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MAH JONGG
Join us on the second Shabbat of the month as we gather in the Chapel after Kiddush.
September 12

Learn Torah with Rabbi Bloom and other TBAers
Each Wednesday* at 9:00 a.m. at the Woodminster Cafe.
No knowledge of Hebrew is required.
*No text study on Sept. 23.

BOOK CLUB
Monday, October 19 7:00 p.m.
My Father’s Paradise, A Son’s Search for His Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq (non-fiction)
by Ariel Sabar
All are welcome.
RSVP and more info: fgoodfellow@att.net

TBA Tikkun Olam
High Holy Days Food Drive from Rosh Hashanah to Sukkot
Support Alameda County Community Food Bank
On the heels of last year’s highly successful High Holy Days Food Drive, we’re doing it again! Please bring in non-perishable (unopened boxes and cans, no glass) food items during the High Holy Days and help make a difference.
Throughout the year TBA Serves at Cityteam International - Oakland
Eight lucky TBA volunteers are able to help feed the hungry at Cityteam every 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Caren Shapiro at cjshapiro@hotmail.com for details and location
In Oakland, Cityteam International provides:
• Hot meals
• Safe shelter
• Showers
• Clean clothing to this city’s homeless population
• Medical attention for those in need
• A recovery program for men on a road of destruction from drugs and alcohol
• A Learning Center to bridge the gap in education

Live Streaming Try it, you’ll like it!
by Naomi Applebaum
What is live streaming? Through your computer, you can hear any event as it’s going on in our TBA Main Sanctuary. Events include: Shabbat Services, High Holiday Services, Weddings, B’nai Mitzvahs, etc. You, our members, your friends or relatives near or far who might not be able to attend a service or event can connect to the audio on the TBA website and listen to the entire event while it’s in progress. Just remember, at this time we have only listening capability. Visual is not yet available.
To connect:
online go to www.tbaoakland.org
Once on the webpage, click “for live streaming” at the top of the page.
To follow our Shabbat Service, you might want to order a Siddur from the TBA office.
Happy to help anyone who needs assistance. I am available at 510-733-3339.

See additional Adult Education events and activities for women on page 6.
See additional Men’s Club events for men & women on page 7.
Selichot
Saturday, September 5
8:30 pm in the TBA Sanctuary

Join us for a viewing of the film
*Metal Man: The Life of Victor Ries*

Victor Ries, a visionary metal artist, passed away in 2013 at nearly 106. His story takes us through his fleeing The Third Reich for Palestine in 1933, beginning his American career at the legendary Pond Farm art school in Guerneville, through shows at major San Francisco museums. Victor left an important legacy—from jewelry to altar installations in synagogues and churches, including Temple Beth Abraham in Oakland and the Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living in Danville.

Producer Bill Chayes will be attending this screening to speak about Victor Ries and the film.

TBA Thanks Eileen and Rob Ruby for their sponsorship that allows us to show this inspiring film.
YITZHAK RABIN: LIFE, DEATH, AND LEGACY
A SYMPOSIUM MARKING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ASSASSINATION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1:00 - 5:00 PM
THE MAGNES, 2121 ALLSTON WAY, BERKELEY

Yitzhak Rabin (March 1, 1922 - November 4, 1995) was the fifth Prime Minister of Israel. A year after winning the Nobel Peace Prize along with Shimon Peres and Yasir Arafat, he was assassinated by Yigal Amir following a peace rally attended by more than 100,000 in Tel Aviv.

This program is presented by the Jewish Federation of the East Bay and Lehrhaus Judaica.

KEYNOTE PANEL
- Fred Rosenbaum (Rabin’s Life)
- Prof. Amos Giora (Rabin’s Death)
- Zohar Avigdori (Rabin’s Legacy)

WORKSHOPS
- Zohar Avigdori — Rabin’s Values and Legacy in Israel
- Deputy Israeli Consul General Ravit Bir
- Tova Birnbaum — How the “gunshot” caused secular Israelis to ask: What is a “Jewish” State?
- Prof. Amos Giora — The Climate of Extremism Before and After the Assassination
- Dr. Eran Kaplan — Leadership at the Crossroads: Rabin, Oslo and a Changing Israel
- Fred Rosenbaum — Everything at Risk: How Rabin Led Israel to Victory in the Six Day War and Changed the Middle East
- Donna Rosenthal — Civil Discourse in Israel Following the Assassination

CLOSING
- Rabbis Peretz Wolf-Prusan and Rabbi James Brandt
- Multi-media installation Rabin: Searching for Peace Through Our Memories

Admission is free. Due to space limitations, registration is strongly recommended: www.lehrhaus.org.
For more info: 510-809-4953 or riva@jfed.org.

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**Standing Up for the Shema on a Cruise**

by Rabbi Mark Bloom

“We all say Shema Yisrael.”

There is a famous joke about a new rabbi in town, who, while leading his first service, is taken aback when a loud argument erupts during the service. When it comes time to recite the Shema prayer, half of the congregation stands and the other half sits. The half who stand say, “Of course we stand for the Shema. It’s the credo of Judaism. Throughout history, thousands of Jews have died with the words of the Shema on their lips.” The half who remain seated say, “No. According to the Shulchan Aruch (the code of Jewish law), if you are seated when you get to the Shema you remain seated.”

The people who are standing yell at the people who are sitting, “Stand up!” while the people who are sitting yell at the people who are standing, “Sit down!” It’s destroying the whole decorum of the service, and driving the new rabbi crazy. Finally, it’s brought to the rabbi’s attention that at a nearby home for the aged is a 98-year-old man who was a founding member of the congregation. So the rabbi visits the older man in the nursing home old man and asks, “Was it the tradition in our synagogue to stand for the Shema?”

“No,” the old man answers in a weak voice. “That wasn’t the tradition.”

“So it was the tradition in our synagogue to sit for the Shema?”

“No,” the old man says. “That wasn’t the tradition.”

At this point, the rabbi cannot control himself. “Do you know what goes on in services every week — the people who are standing yell at the people who are sitting, the people who are sitting yell at the people who are standing—”

“That was the tradition,” the old man says.

Our custom, as it is at most Conservative synagogues, is to sit for the Shema, but the importance of the story (besides expressing the idea that Jews have strong opinions), is that regardless of whether we are sitting or standing, we all say the Shema. That is what unifies us, stronger than what divides us.

I was reminded of this story this past summer during my vacation on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. About 60 people turned up for services (held, humorously, in the comedy lounge). There happened to have been another rabbi on board so we shared the leading of the service. When it came time for the Shema, he raised his arms in a large, dramatic gesture asking everyone to stand. Most of the people did, but as it is not our custom, Karen and I remained seated along with a few others.

And while I must confess to being slightly annoyed by the dramatic gesture beckoning us to follow that rabbi’s custom which differed from Conservative/Orthodox practice, I reminded myself to appreciate that, in that gathering, Jews from all over the world, were reciting Shema together. There were Jews from Guatemala, Brazil, Mexico, Israel, and all over the United States gathered together, reciting our common prayers. It was inspiring.

This month, our community will gather as well, and it will include observant and nonobservant Jews, Jews born in the United States and many who were not born Jewish, Ashkenazic looking Jews and Jews of many colors, male and female, young and old, and all of us will be reciting Shema (as well as Avinu Malkeinu, Kol Nidre, Unetaneh Tokef and other significant prayers) together as one.

We cycle back to the synagogue once again to be together with our community and with our God. And I can’t wait!
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Life Cycles
by Mark Fickes

With Rosh Hashanah quickly approaching and the theme of this month’s Omer being Life Cycles, I decided to look back to my Omer article from one year ago. The theme of last September’s Omer was “L’Chaim” and I wrote about the recent death of my dear friend Caroline who passed away after a year-long battle with stage four ovarian cancer. July 11 was her Yahrzeit and as I said Kaddish for her, I was surprised at how quickly a year had passed.

