5781 High Holidays Service Schedule

The members of the SHS Board of Directors, President Jeremey Newberg, Rabbi Nathan Kamesar, Hazan Jessi Roemer, Executive Director Sahar Oz, and the entire synagogue staff wish you and your family

*shanah tovah umetukah – a good and sweet year*

We look forward to welcoming the new year with you at our Zoom services:

- **Erev (Eve of) Rosh Hashanah** – Friday, Sep. 18 @ 5:30-6:30 pm
- **Rosh Hashanah Day I** – Saturday, Sep. 19 @ 9:30 am-12:15 pm
- **Rosh Hashanah Sunday School Service** – Saturday, Sep. 19 @ 9:30-10:30 am
- **Rosh Hashanah Hebrew School Service** – Saturday, Sep. 19 @ 10:30 am-12:00 pm
- **Rosh Hashanah Day II** – Sunday, Sep. 20 @ 10:00 am-12:15 pm
- **Tashlikh** – Sunday, Sep. 20 @ 2:30 pm *Outdoors in multiple locations*
- **Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur** – Sunday, Sep. 27 @ 6:15-8:30 pm
- **Yom Kippur Shaharit/Musaf (Morning)** – Monday, Sep. 28, 9:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Yom Kippur Sunday School Service** – Monday, Sep. 28 @ 9:30-10:30 am
- **Yom Kippur Hebrew School Service** – Monday, Sep. 28 @ 10:30 am-12:00 pm
- **Yom Kippur Minah/Yizkor/Ne’ilah (Afternoon/Memorial/Nighttime)**
  - Monday, Sep. 28 @ 5:15-7:45 pm
Embracing Community and Opportunity in the New Year

Jeremey Newberg

How do we pray, learn, serve, and socialize as a community, in alignment with our values, with the risks and challenges of the coronavirus? Since late February, these questions have been in the forefront of our thoughts among the Board, clergy, and staff of SHS. As we have reflected and engaged in deep deliberations about how best to proceed in a safe and sound manner, we have sought opportunities to engage the membership.

It is likely that many of you feel a sense of weariness because we are living with the sober realities of:

- Risk of exposure to COVID-19;
- Frequent civil unrest;
- Institutions, which have sustained the rule of law, justice, and opportunity, are struggling;
- A succession of destructive disasters that range from hurricanes, floods, wildfires, excessive heat, and drought, depending on where you live;
- An election season where many people seem to focus on what is wrong and what divides us, rather than what can be done to foster deeper understanding, respect and shared values for a safer, healthier, and more prosperous life as a national community.

I am grateful for candles, wine, challah, and the opportunity to connect with the SHS community every Shabbat. It is good to pause, reflect, and try to make sense of the challenges. So long as we are breathing, thinking, and feeling, we can build a more resilient synagogue community and a more thoughtful and civil society. So what have we learned while Living With A Pandemic?

When we live our Jewish communal life in alignment with our values, we make positive progress. Something as simple as a Shabbat greeting phone call can nourish the soul of the caller as much as it does so for the call recipient. We thrive when we can connect and care for each other.

Our congregants are an incredible resource to help provide information, insight, and assistance as we navigate the “New Normal.” It is inspiring to see how our recently formed COVID-19 Risk Mitigation and Safety Committee provided information and consultation to staff, clergy, and the Board to help established a methodology for evaluating risks and developing plans and protocols to convene our Playschool Summer Camp, open in-person Playschool classes on schedule for the new school year, and prepare the synagogue for an incremental return to in-person activities.

The Construction Oversight Committee has met every Wednesday morning all year, methodically working with our construction manager and staff to prepare for construction of the Paula Kline Learning Center at 430 Spruce Street and the renovations to our historic building at 418 Spruce Street. Interior demolition is complete. We finally received building permits just before Labor Day, and construction is in full force. Thank you to all members who have made pledges and payments to help us reach this point.

Our clergy and staff are committed to serving the mission of SHS with positive energy in challenging times. Since February, Rabbi Nathan Kamesar, Executive Director Sahar Oz, and Hazzan Jessi Roemer, along with the rest of our dedicated staff, have worked with focus, sincerity, and grace to make sense of the risks and opportunities of the pandemic and to keep moving forward in serving the mission of SHS. Simple events such as taking the time to pick up a Mahzor Care Package became a sweeter experience because members who may not have seen each other for six months got to say hello in person and catch up for a bit.

