

# Temple Israel



**Celebrating 50 Years**



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**Celebrating 50 Years**

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### Vision Statement

Temple Israel Ottawa is a vibrant and inclusive Jewish community that welcomes all who seek spiritual connection through the sacred values of Torah, prayer, learning, music, Gemilut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness), Tzedakah (charity) and Tikkun Olam (healing the world).

As an active member of the Union for Reform Judaism, Temple is linked to the Reform movement in North America, Israel and around the world.

**Our Sacred Community**

Friday, September 2	6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service		
Saturday, September 3	10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha R'eih		
Thursday, September 8	7:30 am	<b>Morning Minyan</b>		
Friday, September 9	6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 pm	Bring your Own Dinner
		Special Musical Guest - Student Cantor Elaya Jenkins Adelberg		
Saturday, September 10	10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Shof'tim		Birthday & Anniversary Blessing
Friday, September 16	6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service		
Saturday, September 17	10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Ki Teitzei		Bat Mitzvah of Daniella Kotkowski
Thursday, September 22	7:30 am	<b>Morning Minyan</b>		
Friday, September 23	6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service		
Saturday, September 24	10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Ki Tavo		Bar Mitzvah of Max Shewchenko
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Selichot Program-Panel</b>		
	<b>9:00pm</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>		
	<b>9:30 pm</b>	<b>Selichot Service, Liturgical Choir</b>		
Friday, September 30	6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service		
Saturday, October 1	10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Nitzavim		
<b>Sunday, October 2</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (Hellenic Centre)</b>		
<b>Monday, October 3</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Children's Rosh Hashanah Service</b>		
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Rosh Hashanah Service</b>		
Friday, October 7	6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service		
Saturday, October 8	10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Vayeilech – Shabbat Shuvah		
<b>Tuesday, October 11</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Kol Nidre/Yom Kippur</b>		
<b>Wednesday, October 12</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Yom Kippur Children's Service</b>		
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Yom Kippur Service</b>		
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Yom Kippur Afternoon Study Session</b>		
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Yom Kippur Healing Service</b>		
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Yom Kippur Afternoon Service</b>		<b>After Neilah Break fast at Temple</b>
Thursday, October 13	7:30 am	<b>Morning Minyan</b>		
Friday October 14	6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 pm	Bring your Own Dinner
Saturday, October 15	10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Haazinu		
<b>Monday, October 17</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sukkot Service, Liturgical choir</b>		
Friday, October 21	6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service		
Saturday, October 22	10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Chol Hamoed, New Members' Shabbat, Welcoming new and returning members		Birthday & Anniversary Blessing
<b>Sunday, October 23</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Shemini Atzeret, Yizkor, Liturgical Choir</b>		
<b>Sunday, October 23</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Simchat Torah &amp; Consecration Celebration</b>		
Thursday, October 27	7:30 am	<b>Morning Minyan</b>		
Friday, October 28	6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service		
Saturday, October 29	10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha B'reishit		
Friday, November 4	6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service		
Saturday, November 5	10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Noach		Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Mandel



## From the Pulpit



Rosh Hashanah, a new Jewish year, is about to begin. Once again we will hear the sound of the Shofar, that ancient call to

awareness. The haunting sound will jolt us out of our reverie and focus our attention on making sure that we have done our work of asking for forgiveness, and making plans to have a better year in 5777.

To quote another Jewish holiday... Why is this Rosh Hashanah different from all others? Because on this Rosh Hashanah, we begin celebrating our congregation's 50th Anniversary! As many already know, this will be an incredible year of celebration, reflection, and planning for the future. We have a wonderful variety of programs and events, something for everyone! Our 50th Anniversary Committee has been working hard to make sure that this will be an unforgettable year.

Music at our High Holy Day services will once again be led by Student Cantor Elaya Jenkins Adelberg. Elaya was with us last year and we are all looking forward to having her lend her beautiful voice and soulful spirit to our High Holy Day worship. Elaya will also be with us September 9-11 for a weekend of beautiful music. We are also thankful to Ellen Asherman for once again leading our Liturgical Choir. For the first time in our congregation's history, we are blessed with a Rabbi Emeritus. This year, we will have the opportunity to have Rabbi Garten participate in our High Holy Day services.

I hope you will join us on Saturday September 24th for a special Selichot service. Selichot marks the official beginning of our High Holy Day period. As Selichot prepares us for the new

year to come, this year we will hold two panel conversations that will focus on Temple Israel's history and future, helping us to prepare for our year-long 50th anniversary celebration.

