



## High Holiday Schedule

### **Saturday, September 1**

**Slichot** 9:00 PM

### **Sunday, September 9**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah** 7:00 PM

### **Monday, September 10**

#### **First Day of Rosh Hashanah**

Morning Services 8:30 AM

Mincha 7:00 PM

#### **Tashlikh - Mon., September 10**

Meet at Alley Pond Park  
at 5:45 PM

### **Tuesday, September 11**

#### **Second Day of Rosh Hashanah**

Morning Services 8:30 AM

Mincha 7:00 PM

#### **Tashlikh - Sunday, September**

**16** Meet at Fort Totten Park  
at 4:00 PM

### **Tuesday, September 18**

#### **Erev Yom Kippur**

Kol Nidre 6:40 PM

### **Wednesday, September 19**

#### **Yom Kippur**

Morning Services 8:30 AM

Mincha 5:00 PM

## Sukkot Service Schedule

### **Sunday, September 23**

**Erev Sukkot** 6:35 PM

### **Monday, September 24**

#### **First Day of Sukkot**

Morning Services 9:00 AM

Mincha 6:35 PM

### **Tuesday, September 25**

#### **Second Day of Sukkot**

Morning Services 9:00 AM

Mincha 6:35 PM

### **Wednesday, September 26**

Morning Services 8:00 AM

Mincha 7:30 PM

### **Thursday, September 27**

Morning Services 6:30 AM

Mincha 7:30 PM

### **Friday, September 28**

Morning Services 6:30 AM

Candle Lighting 6:23 PM

Mincha 6:25 PM

### **Saturday, September 29**

Morning Services 9:00 AM

Mincha at

Rabbi Wise's House 5:45 PM

### **Sunday, September 30**

#### **Hoshana Rabbah**

Morning Services 8:00 AM

Candle Lighting 6:19 PM

Mincha 6:20 PM

## **SUKKOT SERVICE HOURS**

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## **From the Desk of**

**Rabbi David Wise**

### **Faith Is Messy**



In this month's issue of *The Rabbi's Nightstand*, I want to share reflections on two

volumes from my summer reading that overlapped. The first was *This Town*, Mark Leibovich's lampoon of the Washington political class. It was written in 2013, but it remains just as relevant in a year that screams for an update. The second is *How's Your Faith?* It's a spiritual autobiography by one of the many targets of Leibovich's biting keyboard, David Gregory, the former host of *Meet the Press*.

In truth, after finishing *This Town*, my expectations for finding meaning in Gregory's book were quite low. I expected it would be typical of the way Leibovich described most Washington-based celebrities—an exercise in navel gazing. And in a way, anyone who writes a book about his or her spiritual journey is inviting voyeurism—as if any of us, whether we are religious leaders or media personalities, have spiritual stories worth telling or reading.

Sure enough, one of the anecdotes that Leibovich included—for laughs and cringes—is

## **September at HBJC**

September 1

Selichot

September 22

Simcha Shabbat

September 28

Sisterhood Dinner  
in the Sukkah



**See Pages 10 for  
removable monthly calendar  
of events and service times.**



### **Shabbat Schedule**



Saturday September 1, 2018  
Leil Slichot

Ki Tavo	9:00 AM
Mincha	6:55 PM
Havdalah	8:11 PM
Slichot	9:00 PM

Friday, September 7, 2018

Candle Lighting	6:58 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Nitzavim	9:00 AM
Mincha	6:15 PM
Havdalah	8:00 PM

Friday, September 14, 2018

Candle Lighting	6:46 PM
Mincha	6:45 PM

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Vayeilech	9:00 AM
Shabbat Shuva	
Mincha	6:30 PM
Havdalah	7:48 PM

Friday, September 21, 2018

Candle Lighting	6:35 PM
Mincha	6:35 PM

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Ha'Azinu	9:00 AM
Mincha	6:20 PM
Havdalah	7:36 PM

Friday, September 28, 2018  
Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Candle Lighting	6:23 PM
Mincha	6:25 PM

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Chol Hamoed Sukkot	9:00 AM
Mincha	6:10 PM
Havdalah	7:24 PM

