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## Kick off the New Year with Shabbat Under the Stars

Summer might be over but that means the High Holy Days are coming. This year Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Sunday September 25. Even sooner though, is Shabbat Under the Stars, set for Sept. 16.

Shabbat Under the Stars has become a favorite among congregants. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. where kids can play lawn games, and we will be serving lite bites and an opportunity to mingle.



Last year's Shabbat Under the Stars service.

This year marks the 13th Shabbat Under the Stars, said Laurel Fried, who has chaired the committee organizing the event. "The congregation and community gather as a temple family to celebrate each other and have fun together," she told The Shofar. "We eat, laugh, play and see old and new friends."

The service will begin at 7:30 led by Rabbi Judy, Cantor David Katz accompanied by the temple's in-house band "Nishamah" adding to this festive occasion with music of the past, present and of a religious nature.

After the service there will be a special oneg. To cover the cost of the food, the cost will be \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members and \$5 for children.

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### **Thoughts & Prayers**

We offer our prayers of healing and heartfelt thoughts to acknowledge those of us who have had an illness or are in need of healing (mind, body and soul).

Please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Judy, Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee.

### **Share Your News**

We encourage our members to submit articles, photos and simchas for us to include in The Shofar.

Also, we would love to include any good news you have to share in our Tell and Kvell section. Let us know of weddings, births, awards, etc.

Please forward all such information to: Goldie: [office@templeorelohim.com](mailto:office@templeorelohim.com)

### **Catering**

We can accommodate your celebration: Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Kiddush, Havdalah Service, Luncheon, Wedding, Bris and all other types of parties.

Shawn and Scott will be happy to help you plan a memorable occasion for your family.

Please contact Hasson Caterers at (516) 937-0120 or 0121

### **Sponsor an Oneg**

A special way to celebrate your family's simcha is by sponsoring a Friday night oneg. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in the pamphlet and announced from the Bimah. You will not only be making a wonderful gesture on behalf of your family but will be helping your Temple as well.

Please call Laurel Fried at (516) 794-0036.



### **Baskets on the Bimah**

A great way to honor a simcha is by sponsoring a basket on the bimah.

Proceeds go to assist local needy families. All congregants can have a basket displayed on the bimah for Shabbat by bringing a minimum of \$36 to the Temple Office, at least one week in advance.

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Moire \$25/dozen

Raw Silk \$28/dozen

Please contact: **Susan Bloomberg at (516) 639-3982**

## President's Update

L'Shana Tovah everyone and welcome to year 4 of Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation (TOEACRC)!

I'd like to thank the following people who completed their service on the Board of Trustees last year for all their hard work: Neil Miller, Deena Yaris, Marc Weiner, Barbara Feinstein, Jeanie Corn, Kim Brodsky, Gale Gluck, Mark Heller, Barbara Jainchill, Marjorie Kweit, David Katz, Michael Mogavero, Esther Reich and Peter Sabesan. We would not be where we are today without their efforts. Thanks again. Please join me in welcoming our newest members of the Board of Trustees: Gary Corn, Doug Ethe-Sayers, Rebecca Kusnetz, Liz Wolkoff and Jill Zeller. Welcome aboard!!



Mark Natelson,  
Temple President

It is an honor to be able to serve the congregation in any capacity and I feel privileged to do so in my current one, as Temple President. But hey, serving and running a congregation is not a one-person job. Look around, between the Board, the committees, our members, great clergy and educators and a wonderful staff; it makes me feel that there are no challenges we can't handle. Collectively we are one community and every decision we make should be guided by what's best for the congregation. Here are some things we will focus on this year:

- Rabbi Judy is retiring, and we have an active Rabbi search underway. Rabbi Judy will be a tough act to follow, and I will miss her, but rest assured we will adapt and find the best candidate to take over the Pulpit. As I write this, Laurel Fried and the search committee have had their first set of interviews with prospective candidates. As we get deeper into the process, we will invite the entire congregation to be involved in the selection.
- Looking back at the first three years of TOEACRC, we have done some great things; we combined two congregations into one and like everyone else had to deal with a pandemic. We shifted to a virtual model and didn't miss an Erev Shabbat service, and we kept the school open. We streamed every service and continue to do so today. As the pandemic evolved, we started to let people back in the building. Services, activities, and events continue to come back with both in-person and virtual options to attend. But like all things, we are still dealing with a pandemic world and will continue to monitor our response to the pandemic. As always this is subject to change.
- We received some great feedback from the Focus groups we held in the Spring. I will be discussing feedback and how we will respond to it, during the Kol Nidre service (ok, a shameless plug).