One panel will feature our founding members, those who helped shape our congregation from its earliest days. The second panel will be of the second generation, the children of our founders who have also made Temple Israel their spiritual home. Havdalah that evening will be led by our third generation teens and young adults, the future of our congregation. I want to wish each and every one of you a beautiful Shana Tova! A sweet new year filled with blessings. Shana Tova U'mituka - a good and sweet year to everyone!

Rabbi S. Robert Morais



Both before my decision to slide into the Rabbi Emeritus chair and afterwards, I do a significant amount of teaching in non-Jewish settings.

There is still a significant interest in who we are.

In these settings, I am not asked about Israeli-Palestinian relations, or the internal politics of the state of Israel; only in Jewish settings, do these questions emerge.

I think you can imagine the questions that are most common: Why don't Jews recognize Jesus as the Messiah? Why don't Jews observe Christmas? Why don't we feel the way Anglicans do about divorce? Why don't we have a Pope?

They are all legitimate questions. But if I'm honest with myself, I acknowledge that they are a bit condescending, as they want me to define Judaism in all the ways that we

Jews have failed to adopt the tenets of other people's faith.

As we begin our yearly journey into the month of Elul, it strikes me that the entirety of the Holy Day experience is structured so that we can define for ourselves who we are and what we stand for.

It is our yearly lesson that our history is more than an endless list of things other people did to us. It is our moment in the sun to acknowledge that Judaism itself is more than an amalgam of left overs, when we Jews finally finished rejecting everybody else's saviours, prophets, and sages. We are first and foremost a community of faith. Our ancestors entered into a relationship of deep, ongoing spiritual communion between the God of Israel and each individual Jew. Judaism is not about the obsessive perpetualization of Jewish ritual. It is not about eating bagels or dancing the hora or even planting trees in Israel. It is about struggling to know God, struggling to find God in a moment of communal worship, struggling to feel a deep love for the unknown God.

If we are to be honest, our rituals, as pretty as they are, are simply a means to an end. Our synagogue buildings, schools and community centres, as important as they are, simply help us develop knowledge and fellowship as a method of developing the context in which one can come, slowly for sure, to believe in God, and then, even more slowly, to know God and finally as the crowning achievement of a Jewish life well lived, to love God with all our heart, mind and soul.

These are the Days, my friends, that we come together to identify ourselves for who we are, what we stand for, and what we believe. It is a great journey, and it is ready to begin.

Lisa, Micah and Jessica, Alyza and Micah P. join me in wishing you Shana Tova U'mituka.  
 Rabbi Steven Garten



Dear congregants and friends,

I hope you have all enjoyed your time off, holidays and travels during this summer.

We should remember to be grateful for warm weather, health, mobility, friends and family, and fun.

Over the past few months, your executive and committees have not been idle. Plans are well under way for the coming 50th Anniversary year of Temple Israel, with the kick-off concert by Josh Dolgin and his band on October 15th. There will be events for every taste in the months to come.

School Principal Sue Potechin reports that there are a number of new students registering for our Religious School and that the high school classes for Ontario credits are in place, so be sure that your teens know about this program. School starts September 12th.

High Holy Day services will again take place at the Hellenic Community Centre next door to Temple. Be sure to contact Executive Director Heather Cohen if you or out-of-town guests plan to attend. Because of security issues, no one without tickets will be admitted to the building and it will not be possible to register at the door

unless you are a student. It's too bad that the world has come to this, but it has.

Rabbi Morais, Rabbi Garten and Elaya Jenkins-Adelberg will once again lead our Holy Day services with the help of our Temple Choir and the Ritual Committee. May it be an uplifting and spiritual time for all. If you have never attended the Slichot services which precede High Holy Days, you will have an opportunity to ease into this time of contemplation and growth at a lovely service on Saturday evening September 24.

The Fundraising group has met to plan for Temple's future financial health, and for undertakings tied to our 50th year - rejuvenation of the building, adding to the assets of the Temple Israel Foundation, and preparing for the unforeseen as well.

The Social Action Committee will be looking at new and ongoing projects to provide for the needy in our greater community. The Al Sahaar family is becoming more familiar and comfortable in their new Ottawa home. The Communication Committee is striving to keep everyone informed in a timely and interesting fashion, using all the modes - bulletins, tweets, posts, print, and more. The Membership Committee is reaching out to find out what you want and need from your Temple community and staff. The Youth Committee will keep all our teens involved and busy with Jewish pursuits, in a sense of fun and belonging.

Yasher Koach to all the hard-working committee members who create the atmosphere and activity that is Temple Israel. That's why I like the catch phrase we have used: "Come and do Jewish with us." We like to think that everyone can find a spiritual home here within Temple.

