



# TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM BULLETIN



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Rabbi Debbie Stiel



Beineinu - Between Us

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## HEARKENING

We are commanded to hear the shofar on Rosh Hashanah. You may be surprised to learn that the early rabbis tell us that one who hears only its echo has not fulfilled the commandment. The shofar is raw, jolting, alien, awakening. Its echo may or may not be any of those things depending on all sorts of factors. To fulfill the mitzvah one must draw near and hear the texture and vivid sound of the ram's horn itself. The rabbis of old seem to have understood the effect of seeing or hearing something up close where all the nuance, tension, authenticity and complexity reside.

The shofar is not the only voice we should hearken to in a personal way. The Torah tells us of God taking notice of the cry of the Israelites when they were enslaved and the cry of Ishmael when he ran out of water in the wilderness. In each case God responds by reaching out and helping. We, too, are told repeatedly in the TaNaCh to respond to those in our society when we hear and see their needs.

But how much do we see? How much do we know of the difficulties of others? Do we only hear the refracted tales of their lives in the media or do we meet with and hear firsthand the voices of others? What do we know of the culture and challenges of groups who are different from us?

This is a powerful lesson of the Black Lives Matter movement. African Americans by speaking out today are waking up many in the white community to the difference that skin privilege affords those of us who are Caucasian. As we hear people talking about their real experiences that many who are white have never experienced firsthand we begin to understand at least a little bit about how much more difficult it can be to gain respect or get a job or to be looked at without suspicion if one is not white.

Jews and African Americans have long had much in common. Both are deeply traumatized communities who have histories fraught with heartache and mistreatment. Jews have been proud of the efforts made by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and other prominent Jews during the Civil Rights era, but we know that there is still much work to be done. We cannot rest on the laurels of the past. Zechut Avot (the merit of the fathers) only goes so far.

And there are other communities we need to be in conversation with and respond to as well. We, as a Temple, are helping to serve meals for Circles of Topeka because we know it is important to be involved with and help those who are impoverished.

I have been thinking about bridges. How do we build bridges to connect with those in our community and in society who we may not often interact with? Only when we talk to and get to know each other do we build bonds and understanding between individuals and groups. Only when we show up and are in conversation with each other do we move the dialogue forward. Then we build towards good, peaceful relations and find ways we can help each other. This is what it means to truly live in community.

At this time of year we think about how to improve ourselves and our Jewish community. One way to move beyond lip service to the idea that we are all God's children is to get to know people whose life experience is different from our own (whatever ours may be). I hope that each of us will connect with new individuals and groups in order to increase our understanding of their lives and to find ways to build bridges of understanding.

**Shana tova u'metuka- Wishing you a sweet and good year!**

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**Ron and Frayna Scrinopskie**

-In memory of Katie Gold



## Oneg Sponsors

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to host onegs for the next year. We are looking for a host for:

**January 20**

**February 24**

**March 17 and 24**

**April 21 and May 19.**

Please check times of services in the monthly bulletin and weekly email. Please remember, for those of you who cannot host an oneg, you may donate any amount to our Oneg Fund. We will use your donation to purchase items for an oneg and a volunteer will set up the oneg for you.. Your donation can be acknowledged or anonymous, whatever you wish. Contact Molly Wisman if you have questions.

## Men's Dinner Club

The Temple Beth Sholom Men's Dinner Club will meet Wednesday, October 19 at Paisano's, 4043 SW 10th Ave at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Alan Parker.

