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Praying Barefoot

As we approach the High Holidays, the world is no safer than it was back in March, when our quarantine began. In some ways, we’ve learned how to navigate a world with masks and social distancing, which has enabled us to take tentative steps back toward something beginning to resemble normalcy. But we know that, despite the relative respite that we are enjoying here in Connecticut (as of this writing), the fire is raging around us and is bound to return. So we have to be cautious. And that, as you know, has been our approach to services, which continue to be primarily online, even as we seek ways to make them more intimate and inspiring, and to deepen the connections that hold our community together. You will see that to be the pervasive thread running through our High Holidays services.

But we need your help in order to make our services even more special. You need to carve out sacred space in your homes, so that something is different about how you experience our services—something that differentiates them from a streaming series on Netflix or a Zoom or a PTA meeting. It has to feel different, and we have to find ways to focus, to be in the moment.

Here are a few suggestions:

♦ Get dressed. Seriously. No need for suits or formal dresses. (You can leave your mink in the closet 😊). But by all means wear clean, fresh clothes befitting the new year. This is not a pajama party (unless you are a kid, in which case by all means). Wear your tallis and kipah too.

♦ “Arrive” at services on time. Just think: No shuttle bus hassles!

♦ Make sure to close all other windows on your computer when at services. Let’s eliminate distractions as much as possible. Leave the breakfast dishes for later. Preparing lunch can wait, too. When it comes to prayer, multitasking just doesn’t work.

♦ That said, if you need a cup of coffee (or glass of wine) – or some snacks, hey, you’re home, so go for it. But no drinking games, where you score points every time I mispronounce “usurious.” You could do a version of High Holidays Bingo if you want, but you’ll be wasting your time if you cover your game board with the names of presidential candidates.

♦ Wash hands – even beyond the “Happy Birthday” type washing of hands. Try to enter this sacred space in a state of purity. Even on Yom Kippur you can still sprinkle some water on your fingertips.

♦ Try to stay on for the entire service. We’ll have stuff for the kids going on simultaneously to keep them busy (Though they are also welcome to join the main service.).

♦ Have a shofar at home (or a pretend shofar). On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, which is also Shabbat, we’ll create our own shofar-like sounds. We’ll be “human shofars.” Your neighbors and pets will love it!

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Coming Home

“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings having a human experience.”

– Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Generally speaking, we’ve grown quite adept at our “human experience,” so much so that we often find ourselves distanced from our spiritual experiences and living in an inversion of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin’s philosophical proclamation. With the current Covid-19 health crisis, however, many of the foundations of our “human experience” have begun to crumble and we are left trying to put together the pieces. We’ve pivoted so quickly, to adapt and apply our human methods of resiliency to a global health pandemic while balancing priorities of saving human lives, supporting working families, and keeping our economy afloat.

At the same time, our spiritual beings have lost the masks of our routine existence and are in various states of emergence, seeking, and processing of our current reality. We are actually in a moment of opportunity for deep spiritual growth and formation. As the edifices around us fall, we are called home through a kind of teshuva to the spiritual root of our souls. While navigating new technologies, modalities for education, and ways to convene socially distanced, what we really need to do is to answer the spiritual call to come home to ourselves, to our souls, and to one another.

Temple Beth El is, for many of us, a place of home. In our human existence, we may struggle to explain the connection we feel standing before the open Ark at Neilah or when attending shiva beside a beloved friend, but our spiritual beings understand this connection as part of eytz chayim (the tree of life) by which we are all connected. When we go forth in the natural world, walk in the woods, or simply breathe together we are all connected. When we share the airwaves on Zoom in communal prayer, bearing witness to one another in the same moment, we are connected. When we sit alone and allow ourselves awareness of the “still small voice” within, we are connected. This connectivity is the source of all life.

Our Temple Beth El community builds a bridge between our human experiences and this spiritual need for connection, providing opportunities for both to simultaneously develop and emerge. At this moment, whether you are seeking human connection or spiritual reflection, we hope you will join us as we acknowledge both vital components of our existence. There is a lot of work to be done in both areas as we respond to both the individual and collective cries of humanity. We will not rest. At Temple Beth El, we are committed to shining our sacred light so that the darkness is a little less dark, and we can all find our way home.

