Fri. | Nov 20 | Erev Shabbat Service | 7:30 PM |
| Sat. | Nov 21 | Shabbat Shalom | |
| Fri. | Nov 27 | Erev Shabbat Service | 7:30 PM |
| Sat. | Nov 28 | Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah William Gold | 10:00 AM |

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President's Message:

THE PERFECT TRIFECTA - HIGH HOLY DAYS, THE ELECTION AND THANKSGIVING



The High Holy Days at our Temple came off beautifully. Rabbi Judy and Cantor David found a way to adapt the services to the "new normal", while providing words of wisdom and spirit-soaring songs. I thank everyone else who participated in the services - Torah readers, aliyahs, ark openers, our appeal speakers Jim Math, Ira Warshawsky and Marc Wiener, and Lynn Bekerman and Anne Edelman for sharing their moving COVID-19 stories at the Yom Kippur Afternoon service. I further thank the multitude of volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the services happen, both in person and by streaming.

So why did so many people put in so much time and effort on all of the thankless tasks that had to be done? It was of the utmost importance to us to permit congregants who feel a deep connection to the temple to be able to safely come to services if they wished. Likewise, we wanted those who preferred to stay safely at home to stream the services to be able to come away with the same connection. It was the dedication of so many volunteers that enabled us to pull it off and accomplish what other Reform temples in the area did not even attempt to do - provide congregants with services in the sanctuary where they could attend while abiding by all safety laws and guidelines. Yes, there were health checks, face mask requirements, hand sanitizing requirements and lectern and microphone sanitizing requirements during services but everyone quickly adapted.

In short, the goal was to give our congregants a meaningful choice and we succeeded. In that vein, our High Holy Days appeals asked you to get active in Temple affairs, as well as to contribute financially as much as your circumstances permit. Give us your ideas, your time or your energy so that we can improve everyone's Temple experience or, even better, all three.

Election Day of course is about choice as well. Get to the polls, or mail in an absentee ballot, for whomever are your preferred candidates. There are a slew of races for national, state and local offices that affect your life. If you do not vote, then do not complain about the results.

Of course, Thanksgiving arrives in late November. This too involves an element of choice. We can choose to dwell on all of the horrors of the past year and the limitations on gathering as families for the holiday, just like we had limitations on family gatherings for Rosh Hashanah and breaking the fast, or we can choose to be thankful for what we do have - family, friends and a Temple that will be here for you, whatever life circumstances you may face. Our connections may now be as much by zoom or by streaming as in person, but let us be thankful that modern technology has provided us with that option.

May everyone stay healthy and safe.

Neil Miller, President

Online Donations Made Easy

To make a donation on-line, go to the home page of our Temple's website, orelohim.com, scroll down to the "Donate Now" button and click on it. You will be brought to a different webpage. Fill in Account (credit card) Information. Then, fill in your Billing Information. At the end of this section there is a required field entitled "Purpose of Donation" which has a drop-down menu of 6 listings. If the donation does not fit any of the first 4 options, then click on either "Specific Purpose" or "Other". Then, underneath the "Purpose of Donation" line, there is another required field entitled "Donation Details". You should enter the particular reason for the donation, for example "High Holiday Appeal", "High Holiday Card" or "Honey From Your Heart". Complete the transaction.

THANK YOU for thinking about donating to our Temple!

Rabbi's Corner:

The Temple year is well under way, but I must take a moment to step back to our first quarter of the year and thank everyone who was instrumental in presenting the beautiful High Holiday services we enjoyed and everybody who worked to get our Religious School running both in person and virtually.

Everyone on the Temple Board and Executive Committee, Ritual Committee, Religious School Committee, N.O. W. and Men's Club have my thanks. Our office staff, Goldie and Robin and our custodians, Cliff, Greg and Rich worked so hard to get everything that needed to occur done so well.



It was my pleasure to share the bima with Cantor Katz. We started our planning for the High Holidays just after Passover, knowing they would be different but not knowing yet exactly how different. We missed the large in person congregation, but I hope you felt that nothing was lacking in the beauty, depth and spirituality of our services. I appreciate the photos I've received of families and even pets raptly watching services from home. The photos have been posted on social media of individuals. Still I pray that we will all be together in person next year.