Over the course of our 15 year friendship, we shared so many simchas: her wedding, the birth of my children, my son’s brit milah, the first day of kindergarten, my wedding and the dozens of times we went sailing on the San Francisco Bay. One of our favorite rituals was our annual trip to Lake Tahoe. Every year, our families would travel to Tahoe for a week. It was such a great time because we all agreed to leave technology behind. Our days were filled with hiking, swimming, and enjoying the mountains. In the evenings, there were no televisions, smart phones or Nintendos. After some initial grumbling from my kids every year, we fell into this relaxed rhythm of playing games and doing puzzles. When my children were younger, we started with easy, 100-piece puzzles. Over the years, we graduated to 500 and then 1000-piece puzzles. Although they got more complicated over the years, we always managed to finish before our vacation was over.

Last year, we went on the same trip but without Caroline or her husband because she was too ill to travel. We saw her the day after we returned and told her all about the hikes and annual puzzle adventure. She died the next day.

This July, we went to Tahoe with Caroline’s husband. We were all a bit apprehensive to travel on the anniversary of her death, but it felt right. Everyone was a bit sad. We decided to do a puzzle of Emerald Bay and the Vikingsholm, since that was our first hike back when my kids were only four years old. It seemed to give us all a sense of closure. We took a long hike into the mountains and scattered her ashes so she could return to the place she loved so much in life. What made this so special was that my kids were able to take joy in the remembrance of all of the special times we had shared over the years, and it felt like we were all ready to move past the sadness of the last year.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, we read, “One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; and the earth abideth for ever. The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he ariseth.” Perhaps this is why I find Rosh Hashanah so special. It is a time to reflect on how much happened during the past year and yet see much remains the same as we get ready to start the cycle anew.

Gamar Chatima Tova – May You All Be Inscribed in the Book of Life!

Please Join Us for Morning Minyan on Mondays & Thursdays

Join the regulars at our Minyan service, each Monday and Thursday usually starting at 8:00 a.m. The service lasts about an hour, and is really a great way to start the day. As an added bonus, breakfast is served immediately afterwards. To use the old expression – try it, you’ll like it. If not as a regular, just stop in once or twice and see what it’s all about.
Volunteer Opportunities

**COMING NEXT ISSUE**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**FEED THE HUNGRY:** TBA volunteers at CityTeam to feed the hungry on the fourth Sunday of each month from 5-7 p.m. If you wish to volunteer contact Caren Shapiro to sign up at cjshapiro@hotmail.com

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** There is always an opportunity to volunteer at TBA. Please consider helping a cause or event you feel a connection to.

**GIVE A NEW PARENT AN HOUR TO SHOWER**

This is a perfect mitzvah for those with daytime flexibility. Volunteers are needed to provide short daytime sits free of charge to our new moms and dads allowing them to shower, get a haircut, or just take a walk. Interested sitters should contact us at womenoftba@tbaoakland.org.

**WELCOME A NEW MEMBER:** Do you have time to help deliver TBA’s new member baskets? If so, please contact Virginia at virginia@tbaoakland.org.

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We cheerfully accept member submissions. Deadline for articles and letters is the seventh of the month preceding publication.

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TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM
High Holy Days Services
Schedule
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SELICHOT
Saturday, September 5
8:30 pm Selichot, Gathering in the Sanctuary
featuring Metal Man, the Life of Victor Ries.

ROSH HASHANAH
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Sunday, September 13 at 7:45 pm

First Day Service
Monday, September 14 at 9:00 am
Family Service (Children 2 yrs.-1st grade)
9:30 am in the Social Hall
Youth Services (Children grades 2-6)
9:30 am in the Chapel
Tashlich Service, 5:30 pm Dimond Park
with Beth Jacob & Temple Sinai

Second Day Services
Tuesday, September 15 at 9:00 am

YOM KIPPUR
Kol Nidre
Tuesday, September 22 at 6:45 pm

Morning Service
Wednesday, September 23 at 9:00 am
Family Service (Children 2 yrs.-1st grade)
9:30 am in the Social Hall
Youth Service (Children grades 2-6)
9:30 am in the Chapel
Yizkor Service, 10:45 am
Study Session, 2:00 pm
Martyrology Service and Mincha, 4:45 pm
Neilah, 6:45 pm

SUHKKOT
First Day Service
Monday, September 28 at 9:00 am

SHEMINI ATZERET
Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor
Monday, October 5 at 9:00 am

SIMCHAT TORAH
Erev Simchat Torah Family Service
Monday, October 5 at 6:15 pm
Service to be followed by music and dancing
Simchat Torah
Tuesday, October 6 at 9:00 am

Parking
UNIQUE FOR THIS YEAR, please keep this handy for the details of each day, so you will not receive a ticket or inconvenience our neighbors.

Selichot
9/5 TBA parking lot and street parking

Rosh Hashanah
TBA Parking lot for handicap reservations only
Sunday evening, 9/13, Lakeview School-CCJDS Van will be provided

Monday, 9/14 The City of Oakland has agreed to NOT issue parking citations so that our members are able to park on the street during the Rosh Hashanah Day 1. If you receive a citation, please send it to Rayna at the synagogue office for the city to adjust. Parking will be allowed only on the following streets:

Streets to park on:
Do not park in red, white or yellow parking zones
- MacArthur Blvd and Euclid Ave
- Adams Street
- Bellevue to Van Buren Avenue
- Jayne Avenue
- Lee Street
- Orange Street
- Palm Avenue
- Perkins Street
- Vernon Street
- Warwick Avenue

Tuesday, 9/15, neighborhood parking

Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur
TBA Parking lot for handicap reservations only
Tuesday evening, 9/22, Lakeview School-CCJDS Van will be provided

Wednesday morning, 9/23, neighborhood parking

Wednesday afternoon, 9/23, neighborhood parking
The Lakeview School is available for evening hours only because this year they are hosting another organization during construction. Please park on the site ONLY during the evening High Holy services.

Thank you to Contra Costa Jewish Day School for graciously offering the use of their school van to transport our members between the Lakeview School and TBA.

Thank you to the City of Oakland for agreeing to allow TBA members to park on the above indicated streets on our usual street cleaning day. All other violations will be enforced such as red zones, fire hydrants, blue and white zones etc. If any member receives a citation, please give to Rayna for the city to take care of.
Summer Camp: From Generation to Generation
by Jessica Sterling, Co-President of WTBA

My eldest daughter recently returned from summer camp, joyfully singing camp song after camp song. She had a wide and varied experience this summer. So many memories to store away.

When I began singing the camp songs along with her she looked at me eyes opened wide, surprised that I was familiar with the likes of John Denver, Jim Croce, and Harry Chapin. I remembered them all. I remember summers filled with day camps and sleep away camps: Camp Bothin (Girl Scouts), Camp Arazim (Jewish youth camp), USY Pilgrimage to Israel, Lair of the Bear (family camp), plus summer after summer of family camping trips.

Thoughts of my daughter’s and my own summers got me thinking: What were summers like for my mother as a young girl in the ‘40s and ‘50s?

She recalled that as a very young girl, during the summers after World War II, her father sent the whole family upstate to stay on a farm, including her grandmother and aunt and uncle. She said it was very primitive without running water or toilets in the cabins. The owner made meals for guests, but there weren’t planned activities or amusements provided. When she was a bit older she went to a local city day camp. Unfortunately there was an outbreak of polio that summer and she was only able to enjoy a few days before her mother took her out. Later, as an adult, she and her newlywed husband camped and canoed through the lakes of upstate New York and spent many summers camping through the Western US.

