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Just show up.

Bill & Lynn Foggie Great Issues Lecture Series Features Ayaan Hirsi Ali



Sunday, September 22 at 10:00 am

“For every complex problem there is a simple solution—that is wrong.”

Josh Weiss and John Foggie

Ayaan Hirsi Ali has never shied away from a fight when she believes in something deeply. She has seen far too many complex problems that face humanity be dealt with in simplistic terms – creating more pain and anguish. Her life is dedicated to push back against this category of problems. And her life has been far from what many would consider “normal.”

Ayaan was born in Mogadishu, Somalia in 1969. She grew up in exile as the daughter of a political opponent of the Somali dictatorship, moving from Saudi Arabia to **CONTINUED ON PAGE 10**

Rabbi David Wolpe Returns for the Ruth and Fred Weiss (z”l) Annual Lecture



Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 am

Please join us at TBE as Rabbi David Wolpe returns to our community for a compelling and uplifting conversation about the universal truths of the Jewish spirit. Rabbi Wolpe will reflect on the changes over the past year for the Jewish

people — both here and in Israel — and discuss what lies ahead. Experience a dynamic and enlightening event with one of the most respected voices in contemporary Jewish thought.

Rabbi Wolpe has been recognized as The Most Influential Rabbi in America by *Newsweek* and one of the 50 Most Influential Jews in the World. He was a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Divinity School and a Rabbinic Fellow with **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

SELIHOT DINNER, PROGRAM & SERVICE: SUPPORTING STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE

Saturday, September 28

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Conversation with the members of Kfar Azza

8:15 pm Selihot services

Come meet four survivors from Kfar Azza (one of the kibbutzim that was attacked on October 7): Oded Etinger, Imri Horowitz, Shani Kaner, and Rachel Stelman, who range in age from 26 - 67. They will share their harrowing stories from that fateful day and will discuss



A visitor surveys the destruction of homes on Kibbutz Kfar Azza after October 7.

some of the challenges in rebuilding and recreating Kfar Azza as one big community. These resilient survivors are reimagining and dreaming about what life will be like when they return to their kibbutz.

By visiting our community, the survivors of Kfar Azza are also asking us for help. In the coming year, our community will support our brothers and sisters in Israel as they work to return home and rebuild their community. This evening will not focus on the horrors of October 7 — but will invite our community into a story of hope, resilience, courage, and strength.

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HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS



Sonia Wilk, Executive Director
swilk@tbespringfield.org

In an effort to be warmer and more welcoming, as well as to increase security, this year all adult attendees at our High Holy Day services will wear name badges instead of showing paper tickets at the door. The badges will be on a lanyard to wear around your neck at all times when in the building, and will allow everyone to greet each other by name.

Name badge tickets will be printed for all adult members in “Good standing” — defined as having paid the 2023 dues and security assessment in full or having a private meeting with me to create a custom payment plan. **Finances should never be a barrier for participation.** We are happy to assist you to ensure you have a meaningful High Holy Day season.

Please note that these name badge tickets will not be mailed; they will be available for pick up at the TBE office on Monday, September 30 and Tuesday, October 1 from 12:00 - 4:00 pm or when you arrive for services.

We are extremely grateful to the many members who have pledged enhanced dues at the Maccabim, Shomrim, Kochavim, and Giborim levels, whose donations have helped to sustain TBE. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! If you are interested in learning more about these giving opportunities, please contact me.

For those guests who are joining us, a donation is greatly appreciated. Suggested donations for guest tickets are \$180 for both Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, or \$100 for each individually. All preregistered guests will also have name badge tickets printed for them.

As in past years, name badge tickets are offered at no charge to full-time students, full-time military personnel, associate members of other synagogues, adult children of current members, and pre-registered guests. This is an opportunity for us to extend ourselves in the community and engage people who may later join us year-round. Please register your guests by emailing office@tbespringfield.org or calling (413) 733-4149.

Please note, for security reasons, no one will be admitted to the building without a name badge ticket. Please remember to wear your name badge ticket at all times.

For those of you who are attending in person or online, a service schedule can be found on page 6. Our services will be livestreamed online for those who are unable to join us in person. No matter where you are, we plan to provide you with a meaningful experience.

