

## Old World, New World

*Gary Wolfman, Religious Director*

The calendar says September, but the Hebrew calendar states that the new year begins this month. In many ways the Hebrew calendar seems more accurate than the present world calendar. School starts now and the Hebrew calendar becomes very active once again. This coincidence of the new school year and the beginning of the year in Judaism strikes a chord of resonance for most of us. This is a season for hope and renewal as we begin our educational journeys even as the temperature gradually lowers and lowers.

This also begins a new era for the Temple as I transition from a home in Appleton to a home in Minneapolis. My home at the Temple will basically stay the same for this year. I will come for all major holidays and lead all services throughout the year. I will also lead the religious school and teach two Sundays a month. I can be reached by my same phone number 920-205-0010, and the same e-mail [garywolfman2003@yahoo.com](mailto:garywolfman2003@yahoo.com). I can also be reached at a newer e-mail address of [garywolfman2011@gmail.com](mailto:garywolfman2011@gmail.com).

Lowell Louis will continue in his role as Assistant Religious Director and as a teacher in our school. I would also like to welcome Dr. Tom Ayala to our congregation. Dr. Ayala will teach my Sunday School class once a month and will assist with services. He and Lowell will cover services when I am not able to make it to Oshkosh due to weather conditions in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Both of these men are working for you, so please do not hesitate to contact them. They will both keep me informed as events occur.

This promises to be a great year for our congregation. We will have three religious leaders to lead us in our spiritual growth and a great Board who is deeply involved in the growth of our congregation. We also have a great congregation of people who are leaders in their respective fields,

and who freely give of their time to make us a very special community. I am looking forward to a year of learning and of spiritual growth.

The past 26 years have been full of joy, loss and growth. This so-called “old world” was meaningful and brought much meaning into our lives. We now start on what might be called a “new world” where we continue the best of the past and add new ideas that will bring meaning and joy to our future.

## Sugg Hed: High Holiday Wisdom from Mr. Spock

*Avi Stern, President*

There are a lot of reasons to love Leonard Nimoy – yes, for all of you younglings under the age of 40, he's the (Jewish) actor who played Star Trek's Mr. Spock – but recently my admiration was rekindled when I discovered that he is the source of the following quote:

*“The miracle is this: The more we share, the more we have.”*

I can think of no finer message to convey during this time of year. It's a wonderful coincidence that our B'nai Israel Calendar Year generally starts during the High Holidays. (Erev Rosh Hashanah is almost always our single-largest religious service of the year – which is, I figure, the religious equivalent of the NFL kicking off each season with the Super Bowl and then backing into the rest of the games.)

September and October mark a period of deep introspection, not just for us, but for Jews worldwide. It's a time when we ask – and my apologies to the U.S. Army here – are we genuinely being all that we can be?

If we're honest with ourselves, the answer is most certainly, “No.”

We can always strive to be just a bit kinder. A bit more selfless. A bit more generous. A bit more moral. A bit more engaged in the world around us ... you get my point.

And if it is during our prayers at B'nai Israel when we ask ourselves those questions, the irony is that our synagogue also provides us multiple opportunities to more positively influence our answers each year:

- If you are socially blessed and enjoy the fine art of schmoozing, please consider joining our membership committee;
- If you enjoy cooking, please consider hosting an Oneg (or two);
- If you are an artist or musician, perhaps you could perform or feature your works at an Oneg as well;
- If you enjoy working with our youngest congregants and getting to know other families, there are multiple opportunities to partake in education/family togetherness events and committees.
- If you are adept at comforting people in their times of need or at celebrating the times of joy, please consider our bereavement or sunshine committees.

The point is, our small-but-scrappy congregation survives and thrives because we ALL have something different to offer. And what each of us can provide – be it vast or small – is invaluable. Our success (or failure) is directly related to the level of participation we draw from each of our members.

Allow me to say even more bluntly: If you're counting on the next guy (or gal) to take up the synagogue slack, I can *guarantee* that your personal satisfaction with the whole B'nai Israel experience (and maybe yourself) will wither. If you commit to attending one or two more Shabbat services than last year or volunteering on a committee or helping to organize a festival, you may discover a deeper level of contentment with your life than you can anticipate.

There's that crazy li'l miracle again. The more you share, the more you have.

## **Classroom Corner**

***Ellyn Lahr***

Welcome back, students and parents!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a new Religious School year!

We return to School this fall on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We ask that all of the parents join us in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for an informational meeting. If you are new to our School, we welcome you to our warm and friendly learning environment. If you are a returning family, we thank you for sharing your children with us on Sunday mornings for another year. We welcome the additions of Liz Stern and Dr. Tom Ayala to our School for 2011-2012.

