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HIGH HOLY DAY TIME SCHEDULE

SELICHOT-SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st

Services 8:30PM
Collation 9:30PM

ROSH HASHANAH EVE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH 8:00PM

ROSH HASHANAH DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th 10:00AM
Congregational Kiddush **Immediately following service**
All Congregants are invited.

TASHLICH

at the Lawrence Country Club 4:00PM

YOM KIPPUR EVE -KOL NIDRE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 8:00PM

YOM KIPPUR DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 10:00AM
Afternoon Service Continues 2:00PM
Yizkor and Concluding Service (Neilah)
immediately following afternoon service approximately 3:30PM

****CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Nursery & Kindergarten - 2nd grade 10:00AM

****JUNIOR CONGREGATION WILL NOT BE HELD AS IN THE PAST**

Children in grades 3 and UP are welcome to worship with the adults in the Main Sanctuary.

ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 8TH 11:00AM.

A family and children's Rosh Hashanah service will be held

We have structured the service, in this way, to enable Rabbi Rosenbaum and the Cantor to personally lead our children in worship during the High Holy Days.

We encourage you to reach out to your friends and neighbors and invite them to join you – as ALL ARE WELCOME.

A MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Rabbi Jay H. Rosenbaum

Over the course of the past few weeks, the weather has been very much in the news, both in the United States and in Europe. While our nation has been affected by drought and record breaking temperatures, Central Europe, and most especially the city of Prague has been hit by torrential downpours and devastating floods.

Now visitors to the Jewish Quarter of Prague will notice a most unique clock built into the façade of an ancient synagogue. Instead of Roman numerals, the face is adorned with Hebrew letters, and the hands move counter clockwise. When I first saw this marvel of horology, it dawned on me that this old clock symbolizes the unique ways we Jews mark time. As the rest of the Western world marks the start of the New Year on January 1, we begin the New Year on the first day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei, which falls in the month of September.

The most important difference in the way we mark and measure time is that our calendar is based on a spiritual and moral clock and not simply on the scientific passage of the hours and the seasons. Therefore, Rosh Hashanah is not only a time of celebration but, more importantly, it is a transcendent moment for *Cheshbon Ha Nefesh*, for intensely searching our souls, taking stock of our lives, and performing the difficult task of *T'shuva* - repentance. On Rosh Hashanah we do not simply make New Year's resolutions which, more often than not, are quickly broken. Rather, we pray for the moral courage to turn our lives around, and change our actions or attitudes that have prevented us from becoming more complete, fulfilled and contented - at peace with ourselves and those around us. Rosh Hashanah demands that we make amends for past mistakes, ask forgiveness for those we have wronged, and set the record right.

Sometime ago, the rock and pop superstar Cher introduced a song that became an instant hit entitled; "If I Could Turn Back Time". Judaism, which measures time by its moral, ethical and transcendent properties, tells us we can do just that, and Rosh Hashanah is the perfect time to begin the process. If you question the plausibility of this statement, I ask you to consider the following events that have transformed our world and our lives.

Following the unthinkable, unimaginable, and unconscionable attack upon the World Trade Center, the United States and all that is right and decent in the world, a prayer vigil was held at Yankee Stadium. As a representative of the American Rabbinate and the Law Enforcement community I attended this prayer vigil which was both heart-wrenching and healing. And I was amazed and moved by the fact that the religious component of the program, which was interfaith in nature, was led by the NY Rabbinate rather the archdiocese of New York. Continued page 5

WEEKLY SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, September 6

Rosh Hashanah Services 8:00PM

Saturday, September 7

Services 10:00AM Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 13 - Services 8:00PM

Oneg Shabbat will be hosted by Tracey & Robert Friedman in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Barrett and Donna & Glenn Stone in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Merrick.

Saturday, September 14 - Services 10:45AM

SHUVAH

Torah Portion: Deut. 32:1-52

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10

Micah 7: 18-20: Joel 2:15-27

Friday, September 20 - Services 8:00PM

EREV SUKKOT

Saturday, September 21 - Services 10:30AM

SUKKOT

Friday, September 27 - Services 8:00PM

SHEMINI ATZERET

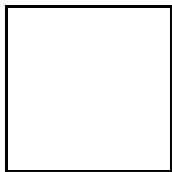
Saturday, September 28 - Services 10:30AM

HAZEL TOY

Congratulations to Barrett Friedman, son of Tracey & Robert Friedman, who will become a Bar Mitzvah on September 14. Barrett has attended Temple Israel for 5 years. He is a student at Woodmere Middle School where he plays hockey and Lacrosse. Barrett enjoys boating.

