

Temple Times

Keeping the Temple Emmanuel Community in Touch

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope and trust that everyone is enjoying their time off during the summer, getting a good opportunity to recharge and rejuvenate before entering our new synagogue season.

I again want to express my sincere appreciation to the Board and membership of the temple for your support and confidence as I start my tenure as President. In taking the position, I have directly learned from our recent Presidents that one has to be both very aware and flexible for any matters that do come up, whether internal or external to the temple. Well, as fate would have it, a matter has arisen that directly affects Caryl and I personally, and the temple community as a whole.

In late June, a rewarding career opportunity with the Navy presented itself in Pittsfield, MA. After much intense consideration with Caryl, I decided to take the job offer. This will necessitate a relocation to Western Massachusetts during the early September time-frame. It is with a heavy heart that I will have to resign my membership in the temple, and in parallel, step down as your temple President. This is not a decision that I take lightly: my heart and my soul are truly embedded in this temple, nurtured

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over all these years. There is no question whatsoever that I have established strong bonds with this "family" of wonderful people, bonds that I will both remember and cherish forever. Once again, this was an extremely difficult choice to make.

I fully realize that this pronouncement impacts the entire temple on multiple fronts, not to mention having it occur at a challenging time in our history. We all know what the hurdles are in front of us: growing our membership, finding a Rabbi, supporting our religious activities, enhancing our beloved chapel, etc. This temple, like many other religious institutions, has had to endure a number of difficult obstacles (our infamous oil spill for one), and somehow, together as a close-knit community, we were able to persevere. My belief has always been that the true strength of Temple Emmanuel is our dedicated and devoted membership: each and everyone one of us has our own special parts to play in order to allow the temple to succeed and prosper. We will all shortly enter into the High Holiday season, with the customary tenets of repentance and personal introspection, as well as for spiritual renewal. It's that essence of renewal that everyone needs to fully embrace and commit to for the good of the temple as it moves forward into the future.

I will do everything in my power to ensure a smooth

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NEXT TEMPLE TIMES IS JUST BEFORE CHANUKAH!

With many activities being added and Shabbat services changes, please check your weekly **TEMPLE BLAST**. If you are not receiving these email updates, check your spam folder, and also make sure we have your current/favorite email address!

2015 HIGH HOLIDAY AND SUKKOT SERVICES

Saturday, Sept 5th at 7:30 PM: Congregational Open House / Havdalah / Selichot Service

Sunday, Sept 13th at 7:30 PM: Eruv Rosh Hashanah Service (6:40 PM Candle Lighting)

Monday, Sept 14th at 8:45 AM: Rosh Hashanah Service, 1st Day

(Tashlich will be conducted approx. 15 minutes after conclusion of service)

Tuesday, Sept 15th at 8:45 AM: Rosh Hashanah Service, 2nd Day

Saturday, Sept 19 at 9:45 AM: Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service

Tuesday, Sept 22rd at 6:30 PM: Kol Nidre/Yom Kippur (Candle Lighting, 6:24 PM)

Wednesday, Sept 23rd at 8:45 AM: Yom Kippur (with Yizkor immediately following the Torah Service)

Wednesday, Sept 23rd at 5:00 PM: Yom Kippur Afternoon / Ne'ilah / Maariv Services

(Final Shofar and Community Break Fast at approx 7:22 PM)

Sunday, Sept 27th at 7:30 PM: Eruv Sukkot Family Service (Candle lighting, 6:15 PM)

Monday, Sept 28th at 9:30AM: Sukkot 1st Day Service

Friday, Oct 2nd at 7:30 PM: Shabbat / Sukkot Evening Service

Sunday, Oct 4th at 7:30 PM: Eruv Shemini Atzeret Service (Candle lighting 6:03 PM)

Monday, Oct 5th at 9:30 AM: Shemini Atzeret Service (with Yizkor)

Monday, Oct 5th at 7:00 PM: Simchat Torah Family Service

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transition and to assist our temple leadership as best as possible. I also want to personally thank Ben Weiner for graciously accepting the role as "Acting" president for the balance of the current term.