Here are some tips for a successful and stress-free School year:

- Have your student eat a good breakfast before coming to School so that they have lots of energy for learning! A good night's sleep is always helpful, too.
- Arrive on time. School begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m.
- Offer to chair a School event. We have wonderful programs for Sukkot, Chanukah, Purim, Model Seder and Recognition Day (end of the School year). Volunteering at our School will help you connect with other families and make lasting friendships.
- Attend an Adult Ed session. There is a new theme/discussion each month to keep you interested. Lively discussions are guaranteed!
- Once your children are in the classroom, come down to the Social Hall for a visit with the other parents. Helping hands are always welcomed and encouraged!
- If you know you're going to be away from the School on a specific date, please let your teacher know so that they can plan accordingly. This includes our aides (classroom helpers).
- If you'd like to be included on a list of substitute teachers, please let me know!

Thanks for making our School a great place for our B'nai Israel families! We could not have all of the wonderful events without the support of our adults and children.

If you have any questions, suggestions or ideas, feel free to discuss them with the classroom teacher or bring them to my attention. Although I'm not teaching in a classroom this School year, I will be there on most Sunday mornings.

## Religious School Dates

September 11, 18, 25\*  
October 9#, 16, 23\*  
November 6, 13, 20\*  
December 4\*, 11, 18 Hanukah program  
January 8\*, 15, 22  
February 5\*, 12, 19  
March 4, 11 Purim Celebration, 18\*  
April 8 Model Seder, 15, 22\*  
May 6\*, 13, 20 Recognition Day

# = Set up Sukkah at 9:00 a.m.

\* = Gary is not present

The last Sunday of each month, we invite parents to join their students during the large group for a celebration of song, stories and service.

## Adult Education

Adult education will have specific topics each month. Please join in the discussions from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

September 18 – Discussion of the power of the High Holy Days

October 16 – Looking at children's stories in the Bible as adults

November 13 – What is Reform Judaism really about?

December 11 – Being Jewish in December in the Fox Valley

January 15 – Science and/or religion

February 12 – History of Judaism in Oshkosh and Appleton

March 18 – What are the Jewish views of the afterlife

April 15 – How do we balance being Jewish and being in the greater community?

May 13 – What commandments should we follow and which ones not follow?

## 2011-2012 Service Schedule

### September

16 Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.  
28 Erev Rosh Hashana 7:30 p.m.  
29 Rosh Hashana Day 10:00 a.m.

### October

7 Kol Nidre 7:30 p.m.  
8 Yom Kippur Day  
10:00 a.m. Morning Service  
1:00 p.m. Children's Service  
2:30 p.m. Afternoon Service  
3:45 p.m. Yizkor  
4:30 p.m. Nihlah  
5:00 p.m. Break the Fast  
14 Sukkot and Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.  
23 Simchat Torah Service 10:00 a.m.  
during Sunday School

### November

4 Tot Shabbat 6:30 p.m.  
Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.  
12 Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

### December

9 Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m. \*  
16 7:00 p.m. Pre-Hanukah Service

### January

13 Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.  
21 Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

### February

10 Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m. \*  
18 Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

### March

2 Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.  
9 Tot Shabbat 6:30 p.m.  
Purim Service 7:00 p.m.

### April

7 Temple Seder Second Night 6:00 p.m.  
14 Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

### May

11 Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.  
19 Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.  
25 Shavuoth and Yizkor Service 7:00 p.m.

\* = Soup & Service 6:15 p.m.

## Community Notes

### Potluck Sukkot Party!

Join the Franks to celebrate Sukkot! Potluck Sukkot Party and apple picking (trees and weather permitting).

October 16<sup>th</sup>  
after Sunday school  
11:45 - 4:00  
The Franks' House  
3001 Guardian Lane  
Neenah, WI 54956

Number to call if you get lost (920) 729-9325

### Mazel Tov!

... to Ken Friedman, who is in his first year of retirement with more ideas about how to spend his time than time to consider new ideas. He is sailing, gardening and leading Shared Harvest, a Rotary project that encourages farmers and home gardeners to share their harvest with area food pantries and meal programs. Ken and Sue have planned a seven week trip to India and we all hope to hear more about that.

... to Elyssa G. Glasheim, who spoke at Oshkosh West High School's Graduation ceremony on June 8, 2011, and who will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison starting this September! And to Brenna C. Glasheim, will take her position as a Freshman at Oshkosh West High!

... to Whitney Schreiber, Lauryn Lahr and Katy Lahr, who competed in July at the USA and World National Baton Twirling Championships held at Notre Dame in South Bend, IN. Their team won the following prestigious awards: Grand World Champions in Show Corps with props and scenery AND Grand World Champions in Senior Parade Corps, which has secured this team an invitation to represent the USA in the 2012 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS in Neuchatel, Switzerland! Congratulations on an outstanding win this summer. Their daily practices and hard work won them the coveted title and we look forward to watching them go for the Gold Medal in Switzerland next spring!

... to Margaret Bernstein, who won Best in Show in the textile and craft division at the 2011 Wisconsin State Fair for an embroidery piece she created. This is Margaret's 6<sup>th</sup> best in show award at the state fair!

