Shabbat Under the Stars - June 28, 2019

At Cove Island Park
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TBE Minyannaires
Devoted to Leading Our Weekday Morning Services

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Benefitting the Bennett Cancer Center
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Living on Jewish Time

How often have we been hearing that familiar refrain lately: “My, the holidays are late this year.” Ever since Passover, the crescendo has been building. With Rosh Hashanah bumping up against Octoberfest and Hanukkah taking us to the doorstep of 2020, the cry is sure to continue for another few months at least.

With our brains and bodies stuck on the monotonous, relentless tick of secular time, it’s natural to wonder if the Jewish holidays ever fall on schedule. But when life sways to the rhythms of the Jewish calendar, the question never arises. For most, the idea of Jewish time has more to do with tardy board meetings than an intricate system of ritual, emotion and instruction affixed to the cycles of nature. The hour has come for Jews to begin living on Jewish time. That venerated goal of Jewish continuity can hardly be served when our peak religious experiences are always being measured in secular seconds. Until we begin thinking of Rosh Hashanah as neither early or late, but right on target – two months after Tisha b’Av and half-a-year from Passover – we’re grafting Judaism artificially into a corner of our beings. For Judaism to breathe, it must be lived on its own terms, on its own schedule.

That said, so nu, why are holidays so late this year?

Since you asked, yes, it’s true, Rosh Hashanah is “late” this year, beginning at sunset on September 29. But we’re not close to a record. The latest Gregorian date that Rosh Hashanah has occurred is October 5.

The rabbis calculated the lunar month to be 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes and 3.33 seconds (and they were less than a half-a-second off). The Jewish year consists of 12 of those lunar months, or approximately 354 days. With the secular, solar calendar lasting 365 days, the lunar calendar falls 11 days behind the solar one each year. The rabbis figured that an additional month should be added seven times in each 19-year cycle in order to keep agricultural festivals in their seasons. Passover must come in the spring and Sukkot in the fall (unless you live in the Southern Hemisphere, but let’s not complicate things). The sages actually were a little off in these calculations, and eventually Passover will fall in June. Fortunately, that’s one of those problems we can afford to leave to subsequent generations, like the national debt. The rabbis figured that by the time this happens, say 15,000 years from now, the Messiah will have come.

The rabbis based their calculations on the Metonic cycle, designed by the Greek astronomer Meton of Athens (fifth century BC). They observed that a period of 19 years is almost exactly equal to 235 synodic months (based on the earth’s orbit around the sun, which takes 24 hours and 2.5 minutes) and, rounded to full days, counts 6,940 days. The difference between the two periods (of 19 solar years and 235 synodic months) is only a few hours. This system was used in the Babylonian calendar, some ancient Chinese calendar systems and the medieval calculation of the date of Easter. By employing this system, the Jewish calendar deviates from the

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SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL SERVICES

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 6
BBQ and Barachu 5:30 p.m.
Featuring Katie Kaplan, Cantorial Soloist

Shabbat, September 7
Services 9:30 a.m.
Featuring Rabbi/Cantor Vicki Axe

SYDNEY MARKS, BAT MITZVAH

Friday, September 13
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m.
Featuring Beth Styles, Music Director

Shabbat, September 14
Services, 9:30 a.m.
Featuring Rabbi/Cantor Vicki Axe

MICHAEL LUTHER, BAR MITZVAH

Friday, September 20
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, September 21
Services 9:30 a.m.
Rabbi/Cantor Vicki Axe

MADELINE WINARSKY, BAT MITZVAH
ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.
Selichot Service 9:00 p.m.
At Congregation Beth El, Norwalk

Friday, September 27
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, September 28
Services 9:30 a.m.
Guest D’var Torah by Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg

Sunday, September 29 - Erev Rosh Hashanah
Rosh Hashanah Services 6:30 p.m.
Guest D’var Torah by Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg

OCTOBER

Monday, September 30 - Rosh Hashanah, day 1
Services 8:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Children/Family Programming 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Musaf 10:30 a.m.
Tashlich: Immediately following Musaf

Tuesday, October 1 - Rosh Hashanah, day 2
Services 8:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Children/Family Programming 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Musaf 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat, October 5
Services 9:30 a.m.
Guest D’var Torah by Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg

Tuesday, October 8 - Kol Nidrei
Services 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9 - Yom Kippur
Services 8:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Children/Family Programming 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Discussion during break:
What is Self Denial? with Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg

Mincha: 4:15 p.m.  Yizkor: 5:30 p.m.
Neilah: 6:00 p.m.  Shofar: 7:06 p.m.

