

# HIGH HOLIDAY BULLETIN

## TEMPLE EMANUEL OF NORTH JERSEY

*A traditional, egalitarian, Conservative Congregation*

High Holidays

Tishrei 5785

### RABBINICAL REFLECTIONS

Friends:

Media outlets around the world reported on an unfortunate incident that transpired just recently at the Hecht Museum in Haifa, Israel. A young boy, touring the museum with his family, momentarily got away from his parents, and grew a bit too “handsy” with an archeological exhibit. He accidentally knocked over – and shattered – a large, heretofore fully intact, 3,500-year-old, Bronze Age ceramic jar. The artifact pre-dated King David himself!



The 4-year-old’s shocked and abashed father explained that his son – quite true to form – had been curious about what might be inside the ancient container... and (lacking sufficient physical stature) tipped the exhibit to peek inside! Any further parental responses or disciplinary actions were not reported by the news!

The Museum – which has on previous occasions responded harshly to malicious vandalism and proceeded with criminal charges – acted decisively. Understanding that the innocent (if perhaps mischievous) child meant no harm, the museum pledged to repair the damage... to restore the jar to its rightful place on public display... and to continue its policy of unobstructed exhibits. Most significantly, curators invited the 4-year-old and his family to return to the museum, to tour once again, and to see the jar returned (almost) to its former glory!

What an outstanding model for this season of forgiveness, understanding, repentance, and atonement!

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## High Holy Day Sermons 2024/5785

*Rabbi Joseph H. Prouser*

### Temple Emanuel of North Jersey

*First Day Rosh Hashanah:*

#### “Yahrzeit: Bracing for October 7”

*Second Day Rosh Hashanah:*

#### “One Empty Chamber: A Jewish Response to School Shootings”

*Kol Nidre:*

#### “Once Upon a Time at Kol Nidre: The Story of a Jewish Awakening”

*Yom Kippur/Yizkor:*

#### “Famous Last Words: Alexei Navalny’s Moral Legacy”

*Yom Kippur Afternoon Break Study Session:*

#### “Stay Far from Falsehood: Rabbinic Commentary on a Biblical Mandate”



## **RABBINICAL REFLECTIONS**

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During the High Holy Days, we acknowledge that we, too, have been less than totally mindful and attentive to those whom we most love... those who are our primary responsibilities. We ask ourselves if we have truly done our best, our utmost for future generations.

We acknowledge further that we are heirs to a remarkable and beautiful history: a tradition that has – somehow... miraculously – survived intact over the millennia... and is now in our hands. We concede that we are not always quite so attentive or careful with this treasure as we should be... and we reflect that our neglect comes with a cost.

These High Holy Days are an opportunity to repair any damage we have done... to restore our selves and our souls and our relationships to a more wholesome condition... to pledge a spiritual return to our faith, our community, our congregation, and the best that is within us. We aspire to a child-like (but by no means childish) curiosity... a determination to discover more fully what is inside the ancient tradition that has been preserved for us.

In our own brokenness, we strive to be forgiving and indulgent of others – though they may have wronged us or done us harm. This Holy Season invites us all to Teshuvah – to “Return.” May we truly embrace that gracious invitation. May we make the most of the precious opportunity we are about to share... lest the alternative leave us shattered.

Shanah Tovah: My very best wishes for a year of goodness, blessing, peace... and wholeness.

*Rabbi Joseph H. Prouser*

## **HIGH HOLIDAY** **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES** **5785/2024**

*All Services will be held in Sanctuary*

### **ROSH HASHANAH**

#### **Wednesday, October 2**

Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting	6:18 p.m.

#### **Thursday, October 3**

Day 1 Service	9:00 a.m.
Candle Lighting	7:15 p.m.

#### **Friday, October 4**

Day 2 Service	9:00 a.m.
Tashlich (meet at Temple)	4:30 p.m.

### **YOM KIPPUR**

#### **Friday, October 11**

Kol Nidre Service	5:45 p.m.
Candle Lighting	6:03 p.m.

#### **Saturday, October 12**

Service	9:00 a.m.
Yizkor	
Special October 7 Martyrology	
Mincha/Neilah	4:30 p.m.
Shofar	7:03 p.m.

Break Fast sponsored by Vicki Rosenblith



**A message from  
TENJ President,  
Susan Bograd Yudin**



The month of Elul in 2024 began on Wednesday, September 4 at nightfall.

Elul is a time of spiritual preparation for the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

It is a time for repentance, or teshuvah, and is set apart for this purpose.

It is also the busiest month of the year in the Temple Emanuel office. Preparations for Yom Tov are at full speed in the office with Aliyahs, Book of Remembrance, seating charts, this bulletin, preparations for building the Sukkah, and more.

Thank you to our office administrator Camille Cascia and to our custodian Joe Persaud for their dedication, efficiency, and loving-kindness.

I am especially looking forward to High Holiday services led by Rabbi Prouser and Cantor Eddy Ehrlich where we can all pray for a good year for ourselves, for our Temple Emanuel family and for the entire Jewish community K'lal Yisrael.

