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MILESTONES

IN MEMORIAM

Larry Levin
Brother of Jan Potash

WEDDINGS

Drs. Trevor Langston and Jeni Gregory
Chavi Weisman and Sachy Cohen
Drs. Brian Milman and Brianna Desire

MAZAL TOV

To Hannah Lavi, who will attend Duke University in the coming year. Hannah is the daughter of Tania Lavi and Sonny Lavi, and the granddaughter of Shahnaz Khalil.

To Jeanne Jacobs, who pioneered a COVID mask-making project benefitting the Community Food Bank of Northeastern Oklahoma. Jeanne is marketing masks with the help of Janet Dundee and Jeff Darby at Sweet Tooth Candy and Gift Company. The project was featured in the media this past summer.

To Rachel Roubein, longtime reporter for **Politico**, who has joined **The Washington Post** to anchor **The Health 202** newsletter. The move will afford Rachel a larger platform for her work, which has long focused on health issues. Rachel is the daughter of Dr. Leor and Hillary Roubein.

To Sophie Raskin, who recently appeared in a well-received concert of her music. Sophie may be heard on YouTube by searching for **Sophie Raskin**. Congratulations to Sophie on another musical milestone.

Good news to share? Please write us at info@bnaiemunah.com so that we can draw our congregational community still closer together.

Shabbat Together & Yahrzeits

Every Friday Afternoon
at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom
918 583 7121

MASTHEAD

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ON THE COVER

Every picture of European Jews feels haunted by the catastrophe of the Sho'ah. It applies especially to images captured, like this one, in the decades preceding the disasters of the war. We think we can already see the horrors ahead. But of course this is the result of historical hindsight. The people pictured could not have known what awaited them, regardless of how inevitable it may seem to us now.

What if a picture like this one was simply what it is: four Jewish children, two with little horns. One appears to be a noise-maker and the other a shofar. We must somehow work to recover that reality: the daily circumstances of life in Europe, including children observing the rituals of the High Holidays.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

TWO RABBIS AND...

Every Friday, September 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 11 a.m. Rabbis Kaiman and Fitzerman convene a weekly conversation to foreground news of the day, interview special guests, and talk about ideas relevant to Jewish community life. It's an ongoing conversation about our shared journey in a diverse, multicultural Jewish world. Join us on Zoom at **918 583 7121** or on Spotify, iTunes, and the Synagogue website.

SHABBAT TOGETHER/YAHRTZEIT SERVICE

Every Friday, September 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 5:30 p.m. The portal moments of candle lighting, kiddush, and the first bite of challah, remind us that Shabbat is an ideal time to enjoy time in each other's company. Shabbat Together is a short, digital gathering where we take a few moments to connect with the whole community as we enter Shabbat. We hope that this experience will be especially meaningful to those who are mourning a loved one or observing the anniversary of a loss (yahrtzeit). We'll conclude everything in time for you to enjoy a Shabbat meal at home. Synagogue Zoom Room, Meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.

PANIM EL PANIM AND B'YACHAD

Every Saturday, September 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 9:30 a.m. Our tradition speaks of the special power that exists when people gather together for prayer. Panim el Panim is a live broadcast service on Zoom led by Rabbis Fitzerman and Kaiman. Rooted in the traditional practice of the Synagogue, we focus on the concerns of the liturgy, Torah study, and offering prayer for those in need of healing. Our handbook is Siddur **Eit Ratzon**, a fully transliterated presentation of the Shabbat morning service with expert commentary and guidance. Shabbat Yachad is a COVID-safe gathering in the Synagogue Sanctuary marking our incremental return to life in three dimensions. We'll be digital on September 4 and 18, and three-dimensional on September 11 and 25. To take part in the digital celebration, join us in our Synagogue Zoom Room, Meeting ID: **918 583 7121**. To participate in Shabbat Yachad, please make your reservation at tulsagogue.com.

BAKER'S DOZEN EVERY MONDAY

Every Monday between noon and 5:30 p.m. Our cookie-baking program is back and we are eager for new bakers! As COVID-19 cases rise, we are collecting cookies, bars, and single-serve baked goods and delivering them immediately to frontline workers around the city. All are invited to par-

ticipate and any gift in any amount is appreciated. Please wear a mask and deliver your cookies to the designated table at the Synagogue entrance on Mondays from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Shaver at nshaver@bnaiemunah.com.

HIGH HOLIDAYS AT THE SYNAGOGUE

We are excited to bring in the new year together with an array of meaningful in-person, digital, and hybrid options. As always, all are welcome and there are no fees or charges for participation. Whether it's through our services, children's programming, or meals happening throughout, we hope you'll find a way to connect with our community in this season of rejoicing and renewal. For a full list of events and programs, please visit www.tulsagogue.com. Our main gatherings on September 7 and 8 will begin at 10:00 a.m. Kol Nidray on September 15 will begin at 7:30 p.m., with our service on September 16 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The concluding Yom Kippur service on the evening of September 16 will start at 6:30 p.m.

