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Bulletin

October 2020



President's Message

Hello Congregants,

WOW! What a special High Holiday season we have had. From the afternoon Shofar blasts to the Shofar Blast in the parking lot then on to Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. I have heard from a number of you that really enjoyed the services. For Rosh Hashana I heard a lot about how great it was AND the length of the service:) So many people pulled together to make this happen. Rob Coulston was a pleasure to work with, a master at the Zoom features and a real Mensch! I would say he was a G-D send but really more an Archangel send since Rafi brought him on board. Everyone that took part in the services did great. They were very aware of proximity to others and wore masks when needed. It was fun to watch and may show us a way forward to have small services? This is just me talking but, every time we prove we can do things safely the better prepared we are to move another step closer to whatever comes next. Thanks to Rabbi Sabath, Our religious committee, Our Zoom masters, ushers, Those that Davened and all of you that attended. Thanks for making my Holidays special, Ira Cooper

OZS has welcomed in 5781 with melody, prayer and Torah, shofar blasts, reflection and forgiveness, and memories sweet and sad of those no longer with us. We acknowledged how much we miss being with one another in person, and were grateful that technology allowed us to gather safely from our homes near and far. We had the honor to learn with Rabbi Sabath Beit-Halachmi and to be inspired by centuries of tradition remixed by this year's innovations. All the creative ways in which we have been celebrating the High Holy Days 5781 became possible because of the extraordinary volunteers at OZS. With deep gratitude, we share a glimpse of the mitzvah work - much of it invisible as we davened - that brought us together as a *kehillah*. Please know that we've named those people who led specific initiatives but that with each of those people a myriad of other volunteers made magic happen. To all, *kol hakavod* - more honor to you for all you've done:

High Holiday bags and machzorim: led by Steve Davis-Rosenbaum, Beth Goldstein, and Women's League Sisterhood

Zoom ushering team: led by Bennett Bayer and Mike Mayer

Assignment of readers: Darcie Jarman, Sue Ezrine, and Benjamin Karp

Technical assistance: Amia Kurs, Rob Coulston, Ira Cooper, Matt Simons and Asher Finkel

Youth and children's programming: Emilie Tackett, Ilona Szekely, Barbara Rubin, and LEXUSY

All the daveners, readers, and shofar blowers

Musical inspiration: Raphael Finkel, Jonathan Grossman and Penina Goldstein, Benjamin Karp, OZS children, and Art Shechet

Re-opening Committee

The security and traffic-directing team for the Shofar Extravaganza blast, led by Bennett Bayer

The preparation of printed and electronic materials, especially Rabbi Sabath, Beth Goldstein, Penina Goldstein, Sue Ezrine, and Debbie Aminoff

All those who brainstormed, called, cleaned, distributed, edited, fed, greeted, guarded, guided, imagined, packaged, supported, zoomed, and were involved in so many other ways.

Religious Committee: Beth Goldstein and Jon Glixon, co-chairs

RABBI'S MESSAGE



Hakarat HaTov: Recognizing the Good in Our Sacred Community

What an honor and pleasure it has been to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and experience Yom Kippur with all of you! It's been only two months since I started visiting OZS in person as your visiting rabbi, but I can now better understand what is so special about this community, this sacred community --the *kehillah kedoshah*-- that is OZS.

As I write this we just finished the Ten Days of Returning. And even while we couldn't return 'home' to OZS as a community, the sense of sacred community was palpable and profound because of so many of you who gave of yourselves to ensure that --as much as possible--the ten days were filled with apples and honey, candles and kipot, a safe virtual Zoom sanctuary with new technology and services that were so spiritually powerful that the prayers transcended space. In addition, you ensured ongoing study of sacred texts, acted as virtual service ushers, wore yellow vests as Shofar extravaganza parking ushers, read Torah and other prayers in English and in Hebrew, managed clear and constant communication, attended daily minyans, prepared and delivered meals of support, participated in *kever avot* and *yizkor* rituals with love and honor for loved ones and generations past, and sounded many, many, many shofar blasts from near and far.

