



From the Rabbi's Study

Join us for annual blessing of our animals

The high holidays and the upcoming food festival are taking up most of our time and focus. It is easy to forget all the other things that we, as a congregation enjoy. However, I want to make sure that there is one event that does not fall through the cracks: our annual blessing of our animals.

Rabbi Brian Michelson

On Friday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m., weather permitting, we will do an abbreviated Shabbat service outside that will include the opportunity to bring the animal members of our family together for a blessing. We have chosen this week because it is the Shabbat when the Torah portion retells the story of Noah. Since Noah is charged with saving the animals, we take time to bless the non-human members of our

families. I know that for some of us, our animals are true members of our family and sometimes even better than some of our human family.

Judaism requires us to show care and compassion to animals. For example, the rabbis discussed the importance of feeding our animals first. A farmer can and should milk his cows on Shabbat to protect them from pain and suffering. We

understand that whether they are pets or part of our profession, we have obligations to the living creatures that share our lives.

We have had all sorts of animals attend — dogs, cats, ferrets, birds, Guinea pigs, snakes, etc.— we discourage bringing fish. All we ask is that the animals behave well, in a travel case, or on a leash.

So, bundle up and join us for this special service.

Religious School News

School year is off to a terrific start

By Holly Michelson
Religious School Director

So much going on in October: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Consecration of our 1st-graders and new students, and a special Tot Shabbat in the Sukkah.

I'd like to start off though, telling you about what a wonderful first day of school we had at the beginning of September. Everyone seemed to be in the right place — the right teachers with the right students. Everyone was engaged and participating. Time with the Rabbi was about how we do services, how we behave, how we help others, not just that we do them, and questions are encouraged. It was probably the most relaxed first day I've had in a long time. During our second week, Galen Newman returned to our school to continue his wonderful STEM program with our students. There were apples and shofars everywhere.

We welcomed a new teacher to the community and to our school. Amana Woolf Gibbs grew up in Bucks and Berks counties and recently moved back to the area with her three



The first day of Religious School

children, two of whom are also attending the religious school. She most recently taught in a Reconstructionist synagogue in Colorado. She enjoys graphic art, hiking, kayaking, and camp-

ing. Amana will be teaching our 6th/7th grade class. She says she “strives to create a welcoming, learner-centered classroom environment

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where her students feel ownership over what they are studying.”

When you are in the building, be sure to check out the bulletin boards, one when you first walk into the education wing, and one down at the end of the classroom hall.

On the front bulletin board, there will be some old and some new information each month with school dates, events, and Hebrew birthdays. The back board may just be just a pretty board, an educational board, as well as a board to showcase stu-

dent work. Come check them out. See you soon.

Shanah Tovah!

Upcoming Important Dates:

****Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah** — Check RCOS calendar for dates and times.

****TOT SHABBAT in the SUKKAH:** Oct. 19 at 10 a.m.

****CONSECRATION:** Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. This formal welcoming moment is for our first-graders and other new students just starting out their Jewish Education. It is done in conjunction with our Simchat Torah service.



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Lunch will include falafel sandwich with lettuce, tomato,
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Pulpit Swap

**Join us Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:45 PM
Pulpit Swap with the Rev. Bryce Wandry
of Christ Episcopal Church**

Perpetual Memorials

Oct. 1-5

Samuel L. Avins
Gerald Frank
Sol Greenstein
Henry Phillip King
Nathan R. Liever
Samuel Sinainik

Oct. 6-12

Justin J. Baumann
Hilda Bodenheimer
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Oct. 13-19

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Jacob Morris Cohn
Ruth G. Greenberg
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Edith Luria
Sadie R. Newman

Jane R. Pokrass
Theodore Rachlin
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Oct. 20-26

Eve Frankel
Yetta Levitz
Rebecca Liever
Anna G. Popkin

Oct. 27-31

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Wendy & Jason Kraft	Oct. 11	Temah & Bernard Copelovitch	Oct. 25
Helene & Henry Singer	Oct. 15	Kate & Travis Inman	Oct. 27

