



Temple Israel Dayton

THE TEMPLE TABLET

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Read about Fran's special memory of attending her first High Holiday service at Temple Israel.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

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Services begin later this month and we can't wait to welcome everyone in. Check out the schedule.

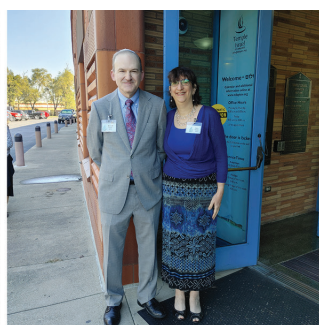
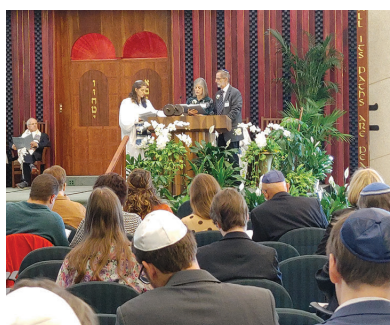
SUMMER PHOTO RECAP

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We had a great time this summer. See what we were up to!

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2023-5784 BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

THE HIGH HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

New this year is the option to submit the names of your loved ones for the Yom Kippur Book of Remembrance on-line. Scan the QR code to access the form. Submissions are due by September 18.



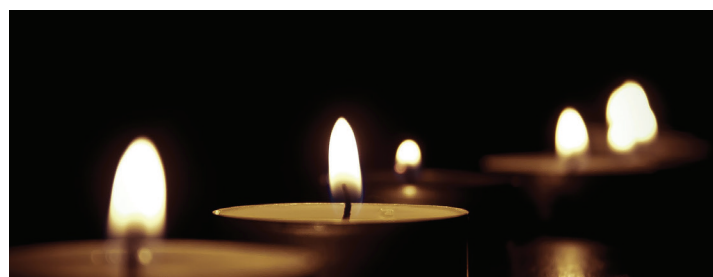
WHY APPLES AND HONEY?

AN EXPLANATION OF THIS TRADITION FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

By Tina Wasserman, ReformJudaism.org

Apples and honey: For many Jews, these words are an inseparable pairing. We dip a slice of apple in honey to express our hopes for a sweet and fruitful year.

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WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

By: Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halas



One of my favorite liturgical readings for the Jewish new year is "A Time for Turning" by Rabbi Jack Riemer. The prayer begins with a nod to Ecclesiastes, who reminds us that there is a season for everything and we are fast approaching one of these precipices of change. Some things change effortlessly, like the colors of the leaves, the migration

of birds, and animals gathering food for the winter. Yet, for us, turning takes far more will. How difficult the changes will be varies from year to year. But we know that doing the work of turning is part of our natural cycle of renewal that helps us to ultimately draw closer to God and to one another.

Because it is an auspicious, hopeful time of the year, it is important to have new opportunities for personal and spiritual growth available. For children, the new school year provides a fresh outlook to discover who they want to be and to set new goals. As adults, what are we doing to continue our personal development? How are we encouraging our youth to develop spiritually? This fall, our programming will provide both children and adults with opportunities to invite growth into our lives and try something new.

In the month of September, there are two exciting weekend experiences at GUCI, our local Reform summer camp, for children in grades 1-4 and 6-12. A weekend away might just be the perfect opening for a new friendship to blossom or a meaningful Jewish experience that might lead to bigger changes in a young person's life. There will also be a community Selichot observance for all ages with the Jewish Chorale. If you have never had the opportunity to "kick off" the High Holidays as a community, I strongly urge you to try it. Worshiping with others is a reminder that we are not alone in doing the work of turning. It can be a powerful

experience, as changing the Torah mantles and hearing the familiar melodies encourages our hearts and minds to focus on the task at hand.

If you are looking for inspiration to participate in tikkun olam, mending the world, you won't want to miss hearing from local activist, Tim Forbess, on Yom Kippur afternoon. If you are seeking more opportunities to meet new people, consider staying for our fun Adult Sukkot Program after services or joining others to help at the food bank for the community Spread the LuLove program. And for those who are grieving the physical or mental loss of a loved one, you might consider joining in one of our Living with Loss support groups.

As we enter into these holidays together, I pray that we will be driven to turn and to find new ways to carry some of the holiness of our spiritual encounters into the new year. Wishing you a shana tovah u'metukah, a happy and healthy New Year. May it be the beginning of a year filled with sweetness.