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Rabbi’s Column
Engaging with the High Holidays Through Our New Medium: As We’ve Always Done
Nathan Kamesar

By now, we’ve communicated a lot about our approach to the High Holidays—the Yamim Nora’im—the Days of Awe, in the age of COVID-19. You’ve likely heard or read about our approach, which recognizes the challenge of gathering in-person, indoors, in large groups, especially when singing or projecting loudly, and recognizes that we are one of many, if not most—if not all—similarly-situated communities (urban, non-Orthodox) that have reached this conclusion.

So I’d like to use this space to talk about how we as individuals can approach making the most of our High Holiday experience on Zoom and when physically distanced from our community members and loved ones.

As we have communicated, this is not the first time Jewish communities have been confronted with the challenge of honoring our hagim, our sacred festivals, under heavy adversity. I need not detail the many instances of this adversity throughout the generations. They have been seared in our souls and tattooed on our skin. Suffice it to say, in each generation, we have kept alive the flame of tradition, the flash of light that was imprinted in the wandering of our ancestors that manifested itself as Torah, as the sense of the sacred and the ineffable.

So in this generation, how do we do that? Just as in the wake of the destruction of the Temple, the opportunity presented itself to reveal new ways to worship and gather as a community outside the Temple precincts, being kept away from our beautiful sanctuary during these High Holidays presents us with new opportunities and ways of interacting.

These include:
1. **Expanding the time period during which we are immersed in the sacred lessons of the High Holidays.** We had never before offered shofar blasting during the month of Elul, despite its being a custom, knowing that we simply wouldn’t get the turnout for it, with people needing to commute to their jobs and otherwise be physically present far away from SHS. Now, with Zoom, people can roll out of bed, open up their laptops, and be immersed in the sacred sounds of their fellow congregants’ shofar blasts. We set up expanded classes for how the summer and fall months prepare us for the experience of transformation we are invited to undergo this year. Zoom (and other similar platforms) helped make this possible for us.

2. **Names.** Zoom allows us to look at the clergy leading services while also allowing us to look at the faces of our fellow congregants and get to see their names. It presents new opportunities to put names to faces, strengthening our communal ties.

3. **Accessibility.** For those who are homebound or who cannot get around easily—new parents, those with physical disabilities, some elderly members of our community—providing High Holiday services in this way allows people to access them from the comfort of their own homes, in a controlled environment, with easier access to restrooms, being better able to control the volume (both one’s own volume and the services), and makes it easier to “come when you can, leave when you must.” Not all of us are able to easily make our way to and from synagogue, and the Zoom platform helps facilitate connecting to services when we otherwise couldn’t.

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Hazzan’s Column
How Can We Sing in a Strange Land?
Jessi Roemer

Let’s talk about technology, loss, and singing. When the Temple was destroyed, the Israelites exiled to Babylon had to revamp their spiritual technologies. Our ancestors responded by revolutionizing their personal practice: they switched from sacrificial worship, in which priests did all the spiritual work on their behalf, to spiritual worship, in which each community member was responsible for cultivating her own prayer life. This communal practice evolved into the rabbinic/hazzanic Judaism we know today.

It was no easy task, however, and the path forward wasn’t immediately clear. In the voice of those exiled Israelites, the Psalmist asks: “Ekh nashir shir Yah al admat nekhar?” “How can we sing Yah’s song in a strange land?”

Today, we enter the year 5781 asking the same question: How do we sing in a new, strange land—the land of Zoom—where every gathering is an experiment in pushing the sonic limitations of a medium that cannot deliver our live voices synchronously? We know the temporary loss of synchronous singing is nothing compared to the destruction and loss of life we’ve seen from COVID-19—may the memories of all who have died be for a blessing and all mourners be comforted. But on top of that, the ancient technology of singing together in real time would be such a help right now, and it’s just not an option.

So how do we sing? We, too, must adapt our spiritual technology. Like any spiritual act, singing requires a balancing of energy: in order to fly with song, one must be grounded; the deeper the grounding, the higher the flight. Similarly, the more we use wonderful electronic technology to convene communal gatherings and worship, the more deeply analog we need to be in our own personal prayer practice.

The two can be simultaneous: When we tune in to the very real community services happening in this new electronic space, we need to be even more ready to open our mouths and sing, sway, read, and chant in our homes, even though—in fact, precisely because—we can’t hear everyone else doing the same. Like in Babylon, it’s time to flip the paradigm: rather than rely on leaders or the group to do the spiritual work for us, each of needs to up our own prayer game.

