

# TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

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## Rabbi's Message

"It's time to get to work." That is what a colleague said to me after High Holidays. And she was correct.

While the High Holiday season – Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and ending with Atzeret-Simchat Torah – is a pinnacle moment in our annual calendar (and yes, when most people find their way to the synagogue – either physically or virtually), what is important is what we do next. And thus, "it's time to get to work."

As I mentioned on Rosh Hashanah, I look forward to doing all the things that a rabbi does with a congregation – lead services, officiate at life-cycle events, teach, counsel, etc. In addition, though, I am with you this year to help you dream...to imagine scenarios for what Temple B'nai Jeshurun's future can look like. Some of those scenarios might be just some tinkering around the edges. Some might be audacious and involve big changes. What's important is the dreaming. And if we have enough scenarios...well, we will be better prepared for what the future holds.

At the same time, I have another role to play. Part of my task is to open up room for us to let go of (and learn from) the past and to clear space (eventually in the Spring) to welcome a new rabbi.

All three of these specific "interim" roles we will accomplish together in several ways: some large group programs; some small-group coffees, desserts, dinners; chats; working with our volunteer leadership separately discussing transparency and process in governance and offering them tools to continue to grow the congregation under new rabbinic leadership; and in one-on-one conversations with many of you.

As you know, I am not in town all the time. And elsewhere in this bulletin is a reminder of my schedule

through the end of February. (I am still figuring out my March-June calendar.) Also, we are publishing again my "card" with all the different ways to reach me. I really hope you will. Let's get to know each other. I want to hear your story, your views, your dreams.



I am so excited for the rest of the year. And simply delighted to be able to get to work for and with you in the coming months.

### Rabbi Arthur Nemitoff

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### Rabbi Nemitoff's Des Moines Schedule through December 31.

Friday, October 9 through  
Sunday, October 16

Friday, October 29 through  
Sunday, October 31

Thursday, November 18 through  
Monday, November 22

Friday, December 3 through  
Saturday, December 11

Friday, December 16 through  
Saturday, December 19

# Worship Schedule

Email to be sent weekly with links, contact us ([office@templebnaijeshurun.com](mailto:office@templebnaijeshurun.com)) if you are not currently receiving Temple emails.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study (ZOOM)

10:00 a.m. Oren Talmon Bar Mitzvah

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study (ZOOM)

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service (ZOOM)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study (ZOOM)

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service (ZOOM)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study (ZOOM)

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service (ZOOM)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study (ZOOM)

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service (ZOOM)

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

3:00 p.m. Hanukkah Happenings

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study (ZOOM)

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service (ZOOM)

4:30 p.m. Dillon Choos Bar Mitzvah

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Temple Office Closed

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study (ZOOM)

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service (ZOOM)

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

The change of season is upon us. Sukkot is an equinox holiday — day and night are equal, all is in balance; its purpose is to encourage us to pause in life before the onset of winter.

Entering into our second Sukkot during the pandemic, may we all find even a moment of balance during this time of impermanence. Sisterhood members celebrated waving the lulav and etrog and dining in the Sukkah.

In October we supported the Planned Parenthood Book Sale by volunteering on Sunday morning October 7 — a fitting way to observe Rosh Chodesh.

We welcomed volunteers from our whole congregation.



The months ahead are in flux; watch our flyers for ways to connect. Our membership drive has ended. If you haven't joined yet, please do! We are looking forward to a year of programs and events — something for each of us and ready with a fluid response to health concerns.

*Wishing all health and happiness, Rebecca Shaffer*

# President's Comments

Autumn has arrived and with the change of seasons, we welcome a number of our young congregants as they celebrate becoming a b'nai mitzvah, holidays and festivities and our continuing search for a permanent rabbi. We communicate regularly with the CCAR and expect to receive more applications in the next several weeks. This process takes time and patience and I personally appreciate our Temple community for remaining optimistic and understanding. The word of the year is "transition" and I commend all of you for being so adaptive.