Congratulations to Merrick Stone, daughter of Donna & Glenn Stone, who will become a Bat Mitzvah on September 14. Merrick has attended Temple Israel for 3 years and has been on both the Rabbi's & President's list. She is a student at Lawrence Middle School. Merrick is involved in the National Junior Honor Society, R.C.C.P. (student mediator), and Lawrence Philharmonic. Her interests include: Art, Art Club, Music and Dance.

DEAR CONGREGANTS



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to be your shaliah tsibbur, your representative in song, to lead in the musical expression of our hopes and aspirations.

The prayers of our High Holy Days, set in special melodies, even for the cantillation of our Torah portions, reflect the solemnity of this important period of our religious year. These melodies awaken within us a spirit of reverence and solemnity. The product of often centuries of tradition, they also stir within us recollections of our ancestral heritage and the miraculous continuity of our faith.

The music of our prayers thus connects us to our people Israel, ancient and modern, near and far, wherever they are, and no less to our coreligionists in the State of Israel, who uphold our culture and our faith in the midst of great dangers in these trying times.

May God, who, according to our sacred tradition, shomea tefillot Yisrael, hears the prayers of Israel, be pleased with the music of our voices rising up in song on these Holy Days and grant a year of peace, of health and of fulfillment for all Israel and all the world.

Yours in song,

Cantor Galina Paliy

REED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Mordecai Mahfouda

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your children to the 2000/03 school year at our outstanding temple, Temple Israel. I hope you had a fabulous summer and are looking forward to the new school year. The Rabbi, Board of Ed. and the staff join me in a pledge to make this coming year the best ever.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

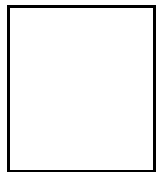
Monday, Sept. 9 First day K, 1st, 3rd 4th, 7th
Thurs., Sept. 12 First day 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th
Monday, Sept. 16 Yom Kippur NO CLASSES
Tuesday, Sept. 24 First class 8th-12

The school office is now open. Monday—Thursday afternoons if you need any further information call 239-9213.

My best wishes to you and your family for a Happy & Healthy New Year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joel Gerstel



As summer comes to a close and the High Holidays approach, a time for reflection and thought enters into our minds. This past year at Temple Israel has not been an easy one. We began with a shared rabbinate and a declining congregational membership. On September 11 the world as we knew it was thrown into turmoil and a new generation learned the words "a day of infamy".

During the year, either at Shabbat services or through the bulletin, I tried to convey to the congregation that everything would be alright. We searched for a new permanent Rabbi and a new Cantor. Months of time and effort were put in by many of us and finally we were successful in both quests. Cantor Galina Paliy and Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum were selected as the clergy to lead Temple Israel's rebirth. Both of them have been here all summer long and have constantly tried to meet with as many congregants as they could. More and more people attended Shabbat services as people came to hear the Rabbi's meaningful sermons and the Cantor's beautiful singing. Added to these two outstanding people was Mordecai Mahfouda as the Director of our Religious School. Well-known educator in the community, Mr. Mahfouda will certainly create change and infuse the religious school program with new fervor. Together with Karen Landsman, director of our Early Childhood program, these two fine educators should provide new and exciting ideas for Temple Israel's educational program.

All of the above costs money. We have tried to attract the best people we could and we have. Your dues and contributions only go so far. We depend on extra generosity on your part to enable us to obtain superior talent. Our Yom Kippur appeal goes directly to supporting the maintenance of our top people. We have raised this year's goal to \$100,000 and 100% participation. If we attain those goals, it will be a signal to us that we have gone down the right path and Temple Israel's rebirth is occurring. If you are sending in your commitment early, I thank you sincerely and I hope that you exceeded last year's commitment. I and many of my friends have increased our donation. When you consider which tab you will fold down this year, think about the changes we made, the promises we made and the promises we kept. **We need you** to help us. Don't let your Temple down. Your generosity can and will make a difference.

My wife Deanne & myself wish you a very happy & healthy New Year.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Rabbi Joel Y. Zion

A story is told about General George Patton, the legendary general of World War II fame. He was once invited to dine at a press camp in Africa. Wine was served in canteen cups, but thinking that he was being served coffee, Patton poured cream into his cup. As he stirred in the sugar, he was told that his cup contained wine, and not coffee.

Too proud to admit that he had made a mistake, Patton replied without hesitating. "I know. I like my wine this way". And he drank it!

