



# HIGH HOLY DAYS 5776

## ROSH HASHANAH Sunday, September 13, 2015

6:00 p.m.	Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:48 p.m.	Candlelighting

### Monday, September 14, 2015

8:30 a.m.	Services begin
9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Child Care & Youth Activities
9:50 a.m.	Torah Service
10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Children's/Youth Service
11:30 a.m.	Musaf
4:30 p.m.	Tashlich
6:00 p.m.	Mincha/Ma'ariv
7:45 p.m.	Candlelighting

### Tuesday, September 15, 2015

8:30 a.m.	Services begin
9:50 a.m.	Torah Service
10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Children's/Youth Service
9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Child Care & Youth Activities
11:30 a.m.	Musaf
7:00 p.m.	Mincha/Ma'ariv

## YOM KIPPUR

### Tuesday, September 22, 2015

1:00 p.m.	Mincha – Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre – Sanctuary
6:32 p.m.	Candlelighting/Fast Begins

### Wednesday, September 23, 2015

9:00 a.m.	Services Begin
10:15 a.m.	Torah Service
10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	Children's/Youth Service
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Child Care & Youth Activities
11:00 a.m.	Yizkor
12:00 noon	Musaf
4:45 p.m.	Mincha
6:15 p.m.	Neilah/Ma'ariv
7:30 p.m.	Havdalah Final Shofar/Fast Ends

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### Daily Services

Sundays.....	9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.	<i>Bufferd/Vogel Chapel</i>
Weekdays .....	7:10 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.	<i>Bufferd/Vogel Chapel</i>
Friday Evening.....	See Calendar or Website	<i>Bufferd/Vogel Chapel</i>
Sabbath Morning.....	9:00 a.m.	<i>Rabbi Harry Nelson Sanctuary</i>
Sabbath Mincha .....	Sundown, See Website	<i>Bufferd/Vogel Chapel</i>

**For any changes and up-to-date service times, visit  
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### Mission Statement

*Congregation Rodeph Sholom is dedicated to two  
guiding principles:*

- To serve as a vibrant center for the practice and teaching of Conservative Judaism.
- To create a spiritual and social atmosphere in which congregants feel part of a larger synagogue family.

### In Memoriam

*"The Memory of the Righteous is a Blessing"*

#### **Members:**

Ruth Levin —  
*August 19, 2015*

#### **Relatives of Members:**

Paul Spivack —  
*Son of Frances and Dr. Theodore Spivack,  
April 6, 2015*

Joseph S. Weiss —  
*Father of Stan Weiss, May 9, 2015*

Ethel Wexler —  
*Mother of Mark Wexler, May 18, 2015*

Sylvia Burros —  
*Mother of Howard Burros, July 9, 2015*

### CEMETERY VISITATIONS

**Sunday, September 6, 2015**

9:30 a.m.  
Memorial Park, Kings' Highway, Fairfield

10:00 a.m.  
Old Cemetery, Shepard Street, Fairfield  
(Minyan needed at the both cemeteries.)

### TASHLICH

"Tashlich" is the Hebrew for "cast away" (referring to the commandment to cast away our sins). In the afternoon of **Monday, September 14th**, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, we will meet at 5:15 p.m. at the aqueduct on **the corner of Brooklawn and Laurel Avenues for the traditional Tashlich ritual**. We visit a body of water to recite the brief Tashlich prayer in which we "cast away" our sins, often symbolized by bread. As fish depend on water, so do we depend on God's providence. Also, as the eyes of a fish never close, so too is God's watchfulness over us unceasing.

Please join us for this ancient tradition.

*I was so pleased to see so many of my good friends from the minyan show up at my granddaughter Sara's Bat Mitzvah on Sunday, August 16th. Your kindness and good wishes are very much appreciated.*

**Sy Wiesenfeld,  
Gabbai**

# FROM THE RABBI

## TO MY NEW RODEPH SHOLOM COMMUNITY

I have always preferred the term “Days of Awe” to the term “High Holidays” when referring to the weeks from Selichot (this year, on Saturday night, September 5th) through Yom Kippur. I’m not sure what’s so “High” about these holy days: The term evokes grandeur and pomp at a time of year when we should be gathering together as a community with humility and modesty.



On the other hand, I am very aware of the awe that awaits us as our liturgy guides us through an evaluation of our relationships with God, our family, our friends and our community. Without the safety net of God’s assurance (“My loyalty shall never move from you, nor My covenant of friendship be shaken.” [Isaiah 54:10]), it would be a daring pursuit to examine our lives with such rigor: Am I a good husband? Daughter? Mother? Friend? Jew? Without the knowledge that God is in our lives to support and inspire us as we strive to do better, this kind of soul-searching would leave us feeling vulnerable... for none of us, I believe, are capable of being the perfect wife or son or father or Jew. When we are inclined to condemn ourselves, God is here to bless our honest efforts to do better.

Awe gives us a sense of being part of something greater than ourselves.

Our Rodeph Sholom community, at its best, also serves as a safe space for us to examine our relationships with our families, our community and God. Under this roof, we are all seekers. Whether we are drawn to this community because we love to learn or seek to pray, thrive in a social circle of our Jewish peers or rely on a loving community to nurture our families, we need each other. We need community.

In his profound and inspiring book, *Spiritual Community: The Power to Restore Hope, Commitment and Joy*, Rabbi David Teutsch wrote:

“A community that seeks justice and gentleness, beauty and caring, is concerned with transcendence and the religious aspect of human life, even if its members have never thought about it that way. A strong community links people together with spiritual bonds and encourages us to find meaning in who we are and what we do.” [pg. 69]

My prayer, as we embark on this new year together, is that side by side, with honest effort and a sense of awe in God’s presence, we will grow the just, gentle, beautiful and caring aspects of this very precious congregation.

I wish you, and all those you love, a very sweet 5776: May God bless you all with good health, peace of mind, spiritual fulfillment and the embrace of family, friends and community.

ובתנת הבוט הנשל May you be inscribed for a good year,

*Rabbi Amy Levin*

### OPERATION ISAIAH 5776 KOL NIDRE “FAST” FOOD DRIVE

Synagogues all across the country will be participating in Kol Nidre Food Drives. Please fill a bag with non-perishable, packaged food items. We are asking each family or individual to contribute a minimum of one pound of food, but of course the amount is up to you. Some of the items needed are as follows:

Cans of fruit, peanut butter, small (11 oz.) boxes of cereal, canned soups, vegetarian baked beans, cans of tuna fish, two pound boxes of rice, small jars of tomato sauce, grape jelly, small jars of mayonnaise, cans of sardines.

Please bring the bag with you when you come to Kol Nidre services on Tuesday, September 22nd, or you may bring the bags to the synagogue office at any time between now and Kol Nidre evening.



