



The Clarion



Temple B'nai Emet

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SEPTEMBER 2016

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 2016

CONDUCTED BY RABBI SHELDON PENNES & STEVEN KAYE

SELIHOT SERVICE - Saturday, September 24, 2016 - 9:00 P.M.

ROSH HASHANAH

First Evening Sun. Oct. 2nd 7:00 p.m.
First Day Mon. Oct. 3rd 9:00 a.m.
Second Day Tues. Oct. 4th 9:00 a.m.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Evening Fri. Oct. 7th 7:00 p.m.
Morning Sat. Oct. 8th 9:00 a.m.

KOL NIDRE

Evening Tues. Oct. 11th 6:00 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Morning Wed. Oct. 12th 9:00 a.m.
Sermon Wed. Oct. 12th 11:30 a.m.
Yizkor Wed. Oct. 12th 12:30 p.m.
Musaf Wed. Oct. 12th 1:30 p.m.
Rest Period Wed. Oct. 12th 3:00 p.m.

SUKKOT SERVICES

First Day Mon. Oct. 17th 9:00 a.m.

SHEMINI ATZERES

Morning Mon. Oct. 24th 9:00 a.m.
Yizkor Mon. Oct. 24th 10:45 a.m.

SIMCHAS TORAH

Torah Parade Mon. Oct. 24th 7:00 p.m.

Mincha Wed. Oct. 12th 4:45 p.m.
Ne'ilah Wed. Oct. 12th 6:15 p.m.
Maariv Wed. Oct. 12th 7:00 p.m.
Sound Shofar Wed. Oct. 12th 7:30 p.m.

FROM THE RABBI.....

Shalom Haverim,

It's probably no surprise to any of you reading this that we are quickly approaching our New Year holidays: Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah. If there is anything different about this year, it would have to be how late the holidays are beginning. This, of course is due to the extra month of 5776, a leap year.

Perhaps this "extra time" can be thought of as an additional opportunity to prepare ourselves for 5777. What do I mean by this? You see there are two distinctly different conceptions of time itself. For many people and cultures time was thought of cyclical – that things never change over time. We just keep repeating what we do over and over, year after year. For the Jews time was cyclical, but it was also moving in a linear direction into the future at the same time.

The Jewish people thought this way because we believed in the possibility of change. We believed that we could affect our destiny by our taking responsibility for our own behavior. We are not predestined to repeat our mistakes; we make our life-choices.

So while time seems cyclical in that every year the seasons repeat, there is always life and death, there is always the same work to be done. However, we believe that we can change, improve, cast off bad habits, and think in more constructive ways. The future can be an improvement over the past. This is the blessing of being human, but it is up to us to create our futures.

One of the ways we do this as Jews is to begin the process of "teshuva", "repentance," during these days before Rosh Hashana and continuing through Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

This is especially relevant this year at Temple Bnai Emet. For over 7 years we were in an ongoing contract with Grace Baptist Church to sell our property to them with the right to remain and continue to use the sanctuary, chapel, office, kitchen etc. Over the summer, the church let us know that they would not be able to complete the purchase. Therefore, we are retaking ownership of the property.

This is certainly welcome news on the one hand, but also presents us with the challenge to preserve the building and facilities with a reduced number of members. We do have to be thankful to many people for helping us thrive over the last 7+ years.

FROM THE RABBI CONT.....

First, we want to thank our dedicated board of directors who managed the ongoing sale of the building and our relationship with the church through this period. Special thanks go to Sandy and Jon Olesen who while not officially “board presidents,” were instrumental in board leadership and work during this period. At this time, Lou Danoff has taken over much of their work, and is doing a fine job. We thank him for stepping up. In fact, our whole board seems to be re-energized to work on behalf of the Bnai Emet community.

Shortly after the High Holidays, I will complete the 24th year of my service at Bnai Emet. It has been an honor to serve, and yet, I believe that only with everyone’s support will we be able to continue to have a true Jewish community here in what was once one of the true centers of Judaism in Southern California. We are prepared to welcome new young Jewish families looking for an affordable place to live with a synagogue close by.

We have a core of members who truly want to preserve a vibrant, “learning” Jewish community. Won’t you join with us and support this important endeavor.

I wish you a very Happy New Year, and look forward to seeing you in shul.

Your Rabbi



MINYON THANKS

Thanks to the following for their generous donations for saying Kaddish-El Moley Rachamim on the yorzeit for their beloved ones and prayers for the sick. Also, if needed, the Minyan will say Kaddish for the first year for a donation of \$150.00. If anything is needed from the Minyan, please do not hesitate to call the Temple Office **(323) 721-7064**.

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Kirschenbaum
In memory of Mollie Kirschenbaum
& Fannie Kirschenbaum
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Kirschenbaum
In memory of Samuel Arak
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Kirschenbaum
In memory of Mollie Kirschenbaum
Mr. Jay Avirom
In memory of Harry Avirom
Mrs. Judi Tefft
In memory of Rebecca Smith



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The High Holidays are just around the corner and it is time to begin thinking about seats and High Holiday pledges.

All seats are in the main sanctuary. If you want a specific area of the sanctuary please contact Val and she will assist you in finding seats, otherwise seats will be assigned as payments come in. Seats for Temple Bnai Emet members are \$60.00. For NON-MEMBERS seats are \$100.00.



Memoriam

Flo Schwartz

Ruth Kelman

*May their families and friends know of no further sorrow
and may they find consolation
in their hour of grief.*



CONTRIBUTIONS

YORZEITS

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Benveniste
In memory of Leon Benveniste
Mrs. Natalie Magy
In memory of Elizabeth Magy
Gloria & Leonard Nasatir
In memory of Annette Savad
Mrs. Paula Winer
In memory of Maxwell Nathan
Mr. David Avirom
In memory of Harry Avirom
Eleanore Smith
In memory of Genevieve Smith
Mrs. Marion Barsky
In memory of Charna Rickey
Mrs. Mary Stern
In memory of Gene "Red" Stern
Mr. Stuart Blasnick
In memory of William Blasnick
Mr. Joel Blass
In memory of Morris Blass
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Baron
In memory of Ethel Baron

YORZEITS CONT.

Mr. & Mrs. George Gelmis
In memory of Yakov Gelmis
Gail Feuerstein
In memory of David Feuerstein
Mrs. Rebecca Kaspin
In memory of Solomon Kaspin

RABBI'S FUND

Mrs. Yeda Richman
In memory of Ida Garber
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In memory of Rebecca Levine
Andrea & Vila Donovan
In memory of Charna Rickey
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Garber
In memory of Ida Garber
Lauren Rickey Greene
In memory of Charna Rickey

GENERAL FUND

Gail Feuerstein
In memory of Ruth Kelman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

Stephen Segal	Sept. 4 th
Billie Karz	Sept. 13 th
Maia Rosenbaum	Sept. 13 th
Zippy Gilman	Sept. 16 th
Jon Olesen	Sept. 16 th
Wendy Cohen	Sept. 25 th
Yeda Richman	Sept. 27 th
Arlene Blake	Sept. 30 th

Sandy & Jon Olesen Sept. 2nd



YORZEITS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

Ernestine Wolff	Sept. 2-3
Solomon Kaspin	Sept. 2-3
Abraham Cohen	Sept. 3-4
Stephenie Blasnick	Sept. 3-4
Rebecca Graves	Sept. 3-4
Fannie Mahler	Sept. 3-4
Clara Pieter	Sept. 3-4
Miriam Rosenberg	Sept. 3-4
Leonard Stanley Taylor	Sept. 3-4
Hyman Cadkin	Sept. 4-5
Jacob Dell	Sept. 4-5
Orah Gross	Sept. 4-5
Sarah Simon	Sept. 4-5
Kathryn Sodikoff	Sept. 4-5
Dinah Stone	Sept. 4-5
Morris Brandman	Sept. 5-6
Abraham Eiser	Sept. 5-6
Aaron Gold	Sept. 5-6
Joseph Keller	Sept. 5-6
Abe Green	Sept. 5-6
Anna Shaevitz	Sept. 5-6
Moses Toibin	Sept. 5-6
Edwin Wandt	Sept. 5-6
Frederick Brown	Sept. 6-7
Rosalind Herrmann	Sept. 6-7
Alice Hahn	Sept. 7-8
Ida Michlin	Sept. 7-8
Sol Weinberg	Sept. 7-8
Abraham Braunstein	Sept. 8-9
Freidl Applebaum	Sept. 8-9
Esther Covens	Sept. 8-9
Irving Dickman	Sept. 8-9
Helen Goldfarb	Sept. 8-9
Ira Miller	Sept. 8-9
Rebecca Smith	Sept. 8-9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Ruth Blasnick	Sept. 9-10
Joseph Brodsky	Sept. 9-10
George Bernard Fink	Sept. 9-10
Israel Reidman	Sept. 9-10
Samuel Weinberg	Sept. 9-10

Phil Goldberg	Sept. 10-11
Minnie Itzkovitz	Sept. 10-11
Louis Kleinman	Sept. 10-11
Archie Joseph Levin	Sept. 10-11
Eli Levy	Sept. 10-11
Herman Renkin	Sept. 10-11
Arnold Bukshpan	Sept. 11-12
Esther Eskanazi	Sept. 11-12

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH CONT.