See page 4 for Temple Israel's complete High Holiday Schedule

SCAN THE QR CODES TO RSVP FOR
PIZZA IN THE HUT AND SIMCHAT TORAH SHARE
SHABBAT POTLUCK DINNER



PIZZA IN THE HUT

SEPTEMBER 29, 5:45 PM

\$5/ADULT, \$3/CHILD 4 - 12,

CHILDREN UNDER 4 ARE FREE



SIMCHAT TORAH SHARE

SHABBAT POTLUCK DINNER

OCTOBER 6, 7:00 PM

\$5/ADULT, \$3/CHILD 4 - 12,

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Fran Rickenbach

The High Holidays are a special time full of memories and special moments. One special memory for me is the first year I attended High Holiday services at Temple Israel. After noting how quickly seating filled up Erev Rosh Hashanah, I made sure to arrive early the next morning. Twenty-five minutes later, a family came to sit in my row. The matriarch sat next to me, and said she hadn't seen me before — was I new to the congregation? As we chatted, she asked if I was going anywhere special for lunch after services. When I said no, she immediately asked me to join her family. I gratefully accepted. It was there I met Jim (z"l) and Meredith Levinson and Joan Eisenstadt, who remain friends to this day.

I talked to my mother and told her excitedly how warmly I had been welcomed. I was very sure that I had found the congregation I wanted to join.

While times have changed — I'm not sure how many families still spend three hours at lunch after services — there are still opportunities for us to recognize someone on their own who might be happy to be talked to, invited to sit next to you, or maybe even invited for lunch.

URJ urges us to create a congregational culture of inclusivity and belonging for Jews from all backgrounds who enter our doors, whether they're members, prospective members, or visitors. Rick Goldberg organizes greeters through the High Holy Days — if you want to help, please call Annette at 937-496-0050 to volunteer.

I look forward to talking with our members able to join us in person at Temple Israel. And welcoming others joining us for the first time. We do not require tickets to be purchased or donations to be made. If you know someone who is looking for a welcoming congregation with which to celebrate the Days of Awe, invite them to join you at Temple.



While we Jews have many prayers that can be said individually, we understand that worshipping together as a community is more powerful than praying alone. The Torah teaches us that honoring God is a public activity, that, "I may be sanctified in the midst of the Israelite people" (Leviticus 22:32).

As members, we have many pleasures to look forward to during the High Holidays — such as meaningful worship experiences, including awe-inspiring music led by Courtney Cummings, our Music Director; as well as the opportunity to reconnect with people we haven't seen over the summer, or perhaps since Passover. Since Jews always celebrate with food, we will have honey cake on Rosh Hashanah and the Break-the-Fast after Ne'illah services at the end of Yom Kippur, funded by the Gerald and Roz Greene Fund.

L'hitraot! (Scan the QR Code for a quick and fun translation) See you soon!



THIS ROSH HASHANAH, MAKE A COMMITMENT THAT WILL BE A SWEET REMINDER OF WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

High Holiday Worship
2023/5784

KEVER AVOT

Sunday, August 27

10:30 a.m. Services at Riverview
Cemetery

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 9

8:30 p.m. Dessert Reception
9:00 p.m. Community Services

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 15

8:00 p.m. Congregational Services

Saturday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Family Services
10:30 a.m. Congregational Services
Tashlich following Services

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 24

8:00 p.m. Kol Nidre Services

Monday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Family Services
10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Congregational
Services
1:30 p.m. Tim Forbess Guest Speaker
6:15 p.m. Gerald A. Greene Memorial
Break-the-Fast

SUKKOT

Friday, September 29

5:45 p.m. Pizza in the Hut
6:30 p.m. Congregational Services
7:45 p.m. Adult Sukkah Celebration

SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 6

6:00 p.m. Services and Consecration
7:00 p.m. Share Shabbat Potluck Dinner

Services will be live and available on YouTube.

MAZEL TOV!



Special Member News:

Mazel Tov to Judy Heller who was honored as the JCC Volunteer of the Year for her contributions to the Dayton Jewish community by the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton.

Mazel Tov to David and Lisa Pierce on the marriage of their son **Ben** to Lily Delatore on Friday, August 11.

Mazel Tov to **Mike and Adriane Miller** on the marriage of their daughter **Skyler** to Chase Barclay on August 12.

Mazel Tov to Corinne Thaxton and Evan Englander who were married on August 12.

Birthdays

Temple recognizes member birthdays beginning at age 35 every 5 years and then annually starting at age 85.

October:

3 Anne Burke
8 Harriet Klass
16 Lou Levin
17 Phyllis Levine
22 Donald Klass

Anniversaries

Temple recognizes member wedding anniversaries every 5 years and every year after 60.