## FROM THE CANTOR



The days are getting shorter, the kids are back in school, and there is an ever-so-slight twinge of a chill in the air, which can mean only one thing...Rosh Hashana is just around the corner. While for most, this is the time of year at which we lament the passing of summer and a return to reality, for Rabbis and Cantors, this is our Superbowl. It's true. More people will descend on congregations of all shapes and sizes over the next few weeks for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur than will at any other time of the year.

As I make my final preparations for my third High Holiday season at Rodeph Sholom, I would be remiss if I didn't touch on what has been a year of tremendous transition for our congregational family. Between merger talks, changes to programs and Hebrew school, and most recently, a change in Rabbinical leadership, it has been a year to remember at Rodeph Sholom. Transitions, expected or unexpected, can be difficult. Believe me, I know. Over the past twelve (or so) months, my family has moved to New Jersey, Ari started a new business, and we welcomed a new baby to our family. During these more stressful times, I think it is important to reflect on why you have chosen to be a part of the transition.

When it comes to my personal transitions, the reason is simple. We have expanded our family and put ourselves in a better position to create the life we have always wanted to provide for our children. When it comes to Rodeph Sholom, and its transitions, the reason we are all a part of this transition is equally as simple – because Rodeph Sholom is a wonderful spiritual home with heart and character that other synagogues would gladly trade for.

As I thought about the last year for us, I could not help but go back to why I came to Rodeph Sholom in the first place. It wasn't the building. Or the history of the Congregation. It was the quality of the people, specifically, the members who make up our Shul. It was the volunteers who care so deeply for their Shul that they attend daily minyan, or cook for Shabbat Kiddush, or participate in musical Shabbats, Shavuot, Purim, Simchat Torah or other programs. It was the people who want so badly to keep Rodeph Sholom as a thriving Jewish meeting place that they participate in deep, sometimes difficult, strategic conversations. Simply put, it was every person reading this article. And nothing that has happened this year has changed a single bit of that.

So why mention this now, as we prepare for some of the most important days of the year. Because Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are our annual opportunity to reflect, find the good and the bad from the past year, and make a pledge to do better in the year ahead. How can we reflect on the past year without talking about transition. It is omnipresent. My only prayer for our beloved congregation during the coming year is that we, together, continue to remember, appreciate, and further develop the heart that is the REAL Rodeph Sholom. If we do that, then the material changes that will be decided on by you, with the leadership of our Board, is just part of the ride.

I love being a part of Rodeph Sholom. And I am excited to introduce Elijah, our new son, to the community that has been so magnificent and spiritually rewarding to be a part of.

I will see you in a few weeks!

*Cantor Michelle Teplitz*



*Elijah Samuel Teplitz*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## THE CONGREGATION THAT CRIED WOLF(E)

When I joined Congregation Rodeph Sholom 18 years ago, I had absolutely no idea that I would become actively involved in any way, shape or form. I had belonged to two other area synagogues before and, for the most part, only had the three-day-a-year membership experience—that is except for when my oldest daughter was in her bat mitzvah year.

In truth, my experience at Rodpeh Sholom was still pretty much the three-day-a-year synagogue experience—except then for when my youngest daughter was in her bat mitzvah year.

But by that time there was a little difference. I was drawn in by members to help with the Men's Club. A few years later, I was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees. Not too long after that, it was "Would you come on the Executive Committee?" I even started to attend services a few more than three times a year!

And then, this year, the Congregation Cried Wolf(e) and I was nominated and elected to serve as president.

It is a distinct honor that you have entrusted in me to provide the important leadership during this critical time in the history of our congregation.

Before I look ahead, I want to thank our immediate past president, Jeff Klein for his vision and leadership over the course of the past two years. His hard work and dedicated service helped us to view different options and begin the essential dialogue needed for setting the stage for our future.

Insofar as our future, I've written and said to you over the past couple of months, the status quo is not acceptable. Better yet, consider this Jamaican proverb: To eat an egg, you must break the shell.

Indeed, we need to break some shells in order for us to move forward. We have begun to break some shells already.

We recently hired Rabbi Amy Levin to help us through the coming year. By the time you read this, Rabbi Levin will have started in her role as our interim Rabbi. Rabbi Levin will be with us for one year only. In addition to her excellent rabbinic skills, the search committee was very impressed with her expertise to help congregations move forward in challenging situations. She will work as a partner to assist us as we determine our future path. We expect she will be a dynamic force in our congregation over the coming months. I look forward to all of our congregants having the opportunity to meet her, talk with her and get to know her a little better as she does the same with us.

An important change we made this year is to include High Holiday tickets as part of our dues structure. In fact, all children, up to age 25, will now receive tickets at no additional charge to you.

I am also excited to work with our new Executive Committee, including first time officers: Mark Yerushalmi (VP, Finance & Operations), Gary Katz (VP, Membership & Programming) and Melissa Pavloff (Secretary). They join Executive Committee "veterans" Lisa Rappoport (VP Ritual and Education) and Sy Wiesenfeld (Treasurer). We have a great balance of "new" and "experienced" voices from our congregation, and they bring their love and dedication to Rodeph Sholom to leadership positions which will benefit us all this year.

We recently held a "Town Hall Meeting" to bring you up to date on various issues that have been discussed by the Executive Committee and Board and to hear your thoughts and answer

your questions. The objective was simple: to share information. And I feel that together, we accomplished that. Although some issues must remain confidential to the leadership because of sensitivity to our own community or the greater Jewish communities in order for us to make the critical decisions that lie ahead, we need to continue to communicate. We will do this with additional meetings, emails, and letters or even smoke signals if we have to!

We are fortunate to have many wonderful people who give their time and energy to support our spiritual and leadership needs. Each year around this time we honor a few special individuals. This year, I am very pleased to announce that our Executive Director, Mark Block has been selected as our Shem Tov (good name) recipient. Mark is not only our Executive Director, more important, he is a life-long third generation member of our congregation. He has demonstrated time and again extraordinary dedication to Rodeph Sholom in both professional and volunteer roles.

In addition, it is an honor to recognize Gary Katz as Chatan Torah (concluding aliyah of the Torah) and Michael Goldman as Chatan Bereshit (first aliyah of the Torah). Both Gary and Michael have been long-time members who have been leaders of our congregation in various capacities and continue to serve to make our congregation better.

As I mentioned earlier, the Board decided this past spring to include High Holiday tickets as part of membership. Not everyone bought tickets in the past. The Board wanted to encourage more of our members and their families to attend services without the ticket cost as a barrier. To do this there was a small increase in dues, the first in four years. Last year, holiday ticket revenue was \$65,000. Our dues increase this year is nowhere near enough to offset that amount. Even if we added the full cost of tickets to dues, it would not cover all of our ongoing synagogue costs.

So, how do we "find" this money? You will be receiving a High Holiday Campaign pledge card in the mail shortly. I ask each of you to consider an extra measure of support through your donation this year—and then add a little more! Whether it's 10%, or 100%, or somewhere in between, your extra support will be well more than 100% appreciated. It will go a long way to bridge the gap and make us stronger.

