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FROM THE RABBI

TODAH RABBAH (THANK YOU) KEN! BEHATZLACHA (MUCH SUCCESS) REESA!

K en Simon stepped up to provide us with inspired leadership as President of the Emanuel Synagogue, leading us as we emerged from the



COVID pandemic protocols, and the return to in-person gatherings. Ken contributed to the ongoing revival of synagogue life. Serving as a valued right-hand to his brother Mel in the preceding term helped immerse Ken in some of the key issues that defined his term as President, including health and safety, building online access to our services and creating compelling cultural experiences and stimulating congregational giving to grow and sustain our mission.

Ken's passion for his congregation, his love of Jewish tradition, prayer, good deeds, community, music and thought are contagious. Ken's deep sense of fairness and decency offered healthy guidance for many of the key decisions impacting the life of the congregation. Ken has encouraged many people to come into leadership and serve the important missions of our Kehillah as lay leaders and key volunteers. He has supported and led our Trustees in ensuring the continuity of our outstanding team of clergy, senior and support staff.

Almost every Shabbat morning, Ken is one of the first to arrive and

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Tam honored to be the 44th President of The Emanuel Synagogue. Let me tell you about myself and my vision for our

congregation.

I was born and raised in West Hartford. In my younger years, I spent many summers at Camp Mar-Lin, a Jewish overnight camp. Those years were some of the most special times for me. I earned my bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and my Master of Social Work degree from the University of Connecticut. Professionally, I worked at the UConn School of Social Work for close to 40 years, holding several senior positions until my retirement in 2021. I have been married to Robert Teitelman for almost 29 years, and we are the proud parents of two daughters, Abby and Jodi.

I am a fourth generation Emanuelite having attended Hebrew school, becoming a Bat Mitzvah, involved in USY, and I continued my Jewish education through high school at Midrasha. My involvement in leadership at The Emanuel Synagogue began with Sisterhood. I continued the legacy begun by my mother, Harriet Olins of blessed memory, serving on the Sisterhood Board, and ultimately becoming Sisterhood President, I was honored with the Woman of Distinction award in 2012 by the North Atlantic Region of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. In 2013, I received the Chayei Olam award from Torah Fund. While representing

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Dr. Rick (Refael) & Shauna (Shoshana) Blum Rabbi Richard & Lisa Plavin Sisterhood on the synagogue Board of Trustees, I developed a strong interest in continuing my involvement and was invited to join the Board.

This past year, I have been part of the Jewish Federation's Community Leadership Initiative (CLI). The program is designed for lay leaders who will be advancing to senior level positions in their synagogues or Jewish nonprofits. Together with Michalee Merritt, Vice President for Membership & Engagement, we have had the opportunity to strengthen and explore Jewish leadership values through high level workshops and outstanding trainers. I appreciate the confidence The Emanuel Synagogue has placed in us by investing in our leadership development.

No one walks this path alone. I am thankful for the leadership of Ken Simon. I look forward to continuing the path of The Emanuel as a vibrant and important part of our Jewish community.

In 2020, we engaged in a strategic planning process that specifically looked at diversity and engagement. The Emanuel Synagogue will be known as the gateway synagogue for unaffiliated and non-traditional Jews seeking social and spiritual connections, the fun synagogue, the place to be no matter how you arrived. The Emanuel will be known for its leadership in spirituality, entertainment and the arts, its amazing clergy and professional staff. The Emanuel Synagogue of 2025 will be a ladder connecting its members to each other, to the Almighty and to the rich traditions of Jewish life.

To achieve this, we need to:

 Engage, Grow, and Retain our Members — Continue to recruit new members and

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THE EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE

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Life Membership: none

Respectfully submitted by the nominating committee:

Jeff Adler, David Bomzer, Ken Malley, Michalee Merritt, Reesa Olins,
Deborah Zuckerman, Dr. Sheila Silverman, and Ken Simon
Mel Simon, Ex-Officio
Dr. Jeffrey Cohen, Chair

In accordance with Article X, Section 1, of the Emanuel Synagogue Constitution, additional eligible persons may be nominated by a written petition of not less than fifteen (15) members submitted to the Secretary of the Congregation not less than twenty (20) days prior to the annual meeting. Each such petition shall designate the nominee, the position or office for which he or she is nominated, and be signed by the proposed nominee indicating his or her willingness to serve if elected.

