

The oldest congregation in Monmouth County with the youngest attitude!

Temple Beth Miriam Shmoozeletter

NOVEMBER 2019/MARHESHVAN-KISLEV 5780



Highlights

All Kabbalat Shabbat service times
are 7:30

Talmud Study - Every Sunday at 8
AM on the days there is Religious
School

Theology Study - Every Wednes-
day at 10 AM

Nov 2 - Maya Brosniak Bat Mitzvah

Nov 8 - Veterans' Day Shabbat with
the Jewish War Vets 7:30 PM

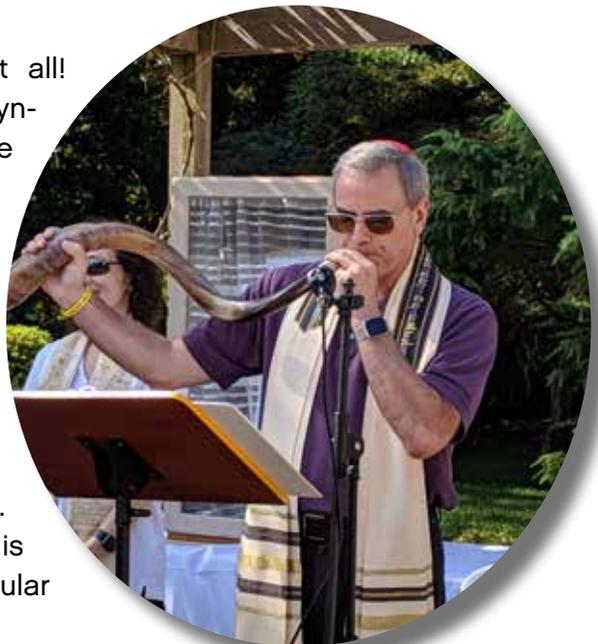
Nov 23 - Bat Mitzvah of Eve Segal

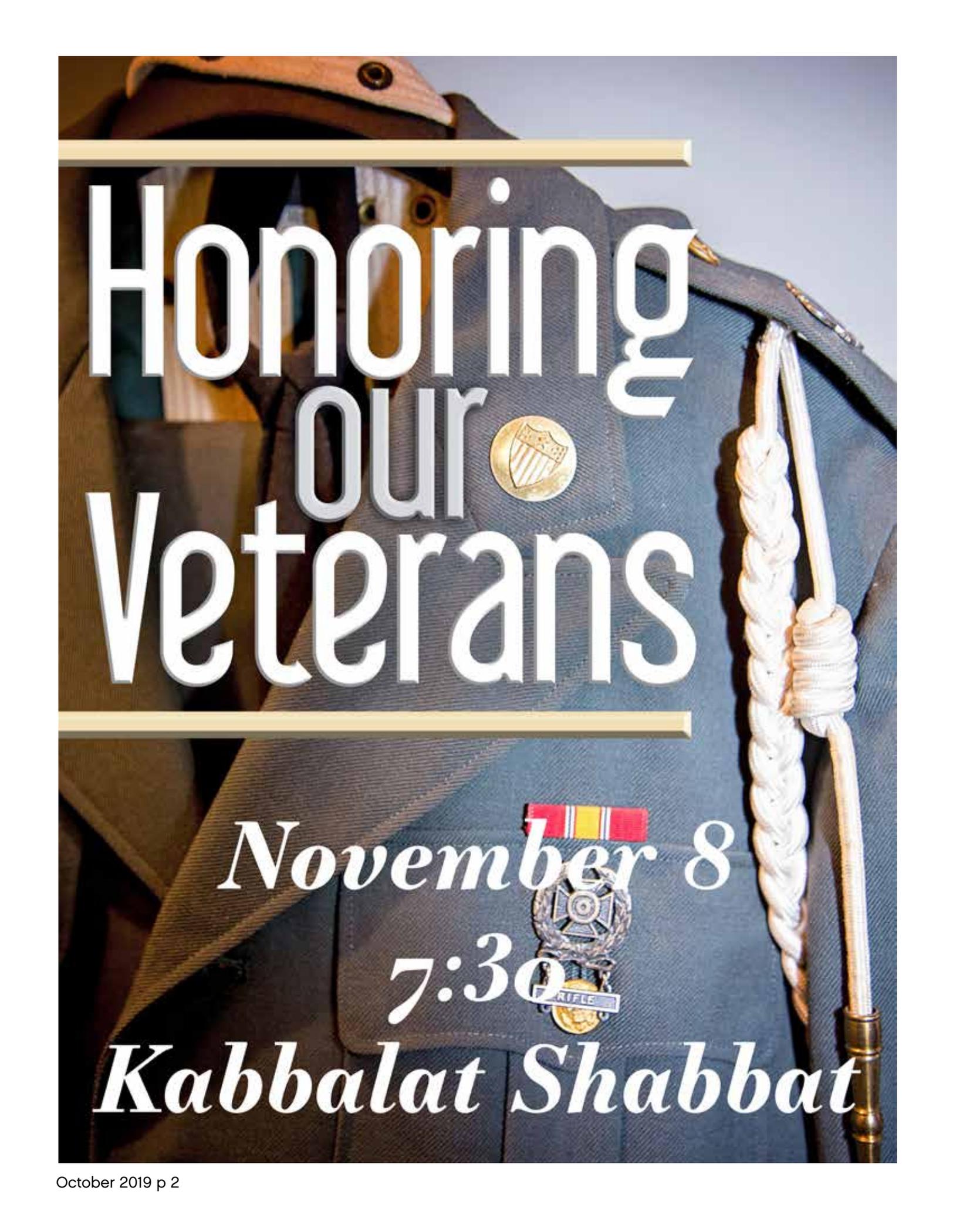


With the Days of Awe behind us, we can now focus on the rest of the year. As you will read in the Shmoozeletter, our Social Justice/Social Action committee is full of activities, new relationships and new ideas which we are putting into action. You are invited to get involved. Just let Rabbi Stanway or Phil Falcone know of your interest and what you would like to serve on. There is always a place for you.

The Religious School is also on the move! Principal Stella Stanway has been very hard at work working on a new, technology-based curriculum that will both engage, teach and even entertain your children.

But wait! That's not all! The foundation of a synagogue is to create meaningful relationships. The Men's Club, Sisterhood, Religious Practices Committee are all creating and preparing events and programs designed for adults and families. In other words, 5780 is going to be a spectacular year!





Honoring our Veterans

November 8

7:30

Kabbalat Shabbat



From the Rabbi

Rabbi Cy Stanway

We are now in the strangest month of the Jewish year: the month of Heshvan. It is strange because it is the only month in the year in which there is not one holiday, save Shabbat. After the highs of the Days of Awe, the

joy of Sukkot, the stirring sounds of the shofar and the moments of meditation, reflection and even a tear or two during Yiskor, Heshvan comes and with hardly a peep we move simply from Shabbat to Shabbat with nothing to highlight or punctuate the month.

If I were to interpret this anomaly of a month, I think I would suggest that this is a time to refocus and to take our commitments into our hands and make things happen. That is to say, instead of celebrating an event in one of the others month's, this month is open as if to say, 'I am looking ahead, not behind.'