We are blessed to have these options to pray together as a community. Whether you join us in person or on livestream, we value you as a vital part of our community.

Shana Tovah U'Metukah!

WOLPE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the ADL. Rabbi Wolpe serves as the Max Webb Emeritus Rabbi of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles and as a Senior Advisor to the Maimonides Fund. He is the bestselling author of eight books and numerous articles in leading newspapers and journals.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register at springfieldjcc.org.

Presented by the Springfield Jewish Community Center and co-sponsored by Temple Beth El. Made possible by the Ruth and Fred Weiss JCC Endowed Lecture Fund.

Contact Alana Wasserman at awasserman@springfieldjcc.org or 413-739-4715 for more information.

A Message from the President

Maxine Bernstein



Two events from this summer bring to mind our penchant for honoring the past and building the future.

First, a geniza; a burial in the cemetery of worn or damaged sacred items that can no longer be used, recently took place to properly dispose of the accumulation from last summer's cleanout. A truckload of TBE religious history in boxes, cartons and crates was interred with the appropriate dignity and respect.

Second, the Community Music School of Springfield Children's Chorus “Big Spring Sing” concert was held in the Cantor Morton Shames sanctuary at Temple Beth El. We hosted 200 youth singers and their families for a spectacular night of music ranging from Broadway to Beatles to American Classics and Jazz – *Hey! Ba-Ba-Re-Bop* rocked the house! Our facility easily accommodated grandparents in walkers, babies in strollers, and restless siblings. The singers were even able to use the choir robing rooms as a backstage area because they were emptied last summer for the geniza. Everyone was in awe of our building and greatly appreciated the experience we provided.

The opportunity to rent our space for this concert came about following the “Asset Mapping” building tour event we held with select community partners to identify sources of potential rental income. As Cantor Shames (*z”l*) was a founding board member of the Community Music School of Springfield, I can imagine he would be delighted at our collaboration, and to know that CMSS is interested in TBE, with our ample parking and great amenities, as the venue for all their future concerts.

As we look toward the new year we're looking forward to renewed energy from new partnerships within our Jewish community and beyond. L'shana Tovah, may 5785 be a year for honoring the past and building the future together.

Rabbi Amy Wallk

Take Your Shoes Off of Your Feet.

הָלֵךְ שֶׁל־נְעָלֶיךָ מֵעַל רַגְלֶיךָ

Exodus 3:5

The words in Hebrew for shoes נְעָלֶיךָ (*na'alecha*) and feet רַגְלֶיךָ (*raglecha*) are also the words for “locks” and “habits/patterns.” So, the very first sentence God says to Moses could be read as “Take the locks off of your habits/patterns.” What a poetic way of instructing us to get out of our familiar ruts!

What I love most about the High Holy Days is that they offer an opportunity for a fresh start. The High Holy Days allow each of us the opportunity to start anew and to gain a fresh perspective. My goal for the High Holy Days is always to escape all of the distracting noise in the world, and find the time to reflect on how I have been: balancing the demands of work, friends and family; and taking care of myself intellectually, physically and spiritually. As a result of these reflections, I will feel the need to make some adjustments — taking the locks off of certain habits!

Margaret Thatcher once said “Watch your thoughts, for they will become actions. Watch your actions for they will become habits. Watch your habits for they will forge your character. Watch your character for it will be your destiny.”

The High Holy Days give me the structure to reflect, to refine and to renew. By watching our thoughts and actions we can actually change the trajectory of your future.

Hope is transformational

But the High Holy Days offer us another opportunity. The High Holy Days offer us an opportunity to renew our faith and change our hearts to see the good, to believe that revealed blessings are indeed possible for the new year ahead.

The late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks beautifully described faith as possessing “not certainty, but rather courage to live with uncertainty.” It sounds simple, but I think we all know how difficult this can be, especially as uncertainty seems to envelop every aspect of Jewish life.

We at TBE are uncertain about our future — as we wrestle with financial realities that are very serious, and very much beyond our control.

I imagine each and every one of us have had many moments in the last year when we simply did not believe the news. Assumptions we have made proved wrong and places where we as Jews once felt safe — have become or appear to be intimidating and uncertain. The news cycle is disturbing and upsetting and has been for most of the last year.

