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RABBI'S MESSAGE

U*nnetanah Tokef*, one of the central prayers of the High Holy Day liturgy, states that *teshuvah*, *tefilah*, and *tzedakah* -- repentance, prayer, and charity -- temper God's harsh decree. Teshuvah must definitely come before the other two, especially *tzedakah*. Before we can repair and bring peace to the world, we must repair ourselves and our relationships. Otherwise, we merely project our own private agendas.

I think of the musical comedy, *The Book of Mormon*. Let's, for a moment, look past the bawdy humor. It follows two Mormon missionaries as they attempt to preach the Mormon religion to the inhabitants of a remote Ugandan village. They come with preconceived agendas. They are taught to measure success by how many people they can baptize and bring into the faith. One of them was resentful and felt destined for a cushy job in Orlando, Florida. Both missionaries had to take an honest look at themselves and confront their demons before they could help others. They find success only by getting to know the locals as real people and by expressing sensitivity towards the pressing issues that they must face: AIDS, famine, and oppression from the village warlords.

In contemporary society, people are constantly projecting their anger and personal frustration onto others. There is the story of the Nazi and the Bicycle Riders.

The Nazi said to the Jew: "The Jews are responsible for all Germany's problems."

"Yes," said the Jew. "The Jews and the bicycle riders."

"Why the bicycle riders?" said the Nazi, puzzled.

"Why the Jews?" said the Jew.

It's easy to make a devil out of anyone who stands in our way or has a different opinion from our own, The lazy left will do with classes; the lazy right will do it with races. Opposition politicians frequently make devils out of each other.

And I shall do it, too. I will make a devil of the garbage truck that blocks my entrance unto Cabrini Boulevard and delays my entry into the Cabrini Garage. I shall make a devil out of people who don't share my opinions or values. Whenever I feel this way, I add to the present object of my hate the words, "and the bicycle riders," and then I realize how absurd it is.

What is the devil after all? Just our own weaknesses, our own lack of courage, the problems we can't face, the bit of our own selves we can't love. We are our own devils.

When the projection of self-serving agendas enters the political arena, the results can be particularly lethal. Revolutions have taken place throughout world history. The new regimes have often been more brutal than the old regimes that were replaced. A colleague of

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T'FILLAH SCHEDULE

January 2020 TEVET-SH'VAT 5780

Friday, January 3, 2020 **TEVET 6**

6:00 pm: *Tot Shabbat*
6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, January 4, 2020 **TEVET 7**

Parashat Vayigash
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
6:00 pm: *Havdalah Hang*

Friday, January 10, 2020 **TEVET 13**

6:30 pm: *Family Service*

Saturday, January 11, 2020 **TEVET 14**

Parashat Vayechi
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

Friday, January 17, 2020 **TEVET 17**

6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, January 18, 2020 **TEVET 18**

Parashat Shemot
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

Friday, January 24, 2020 **TEVET 27**

6:00 pm: *Tot Shabbat*
6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, January 25, 2020 **TEVET 28**

Parashat Vaera
10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*
12:00 pm *Rosh Chodesh and Lunch*
6:00 pm: *Havdalah Hang*

Friday, January 31, 2020 **SH'VAT 5**

6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*





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February 2020 SH'VAT-ADAR 5780

Saturday, February 1, 2020 SH'VAT 6

Parashat Bo

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

Friday, February 7, 2020 SH'VAT 12

6:30 pm: *Family Service*

Saturday, February 8, 2020 SH'VAT 13

Parashat Beshalach

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

Friday, February 14, 2020 SH'VAT 19

6:00 pm: *Tot Shabbat*

6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, February 15, 2020 SH'VAT 20

Parashat Yitro

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

Friday, February 21, 2020 SH'VAT 26

6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, February 22, 2020 SH'VAT 27

Parashat Mishpatim

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

Friday, February 28, 2020 ADAR 3

6:00 pm: *Tot Shabbat*

6:45 pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*

Saturday, February 29, 2020 ADAR 4

Parashat Terumah

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service*

6:00 pm: *Havdalah Hang*

SAVE THE DATE

CONGREGATIONAL/ COMMUNITY SEDER

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

(First Seder)

RABBI'S Message

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mine once said, "No matter how you cut the salami, it's still the same salami. Most revolutions cut the salami in different slices, but what they deal out is the same--adjustments to consumerisms and comfort, and redirection of aggression, not its elimination. This explains why many revolutions go wrong. The ideals are fine, but they can never flower, because they are hijacked by the ego."

During the summer, Democratic Party candidates for president of the United States debated the issues of the day. While there was much rhetoric about social revolution and restructuring the status quo, the debates were really about cutting the salami. While candidates addressed affordable health care and adding years to life, government by itself cannot provide a lasting solution to the spiritual malaise in American society and add life to our years. We need religion.