And for those who ask if I am enjoying my year as President, I always reply that I am. I love meeting and talking to people, even though remembering names is not my forte, and I have enjoyed negotiating and mediating between people, rallying helpers, and working with our very capable staff. I've attended services more often and have even signed up for the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning to widen my knowledge.

I was delighted to see my grandson called to the Torah during the summer when he visited Ottawa, and I look forward to working and celebrating with all of you.

See you at yontiff!

Patsy Royer

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## School News



Welcome to Temple Israel Religious School! I am very excited to be your Principal, and to be a part of so many wonderful changes coming to our school. I am looking

forward to another amazing year of partnering with families, our volunteer School Committee, as well as with Rabbi Morais and the rest of the professional team at Temple Israel.

My vision for TIRS is to create Ottawa's premier center for Jewish learning for JK through Grade 12. Your children (and grandchildren) will be a part of a positive and interactive learning environment as we partner to create the best possible Jewish education we can offer, using the most up-to-date resources for student-centered lessons and experiences.

This year, thanks to Jewish Federation of Ottawa's P2G and Gesher Chai programs, TIRS will further strengthen our bond with Israel by:

1. Twinning with a school in Israel's northern region, introducing the "Friends Across the Sea" curriculum with the support of "Jerusalem Ed Tech Systems." This program looks at Jewish Identity and Peoplehood through dilemmas that Jewish children face all over the world, including Israel.

2. Welcoming two "Shinshinim," Guy and Canaf, who are Israeli teens between high school and the army on "Shnat Sherut" (a year working abroad). They will be working at TIRS all year, as well as on Shabbat at Temple Israel from April to June.

I am also thrilled to announce that TIRS has established a partnership with Torah High. As the only high school programs in Ottawa, our partnership will allow TIRS to offer two credit courses and to expand our school through Grade 12. For Torah High, they will gain a satellite location, which widens their catchment area.

As we celebrate Temple Israel's 50th anniversary year, our school will have many special activities such as "50 Random Acts of Kindness." At the beginning of the school year, we will open the time capsule made at TIRS many years ago, and add contributions from our current students.

Our classes will continue to be active participants in Shabbat services. Younger students will have opportunities to learn and interact with older students (i.e. on Simchat Torah when our high school students will present Torahs to new students at Consecration).

This year, we will offer classes for adults to learn Conversational Hebrew or to improve their reading skills so that parents are better equipped to nurture their child's education, or just for fun! We will continue to support children living outside of Ottawa through online learning, with

a commitment to thinking "outside the box."

I am always open to receiving feedback. We are part of a team, working together to ensure success for our children in a safe, inviting,

inclusive, and engaging school. Last year's energy was so high throughout the year that we are already seeing an increase in enrollment. There is nothing more powerful than word of mouth. Please continue to spread the word!

Shana Tova U'metukah - Wishing you all a sweet and happy New Year!  
 Sue Potechin,  
 TIRS Principal

## Youth Committee Update:

The year ahead is off to a very exciting start with a new FROSTY executive (see photo) and a new FROSTY advisor.

We are very pleased to announce that Angus Smith has taken over the advisor position from Jenny Burns. The entire committee wishes to thank Jenny for her three years of wonderful attention to our youth and to wish a big Mazel Tov to her and Kyle on the recent arrival of baby Samuel. The Youth Committee will continue to support Angus and our Junior Youth Advisor, Lisa Rossman, in fostering strong youth engagement in our Temple Israel community. The committee always welcomes new members. If interested, please contact committee chair, Jackie Barwin at [jackie@barwin.ca](mailto:jackie@barwin.ca) Shana Tova and all the best for a sweet and happy new year, Jackie



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## *Come Celebrate Temple Israel's 50th Anniversary*

### **An Evening of Klezmer and Yiddish Music with Josh Dolgin and Friends**

**Saturday, October 15, 2016  
1301 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa  
Doors Open and Cash Bar at 6:30 pm.  
Concert at 7:30 pm.**

**Tickets: <http://tinyurl.com/hpdekn3>  
\$25 before Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - \$30 after  
Tickets at door subject to availability  
(Cash only)**



## **Video reviewers needed**

The Temple Video History Project has a set of interviews with Temple founders and Presidents that we would like to excerpt, and include in a short video commemorating the Temple's 50th Anniversary. To facilitate the process, we are looking for Temple members who could review some of the interviews, and identify short clips for the commemorative video, which would be added to the Temple Website and displayed in appropriate ways during the anniversary celebrations. No experience or special technical expertise is necessary, (Steven Spielberg need not respond) apart from owning and using a computer (not a tablet). It's an easy process and we'll show you how. If interested, please contact Joyce Pagurek ([pagurek@hotmail.com](mailto:pagurek@hotmail.com)) or Marc Dolgin ([dolgin@sympatico.ca](mailto:dolgin@sympatico.ca))

