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## **Take Stock in Our Youth** **BBQ & Concert with Coleen Dieker**

*August 22nd at 5 pm*  
*In the ToA Parking Lot*

\$18 Per Person  
\$54 Per Family

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by Contacting the ToA Office



# The Rabbi's Desk



**Rabbi  
Marcus Rubenstein**

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You don't need to know me for very long to know that one of my favorite pastimes is tasting fine scotch. I have learned to enjoy the complicated and earthy taste of Scottish Whisky and it is a tradition in my home to enjoy a dram each Friday night after Kabbalat Shabbat services before dinner. I savor it as a time I can just sit, enjoy good conversation, the peace of Shabbat, and the uniquely delicate taste of malted barley and aged wood.

A few years ago, Rachel and I were invited to a close friend's wedding in Northern England. To me, a trip to England only meant one thing: a chance to visit Scotland. (This was before I became a soccer fan, otherwise, I would certainly have shlepped Rachel to an Everton or Manchester game).

We decided to fly out a week before the wedding to tour and visit Scotland. With Shabbat and time to travel to the wedding, we only had a few days to fill on our itinerary, so we began to plan visits to distilleries that were easy to get to.

Glancing at the itinerary, Rachel knew immediately that there was something missing. "What about Ardbeg and Lagavulin!?"

Ardbeg and Lagavulin are two scotch distilleries from the famous Islay region, a small, remote Island five hours by ship or one hour by propeller plane off the coast of Glasgow. The uniquely peaty and smoky taste of the scotches from the Islay region have always been my favorite.

I explained, "Isn't it enough that we are already visiting one or two distilleries? Why take the time, effort and money to shlep all the way to the remote Island of Islay?"

I expected Rachel to easily agree (she certainly doesn't like scotch and had no need to visit these out-of-the-way places), but instead she insisted, "We are going to go all the way to Scotland, and we are not going to make the extra effort to go to your favorite distilleries?! We have to go. This might be the only time we ever have the chance!"

With those words, Rachel taught me a lesson. *We must always take advantage of the special times and occasions in our lives when they come. After all, we never know when the next opportunity will arise.*

We are now about to enter the month of Elul, the month of spiritual preparation for the High Holidays. Within Jewish tradition, this month has the unique capacity to help individual Jews map out and facilitate the search for God and wholeness before the Days of Awe (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur).

We are typically forgiven for our transgressions on Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur gives us the opportunity to begin the new year with a clean slate, returning us to who we truly desire to be. If reflection is not put in before Yom Kippur, what is preventing us from returning to the same transgressions once again in the new year? Even more, just by walking into Yom Kippur, is one truly cognizant automatically of all the areas in which they need to improve in life?

It takes gradual spiritual work to identify the areas in which we each personally need improvement and the strategies we hope to take in the new year to remedy these things. Elul is that precious time when we are asked to venture through the dense forest of intense self-reflection. It is easy to get lost in this dense forest it is important to have an anchor and guide to help you stay on the well-trod path. The clergy of ToA hope to provide that for you.

I ask you now to take advantage of these precious times. Your ToA clergy will be offering "Sparks of Elul: Daily Guidance Towards a Meaningful Month of Preparation." Daily, Monday-Friday, we will be posting a brief video on Facebook and YouTube with a meaningful Torah teaching, a guiding question to aid in your self-reflection, and a vignette from our own lives sharing activities that we find personally restorative. We hope that you will take advantage and engage with this content during this auspicious and precious time.

Today, I savor the unique scotch glasses, limited edition bottles, and, above all, the memories from our visit to the Island of Islay. It took extra effort, but I'm so glad we took advantage of the precious opportunity to visit the Island during our short visit to Scotland. I hope you too take advantage of this precious time period of Elul for your self-reflection and spiritual preparation.

**Selichot 2021  
August 28th**

**Join ToA Clergy &  
Coleen Dieker in person  
as we begin the High  
Holiday Season together.**

7:30 pm Mincha  
8:00 pm Nosh & Learning  
with Rabbis  
8:45 pm Havdalah and  
Musical Selichot Service

Questions and RSVP  
SusieHaim@TempleofAaron.org

## **Information is Power.**



We send an email previewing services, programs and events each Tuesday.

