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MILESTONES

IN MEMORIAM

Arnold Brodsky

Father of Paul Brodsky and Kathy Living

If there is a note you'd like us to list in this section of the Messenger, please let us know by calling Director of Operations, Cassidy Petrazzi, at (918) 583-7121.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR HOLIDAY CONTRIBUTIONS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT DONATIONS, PLEASE CALL CASSIDY PETRAZZI, OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS.

TOURO CELEBRATION COMING THIS FALL!

ON THE COVER

The period before World War I was a golden age for paper ephemera in the Jewish community. Postcards like this, printed in Germany by the Williamsburg Art Company, were ubiquitous across Europe and North America. This one depicts folkloric, Eastern European types, with an aproned woman on a chair and her likely husband below. The scene does not confirm to any familiar ritual, but is notable for its reversal of commonplace hierarchies. Without a trace of comic mockery, it depicts her with the (literal) upper hand. Another notable feature is that “Le-shanah tovah” (to a good year) is properly rendered in Hebrew, but the other line (“Blessed be the one who comes”) is not. The artist may not have had a sufficient command of his materials for this project.

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GETTING TO KNOW US

MEET CASSIDY PETRAZZI

Over the past several months, many of you have had a chance to meet Cassidy Petrazzi, the newest member of the Synagogue professional family who now serves as Director of Operations. We're delighted to share the news of her arrival and hope many more of you have the chance to meet Cassidy over the coming months.

With a background as an artist, art historian, and arts administrator, Cassidy previously served as Director of the Gardiner Gallery of Art at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, where she also received her MA in Art History. Before arriving in Stillwater in 2016 with her husband Jared, Cassidy worked in contemporary fine art galleries in New York City.

Originally from Westchester, NY, Cassidy first connected to organized Jewish life as an active participant at Larchmont Temple, where she formed foundational friendships. Her time at URJ Eisner Camp in Great Barrington, MA, as a camper and counselor, as well as her participation in Jewish leadership training in Temple youth group and at URJ Kutz Camp, gave her a love of Judaism, social justice, and community-building.

Cassidy describes her passion for the arts as stemming from the belief that art makes our lives better, makes our connections to ourselves and each other more profound, and expands our humanity.

So too, Cassidy believes that Judaism can make our lives better. She sees Synagogue life as a way to deepen our relationships with each other and expand our definitions of community. Along with their twin boys, Townes and Dune, Cassidy and Jared are now at home in Tulsa, and we're happy to welcome the Petrazzi-Ashburn family to the Synagogue Family.

THE WAY-BACK MACHINE

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The middle-70s brought one of the first major efforts to reclaim the Arkansas River as a venue for public events. Station KRMG sponsored an annual Great Raft Race, inviting groups of all kinds to participate in a relaxed, picnic-y style event that eventually brought over a hundred thousand people down to the river on Labor Day.

The Synagogue and its Men's Club took to this project like proverbial ducks to water, entering year after year and creaming the competition. While others relaxed, we paddled furiously and generally won or placed high in the roster of finishers.

Here's a shot from those glory days featuring David Charney, Jeff Darby and Willie Berger. The raft itself is probably in an anonymous landfill, but we treasure our trophy paddles to this day.



Our thanks to the Dundee-Darby family for sharing this photo!



HIGH HOLIDAYS AT THE SYNAGOGUE

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC & WORDS TO LIVE BY.

IN-PERSON IN OUR SANCTUARY OR ZOOM (918 583 7121)

WE ARE COMING HOME TO THE SYNAGOGUE THIS YEAR!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Each week, our community gathers together to sing the liturgy of the tradition, study the weekly Torah portion, and spend time amongst family and friends. Some arrive in person and others participate online. All are welcome to participate in this experience, either in person or on Zoom. Members and friends can access the Synagogue Zoom Room at [918 583 7121](tel:9185837121).

AFTERNOON/EVENING SERVICES

Each week, we gather together to experience traditional daily prayer and establish a quiet space for those who are mourning a loved one or observing the anniversary of a loss (*yahrtzeit*). All use these opportunities to recite a communal Mourner's Kaddish. Wednesday gatherings take place in the Sanctuary and we ask that in-person attendees let us know in advance for security purposes. Friday gatherings always take place in the Synagogue Zoom Room at [918 583 7121](tel:9185837121).

