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## Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Creative Services Tuesday, October 4, 2016

### Musical Service in Sanctuary

A Look at "Doing Much" Through Prayer and Action led by Rabbi Jeremy Fine, Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum and the Choir

### Full Musaf Service

Join Temple of Aaron in the Leifman Chapel for an intimate full Musaf service

### Meditative Service

Rabbi Avi Strausberg will lead a reflective study of the themes of the Musaf service as we explore the text through learning, discussion, and *niggunim* (melody)



Pirkei Avot 1:15 **Say Little, Do Much**  
**High Holydays 5777**

St. Paul & ToA Annual AIPAC Event

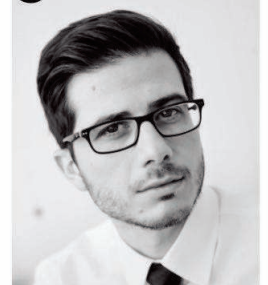
From Norway to Nigeria:

Lessons from an Arab-Christian Israeli Diplomat

Wednesday, September 14th

7:00pm Community Program and Dessert Reception

featuring  
**George Deek**



# From the Rabbi



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## Invest in St. Paul's Jewish Future

Since I have been a Rabbi in Saint Paul, our Jewish Federation has hosted their annual dinner at Temple of Aaron. What an honor and privilege! We have hosted some amazing talent and speakers including Senator Al Franken and the Maccabeats. This year is no exception as Temple of Aaron once again will host the event and it will feature legendary Israeli singer David Broza. I hope you can all join and support our Federation.

Recently, I was in a meeting for a board in which I serve and there was a pitch from a Federation spokesman about the importance of Jewish Federations. He mentioned the idea of security for the Jewish community at large. His thoughts were about the immediate security in case of a crisis in our community. It got me thinking; where would the St. Paul Jewish community be without a strong Jewish Federation? The impact would be insurmountable.

A Midrash (book of Jewish legends) teaches, "Perform charity and mitzvot with your wealth, lest you fail to do them when you are without wealth." In that spirit Temple of Aaron is lucky to announce that we, alongside nine other Jewish organizations in the Twin Cities, have been accepted to the Life and Legacy Program. Through the national Grinspoon Foundation (same supporter behind PJ Library which provides free Jewish books to children) and the two Twin Cities Jewish Federations we are embarking on a collective project to ensure the Jewish future. This is an incredible opportunity for our synagogue. Through individual promises, bequests and gifts towards Temple of Aaron or other partnering organizations in the Twin Cities Jewish community, we can secure a thriving St. Paul Jewish community for many more generations. Through training and working collaboratively with our entire community, Temple of Aaron will engage in these conversations with individual families. If you are interested in learning more please contact me and I am happy to have a conversation. Everyone has the opportunity to help and no promise of a gift is too small or large.

The synagogue has brought together a strong team including myself, Rabbi Strausberg, Executive Director Ken Agranoff, three former Presidents Nancy Lane, Michael Saxon, and Rosalyn Segal, and former board member Sue Rosner. I want to thank them for their time and thoughtful dedication to this community project. Together we will be reaching out to our community to engage in these meaningful conversations. I know it is hard to see the future but it's vital to our longevity and the Jewish future; what will our legacy be?

## Rabbi Fine Blesses US Bank Stadium July 26



ToA Board Member  
Scott Rodman  
& Rabbi Fine

Vikings owner Zygi Wilf invited nearly 2,000 stadium business supporters and ex-Vikings to the special Dinner Gala with singer Jennifer Hudson on the field of the new US Bank Stadium. Rabbi Jeremy Fine received the prestigious invitation to provide the opening blessing.



Rabbi Fine with  
Vikings owner Zygi Wilf

**ENGAGE! In Jewish Learning**  
Sunday, September 11th  
1:30pm-4:30pm  
Talmud Torah of St. Paul



ENGAGE with top-notch teachers in an afternoon of lively Jewish learning on themes of the High Holydays. ENGAGE in a wide

array of topics: text study, shofar making, chanting and so much more.

Between sessions, ENGAGE in conversation and tasting local apples and honey.

\$20/person (free for ages 30 & under)

Register at [ttsp.org](http://ttsp.org)

Temple of Aaron is a partner in this joint project of St. Paul JCC and Hineni.



**AIPAC Speaker**  
**at Temple of Aaron**  
**Wednesday, September 14**  
**7:00pm Community Program**  
**and Dessert Reception**

Temple of Aaron is excited to announce that George Deek, Diplomat at Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Fulbright Scholar at Georgetown Law will speak on the topic "From Norway to Nigeria: Lessons from an Arab-Christian Israeli Diplomat. The program is free and open to the community and guests. Please RSVP by September 7th to AIPAC's Adrienne Kaplan at 312-253-8988 or [www.aipac.org/TempleOfAaron2016](http://www.aipac.org/TempleOfAaron2016).



# Shabbat Parsha Study

## Saturday Mornings

### 8:15am, Wine Room

Join Rabbi Strausberg for weekly Torah study and some morning breakfast treats. Together, we'll explore midrashim, poetry, and ancient commentary on the weekly Torah portion in hopes of uncovering new understandings and finding new meanings for our lives. After a summer break, classes resume **September 10th**.

