



# TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM BULLETIN



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Rabbi Moti Rieber



## Rabbi's Column

I have always loved fall. I like the cool weather, the intense beauty of the leaves, as they turn and start to fall. Autumn has a deeper resonance, the older I get. There is a wistfulness about it, a remembrance, whether vague or more painful, of lost or forgotten dreams. A sense that, by this time of year by this time of life, what we have is what we are going to get. We can either accept that or even be happy with it or fight against it, as much good as that will do us. Fall encourages in us an acceptance of things as they are.

This sense of impermanence, or transitoriness, is the basis of the Japanese design aesthetic of *wabi sabi*. It is hard to translate, but it basically means, the beauty of imperfection. When you have a clay pot and it has a design flaw, or when you have a piece of lawn furniture or art, and it starts to rust, or weather, and it adds to the beauty of the piece; that's *wabi sabi*. The weathering itself becomes part of the art. The aesthetic puts us in mind of the world not as we imagine it to be, or as we think it should be, but as it is. I think *wabi sabi* is the aesthetic of fall.

This is also the time of year when Jews traditionally build the *sukkah*, the temporary hut that we are meant to live in for the week of the holiday (but which most people only eat their meals in). There is something deeply meaningful about leaving all our possessions behind, our creature comforts (even if they are only 30 feet away!) and spending a week, as it were, under God's protective care.

I bought my *sukkah* the year I was ordained, which is a few years ago now. It is showing the wear: the wood is rotting a bit and the screw holes need reinforcing. I could replace it, and if it gets to the point of collapse I probably will, but I can't help feeling that I would lose something precious, if I just bought a new one. The wear is part of the lesson. Yes, I have a *wabi sabi* *sukkah*.

In Jewish thought, the *sukkah* is also used as a metaphor for times to come, *sukkat shalom*, the canopy of peace, when humanity will be united under God's universal *sukkah*. These two concepts, the beautiful melancholy of autumn, and the world living in peace, are connected. It is the recognition of our vulnerability, of life's transitoriness, that can lead us to give up our insistence on being right and bring us to a willingness to live in peace.

What we need, my friends, is a *wabi sabi* politics. A *sukkot* politics. An autumn politics. For when we touch that deep core of beauty, of vulnerability and acceptance, we can stop being part of the problem and start living in the solution. Which is, right here, right now, at this moment. In all its beauty, and it is wistfulness.

## Contributions

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support Temple Beth Sholom by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

### General Fund

**Einsteins**

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-In memory of Morris Levine

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-In memory of Nancy Kessler

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-Happy birthday to Adam

Treen

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-In memory of Peggy Black

### Maimonides Fund

**Jack and Rhoda Wisman**

-In honor of Elaine and Howard

Schwartz, for all their

dedication and work to make

“Kay’s Garden” a beautiful

reality

### Lawrence Litwin

### Social Action Fund

**Daveen Litwin**

-In memory of Lawrence T.

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### Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund

**Bruce Levine**

-In memory of Helen Levine

## Yahrzeits

**October 2** – Mary Bristol, Isaac Shklar, Harold Chall, Shirley Goodman, Margaret Hughes, Grayce Steiner, Steven Mudrick, Marcus Sickel

**October 9** – Blanche Bryden, Annabelle Levy, Judith Bergmann, Joann Felman, Isador Silver, Irene Youngentob, Roman Renner, Minnie Malley, Sylvia Zerkovitz, Charles Pressman, Tamar Ginzburg

**October 16** – Samuel Baum, Morris Briman, Fannie Wisman, Wilma Gilmore, Norma Isaacs, Julia Domingues, Shirley Kossoy, George Gruenthaler, Ellen Federoff, Ada Hetman, Thomas Allan, Mordah Levy, Evan Douglas Epoch, Patricia Burch

**October 23** – Etta Samuels, Pearl DeVine, Bill Weeks, Abraham Levy, Joe Nowick, Dorothy Enteles, Morris Lieberman, Harry Hetman, Josef Zatzkis

**October 30** – Frances Bieman, Mildred Badner, Robert Scrinopskie, Christopher Leitz, David Grodberg, Harry Nightingale, Joseph Tigerman, Robert Woolf

## Calendar of Jewish Holidays for 2020-2021

<https://jcrbajc.org/resources/religious-calendars.html>

### Monthly Meditation via Zoom

**October 21, 2020**

**7:00 pm**

**Led by Hadi Green.**

### Adult Hebrew Classes

Please contact Frayna Scrinopskie if you are interested in Adult Hebrew Classes.

## Welcome:

**To Zahavah Angus** as a new member.

20912 Rowan Knight Dr.  
Lexington Park, MD  
20653

## OCTOBER

### TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**10:30 am VIA ZOOM**

Sunday, October 4, Sukkot Group Celebration followed by breakout sessions.