Don’t be daunted by the challenge; creating the three-dimensional experience of prayer in our own spaces is actually not difficult. Put up a decoration in your living room or a nice tablecloth in your kitchen, dress up, and participate: pray, breathe, and sing out loud with us. For those of you who don’t pray, replace the term “pray” with “breathe,” “sing,” or, as Rabbi Kamesar mentions, “be present.” Any of these essential, human spiritual technologies will do.

Because when it comes to prayer, music, and connection, the most important technologies we have are not in our electronics, and not even in each other, but inside our own bodies: our hearts, our lungs, our vocal cords, our breath, our minds, our hopeful souls. Our meditative silences.

The music we make together is not gone because we can’t hear it. We just have to stretch a little further, listen a little more deeply, and believe a little more strongly, to feel it. We service leaders will be there to guide you in real time, but to really be moved by the High Holiday experience—this year more than ever—you’ll need to create it with your song, the words of your mouth, and the meditations of your heart! All the necessary technologies are right with you; you have everything you need.

As we release old expectations and step into the new year, let’s employ all our powerful technologies—external and internal—to reconnect with each other and find the sweet melody we all need right now. I invite you to join the experience. L’shanah tovah umetukah. May it be a sweet and healthy year for all of us.

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Our new school year began just a few days ago, and we are off to a fantastic start! The children and staff are all wearing masks, and everyone’s embrace of our comprehensive health and safety policy has made it possible for us to operate Playschool with so much of our “old normal” ambiance and emotional satisfaction. Although our Playschoolers’ faces are partially covered by masks, their giggles, laughter, singing, curious questions, and aural expressions of wonder flow as usual. My father, of blessed memory, loved to say that there is no sound as sweet as the sound of a child laughing. How true.

In the Sun Class, our youngest Playschoolers have been building upon the wonderful connections that so many of them established in summer camp, which most of the Sun’sters attended. The children have been learning about Rosh Hashanah through stories, songs, and apple themed art that they have created. The close timing of Rosh Hashanah and the beginning of an exciting year-long journey with new peers at school also inspired a large friendship tree that the class painted.

In addition, the Sun Class took a trip on our synagogue grounds and courtyard and looked for pebbles to bring back and use with water in our sensory tables for a Tashlikh experience that their teachers planned. Kudos and thanks to our Sun faculty: Rachel Policare, Maura McErlean, and Brennen Malone.

Our Moon Class has already delved into an initial study of sculptures and how we can use different materials to create our own sculptures. The children examined the metal kangaroos in our courtyard and then got to make their own mixed media three-dimensional art. The Moon Class is enjoying learning about the High Holidays and sampling a variety of apples, describing their flavors and shapes, identifying their colors, and even using them with paint to create vivid artworks. I want to thank our Moon team—Emily Shepard, Keith Watford, and Josh Walker—for an excellent beginning to the school year.

Upstairs, the Stars Class is excitedly progressing in its workbook, and every student has started their journal for the year. This year’s Stars students and their friends in Pre-K Plus—a group of recent Stars graduates who are doing their remote public school kindergarten classwork in a pod at our school and coming together with the Stars Class a few hours a day—are exploring the flavors, sounds, and themes of Rosh Hashanah. Thanks to Ali Kaplan, Jere Paolini, and Abby Weissman for their creativity and flexibility in maximizing the opportunities for joyful and meaningful learning for our Stars and Pre-K Plus students.

We invite all Playschool families to join us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services for Sunday School students and younger children and their families, at 9:30 am on Saturday, September 19, and Monday, September 28, respectively. Both services will be co-led by Mike Roe, Assistant Director of Education for Hebrew School, and Rachel Moran, a popular “veteran” of our school services, on guitar. The services will take place via Zoom and have been designed specifically for young families, with songs, stories, and more.

Playschool will be closed on Monday, September 28, in observance of Yom Kippur. Our first Staff Professional Development Day of the year has been scheduled for Monday, October 19, so there will not be classes that day.