^{*} newly nominated for the first time this year

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helped make our month-long Israel75 celebrations a huge success. From an Israel Festival to an Israel Grill to a keynote lecture by Israeli defense expert Gideon Weiss to the exciting Cantors' Cabaret, these events made April-May a joyful time to celebrate Israel's 75th anniversary. Your giving brings us closer to our campaign goal. You help to fund all the vital activities and initiatives of our Emanuel Synagogue. Todah Rabbah!

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ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

by Ona Mastronarde

In May, Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller demonstrated and explained how music helps convey the thoughts and emotions behind our communal prayers. Calcutta born journalist Rahel Musleah told the story of her family members who moved to Palestine (Israel) on the brink of statehood. We also had the opportunity to travel virtually to Jewish Berlin in May and Jewish Amsterdam in June to learn about those communities.

The Natalie Ziplow Study group, led by Rabbi Small, ended the year with lively discussion. We look forward to resuming our study sessions in the fall.

As we plan our programming for 2023-2024, we would like to know what kinds of programs and teaching you would like to see. Please contact me at otmastron@gmail. com with your ideas.

COMING UP

Tuesday, July 11, 8:30 p.m.: Florida has the third largest Jewish population in the nation. Marcia Jo Zerivitz, the founding executive director of the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU, will give an overview of the history of Jews in Florida, as they developed early communities, boosted tourism and helped to push mankind into space.

Please check your weekly Emanuel Updates, the Emanuel Synagogue website, and the Emanuel Mishpacha Facebook page for information on upcoming programs and registration links. We remind you pre-registration is now required for Emanuel Adult Education programs on Zoom in order to ensure a secure and meaningful experience. Participants must register on the link provided in the weekly Updates or on the Emanuel website.

The Jewish Children's Service Organization (JCSO) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that awards funds to Jewish families with children, who



are facing critical financial needs. JCSO helps families with basic needs, such as food and clothing, daycare expenses, school backpacks and supplies, college scholarships, summer camp and Chanukah gifts. If you know of a Jewish family that would benefit from JCSO's help, please direct them to their website, www.



JCSOHartford.org, for an application form for basic needs or camp or college scholarships, or contact Anne Cohn at Annecohn@gmail.com for more information.

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foster relationships with clergy and staff and across generations. To be a sacred space for personal and spiritual growth, celebration and observance.

- 2. **Be Financially Sound** Operate in a fiscally responsible manner ensuring that The Emanuel can continue to serve future generations.
- 3. **Be an Inclusive Community** To open our doors to all who wish to be members and live a Jewish life, including those of different faiths or cultural backgrounds.

I am ready to embark on this journey with help from a dedicated Board of Trustees, clergy, committee chairs, staff, and hard-working volunteers. To succeed, I will need each of you to work with me. I look forward to building our relationships and welcome your input.

Together, we can make The Emanuel Synagogue *The Place to Be*! Our future will be an opportunity to maintain our traditions, innovate and welcome all. This past year, we welcomed 30 new families, including 10 children who will comprise our kindergarten class this fall. We have much to be thankful for. May we go from strength to strength.

- Reesa F. Olins

NEHAMA

Heartfelt condolences and support to the families of:

Barry Berson, father of Evan (Mindy) Berson, Jeffrey Berson and Keith (Jennifer) Berson

Ginette Bismuth, mother of Gilles (Patty Pipernos-Schatz) Pipernos

Sharon Chasen, mother of Robert (Lori) Chasen and Lester (Kim) Chasen

Joseph Doron, husband of Nilly Doron; mother of Lee (Lyn) Doron and Dana Doron

Estelle Freed, mother of Michael Freed and Andy (Tracy) Freed

Leonard Kaplan, son of Rhoda E. Kaplan

Dr. Marco Morel, husband of Sarah Morel

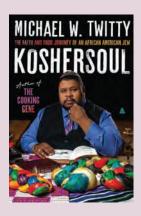
Michael Selinger, husband of Jean Selinger; father of Andrew (Tammy) Selinger; grandfather of Jodi Selinger and Brian Selinger



