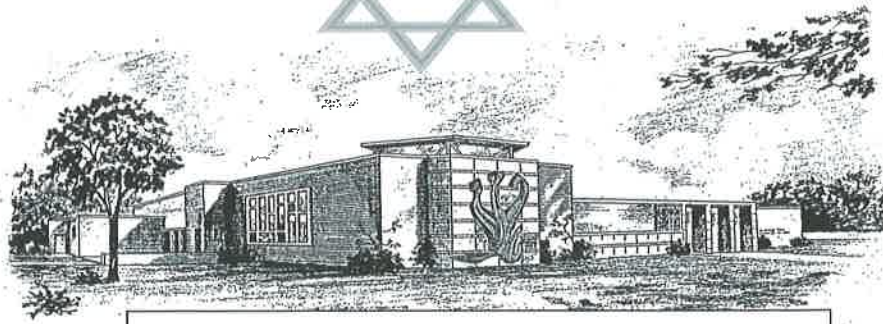
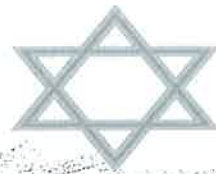


TEMPLE ISRAEL



OCTOBER 2020

Tishre - Cheshvan 5781

FROM THE DESK OF RABBI BETH L. SCHWARTZ

I hope that this year's High Holy Days services brought you a sense of cleansing and hope. This year's services were truly a team effort, and I am grateful to the High Holy Days Working Group who spent three months helping me to create them: Jack Goldfrank, Louis Levy, Ariela Oved, Julian Ripple, Michelle Sandler, Nate Sandler, Yael Segal, and Jessica Washington, all of whom stepped up immediately to participate.



I can say the same for everyone who participated in the services by bringing a sense of community through their reading and singing: Burt Ahlzadeh, Jamie Ahlzadeh, Neil Block, Tiffany Broda, Sandra Brode, Debbie Bush, Cassidy Fine, Harper Fine, Joel Fine, Elizabeth Greenblatt, Michael Greenblatt, Chuck Hecht, Meghan Hirsch, Ron Kowan, Marv Lieberman, Vicki Lieberman, Maddy Novak, Ariela Oved, Daniel Oved, Ofer Oved, Lydia Rice, Mark Rice, Ronnet Rice, Julian Ripple, Drew Sandler, Michelle Sandler, Nate Sandler, Vivian Sandler, Gary Stern, Daniel Washington, and Jessica Washington.

Thanks to our Temple Israel Past-Presidents who came in for photos, along with my apology for not getting every photo in the video: Neil Block, Joel Fine, Chuck Hecht, Michael Greenblatt, Marv Lieberman, Jon Liss, Mark Rice, Julian Ripple, Gary Stern

Our Music Director and Soloist, Debbie Anderson, learned new music for prayers she usually sings in other settings, but her musical guidance was as sure and welcome as always. Maddy Novak learned a new melody for our morning prayer, with additional words for the High Holy Days. Ron Kowan's tenor inspired our prayer for peace. And I thank my son, Daniel Washington, who gracefully let me take advantage of his proximity to enlist him as a cantorial soloist, as well as technical assistant.

While I know that not every member would have been able to be recorded, the number of members whom I have just listed shows that we have a lot of strength and resilience as we enter this new year.

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Early on, I had a crazy thought, wondering, since we would be recording services, what the shofar would sound like if it was blown outside. Our masterful shofar blower, Daniel Oved, made a mighty and joyful noise on the banks of the Chattahoochee River, and he made the shofar service more of a high point than ever. And thanks to Daniel's parents, Ariela and Ofer, for making these recordings happen.

I have to acknowledge the tremendous support of Nate Sandler in the recording process itself; he found extra equipment, made what seemed at times like endless repeated takes, supported the editing, and all with patience and smiles. We did not know how much we did not know about recording and editing, which was probably a good thing, because once we started, we just had to keep going. Benjamin Lafaro, our videographer, probably learned more than anyone about High Holy Days, and produced beautiful results for us. He can now pronounce all the Hebrew correctly, and even knows the shofar calls! Ben will be moving to Columbus this fall, and now we have all seen his work.

