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A Message from Rabbi Brodtkin

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Dear Friends,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a refreshing summer. As we prepare for the High Holiday season, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone. It is a special time of year at Shul!

The High Holidays shape our lives as Jews. We all carry memories that return to us at this time of year. What are the memories you cherish most as we approach the New Year?

We don't all answer that question in the same way. For some, it may be the prayers and melodies, or the dishes we share.

For others, it may be time with family, seeing familiar faces in shul, reflecting on the year that has passed and the year ahead, or remembering loved ones who remain very much a part of this season.

Perhaps that is fitting, because the season itself speaks to us in different ways.

The month of Elul is associated with the words *Ani l'dodi v'dodi li*—"I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine," whose Hebrew initials spell Elul. This is an image of closeness and love, inviting us to draw closer to Hashem.

But as Rosh Hashanah arrives, we encounter a different image. Our Tefilot (prayers) speak of G-d as *HaMelech*, the King. The image of a king can feel distant from our modern lives, and yet there is something stirring about it.

On Rosh Hashanah, we step outside our individual lives and recognize that there is something greater than ourselves. We stand together before one King, united in our hopes and prayers for the year ahead.

And the journey continues. On Yom Kippur, we seek forgiveness: from those around us, from G-d, and even from ourselves. On Sukkot, we exult in the joy of the *Chag* and the shelter of the *Sukkah*. And on Simchas Torah, we dance with the Torah as we begin its cycle of learning once again.

Perhaps that is part of the power of this season. We each enter it from a different place, but these weeks invite all of us to deepen our relationship with G-d, with the Jewish people, and with ourselves.

That is what we hope B'nai Israel can be for each of us—a place to take that next step. Wherever you find yourself on your Jewish journey, we want our shul to be a place where you can pray, learn, celebrate, connect, and grow. In the pages that follow, you will find many opportunities to do just that.

We look forward to sharing this special season with you and your family. May the coming year be a year of blessing, growth, good health, and peace for all of us.

Ketivah V'Chatimah Tovah; may we all be written and sealed for a good year.

Shana Tova!

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Announcements

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Need a gift for that special occasion? Please visit the Daughters of Israel Sisterhood Boutique for gifts by your favorite crafters and artists. **New merchandise on display now!**

Know of a member who needs a smile with a spoonful of comfort? Let us know! Soups & Smiles has been relaunched by Daughters of Israel.

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BIRTHDAYS

1st Merri Cohen	14th Aden Appledorf	27th Ezra Appledorf
2nd Noah Glyn	Lawrence Arenson	Max Freud
3rd Phyllis Katz	Nurit Litwok	28th Iris Miller
5th Daniella Fentin	19th Shira Goldstein	29th Ira Marshall
8th Katerina Salgzibber	25th Edward Berkal	Joseph Minchello
10th Devora Bluzer	Jay Fields	Nathan Reich
	Mitchell Kaufman	Maurice Zagha
	Sharon Schioppo	
	Martin Wisniewski	

ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Arnold & Marsha Garber	4th Lawrence & Elyce Arenson	17th Harry & Aline Shlinger
3rd Alex & Elsie Faerman	9th Joshua & Joyce Nabozny	20th Vic & Sharon Schioppo
Michael Lebowitz & Iris Miller	12th Eli & Jerri Korn	23rd Fred & Edith Mosesman

MAZEL TOVS

Noah Glyn & Jackie Roberman-Glyn on the birth of their son, **Jesse Zion**.

Anita Raboi and family on the birth of Anita's first great granddaughter, **Yaffa**.

WELCOME

New members: **Sam & Anne Goodman**, along with their children, **Jack** and **Eli**.

TODAH RABAH!

Our recent Kiddush sponsors: **Dr. Len Shindel; Harry & Aline Shlinger; Beth Krinsky; and Stephen & Nurit Litwok.**

Emily Appledorf for leading our August kids' service.