Now that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have passed, we can return our focus to this time of transition. This year gives us an opportunity to reset as we redefine what it means to be a congregant of Temple B'nai Jeshurun. It also allows us time to identify the direction we would like to take our congregation—this year, in the next five years and further—as we think of our future together and as a larger, Jewish community. We have and will continue to organize focus groups, town halls, casual gatherings and even coffee dates to continue the dialogue on

expectations and hopes for the future of the Temple. As I mentioned in my last article, my personal goals include providing audacious hospitality to everyone who enters our building, transparency in all major decisions made by the Board and communicating



through multiple facets to ensure messages are received timely and by all. So, let me know how I am doing so far. I love when we can problem solve together. I appreciate hearing from you, whatever the reason may be. Please do not hesitate to call or email with any feedback, qualm, good news or request for help. I will always listen and I will always do whatever I can to assist.

In setting my personal goals as President, I also asked our Board Members to share a little about themselves and set one personal goal to achieve while serving on the Board. In their own words, I would like to introduce you to your current Board of Trustees (below).

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## **Bill Grund, Past President:**

I have a strong passion for the Iowa Hawkeyes and occasional gambling. Those were both things I shared with my mother and in turn my son and I enjoy together. I really enjoy the sense of family and continuity at The Temple. My mother was in the Confirmation class of 1939, both of my older sisters were confirmed here, my children were confirmed here, and my granddaughter attends the community school. During my two remaining years on the Board I hope to be a sounding board for the current president...otherwise to stay out of her way and allow her to be her own president.

## **Emily Kruse, Vice President:**

I grew up in the northern suburbs of Chicago where my parents were part of a group that founded Congregation Or Shalom, which we joined. I attended OSRUI the summer before freshman year of high school and URJ's Kutz Camp (z'l) the summer before senior year of high school. I was also a counselor at Kutz the summer before junior year of college.

My husband is Terry, and we have two boys: Scott who is a sophomore at Ankeny High School (he had his naming and became a Bar Mitzvah both at TBJ), and Aaron who is in fourth grade at Crocker Elementary. Both are GUCI campers - Scott for five years and Aaron just had his first.

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This is our second time at TBJ. We lived in Des Moines from 2000-2009, and I served on the sisterhood board during that time. In late summer 2009, we moved to Dubuque and came back to the area in fall 2015. I am a development manager for Des Moines Performing Arts. Happy to talk about live theater with anyone!

During the next two years, I am looking forward to learning all I can about the Temple and the Board, as well as helping bring a new rabbi to TBJ. One of my goals is to meet more congregants so feel free to reach out any time.

**Rachele Hjelm**  
**Second Vice President:**

I am a Senior Legal Counsel/Legal Division Editor at the Iowa Legislative Services Agency. My husband Joel and I met in law school and have been married for 33 years. We have four children: Ben (Marika), a data analyst in Chicago; Jacob (Hannah), a prosecutor in Kansas City; Alex (Claire), a doctor in Chicago; and Josh (Lydia), a third-year law/MS data analytics student in Iowa City who will be joining the Air Force JAG Corps upon graduation. I grew up in Des Moines and was confirmed at the Temple as were all of my sons. I taught in the Des Moines Jewish Community Hebrew School for over 14 years and have served on several Temple and Des Moines Jewish community boards and committees.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve on the Temple Board for many years as Education Chair, Social Action Chair, and in my current role as Second Vice President. As we work as a board and a Temple community through the rabbinic transition process and take time to assess what our needs are and how we envision our Temple community, one of my goals is to build stronger relationships between all Temple members and our Temple leadership through improved communications and member outreach activities as we all work together to enhance and celebrate our Jewish traditions, values, and spirituality.

*Fun Fact: Dana was my son Ben's Camp Shalom counselor and my boys' nanny in her previous life.*

**Brad Goldman, Treasurer:**

Hello my name is Brad Goldman. I have a lovely family with my wife Jeana that consists of our three children Sam, Kate, and Xavier. We just recently transitioned to Downtown condo life and moved with our Savannah Cat (Modjo), French Bulldog (Boris), and St. Bernard (Duke). In addition to work in commercial real estate, I recently opened a nightclub with Jeana where we host some of the most talented DJs from around the world, every Saturday. I recently enjoyed my son, Sam, becoming a bar mitzvah in the fall of 2020 during an unprecedented time to do so.

In addition to overseeing financial aspects of the Temple's operation, I look forward to the process of selecting a new rabbi for the Temple.