New Phone Number for Lindsay Moyer: listed in paper bulletin



## Yahrzeits

**October 7** – Steven Mudrick, Marcus Sickel, Blanche Bryden, David Glazier, Judith Bergmann, Joann Felman, Roydon S. Margolies, Isador Silver, Richard Taussig, Roman Renner

**October 14** – Minnie Malley, Herbert Moses, Sylvia Zelkovitz, Charles Pressman, Tamar Ginzburg, Samuel Baum, Morris Briman, Fannie Wisman, Wilma Gilmore, Norma Isaacs, Julia Domingues, George Gruenthaler, Ada Hetman

**October 21** – Thomas Allan, Evan Douglas Epoch, Etta Samuels, Annabelle Levy, Pearl DeVine, Irene Youngentob, Abraham Levy, Joe Nowick, Dorothy Enteles

**October 28** – Morris Lieberman, Harry Hetman, Josef Zatzkis, Mildred Badner, Robert Scrinopskie, Christopher Leitz



The Temple Beth Sholom family extends condolences to:

**Liz Bergmann-Harms and Bob Harms**, on the death of Mitch Manson, Liz's brother-in-law.

**Zichrono livracha** – May his memory be a blessing.

## Women's Night Out Dinner!

We will meet on Thursday, October 27 at 6:00 pm at Paisano's, 4043 SW 10th Ave. If you have questions, please contact Liz Bergmann-Harms.

## Save the Date: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with St. David's Episcopal Church

**Sunday, November 13  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Service and BBQ Lunch at  
St David's Church**

We will rejoice in our congregations' 10 year friendship and reflect on the importance for us as people of faith to practice hospitality and open heartedness. This brief service will include messages from both congregation's clergy, prayers, and music provided by our joint choirs.

## High Holy Days - 5777/2016

**Sunday, October 2**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Service - 8:00 pm**

Rabbi Stiel will lead the service using our *Mishkan HaNefesh* machzor that was new last year. Our Temple Adult Orchestra will participate in the service, as will our Kol Neshamah Choir. **Rosh Hashanah Tea/Reception following the service, sponsored by Women's Chavurah. Please bring a dessert to share.**

**Monday, October 3**

**Rosh Hashanah Morning Service - 10:00 am**

Rabbi Stiel will lead the service using our *Mishkan HaNefesh* machzor. **A Bagel Brunch, sponsored by Russ and Jane Greene, will follow the service.**

**Children's Service - 1:45 pm**

A special service for children from birth through fifth grade and their families. Students who want a part can get one from Rabbi Stiel when they arrive.

**Tashlich - 6th and Gage - 3:15 pm**

Congregants gather for **Tashlich**, a symbolic casting away of sins (bring bread crumbs) into a body of water, by the **Penwell-Gabel Cemetery & Mausoleum** (formerly Memorial Park Cemetery) **duck pond/gazebo at Sixth and Gage. (Enter from Gage, north of 6<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

**Friday, October 7 – 7:30 pm**

**Shabbat Shuvah Service**

This Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is known as the Sabbath of Return (based on the Haftarah for that Shabbat). The service retains the exalted mood of the Days of Awe with special prayers and a related study topic.

**Sunday, October 9**

**High Holy Day Cemetery Services**

**Service at Topeka Cemetery – 3:30 pm**

(in the Jewish section--in case of rain, under the shelter just inside California entrance).

**At Penwell-Gabel Cemetery & Mausoleum** (formerly Memorial Park Cemetery) – **4:15 pm**

**Service at Mt. Hope Cemetery – 4:45 pm**

(in the Jewish section--in case of rain, in the mausoleum).

Please remember our

**High Holy Day Food Drive for Doorstep Items can be brought to the Temple from Rosh Hashanah through Sukkot. Bags will be handed out at Rosh Hashanah.**

**Tuesday, October 11 - 8:00 pm**

**Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Service**

Rabbi Stiel will lead the service.

**Note: On Kol Nidre evening, the doors to the Sanctuary will close at 8:00 pm and will open again after the chanting of the Kol Nidre prayer. Please be seated before the beginning of the service.**

**Wednesday, October 12**

**Yom Kippur Morning Service - 10:00 am**

Rabbi Stiel, volunteers and our Kol Neshamah choir will lead the service.

**Children's Service - 2:30 pm**

Yom Kippur worship for children from birth through fifth grade and their families.