From generation to generation, our family has enjoyed summer camping in one form or another.
The Athletics, a New Year, and a New President for the TBA Men's Club
by Jeff Ilfeld

TBA members from all generations enjoyed friends and Oakland A’s baseball at the annual Oakland A’s Jewish Heritage Night. We started the evening with a chance to socialize with friends over drinks and appetizers at our tailgate party. This was no small feat for our large and rauch filled group of 200! We then moved into the coliseum to watch and listen as Jennie Chabon had the honor of singing the National Anthem; with her beautiful voice and wonderful presence, she did an amazing job. The A’s followed up her inspiring performance with one of their own: a 5-0 win over the Orioles. There was plenty of cheering and fun all around. See photos on following pages.

It’s an exciting time for the TBA Men’s Club as we plan for the year ahead. After three years as President, I’m handing the reigns to Jereme Albin, who will be taking over and leading the Men’s Club into the future. Being involved with the Men’s Club leadership has been a wonderful, enriching experience, and I thank you for the opportunity! We have such a warm and friendly community; it brings great happiness to participate with fellow congregants coming together at various events for friendship and camaraderie.

The Men’s Club mission is to enrich the experience and quality of Jewish life at TBA. We’re a family within the TBA community: come join us – together, we can do great things! The Men’s Club is a terrific way to have a whole lot of fun while giving back to TBA. Your support is the key to our success, so I hope all in the community will participate in our events in the coming year (men, women and children!)

Whether I see you next at a Men’s Club event or shul, may the new year bring us all closer to peace and harmony in the world.

About the Cover Art/Baker
Every High Holiday season, Bob Jaffe – owner of Grand Bakery – estimates he churns out about 20,000 pounds of round challah, like the one on the cover. The round challah is traditional for the Jewish New Year, because it reflects, like the Omer’s theme this month the circles, or cycles, of life.

The longtime TBA member took a few minutes to answer a few questions about them.

What’s more difficult, shaping braided challah or round challah?
A one pound braided challah takes more skill to learn than the one pound round challah, which is just twisted like a turban. But I can put 5 braided challot on a pan, whereas round only gets 4 on a pan, so that becomes a production issue.

For High Holidays, though, I make 2 pound and 1 pound rounds. The 2 pounders are twisted and braided and much bigger, so then I only get 2 on a pan. So people ask why, say, I charge $5 for a 1 pound and I charge $11 for 2 pounder. It’s because of the yield with the pan. It’s a production issue.

Which kind of challah takes longer to bake?
The round ones take longer to bake - there’s more dough inside. But then lots of people like them because they’re doughier. There’s less crusty part.

Any trivia you’ve learned about round challah over the years?
Over the years I found that if I ran out of 2 pounders people would be unhappy. I thought I would try to serve the most people so tried to make more one pounders. But it turns out people would rather get one 2 pounder than have two 1 pounders. Now I’ve learned what people want, so I make more 2 pounders.

Are the high holidays the busiest time of year for the bakery?
It’s the biggest sustained busy. Holidays like Passover and Purim are a different busy. Macaroons and hamantaschen are very busy, but they have a long shelf life. Bread you have to make the same day.

And it takes up a lot of space to make all the challah. We also don’t have space to store all the flour we need. So we need to arrange special flour deliveries from our distributors every two days instead of once a week.

Bob Jaffe, owner of Grand Bakery has been a member of TBA for about 20 years. After his oldest daughter went to Dawn’s Kindergym classes she started preschool there and the family has been a member ever since.

**Men’s Club Poker**
**September 17, 7-10 pm**
**Baum Youth Center**
**Contact: Phil Hankin**
philhankin@aol.com
**Finding a Lost Friend**
by Charles Feltman
Way back while in Graduate School there was an April weekend where I met Sheila Goldstein.

We dated several times during that summer but then to my surprise she said she was getting married.

Of course I had not known about any rival, although our relationship had not by then developed into exclusivity.

Her family culture had perhaps pushed her to marry right after graduating college and I was not yet ready for marriage anyway.

Over two years later I was living in L.A. but came back to visit my parents over “the holidays” back in New York City.

By chance as I left a store one day I spotted Sheila walking down the street and asked her how her married life was going.

She said her marriage had dissolved after about a year but she had met another person and was soon getting married again.

I said “We never do get any breaks together, do we” and hoped her upcoming marriage would work out better than her first.

Five years later Harriett and I were married and had moved to New York because of a job I had there.

As regular folk dancers with some teaching experience we were asked to join a Sunday dance group at Columbia’s Earl Hall.

This was a cooperative venture where we would each run a dance program about once a month and dance free on other Sundays.

At the organizing meeting there was Sheila, now a Rosenberg, with her now husband Bernie, also a long-time folk dance teacher.

So as a result of our folk dancing connection Sheila and I reconnected and met one another’s spouses.

Bernie and I had a similar focus on very bad puns so we hit it off right away and we all became friends.

Soon after we moved back to California the Rosenbergs had their daughter Lisa and we had our son Joshua.

Every time we visited New York after that we would see the Rosenbergs and the kids would see one another.

Many years later Joshua moved to New York after teaching in Switzerland and Lisa was an old friend with whom he reconnected.

Their personal histories were so different that good friends would be their only emotional connection (despite our encouragement).

When Bernie passed on at a relatively young age Harriett spent a week with Sheila right after Shiva to provide her emotional support.

So the Feltman and Rosenberg “Circles of Life” have intertwined now for two generations.

**Ah, the Irony: My Daughter’s Bat Mitzvah Forced Me to Be an Adult**
By Lisa Fernandez

I tried to be really low key about hosting my daughter’s bat mitzvah.

I didn’t care that TBA is under massive construction and the social hall is far from ready. I tried to minimize tasks and chores by not getting sucked into doing a lot of party decorations. I saved money by re-using old family kippot, using some trade for our evening caterer and relying on the generosity of friends and family to help me put on several meals. (Thank you to those who helped, without your kindness, the weekend would not have been the same.)

Still, I freaked out. I burst out into tears one week beforehand. There was no need to cry, though. By then, I actually had everything done. Evites sent out. Check. Torah portion learned. Check. Speech written. Check. Slideshow. Check. DJ hired. Check.

But what hit me was the ultimate irony of the whole.
The Courtyard Project is Coming to Life!
by Leon Bloomfield
We are almost there!

Almost 300 families from the congregation and the community at large have contributed over $3.3 million to date. With those resources, the new kitchen and renovated social hall are on the verge of opening any week now; the new ramps and stairwells are almost in place; and we hope to unveil the courtyard, the new atrium and the new deck before the fall is over…

And here is the best news: there is still time for you to get involved if you haven’t done so yet.

In the coming months, our goal is to raise the final $200,000 for the project and our hope is still to get everyone to participate.

Remember, every contribution counts regardless of amount. We have received pledges from $10 to $250,000 and each one has been critical. The bottom line is that no gift is too small or too large; what is most important is to be a part of this incredible project in whatever way you can.

Here are just a few of the opportunities to get involved:

• Make a one-time gift that works for you and your family.

• Make a multi-year pledge and pay it out over the next three to five years.

• Double your money by taking advantage of either the remaining funds available from the Trustees’ $250,000 General Match or from the recent Men’s Club Challenge Match of $7,650 (to pay for the new synthetic grass play area).

• Contribute $1,800 (and pay it out over anywhere from 1 to 5 years) and memorialize your family name in a brick on one of the new Courtyard walls.

