

Congregation Beth Ohr

Weekly Newsletter

July 31/August 1, 2020

Yahrzeits, July 31/August 1

Jonas Zydney	8/1
Emanuel Gottfried	8/1
Moses I. Forgotson	8/1
Stephen Haft	8/1
Carrie Knepper	8/1
Evelyn Lopatkin	8/1
Meyer Feldman	8/2
Max Balaban	8/2
Anne Laddin	8/2
Israel Nemet	8/2
Srul Nemet	8/2
Maurice Halert	8/3
Clara Gray	8/3
Fannie Rothstein	8/3
Bella Goldstein	8/4
Martin Donenfeld	8/4
Sally Schwartz	8/4
Jerry Baron	8/5
Martin Faffer	8/5
Rubin Bloness	8/6
Louis Fusfeld	8/6
Harry Levy	8/6
Bonnie Robbins	8/6
Harry Greenspan	8/6
George Zwaniger	8/7

August Yahrzeits

The actual date that the Yahrzeit is observed is to the right of the name. It is customary to light a memorial candle on the eve of this **date and to give tzedakah in memory of the Yahrzeit. One should recite the Mourner's Kaddish at services the evening before as well as the day of the Yahrzeit. Please call Phyllis in the synagogue office, or at home if the office is still closed, if you need information about the schedule of worship. The name of your departed will be read at the Friday evening and Shabbat morning services (or will be held virtually because of the coronavirus) the week before the Yahrzeit date which is represented by the dates in the columns that are bold and underlined.**

<u>July 31/August 1</u>		<u>Aug. 14/15 Cont'd</u>	
Stephen Haft	8/1	Benjamin Lipshitz	8/16
Carrie Knepper	8/1	Ruth Wurtzel	8/16
Evelyn Lopatkin	8/1	David Greenberg	8/17
Max Balaban	8/2	Alexander Kaplan	8/17
Anne Laddin	8/2	Edgar Sender	8/20
Saul Nemet	8/2	Thelma Scher	8/20
Maurice Halert	8/3	Shirley Baldachino	8/21
Clara Gray	8/3	<u>Aug. 21/22</u>	
Martin Donenfeld	8/4	Benjamin Kobren	8/22
Sally Schwartz	8/4	Norman Rothberg	8/22
Jerry Baron	8/5	Bertha Staff	8/22
Martin Faffer	8/5	Morris Lanzoff	8/23
Rubin Bloness	8/6	Mala /Rosenblum	8/23
Louis Fusfeld	8/6	Benjamin Shapiro	8/23
Harry Levy	8/6	Robertta Kagan	8/25
Bonnie Robbins	8/5	Lenore Linder	8/25
George Zwaniger	8/7	Pearl Weiss	8/25
<u>August 7/8</u>		Donald Isaacs	8/26
Harry Pekor	8/8	Sheila Katz	8/26
Gertrude Waldman	8/8	Beckie Rabinowitz	8/26
Arthur Abrasley	8/9	Herman Schneider	8/26
Evelyn Besterman	8/10	Helen Edwards	8/27
Edna Kaplan	8/10	<u>Aug. 28/29</u>	
Bert Ladinsky	8/10	David Benjamin	8/29
Bernard Seltzer	8/11	Regina Deutsch	8/29
Merril Goshorn	8/12	Blanche Linz	8/29
Harold Lubin	8/12	Ernest Schottlander	8/29
Philip Weiss	8/12	Jean Seltzer	8/29
Morris Wernick	8/12	Toby Zeidel	8/29
Arnold Yournan	8/12	David Cohen	8/30
Melvin Balsky	8/13	Harold Hyman	8/30
Eva Bakely	8/14	Toby Vollweiler	8/30
Dalia Bemaman	8/14	Abraham Morganstein	8/31
Jack Honig	8/14	Anne Obsatz	8/31
Ida Polovsky	8/14	Harriet Rockaway	8/31
Benjamin Nathan Schenker	8/14	Helen Fichtenbaum	9/1
Sylvia Shindelman	8/14	Marie Horwath	9/1
<u>Aug. 14/15</u>		Hyman Seidner	9/1
Herbert Golden	8/15	Eleanor Silverman	9/1
Lucille Post	8/15	Sam Silver	9/2
Ester Atzbi	8/16	Sophie Zaret	9/2
Lester Auerbach	8/16	Ronnie Bernstein	9/3
Jean Dennis	8/16	Eugene Bercovici	9/4
Ruth J. Frankel	8/16	Jerry Feldstein	9/4
Harold Levenson	8/16	Frank Simon	9/4