**Afternoon-Yizkor-Neilah-Havdalah –  
3:30 pm**

A break-fast, sponsored by Women's Chavurah, will follow the conclusion of Neilah and Havdalah. Please bring any type of dairy or fish casserole, salad, fruit or vegetable tray.

**Congregants who own a shofar can bring it, practice with Warren shortly before our 3:30 pm service, and participate in our t'kiah g'dolah as our Yom Kippur services conclude on October 12.**

Child care services, with Jewish High Holy Day activities, will be provided during the High Holy Day adult services, for children 7 and under.

Suggested donation is \$5.00 per child per service. Please RSVP to the Temple.

### **Sanctuary Request:**

— In response to health concerns, we are asking that people refrain from wearing strongly scented products such as perfume, cologne, and lotions while attending Shabbat services. The sanctuary is a very enclosed space and strong scents make breathing difficult for some people. Thanks for your help.

# HOME SERVICE FOR ROSH HASHANAH



## Items Needed

Candles	Challah, preferably round	Apple slices
Two candlesticks	Decorative Challah cover	Dishes of Honey
Wine or Juice	Centerpiece of Flowers	Cups for each family member

## Time of Home Service

When: The entire family gathers around the table on the Erev of Rosh Hashanah (ערב ראש השנה) before beginning the holiday dinner.

## Order of Service

We gather tonight with our loved ones to usher in the New Year. We earnestly pray that it will be a year of love, happiness and peace for our family, for the Jewish people, and for all humanity. May the old year and its ills end now. May the New Year and its blessings begin now together, O God. (Candles are lit):

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,  
וַיְצַוֵנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל (שַׁבָּת וְשָׁל) יוֹם טוֹב.

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Meh-lech Ha-o-lam, A-sher Kid-sha-nu B'mitz-vo-tav,  
V'tzi-va-nu L, had-lik Ner Shel (Shab-bat V'shel) Yom Tov.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has enabled our people to achieve holiness through the Mitzvah of kindling the lights of (Shabbat and) the New Year.

(Lifts wine cup:) With this symbol of joy, we give thanks for the blessings which this New Year's Day brings to us. Happy are we that we have been granted another year of life. We ask God for the strength to make our lives filled with meaning in the coming days.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן. [אָמֵן].

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Meh-lech Ha-o-lam, Bo-rei P'ri Ha-ga-fen. (A-men).  
Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. (A-men).

(Challah cover is removed)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Meh-lech Ha-o-lam, Ha-mo-tsi Leh-chem Min Ha-a-rets.  
Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

(After each member of the family partakes of Challah, each person takes a slice of apple and dips it in honey. Then say:)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ.

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Meh-lech Ha-o-lam, Bo-rei P'ri Ha-Ets.  
Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, creator of the fruit of the trees.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְיָמֵי חַיֵּי. [אָמֵן].

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Meh-lech Ha-o-lam,  
Sheh-heh-cheh-ya-nu, V'ki-y'ma-nu V'hi-gi-a-nu La-z'man Ha-zeh. (A-men).

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, for the privilege of welcoming once again the New Year. May it be a year, sweet in family affection, fruitful in well-doing, and rich in peace. (Amen).  
(Apples are eaten and meal follows.)



For the YOM KIPPUR pre-fast meal  
Candles, **no Kiddush**, Challah, Tz'dakah box

(Blessing phrases in parentheses are read only  
when holiday falls on Shabbat.)

## HOME SERVICE FOR EREV YOM KIPPUR

When the family is gathered for the meal before the fast on Kol Nidrei evening. (עֲרֵב בָּל יְהִרֵי):

וּנְתַנָּה תְּקוּף קַדְשֵׁי הַיּוֹם

U-n'ta-neh **Toh**-kef K'du-shat Ha-yom

Let us give this day the dignity it deserves. As we face the year ahead, we do not know what it will bring. Yom Kippur (יוֹם כִּפּוּר) teaches us that that three things give strength and meaning to life:

- **T'shuva** (תְּשׁוּבָה) - The knowledge that no matter what we have done wrong in the past, we can begin again and try to do better.
- **T'fillah** (תְּפִלָּה) - When we are able to pray – we are never alone. We can find guidance and new hope as we open our hearts to our God.
- **Tz'dakah** (צְדָקָה) - By helping others, we help ourselves. By doing for others, we deepen our own worth. We Jews live by deeds, not just words.

