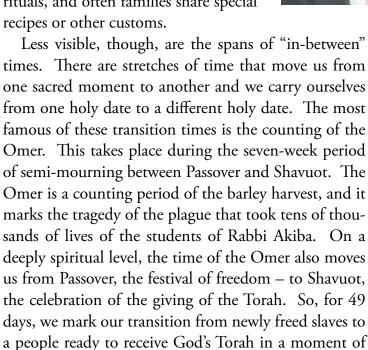


## TheScroll

## The Jewish In-Between Times

#### BY RABBI DAVID M. GLICKMAN

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, the great 20th century theologian, famously described Shabbat as "A Cathedral in Time." Designated, sacred time rooted in Shabbat and the other festivals serve as the signposts and touchstones of Jewish time. We learn about these festivals in schools, have distinct rituals, and often families share special recipes or other customs.



During the summer, we have another, sadder transition time called "the Three Weeks." This day marks the three-week period from the 17th of Tammuz to the 9th of Av (Tisha B'Av). The 17th of Tammuz is a day of mourning marked with fasting and observes the breaching of Jerusalem's walls by the Romans. Three weeks after, we observe the deep grief associated with the Temple's destruction and our exile from the Land of Israel. This period, too, is marked by practices of



semi-mourning. During the summer, though, this counting period carries us from a time of dread (17 Tammuz), to absolute grief (9 Av).

However, there are other transition times during the year that get little notice. An obvious one is the transition from Tisha B'Av to Rosh HaShanah. We begin to lift ourselves up – and be lifted up – as we move from the feelings of despair to feelings of exaltation. The

special Haftarot (prophetic readings) during this period punctuate this journey so we notice our communal progress and uplift.

I appreciate these periods of in-between times, because it gives us a way to mark moments that are not 100% one emotion or another. Our lives are not usually 100% joyful, nor 100% sad.

A practice of mindful awareness of time can be to see how we are situated between different holidays and notice the transition from one to another. I write this as I am doing some summer traveling and I think of how we notice mile-markers on the freeway as we travel from one city or town to another. How do we mark the transition from the joy of Simchat Torah to the feeling of re-dedication of Hanukkah over a 60-day period? How do we mark the 4-week period from the optimism of planting on Tu B'Shevat to the frivolity of Purim? From Purim to Pesach? And beginning again...

Building mindful practices where we notice our days, we can create an appreciation for the whole palette of emotions we live within during the course of a year.

I hope that your summer can be one of discovery and rediscovery, of reaping and appreciating the fruits and vegetables we get this time of year, and of looking ahead toward the renewal on the horizon.

national revelation.



## PRS Students Visit Israel in the Classroom

BY CIVIA WHITE PRS DIRECTOR

At the Polsky Religious School, the children start at a very young age to develop a connection to Israel. This photo (above) shows our pre-kindergarten class "traveling" on their first ELAL flight there! I hope that in the future I will be able to share with you a photo of these same kids on an actual plane headed for this wonderful country. For now, they are using

their imaginations under the guidance of their teachers Nira Solomon and Amy Schultz. The kids packed their bags, planned a tour, have their passports, and are ready to wave the flag of Israel and sing in Hebrew when the airplane lands.

Israel education continues throughout the PRS experience using current events materials, games, maps, songs, and nosh. The middle school Hebrew ulpan classes prepare our students to use the language of the Jewish people in our homeland. Our prayer and Torah curriculum exposes the students to our rich textual connection to Israel.

You, too, can help prepare for your child's trip to Israel.



Congregation Beth Shalom participates in the Flo Harris Passport to Israel Jewish Federation of Kansas City's savings plan. When your child is in third grade, you can open an account with a contribution, our synagogue also adds money to the account. Your savings and the synagogue's contributions continue until the child is in eighth grade. Information about how to enroll can be found on the Congregation Beth Shalom website.

