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Dear Friends,

*I have begun my work at the Temple and while I am not yet in the building, I hope to be soon and I look forward to having the chance to meet all of you and get to know you. We are living in difficult and challenging times but our work at Beth Shir Shalom is still very important and I hope to help you as we navigate this turbulent time.*

*I am in the process of meeting and working with our staff on many different things and after the High Holy Days, I hope to introduce some new programs that will help us to learn and grow as one community. In the meantime, you are welcome to join us for Erev Shabbat worship and Shabbat morning Torah Study. If you need to reach me, please feel free to call the office for my information.*

*I look forward to meeting you soon.*

Shalom,

Rabbi Jim Simon



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*Our heartfelt thanks to all those whose dedication, time and talents made this year's High Holy Days celebration possible:*

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## **2020/5781 HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE**

*All High Holy Days Services will be held virtually.*

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <u>Selichot Shabbat service</u>        | <u>Friday, September 11, 2020 @ 6:30 pm</u> |
| <u>Erev Rosh HaShanah</u>              | <u>Friday, September 18, 2020</u>           |
| Adult Services                         | 7:00 PM                                     |
| <u>Rosh Hashanah Morning</u>           | <u>Saturday, September 19, 2020</u>         |
| Adult and JELLI Services               | 9:30 AM                                     |
| Families with Young Children's Service | 11:30 AM                                    |
| <u>Yom Kippur Evening</u>              | <u>Sunday, September 27, 2020</u>           |
| Kol Nidre                              | 7:00 PM                                     |
| <u>Yom Kippur Morning</u>              | <u>Monday, September 28, 2020</u>           |
| Adult & JELLI Services                 | 9:30 AM                                     |
| Families with Young Children's Service | 11:30 AM                                    |
| <u>Yom Kippur Afternoon</u>            | <u>Monday, September 28, 2020</u>           |
| Special Guest Speaker                  | 2:00 PM                                     |
| Discussion of Sermons                  | 3:00 PM                                     |
| Ne'ilah/Yizkor Service                 | 4:00 PM                                     |

### ***Robin Masnicoff, ECC Director***

*On the first day of our summer program, the three and four year old group came out to the yard and came around to the climbing equipment. One child said to the rest of the children; "You can look at it but you cannot go on." Their teacher then shared with the child; "This is a special place just for all of you so you can go on this equipment because it has been cleaned just for you." Another child said; "So it's COVID safe?". "Yes", the teacher exclaimed, "It is COVID safe." This became our new reality as we move forward creating a safe and enriching environment for our children.*

*After three long months of "Stay Home - Stay Safe" orders, we were able to be back at Beth Shir Shalom with our new norm. There were a lot of protocols to establish and lots of training to be done before we could open our doors for the youngest members of our community. On Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed back eighteen of our preschoolers and it was so wonderful to see all their sweet faces lined up with their parents, six feet apart as we checked them in. Some of the children wore masks while others did not, as they were too young to be wearing masks. Our parents were patient and understanding as we made all the necessary changes to keep our children and staff safe.*

*Our summer was different than any other summer before, but we were together and our children were thriving.*

### ***Elana Mabashov, Religious Education Director***

*Although there is much uncertainty in the world this summer and many of us have had to cancel our summer plans, there is still a lot we can do from home to celebrate and honor our Jewish heritage. I hope our 3rd-6th graders were able to take advantage of the free virtual summer camp Wilshire Blvd Camps provided to our community. You might also want to consider the following...*

- Celebrate Shabbat summer style by saying the Kiddish with grape popsicles.*
- Continue your discussions about Jewish values and how you can still incorporate them into everyday life, like making a meal for a neighbor, or taking their dog for a walk.*
- Don't forget to still practice the prayers we learned during the school year.*
- You might even try making one up of your own to express the gratitude you have for your family and friends.*

*We hope to all be together again soon. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy the pleasures that only summer can provide! We look forward to having you back with us on the 1st day of JELLI, Sunday, September 13th at 9:00 a.m.*

### ***A Message from our Board of Directors—Written by Natalie Rothenberg***

*Eyes are windows into the soul, we've been told. But for now, it isn't safe to see each other face to face, not physically. As a congregation we've still gathered these past months, via the likes of Zoom. After dozens of committee and board meetings, Shabbat celebrations, and even a gala Fundraiser, I'm still struck by the experience of being together online. To see eye-to-eye, we need to see screen to screen. Our screens are windows into our homes.*

*In usual times, in our physical meetings, we self-present with clothing and posture. We bring our bodies, dressed up to impress, or dressed down to connect. We lean in or out; we create formality or intimacy by whether and how we eat or drink; we may take notes or do something with our hands. But for now, we also present our habitats, and our ways of being in them.*

*Though individual friendships and programs like "Dinner with a Stranger" have brought some of us into each other's homes, congregants mostly see each other at temple in usual times. But for now, we see beyond what people wear, into a small part of where people live. We wear our homes, dressing in the furniture and décor, art, books, plants...or the photo backdrops... we choose.*