I tell you this story because I see something of myself in it, and perhaps you do too. It is hard for us to admit it when we make a mistake. We think it reflects badly on us if we admit that we were wrong.

Three of the most difficult words in the English language to pronounce are: "I was wrong." We stumble and stutter when we have to say them. And yet, let me suggest that they are actually the most ennobling words we can ever utter. When you say, "I was wrong", you break down the barriers between you and others. When you say these three words, you created a climate in which respect and love can grow.

When you say: "I was wrong" you are not confessing that you are a bad person, only an honest one. True friends and wise people will appreciate you for having the ability to say these words. To say "I was wrong" is not a sign of weakness; on the contrary, it is a sign of moral strength.

Poor General Patton had to drink wine with sugar and cream in it, because he was unable to say these three words. Try saying them and you will see they don't taste nearly as bad as you may think.

Some years ago I was sitting in the sculpture garden of the Museum of Modern Art. It was a sunny day, clear as a bell, and I watched people moving their chairs from place to place, following the sun. As I watched the people following the sun, it occurred to me that everyone requires at least four things to be happy:

a. Every person needs the warmth of human fellowship—loneliness is devastating to a person. Many years ago, I returned from a vacation, and found our house had been burglarized. A terrible feeling of aloneness came over me, and I wondered whether despite the many precious objects that were taken, I was comforted to find that none of the pictures had been removed. We all need the warmth of human fellowship.

b. The second requirement for happiness is the need to receive recognition. We all need to hear someone say, "I am proud of you."

c. The third factor is our need for a degree of security. Not only economic security, but security in the knowledge that there are people around who are concerned, and with whom we have enduring relationships.

d. The fourth aspect for a happy life is our need for response, someone with whom we can truly communicate; someone who will be honest, who will tell us the truth about ourselves, and still retain our friendship.

FUNDS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Babette R. Lipsky in yearzeit memory of **MIRIAM MILLER**, aunt.

CONGRATULATIONS

Isabel May on the birth of a great-grandson **BENJAMIN MAY BLAUNER**.

GET WELL WISHES

Barbara Blatte on her broken wrist

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Fran & Robert Slochover in gratitude for all the time & effort **MORDECAI MAHFOUDA** took in preparing their son for his High School regents exam.

GENERAL FUND

Joel Laskey in yearzeit memory of **AUGUSTA LASKEY**.

LIBRARY FUND

Karen & Kenneth Shapiro in memory of **FLORENCE MARTIN**, mother of Leslie Martin.

TREE FUND

Denise & Stuart Altfest in memory of **SAUL KAUFMANN**, son of Nathan Kaufmann.

Denise & Stuart Altfest in memory of **GAIL LEVITT**, mother of Dean Levitt.

Denise & Stuart Altfest in memory of **BILL ROSENSWEIG**, father of Laura Hyman.

Henry Belsky in memory of **BEN BELSKY**, father.

Jackie & Warren Hurwitz in memory of **CAROL SCHREIDER**, mother of Stacey Kamisar.

Zippy & Bruce Maltz in memory of **JULIUS FRANK**, father of Joel Frank.

Zippy & Bruce Maltz in memory of **BEVERLY BIENENFELD**, wife of Mike Bienenfeld.

Marsha & Jack Rubin in memory of **JULIUS FRANK**.

Julie & Bernie Lewis in memory of **MORRIS GREENBAUM**, father of Jay Greenbaum.

Mel & Eileen Adler in honor of Gwen & Jeff Scherr on their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

Deanne & Joel Gerstel in honor of **ARNOLD KOOPERSMITH** on his 75th birthday.

PRAYER BOOK

Elaine & Ira Katz in yearzeit memory of **GUSSIE & JOSEPH LEWIS**.

Alan Gronsbell in yearzeit memory of **GERTRUDE GRONSBELL**.

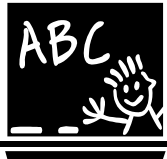
HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOK

Phil & Ellie Tritt in memory of Florence Martin, mother of Leslie Martin.

Stephen Drazan in yearzeit memory of **MAE DRAZAN**, mother

SUCCOT FAMILY NIGHT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2002—7:30PM
JOIN US IN THE COLORFUL FESTIVAL OF
SUCCOT. FAMILY NIGHT SERVICE.

Parents & children will attend the harvest festival. The ceremony of the Etrog & Lulav will be conducted. Everyone is asked to bring canned goods to the Succot evening & other holiday services. The food will be distributed to needy families.



EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Karen Landsman

Here we are once again, after a summer of laughter and fun, preparing to welcome our dear children back to school. The teachers have decorated the classrooms and eagerly await the arrival of their youngsters.

The Jewish Holidays offer us many opportunities to talk about starting anew and each class can reflect on how it feels to begin a new year. Our youngest students especially, experience those anxious and excited feelings associated with starting something new. The Shofar announces this special time and the children are so awed by the sound.

They also look forward to going to the Sanctuary where they can see Rabbi Rosenbaum and hear a Torah story. This is a great way to celebrate Shabbat.

The Sukkah is another exciting place to visit. Our classes have their snack-time in the Sukkah and it is a memorable time for all.

Marching for Simchat Torah and seeing the scrolls opened is always a special occasion.

This year we will be adding "Library Time" to our enrichment programs. We will continue gymnastics, music, Hebrew, and the Curiosity Corner. We have also added daily after-school programs for those wishing to participate.

There are so many wonderful days ahead of us. We are looking forward to joining with the parents of our Nursery School and Religious School to celebrate all the holidays with the Rabbi and Cantor. This year can be the start of a true Temple Israel Family celebrating together on many happy occasions.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND A DINNER
CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY OF**

**SIMCHAT TORAH
WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS AS GUESTS
CATERED BY SOMERSTEIN CATERERS**

Michael Hess and the Klezmer Band will be joining us once again to enhance our celebration.

**FRIDAY EVENING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2002 AT 6:00PM**

**A GALA SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE WILL FOLLOW
IN THE SANCTUARY AT 8:00PM**

ALL STUDENTS NEWLY ENROLLED IN OUR
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WILL BE CONSECRATED.

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

Please call the office at (516)-239-1140

Rabbi Jay H. Rosenbaum

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Next, in the last presidential election, the democratic candidate for Vice President of the United States was Senator Joseph Lieberman, an involved and committed Jew. Just think of it: Sixty years after President Franklin D. Roosevelt turned his back on Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis aboard the ocean liner, the *St. Louis*, denying the ship entrance into American waters, a Jew had been selected to run for the second highest office in the land. While there is no turning back the hands of time for those who perished in the Shoah, we, their descendents and spiritual heirs have done much in the last decades to insure that the words "Never Again" are not any empty slogan, but are rooted in the reality that we call the American dream. And, of course, what other people have been able to reclaim their homeland and spiritual capital—the forever united city of Jerusalem—after two thousand years of exile and worse? Yes, time is measured differently for the Jewish people.

And so... At this time of "new beginnings", Amy, Jordan, Michelle and I wish you, your families and your loved ones a very happy, healthy and good New Year.

THANK YOU FOR THE HOMECOMING

My family and I have been deeply touched by the warm reception we have received over the course of the past weeks as we returned to this, our Spiritual home, and you our Temple family. Your invitations, kind words, New Year's greetings and best wishes have meant a great deal to us. The Five Towns have been our home for the past quarter of a century, and the major life cycle celebrations in our lives have taken place at Temple Israel of Lawrence.

And so we begin the New Year together, committed in heart and soul to each other and our wonderful and wondrous Temple and congregation. We are here for one another to laugh and celebrate – to console and comfort. And together with a sense of holy mission and unconditional love and commitment, we will meet the challenges that await us, "grow" our congregation and together go from strength to strength.

May God bless you, watch over you and bestow his choicest blessings upon you.

Shanah Tovah!

Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum

September 2002

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | 2 LABOR DAY | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 8:00PM Rosh Hashanah Services | 7 10:00AM Rosh Hashanah Services |
| 8 11:00AM Community Family/Children Services | 9 Religious School Opens Grades K, 1st, 3, 4th and 7th Men's Group AA | 10 | 11 Religious School Committee Meeting AA | 12 Religious School Opens Grades 2,5 & 6 UJA Rabbi Zion Honored @ Temple Hillel | 13 8PM Services | 14 9:30AM Torah Study 10:45 Services B'nai Mitzvah Barrett Friedman Merrick Stone |
| 15 8:00PM Kol Nidre Services | 16 10:00AM Yom Kippur Services 2PM Services 3:30 Yizkor | 17 Officers Meeting | 18 AA | 19 | 20 8PM Services Erev Succot | 21 10:30AM Family Succot Services |
| 22 | 23 8PM Board of Trustees Mtg. AA Men's Group | 24 Religious School Opens Grades 8-12 | 25 AA | 26 | 27 6:30PM Simchat Torah Dinner 8PM Services | 28 9:30AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Services |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |