ESHORAR



September 2021

Elul/Tishrei 5781/82



from the desk of Rabbi Claudio J. Kogan, MD, MBE, MEd Dear Temple Bet Yam family,

I am honored to serve you as your Rabbi!! I am glad to follow in the steps of my mentor and friend Rabbi

Mark Goldman, Rabbi Fred Raskind, and Rabbi Nadia Siritsky. My family and I are anxious to celebrate this coming High Holidays and Jewish life with all of you. These last 18 months were difficult for all of us. I pray that all of us will overcome the COVID pandemic! I hope that the New Year 5782 will bring us hope and a complete cure!

In Hebrew, the New Year is called Rosh Hashanah. Rosh Hashanah has four names: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Teruah, Yom Ha Din and Yom Ha Zicaron.

Rosh Hashanah, because we, the Jewish people, celebrate the creation of the world and the creation of the human being. The first month of the year on the Jewish calendar is Tishri. We will start the Jewish year 5782 at sundown on Monday, September 6th as it appears on the secular calendar.

Yom Teruah, the day of Teruah, because we are commanded to hear the sound of the Shofar. As it is written in Bemidvar, Numbers 29:1; "In the Seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a sacred occasion: you shall observe it as a day when the horn is sounded."

Yom Ha Din, The day of the Law, because according to our tradition, God judges every

person and decides whether or not to inscribe each individual into the Book of Life. The criteria for God's judgment is our behavior over the past year. Have we committed errors? Of course, all of us have. This is the time that, as a collective people, we ask for forgiveness. First we go to the fellow human being that we think we did something wrong to, then to God. As Rabbi Moses Nachmanides wrote: "Rosh Hashanah is the Day of Judgment with Mercy and Yom Kippur is a Day of Mercy with Judgment." (Ramban, Leviticus 23:24)

Yom Ha Zicaron, the day of remembering, because we review the past year trying to realize what things we did wrong and we ask for forgiveness.

Ten days after Rosh Hashanah we will gather for Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year, and its first service will be Kol Nidre, which falls on Wednesday, September 15th. We will gather to ask for forgiveness after ten days of introspection. On those ten days, we need to examine our mistakes so that we start a New Year clean.

May this year be the year in which our hope for peace and our hope for major changes in our society and in the world will take place.

My wife Ana and our children, Milena and Ezekiel, join me in wishing each of you a Shana Tovah U Metukah, a good and sweet year – a year in which we continue to gather to celebrate great occasions in person and virtually!

Shanah Tova Tikatevu ve Techatemu. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life!

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THE SHOFAR

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September Anniversaries

September 1st, Susan & Martin Newman 42nd anniversary

September 2nd, Phyllis & Paul Greenfield 65th anniversary

September 5th, Jennifer & Davis Love
17th anniversary

September 4th, Laura Weiss & Robert Dawkins
4th anniversary

September 11th, Maryann & William Rosenthal
44th anniversary

September Birthdays

September 5th, David Sherman

September 12th, Rabbi Fred Raskind

September 17th, Shane Bates, 12th birthday

September 18th, Dinah McNamara

September 18th, Sharon Rice

September 18th, Henry Seiden

September 19th, Sara Berman

September 28th, Toby Weintraub



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New Year Greetings

We wish that your sorrows be less and your happiness more. That nothing but good health comes through your door. L'Shanah Tova Ellen and Harold Miller

Happy Healthy New Year to our TBY family Art & Barbara Rogove We wish a sweet and healthy New Year to all. Noreen Davis & Alan Gramet



Happy New Year to my lovely wife, Laura Weiss! Your adoring husband, Robert

"L'Shana Tova to our TBY Family" from the Kinkela's To our Temple Family, Let your year be filled with gratitude. Phyllis & Lee Feirman

L'shanah Tovah! May this New Year be filled with health, happiness, laughter, and love. Michael and Renee Speisman

Wishing health, happiness and sweet days ahead for our TBY Family. Dave, Jen & Max Sherman

Wishing L'shanah tova to my TBY family. Jackie Witte L'Shana Tova! May the coming year be filled with health and joy for us all!
Cathy and David Kasriel

New Year Greetings to all Marcia Rector

Ruth & Larry Kurlandsky wish everyone a Shanah Tova u'metukah, a healthy and sweet new year. Dear Temple Family,
May your New Year be filled
with health, joy, & peace.
L'Shana Tovah!
Joan, Andrew, Holly, Rees,
Henry & (onstance Guglielmo

Happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year greetings to our TBY family and friends.
May 5782 be a year that brings peace to all peoples.
Bev Darkatsh & Rick Slater

LaShona Tova to our TBY family. May the coming year be one of good health and peace. Shelly & Marty

Best wishes to our TBY family for a peaceful and healthy 5782 Jane & Henry Seiden Happy New Year to our wonderful TBY family! Laura Weiss & Robert Dawkins We hope that the new year brings health and happiness to all of you at TBY and your families. Bernie and (arol Levy We wish our TBY family a happy, peaceful and healthy 5782. L'shana tovah! Phyllis and Maury

Wishing our TBY family good health, happiness and peace in the New Year. Nancy Sorkin From our family to yours, we wish you a brighter year with the hope that we will be able to gather together, safely, once more. Teresa & SaraRose Freedman