## Boomers

If you've been wanting to get involved with our Boomers group, this is the time to do it. Join us for our kick-off event of the year: Soup, Salad, and of course Sweets in the Sukkah on Wednesday, October 19th at 7pm. If you've been wanting to do some evening socializing, this is the program for you. Please RSVP to Rabbi Strausberg at [RabbiAviStrausberg@TempleofAaron.org](mailto:RabbiAviStrausberg@TempleofAaron.org).

## Rabbi Strausberg Teaches at Mental Health Conference

**Sunday, October 23rd**  
**9:30am-3:30pm**

The 16th Annual Twin Cities Jewish Community Conference on Mental Health features keynote address from Ken Barlow, award-winning meteorologist with KSTP-TV, on living with bipolar disorder. Two breakout sessions will be offered as well as a resource fair with free educational materials. Hosted at Temple Israel (2324 Emerson Ave S, Mpls.)

TWIN CITIES JEWISH COMMUNITY  
16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON MENTAL HEALTH



# Adult Education

## As Summer Turns To Fall: On Being Present

September was always one of my favorite times of year as a child. I loved back-to-school shopping. I loved roaming the aisles of the local drug store or better yet, office supply store, with a license to lust over and even purchase new pens and pencils, trapper keepers and binders, folders and erasers. The newness of it all. The colors. The promise of a new year contained in a well-stocked backpack prepared with love.

This time of year is a time of preparing, of looking forward and getting ourselves ready for that next moment. As a Rabbi, September brings with it the coming pressure of the reality of the High Holydays, of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah, just weeks beyond the bend. There are classes to prepare and sermons to write, much to do in preparation for a time so packed and significant in the Jewish calendar. And, yet, that moment is not here yet. Right now, it is just the beginning of September. It is not yet fall. The High Holydays, while just a breath away, are not here quite yet. And, we are in this moment. This moment of Summer. This moment of warmth, of parks and playgrounds, of ease and relaxation. Of soaking up the rippling of our many lakes and bikes paths filled with people eager to be outside. We are in Summer. We are in this present moment.

I want to share with you a poem by the writer Eevan Boland, entitled "This Moment."

A neighbourhood.  
At dusk.

Things are getting ready  
to happen  
out of sight.

Stars and moths.  
And rinds slanting around fruit.

But not yet.

One tree is black.  
One window is yellow as butter.

A woman leans down to catch a child  
who has run into her arms  
this moment.

Stars rise.  
Moths flutter.  
Apples sweeten in the dark.

Things are getting ready to happen out of sight but not just yet. Let's be as present as we can in this moment. To the extent that we can, let's try not to get so caught up in our preparations that we forget where we are now. Enjoy your family, enjoy the ordinary delights that fill you with joy, enjoy the warmth and the outside. We'll get there, to that next big there, but we're not there just yet.



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# Youth Education



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This summer has flown by and we are now entering what will be another amazing school year and High Holyday season. It will be great to have the building full once again and buzzing with the sounds of children. I, along with our teachers and entire staff, are looking forward to another great year of educational, social, and wonderfully unique experiences for our young people.

On my way to the office, one hot summer morning, I stopped at a drive-through Caribou to get some much needed caffeine for a long day of meetings and planning. I ordered my drink, rolled up to the window, and the barista informed me that the person in front of me paid for my drink and said to have a great day. What a great start to a really busy day. In all of my years of going through drive through coffee places (mostly Dunkin Donuts) this was the first experience I had like this. It was so nice for someone just to pay for my drink and say have a nice day.

This summer there have been some terrible things going on in the world; but this little gesture of what we can do for others is the thing I would urge us all to think about as the High Holyday season approaches. Pass the good and little things on to others. Do something for someone who is in need. Visit someone in the hospital or at Sholom just to see the smile on their face. Take the bitterness of the events of the past months and think about how we each can look within ourselves and make the world a more positive place.

As we look at the world and realize things are tough, we have to ask ourselves: how can we make the world a better place? How can we change the world for good? What actions can each of us take to perfect the world in which we live and make it a place that we wish to raise our children in? What will be your coffee story for this New Year? Andrea, Jonah and I wish you a year of peace and happiness: *Shana Tova U'mitukah*, a sweet and happy New Year!

## Shir L'Maalot... Songs to Elevate the Soul!

**Sunday, October 2nd**

**7:00 pm**

**Followed by Erev Rosh Hashanah Services at 8pm**

Clergy will lead a camp like singing experience to help enhance your High Holyday observance. Adults and teens are invited to prepare for this special season through melody and song followed by 8:00pm service.

## Still Not Too Late... Register Today

Remember to register your children for this school year! Encourage friends and non-members to try our school and receive one month **FREE** tuition (restrictions apply)

Sign up here:  
<http://templeofaaron.org/education/schools/enrollment/>

### September Starting Dates:

#### **September 11th**

For Birth-12th grades

9:00 am:

Annual Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am:

School Assembly and  
9/11 Memorial Ceremony

10:30 am:

Classes for all grades.

#### **September 14th**

First Wednesday for  
2nd-7th and TiKone USY

#### **September 17th**

First Shabbat School for  
Toddler-1st grade

Questions: Susie Haim  
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Josh enjoyed visiting ToA Youth at Camp Butwin. Pictured here with Natalia Katz and Annie Leventhal.

