## **August - September Minyan Times**

6:50 pm

6:55 pm

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MORNINGS (times constant)	
Sunday	8:30 am
Monday – Friday (July – August)	7:00 am
Monday – Friday (September)	6:40 am
*Except September 5	8:30 am
*Except September 26-30	6:30 am
Shabbat	9:00 am
EVENINGS (times constant)	
Friday (through September 2)	7:15 pm
EVENINGS (times vary)	
Shabbat, July 23	8:00 pm
Sunday, July 24	8:00 pm
Monday - Thursday, July 25-28	8:10 pm
Shabbat, July 30	7:55 pm
Sunday - Thursday, July 31-August 4	8:05 pm
Shabbat, August 6	7:45 pm
Sunday - Thursday, August 7-11	7:55 pm
Saturday – Sunday, August 13-14 see Tisha B'Av	Schedule
Monday – Thursday, August 15-18	7:45 pm
Shabbat, August 20	7:25 pm
Sunday – Thursday, August 21-25	7:35 pm
Shabbat, August 27	7:15 pm
Sunday – Thursday, August 29-September 1	7:20 pm
Shabbat, September 3	7:05 pm
Sunday – Thursday, September 4-8	7:10 pm
Friday, September 9	7:05 pm

#### Tish'a B'Av Schedule

Mincha	5:30 pm
Fast begins	8:06 pm
Shabbat ends	8:48 pm
Ma'ariv and Eicha	9:10 pm
Shacharit and kinot 8:30 am	
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:35 pm
Fast ends	8:47 pm
	Shabbat ends Ma'ariv and <i>Eicha</i> Shacharit and <i>kinot</i> 8:30 am Mincha/Ma'ariv

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMMING IN THE AFTERNOON

Sunday, August 13, 2016

Subject to changes and additions, which will be distributed by e-mail prior to Tish'a B'Av. For information and latest schedule, contact Rabbi Silber at rabbisilber@stny.rr.com

6:00 PM: "Opening the Door: How Ahavas Yisrael Opens the Door to the Geulah".

Ahavas Yisrael - love of fellow Jews; Geulah - Redemption). Sponsored by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation

Shabbat, September 17	6:40 pm
Sunday – Thursday, September 18-22	6:45 pm
Friday, September 23	6:40 pm
Shabbat, September 24	6:25 pm
Sunday – Thursday, September 25-29	6:35 pm
Friday, September 30	6:30 pm
Shabbat, October 1	6:15 pm

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Shabbat, September 10

Friday, September 16

Sunday – Thursday, September 11-15



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## From the Rabbi

Tish'a B'Av is a challenging experience for most Jews. Not only because it occurs during the summer months when many travel and vacation, enjoying the warmth of the sun and the serenity of the night illuminated by the bright stars. It is also a challenge to mourn for something that happened so long ago.

We have each experienced sad events, but we get over them after some time. Even the loss of a loved one, which we never forget, does not cause us to mourn on the Yahrtzeit. We remember, we even experience some sadness, but after years have passed we no longer mourn.

Yet, Judaism demands of us to mourn the destruction of the Temples even 2,000 and more years later. This is difficult to do, and challenging in understanding its purpose.

Perhaps if we examine what the loss of the Temples means we can better understand this mitzvah. One of the consequences of the destruction of the Temples is the inability to have the advantages that they offered. Examining one of the purposes of the Temple, derived from the command to build the tabernacle in the desert, is to have a place which is understood to be God's home. Interestingly, when God tells us to build the tabernacle, He does not say "so that I can live there," rather He says "so that I may dwell within them." When God's presence is in the Temple, God dwells within us, within

With the destruction of the Temple, we no longer have the spirit of God within us, resulting in allowing us to act in destructive, hateful and dangerous ways.

The sages tell us that the Temple was destroyed because of hatred between people. The result of the destruction was the removal of God's spirit from within us. Without God in our hearts to guide our actions, we see an ever-increasing growth of hatred within society, leading to more violence and more destruction.

The Temple was available not just to the Jewish people. Rather, as we say in the High Holiday liturgy, "for My home is a house of prayer for all the nations." Any person entering, Jew and non-Jew alike, was able to achieve having God's spirit within their hearts to lead them in actions that were kind, helpful and loving.

Without God in our hearts, we seem to be incapable of bringing love to the world, unable to stem violence and prejudice, anger and destruction.