## **SIMCHAH CELEBRATIONS AT TENJ**

There are many ways to celebrate a simchah (birthday/anniversary) at TENJ.

- Please add or update you/your family's birthdays and/or anniversaries with the temple office by calling or e-mailing us at [office@tenjfl.org](mailto:office@tenjfl.org). You will be added to the monthly simchah announcement for the Shabbat Program and the L'Chayim.
- Be a sponsor at our monthly Shabbat Simchah as we celebrate the month's simchas with an enhanced kiddush after services. You can donate as little or as much as you like.
- Send simchah greetings to an individual (\$10) or the whole month for \$36.00 (see below)

We look forward to celebrating all our milestones together. MAZAL TOV!



### **CONSIDER SHABBAT SIMCHAH GREETINGS**

You can send a Simchah greeting (and support TENJ too!).  
Cards are \$10 each.

When there are 4 or more people celebrating in any one month, you can send greetings to everyone on the list for \$36.

Call the office at (201) 560-0200 or email [office@tenjfl.org](mailto:office@tenjfl.org) to send your greeting.

See button above for Simchah list and next Shabbat Simchah date!

## **SUKKOT SERVICES**

**5785/2024**

**Sukkot Day 1      Wednesday, October 16**

Candle Lighting      5:56 p.m.

Evening Services      7:00 p.m.

**Sukkot Day 1      Thursday, October 17**

Morning Services      10:00 a.m.

**Sukkot Day 2      Thursday, October 17**

Candle Lighting      6:54 p.m.

**Sukkot Day 2      Friday, October 18**

Morning Services      10:00 a.m.

**Erev Shemini Atzeret Wednesday, Oct. 23**

Candle Lighting      5:45 p.m.

Evening Services      7:00 p.m.

**Shemini Atzeret      Thursday, October 24**

Morning Services (Yizkor)      10:00 a.m.

**Simchat Torah      Thursday, October 24**

Candle Lighting      6:44 p.m.

Evening Services      7:00 p.m.

**Simchat Torah      Friday, October 25**

Morning Services      10:00 a.m.

**Kiddush in Sukkah follows each service**



## **SUKKAH BUILDING & DECORATING**

Join us on **Sunday, October 13th**  
at TENJ at 8:30 am to help  
**build our Sukkah.**

and

on **Monday, October 14th**  
at TENJ at 10:00 am join us to  
**decorate our Sukkah.**

**Please RSVP** to the office by phone/ e-mail  
for refreshments/bagel count! Thank you!!!



## **Sukkot 5785**

### **Lulavim & Etrogim for Sale**



Standard set \$43

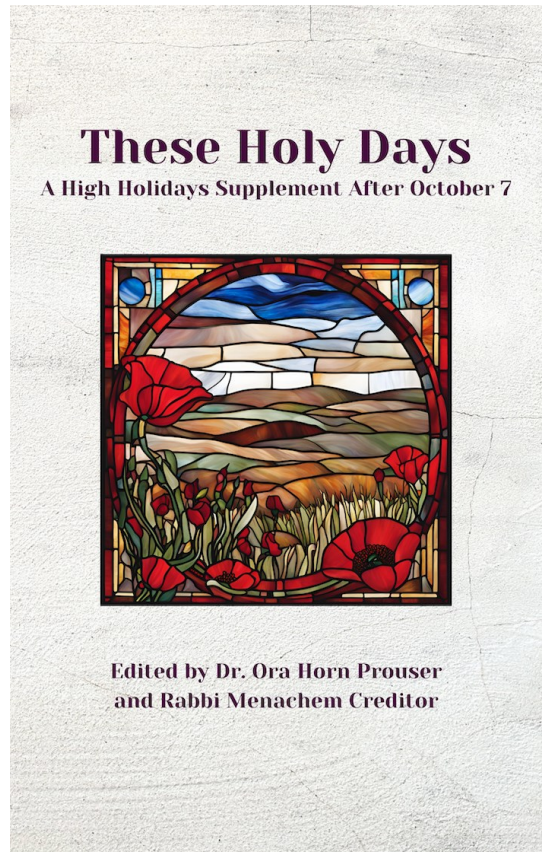
Deluxe set \$53

Please e-mail [office@tenjfl.org](mailto:office@tenjfl.org) or  
call the Temple office at 201-560-0200  
by Wednesday, September 18th.



As we prepare to celebrate the Yamim Noraim, the High Holidays, we are grateful to share with you AJR's newest publication, *These Holy Days: A High Holidays Supplement After October 7*.

This volume is available for download on the AJR website, (<https://ajr.edu/forms/these-holy-days>) and on Amazon where it is already the #1 New Release in Ritual Religious Practices.



We hope that you find this supplement helpful as you prepare for the High Holidays, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah, a holiday season defined by the anniversary of October 7.

You will find in it pieces that are comforting. You may also find material that makes you uncomfortable. We mostly hope, however, that you find support and connection in the knowledge that others are struggling just as you are, and that working together, we can engage with these important questions, even if we are not yet able to find all the answers.