Therefore, on Yom Kippur:

- We direct our minds to the task of doing better in the New Year. We call this **T'shuvah**.
- We open our hearts to our God and God's teachings. We call this **T'fillah**.
- We open our hands to help others. We begin this night by placing coins for the needy in a box. We call this **Tz'dakah**. (Each places some coins.) **T'shu-vah, T'fil-ah, Tz'da-kah**.

<No Kiddush is offered before this meal, as this ushers in a solemn, not festive, Holy Day.>

Let us thank God that we have bread as we say:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-**hei**-nu **Meh**-lech Ha-o-lam, Ha-mo-tsi **Leh**-chem Min Ha-**a**-rets.  
Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

At conclusion of the meal, as Yom Kippur begins:

Light the candles and say:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל (שַׁבָּת וְיָשָׁל) יוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים.

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-**hei**-nu **Meh**-lech Ha-o-lam, A-sheer Kid-**sha**-nu B'mitz-vo-tav,  
V'tzi-**ya**-nu L'had'lik Ner Shel (Shab-bat V'shet) Yom Ha-ki-pu-rim.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has sanctified us by Your Mitzvot and commanded us to kindle the lights of (Shabbat and) Yom Kippur.

<For those Jewish adults permitted and willing to do so, a food and water fast continues until the break-fast at the end of the N'ilah Service, which concludes Yom Kippur the following evening.>

## Other Special Holiday and Worship Opportunities in October

Friday, October 14 - 7:00 pm (early time)

### Simchat Shabbat Service



- An upbeat, family-friendly service.
- Rabbi Stiel will share either a story or a short study piece.
- October birthday and anniversary blessings will be offered.

### **What is Sukkot?**

'Sukkah' is the Hebrew word for 'booth.' 'Sukkot,' the plural, is the name of the festival of booths. Sukkot were the huts in which the Jewish people lived during their years in the desert after they left slavery in Egypt and before they arrived in the Promised Land (Israel). Sukkot begins two weeks after Rosh Hashanah, on the eve of the 15th day of Tishrei.

Historically, Sukkot commemorates the forty-year period during which the children of Israel were wandering in the desert, living in temporary shelters. Agriculturally, it is a time to give thanks for the fall harvest. Sukkot lasts for seven days. The day following the festival, Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, is in some ways a separate holiday but is related to Sukkot and is commonly thought of as part of Sukkot.

Sunday, October 16 - 5:30-7:30 pm

### Erev Sukkot: Dinner, Sukkah Decorating, Sukkot blessings

Everyone is invited to join in a dinner of sandwiches, salads, desserts, and drinks provided by the Religious School Families. We will then decorate the outdoor sukkah and mark the beginning of Sukkot with shaking the lulav and etrog and singing a few songs. If it rains, we will celebrate inside. Please bring some gourds, branches and vegetables for decorating the sukkah. **PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 11 FOR THE DINNER.**



Friday, October 21 - 7:30 pm

### Sukkot Shabbat Service and Consecration

The Torah says "v'samachta bechagecha – you should rejoice in your holiday." It is a mitzvah to give thanks for the bounty from the earth on Sukkot, and we shall! Join us for a fun and festive Sukkot service for congregants of all ages.