6 ROSH HA-SHANAH EVE FOR EVERYONE

Join us at 5:45 p.m. as we begin the High Holy Days with a festive outdoor Rosh Ha-Shanah meal and musical celebration at the front entrance to the Synagogue. We'd love to greet friends and family for this inclusive event. **Please remember that vaccinations (for those 12 and up), and masks (for those 2 and up) are essential for Synagogue gatherings.** We will also be careful to place guests at an appropriate distance from one another. To make reservations, please visit our website at www.tulsagogue.com or call the Synagogue Office at (918) 583-7121.

7 ROSH HA-SHANAH FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Join us at 9:00 a.m., one hour before the Sanctuary service, for this interactive and family-centered experience on the first day of Rosh Ha-Shanah. We'll sing the familiar prayers, explore the stories of the season, hear the shofar and enjoy a sweet treat to celebrate the new year. While this experience is designed for families with children in elementary and middle school, it is open to all. Please note that we'll be outside under the shade for this experience and physically distanced. Hold your spot by visiting the Synagogue website under **High Holiday Reservations**. Please contact Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com with your questions.

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A GREAT SERIES ON JEWISH CINEMA AND TELEVISION

BLATT & BLUE

THE SEPTEMBER SELECTION:

A KADDISH FOR BERNIE MADOFF

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, AT 7:00 P.M.

HOSTED BY DAVID BLATT AND ALICE BLUE

ZOOM ROOM ID: 918 583 7121

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8 BIBI-DIBI B-DAY BASH

Once again, we'll begin at 9:00 a.m., one hour before the service begins in the Sanctuary and on Zoom. Families with children five and under are invited to join us for our celebration of Rosh Hashanah as the birthday (b-day) of the world. We'll meet outside for this sweet experience where we'll wear beautiful birthday crowns, sing, move our bodies, listen to the shofar, read a story and celebrate with a sweet treat. Hold your spot by visiting the Synagogue website and searching for High Holiday reservations. Please be in touch with Morah Sara at slvitt@bnaiemunah.com with your questions.

8 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. Protective equipment and refreshments will be provided. Please contact Natalie Shaver at nshaver@bnaiemunah.com for additional details and watch your e-mail for the gathering place for this event.

9 BLATT + BLUE: KADDISH FOR MADOFF

This month our popular film and television discussion series will spotlight **A Kaddish For Bernie Madoff**, the provocative film by Alicia Jo Rabins. This is a film for the period of the High Holidays which takes up the themes of sin, atonement, and forgiveness. Please note that this will be a special boutique screening on a private platform. Details are now available on the Synagogue website at www.tulsagogue.com. There is no charge for the film, but we need your registration in advance. The Zoom meeting ID for our conversation with David Blatt and Alice Blue is **918 583 7121** at 7:00 p.m.

12 KAPPAROT: ANNUAL PIGEON RELEASE

At 11:45 a.m. we will release our sorrows from the past year and rekindle hope at a moving, COVID-safe outdoor **Kapparot** ceremony at the Synagogue entrance. The event will culminate with the blowing of the shofar and the release of one hundred homing pigeons into the Oklahoma sky. All are invited to attend and enjoy a complimentary boxed lunch courtesy of Queenie's. Please register for lunch at the Synagogue website: www.tulsagogue.com.

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FROM RABBI FITZGERMAN

MUTUALITY

There's a great phrase from the Talmud that always pierces my heart. It's an essential truth, a dictum to live by: **Kol Yisra'ayl arayvim zeh ba-zeh**. All Israel is responsible, one for the other.

It's been especially important during the period of this pandemic. It's not enough to take care of ourselves. We have to be mindful of society as a whole. I do not want to fall victim to the coronavirus, but I also don't want anyone else to suffer, especially because of my carelessness or stupidity. And not just those who are part of my ethnic or faith community. When I'm operating at the top of my moral game, **everyone** is a member of the People Israel, entitled to my love and civilized behavior.

That's what's lacking in the current debate between mutuality and individual freedom. I very much want as much freedom as the next guy, but not at the expense of the next guy and his family, and anyone else who might be done in by my coarseness. I won't deny that individual liberty is a value that deserves a measure of respect and deference. It's just that it is trumped by a much higher value: the protection of others, the safety of the vulnerable, and our responsibility to act to the benefit of other people. There are real limits to what we're allowed to do, and gathering to ride maskless and unvaccinated to Sturgis is nobody's idea of responsible behavior.

At the other end of the spectrum is what I've witnessed at the Synagogue. Every single one of our employees is vaccinated. No exceptions claimed, and one hundred percent compliance. We said a regretful and heartfelt goodbye to those who opted out, but all understood the seriousness of our commitment. Everyone is now wearing a mask in the building, including very young children who are working to adapt. They, too, understand that we are in this together.

I appreciate all of this, along with the response of our members. Over the past couple of weeks, we've gotten helpful calls from those who believed they might have been exposed to COVID. So far, so good: no one has been affected. But the fact that people bothered to let us know so that we could prepare for the possibility of quarantine was a way of expressing care for others. It's the very least we can do for each other during a period of peril. It reinforces the fact that our members always come through.