In addition, through our membership in the USCJ (network of Conservative congregations), each of our B'nai Mitzvah students receives a \$3,000 voucher for approved group travel to Israel through the RootOne Voucher (R1V) subsidy program.

I am looking forward to seeing photos of our kids as teens on their real trips to Israel!

Am Yisrael Chai, Civia



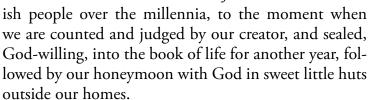


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# A Trip Tik from 17 Tammuz through 9 Av to the High Holidays

BY HAZZAN TAHL BEN-YEHUDA

The time between the 9th of Av including Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot, is a time of spiritual anticipation, anxiety, and God-willing, uplift. We feel the connection between these dates deeply; from the lowest point in the entire year, on which we remember so many calamities that have befallen the Jew-



Following Tisha b'Av and throughout the month of Elul, we are challenged to lift ourselves up, to travel spiritually from a place of despair to a place of relief and joy on Yom Kippur – We Are Forgiven, to exaltation on Sukkot as we build dwellings that rely entirely on God's will to keep us warm and dry. By that point, we have searched our souls, we have asked our loved ones and our God for forgiveness, and a new year stretches out before us, full of potential and possibility. But how do we get there, and where and when do we begin?

When I first learned how to drive, there was no GPS, but there was AAA ("Triple A"), and they would generate a handy spiral-bound flip map showing you exactly the route they suggested you take, their "Trip Tik" complete with places to overnight, possible spots where traffic might get bad, where to refuel and where to eat. There is no GPS to get us from Av up to and through the Yamim Nora'im, but certainly, much has been written about the journey. My favorite book on the topic was written by Rabbi Alan Lew, z"l, This is Real And You Are Completely Unprepared. Rabbi Lew beautifully outlines a spiritual path from mid-summer through Sukkot that is easy to read, dramatic (I cried



reading this book, but I've been told that's a low bar), and thought-provoking. I cannot suggest strongly enough that you find a copy on line and read it.

Better yet, do not wait until Tisha b'Av, this year, August 3, to begin the journey. Instead, begin on *Tzom Tammuz*, the fast of Tammuz, also called *Shiva Asar b'Tammuz*, the 17th of Tammuz (July 13). This is the day that commemorates the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem by the Ro-

mans, the beginning of the three-week siege of Jerusalem that resulted in the destruction of the Holy Temple, *khorban haBayit*, and the expulsion of (most of) the Jewish People from our homeland for 2000 years. But even before this, according to the Sages, the 17th of Tammuz is the day that the Israelites worshipped before the Golden Calf, the day that Moshe broke the first luchot habrit, the first set of tablets he received on Mt. Sinai. It was this day that as a people, we broke faith with God and began our spiritual descent.

What shocks me is how every year, I find myself in need of this calendrical reminder to return. Surely I am not as stiff-necked as my 2000-years antecedents. Surely I am not as ungrateful to my creator as those who sang and danced around an idol even as Moshe was on Mt. Sinai! And yet, every year, I know that I have an uphill battle ahead of me if I am going to enter Yom Kippur prepared to start fresh again. And so this year, I am not going to wait until the 9th of Av to begin. I am going to begin in mid-Tammuz. I invite you to join me – let's start together! I am going to begin to re-read Rabbi Lew's book on July 1, and if you do so as well, let's sit together at kiddush lunch and talk about it!

I wish you a *nesiyah tovah*, a good journey – may you ascend from the depths of your spiritual self to your heights, and may you find deep satisfaction in the journey. *L'Shalom V'Livracha!* 

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2	Arieyeh & Barbara Austin 26	18	Trevor & Katie Gershon 16
3	Peter & Sarah Beren	21	Andrea Elyachar & Susan Herrin 17
4	Matt & Karen Davis 26	21	Josh & Jaime Goldman
4	Michael & Megan Kricsfeld 15	24	David & Lynne Bock 42
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## The Treasured Bond of Sisterhood

BY JILL GOLDSTEIN SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

Emerging Women Magazine writes the following:

"Sisterhood is a treasured bond that exists between women. It goes beyond family ties and connects women who share similar experiences, goals, or ideology. Understanding the meaning of sisterhood in

today's world is essential to building stronger relationships among women."