**Please share your current email with Danae Thorpe at 651-252-6407 or [danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org](mailto:danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org).**

You do not want to miss any of the exciting upcoming options. It would be great if you also shared a current cell phone number so we have a convenient way to reach you for important matters.



# The Rabbi's Notes

## Interested in Reading Torah or Haftorah?

Sign up today to read Torah each Shabbat. Find your B'nai Mitzvah portion or learn something new.

Help make our Shabbat services more engaging by getting involved today!

Email Cantor/Educator Fineblum or go to [TempleofAaron.org](http://TempleofAaron.org) to sign up today!  
See you in shul!

## 111th Annual Meeting



President Barry Divine led the annual business meeting and pictured above is Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein speaking to the crowd assembled in Greenberg Room while Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein awaits her turn to speak as coordinated by President Divine.



Pictured front row L-R: David Goldman and Board of Directors Secretary Alisha Simon.

Middle row L-R: Tracey Agranoff, Erin Baldinger, new Sisterhood President Jody Cohen Press, and outgoing Sisterhood President Margie Schneider.

Back row L-R: Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein and Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein preparing to deliver remarks at the 111th annual meeting while Brian Zaidman and Justin Samuels are reviewing their annual meeting booklets.



**Rabbi  
Rachel Rubenstein**

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Our daughter, Hadassah, is turning two on August 6. In the weeks leading up to her big day, I have been thinking about how we want to celebrate (we've settled on a bubble machine in the backyard). In a bigger way, I've been thinking about what it means to celebrate a birthday with intention.

We have only one example of a birthday celebration in the Torah. To set the scene, Joseph is in jail and has just interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker (take a listen to "Go, Go, Go, Joseph" from Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* to refresh your memory).

The Torah then tells us, "On the third day—his birthday—Pharaoh made a banquet for all his officials, and he singled out his chief cupbearer and his chief baker from among his officials. He restored the chief cupbearer to his cupbearing, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand; but the chief baker he impaled—just as Joseph had interpreted to them." (Genesis 40:20-22).

What can we learn from this one and only mention of a birthday celebration in the Torah? We can learn not to be like Pharaoh.

Some of you may be familiar with the tradition of waiting until a child's third birthday to give them their first haircut. This Hasidic tradition of *upshern*, represents the transition from babyhood to childhood and the taking on of new independence. A more familiar Jewish birthday celebration is the *Bnai Mitzvah* celebration, representing the transition from childhood to adulthood and the taking on of mitzvot and responsibility. The common thread of these ritualized moments is that they are centered around the deepening of relationships and our growth toward greater responsibility to the world around us.

A Jewish birthday is one that celebrates not our ability to take but our capacity to give. A Pharaoh birthday is a celebration of self and selfishness, vengeance and self-aggrandizement; a Jewish birthday is a celebration of finding our place in something greater than ourselves.

Rabbi Nachman of Breslov wrote, "*The day you were born is the day God decided that the world could not exist without you.*" Your birthday is the time to meditate and reflect on this teaching—X number of years ago, God decided that the world needed me in it. How does the way I live my life, the way I walk in the world, the way I interact with my family and community, reflect God's dreams for me on the day I was born?

**We are now in the auspicious weeks leading up to Rosh Hashanah, the "Birthday of the World." This is a moment in the Jewish calendar that has been set aside for you to think about who you are and who you want to be.** Why are you here, in this moment in this place? To draw on one of my favorite lines in the Hebrew Bible, Mordechai convinces Esther to stand up for the Jewish people saying, "And who knows, perhaps you have attained to royal position for just such a crisis."

I invite you to join Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein and me in this consciousness-building and spiritual preparation in our August High Holiday workshop. We will be offering the same class in two different settings—in person on Sunday mornings, 10-11am and on Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 8pm-9pm. We will learn excerpts from Alan Lew's *This is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared*.