The High Holy Days are a response to the uncertainty in our lives. Why? Because the High Holy Days challenge us to embrace hope. Thatcher’s teaching compliments what Rabbi Sacks wrote about faith. We must choose to embrace hope. Hope is a belief that if we work hard enough together, we can make things better. Throughout history our people have understood we do not have the luxury to stop hoping. Perhaps that is why of all our modern prayers, the Israeli national anthem is the anthem of our people: a belief that our hope is not destroyed - *od lo avda tikvateinu*.

Hope gives us purpose and reminds us that we can, through concerted effort, shape, impact, and change our destiny. May these High Holy Days envelop us with opportunities for self-reflection and inspiration to hope and to act.

JOIN TBE FOR A VISIT TO ISRAEL

DECEMBER 3-10, 2024

Traveling to Israel now is more important than ever. Together we will travel to Israel — to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and to witness the strength and resilience of Israelis.

This isn't an easy time to travel to Israel, but it is important. Israeli citizens need to know that they are not alone, and that Jews all over the world appreciate their sacrifices and worry for their safety.

It is hard to know what Israel will be like in December. But this I can promise you — if it is not safe to travel to Israel, we will stay home and the cost of the trip will be fully refunded. Please be in touch with Rabbi Wallk if you would like to join us on the journey, and to see the itinerary or learn details about our upcoming trip.

TOT SHABBAT

Friday, September 20, October 18, November 15

5:30 pm service, 6:00 pm dinner

Shabbat, October 5, November 2

11:00-11:45 am

If you are a family with children ages seven and younger, then Tot Shabbat at TBE is the place to be on the first Saturday morning and the third Friday night of the month.

Marlene Rachelle leads us in song, prayers, storytelling and body movement. You will experience *ruach* (spirit) at its best! Join us for lunch or dinner following the service.

This is a great opportunity to strengthen existing friendships and meet new people. Watch the TBE Connection email to register.

If you have any questions, please contact Caryn Resnick at cresnick@tbespringfield.org.

From the B'Yachad Director of Education

Rebecca Schnaper

Hello TBE members! For those who don't know me, I'm Rebecca Schnaper and I'm the new director of B'Yachad — our joint religious school with Sinai Temple. Over the summer I have been spending lots of time getting ready for the school year, and I am so excited for the learning and community building we will be doing this year! This summer I was able to participate in a conference for new religious school directors. All of our learning was focused around three *middot* — *sh'miat ha-ozen* (a listening ear), *ometz lev* (inner strength and courage), and *rahamim* (compassion — for others and yourself). This year I want to use these *middot* as a way to ground myself in doing the meaningful work of creating a positive, Jewish learning experience for our children. I have been thinking a lot about how I can listen to all of the varying needs of our diverse community and meet them in a way that makes everyone feel heard and accepted. I am so honored to get to do this work this year, so thank you for entrusting me with your children's education!

ADULT EDUCATION

חינוך מבוגרים



Cuppa Joe

**Sunday, September 8, 15, 29,
October 20 & 27, November 3, 17, 24,
December 8 & 15 at 9:30 am**

Rabbi Marc Rudolph will teach this class via Zoom. Each Sunday we will study the parasha for the coming Shabbat. No previous knowledge is required, and everyone is welcome! Watch for details in our emails.

Katz Family Library Book Group

**Wednesday, September 25,
November 27 at 10:30 am**

The book we will discuss in September is *The Boy with the Star Tattoo* by Talia Carner, and the November book is *Don't Forget to Write* by Sara Goodman Confino.

Watch for more information in the TBE Connection emails.

Jewish Art at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts

Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 pm

Join Deborah Levine, docent at the Springfield Museums, for a tour of Jewish artists whose work is part of the permanent collection at the D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts.

Ticket costs:
adult (ages 18 +) \$15
seniors (ages 60+) \$12.50
youth (ages 3-17) \$10

Watch the TBE Connection email for registration information.
Transportation is not included.

Learn to Chant Haftarah!