Katie Kaplan, Cantorial Soloist
### SEPTEMBER*

**Friday, September 4**
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm

**Shabbat, September 5**
Shabbat Services 10:00am
**BRANDON NADEL, BAR MITZVAH**

**Friday, September 11**
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm

**Shabbat, September 12**
Shabbat Services 9:30am
ShaBaBimBam 11:00am
Selichot Service 8:30pm

**Friday, September 18 - Erev Rosh Hashanah**
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00pm

**Shabbat, September 19 - Rosh Hashanah, 1st day**
Shacharit Service 8:30am
Torah Service 9:30am
Sermon followed by Musaf 10:30am
Family Services 10:00am
Live Zoom Activities 11:00am

**Sunday, September 20 - Rosh Hashanah, 2nd day**
Shacharit Service 8:30am
Torah Service 9:30am
Sermon followed by Musaf 10:30am
Holiday Family Sing-Along 10:00am
Children’s Service ???:??am
Shofar Drive-By and Tashlichic 2:30-3:30pm

**Friday, September 25**
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm

**Shabbat, September 26**
Shabbat Service 10:00am

**Sunday, September 27**
Kol Nidre Service 6:00pm

**Monday, September 28 - Yom Kippur**
Shacharit Service 8:30am
Torah Service 9:30am
Sermon followed by Musaf 10:30am
Family Service 10:00am
Live Zoom Activities 11:00am
Learning and Discussion 2:30pm
Mincha 4:30pm
Yizkor 5:30pm
Ne’ilah 6:30pm
Blessing of the Babies 7:15pm
Shofar 7:23pm
Ma’ariv 7:30pm

*All services will be held on Zoom

### OCTOBER*

**Friday, October 2 - Erev Sukkot**
Kabbalat Shabbat/Sukkot Service 6:00pm

**Shabbat, October 3 - Sukkot, 1st day**
Shabbat/Sukkot Service 10:00am

**Sunday, October 4 - Sukkot, 2nd day**
Sukkot Service 10:00am

**Friday, October 9 - Erev Shemini Atzeret**
Kabbalat Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret Service 6:00pm

**Shabbat, October 10**
Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret 10:00am
Yizkor
Simchat Torah Service 6:00pm

**Sunday, October 11**
Simchat Torah Service 10:00am

**Friday, October 16**
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm

**Shabbat, October 17**
Shabbat Service 10:00am
**SYDNEY KASSEL, BAT MITZVAH**

**Friday, October 23**
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm

**Shabbat, October 24**
Shabbat Services 10:00am
**CAMRYN LAICHTMAN, BAT MITZVAH**

**Friday, October 30**
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm

**Shabbat, October 31**
Shabbat Services 10:00am
**RICHARD BAER, BAR MITZVAH**

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**Selihot Night Live**

*Check your email for the link to the service.*

**Selihot Night Live**
September 12, 2020
8:30 PM Eastern through 12:00 AM Pacific

*Bringing in the High Holiday Season from East to West*
Dear Young Families of TBE,

We hope you are all safe and doing well with your loved ones. We missed being with you in person over the summer, but look forward to many opportunities to connect this year! We have a brand new list of ShaBaBimBam dates through next June, and are planning lots of other fun programs as well! Your safety is our top priority and we are doing everything we can to stay connected in a way that leaves us all feeling secure and comfortable.

I wish you and your families all the best for a happy, healthy new year.

Warmly,
Jami Fener, Engagement Coordinator
MAZAL TOV TO...

Joan and Robert Rosenthal on the engagement of their son, Benjamin to Stacy Newman.

Fran and Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg on the marriage of Sam to Rae Wyse.

Marlene Wilden on her new position as Head of Communications of the NAACP, Stamford branch.

Lauren Redniss on the release (and fine reviews) of a film based on her acclaimed book, “Radioactive.”

Fran and Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg on the birth of a granddaughter, Lucy June, born to Rae Wyse and Sam Ginsburg.

Ruth Kwartin on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Hannah Sage, born to Alexa and Zach Alexander.


Denise and David Greenman on the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Ari Weiss.

Eileen and Fred Springer on the engagement of their daughter, Ilana, to Daniel Borkenstein.

Lieba and Steven Lander on the marriage of their daughter, Karen, to Kevin Lafferty.

Stephne and Kerrin Behrend on the birth of their first grandchild, Zoey Mira, born to Neal and Natalie Behrend.

Mary C. and Alan Silberman on the birth of a grandson, Oliver Arlo, born to Allison and Russ Dudley.

Lori and Bruce Tobin on the birth of a grandson, Adrian Vergara born to Silvana and Brad Robin.