Ruth & David Soltanovici, Brooke Bouchoucha, Leigh Ahimor and Emily Appledorf for setting up for our family movie night.

Dorothy Jablonka, Nancy Berger, and Rochelle Epstein for organizing our August social group event. Thanks to **Bill Berger** and **Sheldon Gasior** for grilling!

Jane Goldstein for leading our August Book Chat and for the delicious nosh!

Stacey Katz for hosting the Sisterhood's Summer Soirée at her home.

Scott Tepper and **Becca Blaier** for organizing our recent Blood Drive.

Noah Glyn, Mark Appledorf, and Scott Tepper for organizing the Men's Club Steak & Eggs Yearly Breakfast.

Roman Portnov & Chaya Gourarie-Portnov for donating a new first aid kit for the Shul.

Leigh & Amir Ahimor, Becca Blaier, and Emily & Marc Appledorf for their help setting up for our summer picnic. Thanks to all that helped clean up as well.

All those that participated in August's weekday and Shabbos services including leining, leading services, Gabbai duties, prayer for the government and MiSheberach readers: **Yair Alouf; Jeff Burns; Keith Epstein; Ron Gorsky; Michael Katz; Mitchell Kaufman; Mitchell Lustgarten; Michael Lebowitz; Josh Nabozny; Steve Wertheim; and Marty Wisniewski.**



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TO: Marty Wisniewski

In honor of being named Men's Club Man of the Year

FROM: Minnie & Jeff Burns

CONDOLENCES

Lauren, Nathan, and the entire Reich family on the passing of Lauren's stepfather, **Barry Myers.**

High Holiday Schedule

Friday, September 11, Erev Rosh Hashanah

Mincha & Maariv, 6:45 pm

Candle Lighting, 6:54 pm

Saturday, September 12, First Day Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit, 8:20 am

Babysitting, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

“Learner’s Experience,” with Rabbi Uzi Beer,
10:15 am

Kids’ Service, 10:45 am

Mincha & Maariv, 6:40 pm

Candle Lighting, Second Day Rosh Hashanah,
7:51 pm

Sunday, September 13, Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit, 8:20 am

Babysitting, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

“Learner’s Experience,” with Rabbi Uzi Beer,
10:15 am

Women’s Learning with Aviel Brodtkin, ~12:15
pm

Mincha & Maariv, 6:45 pm

Havdala, 7:51 pm

Monday, September 14

Community Tashlich Service, 6:00 pm

Holiday Park, Manalapan

Saturday, September 19, Shabbat Shuva

Shacharit, 9:00 am

Havdala, 7:40 pm

Sunday, September 20, Erev Yom Kippur

Mincha, 3:45 pm

Candle Lighting, 6:39 pm

Babysitting, 7:00 pm - End of Services

Fast Begins, 6:57 pm

Kol Nidrei & Maariv, 7:00 pm

Monday, September 21, Yom Kippur

Shacharit, 8:00 am

Babysitting, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm,
& 5:30 pm – End of Services