Sunday, October 11, 18 and 25 Individual Classes meet.

## OCTOBER SHABBAT SERVICES

### Religious Services for October via Zoom

(Zoom Links are also in Weekly emails or reminder service emails)

#### Friday, October 2, Sukkot Shabbat Service – 7:30 pm

Rabbi Moti Rieber will lead the service.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710>

#### Friday, October 9, Simchat Torah Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm

On Simchat Torah, we celebrate the gift of Torah! We finish one year's cycle of reading Torah and begin it anew. This practice of ending and immediately starting Torah again is the Jewish people's way of saying that we never finish Torah. Service led by Rabbi Moti Rieber.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710>



#### Friday, October 16, Shabbat Service – 7:30 pm

Deborah Edelman-Dolan and Warren Sickel will lead this service.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710>

#### Friday, October 23 Shabbat Family Service – 7:00 pm (Note Early Time)

Rabbi Moti Rieber will lead this service. We will hold our first family services of 5781. This will be a short Shabbat service focused on singing and storytelling designed for our children and families. October birthdays and anniversaries blessings will be given. Rabbi Moti Rieber will lead this special service. Everyone is welcome to join, especially our young families!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710>

#### Friday, October 30, Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm

Frayna Scrinopskie and Rhoda Wisman will lead this service.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710>

### VISIT THE SUKKAH AT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM



Although we cannot gather in our Temple sukkah this year, we still want our members to be able to fulfill this beautiful mitzvah! We will hold an “open sukkah” on Tuesday, October 6 and Thursday, October 8 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, for you to come to Temple Beth Sholom, visit the sukkah, and shake the lulav and etrog. Social distancing and masks are required. Rabbi Moti will be there to help you through everything.

To help with scheduling/social distancing, we are asking people to sign up for a 15-minute timeslot in advance. Please visit <http://bit.ly/TBSSukkahVisit> to choose a time! Chag Sameah! (Happy Holiday!)

# Temple Beth Sholom Virtual Silent Auction

YES, we have set a date for the Temple Beth Sholom Virtual Silent Auction! Anyone, anywhere will be able to bid or order from **November 22 to December 5**, online at [www.tbsgiving.com](http://www.tbsgiving.com).

(Pictures of sample auction items)



As the “official organizer” I am PLEADING for all Temple Beth Sholom members and friends to help with this fundraising event, especially since we didn’t have the Blintze Brunch Silent Auction in April. IF YOU HAVEN’T SIGNED UP FOR A COMMITTEE, PLEASE fill out the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLZ9LJV>. Survey will close October 1. You can also email me at [elainelschwartz@gmail.com](mailto:elainelschwartz@gmail.com), text me at 785-233-3103 or message me on our Facebook Temple page, to sign up for one of the committees:



BAKED GOODS COMMITTEE: Just like the Blintze Brunch Curbside event in July, we can add items to our Auction site that are a set price like Challah, Mandelbrot, etc. This committee will organize the baked goods and provide photos of the baked goods for the silent auction website.

GIFT SHOP COMMITTEE: Jane Greene will provide items from the gift shop to the Auction. The committee will price items and take photos of items for the Silent Auction website.

EVENT COMMITTEE: This committee will assist in handling calls, answering questions, and taking bids on items and oversee the auction.

MARKETING COMMITTEE: Alan Parker will chair this committee.

This committee will market on Temple Beth Sholom’s social media accounts, advertising the auction to groups including JUMP, St. David’s, KC Jewish Federation (etc), vendors and ads in newspaper, TV, radio, Facebook and past auction participants.



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: This committee will group, price, photograph, and label (number) Silent Auction items. This will require committee members to follow required masks and social distancing while working in the Temple building. David Chall will help with the photographs. This committee will provide the photographs to the Silent Auction Website committee to upload to the Silent Auction website.



RECRUITING COMMITTEE: This committee will search for business contact information (online or phonebook) and create lists for volunteers to visit, call, email, message, or text and ask for donations to the Silent Auction. This committee will be contact Temple Beth Sholom members by phone or email encouraging them to donate new items, gently used





items, certificates, classes, or crafts. This should be the largest committee, so we need lots of volunteers!

**SILENT AUCTION WEBSITE COMMITTEE:** This committee will manage the auction bids while adding items and encouraging bids! This committee will work with Elaine Schwartz, Alan Parker, and our Silent Auction Website coordinator organizing, preparation and launching the Silent Auction Website on November 22.

**FOLLOWUP COMMITTEE:** This committee will notify the final bidders and arrange a pickup time. This committee will also write thank you cards to item contributors. Stephanie Schuttera and Julie Petruccelli-Treen have already volunteered to be on this committee.