We have embarked upon a new school year in challenging circumstances, but we are all in this together. I am grateful for our teachers, maintenance staff, parents, children, Playschool Committee, and COVID-19 Risk Mitigation and Safety Committee, whose continued partnership, adaptability, patience, and care for one another are enabling our students and school to stay healthy and to succeed. I wish all of our staff and families shanah tovah, bri’ah, umetukah—a good, healthy, and sweet year!
New Friendships, Skills, Discoveries, and Memories: Images from the first week of Playschool
Young Families Group
Weekly Shabbat Celebrations on Zoom with Fellow Young Families
Joanna Hart

We are a warm, welcoming, and diverse group of families who support fellow young families as they develop their own traditions and sense of community. Young Families Group programs are geared toward families with children from newborns to 5-year-olds, but children of all ages—including older siblings—are always welcome!

Our popular Shabbat celebration on Fridays in the Social Hall is a mix of prayers and songs, instruments for all ages, movement, and “spiritual controlled chaos” as we wrap up the week and welcome Shabbat. The “service” portion is followed by a potluck dinner. We provide vegetarian entrees and ask participating families to please bring a dairy/pareve dish or dessert. **While we await resumption of our gatherings in person at the synagogue, we invite you to join us on Zoom every Friday at 5:30 pm!** Bring an instrument—pots and pans are instruments, too—and bring your ru’ah (spirit)! Please contact me with any questions or to be added to our Young Families Group mailing list: Joanna.Lee.Hart@gmail.com.

President’s Column

Rabbi Kamesar has engaged members up and down the age spectrum, including having officiated multiple marriage ceremonies and welcomed new members into the fold of our community. Our High Holiday Boot Camp series drew dozens of participants, preparing for the transformative journey of the High Holidays. Playschool, Hebrew School, and Adult Education all continue forward in person and/or via Zoom.

It is our clergy and staff who help to make these experiences possible. We thank them for their professionalism and commitment to enriching Jewish communal life at SHS.

**We have the courage to experiment, reflect, and modify as needed and move forward.** High Holidays will be different this year. We are Jews. We adjust. The Religion Committee, clergy, and staff have done a remarkable job bringing sensitivity, thoughtfulness, and innovation for how to make the High Holidays meaningful via the Zoom platform. I look forward to our new Tashlikh in small pods on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, where we can gather in small groups for this vital ritual.

The “New Normal” will continue to evolve. Clergy, staff, the Board, and synagogue members continue to stay informed about how the virus is progressing and how we as a community can practice thoughtful and effective physical distancing protocols while incrementally returning to in-person activities. This will be done carefully, with reflection and evaluation. We respect and encourage every member to determine what feels safe on their own terms. We are learning as we go, and we do so together as a community.

Finally, please contribute to the SHS Annual Fund and the new Caring Kehillah Fund. SHS will experience some financial challenges with reduced enrollment in Playschool, as some parents decide to wait until the risk of exposure to COVID-19 subsides. Some members may experience financial hardship and decide to cancel their membership in order to cut expenses. Please make a donation to help SHS remain on a sound financial footing. Your donation will help our congregation to retain members who may be experiencing financial hardship and continue its wide array of services and programming for the SHS community in a financially safe and sound manner.

Thank you to returning Board Members. Thank you to Ashleigh Reibach Huggett for her service to the Board of Directors. We welcome new Board Members: Carmen Hayman, David Levine, and Jared Susco.

And thank you for choosing to be part of our SHS community. Be safe and healthy. **Shanah tovah.**

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We begin each school year reflecting on successes and accomplishments of years past, with hopes for more in the future, and this year is no different. While we are starting this year with continued social distancing and virtual classes, our school community remains strong and dedicated to providing engaging, enticing, and exciting Jewish learning for our students. Our teachers will facilitate a journey through our shared history, our ethics and values, studies of classic texts, and an exploration of our prayers and their meanings.

I am excited to work with a wonderful group of dedicated Jewish educators. Alison Lingel, Adina Goldstein, Ben Chartock, Sydney Halberstadt, and Tamar Lilienthal are all continuing from last year. We welcome back Rachel Moran, who moved back from Los Angeles and rejoined our staff, and we are delighted to add a new colleague to our dynamic team of teachers, Sarit Tubul.

Our new year school year began on Sunday, September 13, with a lot of excitement, many smiles, and palpable joy from sharing space together again—in spirit and on the screen. Thank you to our Hebrew School Committee for leading engaging “Back to School” parent sessions that morning for Sunday School parents and for Hebrew School and Hebrew High parents.