LISA'S JEWISH BOOKS CORNER

MICHAEL TWITTY'S KOSHERSOUL NAMED JEWISH BOOK OF THE YEAR

The Jewish Book Council recently announced the winners of the National Jewish Book Awards. *Koshersoul*, chef Michael Twitty's memoir about his career fusing Jewish and African-American culinary histories, was named the Jewish Book of 2022. Subtitled "The Faith and Food Journey of an African American Jew," Twitty's book "deep dives into theology,



identity, and of course, food — giving readers the impetus to reflect on their heritage and religion in a new way, the council said in naming *Koshersoul* the Everett Family Foundation Book of the Year.



Dani Shapiro won her second National Jewish Book Award and her first JJ Greenberg Memorial Award for Fiction, for her novel *Signal Fires*. Her novel traces the effects of a fatal car crash on a family during a 50-year time span.

Ashley Goldberg won the Goldberg Prize for Debut Fiction for his novel *Abomination*, about a scandal at

a Jewish day school and the paths taken in its aftermath by two of its students, one secular and one religious.

Miriam Ruth Black won The Miller Family Book Club Award for her novel, *Shayna*, which is about early 20th-century immigrants and is set in a shtetl and New York's Lower East Side.

In other nonfiction categories, Michael Frank was the winner in both the new Holocaust Memoir category and the Sephardic Culture category for his book, *One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World.* (As an aside, I read this book, which is based

on the author's conversation with Levi, a Holocaust survivor from the island of Rhodes, and though I learned about the pre-war Jewish community of Rhodes, I was disappointed with the writing.)

American Shtetl: The Making of Kiryas Joel, a Hasidic Village in Upstate New York, by Nomi Stolzenberg and David Myers, won for best book in American Jewish studies.

Jonathan Freedland won the Biography Award and Holocaust Award for *The Escape Artist: The Man who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World*, about Rudolf Vrba, whose eyewitness report of the death camp was largely ignored by the Allied governments. Kenneth Moss' *An Unchosen People: Jewish Political Reckoning in Interwar Poland*, won the Berman Memorial Award in History.

Danya Ruttenberg's *On Repentance and Repair*, a rabbi's rumination on apologies and forgiveness in contemporary culture, won the Contemporary Jewish Life and Practice Award.

Other winners include:

The inaugural Hebrew Fiction in Translation Jane Weitzman Award: Mayan Eitan, *Love*

Children's Picture Book Brown Family Award: Shoshana Nambi, *The Very Best Sukkah: A Story from Uganda*, illustrated by Moran Yogev

Young Adult Literature Award: It's My Whole Life: Charlotte Salomon: An Artist in Hiding During World War II

Middle Grade Literature Award: Stacy Nockowitz, The Prince of Steel Pier

Weitzman Family Award for Food Writing and Cookbooks: Benedetta Jasmine Guetta, *Cooking alla Giudia*

Berru Poetry Award: Sean Singer, *Today in the Taxi*— Compiled by 7TA and Lisa Lenkiewicz

SUPPORT EMANUEL — BUY GIFT CARDS!

The Emanuel is still selling gift cards, but only until the end of this calendar year. As of Dec. 31, 2023, Emanuel is discontinuing the gift card program as it is now. We have VISA, Amazon, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Panera, Dick's and GAP available for \$10 and \$25. These are just a few of the many cards still in stock. Please be in touch with Joanne Pasternack for any questions at sauljo66@gmail.com or (860) 243-0442.

News From The SISTERHOOD

by Fern Cohen

It is hard to believe 4 years have gone by since I was selected as Sisterhood President! It has been both a privilege and an honor to serve. Thank you to my fantastic board who supported me and helped make Sisterhood the successful group of women of whom Emanuel can boast. I have had many sisters walk with me and guide me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.



Fern and Joel Cohen at the Torah Fund dinner.



Judy Silver with Chayei Olam award winner Fern Cohen.

