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Calendar of Events– October

Friday, September 29	Erev Yom Kippur	6:45 pm
Saturday, September 30	Yom Kippur	9:00 am
Monday, October 2	Sukkah Decorating	4:00pm
Wednesday, October 4	Erev Sukkot Services	7:00pm
Thursday, October 5	Sukkot Morning Services	9:00am
Friday, October 6	Shabbat Eve Services	6:00 pm
	Oneg Shabbat hosted by Beryl & Howard Feldman, MaryJo & Stan Wasser and Zale Glauberman	
Saturday, October 7	Shabbat Morning Services	9:00 am
	Intermediate Shabbat of Sukkot	
Wednesday, October 11	Simchat Torah	6:45 pm
	Joint Temples celebration. Processional with Torah Scrolls	
Thursday, October 12	Shemini Atzeret Services	9:00 am
	Yizkor Prayers Recited	
Friday, October 13	Shabbat Eve Services	6:00 pm
	Oneg Shabbat hosted by Pamela & Elliott Cohen	
Saturday, October 14	Shabbat Morning Services	9:00 am
	Bereshit	Genesis 2:4—4:26
Friday, October 20	Shabbat Eve Services	6:00 pm
	Oneg Shabbat hosted by Rae Lipsky, Rose Lipsky and Jody & Joe Wallace	
Saturday, October 21	Shabbat Morning Services	9:00 am
	Noach	Genesis 8:15—10:32
Friday, October 27	Shabbat Eve Services	6:00 pm
	Oneg Shabbat hosted by Maurice & Fran Nagorsky and Richard Bass	
Saturday, October 28	Shabbat Morning Services	9:00 am
	Lech-Lecha	Genesis 14:1—15:21



**October
 Candle
 Lighting
 Times**

October 6	6:15 pm
October 13	6:04 pm
October 20	5:54 pm
October 27	5:44 pm



Other Events

Monday, October 9	Board Meeting	7:30pm
Tuesday, October 10	Sisterhood Book Club	1:00 pm
	<i>The Mourning Sexton</i> Michael Baron Temple Israel	



The Rabbi's ReMarks



When you read this column, we will already have welcomed in the New Year, 5778, and will be in the midst of the Ten Days of Repentance, a solemn interval on the Jewish calendar but also a time marked by optimism and faith. Our tradition teaches us that between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the gates of repentance are open wide to admit the truly penitent. What is inscribed on the New Year is not sealed until the close of the Day of Atonement; in the interim, prayer, penitence and good deeds have the power to influence our destiny and transform our lives. Experiencing changes in our circumstances is never easy. Bringing about personal change and breaking out of ingrained habits and patterns of behavior requires arduous effort and great exertion of will, but it is possible. May the sound of the *shofar* which we heard on Rosh Hashanah serve as a wake-up call to us to re-order our priorities, to value the life of the spirit, to repair the brokenness in our lives, and to strive to conform our actions to the ideals which we profess.

My Rosh Hashanah sermons this year focused on the ongoing talks between Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom regarding a consolidation of our congregations, on the disturbing rise we have witnessed over the past year in overt acts and expressions of anti-Semitism, racism and xenophobia, and on demographic changes affecting the world Jewish community. As committed Jews, we have our work cut out for us during the coming year. We will need to strengthen our Jewish religious community in Springfield and plan for its future, so that we can survive and flourish in the years ahead. Fighting bigotry and injustice and protecting the dignity of every human being regardless of race, religion or ethnic background will have a prominent place on our communal agenda. And, we will need to re-affirm the ties of mutual solidarity that link us to the Jewish state and to Jewish communities around the world.

I am pleased to be working once again with Cantor Jan Mahler, whose beautiful voice enhances our worship on the Days of Awe. I am gratified as well that we have congregants who take an active role in our communal worship and in the all-important behind the scenes work of our committees and Board in preparing for the High Holidays. Voluntarism is the life-blood of religious, fraternal, and philanthropic organizations, and we have been fortunate to have so many dedicated and hard-working volunteers within our congregation.

Following Yom Kippur, the mood of solemnity of the Days of Awe will give way to the joy and gratitude of Sukkot and to the revelry of Simchat Torah. I have always appreciated the shifting moods and the range of religious emotions that find expression within the Jewish calendar. The rhythms of the Jewish year have served me throughout my life as a marker for the passage of times and seasons.

May the coming year be a year of blessing, of good health, of fulfillment and joy for you and your dear ones. Happy New Year and *g'mar chatimah tovah*.