As Rabbi Lew writes, "Our power in this world is considerable, but also very circumscribed. It is only here and now, in this moment, in this place—in the present—that we can act. We cannot act in the past, we cannot act in the future, and most certainly we cannot act through someone else's experience. So from a spiritual point of view, we need to ask, What can I do here and now, in the present-tense reality of my own experience?"

This will be your one and only Rosh Hashanah 5782. As we reengage from a year of isolation and distancing, let's take this opportunity to reenter anew, with purpose and with intentionality. I hope to learn together with you and look forward to seeing you this holiday season. **To sign up for our High Holiday workshop, please email [danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org](mailto:danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org).**

# Cantor's Corner



**Joshua Fineblum, CJE**  
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The summer has flown by and we are now quickly getting ready for our schools to reopen and for the High Holiday season. But first, we want to see the entire community join us for our annual Take Stock Youth Fundraiser on Sunday August 22 at 5:00 p.m. That evening we will have a BBQ and concert with musician-in-residence Coleen Dieker, who will be with us through the Holiday season. See the flyer in this issue or in the weekly emails for RSVP and details.

In case you missed it, we have decided for religious school to be in-person on Sundays for 2021 and then moving back to Shabbat in 2022. We are doing this so that all members can feel comfortable being back in the building and in hopes of vaccination rates in our younger community rising as well. Furthermore, this will give our new clergy a better opportunity to meet our students and be in classrooms during the first part of the year. On Wednesdays, we have decided to stay online for the

coming Hebrew school year in the Zoom ToA Meraz 2.0. Please make sure to sign up as the year quickly approaches.

As school approaches the High Holidays are as well. As we all know the High Holidays never fall on time and this year is no exception as Rosh Hashana begins on the evening of September 6. We can't wait to see everyone joining us for services and programming throughout the month as we celebrate and come back together as a community. This past year has been hard on so many of us in our families and community so please join us so we can once again be together and sing in harmony.

Two years ago Coleen Dieker joined us for High Holidays and she is looking forward to being with us once again this year. For those of you who may not remember, Coleen is a violinist, pianist, guitar player and vocalist who grew up in Kansas City and attended Berklee College of Music. She is a nationally sought-after performing, recording and collaborating artist. She enjoys a stylistically diverse career, and encountered the world of Jewish music in 2011. Since then, she has written, recorded and performed with Noah Aronson, Rick Recht, and Josh Warshawsky and has performed with Nava Tehila and Beit Tefilah Israeli. She served as the Music Director at Congregation B'nai Jehudah in Kansas City from 2014-2018 and has also worked with Congregation Beth Shalom in Overland Park Kansas.

I can't wait to see everyone soon at our Take Stock event and to have a meaningful High Holiday experience together in person this year!



**Your Temple of  
Aaron clergy  
stand together  
with our  
community  
United  
Against  
Antisemitism.**



## Education and Health Committee

Over the course of the past few months, the education and health committee have reconvened to discuss the future of the education of our youth here at Temple of Aaron through the Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas Religious School & Rossy & Richard Shaller Hebrew School & Youth Department. The committee, which consists of members who are professional educators, work at the Minnesota Department of Health, and are former and current members of our synagogue board, gathered to discuss four scenarios to ensure the proper and most responsible conclusions for the coming school year.

Members of the committee included Andrew Katz, Miriam Muscoplat, Emily Paper, Dan Perelstein, and Alisha Simon who worked along with Cantor/Educator Fineblum in presenting recommendations to a segment of the executive committee for approval. Rabbi Rachel and Rabbi Marcus along with Executive Director Ken Agranoff were also consulted during the process.

We discussed four scenarios and ultimately it came down to a few factors in making our decisions in compliance with the committee and what vaccination rates for our younger community hopes to be in the next few months as the school year approaches.