# September Youth Events:

**September 10—USY Mystery Bus Ride and Lock In!** Three mystery stops followed by Annual Pancake Breakfast Lock-in

**September 14—TiKone Housewarming Lounge Night** Help us get settled in our new and improved Youth Lounge!

**September 21—USY Comedy Night at Mini-HAHA Falls** Come and hang for a night of laughs as we enjoy the scenic overlooks of our favorite local waterfall

**September 25—TUSY Challah Sale**

**September 28—TUSY Challah Baking** Learn all about the art of challah making, just in time for the High Holyday season!

## Bresheet/Kadima Make a Splash

**September 28  
4:00-6:30**

(During Wednesday Lower School)



Please arrive promptly at 4:00pm so we can spend a fun evening making a splash at a local water park. **Don't forget your swimsuit and towel!**

Cost: FREE for all Wednesday Lower School Students

Contact Adam Bender with questions

**ATTENTION ALL  
8th-12th GRADERS**  
Mystery Bus Ride, Lock-In,  
and Pancake Breakfast!



Start the year off rolling with a night of fun with friends.

Cost: \$25 (bring a new friend for \$5 off your cost)

**RSVP to Adam Bender by Sept. 4**

# Youth Happenings

As we turn the calendar from August to September, we also start to prepare for the upcoming school year. Everyone, including myself, is back from their summers of travel and it is now time to settle in for the upcoming programmatic year. Temple of Aaron is no exception to the school year cycle, and we all look forward to welcoming everybody back in our doors again.

I cannot believe another school year is upon us again. As the great Rebbe Ferris Bueller once said, "Life moves pretty fast....," and this summer sure did. The old cliché is asked every year when school is back in session, "How did you spend your summer vacation?" Well, I had the special opportunity of staffing USY on Wheels East with 37 USYers from all over the country, along with four other staff members. While traveling the east coast, we lived, learned, ate, discussed, and challenged Judaism in ways we had never done so before. From the CN Tower in Toronto to Magic Kingdom at Disney World to the Washington Monument in DC, these USYers challenged themselves to build strong relationships with each other, as well as their personal connections to Judaism. We also had the special opportunity to pay our respects at Pulse Night Club in Orlando, where a shooting had taken place just a month earlier this past June. The entire summer was a meaningful one for each child individually, but also for myself. I was given the chance to watch USYers grow into themselves, and set them on the path to live Jewish lives their own way.

As the school year begins, I challenge each of you to go above and beyond in challenging your own Jewish identity. Stand up for what is right, step out of your comfort zone, question the norms. To finish that famous quote by Ferris, "If you don't stop and look around every once in a while, you could miss it." Don't miss out on this year — take the time to live it.



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### TiKone USY 2016 Sign-ups (8th-12th Graders)

**Hebrew:** Come learn with Shlichah Eden Kohali in this interactive class to help you master the Hebrew language as you walk the streets of Israel.

**Fantasy Football, Flag Football, and Midrash:** Play Fantasy and Flag Football with Rabbi Fine each week at ToA and engage in study about Midrash (explanation of Jewish text by the Rabbis).

**Golden Kephah:** Earn your Golden Kephah and be a Torah reader at ToA. This class is for new students or those who have already started. Take on the challenge and have your name added to the Golden Kephah Wall of Honor.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle one)

Modern Hebrew

Fantasy/Flag Football and Midrash

Golden Kephah



# Destination Shabbat

## Selichot Community Program

Saturday, September 24, 2016



**8:30 p.m. Havdalah and Program**

*I am my Brother's Keeper! Acting in the Face of Injustice*

Yehudit Shendar, Retired Deputy Director and Senior Art Curator, Yad Vashem and World-leading expert in Holocaust art and Nazi art plundering.

**10:00 p.m. Reception**

**10:30 p.m. Selichot Service**

For more information contact Wendy Schwartz: 612-374-0344  
wendy@templeisrael.com

Hosted at Temple Israel

## GOT SHABBAT DINNER CHINESE STYLE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:45pm	6:30pm	8:00pm
Prayers in PJs	Got Shabbat Dinner \$15/adult; \$8/child	Musical Erev Shabbat Service

RSVP to [SusieHaim@TempleofAaron.org](mailto:SusieHaim@TempleofAaron.org) or 651-698-8874 x100

### Shabbat Visions Speaker Jordan Miller Sept. 3rd

Jordan is our first Visions Series Speaker as we focus on **Israel Innovation: At The Cutting Edge.**

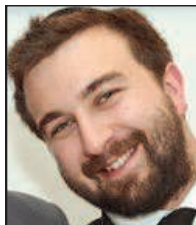
Jordan is the Director of Business & Trade Development for Government of Israel Economic Mission to the Midwest. Her topic is "Israeli Innovation in Clean Technology."



### Shabbat Shuva Speaker Ezra Balsler

**Saturday, October 8th**

As we move from Rosh Hashanah into Yom Kippur, Hebrew College Rabbinical student Ezra Balsler will keep us in the mindset on Shabbat Shuva, the Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. He will speak about "Repentance and Return: How to Begin Again."



## Service Schedule

### Friday Night Services

Sept. 2—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel  
Sept 9—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel  
Sept 16—8:00pm in Greenberg Room  
Sept 23—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel  
Sept 30—6:30pm in Leifman Chapel  
Saturday Morning Shabbat Service begins at 9:00am in Main Sanctuary  
Minyan Monday-Thursday begins at 6:00pm in Leifman Chapel

## Shabbat Morning Features

**Visions Speaker Jordan Miller**—Sept. 3  
The Director of Business & Trade Development, Government of Israel Economic Mission to the Midwest will speak about "**Israeli Innovation in Clean Technology**"

**Traditional Shabbat**—Sept. 10

**Social Justice/Action Shabbat Speaker Steve Simon**—Sept. 17

ToA Social Justice/Action Committee members will participate in services

**Traditional Shabbat**—Sept. 24

## Order Lulav & Etrog Sets



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

The sets are ordered from Chicago. Therefore, we need to receive your \$48 check by September 29, 2016.