7 LIFELONG LEARNERS

Ageless seniors from every corner of the community are invited to join Rabbi Dan Kaiman at the Synagogue for lunch and rabbinic storytelling from the literature of our civilization. The session will begin at 11:30 a.m. and a bus will leave from Zarrow Pointe at 11:00 a.m. each time. No charge for transportation (you may of course, come in your own vehicle) and lunch from Queenie's will be provided. Please reserve your spot by calling the Synagogue at [\(918\) 583-7121](tel:9185837121) or visit the Synagogue website.

8 BLATT + BLUE: THE FIG TREE

Mina is sixteen years old. The Ethiopian Civil War has been underway her entire life. The family is Jewish and is planning to flee Ethiopia for Israel, where Mina's mother awaits their reunion. But this plan leaves out the person Mina loves most: Eli, her Christian boyfriend. Mina hatches a scheme to save Eli, but everyone and everything seems set against her. This will be a digital experience in the Synagogue Zoom Room at [918 583 7121](tel:9185837121). The program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

9 SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE

Join us for a festive Shabbat dinner in the Synagogue at 6:15 p.m. We'll then move to the Sanctuary for our musical celebration highlighted by song, dancing, and storytelling at 7:00 p.m. The service will be broadcast live on Zoom at [918](tel:9185837121)

[583 7121](tel:5837121). This month we'll join Jordan and Ashely Diamond as they celebrate a baby naming ceremony for their daughter, Violet. The whole community is invited to a celebratory Oneg Shabbat in honor of the occasion. Make your reservations in advance at www.tulsagogue.com.

11 INTRO TO JUDAISM BEGINS

Looking into Judaism? Born Jewish and want to know more? Sharing your life with a Jew and want to crack the code? INTRO explores Jewish culture, history, and wisdom in a setting where questions are more important than answers. Classes are joined with beautiful Shabbat celebrations, supportive discussion groups, and many opportunities for interactive, experiential learning. On Sunday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. we'll kick off our 18-session Introduction to Judaism Course which is affiliated with the Miller Intro Program at American Jewish University. For more information or to register, visit tulsagogue.com/intro.

11 OHEL: TALK SAVES LIVES

Our tradition teaches us that there is no greater priority than saving a life. As we continue to navigate the consequences of pandemic, the need to address mental health issues more frankly has grown tremendously. All are invited to attend *Talk Saves Lives*, a training dedicated to understanding the scope of suicide prevention and support. This session will be led by Dr. Cheryl Delk from the Mental Health Association of Oklahoma and will be the first of many offerings at the Synagogue to shed light on the important issue of mental health in our community. Interested in joining us at 10:30 a.m.? Please be in touch at slevitt@bnaemunah.com.

11 FEDERATION CAMPAIGN BEGINS

The Jewish Federation of Tulsa's Annual Campaign Kickoff event features mentalist/entertainer Sidney Friedman with special 9/11 commemoration by JFNA CEO Eric Fingerhut. Fifty-four dollars includes cocktail hour, appetizers, dinner, dessert and entertainment. Tickets and more info at: www.JewishTulsa.org or [\(918\) 935-3696](tel:9189353696).

Yahrtzeits and Kaddish
Every Wednesday and Friday Afternoon at 5:30 p.m.

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25-27 ROSH HA-SHANAH

No tickets, just you. All you have to do is walk through the door. There are no admission requirements of any kind for High Holiday services at Congregation B'nai Emunah. Sit where you like and bring friends who might appreciate a spirited observance of this Jewish New Year. We'll be waiting for you just inside. A variety of services and celebrations highlight the holiday. The daytime services begin at 9:30 a.m. Sermons will be delivered around 10:45 a.m. Music, big ideas, and spending time with community combine to create a powerful way to start the New Year. We hope to see you there. As is now always the case, all programs and services will be available on Zoom for hybrid participation. For a full calendar and detailed description of events visit: tulsagogue.com/high-holidays. See [page 10](#) for this year's High Holiday Roadmap.

26 BIBI-DIBI B-DAY BASH

We're bringing the sweetness and joy of our Bibi-Dibi experience to Rosh Hashanah. Families with children five and under are invited to join us for our celebration of the Jewish New Year as the birthday (b-day) of the world. We'll gather at 8:30 a.m. at the Synagogue to wear beautiful birthday crowns, sing, move our bodies, listen to the shofar, read a story, and celebrate with a sweet treat. Please be in touch with Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com with your questions and to let us know you're coming.

