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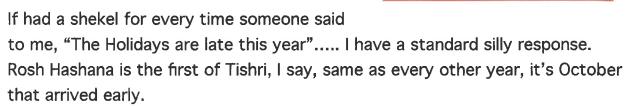
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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK Rabbi Jacob Rosner

Who Am I?

Questions we should ask ourselves during these High Holy Days



Now the truth is that on any given day, if I were asked the date, my answer would probably begin with September, October or November, rather than Tishrei, Heshvon, or Kislev. But, and hopefully not only because I am a rabbi, I am at least aware of the Hebrew months.

It's a matter of perspective. I see myself as an American, as a citizen of the world living in the month of September in the year 2024. But I also put equal emphasis on my faith and my people and therefore my mind calendar remembers Elul 5784.

I have never thought of what I am going to eat for lunch on Saturday or taking a Saturday walk. For me, it's always a Shabbos walk or Shabbos lunch. (I couldn't imagine eating cholent on Saturday.)

How many of us are ever called by our Jewish or Hebrew names. I am Jacob. I am Yaakov and both are part of my essence. If you are blessed with grandchildren, do they know their Jewish names?

We live in two worlds and we should see ourselves as contributing citizens of both. But, too often we limit our Jewish experiences and commitments to those special occasions: a bar mitzvah, a seder or the High Holy Days. May I suggest a High Holy Day resolution for this year that does not involve synagogue attendance (though that would be nice). It is to see ourselves as



Jews every day. It is to wake up to Shabbat as well as Saturday. It is to read a newspaper and relate to the news as an American, a Jew and a lover of Israel.

May this be a year that we take more seriously our commitment and our identity as Jews.

I wish you all a shana tovah... a happy and healthy new year to you and your families.

As I was writing this, Israel was engaged in a major offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon. We pray for a successful outcome in their mission that will allow Israeli citizens to return to their homes. We pray for the soldiers in the IDF and their families. And we pray for a quick resolution that will end the war with a minimum of suffering on both sides. As always, we pray for the hostages and their families. May this be the year that brings peace to the children of Israel and the children of Ishmael.

And we pray.

Misheberach List

We continue to review and update our Misheberach List, our list of names of people in need of healing.

Please email the office with the names of relatives and friends who should remain on the list, be removed from the list or added to the list.

Thank you.

Reflections on Immigration /Rabbi Jacob Rosner

"The crimes committed by the immigrants are generally those against property. Among the most expert of all the street thieves are the boys under sixteen who are being brought up to lives of crime. Many of them are old offenders at the age of ten. The juvenile immigrant emulates the adult in the matter of crime percentages; forty per cent of the boys at the House of Refuge and twenty seven percent of those arraigned in the Children's Court being from across the border. The percentage of immigrant children in the truant schools is also higher than that of any others."

I kept this introduction short, because am afraid if I would continue some of you would be so angry you might leave and I wouldn't blame you.

So, let me tell you that I changed a few words.

Where I wrote the word "immigrants" the original article had the word "Jews." It was the massive waves of Jewish immigrants from eastern Europe to the lower east side that was the subject of the article. Antisemitism at the turn of the 20 century was common, and much of it was directed at the new immigrants arriving at Ellis Island.

The migration of Jews from 1880 to 1920 was met with the kind of xenophobia we see today. Jews were called maggots. There were signs that read "no dogs or Jews allowed."

I am not a politician. I do not have a magical solution to the border crisis. I understand the need for an orderly process.

But I do know this...demonizing immigrants who come here seeking freedom from poverty and oppression is a sin.

The Jews in the lower east side were not maggots. And the immigrants from Haiti will not eat your pets.

The Torah says "love the stranger for you too, were strangers in the land of Egypt."



