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## Honouring special people

*SIMCHAT TORAH GIVES US an opportunity to honour a number of those who have served the congregation with distinctive devotion and commitment.*

The roles of Chatanim and Kallot are among the highest honours that a synagogue community can bestow upon its members and reflects the respect and regard in which these wonderful people are held by the congregants of Temple Beth Israel.

The Chatan and/or Kallah Torah (Groom or Bride of the Torah) who complete the Torah-reading cycle for the year, are called to the Torah for the last section of Deuteronomy. Then the Scroll is rewound to its beginning – with the help of the entire congregation, each of whom line our synagogue to hold the entire length of the parchment while the rewinding takes place – and the first verses of Genesis are then read by the Chatan and/or Kallah Bereishit, the Groom or Bride of the Beginning.

### Chatan Torah: David Arkles



David Arkles, Treasurer of our congregation, is married to Jenny and they have four children, Jessica, Daniel, Simon and Joshua. As we all know, a young and active family requires 100 per cent attention, yet David's contribution to the life and wellbeing of our community over the past few years has been enormous. His input, first as a concerned Board member and then as synagogue Treasurer, has been instrumental in reaching the healthy financial position in which TBI now finds itself and he has managed this turn around by his ability to mobilise others to take a real and active interest in financial matters and the life of the community. And everything he has done has been with a positive, constructive and deeply generous attitude. In a way, this honour goes

not to David alone but to his whole family, who have supported him every step of the way. His devotion to our synagogue, in so many ways, has been an inspiration to many. It will be very special having David Arkles as Chatan Torah this year.



### Kallat Torah: Kathy Kaplan

Kathy's roots in the Progressive community go deep; her mother, Vera Freidin, with her husband, Bob are long time members of our congregation.

Kathy's three children David, Steven and Lisa, are continuing the family tradition of enthusiastic involvement in the life of our community.

How do we even begin to enumerate all the reasons why this honour this year should unquestionably go to Kathy? Her tenure as President of Temple Beth Israel was filled with

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## SIMCHAT TORAH SHEMINI ATZERET



**FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER, 6:15 PM**

*Dance with the Scrolls  
Sing loudly with the kids  
Enjoy refreshments and, most of all,  
Rejoice in Torah with Hakafot.*

**SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER, 10 AM**

*Help rewind the Scroll  
Sing the Hallel psalms  
Celebrate with our Chatanim & Kallot  
Rejoice in Torah with Hakafot  
Shower the kids with sweets*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT ROGER MENDELSON

### What kind of shul do we want?

*IT WAS A COLD, blustery Shabbat morning and, being early, only I, Alan Samuel and Peter Haylock, our Shammash, were present. Out of the gloom walked an earnest young character who, hesitatingly, walked up to us. 'I want to be with the children of God', he said.*

Upon talking to him, I found out that he was a Buddhist and I guessed that he was either a Burmese or Nepalese. His name did not afford me a clue and somewhat disappointed me. 'Jeffrey' appeared to be a rather mundane name for a person of exotic parentage and did not really help me to make a more precise stab at his ethnicity.

We seated Jeffrey next to Rita, who I am sure would have caused him great confusion with her broad Scottish accent. Jeffrey followed the service with almost alarming, Rabbi-flattering intensity. He appeared two weeks later and this time was a little more relaxed. Since then – *gor-nisht* – nothing. He has failed to reappear.

I mention Jeffrey because we do seem to attract a disparate group of people who, for whatever reason, are drawn to us. Jeffrey apparently did not find 'the children of God' at TBI but perhaps he had better luck at Chabad.

The issue of what it is that attracts people to Judaism, the Jewish people and ultimately to TBI is an intriguing one. Apart from those with Jewish partners, the most common element seems to be the spirit of an ancestor calling to them.

TBI has a proud history of welcoming people into our midst. Many, such as Jeffrey, wander in and then wander out again whilst others end up making a real commitment and fundamentally changing their lives.

The issue of how we deal with 'the stranger in our midst', in its broad sense will be the main focus of the final of the two forums at TBI, on Thursday 12 October at 7.30 pm.

Please let us have your views, either by attending and/or submitting your views in writing to Yvonne Fisher at the office ([yvonne.fisher@tbi.org.au](mailto:yvonne.fisher@tbi.org.au)).

The Rabbis will then summarise the submissions received and circulate the summaries. Names will not be included in the summaries, so feel free to say what you really think. Please ensure that your submissions do not exceed one page.

This really leads on to the issue of 'What kind of Shul do we want to be?', so the more views we get, the better.

The Board, rabbis and the Emunah Group will be reviewing certain changes to our *minhag* (customs) in the near future and will be listening carefully to the views being expressed.

I wish you Lshana Tovah.

*Roger Mendelson*

### Honouring special people *continued*

so many achievements and steps forward, and the celebration of our 75th anniversary year was, truly, the jewel in the crown of her presidency. But Kathy's contributions to the life of our community predate and go far beyond her years as president. They include many years of service and commitment, both to the congregation as a whole and to its individual members. We've never had a president who was so caring on a day-to-day basis towards the members of the community, and it would be a blessing indeed if we ever have anyone as president in the future who has Kathy's particular mix of compassion and devotion. It is really remarkable that Kathy was able to set this grassroots caring alongside her notable managerial strengths, especially the creation of what has evolved into the Va'ad of the Board of Management.

For all these gifts, and more, we honour Kathy (and her family) this year.

#### Chatan Bereishit: Jeremy Kingsley



Jeremy Kingsley and his wife Maria Platt are relative newcomers to our synagogue, yet from the first moment they have thrown themselves into the life of our community with an energy and degree of commitment that have impressed everyone who has met them. Both Maria and

Jeremy are already held in the highest regard by the shul stalwarts.

Jeremy has been very generous in coming onto the Board, but it is really his efforts to involve the generation-Xers that we acknowledge with this honour, as well as the wonderful Sunday Quest series we ran last year on Islam in the World, which simply wouldn't have happened without Jeremy's scholarly input. Given the way that Maria has also thrown herself into the life of TBI, this honour is really shared with her, too!

#### Kallat Bereishit: Devorah Komesaroff



Devorah's contributions to our congregation over the past several years have really been special. She has given a huge boost to the religious life of the community in many ways, especially through her involvement with the choir and *Ru'ach*, our a capella choir, her b'nei mitzvah teaching, her period of guitar accompaniment at Friday evening services, Torah leyning, and her contributions to our 2nd Day Rosh Hashana services.

But it is really Devorah's work with Geshet that stands out as something very precious and worthy of honour: her service-to-service involvement through leading the singing and in other

ways, her unshakable commitment to the success of the minyan, and her remarkable work on the siddur. It is a privilege to invite Devorah to be our Kallat Bereishit this year.

#### Ben Torah: Simon Morawetz



Simon has grown up here at Temple Beth Israel and in the Progressive youth movement Netzer, in which he has taken on positions of responsibility, especially so in the last couple of years. Simon teaches in our b'nei mitzvah program and in our *Matan* religion school as well as contributing as a member of the Keshet communications group which acts as the editorial team for *Temple Time*. All the Morawetz family - Simon, his brother Ben, sister, Deb and his mother Evie - also regularly lead our Shabbat Torah reading as *ba'alei kriyat hatorah!* The staff here at TBI respect and value his participation and his enthusiasm for Judaism and the community is uplifting for all who work with him. We're really thrilled to honour Simon's commitment in this way.

We congratulate all our Chatanim and Kallot and may they grow from strength to strength and continue to enrich the life of our community with their presence and participation.