### **The four scenarios:**

- #1 – Return to pre-COVID 19 school on Shabbat and Wednesdays
- #2 – Return to school on Sundays through 2021 then back to Shabbat in 2022 and online on Wednesdays
- #3 – Return to shabbat in 2021 and online for Wednesdays

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## Education and Health Committee

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#4 – Continue all on-line zoom schooling on Sundays and Wednesdays

After much deliberation and discussion the decision has been made that we will be going with option #2 above. At this point we wish to begin school on Sundays in the Fall and then return to Shabbat in January. This will allow our adult congregation to feel more at ease coming back to the synagogue on Shabbat while children under 12 are not eligible at this moment to be vaccinated. Holding school on Sundays will also allow us to be safe as we utilize the entire building for school as well as allow students and parents alike to better meet our two new Clergy members and to create meaningful programming for our 5th-7th graders as we rebuild our youth department.

In terms of Wednesdays, we have decided to stay online for quite a few reasons including the parents are finding it more and more difficult to get here physically to the building during the early afternoon. We also know that this past year we saw more students in our Wednesday program because of the ease of joining online and wish to keep that momentum going. We are further aware that many congregants live outside of Highland and we need to meet the needs of those who live further away during high traffic afternoons.

All-in-all, the committee, executive cohort, clergy, and staff feel as though this is the best way for all of us to move forward in educating our children for the coming year and look forward to any questions or concerns that you may have. We will continue to meet and evaluate our plan as we go to ensure that the needs of a majority of our members is being met and that the education of our youth continues to successfully. Please re-enroll/enroll your children in our education and youth programs ASAP so that we can make this coming year a success for all of our students. Please use the Google Doc Link below which will also be sent via email by Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum and in the weekly emails.

Google Sign-up forms:  
<https://forms.gle/REwQKrzusJf5NukG8>

# Youth & Education News

Join ToA Clergy For...

# TOA TOT SHABBAT

Friday, August 20th at 5:30pm

135 Louisiana Ave South, Golden Valley

RSVP or Questions: [SusieHaim@TempleofAaron.org](mailto:SusieHaim@TempleofAaron.org)

Geared toward ages Birth-5 and siblings.

Bring a blanket and a picnic Shabbat Dinner for your family to enjoy!

## Sparks of Elul

Daily Guidance Towards a Meaningful Month  
of Preparation from the ToA Clergy

Monday-Friday, registrants will receive a daily piece of Torah to inspire towards repentance, a guiding question to reflect on the past year and a vignette from the clergy sharing something they do regularly for their own personal wellness. The posts will also be on Facebook Live. These daily posts will guide each congregant through the month of Elul, the time in which Jews traditionally do the spiritual work to experience a meaningful Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippor.

Email [DanaeThorpe@templeofaaron.org](mailto:DanaeThorpe@templeofaaron.org) to sign up for daily emails.

## Friday Night Zoom Service

6:00 pm

Meeting ID: 811 3244 1428

Passcode: 1LnTtm

# Congregational Update

## Everyone Loves to RSVP For Shabbat

*We are asking for Shabbat RSVPs for multiple reasons.*

- 1: It guides in providing sufficient number of prayer books for the service.
- 2: We have better cost controls for labor and food for Shabbat Lunch.
- 3: It is good information for our security officer on duty.
- 4: It helps us prepare for Shabbat babysitting in Freeman Family Lounge.

## Jewish New Year 5782



Temple of Aaron members will be back in our spiritual home for all of the 5782 services. We will provide a livestreaming option for those who prefer to watch at home (make sure to arrange for pick-up of a machzor so you can follow the services).

Lay leaders worked thoroughly and diligently with Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein, Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein and Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum to design services that work for members of all ages. We will return to our tradition of two separate adult services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur with a young family service for children scheduled in between the adult services. We will provide one adult service on Erev Rosh Hashanah, second day of Rosh Hashanah and mincha/neilah on Yom Kippur afternoon/evening. We are continuing to study one or two services for Kol Nidre.

We are relying on the large percentage of adults to have already received the vaccine and trust many younger children will not. Thus, we encourage adults to attend the first service, adhere to social distancing, wear masks in main hallways, and remove masks once seated. We will offer babysitting and

programs for our children. We will provide a tashlich outdoor option for all three services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

We will communicate as clearly as possible with the merited frequency. President Barry Divine is confident we can find a comfortable balance for members of all ages to participate in services for 5782. Please direct all of your concerns and questions to Executive Director Ken Agranoff as we will continue monitoring Minnesota virus activities.