There is much to look ahead to in the coming year. In our own lives, there are breaches in our family that may need to be mended and, in place of strife, compromise and peace founded upon the essential skill of listening. In our professional lives, perhaps taking a risk that we were reluctant to up to now. And in our spiritual lives, perhaps there is something inside you compelling you to learn, to study, to experiment and to spread out your Jewish wings and fly a bit higher than you ever have or even thought possible.

In Jewish tradition, this month is often called 'MarHeshvan.' There is some delightful dispute about why the 'Mar' is put in the front of the month's name.

Some authorities say that the 'Mar' means 'bitter.' You know this word - it comes from the same root as 'maror' - the bitter herb from the Passover story. Heshvan is 'bitter Heshvan' because it has no holidays in it at all, other than Shabbat.

Other authorities say that 'Mar' means a drop of rain. According to a midrash (a story that interprets the Torah), more rain falls in "watery Heshvan" since it marks the beginning of the great flood during the time of Noah.

And yet other authorities say that 'Mar' means 'Mister' or 'Sir.' Yes, Mr. Heshvan! This is an honorific to the month and gives the month a status that puts it on an equal footing with the other months.

I don't know which 'Mar' is right. But if we squander our opportunities for growth and learning and look back at this month next year, we very well may feel bitter that we lost the chance for growth. It will be a bitter Heshvan. If we look back and know that we took advantage of learning, worship and spiritual growth, we will look at it as a 'watery Heshvan' when our souls and spirits were watered by the holy drops of knowledge and Torah. Either way, Heshvan - in some ways even more than the Days of Awe themselves - is about the future and, like the emptiness of the month which can be filled with value, our year is an tabula rosa and ready for us to inscribe words of worth, deeds of righteousness, and moments of Divine awareness.



From the Temple President

Dr. Barry Edison

FROM MY ROSH HASHANNA REMARKS

I would like to once again wish everyone in our congregation and your families a happy and healthy new year. It was a thrill to address our synagogue on Rosh Hashanah morning and share my optimism for this upcoming 5780. I would like to share my thoughts with you as we enter the new year.

Our synagogue has so much to be optimistic about.