Every week we need a Haftarah chanter and you can help the community by learning to chant and making this important part of the service happen. Please contact Cantor Barber (cantorbarber@tbespringfield.org) if you are interested in taking a Haftarah chanting class. We are hoping the class will begin in November.

Theodore Bikel Centennial Celebration

**Sunday, October 27 at 3:00 pm
at Sinai Temple**

Temple Beth El and Sinai Temple are co-sponsoring this event with Aimee Ginsburg Bikel, the widow of Theodore Bikel, who will discuss her late husband's remarkable life and legacy. She is the director of the Theodore Bikel Legacy Project.

Theodore (Meir) Bikel was an Emmy-winning, Oscar, Tony and Grammy-nominated actor and folk singer, Yiddishist, tikkun olam activist, and devoted labor union leader. A real hero in the Jewish world, he was known among other things as the actor who played Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* more than any other living actor. He was also one of the fathers of the

folk music scene here in the States (founding the Newport Folk Festival with Pete Seeger), starred in many shows and movies, and had dozens of

best-selling albums — many of them Jewish, Yiddish, and Israeli music. At 13, he escaped post-Anschluss Vienna, joined the pioneers on a kibbutz, and went on to become a superstar, a living legend, beloved to no end. He fought tirelessly for the world he wanted to see, of peace and justice. He passed away in 2015, leaving his gifts for all of us.

Aimee Ginsburg Bikel is a writer, journalist and public speaker, who enjoys speaking about her late husband.

Watch for more details and a link to register in the TBE Connection.



Theodore Bikel
as Tevye



TBE member Linda Spitz delivers toiletries that were donated by our members to Springfield's YWCA for use in their Women's Shelter.

The collection is ongoing—please drop off toiletry donations in the bin in the hallway near the office.

HIGH HOLY DAY EVENTS 5785

SELIHOT DINNER & SERVICE

Join us for a dinner and special program featuring survivors from Kibbutz Kfar Azza, followed by Havdalah and a Selihot service on **Saturday, September 28**. See article on page one for details.

CEMETERY VISITS

It is customary to visit the graves of family and friends as the new year draws near. Reverend David Aminia will be at the TBE Cemetery on **Sunday, September 29 and Sunday, October 6 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm** to assist families or individuals who need help in reciting the appropriate prayers. You are, of course, welcome to visit the cemetery on your own.

CHALLAH & HONEY

We are pleased to offer the gift of a challah and jar of honey to help usher in a sweet new year! Watch for an email with a link to reserve yours. **Orders are due by Friday, September 20. Pick up dates will be Monday, September 30 and Tuesday, October 1 from 12:00 - 4:00 pm.**

REFRESHMENT TENT

Back for your enjoyment on the first day of Rosh HaShanah **Thursday, October 3**, is our refreshment tent! Feel free to take a break from services and have a snack and a cup of coffee or tea.

FAMILY SERVICES

We will have our family services in our Social Hall on the first day of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur (see schedule on page 6). Family educator Marlene Rachelle will lead the family services. You won't want to miss these creative and musical services!

TASHLIKH

Our annual Tashlikh service will be held on the first day of Rosh HaShanah, **Thursday, October 3 at 5:00 pm** in beautiful Forest Park. There is no rain date. We will symbolically throw away our mistakes from the past year by using breadcrumbs which represent our sins. Upon arrival in the park, inform the guard at the main entrance that you are from TBE and you will not be charged an admission fee. Please note there will not be an evening service at Temple Beth El on this date.

OPERATION ISAIAH FOOD DRIVE

Please bring a bag of non-perishable food to the synagogue on Rosh HaShanah or Yom Kippur. The food will be distributed to the hungry in our community via Rachel's Table. Thank you in advance for your support of our neighbors in need.

BREAK THE FAST

We will host a delicious meal for the congregation immediately following the sounding of the shofar at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services on **Saturday, October 12**. The lavish buffet will include: green salad with roasted beets, pumpkin seeds, shredded carrot & apple cider vinaigrette; poached salmon with capers & lemon-dill sauce; assorted sliced bagels & cream cheese; sweet noodle kugel; wild rice salad with lentils, cranberries, almonds, orange zest & sauteed onion; fresh fruit salad; assorted cookies, brownies & coffee cakes; and assorted beverages. The cost is \$15 per adult and child ages 10 and over; \$10 per child ages 5-9, and free for children under 5. Attendance is by paid reservation only. **The deadline for reservations is Monday, September 18**. We regret that we will be unable to accommodate walk-ins. Watch for an email with a link to R.S.V.P. or call the temple office at 733-4149. While we are charging \$15 per adult, the actual cost of the meal is \$27. If you would like or are able to pay more than \$15, this will allow us to help those in our community who need a subsidy.