I know in my heart that we will make it through. All we need to do is to take all of this seriously, get vaccinated and boosted according to schedule, and mask even if we have already gotten our shots. Breakthrough infection is as real as a ventilator, and some of the cases have required hospitalization. And please remember to respond gracefully to disruption. Planning will only get us so far. After that, we'll have to flex and adapt.

Blessing to all for a beautiful new year. Here's to life, health, and an ethic of mutuality.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS [CONCLUDED]

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16 YOM KIPPUR FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Kol Nidray for those 12 and up will take place the evening before. We'll gather again this morning for a family-centered holiday experience at 9:00 a.m. We'll sing the familiar prayers of the holiday, explore deeply the characters in Jonah and the whale through drama and storytelling, and much more. While this experience is designed for families with children in elementary and middle school, it is open to all. Please note that we'll be outside under the shade for this experience and physically distanced. Hold your spot by visiting the Synagogue website and searching for High Holiday reservations. Please be in touch with Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com with your questions.

16 BREAK-FAST

Please join us at 7:45 p.m. for a traditional, complimentary break-fast boxed meal at the Synagogue entrance, courtesy of the Sharna and Irvin Frank Foundation. Please visit our website or call the Synagogue office for reservations. We hope that the year ahead brings an abundance of joy, health, and satisfaction.

24 SUKKOT FOR EVERYONE

We are excited to invite the entire community to our annual Sukkot dinner and Shabbat celebration at 6:00 p.m. Join us in the Sukkah for a COVID-safe celebration, special holiday meal, musical performance, and festival games. All ages are welcome! Please visit our website at www.tulsagogue.com or call our office to register.

25 MILLENNIALS IN THE SUKKAH

Millennials are invited to the Synagogue Sukkah at 6:30 p.m. for community and festivity! We'll enjoy a four course meal of the season prepared by local chefs and infused with the crops of our ancestors. The Seven Species (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates) originated in the land of Israel and are mentioned in our sacred texts. In our Sukkah under the stars, we learn about our ancestor's foodstuffs and enjoy them folded into our meal. The evening will kick off with Havdalah led by Synagogue Artist-in-Residence, Happie Hoffman. For questions or to hold your spot please be in touch with Sara Levitt at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com.

26 SISTERS IN THE SUKKAH

Sisterhood will host its annual **Sisters in the Sukkah** event this evening at the Synagogue. This will be the first in-person Sisterhood member event since early 2020. We can't wait to see everyone together again! More details and RSVP information to come. Keep an eye on your emails.

28 EREV (EVE OF) SIMCHAT TORAH

As the holiday season comes to a close, join the Synagogue for one last outdoor soiree on the evening of September 28. Beginning at 5:45 p.m., we will celebrate the conclusion of the annual Torah cycle with dinner, circle dancing, music, confetti, and carnival treats for all ages. Please reserve your place for dinner at www.tulsagogue.com or by calling the Synagogue Office.

29 SIMCHAT TORAH

It's the final moment of the fall holiday season. We will gather in the Synagogue Sukkah at 9:30 a.m. and close out our roster of festive meals with a capstone luncheon, sponsored by the Zarrow Families. Please make your reservation for this meal at the Synagogue website, www.tulsagogue.com. Having your name on the reservation roster will enable us to quickly regroup in case of rain or other disruption.

NOTABLE MILESTONES

VELLIE PAULA BLOCH

Just like Sherman Ray, Vellie Bloch recently reached a notable milestone. In Vellie's case, it was her ninety-ninth birthday. Mazal tov, Vellie, on this signal achievement!



VOLUNTEERISM

BAKER'S DOZEN RETURNS

For several months, we have been using this space to thank those who have baked cookies and bars for frontline workers in the COVID-19 pandemic. We thought by this time that this project would have run its course, but we have renewed our commitment with special zest. Our hospitals are currently bulging with patients and things are not yet back to normal by a long shot.

Those who bake are earnestly invited to join this project and deliver their treats to the Synagogue front door on Monday of each week between noon and 5:00 p.m. We'll take it from there, delivering to emergency rooms, nurses stations, public service agencies—wherever people are laboring to provide comfort, care, and pandemic-period services.

Special note to challah bakers: we'd like to ramp up our efforts to get Shabbat challot to members of the congregation who are ill, bereaved, or in a state of discomfort. It is remarkable what two simple loaves can accomplish to lift the spirits of those who are down. If you've got challah-baking time to contribute, please make contact with Morah Sara Levitt at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com.

QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

WRITE RABBI DAN KAIMAN

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OR STEVE ABERSON

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SISTERHOOD'S EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 26

SISTERS IN THE SUKKAH

NEW MEMBERS

OUR GROWING COMMUNITY

We're delighted to note the affiliation of these new households with the Synagogue. As our congregational family continues to grow, we hope that you will look for these new faces and make one and all feel welcome and at home!

Laura Bellis and Stewart Habig

Jillian Roberts

Glen Singer

David and Jennifer Nasar

Amanda and Evan Anderson

Mariel and Isaac Ferreira

AJ and Carly Finer

Ethan and Kate Basch

Ben and Kara Traster

Ari and Hannah Kaplan

Delani Rawson

Drew and Leslie Markman

Niv and Colin Callaway

Cassidy Petrazzi and Jared Ashburn

If you meet anyone who is looking for a congregational home, please make contact with Rabbi Kaiman at rdk@bnaiemunah.com, or Membership Chair Steve Aberson at saberson@gmail.com. We would be glad to make personal contact in short order.