Our teachers put in a tremendous amount of preparatory time to be ready for virtual and in person classes. Deborah Tract, our Director of Education, had been preparing for the new school year since before last year ended. Her creativity, flexibility and complete love for our Temple and its students showed every step of the way.

Fundamental to being a Jew, particularly a Reform Jew, is participation in our greater society. At this time of year, that includes voting. Reform Judaism blossomed in places where Jews were citizens and the customs we appreciate were born with full participation in general society in mind. Because we want to advocate for so many Jewish values that also benefit every American, voting has risen to the level of Mitzvah. Please be sure to vote, in whatever manner you see fit, by absentee ballot, early voting or on Election Day.

Even with our affluence, there is still great need within our community and its environs. As Thanksgiving and winter holidays approach, please do what you can to help those in need. Food donations, clothing, toiletries, cleaning supplies and gift items are always needed and appreciated. Contact me for suggestions of places accepting such donations this season.

As ever, thank you for all you do to maintain our old traditions and create new ones.

Rabbi Judy

Congratulations to our Bar Mitzvah Candidates & Their Families

November 7, 2020

Matthew Kusnetz

Son of Rebecca and Stephen



November 28, 2020

William Gold

Son of Colette Paul and Oren Gold



Cantor's Message:

This time of the year, around November, I begin to think about the holiday of Thanksgiving. Each year, as we all are, I am in a different place. This year more so than ever before! Given what the entire world has gone through, I get more grateful just for having the day I have been blessed to be in. Surely Thanksgiving is a time for all of us to collectively focus on what we are thankful for. This year it occurred to me that it's even more crucial now, to do this each and every day.



It seems that one of the natural laws of living is that whatever we focus on will become bigger. Lately it has been extremely difficult to focus on anything other than the challenges and constant anxiety we seem to have to deal with on a regular basis. It makes us feel more and more anxious and stressed.

This is very hard to stop doing. So, I thought maybe there is something I can try to practice each day and perhaps you can incorporate it into your life in a small way as well. It is about trying to be kind to others and understanding that everyone we come across either in our work or personal lives, are more than likely struggling and being challenged the same way we are. Perhaps even more so.

When I look at my life, I am lucky enough to always have food in the fridge, heat, shelter, a loving family, friends and a wonderful temple community.

Many people do not have this. This is very sad and I could not imagine having to deal with this kind of struggle in life.

If we try to express kindness and look around and truly stop to see what has been given to us and what we have in our life, we can really help ourselves and the world around us.

We are living in times that are testing our very beliefs in everything and everyone. Now is the time, even more than ever, to count ALL of our blessings, especially the ones that we are given every moment of every day. What a better way to appreciate and acknowledge the holiday this year!

I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and blessings.

Cantor Katz

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To make matters worse, my friend's husband, also a close friend and a sweet, kind, lovely soul, was overcome by the virus, the same virus from which my entire immediate family was suffering. I was heartbroken and I could not imagine how I would break the news to my husband, who remained in the hospital.

My prayers were answered. As news of our situation became known, friends and acquaintances began dropping off food, paper goods, even bottles of wine and vodka, on our doorstep. LIKE ANGELS.

To this day, things are left for us by people who have yet to identify themselves. Those who want to help but require no thank you or recognition. We began receiving calls, emails and text messages filled with words of caring, love and support, not only from friends and family but from members of the community, especially this Temple community; my Temple family.

This experience for me has brought to light just how fragile life is. We are here one day and gone the next. It may sound somewhat cliché but we need to live in the moment more. "AT SOME POINT, YOU JUST HAVE TO LET GO OF WHAT YOU THOUGHT SHOULD HAPPEN AND LIVE IN WHAT IS HAPPENING." I found that on Facebook, so it must be true.

Maybe we do not need to stay that extra hour or two or three to finish one last report before LEAVING THE OFFICE. Maybe we do not need to complete the multitude of insignificant errands we always seem to have on our plates before going home. Maybe we DO NOT need to answer every last call and respond to each email and text message before being with the ones we love. Maybe we do need to stop missing life while we are living it. Maybe we do need to say I love you and thank you to all the incredible people with whom we are blessed to share our lives.

Today, I want to say thank you to everyone who helped and supported me and my family through this difficult time and say carpe diem and shanah tova g'mar chatimah tova to everyone.