### **SUKKOT SERVICES HOURS CONT.**

**Monday, October 1**

**Shmini Atzeret**

Morning Services	9:00 AM
Mincha	1:15 PM
Tot Hakafof	6:45 PM
Late Yiskor in The White Chapel	7:00 PM
Ma'ariv & Hakafof	7:15 PM

**Tuesday, October 2**

**Simchat Torah**

Morning Services	9:00 AM
Mincha	6:20 PM
Havdalah	7:19 PM

### **Junior Congregation**

Sept. 10 & 11 - Rosh Hashanah  
Ages 3-5 10:30 AM - 11:15 PM  
Ages 6 and up 10 AM - 12 PM

September 19 - Yom Kippur -  
Ages 3-5 10:30 AM - 11:15 PM  
Ages 6 and up 10 AM - 12 PM

### **Handicap Access**

We have an operating handi-capped lift. This is available for all who may need access to any level of the building. Please contact the center office to arrange for one of our staff to assist you in its operation. There is also a handicapped restroom located past the Menchel Social Hall.

*The House Committee*

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**Bereavement Support**

**The Bereavement Support Group meets the First and Third Monday night of the month at 7:30 PM with compassionate, caring, warm and concerned friendly people. Refreshments are always served and are complimentary. All faiths are welcome. Led by Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes, Marty Kevelson and Malka Lesnik Belgrad.**



Cantor Sol Zim



Wow, this summer has been so hot but it has been a beautiful one...We just celebrated our merger with the Jewish Center of Oak Hills with a very special Friday Night Service & Dinner and Saturday morning Shabbat Service. So many attended this celebratory Shabbat and our Congregation was filled with spirituality, love and friendship. Our HHBJC family has further expanded. I would personally like to take this opportunity to give a very warm welcome to our friends from the Jewish Center of Oak Hills. We are so happy to have you as part of our community and family. We are not just a Synagogue; we are a truly special & unique congregation, filled with prayer, spirituality, tradition, music, culture, friendship, devotion, family & love. Welcome to Rabbi Gary Kessler who will be serving as Associate Rabbi. Let us carry on our sacred Jewish legacy together as we pray together, sing together, learn together and share together as one. I also want to take this opportunity to thank my dear friend, our beloved Rabbi David Wise, for leading us with much love and wisdom!

Our High Holidays are upon us. Join us for our **SLICHOT SERVICE** on *Saturday Night, Sep-*

**Our Cantor's Voice**

**Looking Ahead**  
**5779**

*tember 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 PM* as we usher in the *Yamim Noarim*. We will start with some noshes and then we will begin our service.

I am now planning programs for this coming year 5779...Get ready for an extension of our Yiddish Classes. Come join our unique **"YIDDISH CLUB"**. *We will learn a bisel, laugh a bisel and nosh a bisel.* We will start after the holidays. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Dates to be announced soon...I am also planning our next series of our **"LEARN TO DAVEN"** program.. Last year we had a great time and many of you asked for us to resume. I know how much many of you love to sing along during the services so you will have the opportunity to learn how to lead a service. This will be a special time we can share together! **COME JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!** Dates to be announced.

I am also bringing in my friend **CHARLES BERNHAUT**, a well-known Jewish Radio personality, a lover of Jewish Music, an outspoken advocate for the State of Israel, and a man that is dedicated and devoted to the furtherance of Jewish Music & Culture. You probably saw him at some of our Gala concerts... He will be talking with us about the **HISTORY & BEST OF JEWISH COMEDY**. Look for the date which will be announced soon.

I am also planning our **GALA CONCERT**...Date to be announced soon.

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*(Rabbi Wise Continued from page 1)*

about Gregory, and finds its way into *How's Your Faith?* But Gregory tells the same story as an example of a chance to put his quest for knowledge of his religious tradition (he identifies as Jewish) to the test. Leibovich was profiling Gregory's NBC colleague Chris Matthews. As Matthews, Tim Russert and Andrea Mitchell were boarding a plane, someone quipped that if the flight went down, NBC's talent pool would be devastated. Matthews retorted that Gregory was outside the plane, arranging for just that to happen. When Leibovich contacted Gregory for comment, the latter admitted that he was stung by insinuations that he harbored devious ambitions.