*Sometimes we multitask, and see each other in our kitchens; some of us dial in from cars. The setting may be a busy living room, a quiet bedroom, even an outdoor space. We can be pleasantly surprised by each other's children, pets, mates in the background; and we can share solitude. Sometimes, we ask others to look away by turning off our cameras; letting the voices and melodies do their work. Sometimes we look intently at each other's smiles, nods, thumbs up and even tears; mouthing along with muted singers. A Zoom Shabbat is part pantomime, part TV show, part theatre-in-the-round. But it is all congregation, all windows into each other.*

*I'm eager to be back together physically when it's safe; I want to hear all the voices; I want the hugs to be more than virtual. But when we're back to wearing just our clothes, not our homes, something will be missing. One window will be closed, and we will have to look closer into each other's eyes.*



# JULY

## YAHREZEITS

| <u>July 3rd</u>   | <u>July 10th</u>   | <u>July 17th</u>   | <u>July 24th</u>          | <u>July 31st</u>  |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Lillian Ansell    | Stan Hoffman       | Leda Alkov         | Edyth Baum                | Peter Courey      |
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| Rachel Singer     |                    | Neal Handler       | Norman Silverstein        |                   |
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|                   |                    | David S Michaels   |                           |                   |
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|                   |                    | Arthur J. Schwartz |                           |                   |
|                   |                    | Max Sender         |                           |                   |

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|                           |                     |                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Cassidy Benson            | Sheldon Kadish      | Denise Richards   |
| Benjamin Cavell           | Fred Karlsen        | Josh Rosenfeld    |
| Sibyl Courey              | Andrea King         | Ellie Schneir     |
| Noah Dubin                | Maya Kleiman        | Judith Schwartz   |
| Lillian Findler-Buchalter | Beckett Dov Lowther | Joel Sender       |
| Emma Godfrey              | Aliyah Marks        | Zack Sender       |
| Nancy Golden              | Robin Masnicoff     | Samuel Shteynberg |
| Richard Golden            | Tony Oliva          | Jackie Silverman  |
| Ava Goldstein             | Shane Quentin       | Elana Silverstein |
| Lauren Hoffman            | Esteban Ramirez     | Talor Tulchin     |
| Linda Hoffman             | Lindsay Rapkin      | Ethan Wain        |
| Caroline Jusko            | Lilly Resnick       | Leo Yagoubzadeh   |
| Shayna Kadish             | David Reznick       | Asher Zaczepinski |

## ANNIVERSARIES

|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| 6th  | David Lepes & Amy Wruble              |
| 6th  | Kerri & John Schneider                |
| 8th  | Wendy Amster & David Hinkes           |
| 17th | Clifford and Gracie Neuman            |
| 18th | Nelly Rico Blustajn & Steve Blustajn  |
| 23rd | Paul Katz & Susan Fleischman          |
| 26th | Brian Gabrich & Susan Quentin-Gabrich |
| 30th | Ruth Shapiro Singer & Sol Singer      |
| 38th | Dr. William & Patricia Oppenheim      |
| 40th | Michael Bacon & Susan Schuster Bacon  |
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 Gruber, Frank & Levin, Janet, In Memory of Shirley Moskowitz Gruber  
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 King, Albert & Rhoda, In Memory of Bess King  
 Oliva, Audrey & Tony, In Memory of Pearl Wassell  
 Pindak, Susan, In Memory of Stephen Pindak  
 Safier, Joe & Avidon Safier, Fern, In Loving Memory of Jonathan Avidon Safier

# AUGUST

## YAHREZEITS

| <u>August 7th</u>    | <u>August 14th</u> | <u>August 21st</u>  | <u>August 28th</u>   | <u>September 4th</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Giancarlo Battigalli | Joan Cooper        | Michael Blustajn    | Sondra Arthur        | Alex Cohen           |
| Mort Kofman          | Linda Cooper       | Richard Laskin      | Norman George Courey | Jeanne J. Cutler     |
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| Selma Roth           | Aaron Lieberman    | Morris Wolf         | Anna Lepes           | Lee Jonathan Dubin   |
| Betty B. Safier      | Humberto Lopez     |                     | Estelle Star Pick    | Rose Friedman        |
| Edythe Schuster      | Myron Nolish       |                     | Joshua Hirsh Rothman | Sara Gergel          |
| Alfred Wiener        | Ben Resnick        |                     |                      | Jack Ginsburg        |
| Betty Ziff           | Dina Rosenshtrom   |                     |                      | Mae Kornfield        |
|                      | Tony Taylor        |                     |                      | Charlotte Levin      |
|                      | Eugene Topel       |                     |                      | Aleksandr Medvedev   |
|                      |                    |                     |                      | Anne Taylor          |

## BIRTHDAYS

|                   |                 |                      |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
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| Joshua Ben-Yehuda | Aurea Dosie     | Rachel Safier        |
| Jaidynn Bickler   | Zach Ellis      | Phyllis Schlessinger |
| Chloe Bird        | Anyia Feldman   | Ila Sender           |
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| Stan Brooks       | Drew Grey       | Alla Shmain          |
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| Mia Castro        | Tucker Levitan  | Harry Title          |
| Josephine Cavell  | Roselee Packham | Josh Title           |
| Bati Cohen        | Logan Palmer    | Levi Title           |

## ANNIVERSARIES

|      |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 8th  | Marc & Jennifer Lynn            |
| 11th | Sarah & Matt Benson             |
| 12th | Jenni & William Pfaff           |
| 12th | Virginia & Nelson Weiss         |
| 15th | Michael Kadish & Deborah Novak  |
| 24th | Jack Susser & Marlene Preston   |
| 28th | Michael Rosenberg & Maura Zagor |
| 31st | Ila & Joel Sender               |
| 32nd | Gary & Kara Hirsch              |
| 44th | Debbie & Larry Wolf             |
| 51st | Layne & Jeff Lepes              |
| 51st | Ted & Lillian Roth              |
| 56th | Fred & Marilee Karlsen          |
| 57th | Leonard & Phyllis Schlessinger  |

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 Hahyar, Ari & Blanco, Ruth  
 Hoffman, Lauren  
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 Kornblum, Candyce & Rosenstein, Adam

### Matthew Mezza Fund

Brown, Nancy, In Memory of Paul Gundel

### Tributes/Yahrzeits

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 Lepes, Layne & Jeff, In Memory of Charlotte Grodberg  
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 Pindak, Susan, In Memory of Esther Pindak  
 Silverman, Jackie & Manny, In Memory of Sam Neidorf

### Annual Fundraiser Donations, Cont'd

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 Raphaelson, Josh & Syers, Kelly  
 Rapkin, Michael & Marlene  
 Reznick, David & Susan  
 Rothenberg, Natalie & Jules  
 Safier, Joe & Avidon Safier, Fern  
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 Hoffman, Linda & Lauren  
 Kofman, Ken  
 Lepes, Layne & Jeff  
 Oppenheim, Bill & Patty  
 Rische, Mitchell & Jessica  
 Roth, Ted & Lillian  
 Safier, Joe & Avidon Safier, Fern  
 Silverstein, Allan & Satkin, Ellen

# SEPTEMBER

## YAHARZEITS

| <u>September 4th</u> | <u>September 11th</u>  | <u>September 18th</u>   | <u>September 25th</u> | <u>October 2nd</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Alex Cohen           | Guenther Aron          | George Michael Axilbund | Oscar Arreola         | Bejla Blustajn     |
| Jeanne J. Cutler     | Leitizia Battigalli    | Aaron Davidson          | Freda Avidon          | Harry Cornfeld     |
| Toby Weltman Daniels | Johnnie Brumfield Sr.  | Leonard Dubin           | Robert Bibb           | James David Crute  |
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| Sara Gergel          | Cesia Waga             | Hyman Misshula          | Virginia Packham      | Lucien Seifert     |
| Jack Ginsburg        |                        | Jacques Shapiro         | Seymour Roth          | Morris Smith       |
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| Charlotte Levin      |                        | Martha Valz             | Jacob Singer          | Robert Taylor      |
| Aleksandr Medvedev   |                        | Glenn Weil              |                       |                    |
| Anne Taylor          |                        |                         |                       |                    |

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| Teri Baum             | Paul Katz          | Stacy Salzman          |
| Alec Benson           | Seth Levin         | Carl Shapiro           |
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| Max Bien-Willner      | Esther Michaels    | Mindy Stearn           |
| Laurie Brumfield      | Cliff Neuman       | Brett Tulchin          |
| Jason Buchalter       | Gene Newstat       | Virginia Weiss         |
| Marlene Cole          | Jennifer Oppenheim | Larry Wolf             |
| Lilah Gordon Fienberg | Mirra Painter      | Amy Wruble             |
| Andy Friedmann        | Mitchell Rishe     | Colette Zaczepinski    |
|                       | Michael Rosenberg  |                        |

## ANNIVERSARIES

|      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 6th  | Mike & Jane Stearn                   |
| 15th | Emily & Benjamin Cavell              |
| 19th | Marc Fienberg & Eva Gordon           |
| 24th | Renee & Farshid Almassizadeh         |
| 32nd | Richard & Sara Kaner                 |
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| 36th | Phil Ansell & Silvia Battigalli      |
| 36th | Joe Safier & Fern Avidon Safier      |
| 39th | Albert Courey & Jody Reichel         |
| 39th | Seth Ellis & Josetta Sbeglia         |
| 50th | Leonard & Georgia Alkov              |
| 53rd | Merle Minkoff-Singer & Nathan Singer |

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