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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 Bonnie Leff	11th Marla Gross	23rd Michele Sacks
2nd Jeffrey Burns	13th Lynne Fried	24th Douglas Brooks
4th Aliza Brodtkin	Judy Loewenstein	25th Leonard Schindel
5th Julie Ginsberg	14th Howard Mucha	26th William Kaplowitz
Ariel Elkrief	15th Arnold Garber	28th Sarah Bouchoucha
9th Marvin Appelbaum	19th Aviel Brodtkin	Jefferey Lejfer
Rochelle Epstein	Natan Fentin	31st Benjamin Fishbaum
	20th Teri Mucha	

ANNIVERSARIES

1st Roman & Chaya Portnov	19th Benjamin & Jennifer Fishbaum	24th Emanuel & Rhoda Chodosh
3rd Ivan & Shira Alkhwekhi	21st Bruce Beckerman & Maxine Traiman-Beckerman	29th Nathan & Lauren Reich
9th Alan & Bonni Kurlander	22nd Noah & Jacqueline Glyn	30th Mitchell & Lucy Kaufman
		31st Ira Marshall & Lynne WeissMarshall

MAZEL TOVS

Maya Tepper on her election to Student Council President of Reich Hebrew Academy!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Asaf Cohen & Gabrielle Soffer Cohen, along with their children, **Eli** (5) and **Ari** (2), who are both students at Shalom Torah Academy.

TODAH RABAH!

Our recent Kiddush sponsors: **Shari & Scott Tepper**.

Emily Appledorf & Aviel Brodtkin for leading our Kid's Service on Rosh Hashana & Yom Kippur.

Rochelle Epstein, Aviel Brodtkin, Jan Lillianthal, Shaun Lillianthal, David Soltanovici, Scott Tepper and **Shari Tepper** for delivering Rosh Hashana bags.

Etan Bluman and **Dov Brodtkin** for leading us in uplifting high holiday services. Thank you as well to **Marty Wisniewski** and **Rabbi Beer** for their terrific shofar blowing and **Rabbi Beer** and **Aviel Brodtkin** for their learning opportunities.

Mitchell Kaufman, Yair Alouf, Jefferey Lejfer, and **Stuart Moskovitz** for reading Torah and Haftorah during our High Holiday services.

Marty Wisniewski and **Jay Fields** for their High Holiday Gabbai duties.

Bill Berger and **Mitchell Lustgarten** for reading Torah and Haftorah, respectively, during Shabbos Shuva.

Nancy Berger, Dorothy Jablonka, Rochelle Epstein, and **Donna Fassman** for organizing our September social group event. Thank you to **Michele & Jeff Lejfer** for sponsoring the lunch and for sharing your family's story.

Donna Fassman & Rochelle Epstein for organizing our Sisterhood Line Dancing event.

Thank you to all who came and helped decorate the CBI Sukkah!

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

CONDOLENCES

German & Susanna Faerman, and family on the passing of German's mother, **Sarah**.



Trees for Israel

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TO: Maurice Zagha (ring of trees)
Mazel Tov on your complete remission
FROM: Barbara Zagha

TO: Iris Klepner
Mazel Tov on your retirement
FROM: Barbara & Maurice Zagha

TO: Andrea Lerner
In loving memory of Jay Lerner
FROM: Jan & Jay Lillianthal

TO: Lisa Salbo
In loving memory of Richard (Ricky) Salbo
FROM: Jan & Jay Lillianthal

TO: Etan Bluman
Thank you for leading our High Holiday services
FROM: Shari & Scott Tepper

TO: Jefferey Lejfer
Thanks for chanting Haftorah on Rosh Hashana
FROM: Shari & Scott Tepper

TO: Michael Katz
Thanks for your help during our High Holiday services
FROM: Shari & Scott Tepper

TO: Esther & Alex Azivov
In memory of your beloved sister, Yaffa Ohana
FROM: Yvette & Mitchell Plattman

TO: Marty Wisniewski
Thanks for serving as Gabbai and blowing shofar during our High Holiday services
FROM: Shari & Scott Tepper

TO: German & Susanna Faerman
In loving memory of German's mother, Sarah
FROM: Alan, Marlene, and Miriam Brooker

TO: Bonnie Eskowitz
In loving memory of Jerry Eskowitz
FROM: Jan & Jay Lillianthal

TO: Lisa Salbo
In loving memory of Richard (Ricky) Salbo
FROM: Joan Sterling

TO: Dov Brodtkin
Thank you for leading our High Holiday services
FROM: Shari & Scott Tepper

TO: Mitch Kaufman
Thank you for leyning during our High Holiday services
FROM: Shari & Scott Tepper

TO: Stuart Moskovitz
Thanks for chanting Haftorah on Yom Kippur
FROM: Shari & Scott Tepper

TO: Yair Alouf
Thanks for chanting Haftorah on Rosh Hashana
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TO: Jay Fields
Thanks for serving as Gabbai during the High Holidays
FROM: Shari & Scott Tepper

A Message from Aviel Brodtkin

Let's kickoff with some Hebrew language trivia: **Do you know the Hebrew word for "Fall?"** If you know the answer, that is very impressive! I didn't know the Hebrew word for fall, **STAV**, until I was much older. Summer – Kayitz, Spring – Aviv, Winter – Choref—all those seasons seem to have more fanfare than fall. Maybe it's due to the smaller number of deciduous trees in Israel.

