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*The Harbinger*

TISHREI / CHESHVAN 5784



**2023**

**EVEN THOUGH THIS IS THE OCTOBER ISSUE, YOU'RE RECEIVING IT IN SEPTEMBER SO WE CAN STILL ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.**

**WE NEED YOUR**

**HELP!**

**BUILD THE SUKKAH on  
Wednesday, September 27,  
at 10:00 am**



**Come on — Give these guys a hand!**



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## From the President

### AN ABUNDANCE OF COUNSELORS

“With many counselors there is victory.”

Mishlei (Proverbs) 11:14



This etching used to belong to temple member Gloria Wagenknecht, who bought it at a garage sale and said she had no room on her walls to hang it. Viewing the picture, we immediately understand what is going on. These sages have gathered to discuss the import of a passage from the Jewish writings.

Why are they learning together in a group? Couldn't one very smart person discern the meaning and explain it to everybody else? In Judaism, that's not the way we do it. We have a 2000-year-old tradition of discussing together to work things out.

It took me a lifetime to learn this lesson, which has great application in trying to keep this congregation on a good path. It turns out that we have many wise members, and each has different life experiences and expertise. A phone call is all that is needed to avail myself of this wealth of wisdom.

Do we need investment advice? Call Phil. Negotiation help? Call Michael. How many refreshments to buy? Call Sue. Insurance suggestions? Call Robert. Computer help? Call Shain or Dave. Vendor suggestions? Call Rick or Don — they know everybody. Legal counsel? Call Marty or Bonnie. Landscaping? Call the other Michael where excavation is

involved. Something broken? Call Howie. Editing ideas? Call Mimi. Decorating ideas? Call Judy or Sue. Religious question? Call Ira. Why does someone seem upset? Call Lauren. Personnel issues? Call everybody. If I have not yet listed you as a member of my “shadow cabinet,” I will do so as soon as an issue arises that requires your expertise.

“Let the wise man hear and increase learning. The understanding man shall acquire wise counsels.”

Mishlei (Proverbs) 1:5

Stephanie Phillips, PhD  
President of the Board of Trustees

## Todah Rabah!

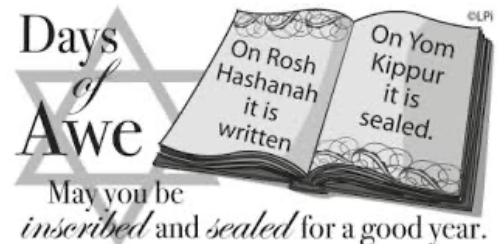
by Ira Simon on behalf of the Ritual Committee

In the past the Rabbi has honored our adult learners, our volunteers, our donors, and our leadership during High Holy Day Services. Given the circumstances for this year we will be acknowledging all of the above, but not gathering under the Chuppah.

Nonetheless, we wanted to let each of you who were in any of the above categories know how much you are valued and appreciated. Now more than ever we rely on members and non-members alike. Without individuals stepping up to support Temple Sholom we could not function.




As Jews we have an obligation to care for each other. The ritual committee is so appreciative that so many of you have made it an imperative to carry out that mitzvah.

