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Just show up.



Prayers for Israel

Rabbi Amy S. Wallk

While we are working on this issue of Tekiah—the situation in Israel is very serious. All of us are worrying about the security of our beloved homeland and the safety of her citizens. How can we in the United States make a difference? I assure you that I am constantly thinking about what kinds of programs, educational opportunities, and prayer gatherings will be appropriate to harness properly our community’s resources and energy. I will communicate all of those ideas in our emails!

While many of us may have prayers in our hearts—and don’t need a formal text, others might just feel at a loss. I share this one ancient prayer—*Acheinu Kol Beit Yisrael*—Our brethren, all the House of Israel” — which is found in the weekday prayer book. This prayer offers the image of all Jews living as siblings in the same home, caring for each other as brothers and sisters. These words originated centuries ago in conditions of persecution when Jews were cast out of their homes and wandered over land and sea seeking refuge and often dying **CONTINUED ON PAGE 11**



Rabbi David Wolpe

The Inaugural Ruth and Fred Weiss (z”l) Lecture Featuring Rabbi David Wolpe

Sunday, December 10 at 10:30 am

Join us for a compelling and uplifting conversation about the universal truths of the Jewish spirit featuring keynote speaker Rabbi David Wolpe. This in-person event will be held at Temple Beth El, and is co-sponsored by the Springfield JCC.

Underneath our surface differences, we share a common core and a common destiny. Our fates are interconnected and intertwined, united by our history and Jewish values. One of the most engaging and approachable Jewish voices of our time, Rabbi David Wolpe will examine what is at the core of our Jewish experience and what it means to be Jews – individual and collectively.

Named The Most Influential Rabbi in America by *Newsweek* and one of the 50 Most Influential Jews in the World by *The Jerusalem Post*, and twice named one of the 500 Most Influential People in Los Angeles by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*, David Wolpe was **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



A Community Program Celebrating the Publication of “Soloveitchik’s Children”

Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 pm

Dr. Daniel Goodman grew up at Temple Beth El and returns to our community to celebrate the recent publication of his book, *Soloveitchik’s Children: Irving Greenberg, David Hartman, Jonathan Sacks and the Future of Jewish Theology in America*. This is the first book to study closely three of Rabbi Soloveitchik’s major disciples in Jewish thought and philosophy: Rabbis Irving (“Yitz”) Greenberg, David Hartman, and Jonathan Sacks. The author narrates how each of these three major modern Jewish thinkers learned from and adapted Soloveitchik’s teachings in their own ways, even while advancing his philosophical and theological legacy.

Joining us will be Rabbi Dr. David Ellenson, one of the great scholars of our time. He is the Chancellor Emeritus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He has written extensively on the origins and development of Orthodox Judaism in Germany during the 19th century.

Daniel Goodman commented, “Why this means something to me to be doing this at TBE: I was **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



Rabbi Dr. Daniel Goodman

Kumzitz

Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 pm

Please join us on November 11 at 7:00 pm for a Kumzitz. Kumzitz means “come sit” in Yiddish and involves sitting and singing in community. We will gather to sing songs from Israel and Jewish culture to bring us together and give us strength in this challenging time.

This program will be led by Rabbi Mark Cohn and Cantor Elise Barber. The location will be at a congregant’s home - please contact the TBE office for the details.

Congregational Pre-Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 1 - Service at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm

Enjoy a delicious Hanukkah-themed Shabbat dinner with your family and friends at TBE! Hanukkah begins the evening of Thursday, December 7. The dinner will be catered by Meital, and the menu includes:

- Challah and grape juice
- Field greens with poached pears, cranberries and candied pecans with a cider vinaigrette
- Orange glazed chicken breasts
- Homemade potato latkes and applesauce
- Steamed green beans
- Fresh fruit
- Apple crisp
- Feel free to BYOB

The actual cost of this dinner is \$28 per person. We want to make it as affordable as possible to our members, so we are offering a sliding scale from \$20-\$36 per person. If you are able to contribute more than \$28, this will allow us to help those in our community who need a subsidy. Thank you for your generosity!