**Miriam Van Heukelem,**  
**Secretary:**

I live in Waterbury with my husband, Neil, our two children, Franklin (6) and Amalia (almost 2), and our tuxedo cat, Figgy. I love hiking, biking, camping, and pretty much anything that gets me outside. I love hiking the dirt trails in Greenwood-Ashworth park year-round and watching the seasons change. I was raised in a Reform congregation in the south suburbs of Chicago, attended camp at OSRUI in Oconomoc, Wisconsin, and love sharing my favorite Jewish traditions with Franklin and Amalia. These include Sukkot services in the sukkah, baking challah for Shabbat (really, any holiday baking/cooking), and the Passover seder.

As board secretary, I look forward to getting to know more about how the Temple operates, and how we as board members can reach out to and build strong relationships with each of you. I hope to listen more than I talk, and to help move us into a new, vibrant chapter of TBJ life that helps us build meaningful connections with one another, and with our shared Jewish traditions and values.

**Sally Frank,**  
**Worship & Music Vision Leader:**

I am a professor of law at Drake. My primary teaching responsibility is in the Legal Clinic where law students represent real people in real cases and I supervise to make sure they do an excellent job. I also teach a law and undergrad seminar in Women and the Law and an undergrad seminar on Women in the Hebrew Scriptures. I am heavily involved in peace and justice activism and often work with protesters by Legal Observing their protests and sometimes representing people arrested at protests. Judaism is central to my life and I am deeply involved in the Reform movement currently serving on the North American boards of the Union of Reform Judaism and Women of Reform Judaism. On a totally separate front, I am an avid fan of the New York Yankees.

In the next couple of years, I hope to assist the congregation and interim and new rabbis with a smooth transition through my work as Worship Committee Vision Leader.



**Edye Beckerman,  
Social Action Vision Leader:**

I take vacation every year for the entire Iowa State fair. I love everything about the fair.

One of my happiest places on earth to be is Principal Park. I absolutely love the Iowa Cubs as well as the Chicago Cubs. My entire summer is planned around baseball games. I've even had a player stay with me during part of the season.

This June I will celebrate 20 years with Unity Point. At the University of Iowa I was on the board of directors for the Hillel House where I made life long friends. One of them is now living in Israel which gives me a great excuse to visit. At the Temple, I am known as Wendy's daughter.

I look forward to building on the path that was laid before me. Practicing Tikkun Olam and bringing people together for the greater cause.

**Ryba Epstein,  
Education Vision Leader:**

I grew up in Compton, CA and moved to Illinois for grad school. David and I remained in Illinois after grad school and raised our two children. Along the way, I taught Montessori school, high school, and college classes. We moved to Des Moines in 2014 and joined TBJ because of Rabbi Kaufman. During the Covid year, adult education focused on Simon Schama's history of the Jews, which we watched online and then discussed via Zoom. This year, we hope to return to in-person meetings as soon as it is safe to do so.

**Marilyn Musser,  
Membership Vision Leader:**

I moved to Des Moines with my family during grade school, having lived earlier in Ohio, Minnesota and Pennsylvania. My career focused on journalism and corporate health care, until 2014, when I made a career switch to become a pediatric mental health therapist. This year's highlight was celebrating my Bat Mitzvah in May. In addition to serving on the Temple Board, I also am active in The Sisterhood and volunteer at Caspe Terrace for Sunday School.

**Samantha Kemp Carlin,  
IT & Communications  
Vision Leader:**

I am lucky to have my dream job as a mental health therapist at Iowa Homeless Youth Centers. I live in Des Moines with my husband Paul and our two black cats — Griffin and Suzie. My first exposure to Judaism was Passover with a family friend as a teenager and I celebrated my first Passover as a Jew 18 years later. It was beshert! Passover is still my favorite holiday. My hobbies include crocheting, art journaling, embroidery, ukulele sing-a-longs, board games, watching Marvel movies, and a variety of other geeky things.

My big goal is to complete the Audacious Hospitality Community Assessment so we can build on and better communicate our congregation's values of being a welcoming and accessible community for Jews in Central Iowa.

**Jeff Gioimo,  
Finance Vision Leader:**

I am a HUGE soccer fan. I like Chelsea FC in the Premier League, Borussia Dortmund in the Bundesliga, US Mens/Womens national teams. I love to grill/bbq/ smoke food in my backyard. I have a propane grill and a pellet smoker. Being married to a Jewish woman has allowed me to experience our Temple, as well as all the great people and helped us form a community in Des Moines.

In the short term I hope to do analysis on the Temple budgets and spending, seeing where/ how our dues are being used, and creating for the Temple a percent guideline of where our assets are coming from so we can remain solvent and prosperous for years to come.