We have 12 volunteers: Silent Auction Website committee: **Sarah Roth** Recruiting committee: **MJ Krasney** Marketing committee: **Sarah Roth** Operations committee: **David Chall, Rachel Herold, MJ Krasny, Danelle Harsin, Molly Wisman (maybe) Marsha Pankowich-West, Marj Murray (maybe)** Event committee: **Danelle Harsin (maybe) Marsha Pankowich-West** Follow Up committee: **Julie Petruccelli-Treen, Stephanie Schuttera, Molly Wisman, Mary Ann Bryan (maybe) Marsha Pankowich-West** Bake Sale committee: **Diana Siegel, Molly Wisman, Mary Ann Bryan** Gift Shop committee: **Molly Wisman, Alan Haimowitz, Marj Murray, Libby Rosen (maybe), Rachel Herold (maybe).**



The Ronald McDonald House held a virtual silent auction last month and made lots and lots of money from items donated from businesses and supporters. Mindee Reece from Ronald McDonald House said she loves our synagogue because we do so much for them that she will serve on one of our committees! Just think of the possibilities but just think of all the work it takes to pull this off. So, please, please, help make our Silent Auction just as successful.



**BE SURE TO SIGN UP AT**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLZ9LJV>.**

**Elaine Schwartz, Board Member of Temple Beth Sholom and Chairperson: Silent Auction Event**

# MAZON

A Jewish Response  
To Hunger

**Food Drive Reminder: Please send a 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 and advocates for good governmental policies that get food to the people most in need. Please donate at [www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org).

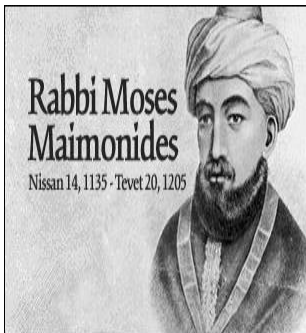
## October Tzedakah Recipient is Doorstep

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

Remember to bring your food bags for the High Holy Day Food Drive for Doorstep (ending October 12) to the office during Temple Beth Sholom's office hours, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm or to Einstein's.



Just a reminder, at the 2013 Annual meeting, the congregation approved establishing a Maimonides Rabbinic Fund to assure continued rabbinic leadership at Temple Beth Sholom.

This assessment amounts to \$5 per month per family or \$60 a year and started with our fiscal year beginning June 1, 2013.

If possible, please send a separate check for \$60 (made out to TBS), with your dues check to make your contribution to the Maimonides Rabbinic Fund.

Also, contributions to this fund do not need to be limited to this yearly payment. Donations can also be made for a *yahrzeit*, to commemorate a birth or a wedding, a thank you, etc.

## TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM HOSTING INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year members of the interfaith religious community will gather virtually on Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 pm for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The theme this year is *Giving Thanks Amid Challenges*. Recipient of goodwill offering will be Topeka Center for Peace and Justice. We hope you will join us for this event. It is always inspiring, and it is a good opportunity to celebrate our blessings and our common hopes and aspirations for the world. Zoom link will be on the Interfaith of Topeka Facebook page and website.

## **Reform Jewish Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays 2020-2021 (5781)**

Sukkot	October 2-4, 2020 (sunset Friday-sunset Sunday)
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	October 9-11, 2020 (sunset Friday-sunset Sunday)
Chanukah	December 10-18, 2020 (sunset Thursday-sunset Friday)
Purim	February 25-26, 2021 (sunset Thursday-sunset Friday)
Passover	March 27- April 4, 2021 (sunset Saturday-sunset Sunday)
Shavuot	May 16-18, 2021 (sunset Sunday-sunset Tuesday)

### **Highlights from Board meeting, September 2, 2020**

- It has been wonderful that so many congregants are getting more and more involved with Temple goings-on. Now is a great time to consider being a lay leader for a Friday night Shabbat service. You already have everything you need, including the availability of guidance and training.
- Yes! We are going to have the Temple Silent Auction fundraiser around the first week of December. It will be an online event and has the possibility to be very successful. Look for emails from Elaine Schwartz on how you can help.
- Our grateful thanks go to Ron and Frayna Scrinopskie for providing our new Jewish Calendars.

### **How to enroll in Dillon's Community Rewards program**

Obtain a Dillon's Plus card available at any Dillon's store (if you do not already have one). You will need the number on that card to set up an on-line account.

Go to [www.dillons.com](http://www.dillons.com) to SET UP AN ACCOUNT.

**IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE AN ACCOUNT** click REGISTER in the upper right corner.

Enter your email address, password, zip code (select preferred store) and check the box if you desire to receive email communications from Dillons

Click on CREATE ACCOUNT at the bottom of the page

You will receive an email confirmation to your inbox, to activate your account, click on the link in the body of the email and enter your sign in information to confirm

**IF YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT**, click SIGN IN in the upper right corner.

**TO ENROLL IN THE COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:**

Find the button or tab for COMMUNITY REWARDS (may be under the COMMUNITY tab on the top bar).