Tables of 8 may be reserved – please indicate the names of everyone at your table with your reservation. Watch the weekly TBE Connection email for the link to register.

R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, November 22.

Join us for Step-Up Shabbat!

Shabbat, December 16 at 10:00 am

Do you yearn to take a more active role in our synagogue service but aren’t sure where to begin? Well, we have fantastic news for you! Step-Up Shabbat is just around the corner, and it’s the perfect opportunity for you to get involved alongside your friends.

Regardless of your current level of participation, we warmly invite you to raise your hand and reach out for this unique chance to step up. Whether you already possess a synagogue skill you’d like to refine, or if you’re looking to learn something new, we’ve got you covered! Our supportive team will be there to assist you in finding the perfect fit.

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Even if you’ve never had a speaking/leading part before, consider giving it a try, perhaps in English. We encourage you to embrace new experiences and expand your horizons.

For those interested in having an aliyah but uncertain about the prayers, fear not! We will provide you with the guidance you need.

Signing up to learn a skill is easy, and we offer flexible options such as one-on-one meetings, YouTube resources, audio recordings, and translated materials.

Remember, Step-Up Shabbat welcomes everyone, regardless of skill level. Your presence and participation truly matter to us.

Join us on December 16 for Step-Up Shabbat, and let’s embark on this enriching journey together.

All are welcome! If you’re interested in “stepping up,” contact Cantor Elise Barber (cantorbarber@tbespringfield.org) or Rev. David Aminia (daminia@tbespringfield.org)!

Shalom,
Nechama Katan

GOODMAN, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 born and raised right here in Longmeadow/ Springfield, as was my mom, and my grandfather *alav ha’shalom* (who was mayor of Springfield). I was raised Jewishly here as well — JCC preschool, Heritage Academy, and at Temple Beth El. My first memories of synagogues are of Beth El, especially of High Holiday services with Cantor Shames and Rabbi Schwartz. Nearly every important Jewish lifecycle event in my and my family’s lives took place at Beth El: my bar mitzvah, my sister’s bat mitzvah, my parents’ wedding, and, sadly as well (but which also underscores the importance of Beth El to my family), my grandparents’ funerals. It will be a joy to return to TBE, but this time once again for a simchah — for the book launch for my first book on Jewish theology. I am so excited for this event too, and very much looking forward to this program with you and the whole community!”

Join us for an informative, engaging discussion with two remarkable thinkers about modern Judaism and contemporary religion. Books will be available for purchase and for personalized signatures from the author.

A wine & cheese reception will follow the presentation. Registration is required. Call the TBE office at (413) 733-4149 to R.S.V.P.

This program is sponsored by Herb & Ann Berezin, Susan & Bill Firestone, Alan Goodman, Joan Goodman, Jeremy & Ann Pava, Joe & Nancy Sklar, and the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Western Massachusetts.



Students created Shana Tova panels for TBE's sukkah during the Rosh HaShanah day two family program.

Rabbi Amy S. Wallk

On October 3, 1789 George Washington issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, designating for “the people of the United States a day of public thanks-giving” to be held on Thursday the 26th day of November; 1789, marking the first national celebration of a holiday that has become commonplace throughout the United States. Many subsequent presidents failed to maintain the tradition of Thanksgiving. But it was Washington’s original proclamation that inspired Abraham Lincoln’s Thanksgiving Proclamation. In fact, Lincoln issued his proclamation on the same day, October 3, and marked the same Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26.

While the early presidents did not embrace Thanksgiving, it has become a quintessential American holiday. Thanksgiving is about football, turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, family gatherings, crowded airports, lots of traffic and God. It is a holiday that in many ways requires some sense that there is a God. I know we always speak about

America as a place where church and state are separated, and yet the proclamation for the first Thanksgiving assumes a certain kind of faith. Below you will find George Washington’s proclamation of Thanksgiving. Washington believed that God had blessed the American Republic. Indeed, Washington’s mixing of church and state, of belief and practice is undeniable.