Rachel Arnett will be the next Sisterhood president. I will mentor her for the first year. Yishar Koach Rachel! The new board members include Linda Asmar, **VP** Membership: Jennifer Molinari and Carolyn Topol, **VP Programming**; Debbie Mehlman and Debbie Bettan, VP Torah Fund; Cheryl Rosenbaum, **Recording Secretary**; Faith Helene,

Financial Secretary; Madalyn Levy, Treasurer; Bonnie Lasker and Arlan Lieblick, Hospitality; Sue Bergman, Parliamentarian.

In April, Sisterhood held a coffee tasting program. Barista Brian Laby came with a wealth of information about coffee and brought three samples from different regions. Everyone enjoyed the coffee and the treats. Thank you to Jennifer Molinari and Bonnie Lasker for their help, and thank you all

who attended.

In May, 91 men and women attended our Torah Fund dinner. Sue Bergman and Debbie Mehlman co-chaired the event. I was thrilled to be honored as the Chayei





Beth S. Goldberg, Rona Gollob

Sisterhood New Year's Greetings 5784



Please print your name clearly as you would like it to appear in the synagogue newsletter.

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Olam recipient. Touching words were shared by Rabbi Small, Rabbi Lazowski, and my daughter, Rachel Cohen Rodney. Hazzan Risman topped it off by singing a song that has special meaning to me — "What I Did for Love," from the musical "A Chorus Line." The words expressed how fortunate I am to have music in my life and be able to share my love of it with others. Thank you to everyone for making it an unforgettable evening!

Emanuel Sisterhood exceeded our goal for Torah Fund donations for the year! Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Emanuel Sisterhood is the recipient of the "Jewels in the Crown Award" which is based on community, education and programming. Debbie Bettan and I will accept the award at the WLCJ Convention in July.

News From The BROTHERHOOD

BROTHERHOOD HOLDS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

In June, the Emanuel Brotherhood held the Annual David Rappaport Brotherhood Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This year, volunteers Ken Simon, Joel Cohen, Ken Malley, Jeff Adler, Harry Berry, Al Fichman, Mark Goldberg, Alan Goodman, Michael Kamins, Joel Kent, Martin Lazarus, Mickey Libbin, Mark Luster, Bob Tellar, Peter Mehlman, Arthur Nassau, Robert Levine, Jeremy Rubock, Harvey Schiller, David Silver, Ben Wu, Marshall Soltz, Fred Spaeth, Lev Kropsky and Mark Jacobson were honored.

Joel Kent won the raffle grand prize of two tickets to the August Jewish Heritage Day at the Yard Goats baseball game.



From left,
Mickey Libbin,
Ben Wu and
Lev Kropsky
receiving their
Brotherhood
aprons from
Ken Malley —
officially being
inducted into
the Brotherhood
Hall of Fame.

JUDAIC SHOP HAS NEW ITEMS FOR ROSH HASHANAH

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer whether traveling, sightseeing or just relaxing at the beach or pool. It is not too early to think ahead to the High Holy Days as Rosh Hashanah is just around the corner. Need a new apple and honey dish? Maybe you would like a new serving piece to adorn your holiday table. Invited to someone's home for the holiday and need a hostess gift? The Emanuel Sisterhood Judaic Shop has it all.

Come browse our new items from vendors such as Michael Aram, Emanuel, Beames and Michael Golan, to name a few. Don't forget our Sale Wall with items up to 70 percent off.

We are not open for regular hours during the summer, but we are available by appointment. Call Debbie Bettan, 860-798-9355 or Carol Fishman, 860-930-4424.

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the last to leave, not only because of his responsibilities as Zoom host and President, but because of his great love for The Emanuel, everything we stand for and the people who make us who we are, our congregants and guests. Ken attends evening minyan and has been at countless meetings where he listens intently as well as speaks passionately.

Ken and Pam are longtime members of The Emanuel and Ken treasures the memories, stories and relationships that span the years. At the same time, he recognizes the need to cultivate a new generation of leaders and is open to innovation and change to keep us vital. Early in his term, Ken initiated a series of listening sessions, where he convened our young leaders and newest Board members to hear their views and aspirations for our Emanuel Family.

Ken is a true enthusiast. I have looked forward to welcoming him to the bimah each Shabbat. I smile as he bounds up the stairs, warmly greets the congregation, welcomes guests and issues "Yishar Koach" greetings to service leaders and participants. Ken's sincere encouragement of our young people helps make them feel The Emanuel is their spiritual home.

