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## A Huge Change for the High Holidays... ... That Most of You Won't Even Notice

In times of chaotic, unbridled change, religion simultaneously – and paradoxically – plays the dual roles of initiator and bulwark. It promotes transformation when our values demand it but doesn't enact change without considerable deliberation. It sparks the combustion then gums up the works. This is especially true of the Conservative movement, which is by its very definition believes that tradition should never be abandoned without good reason. For us, the wheels of transformation spin slowly.

But change happens, and a big one will take place during our High Holidays services that very few of you will notice, because it will occur at a time in the service when relatively few are at services – at the beginning of Mincha on Yom Kippur. Yet the change is significant.

Our Torah reading for Yom Kippur afternoon will now be the “alternate” reading, from Leviticus 19:1–18, rather than the traditional reading from the prior chapter, Leviticus 18. Both readings are found in our Lev Shalem Machzor and the alternate has been designated as a legitimate option for years, so the switch is hardly radical. In fact, given the stark differences between the old one and the new, one might justifiably ask why we took so long.

Although the two passages are found in consecutive chapters, their messages couldn't be more contrasting. The alternate reading contains some of the most central ethical teachings of Judaism, including “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Meanwhile, the traditional reading focuses on forbidden sexual relationships. In ancient times, young Jews would meet-up following the temple ritual. So, a reminder of the dating “dos and don'ts” would have made sense in that setting.

But not in ours. While the alternate passage is all about love and acceptance, the traditional one emphasizes distinctions and boundaries. That traditional passage also contains some of the most problematic verses in the entire Torah, including the one ostensibly banning homosexuality. Sexual ethics have evolved considerably since biblical times, especially in regard to our understanding of the nature of LGBTQ relationships. Conservative Judaism has long since validated that shift, while at the same time affirming our need to continue to grapple with, rather than tossing aside, difficult traditional texts. But just because we never toss the Torah aside, that doesn't mean we need to feature some of its most problematic passages in the passage selected for our holiest day.

Like the alternate reading, Yom Kippur is all about love and forgiveness, not exclusion and harshness. The whole focus of the liturgy is to call upon divine qualities of mercy, rather than harsh justice. If anything, justice is Rosh Hashanah's bailiwick, not Yom Kippur's.

I'm brought back to an early episode of “The West Wing,” where a talk show host defends calling homosexuality

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## Singing in Sacred Time

Summer means warm weather, poolside afternoons, and for many a “time out” of time. This “time out” can be intentional or it can be forced, but often it is a sensation in which our regular sense of linear time seems to have been suspended. We can invoke these times on vacation, and they sometimes descend upon us during times of grief and loss. In whatever way we find ourselves in them, they offer a pause and beckon us to contemplate the pace of our daily lives or possibly, invite us to be mindfully in the present with no need or ability to be moving in a certain direction.

I've found myself contemplating time and alternate realities while watching season 4 of *Stranger Things*. In this Netflix series there is a portal of time in space into an alternate and evil dimension that is always present, and a group of teenagers is racing the clock each season to find and shut this portal to the alternate world. They work together, assisted by a girl with superpowers, to combat evil and protect life in this dimension. But how does this relate to singing in sacred time, you might ask?

The word portal holds the key. When we sing in *Nusach*, the melodic mode designated for each time of day, holiday, or Shabbat and we utilize *mi sinai* melodies, considered to have originated from Sinai or at least that far back in the Jewish psyche, we find and activate a portal in Jewish time and space. Every time we pray using the *nusach* of the service, we enter one of these portals of time and space. We can at one moment be swaying back and forth in the pews in Stamford, Connecticut and at the same time be surrounded by our ancestors in the desert. We can be praying in a minyan of ten Jews that instantly becomes tens of thousands across the globe, praying and swaying and humming and weaving in and out with the sacred melodies and patterns that say, “It is a weekday shacharit service,” or “It is Friday evening ma'ariv now.” The Barchu's and the Chatsi Kaddishes often help to lead the way and tell us where we are: Major, minor, Ukrainian Dorian, Ahava Raba (freygish), and Adonai Malakh name some of the major modes and they each offer us the chance to take a “time out of time,” as we know it and to enter a sacred otherworldly dimension.