Let me begin with Sunday, September 8, our first day of religious school. I walked downstairs to see our newly painted stairwell, which led me to the first downstairs classroom. I look inside and there are 16 students, under the ages of 8. Also exciting is that this class is being taught by Anna Vernick and Olivia DeLuore, both homegrown products of our Temple's religious school. Our future lifeline.

At Temple Beth Miriam we have committed teachers and a religious school principal, Stella Stanway, who all create a safe and fun place to learn. We are about to begin a new curriculum combining Judaism and technology, which will bring our students' learning to a whole new level.

Our Rabbi, Cy Stanway has lead our congregation for over 22 years. Our Rabbi has all the energy in the world. His ability to speak, motivate and provide religious spirituality to our congregations is ever present. Personally speaking, I have enjoyed taking our friendship to a new level and working with him.

Cantor Marnhi Camhi has a beautiful voice, a wonderful approach to incorporating new and traditional music, and encourages musical participation of our students and congregants, which truly enhances our services.

But much of our temple depends on our volunteers, like you. Our executive board of TBM consists of a dedicated group of long time members and two past presidents. They provide guidance and words of wisdom. They are Sandra Maseda, Wendy Slotter, Brian Gillet, and Harry Silverman. They advise the board and deal with many day-to-day challenges.

Our Board of Trustees also commit their time as volunteers and make our synagogue flourish. They not only share their ideas but put them into action. They include, Daniell DeLuore, Roy Dressner, Fred Eckhaus, Phil Falcone, Alvin Goldman, Lori Goldstein, Peter Grayson, Marian Gross, Chase Kaplan, Stuart Lippsett, David Nussbaum, Pat Shapiro, Steve Silver, Sharon Silverman, and Kara Zappacosta. We also have a number of past temple presents who still commit their time and energy to the benefit of our synagogue. In addition to Harry Silverman and Brian Gillet, who are executive board members, we have Judy Berg, Richie Berger, Allen Darnell, Michael Gross, Gary Pess, Paula Rowland, Cindy Slinger, Jerry Wagenhein and Ginny Weiner.

Our committees enhance the temple in so many ways. Each committee is run by volunteers and volunteers staff every event. Where would Beth Miriam be without the Sisterhood and the Men's Club to continue to inspire and provide events; softball games, clothing drives, hatchet throwing, Asbury Park scavenger hunts, Sukkah raising and decoration, sponsors of the new relationship software the temple is using and, recently, the support and sponsorship for the new religious school software? All this on top of game nights, and Scotch tasting meetings, Seders, and so forth. The Family Affair committee recently delivered New Year's baskets to all our college students. Kathy Cohen has been putting miles on her car as she presents a "Welcome to our Temple" gift to our new members. And just this past month, we had a big a very big month with membership, adding 7 new families.

There is great creativity here at Beth Miriam, and you can see it in every worship service. We just finished our Shabbat Service Summer series. We celebrated with our Beach service, with over a 100 attending, and had a southern fried chicken Shabbat experience. We ate and drank at our Pizza and Beer service, as well as enjoyed an Ice Cream Sunday service. And, of course, our Visual Tefillah invites worship in a unique and beautiful way. Our services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are always beautiful and often creative. Who of us will ever forget this year's presentation by Isaiah on Yom Kippur morning or the guided imagery during Yiskor?

We offer something for everyone. Our holiday experiences can't be better. Purim spiels, family friendly holiday celebration like our Pasta Sukkot October 19th, dinner and dancing with the Torah at Simchat Torah. For our adults, we watched and discussed Jewish themed movies, Talmud and Torah studies, creative yizkor observances during the Festival, Selichot and Congregational Seders and many programming option and events.

Aside from holidays and socializing we have also committed to serving the needy. We don't just take care of ourselves, but our neighbors too. We teach Our Bar and Mitzvah to give back through Kishrei HeLev projects, but we must also walk the walk as a community. And we have! This past summer we solidified our relationship with Mercy Center, an organization in Asbury Park that runs a school for girls from low income families and, recently, an emerging relationship with Trinity AME Church in Long Branch. Under the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, there have been efforts locally, statewide, and nationally and more are being created all the time.

However, what really makes this place so great is the personal connection we have with each other. It's the relationships we made here. We all have a common Jewish bond and we want to enjoy it with others. I mentioned all the wonderful programs we have. But personal connections is what we seek. Our temple is our community and you don't always have to agree with your community. But we know Temple Beth Miriam is a place where we can share Jewish experiences, grow relationships and practice our faith.

I love to talk about the temple. Please reach out to me if you have any concerns or ideas. My cell phone is 732-233-7274.