But at the time, Gregory writes, he was studying weekly with Erica Brown, the scholar-in-residence of the DC Federation, and an extraordinary teacher of Torah. She encouraged him to write to Matthews and tell him it wasn't a big deal. When he hesitated, Brown taught him the classic rabbinic teaching that "if you do something but not for its own sake, you will come to do it for its own sake."

Eventually, Gregory reached out to Matthews, after realizing that the profile was tougher on his colleague than it had been on himself. But more important to me was the spiritual calculus that Gregory reports making in his mind: "Sure, I thought, that makes sense. It probably is

true that if you do the right thing even when you don't believe it, your heart will eventually become dedicated to doing things for the right reason. I totally agreed with her *in theory* that it was more important to be kind to those who were not kind to me. But that didn't mean I was ready to take the high road" (*How Your Faith?* 84).

Gregory is giving voice to something rather common. It is easier to nurture pain and insult than it is to forgive. We wait for others to take the initiative, feeling that the burden should not be on us, the aggrieved party. At the end of the process, Gregory realized that holding onto bitterness is itself the heavier burden. But naming his spiritual frailty—acknowledging the hesitancy to "take the high road"—is as crucial to spiritual and emotional growth as taking that road in the first place.

As we approach *Tishrei* and the season of renewal that is ushered in with the arrival of the New Year, may we also name our spiritual struggles, for they are a legitimate part of the journey toward a life imbued with meaning.

Wishing you a *Shanah Tovah*,  
Rabbi David Wise

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As we approach the High Holidays and as I always do this time of year, I look forward to speaking with many of you, and while asking for your support of our Temple, I am thrilled to be able to catch-up with you and hear how you and your families are doing.

June and I would like to wish each and every one of you, and your families, A HAPPY, HEALTHY & SWEET NEW YEAR, with GOOD HEALTH & PEACE!

**SHANA TOVA, GMAR  
CHATIMA TOVA.**

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,  
Cantor Sol Zim

### Temple Family

*In gratitude for all of the acts of  
kindness during our time of  
bereavement*

Robert Feingold & Family

*Thank you to the Rabbi,  
Cantor, Chesed Committee  
and the whole community for  
all of your support and con-  
dolences upon the loss of our  
beloved, Robert Sparrow*  
Marcia Sparrow



## Rabbi's Reflections

Associate Rabbi

Gary D. Kessler

### Visions For the New Year in a New Shul



The capacity to dream, to envision, to imagine is one of the most powerful of G-d's endowments to man. Our

ability to picture our world, our families, and our own lives as we would want them to be empowers us to create them in that ideal image. Jewish tradition reminds us during the forthcoming High Holy Day Season that we were created as G-d's special partners in sustaining and improving the world. This exalted partnership is based on our shared ability to envision and dream; we share this ability with G-d and we share it with each other.

We are all familiar with notable **'dreams come true.'** Because Dr. Theodore Herzl had the courage to tell a World Zionist Congress over 100 years ago, **"If you will it, it is no dream,"** we celebrate the reestablishment of Jewish sovereignty over our ancestral homeland in Israel.

We are also familiar with dreams in the process of coming true. When the late Dr. Martin Luther King delivered a message entitled **"I have a dream,"** he inspired Black Americans and other oppressed minorities to advance their social causes and to assume their desired places in American society.

Less comfortable, we are vividly aware of dreams that never seem to come true. Nearly 2,800 years after the prophets Isaiah and Micah proclaimed their visions of universal peace in the words **"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not take up arms against nation, neither shall they experience war any longer,"** our planet is still savaged by terrorism and warfare.

One of the greatest and most inspiring challenges of the High Holy Days just ahead is the opportunity they present us to renew our dreaming. Just when life appears all out of focus, just when dreams seem their remotest from actualization, just when we have difficulty seeing both inward and outward is precisely the time that we need most to take the risk and dream again.

What new visions can we create this New Year? What old visions can we bring to fulfillment? What new accomplishments await us if we will but accept them into our dreams!