## Calling all Temple Choral Singers Past and Present

This is an invitation to anyone who has ever sung in Temple's Liturgical Choir. During its 50th anniversary year Temple Israel would like to recognize those who have participated in its choirs at a special Shabbat service, possibly in June 2017. On that morning all participating choir members, past and present, will enhance our worship service with 3 or 4 songs. Several rehearsals will be held in the spring to prepare for this event.

For further information or to add your name to the list of interested participants please contact:

Ellen Asherman  
[asherm\\_e@bell.net](mailto:asherm_e@bell.net) or  
Joyce Pagurek  
[pagurek@hotmail.com](mailto:pagurek@hotmail.com)

## TEMPLE'S GOT TALENT: A CELEBRATION OF TEMPLE'S CREATIVITY Sunday April 30, 2017

Temple's 50th anniversary will highlight the creativity of current and past members.

### ARTISTS and ARTISANS

You are invited to share your work with our community at an exhibition and sale.

Contact Roz Tabachnick: [roztab@rogers.com](mailto:roztab@rogers.com), 613-828-9817  
Joyce Pagurek: [pagurek@hotmail.com](mailto:pagurek@hotmail.com), 613-225-0981

### WRITERS

Have you written a book of fiction or non-fiction, a memoir, a children's story?

You are invited to share your work and experience by

- reading from your work
- discussing it and/or offering it for sale
- participating in a panel discussion on the writing process, the publishing experience...
- other (we welcome your ideas)

Contact Anne Alper [alpera@rogers.com](mailto:alpera@rogers.com)



## October Anniversaries

Pam and Sandy Allen; Arlene & Gary Bonn; Miriam and Mario Burke; Beryl and Michael Corber; Cindy and Christopher Cottin; Lily and John Cox; Carole Beaudoin and Howard Ellison; Debbie and Jim Farrow; Mindy Finkelstein and Roy Hanes; Jane and Martin Gordon; Denyse Charlebois and Alan Guberman; Beverley and Gerhard Harr; Debbie and Mark Holzman; Sharon and William Holzman; Diane Crouse & Oliver Javanpour; Lillian and Stuart Lazear; Suzanne Lepine and Paul Lyons; Marianne and Michel Jacobs; Pat Dunphy and Doug Marshall; Ruth and Mark Phillips; Renee and Andy Robert; Margo and Frank Rosen; Miriam Vanderhoff-Silburt and Allan Silburt

## September Anniversaries

Sandy and Al Bennett; Deborah Berger and Daniel Lavan; Alison and Matt Caplan; Fern Doctoroff and Steffan Hammonds; Carole and Joel Eisenstat; Nathalie Thibault and Richard Garber; Colleen and Rick Labovitch; Patty and Richard Levitan; Deirdre Neuss and David Redekop; Miriam Salamon and Bob Moon; Cathy and Lawrence Tarof; Susan McHardy and Brian Weitzman; Zelda and Leon Zelikovitz

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Together we will explore Torah and Talmud, the history of the Jewish People, Jewish holy days, ritual and life-cycle events. We will sing together, celebrate "simchas" together, and explore Jewish heritage as it is expressed in film and literature.

Insight Into Judaism includes a weekly Hebrew language component which will have all participants comfortable with essential Hebrew prayers and blessings.

Insight Into Judaism is ideal for anyone, Jewish or non-Jewish, who is interested in learning more about Jewish life and Jewish heritage. It is also for those seeking conversion under Reform auspices.

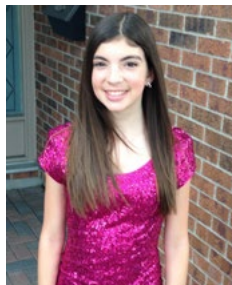
The course will run on Wednesday evenings from 7pm until 9pm. The first class will meet on September 21, 2016 and will run until May 2017.

The course is \$450 charitable donation for non members, \$200 for members.

If you are interested in enrolling in the course or for any other inquiries, please contact the Temple office at 613-224-1802 or [reception@templeisraelottawa.com](mailto:reception@templeisraelottawa.com)

## UPCOMING B'NAI MITZVAH

Saturday September 17, 2016  
**Daniella Kotkowski**



Daughter of Bethany Goldstein and David Hartman  
In honour of her Bat Mitzvah Daniella will donate to CHEO

Saturday September 24, 2016  
**Max Shewchenko**



Son of Heather Gilman and Tony Shewchenko  
In honour of his Bar Mitzvah Max will donate to Make a Wish Foundation

## Bat/Bar Mitzvah Booking

Is your child born in 2006 or before?