Stav does sound Hebrew, a little like "Stam," a popular one-word answer in Israel meaning, "Just Because." But I wanted to dig into where "Fall" connects to our heritage.

Etymology expert Elon Gilad notes that **STAV** appears just once in Tanach. King Solomon uses it in Song of Songs (2:11): "Behold, 'Stav' has passed, the rain turns and moves on. The blossoms have appeared in the land, the time of singing has arrived." Now, this is definitely how I felt when living in Oregon!

Historically, fall was not a pronounced transition season in Israel, which may explain the word's limited use. "Stav" officially came to be used for "fall" in modern Hebrew in the 1800s. So with this newfound knowledge, how can we think about this time of year from a Jewish perspective, especially as we exit the High Holidays?

Songwriter and singer Dalia Oziel, in her song "Seasons of Change," connects fall with transition, an important part of life:

*"Fall shows us beauty in letting go
Seasons keep changing and so do me and you
We all have the winters, We have to go through
A change of season or a season of change
No winter lasts, No spring skips its turn,
Autumn comes, to soothe the summer's burn
The force of nature proves that things will change
You'll never live a life full of pain*

*Take the leap
Have the courage to fall
Unleash your colors it is you after all"*

This fall, think about the different transitions ahead of you. One of them can be trying out new Hebrew learning opportunities, like in this article! Join me for a **Hebrew Reading Crash Course Level II starting Oct. 28th**, where we will tour the Shabbos Siddur and gain more insights for living. (Email abrodtkin@bnaaisraelnj.org for more info or to register).



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Shabbos Shuva

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granddaughter, Yaffa

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Shari & Scott Tepper IHO Jeff Lejfer for sharing
his family's story
Shari & Scott Tepper IMO Barry Myers
Shari & Scott Tepper IHO Rabbi Ken & Aviel
Brodkin on all their High Holiday efforts
Shari & Scott Tepper IHO Rabbi Beer for leading
our High Holiday Learner's Service
Shari & Scott Tepper IHO Rebecca Blaier for all
her help and coordination for the High Holidays
Shari & Scott Tepper IHO Emily Appledorf for
leading an amazing Yom Kippur kid's program
Shari & Scott Tepper IHO Maya Tepper being
elected as RHA Student Council President
Shari & Scott Tepper IHO Jan Lillianthal for help
delivering Rosh Hashanah bags
Shari & Scott Tepper IHO Shaun Lillianthal for
help delivering Rosh Hashanah bags
Shari & Scott Tepper IHO Aviel Brodkin for help
delivering Rosh Hashanah bags
Shari & Scott Tepper IHO Rochelle Epstein for
help delivering Rosh Hashanah bags
Shari & Scott Tepper IHO David Soltanovici for
help delivering Rosh Hashanah bags
Shari & Scott Tepper IHO Nancy Berger for
efforts to bring dynamic speakers to Social Group
Michele & Jeff Lejfer IHO Jeff Lejfer chanting
Haftorah on Rosh Hashanah
Roberta & George Thaler IMO their parents &
grandparents
Roberta & George Thaler IMO their dear cousin
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Liz Renna IHO Shari & Scott Tepper
Michele & Jeff Lefer IHO Jeff's Aliyah on Sukkos