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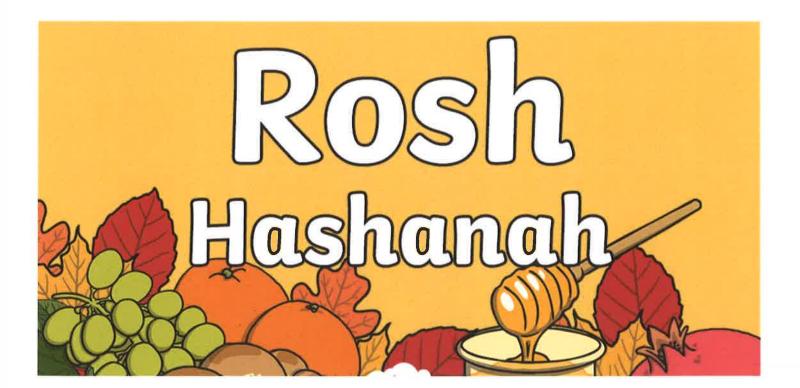
October arrived with cooler weather, falling leaves and the High Holidays. We have been hard at work, along with the ritual committee, planning for all the religious aspects that come with Rosh HaShanah, along with all the logistics. Since John retired, we have engaged security personal to monitor the entrance. They will not know who you are, so you MUST have your *Ticket* with you to get in this year. Please refer to this Centerpost for all the information and times related to the upcoming holidays.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their unwavering support of our shul, and for helping to keep SBJC the center of all that is Jewish in Baldwin alive. If you have not sent your Kol Nidre pledge cards in, please do so, as this is our main source of fund raising.

Keeping this message short and sweet, may the following year be filled with happiness, laughter, love and peace for all.

Gmar Chatima Tova – May you be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Evelyn & Jeff





Notes From Sisterhood

Betty Arzt, Sheila Goldsmith

Pirkei Avot teaches us: Do not separate yourself from the community.

The High Holy Days is the time of the year that we particularly feel that we are part of a community. We gather together in our beautiful sanctuary to worship with friends, neighbors, and family members. We greet each other warmly. Some of us may acknowledge people we haven't seen in a long time. Some of us will greet congregants we see often. In either case, we experience a collective closeness.

Our Jewish tradition values community. As we begin the new year, 5785, let's continue to be a supportive and concerned congregation. Our synagogue will grow when we join together providing comfort and encouragement to each other. Our synagogue will thrive when we collaborate with courtesy and regard. We share our joys and problems. We value the talents and perspective of each member of the community.

There is something significant about beginning a new year. Together, our congregation can open many doors.

L'Shanah Tovah. We wish you good health, happiness, and peace in the new year.



Reflections:

Thank you to all for contributing toward the cost of the holiday flowers and sending "Holiday Greetings" to congregants.

Looking ahead:

We're looking forward to our Sukkot Dinner on Wednesday evening, October 16. We ask for reservations. Please find a detailed flyer in this Centerpost. The Sukkot Dinner is always a meaningful and joyful event. Would you be available to help decorate the Sukkah? Are you comfortable climbing a ladder? Please contact us.

We invite you to a Holiday Kiddush/Lunch on Shemini Atzeret, Thursday, October 24, 2024.

The next Rosh Hodesh Study Group meeting is scheduled for Sunday morning, October 27, 2024, at 10:30, via Zoom. The link will be sent out just prior to the meeting.

The Book Club has selected the next book to review. We will be reviewing Hadassah by Hadassah Lieberman. We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 29, at 1:00, via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out when we are closer to the date. As always, we thank Cindy Gunther for her leadership.

Please visit our **Gift Shop** for you holiday needs. Our gift shop managers, Carol Burker, Susan Lifshitz, and Rachel Rudich will be happy to help you.

Join us for Canasta on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 and for Mah Jongg on Tuesday evenings at 6:00, in the synagogue.

Thank you for your support of Sisterhood. Please find the invitation to join Sisterhood for 5785 elsewhere in this Centerpost.

Sisterhood provides a safe platform to allow women to grow in their Jewish knowledge, skills and commitment. We welcome your participation.