My long-term hope is to find ways to create fundraisers and work with our investments manager to make sure we are in the correct places to again, allow the Temple to flourish.

**Josh Masters,  
Building & Grounds  
Vision Leader:**

Born and raised in Des Moines, I bleed "black and gold". I enjoyed four years living in Las Vegas from 2004-2008, at which point we moved back to Des Moines, got married and had two children — Beya(8) and Cashton(5). I shattered my femur and patella in July 2018, and spent a month in the hospital. I almost died due to massive blood clot, twice. I was released and spent a month in bed, two months in a wheel chair

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after that. All due to a simple jump off a diving board. Moral of the story, everyday is a blessing; don't sweat the small stuff and cherish your relationships because you never know when it will all come to an abrupt ending.

I'm looking forward to being a valued Board member at the Temple, and sharing ideas/ thoughts that will continue to enhance and grow the members of the Temple and the Jewish community.

**Rebecca Shafer,  
Sisterhood President:**

Perhaps some members know me because I've been President of the Sisterhood since February, 2020, once the dust settled after my Bat Mitzvah, and when I declared myself to be the happiest person on earth! I am an Iowa native, having returned after 30+ years away in order to live closer to my parents. This was my retirement move after leaving the field of book and paper conservation and fine book binding. I am also Mom to son Jamie and now Granny to Abagael and Lillian. I have been married to Will for 43 years. I am addicted to cross fit, enjoy Talmud study, read novels voraciously, and I am eager for the Fleur Theatre to reopen.

**Wendy Beckerman,  
B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator  
& Youth Group Advisor:**

I love having meals and visiting with my family. Love baseball! I collect baseball memorabilia. I love my job! I have had 525 students of all ages and congregations so far!!! It's wonderful to be able to get up every morning and enjoy going to work.

As a Board member, I would love to see more youth programming. Time to get Youth Group up and running again with the help of Shaynna Fisher. That is my goal for the two years on the board.

**Dana Dickson,  
President:**

I have been a congregant of Temple B'nai Jeshurun since 1989 when my family moved from Teaneck, New Jersey to Clive. I spent two summer sessions at Shwayder Camp outside of Denver, Colorado, and two summer session at GUCI in Zionsville, IN. I then (naturally) fell in love with everything NFTY Missouri Valley. I attended every single offered conclave in our region and one national event during high school.

Perhaps foreshadowing what would come in my adulthood, I also served on the Temple Youth Group Board, elected to President my senior year. Those were the simpler days of paper youth event flyers, phone trees and teen lines.

I love to travel and have a new found affinity for beaches littered with shells. I live for a karaoke night (and genuinely miss Billy Joes). And nothing makes me happier than a savory, broth based soup—any time of the year.

I have been married to my exceptionally supportive husband, David since 2010. We have three busy and boisterous children — Nora (9), Drew (8) and Bennett (4). Our children are sponges for knowledge, never tire, could potentially eat us out of house and home and constantly teach me to be patient, listen harder and learn more dinosaur species by name.

I have shared my goals and will make sure they are being met daily. As always, I am delighted and honored to be your President. Let's get to work!

**Dana Dickson**

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## *Happy Anniversary*

Alan & Wendy Adato  
October 9

Kenneth & Joyce Wayne  
October 26

Kenneth & Diane Pratt  
October 27

Rachel & Joseph Dehner  
October 29

Susan Madorsky &  
Edward Bruggemann  
October 30

Thomas Press & Donna Paulsen  
November 2

Jeffrey & Elena Greenberg  
November 7

Nancy & Richard Chavannes  
November 8

Jake & Holly Shkolnick  
November 14

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## OUR CONDOLENCES

Richard Seidenfeld  
(Husband of Susan Seidenfeld,  
Father of Julie Seidenfeld  
and Brad Seidenfeld )  
8/29/21

Aniceta Vista  
(Mother of Joyce Wayne)  
9/4/21

Milton Neumann Krueger  
(Father of Sondra Feldstein)  
9/13/21

Sid Hoffman  
(Husband of Sue Hoffman)  
9/23/21

# Executive Director's Message

We have finally come to the end of our High Holiday services for 5782. One thing that I am very happy to report is that no one has contacted the Temple letting us know they have contracted COVID-19. It is my sincere hope that the mitigation efforts we have taken here at Temple B'nai Jeshurun have been effective and that we can continue to create a safe environment for everyone who attends services and events here at the Temple.