While candidates provided competing plans to improve the lot of the working class, to end gender and racial inequality, to provide a more humane immigration system, and to reduce gun violence, no political system can eradicate greed, violence, and "hatred of the other" which is indelibly etched on so many human hearts. We need religion. Politicians offer to slice the salami in different ways, but we need religious leaders and faith communities to totally change the salami. Religious institutions can begin changing the salami by functioning as counter-cultures. Instead of mirroring the crass materialism of the surrounding society and judging people by the size of their pocket-books, their mission is to bring people in on their own terms. Instead of mirroring the intolerance and tribalism of the wider community, religious institutions must open their doors to all individuals and value their special gifts without regard to ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, or physical and mental disabilities. Instead of mirroring the coldness and spiritual emptiness of secular society, religious institutions must encourage its members to grow in their kindness and compassion and to become better people. Genuine revolution in society will only occur when religious institutions demand high ethical standards of their members and encourage each of them to revolutionize themselves from within.

Teshuvah must come before *tzedakah*. Before we can presume to change our communities, we need to first change ourselves. The late 18th and early 19th century Hasidic rabbi, Simcha Bunim, teaches: "When a man has made peace within himself, he will be able to make peace in the whole world." Or more simply put in a popular song, "Learning to love yourself is the greatest gift of all."



From left, proudly posing with Robby, are dad Steven Wittner, wife Alexandra, mom Amy Wittner, and sister Alison.

On November 13, 2019, a number of Hebrew Tabernacle congregants, family members, and friends gathered for Student Cantor Robby Wittner's magnificent Senior Recital at Hebrew Union College.

Clergy Search Begins

As you read in President Laufer's letter in November (and her article in this Bulletin), the Board of Trustees has undertaken a search to hire a part-time rabbi or a part-time cantor (and, if fiscally possible, a rabbinical or cantorial student). The new clergy would begin her/his tenure July 1, and at that point, Rabbi Gale's role would change further. The student's tenure begins in the fall.

President Laufer has appointed two Search Committees, which are diverse and representative of our current membership and leaders:

PT Rabbi Search Committee: Denny Kelk, Chair; Rita Hamburgh, Vice-Chair; Kate Sussman, Justin Shames, Desma Holcomb, Mark Hamburgh, Diana Douglas, Ralph Selig and Steve Wittner.

PT Cantor Search Committee: Jen Talansky, Chair; Deb Canning, Vice Chair; Paul Glassman, Vice Chair; Susan Gellert, Hilary Zatz, Amy Wittner, Ralph Selig, Melanie Klein.

Reform Judaism's Search Process

Both the Search Committees have submitted applications and job descriptions to the Reform Judaism clergy hiring coordinators because the hiring of Reform clergy has its own protocols. All congregations seeking clergy operate through hiring website listings of rabbinic or cantorial job openings available only to Reform clergy candidates.

For rabbis, the coordinating Rabbinic Placement Commission is a joint project of the Central Conference of American [Reform] Rabbis, the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) and the Hebrew Union College (HUC) [seminary]. For cantors, the Joint Cantorial Placement Commission is a shared project of the American Conference of [Reform] Cantors, the URJ, the HUC and the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music.

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CLERGY SEARCH

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Tabernacle's Bylaws

According to Tabernacle's Bylaws, the Search Committees ultimately make recommendations of one or more candidates to the Board, which works with the Search Committee to select and recommend a cantor or a rabbi—a selection which is subject to the approval of the Members of the congregation. The President then executes the hiring contract.

Search Committees must keep the names and resumes of candidates completely confidential during the preliminary winter process of reviewing resumes and conducting phone or video screening interviews. During February, leading candidates may be invited to visit the congregation, primarily for an in-person interview with the Search Committee, supplemented by some additional Board Members. This visit may include some other meetings with staff and groups of members.

The Board decides upon a candidate to recommend to the Membership, which is asked to provide their approval. Then a final contract is executed, with a July 1 start date.

Note: The schedule for applying for clergy student interns begins around the time that the hiring-decision for the PT rabbi or cantor will likely be finalized.

Community Comes Together for Interfaith Thanksgiving

The sixth annual Interfaith Thanksgiving celebration was an unqualified success. Seventeen religious and other neighborhood organizations were represented, and once again, most of the sanctuary was filled. The program was completely child friendly as it featured performances from a number of children's groups: The Washington Heights Community Conservatory of Fine Arts, the children's choir of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the youth of the Church of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, fifth grade students from the afternoon program of Operation Exodus, and of course representatives from the Hebrew Tabernacle Religious School. The blessing of the children in English, Spanish, Hebrew, Arabic, French, and Chinese was certainly a highlight of the program.