Your check is your *Lulav and Etrog* order. You may pick up your order from Ritual Coordinator Larry Eisenstadt. Call office for date and time.

## Israel Committee



Walking through the Old City of Jerusalem, climbing Masada, and tasting Marzipan Bakery's famous rugeluch are the staple introductions to a visit to Israel. However, experiencing immersion in Israeli culture and touring Israel with some of the most exciting leaders in Israeli society today as our guides is a rare opportunity.

Temple of Aaron's Elyse Less will co-chair the Fischman Mission, a uniquely St. Paul Israel trip sponsored by the St. Paul Jewish Federation. The Fischman Mission will take place November 13-20. It's open to all members of the community.

The Fischman Mission will celebrate 20 years of E. David Fischman Scholars, a St. Paul legacy program that provides scholarships for exceptional Israelis to U.S. graduate schools. Fischman Scholars go back to Israel as the best and brightest. Several will join the Fischman Mission as scholars-in-residence, leading up to a Jerusalem symposium that will also draw Israeli government officials, scholars and industry leaders.

Meet Tal Becker, a senior peace negotiator, on the future of Israeli-Palestinian relations. Learn with Yuval Livnat, head of the Refugees Legal Clinic at Tel Aviv University, about African immigrants. Gain insights from Talya Steiner of the Israel Democracy Institute, an expert on Israel's Arab populations. The opportunities to see and engage with modern-day Israel will be unmatched.

Naturally, the Fischman Mission will also include two days in Sovev Kinneret, St. Paul's Partnership region near the Sea of Galilee, and our home away from home.

For more information on joining the Fischman Mission, contact Elyse Less at 651-592-6061 or [elyseless@gmail.com](mailto:elyseless@gmail.com), or Dan Lepow at [dlepow@stpaulfed.org](mailto:dlepow@stpaulfed.org). Registration ends on September 2.

# Group & Committee Voices

## Temple of Aaron Sisterhood

**Shabbat Kiddush Lunch Fundraiser** – Sunday, Sept. 25, 9am–1pm at Temple of Aaron. Please drop off new/gently used toys/games/books for children/adults, outside the Gift Shop by Thursday, Sept. 22. Questions, contact Sue Schwartz (651-451-2188 or [jasch924@aol.com](mailto:jasch924@aol.com)).

**Gift Shop Sale** – Now through the High Holydays. 20% off most items; 10% books; no discount on parchment. Free gift if you spend \$25 or more. Support Sisterhood and Temple of Aaron by purchasing your Judaica items for all events from the Temple of Aaron Gift Shop. Items from Demdaco, Source 4 Judaica, Classic Touch Tervy Collection, Tamara Baskin, Rosenthal, Aram, Jillbeads and more. New items – Shira Jewelry ([www.shirajewelry.com](http://www.shirajewelry.com)). A variety of books are also stocked for children, young adults and adults; Gift cards and registries for all life cycle events always available. Contact the Gift Shop directly at: 651-699-9192. Hours: Sun., 9am–noon; Tues., 10am–1pm; Wed., 10am–1pm and 6–8pm, or by appointment – call Chair Marcia Taple (651-688-3030).

**Sisterhood Knits** – Thursday, Sept. 22, 6:30–8:00pm, at Temple. Questions, contact Susan Gonzalez (612-701-5606 or [suziemgonzalez@comcast.net](mailto:suziemgonzalez@comcast.net)) or Susan Tervola ([susantervola@templeofaaron.org](mailto:susantervola@templeofaaron.org)). All levels welcome.

**Building Fund Cards** – Send a beautiful card for any occasion – only a phone call away – no hassles. Pick up the phone and show someone you care by sending one of these lovely cards. All funds raised by the use of these cards go directly to benefit our beautiful building. To purchase our cards, call Sis Goren (651-686-0425) or Susan Kushner (651-454-8336). For billing questions, call Paula Schrabner (651-454-2708).

**Rosh Hashanah Fundraiser** – Wish your Temple of Aaron family a Shanah Tovah Tikatevu for 5777 in the October Aaronion. Send your \$10 check by September 5, payable to Temple of Aaron Sisterhood, to Shari Lowenthal, 2183 Arkwright St., Maplewood, MN 55117. Indicate how you would like your name to appear in the Aaronion. Questions, call Marcia Taple (651-688-3030). Thanks very much for your support.

**Spring Rolls in the Sukkah** – Opening Program, Thursday, Oct. 20, 6:30pm–event begins in the sukkah, followed by dinner and biblical theme program. Watch for your invitation.

**Membership Renewal** – You should have received your renewal letter. Please renew asap and save Sisterhood the expense of reminders. Questions, contact, Alexandria Ganzel (651-490-7683 or [organzel@comcast.net](mailto:organzel@comcast.net)).

**IntraContinental Women's League for Conservative Judaism Conference** – May 6-9, 2017, Airport Hilton, Bloomington, MN. Hosted by Temple of Aaron Sisterhood. Questions, contact Marcia Taple (651-688-3030 or [mtaple@comcast.net](mailto:mtaple@comcast.net)) or Etta Lambright (612-229-4340 or [ettalambright@gmail.com](mailto:ettalambright@gmail.com)).



