

RABBI'S MESSAGE



It is now close to two months since the tragedy of September 11. It has been a very difficult time. There has been little let up as the process of recovering the victims from Ground Zero proceeds at a snail's pace and the threats of biological terror seem to be evident. Bombs are dropping in

Afghanistan and thousands of refugees are being created daily. Times are difficult for those who are concerned with the State of Israel and its security as well as the welfare of its Palestinian neighbors. Simply put, we seem to be in a mess of gigantic proportions. As is the case in such circumstances, we look for a reason for all of this. We blame others, ourselves, Western cultural hegemony, and/or corrupt Arab leadership. Some blame G'd, others the forces of the Devil. Overall, it seems, there is enough blame to go around. But this is not a blame game. It is fruitless at this point to enter into moral accounting. Right now, the only option is to do what is necessary to gird ourselves both physically and spiritually for the long haul. We have to start working now on the rest of our lives. In that regard, these times are no different than any others

Whether or not September 11 and its subsequent ramifications are transformational is difficult to know with our limited and frail human faculties. What we do know is that we need each other during times of loss and anxiety. What we do know is that we need a community of faith to be part of, one that does not give in to despair, as we continue to put the pieces together. What we do know is that we are capable of generosity and loving kindness. We have exhibited a sense of solidarity that has surprised many of us. We are beginning to emerge from the shock and numbness with a renewed appreciation of our American community that celebrates diversity. We must strive to recall this as we encounter voices that may not share our specific convictions or commitments to strategies being employed by our government. We must unconditionally condemn these acts of terror while being open to

BY REB MOSHE WALDOKS

rising skepticism about some of the tactics we are employing in this war.

If there is any spiritual lesson to be derived from these horrors, it is that we live with impermanence. This fact should re-ignite our awareness and appreciation of all that we do have. Much of our lives can be enhanced by renewed gratitude for all of our blessings. Our hugs have to be tighter now, our laughs heartier, and our tears richer.

We have to use the power of our tradition, our tenaciousness as a people, and our commitment to hope as a platform to build a renewed and heightened vision of the possibilities yet to come. This does not violate the memory of those we have lost. Rather, it will be the most proper testimony to the life energy they exhibited and was cruelly extinguished.

We end our Shabbat morning service with the Adon Olam. Its final words, "YHVH lee velo ee-rah, Yah is with me I shall not Fear," must continue to echo as we proceed to live as fully as we can.

With blessings,
Reb Moshe



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

BY MYRA MUSICANT & HOWARD COHEN

The high holiday season is over and things are beginning to quiet down at our shul. We want to thank everyone who helped ensure that our high holiday services ran smoothly and were spiritually fulfilling. We especially want to thank Reb Ellen and Reb Moshe who managed the Shacharit/Musaf service schedule with aplomb. We also want to thank Annette Ezekiel and Paula Kravitz in the office for all their hard work, working under a lot of pressure and deadlines. We hope everyone felt well served by the synagogue and that any minor glitches will be forgiven or overlooked.

The Kol Nidre appeal was very successful. We
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raised nearly \$50,000, double the amount raised last year but short of the amount needed to totally erase our projected FY 2002 deficit. In the next Koleinu we intend to provide a detailed discussion of the shul's finances.

The Rabbi's are providing an additional opportunity for us to study with them. One hour prior to Shabbat morning services (usually at 9:00 a.m.) Reb Moshe and Reb Ellen are holding a forty-five minute study group in the Sanctuary. The initial topic is the Sid-dur. Other topics will follow. Coffee is served!.

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NOVEMBER 2001 – 15 Heshvan 5762 – 15 Kislev 5762

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 (Heshvan 15) 7:00 pm Synagogue Practices Committee mtg	2 (Heshvan 16)	3 (Heshvan 17) 9 am meditation 10 am-6 pm Shabbat Service and Shabbaton
4 (Heshvan 18)	5 (Heshvan 19) 6:45 pm Minyan	6 (Heshvan 20)	7 (Heshvan 21) 7:15 am Meditation Minyan	8 (Heshvan 22) 7:30 am-9:00 am Education Committee meeting 7:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee meeting	9 (Heshvan 23) 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Friday night dinner	10 (Heshvan 24) 9 am Shabbat Morning Study 10 am Shabbat Service 4:30 pm Shabbat study & havdalah
11 (Heshvan 25) 10 am Board Meeting	12 (Heshvan 26) 6:45 pm Minyan	13 (Heshvan 27)	14 (Heshvan 28) 7:15 am Meditation Minyan	15 (Heshvan 29) 6:30-7:30 pm Torah Trope Class 7:30-9:30 pm Women's Study Group	16 (Kislev 1) 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Torah Study	17 (Kislev 2) 9 am Shabbat Morning Study 10 am Shabbat Service – Jillian Lenson Bat Mitzvah 1:00 pm B'nei Mitzvah family Meeting 4-5:15 pm Shabbat Study & havdalah
18 (Kislev 3) 7:00pm Sunday Conversations (See below)	19 (Kislev 4) 6:45 pm Minyan	20 (Kislev 5)	21 (Kislev 6) 7:15 am Meditation Minyan	22 (Kislev 7) Thanksgiving	23 (Kislev 8) 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Torah Study	24 (Kislev 8) 9 am Shabbat Morning Study 10 am Shabbat Service
25 (Kislev 10)	26 (Kislev 11) 6:45 pm Minyan	27 (Kislev 12)	28 (Kislev 13) 7:15 am Meditation Minyan	29 (Kislev 14)	30 (Kislev 15) 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Torah Study	