Yahrzeit Memorial Fund

We honor the memories of our loved ones whose Yahrzeits occurred during the months of **July and August**. We acknowledge the following for their contributions to the Yahrzeit Memorial Fund:

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Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque

For your convenience, we have included this Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque FORM. If you would like to order a plaque, please fill out and return this form with a check for \$300.00 to the synagogue office. If you have any questions about Hebrew names and/or dates, please call Phyllis. During the pandemic Phyllis is working at home and can be reached at 732-939-2720.



(Print Name in Hebrew)

(Date in English)

PLEDGE

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NAME IN FULL _____

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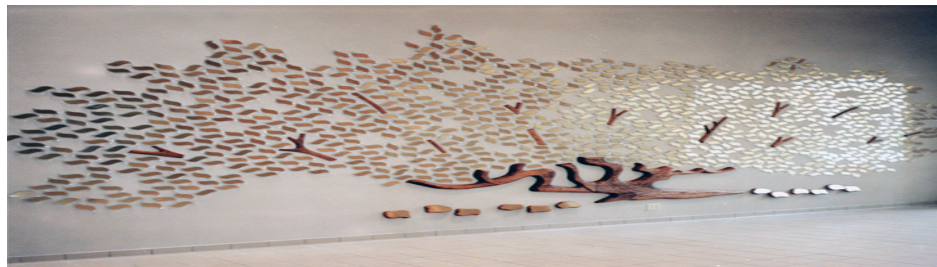
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Date: _____

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR INFORMATION AND PAYMENT ASAP, BUT THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL BE READY FROM THE VENDOR IN TIME TO BE PLACED ON THE MEMORIAL WALL BEFORE YOM KIPPUR.

Tree of Life

(To honor or memorialize a loved one)



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August Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Birthdays

Stan Perlman	8/1/20
Wayne Harrison	8/6/20
Ryselle Perlman	8/7/20
Sara Ullman	8/10/20
Meryl Finkelstein	8/14/20
Martin Israel	8/15/20
Maxine Kaufman	8/17/20
Bonnie Lerner	8/19/20
Jana (Monica) Blain	8/25/20
Harriet Cohen	8/25/20
Barry Gray	8/27/20
Clifford Shulman	8/27/20
Laurence Ross	8/28/20
Darlene Fevrier	8/30/20
Melvin Feder	8/31/20

August Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weinstein	8/9/20
Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Ross	8/11/20
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Silver	8/14/20
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Cadel	8/16/20
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hillman	8/17/20
Mr. & Mrs. Ira Donenfeld	8/23/20

