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## THE TENT OF ABRAHAM AND SARAH

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In just a few weeks it will once again be Rosh Hashana. And so our High Holiday Torah readings will once again cause us to turn our thoughts to our holy antecedents - to Abraham and Sarah and to the lives they lived. Can I tell you about the tent of Abraham and Sarah?

What can I say that you, my dear reader, don't already know? It had four flaps that were facing each direction. And each flap was pulled up, the universal sign among weary travelers that one would be welcomed, washed, fed and cared for.

And maybe even stay the night!

Our monthly Shabbat Dinner Experiences are very much held in the image of Abraham and Sarah, the progenitors of our faith. More than just the food, it is a gateway to help all who pass through our doors feel warmly welcomed and valued. Not only just for members, we are to see everyone as future *potential* members, to dine at our table as members of our family. And to feed them spiritually and thus help make new souls and new family members. If you have not been to one of our Shabbat Dinners we encourage you to come and join us.

We must keep in mind our larger vision - of being a tent so welcoming that all four flaps are open, that no matter from where a stranger is coming from, in every sense of the term, they may find us warm, open and welcoming.

So as we approach the High Holy Days and reconnect with the spiritual roots of our faith, let us remember the warm hospitality by which our forebears lived and for which they were known by all. Let us find a balance between feeding ourselves and being a beacon of hospitality to all who somehow find their way through our doors. As the new year approaches, may we be as sweet as the honey on our apples!

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Wednesday and Thursday without appointment 10:30 am-11 am  
By appointments only Wednesday 10-10:30 am and 6:15-7 pm  
By appointments only Thursday 10-10:30 am

**Rabbi's Classes**

**All Classes meet in the Library on Saturday, Class room all other days**

**We are all growing at our own pace, and stumbling along the way!**

**Hope to see you in class**

**Wednesday/Thursday 11:00 am - noon**

Weekly Torah portion review and discussion

**Wednesday evening: 5:15 pm-6:15 pm**

A Sugya is a concise paragraph or two of a larger Talmudic discussion. In the course of an hour we will explore 4 different sugyas from 4 different tractates of the Talmud. We will sample tractates from ALL the tractates of the Talmud within the course of a year and then start over again with new sugyas from all the tractates.

No Aramaic required.

**Saturday 1-2 pm**

Putting the Nach into the Tanach" Readings from the Writings and the Prophets, Haftarah and more.

**Saturday 2pm to 2:30 pm.**

Singing Shabbat Songs from the Ashkenazic, Sephardic and Yemenite Traditions

**Sunday noon-1pm**

Speed learning topics include Kabbalistic secrets of Hebrew words, Jewish ethics, Concepts in Judaism, Jewish History and Biblical literacy, And Yiddish with Bernie.

**Alternative Sunday noon-1 pm**

Hebrew Reading review and prayer comprehension

**Sunday 1-2 pm**

Growing in our Judaism: an open discussion group for all people exploring their deepening connection to Jewish life and practice and how it impacts on their lives and on their families and on the lives of those around them.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT MERLE TURITZ**

I have just returned from a delightful vacation, leaving behind all the stresses that come with working, paying bills, and balancing life in general. For the first time in a year, my family, including all four sons, two grandkids, my partner Stanley, my daughter-in-law, and even my two monster dogs lived peacefully under one roof in a remote area of PA, along the NY State border. With unstable internet and sporadic phone reception, no real town, places to shop or fancy restaurants within thirty minutes, we really enjoyed being away from it all. There was no fighting or exchange of harsh words, everyone pitched in to share chores, cook meals, clean dishes, make coffee, do laundry, and even pick up the dog mess in the yard. The 1000 piece jig saw puzzle I brought along was completed on the living room coffee table by everyone, including the youngsters, contributing their energy to sorting, finding the edges, making connections and picking up the strays that fell under the couch. We took pride in the achievement since we all had a stake in getting it done. While I love having my family over to my house in Marshalls Creek, there is something noticeably different when we are all together away from home. Usually we hardly get through a weekend without at least a minimal amount of arguing. The dishes in the sink always pile up, the grandkids sit on the couch for hours tapping into their electronic devices and by Sunday night, it looks like the house hasn't been cleaned since 2015. Why is that? It's the same people. Is it because we were guests in a rented house and were on our extra special good behavior? It seemed that we had greater respect for one another and for our environment and the puzzle gave us something to work together on. So why am I writing about this?