PRACTICAL MATTERS

HOSPITALS

The big issue in the local hospital community is the influx of COVID patients and the difficulty of finding space and personnel. Because of the transmissibility concern, visits also have been severely controlled.

The other matter of concern is privacy. While highly desirable in and of itself, it means that we are no longer getting regular updates on hospital admissions. That is especially true at St. Francis and Hillcrest. We are working to resolve this question, but please assume that if you are admitted to the hospital, there is a strong likelihood that we will not automatically know about this at the Synagogue. If you would like to be listed on our Hospital Roster, please call (918) 583-7121.

FROM MORAH SARA LEVITT

JONAH

As a kid, I was always fascinated by the story of **Jonah and the Whale**. When I think of this story, I can't help but relive the cartoon version that we watched in my second grade Judaica class in elementary school. I always struggled to place it into my understanding of the timeline of Jewish history, to understand why we only learned about this story on Yom Kippur, and just a person gets swallowed by a whale and survives?

And now, as a Jewish educator, I hear the same questions from our students every year. Why doesn't Jonah get digested, some might ask. How did the whale know to spit him out? Could he really survive for three days inside a whale? The story of Jonah fits squarely into one of those stories that seem to belong in a book of fables, before the chapter about burning bushes and split seas. For our children, I think a lot about the messaging of this story. If you don't do what you're told, the punishment might be to be swallowed by a giant sea creature. Certainly, the story of Jonah and the whale is more nuanced than this.

This High Holiday season, I am thinking a lot about **Jonah and the Whale**. This story reminds me that no matter how much we try, we can't run away from our responsibilities or the reality of the world around us. For Jonah, it was his charge from God to step into leadership. For me, it's the push to continue to work hard to offer meaningful Jewish experiences for our families and children. It would be easier for us to run away, stay status quo, assume a different identity, and board a boat for wherever it takes us. As Jews, we are constantly called upon to do more. I imagine Jonah spent his time in the belly of the whale, reflecting on what he had done. Like Jonah, I hope you'll join me in taking the time of the High Holidays to reflect on the things each of us can do in our lives to push ourselves and our community forward. A happy and healthy new year to all!

INTRO

It's Rabbi Kaiman's Introduction to Judaism Course. Please write him at rdk@bnaiemunah.com for details. A class for the whole community!

SPECIAL EVENTS

BLATT+BLUE: "MADOFF" ON SEPTEMBER 9

The Synagogue's ongoing program on Jewish cinema and television will focus in September on **A Kaddish for Bernie Madoff**, a new feature by Alicia Jo Rabins that is now in exclusive festival release. Tulsa will be among the first communities to see the film, which has been enthusiastically reviewed by many critics, including most recently Daniel Pollack-Pelzner of **The Atlantic**.

Billed as a "mystical meta-musical," the film covers one of the most traumatic events in modern financial history. Over the course of decades, Bernard Madoff, a self-styled leader of the Orthodox Jewish world, fleeced his investors of billions, bringing celebrities and Jewish institutions to their knees. The episode brought equal parts of shame and rage to the Jewish community, and the events Madoff set in motion have yet to run their course. Largely unrepentant, Madoff himself recently died in prison, preceded in death by his two sons.

Blatt + Blue spotlights film and television enthusiasts David Blatt and Alice Blue, who 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 film itself. After that, it's questions and comments from the Zoom Room audience.

The film has not yet been seen by general audiences, but the Synagogue has arranged a special showing, available on demand. Please see the Synagogue website (tulsagogue.com) for details on this opportunity. There will be no cost for this viewing.

Join the Zoom discussion on Thursday evening, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom meeting ID is **918 583 7121** and the session will conclude at 8:00 p.m. If there is a film you'd like to see in these sessions in the future, please reach out to Rabbi Fitzerman at marboofitz@bnaiemunah.com.



Still shot from **A Kaddish for Bernie Madoff**

FROM RABBI KAIMAN

■ WHERE'S THE BEEF?

Occasionally, people will ask me where to get kosher food in Tulsa. I've taken to describing three different approaches when it comes to stocking and selling kosher foods. In some cases, like Reasor's, there is often no specifically "kosher" section except for seasonal offerings, like Passover goods. Perhaps a few shelves are dedicated to specific items in advance of Rosh Ha-Shanah. Other stores, like Walmart Neighborhood Market, seem to take distinct pride in a permanent kosher food section. Often situated next to other ethnic food sections, these stores carry a surprisingly wide variety of shelf-stable goods that represent holidays, foods of cultural significance, and imported specialty foods from Israel. Finally, there's the approach of Trader Joe's, which seems to carry lots of fresh and shelf-stable kosher goods, but they stock them as an option alongside other offerings. Thus, kosher food is an option presented alongside alternatives one might consider purchasing.