Religious School:

Shalom Friends,

We have officially opened school! Masks, temperature checks, sanitizers and social distancing does not stop us at TOEACRC! A huge thank you to Steve Finkelstein, Chair of our Safety Covid Task Force and his team for their guidance and support during this extraordinary time. While the Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on all of us, I am happy to say that our students have persevered. Thanks to the efforts of the Safety Covid Task Force, we are able to offer an in-person program that is safe for everyone.



Opening week began with a virtual Kabbalat Ha Siddur ceremony honoring our 4th grade students on receiving their very own Mishkan T'fillah Prayer Book. The Siddur will come to be a sacred and meaningful gift for all our students. They will use the Siddur to navigate their own Jewish identity and to develop a personal sense of Jewish pride. They will learn the ritual of a service and create an inner relationship with prayer. Mazal Tov to our 4th grade students as they learn and share the beautiful traditions of Judaism. As their knowledge grows and their journey through Jewish life continues, they will one day pass their stories down to future generations. L'Dor V'Dor.

Our students decorated our awesome Sukkah built by our Men's Club. Thank you to everyone who came out to create our Sukkah that is symbolic of the huts in which our ancestors, the Israelites, lived during their 40 years in the desert after the great Exodus from Egypt. It is a mitzvah to be able to decorate and celebrate in the sukkah. The children happily and artistically decorated the sukkah with colorful paper chains, pictures and notes of inspiration.

As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, I remain confident that together we can accomplish anything. Again, I reiterate that our phenomenal students are amazing role models of strength, acceptance and determination during these unusual times.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Neil Miller our President, Executive Board and Board of Trustees. Also I thank our Clergy, Teachers, Robin, Goldie and all our Committee Chairs and their members for all their hard work and tremendous efforts. Lastly, a big thank you is given to our Safety Covid Task Team and custodial staff for helping us feel safe in our temple home! May we all continue with positivity and remember that we are all in this together-B'yachad.

B'Shalom,
Deborah E. Tract, Director of Education

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I read recently that a Pew Research Center study found that more than half of all Americans were now praying to "end the spread of the virus," even those that never or seldom prayed. I would say that I have been praying more since the pandemic – not specific prayers, but prayer as coping, and prayer as gratitude. Prayer for the health of family and friends (and patients) and thanks for what we do have.

I think that during these especially anxious and trying times, that reaching out to others in whatever fashion, maintaining some routine (even if it looks different) and talking to G-d can bring comfort and keep us connected to Judaism. It has for me.

N.O.W. (Network of Women)

Remember when you were in grade school and the teacher asked everyone to write an essay during the month of November titled, "What are you thankful for?" Well, this "assignment" will read a lot like those essays of yesteryear.



What I Am Thankful For by Robin Grossman

I am thankful for those who enter my life daily as I have someone to talk to. I am thankful for the sunrise and the sunset, as I was given the gift of another day to complete and accomplish those things that make for a day in my life. I am thankful for those people who surround me in my life, for without you I would not be made to feel useful. I am thankful for a house to clean because it gives me shelter. I am thankful for the piles of laundry because I have clothes to wear. I am thankful for the pots and pans and dishes to wash because it means I have food to eat. I am thankful for my backyard where my family and friends can gather and be social. I am thankful for the patio heater to extend the warmth of the season. I am thankful to have such wonderful people that help create and execute thoughts into events, into funds raised for the temple and help N.O.W. survive and thrive.

To see so many new names on the membership list I am hopeful that some might take a chance and participate in an event/meeting/fundraiser and be an integral part of Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation.

N.O.W. for the News!

Just a reminder to ALL NEW members of our temple... your first year's dues are complimentary so please take advantage and help us create a better organization that suits your needs. Join us for a virtual meeting/event/fundraiser.

Here's hoping we can all go back to playing our favorite game ... Mah Jongg. Please consider purchasing your card(s) for you and your group. The Mah Jongg League raised their prices this year. Small print cards will be \$9.00 and large print will be \$10.00. Please see attached flyer.

Coming up we have our November meeting on Monday the 16th. After a brief meeting we will craft our own Chanukah cards complete with envelopes. There is a nominal fee of \$8.00 to cover the materials. We are in the process of working on a virtual shopping event from our own boutique. Lots to work out so please look for details in email blasts as well as Facebook. Thank you to the IT committee for helping me figure out the logistics.

We are still holding monthly Book Club discussions where everyone is invited. Please watch your emails for the book of the month to be discussed and for the link to the virtual meeting.