If the answer is yes, and you have not yet booked a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date, please contact the Heather Cohen at [execdire@templeisraelottawa.com](mailto:execdire@templeisraelottawa.com) to request an application form. Complete information will be provided and requirements noted on the application form

## Our Community



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## Yahrzeits – September – October

### September 2 -3

Jean Bonn; Pearl Bossin; Ruth Cox;  
Harry Esrock; Anne Mendelsohn;  
James Wheat; Arnold Haltrecht;  
Sylvia Hartman; Fred Smeltzer;  
Recia Mendelsohn; Margaret Griffin;  
Yaghoob Marvizi

### September 9-10

Sylvia Bloom; Jack Corber; Samuel  
Horovitch; Ruby Smolkin; Harry  
Goldstein; Audrey Crook; Isadore  
Garten; Philip Teitelbaum; Pearl  
Tinkler; Jack Aaron; Helen Janet Bliss;  
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Joe Van Praagh; Zelda Brandes; Mollie  
Heitin; Helen Shusterman; Ethel  
Konweisser

### September 16-17

James Jacob Riff; Frances Burnham;  
Lawrence Friedman; Jack Backman;  
Anne Gencher; Harry Gross; Charles  
Grosser; Rebie Schwartz; Sheila  
Hammer; Ethel Hartman; Michael  
Hollenberg; Pearl Labow; Charles  
Benovoy; Max Mendel Brauer; Abbey  
Evenchick; William "Bill" Sternberg;  
Nancy Bercovitch; Tillie Feldman; Rose  
Klein

### September 23 & 24

Molliye Lyons; Bertha Ginsberg; Fred  
Pinkus; Bernard Robert Mortimer;  
Helen Sparks; Ernest Chernick;  
Salvatore Albagli; Harvey Koch; Sally  
Pinkus; Isadore "Gus" Weinstein; Lois  
Issenman Tucker.

### September 30 & October 1

Betty Polowin; Irene Swedlove;  
Matthew Ben Gorham; Howard  
Schneiderman; Rebecca Spector;  
Gyula Salamon; Harry Chochinov;  
Michelle Shapira; Golda Allister;  
David Finkelberg; Sonia Segal; Israel  
Seligman

### October 7 & 8

Sophie Mortimer; Selma Schneider;

Kathlyn Smith; Libby Baslaw; Albert  
Bossin; Boris "Bo" Blacher; Lillian  
Lasker Godine; Mildred Mitzi Merson;  
Joseph Sadowski; Jean Spunt; Murray  
Webber; Florence Weisz; Fritz Hecht;  
Samuel David Shaffer; Harry Max  
Kalin; Louis Aaron Kalin; Carleton  
Morrill; Carleton Collins; Allan Irving  
Marshall; Shirley Weiner; Michael  
Dudar; Gizella Trattner-Vondra

### October 14 & 15

Shlomo Lupo; Annie Redekop; Eva  
Shore; Nathan Carl Singer; Samuel  
Gershon; C. Harry Rotstein; Lois  
Issenman Tucker; Albert Winer; Andor  
Klein; Andre Robert; Allan Pearlman;  
Alfred Charles Schwartz; Paul Church;  
Louis Harris

### October 21-22

Philip Levenson; Maurice Clarke; Harry  
Fine; Mervyn Ginsburg; Leon Gluzman;  
Manfred Hoexter; Harry Levenstein;  
Norman Nemerofsky; Samuel Saslove;  
Jack Vinokur; Julius Weiss; Sylvia  
Pollock; Paul Soderstom; Morris  
Weiner; Harry Karp; Abraham Seftel  
Beare; Barbara Shane Kaplan; Alvin  
Koch; William "Bill" Sarkas; Ida  
Shapiro; Morris Cohen; Ben Fishbein;  
Frances Garten; Annie Redekop;  
Arthur Lazear; Sam Zigman

### October 28 - 29

Sarah Jean Farrow; Israel Feldman;  
Edna Frank; Minnie Goodman; Raja  
Miller; Manny Klein; Norma Sirett;  
William Sokoloff; Abe Izenberg; Anszel  
Klodawski; Boris Livshits; Lucien  
(Smaria) Sahal; Dorothy Shragge;  
Ida Wexler; Bella Zelikow; Lillian  
Tickin Mendel; Sara Rumstein; Gerald  
Simmons; Ruth Strauss; Linton Crook;  
Frank Gold; Arthur Goldman; Pauline  
Eleanor Hodgins; Gloria Weldon; Helen  
Olga Johnson; Nachman Sharon

### November 4 & 5

Albert Mandel; Fred Schwartz; Morris  
Teshar; Evelyn Chad; Lazarus Jacob  
Loeb; Lloyd Minovitch; Jack Handel;  
Harry Gencher; Mae Bolker; Lionel  
Mortimer; Karol Sladowski; Nance  
Thomas; Rabbi David Powell

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& Max's B'nai Mitzvah.