Share your family’s simcha (engagement, marriage, birth, Bar or Bat Mitzvah of a child or grandchild) and other joyous event. Just contact the TBE office at office@tbe.org or 203-322-6901, ext. 301.

B’NAI MITZVAH

September 5
BRANDON NADEL
Son of Jill and Mitchell
Brother of Kyle, Anya and Eliana
Attends The Whitby School
Mitzvah Project: Collecting children’s books for local shelters

October 17
SYDNEY KASSEL
Daughter of Caroline and Matthew
Sister of Benjamin
Attends Turn of River Middle School

October 24
CAMRYN LAICHTMAN
Daughter of Ellen and Arthur
Sister of Samantha
Attends Dolan Middle School

October 31
RICHARD BAER
Son of Beth and Raymond
Brother of Georgia and Celia
Attends Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy
Mitzvah Project: Raising funds and awareness for Galactosemia

HONORABLE MENSCHEN
TODAH RABAH TO OUR TORAH READERS!

AMANDA GEFFNER • LISA GROVE-RAIDER
• RABBI GERRY GINSBURG •
• RABBI JOSHUA HAMMERMAN •
KATIE KAPLAN, CANTORIAL SOLOIST • CAROL KRIM
BERT MADWED • JULIE ROSENBERG
SUSAN SCHNEIDERMAN • MERYL SILVERSTEIN

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GABBAI?
Training available!
Please contact Rabbi Hammerman at rabbi@tbe.org.
Beth El Cares focuses on chesed and tzedakah by helping the poor and unfortunate through mitzvot, both in our synagogue and the greater Stamford community. We welcome volunteers! This is the work we are currently engaged in. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these endeavors, please contact the person listed.

**Reyut (Friendship):** Committed to serving the needs of those in our TBE community, including friendly visits, assistance with errands and transportation, Shabbat bag delivery to hospitalized patients. Contact Melanie Massell at reyut@tbe.org or 203-324-7190.

**Project Ezra:** Providing pre-shiva meals to the bereaved in the congregation. Contact Joy Katz at joyakatz@yahoo.com or 203-329-3359.

**Serving the homeless:** Helping prepare and serve food — you can do either or both — to the homeless at New Covenant Center in Stamford on the fifth Thursday of each month. Times are 2:30-4:15 pm and 4:15-5:30 pm. Contact Amy Temple at aetemple@optonline.net or 203-496-1309.

**High Holiday Food Drive:** Contact Sharon Turshen at 203-323-3872.

**Christmas dinners at local homeless shelters:** Contact Amy Temple at aetemple@optonline.net or 203-496-1309.

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**PREPARE FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS**

**THE CALL OF THE SHOFAR**

with
Rabbi Gerry L. Ginsburg
Thursday, September 10, 2020
7:00 pm on Zoom

As we get ready for the High Holidays this year we face a unique challenge. We will not be in synagogues, possibly for the first time in our adult lives. We will need to turn on our screens and immediately be involved and immersed in the service.

The current month of Elul is a time to help prepare us for the task at hand; to realize our shortcomings and understand how to build a more productive existence. Elul is a month filled with potential, to help us find our true selves and begin to face the New Year.

During this session we will learn from mystical and traditional texts and stories about understanding ourselves in order to return, to repent and become whole.

(Check your email for the Zoom link.)

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**MEDITATION AND GUIDED IMAGERY FOR THE NEW YEAR**

with
Katie Kaplan, Cantorial Soloist
Tuesday, September 22, 2020
7:00 pm on Zoom

Together we will use breath, chant, and visualization to re-center ourselves and restore balance both physically and spiritually. We will work from a comfortable, seated position and you are encouraged to create a calm and serene space from which to participate in your home. With images of light, oneness, and peace, we will welcome a new year of possibility and potential.

(Check your email for the Zoom link.)

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**THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE**

with
JOEL CHASNOFF
in an Appeal Night of Comedy
Thursday, September 24, 2020
7:30pm on Zoom

*Detail to follow...*

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**SEEKING SHABBAT GREETERS WHEN WE RETURN**

Do you like getting a warm “Shabbat Shalom” as you enter shul on Saturday morning?

Our greeting program has been extremely well received. To keep this program going, we need volunteer greeters like you.

For more information Contact Barry Strom at barrystrom@gmail.com

Thanks for helping make Temple Beth El a warm and welcoming place to be.

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**CELEBRATING A SPECIAL EVENT? COMMEMORATING A YAHRTZEIT?**

Please consider sponsoring a VIRTUAL Kiddush, following Shabbat Services, or an Oneg Shabbat, following our Friday evening services.