Barry Edison
President of Temple Beth Miriam



From the Cantor Cantor Marnie Camhi



Thanksgiving is a very Jewish concept. We give thanks all year long. In all of our prayers and blessings, we are thanking and blessing God. We give thanks for bread, for wine, for light, for waking up in the morning, for safely sleeping through the night that our bodies work the way they should, for Shabbat, for the world around us, when something special or new happens and so much more. (Take a look through a prayer book and you will see thanks and blessings on every page.)

Mo-dim a-nach-nu lach (“We acknowledge with thanks...”) Here at TBM, we include a special moment in every worship service where the congregation is invited to share out loud what they are thankful for that day. We are thankful for family, for health, for friends, for our homes, for our jobs, for getting a A on a test, etc.

The essential prayer of thanks that we say every time something is special or new or we are celebrating or doing something for the first time (or the first time in a long time) is the She-he-chi-ya-nu. “Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this season.”

So say your blessings and rejoice in life!

B'Todah,

Cantor Marnie Camhi
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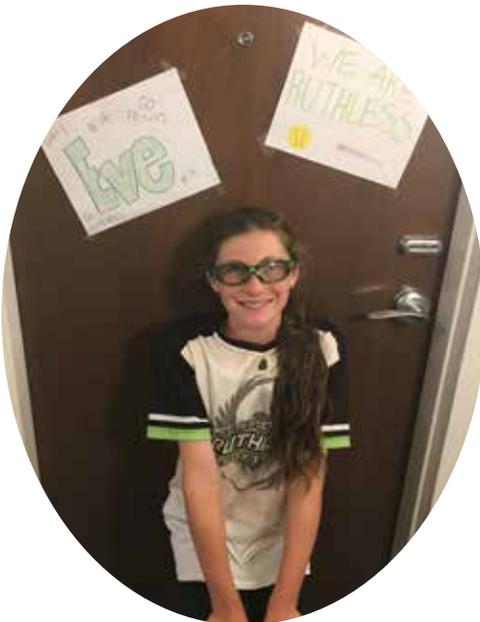




Mazal Tov, Maya Brosniak



Maya Brosniak will become a bat mitzvah on November 2. Maya attends Ocean Township Intermediate School. She is a hardworking student who enjoys being in the school play and is also on the field hockey team and enjoys tennis which is her favorite sport. Maya loves spending time with family and friends. She's looking forward to her big day!



Mazal Tov, Eve Segal



Ever since joining TBM, Eve Segal has been looking forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah on November 23, 2019. She has been preparing diligently for this milestone including helping with Locks of Love for her Kishrei Halev Project. In addition to her family, Eve's other loves are playing softball and anything neon green. We know Eve will knock it out of the park!



Matt and Rita Tangorra
Jeff and Jennifer Segal
Ron and Sharon Kamm

Richard and Norma Daniels
Harold and Susan Hodes
Norm Glassman and Gladys Glassman

Second Day Rosh Hashanna Scenes



How perfect was everything from the spirit of Rosh Hashanna to the weather and the joyous atmosphere at TBM as we celebrated the Second Day Rosh Hashanna on our exquisite patio? The place was full, the spirits high, the smiles big, the music beautiful, and that tekiah gedolah - gevalt! It was a wonderful way to begin the new year. Mark your calendars for next year to make it a point to join us for the Second Day of Rosh Hashanna. It is a wonderful way to end the beginning of a new year!

Many thanks to Pam Dobrin for some great pictures!





Over the past year, many mitzvahs of social action and social justice came from within our TBM community.

-First and foremost are the countless hours volunteered by TBM committees and the TBM Board to create a vibrant spiritual and social life at TBM.

Outside of TBM

-We volunteer regularly at a food pantry [at Lutheran Church of the Reformation] in Long Branch.

-Along with reform Jews throughout NJ we went to Trenton [with Reform Jewish Voice of NJ] to lobby our legislators on matters of Jewish concern, including a special drivers license for undocumented residents to make our roads safer.

-One of us was an invited speaker at a rally in Red Bank addressing immigration issues.

-We connected with the URJ Reform Action Center to get training to be successful in whatever social actions we choose at TBM. A group of TBM's social action leaders met to discuss strategies for TBM.

-We participated in community interfaith events all year, including Martin Luther King's birthday and

National Prayer Day. We were at the 'United We Sing' event sponsored by the favored interfaith organization of Milt and ClaraGee Ziment z"l, the Monmouth Center for World Religions and Ethical Thought, MCWRET.

-We joined our neighbors of all faiths to protectively surround a local mosque at their Friday midday services, returning the support the Muslim community showed us after the Pittsburgh mass shooting.

-Each of our TBM students prepares for their Bar or Bat Mitzvahs by completing their own Kishrae Halev 'connections of the heart' service projects.

-Four of our young congregants produced a musical coffee house fundraiser.

-We helped lead a Passover seder at an assisted living residence.