We have a lot of work ahead of us. I am confident that with leadership and our dedicated congregant volunteers working together, we will face the challenges head on and do the work necessary to ensure Rodeph Sholom thrives for us and the generation to follow.

I look forward to greeting you as we celebrate the New Year 5776 together. May you all have a happy and sweet year.

L'Sholom and L'shana Tova!

*Dave Wolfe*

President



# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## HAND-WRINGERS VERSUS DOERS



Earlier this spring I had the opportunity to attend the annual conference of the North American Association of Synagogue Executives (NAASE). Being a member of the conference planning committee, one of my areas of focus this year was on developing an approach for welcoming first-time conference goers. These attendees ranged from those who have been in “the business” as directors or administrators for many years and others who were new to the field. As my colleagues registered they were invited to join my co-chair and me for a cocktail gathering and chance to get to know one another in a setting exclusive to them. While my colleagues will tell you that directors are some of the friendliest, most organized and ready to jump at a moment’s notice to address a problem or diffuse an issue group, coming to conference for the first time can still be a little overwhelming. So, in an effort to make first-timers feel more relaxed we did an ice breaker. This activity involved everyone standing in a circle with a ball of yarn as the prop. The one with the ball says something about a congregant or lay leader they have worked with in his or her synagogue and what was learned from the experience. As the ball of yarn is tossed and unravels randomly from one participant to another a great web is created, and by the end of the exercise everyone is in effect intertwined. Interestingly, the responses are typical and divided into two groups.

**“It has been proven again and again that you can’t wring your hands and roll up your sleeves at the same time—it simply doesn’t work.”**

First, there are those who are referred to as “hand-wringers.” These are people who are overcome with sadness, the status quo and oftentimes cannot see the forest through the trees. These congregants are slow to change and less accepting of the realities of synagogue life that surround them, even after the realities have been pointed out and discussed. “What has happened?” or “I remember when things were different.” By wringing their hands, these well meaning members have become disengaged from the synagogue. They may feel powerless to change, and even less interested in hearing about or acknowledging that change is inevitable. In other words, there is little that can be said to them that will make them feel better. Their mind only wanders to the sanctuary windows, vintage photos of long ago classes on the walls; in other words, they live in a past that is a reflection of their wants from the synagogue and not from the perspective of the needs of today’s modern congregation in the digital age. Even more so they feel powerless to change, and that feeling becomes a self-fulfilling prophesy which stymies the greater synagogue community.

Then there are the “doers.” These people are filled with passion, energy and hope. They know that there is lots and lots of work to be done to enhance the synagogue experience and reclaim the past to serve as a guidepost for the future. They focus much less on asking “What happened?” and more and more on asking “What can I do to help?” “How can I make the synagogue a better community than it is today?” “Doers” are ready to roll up

their sleeves and work to get things on track—maybe a different track than the one they remember when they joined, but a track that leads to a future where the synagogue is really about people and less about bricks and mortar, old photos and plaques.

It has been proven again and again that you can’t wring your hands and roll up your sleeves at the same time—it simply doesn’t work. Rolling up your sleeves stops you from wringing your hands, and vice-versa. What leads a person to be one over the other? I believe there is one major contributing factor:

“Doers” more often tend to know one or more other synagogue member who believes as they do, that the history and heritage of an institution is to be celebrated but not at the cost of being paralyzed about the future. They update each other about their aspirations and dreams for what the future might hold. They are visionary with an eye to looking back on history. Together they feel reluctant to stay on a path they view as being one leading to greater uncertainty. They are risk takers in the best sense of the word, for their risk is to benefit not necessarily themselves but the next generation.

When you have people of like mind striving for a like purpose, you have someone to call upon when disappointment arises. You also have someone to call upon to share pride in your accomplishments.

It’s clear to me that through the merger discussion processes we went through with our sister Conservative congregations, the congregational meetings we have held, letters sent, conversations in small groups and one-on-one, that the connections we feel toward Rodeph Sholom are stronger when we approach our challenges as a community. We can weather the storm even when a big wave hits and we feel we are losing our foothold. We don’t have to wring our hands because we are doers. We have a sense of perspective and promise. As we approach and celebrate the High Holy Days and subsequent holidays this Fall I am hopeful we can reconnect with purpose, that our time of transition is a time for reflection and action, and that our future days will be brighter because of the light that shines from our beacon of Conservative Judaism. Let’s commit to being “doers” in the New Year!

I wish you a happy, healthy, warm and prosperous New Year.

L’shanah tovah,

*Mark Block*

# MEN'S CLUB

As I write this in mid-July, we are coming out of the all-star break with my Mets having one of the strongest pitching staffs in the league and yet one of the worst hitting line ups. I'm hoping that by the time this article is published for the high holidays that they will still be relevant and in the conversation. This past May Rodeph Sholom had game day at Citifield to watch the Mets beat the Phillies in extra innings – what could be better than that.

This year we had another successful Passover wine tasting in March which we opened to all the synagogues in the area. This is one of our larger fund raising events and your support is what allows us to put this event on each year.

We also had in May our paid up membership dinner, Steak and Scotch, two of my favorite food groups. It is always a fun night of food and drink and camaraderie.

I am working with Jewish beekeepers in upstate New York to provide honey for Rosh Hashanah. All of the proceeds will go to Jewish charities. We will provide further information depending on how the bees feel.

What makes these events successful is the volunteers, who cook, clean, set up, make calls and coordinate with others. The other thing that makes these events successful are those who attend.

Running a volunteer organization is difficult at best. We all have full time jobs and as someone who works in Manhattan and suffers through tax season (which is seemingly all year round), I know that free time is precious. However, if you don't put any effort into something you don't get results.

This year please make an effort to volunteer for at least one event during the year as well as attend at least one program. It's only a couple of hours out of your day and we hope you will get out of it more than you put in.

L'Shanah Tova,

*Harold Goodman*  
President

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Susan Guttman for her beautiful calligraphy inscription of a two volume set of books presented to Rabbi Victor as a farewell gift from the Men's Club.



# TORAH STITCH BY STITCH



Imagine a Torah completely made from cloth and completely stitched by hand! One will exist soon as it is being cross stitched all around the world. By the time the project is finished, 1,463 canvases will have been completed and stitched together to form a massive scroll nine-feet-tall and about 100-yards-long. This project out of Toronto, Canada is called Torah Stitch by Stitch. Our members, Annie Block (middle) and Carol Weinschel, along with Sharon Sax (right), the daughter of one of our board members, Larry Sax, have taken on this wonderful task along with a few of their friends, including Marcie Carlson (left), and relatives.

The portion assigned at random to this group of women is from Leviticus. Annie's portion, as it happens, is from parshat Vayikra, which purely by chance was daughter Emily's Bat Mitzvah Torah portion, April 1, 2006—"chance" or B'shirt?! For more information on this unique project or to join the over 900 participants currently worldwide visit: <http://torahstitchbystitch.temmagntles.com>.