Livestreaming our services is another way we are allowing people to participate in our services and events safely. We are continuing to see how we can improve what we offer to those livestreaming from home to make the experience better. For example, we will begin to publish our Friday night programs on our website as a PDF that you can view as you watch the services. We also recently purchased a PTZ camera that should allow us to zoom in and out and remotely move the camera, which should give us better picture quality for services.

As you hopefully know, our Friday night services are available to watch live on the Temple's website ([www.templebnaijeshurun.org](http://www.templebnaijeshurun.org)) and on the Temple's

Facebook page. Did you know that you can watch a complete archive of our videos on Vimeo? Go to Vimeo and search for Temple B'nai Jeshurun or type <https://vimeo.com/user123260557> into your web browser and you should see a complete archive of the videos we have recorded. From there you can follow our account, get updated when we add new content, and share or download videos.

If you have any suggestions about how we can continue to improve our livestreaming offerings, please feel free to reach out to me at [director@templebnaijeshurun.com](mailto:director@templebnaijeshurun.com). I have appreciated those regular viewers who have let me know there have been issues. All this technology is new to us, and there are bound to be technical issues. The sooner we know about them the sooner we can address them.

So, no matter where you are watching (and I am always amazed to see we have viewers in Israel, the UK, and Germany) let us know how we are doing. Together we will create a meaningful experience whether you are attending services in person or watching them at home.

*Shalom,*  
*David Muenchrath*  
*Executive Director*

## HIGH HOLIDAY THANKS ...

Thank you to the family of **Harry and Peggy Pomerantz** for providing the beautiful floral arrangement on Yom Kippur in memory of their parents.

A big thank you to our **High Holiday musicians:** Ben Allaway, Benjamin Brodkey, Bruce Brown, Ann Cravero, Francine Griffith, Joshua Johnson, Ira Lacher, Sam Miller, Patrick Riley, Cantor Elias Roochvarg and Tara Starr.

Thank you to **those who made donations** in honor of the High Holiday meals: Anonymous, Lois & Louis Fingerman, Sharon & Dennis Goldford and Gloria & Jerry Leventhal



# Yahrzeit Observances

**The following names will be read on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2:**

Dr. Herman I. Frank  
Anne Loeb  
Gustav Nadel  
Morris Samish  
Samuel H. Bloom  
Lillian Epstein  
Nolan Jay Schwartz  
Abraham Akiba Toubes  
Ida Biber  
Lorraine Plaslur  
Hans Pintus  
Ethel Miller Cohen  
Allan Abrams  
Irving Bernstein  
Josefina Fernandez-Castro  
Edna Frankel  
Isidore Kaplan  
Ariel Parkinson

**The following names will be read on Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9:**

Victor Jacobson  
Tony LeRoy Clemens  
Sally Klearman  
Earl Koskovich  
Sol Shapiro  
Norma Silver  
Benjamin Strasburger  
Jerry Ward  
Harry I. Robinson  
I.J. Swartzman  
Louis A. Corn  
Lillian Dubansky  
David Herbert Lipsey  
Sally Luftman  
Julia McReynolds  
Rose Rubin  
Julian Brody  
Ronald Feldstein  
Ellen "Nadine" Gaston  
Leo Tobis  
Dana Toraason  
Frances Chayet  
Edith Fortess  
Florence Hurwitz  
Norman W. Mandelbaum  
Joanne Katanick Canavan  
Sol Gottlieb  
Arthur L. Redstone  
Louis Solomon

David Gross  
Joan Ellen Shlaes

**The following names will be read on Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16:**

Lee Bayer-Shapiro  
Arthur Bergman  
Elaine Elsner  
Helen Barmish  
Elsie Block  
Lois Copple  
Moe Deutch  
Lenore Ehrens  
Aaron Kaplan  
Susan Sehr  
Joseph Starr  
Anselm Frankel  
Manassa Frankel  
Harry Elmets  
Joyce Galiinsky  
Sidney L. Sands, M.D.  
Anna R. Blank  
Robert Hightshoe  
Francis Rubenstein  
Arnold Tepper  
Frank B. Sanders  
Ralph E. Speer, Jr.