Men's Club News

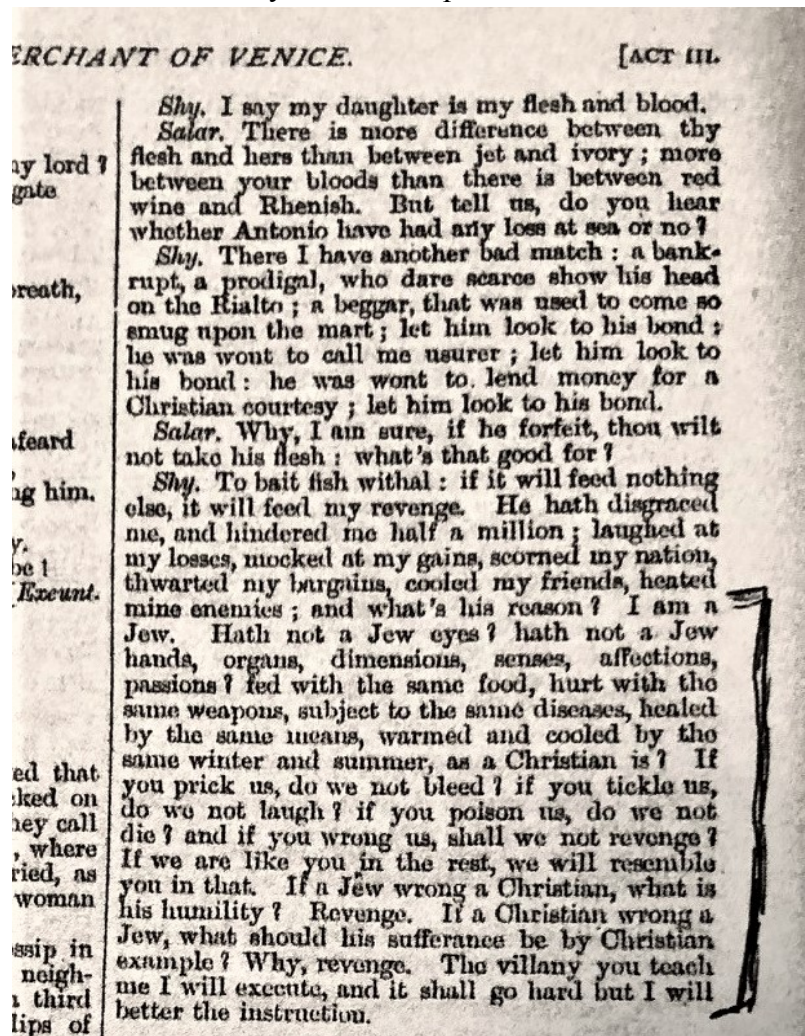
ATTEND the ZOOM minyan every Sunday. This Sunday we had 14 people logging on with 17 attending. Good going for everyone. Let's keep it up. C U Sunday at the minyan.

I though the Gala Event Sunday was fantastic and the committee should be commended. I posted a blog on Tuesday giving my feelings about the event. Here is a link:

<https://www.withum.com/resources/pn-everyone-has-a-past/>. Click it and read it. I think you will agree with me. This was a public posting and I received some touching emails from people I did not know from all over the country about it.

Photo of the Week

Send me your favorite photos to include in the newsletter emcpa1@aol.com



Question: How many Jews did Shakespeare actually know or come in personal contact with?

Answer: Probably none.

There were only about 90 Jews living in England during Shakespeare's day. The Jews were expelled by Edward I in 1290 (the same King Mel Gibson was fighting, and at the same time, in *Brave Heart*), and readmitted by Cromwell in 1656. P.S. The 90 Jews were split into two factions and davened in two different "shuls" and did not bother with each other! P.P.S. Queen Elizabeth's doctor was Jewish (but this is another story for another time).

Shabbat Aug 1, **One Minute Dvar Torah** prepared by Ed Mendlowitz.

Va-ethchanan, Sabbath Nahamu

Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Parsha name

Va-ethchanan: And I requested. And I beseeched. And I besought *the L-rd*. Moses pleaded to be permitted to enter Eretz Yisrael and was done choosing words that indicated that he did not believe he merited it, but he was asking G-d for an unearned gift. G-d wasn't changing His decree, became angry at the repeated pleads and told Moshe to stop it already.

Torah portion summary and selections

This portion contains the Shema; a repetition of the Ten Commandments; a prohibition against intermarriage and assimilation; the last verse in first paragraph of Aleynu; the prayer we say when we lift the Torah; the mitzvot of tefilin and mezuzah; the opening words of the Haggadah and the response to the "wise son"; the concept and differences of loving and fearing the L-rd; our responsibility as holy people to keep G-d's laws to do "that which is right and good" (it is not enough to follow the letter of the law - we must also act in accordance with the spirit of the law and be fair, equitable and show justice); Moses' only prayer to G-d where he pleads to be allowed to enter Israel opens the portion; and so much more.