Ongoing collections:

- We collect eyeglasses; old prescriptions, sunglasses, readers, etc. They will be refurbished through The New Eyes for the Needy Program.
- Also, collecting sheets and towels for our furry friends at the Town Of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter.
- What still needs to be done (although I am hoping by the time you read this it will be crossed off the "to do list"!) is the rewrite of the bylaws.
- I still have to cut all the papers and create "kits" for our Chanukah craft.
- Since it is still October as I write this, I still have to distribute the 102 mums that have been ordered. Thank you to everyone who participated. I am sure your front porches look mahvelous dahling!

For those who came to the last virtual meeting I hope you enjoyed the Riddle Me a Scavenger Hunt.

Enjoy the last of the fall foliage and have a wonderful Thanksgiving no matter how you'll celebrate.

Remember if you have a thought or an idea please let me know.... If I can help make it happen, I will!

Cheers to Pumpkin Spice!

Robin Grossman, President of N.O.W.

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Men's Club

As usual, the Men's Club pitched in during the High Holidays by setting up the chairs for the services (thanks Phil Rubin!) and installing - and decorating - a nice sukkah. Check out the sukkah if you haven't done so already.



On Sunday morning, October 4th, we hosted a stroll (open to all members) on the Jones Beach Boardwalk, followed by an informal lunch at Field 6. It worked out splendidly, with beautiful weather, good camaraderie and to my knowledge, no injuries (as my former temple softball team would say after yet another loss, "at least no one got hurt"). Since a live event like this is about as safe as it comes during these times, the Men's Club may put together another hike before the onset of winter.

As of this writing, the Men's Club has not held its October meeting. At the meeting we hope to discuss and perhaps, vote upon our draft bylaws. While we have done quite well without any formal "rules" of governance, the consensus is that it will be helpful to set a foundation for the way we do business going forward.

The Men's Club Shabbat Service is still scheduled for Friday night, November 13th. A committee, headed by Mark Natelson, was formed and met on October 5th to discuss key issues, particularly the question of whether the event will be held "live" in the sanctuary or only virtually by Zoom. We also came up with a possible "theme" for the service and talked about music, participation goals and use of our own service booklet, etc. We anticipate that these issues will be resolved quickly and the service will come off as scheduled.

Finally, the Men's Club's "Movie Night," scheduled for Saturday, October 10th, was postponed due to a conflict with Simchat Torah. Hopefully, we will be able to host one later in the year.

Ed Temple & Mark Heller
Co-Presidents

Social Action Committee

High Holiday Food Drive & Mitzvah Day

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our High Holiday Food Drive. Food pantries across Long Island are having trouble keeping their shelves stocked. Please remember that we will continue to collect food all year round. All non-perishable foods and household products along with gift cards can be brought to the Temple during office hours, or left outside in the new bin outside the main entrance.



Mitzvah Day was a covid version of what we normally do. While we did not deliver breakfast to needy families, or make sandwiches, we did sort the food collected during the High Holidays and filled four cars and drove together to the Mid-Island JCC to drop off the donations!

The Social Action Committee appreciates and could not do what we do without the generosity of our congregation!

Susan Levine, Chair Social Action Committee susanlevine318@gmail.com
Alan Levine, President Hatzilu Rescue Organization