When I first read Washington’s proclamation, I was taken by the tone, Washington’s humility, and his extraordinary perspective. I couldn’t help but notice that Washington was so very different from so many of the politicians we hear from today. Reading this proclamation was refreshing. It reminded me that while our Founders had many sins, they were at the same time driven to seek the good, the true, and the beautiful. They were deeply rooted in Western civilization and understood the connection between belief and practice.

For those who would argue that the Founders believed in a firm separation between church and state, a division of belief and practice, this document is a

challenge. Here we have the first president, a man who served his country in humility, helped steer her course, and intimately understood the type of government they were creating, assigning a day through government proclamation to be one “devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be...” President Washington even gives thanks to the Almighty for the Constitution!

Taking our cue from our first president, as Thanksgiving approaches, I hope we will all give thanks to God and take the time to refresh both our hearts, souls and minds.

By the President of the United States of America: a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor— and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint

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Partners for Sacred Places: Helping TBE Transition to the Future

Michelle Anfang

During my High Holy Day address, I shared with you the challenges we are facing as a 21st century suburban Conservative congregation. To recap, the Board has looked at local demographics, our decline in membership and revenue over the past 15 years, the rising costs of maintaining our large and aging facility, and the long list of deferred maintenance. We have concluded that we can no longer — by ourselves — afford the \$275,000 per year that it costs to run our large building. We are prepared to embrace bold and transformative change, because without transitioning to a new model, without radical change, we will drain our endowment and exhaust our resources to run this building within the next 7 to 10 years.

Determined and eager to find creative solutions, the Board has hired Partners for Sacred Places. They are a nationally recognized team, with 30 years of experience, whose goal is to help aging congregations find new ways to be true to their mission while stabilizing the costs of property stewardship. This is accomplished by developing community partnerships through “Asset Mapping.” In October, we launched a guided process of evaluating our assets and determining ways to enhance our role in the larger community of Springfield and Longmeadow — as a valuable community asset and partner. This 6-month process which will involve community meetings, site visits, and strategic visioning, is described by Partners below:

“For Temple Beth El to strengthen its network of partners and increase its capacity for space-sharing with community groups, the synagogue must also raise its public profile and cultivate local relationships with civic and community leaders. Inviting community input into the visioning process for a congregation’s space will uncover potential programs, partnerships, and initiatives. To assist the congregation in strengthening their presence and establishing new relationships, Partners recommends hosting a community Asset-Mapping event.

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From the B'Yachad Director of Education and Youth Programs

Molly Bajgot



This fall, we kicked off B'Yachad's second school year. We began our classes at Temple Beth El, added a second Pre-K class, and found creative ways to use the building's space for additional classrooms. We had a total of 90 students and 52 families enroll, both affiliated and unaffiliated families, and the lobby has been bustling on Sunday mornings with parents schmoozing and drinking coffee while students are in class.

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, we hosted a family program. Families gathered outside under the tent for a holiday family minyan, and then headed into the Forest Park extension trails behind the synagogue for a Journey Through Creation, *T'ul B'eishit*. On the walk, families were asked to reflect on the past year, consider what changes they might want to make in the next, and invited into conversation with their surroundings, noticing what they could see in the forest, finding Hebrew letters in the trees, and reciting *barchot* for being in nature.

When families returned from their walk, they participated in a variety of crafts and had the chance to taste-test three types of apples and three types of honey. The Honeycrisp apple and local honey combination was the taste-test winner! Rabbi James Greene then led us in an educational and moving shofar service, teaching about different types of shofarot and what each shofar call can represent.

Throughout the *chagim* season, classes continued to learn about the holidays and as we head into November, classes will shift gears into a unit on the Jewish of *gevurah*, strength. This unit corresponds to the

Hanukkah holiday and provides an opportunity for students to dig into what it means to have more than physical strength.