As I began to take on the role of President of our now 105-year-old Beth Shalom Sisterhood for my next two-year term, I felt it was necessary to look back to the past two years to see if we met our goals and to set new ones for the future. Using the above quote as a "road map," here is what I have determined...

Yes, we have created a bond. We are no longer "Ohev" or "Beth" Shalom, we are "Sisterhood." We have come together to form and work on committees; in speaking at board meetings and in sitting together at Shabbat Kiddushim. We all bring our shared experiences to the "table" when we knit for Warm Up America



or listen to "You Don't Have To Be Ashkenazic." We share the same Conservative Judaic ideology and come together several times a year to study it more in-depth. Finally, we understand that working together in today's world makes us stronger women and makes our congregation, our community and our world a better place in which to live.

July is the month in which we will begin d annual membership drive. I know that

our Sisterhood annual membership drive. I know that there are many ways Jewish women can fulfill their goal of becoming stronger women, but I would like to ask the women of our Congregation to do it by joining our Sisterhood. Even if you never plan on Chairing a committee or attending every Sisterhood event throughout the year, your membership matters—you make a difference. The more we are—the stronger our voice. When asked, say yes—I want to be a part of that "treasured bond."

For more information on joining Sisterhood, contact Danielle Antes, Membership VP, at antes.danielle22@gmail.com

or me at jgoldstein0127@gmail.com.

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Ruth Bassin Cohen Sam Feinberg Charles Horowitz Anna Krockover Thomas Litwin

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#### JULY 21 - 25 TAMMUZ

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Abe Bess Susan Rene' Birnbaum Joe Bormaster David M. Chambers Fredle Epstein Marcia Eveloff Sanford Goldansky Morris A. Kanter Isadore Morris Marion Rosen Aaron Turock Elias Wolarsky

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Fanny Alexander Lipman Goldman Molly Goodman Frank Kaple Helen Lefkowitz Mildred Mardiks Seymour Nathan Salvay Elizabeth (Betty) Waldman Bennett H. Walzer Samuel Weinberg

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Louis Y. Chernikoff Morris A. Friedman Milton M. Gordon Earl Jacobson Rebecca Katcher Pearl Mann William Marcuwitz Herman Millman Bessie Rothberg Max Rubin David Smolinsky Rosa Solomon Cyrus Spungen Herbert J. Winer Lillian Yeddis Gerald Yukon

#### JULY 26 - 1 AV

Dorothy R. Botwin Manuel Goodman Jacob J. Greenstein Gittel Hadas Betty Benjamin Heymann Birdie Josephson Retha D. Lisman Gertrude Pasmanik Jacob Selichonok Paul Shniderman Minnie Werby

#### JULY 27 - 2 AV

Morris Boolkin Simon Choikhit Helen Cohn Luba Dean

Leon Gelphman Dorothy Dunn Glober Dora Hellman Jane Anne Klaiber Edward C. Lefkovits Sarah Moskowitz Benjamin Schoen Harold Waxman

#### JULY 28 - 3 AV

Saul Brams Sammy Devins Sidney B. Devins Rebecca Eisen Isadore H. Fleschman Aileen Forman Minnie L. Garfinkle Harry Ginsberg Rosé Keen Isie Krockover Abraham Rogers Meyer Rosenberg Bronia Roslawowski Bernard Seiden **Ernest Spector** 

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Sadie Bell Ann Goller Elick Phillip Feingold Bernard Greenberg Fannie Lerner Ben Mallin Edith Mendy Harry Turock

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Rachel Bloomgarten Don Herbert Finestone Sadie Gumowitz Idy (Ida) Mae Hurwitz Rachel Turk Hurwitz David Kanter Freda Lipsitz Bertha Mallin Carl Minkin Jacob Poizner Phillip Samuelson Charles Schoen

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## THE MEETING OF THE YEAR

BY VICTOR WISHNA **PRESIDENT** 

On June 8, I had the honor to open our 2025 Annual Meeting—the first in our (still) new sanctuary—with the simple question that is often the theme of any annual meeting: How far have we come since just last year?