Celia Gersh	Sept. 11-12
Herbert Jaffee	Sept. 11-12
Abraham Karlinsky	Sept. 11-12
Louis Walder	Sept. 11-12
Fanny Bornstein	Sept. 12-13
David Feuerstein	Sept. 12-13
Isaac Lubovsky	Sept. 12-13
Jack Myers	Sept. 12-13
David Abraham Prager	Sept. 12-13
Samuel Franklin	Sept. 13-14
Lena Glick	Sept. 13-14
Bessie Gordon	Sept. 13-14
Joseph Kaplan	Sept. 13-14
George Resnick	Sept. 13-14
Max Rosenstock	Sept. 13-14
Leonard Mink	Sept. 14-15
AL Stewart	Sept. 14-15
Fannie Golden	Sept. 15-16
Albert Greengood	Sept. 15-16
Sam Grossberg	Sept. 15-16
Nathan Lager	Sept. 15-16
Mike Madnick	Sept. 15-16
Florence Rightman	Sept. 15-16

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

Bess Chudacoff	Sept. 16-17
Solomon Gilderman	Sept. 16-17
Irving Polin	Sept. 16-17
Louis Silbert	Sept. 16-17
Ida Silver	Sept. 16-17
Anna Toledo	Sept. 16-17
Helen Abcug	Sept. 17-18
Pat Marks Boardman	Sept. 17-18
Sarah Feldman	Sept. 17-18
Larry Horberg	Sept. 17-18

Rebecca Kaplan	Sept. 17-18
David Maretsky	Sept. 17-18
Sol Richer	Sept. 17-18
Malka Behar	Sept. 18-19
Jennie Caro	Sept. 18-19
Raymond David Chesler	Sept. 18-19
Julius Dickman	Sept. 18-19
Alice Gartzman Haller	Sept. 18-19
David Kodner	Sept. 18-19
Jack Lefkowitz	Sept. 18-19
Stanley Martin	Sept. 18-19
Morris Meyerson	Sept. 18-19
Freda Smoler	Sept. 18-19
Bella Weiss	Sept. 18-19
Samuel Adler	Sept. 19-20
Ethel Dubelier	Sept. 19-20

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH CONT.

Minna Davidson	Sept. 19-20
Max Friedman	Sept. 19-20
Hannah Goltz	Sept. 19-20
Gertrude Himel	Sept. 19-20
Kalmer Rosenstein	Sept. 19-20
Robert Simon	Sept. 19-20
Alva Friedman	Sept. 20-21
David Golden	Sept. 20-21
Rose Greenblatt	Sept. 20-21
Melvin Harris	Sept. 20-21
Dora Pine Weiner	Sept. 20-21
Stanley Stone	Sept. 20-21
Reva Weisman	Sept. 20-21
Lillie Applebaum	Sept. 21-22
Rebecca Friedman	Sept. 21-22
Morris Kurtz	Sept. 21-22
Ricahrd Mirzaians	Sept. 21-22
Yisruale Moskovitz	Sept. 21-22
Albert Trunk	Sept. 21-22
Max Boronstein	Sept. 22-23
Jacob Hasson	Sept. 22-23
Jacob Sapiro	Sept. 22-23
Sylvia Schultz	Sept. 22-23
Carl Schwartz	Sept. 22-23
Mary Weingart	Sept. 22-23

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

John Barsky	Sept. 23-24
Herbert Boyar	Sept. 23-24
Gertrude Bukshpan	Sept. 23-24
Jacob Karz	Sept. 23-24
Isabelle Marcus	Sept. 23-24
Fanny Muehlbauer	Sept. 23-24
Max Pazornik	Sept. 23-24
Sam Blass	Sept. 24-25
Myrna Joyce Bolinger	Sept. 24-25
Rita Rica Levey	Sept. 24-25
Murry Porges	Sept. 24-25

Shane Leya Taylor	Sept. 24-25
Max Applebaum	Sept. 25-26
Isaac Hanan	Sept. 25-26
Ethel Myers	Sept. 25-26
Herman Perlmutter	Sept. 25-26
Minnie Pike	Sept. 25-26
Reuben Ruttenberg	Sept. 25-26
Lawrence Schwartz	Sept. 25-26
Henry Tobin	Sept. 25-26
Aaron Balowitz	Sept. 26-27
Max Kagan	Sept. 26-27
Ida Becker	Sept. 27-28
Ruth Feinstein	Sept. 27-28

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD CONT.

Harry Gilston	Sept. 27-28
Joseph Schneider	Sept. 27-28
Jack Breton	Sept. 28-29
Jack Braunstein	Sept. 28-29
Rachel Schrager	Sept. 29-30
Nellie Brody Werner	Sept. 29-30

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

Samuel William Bergman	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Bertha Ginsburg	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Paul Goodman	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Paula Kraus	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Sarah Newport	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Ida Umanskaya	Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Teddie Aran	Oct. 1-2
Herman Greenberg	Oct. 1-2
Donald Kaufman	Oct. 1-2
Diane Siegel	Oct. 1-2
Dora Speidman	Oct. 1-2
Rifka Abkowitz	Oct. 2-3
Melvin Isaac Budka	Oct. 2-3
Larry Wayne Carter	Oct. 2-3
Sarah Eiser	Oct. 2-3
Basha Fega Fishkin	Oct. 2-3
Jack Frank	Oct. 2-3
Ann Salica	Oct. 2-3
Max Zisman	Oct. 2-3
Louis Snyder	Oct. 3-4
David Finewood	Oct. 3-4
Sadie Hodes	Oct. 3-4
Sy Keller	Oct. 3-4
Victoria Karter Lee	Oct. 3-4
Dorothy Marks	Oct. 3-4
Evelyn Falk	Oct. 4-5
Narkis John Golcin	Oct. 4-5
Jack Matisoff	Oct. 4-5
Yoel Monin	Oct. 4-5
Morris Novicoff	Oct. 4-5
Ida Shoff	Oct. 4-5
Freda Wilner	Oct. 4-5

Hyman Cohen Oct. 5-6
 Benjamin Kaplan Oct. 5-6
 Pauline Feldman Oct. 5-6
 Milton Kaslovsky Oct. 5-6
 Sophie Kellner Oct. 5-6
 AL Kleinberg Oct. 5-6

Elizabeth Neufeld Oct. 5-6
 Julius Wasserman Oct. 5-6
 Mildred Greene Oct. 6-7
 Ida Lederman Oct. 6-7
 Louis H. Lewis Oct. 6-7
 Arthur Stein Oct. 6-7

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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

15TH – Board Meeting - **10:00 a.m.**
 24TH - Selihot Service – **9:00 a.m.**

OCTOBER

2ND - Erev Rosh Hashanah Service – **7: 00 p.m.**
 3RD - 1st Day of Rosh Hashanah Service – **9:00 a.m.**
 4TH - 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah Service – **9:00 a.m.**
 11TH – Kol Nidre Service – **6:00 p.m.**
 12TH – Yom Kippur

DATED MATERIAL

PLEASE EXPEDITE

Rabbi..... Sheldon Pennes
 Secretary..... Valerie Cook

Schedule of Services



Services are held on:

Friday at 7:00 P.M.
 Saturday at 9:00 A.M.

Services are held at other times by
 special arrangements with the Minyonaires

Candle Lighting Time

“Beautify the Sabbath and
Your Home”



Sept 2.....	6:57
Sept 9.....	6:48
Sept 16.....	6:38
Sept 23.....	6:28
Sept 30.....	6:19

FROM YOUR BOARD

Last Clarion we informed everyone that Grace Baptist Church defaulted on their promissory note. In the meantime they abandoned the building and it has taken us two months to get our property back. We now own the temple again and are faced with a similar situation that we faced in 2009. Our income does not cover our expenses. We are going to be working on a solution over the next few months. We will continue to keep functioning as your temple with all services provided as usual. We are looking for ideas as to how to accomplish this for the long term. If we are unable to continue maintaining the building and providing all services as usual we may have to consider another sale/lease proposition or downsizing to another smaller location in Montebello. Our preference and goal is to stay in the building. Either way, our goal is to continue as a temple that provides services for our congregation.

We are open to ideas from our congregation on how we can move successfully forward. We are asking for anyone who can provide legal or financial expertise, should we need to enter into a contract with a buyer, to assist us by contacting the board and letting us know you are willing to help.

As time goes on we will keep you updated on our situation. We are in no danger of closing as we were able to build up a cash reserve after the last sale/lease arrangement. Unfortunately it is not enough to continue forever without a sound plan for the future.

Summer is over and time to begin thinking about the High Holidays. As previously mentioned our expenses are now larger than ever and your help is needed. We ask you to pay your dues, and think of our situation when you pay for your seats, high holiday greetings, aliyas and of course your pledges.

We want to invite all who attend Rosh Hashana services to join us for a kosher luncheon immediately after the service. This is a nice time to visit with family and your temple friends.

We look forward to seeing you during the High Holidays.