We will welcome in the year 5781 with our services for Rosh Hashanah on Saturday, September 19. I am honored to co-lead services this year with Rachel Moran, whose voice and guitar have elevated our school services for almost half a decade. The service for Sunday School students and younger children and their families will begin at 9:30 am, and our Hebrew School service will follow at 10:30 am. There will be no Sunday School or Hebrew School classes on Sunday, September 20, so please join us for the Rosh Hashanah second day service that morning.

There will also be no Sunday or Hebrew School classes on Sunday, September 27. Kol Nidre services via Zoom will begin at 6:15 pm. Please join the following morning for our Yom Kippur school services, which Rachel and I will co-lead. On September 28, our service for Sunday School students and younger children and their families will begin at 9:30 am, followed by the Hebrew School service at 10:30 am.

In lieu of classes on Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate our Sukkot family service starting at 10:00 am. Please join us on Zoom as we virtually shake our lulavim and etrogim and partake in this joyous service.

Six days later, on October 10 at 6:45 pm, our Zoom Simhat Torah celebration will include a brief Ma’ariv service and honors for our students in Kitot Gimel (3rd grade) and Zayin (7th grade) as they approach new milestones in their Jewish education. This is sure to be a festive occasion with plenty of singing. There will be no classes on Sunday, October 11, in observance of Sh’mini Atzeret.

Our first B’nai Mitzvah service of the year will take place on Saturday, October 24, at 10:00 am, as Emma Salzman becomes a Bat Mitzvah. This is a very special opportunity to rejoice in our children’s Jewish learning and Torah cantillation achievements. It will also be our first virtual B’nai Mitzvah service, so please join us on Zoom to celebrate with Emma.

Our entire faculty and I look forward to a year of exciting, engaging, and impactful Jewish learning! Shanah tovah umetukah—wishing you a good and sweet year.
A Year in Our Life: Reflections on SHS from 6,000 Miles Away
Kinneret, Viola, and Yevgeny Alianov-Rautenberg

We knew it from the first time we entered Society Hill Synagogue: this is it, this feels like home!

Our family of three spent an intense and eventful year in Philadelphia, from the quaint pre-coronavirus summer of 2019 to this past June. We came to Philadelphia because Viola earned a postdoctoral fellowship at the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and therefore, we wanted to live in the Society Hill neighborhood close by. In this adventurous year we spent in Philadelphia, the most surprising and wonderful thing that happened to us was to find the community of Society Hill Synagogue. We found you actually because we were looking for a preschool for our daughter.

Our initial childcare option was flat out horrible, and we canceled our contract there and were desperately trying to find something else in late August. During a walk through the neighborhood, we passed by the SHS building and realized that there is yet another synagogue here in the neighborhood and that it even has a preschool! More accurately, a playschool, providing—as the poster outside stated—a warm and inclusive Jewish education.

We immediately called Sahar and secured the very last spot in the Stars Class (Pre-Kindergarten). Joining Playschool and the synagogue changed everything for us and was one of the best things that has ever happened to us as a family. Playschool was the best pedagogic experience we have had, and not only because of the curriculum, but because of the warmth and love of Sahar and the wonderful teachers: Ali, Stephanie, and Jere, who brought so much joy to all of us. Kinneret learned English in no time at all and made such wonderful, close friendships at Playschool.

Arriving here in August, we immersed ourselves in the community life right away, and we cannot even count the many wonderful memories we made here as a family: the Rosh Hashanah Sunday School service, building the sukkah, the weekly Playschool Shabbat celebrations and the Friday night Young Families Group celebrations with Micah and Joanna Hart, and of course, Purim.

We were surprised that in a foreign country, we felt such a strong sense of belonging so quickly and that it is possible to feel so much at home abroad. When COVID-19 began and Playschool and the synagogue had to close, everyone in school and the synagogue did such an amazing job. Rabbi Nathan, Hazzan Jessi, and Rabbi Avi really kept up the spirit these past few months. The Shabbat celebrations on Zoom, both with the Young Families Group and the candle lighting with the larger synagogue community, were the highlights of our week. Being foreigners here in the US in these uncertain times, it meant the world to us to be part of this community—that sense that we were not alone.

And every day, rain or shine, Kinneret insisted on coming to play in the synagogue courtyard. We ran, we watched the flowers and birds and ants, we drew with chalk. We felt good being so close to the building.