I invite you to join me in a three-part series on three consecutive Tuesday evenings (October 25, November 1, and November 8 at 7pm on ZOOM) as I teach about *Nusach* and sacred time. I will present examples and lead the group through different chants and melodic ways in which to remember which melodies are used for different parts of the services. We will begin the first session learning about weekday melodies, the second will focus on Shabbat, and the third will cover some major motives of High Holidays and Festivals. I'm so excited to share my love of these musical portals and channels with all of you, to listen to some examples of great chazzanut, and to increase the

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## MAZAL TOV TO...

*Amy Fishkow Benjamin and Jim Benjamin on the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Brian Teitel.*

*Susan and Marc Peyser on the birth of a grandson, Max Dustin Haggerty born to Amanda and Bobby Haggerty.*

*Eileen and Fred Springer on the birth of a grandson, Landon James, born to Amy and Paul Springer.*

*Ilene and James Locker on the birth of a granddaughter, Serena Aalya, born to Neha and Howard Locker.*

*Stephne and Kerrin Behrend on the birth of a grandson, Ari Victor, born to Natalie and Neal Behrend.*

*Nancy and Jerry Kapchan on the birth of a granddaughter, Mila Ruth, born to Aly and Brett Ackerman.*



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](mailto:office@tbe.org) or 203-322-6901, ext. 301.

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## TBE UPDATES COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The TBE Reopening Committee has modified the set of COVID-19 guidelines governing in-person, onsite activities held at the synagogue. These changes are based on current guidance/regulations from federal, state and local public-health agencies, as well as best practices at other religious institutions.

To view the guidelines, please go to [tbe.org/covid-guidelines](https://tbe.org/covid-guidelines).

The Reopening Committee is chaired by Past-President Gary Lessen and comprised of congregants with medical, safety and other needed areas of expertise.

## GERRY GINSBURG, ASSOCIATE RABBI

We are now in the month of Elul, a time for us to mentally prepare for the High Holydays. We need to reflect on the past year and understand where we can do a better job in the New Year. We do not have to completely remake ourselves. We need to honestly look at ourselves and think about where we can do better.



There is an entire month, 29 days of Elul before Tishrei, and the start of the New Year. That's a lot of time to reflect on our relationships within our family, within our community and within the world. As the Chinese proverb says, "The journey of a thousand miles starts with the first step." That's all we have to do, make that first step, and then decide if more steps are needed.

A year goes by very quickly for some people, very slowly for others. But we need to take only a few moments each day, or at whatever time period works for you, to think about the areas we need to improve. The areas we can change.

Then, as we participate in services on the Yamim Noraim, the High Holydays, we can think of those areas when we recite our penitential prayers, such as the Al Chet. All areas are recited in the plural, as we, as a congregation or a people, have committed them all. But as we recite them, I believe we always pay special attention to the ones we know we have missed the mark on, to the ones we can certainly improve.

This doesn't have to be a self-directed journey. You can get help. There are many books which talk about the journey from Tisha B'Av to Yom Kippur. One such book is This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation, by Rabbi Alan Lew, z'l. It is a great companion for this time of the year. Rabbi Lew was a great believer in meditation, and the book contains meditations in addition to a guide to the calendar.

Teshuva, repentance, is done over time. It is the desire to repent, to change, that is important. That is the starting point. Without that realization there is no journey. That is the important first step. From there you begin your thousand-mile journey.

We usually don't begin any thought process without first remembering where we came from. We do it daily in the Amidah, our central prayer, which invokes the names of our patriarchs and matriarchs. We need to invoke the names of those who came before us, who started us out in life.

That is one reason we visit cemeteries in the month of Elul, to remember our parents and others who helped shape us. We pause at their gravesites and remember them for being a special force in our life. Many cemeteries, including Beth El Cemetery, offer a communal service to set the proper tone. (This year we will meet on Sunday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the cemetery entrance.) But visitation is invited at any time of the month (excepting Shabbat and holidays). If one cannot visit the cemeteries, then look through

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## SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL SERVICES



All services will be held in the sanctuary in addition to Livestream on Friday night and Zoom on Shabbat morning unless otherwise noted.