28 SUSTAINABILITY: REVERSE TASHLICH

Join us at 4:00 p.m. as we creatively reverse the tradition of Tashlich, the symbolic casting of our transgressions into a body of water. Instead, we will come together as a community to remove litter from a body of water in the neighborhood of the Synagogue in a collaborative waterfront cleanup. All are encouraged to participate. This will serve as Hebrew Language Lab for the afternoon! Protective equipment and refreshments will be provided. Please contact Sara Levitt at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com for additional details and watch your e-mail for the gathering place for this event. The work of sustainability is never-ending and all of us need to play our part.



FROM RABBI KAIMAN

BEGINNING AGAIN

In one of the most challenging moments of the early days of the pandemic, I remember feeling desperate and distraught. So much about life had changed, and all the rhythms and structures I had come to rely upon had disappeared entirely. There were no communal Shabbat dinners, no playdates for children, and we couldn't properly comfort each other in navigating grief and mourning.

In discussing these challenges with a member of our community, he pointed me in the direction of some future moment when the challenges of this moment had passed. "Think about how great it will feel when we have that first 'Shabbat for Everyone' following this pandemic." My mind drifted into the thought, and its sweetness carried me forward.

But the lived reality of this pandemic has been much less defined than any of us may have imagined. No proclamation has cleared us of our worries, and the risks of contagion and concern continue to shape our reality. The day I wrote this article, I learned that two members of our congregation are sick with COVID-19. And yet, we have returned to in-person learning and celebrations. We have communal meals sitting shoulder to shoulder, and our children run through our halls in fits of laughter and joy. The imagined sweetness in my moment of desperation is no longer just in my head. I see it in the children following the dancing mandolin player as they flow through our sanctuary on Friday night. The moment I dreamed of has now arrived.

And we are about to step into another moment of connection and renewal. These high holidays will mark a return to our Sanctuary, and I sense that we will feel different when we gather together. For some, it will be your first experience of our building in this new hybrid reality. For others, you will choose to celebrate with us through the wonders of Zoom and streaming. And for another group of people, it will be the first time you walk with us through the rhythms of this season in any form. Wherever you enter this holiday season, I want you to know that we are all beginning again. One of the great opportunities of this moment is that we are all experiencing something new together. We have never hosted the types of services and experiences that we will convene this year. We have never had the chance to emerge from a pandemic before. We have never celebrated 5783.

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SHEMA! MUSIC CLASS FOR JEWISH BABIES, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 10:30 A.M. QUESTIONS? WRITE SARA!

BLATT+BLUE: GREAT JEWISH FILM AND TELEVISION

TALKING ABOUT **FIG TREE** ON SEPTEMBER 8

Despite our general familiarity with the story of Ethiopian Jews, we haven't yet scratched the surface of family life and the complications of individual experience. A generation of triumphant relocation and communal trauma has already passed, but we are just getting started.

Enter writer and director Aalam-Warqe Davidian. Her film, **Fig Tree**, focuses on Mina, sixteen years old. The Ethiopian Civil War has been underway her entire life. She lives with her brother and grandmother in a humble house with newsprint for wallpaper. The family is Jewish and is planning to flee Ethiopia for Israel, where Mina's mother awaits their reunion. But this plan leaves out the person Mina loves most: Eli, her Christian boyfriend, who lives in the woods so as to evade being drafted into Mengistu Haile Mariam's army. Mina hatches a scheme to save Eli, but everyone and everything seems set against her.

Participants who would like to screen the film in advance can easily locate it on Amazon Prime or TubiTV. The film scooped up multiple awards at the Seattle, Toronto, and Jerusalem Film Festivals, along with several others. The discussion session will take place on Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Blatt + Blue is one of the longest-running projects at the Synagogue during the period of the pandemic. Born in March 2020, it has run without a break for twenty-seven months,

spotlighting a diverse and provocative roster of films and television. The series expresses the Synagogue's own commitments to an inclusive and pluralistic vision of the Jewish world. No single endeavor can capture the whole of the Jewish experience. No single institution can exhaust the rich possibilities of Jewish life. Film and television enthusiasts David Blatt and Alice Blue begin each session with a summary of the featured material. It means that you'll be able to follow the conversation even if you have to delay your viewing of the episodes themselves. After that, it's questions and comments from the Zoom Room audience.