We wish all of our Temple family a healthy and sweet year. Joe & Andi Marx



To our dear friends and family at Temple Bet Yam - May your new year be filled with good health, peace and sweetness and may we spend the next year engaged in tikkun olam in hope for a better future. - Phyllis & Paul Greenfield

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In Memoriam

September 1st, Anna JungGrandmother of Pamela Diamond

September 1st, Ana Urman De Pauker Mother of Elianne Sims

September 2nd, Rose BroudyMother of Martin Broudy

September 3rd, Jeff Harris Husband of Laura Weiss

September 5th, Alan GreenfieldBrother of Paul Greenfield

September 6th, Fay Markowitz Grandmother of Meryl Goldman

September 6th, Simon Palevsky Father of Elliott Palevsky

September 7th, Clara Marx Grandmother of Joe Marx

September 7th, Louis Schneider Father of Nancy Schachnovsky

September 8th, Max Lustig Father of Marcia Rector

September 9th, Carol Sherman-HubertMother of Colleen Banat

September 11th, Mary Jo Kimelman Daughter of Terre Wallach & Niece of Barbara Carman

September 11th, Jacob Kushner Grandfather of Phil Kushner

September 12th, Gordon Toy Husband of Sherry Toy

September 14th, Murray Lee Father of Kalmun Lee

September 14th, Sheldon Rosenfield Father of Joel Rosenfield

September 14th, Sherry Sukel Mother of Debra Morris September 15th, Sol Stafford

September 15th, Sol Stafford Father of Barbara Stafford

September 15th, Florence WermanMother of Rhona Botnick

September 16th, Jeanette Baker Aunt of Don Levy

September 16th, Paul Trued PetersonSon of Kathleen Trued

September 19th, Harvey B. Rinehart Grandfather of Bev Darkatsh

September 20th, George Irwin Feldman Husband of Roberta Feldman

September 20th, Joan Lucas Mother of Merrie Meiselman

September 21st, Mamie Fogelsonger Hale Grandmother of Bev Darkatsh

September 25th, Mortimer GoldstoneFather of Howard Goldstone

September 26th, Betty Eisler Grandmother of Jaime Combs

September 26th, Lonnie Wheatley Sister of Marc Gladstone

September 28th, Helen PetzinerMother of Terre Wallach & Barbara Carman

September 29th, Emanuel Botnick
Father-in-law of Rhona Botnick

September 29th, Rose Kurlandsky Grandmother of Larry Kurlandsky

September 30th, Ernestine Kasriel Mother of David Kasriel

May their memory be a blessing

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Temple Bet Yam Cemetery – TBY has consecrated a portion of the Craig Memorial Park on Old Moultrie Road. All Temple members are eligible to purchase burial plots in this section for themselves, their spouses, partners, children and parents. Following Reform Jewish philosophy, there are no restrictions concerning burial of non-Jewish family members adjacent to their loved ones.

Those interested in purchasing burial plots as part of their preplanning should contact Craig Memorial Park directly at (904) 824-1672. For further information or questions, contact Marty Cohen at shelmar826@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Events for September. Mark your calendar!



Selichot Service Saturday, September 4, 6:30 – 7:30pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service Monday, September 6, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Rosh Hashanah Service Tuesday, September 7, 10:00am – 1:00pm



Kol Nidre Service Wednesday, September 15, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Yom Kippur Morning Service Thursday, September 16, 10:00am – 1:00pm Meet with the Rabbi – 2:30 Afternoon Service 3:30 followed by Yizkor and Neilah



Religious School Sunday, September 19, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Sisterhood Opening Meeting with SAMF president Bill Boxer as scheduled speaker Wednesday, September 22, 1:00 – 3:00pm



Religious School Sunday, September 26, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 28, 5:30 – 6:30pm







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Memorial Board Plaques – When you purchase a plaque for your loved ones, you memorialize them on our memorial board in the sanctuary, as well as in the Book of Remembrance. All names on the Memorial Board are recognized during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur. See the Donation form on our web site, TempleBetYam.org or contact Phyllis Keiser at (904) 797-1508.

Celebratory Wall – Celebrate a simcha in your family or honor a TBY member by purchasing a plaque for our commemorative garden wall. For additional information and order forms, please contact Phyllis Keiser at (904) 797-1508.

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Trees For Israel



We are enjoying huge success with our Trees for Israel. Every tree purchased is not only recognition of some significant event in your life or in the life of someone close to you but is also a mitzvah for Israel and contributes to our Temple fundraising effort. Please use this very important program as a memorial to a friend or loved one or in celebration of a happy occasion for someone dear to you.

Israel's forests are not only a valuable source for water preservation, but are a source for boosting the morale of Israel's citizens by providing a haven in which to put aside the pressures of living in a nation under siege.

JNF will acknowledge every donation with a receipt to the donor and a certificate to the recipient of the honor. Your donation will also benefit Temple Bet Yam with a portion of the donation amount. It is a double Mitzvah.

Trees may be ordered by contacting Toby Weintraub at 904-471-0418. Please provide Toby with your name, address, phone number, the name and address of the person being honored and the name and address of the person you want to receive acknowledgment.

Donations for Trees for Israel are \$18.00 per tree. Checks should be made out to Temple Bet Yam.

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