TEMPLE ISRAEL PAST-PRESIDENTS PHOTOGRAPHED FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES 2020



Neil Block



Dr. Joel Fine



Chuck Hecht



Michael Greenblatt



Marv Lieberman



Dr. Jonathan Liss



Mark Rice



Dr. Julian Ripple



Gary Stern

Yom Kippur is meant as an opportunity to cleanse our souls and renew our relationships with the Holy One, but it is more than that, as the Mishnah reminds us: "One who says, I will repent on Yom Kippur and then I can sin again - that one's sins are not forgiven" (M.Yoma:8). When we return to "ordinary time," to the everyday business of our lives, if we are not changed by Yom Kippur, then we will have wasted our time in prayer.

Our role as Jews is to be God's witnesses in the world - testifying through our own behavior and attitudes to the moral and ethical values of the Torah. We are to be a "light to the nations," demonstrating that these teachings are not secret, not meant for us alone. Thus the Mishnah's warning: not only should we be changed by our atonement and teshuvah, but we are to carry those changes into the rest of the world.

In our prayers, we also acknowledge the power of our good deeds to inspire goodness: to love and be kind; to be faithful and trusting, to be mindful of others; to fight for justice and seek out what is good in our communities - embrace and foster what makes us and our neighbors healthy and more whole. To be a good Jew requires empathy and compassion, self-control, self-restraint, and generosity. We are commanded to seek justice, actively, and to judge our neighbors by their needs as well as by their deeds. Whether we are working to support our Jewish community or our civil society, the work of Yom Kippur should inspire and energize us.

I know that many of us will be voting early, by mail or in person, this month. One of the most precious rights and responsibilities of citizenship - if not the most important - is voting. Few of us remember that before America, our forebears were not counted as citizens of wherever they lived. To be excluded surely harmed us, but it also undermined those places that kept us out. As Jewish Americans, we should have a special appreciation for the right of every citizen to vote. This election will have enormous consequences for us all. While I will never tell you for whom or what to cast your ballots, I urge you to make your Jewish values, and especially the work of the Day of Atonement that has just passed, the yardstick by which you measure issues and candidates.

We are in a hard place in our country, and our way forward will be determined by how much consideration we give to those values - they may be the essential values of Judaism, but they are also the values of a just and a healthy society. Do we vote with concern for others, or just ourselves? Do we vote with our eyes on the next business quarter, or the long term? In what and whom should we invest? Our votes reflect our priorities - who's included and who is left behind? Who benefits and who pays? What do we need to do in order "to form a more perfect union" for ourselves and for every American?

May the work and blessings of Yom Kippur not be finished for us. May we be a reflection of our best selves, or at least the better selves that we committed to being on Yom Kippur. May the Holy One continue to abide with us and strengthen us, and grant us all healing, health, and peace.

From Gloria Cohen - Jewish Ladies Aid Society President

THE FEELING OF COMMUNITY

One day in August, Rabbi Schwartz called me on the phone. She was concerned that since Temple Israel would not be holding High Holy Days services in the Temple sanctuary, what could J.L.A.S. do to help the congregation still feel a sense of community. Surprised that the wheels in my head started turning without WD-40, several ideas popped up. We talked about making Yom Tov gift bags and I mentioned that our beloved Rayna Goodman would be turning 100 September 15, right before the holidays, so, why not have a community celebration and call it HAPPY BIRTHDAY & L'SHONA TOVA. The Temple Board joined up with J.L.A.S. and the fun began.

As I started calling congregants to participate "Yes, I will be glad to" was the constant. Once the word got out (Rayna never knew), many more congregants called to volunteer.

There are so many "thanks to give!" If I didn't mention your name, please know it was my oversight and I apologize, as it was not intentional. (Let me know so I can rectify it.)

THANK YOU TO:

Debbie Anderson, Regina Satlof-Block, Sandra Brode, Debbie Bush, Suzanne Fine, Elizabeth Goodman, Elsa Hirsch, Meghan Hirsch, Myra Josefsberg, Sandra Riddle, Julian Ripple, Nate Sandler, Celia Solomon, Gary Stern, Judy Stern.

A special "thank you" to: Debbie Anderson and Nate Sandler for all their extra help.

Judy Stern, for the magnificent Tribute Book.

Suzanne Fine for the outstanding poster and decorations on the Temple building, and drawing of Rayna for the Tribute Book.

All the TIRS students for sending cards to Rayna during the week of her Birthday.

All the congregants who sent in tributes for the Tribute Book.

All the congregants who attended the event.

As we all have been experiencing the Covid-19 isolation, what a blessing it was to see all our Temple community again after so many months.

What is a definition of community - "A feeling of fellowship together with others, sharing goals as a result of common interests and attitudes." Rabbi, I think your goal was reached!