Friday, October 11
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Beth Styles, Music Director

Shabbat, October 12
Services 9:30 a.m.
Featuring Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray

Monday, October 14 - Sukkot, day 1
Services 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 15 - Sukkot, day 2
Services 9:30 a.m.

Friday, October 18
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Katie Kaplan, Cantorial Soloist
Amy Spitalnick, Guest Speaker

Shabbat, October 19
Services 9:30 a.m.
ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

Monday, October 21 - Shemini Atzeret
Services 9:30 a.m. - Yizkor
Featuring Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray
Simchat Torah Services 6:30 p.m.
Featuring Katie Kaplan, Cantorial Soloist

Tuesday, October 22 - Simchat Torah
Services 9:30 a.m.

Friday, October 25
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Beth Styles, Music Director

Shabbat, October 26
Breakfast and Schmooze 9:15 a.m.
Shabbat-in-the-Round 9:30 a.m.
Featuring Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray
TBE CONNECT

TBE Connect is a new initiative designed to bring together congregants of Temple Beth El. The initiative was conceived after many congregants asked for more opportunities to socialize and connect with other Temple members.

TBE Connect intends to create and facilitate connections across demographic groups through fun, engaging programming. Our goal is to facilitate lasting friendships that extend beyond the synagogue’s four walls.

Our TBE Connect Committee is currently forming, led by Denise Greenman, Carol Krim and Renee Migdal. We are looking for additional enthusiastic people and ideas. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved, please contact Denise Greenman at dgreenman13@gmail.com. And look for a TBE Connect section in our weekly Shabbat Announcements for more news and information.

Jami Fener, LCSW

Upcoming events for young families!

Sunday, September 8
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

YOUNG FAMILIES SUNDAY FUNDAY
Geared to families with children ages 5 and under (siblings welcome!)
Meet other young families as we all play and explore together! Enjoy ball pits, a bounce house, basketball, rides, and toys galore! Fun for every age and developmental level. This event will take place at Crystal’s Fun Spot at the Stamford Town Center (located on the 5th floor above the Apple store).

ShaBaBimBam
A Shabbat program for families with children 5 and younger (older siblings welcome)
Shabbat mornings 11am - 12pm
followed by Kiddush lunch - open to the community
led by Natasha Fenster & Steve Epstein
Join us for a warm family Shabbat experience in the TBE Clubhouse (in the rear of the building)
Dates: September 21; October 19; November 2 & 23; December 7 & 21; January 4 & 25; February 8 & 22; March 7 & 21; April 4; May 9; June 6

JAM SESH with BabyBimBam!
Sunday, November 17, 10:30 - 11:30 am
Join other families with babies and toddlers 18 months and younger as we play and jam together! Enjoy music, toys, and some quality time with other friends in the TBE Clubhouse, located in the back of TBE.

As part of our continuing security upgrades, we have completed a new and improved emergency stairway by the Club House (ShaBaBimBam Room). This also serves as one of the emergency exits from the Social Hall.

SAVE THIS DATE!
PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
Thursday, September 12
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Pottery Painting
at
Lucky Penny
1012 Hope Street, Stamford
BYOB! Snacks will be served.
Free registration. Fee: Cost of item to paint at event.
Register at www.tinyurl.com/tbeparents912
For details, contact Jami Fener at 917-680-9413
Beth El Cares focuses on chesed and tzedakah by helping the poor and unfortunate through mitzvot, both in our synagogue and the greater Stamford community. We welcome volunteers! This is the work we are currently engaged in. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these endeavors, please contact the person listed.

Reyut (Friendship): Committed to serving the needs of those in our TBE community, including friendly visits, assistance with errands and transportation, Shabbat bag delivery to hospitalized patients. Contact Melanie Massell at reyut@tbe.org or 203-324-7190.

Project Ezra: Providing pre-shiva meals to the bereaved in the congregation. Contact Joy Katz at joyakatz@yahoo.com or 203-329-3359.

Serving the homeless: Helping prepare and serve food — you can do either or both — to the homeless at New Covenant Center in Stamford on the fifth Thursday of each month. Times are 2:30-4:15 pm and 4:15-5:30 pm. Contact Amy Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or 203-496-1309.