For the new year 5780

-At a recent Shabbat service when Sister Carol of the Catholic Sisters of Mercy visited us, we learned that their history may seem short by Jewish standards, but they have 170 years of experience effectively serving the needs of the poor and disadvantaged. Rabbi Cy is confident that TBM congregants will value the expertise of Mercy Center, whether we are donating or volunteering for Mercy Center's

programs. If you can suggest other ways we can be present and a support in the wider community, please let Rabbi Cy know. You told TBM during the Listening Campaign that our presence in the community is a priority.

-Rabbi Cy is working to build ties to the predominantly of-color congregation at Trinity AME Church in Long Branch. TBM also is arranging for our congregants to work with Trinity AME congregants to prepare their annual Thanksgiving meal for the needy.

-Some TBM youth may be interested in participating in a MCWRET program called MOSAIC that is a year-long experience for young students to visit different houses of worship and learn about each other's faiths, directly from their peers. Hopefully TBM's youth group will host a session to teach other young people about Judaism.

-TBM youth and adults will get a close-up look at the experience of dealing with various disabilities, in a Sunday morning program at TBM to be scheduled during October when the disabled in the US workforce are celebrated.

Please know that TBM leadership and the Rabbi are committed to facilitating and supporting our mitzvahs of social action for social justice, as well as addressing personal challenges that congregants may face. Remember, you are not alone in this. We are here and available for each other in the important mission to make our world a better place.

This year, instead of collecting non-perishable food items, TBM is collecting toiletry items which cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Please pick up an empty shopping bag in the temple foyer, fill it with toiletries from the list below, and bring the filled bag anytime you wish for our on-

going collections. Your generous donation will be delivered to the Food Pantry at Mercy Center in Asbury Park.

You might consider purchasing different sizes of these products, since Mercy Center serves needy individuals and larger families.

- Bath soap
- shampoo and conditioner
- body lotion
- toothpaste/toothbrushes
- liquid dish soap (not dishwasher)
- laundry detergent
- toilet paper
- tissues
- feminine products
- diapers - all sizes
- household cleaning supplies

Phil Falcone

SA/SJ Committee Chairperson

NEW INTERFAITH GROUP FORMING

Kara Zappacosta is heading up a new interfaith family group at TBM. Read her remarks on Yom Kippur here as she introduces the idea. (<https://templebethmiriam.org/kara-zappacosta-comments-on-yom-kippur-new-interfaith-group/>)

Mercy Center Days of Awe Collection



A shot of the personal effects items that we collected to help our partners are Mercy Center with their important work. Thank you to the many people who donated throughout the holy day season and thanks to our drivers who took all this to the Mercy Center

Did you know that if you have a Yahrtzeit, you can send a paragraph or two about your loved one to be read during the Yahrtzeits at services? It adds an extra loving dimension to your moment of memory. You can even bring a picture and we will put it in the Oneg area that evening.

Just send the text to Rabbi Stanway at rabbi@bethmiriam.org



Beth Miriam welcomes our newest family members

Lauren and Gregg Epstein & Family

Interested in joining our community? We invite you to! Call the temple for details and speak to the rabbi, 732-222-3754 or pop in and say 'hi.' A warm welcome always awaits.



Yahrtzeits

May our loved ones' memories be an eternal blessing

Nov 1

Evelyn Berger
Clara M. Bergman
Terry Berke
Pauline Bloch
Maurice Camp
JoBeth Eagel
Floyd Feldman
Max M. Freeman
Molly E Fromkin
Rose Garland
Bernard Gartenberg
Isaac Greenman
Manny Grossman
Ann Hodes
Louis Holzman
Rose Horowitz
Laura Isserman
Max Kasoff
Ethel Kremens
Leah Lachs
Ilse Rothschild
Leiner
Beverly Levine
Benjamin Lubin
Samuel Morse
Della Moser
Leslie Moslow
Hyman Negin
Bertha Peckman
Solomon Sagalovsky
Morris I. Schaeffler
Desiderio Schwab
Louis A. Segal
Ellender Silcott
Miriam Singer
Samuel Slotkin
Sara Sopenoff
Milton Lederer
Strauss
Milton Sweetwood
Elizabeth June Teich
Blanche Tucker
Vickie Zieve

Nov 8

Rose Alford
Mr. Charlie Aronow
Michael Babitsky
Samuel J. Baron
Rosa Barr
Florence Bauman
Leonard Block
Alan Broder
Charlie Cinnamon
A. Victor Eisner
Robert Elsas
Kathy Fallenius
Allen Feldman
Nathan Fishman
Marsha Fleck
Shirley Goodman
Martha Halpern
Benjamin Heiman
Edward E. Heimlich
Rose Herbert
Jenny R. Hershoff
Theodore Kellert
Joseph Kohn
Lee Kuker
Lillian Lasher
Rose Lubarsky
Lillian Nagel
Alan Newman
Naomi Piekarsky
Rebecca Riegel
Minnie Rose
Mr. Norman Rosen-
stein
Philip Schliserman
Mr. Allen Schnur
Lyle Howard Merker
Stanway
Geza Vancsa
Sophia Zohn