## Social Justice Committee

**Social Justice Committee Shabbat  
Guest Speaker: Secretary of State Steve Simon  
Saturday, September 17, 2016**

Members of the Social Justice Committee and Temple of Aaron members active in a variety of social justice and charity volunteer activities will be participating in Shabbat morning services. We are excited to welcome guest speaker Steve Simon, Minnesota's Secretary of State, to speak on the importance of exercising our right to vote. Please contact Brian Zaidman if you want to participate in services.



# Thank you תודה רבה

Donations in memory of loved ones (\$10 or more)  
July/August 2016 Tammuz/Av 5776

Aldes, Michael	Kanivetsky, Rosita	Ringer, Jan
Baldinger, Bob	Katz, Sidney	Ringer, Sherman
Bergstein, Tina	Kloner, Louse	Robbins, Eileen
Berkman, Jerry	Knurenko, Izabella	Schraber, David & Paula
Bernstein, Steven	Kushnir, Rozaliya	Schumeister, RuthAnn
Bubar, Anna	Lane, Harriet	Schwartz, Sue & Jerry
Calof, Stan	Lazarus, Janice	Shear, Bert
Daniels, Rick & Barb	Lee, Lynne	Shimelfarb, Masha
Edelstein, Rebecca	Lifson, Helen & Ron	Smith, Joan
Feldman, Kayleen	Mack, Ellen & Tom Bates	Soroka, Tatyana
Fishman, Jerry	Marvy, Bob & Florie	Stacker, Howard
Garbuz, Khaye	McKee, Lenore	Stillman, Tom & Sue
Geller, Rosie & Loren	Merrovich, Gedaly	Strohm, Leslie, Jim, Ezra & Maya
Gleeman, Harriet	Michaels, Noreen	Tilsen, Robert
Goldberg, Sharleen	Miller, Florence & Beryl	Tilsner, William
Goldman, Howard & Lynn	Mogol, Marc	Walter, Beverley
Goldman, Irene	Noun, Jean	Watchman, Clara
Goodman, Charlie & Dina	O'Brien, Matthew	
Gordon, Frank & Cookie	Phillips, Jan & Janet	
Grobovsky, Nancy & Rick	Pogoler, Andrew	

... to Burt Katz and Anita Ernst for adding address labels to over 900 August Aaronions to keep people involved for all religious services, programs and classes.  
... to all business supporters & members who purchase ads to cover printing costs for monthly newsletters.  
... to all families who hosted USYers for LTI.  
... to all young families for attending Parks & Ice Cream program this summer.



## Sisterhood Fundraiser to Benefit Kiddush Lunch Fund

Sisterhood is having a fundraiser, to benefit the Shabbat Kiddush Lunch Fund and our Temple of Aaron community, on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Capp Lounge.

We need your new or gently used adult hardcover & paperback books, children's books & toys, and games. Donation boxes will be located by the Gift shop until Thursday, Sept. 22.

For any questions or if you need items picked up, call Sue Schwartz at 651-451-2188 or email [jasch924@aol.com](mailto:jasch924@aol.com).

## Cemetery Planning Reduces Stress

Temple of Aaron's Cemetery sells graves to both members and non-members. That enables you to create a family section for loved ones. Take action this month and contact Executive Director Ken Agranoff for an 18 minute meeting to make important decisions in advance to save later emotional pressure.



Ken Agranoff

# Blessings

## SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

מזל טוב

- 68 Marvin & Mildred Jacobson
- 63 James & Marcella Kahn
- 57 Freeman & Shirley Rosenblum
- 57 Stanley & Delores Karon
- 56 Walter & Renee Kvasnik
- 55 David & Sheila Leventhal
- 55 Dean & Marilyn Greenberg
- 54 Jerry & Ruth Levine
- 54 Mikhail & Ida Chulok
- 51 Bernard & Jaylene Karon
- 51 Richard & Diane Smookler
- 51 Gilman & Joyce Burnstein
- 51 Jan & Janet Phillips
- 50 James & Sandra Rutzick
- 45 Steve & Nancy Gilats
- 40 Larry & Karen Berg
- 5 Drew & Becky Greenberg

נחמו נחמו עמי

*Our deep and sincere sympathy to the families of the following members who have passed away*

**Mikhail Leyderman  
Vladimir Fridman  
Judith Starkman  
Murray Appelbaum**

*A Memorial Plaque Has Been Displayed For Mary "Dutch" Raskin*

**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.





**Message from Ritual Coordinator Larry Eisenstadt**

*I would like to thank everyone in the Temple of Aaron community who offered their good wishes and prayers during my recent recovery from my heart attack. Your sentiments were truly appreciated.*

**Kever Avot will be held Sunday October 9, 2016 at our Temple of Aaron Cemetery in Roseville. Clergy will lead the 1:00 pm ceremony as we gather to remember our loved ones.**

**Temple of Aaron on Social Media**

**Facebook:** Check out Rabbi Jeremy Fine's new Facebook Page for updates and articles [www.facebook.com/RabbiJeremyFine](http://www.facebook.com/RabbiJeremyFine)

**Crossriver Kosher:** Learn more about Kashrut in the Twin Cities at [CrossriverKosher.com](http://CrossriverKosher.com).  
Crossriver Kosher: The River Divides Us, The Food Connects Us.