Click on ENROLL NOW

Enter the following 5-digit NPO number: BL361, and search.

Select Temple Beth Sholom and click on ENROLL.



**Community Rewards**

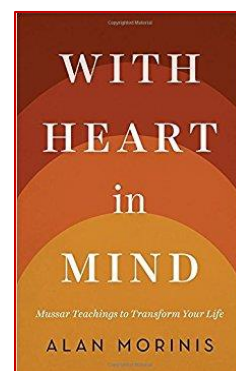
## RJ ON THE GO

### Interactive Jewish Experiences for Everyone in Your Family

ReformJudaism.org is launching a platform to host interactive, meaningful, and fun experiences that are easily accessible on the go or at home. RJ on the Go invites you to own your Jewish journey by choosing experiences that speak to you, on a schedule that works for your life. Sign up now to join the community.

#### Middot Va'ad: Gaining Jewish Wisdom and Understanding Next Meeting: October 28 via Zoom at Noon

We read Alan Morinis' *With Heart in Mind ~ Mussar Teachings to Transform Your Life*. We study the character traits (*middot*) and work on bringing them into our lives in the right amount. Please have the book for the *Va'ad* meetings. We will review Chapter 32 and read Chapter 33. Newcomers are always welcome. The Zoom link will be in the Temple Beth Sholom weekly e-mail.



#### Monthly Shabbat Morning Study Opportunity

**Kabbalah Study - 9:00 - 10:30 am, Saturday, October 10 and 24, via Zoom.**  
***Introduction to the Zohar*, by Arthur Green.**

Our group is reading Art Green's excellent and thorough introduction to the Pritzker edition of the *Zohar*. If you want to get an inside look at the *Zohar*, please join us for this fascinating read! Let the Temple Office know if you want to attend via Zoom.



A new feature in the Bulletin will be a list of birthdays and anniversaries of members for the month. The office did not have a birth date or anniversary for everyone. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call the Temple. We hope you enjoy seeing who else has a birthday the same as you.

#### **October Birthdays**

Alan Haimowitz – 2nd

Will Potts – 2nd

Barbara Ginsburg – 9th

Robert Stein – 9th

Laura Silverberg – 12th

Liz Bergmann-Harms – 14th

Robin Gordon – 15th

Christine Montgomery – 21st

Lily Briman – 24th

Nancy Garfield – 24th

Brynn Harsin – 27th

Libby Rosen – 27th

Diane Sickel – 27th

Dan Katz – 29th

Emma Forstein – 31st

#### **October Anniversaries**

Mark Kaufman and

Patty Kahn – 20th

Jack and Rhoda

Wisman – 28th



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## ***DOORSTEP FUNDRAISER***

*Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K  
Run*

*Location: Lake Shawnee Shelter  
Houses 1 & 2, West Edge Road*

*Date: Sunday, October 4, 2020*

*Registration: 1:00 pm*

*www.Doorstep.org*

*Time: One Mile Walk & 5K Run, start  
time is 2:00 pm*

*Register by September 18, 2020*

*Pay \$30 Entry Fee or get sponsors to  
donate to Doorstep as your entry fee!*

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**At this tough time for the Temple we would appreciate any extra donations.**

**Make donations and contributions to Temple at this secure link** (in the message box on the checkout page, put what the donation is for):

<https://tbs.convertri.com/donate>

**Donations to Temple can help  
your Taxes this Year**

This year the CARES Act will allow you to deduct up to \$300 of cash charitable gifts even if you do not itemize deductions on your taxes. If you do itemize, the existing cap on annual cash contributions has been raised from 60% of adjusted gross income to 100%.

## **Friday Shabbat Services via Zoom**

We are reading Mi Shebeirach names again during our Shabbat Services via Zoom. If you would like your name or someone else's name read, please email the Temple office by Wednesday prior to that Friday's Service to have your name(s) added. Please note that they will be read during the Shabbat service via Zoom and on Facebook Live in the private group.

As we move into transition, we need more lay leaders. If you are interested in leading services or learning what goes into leading a service, please contact Julie Petruccelli-Treen at [petruccellitreen.jl@gmail.com](mailto:petruccellitreen.jl@gmail.com) or the Temple Office. With enough interest, we will put together a class. This is a unique and special way to help out your congregation.

## **Church Using Temple**

The Apostolic Assembly Church is using the Social Hall at the Temple. They are in the building on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:30 pm. Please greet them when you see them. They will be adhering to strict cleaning and social distancing guidelines.

# OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Want to keep up with Temple EVENTS?! Access Temple's Calendar: <a href="http://templebeths.holomtopeka.view.events.com">http://templebeths.holomtopeka.view.events.com</a>				1	2 Sukkot Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Rabbi Rieber	3
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