Join the discussion in the Synagogue Zoom Room with two dozen regular participants. The Zoom meeting ID is **918 583 7121** and the session will conclude at 8:00 p.m. Please note that security protocols are always in place during Synagogue events. If there is a film you'd like to see in these sessions in the future, please reach out to Rabbi Marc Fitzerman at marboofitz@bnaiemunah.com.

HOW MANY?

About how many students are there in the Early Childhood and Religious School programs of the Synagogue? The answer is **a hundred**. Hooray!



CONGRATULATIONS

MAZAL TOV

Alex Brodsky and Nina Levine recently became engaged on a visit to Tulsa. The proposal took place in the gardens of the Philbrook Museum of Art. Alex is the son of Paul and Randi Brodsky and the grandson of Klara Klein. Nina Levine is the daughter of Amy Chazin of Minneapolis, MN and Howard Levine of Boca Raton, FL. Nina is the granddaughter of Ilene Levine of Buffalo, NY. The couple currently resides in Chicago where Alex works in Human Resources and Nina is pursuing graduate work in Public Health.

Machelle Diemart and Lance Diamond recently became engaged while on vacation in Charleston, SC. The proposal took place on the Charleston pier with family ready to celebrate. Machelle is an English Language Development Partner with the Tulsa Public School District working in the Educational Service Center. Lance works in Enterprise Services for Dell Computers.

To Brent Ortolani on his recent appointment as Executive Director of Circle Cinema. Brent is the husband of Steve Aberson.

To Elliott Wulff who has recently begun studies in the Cantorial School at the Academy of Jewish Religion, California. AJR is a non-denominational, distance learning program based in Los Angeles. While embarking on these studies, Elliott will continue to teach in ShulSchool and Hebrew Language Lab as well as help out with programming work at the Synagogue.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME!

Our congregational family is growing. We welcome everyone who has joined us in the last month and hope that the months ahead bring a sense of deep connection and involvement in the Synagogue. We're ready to hold hands on your journey:

Scott and Claire Legler
and their children, James and Samuel

Roxanne Preston

Teddy Lachterman

Mark and Kate Freudenheim
and their children, Sidney and Leo

Dr. Rebekah and Ryan Kriegsmann

SHOUT OUTS

THANK YOU

Isrella Taxon is on the mend and sends this message to everyone in our community: "Many thanks for going above and beyond in helping me with my recovery from surgery. You are all amazing!"



KAPPAROT

HOMING PIGEON RELEASE

THE FRONT DOOR OF THE SYNAGOGUE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 - 11:45 P.M.
FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

FROM RABBI FITZGERMAN

■ T-MINUS A MONTH?

The holidays ahead are not a deadline. It is never too late to offer an apology, and it will not be fatal if you offer yours in November. On the other hand, it is never too early to unburden your heart or to relieve the hurt that you have inflicted on someone else.

I can only tell you that's the way it is with me. I'm not a **notably** violent soul and I try very hard to speak with restraint. If I didn't watch myself, I could cause real damage, and I can think of many instances when I have done just that.

But I still manage to impose myself on many people, including those I love very much. It's frequently the matter of one of my signature failings: sweating right to a deadline and leaving the impression that I have all the time in the world. The truth is that I don't, but you wouldn't always know that to be the case.

And so I'm starting now, not with blanket apologies, but with calls and conversations that I hope will be received with patience. Like everyone else, I'm trying my best. If you don't hear from me this year, there's always 2023. I think of my life—or at least a part of it—as an atonement tour that never really ends. As long as I live, I will be making mistakes.

In case that also describes your experience, I hope that this can serve as a timely reminder. There is someone out there in our complicated world who needs to hear from you sooner rather than later. They need a call, a note, a piece of e-mail—any version of apology or atonement.

Try not to focus on artificial deadlines, but communicating sincere, heartfelt regret. And if someone gets in touch with you to do the same, try to respond with genuine forgiveness. That way lies restoration, healing, and transformation. The world will suddenly be a better place.

Much love from me and my family for a year of health, happiness, and love overflowing.