The last day before we left Philly, we came here to say goodbye to the building, the bench, the trees, the birds. It was a heartfelt and tearful goodbye. Writing this, we are in a different world, sitting on our balcony in Haifa, watching the boars roaming through the wadi. Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude for this wonderful year, and we are certain that we will return. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for letting us be part of the Society Hill Synagogue community. Shanah tovah umetukah!
Of course, just as Zoom presents opportunities, it presents challenges, too. Let me address some of those now to help prepare us to make the most of our High Holiday experience.

1. **Accessibility.** As the Book of Job says, “God gives and takes away.” Just as Zoom increases accessibility for some, it limits it for others, particularly those who have limited facility with the technology. If this is you, please email me at rabbikamesar@societyhillsynagogue.org or call the synagogue office at (215) 922-6590. We’ll be prepared to set you up with some one-on-one guidance, as well as creating space for practice sessions.

2. **Staying focused.** One of the biggest challenges with Zoom is that it is harder to keep one’s focus when staring at a screen, where you have the opportunity to open up a new window or tab, check a box score or a stock quote, or glance at the headlines. Here, I would invite you to make use of the twin Jewish principles known as hesed and g’vurah, sometimes translated as compassion and discipline. So:

   a. **Be compassionate with yourself.** Need a break? Take one! One of the most simple and effective pieces of advice I’ve heard is that when you get tired, learn to rest, not quit. If you need a break from services or the screen, by all means, take one! A little bit of rejuvenation should go a long way in making you feel comfortable to reenter the virtual space, which you can easily do, because you’re likely at home.

   b. **Exhibit g’vurah (discipline).** Now, for me, there is a difference between giving myself a break when I need one and mindlessly pressing “Command T” on my keyboard, which opens up a new internet browser on my screen and allows me to surf wherever I usually do when killing time. Being present to Zoom services shouldn’t invite much need for the keyboard or mouse; we will be doing all the page turning and screensharing for you, so I would invite you to put the mouse and keyboard away if you can, or cover them with something, and just take breaks when you need to rather than through muscle memory. If you’re able to connect your computer to your TV screen, this is another way to help this process.

3. **Being Present.** A close cousin of staying focused, another challenge on Zoom can be being present to the spirit of the hagim, the sacred festivals. This can be easier when done in a sanctuary, but from your living room? More of a challenge. Tips here include preparing the room like you might for Shabbat dinner or another special occasion: if you’re able to, get it clean. Perhaps even place a white tablecloth on your desk or whatever table you might use for your screen, or some other approximation of making it ritually special. Have some favorite ritual items nearby: a kiddush cup, a tallit, a mahzor/prayer book (which we are loaning to you). Dress up a little bit. Do what it takes to put yourself in the spirit of the hagim.

Finally, just go easy on yourself. We’ve always had to feel our way through the darkness when we sought to embrace our tradition when confronted with new circumstances. My hope is that you’ll hang in there when/if it gets challenging, be gentle on yourself when you need to take a break, and be open to the possibility of experiencing the hagim in a transformative new way. Just as our ancestors have done.
May all of our fellow SHS congregants be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good, healthy, and sweet new year!

Joel Chernock
Neil Cohen, Debra Weissbach & Family
Libby Cone & Tom Borawski
Steven, Lisa, Peter, Susan, Jared & Ariana Eizen
Monica Fread
Fran Gallun & Len Weinberg
Terry Graboyes, Noah Herman & Ashley Kerns
Ric, Carmen, Jacob & Lily Hayman
Bonny Hohenberger & Nathan Farbman
Sayde & David Ladov
Iris Levine & Family
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### JULY BIRTHDAYS
- Neil Epstein
- Eva Mohajer
- Amy Steerman
- Carmen Hayman
- Ruth Schneeberg
- Noah Davidson
- Dan Levin
- Jacqui Rick
- Claire Golding
- Howard Levin
- Alton Sutnick
- Joseph Gifford
- Carla Krasnick
- Marsha Silberstein
- Michael Gorsen
- Mitchell Bach
- Seth Cohen
- Ainara Winikor
- Matthew Zalesne Siff
- Rachel Fish
- Marc Schwartz
- Sam Ufberg
- Betty van de Rijn
- Laurette Feltoon
- Liza Gendler
- Juliet Englander
- Matthew Morano
- Judy Woloff
- Gabriel Steerman
- Joe Oxman
- Jordan Segall
- Mary Ann Stover
- Craig Miller
- Harry Oxman
- Lily Rezavker
- Jim Wilson
- Reuben Treatman
- Eva Berlin
- Abigail Hamilton
- Libby Harwitz
- Gideon Siff
- Xing Xing Zhang