Sunday Conversations: Contemporary Jewish Issues is a series sponsored by the TBZ Education Committee. Members with expertise in a specific area will discuss a topic, providing a forum for intellectual exchange and community building. On November 18, 2001, Susan Linn will lead a discussion on “The Commercialization of Childhood: How Marketing to Children Undermines Spiritual Values.” Corporations spend over \$12 billion a year marketing to children. No matter what they are advertising, ads tell children that things will make them happy, that they should put their own needs first, and that self worth is defined by possessions. This talk will detail what is known about the harms of marketing to children and explore ways of coping with it. Susan Linn, EdD, is an instructor in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Associate Director of the Media Center of Judge Baker's Children's Center. She is the founding member of the coalition Stop Commercial Exploitation of Children.

HESED COMMITTEE— KVUTZOT PROGRESS

BY ELLEN BASSUK

As Reb Ellen Pildis described on Yom Kippur, we have formed small groups or *kvutzot* in order for people to get to know each other and to build a spiritual community in which TBZ members feel connected to each other. During the last week in October, we met with potential *kvutzot* co-leaders to discuss their roles and responsibilities. By early November, you should receive a list of members of your *kvutzah* and the names of its co-leaders. We hope that each *kvutzah* will begin meeting in November. With your enthusiastic participation, we believe that we can enhance TBZ's ability to become a truly compassionate and caring community. Please be in touch with any concerns and comments.

NIHUMIM- CONDOLENCES

- TO AUDREY WAGNER ON THE LOSS OF HER AUNT
- TO HOWARD COHEN ON THE LOSS OF HIS BROTHER, DR. DONALD COHEN
- TO AGI SARDI ON THE LOSS OF HER MOTHER, JUDITH SARDI

MAZEL TOV!

- TO SUSAN KAPLAN AND DAVID BLOCK ON THEIR WEDDING
- TO ROBERT LENSON AND DEBBIE JACOBSON ON THE BAT-MITZVAH OF THEIR DAUGHTER, JILLIAN
- TO AMY SHEIBER AND FREDERIC GOLD ON THEIR WEDDING

STUDY WITH THE RABBIS!

Shabbat mornings at 9 am and Shabbat afternoons at 4 pm, see the calendar for details.

SYNAGOGUE PRACTICES COMMITTEE: THANK YOU

BY JUDY WURTMAN AND DEBORAH CHASSLER

The logistics of the High Holiday services can be formidable any year. But this year the split service of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur along with brand new seats and seating increased the possibilities for chaos or at best confusion. However, thanks to a group of extremely hardworking volunteers, the many facets of the High Holiday services were carried out effectively and efficiently.

Our ushering committee heads Jane Liebschutz and Shelley Odze helped people find their seats. Our readings committee, headed by Enid Shulman, facilitated the readings by congregants. The honors committee, headed by Marty Pildis and Naomi Cotter, informed people of their duties. Board members, Gabe Belt and Jay Zagorsky were on hand to help whenever needed. And thanks to Lois Cohen who made the beautiful name tags for the ushers and organized the Kol Nidre appeal envelopes.

Temple Beth Zion is immensely grateful to these chair people and all of the volunteers who worked with them for many weeks to make sure that everything went so well during the High Holidays!

Many thanks to Mieke Verfaellie, Noam and Boaz Sender, Carl Blanchard, Helen Levy, Myrna Finn, Phyllis Brawarsky, Randi Cohen, Evelyn Frankford, Roger Zimmerman, Barbara Sternfield, Marjorie Brody, Robert Katz, Len Rosen, Linda Rosen, Beth Reisen, Fran Kantor, Fran Adams, Fiona Epstein, Erica Fox, Osvaldo, Silvia, Talia, Yoni and Anna Golijov, Ted Siegel, Beverly Sky, Jon Garfunkel, Gary Brandeis, Judah LeBlang, Linda Norman, John Sano, Barney Stein, Rinah Karson, Ari Shapiro, and Michel Scheinmann.

Our apologies to those whose names we have neglected to list here. Please contact us and we will mention you in the next newsletter.