I think these three approaches to selling food provide us with a helpful framework for thinking about the work of a Synagogue in the landscape of American Judaism, especially in a place like Tulsa. For some, their Judaism follows Reasor's approach. It's seasonal and tied to holiday or family celebrations. At those times of year or life, it's critical. But at other times, their Judaism is more integrated and less defined by habit or deed. For others, their Judaism is like Walmart's approach. It's always present in the form of a dedicated section of their lives. That section is quite robust and diverse but importantly segmented from other parts of life. Finally, others might relate to Judaism like Trader Joe's. Their Judaism is present all the time, but it is a choice made in distinction or relation to the other options on the shelf.

In my mind, all three of these approaches make perfect sense as expressions of Jewish identity and ways of connecting to Jewish community. I'm sure there are other ways people would express or define different approaches. But I think it's helpful to see this example in the marketplace and consider what it means for our own Jewish lives. It means we are constantly relating to others who have different ideas about community and culture. It means we are always diverse and varied. And that is precisely the reason for vibrant and connected expressions of Jewish identity. We are not all the same, yet, I believe it is through places like the Synagogue that we can hold together many different ideas about the world and create a stronger community for today and well into the future.



HEALTH NOTES

■ GETTING READY

As the fall begins, we are getting our routines in place for the coming academic year. Please remember that if you are over twelve, you need to be vaccinated in order to enter the Synagogue building for any purpose. At the same time, you **do not** need to present paperwork or a vaccine card. If you say that you have been vaccinated, we want to communicate trust and mutual respect. That is the very best way for us to behave as an institution.

On the question of masks, we earnestly require that you make masking a part of your B'nai Emunah practice. We acknowledge that a vaccinated person is unlikely to experience breakthrough infection with serious consequences. But we are still concerned about children under 12 (we have hundreds of them in the building), those who cannot be vaccinated because it would put their lives in jeopardy, and immunocompromised persons whose vaccination may not be sufficient to protect them. Please be a very good citizen and wear a mask in the building.

Finally, we are reducing both the number of people that can be in one room at a given time and the time spent in that room. In practical terms, our standard is half-occupancy and shorter-than-normal gathering times. That is in keeping with the advice of Dr. Bruce Dart, who is now advising the Synagogue on best practices during the pandemic.

Regarding the High Holidays, please visit the Synagogue website soon to **make reservations** for services. We're looking to get a sense of how many people would ideally like to be present in the building so that we can plan sensibly for the experience. **E-mail confirmations** will come next, but right now we need a basic sense of how best to plan.

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Congregation B'nai Emunah

Book of Remembrance

Please use this form to advise us of those names which should be included in the 5782 edition of our Yizkor Book. Print carefully and please list husbands and wives on the same line. Those with names on record should simply call Cheryl Myers at (918) 583-7121 to confirm their inclusion for the upcoming holidays.

Please enclose a check for \$36 for the first eight lines of names on your list and a discretionary amount for any additions.

Your name line, as it should appear: _____

Your phone number: _____

Send to 1719 South Owasso, Tulsa, OK 74120 by Rosh Ha-Shanah Day I

Our thanks to The Zarrow Families
for supporting the publication of our Yizkor Book.

HIGH HOLIDAYS 2021 AT THE SYNAGOGUE

■ HYBRID HIGH HOLIDAYS

We're watching the Delta variant carefully, but we are still planning a hybrid celebration for the holidays. That means that some of us will be in the Sanctuary of the Synagogue while others tune in via our old friend, Zoom.

The watchwords for this year are care and responsibility. In keeping with the guidance of the CDC and Dr. Bruce Dart of the Tulsa Health Department, we will be limiting both the number of participants in the Sanctuary and abbreviating the time that we spend in each other's company. Many of you have already registered for a seat. We will try to accommodate as many people as possible, but please know that we are up against square feet, social distancing, air handling requirements, and the rest. If the numbers work, we'll get everyone in. If response is robust, we may have to do some rationing. Please be alert to personal e-mail and general e-blasts. We expect to do lots of communicating in the days ahead.

And remember, also, our baseline requirements. In order to enter the Synagogue building, you must be vaccinated and properly masked. That applies even to people who have already had their basic shots and a booster. In practical terms, you must be twelve or over for the Sanctuary. We have planned special outdoor gatherings for families with children under 12.

Zoomsters should have an easy time of it. Natalie Shaver, our new Program Director will be running a practice session on Sunday, August 29, at 1:00 p.m. All you have to do to get on is to find your way to the Synagogue website (www.tulsagogue.com), and click on the Zoom button.

For those who are Masters of Zoom already, the easiest way to join almost anything at the Synagogue is to activate your Zoom platform and use the Synagogue ID: **918 583 7121**. That applies to everything we'll be doing over the High Holiday season.

For those who'd like the simplest High Holiday experience, just go to the Synagogue website (www.tulsagogue.com) and click on the clearly labeled Zoom start button. About four seconds later, you'll be in the B'nai Emunah Zoom Room with the rest of us.

Confused by the whole darn Zoom thing? We are in the process of reactivating **Zoom Buddy Buddy**. Anyone who asks can get a skilled partner who will hold your digital hand and provide any help you need. All you need to do is make contact with Natalie at nshaver@bnaiemunah.com. As they say in Oklahoma, "We'll get you fixed up in no time!"