Unveiling in memory of the late
MAXINE ZARROW
Sunday, September 4, at 9:00 a.m.
ROSE HILL CEMETERY | NEW SECTION

FROM RABBI KAIMAN

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We know there will be moments of challenge and the potential for moments of dissonance. We know there will be new technologies to navigate and new relationships to form. But I hope what we all experience throughout this holiday season is a renewed sense of optimism, trust, and engagement with the structures of life we have come to know again. As I enter this season of reflection and renewal, I pray that I will never again feel the desperation and loss that came when our world collapsed. And I pray that we will all experience sweetness from walking through this season together.

Wishing you and your family a sweet and happy new year on behalf of Rachel, Shula, Millie, and myself. **Shanah tovah u-metukah!**

COMING IN OCTOBER

■ FRAGILE STRUCTURES ON OCTOBER 13

For the very first time, the Synagogue will have an opportunity to collaborate with the American Folklore Society in October.

Featured speaker will be Gabrielle Berlinger, Director of Undergraduate Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Author of **Tradition and Transformation in Jewish Vernacular Architecture**, she will address issues of inclusion, dwelling, and wandering in the wild. The date is October 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. See our website for meal registration. We'd love to have you with us!



FROM MORAH SARA LEVITT

■ OPENING OUR TENT

It was in the darkest days of the pandemic that the struggles of so many in our country and community began to bubble to the surface. We know now that this time aggravated mental illness, weakened systems for access to things like food or government assistance, and so much more. As we continue to emerge from the depths of the pandemic, the needs of our own members and friends continue to rise. From suicide ideation to grief, food insecurity, and anxiety, the Synagogue is where people turn when they need support, resources, and care. Of course, it is. We work hard to be the thread that continues to center people throughout their lives, from celebrating new babies to the death of loved ones and everything in between. Due to our deep relationships with congregants, we are uniquely positioned to serve and support.

Over the next several months, you'll see the rollout of a new initiative at the Synagogue we're calling **OH**EL. That stands for Offering Healing, Education, and Love, and is the Hebrew word meaning "tent." We find the stories of our ancestors opening their tents to those in need deep within our tradition, and we recall this openness and care as we move forward in this work.

OHEL will enrich community-based support, grow educational and training opportunities, and work to end the stigma of needing help in our Synagogue community and beyond. We'll do this through expanded programming; deepening partnerships with local agencies, professionals, and support organizations; hosting training and educational opportunities; and continuing to care for our members and friends in the ways we always have, intending to make access to support seamless. Already on the calendar, this month is a training with the Mental Health Association of Oklahoma called "Talk Saves Lives." This training teaches suicide awareness and skills to help those thinking about ending their lives.

We'll continue showing care for those in our community through programs like Bikkur Cholim and Elijah's Cloak, as well as the daily pastoral work that happens at the Synagogue. In the pipeline, we're exploring learning experiences around the Mikvah as a tool for healing and wellness and the beginning of a support group for those living with grief.

OHEL embodies our ancient and lasting obligation to care for one another, and the needs and possibilities are endless. If you are interested in learning more or want to be involved in this new initiative, please be in touch with Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaemunah.com.

LOOKING AHEAD: OCTOBER

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TODAH RABAH

■ WE'RE SO GRATEFUL

A hearty **todah rabah** to the many, many folks who helped our Bikur Cholim Task Force bake, cook, and deliver this month. Thanks to:

Kathy Sandler
Hillary Roubein
Shahnaz Khalil
Terry Marcum
Dr. Rick Cohen
Jackie Lasky
Marcy Cyter

FREE BOOKS INSIDE THE SYNAGOGUE'S FRONT DOOR. TAKE A LOOK!

WELCOME TO THE 2022 HOLIDAYS AT THE SYNAGOGUE

LANGUAGE

Many people struggle with the symbolic language of Jewish prayer on the High Holidays, particularly the motifs of reward and punishment and a God who treasures human praise. It may help to see the first as a metaphor urging self-knowledge, self-evaluation, and consciousness of our thoughts and deeds. The second is part of Judaism's aversion to seeing ourselves and our fellow human beings as the center and crown of creation. Humility is a moral bridge to the gentle, respectful treatment of other human beings who have the same claims on God's love that we do.