## A phoenix

*A MIRACLE HAS OCCURRED in the Jewish world over the past two decades. The miracle is the resurgence of Jewish life in the former Soviet Union. This includes the rebirth of progressive Jewish communities which many had thought had been wiped out for ever as a result of the war and communism.*

Two groups have been agents in bringing this miracle to pass: in the Orthodox world, Chabad-Lubavitch; and in the Progressive world, the World Union for Progressive Judaism, especially its 'European Region'. Their work began by giving support to Russian refuseniks in the late 1970s and 1980s. The refuseniks were Soviet Jews who applied to make *aliyah* to Israel and who, as a result, were persecuted by the State.

Some of my fellow students at the Leo Baeck College in Britain, at considerable risk to themselves, smuggled jeans and *siddurim* into Russia for the refuseniks to sell and study, respectively. I remember my friend Rabbi Bob Shafritz *z"l* delivering a Torah Scroll to the first progressive congregation in Moscow, called 'Hineni'. The son of the founder of 'Hineni' lived in Melbourne for a time and led Russian-language services at TBI.

A highlight of my rabbinate at North West Surrey Synagogue in Britain was working with the fledgling progressive community Sim Shalom in Budapest, a community that twinned with NWSS. The twinning brought both tangible and spiritual benefits to both congregations. NWSS raised the funds to purchase a Torah Scroll for Sim Shalom; and they sent to us one of Europe's leading *chazzanim*, the husband of a founder of the congregation, who was the star performer in a concert we organised at NWSS. We also organised two synagogue visits to Sim Shalom, and some of their young people came to us for a summer camp experience.

These memories came back to me during my recent visit to Leo Baeck College. There I renewed contact with two of my former students at

LBC, Rabbis Nelly Kagan and Alex Dukhovny, who both work in the FSU – Nelly in Russia, and Alex in the Ukraine.

Alex tells me that today there are almost 30 progressive congregations in the Ukraine alone. All these congregations have appeared since 1991, after the fall of Communism. They are served by two rabbis and six 'para-rabbis'. The congregations range from 20 or 30 members to several hundred. They all share a desire to learn more about Judaism and Jewish life abroad, and they all suffer from low incomes and skyrocketing costs of living. They are also eager to form bonds with established progressive Jewish communities around the world.

If we at TBI were to twin with a congregation in the Ukraine, we would be the first community anywhere outside the USA and the UK to do so. From my experience with Sim Shalom community in Budapest, I know that it would benefit us as well as our twin to form such a relationship. At the least, it would broaden our view of the Jewish world and inspire us to act on behalf of another community in need. It would also, I believe, deepen our sense of the miraculous, which is no small thing.

Rabbi Dukhovny has supplied a short-list of five congregations in the Ukraine (see the boxed list at the end of this article) that are keen to twin with an Australian congregation. You, the members of TBI, may have connections with these places; your family may originally have come from one of them, or you may know people who have lived there. If so, you may be interested to help us explore the bond between them and TBI. Please let me know! We're actively

seeking family links in order to make the twinning process meaningful for us both.

Do these distant places mean anything to you? Do you want to become a part of the rebirth of Judaism in the FSU? *Im tirtsu* – if we will it, it is no dream. Helping to make a miracle happen would be a great way to start the new year 5767.

*Fred Morgan*

### Here is Rabbi Dukhovny's list:

1. **KYIV** (Kiev), capital of the Ukraine, similar in size of general and Jewish populations to Melbourne, 500 in congregation, rented accommodation, many programs for children and young adults. Rabbi Dukhovny is based in Kyiv.
2. **KHARKIV**, Ukraine's second largest city, congregation is young and growing, with their own rabbi.
3. **YEVATORIA**, in the Crimea, 200 members, Netzer group, own an old synagogue.
4. **CHERKASSY**, in central Ukraine, with over 100 members, based in the Jewish welfare centre.
5. **LUTZK**, in western Ukraine, own an old synagogue, the progressive congregation is the only one servicing the 1200 Jews in the area.

### Community Forum How welcoming is TBI?

*What does it mean to be a welcoming community? What practical changes can we introduce that will make our congregation friendlier, more hospitable and more sensitive to diversity than it is at present?*

The second community forum will continue to explore these issues, for the rabbis and TBI Board to gather ideas, information and views from members of TBI.



**Thursday 12 October, 7:30 – 9pm at Temple Beth Israel**

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**Grateful thanks to  
Fisher & Paykel  
for the donation of a new  
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in the Temple Beth Israel  
front kitchen.**



## RABBI GERSH ZYLBERMAN

# The sublime simplicity of Sukkoth

חג הסוכות תעשה לך שבועת ימים באספך מן הגרן ומיקבך.

*'After the ingathering from your threshing floor and your vat, you shall hold the Feast of Booths for seven days.'* (Deut 16:13)

Rabbi Shmuel ben Meir (known as Rashbam) taught that we dwell in our temporary, spartan *sukkoth* at the completion of the ingathering of the northern hemisphere's harvest precisely because it is at this time of year, a time of peak abundance, that we need to be most conscious of the simple things in life.

In a world increasingly driven by the perceived need to acquire more 'stuff' we are given the opportunity for a week each year in the Jewish calendar to downsize our lives and our needs and remember that we often far overestimate what we really need to be happy.

Some modern social commentators have called the drive to acquire more possessions 'affluenza'. To these commentators this drive is a kind of disease of modernity that has us sick with an addiction to consumption and acquisition. Just when we have set up the latest, biggest-ever entertainment unit in our home, the next model hits the shops and we quickly feel the urge to upgrade. We become hooked on a cycle of always wanting more but never feeling truly satisfied with what we have. When this happens we may be suffering from a bout of affluenza.

Dwelling in *sukkoth* – actually sleeping in them, or simply dining in them – with family and visitors during the week-long festival can remind us just how basic our real needs are and can act as a kind of immunization against affluenza.

But *Sukkoth* is by no means a festival of pain or asceticism. Indeed, in our *Amidah* prayer during *Sukkoth* we acknowledge that it is the only festival considered *Z'man Simchateinu*, the season of our rejoicing. We rejoice in the basics. We celebrate the beauty of simplicity. And we give thanks to God for the world's bounty that we all too often take for granted.

Our *sukkoth* are reminiscent of the temporary dwellings our people inhabited during the forty years of wandering in the desert. They recall the precarious existence that our people led through far too much of our long history. And they remind us that over the centuries our people have rarely lived with as much material wealth as so many of us do today. And yet despite record levels of wealth worldwide, there are more people living in poverty around the globe than ever before.



The festival of *sukkoth* always begins on the fifteenth day of the Jewish month of *Tishrei*.

It signals that the High Holy Days are drawing to a close. There is no *shofar* to blow, calling us to take heed. There is just a simple hut and the warmth of company.

As we fulfil the *mitzvah* of spending time in our *sukkoth* this year, let us all try to become aware of how joyful we can be with so little. *Chag Sameach*.

*Rabbi Gersh Zylberman*

Social Justice Group at TBI presents

## MATTHEW ALBERT

Sunday 12 November, 4 – 6 pm

Temple Beth Israel

Entry \$5, includes afternoon tea

Matthew Albert founded the Sudanese Australian Integrated Learning (SAIL) program which now engages almost 300 volunteers at three campuses across Melbourne, providing free services including tutoring, home help, camps and excursions to about 450 people every week. Matthew went on to establish the Sudanese Online Research Association, an online advocacy centre for the global Sudanese diaspora.

In 2004, Matthew worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Nairobi, Kenya, and at the Kakuma refugee camp and is regularly published on issues concerning refugees, migration policy and African affairs.

Matthew has been appointed Australia's representative to the Commonwealth of Nations on issues of Youth Affairs – all this while working full time for the Victorian Government Solicitors' Office. Matthew was the Victorian Young Australian of the Year, 2005.