Rabbi Barry Marks

President's Message

When you receive this Bulletin you will have already received by email the very extensive Final Report of the Joint Committee on Consolidation. We thank them and the 30 members from the community who participated through the summer on the working committees whose work comprises the bulk of the report.

The Board has discussed this matter extensively. Additionally, I have had discussions for approximately one month with my counterpart at Temple B'rith Sholom, Lisa Stone, about next steps. We believe, as does the Joint Committee, that their work is done and that the issue of next steps and moving forward is now up to the two Temple Boards. With the fact that this report was just recently forwarded to everyone combined with the High Holy Day season, we have yet to determine what those next steps will be.

The Board at our congregation has voted to support the recommendations of the Joint Committee. They include looking into the combined congregation moving to a location other than that of either current facility. While I have not heard much in the way of comment, let alone negative comment, from members of our congregation I do know that moving to a new facility has sparked extensive discussion at the Temple B'rith Sholom Board and congregation. Lisa Stone has advised me that to assist in their discussions a facilitator on staff with the Union for Reform Judaism will be coming to Springfield in October to explore this issue with them. I congratulate her and Temple B'rith Sholom for taking this move and bringing in that outside pair of eyes.

While we have discussed such a possibility at our board meetings, we have not perceived an issue which has sparked for our congregants such discussion of an outside facilitator.

Now that the reports and recommendations are available to all I do urge you to contact any member of the Board if you have questions, concerns, or perspectives which you wish to share. Your comment, if any, will help us determine the most appropriate course of action.

Subject to the activity at Temple B'rith Sholom I would anticipate at some time over the next several months we will attempt to have congregational and community meetings to discuss the recommendations in the Final Report prior to exploring a vote on consolidation. My view is as it has been that consolidation is the correct move for our community. However, holding a vote in the absence of a clear showing of interest from both congregations would be a premature and inappropriate act. If you have any questions about this entire subject matter, please do not hesitate to let me or any of our Board members know your thoughts and concerns.

Saul J Morse

Kavod Conversations

Temple Israel is one of twelve groups in North America exploring a new Jewish community engagement campaign, led by an expert team from The Conversation Project, to design and implement advance care planning outreach efforts in our congregation.

It's called Kavod Conversations.

Our goal is simple and transformative: to ensure that everyone's wishes for end-of-life care are expressed and respected.

Too many people die in a manner they would not choose and too many of their loved ones are left feeling bereaved, guilty, and uncertain. We will gather tools, offer guidance, and conduct workshops to provide the resources needed to process our final desires and begin talking with our loved ones, in comfortable settings, about our wishes and preferences.

Look for upcoming opportunities to learn about our vision for the Kavod Conversations initiative. For more information contact: Erin Sabath asnaleah@sbcglobal.net or 217-698-8061.

Community News

The Temple Israel Board discussed at length the anticipated Final Report of the Joint Committee on the Future of the Jewish Community. We anxiously await the compilation of the reports of the working groups of members of Temple B'rith Sholom and Temple Israel. These groups consisting of 30 members of the Jewish Community worked diligently over the past several months; the reports identified many areas of agreement as well as suggestions on open issues pertinent to our joint future.

We thank everyone involved and single out the members of the Joint Committee who devoted many hours and much effort on our behalf. We continue to support and endorse the report of the Joint Committee as a starting point for our ongoing discussions. We intend to attempt to build on all of this effort in working with those from Temple B'rith Sholom for our joint future.

We continue to believe that it is now appropriate for our respective congregations to take this work and jointly discuss next steps. We hope to be able to call on all who have participated thus far in crafting a way forward which retains the best of our history while embarking on a new adventure in togetherness. To that end we will study the anticipated report and open a dialogue with our counterparts at Temple B'rith Sholom. In addition to the subjects addressed by the working groups we are open to consider as yet unexplored issues and initiatives.

We also are prepared to explore whether there are positive steps reasonable to take in which either of our existing facilities can be modified and reconfigured to not only be of continuing use but provide an ambiance both new and welcoming to all in the community.

We believe that the Springfield Jewish Community must reach out to unaffiliated Jews and make our programming welcoming to them; we wish to make expansion of the membership base a major future focus. In addition, we are open to new types of programming and alternative ways for members to financially sustain our congregation while at the same time recognizing the many competing demands on members' resources. We take no option off the table and look forward with optimism to the next steps in this journey in which we all chose to participate those many months ago.

SBJE

Our kickoff meeting was September 10 with an enrollment of 25 students. We are blessed to have an incoming class of kindergarteners numbering 7 and one new third grader who recently moved back to Springfield for a total of 8 new students. We have two new instructors this year. Sharon Star has graciously agreed to teach 1st/2nd grade. Adam Porter is teaching Comparative Religion to four students who are of bar/bat mitzvah age and older. Rae Lipsky is back teaching kindergarten and the Rabbis are teaching our 3-5th graders.