Contact Steven Lander for all of the new, reasonably priced Kiddush options at 322-6901, ext. 304 or execdir@tbe.org.

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**PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE**

Go to www.tbe.org/donate and click on member payments.

Questions? Contact Linda at 203-322-6901, ext. 302 or lindar@tbe.org.
MEN’S CLUB

Hi. My name is Josh Levine and I was recently nominated to be Men’s Club President. My mother is very proud. She tells all her friends.

Let me tell you a little about myself and then tell you how I think we can work together to make the Men’s Club Great Again. See what I did there.

I am a Stamford native, sort of. Grew up going to the JCC, but my parents’ house was in Greenwich. Bi-Cultural class of 1990. Yep, I am probably younger than you. My wife and I moved to Stamford from NYC in 2011 and soon joined Temple Beth El. We made a lot of close friends at TBE over the years. My son Wesley is 12 and my daughter Lila is 8. Time flies.

Enough about me. Let’s talk Men’s Club. You too, ladies. Traditionally, Men’s Club has their annual events such as building the Bimah & Sukkah, delivering Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles and the World-Wide-Wrap (learning to wrap Tefillin). We also sponsor a scholarship fund, a blood drive and several social events.

Are you still with me? Great. “Hey Josh...what’s your vision funny guy?” Good question.

This is not the Josh Levine club. This is your club. You want to organize a Steak and Scotch, I am here to help guide you, promote it and sponsor it. You get what you put into it. All we need is a few good men, a few volunteers, and the calendar is full.

But I do have a view. Not every social event is going to appeal to everyone. But Tikkun Olam, “repairing the world,” is something we can all rally around. Ladies too. So what better way for the Men’s Club to serve us than by coordinating more opportunities to give back to the community?

How are we going to do this? I am not sure. I need your help. I can’t do this alone. I am looking to form a committee to get together monthly to work on the Men’s Club. I realize that during this “unprecedented time” we are all swamped, but I promise this will not be a huge commitment. You will not be pressured into taking the lead on things you don’t want to.

One more thing. Even if you don’t want to join the committee, I want to talk to as many people as possible about their vision for TBE and/or Men’s Club. Happy to listen to your complaints as well. I believe the most important thing that holds TBE together is relationships, and the best way to build them is through talking one-on-one or in small groups. Psst...we don’t do enough of this (my complaint).

Are you still reading this? Awesome. In summary, I need your help. This is your opportunity to make a difference or just be heard. Drop me an email at joshlevine@tbe.org. Oh yeah, and pay your Men’s Club dues. No dues, no Men’s Club, no fun.

Happy New Year!

Josh Levine, Men’s Club President

SISTERHOOD

Torah Fund Pin for 5780 (2019-2020)

Every year Torah Fund offers a special pin for a donation of $180. The theme of this year’s pin is Chesed - “kindness” or “loving kindness” conveying the deep love of Jewish acts of kindness which are done without thought of reward.

The 5780 (2019-2020) Torah Fund pin depicts a heart surrounded by three circles, one larger than the next. This symbolizes the ever-widening realms of generosity: From family, to community, to the larger world; from North America, to Israel, to the world. As it is said in Psalm 89, “May we build a world of kindness.” What message could be more appropriate in today’s world? Purchase from Suzanne Stone, suzzneshorn@yahoo.com, 203-866-2273.

TBE FOOD TRIVIA

Sponsored by TBE Men’s Club and Sisterhood

What an exciting evening with over 30 people playing!

Congratulations to the WINNERS who are real FOODIES!

Alex Heyison 1st place
Stacey Nekritz 2nd place
Joe Heyison 3rd place

Watch for the announcement of our next trivia event.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS Together

TBE MEN’S CLUB SPONSORS

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, October 13, 2020
8:00am - 5:00pm
Details to follow...
SHANAH TOVA 5781

On behalf of the Sisterhood Board, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and sweet new year. We extend a special welcome to Josh Levine, the new Men’s Club President. Congratulations Josh!

There are so many wonderful benefits of joining Sisterhood for only $36. THIS IS NOT YOUR GRANDMOTHER’S SISTERHOOD!

This summer we had many ZOOM activities such as Geography and Sports Trivia games. We co-sponsored Food Trivia with the Men’s Club; lectures by historian Mark Albertson; book events led by Dora Salm; and baking classes led by Fran Ginsburg and Lieba Lander.