# ...and More

## Temple of Aaron Celebrates 60 Years in Highland Park Location

We will gather Sunday November 6 to celebrate the numerous accomplishments and memories created here for the past 60 years. Annual Tribute Co-Chairs Tracey Agranoff and Wendy Baldinger are proud to lead the effort in recognizing the 30 Past Presidents who were instrumental in making Temple of Aaron the very special place it is in our community.



Tracey Agranoff Wendy Baldinger

President Gary Portnoy expressed his appreciation for their years of dedication and serving as powerful role models. Many members have vivid memories of the people, the eras, the accomplishments and look forward to a special night where we gather together for recognition and fun.



We are nearing a contentious Presidential Election where society is being challenged on numerous levels. Our entertainer will be Spike Lee, who has directed film, documentaries and commercials for the past 30 years and currently serves as a NYU Professor. He has revolutionized the landscape of independent cinema, role of black talent in film, and battled with Hollywood while providing a series of provocative socio-political critiques that challenge assumptions on race, class and gender identity. His work ranges from "Inside Man" to "Malcolm X," "Hurricane Katrina" to "She's Gotta Have It," "Church Bombing" to "School Daze," "World War II Miracle of St. Anna" to "Jungle Fever," "Summer of Sam" to "He Got Game" and so much more. Open your mind as we will be Getting Reel With Spike Lee.

We have general admission tickets starting at \$36, reserved seating at \$75 and \$125, and VIP Groups (\$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,500) meeting Spike Lee, taking pictures with him while enjoying appetizers and beverages.

Temple of Aaron has entered its 107th year of operation and we will focus on the 60 years in Highland Park recognizing the people who worked steadfastly to help build policies and procedures so our entire membership could experience lifecycle events, pray together, attend programs, study together, and build broad social connections to create a strong community. We look forward to seeing you at A Diamond Celebration for Temple of Aaron with an evening filled with joy, memories and fun.



Rabbi Raskas, Ben Freeman, Herman J. Butwinick, Moe Goodman and Paul Spicer literally broke the ground in 1955 to start construction of the new Temple of Aaron.

## Endowments and Special Gifts Add More Quality to Our High Holyday Experience

Yearly, a new Supplementary Service Booklet for 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah is donated in loving memory of S. Paul Johnson, Toni Braverman, Max & Clara Rikess, and Lewis H. & Rivian Johnson.

Max & Felicia Schulz (of blessed memory) established an endowment for Rosh Hashanah expenses in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The David A. Berg Family created an endowment that provides apples and honey on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah.

Friends and family of Rachel Liba Cardozo established the Baalat Koreh grant in her memory. We perpetuate her beautiful High Holyday trop by funding a teacher to train Torah readers in her trop.

Ken & Tracey Agranoff created an endowment to sponsor the Holyday Family Services in memory of fathers Harry Agranoff and Sidney Cass, in honor of mothers Marion Cass and Betty Agranoff, and in honor of daughters, Samantha and Jessica.

David & Paula, Adam & Samuel

Schraber established an endowment for High Holyday Torah Reading in honor of the 62nd wedding anniversary of David's parents, Rose & Harry Schraber, of blessed memory.

Yizkor and Yom Kippur Supplement Booklet was given in memory of William & Fanny Feldman Smith by children Lorraine & Sid Applebaum, Joyce & Marvin Smith (of Blessed Memory), Marilyn & Richard Smith.

High Holyday Family Service Booklet sponsored by Richard & Diane Smookler in honor of their children and grandchildren.

The David A. Berg Family created a fund in memory of Robert H. Berg to provide a "Break the Fast" following the final shofar blast on Yom Kippur. Janie & David Berg helped organize the festive food and beverages.

Bemah flowers are provided by an endowment fund in memory of Marvin and Ossie Perlman.

High Holyday Babysitting is partially endowed by the generosity of the

congregation in memory of Carole Kowitz and by her family, Shelly, Michael, Joshua & Mitchell Kowitz.

Our Machzorim were donated in loving memory of Ben & Stella Freeman by their children, Arthur, of blessed memory & Margie, Earl, of blessed memory & Gretta, Allen & Toba; in loving memory of Marion & Alfred Spicer and Mildred Kaplan and in honor of Louis Kaplan from the H.S. Kaplan Family Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation; in loving memory of our parents, Samuel & Edith Mack and Jack & Adele Shaller, by Rossy & Richard Shaller; with loving thoughts of our Parents and Grand-parents, Lillian & Morris Savage, Yetta & Julius Yellin from Susan & Dr. Paul Yellin, Jason & Mandi Yellin.

Yom Kippur Havdalah candles have been endowed by Jim and Judy Berg in honor of the B'not mitzvah of Brittani and Danielle Berg.

Tashlich Service Booklets and bird seed are provided by an endowment from Dr. Paul & Lois Bloomberg in honor of daughters Anne, Sarah and Jeanne.

### Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Family Service



Join us for this fun interactive multi-generational service for Birth-1st grade families led by Rabbi Jeremy Fine, Rabbi Avi Strausberg, and guest musician! Come celebrate with music of the holidays, stories and more!