The B'Yachad school year holds some special opportunities to learn through art and music with guest teachers. Hanoch Piven, artist, author and educator, will lead a family program on November 18 on the theme of community and "what we are made of." Musician and educator Noah Aaronson will be coming to our community three times this school year to teach and uplift our musical tefillah offerings. We can't wait to learn from these talented teachers!

B'Yachad will return to Sinai Temple for the remainder of the school year after winter break, but will return to Temple Beth El periodically for Shabbat and holiday programs. These programs are often open to the public and we invite community members to join us! Keep an eye on the calendar and the synagogue newsletter for more information.



From the Director of Communal Life and Learning

Caryn Resnick

Happy New Year! As we ushered in Rosh Hashanah, I had the privilege of receiving warm wishes in a group text from a group of former SKLC students. These were the same young individuals with whom I once traveled to the AIPAC Conference during their high school years. Additionally, I received texts from other former SKLC students extending their good wishes for the new year.

At the temple, during the holiday season, I had the pleasure of crossing paths with several college and post-graduate individuals as they walked down the school hallways. Some expressed "This all brings back so many memories," with recollections of me giving them honey sticks and having candy in my office drawer. Our conversations were nostalgic, but also filled with laughter and shared private jokes. These young adults have grown into *menschen* and have embraced their Jewish identities. How fortunate we are to have them return to our services during the holidays, where they

still feel a deep sense of comfort and connection to their TBE home. This is a legacy that TBE can take immense pride in.

Erev Rosh Hashanah saw us host a special Tot Shabbat holiday program, and the turnout was heartwarming, with nearly 70 attendees. The room was full with families, their children all 7 years old or younger. What made this gathering even more special was the fact that some of these young families themselves had grown up at TBE, and now, they were returning with their own children. They, too, shared their memories and stories with me, reaffirming that they were coming back to their TBE home.

So, while it's true that we may be smaller in size and facing the challenges of the changing times and demographics, I want to remember the blessings that we still have to be grateful for. Over the years, TBE has offered so much to our families, and we continue to do so with enthusiasm. Yes, we may be smaller, but our impact remains strong and vibrant! My hope is that our children will continue to return to their TBE home carrying their memories and stories to share.

Watch the TBE Connection email to stay updated on our calendar of events. Let's embark on this new year with gratitude for the lasting connections we've made, and the bright future that lies ahead.

Tot Shabbat

Fridays, November 17, December 15, January 19

5:30 pm service, 6:00 pm dinner

Shabbat, November 4, December 2, January 6

11:00-11:45 am service, Kiddush lunch to follow

Join us at these programs for children ages 7 and under and their grown-ups. Connect with family and friends through spirited song, prayer, body movement and fun with Marlene Rachelle. We meet on the first Saturday morning and the third Friday night of each month.

Watch the TBE Connection email for special themes for each program and registration. For more information about these programs, contact Caryn Resnick at cresnick@tbespringfield.org.

New Melton Class: It's a Date! Marking Time the Jewish Way

**Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, 27,
December 4, 11**



Whether you look forward to the Passover

Seder all year or avoid it like the plague, add "It's a Date" to your calendars. Gain new insight into days that mark profound moments in history, and others that mark when to harvest the grain – and pop open the wine. In this unit, we will explore how the Jewish calendar works. We will explain and discuss our holidays – and holiday rituals. We'll share personal and collective memories.

Time: 7:45-9:15 pm

Location: Zoom

Faculty: Rabbi Amy Wallk

Cost: \$179

If you'd like to register, contact the TBE office for the link. When you check out, enter code KCLWAW and you'll receive \$25 off the cost of registration. If you need additional financial assistance, please let Rabbi Wallk know. If you have friends who are interested in joining the course, they can use the code, too! This class is offered by Melton Kansas City.