Caryl and I are very grateful for the support and friendship from the entire Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield community. We will embark on our new lives in Western Mass with countless cherished memories, everything from High Holiday services with Ken Richmond to our Beer Fest Game nights, from Sukkah building to our lay-lead services and Shabbat

Shiras. Moreover, this community has helped me become a better and more confident person, as well as strengthened my Jewish cultural and religious aspects – something I will always appreciate!!

This is not goodbye: instead, it's an "until we see you all next!!"

L'Shana Tovah!! May you and your families embrace a year of peace, health, security, and happiness!!

Very sincerely,
Evan Pressman

SISTERHOOD NEWS

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer!

The Sisterhood had a busy Spring! Our Donor Dinner was held in May at Bertucci's in Reading. Thank you to - Anna Vatman for creating another beautiful afghan for our annual raffle and Cara Williams, who planned the event and provided favors for all our guests. Congratulations to Beth Aaronson, who received the Woman of Valor award. Beth has contributed her time, energy and talents to many Sisterhood and Temple events over the years.

At the Temple dinner and installation in June, we recognized Susan Hochberg for her many years as Sisterhood President. There are now 3 co-Presidents of Sisterhood (Lydia Carpe, Alissa Onigman and Ellen Scott) who will hopefully be able to do as wonderful a job as Susan has done for us!

Did you get your Sisterhood cookbook, published Fall 2014 by Cara Williams?

Please save the following dates:

Mon. Sept. 21st – 7:30 Sisterhood Board Meeting at the Temple

Wed. Oct 14th – 6:30 PM Sisterhood Kick-off Supper at the Temple

Mon. Nov 16th – 7:30 Sisterhood Program at the Temple

We hope you are available to attend our events throughout the year. Please share any ideas you have for Sisterhood.

Wishing everyone a very healthy, happy New Year and looking forward to seeing everyone soon!
Lydia, Alissa and Ellen

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our newly installed Temple and Sisterhood Board members and officers. Thank you for your service.

Josh Gondelman, a Brandeis 2007 graduate has just been nominated for an EMMY for Outstanding Writing for a Variety Series. He was one of the writers for Last Week Tonight with John Oliver seen on HBO.

Liz Freeman has been nominated for the National Puppeteers of America's Marjorie Batchelder McPharlin Award for contributions in the field of Puppetry in Education. The national awards will be presented at the August 2015 National Puppetry Festival.

To a number of Temple family members who have new grandkids and children over the past year. We look forward to seeing them grow through their visits and pictures.

HAS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS/CONTACT INFO CHANGED?

Contact Marsha Alter at mlouisea@comcast.net to make sure we can still reach you!

BOOK CLUB

The Temple Reads book club has about 10-12 regular readers with others who visit from time to time. Each date is a Sunday evening at 7pm held in rotating members' homes. Attendees do not have to read the book though it is helpful for the discussion. Some listen to the books on CDs as well or read EBooks. Most titles read are easily obtained through the library system with your local library card. We welcome new participants!

Oct. 4, 2015: 7:00 (at Leshen-Faigel's) *Asylum City* by Liad Shoham

Set in Tel Aviv, Anat Nachmias is given the lead on her first murder investigation when young social activist is found dead in her apartment. Eager to find answers, the talented policewoman looks to the victims past few days.

November 8: *Invisible City* by Julia Dahl

A finalist for the Edgar and Mary Higgins Clark Awards, in her riveting debut *Invisible City*, journalist Julia Dahl introduces a compelling new character in search of the truth about a murder and an understanding of her own heritage.

Just months after Rebekah Roberts was born, her mother, an Hasidic Jew from Brooklyn, abandoned her Christian boyfriend and newborn baby to return to her religion. Neither Rebekah nor her father have heard from her since. Now a recent college graduate, Rebekah has moved to New York City to follow her dream of becoming a big-city reporter. But she's also drawn to the idea of being closer to her mother, who might still be living in the Hasidic community in Brooklyn.

Then Rebekah is called to cover the story of a murdered Hasidic woman. Rebekah's shocked to learn that, because of the NYPD's habit of kowtowing to the powerful ultra-Orthodox community, not only will the woman be buried without an autopsy, her killer may get away with murder.

