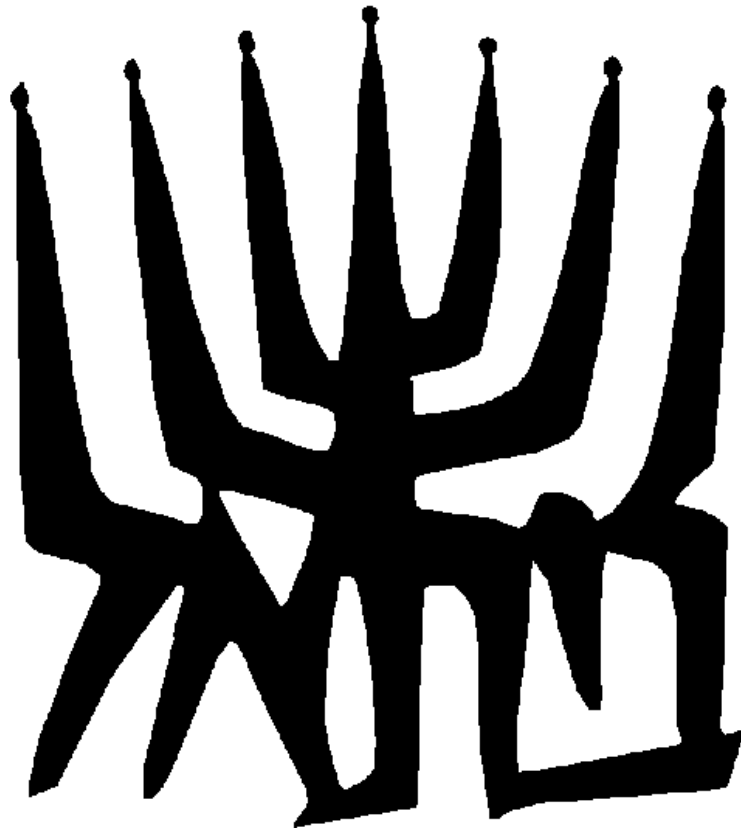


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From the Desk of Rabbi Mandel

Although August is often thought of as a time when “nothing much happens” on the Jewish calendar, this year it holds two important landmarks in our year-cycle. The month of Elul begins on August 25th, officially starting the High Holy Day period. According to Jewish tradition, Elul should be used to prepare your heart for the Holy Days, including reviewing the last year to see where you would have done things differently.

But before Elul begins, we mark Tisha B'av – the ninth of the month of Av – a Jewish day of national mourning. On the historical calendar, the day is said to correspond to the destruction of both the first and the second Temple in Jerusalem. What is interesting then is that the Rabbis instituted a day of national mourning during a time when there was no geographical Jewish nation. They understood that the Jewish people shared an affinity and responsibility for one another regardless of where they live. The symbol for that affinity was, and still is, the Torah. In 1937, more than 10 years before the establishment of the State of Israel, Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan wrote his thoughts about Jewish nationhood in a book called The Meaning of God in Modern Jewish Religion. He said, in part:

“...Jewish nationhood functions... as an instrument for social cooperation and personal self-realization. Its aim is not mere survival through attack and defense, but civilization, the humanizing and socializing of its people for their own good and that of humankind generally. In the effecting of this end, the Torah was the main instrument. Through it the people were able, even after the destruction of their political State [in 70 CE], to develop a community life that enabled the common past of the Jewish people to function as an inspiration for a common future, in which the ideals that were rooted in the Jewish civilization would be realized. Thus Jewish civilization survived the destruction of the Jewish State...as Israel Zangwill put it, the Jewish people was twice resurrected to say *kaddish* over its own grave.”

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that everyone has had a good summer. This summer has been an eventful one for our Congregation. At the time of writing our old synagogue has been torn down and the bricks have begun to be hauled away. If anyone is interested in bricks for gardening or other purposes, please contact me and I will help you make arrangements. In order to keep everyone in the loop regarding the deconstruction and construction phases, please check out our website: www.beth-el-sunbury.org where you will be able to see what's happening.

It's a funny feeling to go past Arch Street and not see our old home. Though we continue to be without a home we continue to thrive as a congregation. We will continue to keep you posted as to where our services, socials, educational programs and other events will be held. The exciting part is coming up where we will be able to watch our new home being built. We should be proud of ourselves as we help create a new Jewish space which will envelope our community with worship space, learning space and just being together!

Not only has this been a time of change in terms of space, but also in terms of taking control of our finances. Many of you answered the call this summer when extra funds were needed to ensure that we continue operating. I thank all of you for your patience while we institute the changes in our billing cycle. Most importantly, we need people to volunteer their ideas and time to help us create fundraisers that we can enjoy and invite the larger community to join. It is also important to reach out to people who might be interested in our community and invite them to join us for services, pot lucks, socials and educational programming. Sometimes it is difficult for potential members to reach out and find us while we are moving, so take the opportunity to encourage new friends and/or past members to join us on our journey.

We are well on our way and I thank all of you for your continued participation in so many ways to getting things done! Keep your eyes open for our upcoming Summer/Fall Congregation Meeting – date, time and place to be posted soon for September.

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GET WELL

Diane Buckler
Bill Byron
Mildred Daniels
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SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday evening services will continue as usual at the UU Commons. On the third Friday of the month we will have an early service and potluck dinner. There will be no Shabbat Yeledim program in August.

End of Summer Pot Luck Dinner

will be held following the August 18th early service! Please come and bring a dairy or vegetarian dish from your garden to share.

BULLETIN

For those of you have sent in donations – Thank You! The Bulletin costs approx. \$1400 /year to copy and mail. To date we have only \$700 in donations.

Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Michael Myers

On August 5th, Michael Myers will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. All members of the Congregation are encouraged to attend the Shabbat morning service that day, beginning at 9:30 am. The service will be held at the Lighthouse Fellowship Worship Center, just off Rt. 204 in New Berlin. If you plan to stay for the luncheon following, RSVP to Marcia Margolis-Myers at 743-5091.

PLAN FOR HEBREW SCHOOL NOW!

The first day of Hebrew School will be on September 10th. Until our building is ready, we will continue to meet at the Senior Center in Lewisburg on both Sundays and Wednesdays.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Fred and Ilse Voss

MAZEL TOV

Jonathan Weis
and Analisa Baretto
On their marriage

BOARD MEETING

Sunday,
August 20, 2006
at 10:00am
Solomon's.

SISTERHOOD

Summer Reading:
Born to Kvetch
by Michael Wex

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Yahrzeit

Av		Aug
7	Sarah Epstein	1
8	Edith Belgard	2
9	Rose Frank	3
10	Louis Jacobson	4
	Abraham Feldman	
11	Abraham Berman	5
	Carson Leitzel	
12	Lillian Man Kronberg	6
	Else Voss	
14	Sylvia Rosenblum	8
	Bert Rich	
15	Alfred Abramson	9
18	Julius Cohen	12
21	Roselyn Levine	15
22	Fred Goldstein	16
24	George Frank	18
	Miriam Koch	
25	Morris Hirsch	19
27	Miriam Cooper	21
	Gustav Huppert	
29	Sarah Rosenstein	23
	Elsie Schwartz	
	Frank Karniol	

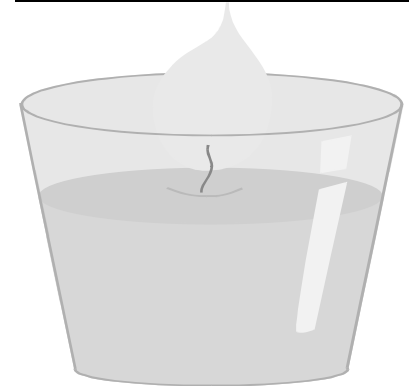
Elul

1	Marvin Leonard Buckler	25
	Charlotte Jacobson	
2	Rose Jacobson	26
	Seymour Jacobson	
3	Arthur Spector	27
5	Saul Miller	29
6	Selma Karpman	30
7	Morris Apfelbaum	31
		Sept
8	Murray Calder	1
	Martin Hutterer	
9	Kurt Machauf	2
	Robert Bernstein	
12	Fay Greenfield	5
13	Lillian Levine	6
14	Joseph Adler	7

"Those in the first year of
Passing"

Gerald Abowitz
Jack Kolbert
Karl Sosland
Francie Silverstein
Bev Fiedler
Ryan Daniels

May their memories be
bound up in the
Book of Righteous.
Remember to kindle the
memorial candle on the
evening before the yahrzeit
date



THANK YOU

My Dear Friends,
I want to thank you
from the bottom of my
heart for your outpouring
of caring and support for
Ron and I. Your love and
prayers continue to bless
us during this time of
healing.

Very Sincerely,
Rickie Freedman

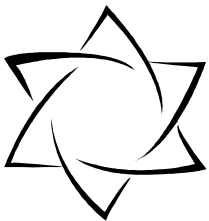
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