To put this in some perspective, we are on the verge of self-funding (no long-term debt!) our new courtyard and kitchen/social hall renovation. This is unprecedented for this type of project and could not have happened but for all the support we have received from the congregation and the broader community over the past couple of years.

Perhaps even more importantly, our new facilities will change the way we – and future generations - live at TBA by providing us with new spaces to come together as a community to celebrate, pray and comfort one another. Don’t forget to keep imagining the possibilities…

Thanks again to everyone who has helped make this a reality to date and to all those who still plan to get involved.

As always, if you have any questions about the project or how you can help, contact me (lmb@wblaw.net) or Rayna Arnold (rayna@tbaoakland.com).
When you use certain ingredients while cooking Jewish recipes from around the world you are doing more than opening a bottle of pomegranate molasses, a can of schmaltz (chicken fat), or a package of bulgur, you are connecting with Jews past and present. These foods represent our cultural heritage as well as our geopolitical and economic past. They tell a story of the diaspora and change. The recipes (and ingredients) continue to evolve as we adapt new food ways and rediscover old.

This is the first of a series of cooking columns for the Omer each exploring a single ingredient, including recipes highlighting it and tips for how to incorporate it in other dishes. If you have a suggestion for an ingredient for this column or additional tips on how to use a featured ingredient, please email me at fjkramer@msn.com. This month’s ingredient is pomegranate molasses.

Pomegranate molasses is not the sugar byproduct molasses used in cookies and Western cooking, but the juice of the pomegranate fruit boiled down until very dark and thick with a deep, fruity, sweet-sour taste. Some brands may add lemon juice and or sugar to help maintain a consistent product. It is available (including brands with kosher certification) in kosher, Middle Eastern and specialty markets.

Labeling can be confusing. While products labeled pomegranate syrup and concentrate are available (and are sometimes technically pomegranate molasses), it is more reliable to purchase a product labeled pomegranate molasses. (You can also make your own, see recipe.) Since brands from different countries and manufacturers vary in tartness, taste as you cook to adjust accordingly.

Widely used in the cooking of Central Asian, Georgian, Turkish, Persian, Middle Eastern Jews, pomegranate molasses is an ingredient in sweet and savory dishes, dips, marinades, stews, sauces, and more. Jewish restaurateur and cookbook author Yotam Ottolenghi has done much to popularize this ingredient, but many food writers, chefs and home cooks have discovered this fruity sweet-tart syrup and have incorporated it in a wide variety of dishes.

While never an important ingredient in Eastern European Jewish food, pomegranates and pomegranate molasses were central to other Jewish cuisines, so much so that when the Moors conquered Iberia in the 8th Century, they found a Jewish community they named Gharnata al Yahud (Pomegranates of the Jews). This hillside city is now called Granada.

Pomegranate molasses began as a way to preserve pomegranates beyond their short growing season. It also became a way to add tartness to dishes when lemons where not available. Pomegranate molasses is sold in glass bottles. Store commercially bottled brands (even after opening) at room temperature in a dark, cool cabinet, shelf or pantry. After using, be sure cap is closed and wipe off any drips. Handled this way a bottle will last almost indefinitely as long as no crumbs or other foreign matter makes its way into the product. I am such a fan of this magical transforming elixir a bottle rarely lasts long in my pantry.

Grape molasses (available from Turkish and Middle Eastern food stores including a few hecksher brands) and tamarind concentrate or paste are good alternatives for pomegranate molasses, although you may need to use a bit more or less in a recipe.

Suggested flavoring partners for pomegranate molasses include cilantro, mint, garlic, walnuts, pistachios, cinnamon, chili peppers, cumin, allspice, cardamom and ginger. It does a wonderful job of cutting the richness of lamb and beef.

Some traditional uses for this ingredient include muhammara (Turkish red pepper dip) and fesenjan (Persian stew). Recipes for these dishes are available in the internet as well as in a number of Jewish international cookbooks.

Try these suggestions to incorporate pomegranate molasses in your cooking:

- Drizzle over grain-based salads or over cooked meat or vegetables for an a deep, sweet-sour finish
- Mix with minced garlic, salt, pepper and a dash of ground red pepper and toss carrots, cauliflower florets or other vegetables in it and then roast, garnishing with minced fresh cilantro
- Add to salad dressings (replacing lemon juice and sugar or some of the vinegar)
• Use in marinades for beef, chicken, lamb, vegetables or tofu
• Add a tablespoon or two to meatball, meatloaf or hamburger recipes
• Use as part of a flavorful brisket or pot roast cooking liquid. (Try replacing the tamarind paste in this January 2012 Omer recipe with pomegranate molasses. http://tbaoakland.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/omer_012012.pdf)
• Brush over roasting or grilled meat or poultry toward the end of cooking as a glaze
• Mix a teaspoon or two (or to taste) into cold seltzer, ice tea or lemonade for a refreshing spritzer
• Heat with brown sugar to taste and drizzle (hot or cold) over ice cream
• Mix into a fruit salad or compote
• Whisk together 1 cup confectioners’ sugar and 4 Tbs. pomegranate molasses until smooth for glaze or icing for cakes or muffins. (Add 1-2 Tbs. water or milk to adjust consistency as desired.)

Here are recipes I have developed over the years featuring pomegranate molasses. Some are based on traditional uses; others are new tricks for an ancient ingredient.

**POMEGRANATE MOLASSES**
Makes about 1 cup
I’ve always used the bottled molasses, but try this if it’s not available or if you have a lot of pomegranate juice on hand. This is based on several recipes I’ve seen on the internet.

4 cups fresh or bottled pomegranate juice
½ cup sugar
2–4 Tbs. fresh lemon juice

Combine juice, sugar and 2 Tbs. lemon juice in saucepan. Heat over medium high heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. Reduce heat to low and cook uncovered, stirring occasionally until reduced to a thick, molasses-style syrup (about 1 cup), about 70–90 minutes. Taste as you cook adding more lemon juice if needed. Be careful the mixture doesn’t burn or boil. Let cool about a half hour before pouring into a glass jar (mix in a bit of water if the mixture is too thick to pour). Let cool completely before sealing air tight and storing in the refrigerator for up to six months. (Note: unlike the commercial product, this needs to be kept refrigerated.)

**POMEGRANATE MOLASSES BBQ SAUCE**
Makes about ½ cup
I’ve featured a version of this recipe in the Omer before, but it is too good and too versatile not to repeat. Use towards the end of grilling so it doesn’t burn and keep some separate to pass with the grilled burgers, chicken, beef, tofu or vegetable kebabs. I also use this as a glaze on meatloaf, brushing it on top before putting the pan in the oven. One friend liked this sauce so much she drizzled it on her fruit salad.

½ cup pomegranate molasses
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt

Put all ingredients in a small saucepan over low heat. Mix well. Heat, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes. Do not allow to boil. Pour into container or serving bowl and allow to cool. Mixture will thicken as it cools.

**TAHINI SWIRL DIP**
Makes about 1/2 cup
This easy dip is tasty and a good way to get started with pomegranate molasses. You could also try it with plain hummus instead of the tahini.

1/2 cup tahini
2 Tbs. plus 1/2 tsp. pomegranate molasses

Thoroughly mix tahini with 2 Tbs. of the molasses. Just before serving drizzle 1/2 tsp. of the molasses on top and gently swirl through dip with knife until top looks marbleized. Serve at room temperature with pita chips, crudités or fresh pita triangles.

**POMEGRANATE MOLASSES PULLED TURKEY**
Serves 8
This make ahead, slow cooker recipe is great for parties and informal entertaining. I first made it for a graduation party as mini-sliders.