November Birthdays

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| 1 Mark Fried | 10 Kenneth Ackerman | 16 Ruth Robeson | 21 Janet Weintraub |
| 1 Barbara Kandel | 10 Melanie Etes | 18 Nicholas Albicocco | 23 Michael Stuart Feinstein |
| 3 Lewis Baeringer | 10 Carolyn Kellman | 18 Stephen Grossman | 23 Savannah Felsen |
| 3 Hayden Blinder | 10 Matthew Kusnetz | 18 Julia Katz | 23 G. Tilden Halpern |
| 3 Jessica Finkelstein | 10 Sara Lefkowitz | 18 Andrew Meyer | 23 Andrew Silverman |
| 3 Lois Lerner | 10 Steven Lefkowitz | 18 Samantha Meyer | 23 Steven Starr |
| 3 Lauren Lomasky | 11 Robert Bock | 18 Ellen Mogavero | 24 Ira Lampert |
| 3 Barbara Weiss | 11 Ellen Hurwitch | 18 Daniel Oliver | 25 Paul Rosenfeld |
| 4 Barry Ballen | 11 Carrie Jacobs | 18 Leonard Saltz | 25 Ava Ross |
| 4 Dean Hart | 14 J'aime Abramowitz | 18 Melissa Schwartz | 26 Robert Markman |
| 4 Andrea Smith | 14 Cindy Baeringer | 18 David Evan Simon | 27 Jason Glickman |
| 5 Julie Lefkowitz | 14 Daniel Lerner | 18 Marc Wiener | 27 William Gold |
| 5 Paul Reich | 14 Odette Walsh | 19 Rebecca Lefkowitz | 27 Lindsay Goldstein |
| 6 Casey Brand | 14 Michelle Wilner | 20 Jake Feuerstein-Lurie | 27 Alyse Wayne |
| 6 Matthew Pressman | 16 Ivan Dolowich | 20 Zachary Kaufman | 28 Michael Hantman |
| 7 Gary Topple | 16 Emilie Epstein | 20 Sheila Zimmerman | 28 Jack Horowitz |
| 9 Susan Praga | 16 Lita Friedman | 21 Rachel Klinghoffer | 29 Howard Green |
| 9 Daniel Tellerman | 16 Alexander Heffner | 21 James Math | 29 Adam Newman |



November Anniversaries

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| 1 | William & Linda Savarino | 11 | Leonard & Jessica Gerschitz |
| 5 | Jamie & Marnie Felsen | 11 | Lee & Shari Jacobson |
| 6 | Lewis & Cindy Baeringer | 12 | Stephen & Rebecca Kusnetz |
| 7 | Bradley & Lynette Birnbaum | 13 | Abe & Marilyn Milstein |
| 8 | Mark & Ivy Heller | 17 | Steven & Randi Ross |
| 8 | David & Mary Ann Schwartz | 17 | Mark & Debra Starr |
| 9 | Steven & Wendy Blidner | 18 | Michael & Julie Peress |
| 9 | Seth & Stefani Horowitz | 19 | Victor & Rena Levy |
| 9 | Howard & Christine Katz | 21 | Ronald & Joanne Menzin |
| 10 | Norman & Karen Karp | 22 | Richard & Frida Klinghoffer |
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We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Alan and Susan Levine on the wedding of their son Ryan to Michele Berkowitz!

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Week of November 14

Martin Bennett, Celia Bertan, Leo M. Cohen, Isadore J. Feldman, Eva Flaum, Seymour Fradin, Ruth Garfinkel, Martha Gerschitz, Irving Goldberg, Ralph Greenberg, Dave S. Jaret, Jane Kandell, Lauren Kaufman, Norman Kazan, Norton J. Kotcher, Harriet Kravit, Melvin Lester, Stephen L. Levy, Roslyn Lewis, Fay Meisner, Henry Morris, Gussie Knopf Mozgi, Bernard Pakula, Dorothy Platt, Arnold Rosezweig, David Schlanger, Maurice Schoenthal, Louis Serota, Arthur Shulhof, Shirley Singer, Fred Sobel, Samuel Steinberg, Jeanne Stern, Rabbi Herbert Tarr, Lawrence A. Weiner and Nathan Work

Week of November 21

Olga Babik, Celia Baiman, Marvin Baiman, Jack Becker, Albert Berman, Eliane Bikofsky, Beatrice Blumenson, Jack Bradley, Bertram Broderson, Eva Brownstein, Irving Bukzin, Beverly Frankel, Marion Frankel, Alexander Funk, Laurie Gage, Harry Glickman, Frances Goldstein, Blanche Gottlieb, Dorine Greenberg Green, Charles Greene, Beatrice Harris, Sylvia Hill, Benjamin Horowitz, Bruce Jacobs, John F. Kennedy, Clara Koenigsberg, Antoinette Landesman, Isaac Liebman, Shelley Lillian, Gerard J. Martin, Werner Marx, Bess Miller, Dorothy G. Nelson, Estelle Pasternak, Danielle Peress, David Probinsky, Bessie Rabin, Murray S. Roseman, William Rosmarin, William Savarino, Florence Schechter, Alexandra Isolda Schein, Fannie Schochet, Samuel S. Schoenholtz, Benny Schwartz, A. Harold Seidner, Merrye Shavel-Hudis, Diane Silverman, Joseph Singer, Aaron Sterenstein, Sarah Tulchinsky, Joseph Ungar, Gert Wiener, Rose Yablonovitz and Morris Ziek

Week of November 28

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Torah Notes:

November 7 - Vayeira (Genesis 18:1-22:24)

Abraham welcomes three visitors into his tent. They announce that Sarah will soon have a son, at the age of 90. Abraham argues with God about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, though ultimately the cities are destroyed. Isaac is born, circumcised, and weaned. Sarah sends away Hagar and her son Ishmael, and an angel saves them. God tests Abraham by asking him to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Moriah.