The Joy of Vulnerability: Sukkot in this Pandemic:

Turning now, with the fall leaves toward the holiday of Sukkot, the sense of the fragility of our existence that the *sukkah* represents seems especially poignant this year. Sukkot reminds us not to take anything for granted. The *sukkah* of the Bible reminded the recently redeemed Israelites not to take freedom for granted. And later in the Land of Israel the *sukkah* was a reminder not to take for granted the harvest we worked so hard for and pray will sustain us through the winter. Neither should we take for granted the homes in which we live.

Everything is temporary. Life is filled with uncertainty. If those are the themes of Sukkot why is it defined by the sages as THE holiday, *he-chag*, the holiday on which we are meant to be '*ach sameah*' --especially joyous even in the vulnerability of being so exposed in a *sukkah*?? Just in case we might forget our existential vulnerability or take the very fact that we have a home for granted, we are sent to live outside for a week. Just when the weather is changing.

The Mishnah puts it another way: 'Who is truly rich? The one who is happy in their portion.' (Avot 4:1). Expanding on an ancient Talmudic discussion (*Baba Batra* 11a), Mordecai Kaplan, one of my favorite modern Jewish thinkers, understands this to be the person who sees the good "not in what they can acquire, but in what they can share." This pandemic reality we are struggling to understand and adapt to is very much like Sukkot; but not for just a week, our sense of uncertainty is ongoing. This experience, like Sukkot offers us an opportunity to reorient ourselves to what it really means to live a meaning. Sukkot is the opportunity to let go of the material and find fulfillment in, as Kaplan asserts, "the expression of family affection, friendship and social sympathy, in the pursuit of beauty and truth, and the worship of the holy." If we can do this, Kaplan taught, we can render ourselves "immune to most of the ills that poison human personality and destroy human happiness." The real richness in our lives is because of the shelter of our relationships and the strength of our commitments to something beyond the material and beyond ourselves.

On this Sukkot, may we experience such deep joy and such richness in our lives.

Hag Sameah! אג שמח

A handwritten signature in Hebrew, which appears to read "רחל סבת בייט הלחמי".

Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi, Ph.D., D.D.



SUKKOT IS ALMOST HERE!

Appropriately our days are shortening and weather cooling as we welcome Sukkot this Friday 10/2 at 5:30 with a combined Kabbalat Shabbat and Festival evening service. Shabbat morning will also bring together the Shabbat and Festival services, including melodies of Hallel. We'll bring the fall holiday season to a close the following weekend with Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor and then Simchat Torah as we complete and begin again the Torah cycle. Bundle up for an outdoors Kiddush, shake of the lulav and etrog, nibble or meal. With or without a sukkah, note the miracles of our environment as it slips from summer to fall, from harvest to dormancy. We are all also keenly aware this Sukkot of the fragility of our environment, of our sukkah home without a roof (even as OZS gets a new one), subject to the elements, risky. Sukkot marks when we as a people moved from the wandering in the desert to finding purpose in a re-imagined, renewed home; may it be so for us.

We hope our prayers have been heard such that next year we will be together in the OZS sanctuary for the High Holidays. However, we also know we have much to learn from you about our approaches to the services and programming this year. If you have suggestions to share from this year's OZS High Holidays, please send to: jonathan.glixon@uky.edu, beth.goldstein@uky.edu or ira@qed-medical.com.

NOTE FROM THE CARING COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Caring Committee, L'Shanah Tovah to the OZS community! I hope your year will be meaningful, sweet, and full of good health.

I, for one, am going to work on moving out of my comfort zone and continuing to try and do good in my world, one act at a time. If you, like me, gave some thought to how you can be an active, supportive member of our synagogue family, here's your first opportunity. Our Caring Committee reaches out to those in need of meals, those in mourning, those who are celebrating joyous events (thank goodness there are some of those!), and those who might just need an email, note, or phone call. Maybe you could bake an extra loaf of bread and stick it in the freezer? Or maybe you're making big pot of soup or chili as cooler weather sets in? Make a little extra to share. Or maybe cooking isn't your thing. You can always make a donation to OZS's Caring Committee!

The Caring Committee would love to include you, whether you might need us or just want to help others. If you are interested in being in the email group that receives notification of help needed, please email me at lzimmerman329@gmail.com or text me at 859.312.6923. If you are in need, contact me in the same way or contact the [OZS office](#).