**PULLED TURKEY**
1/2 large red onion
2 garlic cloves
3/4 cup pomegranate molasses
2 cups chicken or vegetable stock
3 Tbs. brown sugar
1/4 cup tomato paste
1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. ground black pepper
3 lb. turkey breast on bone

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New Shoes, New Job, New Roles
by Jill Rosenthal and Marta Molina

How do children recognize change and realize the roles have shifted?

After years of dressing the part of preschool teachers, we realized we needed to update our wardrobe as we stepped into the office. On our first day as directors, we walked into the classroom and one of the children looked us up and down, very carefully and said: “I like your shoes but where are your tennis shoes?” Children have a way of stating the obvious.

At the Gan, we are experiencing many “firsts” this year. Not only is it the first time we are directors but we have three new teachers, new teaching teams in each classroom, a yard with new trees, a shade structure and new sand (all possible through the generosity of the Playground Fund) and many new families joining our Gan and Temple Beth Abraham community.

We begin the school year exploring the holiday of Rosh Hashanah and for many children, more “firsts” take place. We hear Rabbi Bloom sound the shofar in the classroom, we dip apples into honey for snack and discuss the concept of celebrating the world’s birthday. One may see these experiences as being quite simple but as dedicated early childhood educators, we recognize the importance these experiences provide in helping to build a stronger Jewish identity and an appreciation for Jewish values and traditions.

As we step into our new shoes on this New Year, we appreciate that change and transitions can be difficult for some...however, they provide many opportunities for growth and self-awareness and we look forward to learning a great deal with our faculty, students and families. It is truly a blessing to be part of this warm, supportive and nurturing community!

L’Shana Tova,
Jill and Marta
We Are All Learners, Aren’t We?
by Susan Simon

The start of school is nearly upon us and we wonder where the summer weeks went. It is time to gear up for school again, and with this annual rite of passage comes the reflections designed to create the best possible program for our students. We often talk about educational philosophy – the best practices on how to teach students.

When we talk about learning, included in the HOW and the WHAT has to be the WHY. Why do we select these subjects to teach, knowing how limited our time is? Do we believe that all students can learn the material that we teach, and if not, what are the barriers that we face? Will all students work equally hard, and if not, how does that change how and what we teach? Can we expect students to have the same learning abilities late in the afternoon as they might when they are fresh in the morning, and if not, how can we engage their memories as well as their intellect? How do students deal with learning a new skill which might be difficult for them, and how can we simultaneous push them to learn while at the same time, building their confidence to persevere? How do we, as learners, learn new skills and material, and what can we take away from our own experiences? What is the job of the teacher in a supplemental religious school like Bet Sefer? What is the role of the family?

Many of these questions cannot be answered the same for all children. Each year we have students who devour the material enthusiastically, participating in every discussion and activity with gusto. And each year we have students who sit quietly in class, never raising a hand or demonstrating any emotion at all. Each year we have students who struggle with Hebrew and those for whom it is the easiest thing on earth. Some of our children can’t wait to sing with Rabbi Bloom, and for some of them, music is the worst part of their day. Some students have ants in their pants and need to blow off steam and some would rather be reading a book. Throw all of this into the mix and we have a challenge. What can we accomplish in 2-4 hours a week?

Quite a bit, surprisingly. We have students who know a bit of Torah, students who know a good deal about holidays, their stories and how to celebrate. We have students who can decode Hebrew pretty well and students who have learned how to chant Torah and Haftarah and can do it over and over again. We have students who know about Israel and the Holocaust, students who know wonderful Jewish songs in English and Hebrew, students who understand Jewish ethics, and students who know all of the prayers of the Torah and Musaf services by heart.

Do we judge our program based on what we didn’t manage to accomplish? I would argue no. Our job at Bet Sefer is only one part of the larger picture. In our short program we can plant seeds, we can foster learning, we can enthusiastically try to reach the hearts of the students, and we can facilitate a love of Judaism and Jewish thought. But we can’t do this alone. We need the support of our community, our village, which we get with abundance here at TBA. We need reinforcement from our families to demonstrate that what the children are learning in school isn’t just theory but is part of a living and breathing religion that is vibrant, that challenges them intellectually and emotionally.

We are all learners throughout our entire lives, if we are lucky. We know that sometimes we have been more successful at learning than other times, more successful at learning particular subjects or from particular teachers. One of the things that made us successful was knowing that our learning was important in the overall scheme of things. Important to our families, important to our future, important to our own interests. This, then, is really our challenge for this year. How can we make this learning important to our students and to our families.

I invite you to join in this discussion. If you have thoughts and ideas about how to accomplish this I would love to hear from you. After all, as a community, since we are all learners, I know that we can all be successful at educating our children better working together.

Please Join Us for TBA’s Youth Services in October

Shabbat Mishpacha
for preschool-aged children and their families.
Kitah Gimmel classroom.
October 3
10:15 a.m.

T’fillat Y’ladim
for children in Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade & their families.
In the Chapel.
October 3
10:15 a.m.

Junior Congregation
for children in 3rd - 6th grade.
In the Chapel.
October 17
10:15 a.m.
Hello TBA Families!

We wanted to take a moment to introduce ourselves. We are Mark Deutsch and Debra Marx and are the new Co-Directors of Bay Area Midrasha in Oakland. We have spent all summer missing the teens and can’t wait for the school year to begin!

If you or someone you know has not yet registered for Midrasha (8-12 grade), please visit our website at www.oaklandmidrasha.org.

L’Shalom,
Mark and Debra

**OAKLAND MIDRASHSA NEWS**

La’atid Bowling Adventure

Sunday, September 20
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Look for an email with details coming soon.
Contact:
Jaqui McCabe
jmccabe@bbyo.org
925-490-4519

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **September 8**
  8th Grade Orientation

- **September 22**
  Registration Deadline

- **October 6**
  Opening Night
SAUCE
2 Tbs. tomato paste
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/8 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. ground black pepper
1/2 tsp. liquid smoke, optional
Coarsely grate onion and garlic into large slow cooker. Mix pomegranate molasses, stock, sugar, tomato paste, salt and pepper together, pour into pot. Remove skin from turkey breast if desired. Slash turkey breast down to bone in 4 places. Place in pot, meat side down. (If the breast is too large for your cooker, cut in half first.) Cover slow cooker. Cook on low for about 8-10 hours OR medium for about 6-8 hours (times are approximate and will depend on brand and size of slow cooker as well as other variables). Meat should be tender and falling off bone.

Remove turkey from slow cooker, let rest until cool enough to handle and shred meat with fork, discarding bones and skin.

Heat cooking liquid over high in slow cooker with lid off until mixture begins to thicken. Stir in sauce ingredients -- tomato paste, sugar, salt, pepper and liquid smoke (if using). Cook until thickened and reduced down to about 3 1/2 cups. (This could take an hour or so. For a quicker option, remove sauce to a conventional pot and reduce down on stove and then add back to slow cooker.) Taste and correct seasoning if desired. Add turkey shreds back to slow cooker and cover, cooking at medium heat stirring occasionally until the turkey is heated through. Reduce heat to lowest setting to keep warm for serving. Serve on rolls or buns with cole slaw.

GRAPE LEAF AND LAMB CASSEROLE
Serves 4 as a main course, 6-8 as a side dish
Grape Leaf and Lamb Casserole has the flavor of stuffed grape leaves without the work of making the individual dolmas.