My former congregation – the Jewish Center of Oak Hills where I have been the Spiritual Leader – dreamed a year ago to remain in existence by joining together with a thriving synagogue as one entity. I am thrilled that our synagogue chose to join with Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center. I am sure that together we will build a bright future.

*Wishing every one of you a most wonderful New Year 5779.*

*Le'shanah Tova Tikatevu  
Ve'techateymu*

GARY D. KESSLER –  
ASSOCIATE RABBI

## NEW MEMBERS



**Charlene & Jeffrey  
Ingber**

## Daily Service Schedule

Monday & Thursday  
6:45am & 7:30pm

Tuesday  
7:00am & 7:30pm

Wednesday  
8:00am & 7:30pm

Sunday & Legal Holiday  
9:00am & 7:30pm

Friday Morning 7:00am

Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

Shabbat Mornings 9:00am

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## *Sisterhood*

Shalom! A happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year to all.

Welcome to the women of The Jewish Center of Oak Hills, who have already participated in our meetings. We look forward to socializing, planning, and working together.

A special thank you goes out to the late Sisterhood member Pearl Wasserman. She was a past president and very active member of our Sisterhood for many decades. We are grateful to Pearl for her generosity even after her passing away in supporting Sisterhood.

Our Honey from the Heart fundraiser was extremely successful as usual. Thank you Maris Blechner. Family and friends are sure to enjoy their decorative jars of honey for Rosh Hashanah. Thanks to all who participated.

Our trip to see Fiddler on the Roof in Yiddish (with English subtitles) at the Museum of Jewish Heritage was so much fun. It was a really special day. And those who took the bus, didn't have to worry about the drive into Manhattan.

Please join us on Friday, September 28th at 7:15PM, when the Sisterhood will hold our first Dinner in the Sukkah. It will be nice to be together again after the summer hiatus.

The Flutissimo Quartet will entertain us on Sunday, October 14th at 10AM for our paid-up Sisterhood membership break-

fast. The group comes with a variety of flutes and demonstrates the various sounds and differences, as they play for us.

The Hollis Hills Bayside Pink Ladies will again participate in the Annual Breast Cancer Walk at Jones Beach on October 21st. We thank Jaye Solomowitz for organizing this event again.

As Chanukah is really early this year, we are holding our annual Holiday Bazaar on November 4th. We have many new vendors interested this year.

The Annual Torah Fund Brunch will be on November 18th. We are thrilled to honor Jo Ann Luquis for her dedication, participation, and leadership in Sisterhood.

We are working on events for December, January, and February. Of course we will have our annual Purim basket fundraiser. Many members have asked that we have the Maine Rebbetzin back to share more of her funny life stories. Other exciting ideas are being tossed around. We are in touch with an instructor for a tallit making workshop. and a Wine and Art evening. We are also discuss-

ing having a well-known chef prepare and teach us to prepare a delicious Kosher meal.

Don't forget to check out our gift shop run by Marilyn Seidenfeld.

Teamwork is the best approach to a successful Sisterhood. Please join us at our planning meetings, so we can provide interesting, educational, and fun programs. The next planning meeting will be announced soon.

We are looking forward to an exciting year with Sisterhood. Our energetic group of women support the local, national, and international Jewish community. Your membership makes a difference.

We are now established with "Terracycle", a recycling organization that makes new things out of old. Our team is the "HJR Memorial Environment Fund" and the charity we support is the Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center. Please send in your old cell phones as soon as possible and let's start collecting, recycling and earning money for the HHBJC now!

### HHBJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop



For all your Judaica needs!



**Queens Village**  
**Chit Chat 'Bout This & That**  
**By Sue Heppenheimer**

We hope you all had a good summer, & enjoyed any vacation place you travelled to for a wonderful time. Now it is time to start a new year, and we wish you all the very best to make it a healthy & blessed 5779. Enjoy your families if you get together, & get well over the Fast.

Happy Birthday to Carol Reiss & Lillian Garelick, enjoy all the celebrations that are part of the day. Anniversary Greetings to Carol & Mark Reiss, Rayna & Richard Martin.

Glad to hear that Mark Reiss is recuperating after his recent surgery. Good to hear that Ronnie Gersten's husband is doing well after an operation.

Congratulations to the Pitkow's nephew who will become a father soon, & their daughters on the trips they have recently taken.