October:

2 Barth Schwartz and Jerry Hibbitts celebrating 10 years
4 Scott and Pat Shapiro celebrating 50 years
13 Ryan and Melanie Shannon celebrating 5 years
15 Todd and Lynne Emoff celebrating 5 years
23 Dennis and Bonni Buchanan celebrating 30 years
28 Jerry and Maxine Halasz celebrating 61 years

Please call Temple if you do not wish to be listed or if you were omitted from the list.

Mazel tov to our summer service lay leaders:

Rita Dushman Rich, Carol Graff, Wendy Gray, Judi Guggenheimer, Judy Heller, Karin Hirschkatz, Amy Margolin, and Fran Rickenbach

We thank you for leading services with your inspiring words and uplifting voices.

WHY APPLES AND HONEY?

(CONT.)

Why were apples and honey chosen for this custom?

It's not because of what Adam and Eve did in eating from the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden; the Bible never identifies the forbidden fruit. More likely, apples were selected because in ancient times they became a symbol of the Jewish people in relationship to God.

In Song of Songs, we read,

"As the apple is rare and unique among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved [Israel] amongst the maidens [nations] of the world."

In medieval times, writes Patti Shostek in *A Lexicon of Jewish Cooking*, apples were considered so special that individuals would use a sharp utensil or their nails to hand-

carve their personal hopes and prayers into the apple skins before they were eaten. And the Zohar, a 13th-century Jewish mystical text, states that beauty, represented by God, "diffuses itself in the world as an apple."

Neither the Bible nor the Talmud dictates the minhag of dipping apples in honey. Traditionally, as early as the 7th century, it was customary to wish someone, "Shanah tovah umetukah" (a good and sweet year), and honey, whether from dates, figs, or apiary, was the most prevalent sweetener in the Jewish world and was thus the most available "sweet" for dipping purposes.

And as for the biblical description of Israel as a land flowing with "milk and honey," the Torah is alluding to a paste made from overripe dates, not honey from beehives. Still, enjoying honey



at Rosh Hashanah reminds us of our historic connection with the Holy Land.

May your year be sweet, fruitful, and filled with contentment and promise.

JOIN US FOR A SUKKOT SOIREE

Sukkot Soiree
Friday, September 29, at 7:45 p.m.
Cost: Free

Stay after services for a Sukkot Soiree!
During Sukkot, when we enjoy the bounty from the fields, we are "wrapped" in God's blessings.

Adults are invited to join us for a relaxing evening of stuffed foods and social action. We will be "stuffing" bags for women in our community in need of temporary shelter. Stuffed bags will then be donated to the YWCA of Dayton. To ensure we have the right materials, Temple will provide the items. Financial donations are welcome.

Please RSVP by September 26 to the Temple office at 937-496-0050.



SUMMER FUN FOR OUR TEMPLE COMMUNITY!

Summer was the perfect time for our Temple community to explore the wonders of Judaism. The Newish to Jewish group learned about Tishah B'av, we celebrated Pride month by making rainbow challahs, and we celebrated the success of the Jewish Cultural Festival with a special Shabbat service and catered dinner on August 4. And let's not forget our campers of all ages who reconnected with old friends and experienced the joy of being at Camp GUCI. Take a look below!

(Pictured Top Row L to R: Newish to Jewish, JCF: Jews Can Be Farmers Too, GUCI Campers Hannah Dritz & friend, Middle Row L to R: JCF Appreciation Dinner, JCF Rachel & Joseph Evans, Charlie Blumer; Bottom Row L to R: Leila Blumer, Pride Challah baking, Kit Brewer).



SPECIAL GUCI WEEKEND EXPERIENCES

By: Rabbi Tina Sobo

You've heard a lot about GUCI and Jewish camp this summer — for those youth looking to get a taste of camp or get back to their home away from home, GUCI is offering two upcoming weekends just for you. Nitzanim (formerly Rookie) Weekend takes place September 23-24, and is open to 1st-4th graders who have not participated in the summer program previously. Those who attended Rookie Weekend, but not camp in the summer are still eligible.

Whether you've been to camp before or not, we hope our 6th-12th graders will attend the Midwest Mesibah (Midwest Party) September 8 - 10. Temple will attempt to coordinate carpooling to and from camp for our youth.

If you are planning to attend or if you have questions about these programs, please reach out to Rabbi Sobo at 937-496-0050 or educator@tidayton.org.

Scan the QR code to visit the GUCI website and use the drop down menu to click on GUCI Year Round to learn more and register.