2 Tbs. grape seed or other oil PLUS extra for greasing dish
About 18-20 large preserved grape leaves packed in brine (see note below), drained
2 cups chicken stock or broth
1 cup raisins
1 cup slivered and blanched almonds
1/2 lb. ground lamb
2 cups chopped onion
1 Tbs. minced garlic
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
1/4 tsp. paprika
1/4 tsp. cinnamon
1 1/2 cups white long-grain rice (uncooked)
1 1/2 cups chopped tomato
1 Tbs. fresh chopped dill
1 Tbs. fresh chopped mint
2 Tbs. fresh chopped flat leaf parsley

Pomegranate Molasses-Tahini Sauce (see below)

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Grease bottom and sides of 2 qt. casserole dish. Bring pot of salted water to boil. Turn off heat and add drained grape leaves. Cover and let sit 4 minutes. Drain. Heat chicken stock until warm. Pour over raisins and let soak. In large, dry skillet or sauté pan, toast almonds until golden. Remove from pan.

Add 2 Tbs. oil to pan over medium heat. Brown and crumble lamb. Remove lamb from pan but leave fat. Add onion, sauté until softened. Add garlic, salt, pepper, paprika and cinnamon and sauté until garlic is golden. Quickly stir in rice, sauté until golden and becoming translucent, about 2 minutes. Remove 1/4 cup of chicken stock for later use. Add rest of stock with the raisins to the pan. Stir well, bring to simmer and cover. Reduce heat to low and cook for about 15 minutes until liquid is absorbed and the rice is almost cooked through. (Add water if necessary.) Stir in lamb, almonds, tomato, dill, mint and parsley.

Completely cover bottom of casserole with grape leaves, overlapping as necessary. Spoon in half of the lamb filling. Cover with another layer of grape leaves. Add remaining filling. Top with layer of grape leaves. Pour remaining chicken stock evenly over top. Cover with lid or foil. Bake for 45 minutes. Remove top layer of grape leaves before serving. Serve with Pomegranate Molasses-Tahini Sauce.

POMEGRANATE MOLASSES-TAHINI SAUCE
Mix 1/4 cup tahini with 2 Tbs. pomegranate molasses and 2 Tbs. warm water until smooth.

Faith Kramer writes a food column for the j weekly and blogs her food at www.clickblogappetit.com Contact her at fjkramer@msn.com
**Temple Beth Abraham**

**Sukkot 5776**

**Lulav and Etrog Order Form**

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I would like to purchase a Lulav and Etrog Set.

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Each set contains an Etrog from Israel and Lulav (palm branches) with its holder, made of Hadassim (myrtle branches) and Aravoth (willow branches). Each set is assembled together in a holder with the Lulav, Hadassim and Aravoth, as one unit. Shipping and handling are included in the price above if ordered by the **deadline of September 6**.

**Orders may be picked up at the office:**
Thursday, September 24 (9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
Friday, September 25 (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.).
Call if the office if you need to make other pick-up arrangements

Total number of sets requested ___________ Total amount due $ ________________________________

PLEASE RETURN THIS REQUEST WITH PAYMENT NO LATER THAN AUGUST 23

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If you have any questions, please call Rayna Arnold at the synagogue office at (510) 832-0936 x214
Evelyn Glick-Scroggins, August 29, 2015

I go to Lincoln Middle School in Alameda. I love to hang out with my friends and play soccer. My favorite subjects in school are math, because I am good at it, and physical education, because I get to play all different types of sports.

My Torah portion is Ki Tetezi in Deuteronomy. This portion is about various laws that help Jews to be kind and compassionate towards each other and also to get along. My drash will focus on how the laws of the Torah can apply to our lives today. For example, if you are hungry and walk into someone’s vineyard you may take as many grapes as you would like to eat so you are no longer hungry but you many not take any grapes out of the vineyard. To hear the rest of the laws and my drash, please come to my Bat Mitzvah on August 29, I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Hunter Disco, September 26, 2015

I’m an 8th grader at Piedmont Middle School. My favorite subject in school is social studies. I like it because it is fun to learn about the way people lived before you. Outside of school, I like to follow sports (go A’s, Earthquakes, Warriors and Raiders!) and play baseball, soccer and basketball.

My Torah Portion is Ha’azinu. In this portion, the Israelites were about to enter Israel when Moses stopped to tell them a poem about certain things they should and shouldn’t do when they entered the promised land. Moses then ascended Mount Nebo and got to see Israel once before he died.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout my whole journey to become a Bar Mitzvah. I would like to thank Rabbi Bloom for helping me write and revise my drash, and Outi Gould for teaching me so much of what I need to know. I also would like to thank all my Bet Sefer teachers for all that they have taught me over the years. Finally, I would like to thank my family for always supporting me and for helping me get to this special day. I hope to see many of you on September 26!

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affair: As my daughter, Milah Gammon, was supposed to be entering adulthood, it was me, the 46-year-old mom who finally had to step up to the plate and act like an adult. After years of being the young hippie cousin who moved to California, now I was the one in charge of hosting 150 people for a weekend of meals, prayer services and dancing.

And I don’t like being the grown up. I like being the kid. But I didn’t have a choice. Bar mitzvahs in my large, extended family are family reunions. Simchas are a chance for all of us to get together to share stories, dance and laugh. And Milah’s bat mitzvah was my turn to reciprocate to my beloved friends and relatives.

So after my brief outburst, I pulled up my bootstraps and got my stuff together. I kept repeating to myself: I will live in the moment. I will not let stress get in the way. Don’t forget the point of a bat mitzvah. I will have fun. I will make sure that others have fun.

And it worked. The week before Milah’s bat mitzvah, my mother and her boyfriend, my brother and his family came to California from Rochester, NY. We went boogie boarding. We went to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. We saw whales in Point Lobos. We had a fabulous week and I began to fully get in the mood and enjoy my family.

By the time the cousins started flying in from Florida, Cleveland and beyond, I was in a great mood. And I stayed that way throughout the weekend. So what if Kiddush lunch was a bit cramped outside the Gan? (My family thought it was the best Kiddush lunch they’ve ever had!) So what if my slideshow actually didn’t work on the big night?

Milah chanted her portion with ease. Her drash made some guests cry. The weekend was better than I had expected, and I have to say, that repeating a positive mantra and remembering not to sweat the small stuff is my best advice for those who have not gone through this before.

Milah rose to the occasion, and I think, so did I.
Welcome New Members

Alex Bayen & Zoe Abrams. Children Myriam, Aaron and Leah
Michael Stewart & Jennifer Antelman
Drew & Jessica Kessler

Matthew & Dikla Dolev. Daughter Adi
Isaac & Mindy Berla. Daughter Maytal

Welcome to our Newest Members
compiled by Jessica Teisch

Dikla and Matt Dolev
Dikla is a Bay Area native who met Matt while living in Sacramento after law school. Without much difficulty, she convinced him to leave his hometown and move to Oakland in July 2011. Dikla is an attorney and Matt works with customers in the tech world. They were drawn to TBA based on location, proactive rabbi outreach, as well as the community feeling during their first visit to Friday night services. Aside from their precious, almost-two-year-old daughter, Adi, who will be joining Kitah Aleph at the Gan this October, their interests include exploring Oakland and the East Bay, taking advantage of the access to the great restaurants, and cheering for the Warriors.

Jessica and Drew Kessler
Drew and Jessica moved to the Bay Area in November 2014. Drew works in recruitment at Isaacson Miller in San Francisco, and Jessica is a first grade teacher at Tehiyah Day School in El Cerrito. Drew’s family, the Kesslers, are long time members of TBA, and Jessica and Drew are excited to join the family and continue the tradition. They both graduated from UCLA before moving to Philadelphia, where Jessica earned a Masters in Education from the University of Pennsylvania. They both enjoy hiking, eating, and exploring the Bay Area.