Many thanks to Fred Brownstein and Elaine Geha who have subsidized the cost of the Break Fast again this year.

CANTOR ELIZABETH SHAMMASH TO JOIN US FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

Cantor Lizzie Shammash has served congregations in the Philadelphia area since 2007, most notably Tiferet Bet Israel from 2007-2020. She divides her time between pulpit work as a visiting cantor and teacher, performing concerts, retreat teaching and work with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality as a faculty member of the Clergy Leadership Program and teacher of the weekly Jewish Online Yoga Studio since 2020.

Cantor Shammash has recorded extensively for the Milken Archive of Jewish Music, including recordings of Yiddish art songs, Yiddish theater songs, liturgical



Cantor Lizzie Shammash

repertoire and contemporary compositions by American composers. She holds degrees from Brown University, Manhattan School of Music, Boston University Opera Institute, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. She makes her home in Philadelphia with her husband, David Reed.

Cantor Shammash grew up in Longmeadow and Temple Beth El and has enjoyed coming "home" as a guest for services, concerts and teaching. The High Holy Days are her favorite time of year for their majesty, musical beauty and liturgical themes.

HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

Membership dues do not cover all of the expenses of running a synagogue 365 days a year with daily, Shabbat, and holiday services, a variety of classes for all ages, special events, and more. You may not feel that you need TBE day to day, but when you do, we want to be here for you. We have a vibrant synagogue community, and in order to maintain our level of services and programs in the future, we depend on your support.

All TBE members will receive a pledge card in the mail. On the first day of Rosh HaShanah, President Maxine Bernstein will

deliver a High Holy Day Appeal. Please bring your pledge card with you on that day, or feel free to drop it off at TBE after Rosh HaShanah. Our goal is to have a high percentage of members donate to the High Holy Day Appeal. This sends a message that our members care about the future of TBE. Your gift, no matter the size, really does make a difference! Please give as generously as you are able to our High Holy Day Appeal.

Thank you in advance for your support.

HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE 5785*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Selihot Dinner, Program & Havdalah 7:00 pm
Selihot Service 8:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Erev Rosh HaShanah
 Note: no services this evening.
 Candle Lighting 6:11 pm

*All of these services will be both in-person and livestreamed on our website and Facebook page.

**There will be no musical instruments on the second day of Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur Minhah and Neilah.

***Yizkor will be sometime after 12:30 pm. It is difficult to be more precise.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

First Day of Rosh HaShanah
 Shacharit 9:00 am
 Torah Service & President's Remarks 10:00 am
 D'var Torah & Musaf 11:00 am
 Minhah & Tashlikh at Forest Park 5:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 7:09 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**

Second Day of Rosh HaShanah
 Shacharit 9:00 am
 Torah Service & Sounding of the Shofar 10:00 am
 D'var Torah & Musaf 11:00 am
 Kabbalat Shabbat (online only) .. 6:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 6:08 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Shabbat Services 10:00 am

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Kol Nidre 6:00 pm
 Candle Lighting 5:56 pm

SHABBAT, OCTOBER 12

Yom Kippur
 Shacharit 9:00 am
 Torah Service 10:00 am
 Musaf 11:00 am
 Yizkor & D'var Torah*** 12:30 pm
 Minhah** 4:45 pm
 Neilah** 5:45 pm
 Sounding the Shofar 6:54 pm
 Break the Fast 6:55 pm

HIGH HOLY DAY CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

First Day of Rosh HaShanah
 Babysitting (ages 2-4) - Katz Library 10:00 am - End of services
 Family Service (grades 3-6) - Social Hall 10:00 - 10:45 am
 Classroom Activities (grades K-2) - Classroom No. 2 10:00 am - End of services
 Classroom Activities (grades 3-6) - Classroom No. 5 10:45 am - End of services
 Tot Family Service (ages 7 & younger) - Social Hall 11:00 - 11:30 am