As we have requested before, please send us news items that we can share with you & our congregants. Again, we wish you all a Good Yom Tov & all the very best to your families, too.

We now have a list of members who will help give rides to doctor's appointments during the week and to synagogue on Saturday morning. If anyone needs help please contact the synagogue office. If anyone else is interested in signing up to help, please contact the office.

**JUDITH LESNIK**  
**CHESED COMMITTEE**

Hi,

By the time this issue of Date-line arrives, we will be in full swing in the New Year 5779. Our committee will be meeting, shortly, to network some ideas. Even if you are not a core member of the committee, I invite you along to help us with any planning and/or to let me know if you are interested in becoming part of our, already, amazing group.

My email is [laujean1@aol.com](mailto:laujean1@aol.com).

We will be distributing honey jars and grape juice to the shut-ins for the High Holidays. If you know of anyone who has difficulty getting out of the house, please let me know so that I can add their names to our list.

We continue to be a support to those who have lost loved ones, and to anyone who has had a hospitalization. Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

It is at this time that we welcome our new friends, including Rabbi Gary Kessler, from The Jewish Center of Oak Hills to our congregation. We ALL look forward to forming new friendships. It is my hope that we can add new committee members to Chesed.



See you in shul.

Shanah Tova- G'mar Hatima Tova

Laura Brodsky

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**Nichum Avelim**

MAY G-D GRANT CONSOLATION TO  
THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A  
LOSS IN THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

Barbara Saltzman, beloved  
wife of Robert Saltzman and  
mother of Lynn Okin

MAY THEY BE COMFORTED AMONG  
THE OTHER MOURNERS OF ZION  
AND JERUSALEM

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Jo Ann Luquis

*In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of  
Mia Kamensky*  
Jo Ann Luquis

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to  
Marcia & Naftali Tal*  
Rita & Scott Zipper  
Jo Ann Luquis

*In memory of Cece*  
*In memory of Mary*  
*In memory of Pauline*  
*In memory of Audrey Sacher*  
Susan Deutch

*In memory of Dwosia Artmann*  
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*In memory of Leonard*  
*Sunshine*  
*In memory of Sonia Grinberg*  
Sara Sunshine

*In memory of Sarah Oko*  
Tova & Sam Oko

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Harriet Bildstein*  
*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to  
Aaron Judge*  
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Vicki & Joel Blumenfeld

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Ben Graham  
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Robin & Mark Mandell  
Beate Axelrad

*In memory of Anita Bagon*  
Andrew Bagon





*In memory of Sidney Pollak  
In memory of Betty Pollak  
Eleanor Ulrich*

*In memory of Ella Mandell  
Robin & Mark Mandell*

*In honor of the 1<sup>st</sup> wedding  
anniversary of Janet & Eric  
Jacobowitz  
Vicki & Joel Blumenfeld*

*In memory of Saul Kushner  
Arlene Kushner*

*In memory of Albert Chemtob  
In memory of Kurt Merdinger  
Suzanne Chemtob*

*In memory of Sam Goldberg  
Norma Brooks*

*In memory of Beth Amy  
Bernstein  
Millicent Bernstein*

#### **Rabbi's Fund**

*Thank you to Rabbi Wise for all  
of your support during this  
difficult time  
Marcia Sparrow*

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to  
the Gaitman's grandson, Dylan  
Lynne & Marty Kevelson*

*In memory of Samuel Siegel  
In memory of Clara Siegel  
In memory of Jack Valins  
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*Thank you to the Chessed  
Committee for all of your  
support during this difficult time  
Marcia Sparrow*

*In memory of Chava Lesnik  
In memory of Zalman Lesnik  
In memory of Malka Lesnik  
In memory of Avrakam Lesnik  
Sheri Lesnik*

*In memory of Barbara  
Saltzman  
Flo & Bob Gropper*

*In honor of Janet & Eric  
Jacobowitz's 1<sup>st</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary  
Flo & Bob Gropper*

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to  
Michael B. Wolkofsky  
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein*

#### **Etta Strassfeld Life Long Learning & Continuing Education Fund**

*In memory of Barbara  
Saltzman  
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#### **Cantor's Fund**