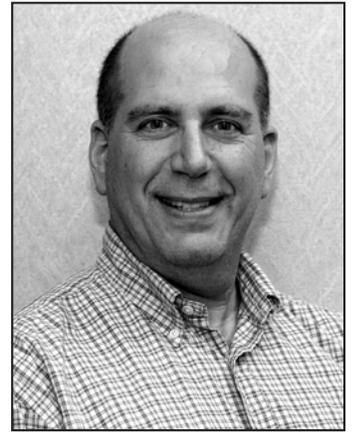
## The Women of Rodeph Sholom

A group of women from the congregation have been meeting during the summer to get this group up and running again. They have several interesting ideas for meetings. If you have any suggestions or would like to join this planning group, please leave a message with Joan in the synagogue office.

Watch your mail for upcoming events and plan to join us. We look forward to seeing you!

# SHEM TOV HONOREE 2015

## MARK BLOCK



*“There are three crowns: the crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of kingship; but the crown of a good name excels them all.” - Rabbi Shimon*

Born and raised in Trumbull, Connecticut, Mark Block is a third generation member of Congregation Rodeph Sholom. In addition to currently serving our Congregation as Executive Director, Mark was a longtime member of the Board of Trustees and provided his graphic talents and expertise to numerous journals, flyers, programs and other synagogue publications. Mark is a graduate of our Talmud Torah and studied under Rabbis Sanford Haan and Israel C. Stein, and noted Cantors David J. Leon and Y’shaya Grama. He became a Bar Mitzvah, married his wife, Ann, a long-time Trumbull public schools social worker, and celebrated the baby naming and Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Emily, President Emeritus of the University of Connecticut Hillel.

At Rodeph Sholom, Mark was recently named a Fellow in Synagogue Administration (FSA) by the National Association of Synagogue Executives (NAASE), and serves on NAASE’s Board of Governors and International Conference Planning Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

Mark served as regional Godol of the CT Valley Region of B’nai Brith Youth Organization. He received dual undergraduate degrees from Western Connecticut State University and his MBA from Sacred Heart University. He was elected to serve as President of the student bodies undergraduate/graduate at both universities and served on the WCSU Alumni Association Board of Directors, and was an active board member and officer of many Eastern Fairfield County Jewish organizations over the past 25 plus years; including UJA/Federation, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, and Rodeph Sholom. Mark remains the youngest recipient of the Jewish community’s A.O. Samuels Young Leadership Award. He currently serves as an elected member of the Ethics Commission for the Town of Trumbull and is a first-time candidate for Town Council from Trumbull’s Third District.

Following a 20+ year Fortune 100 corporate business career in Marketing Communications he transitioned into the role of executive director. Mark’s late grandfather Samuel Waldman served as Gabbai of Rodeph Sholom until his death, and his great-grandfather Louis Waldman also prayed at Rodeph Sholom, as have his parents, Claire and Stanley Block.

Mark brings to the Executive Director’s position a driving philosophy to guide his service: to ensure Rodeph Sholom does all it can to be inclusive while enfranchising members in all matters to ensure all Rodeph Sholom congregants are treated fairly and with respect.

## LULAVIM & ETROGIM FOR SUKKOT

Once again, you may purchase high quality lulav and etrog sets from Rodeph Sholom. We will ensure that our members may celebrate the joyous festival of Sukkot with the traditional ritual objects. We will also have sets of Hoshanot – willow branches, which are used during services on Hoshana Raba.



To be certain to get a lulav and etrog this year, please return this form with your check for \$60 no later than **Tuesday, September 8th**. Please call the synagogue office at 203-334-0159 for delivery and pick-up information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Sets \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# GARY KATZ

## HATAN TORAH (SIMCHAT TORAH – LAST ALIYAH)

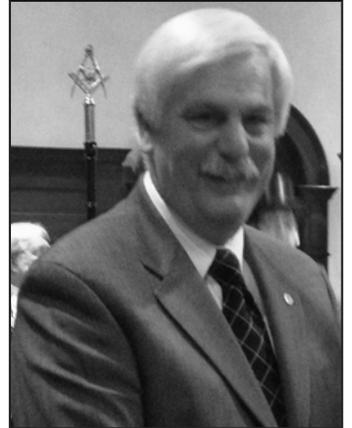
Gary Katz lives in Trumbull with his wife, Cindy, and has three adult children, Jonathan and his wife, Shoshana and two grandsons, Noah and Ezra, Byrne and her husband, Andy, and Neil.

After finishing school, Gary entered the family business, Bernie's Automotive, a fixture on Park Avenue for 50 years, with father Bernie. Since closing in 2005, Gary has been employed by Ger Oil Co., a motor oil distributor, as a sales rep.

Gary and Cindy have been members of Rodeph Sholom for 37 years and have had all family life cycle events at Rodeph Sholom. After the passing of his father-in-law, Earl Levi, Gary represented the family saying Kaddish at the daily minyan and suddenly felt he became part of the minyan family and realized that Rodeph Sholom was not the building but rather people who come through the doors. He then became more involved trying to ensure that bond would continue and is now a member of the Executive Committee.

He is truly honored to be recognized with this honor by the congregation that he truly cares for so much.

Other affiliations are a member of Past Master of America St. John's Lodge #8 A.F. & A.M., president of Past Master's Club, Garibaldi Masonic Club, Connecticut Police Square, Probus Club City of Bridgeport and Eintracht Society.



# MICHAEL GOLDMAN

## HATAN BERESHIT (SIMCHAT TORAH HONOR - FIRST ALIYAH)

Michael Goldman is a third generation member of Congregation Rodeph Sholom, and he and his wife, Ellen have been Life Members for many years. A graduate of Rodeph Sholom's Talmud Torah and Hebrew High School, Michael has led Shabbat and daily services, read Torah and recited Haftorot at Rodeph Sholom on many occasions.

Michael has been on our Board of Trustees for over 20 years and over the course of time, has been Chairman of the Budget Committee, Vice President and President of the Congregation. He is our only President to serve for three consecutive years. Michael has also chaired several cantorial search committees and provided many hours of pro bono legal services to the Congregation.

Professionally, Michael is the co-founder and Managing Partner of Goldman Gruder & Woods, LLC, a full service law firm of 20 attorneys with offices in Norwalk, Trumbull and Greenwich. His focus on corporate, business and real estate law has been invaluable to Rodeph Sholom.