*All proceeds benefit Sudanese refugee community*

## Sacred Heart needs assistance

*Do you have time to spare on Tuesday 26 December 2006 or on a Sunday/Monday morning during January 2007?*

Sacred Heart Mission (SMH) in St Kilda provides meals to those in need 365 days of the year through their dining hall. Last year about 50 of TBI's extended family willingly gave of their time to assist in the preparation and serving of meals over the Christmas/New Year period when many of the regular volunteers at SHM go on holidays. The TBI Social Justice Group, for the 4th year, is organising a roster to cover the shortfall of volunteers. This year we can help out not only in the Dining Hall and Kitchen but also in the Meeting Place/Breakfast Room.

There is more interaction with the people attending SHM for breakfast in the Meeting Place/Breakfast Room as clients in the Meeting Place are usually keen to have conversations with staff and volunteers are encouraged to participate.

Clear guidelines and 'position description' will be distributed to volunteers for both roles and we will endeavour to roster you with at least one other TBI member. Please let me know if you can be a contact person for the SHM Supervisors on your nominated day.

To volunteer or for more information, please phone Hannah at TBI on 9510-1488.

### ROSTER TIMES:

9:30 am – 1:30 pm approx in the Dining Hall (three people per roster required)

9 am – 1:30 pm approx in the Meeting Place (two people per roster required)

### ROSTER DATES:

Tuesday 26 Dec, Sunday 31 Dec, Monday 1 Jan, Sunday 7 Jan, Monday 8 Jan, Sunday 14 Jan, Monday 15 Jan, Sunday 21 Jan, Monday 22 Jan, Sunday 28 Jan, Monday 29 Jan.

*Please nominate your preferences and we will contact you to negotiate the roster.*

# The Jewish community and drug use

John Hillel

*THE PRESENT COMMUNITY ATTITUDE to drugs is uninformed and influenced more by emotion and political expediency than by good sense based on solid evidence. This and other issues of great importance to the Jewish community were raised at a recent forum on the topic of drug use, held at Beth Weizmann under the auspices of the JCCV Social Justice Committee.*

Compelling statistical evidence as shown by Dr Nick Crofts, the Director of Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre, indicates that on every scale of harm and by an order of considerable magnitude, alcohol and tobacco are the most dangerous harm-producing substances and contribute the greatest burden of overall cost to the community. The issue of drug use, he said, is not about drugs so much as about people and we need to keep that in mind when dealing with the rhetoric surrounding the subject.

One of the myths that Dr Crofts challenged was that so-called 'hard' drug use was singly responsible for the deterioration in young addicts' lives; the evidence suggests that the home- and school life of these young people had deteriorated well before they started using the drug. Further, contrary to popular belief, younger users are not seduced by older ones, but rather the opposite; older users don't want to pass on the habit once they know what it does to them and don't want to risk being accused of trafficking. These habitual users gain little pleasure from the use of heroin, but the addiction to the drug is driven by the need to avoid experiencing withdrawal symptoms.

Dr Alex Wodak, director of the Alcohol and Drug Service at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, spoke about the so-called 'war' on drugs. He pointed out that 90 per cent of experts involved in the question of drug use worldwide agree on what needs to be done, but responses inevitably end up being political. He traced a short history of the criminalisation of recreational drugs by the West and suggested that much of it was racially based. For example, the banning of opium smoking in the 1890s in Australia was specifically aimed at the Chinese community (smoking was that community's preferred method of use of the drug). It was legal to imbibe the drug in edible form until 1906. The British Government enforced importation of opium to China in order to correct trade imbalances with India. Cannabis was named 'marijuana' as part of the effort by the US administration to demonise the drug, a tactic aimed at the Mexican community who had been using the substance for hundreds of years (the name 'marijuana' is Mexican). Dr Wodak pointed out that in 20th century, international drug enforcement has been driven by the United States and that global drug prohibition has proved to be a futile and counterproductive exercise. The global illicit drug trade is now worth 8 per cent of international trade, which makes it the second biggest value item in the world after armaments. Only about 5 per cent of illegal drugs are seized by agencies.

A significant proportion of law enforcement resources have been allocated to the pursuit of heroin. Although the number of heroin users is very small and has declined as supply has dried up, heroin-related crime costs around \$1.5 billion to the Australian community. Much of the income related to all illicit drug use goes to fund criminal activity, including international terrorism. The drug of choice for these organisations has moved from heroin to amphetamine production (speed, ecstasy, etc.) because this can be achieved through small local laboratories with a simple supply chain. This is likely to increase and there is very little that can be done to stop it. A harm-minimisation policy on drugs was instituted by the Hawke government in 1985 but this was replaced by a 'Tough on Drugs' policy by the current administration. The US 'War on Drugs' was (as admitted by John Erlichman,

President Nixon's domestic policy coordinator), a campaign strategy launched by the committee to re-elect Nixon in 1971 and was coined to appease wealthy white, middle-class American voters who formed the main power base for that administration. It was designed to target poor, largely black communities.

According to Dr Wodak, the drugs issue has to be seen primarily as a social and health one, and only secondly as law enforcement and there needs to be significantly increased funding given to health and social intervention programs. Treatment services should be expanded, and the community needs to accept a harm-reduction program as a first-base strategy. Effective treatments, no matter how politically unpopular, must be recognised and adopted instead of demonised and the myth of drug eradication replaced by strategies to manage drug use.

Isabel Lesman, a psychologist working with the counselling and case management team at Jewish Care suggested that to avoid many of the problems associated with drug use, parents need to spend more active time with their children, rather than believing that money can substitute for time together.

Some other myths and beliefs were challenged during question time. It was pointed out that, as with alcohol, the vast majority of recreational drug users do not end up with a drug problem. However, the more an individual comes from a situation where s/he craves 'time out' the more likely it is that the person will seek oblivion through drugs. The 'black market' system for drugs does not allow for any checks on drug purity or unhealthy practices such as needle-sharing and it is this that causes the bulk of the health problems. There is no evidence that so-called 'soft' drugs lead onto harder drugs. Furthermore, once a drug is removed from the market (eg heroin) it is substituted by another drug which, in the case of methamphetamines, can be far more dangerous because treatment for abuse is not available.

Drug use in the Jewish community is no different from drug use in the wider community. We would do well to take note of this and encourage a more intelligent approach to the drug issue by our political leaders.

## TBI Social Justice Group High Holydays projects

### Metcards Drive

The TBI Social Justice Group is collecting metcards, all zones, for distribution through the Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project. Drop your donations into the TBI office at any time.

### Mazon Drive

Mazon (food) bags are available in the foyer to be filled with **toiletries, school supplies & non-perishable items**. The donations will be distributed by The Salvation Army and Jewish Care.

If your Mazon bag is too heavy or you can't get it to shul, the TBI Social Justice Group will pick it up for you on **Sunday 8 October between 12 noon and 4 pm**. Ring the TBI office 9510-1488 and we'll arrange to collect your bags.

## WOMEN IN JUDAISM TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Rachel
2. Leah
3. Prime Minister
4. Henrietta Szold

## A sojourn in Israel

Brian Samuel

*HAVING WITNESSED THE MARRIAGE of their son Brett in Jerusalem last July, Brian Samuel was delighted to have been blessed with the news of an expected first grandchild earlier this year. A great excuse to make a return journey and further to explore the sites of Israel.*

The baby was due in mid-August and when the war in Lebanon commenced in mid-July there was concern all around. In typical fashion I left arrangements to the very last and I was completely thrown off guard when an SMS arrived on the 25 July to say daughter-in-law Liron had gone into labour. Three hours later another SMS to say I was the proud grandfather of a baby boy! The rush was on. Flight quickly changed, half the wardrobe thrown into a suitcase and 48 hours later I landed in Israel right in the middle of a war.

Everybody thought I was mad to go whilst a war was on but nothing was going to stop me missing the *bris* of my first grandson. In addition, I personally wanted to express my solidarity in times of trouble.

The next three weeks were surreal. Here was a Samuel, coming from a well-established progressive community background, thrown into the midst of an ultra-orthodox *Charedi* community right in the heart of Jerusalem. In many respects it felt like my first visit to the Vatican back in the late 1970s.