### SEPTEMBER

**Friday, September 2**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

**Shabbat, September 3**  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
**ETHAN KAPLAN, BAR MITZVAH**

**Friday, September 9**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

**Shabbat, September 10**  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
ShaBaBimBam 11:00 am

**Friday, September 16**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm  
Welcome New Members

**Shabbat, September 17**  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
**BENJAMIN DAVIDSON, BAR MITZVAH**  
Selichot Service 9:00pm at TBE

**Sunday, September 18**  
Annual Memorial Service at Beth El Cemetery 10:30 am

**Friday, September 23**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

**Shabbat, September 24**  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am

**Sunday, September 25 - Erev Rosh Hashanah**  
Service 6:00 pm

**Monday, September 26 - Rosh Hashanah, day 1**  
Service 8:45 am  
Family Service ages 5 and under 10:00 am  
Family Service elementary school age 11:00 am  
Tashlich following the service.

**Tuesday, September 27 - Rosh Hashanah, day 2**  
Service 8:45 am

**Friday, September 30**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

### OCTOBER

**Shabbat, October 1**  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am

**Tuesday, October 4 - Kol Nidrei**  
Service 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, October 5 - Yom Kippur**  
Service 8:45 am  
Family Service ages 5 and under 10:00 am  
Family Service elementary school age 11:00 am  
Mincha 4:15 pm Yizkor 5:45 pm  
Neilah 6:13 pm Shofar 7:13 pm

**Friday, October 7**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

**Shabbat, October 8**  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am

**Monday, October 10 - Sukkot day 1**  
Sukkot Service 10:00 am

**Tuesday, October 11 - Sukkot day 2**  
Sukkot Service 10:00 am

**Friday, October 14 - Chol Hamoed Sukkot**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

**Shabbat, October 15 - Chol Hamoed Sukkot**  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
ShaBaBimBam 11:00 am

**Monday, October 17**  
Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor 10:00 am  
Simchat Torah 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, October 18**  
Simchat Torah 10:00 am

**Friday, October 21**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

**Shabbat, October 22**  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
**AARON NAPACH, BAR MITZVAH**

**Friday, October 28**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

**Shabbat, October 29**  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am

**Annual Memorial Service at Beth El Cemetery**  
**Sunday, September 18 at 10:30 am**



## B'NAI MITZVAH

September 3

### ETHAN KAPLAN

Son of Cantor Katie and Eric  
Brother of Vivian

Attends Scofield Magnet Middle School  
Mitzvah Project: Rehabilitating Animals at  
Wildlife in Crisis



October 22

### AARON NAPACH

Son of Leslie and David  
Brother of Jenna

Attends St. Luke's School



## YOUNG FAMILIES

**For families with children 5 and younger  
(older siblings welcome!)**

**TBE ShaBaBimBam**



**Led by Natasha Fenster and Steve Epstein!**

**Saturday Mornings 11:00am**

<b>Sep. 10</b>	<b>Oct. 15</b>	<b>Nov. 12</b>
<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>Jan. 21</b>	<b>Feb. 11</b>
<b>Mar. 4</b>	<b>Apr. 22</b>	<b>May 6</b>

**RSVP: [youngfamilies@tbe.org](mailto:youngfamilies@tbe.org)**

**Please provide names of participants,  
email address, and phone #.**

## ADULT EDUCATION

### **Nusach: Singing Sacred Time with Cantor Katie Kaplan**

Tuesday, October 25, November 1, 8 at 7:30pm on Zoom  
Join Cantor Katie on a journey through sacred time and  
space as we explore Nusach, the musical modes of the  
weekday, Shabbat, and High Holiday/Festival liturgy.

### **Journeying Through Our Prayer Services-1st semester with Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg**

Wednesday, November 2, 9, 16 and 30, December 7, 14  
at 7:30pm in-person

A look at Shabbat. How is the Friday night, Kabbalat  
Shabbat structured? What do the prayers mean?

No prior knowledge of Hebrew required.

All materials will be provided.

### **Adult Hebrew Reading Crash Course - Level 2 with Susan Shapiro**

Thursdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

October 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15  
This course is designed for people who have taken the  
Hebrew Reading Crash Course and for those who can read  
Hebrew a little but want to improve their skills.

## YOUNG FAMILIES

### **TBE HIGH HOLIDAY FAMILY SERVICES 2022/5783**

Led by...

Natasha Fenster, Jonathan Cahr and Lisa Gittelman-Udi



**Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 26  
Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 5**

#### **Young Family Service at 10:00 am**

This service is for families with children age 5 and younger  
with siblings welcome.