It seems that we get comfortable in our regular surroundings, letting down our guard in how we relate to one another. We lose patience with the people we see day in and day out and make assumptions on their behaviors based on something that may have been done in the past. Familiarity breeds contempt – or at least it prevents us from seeing things with a clear perspective and a fresh vision. This year, let's try and be mindful that Temple Israel is NOT our home. It is G-d's home and we are His guests. Our behavior toward one another should reflect that reverence. And just maybe, the more we incorporate this fresh perspective and regard for others' feelings, others' talents, others' weaknesses and uniqueness, the more we will make it part of our everyday conduct. It takes all of us to work together to enrich our synagogue and grow our congregation, like the puzzle, and then celebrate in that achievement.

Peace, Merle

# Sunday School News



We will kick off the new school year with Shabbat School on Saturday morning, September 7th from 10 am to 11:30 am.

Sunday School dates are the following: September 15th, 22nd and 29th from 10 am to 11:30 am.

Please make sure that you have a **COMPLETED** registration form on file before your child attends their first day of class.

**NEW THIS YEAR...**you can fill out the registration form for you child **ONLINE** at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/rQMY7bokPTfvcdHGA>

or

you can request a registration form be emailed to you.



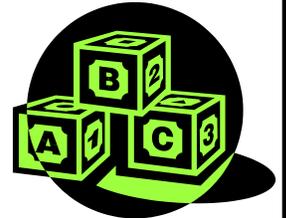
Temple Israel of the Poconos  
announces

Babysitting during  
High Holiday Services

September 30th, October 1st & 9th

10 am to 12 pm

Ages 1– 4 years old



Due to limited space: **YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS**

**Walk-in's will not be guaranteed a spot.**

Call Lucinda to reserve a spot at: 570-421-8781 or email her at: [tipoc@ptd.net](mailto:tipoc@ptd.net)

# Ask The Rabbi..... by Rabbi Baruch Melman

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## Q.

*Is it true that I once heard there was once a partition plan to give all the land west of the Jordan River to the Jewish people for a Jewish homeland, which would include the disputed territories Israel won in 1967. And now that Israel has the land, what are the prospects for the future (while standing on one foot).*

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## A

Everybody knows about the UN Partition Plan for Palestine of November, 1947. But few know or recall the San Remo Conference of 1920, ratified by the League of Nations. Very few indeed are those who recall Britain's quite illegal and unilateral action to sever Transjordan, i.e., the 77% of the British Palestine Mandate, and unilaterally hand it over to the Hashemites of Arabia. They thus forced the hand of the UN, the successor body of the League of Nations, to now somehow divide the leftover rump 23% of the original territory between the Jews and the Arabs. Furthermore, British White Paper policy perfidiously strangled Jewish escape from Nazi Europe, arguably resulting in the deaths of millions of Jews who could have escaped to Palestine.

It's useful to recall the metaphor of holding the tiger by the tail. Let go and he will eat you. By all precedent if Israel relaxes her sovereignty and control over Judea and Samaria, terrorism and a terrorism infrastructure only increases, a la Gaza and South Lebanon. The BDS movement destroyed the SodaStream model of coexistence, where economic prosperity for all was working to promote coexistence and a stake in long-term prosperity for all.

Let us also recall that Israel conquered the territory in a purely defensive war. By all precedent, nations have had the legal right to keep territory won in a defensive war. And let the reader also recall that many Jewish communities and villages, such as the Gush Etzion region, were wiped out and massacred during Israel's war of Independence. Let the dear reader recall that when the Maccabees of yore were fighting the Syrian Greeks for 25 years, every battle save for the Battle of Jaffa took place in Judea and Samaria, the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people.