YOU'RE INVITED!

Join Rabbi Schwartz and her family
Friday night, October 2, beginning at
6:30 p.m. (via Zoom) to welcome
Shabbat and celebrate Sukkot.
(see email blast for Zoom link)

IN OUR TEMPLE FAMILY



IN MEMORIAM

Marilyn Bauman Granger
Sister of Barbara Kamensky

*"The memory of the
righteous is a blessing."*



MI-SHEBEIRACH

We offer healing prayers to...

Marie Barclay, Ashley Blair, Don Bracewell, Renee Lieb Chandler, Dr. Mark Funk, Thomas Godin, Ella Jewell, Annette Johnston, Madelaine Kent, Rachelle Little, Harold Osborne, Jim Osborne, Jonathan Perez, Miguel Ponienman, Viviana Ponienman, Rose Porter, Maxine Schiffman, Kimberly Taghon, Gloria Balkcom Willet, Ashley Woitena

Our "Tree of Life" continues to flourish with the addition of the following new leaves:

EILEEN RIESENBURGER'S 97TH BIRTHDAY
Love, Her Kids! John, Anne, and Regina

EILEEN RIESENBURGER'S 97TH BIRTHDAY
Love, her 5 Grandkids!



Temple Israel
"Tree of Life"



To **Fred and Janis Steinhauser** on the marriage of their son, Andy, to Han Kno. Andy and Han were married in Palm Springs and they reside in Los Angeles.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Burt Ahlzadeh, Elsie Arno, Joel Fine, Linda Henry Goodman, Corie Greenblatt, Steven Greenblatt, Barbara Harmon, Jane Hecht, Beverly "Cookie" Koplun, Tyson and Stacy Kovach, Marvin Liberman, Peter Resnick, Yuriy Totskiy

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas and Joani Friedmann, Kenneth and Melinda Goldman, Ron Hale and Louise Less, Robert and JoAnne Hecht, Nathan and Michelle Sandler

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Yahrzeit

Our loved ones will be remembered with Kaddish on the following dates:

October 2-3

**Marilyn Bauman Granger
David Love
Joe Wilensky
Charles Steinhauser
Harriett Berman Harris-Wolpin
Nancy Rothschild Hill
Naidene Rosenthal*

October 9-10

**Marilyn Bauman Granger
J. Barney Berman
Jack Wool
Severne Levy
Gertrude Goldberg
David Schwob
Lyra Rothschild Haber
Marie Hecht
Mark Sternberg
Richard A. Hecht*

October 16-17

**Marilyn Bauman Granger
Louis Franklin
Thelma Eisen
Michael Liss
Donald Frank Broda, Jr.
Maurine Ripple
Hortense Bernheimer*

*Irvin "Brother" Rosenberg, Jr.
Dr. Jack W. Hirsch
Rhea Brill
Calvin E. Ewing
Leslie H. Lilienthal
Jan Paul Feinberg
Max Lipsey
Harry Kamensky*

October 23-24

*Laura P. Sternberg
Lester O'Riley
Harlan Liss
Linda Glick
Merlin Star
Emily Berger
Jack Fisher
Dot Brodey
Daniel "Danny" Cullen*

October 30-31

*Irwin B. Rothschild
Joshua Benjamin Williams
Murray Brodey
Marco Cohen Meyer
Ike Dreizin
Irwin D. Landau
Betty Loeb Steinhauser
Carlos Buhacoff*



**Recently Deceased*

C O N T R I B U T I O N S

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions:

OPERATING FUND

For daily operating needs

Anonymous in appreciation

Elsie Arno in memory of Suzanne Hastings Liss

Maxine Schiffman in honor of the special birthday of Rayna Goodman

Dr. Ronald and Michelle Kowan in memory of Suzanne Hastings Liss, Bess S. Bayme Cotton; in honor of the recovery of Jeff Morton

Babette Rothschild in honor of the wedding anniversaries of Michael and Corie

Greenblatt, Morris and Wylene Loeb, Robert and JoAnne Hecht, Rabbi Thomas and Joani Friedmann; in honor of the birthdays of Elsie Arno, Gloria Cohen, Jean Kent, Eileen Riesenburger, Julian Ripple, Frank Star, Janis Steinhauser

Edward and Kathleen Corlin in appreciation of the beautiful and meaningful High Holy Days services

RABBI ALFRED L. GOODMAN MEMORIAL FUND

To help fund activities to exemplify his philosophy and teachings and to purchase new prayer books and Etz Chaim volumes