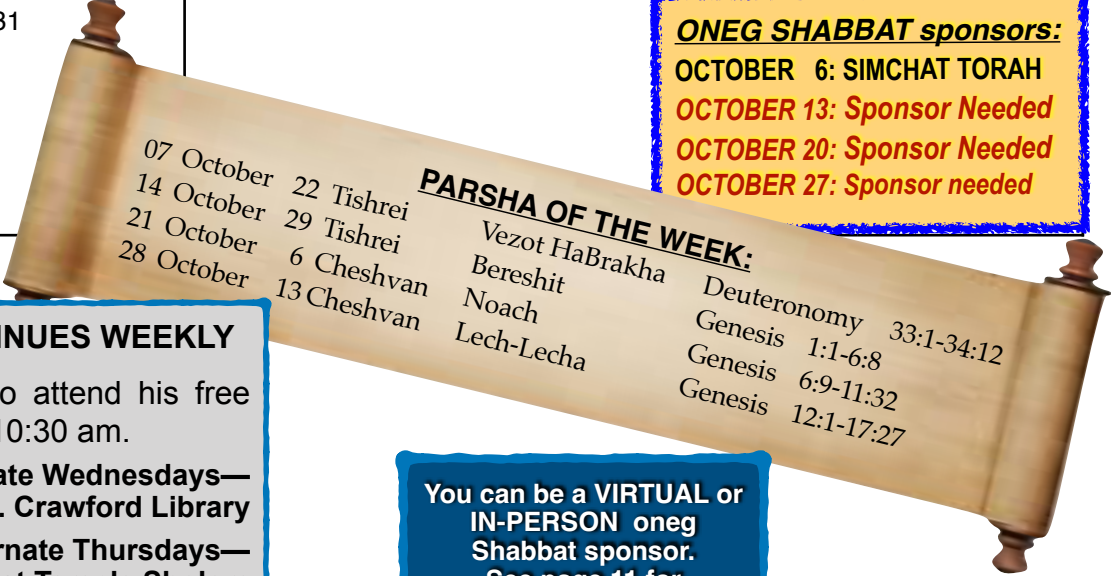
L'shanah tovah tikatevu v'taihatemu.



**ALL SERVICES ARE HYBRID and start at 7:00 PM**  
(Schmooze at 6:30)

OCTOBER 2023 — TISHREI / CHESVAN 5784

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <b>SUKKOT</b> 	2 <b>SUKKOT</b> 	3 <b>SUKKOT</b> 	4 <b>SUKKOT</b> 	5 <b>SUKKOT</b> 	6 <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> Shabbat Services <b>Rabbi Chuck Diamond</b> 7:00 PM Candle 6:12	7 Shmini Atzeret
8 <b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b> Deconstruct the Sukkah	9	10	11	12	13 Shabbat Services <b>The Levins</b> 7:00 PM Candle 6:01	14 Bereshit
15	16	17	18 ZOOM Board of Trustee Meeting 7:00 PM	19	20 Shabbat Services <b>The Levins</b> 7:00 PM Candle 5:50	21 Noach
22	23	24	25	26	27 Shabbat Services <b>The Levins</b> 7:00 PM Candle 5:40	28 Lech-Lecha
29	30	31	<div data-bbox="1117 1325 1550 1568" style="border: 2px dashed blue; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>ONEG SHABBAT sponsors:</b>  <b>OCTOBER 6: SIMCHAT TORAH</b>  <b>OCTOBER 13: Sponsor Needed</b>  <b>OCTOBER 20: Sponsor Needed</b>  <b>OCTOBER 27: Sponsor needed</b></p> </div>			




**YIDDISH CIRCLE CONTINUES WEEKLY**  
 Richie Chiger invites all to attend his free and easy Yiddish class at 10:30 am.

**Alternate Wednesdays—**  
 at Ethelbert B. Crawford Library

**Alternate Thursdays—**  
 at Temple Sholom

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**You can be a VIRTUAL or IN-PERSON oneg Shabbat sponsor. See page 11 for instructions.**



# Golden Books

To Sue Kantor, Happy Birthday.

*From: Sue & Don Horowitz*

To Gail Abramowitz, Happy Birthday.

*From: Sue & Don Horowitz*

To Persephanie Millett, Happy Birthday.

*From: Sue & Don Horowitz*

To Jeffrey & Bonnie Kirsch, Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Jace Michael Kirsch.