As noted by President Obama in his speech after the killing of police

## From the President

I hope that you are all enjoying your summer. We are having a few projects starting this summer that I would like you to know about because they are exciting. First the mikvah renovation is due to start in a few weeks and will be completed by the Holidays. We have been speaking about this for years so we are so happy that it is finally due to start.

The second project is two stained glass windows that we will be receiving soon from the old Beth El Synagogue in Endicott. They are being cleaned and framed and we will hang them up in the Shul

Thanks to Laura Gregor who saw a need for extra railings going up the stairs in the Shul and also railings to both sides of the woman's section. We are having a carpenter install beautiful wooden railings so that it will be much safer for our congregants. We are pretty sure that they will be finished by the middle of September. Thank you, Laura, for covering the cost of this much needed addition.

During the year we have painted a portion of the Shul and during the next month we will finish the paint job so that by the Holidays all will be just beautiful!! Please enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope that you will enjoy all the new additions that will be happening.

Saba Wiesner, President

#### officers in Dallas:

I am reminded of what the Lord tells Ezekiel. "I will give you a new heart," the Lord says, "and put a new spirit in you. I will remove from you your heart of stone, and give you a heart of flesh." That's what we must pray for, each of us. A new heart. Not a heart of stone, but a heart open to the fears and hopes and challenges of our fellow citizens.

This new heart must be a gift of God, one that we can only regain when we allow God to again dwell within us. And this is what we have lost with the destruction of the Holy Temple 2,000 years ago, and why we still mourn today.

Sadly, this loss has resulted in a constantly repeating period of mourning for the Jewish people, the State of Israel and the entire world. May our mourning on Tish'a B'Av be a catalyst to restore love for our fellows, each of whom was created with a tzelem elokim - in the image of God -- and the restoration of the Temple that will again allow for the presence of God to dwell within each and every one of us.

Rabbi Zev Silber

## Sisterhood

Our Sisterhood season ended with our final Rummage sale. It has been a staggering 45 years of Rummage sales, all of which were chaired and coordinated by Marlene Serkin.

It was an unbelievable achievement on Marlene's part. Rummage sales involved much more than setting prices and taking cash. Marlene took care of all the prior sale details – setting the date, getting out all the publicity, rounding up workers to sort and put out the rummage, having help the days of the sale and for clearing out after it was over. An unbelievable amount of work, all done by Marlene Serkin for 45 years! On the way she made so many friends who came back year after year. The sales will be missed, but more than that, Marlene's presence will be missed. And all this she did, not for any kind of thanks or praise for herself, but for dedication, loyalty and love for the shul. An incredible achievement from an incredible woman, A TRUE WOMAN OF VALOR!

A new season is upon us and the Program committee is busy with plans. But everyone's help and ideas are needed. So come and join with us for Sisterhood's coming year.

Have a great rest of the summer.

Claire Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

#### Rummage Sale June 26-28, 2016

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the many years of their help and contributions to the Beth David Rummage/ Recycle Sales. After much thought and soul searching, I have decided that after over 45 years of chairing these sales, and seeing both the patrons and the money declining, it is time to give them up. To the following who pitched in when asked on this, our final sale, thank you:

Sandy Boysick Marie Werner Rita Shawn
Susan Wright Michael Wright Gina Santiago
Kathie Shelly Marti Klionsky Meryl Sasnowitz
Bob Kutz Gerry Hubal Susan Hubal
Valerie Preston Maxine Kaplan Ruth Goldstein
Alice Bonis Cathy Velenchik Claire Ladenheim

Inna Meecham, Darlene Cady and Nancy Nagel – friends who always help

Marlene Serkin, chairman

## Mitzvah Fund

Toby Kohn, 754-4297 or tgkohn@stny.rr.com Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

#### Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi Ami & Sarah Lynn Adamit on their upcoming move to Israel

Elisa Alweis on receiving her driver's license

Rabbi Adamit with thanks for helping with our trip

Rhonda Levine in honor of her son's earning his Ph.D. from Harvard

Rabbi Zev & Judy Silber in honor of their granddaughters graduations

Gerry & Susan Hubal in honor of their grandson's graduation

Claire Ladenheim in honor of her granddaughter's graduation and being named Valedictorian

Dan & Eileen Miller in honor of Cara's graduation from Hillel Academy

Inessa Raytenberg in honor of her new business

Mrs. Gittie Bonrouhi in honor of her grandson, Netanel's, marriage to Shira

#### Thank You to:

Meryl Sasnowitz for providing Pas Yisroel snacks

#### Refuah Shelemah to:

Louis Rosenberg

Cameron Mogaban Dora Feuer

#### Condolences to:

Francine Stein in memory of her husband, Steve

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Rosefsky & Family in memory of dear wife/mother

Remember!
Do not bring any more rummage to the synagogue.