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Mitzvah

### Laura Hay & Casey Rosenberg,

in honour of their wedding

### Marie-Carmen Berlie & Charles

**Khazzam** in honour of Anne's Bat  
Mitzvah

### Lynne Oreck-Wener &

**Robert Wener** in observance of the  
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"Babe" Oreck.

### Ellen & Stephen Asherman

in memory of Ellen's father Harry  
Witenoff.

**Diane and Michael Parkin** in  
honour of Diane's special birthday.

**Max Sternthal** in honour of his  
90th birthday September 23  
(Kiddush Oct. 1)

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Debussy Petite Suite

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More information  
 to follow.  
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## Social Action Committee

On Sunday, August 21, 2016, The Social Action Committee and a lively group of Temple members had a blast walking in the Capital Pride Parade, celebrating diversity. We plan many more events like this. The Social Action Committee at Temple Israel needs you!! We plan on lots of action, fun, and outreach both within the Temple family and outside to the Ottawa Jewish Community and the city in general. We want to open our arms and use our energy to embrace people of all races, colours and identities, and help those in need, in keeping with the ideals of Tikun Olam. We also will promote Saving the World in a literal sense, making a difference to improve sustainability. If this interests you, no matter what your age, we would welcome you on the Committee! We would especially like members (or past members with family affiliation) who are under 30 years old to participate; we need your voice! Please contact Committee Chair Pam Cogan at 613-820-5997 or at [pjac.1964@gmail.com](mailto:pjac.1964@gmail.com) for more info or if you have ideas. Happy New Year!

### Al Sahhar Family at the Soderstrom's cottage



### Temple Israel Shabbat Dinner-Services: 2nd Friday of the Month

The next dates are September 9,  
 2016 & October 14, 2016

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
 7:00 pm Bring your own Shabbat  
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## Our Community

### Books and Bagels at Temple Israel



The Books and Bagels program will continue this fall with reviews by two popular presenters. Each session takes place at Temple Israel on a Sunday morning beginning with a bagel breakfast at 9:30 a.m., followed at 10 a.m. by a presentation and discussion of a work of fiction or non-fiction.

Pre-registration is not required, nor is it necessary to have read the book to enjoy the discussion. There is no charge but a voluntary donation to cover the cost of breakfast is appreciated. Everyone is welcome. Mark the following dates on your calendar!

#### September 18

Rabbi Steven Garten, Rabbi Emeritus at Temple Israel and a well-known educator in the community, will review *Pumpkin Flowers: An Israeli Soldier's Story* by Canadian-Israeli author Matti Friedman.

This book describes the experiences of the Israeli soldiers, including the author, who served at the fortified border emplacement nicknamed Pumpkin and were charged with preventing guerrilla incursions from Southern Lebanon during the period 1994 to 2000. Friedman notes



that he and his predecessors found themselves "in a forgotten little corner of a forgotten little war, but one that has nonetheless reverberated with quiet force in our lives." In the final section of the book, he writes of his travels as a Canadian tourist to the former combat zone and what he encountered.

#### December 4

Angus Smith will review *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. Angus is a member of Temple Israel who claims he likes nothing more than a good Jewish story.

This book chronicles the life of King David from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to

traitor, from beloved king to murderer and despot. Brooks presents well-known episodes of David's life in new context and describes other aspects that have not been given much attention by others. We see David through the eyes of those who love him and fear him, including his wives and his son Solomon.

Books are available through the Ottawa Public Library and the Greenberg Families Library at the SJCC. The Malca Pass Library and the Temple Israel Library also carry some of the titles.

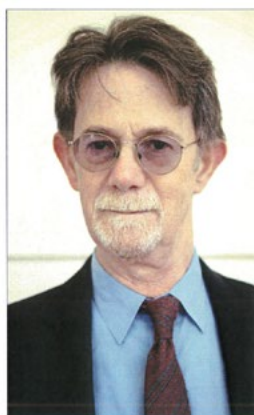
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**Jennifer and Kyle Burns** a son, Samuel Aiden Francis Burns. Also to the grandparents, Cathy & Larry Tarof.