Jennifer Antelman and Michael Stewart
Jennifer and Michael, who are getting married in 2016, met in Maryland before moving to the Bay Area in 2014. Jennifer, who holds an M.S. in Animal Sciences and an MBA, is a product manager at PlayStation. She enjoys yoga, fitness, and rock climbing. Michael, who grew up in Georgia, received his degree in computer engineering; he currently works as a software engineer at IBM, in Emeryville. He is an avid rock climber, biker, and wood worker. They were drawn to TBA since Michael was looking for a rabbi to sponsor his conversion and really clicked with Rabbi Bloom.

A NOTE TO NEW MEMBERS:
We would like to introduce you to the TBA community in an upcoming newsletter. Please send a short introduction of you and your family, with a digital photo, to omer@tbaoakland.org. Thanks!
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Gina Kessler  
Eve Maidenberg  
9/22 | Theo Jesse Kleinmann  
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9/23 | Chaya Daffner  
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Renee Kaiser  
Adam Liss  
Michael Zatkin  
9/25 | Ariella Joy Garfinkle  
Ethal Shaffer  
9/26 | Joel Freid  
9/27 | Mary Berkowitz  
Diane Feldhammer  
Staci Shub  
9/28 | Elan Masliyah  
9/29 | Irene Brauer  
Drew Kessler  
Diana Miller  

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LIFE CYCLES

ELUL 17-20
September 1-4
Ethel Gluck
Mel Lazar
Louis Zucker
Paula Gordon
Harry Hertz
Sam Kahane
Lionel Barnett Kurtz
Eve Levis
Hans-Georg Venus
Samuel Wachsman
Morrie Friedkin
Judel Gold
Mollie Hertz
Boris Katz
Ruth Kline
Sarah Sheidlower
Gary Walser
Gary Wulser
Irving Louis Berg
Minnie Brodovsky
Jean Galant
Harold Persin

ELUL 21-27
September 5-11
Louis Arnold
Rosa Freimark
Gladys Hyman
Leo Young
Rose Adolph
Rabbi Mayer Goldberg
Samuel Hillman
Zelda Klein
Joseph Landes
Moshe Marcus
Michael G. Melvin
Mundl Litvak Okh
Henry Reingold
Adolph Rose
Nella Schlesinger
Coca Shikevich
Joanna Stern
Albert Bercovich
Ernest Cohn
Harry Lipka
Rose Nankin
Alexander Rosenbarg
Adolph Berkovitz
Nathan Davidson
Minnie Wasserman
Nessim Cowan
Frances Laddish
Isaac Naggar
Sara Scheinberg
Doris Sutnick
Samuel Zatkin
Evelyn Kravitz Driscoll
Adolph Herseu Mantel
Abraham N. Schneider
Sylvia Edelstein Stern
Rabbi Rachlin Baer
Eli Baston
Ethel Baston
Gertrude Kreimerman
Regina Lazar
Bertha Rothman
William Kestenblatt
Jack Kovell
Ely Levis
Nuta Okh
Albert Reingold
Nat Sternberg
Abraham Bauer
Avram Bercovich
George Bruder
Ida Gold
Nathan Kurtz
Gildea Mary
Samuel Weiss
Isadore Gottlieb
Jacob Leson
Joseph Schwartz
Pearl Weiner
Ilse Sanders
Wilhelmine Sanders
Fannie Silberman
Lillian Silverman
Pauline Wolf
Bella Wolfe

TISHREI 13-17
September 26-30
Anna Hammerman
Harry Horwitz
Abraham Maltzman
Florence Dines
Leah Goldberg
Ellen Goldstein
Jack Lorber
Faye Selinger
Solon Weiner
Evelyn Gluck Bandel
Samuel Burge
Maurice Goldberg
Arthur Kaplan
Rose Wasserman
Freda Darling
Sam Epstein
Minnie Gershenson
Iris Leve
Harold Nudler
Sam Sarver
Melvin L. Simon
Bernice Katz Zywotow

TISHREI 6-12
September 19-25
Anne Miller
Ken Simon
Arthur Adler
Emma Bolton
Samuel Shapiro
Minnie Teverov
Bernard Lutz
Nathaniel Ranzer
Simma Leson
Frances Piser
Mary Plotkin
Harvey Steinberg
Allen (Al) Davis
Sam Grant
Mathilda Kahane
Bertha Rosenberg
Mary Weinstein
Lena Zubkoff
Susan Fischer
Isedore Isenberg
Gary Rosenfeld
May Landowitz
Elizabeth Rosenberg
Rabbi Morris Schussheim

ELUL 28-TISHREI 5
September 12-18
Arlene Davis
Abraham Elkin
Ben Horowitz
Lillian Simon Jacober
Joseph Markoviits
Eileen Pachefsky
Abraham Breslov
Merle Goldstone
Joyce Levitch
Carolyn Rau
Henry Rosenberg
Benjamin Wolf

Recent Deaths in Our Community

Ruth Siver, Mother of Marvin (Wendy) Siver
Lenya Kobuzyatskaya, Father of Svetlana (Mikhail)
Parsuf
Harry Hankin, Grandfather of Phil (Dina) Hankin
Morris Weiss, Husband of Audree Weiss
Joel Cyprus, Father of Audrey (Richard) Kauffman
Ken Cohn, Husband of Ann Cohn
Richard Saiewitz, Father of Jeanne (Stu) Korn

May God comfort you among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem
Charity is equal in importance to all the other commandments combined.

Donald Courtyard/Next Big Thing Building Project
Rayna & Saul Arnold
Diane Biglovsky, in memory of Sidney & Kathe Biglovsky and Mina Gutmann
Marvin Cohen & Suzy Locke
Renat Engel
Saul & JoAnne Gevertz
Fifi Goodfellow
David & Stella Goodwin
Hennie Hecht
Ruth Kleinman, in memory of Andrew Gooden
James Kleinmann & Lara Gilman
Eric Leve
Sandy & Dawn Margolin
Barbara Oseroff
John Parker & Deborah Santucci
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Stephen & Susan Shub
Jessica Siegel
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Gideon Ur & Carol Behr
Bruce & Alicia von Kugelgen
Madeline Weinstein
Stuart & Abby Zangwill
Parents of Kitah Zayin 2014-2015, in honor of our children
Richard & Naomi Applebaum, in memory of the mother of Carol Robinson, Irma Robinson
Barry Barnes & Samantha Spielman
Ellen Bercovich, in memory of Sam Bercovich
Steven Berl & Anita Bloch
Herbert & Harriet Bloom

Leon & Judy Bloomfield, in memory of Harry Ben David
Jonathan Carey & Amy Schoenblum
Tonda Case & Samuel Daffner, with love and gratitude!!
Jack Coulter, in memory of Irving & Dorothy Dronsick
Eric & Tina Eisenman
Avi & Patricia Eliahu
David & Diane Feldhammer, in memory of Ruth Siver
Glenn & Amy Friedman, in memory of Judith Wallerstein
Noah & Carrie Garber
Reuven Glick & Marci Gottlieb, in memory of Florence Glick
Jon Golding & Carla Itzkovich
Morey & Eleanor Greenstein, in memory of Sidney Greenstein
Steven & Penny Harris
Alison Heyman, in support of the Jeanette Jeger Kitchen Fund
Fredric & Rose Hoffman
Booher Holton & Elena Gerstler, in memory of Johnie Holton
Randall & Jan Kessler, in memory of Sy & Skip Harris
Jason Klein & Doree Jurow Klein
Gary & Faith Kramer
Derek & Maureen Krantz
Marshall & Lynn Langfeld, in memory of Judith Klinger’s father, William Klinger
Marshall & Lynn Langfeld, in memory of Ruth Siver
Jeffrey Lipsett & Lisa Tabak
Michael & Renee Marx
Adele Mendelsohn-Keinon & Irwin Keinon
Gregory & Ruth Morris