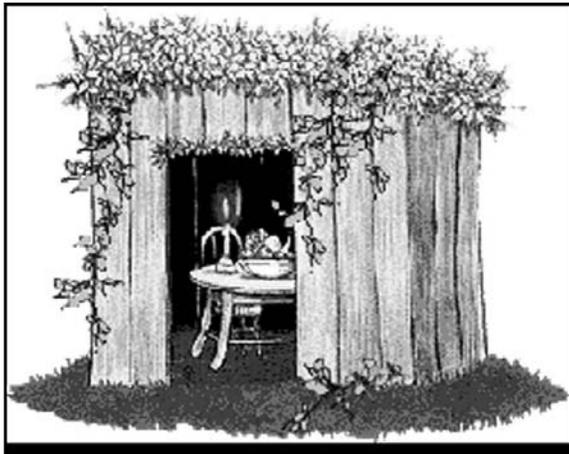
Most importantly to Michael is his family, led by his wife Ellen, who has always insisted upon a full-time Jewish home and did the hard work required to raise children Jewishly while Michael focused more of his attention on the synagogue. Ellen is a travel advisor with Largay Travel, a Virtuoso agency.

Michael's children are well-known to Rodeph Sholom. Jacqueline, who recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin/Madison, will shortly be joining AmeriCorps and will be trained to provide disaster relief in the Western United States. Benjamin is obtaining his Masters in Percussion at the University of Delaware. Joshua is in his fourth year of study at the University of Connecticut Medical School and is married to Julie, a pharmacist in West Hartford. Michael and Ellen's children, all educated at Rodeph Sholom and Ezra Academy, have even better davening skills than Michael and have read Torah at Rodeph Sholom and led our worship on many occasions.

Michael dedicates this honor to his wife Ellen and to his father, Jerry Goldman (z'l), who served as President of Rodeph Sholom during 1979-1981 and was a recipient of our Shem Tov Award in 1986.



# HOLIDAY AND FESTIVAL SERVICES 5776



## SUKKOT

### Sunday, September 27, 2015

Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:45 p.m.
Candlelighting	6:23 p.m.

### Monday, September 28, 2015

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:45 p.m.
Candlelighting	7:27 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:45 p.m.
Candlelighting	7:27 p.m.

## HOL HAMOED

### Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:45 p.m.

### Thursday, October 1, 2015

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:45 p.m.

### Friday, October 2, 2015

Shacharit	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:45 p.m.
Candlelighting	6:14 p.m.

### Saturday, October 3, 2015

Shacharit (Including the reading of Kohelet/Ecclesiastes)	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:20 p.m.
Havdalah	7:21 a.m.

## HOSHANA RABBA

### Sunday, October 4, 2015

Shacharit	8:30 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:45 p.m.
Candlelighting	6:11 p.m.



## SHEMINI ATZERET

### Monday, October 5, 2015

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
<i>(Yizkor &amp; Dedication of Memorial Plaques)</i>	
Mincha/Ma'ariv	
<i>(Simchat Torah Evening Celebration with Dancing and Singing)</i>	
Candlelighting	7:14 p.m.

## SIMCHAT TORAH

### Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:45 p.m.
Candlelighting	7:16 p.m.



# SOCIAL ACTION



**Connecticut Food Bank Back Pack** – The first Wednesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 74 Linwood Avenue, Fairfield. Fill backpacks with foods for kids in 18 school districts. Next dates: May 6th and June 3rd (tentative).

**St. John’s Soup Kitchen** – We each bring ONE fresh veggie to add to our big fresh salad.

**United Congregation Church (UCC)** – 2nd Wednesday of each month – corner of State Street and Park Avenue, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. prior to the time they open to the needy. Work in the food pantry stacking can goods.

**Plastic Bags and Hangers** – For the United Congregation Church (UCC) food pantry. The box is in Friend Hall.

**Shiva Baskets** – When a Rodeph Sholom member is sitting shiva **locally** for a **spouse, parent, sibling or child**, they receive a kosher cake and candies expressing sympathy from our congregation. If you receive a basket, your donation will be used for future trays.

**Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids** – Place in the small Lions Club box in Friend Hall.

**Unwanted Keys** – Bring old or new unwanted, broken or whole keys and place them in the tub in Friend Hall for the non-profit organization Keys for Hope. They collect old keys, melt them for recycling, then donate the money to our local food pantry.

**Thank you to everyone who walked or handed out water to walkers in May at the CROP Walk for Hunger.**

Pillows were donated to the Center for Family Justice (victims of domestic abuse) and the Clothes Closet at the UCC church earlier this spring. Here is the website to see last year’s pillow fight event in Manhattan. <http://www.newmindspace.com/pillow-fight-day-2014>.

Ellen Bedford at [ellenbedford@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenbedford@hotmail.com)  
 Marion Richer at [marricher@aol.com](mailto:marricher@aol.com)  
 Barbara Srebnick at [barbsreb1@earthlink.net](mailto:barbsreb1@earthlink.net)



# YOM HASHOAH

Rodeph Sholom commemorated Yom HaShoah this year in part with a reading of names prior to evening minyan on Thursday, April 16th. Readers included Mila Nishball and Pearl Zucker among others pictured.



*Left to right: Sally Burstein, Clara Kahn, Betty Deutsch, Susan Unrad, Mila Nishball, Erica Cohen and Charlie Oksenberg.*



*Top: Pearl Zucker. Bottom: Mila Nishball.*

# RODEPH SHOLOM / BETH EL JOINT MITZVAH DAY

SUPPORTED BY THE FEDERATION FOR  
JEWISH PHILANTHROPY OF UPPER FAIRFIELD COUNTY

## THE HARD WORK OF OUR VOLUNTEERS BENEFITED THESE FOUR CHARITIES:

1. The pocketbooks filled with toiletries are going to:  
The Women's Shelters at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.  
On any given night, over 1,000 people are homeless on the streets of Bridgeport, Norwalk and Stamford, and there are more than 200 homeless people in Bridgeport's downtown area.  
37.6 percent of children in Bridgeport live below the poverty line.  
16.2 percent of families in Bridgeport live below the poverty line.  
18.4 percent of individuals in Bridgeport live below the poverty line.  
The shelters offer: nutritious food in their dining room, through the Pantry Box program and the Mobile Kitchens; safe shelter and essential clothing; and emotional comfort, <http://bridgeportrescuemission.org/our-response-to-poverty>.

2. The fringing of fleece blankets go to Brady's Smile who gives them to babies in the ICU units of area hospitals. This group was created to promote, improve, protect and sustain the health, emotional well-being and social development of children in need, including children suffering from illness or disability, children at risk and under-served children. Their main focus is to help make life easier for children (and their families) who are in the intensive care units at children's hospitals. Brady's parents started this organization in memory of their son, Brady, who was born on March 16, 2006, and passed away on his 2nd birthday, March 16, 2008, after many complications and surgeries, <http://bradysmile.org>.

3. The separation of eyeglasses is for the Lions Clubs International which cleans them and sends them to people in need around the world. Lions Clubs are a secular, non-political service organization founded in 1917. As of May 2013, it had over 46,000 local clubs and more than 1.35 million members in over 200 countries around the world. The organization aims to meet the needs of communities on a local and global scale with charitable programs that include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues, and many other programs, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lions\\_Clubs\\_International](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lions_Clubs_International).