For all intents and purposes the Arabs there can be considered citizens of a future Jordanian Palestine living under full autonomy and self rule under Israeli sovereignty. Some 95% of the Arabs there never have to see a single Israeli in the course of their day, being that they live entirely under autonomous self rule. Eventually Jordan will officially be rightly and legally called Palestine and the two nations will live side by side in peaceful harmony. But giving up military control would only invite more terror and more world condemnation whenever Israel acts to defend her people just as we have seen played out these last several years in Gaza. Should this autonomy ever become full statehood, they would be granted the power to have an army, including an air force, and the power to forge binding international alliances and treaties, inducing other nations to come to their aid in time of war.

But let us remember that all the great world powers came together after World War One and the collapse of the Ottoman Empire to legally determine Israel's rightful borders as based on history, archeology, literature and Holy Writ. While Jordan occupied Judea and Samaria for all of just 19 years, the Jewish People prayed for our return to the hills of Judea and Samaria for the 1900 years since our exile. And every world map for 1900 years called it Judea, not the West Bank. It behooves us to remember that we are called Jews for no other reason but that we come from Judea! Okay, not bad for just one foot!

**2019 HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE 5779****Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Selichot Services 10-10:45 pm  
preceded by Havdalah; refreshments provided

**Cemetery Visits Sunday, September 22nd**

11 am RT 209 12:30 pm Laurelwood

**ROSH HASHANAH - 2 Day Yuntiff****Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 29th**

Evening Candle lighting 6:29 pm

Maariv services 7 -8 pm

**First Day Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 30th**

Shacharit Service 9 am - 12:30 pm

Children's Hour 11am to 12pm

Shofar is sounded at various times throughout the morning

100 blasts!

Rosh Hashanah Luncheon following services w/paid reservations  
Tashlich service at Pond immediately following luncheon.

**2nd Day Rosh Hashanah, Monday Evening September 30th**

Maariv Service 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Light candles from borrowed flame after 7:25 pm

**2nd Day Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday Morning October 1st**

Shacharit service 9 AM - 12:30 pm (ends approx)

Children's Hour 11 am to 12pm

Shofar is sounded at various times throughout the morning

100 blasts!

Rosh Hashanah Luncheon following services w/paid reservations

Yuntiff concludes Tuesday night 7:24 pm

**Fast Of Gedaliah- Dawn to Dusk Wednesday October 2nd**

Commemorating the assassination of Gedaliah, and the consequent loss of self rule, to Babylonia

**Friday Evening, October 4th Shabbat Shuvah Parshat Vayelech**

Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:20 pm

Maariv services 7 pm

**Saturday, October 5th**

9:00 am - Noon Shabbat Shuvah Shacharit Services

7:17 pm Shabbat ends

(The rest of the schedule will be printed in the October newsletter. The full schedule will be listed in the Memorial and Greetings booklet which is mailed out to all members)

# CELEBRATIONS PAGE!

*Happy Anniversary*

Jay and Rachel Strodel	September 8
Robert and Louise Leon	September 9
Louis and Marion Koshar	September 12

*Happy Birthday*

Eli Sagofsky Ezra Sagofsky	September 4
Max Levy	September 5
Barry Cohen	September 6
Judy Levy	September 7
Sally Fineman Ken Waite	September 8
Igor Trofimov	September 9
Melinda Feliciano	September 11
Arnold Goldman	September 29
Rachel Strodel	September 30

If you are celebrating a milestone year, whether it be birthday or anniversary, please let us know so others may celebrate with you.