Ken, Todah Rabbah for offering us your integrity, leadership, love and devotion! You have served "Bekhol Levavkha Uvekhol Nafshekha Uvekhol Meodekha" with all your heart, soul and might! I thank you and praise you for your wonderful service to The Emanuel Synagogue!

Reesa, I look forward to working with you as you assume the office of President of the Emanuel Synagogue! I have witnessed your capability, devotion and clarity of vision as a leader in your own family and in the Emanuel Family. I know you will be a force in helping The Emanuel deliver on our Strategic Plan to serve as "the place to be" in our Jewish community and to offer a compelling experience and strong sense of community to a new generation of rising leaders and participants. I admire your integrity, spirit and compassion and look forward to our partnership! May you go from strength to strength!

- Rabbi David J. Small



Ken Simon has turned over the reins of The Emanuel presidency to the capable hands of Reesa Olins.

EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE HOUSE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

This fiscal year has been one of positive transition — from an empty school building and very few on site events and meetings, to one of almost constant activity. Again, as we return to normal, our custodial staff has been busy with maintenance of our large facility. Additionally, the setup, knockdown and preparation for numerous events is an intensive and ongoing project, and it is seamlessly performed by our custodians Joseph, Juan and Derek. Although not part of the House Committee, Bonnie Lasker and Regina Miller are always at the ready, keeping the kitchen spotless and our event calendar constantly progressing. My thanks to them all, as without their insight and input, the House Committee could not function effectively.

We are also in the midst of several important projects, some funded from our own resources and some funded from State and Federal grant money.

The details of each project were given at meetings throughout the year. However, some are worth repeating:

- Movement of the Children's Museum Pre-School into the upper level, and the Museum into the lower level necessitated major changes to our access routes, security and control.
- We gave up our Library to accommodate the office staff of the CM. Much needed work was performed by Barbara Fink, Jennifer Molinari and our custodial staff to get the Library presentable, and the Level 3 hallway cleared. They cleaned house, and then a special burial ceremony was held at the Emanuel Cemetery by Rabbi Small and the Cemetery Committee to respectfully dispose of a truckload of items for the Genizah.
- The opportunity to air condition the entire school building came as a complete surprise, and thanks to cooperation from our tenant and our Board, we now have a completely air-conditioned building, grandfathered with the Town of West Hartford for use as a year-round school, pre-school or daycare facility.

MAZAL TOV TO...

Dr. Robert & Sandra Rudnicki, on the birth of their great-grandson, Cadence Rudnicki

Lotte Hershfield, on the engagement of her granddaughter, Samantha Hershfield to David Hosfield

Arlene & Dan Neiditz, on the birth of their greatgranddaughter, Levi Rose Budlow; and on the marriage of their grandson, Michael Budlow to Lindsay Shedlin

Ben & Joan Engel, on the birth of their granddaughter, Laura June Engel, daughter of Miriam and Joanna Engel

Many other repairs have been made to our building during the year, and they are all listed in the monthly reports.

Savings from Solar Electricity Generation

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023, the electrical energy produced by **Verogy's Solar PV system** on the roof has remained at or above expected output levels. The Verogy system generated 78% of the electricity used by the building at a cost to the Emanuel of \$19,000. The remaining 22% of electricity used was purchased from Eversource from July to December, and contracted from a lower cost third party supplier from January to June for total of \$17,000.

The total of the electric bills paid during the fiscal year was \$36,000, an annual savings of \$32,000 over the amount that would have been paid if the utility supplied all of the electricity for the building.

We also are completing the following projects:

Replacement of the Sanctuary and Koret Hall HVAC units.

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FRESH AIR VENTILATION IN OUR BUILDING

by Howard Smith, House Chair

Every room or area in the synagogue building is receiving constant fresh outside air during occupied periods, through the heating and air conditioning systems. The recommended amount of fresh air is 25%, and this is what our equipment is designed for. At any higher air intake rate, the equipment would not have the capacity to heat or cool the air or to function properly.

Our filters are changed twice annually.