ACCESS

Services at the Synagogue are open to everyone, including our neighbors in the general community who may wish to sample Jewish traditions in a setting of warmth and authenticity. Our hope is that no one will arrive or depart without a sense of having been greeted as a friend. Unlike virtually every congregation in the country, there are no admission tickets to services or charges of any kind. Visitors should be aware that we are mindful of security in order to keep every participant safe. Simple precautions are always in effect to protect us all. Please introduce yourself to our Front Desk staff if you are visiting the Synagogue for the very first time. Please note also that the Synagogue encourages in-person attendees to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Mask-wearing is not mandatory but strongly supported. Nearly every service and program at the Synagogue is now a hybrid experience making it possible for even more people than ever before to participate. Visit tulsasynagogue.com/watch for information on how to connect to Zoom and our online High Holiday experiences.

DRESS

We always say that people should come as they are, but many members dress up for the holidays. It's much like the clothing people wear to the symphony or a play. Men typically wear a shirt and tie, along with a jacket or (less often) a sweater or vest. Women wear dresses, skirts and tops, or pants with a jacket. No one dresses to impress and the prevailing style is modesty. Regardless of what you wear, do not hesitate to come because you fear that you may not have the right clothing. There is plenty of room at the Synagogue for everyone.

SEATING

Seating in our Sanctuary is open, with no reserved seats for members or guests. People occasionally save seats for others, so please be alert to normal social cues. There are always available seats at the front of the Sanctuary, where people rarely sit for the reasons that people always avoid the front rows of auditoriums. This is the bane of Rabbis and clergy people of every community, but what can you do?

HOUSEKEEPING

We hope that our holiday celebration brings you joy. Please take note that our uniformed officers, ushers, staff, and board members are ready to help in every way. If you hear an alarm of any kind, please assess the situation. If you are on the right side of the Sanctuary and can exit safely, use the big doors that face Seventeenth Place.

If you are on the left side of Sanctuary as you face the Ark, and it's safe to exit, use the main doors at the front of the building where you entered. In either case, look for ushers with flags who will help you. Remember, also, there are many other exits from the building, but only one monitored door we use as an entrance. As you spend time in our building, please make sure you take in all the possible exits in case of an emergency.

ROSH HA-SHANAH FOR EVERYONE

In the spirit of our monthly "Shabbat for Everyone" gatherings, the opening service of our Rosh Ha-Shanah observance follows a familiar model. For families and individuals eager to dine together, we offer an optional holiday brisket meal which begins at 5:15 p.m. With familiar smells and tastes, we hope to make it easy for families and individuals to plug into an authentic holiday experience. Following this communal dinner, we gather in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. for a kid-oriented musical Rosh Ha-Shanah celebration. The instruments and voices of Klay Kodesh will lift your hearts with spirit and energy. Storytelling and special treats for the kids highlight this short evening experience. The service will conclude by 7:00 p.m. to allow those who prefer to gather for the holiday meal in their homes. This year, Rosh Ha-Shanah for Everyone will take place on Sunday, September 25.

ROSH HA-SHANAH DAY I

It's the Jewish New Year! A formal worship experience serves as the backbone to this day. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, we work our way through a special Holiday prayerbook called the Mahzor. Since our current version only offers Hebrew and English, we have crafted digital materials to offer full transliteration as well as additional readings, reflections, and meditations. These will be available on screens, the same approach we took at Seder this year. The morning starts with a series of prayers led by our cantor, Rafi Dworsky, who is assisted by our rabbis, Dan Kaiman and Marc Fitzerman. A musical ensemble supports the experience, adding depth, flourish, and meaning to the various parts of the prayerful morning.

By 10:00 a.m., we begin the formal chanting of the Torah service. This participatory event involves a public reading of a section of the Torah. The Torah is chanted aloud in Hebrew,

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WELCOME TO THE HOLIDAYS AT THE SYNAGOGUE [CONTINUED]

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with translations available on-screen or in your prayer books. Members of the congregation are called up throughout this part of the service with honors and blessings. A special honor is reserved for the person who chants a selection from the Prophets (**haftarah**), which usually follows the completion of the public Torah reading. The exception is the first day, when the **haftarah** is chanted in the afternoon.