**The following names will be read on Friday, October 22 and Saturday, October 23:**

Lillian S. Bloom  
Renee Levine Zaiman  
Millie Blindman  
Sam "Shim" Cohen  
Marlene Daniels  
Joseph Greller  
LaVonne Klein  
Holly Moore  
Louis J. Noun  
Ruth London  
Ida Bucksbaum  
Marcia Paset  
Bernhardt Rosenberg  
Lillie M. Cohen  
Annis Gross  
Dorothea Hendricks  
Mel Klearman  
Rita Sander Weinberg  
Rose Spilka

**The following names will be read on Friday, October 29 and Saturday, October 30:**

Joseph Davidson  
Israel Dubansky  
Harry A. Friedman  
Anna Goldman  
Don Mandel  
Paul Bradley  
Israel Jacob Corn  
Belle G. Frankel  
Helen Lutz Robinson  
Madelyn Gottlieb  
Milton Mark  
Ephraim Mogolov  
Howard A. Brody  
Jack Levine  
William A. Moskowitz  
Louis Davidson  
Sara Elmets  
Morris Mandelbaum Jr.

**The following names will be read on Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6:**

Leo Benjamin Conley  
Harry Pierce  
Robert M. Eckhouse  
Seymour Feinstein  
Louis London  
Helen Ellis  
Albert Silverman  
Martha Glayston  
Fritz Jacoby  
Arnold R. Nides  
Seymour Shlaes  
Irl Brossman  
Renee Plotkin Handleman  
Donald Lipman  
Sylvain M. Block  
Lena F. Brody  
Katherine J. Cunningham  
Katherine Osherow  
Ann Parks  
Edward Robinson  
Pauline Solomon  
Peter Joseph Spoden  
Leo Lorber



**The following names will be read on Friday, November 12 and Saturday, November 13 :**

Libby Druker  
Eleanor M. Friedman  
Arnold M. Goldman  
Madelyn Levitt  
Ida Kiv  
Donald Masters  
Rhoda Neufeld  
Brady Pratt  
A. Joseph Schwied  
Celia Weinstock  
Dorothy Bloxam  
Percy Corran  
Bernard Mercer  
Moritz Riegelman  
Doloris Rosenberg  
Maurice Eckstat  
Adelaide Krum  
Reecie Levin-Becker  
Berenice Moss  
Marvin Cohen  
Claude Gruen  
Robert Powell  
Benjamin Stern  
Natalie Harvey  
Morris Joseph  
Simon Kahn

**The following names will be read on Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20 :**

Becky Cook  
Bernard Kohn

Jacob S. Grossman  
Shirley R. Numeroff  
Hilda Pearlman  
Raymond Rosenberg  
Harry Brody  
Arnold M. Gordon  
Edwin Sherman  
Joseph I. Weiner  
Martin Cotlar  
Oscar Fischer  
Yale Kramer  
Irving Shanbrom  
Lillian Barsky  
Louis Canar  
Daniel Carlin  
Orville "Gene" Heck  
Dora Kelner  
Al Lerner  
Edith Robinson  
Ethel Siegel  
Cornelia Madelon Ball  
Louis Bucksbaum  
Frances W. Cohen  
Elaine Davidson  
Phyllis Fingerman  
Martha Kipnis  
Sidney Mandelbaum

**The following names will be read on Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27 :**

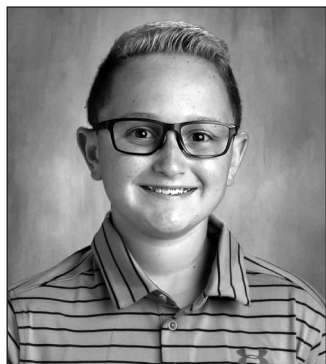
Isabel Baron Davis  
Jack Freedman  
Barbara M. Kolmen  
Max Wittenstein  
Lucille London

Agnes Alcorn  
Claire B. Frank  
Abraham L. Seidler  
Donald R. Silverman  
Matthew Bucksbaum  
Julius Epstein  
Harold Goldman  
Herman Krause  
Harry Miller  
Ross Daniels  
Pearl A. Jacobs  
Shirley Yentis

**The following names will be read on Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4:**

Fritz Herzog  
Stanton A. Coleman  
A. Arthur Davis  
Edward Masters  
Marjorie Zerlin  
Steven Frederick  
Mabel Pomerantz  
Sam Abramson  
Esther Josephson  
Isidor Karp  
Serna Lerner  
Alta Epstein  
Stella Hiller  
Sutton Loy Reese

## BAR MITZVAH



Melanie Choos and Brandon Choos are proud to announce that their son, **Dillon Matthew Choos**, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 20 at 4:30 pm at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Dillon is a seventh grader at Waukee Middle School and is involved in Waukee Youth Football and Waukee Lightning Baseball. His family welcomes the community to join us at the service for this important occasion.