## Refuah Shlema

Wishing Julie Shaffer a speedy recovery from shoulder surgery.

We are saddened to hear that Julie Shaffer's mother, Emily Shaffer (83), passed away on February 19, 2011 after a battle with cancer. And Julie's brother, Irwin, passed away on June 18, 2011.

### Program Booklet

The program booklet will be distributed after the first day of Sunday School in order to have more accurate information. Please check your information in the current year's booklet and, if there are any changes/additions, please contact Lorrene Schreiber at 725-2131 or e-mail at [ImSchreib@aol.com](mailto:ImSchreib@aol.com). We are also still looking for people to sponsor onegs; again please Lorrene know if you are able to do so.

## Contributions

### *The congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:*

Dr. Marc & Kathy Blum and family to the Holocaust Memorial Gardens in loving memory of Fern Lois Shapiro.

Arnold Polisky in memory of Jean Gorwitz.

A memorial plaque for Fern Lois Shapiro has been added to the Yartzheit Memorials by Brian G. Shapiro of Encino, CA.

A contribution to the Building Fund has been received in memory of Dorothy Freschl from the Stephen & Dorothy Freschl Fund/Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.

### Newsletter

The deadline for submissions to the **November/December 2011** newsletter is **October 24, 2011**. All members are welcome to submit articles and news to:

Vince Salvia

[vinces@cadreservices.com](mailto:vinces@cadreservices.com)

# September

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## Yahrzeits

This Yahrzeit list reflects all the information we have received from members and some from the synagogue Yahrzeit plaques. Please forgive any errors or deletions – just let us know and it will be corrected. Yahrzeits can be sent to Liz Stern at (920) 727-9797 or [lstern@new.rr.com](mailto:lstern@new.rr.com).

New members: Please send us your Yahrzeit information and we will add your loved ones to this database.

September 2011			
Date	Loved One	Member's Name	Relationship
9/1	Dr. William Ginsberg	Helen Sue Ginsberg	Father-in-law
9/1	F. Suzanne Caszatt	Liz Stern	Mother
9/3	Marion Bronn	Member	Member
9/3	Max Slafsky	Member	Member
9/4	Milton Deitch	Jeffrey Glassheim	Grandfather
9/6	Max H. Baker	Charlotte Baker Richman	Father
9/7	Ida Plotkin	Member	Member
9/7	Mary Miller	Dr. Marc Blum	Great Grandmother
9/9	Morris Block	Member	Member
9/9	Jacob Rosenstein	Member	Member
9/9	Yetta Rosenstein	Member	Member
9/10	Rabbi Louis M. Edelson	Member	Member
9/11	Ida Weiner	Phil Weiner	Mother
9/12	Aaron Pitman	Member	Member
9/13	Morey Misles	Myra Misles-Krhin	Father
9/17	Max Richman	Sidney M. Richman	Father
9/18	Phillip Israel	Member	Member
9/19	Joseph Nacinovich	Angie Lipschutz	Father
9/20	Michael I. Solomon	Kaye Solomon	Husband
9/22	Ethel G. Primakow	Member	Member
9/23	Yetta Slafsky	Member	Member
9/23	Leonard Glassheim	Jeffrey Glassheim	Grandfather
9/24	Fannie Richman	Sidney M. Richman	Mother
9/25	Julius Richman	Sidney M. Richman	Uncle
9/27	Eileen Pachefsky	Sandy Ansfield	Mother
9/28	Janis Stein	Char Sigman	Mother
9/29	Abraham Beegun	Sally Gloyd	Father

October 2011			
Date	Loved One	Member's Name	Relationship
10/2	Dorothy Levin Osborn	Member	Member
10/2	Betty Pheil	Moshe Pheil	Mother
10/3	Morris J. Axelrod	Member	Member
10/3	Edward Edenbaum	Brian Schreiber	Grandfather
10/4	Leo Homsky	Member	Member
10/4	Annette Dubester	Peter Dubester	Sister
10/5	Harry S. Hirschberg	Sidney Hirschberg	Father
10/6	Charles Levinsohn	Member	Member
10/7	Ethel Nemschoff	Member	Member
10/7	Claris Elsie Levin	Member	Member
10/7	Sol Rabinowitz	Susan Hegedus	Father
10/8	Dora Sigman	Bob Sigman	Mother
10/12	Jolan Friedman	Agnes Ganch	Mother
10/13	Walter Hirsch	Sharman Kitizis	Stepfather
10/17	Ross A. Nemschoff	Member	Member
10/17	Beatrice Baker Urdan	Charlotte Baker Richman	Sister
10/18	Mary Cook	Member	Member
10/18	Rachel Penn	Member	Member
10/19	Minnie Ress	Member	Member
10/20	Samuel Marcus	Member	Member
10/21	Kala Borsuk	Member	Member
10/26	Eva Carron	Member	Member
10/29	Harvey Perlman	Barry Perlman	Father
10/31	Daniel Missner	Marshall Missner	Father

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