

# September Bridge

Beth El Congregation

*Ketivah v'chatimah tovah*

## A Message from our Rabbi

*Communication: Maintaining Healthy Relationships*

*Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner*

Recently I opened a fortune cookie. Most of the time when I read the fortunes in a cookie my response is usually “big deal,” or, “seriously? That’s the best they could come up with?” and even “I don’t understand this one.” As for the lottery numbers that appear in fortune cookies, well, I haven’t yet hit the lottery.

But I am recalling the fortune cookie not too long ago that I opened, read, then declared, “that’s nice,” began to discard it, and then picked it up again. “Hey,” I thought, “this one is actually pretty good.”

The sentence? “A single kind word can keep one warm for years.”

So often in our lives our communication is either self-centered—talking about ourselves, not really listening to another’s story as we think we are listening, or speaking tense words and words of aggravation.

As we prepare for the High Holidays let us remember the power of the word. Let us remember to make our communication holy. Think back to the time when someone said something wonderful to you that you have remembered for a long time. Think about the compliment you received that makes you feel good when you think about it during a time of stress. Think about the time YOU said something wonderful to another person, you knew that it made them feel good and that made YOU feel good. And now remember all of these as we approach the high holidays.

Let us remember the power of the word and importance of

communication. Let our communication be a catalyst for good in the world, making and keeping our relationships healthy, so that we, too, might share a single kind word with someone, a word that might help someone else feel good for years.

*Leshanah Tovah.*

## A Message from our President

I hope everyone had a great August. As we start September and look forward to our High Holy Days, I am filled with optimism for our congregation in our return to normalcy. The Temple is open “for business” and we plan to have a communal Break the Fast following the concluding service of Yom Kippur. Thank you Dan Bly and Ron Rubin for getting all of the food. The men’s club is planning for a corned Beef sandwich fundraiser in the fall. The Sisterhood is sponsoring a LuLa Roe clothing show in October. Yes, with new vaccines coming out

shortly, we will be able to further protect ourselves and our fellow congregants as much as possible from Covid. I’m looking forward to getting back to normal as possible. That being said, technology is here to stay. We hope to live stream ALL Rabbi led services for those unable to attend. There is something special about attending a live service and being part of our communal gathering. With a sponsored ONEG twice a month, I’m hoping to see many of you for service to support those who are taking the time to sponsor an ONEG. If you would like to sponsor an ONEG, please give Margee a call.

**Congregants**, we would like as many participants as possible to take part in the services for the High Holy Days. It is a Mitzvah to take part in the service. Please give Margee a call to let her know how you would like to participate. It makes the service so much more meaningful if we have many congregants participating in the service

I have to say it is wonderful having a Rabbi living with us in our community. He is already proving to be a great asset for our community and the community at large. He is easy to get hold of and is very easy to talk to. This is the first time in many years that we have had a Rabbi exclusively just for us and it feels great.

Wishing everyone an early Happy New Year and I'm looking forward to a large turnout for the Holidays for those that can attend in person. We will make arrangements to get the High Holiday prayer books to you for those unable to attend. Stay tuned for more information.

May everyone be blessed with health and contentment during the coming month(s).

## September Yahrzeits

2

Lena Paul Miller *Member*

3

Beverly Zindler 2011 *Member*

5

Rose Minskoff 1942 *Jerry Minskoff's Mother*

Edythe Sanders Nettles 1959 *Bill Ney's & Leo Zindler's Great Aunt*

James Handley 2015 *Mary Handley's father*

6

Arthur H Hirsch 1940 *Member*

Thomas Blatt 1956 *Member Franklin Blatt's Uncle*

Dr. Alfred Agrin 2004 *Cathy Brookshire's Father*

8

Rabbi Stephen Levinsohn *Student Rabbi at Beth El*

Norman Kaiser *Paula Kaiser's Father*

**10**

Lee G Loewner 1936 *Member*

**11**

Alfred Raff 1981 *Irma Nemoytin's Father*  
Gilbert Litvin 1969 *Herb Rodbell's*  
*Cousin*

**12**

Sidra Nemoytin Dubell 1993 *Member*

**13**

Susan Flannery 2021 *Frances Flannery's*  
*Mother*

**16**

Fannie Myerberg  
Harry Blatt 1959 *Member, Frank Blatt's*  
*Father*  
Bertha B Kaye *Ruth Clayman's Sister*  
Barbara Clayman Callihan 1990 *Harry*  
*& Ruth Clayman's Daughter*  
Beth A Ney 2000 *Member Eddie Ney's*  
*Mother*

**17**

Virginia Pearl Blatt 2018

**18**

Roslyn Loewner 1940 *Member*  
Solomon Loewner 1927 *Member*  
Gladys Wise 1919 *Member*  
Joseph Ney 1988 *Bill Ney's Father*