Hard Issues at Ground Level in Jewish History

**Tuesday, December 19 &
Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm**

The next two classes of this three-part series, which started in October with Dr. Simon Sibelman, continues via Zoom. Watch the TBE Connection email for the link.

December 19

What was the Dreyfus Affair?

In 1790-91, France became the first nation state to emancipate its Jewish population.

Fifty years after that revolutionary move, French Jews had become ingrained in all domains of France's economic, financial, and cultural spheres. But as their presence became more visible, a new form of Jewish hatred was born: racial antisemitism. This animosity would lead to a shattering series of events. In 1894, a Jewish officer in the French Army was accused of treason. That officer was Alfred Dreyfus. His arrest, trial, and imprisonment on Devil's Island unleashed an almost 12-year legal and political battle that divided the French nation and threatened the Jewish population. This lecture will explore the complex historical and social implications of the Dreyfus Affair and its more far-reaching consequences in the 20th century.

February 20

What Was the Blood Libel?

"Christians take care of your children!! It will be the Jews' Passover on the 17 March!" That quote was posted in Kiyv in 1910. What provoked it? Indeed, what would link Kiyv with Oberwesel in Germany, Lincoln in England, Blois in France, Trent in Italy, and Damascus in Syria? Who were William of Norwich, Little St. Hugh of London, Simon of Trent, and hundreds of other Christians and Muslim young boys whose names are known or unknown? The Blood Libel. The non-Jewish world promoted the frightening notion that Jews would kidnap young Christian boys, fatten them up, then murder them for their blood to make matzos and wine for Passover. This lecture will explore in alarming depth this nefarious calumny against the Jews.

Dr. Simon Sibelman is a professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin (Oshkosh) in French and Holocaust Studies. He served as the executive director of the Virginia Holocaust Museum before holding the directorship of the Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies at Appalachian State University. A leading international scholar in the field of Jewish identity in Franco-Jewish literature of the 20th century, he has published several books and articles

on diverse topics including Holocaust literature and film, modern & postmodern French texts, and the Jewish presence in contemporary France.

Katz Family Library Book Group

**Tuesday, November 21, Wednesday,
December 20, Wednesday January 24,
at 10:30 am**



The book group will meet on **November 21** to discuss *Coco at the Ritz* by Gioia Diliberto.

This is a riveting and prismatic novel of the eternally enigmatic Coco Chanel in the aftermath of World War II. Though her name is synonymous with elegance and chic, the iconic Coco Chanel had a complicated dark side, and in late August 1944, as World War II drew to a close, she was arrested and interrogated on charges of treason to France.

Many of the facts are lost to history, partly through Chanel's own obfuscation, but this much is known: the charges grew out of her war-time romance with a German spy, and one morning two soldiers from the French Forces of the Interior—the loose band of Resistance fighters, soldiers and private citizens who took up arms in the wake of the Liberation of Paris—led Chanel from her suite at the Ritz Hotel in Paris to an undisclosed location for questioning.

What transpired during her interrogation, who was present, and why she was set free when so many other women who'd been involved with German men (willingly or otherwise) had their heads shaved or were imprisoned, remains a mystery.

In this brilliantly insightful and compulsively readable novel from the author of *I am Madame X*, Gioia Diliberto explores the motivations of this complex woman and portrays the gripping battle of wits that could have been her interrogation. Was Chanel truly a collaborator?

Though the Occupation of France offered

a stark contrast between good and evil, few people are wholly heroes or villains in wartime. By turns raw and vulnerable, steely and flawed, Chanel emerges from these pages as a woman who owns her decisions, no matter the consequences. Rich with history and filled with emotional truths, *Coco at the Ritz* is a story about the choices one woman made when the stakes were the highest. In today's world, it is a cautionary tale about the necessity of standing against evil when it stares you in the face.



The selection for the meeting on **December 20** is *The Matzah Ball*:

A Novel by Jean Meltzer.