This portion contains the Shema. "Thou shalt love the L-rd thy G-d with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might." What do these familiar words mean and why do we say them? This is something to ponder. If we really believe these words, do we act accordingly? Love is an emotion, and commanding a person to feel an emotion is questionable. The next few verses tell us how to do this – by teaching them to our children, speaking of them while we sit in our house, while we walk, and go to sleep and when we wake up. Think about Torah, teach Torah, and study Torah. When you seriously do this, you cannot help but see G-d's truth, wisdom and glory, and you will come to love Him.

And the L-rd shall scatter you among the peoples,
and ye shall be left few in number among the nations...

Deuteronomy 4:27

This indicates that the Jews will always be a minority dispersed throughout the world. This is also a prophesy that the Jews will always survive because of the help of G-d. The role of the Jews could be compared to seeds that have been spread over a wide area in the midst of many peoples so that there would be a greater opportunity of G-d's Torah being introduced to all the world.

These Torah words seem to be affirmed today, some 3300 years later. At the time of the Exodus there were about 2 million Jews with a world population of 113 million. At the end of the destruction of the Second Temple (70 CE) there were about 7 million Jews with a 200 million world population. Today, there are about 14 million Jews out of a 7.8 billion world population. Our numbers are certainly small, yet our contributions to humankind have been in a far greater proportion than seems possible without Divine light.

Haftorah summary and selections, Isaiah 40:1-26

This is the first of the seven Haftorahs of Consolation that follow Tisha B'Av. They consist of messages of comfort and encouragement to the Jews exiled in Babylon after the Temple's destruction and tells them that G-d has not forsaken them and that they will return some day to the land promised to them by G-d. The seventh haftorah ends the Sabbath before Rosh Hashanah.

The haftorahs are attributed to an unnamed prophet called (by some scholars) Isaiah the Second who lived in Babylon after the Temple's destruction in 586 BCE. This is the Temple built by Solomon around 950 BCE. All seven haftorahs are from Isaiah's later Chapters. Historically, the timing of this Chapter's prophesies is hard to place in contrast to the opening chapter of Isaiah. Isaiah 44:28 makes reference to Cyrus indicating that these later chapters were written after the Temple's destruction, as opposed to the earlier chapters that appear to have been composed more than one hundred years before then.

Nahamu Nahamu Ahme omar Ehlohahem.

Comfort ye, Comfort ye My people, Saith your G-d.

Isaiah 40:1

So begins this week's haftorah for the first of the seven Sabbaths of Consolation.

Va-ethchanan

This is the Dvar Torah I gave on August 12, 2000 at Congregation Beth Ohr, Old Bridge, NJ.

On Monday morning I heard the radio announcer say that Vice President Albert Gore has selected Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman to be his running mate. I cannot describe the pride and thrill, the joy and excitement, and the kvelling, I felt at that moment.

Contrarily, if a Jew had committed a heinous crime I would have not only been shocked, but devastated and disappointed with the horror that a Jew could do *that!* Why? What makes us feel that way? Is there a religious, cultural, environmental, or social reason?

I think it is because of our special relationship with G-d. G-d chose us to deliver His word to the rest of the world's peoples. And in spite of everything that we may have done to let Him down, He still watches over us and we know it and feel it and are bonded by it.

Today we read His words, which include: a repetition of the Ten Commandments; the Shema; the beginning of the Passover Seder; the words of the "wise son" in the Haggadah; part of Alenu; the prayer we say when we lift the Torah; the concept and differences of loving and fearing the L-rd.; and much more.