Remember that we take the security issue very seriously. Even though we're public about our Zoom ID number in order to lower the barriers to participation, our room is **always, always, always** monitored and we can shut things down quickly

if we encounter an episode of the nasties. We hope for the best and prepare for the worst, but we can promise that you will not experience a crazy pants rant from an unsavory character for more than a second or two. If anything happens, remember that something worse has already happened in the course of our long history as a people.

Finally, there are sometimes technical difficulties, but that applies to our three-dimensional spaces, too. Push comes to shove, we'll re-schedule and start over again. At this point in the pandemic, who isn't feeling philosophical? We just want to make sure that we get as close as possible to a good High Holidays experience. See you in the Synagogue Zoom Room!

■ THE HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYERBOOK

Once you get into the Sanctuary or the Synagogue Zoom Room, we hope you like what you see. Building on our experience from last year, we'll be using a version of the text we used in 2020 as our prayerbook. It's an abbreviated **machzor** with color-coded sections that should be easier to use than the two books we have tried to work with in the past. With a little bit of luck, there will be a printed version, but we are certain that a digital edition will be available.

Each page, itself, is divided into three parts. At the top of most panels, you'll see the traditional Hebrew text, printed in Hebrew letters. Below that, in the middle of the panel, there will be a transliteration (Hebrew in English letters). At the bottom of the panel you'll see a translation of the Hebrew into English. For the most part, we've decided to use literal translations this year. Occasionally, you'll see a poetic restatement or, particularly during **Musaf** (the Additional Service), new liturgy in English. Those who have been at B'nai Emunah for services before will recognize these texts from previous years. Please note that each service will be a mix of live and recorded elements so that we can offer the best experience within the limits of our technology.

Those who would like a printed version of the Machzor should call Mindy or Nicki at the Synagogue Office (918) 583-7121. Operators are literally standing by.

■ TIMING

Once again this year, no unit of celebration for adults or children will run more than an hour and forty-five minutes. That's about the length of many feature films, and it marks the upper limit for most people when it comes to attention space and **zitzfleisch**.

The result is that services will run more quickly than before. In order to accomplish that, we've had to shorten sermons and subdivide our planned experience into many more modules than before. To take one example, **Yizkor** (our Memorial

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Service) will now take place as a free-standing service at 2:00 p.m. on the afternoon of Yom Kippur. Similarly, we have re-configured our **haftorahs** (excerpts from the Prophets) so that they will be "broadcast" at the end of each day. There is a draft calendar of this approach on page 13 of this edition, but please be alert to changes. We're working to get this right, but it's slow going.

■ HOSPITALITY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Prayer and penitence are part of the equation, but so are the pleasures of beautiful food, an abundant table, friends, and family. It will be hard to achieve all of this during the Second Year of the Pandemic, but the Synagogue will be trying its best.

On the **Eve of Rosh Ha-Shanah**, September 6, we will be gathering under the portico at the entrance of the building for a holiday dinner and abbreviated service following. Everything will take place outdoors. Please visit our website (tulsagogue.com) to reserve your meal. The whole happy shebang will begin at 5:45 p.m.

Kapparot, our annual celebration of new resolutions and release from sorrow, will take place on Sunday, September 12, at 11:45 a.m. directly in front of the Synagogue's front door. Participants will gather in masks and stand in a socially distanced array to release one hundred homing pigeons into the Oklahoma sky. There will be no charge for this event, and all are invited to enjoy complimentary box lunches at noon. Please bring a picnic blanket so that you and those closest to you can spread out on the grass in front of the building. Please call or register at our website (tulsagogue.com) and choose either egg salad or tuna on toasted wheat, or a Caesar salad. A box with your name on it will be waiting when you arrive.

Thanks to the generosity of the **Sharna and Irvin Frank Foundation**, a full **break-fast** prepared by Fountain's Catering will be available for either on-site enjoyment or pick-up at the front door of the Synagogue at 7:45 p.m. on September 16. Please do us the favor of calling or registering online at tulsagogue.com for you and the members of your household. Remember that no reservations are necessary for the preceding Ne'ilah service which closes out Yom Kippur. Both the service and the break-fast will take place outside at the front door.

Sukkot Dinner on Friday, September 24, will take the form of a meal in the B'nai Emunah Sukkah. We'll need to plan this event very carefully, so please call or check the Synagogue website (tulsagogue.com) for the reservations module.

The fall holiday season will close on September 28 with **Simchat Torah Supper and Dancing** and, on the following day, **The Zarrow Families Luncheon**. The morning service will end that day at approximately 11:45 a.m. in the Sukkah and lunch will be served in the same place. On the menu will be

our traditional meal of salmon en croute, seasoned rice salad, and apple turnovers. All you need to do is reserve your meal in advance by calling (918) 583-7121 or going to our website at tulsagogue.com.

By this time next year, we hope to return to all the elements of a B'nai Emunah holiday celebration, including a kiddush luncheon on the first day of Rosh Ha-Shanah, along with wine and sweets on the second day of the holiday. In this transition period, we'll do the best we can with outdoor events that protect the well-being of the congregation and limit the risk to our most vulnerable members.