Rachel Rubenstein-Goldblatt is a nice Jewish girl with a shameful secret: she

loves Christmas. For a decade she's hidden her career as a Christmas romance novelist from her family. Her talent has made her a bestseller even as her chronic illness has always kept the kind of love she writes about out of reach.

But when her diversity-conscious publisher insists she write a Hanukkah romance, her well of inspiration suddenly runs dry. Hanukkah's not magical. It's not merry. It's not *Christmas*. Desperate not to lose her contract, Rachel's determined to find her muse at the Matzah Ball, a Jewish music celebration on the last night of Hanukkah, even if it means working with her summer camp archenemy—Jacob Greenberg.

Though Rachel and Jacob haven't seen each other since they were kids, their grudge still glows brighter than a menorah. But as they spend more time together, Rachel finds herself drawn to Hanukkah—and Jacob—in a way she never expected. Maybe this holiday of lights will be the spark she needed to set her heart ablaze.

On **January 24**, we will discuss *Kantika*: A Novel by Elizabeth Graver.

This novel is a dazzling Sephardic multigenerational saga that moves from Istanbul to Barcelona, Havana, and New York, exploring displacement, endurance, and family as home.

A kaleidoscopic



portrait of one family's displacement across four countries, *Kantika*—“song” in Ladino—follows the joys and losses of Rebecca Cohen, feisty daughter of the Sephardic elite of early 20th-century Istanbul. When the Cohens lose their wealth and are forced to move to Barcelona and start anew, Rebecca fashions a life and self from what comes her way—a failed marriage, the need to earn a living, but also passion, pleasure and motherhood. Moving from Spain to Cuba to New York for an arranged second marriage, she faces her greatest challenge—her disabled stepdaughter, Luna, whose feistiness equals her own and whose challenges pit new family against old.

Exploring identity, place and exile, *Kantika* also reveals how the female body—in work, art and love—serves as a site of both suffering and joy. A haunting, inspiring meditation on the tenacity of women, this lush, lyrical novel from Elizabeth Graver celebrates the insistence on seizing beauty and grabbing hold of one's one and only life.

Look for the Zoom links in TBE Connection closer to the date.

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- ANNE ROIPHE



An Evening of Doo-Wop & Motown Featuring “Back In Time” with Special Guest Irv Lewis - “Mr. Motown”

Saturday, November 18 at 7:00 pm

Back by popular demand! “Back In Time” performs old, familiar classic songs with a unique, modern twist, all delightfully memorable, recognizable and incomparably performed. These singers will transport you to the great musical spirit of the 1950s and '60s Doo-Wop music. Come and listen, sing, dance, and reminisce to the “oldies.” “Back In Time” will be joined by Mr. Motown, Irv Lewis. Irv has entertained from Las Vegas to NYC and is the former front man for the popular band “Victory,” and current singer for the Motown show band “Tymeless.”

The cost to attend is \$25 per person, which includes snack foods, milkshakes, and hot and cold beverages. There will also be a cash bar with wine and alcoholic milkshakes.

Mark your calendars – this will be an evening at TBE that you won't want to miss! Watch the weekly TBE Connection email to purchase tickets.

WOLPE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 the Max Webb Senior Rabbi of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, CA. Rabbi Wolpe previously taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, Hunter College, and UCLA. In September 2023, Rabbi Wolpe stepped down as Senior Rabbi at Sinai Temple and assumed a one-year position as Visiting Scholar at Harvard Divinity School. A weekly columnist for the *New York Jewish Week* and weekly Torah columnist for the *Jerusalem Post*, Rabbi Wolpe has been published in *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *The Atlantic* among others. He has been featured on The Today Show, Face the Nation, ABC This Morning, and CBS This Morning. Rabbi Wolpe is the author of eight books, including the national bestseller *Making Loss Matter: Creating Meaning in Difficult Times*. His new book is titled *David, the Divided Heart*.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Registration is encouraged. R.S.V.P. to info@springfieldjcc.org.