Come join the fun in Indiana for a few days!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TEMPLE ISRAEL OPPORTUNITY

We need your help to make a difference in our community! **The House of Bread** and **St. Vincent de Paul** have welcomed volunteers from Temple Israel for many years. If you're looking for an inspiring and rewarding experience, join us to volunteer today!

Please contact **Amy Margolin** at (937) 308-3833 for more information.

DAYTON COMMUNITY-WIDE OPPORTUNITY

Spread the LuLove

Wednesday, September 27, 8:30 a.m. - Noon
Dayton Foodbank (56 Armor Place, Dayton 45417)

In proximity to Sukkot, join fellow community members from Beth Abraham, Beth Jacob, Chabad, Temple Beth Or and the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton as we load food into car trunks at the Dayton Foodbank drive-thru. Call the Temple office at 937-496-0050 if you would like to participate.

TRIBUTE DONATIONS

Temple gratefully acknowledges the following gifts received in July. We list donations in the *Tablet* of \$10 or more and mail a notification for donations of \$18 or more. Donations of \$100 or more are described as generous. A complete list and descriptions of funds is available at tidayton.org.

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These names are inscribed on the Memorial Tablets in our Sanctuary and, together with others whose Yahrzeit occurs during these weeks, will be read during Shabbat services before Kaddish.

September 1 and 2

David Barrar, Abe Bloch, William Caplan, Lena Glas Feinberg, Sophia Frank, Anne Trenner Frank, Henry Goldman, M.D., Rhea K. Israel, Bena Jacobs, Blanche R. Jacobs, Dr Paul Katz, Sidney K. Lamden, Louis E. Levenson, Lotte F. Liebermann, Max Marcus, Dr. Berkeley Slutzker, Kathryn Konowitch Sokol, Steve D. Sommer, Eureda (Rita) Zissen

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September 29 and 30

Arthur A. Balon, Joseph Bennett, Isidor Cohn, Marianna Eisenberger, Lester C. Eloff, Steven Gershow, Fred Hambury, Lena Jacobs, Harry A. Magaziner, Max Margolis, Jr., Max H. Mayer, Harry Meyers, Harold Rice, Sr., Jules aka Sandy Sapinsley, Harold B. Shaman, Rose T. Stern, Pearl Thal, Norman Thal, Truman Darrell Vaughn, Lenore Zapoleon, Augusta Zimmerman

*We mourn these recent deaths:
Monique Margolis and Gary Goldflies*

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					6:00PM Shabbat Service (No Potluck Dinner) 1	9:15AM Virtual Torah Study Ki Tavo <i>Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8</i> <i>Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22</i> 2
No Religious School 3	LABOR DAY Office Closed 4	NOON Talmud w/Rabbi Sobo 5	10:00AM Social Justice Torah Commentary @ the Home of Cathy Lieberman 6		6:10 PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30 PM Shabbat Service 8	9:15AM Virtual Torah Study 8:30 PM Selichot Reception 9:00 PM Selichot Services Nitzavim-Vayeilech <i>Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20,</i> <i>31:1-30</i> <i>Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9</i>
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No Religious School RH SECOND DAY Yom Sheini shel Rosh HaShanah <i>Holidays Genesis 1:1-2:3</i> <i>Haftarah: Jeremiah 31:2-20</i> 17		NOON Talmud w/Rabbi Sobo 19			11:00 AM Living w/Loss 6:10PM Schmooze & Nosh 6:30PM Shabbat Shuva Service 22	9:15AM Virtual Torah Study Haazinu <i>Deuteronomy 32:1-52</i> <i>Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10;</i> <i>Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-29</i> 23
No Religious School 8:00PM Kol Nidre Service Yom Kippur <i>Holidays Deuteronomy</i> <i>29:9-14, 30:11-20 (AM)</i> <i>Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18,</i> <i>32-37 (PM)</i> <i>Haftarah: Isaiah 58:1-14</i> <i>and Micah 20:7:18</i> 24	9:00 AM Family Service 10:30 AM Yom Kippur AM Service 1:30 PM Tim Forbess 3:00PM Yom Kippur PM Service 6:15 PM Break-the-Fast 25	Office Closed 26	8:30AM Spread the LuLove Dayton Food Bank 27		5:45 PM Pizza in the Hut 6:30 PM Sukkot Shabbat Service 7:45 PM Adult Sukkot Program 29	9:15AM Virtual Torah Study Yom Rishon shel Sukkot <i>Holidays Leviticus 23:33-</i> <i>44</i> <i>Haftarah: Zechariah 14:7-</i> <i>9, 16-21 [historic: Zecha-</i> <i>riah 14:1-21]; The Book of</i> <i>Ecclesiastes is Read</i> 30

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