I experienced a *Shalom Zachar Shabbos* (welcoming of the newborn) in a small *stibl* in the heart of Givat Hamivtar. The *bris* for our grandson, Yehuda, was held in a beautiful orthodox shul across the road from my son and daughter-in-law's apartment and I attended a yeshiva *Ohr Somayach* on Tisha Ba'av where I was obliged by custom to sit on the floor until midday.

To balance the perspective, I managed to attend two wonderful Shabbat services at the Hebrew Union College, where I felt right at home.

Although there was a war on in Israel, life went on as normal. Had it not been for the CNN coverage from my hotel I would not have known about anything going on up north. I expected the hotels to be all but empty but, to my surprise, from the day I arrived they were full. However, it didn't take me long to realise that my fellow guests were not tourists from overseas but residents from Haifa and further north seeking refuge in the calm of Jerusalem. It was heart-wrenching to watch on TV the daily damage being wrought on Israel by the Katyushka rockets and the apparent lack of ability by the IDF to prevent them. I was especially moved



when a prayer was read out at the HUC on my third Shabbat for the safety of those in the IDF. Jenny, the cantorial tutor, asked us to say a special prayer for her husband who had just completed a mission that morning during which several of her husband's unit had been injured.

Whilst most of my time was spent in Jerusalem I managed a small amount of sightseeing down south, as the north was completely closed off to all. I marvel every time I visit how a small country, about one third the size of Tasmania, can be so advanced in every aspect and yet be completely surrounded by nations hostile to its very existence. Freeway development has made travel around Jerusalem much easier and the existence of high-tech industry is evident everywhere you visit. Even the taxis are now equipped with GPS mapping, removing many of the arguments so common in the past. If, and that is a big IF, peace could be achieved, the neighbouring countries would have so much to gain by combining with Israel to become a regional economic powerhouse.

I was pleased that democracy was alive and well, for protests were common right throughout the war by those opposed to Israel's invasion of Lebanon. The overwhelming majority supported the government but the foreign media were generally anti-Israel. It was amazing to see how resilient the general population was but, being in a country that is continuously in conflict, it is hard for us to comprehend the difficulties they face. The overwhelming desire to succeed permeates throughout the whole country and that is the reason I enjoy visiting. I hope it will be not too much longer before I am back again.

## Toda Raba

### Keeping membership current

Over the last few weeks most of our members received a print-out of the information held by the Temple with respect to their family unit. There has been a huge response in returning the corrected data sheets and the family files are now being amended in the computer system. If you haven't returned your sheet and there are corrections to be made, please send them in. If you have lost the sheet or want to discuss any alterations, give the Temple office a call and they will help you.

A few explanations. First, some of you will have had adult children who are members of the congregation but were shown as inactive on your data sheet. The computer program works by families and once your children become members in their own right at the age of 18, they have their own 'family'. They become inactive on your family membership, but active in their own right.

The sheet had a space for 'tribe'. The computer program has been developed for a wide spectrum of Jewish institutions and for the orthodox shules this information is important. For us it is an anachronism. Even if you have given us your tribe we have ignored that field.

Due to a computer glitch, some data sheets showed your occupation while on others this did not print at all. We are trying to rectify this. If you are employed and would like to give us your occupation, give the office a call or send in an email with the information.

If you have given us your email address we have added you to the group that receives the Temple Time Supplement each week. It provides a nice update as to what is happening on a weekly basis at TBI as well as a Torah commentary. If you do not wish to receive it, contact the office and you will be removed from the list. To contact the TBI office, call on 9510-1488 or email on [info@tbi.org.au](mailto:info@tbi.org.au)

### DON'T CHANGE YOUR WILL but remember the Temple

You are able to make a bequest to the Temple simply by making a Codicil to your Will.

If you see one of our panel solicitors, the Codicil naming the Temple as a beneficiary will not cost you anything.

In addition, the solicitors may be able to advise you on important changes concerning Powers of Attorney.

Please contact Alan Samuel on 9510-1488 or Jack Bock on 9696-7771

## Some multiple choice trivia: Women in Judaism

*Release your inner feminist (answers on page 5)*

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| <p>1. Which biblical matriarch is buried near Bethlehem?</p> <p><i>Rachel</i><br/><i>Sarah</i><br/><i>Leah</i><br/><i>Rivka</i></p> <p>2. Which biblical matriarch was the mother of 6 of the 12 tribes (Reuven, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zevulun)?</p> <p><i>Rachel</i><br/><i>Sarah</i><br/><i>Leah</i><br/><i>Rivka</i></p> | <p>3. Golda Meir was born in Kiev and was raised in the United States. What position in 1971 did she assume in Israel?</p> <p><i>President</i><br/><i>Foreign Minister</i><br/><i>Prime Minister</i><br/><i>Educational Minister</i></p> <p>4. Who created <i>Hadassah Women</i>, the largest Jewish organization in American history?</p> <p><i>Hannah Senesh</i><br/><i>Golda Meir</i><br/><i>Nechama Leibowitz</i><br/><i>Henrietta Szold</i></p> |
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### Thirty Years of Feminism in Israel

#### The good:

- The most important feminist achievement has been recognition of women's issues in the public sphere.
- There are several new laws enabling women to bring suit against their employers for wage discrimination, lack of advancement in the civil service, and sexual harassment.
- There are 12 shelters for battered women and as many support centre/hotlines for survivors of sexual violence.
- There is a large and organized movement (as well as a lobby in the Knesset) on issues of violence against women, and a women's health lobby has developed that is organised and effective.
- There are today 15 women Members of Knesset, almost double the number in the prior Knesset. There have also been electoral victories at the local level.
- Within the religious establishment, including the Orthodox, there are women with feminist consciousness who are working for change from within.

#### The not so good:

- Most Israelis agree that women are discriminated against economically; are objects of violence on the street, at work, in the military, and in the home; are vastly under-represented in the public sphere; are victims of coercive *halakhic* control in their personal lives; and are systematically subordinated and sexually harassed in the army.
- The average salary for women in 1997 was only 63 percent of men's average salary (but it is up from 58 percent in 1993).
- The incidence of violence against women has remain unchanged in 20 years. In a population of six million, there are 200,000 battered women (1 in 7); 20 years ago the estimate was 100,000 in a population of three million (1 in 7).
- Most working women (46 percent of all women) still shoulder the entire burden of home and childcare.

Extracts from *A Prognosis for the Future* by Marcia Freedman, September 2006. Read the whole article on <http://www.socialaction.com/thirtyyearsfem.html>

### A time capsule of Israeli history

*Moments in Israel's history in the month of October:*

- 28/10/1950** – The Israeli Soccer team has a 5-1 victory over Turkey
  - 29/10/1956** – The Sinai Campaign begins, Israel goes to war with Egypt
  - 7/10/1958** – *Habima Theatre* celebrates its 40th anniversary and is named as Israel's national theatre
  - 10/10/1959** – *Fatah* is established under the leadership of young radical, Yasser Arafat.
  - 15/10/1968** – The Israeli national soccer team reached the quarter finals at the Mexico Olympics, a rare achievement in Israel's sporting history.
  - 23/10/1971** – Israel's first quintuplets are born in Jerusalem to the Berman family.
  - 16/10/1981** – Moshe Dayan, former IDF chief of Staff, dies.
  - 1/10/1990** – The Israeli government issues each citizen with gas masks in case of an Iraqi gas attack.
  - 4/10/1992** – An El Al 747 cargo jet crashes into a residential neighbourhood in Amsterdam, Holland. Three Israeli crewmen and one passenger died in the accident, as well 250 neighbourhood residents.
  - 9/10/1994** – Israeli soldier Nachshon Wachsman is abducted by Hamas. A videotape is made of him with gun to his head asking for the release of Hamas leader Sheik Ahmad Yassin. An elite force is sent to rescue him only to find he had been murdered hours earlier. Commanding Captain Nir Poraz was killed in the raid.
  - 26/10/1994** – Israel and Jordan sign a peace agreement at the border crossing of Evrona, north of Eilat.
- More moments of Israeli history next month from Mishal, N, *Those were the years: Israel's Jubilee*, Yedidot Acharonot, Tel Aviv, 1997.

**Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi at TBI**



*Rare opportunities to hear the founder of Renewal Judaism and father of modern Jewish mysticism in Melbourne!*

*Reb Zalman is regarded by many as one of the most important Jewish thinkers in the second half of the 20th century. He is the author of over 150 books and articles on Jewish spiritual life and has translated many Hasidic and Kabbalistic texts into English.*

**Saturday 21 October at TBI:**

- 9:30 am Shiur
- 10 am Shabbat morning service with Reb Zalman as guest rabbi.

**Sunday 22 October at TBI:**

Workshop 10:30 am – 1 pm on 'Why we need Renewal' based on his book *Jewish with Feeling*.  
Workshop \$80

**Tuesday 24 October at TBI:**

Lecture, 8 pm – 9:30 pm on 'The need for Elder Wisdom' relating to his book *From Ageing to Sageing*.  
Lecture \$10

**Netzer's Crazy Movie Night!**

*If you love watching movies and love spending time with friends - do both at the same time!*

Lights, camera, action, popcorn, drinks and other sweet munchies provided.



Sunday 19 November at TBI  
4:30 – 7 pm Years 3 – 9  
7:30 – 10 pm Years 10+  
Bring \$10 and a huge smile!

More info at [www.netzer.org.au](http://www.netzer.org.au) or from Simon 0406 582 232

**Sukkoth at TBI**

**Friday 6 October**

**Annual Sukkah decorating & Sausage Sizzle**

TBI invites mums, dads, grandparents and kids of all ages for our annual Sukkoth celebration in our courtyard.

- 5 pm decorate the Sukkah, craft materials provided
- 5:30 pm enjoy a sausage sizzle, drinks and food provided
- 6:15 pm family friendly erev Sukkoth service followed by kiddush in the sukkah.

**Saturday 7 October**

**First day Sukkoth service**

at 10 am, with kiddush in the Sukkah.

**Sunday 8 October**

**Great Sukkoth Family Fun Farm Day!**

12 noon to 3 pm, Gemrock Farm, Gembrook



BBQ, animal petting zoo, horse and camel rides, Israeli dancing, fabulous family games,

\$25 per family or \$20 if you pre-pay by 3 October.

Includes food, drinks and ALL ACTIVITIES!

Bookings essential by 3 October for catering purposes. Call 9510 1488 for details!

**So where the heck is Gemrock Farm?**

Make your way to **Belgrave-Gembrook Road (Mel 127 A4)** and travel through Emerald and Cockatoo to Gembrook, following the **C412** road signs. **The Belgrave-Gembrook Road becomes Main Road, and then Beenak East Road (Mel 299 A10).**

Beenak East Road becomes unsealed but continue on this road, past Livio Drive up to The Pack Track.

300m past The Pack Track, just about opposite to the Black Snake Creek Road, you will see a big white gate with the sign 'Gemrock'. This is the farm! You've made it!

Emergency contact numbers:

Alan Samuel 0438-464-908

Norm Crossley (farm manager) 0417-590-734

**New Beginnings: A springtime of opera & vocal delights**

*Fundraiser for The Leo Baeck Centre's Building fund & Jewish Aid Australia's work with Sudanese, Darfur and asylum seeker communities in Melbourne*

**TICKET:**

\$65 adult,  
\$50 pensioner/student  
To book send a cheque to  
The Leo Baeck Centre,  
PO Box 430, Kew 3102  
or book by phone 98197160  
Venue is a private home

**SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2006  
COMMENCING 3 PM**

A concert starring:  
Tania de Jong (*soprano*),  
Jonathan Morton (*baritone*)  
*Courtesy of Pot-Pourri and Music Theatre Australia*  
Samuel Krum (*counter-tenor*)  
Kate Bright (*soprano*)  
**Music Director: Dr David Kram**  
Followed by a lavish afternoon tea

# Preparing for High Holydays

*Students from The King David School junior campuses visited Temple Beth Israel during the month of Elul to learn how the shul is transformed in preparation for the Days of Awe. The children help to change the Torah covers from their yearly colour to ones of white, asked insightful questions, shared their knowledge and received a sweet for a sweet new year.*



## Food for the brain

*Adult education opportunities at Temple Beth Israel. For enquiries, call 9510-1488.*

### SIDDUR HEBREW COMPREHENSION

Siddur comprehension develops reading fluency and a grasp of the basic vocabulary of the prayers. Taught by a master teacher at TBI.

With **Albert Bentata**

When **Thursdays, 7:30 pm**  
5, 12, 19, 26 Oct, 2, 9 Nov

Cost **\$50 includes materials**

### SUNDAY QUEST

Short series of shiurim on topics of Jewish interest on Sundays, 10:30 am – 12 noon.

#### The political and spiritual dimensions of Chanukah: which is primary?

Our texts and traditions offer two explanations for Chanukah, one political, the other spiritual. We'll look at both, trace their history through the literature of Chanukah and try to identify which is primary, the political or the spiritual. An eye-opening journey through the traditions of Chanukah.

With **Rabbi Fred Morgan**

When **Sunday 17 Dec**

Cost **gold coin donation**

#### The world of our ancient rabbis

A study of selected passages from the Babylonian Talmud, to reflect on the values, beliefs and lives of our ancient Sages and explore the important messages that resonate down the generations through to our own day. Our texts will be studied in English.

With **Rabbi Gersh Zylberman**

When **Sundays, 26 Nov, 3, 10 Dec**

Cost **gold coin donation**

#### The Three Pillars of Judaism

A famous passage from Pirkei Avot (the Sayings of the Fathers) teaches that the world stands on three pillars: Torah, Avodah and Gemilut chasadim (Torah learning, worship, and deeds of kindness). We shall look at each of these three pillars of Judaism, explore their meaning to the ancient sages and commentators through the ages, and consider their meaning for modern Jews. Do these three pillars remain for us today, or have the foundations shifted radically from the past.

With **Rabbi Fred Morgan**

When **Sunday 5 Nov**

(note, 22 & 29 Oct have been cancelled)

Cost **gold coin donation**

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*An alphabetical listing of all the groups and activities centred on Temple Beth Israel. We endeavour to ensure that contact details are correct but we rely on receiving accurate information from the groups themselves. Please call the Temple office on 9510-1488 if you cannot reach the contact person listed.*

#### **ADOPTIVE FAMILIES**

Social and support group for Jewish Australian families with adopted children (JAFAC). Contact Fliss 0418 504526 or send an email to [JAFAC-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:JAFAC-subscribe@yahoo.com)

#### **BA'ALEI KRIYAT HATORAH**

Learn to read from Torah. Full support and training is provided. Contact TBI office 9510-1488

#### **BEIT MIDRASH & RESOURCE CENTRE**

Jewish books and resources, both fiction and non-fiction, for every age group and Jewish interest. Open on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 12 noon until 2 pm. Out of hours borrowing via the Temple office. Contact TBI office 9510-1488

#### **B'NEI MITZVAH SHIUR**

In-depth exploration of the week's parashah for b'nei mitzvah students with a knowledgeable discussion leader. Monthly (approx). Contact TBI office 9510-1488

#### **CARING COMMUNITY CIRCLE**

A network of volunteers who visit Temple members and friends in hospital or at home. Ongoing support provided. Contact Rhonda Nirens 9510-1488

#### **CYCLING OUTINGS**

Leisurely weekend cycling through some picturesque regions around country Victoria. Contact Robert or Jana on 0415-867-011

#### **DROP IN & CHAT/CRAFT CIRCLE @ TBI**

Low-key relaxation, BYO tabletop games or indulge your craft interests. Second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am. \$2 for refreshments. Contact Dot Nathan on 9510 1488.

#### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Entertainment, intellectual & social stimulation, first and third Wednesday of the month throughout the year. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Entry is \$7, includes lunch & raffle ticket. Contact TBI office 9510-1488

#### **GESHER L'TEFILLAH @ TBI**

On second Shabbat monthly at 10 am, an intimate self-led gathering with Torah study. Contact TBI office for dates on 9510-1488

#### **LIVING WITH DEMENTIA**

Meeting every six weeks or so, offers companionship, support and provides helpful information to carers. Next meeting on 23 October. Contact TBI office for dates on 9510-1488

#### **MATAN**

Hebrew and Jewish studies program for children from Prep to b'nei mitzvah age. Contact Amelia Kalifa on 9510-1488 or [amelia.kalifa@tbi.org.au](mailto:amelia.kalifa@tbi.org.au)

#### **MEN'S GROUP**

An opportunity for Jewish men to gather for discussion on issues of concern. Meeting monthly in private homes. Contact Albert on 9555-2527 for details

#### **MONTEFIORE SERVICES**

Conducted by VUPJ lay leaders at Montefiore Homes for the benefit of residents every second Friday (except *chagim*). Contact TBI office for dates on 9510-1488

#### **NISHMAT COL CHAI MEDITATION**

Jewish meditation, chanting, discussion, first Wednesday evening of the month. Suitable for beginners and experienced meditators. Contact Eva Light via Temple office on 9510-1488

#### **NISHMAT COL CHAI SHABBAT SERVICE**

Jewish Renewal integrates traditional elements with new words, melodies, chants, meditations and discussions. With lay facilitators. Contact TBI office for dates on 9510-1488

#### **SHABBAT SHALOM @ TBI**

A special service in MRC on **first Shabbat of each month** at 11 am for families with young children from kinder to Grade 2. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Info on 9510-1488

#### **SHAMMASHIM**

Our team of shammashim welcome congregants to our services and ensure that the service proceeds smoothly. Training and support provided. Contact TBI office 9510-1488

#### **JEWISH SOUL FOOD**

Provides home-cooked soups and vegetarian dishes for Temple members who are convalescing or in mourning. Contact Rhonda on 9510-1488

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

Call TBI office for contacts on 9510-1488

#### **SUNDAY WALKS 'LECH LECHA'**

Meet in Caulfield Park each Sunday morning for a walk in the Park followed by coffee. Contact David on 0414 339 238

#### **TEMPLE TIME EDITORIAL TEAM**

Contribute to editorial policy, editorial and production work for our monthly *Temple Time*. Contact the editor on 9510-1488

#### **TEMPLE TIME PACKING TEAM**

Sort, wrap and pack the monthly issue of *Temple Time*. Last Wednesday of each month. Contact TBI office for dates on 9510-1488

#### **THE O.C.**

A safe forum with two trained youth leaders for our young, post b'not mitzvah girls. Monthly to chill, chat, have a bite to eat, socialise. Contact Jamie for dates on 9510-1488 or [jamie.wajnberg@tbi.org.au](mailto:jamie.wajnberg@tbi.org.au)

#### **TOASTMASTERS**

Develop communication and leadership skills, self-confidence and personal growth. Contact Alan Samuel on 9510-1488

#### **TUESDAY TALK**

Discussion on Jewish current affairs every second Tuesday, 12 noon. Contact TBI office for dates on 9510-1488

*To include your group or activity in this directory, contact the editor on 9510-1488 or email [zoi.juvris@tbi.org.au](mailto:zoi.juvris@tbi.org.au) with details. If you want more extensive coverage, contact the editor to arrange a story.*

## **The Siddur Project**

A group of interested members has met a number of times to discuss the development of a new Temple Beth Israel Siddur to replace the Gates of Prayer.

The group will meet again on 15 October at the home of Rabbi Morgan to discuss the status of the project and determine where to go from here.

All interested members are welcome to attend, even if you have not attended previous meetings. Please call the TBI office on 9510-1488 for information.

# Smachot

## RECENT BIRTHS

**Ella Sara Kahn-Harris** (daughter for Rabbi Deborah Kahn-Harris & Keith Kahn-Harris)

**Talia Page** (daughter for Darren & Amy Page, granddaughter for Doris Page, great granddaughter for Arthur Heyman)

**Tali Rudzki** (daughter for Dion & Miriam Rudzki, granddaughter for Rosie & Lindsay Matthews)

## RECENT ENGAGEMENTS

**Daniel Goodman** (son of Yossi & Fran Goodman) to Nicole Romer

**Daniel Freeman** (son of Andrew & Sally Freeman) to Lisa Palmgran, in Sweden

**Melissa Barnes** (daughter of Victor & Sally Barnes) to Niels van Hove

## RECENT WEDDINGS

Simon Rosin (son of Paula Rosin) & Libby Bear

## SEPTEMBER BA'ALEI KRIYAT TORAH

Janice Alper, Jono Dreyfus, Rhondda Hall, Tim Hall, Devorah Komesaroff, Marion Lustig, Warwick Mihaly, Alex Milstein Evi Morawetz, Simon Morawetz, Rabbi Fred Morgan, Leya Snider

## SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Gerda Bandman • Albert Bentata • Gabi Besser • Debra Bloom • Alex Bock • David Braybrook • Estelle Brown • Sir Zelman Cowen • Ron Dorey • Mark Dreyfus • Henry Drillich • Abrasha Feigin • Katy Fellner • Max Fink • Jan Flash • Jay Greenberg • Anthony Gross • Paul Hall • Elise Hearst • Traude Hurwitz • Max Hurwitz • Ann Jacobs • Julie Jarny • Katie Kaminsky • Carol Klooger • Irene Kozica • Leigh Krafchek • Sarah Krasnostein • Marian Lawrence • Ralph Levy • Caroline Lewis • Marion Lustig • Brian Mandie • John Mansfield • Leigh Masel • Ross Maver • Madeline Muller • Harry Nathan • Rachel Nathan • Jeffrey Nirens • Jadzia Opat • Julia Orbach • Joshua Piterman • Barbara Precel • Arnold Prezman • Emile Rochman • Jack Roseman • Debbie Rubenstein • Barbara Sasse • Rita Schulberg • Bella Shannon • Simon Shinberg • Keren Shlezinger • John Silberberg • Mark Sinclair • Ross Snow • Michelle Solomon • Helen Spencer • Ruth Stein • Adam Steinhardt • Yehuda Svoray • Miri Sward • Edith Wagman • Hilda Wallis • Aron Wartski • David Yaffe • Catherine Zaitman

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

Steven & Lani Castan (10th) • Andrew & Penny Jakobovits (35th) • Simon & Debbie Langer (5th) • John & Lesley Pilcer (30th) • Isaac & Suzanne Schweitzer (25th) • Robert & Margaret Ziffer (35th)

## DONATIONS

### GENERAL FUND

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### COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

• Roger & Jan Goldsmith • Diana Kahn • Lindsay & Rosy Matthews • George & Ruth Mihaly • Inge Mohrer • Peter & Bette Pulver • Colin Sakinofsky & Vanessa Gautier • Irene Strauss



*Rabbi Deborah Kahn-Harris, Keith Kahn-Harris and young Kobi with their new daughter and sister, Ella.*

*Rabbi Kahn-Harris spent time with us in 2004 over the High Holydays.*



*Olivia Metter (second from left) was bat mitzvah on 26 August 2006. Pictured with her parents, and sister Dalia*

## CONSIDERING A BAR/BAT MITZVAH?

Dates for TBI b'nei mitzvah are booked years in advance and educational preparations begin three years before the event. If you are thinking about bar or bat mitzvah, it's time to make enquiries. Call the Temple on 9510-1488.