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Second Day of Rosh HaShanah
 Babysitting (ages 2-4) - Katz Family Library 10:00 am - End of services
 Classroom Activities (grades K-3) 10:00 am - End of services
 Gameroom Activities (grades 3-6) 10:00 am - End of services

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Yom Kippur
 Babysitting (ages 2-4) - Katz Family Library 10:00 am - End of services
 Family Service (grades 3-6) - Social Hall 10:00 - 10:45 am
 Classroom Activities (grades K-2) - Classroom No. 2 10:00 am - End of services
 Classroom Activities (grades 3-6) - Classroom No. 5 10:45 am - End of services
 Tot Family Service (ages 7 & younger) - Social Hall 11:00 - 11:30 am

HIGH HOLY DAY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Temple Beth El incurs extra expenses on the High Holy Days. Your sponsorship of the following High Holy Day opportunities enhances our services, and helps us remain a caring community. Thank you in advance for considering the following options:

CHALLAH & HONEY

Shared: \$500

Help bring in the sweetness of a new year by providing a challah and honey for each TBE member.

YIZKOR CANDLES

Shared: \$18 / Individual: \$180

TBE provides a yizkor candle delivered to members who have lost a loved one this past year.

BIMAH FLOWERS

Shared: \$175

One large arrangement is displayed on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

SELIHOT DINNER

Sliding scale: \$180-\$650,

includes two tickets to dinner

Your sponsorship will help defray the cost of our congregational dinner on September 28.

OUTDOOR FLOWERS

Shared: \$175

Flowers will be planted outside to beautify the entrances to our synagogue.

EREV SUKKOT DINNER

Sliding scale: \$180-\$650,

includes two tickets to dinner

Your sponsorship will help defray the cost of our congregational dinner on October 16.

REFRESHMENT TENT

Shared: \$300 / Individual: \$1,500

A tent will be set up outside the building with snacks and refreshments on Rosh HaShanah.

EREV SIMHAT TORAH DINNER

Sliding scale: \$180-\$650,

includes two tickets to dinner

Your sponsorship will help defray the cost of our congregational dinner on October 24.

SELIHOT SPONSORS

Shared: \$500-\$5,000

Sponsor our guest speakers from Kibbutz Kfar Azza. See details on page 1.

If you would like to sponsor any of these options, please contact Executive Director Sonia Wilk at (413) 733-4149 or swilk@tbespringfield.org.

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Refreshment Tent

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Yizkor Candles

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Break the Fast

Fred Brownstein & Elaine Geha

Selihot Sponsors

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SUKKOT & SIMHAT TORAH INFORMATION



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE! SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS.

SUKKOT & SIMHAT TORAH SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Erev Sukkot

First Evening of Sukkot (in person & via Zoom)
..... 6:00 pm
Candle Lighting 5:48 pm
Dinner in the Sukkah 6:00 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

First Day of Sukkot

Morning Service (in person) 9:30 am
Second Evening of Sukkot (via Zoom) 6:00 pm
Candle Lighting 6:45 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Second Day of Sukkot

Teaching with Rachel Korazim (via Zoom) 10:00 am
Kabbalat Shabbat (via Zoom) 5:45 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Erev Shemini Atzeret (via Zoom) 6:00 pm
Candle Lighting 5:38 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Shemini Atzeret

Morning Service* (in person & via livestream)
..... 10:30 am
Minhah (via Zoom) 6:00 pm
Candle Lighting 6:46 pm

*this service will include Yizkor, the prayer for rain, concluding the Book of Deuteronomy and beginning the Book of Genesis, as well as a Simhat Torah celebration.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Second Day of Simhat Torah

Teaching with Rabbi Wallk (via Zoom) 10:00 am
Kabbalat Shabbat (via Zoom) 6:00 pm
Candle Lighting 6:36 pm

SHEMINI ATZERET SERVICE & DINNER

Thursday, October 24

5:30 pm dinner
6:00 pm service with music, dancing
with Torahs and fun!