BIRTHDAYS

Conrad Heisman	Oct. 1	Ellen Azrael	Oct. 12	William Ehrlich	Oct. 23
David Lichten	Oct. 2	Carol Cohn	Oct. 12	Ruth Heisman	Oct. 23
Joan Sherman	Oct. 2	James Harrison	Oct. 12	Elana Weinblatt	Oct. 23
Cynthia Gerber Tomlinson	Oct. 2	Jodi Radosh	Oct. 12	Monica Tulay	Oct. 24
Erica Hesselson	Oct. 4	Russell Farbiarz	Oct. 13	Todd Banks	Oct. 25
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Jane Goodman	Oct. 8	Ruth Spillerman	Oct. 15	Sari Incledon	Oct. 27
Shirley Jacobs	Oct. 8	Geraldine Nemirow	Oct. 16	Jessica McManimen	Oct. 27
Eric Shocket	Oct. 8	Bernard Copelovitch	Oct. 17	Andrew Wernick	Oct. 28
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October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 AM Religious School	30 12 PM Torah Study	1 11 AM Lunch & Learn @ The Highlands 3:30 PM Hebrew School	2 Erev Rosh Hashanah 8 PM Erev RH Service Office Closes at 2 PM	3 Rosh Hashanah OFFICE CLOSED 10 AM Service 10:30 AM Youth Service 4 PM Family Service 5:30 PM Joint Tashlich Service w/ KZ	4 6 PM Shabbat Shuvah	5 10 AM Haftarah Study
6 9:30 AM Religious School 1 PM Annual Cemetery Service at Mt. Sinai	7 12 PM Torah Study 7 PM Security Committee Meeting	8 3:30 PM Hebrew School	9	10	11 8 PM Kol Nidre Service	12 Yom Kippur 10 AM Service 10:30 AM Youth Service 4:30 PM Yizkor Service 5:15 PM N'ilah Service
13 No Religious School	14 Indigenous People Day OFFICE CLOSED 7 PM Executive Committee Meeting	15 3:30 PM Hebrew School	16 5:45 PM Decorating in the Sukkah 6:30 PM Dinner 7 PM Shabbat Service	17	18 6 PM Shabbat Service	19 10 AM Tot Shabbat in the Sukkah
20 9:30 AM Religious School	21 12 PM Torah Study 7 PM Finance Committee Meeting	22 3:30 PM Hebrew School	23 7 PM Simchat Torah Service (Outside)	24 7 PM Balis Committee Meeting	25 7:45 PM Pulpit Swap w/ Rev. Bryce Wandry of Christ Episcopal Church	26 10 AM Brit Mitzvah of Shira Merin
27 9:30 AM Religious School	28 12 PM Torah Study 7 PM Board Meeting	29 3:30 PM Hebrew School	30	31	1 6 PM Shabbat Service Blessing of Animals (Outside)	2



REFORM CONGREGATION OHEB SHOLOM

Schedule of High Holiday & Festival Services, 2024-5785

***Service times are approximate**

Outside services are weather permitting.

Selichot (Official start of the Holidays)

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2024

◆ Joint Selichot Service w/ Kesher Zion followed by desserts

Time: 10:00 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Time: 8:00 pm

◆ Oneg to follow service

Rosh Hashanah Day Services

Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024

◆ RH Morning Service at 10:00 am

◆ RH Youth Service at 10:30 am

◆ RH Family Service at 4 pm

◆ Tashlich Service at the Reading Public Museum at 5:30 pm (**outside**)

Shabbat Shuvah

Date: Friday, October 4, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Annual Cemetery Service

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm at Mt. Sinai Cemetery

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre Service

Date: Friday, October 11, 2024

Time: 8:00 pm

Yom Kippur Day Services

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024

◆ Morning Service at 10:00 am

◆ Youth Service at 10:30 AM

◆ Family Service at 1:30 pm

◆ Afternoon Service at 3 pm

◆ Yizkor/Memorial Service at 4:30 pm*

◆ N'ilah Service at 5:15 pm*

Sukkot

◆ Sukkah Decorating & Service

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Decorating Time: 6:00 pm

Followed by pizza & salad dinner

Service Time: 7:00 pm (**outside**)

◆ Tot Shabbat in the Sukkah

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Location: TBA

Shemini Atzeret – Simchat Torah

◆ Simchat Torah/Consecration Service

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm (Outside)



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Give these new members a warm welcome

Josh and Samantha Williams

Josh and Samantha Williams met locally and have been together for almost six years. Josh grew up in the Lehigh Valley and moved to Philadelphia for undergrad at Temple University. Sam grew up in Lebanon County and went to West Chester University for her bachelor's and master's degrees. Shortly after moving to the Reading area for work, Josh and Sam met. Sam is a registered dietitian at the VA Medical Center in Lebanon, and Josh works as an engineering project manager. During COVID, both of them went back to school for advanced degrees. Josh recently earned his Master's in Engineering and Sam is finishing her residency this year to earn her Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition. When not working or studying, they enjoy traveling, hiking, cooking and gardening. They look forward to joining the Oheb Sholom community!



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