Besides an obvious punchline ("about 200 feet...from Goldsmith Hall"), I am able to report that what Beth Shalom has

done this year, and looks to accomplish in the next, honors the ideals represented in our new sacred space: what has been built inspires us to build for the future.

Most notably, we fortified our Board of Directors by installing three new fantastic leaders: Deb Finkelstein, Derek Gale, and Corey Nussbaum.

In addition to a review of our approved balanced budget, the congregation heard reports from Harold Kaseff, on behalf of Bob Grant, who has reinvigorated our Legacy Giving initiative. Some of you have probably gotten a call from Bob, and several of you already have your names on the new banner in the hall, as having committed a planned gift to Beth Shalom. Thank you.

Ilana Chilton, VP of Education, offered a look back at the year of programming for families and children, and



shared news about our preschool—which is set to welcome 16 new families this fall—and the Polsky Religious School, where enrollment this coming year is already matching current

We are also continuing to shore up our Ner Tamid Fund, ensuring that the lights stay on (yes, eternally) and that the maintenance of our expanded physical space will not burden future generations. There will be more on that to come, but please reach out to Gina Kaiser or Ron Coppaken with any questions

(or donations). We are also continuing our march toward a generous matching grant committed by the Goldsmith Family, that has helped drive much of our programming this year, including helping enable us to bring Alex Worth on staff as our new program director.

We aren't just fundraising, we're fun-raising. Please save the date: August 21. Our first-ever "Bar-B-Q Mitzvah" will mark Rabbi Glickman's thirteen years at Beth Shalom, with a celebration for the whole community, all ages, that includes, yes, kosher barbecue from visiting guest pitmaster Mendel Segal—RaBBi-Q himself—plus music, games, and a few more exciting surprises.

As for what's next... Please look for your annual membership packet to see just what your commitment to Beth Shalom supports year-round and into the future.

## Mt. Carmel Visits Just Got Easier

BY ANDI MILENS **CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBER** 

The first time I remember going to the cemetery for any reason other than a funeral, I was 20. My dad and I had decided to start researching our family tree. Our family has been in Kansas City for several generations, so the easiest place to start was to gather information from headstones in the cemeteries. The challenge was, once we got to each cemetery, how would we find the graves? We did pretty well based on my dad's knowl-

edge and some of the cemeteries had lists and locations accessible. I know where most of my people are at Mt. Carmel, but ask me to describe to someone else how to find them, and they'd be wandering for hours. Good News! The days of relying on me to find all our family



members are over! Now, when you go to Mt. Carmel, you will find a sign near the Yukon Chapel, as well as several others throughout the cemetery, that have a QR code. Scan it with your phone's camera, and you will be able to search for your loved one's gravesite. The website will give you the location and even walk you there! Whether you're paying your respects, observing a yahrtzeit, or starting your own family tree research,

visiting Mt. Carmel just got a lot easier. Worried you won't know how to use this new tool? Stay tuned for a few dates I will be out there to help anyone with questions.



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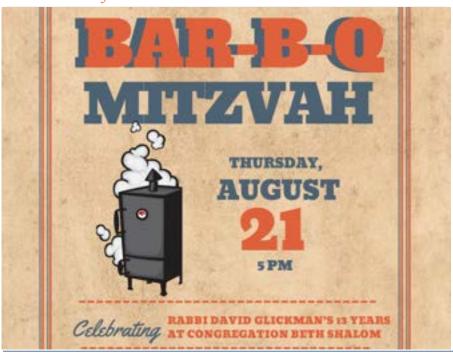
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