Wishing you a year of besorot tovot, long awaited good news.  
Dr. Ora Horn Prouser, CEO and Academic Dean



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# MAZEL TOV!

## **Mazal Tov to Ethan Perkell and family on his becoming a bar mitzvah on September 14, 2024.**



Ethan's bar mitzvah was a huge success, with family and friends gathered to celebrate this important milestone. Ethan, along with the amazing support of Rabbi Prouser and his family, worked very hard over several years to prepare for this moment and stood confidently on the bimah reading his Torah portion. His performance was a true reflection of Ethan's maturity, determination, and hard work. Outside of his dedication to his faith, Ethan has a huge passion for baseball and basketball spending countless hours working on his skills on the field and court. When he is not playing sports he loves spending time with his grandparents and cheering on his favorite sports teams. As he moves forward, there is not doubt that with his dedication and passion for learning he will continue to achieve great things. Mazel Tov, Ethan!



## **Mazal Tov to Nate Nadler and family on his becoming a bar mitzvah on August 31, 2024.**



Better late than never!  
COVID halted Nate's  
bar mitzvah plans  
in 2020.

Nate came to us at  
15 yrs old requesting  
to complete his training.  
We are so proud of him  
and his hard work!



## DONATIONS & SPONSORS

*Thank you to everyone who has made donations to TENJ. Your continued support and generosity are greatly appreciated.*

### DONATIONS

The Congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions since May 2024:

### THANK YOU

*To our June-September Shabbat  
Simcha kiddush sponsors*

**Allan & Lynda Braunstein  
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Bob & Susan Yudin**

*To our June-September Shabbat  
Simcha card sponsors*

**Rosalie & Larry Berman  
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Thank you to both the Wechsler Family & Ariel Friedman for their generous donations from their Raffle winnings back to TENJ.

Thank you to Carol Zaentz on the lovely tablecloths donation.

### IN HONOR

*In honor of Joe Persaud, Jr.*  
**Larry & Rosalie Berman**

*In honor of Joan Lawrence's  
birthday*  
**Ellen Lipschitz**

*In honor of Robert & Hannah Lee  
Gold on their new grandchild.*  
**Susan & Bob Yudin**

*In honor of the birth of Bob  
Goldberg's grandson.*

**Larry & Rosalie Berman  
Susan & Bob Yudin**

*In honor of Ray English's birthday*  
**Bea & Marty Rittenberg**

*In honor of Anya Levison's Bat  
Mitzvah*

**Yael Israel & Ray English  
Bob Goldberg  
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*In honor of Rabbi & Ora Prouser's  
wedding anniversary*  
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*In honor of Bob & Susan Yudin's  
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*Wishes of joy to Molla Reisbaum in  
her new home*  
**Larry & Rosalie Berman**

*In honor of Julie LaPoff's  
granddaughter's marriage*  
**Larry & Rosalie Berman  
Susan & Bob Yudin**

*In honor of Marty Rittenberg's bar  
mitzvah anniversary*

**Ellen Lipschitz**

*In honor of Bob Goldberg's  
successful presidency and Susan  
Yudin for a successful presidency.*  
**Ellen Lipschitz**

### SPEEDY RECOVERY

*Speedy Recovery to Shira Kravitz*  
**Ellen Lipschitz**

*Good health wishes to Gary Haar*  
**Julie LaPoff**

*Speedy Recovery to Julie LaPoff*  
**Bob Goldberg**

### IN MEMORY

*In memory of Sheila Guston*  
**Irwin & Florence Ames  
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*In memory of Louise Berliner*  
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The Congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions which were made in memory of beloved family and friends.

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May the names of the departed mentioned above be a blessing. We fondly remember those who have gone before us and carry forward their memories from generation to generation.



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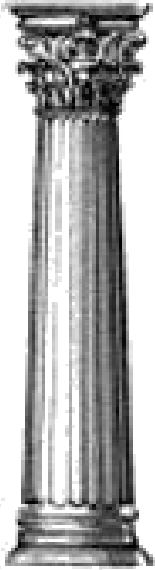
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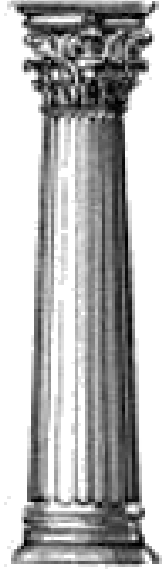
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# OCTOBER 7

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We stand with Israel!

A community gathering to remember  
this tragic day in our history.

*Location and registration will be given at a later date.*

Register today at [www.jfnnj.org](http://www.jfnnj.org).



Join us as  
Temple Emanuel  
dedicates three new  
Torah covers, each  
bearing the name of  
an Israeli victim of the  
October 7 attacks.

**Simchat Torah Night**  
**Thursday, October 24 - 7 p.m.**

*Special Thank You to*  
**Mr. & Mrs. David Schwartz**  
*for their generous donation to TENJ*  
**for the Torah covers.**