The Garden City Jewish Center in appreciation for their written tribute in honor of Rayna F. Goodman

Jeff and Fran Morton, Elsie Arno, Ruth Kravtin, Dr. Robert and Jane Marcus, Robert and Carol Chanin, Ron Hale and Louise Less, Annette Less, Leslie and Bonnie Cohn, Dr. Richard and Helen Robbins, Anita Avent, Eloise Hersh and Sarah Hersh, Dr. Ronald and Michelle Kowan, Sydney Simons in honor of the special birthday of Rayna F. Goodman
Lorraine Williams in memory of Dr. Harry H. Brill, Barbara G. Rothschild; in honor of the special birthdays of Gloria Cohen and Rayna F. Goodman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

For assistance of individual and community needs

Marvin and Vicki Lieberman in memory of Suzanne Hastings Liss

RAYNA F. GOODMAN MUSIC FUND

For the development and support of the music program for worship services

Dr. Morton and Ila Berenson in honor of the special birthdays of Gloria Cohen and Rayna F. Goodman; in honor of Gerald and Jean Kent in their new home; in honor of the wedding anniversary of Milton and Elsa Hirsch
Peter and Linda Birnbaum, Sandra Riddle, Beverly "Cookie" Koplun, Stewart Brines, Fred and Janis Steinhauser, Ana Brewington, Dr. Robert and Debra Bush, Jack and Pat Wilensky in honor of the special birthday of Rayna F. Goodman

REMEMBRANCE FUND

For the purchase of prayer books, Haggadahs, Bibles, and other special publications

Joel S. Duhl in memory of Suzanne Hastings Liss

Jack and Pat Wilensky in memory of Col. (Ret.) Robert Poydasheff

ROBERT RIESENBURGER YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

For the provision of funds for outstanding youth members to attend Liz Leadership Training Institute at Camp Coleman and other youth activities as determined by the fund's committee

John Riesenburger in honor of the birthday of his mother, Eileen Riesenburger

TEMPLE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (TIRS)

To supplement its various programs and activities

Gerald and Jean Kent in honor of the special birthday of Gloria Cohen

Dr. Robert and Debra Bush in honor of Hannah Sandler on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

TORAH REPAIR FUND

For Torah Restoration

Drs. Louis and Laura Levy in memory of Suzanne Hastings Liss

WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

For community assistance

Gloria Cohen in honor of the recovery of Melinda Goldman, Jeff Morton, Larry Love, Kay Broda; in memory of Bess S. Bayme Cotton, Suzanne Hastings Liss

Gerald and Jean Kent, Milton and Elsa Hirsch in memory of Col. (Ret.) Robert Poydasheff

Robert and Carol Chanin in memory of Marilyn Bauman Granger

Sybil McCullen, Jeff and Myra Josefsberg, Edward and Kathleen Corlin, Sandra Riddle for support of WNN

Robert and JoAnne Hecht in memory of Bess S. Bayme Cotton, Suzanne Hastings Liss, William Arnett, in honor of the special birthday of Gloria Cohen

Milton and Elsa Hirsch in memory of Martha Dedwylder, George Trussell

Dr. Robert and Debra Bush in honor of the special birthday of Gloria Cohen

Dr. Richard and Helen Robbins in honor of the special birthday of Gloria Cohen; in memory of Col. (Ret.) Robert Poydasheff

FROM JEWISH LADIES AID SOCIETY



Don't forget to support and make JLAS complete with your membership dues for 2020-21:

**\$30 Regular Membership
\$15 Associate Membership**

Please make checks payable to JLAS and mail to Debra Bush, Treasurer (6902 Wethersfield Road, 31904)

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

For many years, Temple Israel has been a member of the WNN (Wynnton Neighborhood Network), an interfaith network of synagogues and churches. WNN provides emergency help to those in need and is the only Food Bank in Columbus that is open five days per week. **Through the month of October, Temple Israel will collect food and raise funds for the Network.** Temple members are encouraged to drop off food at the Food Bank since our building is currently closed. The Food Bank is located at 2100 Hilton Ave, and is open Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. A volunteer will unload the food.

The following items are requested:

- Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meat
- Canned Tomato Products
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Toilet paper, bar soap, laundry detergent (powdered or pods)

Donations are always appreciated!

Please make your check out to **Temple Israel** and send to:

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Columbus, GA 31906

It is our responsibility to take care of the poor, welcome the stranger, and feed the hungry.

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