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## ***President's Update***

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Neil Brodsky has stepped down as Chair of our COVID committee and his leadership this last year has been greatly appreciated. I am pleased to announce that Laura Miller has accepted the Chair position. Please thank and congratulate them both when you get a chance. Monitoring and managing the COVID situation are critical to our well-being as a congregation and as people.

This year for the High Holy Days services there will be no physical tickets issued. We have learned over the last two years that we can manage access to the services (live or streamed) without the paper tickets. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Did someone say Torah restoration? I'm pretty sure someone did! If you ever wanted to see how a Torah is maintained or wanted to actually help restore one and write in a Torah, you will be able to get a chance starting later this year. Look for more information in the future.

Lastly, if you have any concerns, questions, or comments about any aspect of our Congregation, feel free to reach out to me so we can discuss them.

*--Mark Natelson*

## **High Holy Day Service Schedule 2022**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>
Sunday	9/25	8:00 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Monday	9/26	8:30 AM	First Day Rosh Hashanah, Early
Monday	9/26	11:45 AM	First Day Rosh Hashanah, Late
Monday	9/26	3:00 PM	Rosh Hashanah Children Service
Tuesday	9/27	10:00 AM	Second Day Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday	9/27	3:00 PM	Tashlich
Tuesday	10/4	8:00 PM	Kol Nidre
Wednesday	10/5	8:30 AM	Yom Kippur, Early
Wednesday	10/5	11:45 AM	Yom Kippur, Late
Wednesday	10/5	2:15 PM	High Holy Day Discussion
Wednesday	10/5	3:00 PM	Yom Kippur Children Service
Wednesday	10/5	4:00 PM	Yizkor
Wednesday	10/5	4:30 PM	Afternoon/Concluding Service

## Rabbi's Corner

Shana Tova u"Metuka! Wishing each of you a good, sweet New Year! As September unfolds, we can feel the promise the New Year brings. We are called to evaluate our lives and relationships and make improvements where we feel we can, and renew that which we have ignored for too long.

Our morning prayers take us, step by step, through the waking process, praising God for allowing us to stand upright, to wipe the sleep from our eyes and take our first steps of the day. Perhaps we can use that process as a model for reconnecting with our innermost selves and with all those we love. Be mindful in reaching out to your friends and family, and in evaluating what gives you satisfaction.



Rabbi Judith Cohen-  
Rosenberg

Teshuva means not only repentance but returning. Return, at this time of year, to those people and activities you miss. Take the first step, even if it is difficult. Return, through memories, to those who have gone and evaluate how you want to move forward this year.

As a way to help focus your process, at Selichot, on the evening of September 17, I will lead a workshop based upon Rabbi Steve Leder's book, "For You When I'm Gone- Twelve Essential Questions to Tell a Life Story", and we will embark on writing our own Ethical Wills. Ethical Wills convey your deeply held values that you want to bequeath to those around you. I firmly believe this is an ongoing process, not something to wait for the deathbed. Together, let us embark on this journey that is intended to make your entire year more meaningful.

We have learned over the last few years, to live with a certain amount of uncertainty due to Covid concerns. At this New Year, hold your loved ones close, pray for healing for ourselves and our world and keep a positive outlook. The rabbis of Pirkei Avot called it judging everyone for merit or giving the benefit of the doubt. Let us enter the year 5783 with good intentions and work throughout the year to bring those good intentions to fruition.

From our home to yours, Michael, Micah, Leora and I wish you a year of good health, good times, and Shalom, peace in your heart and peace in the world.

*--Rabbi Judy*

## Cantor's Notes

Chag Sameach and Happy New Year! It seems that time of year is upon us once again, the time when we experience the majesty, mystery and beauty of the High Holidays. My, how the time seems to fly quicker and quicker each year, as the holidays are once again upon us.