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# Temple Beth Israel Annual General Meeting

*Fifth annual general meeting of Temple Beth Israel Inc  
(76th AGM of Temple Beth Israel)*

*will take place on Sunday 22 October 2006  
at 7:30 pm*

*in the Friedlander Synagogue,  
76-82 Alma Road St Kilda.*



## AGENDA

1. Confirmation of minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting of TBI Inc.
2. Receipt and adoption of the President's report
3. To receive and consider the financial statement submitted by the Association in accordance with Section 30 (3) of the Act (copies of the 2005/2006 financial statement will be available from the office in October)
4. Receipt and adoption of the Rabbis' reports
5. Netzer and The King David School reports
6. Election of officers and the Board of Management
7. To appoint Auditors for the 2006/2007 financial year
8. To appoint Honorary Lawyers for the ensuing year
9. To consider any other business as may be properly transacted at the AGM



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# Bereavements

## DEATHS

*We remember these recently deceased and offer sincere condolences to their families:*

• **Josie Grinblat** (sister of Margaret Poll, aunt of Simon Poll) • **Gertrud Loewy** (aunt of Peter Arnheim) • **Helen Morris** (mother of Athol Morris & Rabbi Ian Morris) • **Esther Ornstien** • **Michael Rossdale** (son of Peter Rossdale) • **Alan Shapero** • **Barbara (Basia) Strom**

## Yahrzeits

*Zecher Tzadik Livrachá*

### OBSERVED ON 7 OCTOBER

**Alexander Daniel Alexander** (father of Lynn Alexander) • **Itze & Hinde Behr** (grandparents of Basja Levy) • **Yvonne Bentata** (mother of Albert Bentata) • **Berta Bruch**, Leo Bruch & **Irma Bruch** (parents and sister of Max Bruch) • **Michael Bruder** (husband of Valda Bruder) • **Zelda Carr** (mother of Miriam Morris) • **Miriam Carrick** (sister-in-law of Naomi Carrick) • **Ignaz & Julia Deutsch** (grandparents of Paula) • **Yehuda Ebersson** (father of Yona Abish) • **Walter Eger** (husband of Margot Eger) • **Blima Fine Pasmanik** (mother of Joe Pasmanik) • **David Frampton** (friend of Philip Mayers) • **Harry Friedman** (father of Alan Friedman) • **Pola Goldberg** (grandmother of Dianne Gringlas) • **Hyman Goldman** (father of Bernard Goldman) • **Sylvia Green** (mother of Sue Silver) • **Abe Greenbaum** (son-in-law of Chaim Rozenberg) • **Nancy Guelda Marks** (mother of Jane Hayman) • **Harry Harris** (husband of Stella Harris) • **Mania Hirschberg** (mother of Ruth Goldtwig) • **Helena & Izidor Hoenig** (parents of Gabriel Hoenig) • **Boris Hoffman**, **Moses Hoffman**, **Olga Hoffman**, **Rive Hoffman** (relatives of Basja Levy) • **Frances Hoffmann** (mother of Anthony Weldon) • **Eugene Jelinek** (father of Eve Bartrop) • **Hilda Jonas** (mother of Sylvie Jonas) • **Jessie Kaufman** (mother of John Kaufman) • **Therese Kaufman** (wife of John Kaufman) • **Chaim Kolesnik**, **Adela Kolesnik**, **Hannah Kolesnik**, **Henry Kolesnik**, **Moshe Kolesnik**, **Sarah Kolesnik**, **Yitzchak Kolesnik**, **Anja Schwartzpelc**, **Favel Schwartzpelc**, **Meir Schwartzpelc**, **Sina Schwartzpelc** (family of Annette Gladwin) • **Syd Langbart** (father of Jenny Arkles) • **Babette Leschnitzer** (grandmother of Gunter Lesh) • **Myer Angel Levin** (husband of Mary Levin) • **Hans Levy** (husband of Basja Levy) • **Lisa Main** (grandmother of Janet Levi-Rayment) • **Charlotte Manning** (mother of Gerda Shelton) • **Abraham Margulius** (grandfather of Yvonne Elton) • **Ilse Marlow** (mother of David Marlow) • **Phillis**

**Metter** (mother of Andrew Metter) • **Ellen Moser** (mother of Carol Klooger, Robyn Griffin & Yvonne Hershan) • **Albert Nathan & Celia Nathan** (grandparents of Janet Levi-Rayment) • **Bertram Pearl** (father of Vivien Swinnerton) • **Coral Pratt** (mother of Joyce Watson) • **Frederick Prince** (father of Violet Loewenstein) • **Cyril Rabinov** (husband of Miriam Rabinov) • **Ida Rabinowicz**, **Mendel Rabinowicz**, **Moshe Rabinowicz** (family of Yehuda Rabin) • **Yecheil Rinde** (father of Shirley Koadlow) • **Frieda Rosalie Margulius** (grandmother of Yvonne Elton) • **David Rother**, **Golda Rother**, **Jacob Rother**, **Jetka Rother**, **Liba Rother**, **Rifka Rother**, **Sara Rother**, **Shalom Rother** (family of Michael Potter) • **Jacob Rozenberg**, **Joseph Rozenberg**, **Pearle Rozenberg** (family of Chaim Rozenberg) • **Levy Ruckenstein** (father of Marietta Manders) • **Sari Steinberger** (aunt of Kitty Ross) • **Chuskel Szyfberg**, **Ella Szyfberg**, **Malka Szyfberg**, **Miriam Szyfberg**, **Pessa Szyfberg**, **Samuel Szyfberg**, **Schleama Szyfberg**, **Tilla Szyfberg** (family of Felix Syber) • **Walenty Szypowski** (father of George Leyland-Greaves) • **Evelyn Taft** (mother of Deborah Basser & Natalie Taft) • **Pnina Tamir** (mother of Sarah Steen) • **Rivka Tenenbaum** (mother of Thomas Tenenbaum) • **Mary (Miriam) Tepper** (mother of Judith Latham) • **Leah Theresa Favel** (relative of Hannah Forshaw) • **Kathe Tichauer nee Laband** (mother of Eva Towers) • **Joy Tregoning** (mother of Sally Unglik) • **Greta Unger** (mother of Tania Nahum) • **Aharon & Golda Unglik** (parents of John Unglik) • **Bessie Weinschel** (mother of Rita Richter) • **Leopold Weislitzer** (father of Mary Frenkel) • **Aron Zemach Hoffman** (relative of Basja Levy) •

### OBSERVED ON 14 OCTOBER

**James Montgomery Abrahams** (son of Leonard Abrahams) • **Maurice Berah** (husband of Jean Berah, uncle of Ruja Varon) • **Reuben Cohen** (father of Raymond Cohen) • **Russell Jacobson** (son of Nathan Jacobson) • **Anthony Kaplan** (1st husband of Vera Freidin, father of Kathy Kaplan) • **Martha Piterman** (mother of Leon Piterman) • **Devorah Rechter** (mother of Bernard Rechter) • **Rafael Rutman** (father of Dianne Gringlas & Anita Lurie) • **Julia Thurin** (mother of Eric Thurin, grandmother of David Thurin) • **John Tregoning** (father of Sally Unglik) • **Dorothy Wachs** (mother of Anne Faiman & Liz Sonenberg) • **Max Weiner** (husband of Martha Weiner, father of Lorraine Weiner)