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
- Ron Feinberg
- Isaac Hohns
- Jordy Gorsen
- Alan Gottlieb
- Amelia Landes
- Josh Smullens
- Tony Lalli
- Lev Ziskind
- Gabriel Huga
- Samantha Goldwert
- Irving Shapiro
- Debra Stewart
- Fran Newberg
- Claire Engleander
- Mark Steinberger
- Abbe Fletman
- Zachary Gearhart-Robboy
- Fay Hughes
- Myer Magen
- Jerry Roller
- Matthew Salzman
- Valerie Pipano
- Bjorn Seaberg
- Leo Aaron
- Wendy Rosen
- Julia Dranoff
- Nina Saligman
- Marsha Silver Heit
- Isaak Popkin
- Debby Freedman
- Harvey Weiner
- Susan Eizen
- David D’Argenio
- Edwin Krauss
- Joseph Freedman
- Terry Graboyes
- Steven Greenspan
- Jackson Roe
- Meyer Rohtbart
- Jonathan Auerbach
- Susan Denbo
- Kiera Schindler

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS
- Elana Hunter
- Zev Pipano
- Nathaniel Popkin
- Rabbi Avi Winokur
- Rachel Cohen
- Phoebe Zaring
- Jason Flamendorf
- Dan Rosin
- Susanne Kaplan
- Rebecca Makuen
- Dave Femia
- Lucas Gorsen
- Bonny Hohenberger
- Jacob Marion
- Barry Bernsten
- Jerome Kranzel
- David Albert
- Hillary Ladov
- Jacob Appel
- Simon Appel
- Carol Katcher
- Lyn Kirshenbaum
- Robby Saligman
- David Levine
- Neil Cohen
- Anya Rosin
- Madeleine Wilson
- Eva D’Ignazio
- Edgar Einhorn
- Noa Sargent
- Andrea Sargent
- Julie Bahuriak
- Martin Rosenberg
- Jenna Makuen
- Jay Denbo
- Joy Lander Roe
- Mel Nasielski
- Karen Hafter
- Justin Lilien
- Bart Kaplan
- Joann Slosberg
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS
Matthew Ufberg
Anya Applebaum Licht
Joanna Levy
Brooke Salzman
Betta Kolansky
Paula Ninerell
Hani Dressler
Ann Rosen Spector
Lynne Rubenfeld
Cece Shingler
Jared Susco
Bear Zweifler
Ezra Raphael
Fran Gallun
Maya Pindyck
Rebecca Fishman
Dana Feinberg
Lisa Gottesman
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Carl Levitsky, Receiving the SHS Volunteer Award
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Jane Bass Simon, Mother of Robert Bass
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Rosemarie Weinberg

Community News
Mazel Tov to
Gdaly & Eva Berlin on the birth of their son, Alan Berlin
Robin & Ron Feinberg on the birth of their grandson, Elias Jude Gray
Stuart & Stacey Prenner on the birth of their son, Simon Harrison Prenner
Alison & Justin Lingel on the birth of their son, Jonah Raphael Lingel
Anna & Philip Wiener on their recent marriage
Lindsay Vetzner & Sarah Stroback on their recent marriage
Sharon Fass & Reuben Treatman on their recent marriage
Josh & Carly Benjamin on their recent marriage

Condolences to
Alan & Elaine Shechtman on the death of Alan’s mother, Adele Shechtman
Jerry Kranzel & Rian Berger and family on the death of Jerry’s father, Judge Isadore Kranzel
David Gelles and Jason Gelles and family on the death of their father, Richard Gelles
Carl Levitsky and Sarah Levitsky on the death of their wife and mother, Caryn Levitsky
Amy Steerman & Mary Ann Stover and family on the death of Amy’s mother, Doris Steerman

Welcome New Members
Martin & Shira Angert
Emma and Hannah

Andrew Cassel
Tim Cravens
Darien Gillespie & Alex Gechlik
Megan Helzner & Jason Flamendorf
Sarah Liffmann & Zachary Fernberger
Tammy Noth
Grace Bonovitz
Vinny & Evin Rezavker
Ellis, Lily, and Jonah
Irving (Hop) Sears
Lindsay Vetzner & Sarah Stroback