We will give everyone an opportunity to select their desired service to attend in-person with the return of their ticket request form by US mail, email or phone call. We need everyone to be working with us, paying attention to deadlines and being flexible so we can provide the best High Holyday experiences for the greatest number of members and their guests.

It would be great if people also provided updated cell phone numbers/email addresses so we keep everyone informed on a more timely basis. We look forward to facing all of the challenges together.

## 2021-2022 Board of Directors

Temple of Aaron is proud to have a dedicated group of lay leaders establishing policies and measurable goals in conjunction with our talented Clergy Trio of Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein, Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein and Cantor/Educator Fineblum.

President: Barry Divine  
Exec. Vice President: Roxanne Portnoy  
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Vice President: Scott Rodman

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Justin Samuels  
Michael Saxon  
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### Order Lulav & Etrog Sets

Having your own Lulav & Etrog is an important mitzvah to fulfill on Sukkot.

Email Clergy Assistant Danaé Thorpe to Purchase by August 31st.

Each set is \$48.



# Group & Committee Voices



## Tzedakah

Do you know the 8 Levels in the duty of TZEDAKAH according to Maimonides?

**The 1st**, and lowest degree, is to give but with reluctance, or regret.

This is the gift of the hand, but not of the heart.

**The 2nd**, is to give cheerfully – but not proportionally – to the distress of the sufferers.

**The 3rd**, is to give cheerfully and proportionally – but not until solicited.

**The 4th**, is to give unsolicited but directly to the poor man's hand, undoubtedly eliciting a painful emotion of shame.

**The 5th**, is to give so that those who receive the charity will know the benefactor, but the donor will not know them.

**The 6th**, is to know who are the recipients of your philanthropy, but they will not know the donor.

**The 7th**, and very meritorious level, is to bestow charity in such a way that the benefactor will not know the relieved persons, nor will they know the benefactor.

**Lastly, the 8th**, and highest, rung of the ladder of TZEDAKAH is to prevent poverty by assisting the needy with a loan, or by teaching him a trade, or by putting him into business so that he may earn an honest livelihood and not be forced to seek charity.

### High Holidays 5782

President Barry Divine will be mailing packets to all members so you are set for services, babysitting, High Holiday Appeal, and guest tickets. We will be using a multi-access format, so you can flexibly attend in-person or watch Livestream at home.

## Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

Temple of Aaron Sisterhood Welcomes Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein and Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein! We look forward to working with and supporting our new clergy.

**MAHJONGG** is back for those who are ready to meet indoors. All player levels are welcome, including beginners. We are happy to teach you how to play! The next game Sunday, August 8 at 1:00pm in the Stein Hall. Contact Margie Schneider at 651-698-4358 or 7381jbs@comcast.net with questions and to reserve a spot at the table.

**SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP** – Are you looking for meaningful Judaic merchandise for gifts or for yourself? If so, visit the Temple of Aaron Sisterhood Gift Shop where we have Judaic as well as non-Judaic merchandise. We have a Gift Registry for lifecycle events such as births, bat/bar mitzvahs, graduations, engagements, weddings and anniversaries. Our hours are Sundays from 9:30-11:30am and Wednesdays from 11:00am-1:00pm. We also have shopping by appointment. Call Gift Shop volunteers Marcia Table (651-688-3030 or 651-402-6891) or Etta Lambright (612-229-4340) for an appointment.

**BUILDING FUND CARDS** – For a suggested minimum donation of \$10 (please note change), a card will be mailed for a happy (or sorrowful) occasion. All funds raised will be presented to the Temple for a targeted donation to enhance the building. Contact Susan Kushner at [suzikush@yahoo.com](mailto:suzikush@yahoo.com) or 651-454-8336 with the pertinent recipient and donor information. Mail your check, payable to Temple of Aaron Sisterhood, to Sue Schwartz, 1474 Wachtler Avenue, Mendota Heights, 55118.