We will also mark the beginning of formal religious school learning by celebrating Consecration

for:



- Daniel Emery
- Alexis Erickson
- Gabriel Erickson

SUNDAY, October 23 - 7:00 pm

### Erev Simchat Torah Service



On Simchat Torah we celebrate the gift of Torah as we finish one year's cycle of reading Torah and begin it anew. Join us as we dance with the Torahs and unroll one Torah completely. We will read from the end and the beginning of the Torah. This is the Jewish people's way of saying that we never finish Torah. As soon as we get to the end, we begin it again! This is always a very meaningful, uplifting service.

## High Holy Day Absence Letters You Need

Dear Teacher,

Please excuse my child from school on Monday, October 3 and Wednesday, October 12. He/she will be attending services at Temple Beth Sholom for Rosh Hashanah. These are two of the most important days of the Jewish calendar and it is customary for the Jewish community to assemble together. I hope there will be no extra work assigned on these days. Thanks for your understanding.

Dear Staff,

Please excuse my absence on Monday, October 3 and Wednesday, October 12. I will be attending services at Temple Beth Sholom. These are two of the most important days of the Jewish calendar and it is customary for the Jewish community to assemble together. Thanks for your understanding.

**Food Drive  
Reminder:  
Please send a**

# MAZON

A Jewish Response  
To Hunger

**check to Mazon at this time! Our Unique Approach to Ending Hunger** - Mazon is striving to help end hunger in the United States and Israel. It provides needed food for food pantries in Kansas and beyond. Please donate at [www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org).

### High Holy Days and October Tzedakah Recipient is Doorstep

Doorstep provides these emergency services: food, clothing, rent, transportation, prescriptions, utilities.

Emergency services are provided to people based on need. Perhaps their home burned to the ground, they have been laid off or have become disabled. People who have missed work or paychecks because of illness. Those who are put on disability can get services while they wait for services from the government. 90% of the clients are at or below poverty.

Checks can be sent to Temple with Doorstep in the memo line or money can be put in the tzedaka box in the sanctuary foyer.

**Please remember our High Holy Day Food Drive for Doorstep.  
Items can be brought to the Temple from Rosh Hashanah  
through Sukkot.**

**Suggested Items: Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, rice, pinto beans,  
oatmeal, powdered milk, canned fruit, tuna, peanut butter and  
jelly**

ToMaTY: Shopping  
for Doorstep food  
drive at Sam's Club.

### **Congratulations to:**

**Laura Silverberg** who will sing, tell her story and have her jewelry displayed for Mental Health week on Thursday, October 6 at Creations of Hope Gallery (Upstairs at the Yeldarb Gallery, 909 N Kansas Ave) in the NOTO Art District from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

**Leora Forstein and Robin Gordon** who will be displaying hats, jewelry, cards for sale at 712 Innovations (712 S Kansas Ave, Suite #1) from October 7 to November 1.



## Adults and Children: Join us for an Educational Trip to the oldest Jewish Cemetery in Topeka

**Sunday, October 16**

**Meet in the Jewish section of Topeka Cemetery: 1601 SE 10<sup>th</sup> St (look for our cars)  
4:00-5:00 pm (plenty of time to be back at Temple for Sukkah dinner & decorating)**

One of the first things Jews usually do when they get to a new place is to buy a plot of land to serve as a Jewish burial ground. Topeka is no different. The Jewish community of Topeka has graves at the Topeka Cemetery that go back well over 100 years. This section of the cemetery within the larger Topeka Cemetery is the only land owned by the Jewish community in Topeka other than the Temple (there is a Jewish section at Mt Hope Cemetery, but it is owned by Mt. Hope). Topeka Cemetery is also the oldest chartered cemetery in the state.

On our visit we will:

- Hear about a Jewish Civil War Veteran and a Jewish World War I Veteran who are buried there and the effort underway to get them proper headstones.
- Learn about some of the Jews who are buried in the Topeka Cemetery and get a brief tour.
- Join with ToMaTY for the burial of old tattered Jewish prayer books. As is Jewish custom, rather than throwing away these books that have God's name in them, we will bury them.