This year everyone will have a very special opportunity to get in the right frame of mind and spirit before the holidays begin. On Saturday, September 17th, we will be having a very special Slichot service. Slichot is the time when we prepare ourselves for the holidays. It happens 10 days before Rosh Hashana. It is part of the beginning of the season, reminding us of the whole point of the holidays, Tshuva, turning around or inward, and taking a look at ourselves.



Cantor David Katz

The specialness of Slichot lies not only in the liturgy but also the music. At Slichot, we begin to hear the texts and especially the music that starts to move our spirit and heart into the direction of doing Tshuva. This special music sets us up for reflection and introspection, with distinct melodies and sounds that are meant to prepare us for the upcoming services.

Some melodies you may recognize, and some may be new. Either way, please do come and experience this very special service. We will be having a text study led by our Rabbi. She will illuminate the deeper meaning and understandings of the Slichot texts. Here you will find yourself being taken away into a new world where text study can open your heart and mind to see things in a different way and perhaps even move you into a new space as the Holidays begin. I look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to conclude my section this month by wishing my friend and colleague, Rabbi Judy, a warm, heartfelt, yet bittersweet last High Holidays I will be officiating with her. They say all things change and I understand that. However, what will not change will be the memories, laughs, and friendship that I have experienced with Rabbi Judy for the last number of years. I am extremely grateful and appreciative for her guidance, care and leadership which I was able to experience and learn from, firsthand.

Julia, Rayna, Hanna and I wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

--Cantor Katz



## Religious School

Shalom Friends!

Wow the summer months flew by so quickly. I hope you all had a wonderful summer filled with fun, adventure and making memories. It has been a pleasure seeing your children's smiles and the abundance of happiness on all the Facebook/Instagram posts!

I am so excited to welcome you and your children back to our Religious School for a wonderful and exciting 2022/2023 year! We have some very special celebrations coming up during which your children will participate and be honored by our Clergy and Congregation.



Deborah E. Tract, director of lifelong learning

Please add these dates to your calendar:

### **October 9, 2022-Erev Sukkot Service (6:30 p.m.)**

**Pizza in the Hut** followed by our fourth and fifth grade prayer book ceremony. Each student will receive their own Mishkan T'fillah Prayerbook, a guide to our Reform Movement's prayer services, songs and traditions.

### **October 16, 2022**

#### **Simchat Torah service**

We will celebrate the conclusion of the yearlong Torah readings and the beginning of a new cycle. Our younger students beginning their Jewish Education studies will be consecrated, a meaningful ceremony declaring their Jewish faith and identity.

### **Torah Restoration Project**

By now you've heard the amazing news that we have a Torah Restoration Project in the works. Our Soferet, my dear friend and colleague Jill Kaplan, is busy repairing our Torah. She has studied and learned to transcribe Torah scrolls and the sacred writings of the Torah. Soon you will receive information on how you can get involved and participate in the sacred Mitzvah of Torah Restoration.



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## ***Religious School***

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### **Familyhood is back!**

Our founders of this awesome temple group have passed the torch to Tascha Fuchs and Shari Jacobson, our new FH Chairs! They have been quite busy preparing for a year filled with family programming as well as adult-only events! Please join us on Thursday evening December 15, 2022, for an adult evening of Latkes, Vodka and Magic! Let's celebrate this magical night together! Thank you, Tascha and Shari for your creativity and passion for our spiritual home.

As the High Holidays approach, think about Teshuvah, the holy act of asking for forgiveness for hurting others and for sins committed. Judaism recognizes that from time-to-time, wrongdoings occur but allows for repentance and self-awareness, giving us the opportunity to reflect and do better in the coming year. Think about situations that may have occurred, reflect, and make a goal not to repeat hurt and transgressions in the New Year!

This is the time we offer Tzedakah by completing acts of kindness, donating money, and performing good deeds, such as volunteering. No act is too small. Tikkun Olam, Repairing the World is our responsibility as Jews to create kindness and love for all.

Wishing you and yours a Shanah Tovah U'metuka, a good and sweet New Year.