Today's reading gives us our obligations - our part of the covenant. G-d's part, I think is evident. We are one of the world's most productive and responsible groups helping humanity develop *its best ideas, inventions, innovations, medical cures, technology and creative works.*

We have also persevered through some of the most hateful actions directed toward any people. Two days ago we fasted for Tisha B'Av, a day set aside for us to remember all the evil that has befallen us: destruction of our temples; exile from our homes; confiscation of our property; restrictions in how we earn our living; and government-sanctioned murder of our children. And yet we are still strong! And one of us is even running for the vice presidency of the greatest nation the world has ever known.

In addition to the great words and prayers in this parsha that we all know, are the words "to do what is right and good". We are told it is not enough to follow the letter of the law - we must also act in accordance with the spirit of the law and be fair, equitable and show justice. We must go deeper than what is legal. We must carry intent to its moral conclusion.

And now, what does this mean to us today, 3300 years after these words were first said? And what lesson should we take away from shul today and how does it relate to Jewish existence and pride?

A little more than two generations ago, 6 million Jews were murdered just because they were Jews - while the world said and did nothing. U.S. Jewry knew, and said and did

nothing. Our leaders including President Franklin Delano Roosevelt knew, and said and did nothing. There was rampant anti-Semitism right here in the United States of America. Jews were afraid to speak up, and everyone else didn't want to. And today a Jew is running for vice president!

We must make this thrilling event for us meaningful and must take something out of it. Who you vote for, and why, is not the issue. The issue is that being Jewish no longer disqualifies someone from being considered for the highest positions in our country.

I think the lesson for all of us is to do something that brings us closer to our part of Abraham's covenant with G-d. We should do something tangible; should go out of our way a little; should have our actions mimic our feelings - even a little. Some of the things we could, and should, do are: to go to shul a little more; study Torah a little more; give tzedakah a little more; follow Kashruth a little more; honor our parents a little more; observe the Sabbath a little more; understand what G-d wants us to do a little more; think about our covenant a little more; do something right and good a little more.

We should not ignore this great thing for Jews that has just happened.



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RABBI JOEL MISHKIN
STANLEY M. PERLMAN, PRESIDENT

Dear Congregants:

I wanted to offer you some thoughts regarding our decision to “ZOOM” our High Holiday Services rather than to physically open our sanctuary. Over the last several weeks I believe that we have successfully been able to offer our membership extensive adult education classes, Shabbat and Sunday morning services, and a variety of programs through the remarkable use of technology. Those of you who have taken advantage of these opportunities have repeatedly told me how meaningful and helpful they have been during this particularly difficult time. They have reminded us that though we are apart, we are still very much together.

Furthermore, the Rabbinical Assembly, the professional rabbinic organization for the Conservative Denomination, along with the Committee on Jewish Laws and Standards, have made significant halakhic exceptions given the severity of the health crisis we face this year. They have permitted individual congregations with rabbinic leadership to come to decisions that are safe and sensible for their membership dependent upon the circumstances of each and every synagogue, with the wisdom that what may work well for some congregations, will not work well for all congregations. As our president indicated in his message to the congregation, we have decided that a Zoom service is the safest way to observe High Holidays this year. Our Executive Committee and the Board of Directors ratified this decision. This is being done with the understanding that this particular year puts us in a very different situation than ever before. In fact, one could argue, that from the perspective of preventing physical harm to our membership, this is the wisest choice that our leadership could have made.

I recognize that this is a dramatic departure from the normal manner in which we observe the High Holidays, and I am deeply disappointed that we must make this choice. However, as our president has stated, our synagogue is composed of first and foremost, the people of this congregation and not the physical building. As such, I sincerely hope that you will join us this High Holiday season even if such a practice is out of your comfort zone. We stand ready and willing to help you navigate the technical issues that you might face this year. I pray that we will all be back together again in our beautiful sanctuary for Rosh Hashanah 5782.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Joel Mishkin

HIGH HOLIDAYS 2020

HIGH HOLIDAYS GREETINGS

If you would like to send Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur wishes to the congregation, please send your message (or just your names) to Paula Yourman at bubbe513@gmail.com, or call Paula at 609-409-0346.