Nov 15

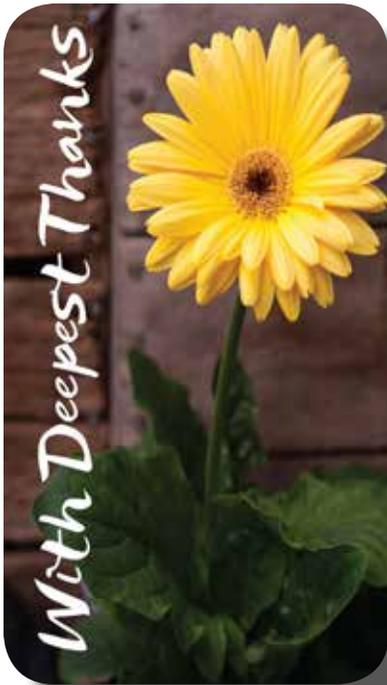
Stuart Abrams
Carie Agisim
Samuel J. Baron
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Bernice Becker
Leonard Block
Leotina Brucker
Ida Cantor
Ella Haupt Cohen
Hattie Cohen
Irv Jim Dworkin
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Mr. Nathan Fishman
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Rose Gillet
Mr. Samuel Gordon
Mr. Louis Gothelf
Arthur Harmon
Clarence Housman
Beth Janowitch
Mitzi Krim
Lillian Lasher
Rose Lubarsky
John Lubin
Murray Merling
Lee Revits
Norman Rosenstein
Dr. Benjamin Salzer
Philip Schliserman
Meyer Schwartz
Rita Silverman
Florence Simmons
Rose Skolnick
Mr Herbert Sorkin
Geza Vancsa
David Vogel
Harry Ziment

Nov 22

Barouk Behar
John B. Bennett
Midge Berkowitz
Yetta Bersek
Sylvia Bey
Blanche R. Cohen
Sidney T. Cohen
Gustava Cooper
Bertha Eisner
Jeanette Federman
Edna Feingold
Mrs. Reene Fiedler
Bernard Green
Max Hader
Richard Hamburger
Bertha Hersh
Bernard Kaminsky
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Fannie Lefkowitz
Eugene Lemansky
Janice Levin
Mr. Jerome Levy
Lee Lewis
Roselyn Maurer
Ann Merling
Joseph Milberg
Charles Nadler
Isidore Nagel
Jacob Rosenheim
Abraham Stamelman
Esther G. Teich
Ruth Van Wiemokly
Barbara Varasteh
Florence Warner

Nov 29

Albert Ballin
Marcia Barrett Baker
Sophie Budner
Beatrice Deutsch
Edward Dobrin
Diane Feinberg
Mitzi Fox
Gloria Fried
Miriam Graff
Sylvia Gray
David Greenstone
Claire Haber
Bernard Halbstein
Carrie Hamburger
Lillian Holstein
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Meyer Satsky
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Kate Silverman
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Israel Zimring



Thank you for your tzedakah!

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Jeff and Ann Daniels
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Jane Gerechoff
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Harriet Herer
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Susan Hodes
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Ron and Sharon Kamm
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Kirk and Barbara Kerensky
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Mitchell and Mary Newmark
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Bob Raskin
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Jill and Arthur Rothschild
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Wendy Sloter
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Toby Stevens
Kol Nidre

Steven Warner
Kol Nidre

David and Karen Weiner
Kol Nidre

Ginnie Wiener
Kol Nidre

ClaraGee Ziment
Kol Nidre

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Rabbi's Fund
In honor of the Days of Awe

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Rabbis Discretionary Fund
Bahamas Relief

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Wish List

Norma Rosenbloom
General Fund

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General Fund
In honor of the High Holidays

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Wish list

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Tree of Life – A beautiful way to honor any occasion of your family with an engraved leaf on the tree bearing the name of the person honored on occasions such as Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, birth, marriage or any other simcha. Contribution \$180.

The Yahrzeit Memorials - memorialize your loved one in the sanctuary - \$500

Prayer Book Fund – Maintains our supply of prayer books for worship services. Bookplates are inserted in recognition of donation. Contribution \$36.

Social and Community Action Fund – Provides support for local community programs.

Family Affair – The goal of this program is to bring a little relief and a sign of caring to any of our temple members in good times as well as challenging times

Heimlich-Aaron Library Fund – Maintains an in depth library of books on current and historic themes for the use of all age groups in the congregation.