Warm Wishes to You and Your Family for a Year of Good Health, Peace, and Joyous Celebrations.



The Arzt Family Sherry and Barry Ascher and Family Vevette and Joel Boikess Carol Burker and Family Marilyn and Marc Cohen Phyllis and Mike Eisman Eleanor Epstein Evelyn Estrine Joan Finkelman Juan Franco and Family Leslie Goldsmith Sheila Goldsmith Linda and Hank Green Nat Greenfeld Cynthia and Robert Gunther Mark, Pam, and Seth Guttman Barbara Harris and Family

Sheila and Jeff Jasper Richard Katz The Kieval Family Susan Lifshitz Margie Sivin Miller and Family Gloria Okin and Family Sari and Rabbi Jacob Rosner Rachel and Steve Rudich Dona Schwab Joan and Marty Sider Barbara Sterler and Family Rowena Weinstein and Family Marilyn and Yosef Weiss Ilene and Matthew Winick Doreen Wygoda Jackie and Richard Zuckerman

Thank You

Sisterhood appreciates the donations of our congregants in helping defray the cost of flowers on the bimah for the High Holy Days.

Betty Arzt

Yevette and Joel Boikess

Carol Burker

Phyllis and Mike Eisman

Eleanor Epstein

Joan Finkelman

Sheila Goldsmith

Pam and Mark Guttman

Nat Greenfeld

Sheila and Jeff Jasper

Susan Lifshitz

Shirley Lieberman

Margie Miller

Gloria Okin

Rachel and Steve Rudich

Barbara Sterler

Marilyn and Yoseph Weiss

Ilene and Matthew Winick

Rowena Weinstein

Jackie and Richard Zuckerman



Wishing you a sweet 5785!

Sisterhood SBJC



Women's League for Conservative Judaism

The past few years have made us appreciate the value of our social connections and have encouraged us to discover new and creative ways to maintain them.

We invite your dynamic involvement. If there was a time that taught us that we are stronger together than apart, this has been that time. We are proud members of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, We benefit from this membership.

As we prepare for 5785, we reflect on the past and look forward to the future. SBJC has been the nucleus of the Jewish community in Baldwin for more than sixty years. Your membership allows our shul to be stronger.

Sisterhood is a vital and effective arm of our synagogue. With your support, we will continue to provide educational, spiritual, and social events for our community. We are unified in our belief that our combined efforts and intelligence will make our goals a reality. We look forward to a year filled with creativity and growth.

Our activities have and will continue to have a positive impact on our lives as Conservative Jewish women. Our "interest groups" have been effective in focusing on the concerns, preferences, and curiosities of our members. We have engaged in and will continue to plan educational workshops and activities to meet the needs of our membership. We support Torah Fund. The Gift Shop serves the needs of our community. We can only grow if we aspire to success. Your involvement is encouraged. Please let us know how you would like to be involved.

Please renew your Sisterhood membership. We are inviting you to pay the "basic" dues, \$40.00 or "triple chai," \$54.00. Kindly return the tear-off with your check for \$40.00 or \$54.00, payable to Sisterhood SBJC.

With gratitude and friends	hip,	
Betty Arzt, Sheila Goldsmi	th, Joan Finkelman	
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My check for \$40.00 o	r \$54.00, payable to	Sisterhood SBJC, is enclosed.
Name	Phone#	Email

South Baldwin Jewish Center Sisterhood



JOIN US FOR SUKKOT DINNER!

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Service following dinner
\$20.00 per person

RSVP: ASAP Space is limited.

"Don't separate your	rself from the community."
Yes, I/we look forward to atte	ending the Sukkot dinner.
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MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Arnie Gewirtz

Dear Congregants:

My message to you is kind of lengthy, so here's Part 1...



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As the New Year approaches, we pray for health, happiness, peace, and prosperity. May we be blessed with good neighbors who are there for us when we need them, right here in our South Baldwin Shul.