Dec. 6: TBA (First night of Chanukah)

January 17, 2016: TBA



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HIGH HOLIDAY SEATING RESERVATIONS

As the end of August approaches, are you looking to re-connect with the synagogue at High Holidays?

Maybe you are thinking about the New Year and that you want to be here?

Perhaps you would like a particular seat location at Temple Emmanuel, or would like to know what your contribution was the year that the Pilgrims landed in Provincetown?

For all that and more, be sure to reserve your High Holiday seats and make your contribution to the synagogue.

I will be out of town on the Sept 5th Open House, but you can contact me at 617-688-0870 or onigman@comcast.net to discuss reserving specific seats and donation amounts.

You can mail your check (payable to Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield) to:

Philip Onigman
73 Grand Street
Reading MA 01867

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Last year's social events included a November concert with Nationally known festival favorites Kim and Reggie Harris and an end of the year dinner and installation ceremony at Bertucci's in Reading. The annual Shabbat Across America dinner was held in March. Events like these bring our Temple families and friends together.

For the coming season we expect to bring back our Game Night and other special programs.

Ideas may be sent to Liz Freeman (lindentree85@comcast.net) Like all of our Temple Committees, Social Committee appreciates those who have helped out with the planning and execution of the events. Newcomers to the committees with new ideas will be welcomed. Do you have an idea for an event? Let us know.

WHERE IS THE PAPER CALENDAR?

The TEMPLE CALENDAR is going green and will now be available ONLY on line at www.wakefieldtemple.org. The goal is to keep it accurate and updated on timely basis. If you want one on your 'fridge, feel free to print a copy!

RITUAL COMMITTEE

The Ritual Committee is looking forward to welcoming all our Temple members back from what we hope was a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We trust that the time off allowed you to be refreshed and rejuvenated, in time for a brand new season.

Our Ritual Committee has and is continuing to determine where our Jewish journey is going to take us with respect to what should be our shared ritual practices and events. The intent is to find that “sweet spot”, what works for us all. To that end you should know that we have a very dedicated and hard working committee. Once again, we have engaged the services of Rabbi Michael Luckens to be our High Holiday Rabbi and Cantor for this year. Rabbi Luckens was very much enjoyed by all last year. His rabbinical and cantorial skills were obvious to all. There is a short “bio” of Rabbi Luckens located in the “Rabbi’s Corner” of this Temple Times. As was done last year, Rabbi Luckens will be taking some prayers from the Musaf service and placing them in the Shacharit service. Doing this allows for less repetition of prayers as well as allowing for a shorter overall service which again most everyone enjoyed last year.

The new HH Mahzor, Mahzor Eit Ratzon, that we first used last year was a big hit and of course we will be using them once again. The new, more contemporary and fully transliterated HH prayerbook is fashioned in the same way as the Shabbat/Festival morning prayerbooks (the red ones) that we’ve been using these past two seasons.

As our congregation is already aware, the Temple again was unable to secure the services of an established pulpit Rabbi. As such, our Shabbat and Festival services for the 2015 - 2016 season will be a combination of lay-led, rabbi led and student rabbi led. Reading the Temple Blasts is a good way to keep up with what will be happening. In addition, as was done in recent years, arrangements have been made with local Reconstructionist Rabbis to continue to support Jewish life cycle functions for our congregation members should the need arise. The Ritual Committee has also decided to continue our schedule of reduced Shabbat morning services and is instituting reduced Shabbat evening services for this upcoming season. The reasoning behind this decision is to help alleviate the load on our valued lay-leadership and to reflect dwindling attendance. The hope is that fewer services will result in better attendance.

As such, please note these IMPORTANT facts about our Shabbat / Festival services for this season:

1. Our Friday evening Shabbat services will be held only on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month (unless otherwise noted), and will begin at 7:30 PM. The 2 nd Friday of each month will be Shabbat Shira based, as was introduced a few seasons ago. We can now experience the true ruach of welcoming the beauty and serenity of the Shabbat with your extended Temple Emmanuel “family”.
2. Our Shabbat Morning services will be held only on the 1 st and 3 rd Saturdays of the month (unless otherwise noted), and will begin at 9:30 AM.
3. Our Festival services will begin at 9:30 AM. For Passover, we hold morning services for the 1 st and 8 th days only. For Shavuot, we hold morning services on both days. For Sukkot, we hold morning services for the 1 st day and for Shemini Atzeret only.