**(Directions to Jewish section of Topeka Cemetery:** Take I-70 East to California Street exit. Turn left on California. The cemetery will be on your left shortly after you cross over the highway. Turn into the cemetery and take the main road to the right. It will take you down to the Jewish section.)

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### **TEMPLE T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!**

T-Shirts for **everyone** will be available for purchase until 12:00 pm October 9 and will arrive in late October!

You can order your t-shirt two ways:

- Go online to place your order and make payment at <https://www.customink.com/g/wyd0-00aq-d58g>
- Complete an order form (available at Temple or by email) and turn in with payment to Temple office.

### **Religious School Corner:**

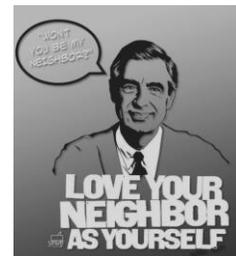
*Parents - Please Join Us for this Important Upcoming Religious School Event: Camp Assembly on Sunday, October 9 from 10:30 - 11:15 am in Sanctuary*

*Terri Grossman, director of Camp Sabra (on Lake of the Ozarks) will be with us to talk about Sabra. In addition, we will hear about some of the other Jewish camps our kids have gone to. Ask questions. Receive information about camps and Temple's camp scholarships! Study after study shows that Jewish camp builds Jewish identity! Please encourage your kids to go to one!*

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### **Teacher/Neighbor Night** **Friday, November 4, 7:30 pm**

- Invite friends, neighbors, teachers!
- Rabbi Stiel will talk briefly about the service and answer questions
- Students will help lead some of the prayers and songs
- Religious School will prepare holiday displays
- Torah will be read
- Help us share Judaism with our neighbors. We look forward to seeing members and your guests at this special service!!



## September 7, 2016 Board Meeting Highlights

- Rabbi Stiel announced that with the departure of Barbara Schwartz, our Topeka-Manhattan Jewish Federation, which is part of the United Jewish Appeal, needs a new treasurer. Interested parties should see Rabbi for more information.
- Alan Wisman, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, reported that the Temple would be installing new smoke detectors as well as new carbon monoxide detectors.
- Rabbi presented information from the URJ regarding a Board retreat and the group discussed what topics might be most timely and essential to current Temple and congregation needs.

### Good Parshat HaShavua (Weekly Torah Portion) Sites

Compiled by Rabbi Debbie Stiel

*Note: As we begin to read the Torah anew at Simchat Torah, you may want to start following the weekly Torah portion and reading a commentary on it. Here are some good websites for that:*

1. <http://www.reformjudaism.org/learning/ten-minutes-torah> → a Reform perspective.
  2. <http://www.itsa.edu/its-torah-online> → click on "Torah commentary." Conservative.
  3. <http://www.wrj.org/torah-womens-commentary-0> → Reform women's study guides on each Torah. portion. They are on the right side of the page if you scroll down.
  4. <http://www.jewishagency.org/nechama-leibowitz/content/24000> → Nechama Leibowitz's Torah. commentary. Good incorporation of the rabbinic sources in looking at an issue in the parsha.
  5. [www.chief Rabbi.org](http://www.chief Rabbi.org) → Chief Rabbi of Great Britain. Has a D'var Torah on each parsha. You can sign up to get them in your inbox.
  6. [www.rabbisacks.org](http://www.rabbisacks.org) → Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, the previous Chief Rabbi of Great Britain
  7. <https://ots.org.il/torah-insights/> → from Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, modern Orthodox
  8. <http://www.sefaria.org/texts?lang=en> → lists each Torah verse and the comments of the classical commentators such as Rashi and Maimonides. You will also find midrash, Kabbala and Talmud here.
- Good Bible site: <http://mechon-mamre.org/>.