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Steven Pascal & Danna Gillette-Pascal
Loren & Elise Perelman
David & Ann Rapson
Norman & Natalie Reid
Ulli Rotzscher, in honor of Barbara & Sheldon Rothblatt
Curtis & Adi Schacker
Ethel Shaffer, in appreciation of Vernon Dorfman saying Kaddish for Sid
Ethel Shaffer, in memory of Gloria Reid, Gertrude Weiss and Jack Fass
Harlan Simon & Mary Cain-Simon
Gary Smith & Coline David, in gratitude to Rabbi Bloom for Rowan’s Birthday Party
Martin Stone & Jan Leuin
Karen Sumner
Samuel J. Tobin & Susan E. Bloch
David Weiner & Ellen Kaufman
Ronald & Vicki Weller, in memory of Charles & Edythe Cohen
Vera Zatkin

Jeanette Jeger Kitchen Fund
Peter & Helen Lowenstein, in honor of our wonderful Aunt, Misia Nudler
Peter & Helen Lowenstein, in honor of Lila Fisher, Dick & Edie Mills’ granddaughter
Michael & Kathryn Burge, in memory of Violet Burge & Vera Jennings
Jack Coulter, in memory of Arthur & Gertrude Yarman
Jack Coulter, in memory of Cora Coulter
Jack Coulter, in memory of Irving & Dorothy Dronsick
Misia Nudler, condolences to Phillip Hankin on the loss of his father
Misia Nudler, condolences to Ruth Siver’s family

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Include TBA in your Estate Planning so that your message to your family is loud and clear:
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Misia Nudler, condolences to Mordy Schwartzbord on the loss of his mother and brother

Misia Nudler, Happy Anniversary to Edie & Richard Mills

Misia Nudler, Congratulations to Helen & Peter Lowenstein becoming grandparents!

Misia Nudler, Get Well Pinky!! We miss seeing you at TBA!

Misia Nudler, Happy Anniversary to Helen & Peter Lowenstein

Misia Nudler, in memory of Gloria Reid’s mother

Misia Nudler, in memory of Gertrude Weiss

Bet Sefer Discretionary Fund
Jack Coulter, in memory of Ruth Siver
Dan Halperin & Shira Levine
JB Leibovitch & Judy Chun
Joseph & Eve Maidenberg
Adam & Diana Miller
Barry & Hana Rotman
Sheldon Schreiber & Sherry Marcus
Jeff & Johanna Ilfeld, in honor of Susan Simon’s help with Adin Ilfeld

Gan Avraham Discretionary Fund
Judith J. Berg, in memory of Ruth Siver
Michael & Kathryn Burge, in memory of Ruth Siver
Fifi Goodfellow, in memory of Fanny Naggar
Barbara Kanter, in memory of Ruth Siver
Brian & Lauren Kaplan, in memory of Ruth Siver

TBA General Fund
Sally & Victor Aelion, in memory of Gertrude Viess
Bernie DeKoven, Happy 80th Birthday to my sister, Elinor DeKoven
Jerry Spievogel, Marvin Siver & family, in memory of your Ruth Siver
Bishop O’Dowd High School, Thank you to Rabbi Bloom for educating our students
Jeffrey Gornbein, Thank you for the honor of an aliyah
Michael & Hilda Sugarman, in memory of Gloria & Harold Reid
Nancy & Marc Loewenthal, in memory of Ruth Siver
Linda & Mark Sabow, in memory of Ruth Siver
Randall Young, in memory of Ruth Siver
Steven & Suzy Steerman, in memory of Ruth Siver

David & Shany Barukh, in memory of Mother
Diane Biglovsky, in memory of Sidney & Kathe Biglovsky and Mina Gutmann
Azary & Clara Blumenkrantz, in memory of Haiy Sheidlinna
Harvey & Donna Clar, in memory of Sonny Boy Clar
Eleanor Cohen, in memory of Helen Dubner
Kenneth & Ann Cohn, in memory of Louis Rosenberg
Danielle Elkins, thank you to Susan Simon
Joseph & Judith Epstein, in memory of Bernice Glueck, sister of Joe Epstein
Helen Fisler, condolences to Marshall Langfeld on his father’s passing
Peter Gertler, in memory of Shira Weisbach
David Goldstein & Sharon Shoshani, in memory of Anna Greenstein
Libby Hertz, in memory of Jack Fass
Fred & Beth Karren, in memory of Joe Karren
Leonard Katz, in memory of Kenneth Katz
Chris Lehman & Lisa Greenberg, in memory of Jack Lehman
Adele Mendelsohn-Keinon & Irwin Keinon, in loving memory of our cousin, Jack Fass
Adele Mendelsohn-Keinon & Irwin Keinon, in loving memory of Gertrude Viess
Mark & Maribel Mogill, in memory of Raymond Mogill
Misia Nudler, Happy 40th Birthday to Lisa Fischer
Steven Pascal & Danna Gillette-Pascal, in honor of Emily’s graduation & medical school acceptance!
Garret & Helen Romain, in honor of Eva & Aaron Paul
Alan S. & Eve O. Rosenfeld, in honor of Lynn & Marshall Langfeld’s Anniversary
Steven Rosenthal & Ailsa Steckel, in memory of Sidney Steckel
Sheldon & Barbara Rothblatt, in memory of Sheldon’s Mother, Moshe Rothblatt
Barry & Hana Rotman, Thank you to TBA!
Allen & Ellen Rubin, in memory of Eileen & Sam Pachefsky and Jean & Samuel Rubin
Curtis & Adi Schacker
Madeline Weinstein, in memory of Seidel Rosenberg

Steven & Victoria Zatkin, in memory of Gertrude Bleiberg
Cheryl Zatkin-Steres, in memory of Gloria Reid

Kiddush Fund
Helen Fixler, in memory of Alan Fixler
Fifi Goodfellow, in memory of Marie Marcus
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Booker Holton & Elaine Gerstler, in memory of Florence & Morris Gerstler
Larry & Deborah Reback, in memory of Leah Levine
Annie J. Schwartz Strom, in memory of my husband, Alvin Strom
Annie J. Schwartz Strom, thank you to Dan & Angela Engel
Annie J. Schwartz Strom, thank you to Ethel Shaffer
Annie J. Schwartz Strom, thank you to Misia Nudler
Annie J. Schwartz Strom, thank you to Steve & Susan Shub
Annie J. Schwartz Strom, thank you to Ulli & Jessica

Minyan Fund
Mark & Lisa Moss, in honor of Bonnie Burt’s birthday
Milton & Margaret Greenstein, in memory of Hannah Leah Greenstein
Milton & Margaret Greenstein, in memory of Sidney Greenstein
Martin & Evelyn Hertz, in memory of Ida Barber
Steven & Joan Jacobs, in memory of June Matthews
Mark Liss & Bonnie Burt, in memory of Irving Mayer Burt
John Rego & Deborah Kahane Rego, in honor of Bonnie Burt’s birthday
Ulli Rotzsch, in honor of Joel Siegel

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Diane Biglovsky, in memory of Sidney & Kathe Biglovsky and Mina Gutmann

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Jacqueline Shelton, in memory of Ella Sadikman’s Bat Mitzvah
Elinor DeKoven, in honor of the children of TBA
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Sheldon Lerner
Barbara Berman, in memory of Gertrude Viess
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☐ Campership/Scholarship Fund

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Do you have a High Holiday honor?

Do you know these people? Stacy Margolin, Maya Rath and Billy Gentry will be the Honors Coordinators for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. If you have an honor or aliyah, please make sure you check in with them when you arrive for services, and let them know where you are seated. They will queue you up when it is time for your honor.

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