High Holiday and Passover food drives: Contact Ken Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or 203-962-1491.

Christmas dinners at local homeless shelters: Contact Amy Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or 203-496-1309.

If you have your own idea for a Beth El Cares project, please contact Ken Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or call 203-962-1491.

TBE offers free family membership for the first year to any member’s child on the occasion of his or her marriage. For more information, contact Steve Lander at 203-322-6901, ext. 304.

Go to www.tbe.org/donate and click on member payments. Questions? Contact Linda at 203-322-6901, ext. 302 or lindar@tbe.org.

Do you like getting a warm “Shabbat Shalom” as you enter shul on Saturday morning? Our greeting program has been extremely well received. To keep this program going, we need volunteer greeters like you.

Interested? Contact Devra Jaffe-Berkowitz at devrajaffe@gmail.com

Thanks for helping make Temple Beth El a warm and welcoming place to be.
B’NAI MITZVAH

September 7, 2019
SYDNEY MARKS
Daughter of Naomi and Jonathan
Sister of: Xavier
Attends: Dolan Middle School
Mitzvah Project: 4Ocean

September 14, 2019
MICHAEL LUTHER
Son of Dana and Rob
Attends: Scofield Magnet Middle School
Mitzvah Project: David’s Treasure Chest Toy Closet at Stamford Hospital

September 21, 2019
MADELINE WINARSKY
Daughter of: Robyn and Mark
Sister of: Benjamin
Attends: Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy
Mitzvah Project: Hooties for Hearts

TBE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

A Religious School where students can get a great education and have fun at the same time!

OPENING DAY!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 9:00am

Sessions meet:
Sundays 9am - 12pm  K - 7th grade
Thursdays 4pm - 6pm  3 - 7th grade

BECOME PART OF THE ADVENTURE!
New Student Registration:
tinyurl.com/tbeschoolreg2019
(Returning students in grades 1-7 do not need to register.)

TBE’s new STEAM* Jewish education program creates opportunities for children to explore, problem solve, and collaborate with experiential and interactive Jewish learning projects.

Questions? Contact Lisa Gittelman-Udi,
Director of Congregational Learning
eddir@tbe.org  203-322-6901 x305
or
Beth Silver, Administrative Assistant
education@tbe.org  203-322-6901 x306

*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics

Introducing “TBE Connect”

TBE Connect provides opportunities to bring congregants of all generations together in social and spiritual settings that are both fun and meaningful. Our goal is to facilitate lasting friendships that extend beyond the synagogue’s walls.

Havdalah + Dinner – A TBE Connect Event

On Saturday, December 7, TBE will be having Havdalah + Dinner, a special event, beginning at the synagogue with Havdalah and cocktails at 6:00pm, followed by intimate dinners at congregants’ homes. Young families wishing to bring their children will join the Havdalah service and then have their own dinner and program.

TBE Connect will get back to you with more details on the event, but right now please consider...
• Reserving the date on your calendar to attend.
• Joining TBE families who have already agreed to host dinner parties for 8-10 people.

Contact Carol Krim at carolbkrim@gmail.com or 203-968-1075 for food requirements for hosting and other information.

Let’s continue to forge bonds that strengthen our congregation moving forward.

Havdalah + Dinner is part of our TBE Connect Program, which is aimed at bringing congregants together in both social and spiritual settings.

TBE K’TANIM PROGRAM!

A monthly Religious School drop-off program for 3 and 4 year-olds!

GAMES MUSIC HOLIDAYS TORAH FOOD STORIES CRAFTS BLESSINGS

Register at: tinyurl.com/tbeschoolreg2019

K’tanim meets on Sunday from 9:00am-11:45am on the following dates:

September 22, October 6, November 23 (Saturday),
December 15, January 12, February 9, March 8, March 29,
April 19, May 17 (final day, special schedule)

Through the generosity of donors, we are able to provide this fabulous program for a nominal fee:

$100 for members $150 for non-members

You do NOT need to be a Temple member to enroll! Tell your friends about us!

For more information contact Lisa Gittelman Udi
at 203-322-6901x305 or email eddir@tbe.org.
Check out our special website
Dedicated to TBE’s event space
www.thebigeventspace.com
Please let your friends and business associates know how we can fulfill their celebratory and meeting needs.