B'Shalom,

--Deborah E Tract

Director of Lifelong Learning

## **Congratulations to our Bat Mitzvah Candidate and her family:**

September 24, 2022

Reese Kaufman

Daughter of Stephanie and Neil



## September Services Schedule

Fri. Sept. 2	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Sept. 3	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM
Fri. Sept. 9	Erev Shabbat Service, Aufruf Stephen Grossman	7:30 PM
Sat. Sept. 10	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM
Fri. Sept. 16	Shabbat Under the Stars Erev Shabbat Service featuring Nishamah	7:30 PM
Sat. Sept. 17	Selichot Program Selichot Service	7:30 PM 9:00 PM
Fri. Sept. 23	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Sept. 24	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Reese Kaufman	10:00 AM
Sun. Sept. 25	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	8:00 PM
Mon. Sept. 26	Rosh Hashanah First Day Early Service	8:30 AM
	Rosh Hashanah First Day Late Service	11:45 AM
	Children's Service	3:00 PM
Tues. Sept. 27	Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service	10:00 AM
	Tashlich at the Dock in Oyster Bay	3:00 PM
Fri. Sept. 30	Erev Shabbat Service Installation of Officers	7:30 PM

# Torah Notes

## September 3: Shoftim- Deut. 16:18-21

This portion defines the legal system and the roles of the leaders; the judges, the king, the priests and the prophets -- all of them officers of the Hebrew commonwealth. Provisions are to be made for an ordered civil government, justice must be free, accessible and absolutely impartial.



## September 10: Ki-Tetze- Deut. 21:10-25:19

The wide-ranging laws of domestic life and human kindness are the subjects of this portion of Moses' continuing discourse, dealing with matters such as marriage to a captive of war, the rights of the first-born, dealing with discourtesy and disobedience, returning lost property and appropriateness of apparel. The sanctity of marriage, adultery and family relations are among the many topics covered in this chapter.

## September 17: Ki Tavo, Deut. 26:1-29:8

Moses begins his conclusion of the legal code with describing the rituals relating to the first fruits and tithes brought as offerings to the Sanctuary. Such events are to be viewed as occasions of thanksgiving to God, whose favor of the Israelites repeatedly rescued them from the hardships of their past and raised them up to become a great nation, dwelling in comfort in their rich and fertile homeland.

## September 24: Nitzavim- Deut. 22:9-30:20

Moses presents the different orders of people before him, all assembled to enter into a Covenant with God: heads of tribes, elders, officers, all the people of Israel, including children the strangers in their midst, and all the others that would take part in sacred rites and rituals. He warns them all not to harbor evil in their hearts and adds words of mercy and appealing to all to choose life and not death. (\*see opening statement of Deuteronomy)

## October 1: Vayelech- Deut. 31:1 – 31:30

The covenant between God and Israel is binding upon every man, woman and child, for all time - past, present and future, as if every one of us personally received the Torah at Sinai. Moses appoints Joshua to be his successor as the leader of Israel, as age has overtaken him, and death is near. He assures the people that they have no need to be afraid, for God will always be with them. Moses then completes the writing of the Torah and entrusts it to the priests and elders, instructing them to study and teach it on a regular basis to the people.

## Men's Club

Autumn is in the air. Whether it's back to school, back to work, a new football season or just enjoying the crispness of September mornings, we always look forward to this time of the year.

For the Men's Club, this is the time of the year when we get ready for the holidays and plan great events to bring our membership together. In addition to our monthly meetings usually held at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month, we have numerous activities coming up.



**Mark Starr,**  
**Men's Club co-president**

Upcoming events include:

- Fishing Trip on Sunday September 11th
- Sukkah prep on Sunday September 25th, with the Sukkah build on Sunday October 2nd
- Autism Speaks Walk at Jones Beach on Sunday October 9th
- Hike in the Park on Sunday October 30th (location TBD)

The raising of the Temple's Sukkah is one of our most favorite endeavors and this year the structure is all-new with new supplies and materials. We hope you'll join us for what is always a great time! Another lending hand is always welcome.

Come take part in an activity or two or suggest a new activity. We are always looking for new members with new ideas. Reach out to myself or my co-president Mark Heller, to learn more about what our club is all about.

Stay safe, take care and here's to wishing everyone a good and sweet year!

*--Mark Starr, co-president*



**A few Men's Club Members gathered for an hour during Labor Day Weekend to hang out in the park. Pictured are Barry Pelofsky, Andy Silverman and Neil Miller. Photo by co-president Mark Heller.**

## Network of Women (NOW)

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead*

Volunteer! It’s what we do!