Compared to the average home which usually has no provisions to bring in outside air, the air in the synagogue is safer and cleaner. Our high ceilings, and the ample size of the rooms, enables us to spread out and continually breathe clean fresh air.

We may feel cold in the sanctuary because the fans are constantly running and dehumidifying the air, thus giving a cooling effect to the entire room. Because the *bimah* tends to have less air circulation, we have added two circulating fans to increase the air movement, with positive results.

These precautions are not guaranteed to prevent the transfer of Covid, if present, but we do hope our valued members and guests will feel more comfortable attending our many different functions and religious services as the year moves forward and as more members and guests return to our *shul*.

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- Replacement of the video security system and the access control system, installation of a cell phone signal booster system, and safety fencing/barricades is ongoing, funded by a FEMA 2022 grant. Tom Mastronarde heads this project.
- Installation of the Mutualink Emergency Call System is complete. Testing and instructions will follow.
- A new Yahrzeit Digital Display for the Sanctuary and Chapel has been ordered by the Ritual Committee, and the House Committee will coordinate the installation and wiring.
- Repair damaged pavement in parking area.

Projects Completed:

- The Silverman Hall cooling tower has been replaced. Previously, we replaced the 40-ton compressor and added a complete new digital temperature control system in order to give new life to a system which was designed and installed in the 1950s.
- A water cooler/bottle filler has been installed in the 300 Level for use by our students and staff.
- A new HVAC for the kitchen has been installed. Thank you to the Minyonaires for funding this project.

- The overhead door at the rear of the building has been repaired and secured.
- An attractive and functional storage building has been purchased and installed near the kitchen entrance.
- The Beth Hillel Activity Room HVAC unit has been replaced.
- All outside lighting has been upgraded with new stateof-the-art LED lighting.

Future Projects Include:

- Improvements to grassy area near the playground, to be used for outdoor events — possible patio fundraiser by selling engraved bricks.
- Repair of deteriorated brickwork outside auditorium.

Many thanks to Rick Lasker, Alan Goodman, Joel Kent, Tom Mastronarde and Joseph Ward for their work on the committee this past year, and to Joyce Hyde for preparing the grant applications. Also, thank you to Kobi Benita, Ken Simon and the many Board Members for their support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Smith, House Committee Chair



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		1 14 Av Shacharit 7am Ritual Committee 7:45 pm	2 15 Av Shacharit 7am Tu B'Av	3 16 Av Shacharit 7am Executive Committee 7:30pm	4 17 Av Shacharit 7am	5 18 Av Parashat Eikev Services 9am
		Mincha/Maariv 7pm	Mincha/Maariv 7pm	Mincha/Maariv 7pm	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv 6pm Candles 7:48pm	Mincha/Maariv 8pm Havdalah 8:45pm
6 19 Av Shacharit 8am	7 20 Av Shacharit 7am	8 21 Av Shacharit 7am Sisterhood Board 7:30pm	9 22 Av Shacharit 7am	10 23 Av Shacharit 7am Adult Ed board 7:30pm	11 24 Av Shacharit 7am	12 25 Av Parashat Re'eh Services 9am
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13 26 Av Shacharit 8am	14 27 Av Shacharit 7am	Shacharit 7am Board of Trustees 7:30pm	16 29 Av Shacharit 7am	17 30 Av Shacharit 7am Rosh Chodesh Elul	18 1 Elul Shacharit 7am Rosh Chodesh Elul Community Shabbat Dinner 6:15pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv 5pm	19 2 Elul Parashat Shoftim Services 9am Mincha/Maariv 7:45pm
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27 10 Elul Shacharit 8am	28 11 Elul Shacharit 7am	29 12 Elul Shacharit 7am	30 13 Elul Shacharit 7am	31 14 Elul Sbacharit 7am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am		
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						Mincha/Maariv 8:30pm Havdalah 9:10pm
2 13 Tammuz Shacharit 8am	3 14 Tammuz Shacharit 7am	4 15 Tammuz Shacharit 8am Independence Day Office Closed	5 16 Tammuz Shacharit 7am	6 17 Tammuz Shacharit 7am Fast: 17th of Tammuz Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Executive Comm 7:30pm	7 18 Tammuz Shacharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/	8 19 Tammuz Parashat Pinchas Services 9am
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