The dinner menu includes: pizza, salad bar, ice cream sundae bar, hot and cold beverages. The cost is: \$11 adult, \$8 children ages 8 and younger, no charge for children 3 and younger, with a family cap of \$38. R.S.V.P. by October 15.

POEMS FOR OUR DAYS WITH RACHEL KORAZIM

Friday, October 25 at 10:00 am – Simhat Torah

On Zoom we will study poetry written since October 7. Through these poems, we will get a sense of the many ways Israelis have responded to the horrors of the past year. Rachel Korazim, a gifted teacher and poet, will help us understand what our brothers and sisters have experienced since Shemini Atzeret/Simhat Torah of 2023.



ORDER YOUR LULAV & ETROG

If you wish to order a lulav and etrog for Sukkot, the cost is \$60. The deadline to reserve yours is **Thursday, September 21**. Contact Reverend David Aminia to place your order or for more information.

FAMILY SUKKOT PROGRAM

Sunday, October 6 at 11:45 am

Come and help decorate the TBE sukkah!

BARBECUE DINNER IN THE SUKKAH

Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00 pm

Join us for minyan at 5:45 pm, and then perform the mitzvah of eating in our beautiful sukkah! The menu includes: grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, veggie burgers, cole slaw, potato salad, green salad, pickles and chips, pastry, and hot and cold beverages.

The food will be provided from the Crown Market. The cost is \$13.00 adult, \$8.00 children ages 8 and younger, no charge for children 3 and younger, and a family cap of \$42. R.S.V.P. by October 8.



JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST TO KEEP INFORMED!

If you're not on our email list, you're missing out on links to online daily and weekly services, invitations to special events and programs, inspiring messages from Rabbi Amy Wallk, notices about births, engagements, marriages and deaths and our community, and more.

Please send your name and email address to Debbie Peskin at communications@tbespringfield.org.

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Please contact David Aminia at 733-4149 if you would like to order a leaf or stone.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Yahrzeit Plaques <i>Yahrzeit plaques are a fitting way to remember a loved one's yahrzeit in perpetuity. They are displayed in the temple lobby each year during the week of the yahrzeit. The cost is \$375. If you would like to purchase a yahrzeit plaque, please contact Reverend David Aminia at 733-4149.</i></p>
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Ethiopia then Kenya. As a young child, she was subjected to female genital mutilation but still embraced Islam – seeking to live as a devout Muslim. At age 23, Ayaan fled to the Netherlands to escape an arranged marriage and was given political asylum and later citizenship. As a new immigrant, she worked in factories and as a house cleaner in order to learn Dutch. As a translator for Somali immigrants, she saw firsthand the inconsistencies between liberal, Western society and tribal, Muslim cultures. The complex problems and simple solutions had come to life before her eyes.

The attacks on September 11 contributed to Ayaan's decision to renounce Islam. She went on to study at the University of Leiden, earning an M.A. in political science, and was subsequently elected to the Dutch parliament, serving from 2003 to 2006. During that time, Ayaan gained international attention following the murder of Theo van Gogh, who directed a short film entitled *Submission: Part 1*, written by Ayaan, about the oppression of women under Islam. The assassin, a radical Muslim, left a death threat for Ayaan pinned to Van Gogh's chest.

Following that and other threats, Ayaan moved to the United States and became a U.S. citizen in 2013. Author, podcaster, visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington DC, and research fellow at the Hoover Institute, Ayaan remains controversial, influential, and inspirational. She is a Muslim who chose atheism before converting to Christianity last year, and she continues to research, speak, and write about the relationship between the West and Islam.

