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TEMPLE BET YAM

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Tishrei 5783

"Be Rosh hahsnaha Yekaterun u ve yom Tzom Kippur Yechatemun."

on Rosh Hashanah it is written (in the Book of Life) and on Yom Kippur it is sealed."



A new year is beginning!!! Our tradition teaches us that when the month of Tishrei (the first month of our Jewish calendar) starts, we are supposed to prepare ourselves. It is a custom to wear new clothes and it is a custom to revise our life. The words above are the theme of the High Holidays. The purpose of coming to the synagogue and praying is to ask for more life, to ask God to change our destiny, to live longer.

This theme reminds me of a story. A tale is told of one who sat in study before the zaddik Rabbi Mordecai of Nadvorna, of blessed memory (19th cent), and before Rosh Hashanah came to obtain permission to be dismissed. The zaddik said to him, "Why are you hurrying?" Said he to him, "I am a Reader, and I must look into the festival prayer book, and put my prayers in order." Said the zaddik to him, "The prayer book is the same as it was last year. It would be better for you to look into your deeds, and put yourself in order." (Likkute Mahariah)

During September, we will be gathering at Temple Bet Yam to celebrate a new year. We all will be pouring into our sanctuary to celebrate the High Holy Days. And celebrate we will! People will be running into people they haven't seen in a while - perhaps since last Yom Kippur. There will be a good spirit that will fill this place. It is the spirit of friendship, camaraderie, and love. It will truly be one of the high "family" moments in the life of our congregation, when our people will be here to celebrate the High Holy Days!

But while we will be here to celebrate the High Holy Days, how many of us will be truly prepared, or even somewhat prepared, to OBSERVE the High Holy Days? "Celebrate"? Yes! But "Observe"? That's another matter.

Rabbi Mordecai clearly understood that distinction. He knew that there was a dramatic and important distinction between "doing" the holy days, and observing them. For Rabbi Mordecai was saying to his student, "There is preparation, and there is preparation, and it is not enough for us just to prepare for the High Holy Days. We need to concern ourselves with *how* we prepare for the High Holy Days." It is essential that there be spiritual preparation as well as physical preparation.

Many Jews also suffer from an inability to strike an appropriate balance between their physical and their spiritual

High Holy Days preparations. Indeed, for most Jews there simply is no balance, for the spiritual side is completely ignored until they walk into the sanctuary on Rosh Hashanah Eve. And that truly is a great misfortune for our people, for without spiritual preparation, we are only capable of deriving a fraction of the benefit of the High Holy Days.

The High Holy Days are all about enriching our lives. More than about Jewish reunion, more than about receiving a Jewish identity booster charge. The High Holy Days are about our lives and how we live them on a day-to-day basis, and how we can live them better. How God can become a part of our lives. How those Jews of the past, great and small, and most important of all, those who were closest to us, taught us important lessons for living in the future. How living in a community, a community which we so readily celebrate by coming together in joy, carries with it significant personal responsibilities, each one of us to the other. How not one of us has yet achieved perfection, and therefore will sometimes make a mistake, not exercise the best judgment, will sin. How needy we all are when it comes to forgiveness. How impossible and illogical it is for us to expect to receive forgiveness when we are unwilling to grant forgiveness. How each and every one of us possesses the power to change, to change our world, to change our lives. How in order to change, we must muster the courage to confront that part of ourselves which embarrasses us, which we don't wish to lay claim to but we know all too well is there. How our lives need not be lived on a treadmill, but how we can take control of our lives and alter them for the better, with God's help and guidance.

All this, and so much more, is there for us, waiting for us, on the High Holy Days. But if we are not spiritually prepared, we barely and rarely perceive of it. We lose it, and in losing it, we lose the heart and soul of those most sacred days. The High Holy Days should be a time of memory and reflection. The High Holy Days should be a time to look to our past, to reflect and to learn from our actions, and to move on to a great year.

As we approach these High Holy Days, let us heed the good council of Rabbi Mordecai of Nadvorna. Let us prepare ourselves spiritually. Let us study our deeds and put ourselves in order, and let us do so before we enter the sanctuary on Rosh Hashanah Eve. Let's all of us be inscribed in the book of life!!!

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Let's Celebrate!

September Anniversaries

September 1st,

Susan & Martin Newman

43rd anniversary

September 2nd,

Phyllis & Paul Greenfield

66th anniversary

September 5th,

Jennifer & Davis Love

18th anniversary

September 8th,

Laura Weiss & Robert Dawkins

5th anniversary

September 11th,

William & MaryAnne Rosenthal

45th anniversary



September Birthdays

September 5th, David Sherman

September 12th, Rabbi Fred Raskind

September 17th, Shane Bates, 13th birthday

September 18th, Dinah McNamara

September 18th, Sharon Rice

September 18th, Henry Seiden

September 19th, Sara Berman

September 28th, Toby Weintraub

In Memoriam

September 1st, Anna Jung
Grandmother of Pamela Diamond

September 3rd, Jeff Harris
Husband of Laura Weiss

September 5th, Alan Greenfield
Brother 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 8th, Max Lustig
Father of Marcia Rector

September 9th, Carol Sherman-Hubert
Mother 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, Sheldon Rosenfield
Father of Joel Rosenfield

September 14th, Sherry Sukel
Mother of Debra Morris

September 15th, Sol Stafford
Father of Barbara Stafford

September 15th, Florence Werman
Mother of Rhona Botnick

September 16th, Paul Trued Peterson
Son 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 26th, Betty Eisler
Grandmother of Jaime Combs

September 26th, Lonnie Wheatley
Sister of Marc Gladstone

September 28th, Helen Petziner
Mother of Terre Wallach & Barbara Carman

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

September 30th, Ernestine Kasriel
Mother of David Kasriel

May their memory be a blessing...