Network of Women (N.O.W.) formerly known as Sisterhood. It’s who we are today.



Robin Grossman, NOW  
President

Our mission statement is as follows: The purpose of this organization shall be to act as an auxiliary to Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation to support the spirituality of women, to work for the betterment of the temple, to further the highest ideals of its members, to promote closer fellowship among its members, to be a fundraising arm of the temple and have educational and informational programs that are enlightening and enjoyable.

Please allow me a moment to introduce myself to those who are new. My name is Robin Grossman and I have been part of the temple family for about 23 years. Of those 23 years I have served on the Board of Trustees for about 18. I have served as Sisterhood and N.O.W. president for about 11 nonconsecutive years. That’s a lot of time to serve as a volunteer, but I did it and continue to do it because I enjoy it and to help, not only the temple as a physical building, but also to help you, our congregants.

Joining N.O.W. as a first-year congregant grants you your first year of dues gratis. Please take advantage of that and help shape this organization the way you’d like to see things done. Although, we have over 120 members most are non-active members. We always need help in running fundraisers and events and new ideas for programming. You are our best source for contacts in all things that interest us.

Fundraising is an area that I personally have had a lot of experience in since my children, now grown adults, were in elementary school. All our past fundraising efforts have provided the following for the temple which ultimately provided for you. We have raised funds for the ladies’ bathroom during the renovation that took place many years ago, furnished a classroom, bought the awning over the Hebrew school entrance, purchased the piano for services, pay for yearly AED CPR certification classes that are gratis to the first 15 members, contribute to Shabbat Under the Stars to help offset your cost, donated to the Purim carnival so the kids can

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enjoy, as well as, the annual Chanukah party. Those listed are just a few things that we have helped through our fundraisers. There are more, but I'll stop here!

Helping me along this journey is our treasurer, Sue Zichlin who has been in her position longer than anyone in any position in the temple as a whole! Gale Gluck is our keeper of minutes and all things said during our meetings.

This year we began a friendship with Encore Luxury Living in Jericho. Anything that we do with them at their facility (such as our afternoon of Paint and Sip and Lunch and Learn) will take place during the day.

Join us for an event if you are able. MOST of our other temple events, meetings, programs will take place at temple or nearby during the evening.

This year we have planned a chock full of different things that I hope you will be able to join us for, whether in person or via Zoom. I urge you to please attend all meetings you can throughout the year so that we can hear what you have to say and put your thoughts in action. Your thoughts and ideas could be what someone else was thinking but was too shy to say it out loud! We include all.

Please join our temple's Facebook page Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation and turn on notifications to get up to the minute updates on ALL programs as they are given to me. At the end of every issue of the Shofar you will find our flyers for events, book clubs, fundraisers, etc. Please scroll to the end to see what we have in store for you and our calendar of events.

I sincerely apologize to those of you who were looking forward to the Summertime Meet and Greet however, due to unforeseen circumstances it had to be postponed. At this time, I do not have another date in mind to reschedule.

In the meantime, we wish you and your families a very healthy and happy New Year.

L' Shana Tova to all!

*--Robin Grossman*  
President of N.O.W.  
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## NOW Schedule of Events 2022-23

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event/Meeting</i>	<i>Time</i>
September 12, 2022	Begin Canasta Lessons (6 lessons)	11:00 am
September 19, 2022	Book Club Zoom ONLY	7:30 pm
September 26, 27, 2022	Sweet Treats for Rosh Hashanah	
October 24, 2022	Book Club HYBRID (?)	7:30 pm
October 26, 2022	Meeting HYBRID	7:30 pm
October 30, 2022	Mystic Pizza @ The John Engeman Theater	2:00 pm
November 4, 2022	NOW SHABBAT SERVICE	7:30 pm
November 21, 2022	Meeting	7:30 pm
Late Nov./Early Dec.	Mah Jongg Card Sales Begin	
December 19, 2022	Latke/Babka Chanukah Event/meeting	7:30 pm
TBD	Book Club	
January 23, 2023	Meeting	7:30 pm
January 29, 2023	AED/CPR program	Approx. 9:00 am
January 30, 2023	Book Club	7:30 pm
February 12, 2023	Rocky the Musical at CAP in Syosset	TBD
February 7, 2023	Start Shalach Manot Orders	
February 12, 2023	Super Bowl Fundraiser (boxes)	
March 5, 2023	Pick up Shalach Manot at Purim Carnival	10:30 am
March 20, 2022	Meeting	7:30 pm
March 6, 2023	Start Passover Wine Sale/Tasting? At meeting?	
March 23, 2023	Pinot's Palette (Paint & Sip)      6:30 pm setup 7:30 pm start	
March 27, 2023	Book Club	7:30 pm
TBD	Spring Flats sale	
April 3 or earlier pick up wine		
April 19, 2023	Meeting	7:30 pm
April 24, 2023	Book Club	7:30 pm
May 15, 2023	Meeting	7:30 pm
June 14, 2023	Meeting	7:30 pm
June 19, 2023	Book Club	7:30 pm
***July TBD	Escape to Margaritaville at The John Engeman Theater	TBD