*From: Sue & Don Horowitz*

## Tribute Cards

To **Michael Zalkin & Family**, in memory of your brother,  
brother-in-law, Hector Zeledon. *From: Lauren & Marty Miller*

To **Robert Vandermark**, in memory of your mother Harriet  
Vandermark. *From: Sue & Ken Kantor*

To **Mindy Barcham**, Get Well Wishes. *From: Anne Palley*

To **Lauren & Marty Miller**, Happy Anniversary.  
*From: Sue & Don Horowitz*

To **Ira & Julia Levin**, Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.  
*From: Sue & Don Horowitz*

To **Sue Kantor**, Happy Birthday.  
*From: Lauren & Marty Miller, Phil & Paula Schroeder,  
Temple Board of Trustees*

To **Phyllis, Steve, & Jared Kaufman**, in memory of your  
beloved husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather,  
Norman Kaufman, with our deepest condolences.  
*From: Maureen & Bob Velten*

To **Jeffrey & Bonnie Kirsch**, Mazel Tov for your new  
grandson, Jace Michael Kirsch.  
*From: Sue & Don Horowitz, Judy Cutler*

To **Michael Zalkin**, In appreciation of your expertise & help  
during services. *From: Judy Cutler*



In memory of **Hector Zeledon**, beloved brother-in-law.

*Certificate to: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zalkin & Family  
Donor: Ellen Nesin & Family*



In memory of **Alice Guttman**, beloved mother.

*Certificate to: Carol Guttman Finnie  
Donor: Ellen Nesin & Family*



In memory of your beloved mother, **Harriet Vandermark**.

*Certificate to: Robert & Renee Vandermark  
Donor: Ellen Nesin & Family*

## Happy October Birthdays

- 13 Michele Denenberg
- 19 Pat Halprin
- 25 Stacey Sharoff
- 29 Lauren Miller
- 29 Lois Weinstein
- 30 Marion Schaal



## Happy Anniversary

- 13 Gary & Mimi Werner
- 20 Michael & Martha Zalkin
- 29 Howard & Helene Perlman

## THANK YOU ...

- **Mindy Weinstein** for the donation in honor of your sister Lois Weinstein and your Aunt Carole Silvermintz.
- **Judy Desatnick** for the donation in honor of her son, Bruce Desatnick, wishing him continued good health.
- **Leslie Meyers and Edith Meyers** for the donation.
- **Neal & Jane Jacobs** for the donation.

# PRIMETIMERS

## WISH YOU WELL TILL NEXT YEAR

The Primetimers ended our season with a delicious luncheon at Casa Mia. Phil Schroeder spoke about the history behind the building of the twin towers and the impact it has had. He shared his knowledge of the events of that horrific day in history. Some of our members shared their memories of 9/11. We had a moment of silence in memory of all of the lives that were lost.



Our first meeting of the 2024 season will be Monday, June 10, at 1:00 PM at Temple Sholom. Mimi Lewinter-Werner will share her parents' Holocaust experiences and photographs in a power point presentation. All other meetings will be on the second Monday of every month.

For those of you who plan ahead, our first NYC trip will be on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. We will have day trips planned for July and August. We will go to the Wind Creek Casino on Thursday, August 29, 2024.

In April 2024, we will start taking reservations for trips. Priority will be given to members.

There are still a few people who have not renewed their \$10 annual membership. Regrettably, we will remove these names from our birthday contributions and from the Harbinger list.

Wishing our seasonal residents a safe trip back and a good winter. For our year rounders, enjoy the winter and stay safe and healthy.

Shalom,



Go to the next page to see the happy and well-fed Primetimers who joined Paula and Phil at the Appreciation Luncheon.

<b>PRIMETIMER OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS</b>	
1	Judith Magnus
5	Claire Korn
10	Bunny Shapsis
11	Henne Altman
12	Judith Anger
15	Judy Geier
17	Barbara Jacobs
20	Vicki Lapolt
23	Diane Duberstein
25	Ronnie Millman
28	Helen Gold
29	Lauren Miller





**PRIMETIMERS 2023  
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**





# THE WORD "MITZVAH" IS A COMMANDMENT TO DO A GOOD DEED. IT'S KINDLING TO THE SOUL.

## 2023 Mitzvah Members

Thanks to the generosity of members and non-members, Temple Sholom has been able to continue our service to the Jewish community of Sullivan County. So that we can ensure our future, Temple Sholom members are being asked to contribute, according to their ability, an additional amount above regular membership dues. Can you step forward to support the continued existence of Reform Judaism in Sullivan County?