**FOOD SHELF** – Sisterhood continues to support the Francis Basket Food Shelf through the St. Paul Neighborhood House. Years ago, many Jewish children from “The Old West Side” participated in Neighborhood House programming. You can donate by check or through the Temple website ([templeofaaron.org](http://templeofaaron.org)). To donate by check, mail your check, payable to Temple of Aaron Sisterhood, along with honorarium or memorial information to Susan Gonzalez, 5015 42nd Ave S., Minneapolis, 55417. To donate online through the Temple website: click on the yellow “Support” button in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage. Type in “Sisterhood Food Shelf” in the “Desired Category” section. You can also enter information in the “Comments” section. You have the option to pay by credit card or through PayPal. If you have questions, call Susan at 612-701-5606.

**SISTERHOOD KNITS** is looking for a new coordinator. If you would like to lead this group, contact Jody Cohen Press at [jody@presslawoffice.com](mailto:jody@presslawoffice.com).

**SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB** is looking for a new coordinator. If you would like to lead this group, contact Jody Cohen Press at [jody@presslawoffice.com](mailto:jody@presslawoffice.com).

**TEMPLE OF AARON SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP** is now open Sundays from 9:30-11:30am, Wednesdays from 11:00am-1:00pm, and we are always open by appointment. We will have merchandise on sale for a discount of 20% on everything, except books, which will be discounted 10%, and there is no discount on mezuzah parchment. The High Holiday/end of Summer sale will run from August 1 - September 26. Come in and select some lovely holiday merchandise, as well as items that can be used any time of the year. We have some beautiful Judaic and non-Judaic merchandise. There is some Gary Rosenthal merchandise, that we will not be able to order anymore, so this is your chance to still purchase some of his merchandise. For an appointment, please call: Marcia Table, 651-688-3030 or 651-402-6891, or Etta Lambright, 612-229-4340.

# Thank you תודה רבה

Donations in memory of loved ones (\$10 or more)  
June/July 2021 Tamuz/Av 5781

Agranoff, Ken & Tracey	Goldberger, Debbie	Pogoler, Barbara
Aldes, Mike	Goldman, Howard & Lynn	Ringer, Jan
Appelbaum, Arlene	Grobovsky, Rick & Nancy	Rutzick, Jim & Sandy
Baldinger, Robert	Jerson, Sid & Francine	Sanderson, Anne Rae
Bergeron, Barbara	Kanivetsky, Rozita	Schneider, Bart & Margie
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Daniels, Rick & Barb	Kushnir, Rozaliya	Schwartz, Jerry & Sue
Gak, Feliks & Alla	Lee, Lynne	Shimelfarb, Iosif & Masha
Ganz, Isaac & Esther	Lubov-Ripps, Sherri	Simes, Josephine
Garbuz, Khaye	Marvy, Bob & Florie	Soroka, Tanya
Geller, Loren & Rosie	McKee, Robert & Lenore	Stacker, Howard & Tillie
Ginzburg, Alex & Riva	Miller, Florence	Stillman, Tom & Sue
Gleeman, Harriet	Mogol, Leo	Tisnovskaya, Izabella
Gochberg, Vera	Mogol, Marc	Werthausen, Al & Judy
Goldberg, Sharleen	Pfleiderer, Adrienne	Wolkoff, Patty & Adam and Dina

## Todah Rabah . . .

. . . to Baldinger family for supporting the kiddush lunch fund in honor of Bob's 94th Birthday.  
. . . to our garden committee led by Alden Hoffman for helping our flowers grow.  
. . . to our outgoing board members for their hard work and dedication.  
. . . to everyone volunteering at various organizations to make our Minnesota Community a more welcoming one that is highly productive.

## Help Those Who Need Food Shelf Every Week



Thousands of Minnesota families rely on food shelf for a simple meal. We can help working families, children and seniors who might go without food. Bring food to synagogue, go to website and donate, or mail check to chairperson Susan Gonzalez. Susan will mail a card for get well, celebration or condolence. Help us help others!

## Cemetery Planning Reduces Stress



We sell affordable graves to members and non-members with multi-month payment plans. Act now to solidify family plans. We have a mixed faith section for members.

Contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff at 651-252-6406 or kenagranoff@templeofaaron.org for an 18-minute meeting. Seize the opportunity to avoid a last-minute emotional meeting.

# Blessings

## AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We display every 5 years and all anniversaries of more than 50 years

מזל טוב

- 66 Ronald & Elaine (Sis) Goren
- 61 David & Ida Valdman
- 57 Gary & Susan Bloom
- 56 David & Fern Sanders
- 56 Donald & Janie Rutman
- 54 Robert & Marla Powers
- 45 Brian & Sandy Kamin
- 35 Alan & Lisa Bernick
- 35 Steven Nusbaum & Karen Engelbretson
- 30 Frank & Carolyn Gordon
- 10 Sydney & Ben Kivel
- 5 Aaron & Jorie Bernhardt
- 5 Marcus & Rachel Rubenstein

נחמו נחמו עמי

*Our deep and sincere sympathy to the family of the following member who has passed away*

**Gerry Hirschhorn**

*A Memorial Plaque Has Been Displayed For*

**Matzie Miller**

**AV BANNER:** In memory of Rose and Isadore Marsh by children Jack Marsh, Herbert Marsh, Elizabeth Baum, and Helen and Roland Felix. Titled "Z'chor" (remember) the banner commemorates Tisha B'Av.



## Isolation Ends by Attending Services for Jewish New Year

5782 might be an ideal time for you to return to the synagogue for High Holyday services. We have ample seating, spacing, masks in common areas, and two services on peak days. This is the perfect year to call your friends who no longer belong yet want to reconnect with the Jewish community. Now is the perfect time to invite a local relative to join you for services. Now is the ideal time to invite a student from a local college to join us for services.

Many of us feel better when experiencing a special moment in a group. The Jewish New Year can be a magical time of year when we combine prayer, spirituality, learning, music, socialization, memories and fun to bring in the new year. Make your plans to get tickets and do some outreach to people you know would benefit from a stronger connection to the Jewish community.

## Sholom Honors Toba & Allen Freeman

Food for your Soul in 2021 will be honoring Toba & Allen Freeman for their half century as volunteer leaders and philanthropic supporters.

It is a free virtual event provided by Sholom on November 11, 2021. Sponsor dollars will help ensure Sholom residents and tenants live their lives in comfort while receiving the care they deserve. To get involved, please call Jeff at 952-939-1594 or email [jsherman@sholom.com](mailto:jsherman@sholom.com). The Freeman Family has had a positive impact on the Minnesota Jewish community and Temple of Aaron thus making this a well-deserved honor.

## Jewish Arts Council

They recently launched the Minnesota Jewish Artists Directory which is a free, interactive space for Jewish artists of Minnesota to gain visibility and make connections. The on-line platform creates opportunities for collaboration and employment for Jewish artists and highlights their work. Creating a profile is simple and quick. Go to [mnjewishartists.org](http://mnjewishartists.org).

# ...and More

## High Holiday Fundraisers for Sisterhood

Sisterhood is sending New Year's wishes to friends, family and congregation members. We have three ways to send greetings this year:

For \$10, you can have your name printed in the September *Aaronion* on the Sisterhood greeting page; or

For \$15, you can also include a family photo.

Another way is to continue our new tradition of purchasing jars of honey to give to family and friends. "Honey from the Heart" jars come with a special label for Rosh Hashanah as well as a card to attach. The minimum donation is \$10 per jar. Jars can be picked up Sunday, August 29 and Sunday, September 5 in the Temple gift shop between 9:30 and 11:30am.



All three options need to be pre-paid. Send your check by August 2, along with the portion below, made out to Temple of Aaron Sisterhood to:

Leslie Chudnoff, 4920 Pine Lane, Eagan, MN 55123

Photos should be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher. Submit your photos to: [danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org](mailto:danaethorpe@templeofaaron.org)

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ jars of honey.

I would like my name in the *Aaronion*. Please indicate below how you would like your name printed and return with your check.