## BABY NEWS IN THE ELMETS FAMILY

Joshua and Theresa Elmetts, of Carrboro, North Carolina are the proud parents of **Theodore (Theo) Cassidy Elmetts**, born September 1, 2021. Equally proud are grandparents Craig and Laurie Elmetts, Renate Deckner, Til Sturmer and Ulli Buck. Not to mention great grandparents of blessed memory Charlotte and Harry Elmetts. Theo (Herschel) is named for his great grandfather, Harry.

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## Jazz Return to Caspe Terrace on December 5

You'll typically find saxophonist Chris Byars, guitarist Pasquale Grasso and bassist Ari Roland holding court in NYC's finest jazz venues, but on the afternoon of December 5, 2021, 2 to 4 p.m., they will bring their music to Jazz at Caspe Terrace. Individually, the three players coming have earned critical acclaim for their many performances and recordings. Although they have worked together in various bands, this will be a rare occasion for them to perform as a trio.



CHRIS BYARS

PASQUALE GRASSO

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This concert marks the return of the popular Jazz at Caspe Series, which was temporarily suspended throughout 2020 and much of 2021 as a result of the pandemic. The series, which began more than 18 years ago, was a way for local couple Abe Goldstien and Jackie Garnett to share the music they love with the community they love. The intimate environment of Caspe Terrace combined with the hospitality of Goldstien and Garnett and the reception given to the artists by the audience has earned the respect of a wide variety of jazz legends and up-and-comers who have appeared there.

**For more information or to order tickets contact Abe at 515-279-6452 or [abegold1951@gmail.com](mailto:abegold1951@gmail.com).**

# Temple B'nai Jeshurun

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6pm Erev Shabbat Service	2 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Alicia Loeb Bat Mitzvah
3	4 3pm Chair Yoga	5 10am Temple Staff Meeting	6	7 10am Sisterhood Crafts Chair Yoga 3pm	8 6pm Erev Shabbat Service	9 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Liam and Violet Andrews B'nai Mitzvah
10 1:30pm Des Moines Area Hunger Hike	11 3pm Chair Yoga	12 10am Temple Staff Meeting	13	14 10am Sisterhood Crafts Chair Yoga 3pm	15 6pm Erev Shabbat Service	16 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Oren Talmon Bar Mitzvah
17 1pm Sisterhood Program at the Civic Center	18 3pm Chair Yoga	19 10am Temple Staff Meeting Temple Board Meeting - ZOOM	20	21 10am Sisterhood Crafts Chair Yoga 3pm	22 6pm Erev Shabbat Service	23 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Shabbat Service
24	25 3pm Chair Yoga	26 10am Temple Staff Meeting	27	28 10am Sisterhood Crafts Chair Yoga 3pm	29 6pm Erev Shabbat Service	30 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) Shabbat Service
31 3pm Sisterhood: Temple Tea						

# Temple B'nai Jeshurun

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10am Temple Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	3 7pm Rabbi's Virtual Intro to Judaism Class - Jewish History	4 10am Sisterhood Crafts	5 6pm Erev Shabbat Service	6 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service
7	8	9 10am Temple Staff Meeting	10	11 10am Sisterhood Crafts	12 6pm Erev Shabbat Service	13 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service
14 3pm Hanukkah Happenings	15 6:30pm Temple Book Club - This Is How It Always Is	16 10am Temple Staff Meeting 6:30pm Temple Board Meeting - ZOOM	17	18 10am Sisterhood Crafts	19 6pm Erev Shabbat Service	20 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service 4:30pm Dillon Choos Bar Mitzvah
21	22	23 10am Temple Staff Meeting	24	25 10am Thanksgiving Holiday - Temple Office Closed Sisterhood Crafts	26 6pm Thanksgiving Holiday - Temple Office Closed Erev Shabbat Service	27 9am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10am Shabbat Service
28	29	30 10am Temple Staff Meeting				

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