After the final blessing of the Torah, the drama of the morning continues. The shofar is sounded for the first time. Immediately following, the Rabbis will offer an opportunity for prayers of healing. Should you or someone you love be in need of prayers for healing, please come forward as instructed and share either the English or Hebrew name of the person whom you would like to include. Alternatively, if you would like to submit a name before the Holiday, please email info@bnaiemunah.com to be included at each of these opportunities throughout the Holiday season.

The scrolls are now returned to the Ark to mark the end of the Torah Service. At this point, one of the Rabbis will offer a sermon. Rabbi Fitzerman will speak on the first day, while Rabbi Kaiman will speak on the second day and on Yom Kippur. Following this moment of teaching and learning, our musical ensemble and cantor resume leadership of the service and we sing a public version of the prayers found in the Mahzor. This final part of the service generally concludes by noon and culminates with blasts of the shofar.

At that time the entire community is invited to partake in a Kiddush lunch. Later in the afternoon, at 5:30 p.m., a short afternoon and evening service will take place as we round out the day of prayer and reflection.

■ ROSH HA-SHANAH DAY II

The second day of Rosh Ha-Shanah follows roughly the same format as Day I. The public readings are different, and different individuals are honored with participation throughout the service. The morning begins at 9:30 a.m. and by 10:00 a.m. we are chanting Torah. Again, a sermon is delivered at 10:45 a.m., and we've nearly completed our service by noon. On this second day, our congregation follows a special custom where we offer Baby Blessings to each new child who has joined our community in the past year. Grandparents, parents, siblings, and relatives receive these blessings on behalf of the new arrivals, who bring so much joy to our lives. If you are the parent or grandparent of a newborn and would like to partake, please email info@bnaiemunah.com so that we can prepare to include you. This service concludes by 12:15 p.m. and is followed by a cookie Kiddush sponsored by the Fitzerman-Blue and Kaiman-Gold families.

■ KAPPAROT

A major theme running through the High Holidays is the notion that we let go and find paths to renewal and forgiveness. There are many different ways we manifest this theme. A thrilling way to symbolically mark this transition is by participating in our **Kapparot** ceremony. Each person is invited to take a pigeon in hand and ritually release the bird so that it flies home to its nest. In doing so, we remind ourselves of the power of freedom and our potential. The informal ceremony takes place on Sunday, October 2, at 11:45 a.m. at the front door of the Synagogue building. A public shofar blast concludes the experience.

■ THE DAYS IN BETWEEN

The period that lasts from Rosh Ha-Shanah through Yom Kippur is called the Ten Days of Repentance. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, stands in contrast and complement to the days that mark the Jewish New Year. Lasting twenty-five hours, Yom Kippur is a time to ask for forgiveness and spend time in intensive prayer and reflection. From sundown on Tuesday, October 4, to sundown on Wednesday, October 5, adults refrain from eating and drinking, bathing, wearing leather, anointing oneself with perfume or lotion and marital relations. These activities are all very human and corporeal, but by setting these limits we focus inward on the spiritual tasks of the day.

■ SERVICES: KOL NIDRAY

Yom Kippur is inaugurated at 7:30 p.m. with the Kol Nidray prayer. As on Rosh Ha-Shanah, during this service we use a combination of large screens and a Mahzor, a special prayer book, which outlines the liturgical frame for the day. Because our current edition has only Hebrew and English on its pages, the digital version will provide full transliteration, poems, and reflective readings. This evening service, led again by our cantor, Rabbis and musical ensemble, moves through the prescribed structure of the service with familiar musical highlights and points of emphasis. Around 7:15 p.m., Rabbi Kaiman will offer a sermon, and services will conclude around 9:30 p.m.

■ SERVICES: YOM KIPPUR DAY

At 9:30 a.m. the next morning, we begin chanting Yom Kippur services. As on Rosh Ha-Shanah, around 10:30 a.m., we participate in a public reading of a section of the Torah followed by a chanting of the **haftarah** (a selection from the Prophets). Please see our description of Rosh Ha-Shanah for what comes next.

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At the close of this interval, Rabbi Kaiman will offer a sermon. Immediately following, the congregation will hold a Yizkor (Memorial) service for loved ones who are no longer with us. Names added to the Book of Remembrance are read aloud, and individuals are given time to offer silent supplication. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, please e-mail info@bnaiemunah.com with the name and date of death so that we can be sure to include your loved one.