The Endowment Fund – For the preservation of our temple and to enable us to fulfill our spiritual, educational, cultural and social needs.

Tzedakeh Fund – To be able to help congregants who are in needs of financial assistance.

Rabbi Joseph Goldman Fund for Jewish Learning – Proceeds support an array of educational programs.

Heimlich Memorial Scholarship Fund – Established to honor the memory of Ernest Heimlich.

Proceeds of this fund are to be used to underwrite a partial scholarship to a college or school of higher Education.

Rabbi Discretionary Fund: utilized by the rabbi for purposes of tzedakah and discreet support.

Berg-Bialek Youth Leadership Retreat Fund – This fund is used to supplement the cost of youth leadership retreats.

Conn Music Fund – Established to honor Gert and Ralph Conn. Proceeds from this fund are used to provide special musical programs and/or performances during holiday or special celebration.

The Norty Kern Youth Scholarship Fund – Proceeds of this fund will be used to send students of the 7th grade in our Religious School on a class trip.

Arthur and Hazel Harmon Fund – The fund is an annual award for a Temple Beth Miriam student Grades 8-12 who has accomplished an outstanding service project for the benefit of the local community or for the Temple congregation. The award will be \$200.

The Milton Ziment Fund for Scholastic Achievement - An annual prize(s) for students of the Religious School who gain recognition for exceptional academic performance.

The Katz Family Fund – Proceeds of this fund are used to help families in need of funds for Religious School education.

Temple Beth Miriam Wish List – Proceeds are used to help provide needed upgraded technological items and furnishings.

Pess Family Youth Group Fund – Established by Lois & Gary Pess & will be used for all Youth Group activities not covered by other existing funds.

Cantor Discretionary Fund – This fund is directed by the Cantor of the congregation toward non-budgeted musical activities in the congregation.



From the Principal Stella Jeruzalmi Stanway

Lest anyone think we are resting on our laurels this year, we are launching a new curriculum. We've been implementing it in a soft opening manner as we learn how to use it and so far both teachers and students seem to enjoy it. Our new program, Shalom Learning, comes to us thanks to a generous donation from our Temple Sisterhood and is a program entirely without textbooks.

One of the attractions to this program is the multimedia aspect. So, thanks to a very generous anonymous donation, we are in the process of purchasing a class set of chrome books for students to use primarily for their Hebrew/Prayer studies and for grades 3,4, 5 and 6. Once we are completely up and running, parents will receive log-in info so that their children can enrich their progress at home by logging on and doing optional extra practice at home. We do not generally assign homework, nor will we begin to, but we suspect that students will want to play with their lessons at home because it's fun.

All our classes will be using multimedia lessons from Shalom Learning to study the Judaic Studies curriculum, including Jewish values, holidays, Israel and bible. Lessons are presented via power-point presentations with appropriate videos or other media embedded in. Part of the beauty of the program is that the lessons are constantly being updated and edited by the writers of the program so we are always getting the most current lessons. There will be lots of opportunities to have both teacher-led and peer-led engaging discussions about the ideas presented.

One example of how this program works is the following. First a quick intro to the concept of bullying, a very timely topic these days. Then a short video, showing a group of students on the bus, 'bullying' the bus driver. Following a discussion on the rights and wrongs of this event and what one could do faced with something similar, the discussion is then brought back to the Joseph story, where rather than killing Joseph, Reuven de-escalates the tension by suggesting they sell Joseph as a slave rather than to kill him. A wonderful lesson showing us that ancient stories have much to teach us today.

Our prior curriculum was great when it was first instituted, but now we are finding it to be quite outdated and uninspired. Students must be engaged and excited to learn and the excitement must begin with the teachers. The teachers are all working very hard with me to learn how to navigate the new curriculum and their excitement will translate to a more meaningful experience for our students. It's a huge step and a large investment to tackle an online program but we are up for the challenge because it's what will make a difference to our students.

Over the next few weeks, as we become proficient in the online offerings, we hope parents will work with us to engage the students with the program. Don't just ask how was your day or what did you learn. Ask more specific questions like, was there a video today? What was the word of the day? Did you add to the conversation today? And then gently encourage your child to log on to their Shalom learning account and spend some time exploring the games and lessons just for fun!



Last year, Temple Beth Miriam indefinitely loaned a spare sefer Torah we had to a new and budding congregation in Barcelona, Spain. To say it was warmly received is a vast understatement! Darryl and Vita Dworkin visited Barcelona and its new temple and, of course the Torah. They were treated like royalty. Above, Darryl and Vita getting ready to read from the open Torah!