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All times and dates for our Shabbat, holiday, and special event services are available by email on the Temple Blast and the Temple website, www.wakefieldtemple.org. In addition, the complete High Holiday and Sukkot schedule, including service times and dates, is also within this issue of the Temple Times.

As always, if anyone is interested in reading some Torah (Hebrew and/or English), chanting Haftorah, giving a sermon for the weekly Parshat, or participating in some other capacity, please let either Harris Hochberg or myself know – we'll be more than happy to accommodate.

The solemnity of the High Holiday season will soon be upon us this year. Traditionally, this period of repentance and introspection commences with the recitation of Selichot on Saturday night, 9/5. The Selichot service sets the tone for spiritual renewal and forgiveness, the underlying themes of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The evening will begin at 7:30 PM with a Congregational Open House/Social, including refreshments and High Holiday seat purchases. We will recite Havdalah as a congregation during the Open House. The actual Selichot service will start at approximately 9:00 PM.

Our 1st Shabbat weekend on the season will begin with Shabbat Shira on Friday September 11th. Of course, we'd like to see a strong showing of our Temple family at services to start the year off right!!

Key dates for High Holiday sanctuary and temple Sukkah preparation are as follows.

Set up Sanctuary for High Holidays	Sunday, September 13th , 9:00 AM
Set up Sukkah / Return Sanctuary to normal use	Sunday, September 27th, 9:00 AM
Dismantle Sukkah	Sunday, October 11th , 9:30 AM

Please mark these dates down and make every effort to come and help out. As it has been said so often: many hands make light work! And, it's actually fun!!

Following Yom Kippur, we welcome the joyous holiday of Sukkot, which begins this year on Tuesday night, September 27 th . Sukkot is the third of the shalosh regalim, or three pilgrimage festivals designated in the Torah, as well as being a major agricultural festival. During this cheerful holiday, it is customary to build and decorate a sukkah, a temporary shelter that symbolizes to us the booths used by the Israelites during their 40 years of wandering in the desert. It is a mitzvah to sit, eat, and entertain in the Sukkah. Temple Emmanuel has our own Sukkah on the brick patio behind the chapel, so we welcome all our Temple members and their families to visit and use our sukkah during the festival and partake in the wonderful mitzvah.

If anyone is interested in ordering a Lulav and Estrog to use and celebrate with during Sukkot, please contact me at (781) 933-0651 or at wsvitz@gmail.com. Please be sure to place your order by Yom Kippur in order to have them in place by Sukkot.

The festival season ends with a flourish on Simchat Torah, the very happy (and boisterous) holiday that celebrates the year-long cycle of reading the Torah. On Simchat Torah, we read the very last

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chapter of Deuteronomy, then roll the Torah back to the beginning and read the very first chapter of Genesis. This year, our Family Service will be Monday night, October 5th, beginning at 7:00 PM. We encourage everyone to please come and be a part of the celebration. Parents – bring the kids!!! Kids – bring your friends, your parents and your grandparents!!!! A fantastic time is guaranteed for all!!!

Looking ahead, the Wakefield Thanksgiving Interfaith Service will be held on Tues, November 24th. Further information on time and location will be provided as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday. And on Sunday, December 6th, we begin to celebrate the joyous festival of Chanukah, the Festival of Light and Rededication, with the first candle lit at dusk on that night.

The Ritual Committee always welcomes new people to help support the Temple's religious customs, practices and life-cycle events. We hold our meetings monthly, on the third Tuesday of every month beginning in October. If you are

interested, please don't hesitate to contact me at (781) 933-1118 or at wsvitz@gmail.com. Your support would be very much appreciated.

For those of you who may not yet be aware, my predecessor Evan Pressman who has been the ritual chair for so many years, is relocating to Pittsfield MA due to a career opportunity. Evan has been the heart and soul of the ritual committee as well as the Temple in general and we are deeply indebted to him. He will be a tough act to follow. We wish Evan and Caryl only the best in their move and we want them to know that Temple Emmanuel will always keep a door open for them.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding religious practices, observances, or services throughout the year.