#### **Family Service at 11:00 am**

This service is for families with children in elementary school  
with siblings welcome.

We have limited seating available. You must register to  
attend at [tbe.org/family-5783](https://tbe.org/family-5783)

Questions? Contact Lisa Gittelman-Udi at [eddir@tbe.org](mailto:eddir@tbe.org)

## TBE CLUBS

TBE Clubs is a TBE initiative that engages small groups of congregants in meaningful activities that fuel the body and inspire the soul. Equally important, TBE Clubs act as a way by which congregants can pursue their passions and find new friends within the synagogue community.

Here is a current list of available clubs, which can also be found on the TBE website at: <https://www.tbe.org/tbe-clubs/>. TBE members interested in joining a club should reach out to the club's point person for more information. If you have any questions or have an idea to start your own club, new clubs will be forming in Fall 2021 - more information coming soon!

### PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING CLUB

TBE is looking to launch a Professional Networking Club. In an effort to develop a robust start, we are looking to create a database to assist other members. This professional networking group will engage members to: Build both personal and professional relationships, potentially growing their business, develop soft skills and assist other members in need. We are looking to:

Learn  
Engage  
Advise  
Religion (Jewish Ethics)  
Network

Point Person: Eric Sigman at [ESigman1@gmail.com](mailto:ESigman1@gmail.com)

Looking forward to networking and learning with you.

### TBE MUSICIANS & SINGERS

This intergenerational club will bring together musicians and singers of all ages and experience levels to participate and hopefully perform at the synagogue when the COVID pandemic is behind us. The theme of this group is "Jews that Rock," performing material by Jewish artists, such as Carol King and Billy Joel. The point person, Paul, is a drummer, so he is looking for a bass, guitar, and keyboard player to create the core band. Other club members are invited to sing and/or rotate through different instruments.

Point Person: Paul Weinstein at [drpaulweinstein@gmail.com](mailto:drpaulweinstein@gmail.com) or (203) 219-4191

### HEART-TO-HEART

This group is focused on providing support for those dealing with or suffering from grief and loss. We will offer a safe space for listening and sharing, and provide tools to help members move through difficult situations and feelings. The group's intention is to guide members in reclaiming their light inside. Heart-to-Heart will meet over Zoom for now, twice a month, every other Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Point Person: Hope Stanger HHC, Trauma Therapist and Holistic Health Counselor, at [theholisticempire@yahoo.com](mailto:theholisticempire@yahoo.com) or (203) 357-0242; or Pamela Tinkham LCSW, Trauma Therapist and Yoga Therapist, at [pamelatinkham@gmail.com](mailto:pamelatinkham@gmail.com)

### BROADWAY AND MOVIES REVISITED

Join other theatre and film lovers to watch movie versions of Broadway shows, as well as films of the past and present. We will compare and discuss shows beyond entertainment value, including their messages as reflections of society, history, and culture. The club will meet monthly over Zoom for the time being.

Point Person: Barbara Rothstein at [brothstein320@gmail.com](mailto:brothstein320@gmail.com) or (203) 614-8053; Carl Shapiro at [cshapiro@optonline.net](mailto:cshapiro@optonline.net) or (203) 273-1968

### MITZVAH GARDEN CLUB

The club will provide its members the opportunity to plant and grow their own vegetables and/or flowers in TBE's very special Mitzvah Garden. Members will meet individually or as a family and each will be able to plant and care for their own bed(s) with the produce/flowers of their choosing. Beds are still available so please reach out soon!

Point Person: Meryl Silverstein at [merylandhank@optonline.net](mailto:merylandhank@optonline.net) or (203) 588-0026

### HIKING AND WALKING CLUB

Club members will explore the beautiful trails, gardens and other venues within a one-hour drive of TBE. There may be a visit to a small museum or lunch after the hike/walk. Hikes/walks will be scheduled during the week and on Sundays to accommodate varied schedules. Point Person: Leslie Heyison at [lheyison@gmail.com](mailto:lheyison@gmail.com) or (646) 354-3950

### TBE STEMers

For those interested in learning and teaching others in the field of science, this is the club for you. We will discuss Jewish topics of interest, such as medical and research ethics, as well as present on individual areas in which we specialize. Meetings will take place monthly over Zoom for now. On occasion, we will also organize lectures and speakers for the congregation.