*Thank you to Cantor Zim for all  
of your support during this  
difficult time  
Marcia Sparrow*

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~ September 2018 ~ Elul 5778 -Tishrei 5779 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Elul 21 Ki Tavo 9 AM Mincha 6:55 PM Havdalah 8:11 PM  <b>Slichot -9 PM</b>
<b>2</b> Elul 220 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>3</b> Elul 23 Minyan Times 8:45 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>4</b> Elul 24 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>5</b> Elul 25 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>6</b> Elul 26 Minyan Times 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>7</b> Elul 27 Morning Minyan 6:45 AM Candle Lighting 6:58 PM Mincha 7 PM	<b>8</b> Elul 28 Nitzavim 9 AM Mincha 6:45 PM Havdalah 8 PM
<b>9</b> Elul 29 Morning Minyan 9 AM  <b>Candle Lighting</b> 6:55 PM <b>Erev Rosh</b> <b>Hashanah 7 PM</b>	<b>10</b> Tishrei 1  <b>First Day Rosh</b> <b>Hashanah</b> <b>Services 8:30 AM</b> <b>&amp; 7:00 PM</b> <b>Tashlikh at Alley</b> <b>Pond Park 5:45PM</b> <b>Junior</b> <b>Congregation –</b> <b>See page 2 for</b> <b>times</b>	<b>11</b> Tishrei 2  <b>Second Day Rosh</b> <b>Hashanah</b> <b>Services 8:30 AM &amp;</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Havdalah 7:55 PM</b> <b>Junior</b> <b>Congregation –</b> <b>See page 2 for</b> <b>times</b>	<b>12</b> Tishrei 3 Minyan Times 8 AM (no breakfast) and 7:30 PM	<b>13</b> Tishrei 4 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>14</b> Tishrei 5 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 6:46 PM Mincha 6:45 PM	<b>15</b> Tishrei 6 Vayeilech 9 AM Shabbat Shuva Mincha 6:30 PM Havdalah 7:48 PM
<b>16</b> Tishrei 7 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Tashlikh at Fort</b> <b>Totten Park 4:00 PM</b>	<b>17</b> Tishrei 8 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>18</b> Tishrei 9 Minyan Times 7 AM & 4 PM  <b>Erev Yom Kippur</b> <b>Candle Lighting</b> <b>6:40 PM</b> <b>Kol Nidre 6:40 PM</b>	<b>19</b> Tishrei 10  <b>Yom Kippur</b> <b>Service Times</b> <b>8:30 AM &amp; 5 PM</b> <b>Havdalah 7:41 PM</b>	<b>20</b> Tishrei 11 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>21</b> Tishrei 12 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 6:35 PM Mincha 6:35 PM	<b>22</b> Tishrei 13 Ha'Azinu 9 AM Mincha 6:20 PM Havdalah 7:36 PM  <b>Simcha Shabbat</b> <b>-9 AM</b>
<b>23</b> Tishrei 14 Morning Minyan 9 AM  <b>Erev Sukkot</b> <b>Candle Lighting</b> <b>6:31 PM</b> <b>Services 6:35 PM</b>	<b>24</b> Tishrei 15  <b>Sukkot I</b> <b>Service Times</b> <b>9 AM &amp; 6:35 PM</b> <b>Candle Lighting</b> <b>7:33 PM</b>	<b>25</b> Tishrei 16  <b>Sukkot II</b> <b>Service Times</b> <b>9 AM &amp; 6:35 PM</b> <b>Havdalah 7:31 PM</b>	<b>26</b> Tishrei 17 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Sukkot III</b> <b>Chol Hamoed</b>	<b>27</b> Tishrei 18 Minyan Times 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Sukkot IV</b> <b>Chol Hamoed</b>	<b>28</b> Tishrei 19 Morning Minyan 6:30 AM Candle Lighting 6:23 PM Mincha 6:25 PM  <b>Sukkot V</b> <b>Chol Hamoed</b>  <b>Sisterhood</b> <b>Shabbat Dinner</b> <b>in the Sukkah</b>	<b>29</b> Tishrei 20  <b>Sukkot VI</b> <b>Chol Hamoed</b> 9 AM Mincha 5:45 PM at Rabbi Wise's Home Havdalah 7:24 PM
<b>30</b> Tishrei 21 Minyan Times 8 AM and 6:20 PM Candle Lighting 6:19 PM  <b>Sukkot VII</b> <b>Hoshana Rabbah</b>						



**Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes**  
**Life After Retirement**  
From Tragedy to Triumph

*Rosh Hashana (9/9-11/18)* is soon upon us, right? What emotions or mind-sets should we bring to these critical days : a) **ANXIETY?** b) **EXCITEMENT?** c) **INDIFFERENCE?**

Our former First Lady once said (in a vastly different context, of course!), *"What difference does it make?!"* Well, as any competent psychotherapist can affirm, it does matter! Our pre-conceived judgments, anticipated out-comes & initial levels of faith -- or lack thereof -- will influence or possibly determine what will finally take place!

On the positive side, the "Legendary Little Engine That Could" encapsulates our amazing human inner will and personal resolve can transform frightening, gigantic mountains into manageable, welcoming pathways to high achievement. Conclusion: Positive thinking is more than half the battle!

*Theodore\* Herzl*, the prophetic, late-19<sup>th</sup> century founder of modern political Zionism, put it this way, *"Im tirtzu, ain zuagaddah!"*, i.e. *"If you will it, it is no dream!"* An inspiring message, right? But does it work in the real world of tough opponents and cruel set-backs? You bet it did! In Herzl's actual case, boatloads of inspired Jewish Polish, Lithuanian, Hungarian & Russian tailors, merchants, teachers, students, writers, butchers, bakers, ex-soldiers, philosophers arrived on the dry, sun-baked shores of the Holy Land and... guess what? With no particular skills in nation-building and against tremendous mind-boggling odds they willed and worked a Jewish state into existence. In 1948, after 2000 years of wandering, dream-

ing ,vicious pogroms and brutal persecutions, they transformed their bold, impossible dreams into robust, bustling realities.

In fact, *Harvard Medical School Mind-Body Institute* has proved beyond the shadow of a skeptic's doubt that individual belief-systems can actually change medical outcomes scientifically predicted by Western physicians, positively or negatively. Researchers have demonstrated that when a *Voodoo Shaman*, for example, curses a true believer in his weird faith, the faithful follower will lay down and die -- often within twenty fours!

Cases have been reported of patients in Beth Israel hospital in Boston who once they believed their cancer was terminal simply "gave up the ghost" and passed away in vastly shorter time-frames even though an early demise was not in their official medical prognosis. But when they changed from pessimism to optimism, their longevity statistics elevated significantly. Why? Apparently, belief-systems profoundly affect our vital internal organs, our bio-chemistry, brain function, our ability to defend against intruding pathogens and can seriously undermine our very will to live.

Conclusion? If you believe meaningful change and positive growth are within your grasp, go for it! Heart-inspired hands can pick apples from invisible trees! When faced with tough, challenging events, challenge back! Believe in yourself! You yourself, the big-little mortal "ME", through your own G-d-given resilience and natural, creative Will-Power are an awesome, uniquely endowed Player in the Game of Life!

Do you recall the classic story of *Yankel*, the religiously observant JEW who prayed diligently night

after night for 17 years to win the Kentucky Derby...and every year he failed. *"Why, G-d why not me?"*, he whined, *"why can't I ever be a winner?!"* The answer came to him in the 18<sup>th</sup> year through a Heavenly voice: *"BUY A TICKET!"*

Friends, Rosh Ha-Shanah 5779 is now. Seize it! Let's review our assets, admit our weaknesses, pay our bills, admit our misjudgments, discover where, when, how & with whom we went wrong, re-adjust our sails- and souls! -so we can catch the prevailing winds and sail off to self-selected shores. Here's a thought: Why not be our own "start-up" company for awesome personal growth this year! After all, aren't we Jews known for having amazing positive *chutzpah*! Let's live up to our rep!