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Upcoming Events for September. Mark your calendar!

Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 6th, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Shabbat Service/Lucy and Oliver

Zicht's B'nai Mitzvah

Friday, September 9th, 7:30 – 9:00pm

Lucy and Oliver Zicht's B'nai Mitzvah

Saturday, September 10th, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Sisterhood meeting with special guest speaker Curtis Tucker from First Coast Opera

Wednesday, September 14th, 1:00 – 2:30pm

Men's Club

Wednesday, September 14th, 6:00 – 9:00pm

Mah Jongg Tournament @ Duplicate Bridge Club

Thursday, September 15th, 10:30am – 4:00pm

Selichot Service Lay-Led

Saturday, September 17th, 6:30 – 7:30pm

Dining with Dignity

Monday, September 19th, 10:00am-11:00am
TBY food donations, 5:15pm St. Paul AME Church on MLK Ave

Erev Rosh Hashana Service

Sunday, September 25th, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Rosh Hashana Service/Tashlich immediately after - Treaty Park

Monday, September 26th, 10:00am – 1:00pm

New Year Greetings

Warm wishes to our TBY family for a peaceful and healthy 5783.
Jane and Henry Seiden

Art & Barbara Rogove wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

May your New Year be as sweet as honey, filled with health and happiness.
Cathy and David Kasriel

Wishing our TBY family a year filled with peace, friendship, joy and health.
L'Shana Tova!
The Guglielmo Family
Joan, Andrew, Holly, Rees, Henry and Constance

Wishing my TBY family a happy, healthy New Year, filled with peace and love.
Carol Gladstone



Wishing my Temple family a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.
Jackie Witte

Wishing all a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful year,
L'Shana Tovah
Dinah McNamara

L'Shana Tovah to our TBY family.
Linda and Martin Schwartz

We wish our TBY family a happy, and above all, a healthy 5783!
L'shana tova,
Phyllis and Maury Keiser

Wishing our TBY family a prosperous year of good health, happiness & peace.
LaShana Tova,
Shelly & Marty



Shanah Tovah to my TBY Family. Here's to a year filled with blessings!
Teresa Freedman

Wishing our TBY family good health, happiness and peace in the New Year.
Nancy Sorkin

Wishing you a sweet New Year of happiness and health.
Phyllis and Leon Feirman

L'Shanah Tovah! Wishing a year of good health and happiness to all.
Barbara and Rob

May this new year be sweet, healthy and happy.
L'Shanah Tovah to all.
Carol Liebman



We wish a happy, healthy and peaceful year to our TBY family.
From Robert Dawkins and
Dr. Laura Weiss

"May we be as full of mitzvot as the pomegranate is full of seeds." L'Shana Tovah and thank you for welcoming us into the TBY family.
Adam and Debra Silbar

Happy New Year to my fabulous Laura!
From Robert Dawkins

We wish our friends and their families a year free from conflict, Covid and controversy; rather a year filled with comfort, connection and continued meaning.
Rabbi Fred and Judy

L'shana Tova to our TBY family. May you be inscribed in the book of life for the coming year. Our hope for all of us is to do good and make this a better year for all.
Phyllis & Paul Greenfield

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



Special thoughts go out to our TBY family with a wish that the year ahead will be filled with peace, happiness and good health.
Sharon and Rod Rice

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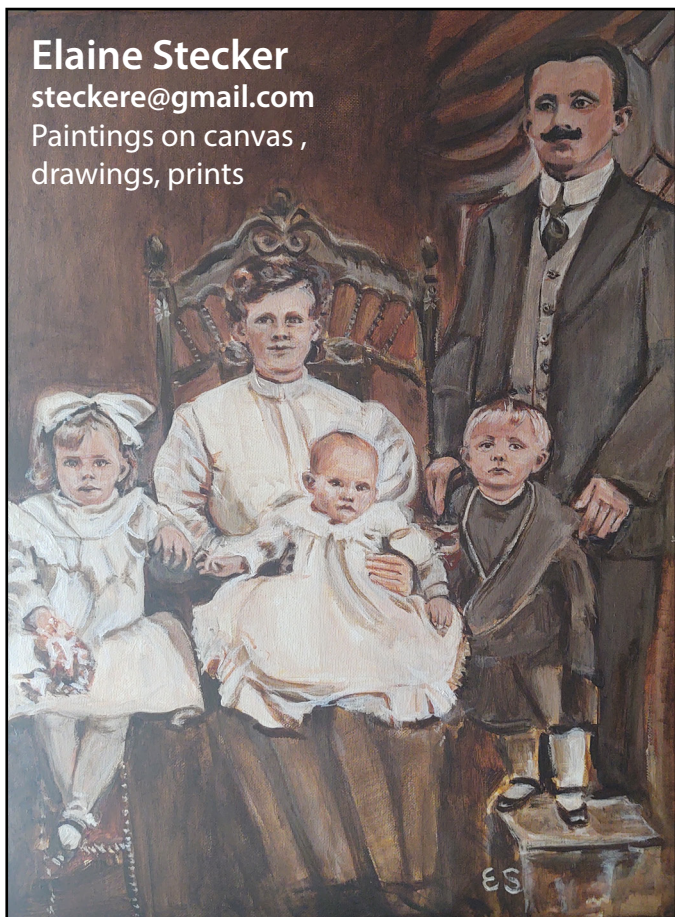
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