Most fondly,
Leanne Zimmerman



Moosnick Lectureship in Judaic Studies presents:

Dr. Melissa R. Klapper

**“Ballots, Babies, and Banners of Peace:
American Jewish Women and First Wave Feminism.”**

Dr. Melissa R. Klapper is Professor of History and Director of Women’s & Gender Studies at Rowan University. She is the award-winning author of several books about American Jewish women and the history of American childhood, including *Ballots, Babies, and Banners of Peace: American Jewish Women’s Activism, 1890-1940*, which won the National Jewish Book Award in Women’s Studies, and the recently released *Ballet Class: An American History*.

Tuesday, October 27th at 7:30 p.m.

Zoom hosted by Transylvania University, Lexington Theological Seminary, Temple Adath Israel and Ohavay Zion Synagogue.

Wednesday, October 28th at 7:30 p.m.

Zoom post lecture discussion

Zoom link for both events at:

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JFB News

Welcome to Mindy Haas, who has just been selected as the new Executive Director.

The weekly Thursday afternoon Torah Talk class initiated by Rabbi Sharon Cohen and now led by the participants is continuing with discussion of the book *Judaism’s Great Debates. Timeless Controversies from Abraham to Herzl* by Rabbi L. Schwartz. We will start with Chapter 1 at 1:30 on October 8. All are welcome. Contact Daniel Baker daniel@jewishlexington.org for the Zoom information.

Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, October 25 via Zoom. Watch for additional announcements.

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- ✧ *Erica & Jeremy Mash*
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- ✧ *Elise Melrood*
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- ✧ *Max Morris*
To a Happy & Healthy 5781
- ✧ *Marc Plavin & Toni Reiss*
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- ✧ *Seth & Erin Salomon*
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- ✧ *Karen Barnes*
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In Memory of Karen's dear friend Norman Reiss, and aunt Esther Gordon Greenfield

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- ✧ *Steve & Susan Caller*
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- ✧ *Robert & Joan Flashman*
For new equipment/to replace dishes & glassware

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- ✧ *Jonathan Stewart*
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Westley Smith	10/1	Adira Jarman	10/9	Bob Baumann	10/22
Barry Ezrine	10/5	Rina Plattner	10/9	Anna Broudy-Goutzoulis	10/23
Tara Kash	10/5	Emma Rebecca Elizabeth Beck	10/10	Sarah Belin	10/25
Jessica Flashman	10/6	Moshe James McClain	10/10	Nathan Slovis	10/25
Seth Kraman	10/6	Greg Smith	10/14	Dahlia Archer	10/29
Bruce Belin	10/7	Debra Beth Schapiro	10/16	Aaron Maxwell Karp	10/30
Judah Rice	10/7	Lou Kroot	10/17	David Bardach	10/31
Kathie Kroot	10/8	Phil Hoffman	10/19	Karen Weisinger	10/31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Steven & Karen Shedlofsky	10/1	32nd anniversary	Constantine & Olga Vulakh	10/16	21st anniversary
H. Brian & Tamara Hershinow	10/7	25th anniversary	Ira Cooper & Tina Trent	10/24	27th anniversary
Jonathan & Lisa Satin	10/9	32nd anniversary	Bret & Alison Caller	10/26	29th anniversary
Bob & Judy Baumann	10/11	56th anniversary	Cindy Derer & John Gohmann	10/26	37th anniversary
Brent Smith & Katy Miller	10/13	8th anniversary	Larry Herman & Pam Allweiss	10/26	35th anniversary
Joel Kniaz & Lisa Zunshine	10/14	5th anniversary			



MAZAL TOV to Leon and Linda Ravvin, on the birth of their new grandchild, Maxwell Hayes Ravvin, on September 7, 2020, in Brooklyn, New York. Maxwell's parents are Leon and Linda's son, David, and his wife, Michelle.