New Interfaith Committee at TBM

At Yom Kippur, you heard from Kara Zappacosta who is heading up a new committee created to meet the needs of the interfaith family. This is a very exciting project and Kara and her committee will be reaching out and sharing the goings-on with the committee. If you wish to participate, call the temple and let them know: 732-222-3754



You can read her Yom Kippur remarks at this link: <https://templebethmiriam.org/kara-zappacosta-comments-on-yom-kippur-new-interfaith-group/>

Days of Awe Recognition

With the Days of Awe behind us, there are so many people to recognize for their work in putting everything together. We hope we don't forget anyone but we are going to try to remember. Here goes...

- Wendy Sloter and Sharon Silverman for the amazing work with the tickets and all the office-related tasks that were so important to the holidays during the past several months
- Jimmy Aaron and Kara Zappacosta for their presentations on Yom Kippur
- Paige Edison, Andrew Dressner, Alex Tangorra & Chase Kaplan for fantastic Torah readings and blessings. You were all an inspiration and



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- Josh Braiman, Kara Zappacosta, Dr. Art Topilow for their wonderful shofar soundings!
- John FitzGibbon - our Isaiah extraordinaire!
- SuzAnne Barabas & the NJ Repertory Theatre
- Our many readers during the services
- Lee Hough and Gerri Poranski in the front office during the summer
- The Religious Practices Committee
- Rosy and Tello and Ruby and Alfredo who made sure the temple was in tip-top shape
- Stella Stanway who hosted Selichot at her home and cooked for 30!
- Keith Kaplan who made emergency arrangements when the A/C stopped working the day before Yom Kippur
- Cantor Marnie Camhi whose voice elevated us all
- Andy McDonough whose keyboard playing added so much to the service
- The ushers who kept things running smoothly: special shout out to the head ushers: Wendy Sloter, Brian Gillet, Steve Silver, Sharon Silverman & David Nussbaum and all the individual ushers: Kara Zappacosta, Phil Falcone, Grace Doctorow, Fred Cohen, Cindy Singer, Roy Dressner, Joanne Edison, Stu Lippsett, Marian Gross, Chase Kaplan, Keith Kaplan, Scott Gerbman, Debbie Gerbman, Karen Pingitore, Don Pingitore, Fred Eckhaus, Lori Goldstein, Caren Chessler, Rich Berger, Harry Silverman, Sandra Maseda Perez, Dee Frankel, Joel Kreizman, Danielle DelCuore, Sam Babitsky
- The board members who graced the bima
- The Executive Committee for their Aliyot
- Danielle DelCuore as the Jonah narrator and who took all the Mercy Center donations to the Mercy Center the day after Yom Kippur

- Stu Lippsett and Wendy Sloter and Sharon Silverman for checking the Yiskor book over and over and over again!
- The Board and Executive Board
- Every member of the temple and every visitor, from the very young in the early family service to the young parents - there were so many of you! - to the member - new and seasoned - of the temple who shared these wonderful days.
- Lori Goldstein and the Family Affair Committee who reached out to so many during the holidays and who created the invitation to drive anyone to and from services.
- The former presidents: Ginnie Weiner, Rich Berger, Brian Gillet, Michael Gross, Harry Silverman, Judy Berg, Cindy Singer, and Gary Pess and current president Barry Edison who marched on Kol Nidre
- Special shout-out to Marian Gross for some very important behind-the-scenes work.
- The many donors for our Mercy Center drive
- Danielle DelCuore and Phil Falcone who shlepped all the donations to the Mercy Center
- The financial donors and contributors for the Kol Nidre Appeal and the Yiskor book
- Our many visitors and new families that joined us, many for the first time ever
- Rabbi Peter Berg
- Eliana Swartz for the magnificent duet on Rosh Hashanna with the cantor

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27 NO TALMUD STUDY	28	29	30 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM THEOLOGY CLASS	31	1 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	2 NO TORAH STUDY 10:00 AM Maya Brosniak Bat Mitzvah
3 8:00 AM TALMUD 9:00 AM Kishrei Halev Meeting 9:00 AM TEEN ACADEMY	4	5	6 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM THEOLOGY CLASS	7 7:00 PM RELIGIOUS PRACTICES	8 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	9 10:00 AM TORAH
10 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TODAY	11	12	13 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM THEOLOGY CLASS	14	15 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	16 10:00 AM TORAH
17 8:00 AM TALMUD 9:00 AM GRADE 6 & 7 JF&CS	18	19	20 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM THEOLOGY CLASS 7:30 PM Membership Meeting	21	22 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	23 NO TORAH 10:00 AM Eve Segal Bat Mitzvah
24 TEEN ACADEMY 12:15 PM RSB Meeting	25	26	27 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM THEOLOGY CLASS	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	30 10:00 AM TORAH



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