The three levels of Mitzvah Membership are:

- ✦ Platinum Level - additional \$500 above dues
- 🕎 Gold Level - additional \$250 above dues
- ♥ Silver Level - additional \$125 above dues.

If you are able, please **PAY YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION** and **BECOME A MITZVAH MEMBER.**

Specify: **"Mitzvah Membership"** Mitzvah Membership donations are tax deductible.

### ✦ Platinum (500)

Jan Hirsch (10/22)  
Anonymous (10/22)  
Maureen & Bob Velten (10/22)  
Dr. Rick & Marilyn Stein (7/23)  
Lauren & Marty Miller (7/23)  
Paula & Phil Schroeder (10/23)

### 🕎 Gold (250)

Gail Abramowitz (10/22)  
Michael Zalkin (10/22)  
Marion Schaal (1/23)  
Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch (7/23)  
Sheila & David Epstein (7/23)  
Sue & Don Horowitz (10/23)

### ♥ Silver (125)

Howard & Helene Perlman (11/22)  
Sue & Ken Kantor (4/23)

Mitzvah Membership listing in *The Harbinger* will appear the month following receipt of your donation and will continue to be listed for the following 12 months.

As long as your membership dues are up to date, consider making a tax-deductible Mitzvah Membership donation any time during the year.

## Friends of Temple Sholom — Exceptional Gifts from Nonmembers

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**IN MEMORY - YAHRZEIT WILL BE READ ON:**

**October 6:** Sharon Mohink, Abraham Lubliner, Dr. Gordon Bendersky, Harold Braunstein, Edna Katz, Abe Sperber, Michael Mednick, Jay Kinsbruner, \*Frantiska Mollova, David Alper, Ethel Cominsky Linnetz, Claire Plotkin, Jacob Bernard Sacks, Ronald Woda, Mary Millett, Sylvia Hudes, Warren Miller, Cynthia Harris, Donald Rasch

**October 13:** Harry Bandler, \*Regina Bejkovska, \*Ota Bejkovska, Richard Vandermark, Shirley Shoshensky, Anita Israel, Bernard Israel, Robert Kahn, Miriam Snyder, Sylvia Schroeder, Louis Grossman, Edith Goldstein, \*Matylda Sandoval, Benjamin Linnetz, Ruth Diamond

**October 20:** Sylvia Brafman, Bessie Cohen Miletich, Shirley Elias, \*Arnost Fantl, Neill Alenky, \*Anna Fantlova, Linda Cahill

**October 27:** Lenroy S. Millett, Sr., Eric Stein, \*Elsa Wozaskova, \*Helena Wozaskova, Susan Kassman, Irving Tobin, Don Davidson

*\*Holocaust victims from Pisek who perished in Terezin*



***Donations to the YAHRZEIT FUND***

***In Loving Memory of the Following:***

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*Anita Israel* by Judy Rowner

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*Sylvia Salpeter* by Neal & Jane Jacobs


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NOVEMBER 2023 - CHESHVAN / KISLEV 5784

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5 	6	7	8	9	10 Shabbat Services <b>The Levins</b> 7:00 PM Candle 4:25	11 Chayei Sarah
12	13	14	15	16	17 Shabbat Services <b>The Levins</b> 7:00 PM Candle 4:19	18 Toldot
19	20	21	22 Board of Trustees meeting 7:00 PM	23 	24 <b>NO SERVICES</b> Candle 4:14	25 Vayeitzei
26	27	28	29	30		