Special Occasion?
Sponsor The Shabbat Announcements
(sent every week via e-mail)
The Shabbat Announcements
(distributed each Shabbat at the Temple) and the Shabbat-O-Gram
(e-mailed every Thursday night)
All three publications for $72
All sponsors will be acknowledged at the beginning of each of these announcements and also listed in our bi-monthly Bulletin.
Call Mindy in the office at 322-6901 ext. 301.

TBE’s Dodgeball Team in the JCC
ANNUAL DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT FOR CHARITY
July 17 - Sponsored by United Jewish Federation

Left to right: Neil Katz, Peter Roseman, Josh Levine, team leader, Lois Shapiro, Lael Shapiro, Dan Avnir, Ian Lear-Nickum

Sisterhood Annual Clothing Drive
Sunday, October 6 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Drop-off at the shed at the end of the driveway at 356 Roxbury Road (next to TBE).
Accepted items include clothes, shoes, towels, handbags and bedding; stuffed animals, bikes and scooters; car seats (only together with base) and strollers; SMALL toys (2 feet or less).
All items must be in bags except for bikes and car seats with bases.
You will receive a tax receipt in acknowledgement of your donation.
Please contact Judy Schneiderman at jrs2125@optonline.net or 917-414-0621, with any questions.
Thank you for donating!
TBE Sisterhood

THE FIGHT AGAINST HATE:
CHARLOTTESVILLE AND BEYOND
Friday, October 18 at 7:30pm
Join Integrity First for America Executive Director Amy Spitalnick for a discussion of the landmark federal lawsuit against the neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and hate groups responsible for the August 2017 violence in Charlottesville. Amy will provide an overview of this landmark case and discuss its impact on the broader fight against white nationalist violence in America.

Amy Spitalnick is the Executive Director of Integrity First for America, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to holding those accountable who threaten longstanding principles of our democracy – including our country’s commitment to civil rights and equal justice. Most notably, IFA is the organization supporting Sines v. Kessler, the lawsuit filed by a coalition of Charlottesville community members against the Nazis and white supremacists responsible for the violence. Amy joins IFA with over a decade of experience in government, politics, and advocacy. She most recently served as Communications Director and Senior Policy Advisor to New York Attorney General Barbara Underwood. Amy previously served as an advisor and spokesperson for New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, and as Communications Director in the New York State Senate. She has also worked for a number of federal, state, and local campaigns and advocacy organizations. Amy was named a City & State 40 Under 40 Rising Star in 2013. She is a graduate of Tufts University.

Visit https://www.integrityfirstforamerica.org/
L’Shanah Tova 5780!

We wish all Sisterhood members a happy and healthy New Year full of friendship, love and joy. Thank you for your participation and support for Sisterhood. Because of your hard work, this fall we gave a $10,000 donation to Temple Beth El to support BBQ and Barachu, the Break-Fast after Yom Kippur and the Neshama Carlebach musical weekend coming in November. A big part of our fundraising comes from annual dues of $36 per member. Please join us - not only for fundraising - because we are truly a wonderful group of women who share friendship and fun!

We extend a special welcome to our new members and look forward to meeting you during the High Holidays.

As the New Year approaches, I am excited to be your new Sisterhood President! First, let me introduce you to our hard-working board members:

Karen Resnick, President
Judy Schneiderman, Treasurer
Dora Salm, Secretary
Barbara Berman, Gift Shop
Donna Wolff, Board Member
Juli Harris, Board Member
Leslie Heyison, Immediate Past President & Advisor

We have a wonderful list of programs this fall so mark your calendars!

September 6 - Sisterhood sponsors the annual BBQ & Barachu
Before the High Holidays – Our annual High Holiday Food Sale
October 9 - Sisterhood coordinates and sponsors the Annual Break-the-Fast
October 6 – Our annual clothing drive, right here at TBE!
October 27 – Sisterhood Brunch: Our keynote speaker will be the very talented author, Lauren Redniss.
November 1-2 - Sisterhood is excited to sponsor the Neshama Carlebach Musical Weekend!

Lauren Redniss, who grew up at TBE, is a MacArthur grant recipient and the author of several books melding “the graphic and visual arts with biography and cultural history.” We are excited to have Lauren as our speaker this year!