Wishing you and your families all the best for the upcoming holiday season!

Respectfully
Warren Silbovitz

ABOUT RABBI LUCKENS

Rabbi Michael Luckens joins us again for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur!

Rabbi Luckens was born and grew up in New York City. As an undergraduate he attended Brooklyn College and has a Masters degree in Education from Yeshiva University. He earned a PhD in Religion from Temple University and was ordained as a Rabbi by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. He also has a Certificate in Pastoral Care and Counseling from McLean Hospital, an affiliate of Harvard University.

Rabbi Luckens is Rabbi Emeritus at Congregation Kerem Shalom in Concord, MA where he served from 1978-2012. During that period of time he wrote and co-edited gender-neutral and fully transliterated prayer books for Shabbat, and for home use during shivah. He enjoys working with students in the Hebrew School and with families through the cycles of life. He is interested in the intersections of spirituality, music and language. And he enjoys the process of weaving diverse threads into the fabric of community.

For 16 years he was an Adjunct Professor at Stonehill College in the Boston area where he taught courses on The Jewish Experience and the Hebrew Bible.

He enjoys his yoga practice, the world of nature and most of all he loves spending time with his family.

IN THE NEWS

Monday, August 17th: The Wakefield's Beebe Library will present "An Evening with Israel Horovitz" at 7 pm.

Horowitz, who grew up in Wakefield, son of Charter Members, celebrates his first-ever poetry collection "Heaven and Other Poems." The renowned author will be reading selections from the book and sharing stories about what inspired them. His poems are often moving, often hilarious, and personal. Copies of the book will be available for purchasing and signing. Reservations are required by visiting the library website: wakefeildlibrary.org and click on the library calendar under events or call the Reference Desk 781-246-6334 ext 2. You do not need to be a wakefield resident to attend. There is no charge for attendance.

Thursday, August 27th: Guy Mendilow Ensemble will be in concert in Rockport's Shalin

Liu Performance Center.

Multi-instrumentalist, singer and skilled arranger and his four musical collaborators leap into song in "Tales from the Forgotten Kingdom." The intertwining of music and storytelling recorded in a language that blends archaic Spanish with Arabic, Hebrew, and Greek. The tales are amazing. The melodies twist and turn, like the culture of the Sephardic musicians embraced. Temple members may remember that Guy and his group performed in our Sanctuary a few years back before they became award winning national and international favorites. The newly renovated theater is cosy and audience can look out at the harbor behind the stage, a wonderful backdrop.

Shalin Liu Enter is at 37 Main St. in Rockport. Tickets are \$19-34. Call the box office at 978-546-7391.

LOTTERY

Temple Emmanuel realized a profit of approximately \$2400.00 due to the generosity of its players during the past year. Renewal forms have been mailed out and presently we have four numbers available for purchase. More numbers will be available as players don't always renew their numbers. A number is a great gift for grandchildren!

The following numbers are available for purchase for the 2015-2016 season beginning October 6, 2015; 29,40,71,93

Here is a brief reminder of how the lottery works. The winning numbers are based on the first Tuesday and first Wednesday nights' drawings of the Mass. daily number for a new month. If you match either the first two or the last two digits of the Tuesday night drawing, you will win a twenty-five dollar prize. If you match the middle two digits of Wednesday's drawing, you'll win the two hundred-dollar prize. For example, when Tuesday night's number is 1234

and Wednesday's number is 5678: The players whose numbers are 12 and 34 each wins twenty-five dollars and the player whose number is 67 wins two hundred dollars. We automatically send out the prizes and you can win more than once.

If you wish to purchase a number, please fill out the form elsewhere in the Temple Times and note the number(s) you desire. Please write a check payable to Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield for the whole season for \$60.00 for the first number and \$55.00 for any additional numbers and mail it and the renewal form Ben Weiner, 900 Lynnfield St #35, Lynnfield, MA, 01940. You may also purchase anyone of these numbers for \$30.00 for a half year.

Please call Ben Weiner at 617-628-7400 or 617-510-2655 days or 978-475-8074 nights with any questions. Or email him at theweino@yahoo.com

THANK YOU!

The Temple would like to thank these generous donors that have helped to sponsor the Temple this year. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated!!

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