As in past years each listing costs \$5.00. Please make your check payable to Sisterhood Beth Ohr, and mail it directly to:

**Paula Yourman
405 Harrier Drive
Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831**

Yizkor Book

By now most of you should have received a letter about the Yizkor Book with listings of the yahrzeits that we have on file in the database. If you would like to make any additions or changes to the listing, and want to include your loved ones in the book, please call Phyllis at 732-939-2720 if the office is still closed, or the synagogue office at 732-257-1523 if we are open.

If you would like to use your credit card, please call Phyllis at the above telephone numbers so that you can give her your account number and expiration date. In an effort to protect your credit card information, please do not send her your number through U.S. mail or e-mail.

When done, the Yizkor Book will be sent via e-mail. Only those people, who do not have e-mail, will be sent through U.S. Mail.

The deadline is Friday, September 11, 2020. As always, there will be no exceptions.

CONGREGATION BETH OHR CEMETERY

Beth Ohr owns and operates a cemetery, which is located on Ernston Road in Sayreville. The cemetery is a non-profit entity using existing funds and fundraising as its source of operating revenues. Membership in Beth Ohr entitles each congregant to one individual plot, which must be reserved at a cost of \$50. All other costs such as perpetual care, administrative fee, funeral, plot opening, headstone, etc., are borne by the family of the deceased. Please call Phyllis Greenberg in the office at 732-257-1523 or, if the office is still closed, 732-939-2720 for further details.



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Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

“Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die...”: The Most Celebrated — and Disturbing High Holy Day Prayer of All: and a Detective-like Quest for Its Origins, with Rabbi Larry Hoffman

Unetaneh tokef, the prayer that asks the question, “who shall live and who shall die?” is one of the most familiar and most challenging prayers in the *machzor*. These words tend to rattle us, making real the precarious nature of life. How can we understand and make sense of this prayer? How did it develop, what are its origins and why has it become one of the most central and well-known prayers in our holy day worship?



Dr. Lawrence A. Hoffman was ordained as a rabbi in 1969, received his Ph.D. in 1973, and is now Professor Emeritus at the New York campus of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, where he served for almost half a century. His teaching and research interests include liturgy, ritual, and worship; spirituality and theology; evolving American religion; and synagogue transformation and leadership.

For over half a century, he has combined research, classroom teaching, and a passion for the spiritual renewal of North American Judaism. He is known internationally for his lectures to popular audiences and his spiritual approach to synagogue consultation.

Rabbi Hoffman has written or edited forty-five books to date, including *My People's Prayer Book*, *My People's Passover Haggadah* and *Prayers of Awe*, an eight-volume commentary on the prayers of the High Holy Days. For many years, Rabbi Hoffman served as visiting professor at the University of Notre Dame. In addition, he has lectured at such places as the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the University of Southern California, and the Yale Divinity School. In 1994, he co-founded "Synagogue 2000," a trans-denominational project to envision the ideal synagogue "as moral and spiritual center" for the 21st century. He lives with his wife in the greater New York area, where, in retirement, he continues to think and to write about issues of moment; and to travel to congregations to lecture and advise. He can be followed on his blog: "[Life and a Little Liturgy.](#)"

Wednesday, August 20, 2020, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

The Problem and Promise of Words -- Considering the Significance of Kol Nidrei



with Rabbi Eliezer Diamond

Kol Nidre is simultaneously moving and confusing. Why does it have such prominence in our Yom Kippur liturgy? We will look a bit at its history and the struggles over its place in the Yom Kippur service and we will consider how Kol Nidre can be seen as clarifying the central mission of Yom Kippur.