GRATITUDE

■ OUR PROFESSIONAL FAMILY

As many of you know, our Administrator, Rick Gratch, is recovering from surgery, with a significant period of treatment and recovery ahead. Please keep him in your prayers and thoughts.

In the meantime, we are deeply grateful to Betty Lehman and Sally Donaldson, who are adeptly filling in. For the next several weeks, Betty will return to her responsibilities as Building and Events Administrator and Sally will work as the Synagogue's Financial Manager. We are grateful to both.

On a daily basis, many of you are likely to encounter Cheryl Myers, our Accounts Receivable Manager and Nicki Johnson our Afternoon Receptionist. Both will be happy to help you. We're grateful that Mindy Prescott has stepped in temporarily as our Morning Receptionist.

Finally, a warm welcome to Natalie Shaver, who has just completed her first months as our new Program Director. Welcome!

Great Holiday Meals at the Synagogue!

Please check out our list and choose
the experience that appeals to you.
Sign up, and we'll handle the rest!

The High Holiday Calendar

Selichot | Saturday, August 28, 2021

Recognition Dinner and Shofar Blowing
Outdoors at 6:00 p.m. at the Synagogue Portico

First Night of Rosh Ha-Shanah | Monday, September 6, 2021

Opening Celebration at 5:45 p.m. under the Front Portico

First Day of Rosh Ha-Shanah | Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Morning Service at 10:00 a.m. Zoom + In-Person | Sermon at 11:00 a.m.
Haftarah for the First Day at 5:45 p.m. on Zoom
Evening Service at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

Second Day of Rosh Ha-Shanah | Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Morning Service at 10:00 a.m. Zoom + In-Person | Sermon at 11:00 a.m.
New Baby Blessings at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom
Haftarah for the Second Day at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom
Evening Service at 7:45 p.m. on Zoom

Reverse Tashlich | Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Ceremony of Cleansing at 4:00 p.m. Location to be Announced

Kapparot | Release of the Homing Pigeons | Sunday, September 12, 2021

Outdoors at 11:45 p.m. at the Synagogue Portico
Pre-Yom Kippur Street Picnic at noon on Seventeenth Street

Eve of Yom Kippur | Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Kol Nidray from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Zoom + In-Person | Sermon at 8:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur Day | Thursday, September 16, 2021

Morning Service at 10:00 a.m. Zoom + In-Person | Sermon at 11:00 a.m.
Haftarah for Yom Kippur Day at 1:45 p.m. on Zoom
Yizkor + Afternoon Service at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom
Ne'ilah (Concluding Service) at 6:30 p.m. Zoom + In-Person
Final Shofar Blowing and Break-Fast at 7:45 p.m.

Please watch for changes to this schedule right up to the assigned time.

Updates to this calendar will be made in our e-blasts and on the
Synagogue website (www.tulsagogue.com).

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SEPTEMBER | ELUL-TISRAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 7:00 PM Midrasha	2	3 5:30 PM Yahrzeit Service 7:28 PM Candles 7:48 PM Sunset	4 9:30 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 8:05 PM Havdalah Torah: Nitzavim
5	6 5:45 PM Rosh Ha-Shanah Dinner 6:30 AM Rosh Ha-Shanah Evening Service Erev Rosh Ha-Shanah	7 9:00 AM Family Service 10:00 AM Rosh Ha-Shanah Morning Service 6:00 PM Mincha/Ma'ariv Rosh Ha-Shanah I	8 9:00 AM Young Family Service 10:00 AM Rosh Ha-Shanah Morning Service 3:00 PM Baby Blessings 4:00 PM Reverse Tashlich 7:45 PM Mincha/Ma'ariv Rosh Ha-Shanah II	9 7:00 PM Blatt and Blue	10 5:30 PM Yahrzeit Service 7:18 PM Candles 7:38 PM Sunset	11 9:30 AM B'yachad Shabbat Service 7:55 PM Havdalah Torah: Vayeilech
12 9:00 AM ShulSchool 11:45 AM Kapparot	13 Noon to 5:30 PM Baker's Dozen Drop-Off	14 7:00 PM Board of Directors	15 7:30 PM Kol Nidray Evening Service Erev Yom Kippur	16 9:00 AM Family Service 10:00 AM Yom Kippur Morning Service 2:00 PM Yizkor and Mincha 6:30 PM Ne'ilah Service 7:45 PM Break-Fast Yom Kippur	17 5:30 PM Yahrzeit Service 7:07 PM Candles 7:27 PM Sunset	18 9:30 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 7:45 PM Havdalah Torah: Ha'azinu
19 9:00 AM ShulSchool	20 Noon to 5:30 PM Baker's Dozen Drop-Off	21 9:30 AM B'yachad Yom Tov Service Sukkot I	22 9:30 AM Panim el Panim Yom Tov Service 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 7:00 PM Midrasha Sukkot II	23 Sukkot III	24 5:30 PM Yahrzeit Service 6:00 PM Sukkot for Everyone 6:57 PM Candles 7:17 PM Sunset Sukkot IV	25 9:30 AM B'yachad Shabbat Service 6:30 PM Millennials in the Sukkah 7:35 PM Havdalah Sukkot V
26 9:00 AM ShulSchool 10:00 AM ToGather 5:30 PM Sisters in the Sukkah Sukkot VI	27 Erev Sukkot Sukkot VII	28 9:30 AM B'yachad Yom Tov Service 5:45 PM Simchat Torah Dinner and Dancing Sh'mini Atzeret	29 9:30 AM B'yachad Yom Tov Service 10:00 AM Zarrow Families Luncheon 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 7:00 PM Midrasha Simchat Torah	30		