Dear Sisterhood.

Thank you so much for the cards that have been sent to my mother. She simply loves hearing from all of you. If there's a name I'm not familiar with – no problem, Mom lets us know exactly who each of you are. She cherishes the contact.

Thanks again, David DeLeon

This note, accompanied by a donation, was sent by David DeLeon, son of Jeanette DeLeon. I am sure she would like to hear from more of us so I am printing her address here. Please drop her a line.

Jeanette DeLeon, Rm 240 North Allied Services Skilled Nursing and Rehab 303 Smallacombe Dr., Scranton, PA 18508

## Beth David Family

Judy and Rabbi Silber began their summer adventure with a family celebration of their grandson Yehuda Amitai's one year cancer free mark. We pray he continues on this wonderful path. The Silbers finished their vacation with a cousin bonding in San Diego. Cathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy bonded with nature during their Adirondack tour. They also popped into NYC several times for their theater fix.

Kylie and Jeremy Ullmann, and baby Oscar, relocated to the Boston area from their Australian home. This transition brought Arieh Ullmann and Rhonda Levine much joy.

Rika and Steve Katz announced the birth of a granddaughter, Gabriella. After two sets of twins, the baby is the first single for parents Tamar and Eitan Banks. And speaking of firsts, Janet and Ken Wilson are thrilled to announce the birth of their first grandchild, a girl, to Amy and Gabriel Wilson, of Australia. Rachel and Avi Nadel, of Kohav ha Shachar, Israel, welcomed a son into their family. Grandmother Lillian Sommer greeted the news of his arrival with much joy. Another new edition to the Beth David extended family is Issachar Meir, son of Elaine and Shai Mandel and grandson of Charney & Pincus Oppenheim, all of Jerusalem. May the babies grow to Bar/ Bat Mitzvah and *chupah* and to 120 in good health!

Hadassah and Dan Gold, along with Tziona, spent a month in Israel preparing for their late summer move to the Land of our Ancestors. Tzvat is the destination of their new home. Sarah Lynn and Rabbi Ami Adamit will move back to Eretz Yisroel at the end of the summer. Many of our shul's behindthe-scenes needs were taken care of by the Golds and the Adamits. Dan Gold checked our eruv weekly to ensure its kashrut for the whole community's use. He and Rabbi Adamit were respected members of our shul's Cheva Kaddisha, and Dan oversaw the maintenance of the cemetery grounds, a job he learned about from his predecessor, Steve Feuer. Rabbi Adamit seemed to have a knack for finding newcomers in the community and hosting them in his home along with Sarah Lynn. Hadassah Gold scheduled our kitchen use to avoid congestion in the workspace. We bid the Golds and the Adamits Tzetschem L'Shalom. And, I ask that each of you consider stepping up to help fill some of the void left empty by the two families so our shul can continue to be the warm and welcoming place its always been.

May the upcoming three weeks leading up to Tisha B'Av bring us inner reminders of our Peoples' struggles to maintain our Holy Land in peace and lead us to prayers to ask for its safety.

Meryl Sasnowitz

### **Beth David Family Graduates 2016**

Jeremy Levine, Ph.D. Harvard University, son of Rhonda Levine and Arieh Ullmann

Jaren Paul Hubal, son of Robert and Elaine Hubal, of Raleigh, grandson of Susan and Gerry Hubal

Arielle Gottesman from Beth Jacob High School of Los Angeles as the Valedictorian, great granddaughter of Claire Ladenheim

Anna Lewis from BHS, daughter of Lori and Dick Lewis

Emily Lewis from U of Rochester, daughter of Lori and Dick Lewis

Brian Adam Miller Vestal HS, son of Eileen and Dan Miller

Cara Rachael Miller from Hillel Academy, daughter of Eileen and Dan Miller

Ester Bryna Tuchman from Bais Yaakov D'Rav Meir High School of Brooklyn, daughter of Rabbi Michael and Leslie Tuchman, granddaughter of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz

# "We Remember You" Holiday Food Collection Underway

Please deposit non-perishable Jewish High holiday food items in the specially marked boxes at any of the following locations by Sept. 18. Your donation will show our Jewish neighbors that they are remembered and we want their holidays to be special too.



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