Rabbi Dr. Eliezer Diamond is the Rabbi Judah Nadich Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at JTS. He teaches courses in rabbinic literature in addition to introductory, intermediate, and advanced Talmud study. In 2003 Eliezer published *Holy Men and Hunger Artists: Fasting and Asceticism in Rabbinic Culture*. The book provides a thorough reassessment of the role that asceticism plays in rabbinic Judaism, suggesting that asceticism is more pervasive than is generally thought. He is the editor of a forthcoming volume containing a commentary on Yerushalmi Pesahim by the late Professor Louis Ginzberg accompanied by a historical and methodological introduction. His current project is a book about prayer. The prayer volume will address the problem of cognitive dissonance for the contemporary worshipper and will offer readings of traditional liturgy that use midrashic methodology to find meaning and relevance in these prayers for the modern Jew.

Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 10:00-11:15AM EST

The Viduiy /Confessional Prayer: Origins, Psychological and Sociological Aspects, Classical and Innovative Versions



with Rabbi Dalia Marx (joining us from Israel)

People often don't realize that Judaism has a tradition of confession. Come explore the origins of the communal and personal practice, the effect that it has on us both as individuals, and as a community, and experience both ancient and modern innovative versions of this prayer.

Rabbi Dalia Marx, Ph.D., is the Rabbi Aaron D. Panken Professor of Liturgy and Midrash at HUC-JIR's Taube Family Campus in Jerusalem, and teaches in various academic institutions in Israel and Europe.

Marx, tenth generation in Jerusalem, earned her doctorate at the Hebrew University and her rabbinic ordination at HUC-JIR in Jerusalem and Cincinnati in 2002. She is involved in various research projects and is active in promoting liberal Judaism in Israel. Marx writes for academic and popular journals and publications.

She is the author of *When I Sleep and When I Wake: On Prayers between Dusk and Dawn* (Yediot Sfarim, 2010, in Hebrew), *A Feminist Commentary of the Babylonian Talmud* (Mohr Siebeck, 2013, in English), *About Time: Journeys in the Jewish-Israeli Calendar* (Yediot Sfarim, 2018, in Hebrew) and the co-editor of a few books. She recently co-authored the new Israel Reform Siddur, *T'filat HaAdam*. Marx lives in Jerusalem with her husband Rabbi Roly Zylbersztein (PhD) and their three children.

Sunday, August 30, 2020, 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Rock Into the New Year with Rebecca Schoffer Join singer songwriter & Jewish educator, Rebecca Schoffer for a

playful, interactive New Year celebration! Get ready to rock your way into Rosh Hashanah with Rebecca



(and her puppets!) This Zoom gathering will be filled with singing, dancing and meaningful reflections for the whole family. We may not be together in person, but we can celebrate the NEW year a NEW way!

Rebecca Schoffer is the Director of Jewish Family Engagement and the leader of the Shababa community at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. She is a musical and experiential Jewish educator, a singer songwriter, cantorial soloist and a playwright of family theater. Rebecca brings her background in theater, acting, music and improvisation to the Jewish educational space, travelling around the world to lead Jewish musical celebrations for families and teach workshops for educators. Rebecca was a recipient of the 2020 Young Pioneers Award, which celebrates innovative Jewish educators. Rebecca's music is available on Spotify and other streaming sites, so you can sing and dance along at home anytime. (Stay tuned for her new album of Jewish family music being released in 2020!) For more info check out www.RebeccaSchoffer.com.

Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Hayom Harat Olam: How Can We Recreate Our World? with Rabbi Aviva Richman

As we approach Rosh Hashanah in a year when the world may feel like it's on the brink of collapse, we



have to ask ourselves what it takes for the world to be born anew. We will study a collage of rabbinic sources woven together in R. Yitzhak Hutner's collected essays on Rosh Hashanah to confront and embrace what it means to face God and face ourselves and the task that lies ahead.

Rabbi Aviva Richman is a Rosh Yeshiva at Hadar, and has been on the faculty since 2010. A graduate of Oberlin College, she studied in the Pardes Kollel and the Drisha Scholars' Circle and was ordained by Rabbi Danny Landes. She is completing a doctorate in Talmud at NYU. Interests include Talmud, Halakhah, Midrash and gender, and also a h of *niggunim*.