As you prepare for the High Holidays, we would like to remind you of the annual High Holidays Food Sale, a Sisterhood fundraiser organized by Betty Baer to whom we, once again, express a sincere Todah Rabah. The last day to place your order is Friday, September 4. Go to www.tinyurl.com/tberhfood to order online.

Upcoming events: (please check TBE emails for possible date changes)

Clothing Drive October 18 from 10:00am-1:00pm Hold on to your clothes, linens, and bicycles because this is a great fundraiser for TBE.

Tips on skin care and make-up by a former model and current Sisterhood Board member, Paula Shulman (date TBD).

Lecture by historian-lecturer Mark Albertson (date TBD).

Sisterhood Shabbat April 10, 2021 Shabbat services led by Sisterhood members followed by a congregational luncheon.

Annual Sisterhood Brunch April 25, 2021 This year we hope to meet in person and to be addressed by our very own Caroline Temlock Teichman

Curtain Call shows are temporarily on hold and we are hoping they will resume soon.

COOKBOOK - LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES TO FRAN GINSBURG (ginsstamf@gmail.com) We are looking to emphasize easy recipes—the way we mostly cook today...main dishes, sides, desserts, baked goods—anything you like to make. We would love to have vegetarian and ethnic dishes as part of this—Jewish, too, of course!

I would like to thank my Sisterhood Board members for their energy and dedication over the past year and I look forward to another fun and exciting year. A heartfelt Todah Rabah to Barbara Berman, Juli Harris, Dora Salm, Judy Schneiderman, Paula Shulman and Donna Wolff.

We are looking for new Sisterhood Board members! If you are interested or just want to find out more about Sisterhood, please call me at 203-536-3115 or email sisterhood@tbe.org or any other Board member.

Hope to see you in person soon!

Karen Resnick
TBE Sisterhood President

Sisterhood of TBE Judaica Gift Shop

We are pleased to offer beautiful Judaica items including mezuzot (for home and wedding), holiday and Shabbat candles, tzedakah boxes, kiddush cups and more. You can special order Judaica items that we don’t carry in stock.

For special events, we have tallit, bulk kippahs and tefillin. We no longer carry invitations and stationary.

Please see the window showcases in the upstairs and downstairs lobbies that hold a lovely selection of Judaica items for purchase.

Contact:
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Torah Fund Cards and Pins
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TBE FALL KICK-OFF CELEBRATION!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
IT’S OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY!
SHANA TOVA 5781!

Paint a rock for our garden!
Decorate the parking lot and sidewalks!
Make EXPLODING PAINT BOMBS!
Greet our Religious School Teachers!

10:00am-11:00am: Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd
11:15am-12:15pm: 3rd and 4th
12:30pm-1:30pm: 5th, 6th, and 7th

Sign up to participate in person or receive supplies to paint at home.

www.tinyurl.com/tberocks

All families with children age 12 and younger will receive a High Holy Days gift bag.

Can’t pick up your holiday gift bag or painting supplies in person? Register at the link above and we’ll deliver!

Questions? Contact Lisa Gittelman-Udi at eddir@tbe.org or Jami Fener at engagement@tbe.org.

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CELEBRATE TBE’S
100TH ANNIVERSARY
Sunday, September 13
5:00pm

Join us on Zoom for a special ceremony and amazing slide show that tells the story of our first century as a community. Our program will feature music from past and present TBE Cantors.

SAVE THE DATE! WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION AND A LINK FOR THE ZOOM EVENT!
Be A Matchmaker! Part II

CAN YOU MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE NAMES OF OUR PRESIDENT LEADERS?

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ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

Rabbi Hammerman would like to stay in touch with your child while he/she is away at college. Please send his/her e-mail address to Beth in the Temple office at adminassist@tbe.org. Thank you!

Get involved, please…

Help Wanted! In order to maintain our vibrant and dynamic community, the Fund-Raising Committee needs more members to support TBE and volunteer their skills and talents. Many of these opportunities ask for very small-time commitments. Please consider getting involved with the:

- Annual Appeal
- Temple Rock
- Cantor’s Concert

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us and we will give you more information.

Thank you!

Dana Horowitz (danahorowitz@gmail.com)
Steve Sosnick (mssosnick@att.net)
Fund-Raising Co-Chairs

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DRIVER'S LICENSE

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A beautiful way to commemorate a special occasion is to purchase a “leaf” on our beautiful “Tree of Life” sculpture adorning our Temple lobby. There are many more leaves available for your own personal inscriptions.