### SAVE THE DATE:

#### **7th Annual Global Day of Jewish Learning**

**This Year's Topic: Under the Same Sky: "The Earth is Full of Your Creations"**

Sunday, November 20, 2016, 10:30 am

Elaine Schwartz and LaDonna Kelly, Presenters

#### **What is the Global Day of Jewish Learning?**

Over 500 Jewish communities all around the world will celebrate our shared heritage on the annual Global Day of Jewish Learning. To be Jewish is to think, to study, and to learn, so that's how we'll celebrate! We will delve into the curriculum compiled for this day by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz' Aleph Society, creator of the Global Day of Jewish Learning.

**Be on the lookout for more information in the November bulletin.**

### **Thank you**

Thank you to the Mitzvahters, for cleaning and polishing the candlesticks and Torah Ornaments. The group included: Harlan and Peggy Black, Mary Ann Bryan, Barbara Ginzburg, Daniel Ginzburg, Lindsay Moyer, Patty Pressman, Diana Siegal, and Laura Silverberg. Be sure to have your sunglasses handy when the ark is opened next time.



## Adult Education Offerings



### Monthly Shabbat Morning Opportunities

**TaNaKh Study – 10:30 am**  
**Saturday, October 8**

For our next session, we will be reading and discussing *Ezekiel Chapter 38*. We hope you will join us.

**Talmud Study – 9:00 am**  
**Saturday, October 1 and 15**

**Kabbalah Study - 9:00 to 10:30 am**  
**Saturday, October 8 and 22**  
**Text: *Ehyeh: A Kabbalah for Tomorrow***  
**by Art Green. Currently reading chapter 8**

### Sunday Adult Education:

Jewish History Class will meet on October 9 and 23 at 10:30 am. We are reading and discussing Simon Schama's *The Story of the Jews*.

On October 9, 23, and 30, Adult Beginning Hebrew will meet at 9:30 am, Adult Advanced Hebrew will meet at 11:30 am. Adult Intermediate Hebrew will meet on October 30 at 10:30 am.

### Heart Centered Meditation Practice

**Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 – 8:00 pm**



Special Guest Presenter:

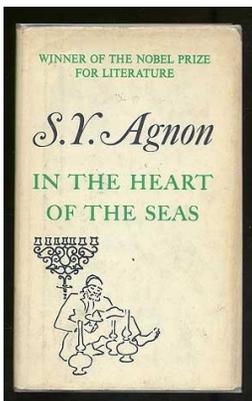
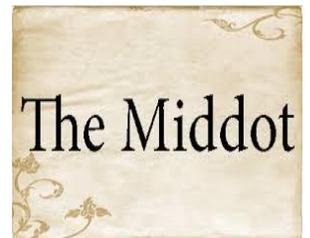
Khalil "Hadi" Green, Inayati Sufi Order

Hadi has years of meditation practice. He will lead us in an introduction to Heart Centered Meditation. Explanation and technique for going into the heart as a focus point for meditation will be provided through practice. We will meet in Temple's Pusitz Library. All are invited.

**November 16 and December 21 at 7:00 pm are our next meditation times.**

### New Middot Study Va'ad Forming

Come study Judaism's wisdom on refining our character traits (middot). This study group (va'ad) will meet once a month. This is a good way to build relationships with people at Temple and to continue your own personal Jewish education and growth in a very meaningful way. We will read a book on middot and work on the middot traits it teaches. Call Temple to sign up. We plan to start meeting on October 30 at 1:00 pm.



### Temple Book Club – Sunday, October 30, 3:00 pm

***In the Heart of the Seas: A Story of a Journey to the Land of Israel* by 1966 Nobel Prize for Literature Laureate, S. I. Agnon (1888 – 1970).**

The novel follows a group of downtrodden Polish peasant pilgrims on their journey to Palestine in search of a homeland. Agnon slips both himself and his readers into the company so that all may share the difficult voyage and take strength from the memory of miracle-working Hasidic masters.

He transmits the tensions inherent in modern man's spiritual turmoil when removed from home, homeland and faith. His unique style and language have influenced the writing of subsequent generations of Hebrew writers. The book is available from Abebooks.com at minimal cost.)