As you prepare for the High Holidays, we would like to remind you of our annual High Holiday Food Sale (proceeds to benefit TBE Religious School). Order forms were mailed in August. Contact Mindy in the TBE office (203-322-6901, office@tbe.org) if you did not receive yours. This is a wonderful Sisterhood fundraiser organized by Betty Baer. Once again, we express heartfelt thanks to Betty.

Upcoming events for 2019-2020 include:

Mark Albertson lecturing on Amelia Earhart on December 8
Delicious challah baking with Lieba Lander on December 15
A book group with Rosalea Fisher on February 23
Curtain Call Theater, “Crossing Delancy Street” on April 30
Sisterhood Shabbat, a Women’s Service, on May 9
...and lots more.

We look forward to seeing you in 5780 at our Sisterhood events. Please join us whenever you can to share fellowship with over 225 Sisterhood members. If you are interested in becoming involved in Sisterhood or volunteering for a few hours, please contact us. We would love to hear from you!

On behalf of Sisterhood, with friendship, and appreciation,

Karen Resnick

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. - Anne Frank

Sisterhood of TBE
Judaica Gift Shop

Beautiful items for holidays, Shabbat and B’nai Mitzvah

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Proceeds Support TBE and Youth Education!

Beth Silver

For five years we were lucky to have you as President and Past President/Advisor for TBE Sisterhood. Since you have recently stepped down from the board, we will miss your dedication, leadership and commitment! You were and still are always available to answer questions and give us tremendous support.

We are thrilled that you are staying close, working in the office at TBE.

Thank you for not only being a past TBE Sisterhood board member, Past President and Advisor, but a good friend!! ♥ ♥
NEW CLASS IN FORMATION

Many people have been inquiring about starting a class to learn synagogue skills, prayer and basic Judaism. If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Hammerman at rabbi@tbe.org.

Shanah Tova U’Metukah!

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year
from
The Board of Trustees and Staff
at Temple Beth El
OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING
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solar year by 1 day in 216 years.

The extra month is added during the winter of the third, sixth, eighth, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th years of the cycle. Notice that leap years are usually three years apart, but occasionally two. Since we’re now entering the fourth year of the 19 year cycle, we are now just concluding a leap year, but the prior one was three years before, so we’ve had fewer leap years recently; therefore, we’ve been losing more days to the secular calendar. The 17th year always has the earliest Rosh Hashanah, and the ninth year (because it’s preceded by the greatest frequency of leap years) the latest. Get it? Sorry you asked?

Now isn’t it so much easier just to live on Jewish time rather than trying to understand it? How often do we ask ourselves about the logic of the secular calendar, which has a new year that occurs on January 1, when nothing at all is changing seasonally, and new days begin at an arbitrary hour – midnight – when few are awake to appreciate it? Give me a calendar that asks us to turn inward just as the weather outside is nudging us precisely in that direction, one that expels us from winter’s hibernation to the pulsating poetry of “Song of Songs” and the drama of national release, and one that always promises the moon’s return to ripeness, no matter how dark things seem.

For inhabitants of secular time, the only dilemmas occur when July 4 doesn’t create a three-day weekend or Christmas falls on a Sunday. When do they collect garbage? When can they play football? When can we shop?

Speaking of football, the only thing that compares to the rhythm of the Jewish year, with all its rituals and pageantry, is the American sports calendar. As a young boy growing up in the Boston area, fall meant three things: Playing football, stuffing those delicious marble cake slices from the synagogue sukkah into my jacket pocket, and watching someone other than the Red Sox win the World Series. Spring meant sneaking out of school to attend opening day at Fenway, usually with a matzah sandwich crumbling in my book bag.

It’s really not so difficult to convert over to Jewish time. It’s not like celsius or kilometers or changing dollars to shekels. There’s a very easy way to integrate the Jewish calendar into the rhythm of your life. You can find one on our website - https://www.tbe.org/calendar/

When you download it, and live by it, something remarkable will begin to happen. Your moods will shift and undulate, responding to events that occurred centuries ago. Holidays will arrive neither early nor late, and each week will flow into Shabbat none too soon.

And what is Jewish continuity but the transmission of the cadences of Jewish life from one generation to the next? I am often asked, will the American Jewish community be around in the next century? To which I respond: Who can predict? There is only one thing that is certain. As long as there are any Jews left on this planet, meetings will still begin 15 minutes late.

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