**Babysitting will be available during all High Holyday Services.**

**RSVP and questions about Family Services or to sign up for babysitting contact:**

**Adam Bender at 651-698-8874 ext 115 or**

**[AdamBender@templeofaaron.org](mailto:AdamBender@templeofaaron.org)**

### Yom Kippur Class Details

For those of you who'd rather be hungry at shul than hungry at home, join us for a day of learning on Yom Kippur with three great class offerings that will help deepen your Yom Kippur experience:

#### **12:30pm – The Legends of Una Tana Tokef, Rabbi Jeremy Fine**

We will dive into a midrash that gets to the heart of this core text of Yom Kippur and uncover new meaning behind the haunting line "Who Will Live and Who Will Die."

#### **2:00pm – Discussion on Isaiah with Social Justice/Action Committee**

#### **4:00pm – The Goat that Took the Fall, Rabbi Avi Strausberg**

What's the role of the proverbial scapegoat in teshuva, the process of return and repentance?

And, what happens to the goat after we wash our hands of him?





# Temple of Aaron High Holydays Services

2016/5777

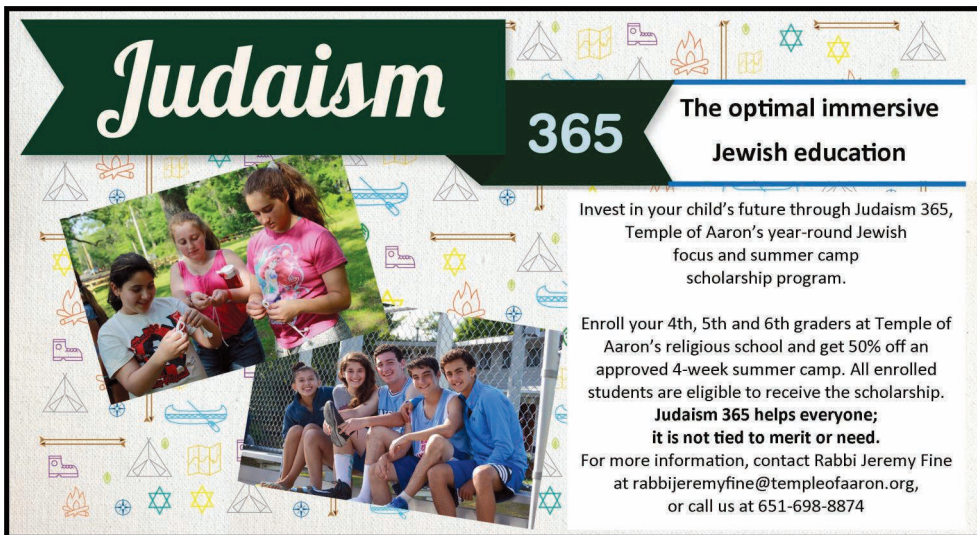
DATE	SERVICE	DETAILS	TIME
Saturday September 24	<b>Selihot</b>	Twin Cities Collaborative @ Temple Israel Featuring ToA Choir & Speaker Yehudit Shendar	8:30 pm
Sunday October 2	<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b>	Candle Lighting *New Program* Shir L'Maalot: Songs to Elevate the Soul Services	6:32 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm
Monday October 3	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> (1st Day)	Services Family Service with Rabbi Avi Strausberg Torah Service Youth Programming Tashlich Service (at Mississippi River)	9:00 am-12:15 pm 9:15 am-10:00 am 9:45 am 10:00 am-12:15 pm 12:30 pm
Tuesday October 4	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> (2nd Day)	Services Torah Service Youth Programming Breakout Services: Tekiyah – Musical Service w/ Cantor Joshua Fineblum Tru'ah – Full Musaf Traditional Service Shevar'im – Meditative Service w/Rabbi Avi Strasuberg	9:00 am-12:15 pm 9:45 am 10:00 am-12:15 pm 11:30pm
	<b>New 5777 Theme:</b>	<i>Pirkei Avot 1:15—Say Little, Do Much</i>	
Friday October 7	<b>Shabbat Shuva</b>	Erev Shabbat Services (Leifman Chapel)	6:30 pm
Saturday October 8		Shabbat Speaker: Ezra Balser—Rabbinical Student “Repentance and Return: How To Begin Again”	9:00 am
Sunday October 9	<b>Kever Avot</b>	Memorial Service (Temple of Aaron Cemetery)	1:00 pm
Tuesday October 11	<b>Kol Nidre</b>	Fast Begins Services	6:15 pm 7:30 pm
Wednesday October 12	<b>Yom Kippur</b>	Services Family Service with Rabbi Jeremy Fine Torah Service Youth Programming <b>Class:</b> The Legends of Un'Taneh Tokef - Rabbi Fine <b>Class:</b> Discussion on Isaiah w/ Social Justice Comm. <b>Class:</b> The Goat that Took the Fall - Rabbi Strausberg Mincha/Neilah Maariv/Havdalah with Youth Final Shofar & Community Break The Fast	9:00 am-12:15 pm 9:15 am-10:00 am 9:45 am 10:00 am-12:15 pm 12:30 pm 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:15 pm 7:15 pm 7:30 pm

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For more information, contact Rabbi Jeremy Fine at rabbijeremyfine@templeofaaron.org, or call us at 651-698-8874

### Sisterhood Rosh Hashanah Greetings Update

Sisterhood thanks everyone who has already sent in their donations for the Rosh Hashanah Greetings. The flyer that was sent to Temple of Aaron members incorrectly stated that names would appear in the September Aaronion. Sisterhood apologizes for the error as we will be listing the names in the October Aaronion. If you have not already sent in your greetings, please send your check by Sept. 7, along with how you would like your name to be printed, to Shari Lowenthal at 2183 Arkwright Street, Maplewood, MN 55117. Any questions call Marcia Taple, 651-688-3030.