## Securing Our Synagogue

In response to our growing concern for the safety for our Temple, congregants, employees and visitors, a security committee was created in January 2022, at the direction of Neil Miller.

The members of the committee are Susan Bloomberg, Laurel Fried, Les Reider, Barbara Tevora Jainchill, Roz Vermut, Sue Zichlin, Rabbi Judy Cohen Rosenberg, Rabbi Harvey Abramowitz, Deborah Tract and our newest member, Amy Adler.



Ira Warshawsky, security committee chair

The members of the committee brought to the table a variety of backgrounds that touched upon and may have been directly involved with security. And those that did not have such backgrounds had an abiding desire to make our building and our membership more secure.

We proceeded to avail ourselves of security webinars that were being held by numerous entities, including JCRC, ADL, and UJA.

We proceeded on our own to find ways that would make our sanctuary and classrooms, as well as our offices more secure in the event of an active shooter. All classrooms were numbered from both the interior side as well as the exterior side. This enables a responding police force to quickly locate, from the exterior of the building, a particular room where they have been told that there is a problem.

You may be aware that all the classrooms have small windows in the doors that lead into the main hallway. Small “shades” were created to quickly be pulled down and prevent an intruder from looking into those classrooms. My thanks to Susan Bloomberg for putting her arts and crafts skills to work.

Simplistic locking mechanisms were created to prevent the classrooms from being easily accessed by an intruder.

Les Reider, who has a background in security met with the head of Black-Tie security, which provides our buildings security guards, along with Laurel Fried, to see how we might be able to make entry by an intruder into our building more difficult.

Other members of the committee provided online research which they then distributed

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amongst all of us, to assist on how we might all work in making the building more secure.

Les conducted security meetings with our office staff as well as with the staff of AHRC. The goal is being able to raise awareness of the importance of security, such as not allowing doors to the outside of the building to be wedged open and the importance of running fire and active shooter drills (lock-down drills), including those for our Religious School.

If you have attended services, you have found cards in the pews on how to respond to an active shooter. This is another result of our committee and the excellent efforts of Robin Rabinowitz.

There are federal grants available to religious organizations to assist in making their locations more secure. These grants go up to \$150,000. The Temple started go about getting a grant application submitted last year but we ran into an amazing wall of red tape. Neil Miller then president in 2021 got us going in the right direction. But then we were hit with a time limit and were not able to proceed to get a grant request submitted. Thus, the security committee now found itself with the responsibility of getting the grant request submitted.

Throughout this whole process, everything I have stated above and now moving forward with attempting to get a grant request, Robin Rabinowitz our executive director really became the point person on all fronts. This involves getting a new code number which must accompany any application, a simplistic request. We were told they would just transfer our old code number into the new code number. That simplistic request, despite us doing everything correctly took about four months. But we were not sitting on our proverbial hands.

Every grant must be accompanied by a security evaluation. With Robin once again at point we arranged for such an evaluation by the Nassau County Police Department. It was done in early April. We then arranged for an additional security evaluation and assessment by a gentleman named Liron Filiby from JCRC. The security evaluation/assessment is very, very important in this process and the grant request should match up with problems/weaknesses that are identified in the security assessment.

We realized that it would be very helpful to have a grant writer assist us in this project. We obtained the names of a couple of grant writers and eventually hired a grant writer who actually knew Rabbi Judy and this relationship clearly helped us in the amount of his contract. We also learned that you may get a grant to pay for a grant writer. Which we applied for

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successfully. Our grant was submitted on time, and we now anxiously await the results.