Rob Rabin, a Chatham firefighter, helped us with our Religious school Kickoff by teaching our students fire safety in the home. He brought the students fire hats, pamphlets, and other fire safety information. We acknowledged him as a parent of two of our children and as a first responder with a thank you certificate for always being ready to go.

We have several Hebrew classes this year including separate programs for first and second grade. Our goal for the first graders is to teach recognition of the alphabet and for second graders to decode by the end of the year. We have two Hebrew classes that meet twice a week, one taught by Sharon Snyder and the other by Rabbi Marks.

We need some new board members. Anyone interested in joining the SBJE board should contact our Temple president Saul Morse.

Elissa GoldbergBelle

Condolences to

Zale Glauberman, on the passing of his sister, Irma Mayer

Yahrzeits—October

3 Morris Carl
 3 Abe Gordon
 3 Morris Herrick
 3 Bessie Ochman
 3 Joni Ann Wolfson
 4 Sarah Goldstein
 4 Aneta Rose Levine
 4 Nathaniel Perlmutter
 4 Doris Rappaport
 5 Neal Jay Feldman
 5 Aronel David Fischhoff
 5 Gertrude Greenberg Spiegel
 6 Louis Feuer
 6 Jack Weiner
 7 David Strom
 7 Jack H. Weiner
 8 Harry L. Barker
 8 Rose Schwartz
 8 Rose Sherman
 9 Rose Greenberg Cohn
 9 Lois Bass
 10 Donald Faingold
 11 Howard Carl
 11 Morris Hilch
 11 Abraham H. Winakor
 12 Esther Barnholtz
 13 Fannie Robinson
 13 Fannie Stollar
 13 Sidney Victor
 14 Harry W. Oberman
 14 David Weiner
 15 Leonard Abraham
 15 Francis Dunas
 15 Fanny Levin
 16 Sam Epstein
 18 Elizabeth Balter
 18 Sam Dunas
 18 Sarah Lewine
 18 Sol Mogerman
 19 Henry Weiss
 19 Fannie Yutan
 20 David Custin
 20 Ethel Esther Levine
 21 Max Rubin
 21 Selig Victor
 21 Isak Sherman
 22 Lillian Schwartz
 22 Frances M. Seigel
 23 David Herman
 23 Harry A. Kaiserman
 23 Helen Werner
 24 Judy Dyer

24 Alex E. Gralnick
 25 Sophie Feuer
 25 Ethel Barnett Novick
 26 Alex Custin
 26 Carol A. Jacobson
 30 Rose Feuer
 30 Rose Sabath
 30 Morris B.F. Victor
 31 Emily Barker
 31 Philip Klein
 31 Samuel Liberman

Sandy's Sisterhood Spiel!

Let me begin by wishing everyone a very happy, healthy, and sweet New Year! Temple Israel Sisterhood began its new year and opening meeting with a beautiful Shira Shabbat dinner on August 25, 2017. Over 40 people enjoyed listening to the choir while Sari Wancket conducted the Friday night service. The dinner was catered by Maldaner's. Thank you to Erin Sabath for making the arrangements. Desserts were provided by Deb Berman, Grace Wenz, Merle Shiffman, Lisa GoldbergBelle, and Sandy Weiss. The colorful centerpieces were designed by Grace Wenz. Thanks to Gina Chilar for all her help in the kitchen and Ozma Rahman for her expertise in the office. A very big thank you to all the people who helped support Sisterhood with their generous "free will offerings," (donations)!

On Sunday September 10, 2017 Sisterhood provided snacks for the opening day of Sunday School. Parents and children "noshed" on bagels and cream cheese, sweeties, fruit, coffee, and juice. Beryl Feldman, Gloria Schwartz, and Sandy Weiss served as hostesses. Erin Sabath arranged for the yummy food!

The annual Break the Fast was once again sponsored by Sisterhood. Beryl Feldman, Grace Wenz, and Sandy Weiss coordinated the event. A report will be in the next bulletin.

Linda Morrison and the membership committee are diligently working on the new Sisterhood Membership directory. It will include the revised By-Laws (thanks to Lisa GoldbergBelle), officers and directors, committee chairs, etc. As soon as it is completed, they will be distributed to the membership.

Lastly, our Sisterhood lost the following members this past year: Lois Bass, Bette Kaiserman, and Jojene Sabath. May their memories be as a blessing.

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