Contact: Lucinda at the Temple Office  
(570) 421-8781

*Thank You*

### Yahrzeit

Eileen Karpe in memory of Irving Karpe  
Sandy Mages in memory of Leo Goldberg  
Susan Grosser in memory of Frida Grosser

### General Donations

Dr. Howard Klein  
Herb Rosen

### Temple Israel Discretionary Fund

Anonymous

### In Memory of Sylvia Rosen

Barry and Kathy Munch in memory of Sylvia Rosen  
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation



### September Yahrzeit List



September 1	Elul 1	Sylvia Blassberg Isadore Rakowitz	September 13	Elul 13	Soy Kleinfeld
September 3	Elul 3	Edith Cabelly Joshua Costanza	September 14	Elul 14	Sadie Katz Harry Koshar Harold Laffer
September 4	Elul 4	Edward Rosenzweig Sally Steinberg	September 15	Elul 15	Seymour Katz
September 5	Elul 5	William Friedman Isaac Kassel	September 16	Elul 16	Harry Sherman
September 6	Elul 6	Meyer Boyers Rose Fuchs Max Goldman	September 18	Elul 18	Samuel Zager
September 7	Elul 7	Fritz Breslauer Arleen Jolley Barbara Krawitz	September 19	Elul 19	Isabel Levy
September 8	Elul 8	George M. Cohen Dorothy Horowitz	September 20	Elul 20	Israel Glucroft Minnie Westheimer Ruth Zacher
September 9	Elul 9	Mindy Solomon Daniel Zadoff	September 21	Elul 21	Abraham Cohen Debra Ann Feinstein Emil Kaye
September 10	Elul 10	Roberta Bernbaum Berton Burros Edward Katz	September 22	Elul 22	Karen Crawn Morris J. Escoll Rose Frankel Louis S. Langlieb
September 11	Elul 11	Beverly Armel Maxwell H. Cohen	September 23	Elul 23	Martin Reicher
September 12	Elul 12	Sadie Rosenthal	September 24	Elul 24	Ed Gittleman
			September 25	Elul 25	Rebeca Wilensky
			September 27	Elul 27	Gertrude Meyers Morris Soler
			September 28	Elul 28	Eillott Schneiderman E. Norman Stelzer
			September 29	Elul 29	Ray Feuerman



Yahrzeit candles should be lit the evening **PRIOR** to the date listed above.

Light the yahrzeit candle **BEFORE** lighting Shabbat or Yom Tov candles.



[Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to](#)  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Weidenbaum and family on the loss of Bruce's father, Jack Weidenbaum  
 Joan Sommers in the loss of her Daughter Debra Sommer McCormick

# September 2019

## Elul, 5779 - Tishrei, 5780

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<i>Elul 1</i>  Rabbi's Classes noon	<i>Elul 2</i>	<i>Elul 3</i>	<i>Elul 4</i>  Rabbi's Classes 11-noon 5:15-6:16 pm	<i>Elul 5</i>  Rabbi's Class 11-noon	<i>Elul 6</i>  Evening Services 8pm  Candle lighting 7:08 PM	<i>Elul 7</i>  Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat School 10am Rabbi's Classes 1 pm  Shabbat Ends 8:05 pm
<i>Elul 8</i>  Board Meeting 10am  Rabbi's classes Noon	<i>Elul 9</i>	<i>Elul 10</i>	<i>Elul 11</i>  Rabbi's Classes 11-noon 5:15-6:16 pm	<i>Elul 12</i>  Rabbi's Class 11-noon	<i>Elul 13</i>  Evening Services 8pm  Candle lighting 6:56 PM	<i>Elul 14</i>  Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am  Rabbi's Classes 1 pm Shabbat Ends 7:53 pm
<i>Elul 15</i>  Sunday School 10am  Rabbi's classes Noon  Federation Dinner	<i>Elul 16</i>	<i>Elul 17</i>	<i>Elul 18</i>  Rabbi's Classes 11-noon 5:15-6:16 pm	<i>Elul 19</i>  Rabbi's Class 11-noon	<i>Elul 20</i>  Evening Services 8pm  Candle lighting 6:44 PM	<i>Elul 21</i>  Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Sponsored Kiddush by Shelly Farber Shabbat Ends 7:41pm Selichot Services 10pm
<i>Elul 22</i>  Sunday School 10am  Cemetery Visits Route 209: 11 am Laurelwood: 12:30 pm	<i>Elul 23</i>	<i>Elul 24</i>	<i>Elul 25</i>  Rabbi's Classes 11-noon 5:15-6:16 pm	<i>Elul 26</i>  Rabbi's Class 11-noon	<i>Elul 27</i>  Evening Services 8pm  Candle lighting 6:32 PM	<i>Elul 28</i>  Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Rabbi's Classes 1 pm Shabbat Ends 7:29 pm
<i>Elul 29</i>  Sunday School 10am Erev Rosh Hashanah  Candle light- ing 6:29pm Maariv Services 7-8pm	<i>1 Tishrei</i>  Rosh Hashanah Shacharit Service 9am  Lunch with paid reservation to follow  Maariv service 7pm	<p>L' Shanah Tovah Have a sweet year!</p> 				