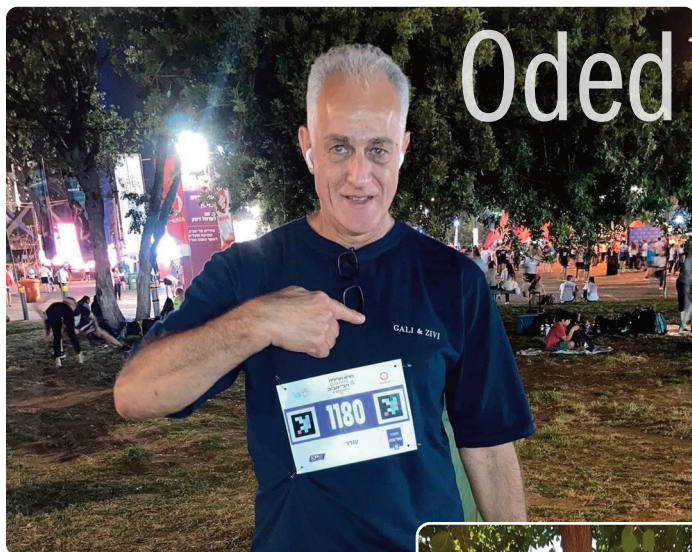
Ayaan will be giving two talks in the area. On **Saturday, September 21 at 8:00 pm** she will speak in Holyoke at Congregation Rodphey Sholom. This talk is entitled "Women's Rights Versus Multiculturalism." Ayaan will focus on an age-old tension that continues to persist into the modern age.

The second talk will be on **Sunday, September 22 at Temple Beth El**. The subject "Don't Teach the Holocaust," is not what you think. You probably stopped mid-sentence and said to yourself "WHAT!" Fear not and come find out what she really means when she says this.

Please contact the Federation to register: 413-737-4313 / ngorenstein@jewishwesternmass.org.

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Oded Etinger (age 59) is married with 3 children and has lived on Kibbutz Kfar Azza for 29 years. He currently lives in Herzliya in a Reichman University dorm building with 20 other Kfar Azza families. Oded commented, "I'm a social worker specializing in treating the elderly. Before October 7, my main position was Head of Welfare at Kfar Azza, which I no longer do. I still work



in the social welfare department of Sha'ar Hanegev Regional Council. I love sports — I run four times a week and enjoy bicycling. I also like to listen to music and go to shows."

Imri Horowitz (age 43), is married with 3 children and lived on Kfar Azza for 30 years. He currently lives on Kibbutz Shefayim. Imri noted, "Born and raised on Kfar Azza, I had the best childhood a kid could have. I'm self-employed, operating an artisan carpentry workshop. My work is my hobby — I have a big passion for working with wood and creating things with my hands. I like to learn new things, study Judaism, explore nature, and travel. We built a community workshop on Kibbutz Shefayim in memory of two of our friends who were murdered on October 7."



Shani Kaner (age 26) is the youngest of 6 children and has lived on Kfar Azza since birth. She now lives in Ashkelon, after 7 months in a Tel Aviv hotel. Shani commented, "I'm currently a student at Achva College, studying to become a kindergarten teacher for children with special needs. For the last 5 years, I've been working as a permanent assistant in the Gan Gefen kindergarten at Kfar Azza. I love spending time with and chilling with my friends. I also enjoy karaoke and playing tennis."

Rachel Stelman (age 67) is divorced and has 3 children. She lived on Kfar Azza for 40 years and currently lives in Levahim (north of Be'er Sheva). She said, "I work in the lab of Kafrit on Kfar Azza, developing color-related technologies for plastic manufacturers worldwide. Sport is my great love. I like cycling, swimming and Pilates. I also enjoy reading and doing puzzles. Up to October 7, I was head of the Kfar Azza Community Emergency Team. Over the last 9 months, I have been giving tours in English to groups of tourists visiting Kfar Azza."

The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a delicious dinner catered by Culinary Creations by Cheryl Blonder. The menu includes: green



salad with beets, goat cheese, nuts, and lemon honey dressing; maple bourbon salmon; vegetable kugel; seasonal vegetable; apple strudel and ice cream; hot and cold beverages. The vegetarian option is a stuffed zucchini boat. Feel free to bring your own bottle of kosher wine to share with your table.

The cost of the dinner is \$26 per person. We want to make this as affordable as possible for our members, so we are offering a sliding scale from \$20-\$36 per person. If you are able to pay more than \$26, this will allow us to help those in our community who need a subsidy. Thank you in advance for your generosity! **R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, September 18.**

We will also have a display of pictures of the kibbutz from before the attack as well as pictures after the attack. Together we can ensure a strong and resilient future for Kfar Azza.

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Our work in the New Year is to summon our strength and resources.
May 5785 be about resilience, strength and hope.