November 14 - Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23:1-25:18)

Although this Torah portion means "the life of Sarah," it begins with her death. Abraham purchases the cave of Machpelah in which to bury her. Abraham sends a servant to find a wife for Isaac. He finds Rebecca, who shows the servant great kindness in offering to draw water for his camels at the well. Isaac and Rebecca get married. Abraham remarries. At the age of 175, he dies, and is buried alongside Sarah, by Isaac and Ishmael.

November 21 - Toldot (Genesis 25:19-28:9)

Rebecca has twins named Esau and Jacob. Being the eldest son, Esau is to receive the birthright and blessing of the firstborn from his father. Esau gives Jacob his birthright in exchange for some stew. When Isaac is on his deathbed, Rebecca and Jacob deceive Isaac so that Jacob will receive the blessing of the firstborn. Esau threatens to kill Jacob, and Jacob flees to Haran.

November 28 - Vayeitzei (Genesis 28:10-32:3)

Jacob dreams about angels going up and down a ladder, and receives a blessing from God. Jacob goes to Laban's home, where he works for seven years in order to marry his daughter, Rachel. Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Leah instead. Jacob is forced to commit himself to seven more years of work in exchange for marrying Rachel. Leah, Rachel, and maidservants Bilhah and Zilpah give birth to a total of 12 children (11 sons and 1 daughter). Jacob and his family leave Laban's home in search of their own.

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Today more than ever connections are important; so is being in a safe environment. Please consider making time for a non-religious sect of our temple. Join us for a meeting, join us for an event, join in on our fundraisers, just join us! Look for events that are open to all and all ages. WE NEED YOU!

Thank you for reading!

Robin Grossman

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Next meeting and virtual event (Riddle Me A Scavenger Hunt) is October 19th at 7:30 pm

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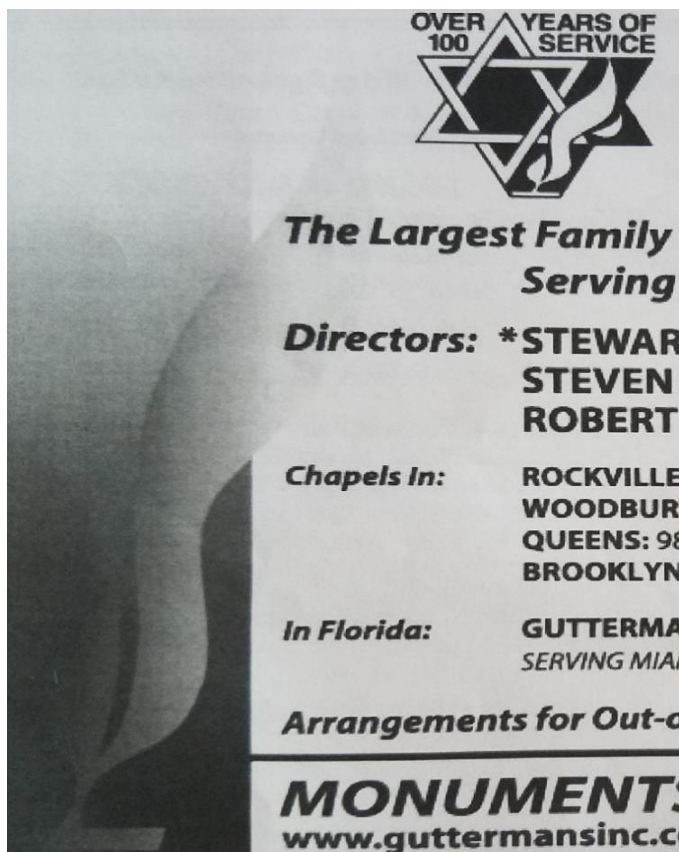
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