4. Bags of trail mix will go to our local Operation Hope, Inc. which is a non-profit organization formed in 1986 by local citizens concerned about individuals in the community unable to meet their own basic needs of food and shelter. The organization works to end hunger and homelessness, one person at a time, by offering a continuum of services from emergency food and shelter to support services and affordable housing. At the Fairfield location: Emergency shelter for single adults and families with children (maximum of one female adult and up to 3 children; 4 people per family unit); Intake hours 24/7. The shelter provides three meals a day, counseling, showers, laundry facilities, and clothing. Support services are provided to evaluate and prevent homelessness and to ensure stability and self-reliance, i.e. budgeting, home visits, referrals to therapists, etc., <http://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/shelter.cgi?shelter=7843>.

## WELCOME TO OUR 2015-16 ISRAELI YOUNG EMISSARIES (SHINSHINIM)

**Gaya Kessler** who is from Givatayim, a small city next to Tel Aviv,

**Netanel Benami** who lives in Afula,

**May Merav**, from Yoqne'am, a town in the north of Israel and

**Shaked Nisani** who lives in Adi, a small community in Jezreel Valley in the north of Israel.



# RITUAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

## A FEW NOTES ABOUT OUR LIST FOR HEALING AND OUR LIST FOR REMEMBRANCE

Three lists are regularly read on a daily basis at our Rodeph Sholom minyanim: A list for the prayer for healing (Mi Shebeirakh), a list of those who have passed away during the past year and were either members of our congregation or are remembered by members of our congregation and the day's yahrzeit list (those who have passed away in previous year on the day's Hebrew date).

On Sunday, August 9th, our Ritual Committee met and decided to make some adjustments to the way one of these lists, the list of those who have passed away during the past year, is maintained and read. Please note the information below so you can be confident that the names that are important to you will appear on that list.

### The Prayer for Healing / Mi Shebeirakh

There are no changes to the way this list is maintained or read, but you might find a review of current information helpful:

The Mi Shebeirakh is a prayer recited during the Torah service for those whose health is of serious concern. Members of Rodeph Sholom are welcome to contact our Administrative Assistant, Joan Frankel, to add names to this list. You may provide Joan with an English name, a Hebrew name, or both. Please do make sure to notify Joan, Mark Block or Rabbi Levin should the status of the person's health change.

### The Yahrzeit List

There are no changes to the way this list is maintained or read. The information on this list is based on the information we have in the Rodeph Sholom office. If you believe there is an error regarding the date of the anniversary of the death of a loved one, please bring the matter to Joan Frankel's attention.

### Remembering our Departed Loved Ones

In recent practice, a list of those who have passed away over the course of the last year has been read at our daily minyan at Shacharit, in the morning, and at Mincha/Ma'ariv in the late afternoon. People included on this list have been members of Rodeph Sholom, or those mourned by members of Rodeph Sholom.

The Ritual Committee has decided to adjust the composition of this list to more closely reflect traditional Jewish mourning observances. As we go forward, therefore, the list to be read at minyan on a daily basis will be structured as follows:

The names of parents of members of Rodeph Sholom will remain on the list for 11 months. This reflects the unique obligation to recite kaddish for a parent for 11 months.

The names of all other relatives (siblings, spouses, partners, children, grandparents, aunts and uncles) will remain on the list for 30 days (shloshim) following the death. This reflects the obligation to recite kaddish for all relationships other than parents for 30 days.

We are honored to include names for longer than 30 days or to add names of those who might not automatically be included in this list and can do so if you contact Rabbi Levin or Joan Frankel.

We hope this information is clear. Please do contact either of us if you have any questions or concerns.

L'shalom,

*Sy Wiesenfeld & Rabbi Amy Levin*

Ritual Committee Chair

## JOINT MITZVAH DAY

The hard work of our volunteers benefitted local charities.

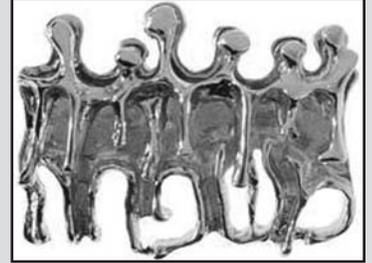


# TORAH FUND

WOMENS LEAGUE:  
WOMEN ENSURING CONSERVATIVE/MASORTI JEWISH EDUCATION

In spite of everything, our synagogue had another very successful Torah Fund Campaign. We had 33 Benefactors and raised \$5,940.00. Todah rabah (thank you) and kudos to Lisa Rappoport and Roz Stein for their yeoman efforts in overseeing this campaign.

We are extremely grateful to the following women for their participation:



Even though this year's campaign has not officially begun, Tamara Bush has already become our first Benefactor. Soon you will be receiving a letter asking you to be a Benefactor for the 2015-2016 campaign. Please respond favorably so we can add your name to this list.

We wish you all a Shana Tova filled with happy times, good health, and most of all peace.

Eidie Applebaum  
Debbie Baer  
Marilyn Banach  
Carol Battin  
Gertrude Broder  
Tamara Bush  
Andrea Feinberg  
Toby Folman  
Susan Forman  
Doris Glunts, z"l

Cheryl Green  
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Svetlana Weisman  
Judy Weiss  
Joy Whitman  
Judy Zeisler

*Lisa Rappoport & Roz Stein*

*Debbie Baer & Selda Dworkin*

Torah Fund Chairpersons

Special Gifts Chairpersons

Torah Fund Cards are available for those special occasions for \$4.00 each. Contact Debbie Baer at 203-371-4915 or dpbtrav@aol.com or Selda Dworkin at 203-374-6847 or seldwork@aol.com.

## SOCIAL ACTION "THANK YOU" BREAKFAST

On Sunday March 29th, 18 members of the Social Action Committee enjoyed a "Thank You" breakfast at Rodeph Sholom. They were some of the many people who have volunteered over the past year to drive Embassy Towers ladies to shul, deliver a shiva basket, work at Operation Hope at Christmas, hand out fliers for the CT Food Bank during Thanksgiving at the supermarkets, cooked and served at St. John's soup kitchen, stocked shelves at United Congregation Church's Clothes Closet, worked at the CT Food Bank Back Pack program, walked in the CROP Walk for Hunger and other projects. After breakfast they listened to Sarah Morocco, Director of Outreach, speak about the importance of the CT Food Bank.



# AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

We are speaking as representatives of the 40 or so members who regularly attend synagogue daily or once or twice a week and on Shabbat. We consider ourselves the core of the synagogue. We include the daveners, Torah readers and volunteers who are the “place holders” that ensure the synagogue is not an empty shell. The twice daily minyan is the distinguishing practice of Rodeph Sholom that makes us unique in the Jewish community.