An example of the type of items we have requested include upgrading of outdoor lighting, upgrading interior and exterior cameras, installation of gates that would slow any intruder from driving into our parking lot without permission and window coverings.

The window coverings we have in mind are mirror-like film that covers the windows and prevents someone from the outside seeing what is happening inside. They are not perfect, but they are very valuable and highly recommended. As a combination with this mirror coating there will be a coating of a material that makes the window bullet resistant. Not bulletproof, but bullet resistant. As I hear over and over again of the shooting in Uvalde, Texas, the shooter initially fired his weapon from the outside into the classrooms. It is hoped we never have such an incident, but with the window coverings that we have requested in our grant, at least we have made the windows bullet-resistant.

It would be a wonderful thing if we are able to get this grant. But even if we do get the grant there is something equivalent to an environmental impact statement that has to be done before the money ends up in our pocket and even then, it's not in our pocket. We must proceed to do the work and submit for reimbursement.

Hopefully you are all aware there was an active shooter training program run for the congregation some months ago. We are scheduling another program with the assistance of JCRC soon. It may have already occurred by the time you read this.

On a more recent note, we have had fire alarm problems with false alarms causing the Syosset fire department to respond and rouse one of our intrepid members of our repose team to meet them at the building (most recently Amy Adler). We are in the process of replacing smoke and fire alarms. Hopefully this issue will be cleared up, soon.

The above is not the extent of the work done by the security committee. We are constantly listening and watching programs that are run by the federal and state governments as well as the Jewish organizations that I have identified above so that we may keep up to date on what is happening in the security world that might be useful for us in our congregation here in Jericho, where we want to make sure the walls do not come tumbling down.

*--Ira Warshawsky, Temple Security Committee Chair*

## September Birthdays and Anniversaries



1 Andrew Hutner	11 Jessica Klinghoffer	23 Carly Feldberg
1 Brian Saltz	11 Justin Kweit	23 Harris Moore
2 Mark Berman	11 Sarah Martin	24 Jason Friedman
2 Rebecca Perlmutter	12 Rachelle Diane Blidner	24 Joshua Friedman
2 David Schwartz	13 Elizabeth Flax	24 Reese Kaufman
2 Matthew Schwartz	15 Jeremy Horowitz	24 Danielle Pressman
3 Brooke Barrie	15 Andrew Wengrover	24 Sarah Pressman
3 Rachel Rosner	16 Tamryn Etes	24 Howard Keith Simon
3 Matthew Weissman	17 Jordan Goldstein	25 Zachary Natelson
6 Jake Bassin	17 Lisa Kotowitz	25 Martin Strell
6 Lauren Dolowich	17 Amanda Meyer	25 Parker Susser
8 Jeff Schwartz	18 Michael Starr	26 Joseph Schmitt
8 Jason Zichlin	20 Julia Fuchs	27 Logan Horowitz
9 Lily Etes	21 Kenneth Leff	



1 Ken & Linn Weissman	13 Perry & Linda Glickman
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7 Glenn & Penny Hutner	22 Lance & Jackie Singer
10 Ron & Stephanie Ethe	22 Jonathan & Andrea Smith
10 Larry Kweit & Marjorie Shapiro Kweit	

## **Yahrzeits**

### **Week of September 3**

Otto Babik, Edith Berkowitz, Joseph S. Bernstein, Isaac Billig, Merrill Blum, Martha Bystock, Jeanette Cohn, David Cooperman, Sophie Eisenberg, Blanche Fleisher, Rose Friedman, William Eric Goldberg, Joseph Greenberg, Joseph Hans, Myron Hauptman, Belinda Haynes, Joseph Herman, Moses Knobler, Lillian Korenvaes, Ruth Krex, Leonard Lachman, Leo Lesser, Ruth Levine, Sidney Markman, Irving Miller, Fannie Minchenberg, Ida Mintz, David Natelson, Jack Panzer, Richard Robeson, Milton Rosenbaum, Norma Rosenblatt, Marvin Rosenthal, Harry Seiden, Paul Sevetar, Gertrude Shapiro, Louis Sperling, Lily Spielman, Sidney Sporty, Ethel Natelson Teller, Miriam Wactlar

