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BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2024 5:30PM

RABBI PRAVER'S SHABBAT

November 16th. And 23rd.

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30 Tishrei-29 Cheshvan

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SHABBAT

Fri., November 1/30 Tishri

Candle Lighting 5:34

Sat., November 2/1 Cheshvan

NOACH

Fri., November 8/7 Cheshvan

Sat., November 9/8 Cheshvan

LECH LECHA

Fri, November 15/14 Cheshvan

Candle Lighting 4:20

Sat., November 16/15 Cheshvan

VAYERA

Fri., November 22/21 Cheshvan

Candle Lighting 4:15

Sat., November 23/22 Cheshvan

CHAYE SARAH

Fri., November 29/28 Cheshvan

Candle Lighting 4:12

Sat., November 30/29 Cheshvan

TOLEDOT

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Rosh Hashannah 2024

Shannah Tova. Irene and I together with the Board of Directors, welcome you to the schul of Bayonne. Why do we call our synagogue a schul? We see our Temple Emanu-El as an old fashioned, small, heimisch, and comfortable place where some of us come regularly and together with Rabbi Praver, to honor one of our commandments, which says honor the Shabbat day. It is different from our 735 place. It is much smaller and does not accommodate 600 congregants. It doesn't have the cushioned seats and the place for our sidurim. It doesn't have classrooms. BUT, the most important thing of all that it does have our loyal congregants and a wonderful rabbi.

Our goal is to attract more members. We want to continue our work of having a vibrant Jewish community in Bayonne. We have called more than 100 people whom we believe may be Jewish. However, we have not had any success in attracting them. We've tried to invite people and ask them to join us and tell us in what they might be interested. Noone responded. What can we do to succeed? One of the suggestions was to create a program about Israel and ask them to come and be a part of it. How do we do that? DO we use social media? DO we write ads in the newspaper? WHAT? If you have a suggestion, please let us know.

If we succeed in our aim, we can grow and maybe even one day, we can build a new magnificent building to house all of us. Wouldn't that be fabulous?

In the meantime, our shul is alive and well. We have Shabbat services with a minyan most of the time. We have hosted Passover seders, Shabbat Across America dinners, educational discussions chaired by Iris and Irwin Rothblatt, which included, "Jewish photographers," "Barbara Streisand." Jewish opera singers, "Important Jewish Questions," "Conversion," and more. On Monday, October 7th at 7PM, our shul, Temple Beth Am and Congregation Ohav Zedek and honored all the hostages that were taken that day one year ago.

We want to thank Rabbi Shaul Praver for joining us. He did it because he wants to be our pioneer. He has made phone calls and gave suggestions. We also want to thank our Bayonne police department for making sure that we can pray safely.

All of these actions give us hope that in the many apartments that are now a part of Bayonne, we will find Jews willing to join us. We have hope that someone will realize that in these times of such rampant anti-semitism, Jews will need our shul to be a safe place for all of us to continue to create a community that will watch out for each other, a place where our children can be safe among other Jewish children and learn and thrive and grow. HELP US.

May this new year be filled with peace. May the world see that we exist, Israel exists, and it sees us as strong and capable of being Jews in the best way possible. May we continue to live in a country that will ensure the safety of all its citizens.

May we have a true Happy New Year!!

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Shalom and Blessings of Peace

As a community, we moved through the High Holy Days with grace and joy. Now we have Sukkot, which brings such a different theme and feel compared to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. How so? Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are rooted in deep conceptual themes like T'shuvah (repentance), accepting God as our King, and auditory experiences like hearing the shofar.

In contrast, Sukkot engages our sense of smell through the Four Species: the Lulav and Etrog, Haddasim (willow), and Aravot (myrtle). The Torah instructs us in Leviticus 23:40, "And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook." Sukkot has a theme of returning to nature, eating, and even sleeping in the sukkah. As it is written in Leviticus 23:42, "You shall dwell in booths for seven days." This serves as a reminder that life is temporary.

During Sukkot, we often read from Ecclesiastes, which reflects on the nature of existence. In Ecclesiastes 1:2, we hear, "Vanities of vanities, all is vanity." This sentiment resonates as we recognize how easily we can become absorbed in pursuits that seem essential, only to discover their fleeting nature. The author continues in Ecclesiastes 2:11, stating, "Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun." We often find ourselves caught up in things that seem significant but later prove to be trivial, much like worrying about what others think of us. In truth, "What other people think or say about me is none of my business."

Many of us invest so much energy into social media, wealth, and recognition, which in the grand scheme of things, are ultimately vanity. As Ecclesiastes 4:6 reminds us, "Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind." At the end of the day, what matters most is the love you gave and the love you received from your family, friends, and community.

Going into the sukkah here in the Northeast, just when the leaves start displaying their magnificent colors, has always been a special and cherished time. While we had the house in Connecticut, we ate and slept out there. Now it's all very new being residents of the Bronx. It will probably take us until next year before we are able to arrange such an opportunity. For now, we will sukkah hop, accept invitations, and sort of piece it together.

As for you, I encourage you to stop by the Temple's sukkah. Pack yourselves a little picnic and enjoy an outing with your spouse or friend. Then take a stroll at Hudson Park across the street. Visit the turtles, throw a few breadcrumbs to the birds. All these sorts of things are meaningful, as much as they are free. See the blue sky and streaks of clouds, and take some refreshing breaths. Bayonne is a tidy nest and well organized. The bridges are graceful decorations on the horizon, and for the most part, the people seem friendly. Sure, there could be more Jews, but you are the Jews of Bayonne. Be proud of who you are and what you are upholding.