**Penny Gershon-Giaccone and Roberto Giaccone**  
 on Sophia's engagement to Brendan Swift.



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## CANTOR MAX

Most of my life, my love for Judaism was expressed through music and song.

At 10, I was a member of the YMHA Children's Choir, and at 12 I was Cantor of the YMHA Jr. Congregation. Two years later, when our student rabbi graduated, I assumed his rabbinic role as well as Cantor, which I performed for the next three years.

When I was 18, I taught myself to strum the guitar and developed a program of folk songs, many of which were Yiddish, Hebrew and English songs with a Jewish content. At the same time, I observed the high holidays by singing in various orthodox synagogue choirs.

At 28, I left Montreal to set up a business in Ottawa. Abe Lieff, a lawyer and prominent leader of the Ottawa Jewish community invited me to join his synagogue choir.

In 1964, when our daughter, Sandy, was five, I decided to formally become a member of Adath Israel Congregation, so that Sandy could attend their religious school and learn about her Jewish heritage.

At the same time, I was approached by Irving Singer, to join 17 couples who were interested to form the first reform congregation in Ottawa. The prospect of starting afresh appealed to me. I decided to go with the fledgling Reform congregation that appeared open to all points of view.

Cantor Max at Temple Israel  
 Soon after joining, I was asked to be the "volunteer" cantor. I agreed and embarked on an adventure that challenged and pleased me for the next 20 years. There were some challenges: I was a cantor without any formal training and one who could not read music.

At that time, the Reform movement did not have any permanent staff to visit Ottawa. I recall two visits to conduct services: one by a lay person and the other by a Rabbi from Toronto. The service was largely

conducted in English with readings and song. I was not pleased. I reached into my background and introduced melodies of the orthodox/conservative/YMHA choirs that I had sung in. I began the pattern of reading in English and singing in Hebrew that dominated our services for many years.

In the early years I spent the summers rehearsing with Bertha Gurofsky, our pianist. Our High Holiday services grew in size and beauty when I sang with our choir under the excellent direction of Ellen Asherman. After we moved into our own building, we grew to the point where we rented the adjoining building to accommodate the close to 1000 members at the High Holidays.

In addition to my services as Cantor, I served a term as the third President, chairman of the Temple Israel Cemetery committee, and served for 13 years on the combined search committee that finally chose Herbert Corners to be developed as a cemetery for future generations of Jews from all synagogues.

After Rabbi David Powell and Arthur Benjamin established our religious school, I visited the classes to teach them basic melodies of the services.

## KOL NIDRE

I had the honour to chant the Kol Nidre prayer for 20 years. I regarded this honour solemnly as a responsibility to prepare the congregation to pray for forgiveness on Yom Kippur - the day of Repentance. I created a tradition by chanting the prayer without piano or choir accompaniment. I only realized in the past few years the moving impact my rendition of the Kol Nidre petition had on many fellow congregants

In 2001, after recuperating from heart-surgery, I picked up my guitar after an absence of 30 years and created seven programs of verse and song about "Shtetl life, the Holocaust, Children of the Holocaust, Resistance to Hitlerism, The near destruction of

European Jewry and the rebirth of the nation in Israel."

Over the past 15 years, I have presented these programs to schools, synagogues, and retirement homes. I also recorded 4 of these programs on CDs (SONGS AND STORIES OF OUR PEOPLE).

In the past year (my 90th) I have assembled the scripts of the various programs above in a book I call: A HOLOCAUST READER. I hope to place copies of my book in the libraries of Religious schools, Hillel Houses and JCCs.

I have also written a children's story about my imaginary cousin that explains the Holocaust and Kristalnacht as seen through the eyes of a 12 year old.

Two years ago, after the passing of my wife, Phyllis, I joined a choir of 12 Seniors. We call ourselves the Sunset Singers. We visit retirement homes and Alzheimer day-care centres, to bring good cheer through joyous songs of hope.

I am grateful that I have the energy to sing with the group as we visit the different venues. I am particularly moved, when at the end of each concert we leave the stage and walk up to our audience singing "This little Light of Mine, shaking hands or touching each person in the audience. I am overwhelmed by the opportunity to engage personally with these lovely people. They often thank me, but I feel that I should thank them for the opportunity to serve.

I write this in my 90th year to indicate that life is not an either-or situation; that I was able to combine a life of private business pursuit with service to my peers through verse and song. I hope to continue until my last breath.