### OBSERVED ON 21 OCTOBER

**Mordka Joel Bando** (father of Jacob Bando) • **Queenie Bernstein** (mother of Leila Cohen)

• **Emma Blum** (mother of Rose Rosta) • **Bela Gelbman** (grandfather of Sarah Gelbman) • **Gertrude Gutermann** (mother of Ursula Piekarski) • **Harry Halprin** (husband of Zara Halprin, father of Hannah Forshaw) • **Sam Light** (husband of Helen Light, father of Larry Light) • **Danny Michael Peer** (son of Edith Peer) • **Tillie Pose** (mother of Valda Heyman) • **Johana Prezman & Joshua Prezman** (wife & father of Arnold Prezman) • **Elise Raynor** (sister of Robert Raynor) • **Mary Reich** (mother of Ursula Steinhardt & Lore Thompson) • **Victor Rochman** (father of Emile Rochman) • **Aaron Ronald Castan** (husband of Nellie Castan, father of Steven Castan) • **Cypora Rybajzen** (mother of Adam Ryan) • **George Shannon** (husband of Bella Shannon, father of Monica Shalit) • **George Simmelmann** (1st husband of Helen Ryvitch, father of David Simmelmann) • **George Simmelmann** (brother of Jeff Simmelmann) • **Adele Southwick** (mother of Stuart Southwick, aunt of Bruce Davis) • **George Soveny** (husband of Catherine Soveny) • **Vera Splitter** (mother of Leon Splitter, grandmother of Martin Splitter & Phil Splitter) • **Eva Wagman** (mother of Henry Wagman)

### OBSERVED ON 28 OCTOBER

**Kurt Barry** (brother of Edith Peer) • **Sol Bernstein** (father of Betty Silber) • **Samson Brand** (father of Paul Brand) • **Pamela Ceber** (mother of Nicole Hipolito) • **Heddie Davis** (mother of Andrew Davis) • **Leslie Jack De Santo** (father of Madeline Muller) • **Moshe Finkelstein** (husband of Sara Finch, father of Max Fink) • **Esther Celia Frederick** (mother of Ernest Frederick) • **Hinda Friedman** (mother of Alan Friedman) • **Millie Grinblat** (aunt of Jan Mansfield) • **Joseph Lewis Harber** (husband of Mary Harber) • **Herbert Jackson** (husband of Lolo Jackson) • **Walter Kern** (husband of Renee Kern) • **Jerry Kolieb** (husband of Frieda Kolieb) • **Hans Margis** (father-in-law of Judy Margis) • **Cyril Mayers** (father of Philip Mayers) • **Eva Moshinsky** (mother of Sam Moshinsky) • **Kalman Rogers** (father of Diana Opat) • **Freda Rogers** (mother of Diana Opat) • **Richard Schiff** (father of Peter Schiff) • **Fejga Leah Shulman** (mother of Albert Shulman) • **Gisella Snow** (mother of Ross Snow) • **Channa Urach** (mother of Margit Korn) • **Armin Windholz** (father of Vera Freidin)

# October 2006 at Temple Beth Israel

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9 Tishrei 5767 Erev Yom Kippur 7 pm Kol Nidrei service</p> <p>1</p>	<p>10 Tishrei Yom Kippur 9 am Alef children's service 10:30 am Shacharit service 11 am Bet children's service (MRC) 2 pm Minchah service 4:30 pm Yizkor service 4:30 pm Nerzer teen discussion 6 pm Ne'ilah service</p> <p>2</p>	<p>11 Tishrei</p> <p>3</p>	<p>12 Tishrei 6 pm Bima moving - back to standard synagogue mode 7 pm Nerzer moetzah 7:30 pm Nishmat Col Chat meditation (MRC)</p> <p>4</p>	<p>13 Tishrei 7:30 am Va'ad meeting 6:15 pm Alef-Bet Hebrew course 7:30 pm Shammashim meeting (MRC) 7:30 pm Siddur Comprehension (Friedlander) 7:45 pm Alef-Bet Hebrew course</p> <p>5</p>	<p>14 Tishrei Erev Sukkot 5 pm Sukkah decorating &amp; Sausage Sizzle 6:15 pm Erev Sukkot festival service</p> <p>6</p>	<p>15 Tishrei Shabbat Sukkot 10 am Shabbat Sukkot Shacharit service 11 am Shabbat Shalom (MRC) 5:30 pm Chavurah meal in Sukkot</p> <p>7</p>
<p>16 Tishrei Sukkot 2 10 am Sukkot Family Farm Fun Day! See details within 3 pm Nerzer</p> <p>8</p>	<p>17 Tishrei Sukkot 3 3:30 pm Sheridan Hall Shmooze 4 pm Ma'an classes 8 pm Melton classes at TBI</p> <p>9</p>	<p>18 Tishrei Sukkot 4 12 noon Tuesday Talk 7:30 pm Introduction to Judaism</p> <p>10</p>	<p>19 Tishrei Sukkot 5 10:30 am Drop in &amp; Chat/Craft Circle (Friedlander) 7 pm Nerzer Moetzah 8 pm Maccabi Toastmasters</p> <p>11</p>	<p>20 Tishrei Sukkot 6 6:15 pm Alef-Bet Hebrew course 7:30 pm <b>Community Forum: How Welcoming is TBI?</b> 7:30 pm Siddur Comprehension (Friedlander) 7:45 pm Alef-Bet Hebrew course</p> <p>12</p>	<p>21 Tishrei Sukkot 7 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat Simchat Torah service and celebration</p> <p>13</p>	<p>22 Tishrei Shabbat Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret 10 am Shabbat / Shemini Atzeret service</p> <p>14</p>
<p>23 Tishrei</p> <p>15</p>	<p>24 Tishrei 4 pm Ma'an 8 pm Melton classes at TBI</p> <p>16</p>	<p>25 Tishrei 7:30 pm Introduction to Judaism</p> <p>17</p>	<p>26 Tishrei 11:30 am Friendship Club 6:30 pm TKDS Sports Awards 7 pm Nerzer Moetzah</p> <p>18</p>	<p>27 Tishrei 6:15 pm Alef-Bet Hebrew course 7:30 pm Siddur Comprehension (Friedlander) 7:45 pm Alef-Bet Hebrew course</p> <p>19</p>	<p>28 Tishrei 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat service</p> <p>20</p>	<p>29 Tishrei Shabbat Bereishit 9:30 am Shiur with Reb Zalman 10 am Shabbat Shacharit service with guest Reb Zalman <i>Bnei mitzvah shiur</i></p> <p>21</p>
<p>30 Tishrei 10:30 am <b>Jewish Renewal Workshop</b> led by Reb Zalman 7 pm TBI 76th Annual General Meeting Note: Sunday Quest program postponed</p> <p>22</p>	<p>1 Cheshvan 5767 4 pm Ma'an 7:30 pm Dementia Support Group 8 pm Melton classes at TBI</p> <p>23</p>	<p>2 Cheshvan 12 noon Tuesday Talk 7:30 pm Introduction to Judaism 8 pm <b>Public Lecture with Reb Zalman</b></p> <p>24</p>	<p>3 Cheshvan 10:30 am Drop in &amp; Chat/Craft Circle (Friedlander) 7 pm Nerzer moetzah 8 pm Maccabi Toastmasters</p> <p>25</p>	<p>4 Cheshvan 5:45 pm Va'ad meeting 6:15 pm Alef-Bet Hebrew course 7:30 pm Siddur Comprehension (Friedlander) 7:30 pm Board meeting 7:45 pm Alef-Bet Hebrew course</p> <p>26</p>	<p>5 Cheshvan 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat service with Junior Chazzanim 7:30 pm Young TBI dinner</p> <p>27</p>	<p>6 Cheshvan 10 am Shabbat Shacharit service Induction of the new TBI Board of Management</p> <p>28</p>
<p>7 Cheshvan Note: Sunday Quest program postponed</p> <p>29</p>	<p>8 Cheshvan 4 pm Ma'an 8 pm Melton classes at TBI</p> <p>30</p>	<p>9 Cheshvan 7:30 pm Introduction to Judaism</p> <p>31</p>				