The following categories are still available:

- Triple Chai $5,400
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WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

IN HONOR OF:

RABBI JOSHUA HAMMERMAN FOR HIS WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE OF THE ZOOM WEDDING OF FAY AND ZACH
Bracha & Jerry Silber

CARL WEINBERG’S AMAZING WORK AS TBE PRESIDENT
The Wolly/Horowitz Family, Sheila Romanowitz

LISA MANHEIM’S NEW ROLE AS TBE PRESIDENT
The Wolly/Horowitz Family, Sheila Romanowitz

CAROL KRAM FOR HER THOUGHTFULNESS
Marsha Matthews

THE MARRIAGE OF SAM GINSBURG AND RAE WYSE
Marsha Colten & Robert Cohen, Suzanne & Norman Stone

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Sheila Romanowitz

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In memory of...
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In appreciation of the Zoom Shiva Service for my mother, Sylvia Shapiro, z’l, by Barbara Shapiro & Bruce Dennis

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In memory of...
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Congregants who are looking for shiva information can now quickly look online instead of searching their inbox for the announcement or calling the synagogue office. Just go to TBE’s website (www.tbe.org) and click “Shiva Notices” under the WHAT’S NEW menu.

### INFORMATION FOR YOU...

When making a donation an acknowledgement will be mailed to the designee for donations of $10 or more. Donations of less than $10 will be acknowledged only in the Bulletin. All donations will be published in the Bulletin unless you state that you wish to be anonymous.

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MEMORIAL PLAQUES
Inscribe the names of your loved ones on a plaque for our Chapel wall along with a light to commemorate their yahrtzeit and yizkor observances throughout the year.

For details, contact Mindy at office@tbe.org or 203-322-6901, ext. 301.

THE TBE 100 MITZVAH PROJECT
The TBE 100 Mitzvah Project provides opportunities for congregants to honor TBE’s centennial through the performance of gemilut hasadim (acts of loving kindness) that help charitable organizations in need of volunteers and non-monetary contributions.

Mitzvah Opportunities at the Schoke Jewish Family Service of Fairfield County
• Work at the kosher food pantry at SJFS. Distribute food during walk-in hours: Monday - Wednesday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Organize and maintain the pantry: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.
• Deliver meals and food items to homebound clients. Time is flexible.
• Participate in Mitzvah Monday with your kids on the third Monday of each month (Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18 ...) from 3 pm-5 pm. Bring kosher food items to the pantry and help stock shelves. GREAT for teens!
• Visit a homebound client for a “friendly visit” to alleviate loneliness. Time is flexible.
• Donate food and non-food items. Items can be dropped off at the TBE office or at SJFS.

If you are interested in doing one or more of these mitzvahs, please contact Jill Knopoff at (203) 921-4161. Don’t forget to mention you’re from TBE.

After completing a mitzvah, please send a note to mitzvah100@tbe.org with the name or names of the family members who participated, the mitzvah, and a photo if possible.
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Regarding shoes, I’d say go with whatever approach helps you to feel you are on holy ground. For much of the world – and in many Jewish sources – that means taking shoes off. For others, it means putting them on. And on Yom Kippur, sneakers or other leather-free shoes are most appropriate.

See this new responsa by Rabbi David Golinkin of the Schechter Institute: Is it Permissible to Pray Barefoot? https://schechter.edu/responsa_barefoot-prayer/ It’s a fascinating study of Jewish history and comparative religions. His conclusion:

It would seem that the scales are balanced. On the one hand, one could rule according to the Bible, the Tannaitic sources, the Talmud Yerushalmi, and the precedents cited above, from the Genizah, Babylonia, Eretz Yisrael and Yemen that it’s preferable to pray barefoot. On the other hand, one could rule according to Rabbah bar Rav Huna and the Poskim of Ashkenaz that one must pray in shoes and, moreover, that praying barefoot smacks of hukkot hagoyim [the laws of the Gentiles], which we adopted from the Muslims. However, I believe that the preferable approach is that of the Rambam as elucidated by Rabbi Yosef Karo and that of the Rashbash. Respect and disrespect vis-à-vis clothing depends on “people’s opinions and local custom.” In Muslim countries and the Far East, one shows respect by removing one’s shoes; in Europe and the West, respect is shown by wearing shoes.

What’s right for your home is determined by you. So those are my suggestions. I’d love to hear yours. Share them!

Meanwhile, best wishes from all the Hammermans to your family, for a year of good health, peace and joy!

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman

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