# Calendar

## SEPTEMBER 28 AV 5776 TO 27 ELUL 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 28 AV	2 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 29 AV	3 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM 30 AV
4 1 ELUL	5 LABOUR DAY 2 ELUL	6 3 ELUL	7 4 ELUL	8 MORNING MINYAN 7:30 AM 5 ELUL	9 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 BRING YOUR OWN DINNER 6 ELUL	10 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM 7 ELUL
11 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:30AM FIRST SUNDAY 8 ELUL	12 HIGH SCHOOL FIRST MONDAY 9 ELUL	13 10 ELUL	14 TALMUD CLASS, RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, FIRST WEDNESDAY 11 ELUL	15 BOARD MEETING 12 ELUL	16 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 13 ELUL	17 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES BAT MITZVAH OF DANIELLE KOTKOWSKI 14 ELUL
18 REL SCHOOL BOOKS AND BAGELS 15 ELUL	19 HIGH SCHOOL 16 ELUL	20 17 ELUL	21 TALMUD CLASS REL SCHOOL INSIGHTS CLASS 18 ELUL	22 MORNING MINYAN 7:30 AM 19 ELUL	23 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 20 ELUL	24 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES BAR MITZVAH OF MAX SHEWCHENKO 8 PM-SELICHOT 9-REFRESHMENTS 9:30-SELICHOT 21 ELUL
25 REL SCHOOL 22 ELUL	26 HIGH SCHOOL 23 ELUL	27 24 ELUL	28 TALMUD CLASS REL SCHOOL INSIGHTS CLASS 25 ELUL	29 26 ELUL	30 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 27 ELUL	

Bar/Bat Mitzvah applications are now being accepted for dates up to December 31, 2019. If your child's birthdate falls before December 31, 2006 and you have not yet booked a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date, please contact [reception@templeisraelottawa.com](mailto:reception@templeisraelottawa.com) and request an application form. Complete information will be provided and requirements are noted on the application form.

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## OCTOBER 28 ELUL 5776 TO 29 TISHRI 5777

						1 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM 28 ELUL
2 REL SCH (ENDS EARLY) EREV ROSH HASHANAH 8PM 29 ELUL	3 ROSH HASHANAH NO HIGH SCHOOL 1 TISHRI	4 2 TISHRI	5 TALMUD CLASS REL SCHOOL INSIGHTS CLASS 3 TISHRI	6 4 TISHRI	7 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 5 TISHRI	8 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM SHABBAT SHUVAH 6 TISHRI
9 NO REL SCHOOL 7 TISHRI	10 CANADIAN THANKSGIVING NO HIGH SCHOOL 8 TISHRI	11 EREV YOM KIPPUR/KOL NIDRE 8 PM 9 TISHRI	12 YOM KIPPUR SEE SCHEDULE ENDS WITH NEILAH AND BREAK THE FAST 10 TISHRI	13 MORNING MINYAN 7:30 AM TBC 11 TISHRI	14 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 BRING YOUR OWN DINNER 12 TISHRI	15 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES JOSH DOLGIN CONCERT SEE AD 13 TISHRI
16 REL SCHOOL SUUKAH DECORATING 14 TISHRI	17 SUUKOT SERVICES 9:00 AM CHOIR, EVENING PIZZA IN THE HUT WITH FROSTY/JYG 15 TISHRI	18 16 TISHRI	19 TALMUD CLASS REL SCHOOL INSIGHTS CLASS 17 TISHRI	20 BOARD MEETING 18 TISHRI	21 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 19 TISHRI	22 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES NEW MEMBERS' SHABBAT WELCOMING NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS 20 TISHRI
23 NO REL SCHOOL SHEMINI ATZERET/ YIZKOR 10:15 AM SIMCHAT TORAH/ CONSECRATION CELEBRATION 6:00 PM 21 TISHRI	24 HIGH SCHOOL 22 TISHRI	25 23 TISHRI	26 TALMUD CLASS REL SCHOOL INSIGHTS CLASS 24 TISHRI	27 MORNING MINYAN 7:30 AM 25 TISHRI	28 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 26 TISHRI	29 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES 10:15 AM 27 TISHRI
30 REL SCHOOL 28 TISHRI Nov 6 4 HAND 2 PIANO CONCERT 2:00 PM SEE INSIDE	31 REL SCHOOL 29 TISHRI	1 30 TISHRI	2 1 CHESHVAN	3 2 CHESHVAN	4 KABBALAT SHABBAT 6:15 3 CHESHVAN	5 TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICES BAT MITZVAH OF RACHEL MANDEL 4 CHESHVAN