The cantor now offers a public prayer of supplication. Our musical ensemble and cantor then resume leadership of the service, and we sing a public version of the prayers found on screen and in the Mahzor. This is the final part of the service and generally concludes by 12:15 p.m.

■ PRAYERS BEFORE THE ARK

Following the close of service, many choose to go home or leave the Synagogue for a period. However, those who wish to remain are welcome to remain in our building throughout the day. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. the Ark will be opened, and individuals are welcome to take a moment to offer private prayers before its open doors. Just wait for the person ahead of you, and then step forward.

■ MINCHA + FORUM WITH RABBI KAIMAN

We'll start Mincha (the Afternoon Service) at 3:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by an open forum for reflection and discussion at 4:30 p.m. You bring the questions; Rabbi Kaiman will bring his thoughts and perspectives. This is a meaningful way to engage in learning and explore new ideas as a community. All are welcome to participate in this event.

■ NE'ILAH: THE CLOSING OF THE GATES

A liturgical highlight of the year, the Ne'ilah (Concluding) service offers a thrilling end to a day of solemnity and introspection. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the service is chanted by our cantor, Rabbis and musical ensemble. Weather permitting,

we will be outside in front of the building, watching the sun set in the open air. The Ark doors remain open throughout the main section of this service. Many people stand throughout this liminal period.

The doors of the Ark serve as an important symbol in the themes of the day, as we imagine the locking of the gates and make our best efforts to seek repentance and forgiveness in these waning hours. As the sun sets, we mark the conclusion of the holiday with a Havdallah (Separation) Service. Finally, the day culminates with blasts from the shofar.

■ BREAK THE FAST

Immediately following the conclusion of our ritual services for Yom Kippur, the entire community is invited to participate in a Break-the-Fast meal. Generously sponsored by The Sharna and Irvin Frank Family Foundation, this is a celebratory communal moment of achievement, relief, opportunity, and possibility. While there will always be enough food for everyone, we do ask that those who are planning to be with us call (918) 583-7121, or visit our website so we can plan for your participation.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 5:30 PM Aft/Evening Service 7:32 PM Candles	3 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning 8:28 PM Havdalah Torah: Shoftim
4 9:00 AM Unveiling for Maxine Zarrow	5	6	7 11:30 AM Lifelong Learners 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 5:30 PM Aft/Evening Service 7:00 PM Midrasha	8 7:00 PM Blatt and Blue	9 5:30 PM Aft/Evening Service 6:15 PM Shabbat Dinner 7:00 PM Shabbat for All 7:21 PM Candles	10 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning 8:17 PM Havdalah Torah: Ki Teitzei
11 9:00 AM ShulSchool 10:00 AM Intro to Judaism Begins 10:30 AM Talk Saves Lives	12	13	14 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 5:30 PM Aft/Evening Service 7:00 PM Midrasha	15	16 5:30 PM Aft/Evening Service 7:11 PM Candles	17 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning 6:00 PM Selichot: Entering the High Holidays 8:06 PM Havdalah Torah: Ki Tavo
18 9:00 AM ShulSchool 10:00 AM Intro to Judaism 10:30 AM Shema: Jewish Music for Babies 11:00 HH Honors Rehearsal	19	20	21 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 5:30 PM Aft/Evening Service 7:00 PM Midrasha	22 7:00 PM Sisterhood: Cooking for the Holidays	23 5:30 PM Aft/Evening Service 7:01 PM Candles	24 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning 7:56 PM Havdalah Torah: Nitzavim
25 9:00 AM ShulSchool 5:15 PM Holiday Dinner 6:15 PM Rosh Ha-Shanah Klay Kodesh Service Erev Rosh Ha-Shanah	26 8:30 AM Bibi-Dibi Bash 9:30 AM Morning Service 10:45 AM Sermon 12:00 PM Kiddush 5:30 PM Afternoon Service Rosh Ha-Shanah I	27 9:30 AM Morning Service 10:45 AM Sermon 12:00 PM Baby Blessings 7:25 PM Aft/Evening Service Rosh Ha-Shanah II	28 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 4:00 PM Reverse Tashlich 5:30 PM Aft/Evening Service 7:00 PM Midrasha	29	30 5:30 PM Aft/Evening Service 6:50 PM Candles	

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