I look forward, as always, to seeing you again very soon.

Shaul Marshall Prayer

Rabbi-Cantor-Chaplain

D-Min., BCC

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On October third and fourth, we celebrated our Jewish New Year. The room was filled with wonderful people who brought us back to our fond memories of the past. We prayed for peace, we said our traditional psalms, we blew the shofar, we shared our thoughts, and enjoyed a little nosh. We ushered in the new year with hope for the future of Israel and our own here in Bayonne. May this year bring the Shalom for which we all yearn! May we continue from generation to generation and with strength to strength to stay healthy and be able to show the world who we really are.



Rosh Hashannah

S'LICHOT



OCTOBER 7th. MEMORIAL



On Monday, October 7th Temple Emanu-El, along with our friends at Temple Beth Am, and Congregation Ohav Zedek met at our little schul and presented a touching and poignant ceremony in memory and honor of those who were and are held hostages in Gaza as well as those who died in that war.

The program began with shared feelings and fears by our audience. The main point of the conversation was the fact that Israel and the Jews are fighting against antisemitism and hatred. It included our desire to show the world that although we stand alone, we need each other to fight back. We will fight not with weapons but becoming a true Jewish community. After the discussion, Sue Miller read an explanation of that day's events. Rabbi Shaul Praver, rabbi of Temple Emanu-El recited prayers for those suffering, Avi Shriki read in Hebrew a prayer for the IDF and Melanie Tischler-Quinn read it in English.

Avi, a member of Ohav Zedek lit two Yahrzeit candles as Lisa Kawalek read the names of the hostages who passed away. Rabbi Praver recited the EL MALE-HRACHAMIM and we all said the Kaddish,

Alan Smulen, who wrote a version of "Bring Him Home," for Les Miz, filled the room with the sound of music.

The program ended with a blast of HATIKVAH, a song of hope for a better future.

BRING THEM HOME!!!!!!

Diane Birne

Albert & Renee Bousso

Bernice Bramson

Ellen Broderick

Bennett & Emily Carlin

Marshall & Diane Duberstein

Roz Felstein

Sally Friedman

Harriet Grodberg

Carol Klein

Irene Kravitz

David Leinwand

Cheryl Levy

Arlene & Sam Lichtenfeld

Helene Nagiar

Andy & Charlene Platizky

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David Weisman & Family

Varda & Arnie Wendroff

Deborah & Harriet Werner

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HAVDALA SERVICE



NEHILA SUKKOT

Y AHRZEIT

October 27-November 2/25 Tishrei-1 Cheshvan

Anna Levine, Abraham G. Pecker, Theodore Nalitt, Cantor Samuel Shapiro, Sol Green, Rose Sonkin Gurland, Max Gurland, Irvine Kapelowitz, Gershon Rubine, Bertha Goodman Gross, Harry Belinky, David N. Field, Adolph Geltzeiler, Yetta Shapiro, Sadye K. Iscovitz, Nathan Mattes, Beatrice Taub, William Sal, Petiel & Rivka Pfreidman, Aaron Kessel, Sophie Shapiro

November 3-9/Cheshvan 2-8

Sophie Shapiro, Minerva Silberberg, Iris Golden, Jack W. Thompson, Raphael Rosenman, Abraham Funk, Ray Shlossman, Harry Cohen, Allan Abraham Miller, Sarah Brigadier, Joseph Oxe, Harold Hart, Isaac Kochsansky, Joseph Balinky, Sylvia Rogow, Ida Gordon, Anna Mortman, Julia Riess, Leon Lazarus, Sarah Rivke Polevoy, Louis Zeik, Lena Slobodkin Shulman

November 10-16/9-15 Cheshvan

Max Brigadier, Lena Hollander, Diane Rothblatt, Meyer Lifschitz, Minette Levy Zukowskyu, Morris Cohen, Hyman Gurland, Evelyn Schapiro, Dr. Philip Kresch, Max Rudolph, Alice Guterman, Benjamin Chodash, Charles Lebowitz, Sara Matlin, Esther Harris Levine, Leo L. Konigsberg, Libbie Shapiro, Gertrude E. Lazarus

November 17-23/16-22 Cheshvan

Gussie Feldman, Louis Goldenberg, Eilene Baer, Milton S. Klimpl, Albert Kaye, Maurice L. Ripps, Arnold Irwin Leeds, Aaron Linder, Morris Adler, Hyman L. Kazarus, Sophie Polevoy, Gussie Slobodkin, Charles "Chuck" Grodberg, Henry Cohn, Abraham Herman, Isaac Wigdor, Pauline Herman, Vivian Scolnick, Maxwell Kresch, Bertha Droutman, Dr. Lewis S. Gilbert, Theresa W. Block, Abraham M. Golush, Julius Ch. Melniker

November 24-30/23-29 Cheshvan

Irving Sandler, Rebecca Friedland, Tillie Schwibner, Nathan Kresch, Minna Thompson, Saul Tonkelson, Dr. David L. Grodberg, Bessie Kochansky, Frances Rogow Daybock, Dr. Aaron Dubowsky, Phoebe B. Schneiderman, Helen G. Sandler, Rose Herman, Mollie Drogin, Ferdinand Klimpl

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3Daylight Savings Time	4	5Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	11BOARD & Veterans' Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28Thanks giving	29	30

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