Point Person: Fran Ginsburg at [ginsstamf@gmail.com](mailto:ginsstamf@gmail.com) or (203) 979-9570



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SELICHOT at TBE** **Saturday, September 17 at 9:00pm**

Temple Beth El welcomes  
Congregation Beth El of Norwalk  
and The Conservative Synagogue of Westport

We will usher in the High Holidays with a soulful and musically inspired Selichot service. In-person or on livestream: [www.tbe.org/tbe-live/](http://www.tbe.org/tbe-live/)

### **STEAK AND SCOTCH IN THE SUKKAH** **Saturday, October 15 at 7:30pm**

Men and Women over 21 invited!  
Men's Club members - \$36/person before Sept. 30  
Non-Men's Club members - \$45 per person  
Everyone - \$45 per person after September 30  
RSVP and pay online: [www.tinyurl.com/steak10-15](http://www.tinyurl.com/steak10-15)  
*Sponsored by TBE Men's Club*

### **SUKKAH HOP**

#### **Sunday, October 16 at 12:00pm**

Have lunch in TBE's sukkah with  
Rabbi Hammerman, Cantor Kaplan,  
and the TBE staff and leadership.

### **SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH** **Sunday, October 23 at 10:00am**

In-person

**Dr. Elissa Kaplan, guest speaker**  
**Bad Girls in the Bible**

FREE FOR ALL SISTERHOOD MEMBERS.  
RSVP by Wednesday, October 19  
at [www.tinyurl.com/brunch10-23](http://www.tinyurl.com/brunch10-23)

Annual dues are \$36.

If you would like to join Sisterhood and attend the brunch, click here: [www.tinyurl.com/brunch10-23](http://www.tinyurl.com/brunch10-23).

Questions? Contact Naomi Marks at  
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and Facebook pages ... and much more.



## SISTERHOOD



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an “abomination” by saying that that is what the Bible says in Leviticus 18:22. This annoys President Bartlet, played by Martin Sheen, who proceeds to ask a few pointed questions about just what one should accept from the Bible.

He asks: *“I’m interested in selling my youngest daughter into slavery as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. She’s a Georgetown sophomore, speaks fluent Italian, always cleaned the table when it was her turn. What would a good price for her be?”*

*“My chief of staff, Leo McGarry, insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly says he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself or is it okay to call the police?”*

*“Here’s one that’s really important cause we’ve got a lot of sports fans in this town: Touching the skin of a dead pig makes one unclean. Leviticus 11:7 If they promise to wear gloves can the Washington Redskins still play football (back when they had that name!)? Can Notre Dame? Can West Point?”*

*“Does the whole town really have to be together to stone my brother, John, for planting different crops side by side? Can I burn my mother in a small family gathering for wearing garments made from two different threads?”*

*“Think about those questions, would you?”*

Aaron Sorkin, who grew up Jewish in Scarsdale but never went to Hebrew School, is right to have his characters question those who take the entire Bible literally, without challenging some of its more difficult verses. For Jews, this is hardly new. The rabbinic sages did the same thing 2,000 years ago. As my professors used to remind me constantly: We are not biblical Jews. We are rabbinic Jews.

Which is part of why I didn’t rush to replace the traditional reading when the alternate became available. Yes, it’s problematic, but one of the lessons of the High Holidays is that being a Jew is something we should struggle with and not take at face value. We don’t just toss the Torah aside if we don’t like what it says.

The other (and main) reason we stuck to the traditional reading is that we have one reader who has been reading the second aliyah for over thirty years, since he was a teenager. Jed Sackin never missed his reading once. How could I take it from him? Some traditions are worth keeping. And as Jed’s parents passed on and his sister Hope moved away, it seemed even more important to me that his family continue to be represented at our service. So, year after year, he did that problematic (and very long) reading.

So, what changed? Two things. One is that the other Mincha readings no longer have legacy readers (For years, certain teens have claimed certain High Holiday readings as “their own”). And second, Jed agreed to learn the alternate reading for the second aliyah and actually thought it was a good idea. So, Jed will still read this Yom Kippur – and we’ll learn about how important it is to love our neighbor as ourselves.

There will be something new this Yom Kippur, a flavorsome blend of Sackin and Sorkin, the same reader, a new reading – and an eternal message of love and acceptance.