**19**

John "Bud" Shapiro 2008 *Becky*  
*Mintzer's Father*

**20**

Simon Marrick 1972  
Samuel R. Nebelkopf 1961 *Shirley*  
*Merlin's Father*

**21**

Kattie Ney 1887 *Member*

**23**

Kalman Meyer 1964 *Joyce Helbraun's*  
*Father*

**24**

Jeanne Meyers Pomerance 2009

**25**

Berdie F Ney 1942 *Member*  
Kattie Iseman 1909  
Nettie Berney

## **25 (con.)**

Theodore Weiss 1952 *Member*

Ben Handler 1973 *Lenny Handler's  
Father*

Sara Loewner 1982 *Member (Sissy)*

Mark Strauss 2016

## **27**

Samuel Fisher 1968

Alexander Nemoytin 1967 *Gene  
Nemoytin's Father*

## **29**

Belle Neckowitz *Alan Neckowitz's  
Mother*

Julius Berman *Lenny Berman's Father*

Charles Rodbell 1968 *Herb Rodbell's  
Father*

# **Recent Donations**

Josh Shulruff & Jamie Lee – Donation  
for the Temple Technology Upgrade

Michael & Maureen Goldberger –  
Yahrzeit – Bette O'Callaghan

Alan & Nancy Poster – Yahrzeit – Rose  
Carr

Peter & Linda Kohn – Donation to  
Roof Building Fund in Honor of Beck  
Mintzer Birthday

Nancy Stewart – Gift for the Yahrzeit  
Memorial Fund.

Sherri & Bruce Alt and Marlene  
Brumbaugh – Yahrzeit Blaine  
Brumbaugh

Edward Ney & Margee Greenfield-Ney  
– Yahrzeit Beth Ney

Leonard and Marilena Berman –  
Yahrzeit Julius Berman

Louis & Carol Schepp – Yahrzeit Ali  
David Good

Louis & Carol Schepp – Donation for  
Technology Upgrade

Bob & Cathy Brookshire – Yahrzeit Dr.  
Alfred Agrin & Oscar Herschel Treeby

# Calendars

In light of the upcoming High Holy Days, the calendars for both September and October are attached.

*Note from the editor:*

Please feel free to reach out to me if you notice any mistakes or omissions in the Bridge, or if you have any feedback on the format itself. I changed the Yahrzeit format to (hopefully) make it easier to read. My email address is [benyameen.nissley@gmail.com](mailto:benyameen.nissley@gmail.com). Happy Elul!

# BETH EL CONGREGATION

## SEP2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02	03
				Men's Club Picnic  Details to follow	Rabbi-led Services Sponsored Oneg 7:30 pm Livestream also	Torah Study 10:30 am Zoom
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
			Ethics Class 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Zoom		Rabbi-led Services 7:30 pm Livestream also	Torah Study 10:30 am Zoom
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Religious School 9:30 am Details to follow			Ethics Class 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Zoom	Board Meeting 6:30 pm Zoom also	Rabbi-led Services Sponsored Oneg 7:30 pm Livestream also	Torah Study 10:30 am Zoom
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Religious School 9:30 am Details to follow  Selichot Services 9:00 pm Livestream also			Ethics Class 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Zoom		Rabbi-led Services 7:30 pm Livestream also	Torah Study 10:30 am Zoom
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Erev Rosh Hashonah Sisterhood Oneg 8:00 pm Livestream also	Rosh HaShonah 10:00 am Followed by Tashlich Livestream also  Family Service 4:00 pm Zoom		Ethics Class 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Zoom		Lay Services 7:30 pm	

# BETH EL CONGREGATION

## OCT2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>01</b> Torah Study 10:30 am Zoom
<b>02</b> Religious School 9:30 am Genizah Ceremony 11:30 am at Cemetery Yizkor, 12:30 pm at Cemetery Details to follow (DTF)	<b>03</b> Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidrei 8:00 pm Livestream also	<b>04</b> Yom Kippur 10:00am–12:00pm 4:30 pm-6:30 pm Livestream also Break the fast to follow  Family Service 2:00 pm Zoom	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b> Rabbi-led Services 7:30 pm Livestream also	<b>08</b> Torah Study 10:30 am Zoom
<b>09</b> Religious School 9:30 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Ethics Class 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Zoom	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Sukkot Pizza in the Hut 6:30 pm  Rabbi-led Services Sponsored Oneg 7:30 pm Livestream also	<b>15</b> Torah Study 10:30 am Zoom
<b>16</b> Religious School 9:30 am Simchat Torah Celebration DTF Sisterhood Clothing Show DTF	<b>17</b> Sisterhood meeting 6:30 pm	<b>18</b> Ethics Class 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Zoom	<b>19</b> Board Meeting 6:30 pm Zoom also	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Lay Services 7:30 pm	<b>22</b> Torah Study 10:30 am Zoom
<b>23</b> Religious School 9:30 am	<b>24</b> Crash Course in Jewish History 7:00 pm DTF	<b>25</b> Ethics Class 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Zoom	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Quinn Webb Bat Mitzvah Sponsored Oneg 7:30 pm Livestream also	<b>29</b> Quinn Webb Bat Mitzvah 10:00 am Livestream also
<b>30</b> Religious School 9:30 am	<b>31</b>					