**We welcome new member
Debra Beth Schapiro
to OZS**

All Items in the Gift Shop 15% off

Contact Madeline Moosnick-Lakes via phone: **410-598-4008** or email: mmooslake@gmail.com

IF YOU HAVE A SIMCHA (COLLEGE GRAD, WEDDING, BIRTHS ETC.) THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 859-266-8050 OR OFFICE@OZS.ORG

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10/1	Leon Ginzburg	Tishrei 13		10/15	Barry Friedman	Tishrei 27
10/2	Betty Fettner	Tishrei 14		10/15	Barry Friedman	Tishrei 27
10/2	Joseph Hamburg	Tishrei 14		10/15	Abraham Kovensky	Tishrei 27
10/3	Hyman Berkowitz	Tishrei 15		10/15	Arthur Salutsky	Tishrei 27
10/3	Charles Oshinsky	Tishrei 15		10/16	Rose Levin	Tishrei 28
10/3	Benjamin Sprei	Tishrei 15		10/16	Monroe Moosnick	Tishrei 28
10/3	Gussie Wiesen	Tishrei 15		10/17	Ida Paritz	Tishrei 29
10/4	Albert H. Garber	Tishrei 16		10/17	Gloria Baker Siegel	Tishrei 29
10/5	Hyman V. Levy	Tishrei 17		10/18	Udell Levy	Tishrei 30
10/5	Julius Rosenberg	Tishrei 17		10/19	Morris Grossman	Heshvan 1
10/5	Hanna Silver	Tishrei 17		10/19	Gertrude Landsberger	Heshvan 1
10/6	Sophie (Tzipporah) Greenfield	Tishrei 18		10/19	Isaac Morris	Heshvan 1
10/6	Miriam Goldberg Levine	Tishrei 18		10/21	Lenore Marwil	Heshvan 3
10/6	Charlie Rosenberg	Tishrei 18		10/21	Janice Spreitzer	Heshvan 3
10/6	Clara Shatten	Tishrei 18		10/22	Harriet Cooper	Heshvan 4
10/6	Robert F. Tevelson	Tishrei 18		10/22	Jerome Franklin	Heshvan 4
10/7	Moses Alperin	Tishrei 19		10/22	Irving Saxe	Heshvan 4
10/8	Doris Dabby	Tishrei 20		10/23	Barbara Derer	Heshvan 5
10/8	Marilyn Moosnick	Tishrei 20		10/23	Esther Gertrude Solomon	Heshvan 5
10/8	Warren Rosenthal	Tishrei 20		10/23	Frieda (Fritizie) Spector	Heshvan 5
10/9	Trude N. Noack	Tishrei 21		10/23	Harvey Alan Steinberg	Heshvan 5
10/10	Theodore (Ted) Friedman	Tishrei 22		10/24	Selma Blumberg Rosenberg	Heshvan 6
10/10	Harry Morris	Tishrei 22		10/25	Dr. Louis Gordon	Heshvan 7
10/10	Sarah Posner	Tishrei 22		10/25	Esther Levy	Heshvan 7
10/10	Wolf Zvi Posner	Tishrei 22		10/25	Hyman Solomon Levy	Heshvan 7
10/10	Leah Salutsky	Tishrei 22		10/25	David Hart Paritz	Heshvan 7
10/10	Alex Urbach	Tishrei 22		10/26	Raymond Feinberg	Heshvan 8
10/10	Sylvia Urbach	Tishrei 22		10/26	Chaye Breine Goldberg	Heshvan 8
10/11	Dinah Jacobs	Tishrei 23		10/26	Moses Goldsmith	Heshvan 8
10/11	Robert Clay Jarvis	Tishrei 23		10/26	Samuel Paritz	Heshvan 8
10/11	Jacob Wides	Tishrei 23		10/26	Morris M. Rosenthall	Heshvan 8
10/12	Solomon Alkhasov Sr	Tishrei 24		10/28	Sue Neuman Friedman	Heshvan 10
10/12	Aaron Brewer	Tishrei 24		10/29	Bella Goldstein	Heshvan 11
10/12	Moe Edelstein	Tishrei 24		10/30	Ida Bayer	Heshvan 12
10/12	Arthur Henry Herman	Tishrei 24		10/30	Pauline Gordon	Heshvan 12
10/12	Nathan Levy	Tishrei 24		10/31	Charles Johnson	Heshvan 13
10/13	Molly Franklin	Tishrei 25		10/31	Martha Jacobs Steinberg	Heshvan 13
10/14	"Dill" Darlington	Tishrei 26		10/31	Leona Stern	Heshvan 13


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with lighting of
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honoring
a loved one, is
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at this time.*