**PARSHA OF THE WEEK:**

04 Nov	20 Cheshvan	Vayeira	Genesis 18:1-22:24
11 Nov	27 Cheshvan	Chayei Sarah	Genesis 23:1-25:18
18 Nov	05 Kislev	Toldot	Genesis 25:19-28:9
25 Nov	12 Kislev	Vayeitzei	Genesis 28:10-32:3

 **In-person schmooze among friends at Temple Sholom**

**Thursdays @ 1:30** (Show and Tell too)

What brought your family to America?  
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 Articles, books, bubbe-meisers, family lore.  
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Contact: Myron Gittell, [myrongit@yahoo.com](mailto:myrongit@yahoo.com)  
 845-428-3111

 **Women members of Temple Sholom** are invited to join Sue Horowitz and Anne Palley **every Monday at 1:00 PM** as we come together (on screen).

For more information, leave a message for Sue or Anne through the office.

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celebrate Shabbat, to support the temple, etc.

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Write “*Virtual Oneg Shabbat*” in the memo line.

You will be recognized as the sponsor/host in the  
email sent to temple members the week of your oneg,  
and you will be acknowledged during the service and  
on facebook.

Is your friend sponsoring an oneg? You can make a  
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Due to the high prices of coffee and paper  
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- ☆ **Stephanie Phillips** maintains the facebook page & Instagram.
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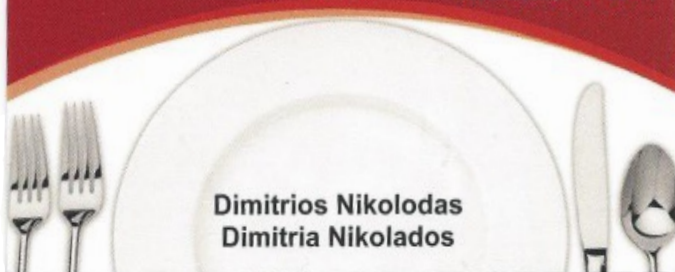
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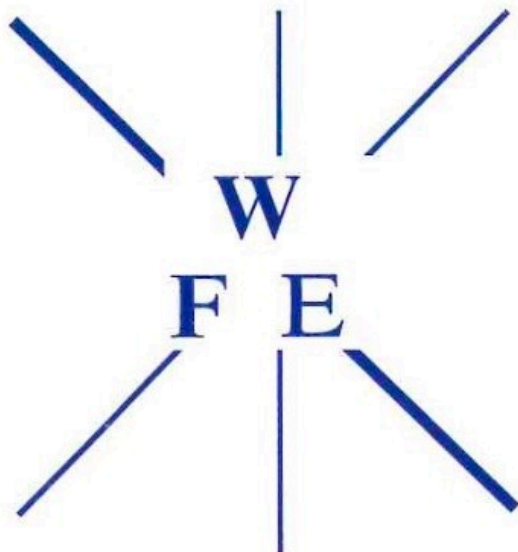
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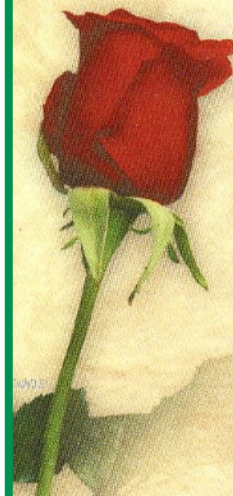


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Make sure you are on the temple's email list to receive notification of the links for Zoom services, classes, and meetings.

You can participate in Shabbat Services remotely. If you would like to participate via ZOOM, and you are not on our temple e-mail list, please e-mail the temple office (templesholom1954@gmail.com) for information about joining classes and services.

If you have never used ZOOM before, you will need to download the software and follow the instructions. Go to <https://zoom.us/download> and from the **Download** Center, click on the **Download** button under "**Zoom Client For Meetings**". This application will automatically **download** when you start your first **Zoom** Meeting.

ZOOM is usually up and running 15 minutes before the start time.

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