May those old fashioned expressions "Thank You," "Pardon Me" and "You Look Lovely" come back into use and expressions like "You Know" and "Whatever" be retired forever.

May we sing songs that are singable, with understandable lyrics and may we not have to wear earplugs when our children play music in their rooms.

In this New Year that now begins, may your hair, your teeth and your stocks not fall...and may your blood pressure, your cholesterol and your mortgage interest rate not rise!

Part 2 follows in the next Centerpost.

Shanah Tovah

There is still time to submit your Men's Club Dues. Dues are \$40.00.

We look forward to having you join us for the Yom Kippur break-fast. We ask for \$10.00 per person to reserve.

MESSAGE FROM MEN'S CLUB

Dear Friends,

Your Men's Club has always been an important arm of our synagogue. We have attempted to add meaning and bring value to the lives of men and their families.

Throughout the year we have touched each member of our community. Our Yom HaShoah project has shed light on the remembrance of the Holocaust. This project has encouraged home and community observance. We are happy to arrange breakfasts on occasional Sundays and holidays. A number of us were together and enjoyed break-fast after Yom Kippur.

We look forward to opportunities to join together in friendship and congeniality. Men's Club is always available to support synagogue programs.

With your participation and support, your Men's Club will continue to grow. We encourage your involvement. Please share your thoughts with us.

Kindly renew your Men's Club membership. Return the tear off with your check for \$40.00, payable to Men's Club SBJC. Thank you.



We wish you and your families a happy and healthy 5785.

Best regards, Arnie Gewirtz, President		
My check for \$40.00, payab	ole to Men's Club SBJC, is enclosed.	
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Men's Club South Baldwin Jewish Center

We invite you to join us for the Yom Kippur Break-Fast Saturday, October 12, 2024



Please reserve. \$10.00 per person.

Yes, I/we look forward to attending the Yom Kippur Break-Fas			
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Shalom From The Ritual Committee High Holy Days Reflections

According to Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, to be a Jew is to hope. Optimism is the belief that things will get better. Hope is the belief that, if we work hard enough, we can make things better.



"To be a Jew is to seek to make a difference, to change lives for the better, to heal some of the scars of our fractured world."

Take Time

Take time to think—thoughts are the source of power.

Take time to play—play is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read—reading is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to pray—prayer can be a rock of strength in time of trouble.

Take time to love—loving is what makes living worthwhile.

Take time to be friendly—friendship gives life a delicious flavor.

Take time to laugh—laughter is the music of the soul.

Take time to give—any day of the year is too short for selfishness.

Take time to do your work well—pride in your work, no matter what it is, nourishes the ego and the spirit.

—-Author unknown

Pirkei Avot teaches us:

It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it.

Tashlich

Thursday, October 3, 2024 4:00 pm At the canal at the end of Arthur Street

On Day One of Rosh Hashanah, in the afternoon, we walk to a natural body of water for the Tashlich ceremony. Symbolically, we cast away our sins and seek forgiveness.

In addition, some people participate in "Reverse Tashlich." This is a collaborative environmental cleanup to remove marine debris. https://www.repairthesea.org

SAVE THE DATE

Hi Everyone,

Good times are coming our way. We can use an evening of comedy.

Our Sisterhood and five others are joining together to present to you ALLAN FINN and other performers for

AN EVENING OF COMEDY!!!

You will have the option of attending in person at HERJC or on Zoom.

Please save the date: Thursday Dec 12th at 8 PM.

Further information and details will be forthcoming.