Yizkor, 10:45 am

Kids’ Service, 11:00 am

Mincha, 4:55 pm

Ne’ila, 6:25 pm

Fast Ends & Havdala, 7:37 pm

Community Break-Fast, 7:37 pm

Friday, September 25, Erev Sukkot

Candle Lighting, 6:31 pm

Mincha & Maariv, 6:35 pm

Saturday, September 26, First Day Sukkot

Shacharit, 9:00 am

Mincha & Maariv, 6:20 pm

Candle Lighting, Second Day Sukkot, 7:27 pm

Sunday, September 27, Second Day Sukkot

Shacharit, 9:00 am

Mincha & Maariv, 6:30 pm

Havdala, 7:27 pm

Tuesday, September 29

Community Sukkot Chinese Dinner, 6:30 pm

Friday, October 2, Hoshana Rabbah

Shacharit, 7:00 am

Candle Lighting, 6:19 pm

Mincha & Maariv, 6:20 pm

Saturday, October 3, Shemini Atzeret

Shacharit, 9:00 am

Yizkor, 10:30 am

Mincha, 6:15 pm

Maariv & Hakafo, 6:30 pm

Candle Lighting for Simchas Torah, after 7:16 pm

Sunday, October 4, Simchas Torah

Shacharit & Hakafo, 9:00 am

Women's Study with Aviel Brodtkin, 11:15 am

Kiddush Lunh, 12:00pm

Mincha & Maariv, 6:20pm

Havdala, 7:15pm

A Message from Aviel Brodtkin

When I was young, I remember Rosh Hashanah as the day I could finally wear my new “Shabbos shoes”—my special holiday dress shoes. We had a tradition in our home that everyone got something new for the new year, and boy, was it hard to wait until Rosh Hashanah to wear it! But somehow, that anticipation made the holiday feel even more special—along with the sweet raisin challah from the local bakery, dripping with honey.

These are the kinds of traditions many of us have, though for each of us they look a little different. There is comfort in the traditions that connect a holiday with feelings of reminiscence and “home.” Rosh Hashanah has a powerful magnetic pull—it draws us back to our roots, our memories, and our sweet traditions.

Now, as we prepare to celebrate our fifth Rosh Hashanah here in Manalapan, it feels like this has truly become home for our family's holiday traditions. There is something powerful about praying alongside friends and community rather than among unfamiliar faces. It feels as though our prayers for blessing, healing, prosperity, and growth intertwine and rise together to be heard on High.

So, I invite you to join me, my family, and the B'nai family for a warm and familiar Rosh Hashanah experience.

One of the newer traditions I especially look forward to is our women's learning on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. This year's topic will be **“Dan L'Chaf Zechus” (Judging Others Favorably) The Sweeter Side of the Story: Making Sense of Others' Actions and Finding More Peace Within.**

I hope to see you there as we continue building this new annual tradition together - and wear whatever holiday shoes you like!

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Shari & Scott Tepper IHO the birth of Jesse Zion

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September 1	19 Elul	September 15	4 Tishrei
Sidney Enis	father of Jerome Enis	Tessie Bograd	grandmother of George Thaler
Evelyn Hammer	mother of Karen Moskowitz	September 17	6 Tishrei
Florence Shansky	mother of Beryl Kestenbaum	Nancy Minchello	mother of Joseph Minchello
September 2	20 Elul	September 19	8 Tishrei
Irene Rich	mother of Stanley Rich	Dora Rosinsky	grandmother of Michele Lejfer
Sally Isaacson	grandmother of Adam Isaacson	Samuel Isaacson	grandfather of Adam Isaacson
September 3	21 Elul	September 20	9 Tishrei
Sidney Marsh	father of Roberta Friedman	Sherry Slade	sister of Dee Slade
September 4	22 Elul	Sherry Slade	sister of Elaine Goldberg
Sara Gasior	mother of Sheldon Gasior	Max Kass	father of Steven Kass
Anne Fishbein	mother of Maxine Pilavin	September 21	10 Tishrei
September 5	23 Elul	Chana Aboutbul	sister of Moshe Benous
Martin Reicher	uncle of Keith Epstein	Sarah Ackerman	grandmother of Jerome Enis
Martin Moskowitz	father of Stuart Moskowitz	Joseph Lovi	father of Jane Goldstein
September 6	24 Elul	Ruth Kaplowitz	mother of William Kaplowitz
Sol Kramer	uncle of Barbara Forman	Irving Lillianthal	father of Jay Lillianthal
Sol Kramer	father of Eli Kramer	September 22	11 Tishrei
Sol Kramer	uncle of Edith Mosesman	Emma Wexler	mother of Floralie Tulgan
Arieh Goldstein	father of Yitzhak Goldstein	September 24	13 Tishrei
Stanley Tulgan	brother of Normal Tulgan	Irwin Frommer	father of Lauren Reich
September 8	26 Elul	Leah Froster	mother-in-law of Pauline Froster
Linda Berger	sister of Karen Moskowitz	September 25	14 Tishrei
September 10	28 Elul	Esther Lerner	mother of Esther Lerner
Francis Scharf	mother of Bonnie Kurlander	Steven Blier	friend of James Sacks
Annette Karashik	mother of Jan Lillianthal	September 26	15 Tishrei
Saul Shenberg	brother-in-law of Sandra Shenberg	Josephine Baum	mother of Barbara Zagha
Sam Fidelman	grandfather of Holly Weiss	Harry Kestenbaum	father of Irving Kestenbaum
September 12	1 Tishrei	September 27	16 Tishrei
Ruth Glickstein	mother of Nancy Berger	Barbara Silverman	sister of Abe Levine
Abraham Brooker	grandfather of Alan Brooker	September 28	17 Tishrei
Annette Solk	mother of H. Raymond Solk	Herbert Lowenstein	father of Teri Mucha
Sheryl Strear	wife of Mitchell Strear	September 29	18 Tishrei
September 13	2 Tishrei	Rose Greisman	grandmother of Larry Godel
Sol Mandell	father of Jerri Korn	September 30	19 Tishrei
Meyer Gold	father of Aline Shlinger	Richard Lewis	brother of Shari Tepper and
Miriam Renna	mother of Liz Renna	Fessler	Jennifer Fessler
September 14	3 Tishrei		
Ann Godel	mother of Larry Godel		
Renee Marcus	relative of Larry Godel		
Clara Kramer	mother of Eli Kramer		