This event is made possible by the Ruth & Fred Weiss (z”l) JCC Endowed Lecture Fund.

HIGH HOLY DAY THANK YOUS

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our High Holy Day services this year. Your voices helped make our services so beautiful! Thanks also to those who helped behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly.

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Last but not least, a special thanks goes to our **administrative staff** for their hard work behind the scenes during this High Holy Day season: Lisa Laudato, Debbie Peskin, Annie Rivera-Hebert, and Marie Sampson, as well as our maintenance staff, Greg St. Pierre and Linda Cunningham, plus our kitchen help, Mila Miazga.

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OFF THE BIMAH, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now therefore **I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be**—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which **we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed;** and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us. and also **that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions**—to enable us

all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to **render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws,** discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—**To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.**

Given under my hand at the City of New-York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

George Washington

SACRED PLACES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Asset-Mapping is a critical opportunity for serious engagement with the community that can lead to new projects, initiatives, collaborations, and ministries. This Asset-Mapping process will focus on hosting a public event on site with participation from a wide range of natural collaborators, including neighbors, civic leaders, partner organizations and philanthropists. During the event, participants will engage in facilitated exercises to identify — and connect — the assets and strengths of Beth El and the surrounding community. Asset-Mapping is an engaging and high-energy event typically lasting three hours, designed and led by

Partners staff. It will:

- Identify new partners and collaborators in the community
- Uncover new uses for Beth El’s physical plant and surrounding acreage
- Provide important insight for Beth El about how to connect their assets with the gifts and talents of the neighborhood around them in order to realize their vision for their facilities
- Articulate community and congregational priorities for the facilities and property’s use for mutual benefit
- Lay the groundwork for strong partnerships now and into the future.”

The Task Force for Asset Mapping will include Michelle Anfang (Chair), Maxine Bernstein, Susan Firestone, Ellen Freyman, Jonathan Goldsmith, Judi Herzberg, Iris Linson, and Rabbi Wallk. To fully focus on leading this essential and time-sensitive initiative, I will be stepping down as president at the end of December, and Maxine will assume the president position in January 2024. As this process unfolds, I will be sharing our progress and inviting your feedback – your ideas, your connections, your impressions and your feelings. We are excited to begin this journey because we have so much to preserve, staying true to our mission to be an inclusive and welcoming Conservative synagogue, dedicated to inspiring learning, practicing mitzvot, and supporting all ages in their diverse Jewish journeys. We are hopeful because we love Beth El and because we believe that the more honest and transparent we are, the more proactive we can be about securing our future.

PREVIOUSLY AT TBE

Erev Rosh HaShanah Tot Shabbat Dinner & Program



PRAYERS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 before they found it. This ancient prayer also reflects conditions of the twentieth century, including the generation of the Holocaust. I never dreamt that these words would seem appropriate to invoke when thinking about Israeli Jews.

A PRAYER FOR ISRAEL AT A TIME OF ANGUISH

This prayer holds the personal and collective anguish of this moment: those of us in immediate peril, those of us who are wounded, those of us clinging to phones waiting to hear from beloved soldiers, those of us desperate for news of someone missing or in captivity, those of us in mourning, those of us huddling in shelters, and all of us sharing in this pain.

For all our family of the House of Israel, fellow Jews who face anguish and captivity, whether on sea or on land: May the Divine have compassion upon them, and bring them from distress to relief, from darkness to light, from subjugation to redemption, now, speedily, soon, and let us say: Amen

Aḥeinu kol beit yisrael,
 ha-n'tunim b'tzarah u-vashivyah,
 ha-omdim bein ba-yam u-vein ba-yabashah,
 ha-makom y'raheim aleihem,
 v'yotzi · eim mi-tzarah lirvaḥah,
 u-mei · afeilah l'orah,
 u-mi-shibud lig'ullah,
 hashta ba-agala u-vizman kariv,
 v'nomar amen.

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