## **DANCE/EXERCISE WELLNESS CLASS**

**Friday, September 13th**

**10:30 am**

**Temple Israel of the Poconos**

**711 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg**

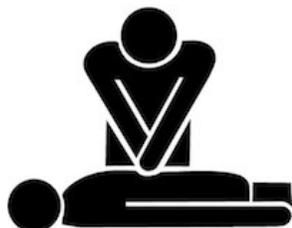
**Class is conducted by a certified instructor.**

**The class will begin with participants sitting and exercising in their chairs and eventually everyone (if you choose) will be up on their feet and dancing. This class is perfect for seniors and those with disabilities.**

**Class fee is \$5.**

**If you want to stay after class for a “make your own salad” lunch there is an additional \$4 charge.**

**Please reserve your spot by September 10th by contacting the Temple Office at 570-421-8781 or email [tipoc@ptd.net](mailto:tipoc@ptd.net) if you are interested.**



Are you interested in being certified in  
CPR/AED/First Aid?

This is an 8 hour class and you would  
need to be able to get down onto the  
floor to pass the class.



Cost if \$60

You would be certified for 2 years. You do not have to be a  
member of the Temple to participate in the class.

**Contact the Temple Office at 570-421-8781 or email [tipoc@ptd.net](mailto:tipoc@ptd.net) if you are interested to get your name on the list.**



### Shabbat Oneg and Kiddush Luncheons

Some good reasons to sponsor a Kiddush luncheon or Oneg Shabbat:

It's your birthday, or your friend's or your mom's etc.

It a special anniversary of bar or bat mitzvah, wedding, special event or  
in memory of a loved one

**Please contact Lucinda at the office 570-421-8781 or email [tipoc@ptd.net](mailto:tipoc@ptd.net) if you would like to sponsor a Kiddush or Oneg.**

### Friday Night Oneg

Package would include a sweet assortment of Pareve Desserts, fresh fruit salad and beverages

### Sponsored Kiddush Luncheon:

**Regular Kiddush:** Challah, bagels with cream cheese, 4 cold salads (eggs salad, tuna salad, fresh green salad, bean salad, fruit salad, cucumber salad, pasta salad, macaroni salad, mozzarella ball salad) Herring, dessert and beverages.  
\$125.00

**Deluxe Kiddush:** Challah, bagels with cream cheese, 4 cold salads (eggs salad, tuna salad, fresh green salad, bean salad, fruit salad, cucumber salad, pasta salad, macaroni salad, mozzarella ball salad) choice of 1 hot dish (baked eggplant, baked ziti, bake lasagna, mac and cheese), roasted vegetables, kugel, lox with onions and tomatoes, white fish, dessert and beverages. \$185.00

**There may be an additional charge for alternative food choices. Please note that an additional staff service charge of \$25 will be included for all sponsored Shabbat Kiddushes.**



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## FIRST CLASS



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**PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 12TH.**

**Friday evening services begin at 8:00 p.m. &  
Saturday Shabbat Services begin at 9:30 a.m.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**