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 19 Elul	2 20 Elul	3 21 Elul	4 7:06pm 22 Elul	5 8:04pm Nitzavim- Vayelech 23 Elul
6 Pre-RH Challah & Honey Dish Workshop for Families, 3pm 24 Elul	7 25 Elul	8 26 Elul	9 27 Elul	10 28 Elul	11 6:55pm Erev Rosh Hashanahh 29 Elul	12 7:52pm Rosh Hashanahh 1 Tishrei
13 7:50pm Rosh Hashanahh 2 Tishrei	14 Fast of Gedaliah Community Tashlich Service, Holiday Park, 6pm 3 Tishrei	15 4 Tishrei	16 5 Tishrei	17 Social Group: A Conversation with a Holocaust Survivor: Jeff Lejfer, 11am Sukkah Decorating & Kid's Craft, 5pm 6 Tishrei	18 6:43pm 7 Tishrei	19 7:40pm Ha'azinu 8 Tishrei
20 6:40pm Erev Yom Kippur 9 Tishrei	21 7:36pm Yom Kippur 10 Tishrei	22 11 Tishrei	23 Sisterhood Line Dancing (Tentative) – Call office to confirm 12 Tishrei	24 13 Tishrei	25 6:31pm Erev Sukkot 14 Tishrei	26 7:28pm Sukkot 15 Tishrei
27 7:26 pm Sukkot 16 Tishrei	28 Sukkot 17 Tishrei	29 Sukkot Community Chinese Dinner, 6:30pm 18 Tishrei	30 Sukkot 19 Tishrei			

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October 4	Women's Learning with Rebbetzin Aviel Brodtkin	TBD
October 8	Book Chat: <i>The Whistler</i> by Ann Patchett	7:15pm
October 10	Family Shabbat & Deluxe Kiddush	10:30am
October 11	Rosh Chodesh Ladies Dine Out & Learning	TBD
October 14	Men's Club Escape Room	TBD
October 15	CBI Social Group	11:00am
October 20	B'nai Kids: Jewish Story Hour, Cookies & Craft	4:15pm

Minyan Times – September

Saturday Mornings 9:00am

Sunday Mornings & legal holidays..... 8:30am

Monday through Friday mornings..... 7:00am

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Sunday through Thursday 8:30pm

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Weekdays 7:00am

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