I would like my photo, along with my name, printed in the *Aaronion* as indicated below. I have submitted the photo to Danae Thorpe.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Updated Leifman Chapel

Pictured from two different angles is Alan Divine davening during evening ZOOM minyan on Thursday July 15, 2021. The Leifman Chapel was part of the 1956 construction and the family of Frank & Helen Schaffer stepped forward in 2020 with a wonderful gift to help us update the space. Rabbi Marcus



Rubenstein, Rabbi Rachel Rubenstein and Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum are working carefully with our Officers (President Barry Divine, Roxanne Portnoy, Mark Divine, Alisha Simon and Scott Rodman) to seamlessly prepare for 6:00pm minyan to return to our building while simultaneously providing a ZOOM option.

# Temple of Aaron Calendar

August 2021  
Av ~ Elul 5781

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:00am Zoom Shacharit Minyan	<b>2</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv	<b>3</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv	<b>4</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv 8:00pm High Holiday Class on Zoom	<b>5</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>6</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Evening Shabbat Service	<b>7</b> 9:30am Shabbat In-Person & Livestream Service
<b>8</b> 9:00am Zoom Shacharit Minyan 10:00am In-Person High Holiday Class	<b>9</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv	<b>10</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv	<b>11</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv 8:00pm High Holiday Class on Zoom	<b>12</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>13</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Evening Shabbat Service	<b>14</b> 9:30am Shabbat In-Person & Livestream Service
<b>15</b> 9:00am Zoom Shacharit Minyan 10:00am In-Person High Holiday Class	<b>16</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv	<b>17</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv	<b>18</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv 8:00pm High Holiday Class on Zoom	<b>19</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>20</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 5:30pm Tot Shabbat in Western Suburbs 6:00pm Zoom Evening Shabbat Service	<b>21</b> 9:30am Shabbat In-Person & Livestream Service
<b>22</b> 9:00am Zoom Shacharit Minyan 10:00am In-Person High Holiday Class 5:00pm Take Stock in Our Youth	<b>23</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv	<b>24</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv	<b>25</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv 8:00pm High Holiday Class on Zoom	<b>26</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	<b>27</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Evening Shabbat Service	<b>28</b> 9:30am Shabbat In-Person & Livestream Service 7:30pm Selichot Programming & Service
<b>29</b> 9:00am Zoom Shacharit Minyan 10:00am In-Person High Holiday Class	<b>30</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv	<b>31</b> 7:15am Joint Morning Minyan 6:00pm Zoom Minyan Maariv	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><b>Check Facebook &amp; Weekly Email Blast for Updates. Schedule Subject to Change.</b></p> </div>			



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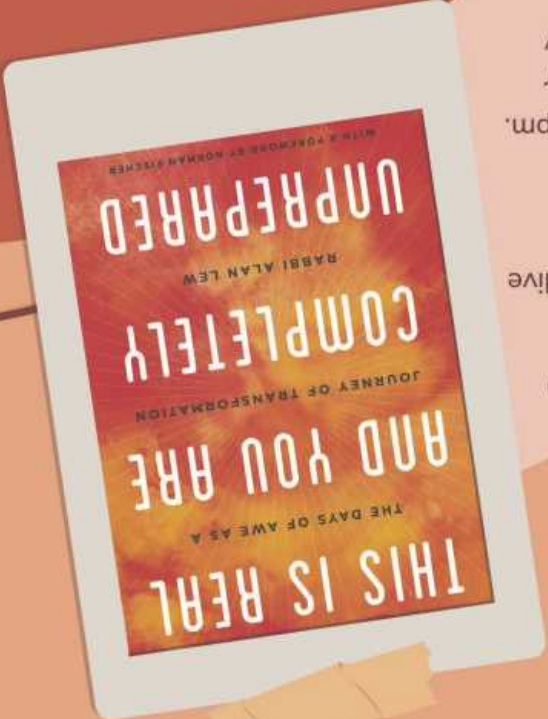
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This class will be offered in two formats: In-person on Sunday mornings at 10am and again on Zoom on Wednesday nights at 8pm. Please email DanaeThorpe@templeofaaron.org to register. In your RSVP, please specify which version you will be attending (Sunday mornings in-person or Wednesday nights on Zoom).