### Homeless Youth Need Help

There are over 4,000 homeless youth in Minnesota with majority in metro area. Many left home because it is no longer safe or have families that are unstable.

In 2011, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative established a task force of four St. Paul congregations including Temple of Aaron Social Action Committee (represented by Howard Goldman) to identify pressing housing needs. After hearing from housing experts, the task force is developing a new apartment building (Prior Crossing) in St Paul to house homeless youth. It will be the only one of its kind in St Paul and the 44 units will open this September.

A congregational team is coordinating the opening and meeting initial needs of the incoming residents through a donation program. Each new resident will receive household items needed for independent living. The Prior Crossing closet will be stocked by volunteer donations and coordinated by



member Irene Goldman. Donations will be gratefully accepted at Temple of Aaron. We need: new or gently used full or double size sheet sets, towel sets, silverware, brooms, dustpans, mid to large size frying pans, midsize pans with lids, dish sets, serving utensils, cooking utensils and full or queen size blankets/comforters. New only: pillows, shower curtain liners, bath/

body soap, dish soap, dish sponge, laundry soap, tall trash can, tooth brush, toothpaste, cleaning spray, toilet brush cleaner and brush. All dishes must be microwave safe. No tea cups/saucers. Monetary donations are needed. Make check payable to "Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative" with memo line "Prior Crossing." Questions: Howard or Irene Goldman at hgiggoldman@msn.com or 651-690-4997. We are proud to give deserving young people a chance to overcome their difficult start in life and advance on their road to success. For more about Beacon Interfaith go to [www.beaconinterfaith.org](http://www.beaconinterfaith.org).



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#### College Keshet Fun Facts

2016 Summer Opportunities Guide sent to Students

Packages during the holidays

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#### College Keshet 2016-2017

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## ToA Visits Camp Butwin August 3rd

Rabbi Avi Strausberg, Cantor/Educator Joshua Fineblum, and Engagement Director Adam Bender visited Temple of Aaron campers and staff at St. Paul JCC's Camp Butwin.



Marisa Katz, Stevie Paper, Will Paper, Sam Zien, Finn Tervola, Noah Trusdell, Moshe Merman, Norman Simon, Ravi, Aaron Castle, Sam Dobkin, Yonah Bates, Sanders Kids, Maya Katz, Arielle Shofman, Adam Bender, CEJF, Ilana Blyakher, Davita Blyakher. ToA Members at Camp Butwin not pictured: Levi Paper, Amalia Rosenthal, Jessica Agranoff, Tracey Agranoff, Andrew Raihill, Natalia Katz, Maddie Leventhal, Annie Leventhal.

## ToA Youth Strike Silver at Maccabi Games



The JCC Maccabi Games are an Olympic-style sporting competition held each summer in North America and is the second largest organized sports program for Jewish teenagers in the world. Youth from around the country gathered in St. Louis, MO July 31-August 5 to compete in team and individual sporting events. Team Minnesota brought home a silver medal in girls' volleyball featuring four Temple of Aaron members. Mazel Tov to Val Merman, Drew Kuretsky, Abby Simelgor, Sarah Braginsky for your silver medal! Additional Temple of Aaron members participating were Benji Perlstein and Anthony Shishkin.

## Rabbi Fine Visits Camp Chi in Wisconsin



Rabbi Fine pictured with Temple of Aaron members Danny Bernick, Andrew Zuckerman and Max Lerman

# Temple of Aaron Calendar of Events

September 2016  
Av - Elul 5776

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p>For more information on these and other events and programs, please visit our website <a href="http://templeofaaron.org">templeofaaron.org</a></p> </div>						
4 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast	5 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	6 6:00pm Minyan	7 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Teacher Meeting	8 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 6:30pm Sisterhood Knits 7:30pm Bible Class	9 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle lighting 7:29pm	10 8:15am Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services 8:15pm USY Mystery Bus Ride & Lock-In
11 9:00am Minyan 9:00am Pancake Breakfast 10:00am First Day of Sunday School (Birth-12th) 1:30pm Engage! Learning	12 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	13 6:00pm Minyan	14 4:00pm 1st Day of Lower School 6:00pm 1st Day of Tikone - Housewarming Lounge Night 6:00pm Minyan	15 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	16 5:45pm Prayers in PJs 6:30pm Got Shabbat Chinese Dinner 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle lighting 7:03pm	17 8:15am Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services 9:00am Shabbat School First Day
18 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School	19 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	20 6:00pm Minyan	21 4:00pm Lower School 6:00pm Tikone - Comedy at Minne-HAHA 6:00pm Minyan	22 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	23 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle lighting 6:49pm	24 8:15am Learning with Rabbi Strausberg 9:00am Shabbat Services 8:30pm Community Selichot Program and Service at Temple Israel
25 9:00am Minyan/Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 5:00pm St. Paul Federation Annual Event	26 Business Office Closed 6:00pm Minyan	27 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm ToA Book Club	28 4:00pm Lower School 6:00pm Tikone - Challah Baking 6:00pm Minyan	29 6:00pm Minyan 6:30pm Talmud Class 7:30pm Bible Class	30 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services Candle lighting 6:36pm	



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