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Rabbi Joshua Hammerman



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*Cantor Katie Kaplan*

**RABBI GERRY GINSBURG** continued from page 4...

pictures of your family and think of those precious times with them.

The High Holydays call upon us to remember where we came from and where we are going. Thinking about how you will fine-tune your journey for 5783 during the month of Elul can help you gain meaning and peace during the High Holydays.

*Rabbi Gerry L. Ginsburg*



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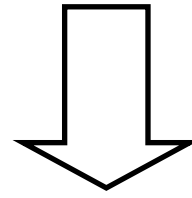
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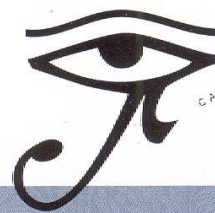
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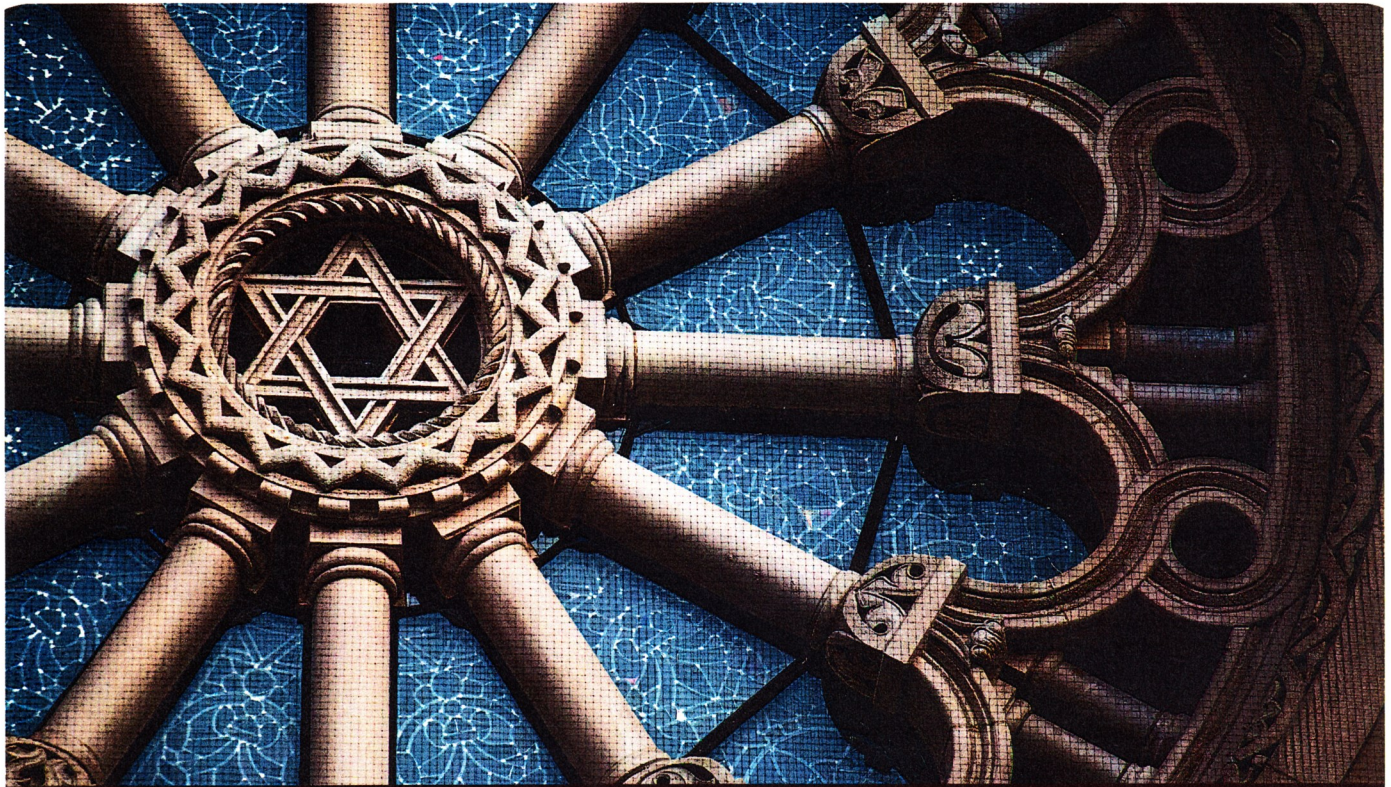
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