Marilyn Cohen

DONATIONS SEPTEMBER, 2024

Rochelle Dorfman	in memory of	Alvin Dorfman
Gloria Okin	in memory of	Samuel Okin
Gloria Okin	in memory of	Samuel J. Tannenbaum
The Volkmann Family	in memory of	Joel Zamurut
The Volkmann Family	in memory of	Irving Epstein
The Volkmann Family	in memory of	Nettie Mitnick
Ray Streiter	in memory of	Rose Streiter
Carryl Lazarus	in memory of	Harry Goodman
Joel Levy	in memory of	Charles Smith
Carolyn Hecht	in memory of	Dennis Eisen
Cynthia & Robert Gunther	Welcome to SBJC	Rabbi & Sari Rosner
Bruce Davinger	in memory of	Saul Feldman
Kevin Fleissig	in memory of	Norman Fleissig
Allan Friedman	in memory of	Nathaniel Friedman
Goldie Kieval	in memory of	Judith Starker
Goldie Kieval	In memory of	Eva Kirshenbaum
Goldie Kieval	in memory of	Howard A. Kieval
Pam Jaffe Guttman	in memory of	Iris Jaffe
Pam Jaffe Guttman	in memory of	Nettie Mitnick
Pamela Guttman	in memory of	Iris Jaffe
Rosine Wolpert	in memory of	Andre Kowitch
Rochelle Dorfman	in memory of	Simon Breger
Rochelle Dorfman	in memory of	Sylvia Dorfman
Carol Burker	in memory of	Bette Einhorn
Rosalie Grant	in memory of	Alex Kritz
William Ortiz	in memory of	Joseph Ortiz
Geoffrey Strauss	in memory of	Sylvia R. Strauss
Steven Jacobson	in memory of	Gloria B. Jacobson
Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Barry Finkelman

Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Edmund Lee Finkelman
Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Vicky Beyda
Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Edmund Beyda
Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Steve Beyda
Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Bertie Finkelman
Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Michael Finkelman
Joan Finkelman	in memory of	Shirley Frederick
Dona Schwab	in memory of	Theodore Schwab
Deborah Kurtzberg	in memory of	Joe Teitelbaum
Rochelle Lieberman	in memory of	Harry A. Creppa
Ray Streiter	in memory of	Jack Streiter
Ray Streiter	in memory of	David Streiter
Ellen Siegman	in memory of	Rose Illivicky
Ellen Siegman	in memory of	Israel Illivicky
Lewis Weisblum	in memory of	Nathan Weisblum
Debbi Mizel	in memory of	Eve Adelman
Debbi Mizel	in memory of	David Adelman

Thank you for your generous donations.

Would you like to sponsor a kiddush or an oneg on Shabbat?

If you would like to acknowledge a special occasion or observe a yahrzeit, you may want to consider sponsoring a kiddush on Saturday afternoon or an oneg on Friday evening.

We invite a few families to join together to help defray the cost.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Marilyn & Marc Cohen, Anniversary, October 2 Sheila Jasper, Birthday, October 4 Jeff Jasper, Birthday, October 6 Stephen Kahn, Birthday, October 8 Jackie Zuckerman, Birthday, October 11 Ellen Shriki, Birthday, October 12 Margie Miller, Birthday, October 22

Margie Miller, Birthday, October 22 Marc Cheron, Birthday, October 30

Jerome Schwartz, Birthday November 1 Susan Barkan, Birthday November 5 Joan Sider, Birthday November 7 Stephen & Merrill Kahn, Anniversary November 11 Harvey Mitnick, Birthday November 13 Joel Boikess, Birthday, November 14 June Mitnick, Birthday November 16 Marc Cohen, Birthday November 19 Pam & Mark Guttman, Anniversary November 19

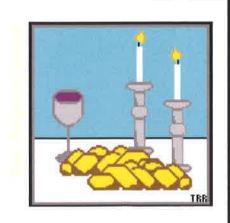
Mark Guttman, Birthday, November 24 Marilyn Cohen, Birthday, November 27 Michael & Phyllis Eisman, Anniversary 30



מזל טוב

Please join us: Simcha Shabbat

On the first Friday evening service of each month we celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and joyous occasions



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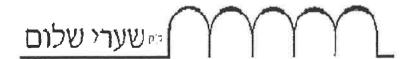
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