Why do we come together on a regular basis? We could gather at a club or a gym or a library, but we come because something draws us to the synagogue. Perhaps it gives us a sense of stability. After all, the daily prayers are repetitious day after day and year after year. We find comfort in the sameness. Perhaps we’re seeking more than the world of commerce that we live in. Maybe we believe in the value or prayer as a “mitzvah,” or we feel that prayer is the last resort for gaining peace in a chaotic world or with troubled lives. Maybe the minyan shapes our days or we simply want to be among people of our own kind. Perhaps we come out of respect for our parents and ancestors, or to give others the opportunity to recite kaddish.

Whatever the reason, we feel better about ourselves for having been here. So on a cold and snowy day we get dressed and push ourselves through the door and into our cars simply because without us there would be no Torah reading on a Monday or Thursday.

Today, Rodeph Sholom is a bruised institution. For many years we experienced disappointments through losses of Rabbis, Cantors and members. We are suffering from outside factors such as waning interest in religious observance, our Jewish population in the area and most recently a disappointing merger discussion.

Right now we are very hopeful that we will have change. We often don’t have the ten adults needed for a simple minyan. On Shabbat attendance at services is as low as 20-25 people. The sanctuary echoes. We are at a turning point in the history of Rodeph Sholom.

Change can be demoralizing or it can present an opportunity. We have a choice.

Rodeph Sholom or any other synagogue is not just a place or a building. It is a gathering of people who come together to pray. Without people there is no need for a gathering place.

Many of us were unhappy with the terms of the merger discussions. As a result, some of us feel a renewed appreciation for what we have built here at Rodeph Sholom. Whether here or at a different site, Rodeph Sholom will still exist, but only if we demonstrate a need for a gathering place by attending services and utilizing all the benefits it offers. It will not be younger or older people or even new people, not even a Rabbi or Cantor who will ensure our survival. It must be the current members who invest their children, their dues, their donations and most of all their presence.

Do you remember how, during the merger discussion, we were so concerned about keeping our treasured stained glass windows? When was the last early morning that you watched the sun filter through those stained glass windows and transform the chapel into a brilliant jewel? There is more than one way to lose those windows.

There is joy in prayer and in the old and new melodies. It may just be that increased synagogue attendance is a key factor to insuring our survival. We welcome you to services whether you choose to come once a week or once or twice a month. See you on Shabbat or on the weekdays morning or evening. We also serve lunch (Kiddush) on Shabbat and breakfast on weekdays.

Come and join us!

*Edith Winick*

(For the daily minyan)

## MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

We congratulate the following couples who will be celebrating anniversaries of 25 years or more in August, September, October and November.

### August

Robyn & David Winograd	46 years
Carol & Michael Weinschel	46 years
Gracey & Charles Oksenberg	44 years
Carol & David Hochberg	44 years
Rhoda & Jeffrey Munk	43 years
Ellen & Brian Bedford	41 years
Svetlana & Benjamin Weisman	41 years
Debbie & Bernie Baer	41 years
Susan & Israel Unrad	40 years
Pam & Howard Burros	40 years
Laurel & Ilan Kinori	39 years
Deborah Weiss & Zvi Goldman	39 years
Lynn & Gerald Mendelbaum	38 years
Karen & Mark Wexler	38 years
Rosalyn & Lazaro Pomeranec	37 years
Rachel & David Wolfe	35 years
Marcie & David Slepian	35 years
Renee & Jeff Conecoff	30 years
Ellen & Michael Goldman	30 years
Karen & Matthew Kuznitz	28 years
Ann & Mark Block	27 years
Lisa & Scott Waller	24 years
Deborah & Harold Goodman	22 years
Debra & Paul Deutch	20 years
Melissa & Jason Held	19 years
Judy & Robert Zeisler	18 years
Marcia & Stanley Gershman	13 years

### September

Lois & Sigmar Schoenhorn	64 years
Marsha & Fred Gruder	61 years
Rosalind & Arthur Friedman	59 years
Norma & Michael Passo	45 years
Helaine & Allan Alper	45 years
Barbara & Barry Newman	38 years
Diane & David Newman	37 years
Cindy & Gary Katz	37 years
Judith & Michael Fleischer	34 years
Barbara & Bill Markowitz	31 years
Laura & Cary Friedman	31 years
Cynthia & Morris Allinson	31 years
Chyai Mulberg & Ben Schultz	30 years
Beth & Gene Gold	28 years
Syrene & Bradd Robbins	24 years
Rosanne & Joe Jessen	23 years

### October

Phyllis & Leonard Feinberg	68 years
Ethel & Ernest Tischler	62 years
Diane & William Serlin	51 years
Deborah & Ronald Sheiman	44 years
Dawne & John Powers	25 years
Ann & Milton Armm	24 years
Elizabeth & Charles Gross	21 years
Jayne & Mark Yerushalmi	17 years

### November

Frances & Theodore Spivack	74 years
Helen & Raymond Lobovits	69 years
Barbara & J. Robert Friend	60 years
Hinda & Martin Wolf	59 years
Erica & Arnold Cohen	44 years
Marsha & Joseph Goldman	42 years
Paula & Israel Hersh	34 years
Lisa & William Rappoport	31 years
Harriet & Paul Moriber	27 years
Jody & Donald Kramer	24 years
Risa Sloves & Mark Joachim	23 years
Karen & Jamie Sanger	18 years
Carolyn & Perry Wasserlauf	18 years
Ellen & Austin Wolf	15 years
Jennifer & Mitchell Weinstein	14 years

MAZAL TOV TO ALL THESE COUPLES  
FROM ALL OF US AT RODEPH SHOLOM.



# CONTRIBUTIONS, REMEMBRANCES & CONGRATULATIONS

## RABBI VICTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### In Honor of:

Harold Goodman  
*Jill & Stanton Lesser*  
 Ellen Bedford's 50<sup>th</sup> Bat Mitzvah Anniversary  
*Jill & Stanton Lesser*  
*Rodeph Sholom Sisterhood*  
*Sue & Marc Forman*  
 Joan Carp's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
*Jill & Stanton Lesser*

### In Memory of:

Rose Barsky  
 Ethel Rubin  
*Ethel Ann Applebaum*  
 Ida G. Yaffie  
*Burton S. Yaffie*  
 Sidney Harold Beck  
*Jessica Wright*

## RABBI STEIN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### In Honor of:

Cooper Jack Beitman's Bar Mitzvah  
*Liselotte K. Weiss*

### In Memory of:

Sarah Applebaum  
*Charles Applebaum*  
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*Carol & Michael Weinshel*  
 Sheila  
*Paula & Israel Hersh*

## ADELLE & MYRON ALPER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### In Honor of:

Samantha Karp's College Graduation  
 Benjamin Bruskin's High School Graduation  
*Helaine & Allan Alper*

### In Memory of:

Edward B. Bates  
 Harvey White  
*Helaine & Allan Alper*

## FANNIE & ABE BERKOWITZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### In Memory of:

Fannie Berkowitz  
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*Cynthia, Jennifer Berkowitz*  
*Roslyn & Rabbi Israel Stein*