# October 2016

Sunday

Monday

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Saturday

						1 Talmud Study 9:00 am
2 No Religious School or Adult Hebrew Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 pm	3 Office Closed Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10:00 am Children's service 1:45 pm Tashlich 3:15 pm NO Chair Yoga	4	5 Religious School Hebrew Class 5:30 pm Board Meeting 7:00 pm	6	7 Shabbat Shuvah Service 7:30 pm Rabbi Stiel/ Rhoda Wisman	8 Kabbala Study Group 9:00 am TaNaKh Study 10:30 am
9 Religious School Starts and Adult Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am Jewish History Class 10:30 am Religious School Summer Camp Assembly 10:30 am Adult Advanced Hebrew 11:30 am ToMaTY Meeting 12:30 pm Cemetery Services (see times in the bulletin) Kol Neshamah Choir practice 1:00 pm	10 Bulletin Deadline Chair Yoga 7:00 pm	11 Kol Nidre Service at 8:00 pm	12 Yom Kippur Morning Service 10:00 am Children's Service 2:30 pm Yizkor service 3:30 pm NO Religious School Hebrew Class	13	14 Simchat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Rabbi Stiel/ Warren Sickel/	15 Talmud Study 9:00 am
16 NO Religious School or Adult Hebrew Topeka Cemetery Visit 4:00 pm Erev Sukkot Dinner and Sukkah decorating 5:30 – 7:30 pm	17 Chair Yoga 7:00 pm	18	19 Religious School Hebrew Class 5:30 pm Men's Dinner Club at Paisano's 6:30 pm Jewish Meditation 7:00 pm	20	21 Sukkot/ Shabbat & Consecration Service at Temple 7:30 pm Rabbi Stiel/ Warren Sickel/ Stephanie Schuttera/ Paul Evans	22 Kabbala Study Group 9:00 am
23 Religious School and Adult Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am Jewish History Class 10:30 am Adult Advanced Hebrew 11:30 am Erev Simchat Torah Service 7:00 pm	24 Chair Yoga 7:00 pm	25	26 Religious School Hebrew Class 5:30 pm	27 Women's Night Out at 6:00 pm	28 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Rabbi Stiel/ Rhoda Wisman/ Torah will be read.	29
30 Religious School and Adult Beginning Hebrew 9:30 am Torah Tots and Adult Intermediate Hebrew 10:30 am Adult Advanced Hebrew 11:30 am Middot Va'ad 1:00 pm Book Club 3:00 pm	31 Chair Yoga 7:00 pm					

**Save the Date** for the annual Interfaith of Topeka's Thanksgiving Interfaith Service on Sunday, November 20 at 7 pm at the University United Methodist Church (across from WU on College Ave.). The theme this year is Moving Ahead Together.

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## Worship Services for Non-High Holy Days

**Friday, October 7**

### Shabbat Shuvah Service - 7:30 pm

Service led by Rabbi Stiel and Rhoda Wisman. Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Alan and Anita Haimowitz.

**Friday, October 14**

### Simchat Shabbat Service – 7:00 pm

Service led by Rabbi Stiel and Warren Sickel. Anniversary and birthday blessings will be offered. Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Ben Lange and Laurie McKinnon.

**Friday, October 21**

### Sukkot Shabbat and Consecration Service 7:30 pm

Service led by Rabbi Stiel, Warren Sickel and Stephanie Schuttera. Paul Evans will accompany. Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Jeff and Alisa Wolfe.

**Sunday, October 23**

### Erev Simchat Torah Service – 7:00 pm

Service led by Rabbi Stiel and Rhoda Wisman. Paul Evans will accompany. Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Stiels.

**Friday, October 28**

### Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm

Service led by Rabbi Stiel and Rhoda Wisman. Torah will be read. Oneg Shabbat sponsored by Robin Gordon and Leora Forstein.

**High Holy Days service schedule within bulletin.**

**Office Hours – Monday-Friday**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 or by appointment**

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