All we have to do is put our ducks in a row and we can shoot for the Big Panda, redefine our goals, learn some new technologies and we, too, can be in the running for some big prizes. It's true that through miscalculation, lack of effort, laziness or despair, we can let good fortune slip through our self-arthritis fingers. But that's what gyms, yoga, evening courses, synagogue programs, lectures, proper diets, google, sincere prayer, good friends, training courses and supporting families are for.

That's precisely what we have shared these past forty years in our *Bereavement Support Groups*, namely, that death and loss are not always victorious and we vulnerable human beings are not necessarily the eternal victims chained to an ineluctable negative destiny. Death is not always the final victor and we mortals do not always finish last in the dust heap of history. We vital, resilient, self-reinventing, imaginative, willful bipeds can



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choose to triumph over tragedy,  
soar over sorrow, leap over terror,  
plow through loneliness, plant  
seeds of hope in barren fields and  
discover to our surprise blossoms  
of unexpected friendship and loyalty  
where once anguish and betrayal ruled.

Let's face it: Faith Trumps Fate!  
Resilience is built into our Jewish  
DNA. Hope ("TIKVAH!") is our national  
anthem. Meaningful survival and  
"Nissim sheh-b'chol yom!" i.e.  
"daily existential miracles!" are the  
historical calling cards we have left  
on the tables of the host countries  
where we have resided and often  
thrived over the centuries. Ever  
since we followed the invisible

Divine Voice that told us to leave  
behind all the silly conventional  
wisdom and non-redemptive artifacts  
of local human culture and go  
on a fantastic Heavenly-guided  
wondrous voyage of glorious adventure  
to *EVEREVER LAND* where together  
as a justice and compassion seeking  
community we have sought and fought  
for a shared planet of peace...good  
things have happened.

Out of the hard rocks of history we  
have carved an enviable saga that  
has staggered the minds of fools,  
shattered the swords and spears  
of bullies and inspired the souls of  
zealous men and women of faith to  
bring healing and wholeness to our  
broken human society.

Think about it. This year each one  
of us in our own way can choose a  
self-directed project, find a creative  
path, choose a productive (not  
merely an antagonistic) mind-set,  
adopt a can-do attitude that can  
make the new year unfold in joyous,  
new ways with shifted transformative  
emphasis on actualizable success, ok?  
Thus each of us can empower for  
ourselves new realizable dreams, "*willing*"  
them into reality...in keeping with  
Theodore Herzl's published prophetic  
declaration: "*in 50 years we shall  
have a sovereign state!*"

Best of all, *ha-shem will bless  
each one of us with a divine kiss!*

Shanah tovah m'od!!!

RABBI DR. HIRSCH JOSEPH  
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P.S. \* "Theodore" comes from two  
Latin words: "*theos*" meaning "g-d"  
& "*doros*" meaning "gift". Together  
they convey the concept "divine  
gift" or "celestial blessing". His  
parents knew what name to give  
their gifted son!

**September Birthdays**

Jeffrey Jackson	9/3	Steve Bodner	9/18
Dr. Marc Rosenberg	9/4	Ronald Duke	9/18
Larry Michaels	9/5	Hadassah Miles	9/20
Scott Zipper	9/5	Jackie Winter	9/20
Diane Landau	9/7	Rosalie Roseman	9/21
Marilyn Seidenfeld	9/7	Dr. Andre C. Stein	9/21
Jeffrey Beer	9/9	Robert Fogel	9/22
Arthur Ajzenman	9/11	Rita Plush	9/22
Kenneth Michaels	9/12	Susan Stumer	9/24
Dr. Beth Diker	9/13	Debra Gordon	9/26
Jan Glaubiger	9/13	Lynn Nachman	9/27
Susan Kahan	9/14	Arnold Rubin	9/29
Beatrice Hausman	9/15	Ido Kofman	9/30
Irene Schneider	9/15	Jack Hausman	9/30
Yevgeniya Teplitskiy	9/17		

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**September Anniversaries**

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Bonnie & Martin Moskowitz	9/2	Wolkofsky	9/16
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein	9/7	Jeanette & Ernest Dicker	9/18
Lisa & Ross Goldfarb	9/8	Deborah & Arne	
Amy & Ben Grunfeld	9/9	Abramowitz	9/21
Nadia & David Adar	9/15		

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