## MORT BERNSTEIN MEMORIAL FUND

### In Honor of:

Jade & Michael's Marriage  
*Sheila Lief*

### In Memory of:

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 Sadie Singer  
 Albert Singer  
*Sheila Lief*  
 Audrey Marks  
*Nettie Gelber*

## BRAUNER & SHIRWINDT FUNDS

### In Honor of:

Ruth Feder's Birthday  
 Joyce Galinsky's Birthday  
*Adele Brauner*

## BUFFERD FAMILY FUND

### In Memory of:

Harold Bufferd  
*Janis Bufferd & Family*

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### In Honor of:

Lisa Rappoport  
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 Carl Sacks  
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### In Memory of:

Shirley Silverstein  
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### In Memory of:

Carole Sherman  
*Donald Sherman*

## MAURICE & GLADYS SILVERMAN FUND

### In Memory of:

Michael Forman  
 Karen Rainville  
 Toots Silverman  
*Sue & Marc Forman*

## SOCIAL ACTION FUND

### In Honor of:

Ellen Bedford's 50<sup>th</sup> Bat Mitzvah Anniversary  
*Debbie & Harold Goodman*  
*Sanger Family*

### In Memory of:

Karen Rainville  
*Rick & Renee Beitman*

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### Donation from:

*Peter Braunfield*

### In Honor of:

Leon Spivack's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
*Pearl Levy*  
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*Dorothy Hurwitz*  
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 Carol Battin  
*Natalie Schwartz*  
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 Ellen Bedford's 50<sup>th</sup> Bat Mitzvah Anniversary  
*Adrienne & Neal Fishman*  
*Alice & Bill Card*  
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*Jill & Stanton Lesser*  
*Susan Spivack*  
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*Deborah Adler*  
*Deborah & Wallace Zuckerman*  
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*Lane Family*

David & Vanessa Folman's Marriage  
*Ellen & Sam Rost*

Michelle Pavloff's Bat Mitzvah  
*Charles & Gracey Oksenberg*

Akivah Goldson's Birth  
*Jonas & Pearl Zucker*

Jill Lesser's Birthday  
*Joan & Stanley Carp*

Frieda Mininberg's Birth  
*Deborah & Wallace Zuckerman*

Roz Stein's Birthday  
*Michael & Carol Weinshel*

Mr. & Mrs. Polan's Granddaughter  
Lauren's Graduation

Mitchell & Janet Lenchner's 25<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary

Lisa Stein's Graduation

Rabbi Daniel & Sabrina Victor

Beth Gold & Limor Sheffer

Mr. & Mrs. Polan's Granddaughter,  
Lauren's Engagement  
*Lisa & Scott Waller*

Emily Block's Mitzvah  
*Judy & Stanford Weiss*

Sam Weinstein's Bar Mitzvah

Rebecca Weinstein's Bat Mitzvah  
*Gene & Beth Gold*

Refuah Shelemah Jonas Zucker  
*Jonas & Pearl Zucker*

**Get Well Wishes:**

Robert Kaplan  
*Lisa & Scott Waller*

**In Appreciation of:**

Beth Gold & Limor Sheffer  
*Lisa & Scott Waller*

**In Gratitude & Honor of:**

Rabbi Stein  
*Margie & Michael Rosten*

**In Memory of:**

Irene Soboeiro

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*Lisa & Scott Waller*

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*Joan & Stanley Carp*  
*Lawrence Sax*  
*Mike & Judy Fleischer*  
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Carole Sherman  
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*The Schperos*

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*Barbara & Bill Markowitz*

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Sid Weiss  
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**Donation from:**  
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**In Memory of:**  
Toby Dietz  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		17 Elul	1 18 Elul	2 19 Elul	3 20 Elul	4 21 Elul
						<b>5</b> Selichot Innocence Project Program 8:30 p.m. Services 10:00 p.m.
22 Elul	6 23 Elul	7 24 Elul	8 25 Elul	9 26 Elul	10 27 Elul	11 28 Elul
	Labor Day Office Closed				6:00 p.m. Services 7:07 p.m. Candlelighting	7:00 p.m. Services 8:03 p.m. Havdalah
						<b>12</b>
29 Elul	13 1 Tishrei	14 2 Tishrei	15 3 Tishrei	16 4 Tishrei	17 5 Tishrei	18 6 Tishrei
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Day 1 Rosh Hashanah Office Closed	Day 2 Rosh Hashanah Office Closed			6:00 p.m. Services 6:50 p.m. Candlelighting	6:45 p.m. Services 7:51 p.m. Havdalah
						<b>19</b>
7 Tishrei	20 8 Tishrei	21 9 Tishrei	22 10 Tishrei	23 11 Tishrei	24 12 Tishrei	25 13 Tishrei
	Executive Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	Kol Nidre 6:30 p.m.	Yom Kippur Office Closed		6:00 p.m. Services 6:30 p.m. Candlelighting	6:45 p.m. Services 7:49 p.m. Havdalah
						<b>26</b>
14 Tishrei	27 15 Tishrei	28 16 Tishrei	29 17 Tishrei	30 17 Tishrei		
Erev Sukkot	1st Day Sukkot Office Closed	2nd Day Sukkot Office Closed	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.		6:00 p.m. Services 6:26 p.m. Candlelighting	6:30 p.m. Services 7:26 p.m. Havdalah

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				18 Tishrei	19 Tishrei	20 Tishrei
21 Tishrei	22 Tishrei	23 Tishrei	24 Tishrei	25 Tishrei	26 Tishrei	27 Tishrei
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
	Offices Closed Shemini Atzerit 9:00 a.m. Services and Dedication of Memorial Plaques Erev Simchat Torah	Simchat Torah  Offices Closed			6:00 p.m. Services 6:14 p.m. Candlelighting	6:15 p.m. Services 7:15 p.m. Havdalah
28 Tishrei	29 Tishrei	30 Tishrei	1 Cheshvan	2 Cheshvan	3 Cheshvan	4 Cheshvan
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
	Executive Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m.				5:45 p.m. Services 5:52 p.m. Candlelighting	5:45 p.m. Services 6:51 p.m. Havdalah
5 Cheshvan	6 Cheshvan	7 Cheshvan	8 Cheshvan	9 Cheshvan	10 Cheshvan	11 Cheshvan
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
					5:45 p.m. Services 5:42 p.m. Candlelighting	5:45 p.m. Services 5:41 p.m. Havdalah  <b>Adam Held</b> <b>Bar Mitzvah</b>
12 Cheshvan	13 Cheshvan	14 Cheshvan	15 Cheshvan	16 Cheshvan	17 Cheshvan	18 Cheshvan
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
			Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.		5:30 p.m. Services 5:33 p.m. Candlelighting	5:30 p.m. Services 6:33 p.m. Candlelighting



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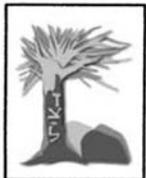
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