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October 1 Esther Bluzer	20 Tishrei mother of Hal Bluzer	October 15 Manny Binder	4 Cheshvan father of David Binder
October 2 Edith Leiser	21 Tishrei mother of Ronald Leiser	Henry Schwartz	brother-in-law of Irma Schwartz
October 3 Chava Schwartz	22 Tishrei aunt of Nancy Goldstein	Tessie Josephson	mother of Janet Klein
Joseph Schwartz	grandfather of Nancy Goldstein	October 16 Helen Berns	5 Cheshvan mother of Larry Finkelstein
Netti Schwartz	grandmother of Nancy Goldstein	Sarah Kivel	grandmother of Roberta Thaler
Nunio Schwartz	uncle of Nancy Goldstein	Louis Rosin	father of Robert Rosin
Zosha Schwartz	aunt of Nancy Goldstein	October 17 Sarah Levy	6 Cheshvan mother-in-law of Steven Ellis
Miriam Kohn	great grandmother of Nancy Goldstein	Samuel Rosen	uncle of Sandra Shenberg
Elimelech Faden	great grandfather of Nancy Goldstein	October 21 Philip Schultz	10 Cheshvan father of Marsha Garber
Marcus Morris	father of Michael Morris	October 22 Myron Cohen	11 Cheshvan father of Russell Cohen
Sophie Morris	mother of Michael Morris	October 23 Louis Hornstein	12 Cheshvan father-in-law of Alvin Green
October 4 Solomon Isenberg	23 Tishrei father of Rhoda Chodosh	Henry Liebman	uncle of Michele Sacks
Aaron Finkelstein	father of Larry Finkelstein	October 25 Raymond Arenson	14 Cheshvan father of Lawrence Arenson
Paul Hays	father of Shelley Finkelstein	Gussie Flax	grandmother of Roberta Levine
Leo Forman	father of Bruce Forman	Abe Stern	father of Steven Stern
October 5 Elihu Baum	24 Tishrei father of Barbara Zagher	October 26 Rachel Solk	15 Cheshvan grandmother of H. Raymond Solk
Irene Brooks	mother of Douglas Brooks	October 28 Ida Slade	17 Cheshvan mother of Elaine Goldberg
October 8 David Kunis	27 Tishrei father-in-law of Allan Dolman	Ida Slade	mother of Dee Slade
October 9 Jacob Alpert	28 Tishrei uncle of Alan Brooker	Solomon Fassman	father of Donna Fassman
October 10 Sarah Isenberg	29 Tishrei mother of Rhoda Chodosh	October 29 Eugene Kuten	18 Cheshvan relative of Aileen Minchello
October 11 Hyman Schier	30 Tishrei father of Jack Schier	October 30 Rebecca Levinson	19 Cheshvan grandmother of Sharon Harrison
October 12 Nathan Spieler	1 Cheshvan uncle of Irene Russin	Eugene Thaler	father of George Thaler
October 13 Max Dolman	2 Cheshvan father of Allan Dolman	October 31 Harold Garber	20 Cheshvan father of Arnold Garber
October 14 Moshe Warech	3 Cheshvan great grandfather of Nancy Goldstein		
Rifka Warech	great grandmother of Nancy Goldstein		
Estelle Mucha	mother of Howard Mucha		
Rubin Spring	father of Jayne Rosen		

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sukkot 20 Tishrei	2 6:20pm Hoshana Rabbah 21 Tishrei	3 7:16pm Shemini Atzeret 7pm Kids Program & Hakafot 22 Tishrei
4 7:15pm Simchat Torah Women's Learning w/ Aviel 11:15 am 23 Tishrei	5 24 Tishrei	6 25 Tishrei	7 26 Tishrei	8 Sisterhood Book Chat: <i>The Whistler</i> by Ann Patchett 7:15 pm 27 Tishrei	9 6:09pm 28 Tishrei	10 7:05pm Bereishit Family Shabbat 29 Tishrei
11 Rosh Chodesh 30 Tishrei	12 Rosh Chodesh 1 Cheshvan	13 2 Cheshvan	14 Men's Club Escape Room 7 pm 3 Cheshvan	15 CBI Social Group: Kent State Revisited w/ Mitch Lustgarten 11 am 4 Cheshvan	16 5:58pm 5 Cheshvan	17 6:55pm Noach 6 Cheshvan
18 7 Cheshvan	19 8 Cheshvan	20 B'nai Kids: Jewish Stories, Cookies, and Crafts w/Aviel 4:15 pm 9 Cheshvan	21 10 Cheshvan	22 11 Cheshvan	23 5:48pm 12 Cheshvan	24 6:46pm Lech-Lecha 13 Cheshvan
25 14 Cheshvan	26 15 Cheshvan	27 16 Cheshvan	28 17 Cheshvan	29 18 Cheshvan	30 5:39pm 19 Cheshvan	31 6:37pm Vayeira 20 Cheshvan

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Looking Forward.....

November 5	B'nai Israel Annual Challah Bake	6pm
November 14	Family Shabbat & Guest Speaker: Ronnie Halibard	10:30am
November 19	CBI Social Group	11am
November 22	Men's Club Paintball Competition	1pm
December 1	B'nai Kids: Jewish Story, Cookies, and Crafts	4:15pm

Minyan Times – October

Saturday Mornings 9:00am

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

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

Please support our services, both in-person and
via ZOOM.

ZOOM Minyans

Evenings:

Sunday through Thursday 8:30pm

Mornings:

Sunday & legal holidays: 8:30am

Weekdays 7:00am

Note: On Sunday through Friday mornings,
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and holidays, no Zoom.

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