### **Week of September 10**

Sharon Altman, Moishe Aronowitz, Bernard Bertan, Jack Billig, Nathan Blidner, Lawrence Borah, Bertha Brettner, Solomon Brownstein, William Cohen, Dora Davis, Suzanne Delott, Nikki Ghostwolf, Robert Goldberg, Morris Goldman, Charles Greenberg, Deborah Hamburger, Rebecca Hersh, David Jackman, Theodore Klein, Samuel Kraft, Blanche Levin, Julia Lissner, Jeanne Lotenberg, Marcus Mayer, Gloria Miller, Irving Miller, Marlene Moster, Anita Platt, Karl Polifka, Abraham Ratner, Morris Reider, Fannie Reif, Aaron Reisman, Minnie Rodesky, Ethel Ruderman, Nathan Scher, Philip Schneider, Lillian Secol, Rose Seradzky, Nathan Siegel, William Siesto, Murray Smith, Sylvia Spungen, Herbert Stern, Morris Sternschein, Billy Tolve, Joshua Vitale, Edward Wasserman, Sophie Weiss, Minnie Zucker

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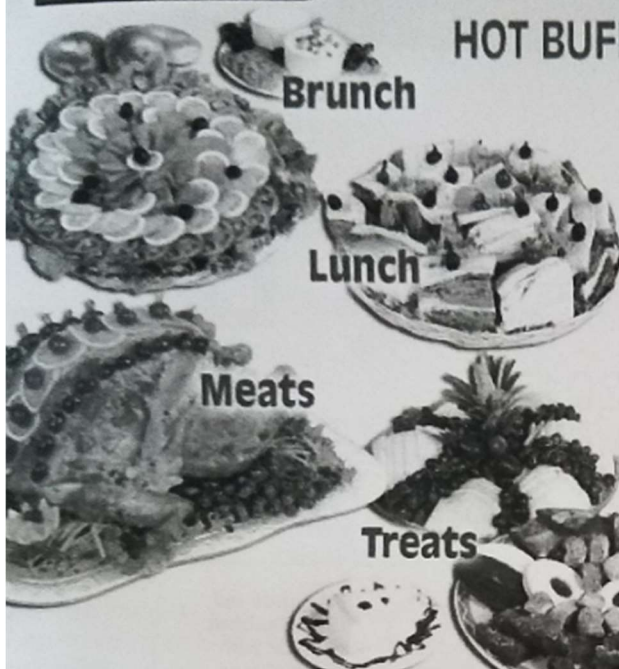
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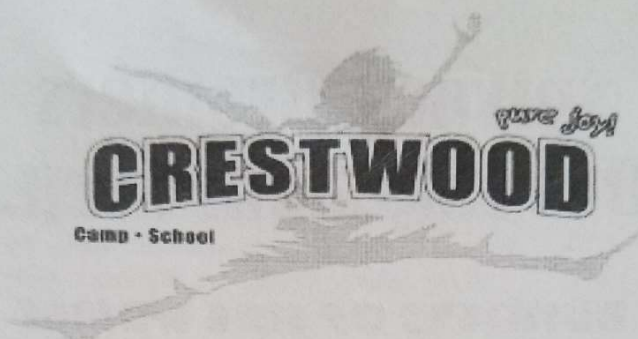
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5 Labor Day	6 Men's Club meeting 7:30 PM	7  Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	8 Shabbat Under the Stars Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	9 Erev Shabbat Service, Aufruf Stephen Grossman, 7:30 PM	10 Torah Study 10:30 AM
11 Men's Club Fishing Trip	12 Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM  Shabbat Under the Stars Committee	13	14 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	15	16 Shabbat Under the Stars 6:30 PM	17 Torah Study 10:30 AM  Selichot Program 7:30- 8:30 Service 9:00 PM
18	19 First Day of School  N.O.W. Book Club 7:30 PM	20 First Day of School  Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	21	22  Torah Study 7:30 PM	23 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	24 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bat Mitzvah Reese Kaufman
25 Sanctuary Setup and Sukkah Prep  Erev Rosh Hashanah	26 Rosh Hashanah  No Religious School	27 Rosh Hashanah  No Religious School	28	29	30 Erev Shabbat Service, Installation of Officers 7:30 PM	

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