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Wednesday, September 1 - 24 Elul

Celia Kirsh Adler
Myra Gock
Louis Kerbel
Charles Israel Lebow
Leah Singer
Janice Taubman
Gertrude (Gete) Weisman

Thursday, September 2 - 25 Elul

Herbert Berger
Pauline Dubin
Harold Ingle Josey
Elsie Sternfield
Maurice Arthur Weinstein

Friday, September 3 - 26 Elul

Rose Brown
Michael Carson
Israel Prescott

Saturday, September 4 - 27 Elul

Herman Appleman
Jacqueline Devries Huddle
Ferd Falk

Sunday, September 5 - 28 Elul

Sidney L. Frieden
Helen Morrison

Monday, September 6 - 29 Elul

Florence S. Andelman
Ben Budowsky
Pessa Dittman
Allen Galerston
Leo Kopp
Julian Rothbaum
Louis Smith
Milton Wolff

Tuesday, September 7 - 1 Tishray

Esther Greenberg
Paul Hayes
Frieda Lasky
Max Meyer
Lena Mizel

Wednesday, September 8 - 2 Tishray

Louis Mandel

Thursday, September 9 - 3 Tishray

Felix Aaronson
Sam Marks
Sadye Rubinstein
Anna Shapiro

Friday, September 10 - 4 Tishray

Bertha Berelowitz
Harry Guterman

Saturday, September 11 - 5 Tishray

Freda Krawitz
Esther Pastor
Harry H. Rozen
Etta Waldinger Borg

Sunday, September 12 - 6 Tishray

Miriam Cohn Phillips
Joseph Grossbard
Vicki Walzer

Monday, September 13 - 7 Tishray

Alvin Glass
Brenda Magoon
Louis Mizel
Hilde Theresa Roubal
Isaac Aaron Schuman

Tuesday, September 14 - 8 Tishray

Sylvia Alexander
Bertha Ettleman
Phillip Fischbein
Alexander Meyer
Betty Newman

Wednesday, September 15 - 9 Tishray

Leah Katz
Morgan Skyler
Shiphrah Stockfish West

Thursday, September 16 - 10 Tishray

Jacob Chekofsky
Raphael Donde
Alvin Dundee
Ann B. Freed

Friday, September 17 - 11 Tishray

Elana Wexberg Haas Horska
Fanny Kaiser
Bertha Winer

Saturday, September 18 - 12 Tishray

Yvonne Davis Beard
Eleanor Cohen
Simon Kaiser
Walter Loftis

Sunday, September 19 - 13 Tishray

Lottie Gussman
Ella Kahn
Sol Robinowitz
Joy K. Smith
Aaron Solomon

Monday, September 20 - 14 Tishray

Stuart Beerman
Lottie Eiziks
Leo Hurewitz
Betty LeVine
Joe Mickella
Joseph Sollosy

Tuesday, September 21 - 15 Tishray

Dr. S. Yale Andelman
Renee Levin

Wednesday, September 22 - 16 Tishray

Raymond L. Campbell, Jr.
Sam Deaktor
Bess Frieden
Ida Levy
Bessie Plost
Dr. Arnold Ungerman
Morris Zolt

Thursday, September 23 - 17 Tishray

Emanuel Z. Aaronson
Elliott G. Bloch
Sarah N. Drissman
Sam B. Eisman
Rebecca Foreman
Herman George Kaiser
David Miller
Flory Moses Reuben

Friday, September 24 - 18 Tishray

Bettye Dritch
Mabel Makinen
Esther Silver

Saturday, September 25 - 19 Tishray

Tillie Freidlin Futuronsky
Renee Neuwald
Joe Pertofsky

Sunday, September 26 - 20 Tishray

Lisa Glenn
Rose Goldstein
Rollins Koppel
Mally Marks
Sarah Sokolof
Fannie Weis

Monday, September 27 - 21 Tishray

Cecil Breeding
Pearl Brown
Fannie L. Budowsky
Tom Glasser
Rose Kosloff
Isadore Oberlander
Mary Stavinsky
Markus Wolman
Rose Zarrow

Tuesday, September 28 - 22 Tishray

David T. Cohen
Julia Finston Rosenberg
Irma Goldenstern
Dina Kaiser
Mary Ana Sokel

Wednesday, September 29 - 23 Tishray

Ray Carnay
Rita Newman
Max Springer

Thursday, September 30 - 24 Tishray

Nora Satin
William David Taubman



May their souls be bound up in the bond of life everlasting. Please note that each yahrtzeit begins at sunset on the day before the date listed.