The theme of the art exhibit in the Armin and Estelle Gold Wing was Disrupted Lives. In keeping with this theme, we embraced a special family currently living in Holyrood Church who were the victims of the policy of "zero tolerance" and America's unrelenting immigration policies. The family was blessed in English and Spanish and warmly welcomed into our community.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, shared her powerful and heartfelt thoughts with us, drawing on her own life's journey as a Holocaust survivor – and immigrant.

Most of the attendees of the celebration also enjoyed the delicious

Rabbi Gale's Two Anniversaries

This spring, our congregation will be celebrating Rabbi Gale's 10-year anniversary with Hebrew Tabernacle and his 40th anniversary as a rabbi.

In recognition of these milestones, we will be honoring him at our Gala in mid-June! Stay tuned for more details on this festive, fundraising event.

This Jewish year, Rabbi Gale has undertaken the mentoring of two Hebrew Union College seminary interns until June: our returning Student Cantor Robby Wittner plus a Rabbinic Intern Rebecca Hecht. As the year progresses, Rabbi Gale is giving these students opportunities to lead services together, under his guiding eye and with his support.



Thanksgiving dinner at the Fort Washington Collegiate Church. The organization was impeccable and the hospitality was second to none. The outstanding performance of the community band (Iglesia Nuevas Buenas and Uptown Community Church) symbolized our community spirit. A community that bands together stays together!

IN MEMORIAM

In grateful memory of the departed whose names are taken from the records of Hebrew Tabernacle and Beth Am and which appear on a separate weekly Yahrzeit list. It is our minhag to read Yahrzeit names at the Shabbat services following the date. **If you would like a name read, please call the office in the preceding week.**

YAHREZIT LIST

January 5 – 11, 2020

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Alfred Bacharach
Kurt Bachenheimer
Charles Bargeski
Samuel Berger
Bella Bimberg
Walter Blankfort
Esther Blum
Isidore Brown
Rochelle Cantor
Ludwig Dahlberg
Glady Ebel
Herman Engel
Emma Eschelbacher
Walter Frankel
Isaac Gitsky
Helen Graff
Emma Gutmann
Henry M. Harris
Theresa Heiman
Willi Heimann
Josef W. Herzberg
Joseph Hirschheimer
Rudolph Kaufman
Philip Laufer
Frieda Lesser
Augusta Levy
Leon Lewin
Pauline Morris
Sidney C. Norris
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Bessie Adler
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 Dr. Israel R. Margolies
 Dr. Leo Marquith
 Alfred Mayer
 Trude Melzer
 Ernestine Morris
 Abe Neuman
 Mark Pomper
 Marianne Romano
 Eli Rosenberg
 Edith Rosenthal
 Leopold Roth
 Friederike Rubens

Dr. Gerda Saul
 Paul Schiff
 Arthur Schulhafer
 Sarah Schweitzer
 Anna Sedwitz
 William Smith
 Samuel Solow
 Isidor M. Stutz
 Mary Unger
 Lotte Wahle
 Albert Weil
 Betty C. Weis
 Friedel Wollmeringer

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Louis Allman
 Max Baender
 Emily Baker
 Rae Bendheim
 Helen F. Berg
 Charles Berger
 Max Bloch
 Else Cohn
 Dorothy Davis
 William Davis
 Sari Dolinger
 Isaac Doniger
 Ida Dreifus
 Moritz Eberhardt
 Alice Eisenheimer
 Oscar Eisner
 Caroline Eppstein
 Martin Fox
 Harriet Fuss
 Estelle Gold
 Teddy Graubard
 Lillian Gruberg
 Louis Hart
 Max Heyman
 Lilly Heymann
 Bernard Hirsch
 Joel S. Hirschfeld
 Frieda W. Hochberger
 Leo Hochberger
 Walter Horn
 Pauline Isaacs
 Anni Kastan
 Solomon Katz
 Albert Kaufman
 Sgt. Edmund J. Klingenstein
 Henry Kohlmann

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Leopold Levy
Marta Lomner
Arthur Mayer
Elfriede Meininger
Carrie Meyer
Elsie Monatt
Lou Myerson
Judes Neuman
Ida Neumark
Samuel Oberst
Helen Oringer
Bertha Philipp
Julius Philipp
Ruth Priest Pollitz
Irwin Reutlinger
Jeanie Rosenzweig
Elsye R. Rothschild
Paula Salzman

Norma Scharmaz
Lillian Schwartz
Jennie Schwarzbaum
Moritz Schwarzbaum
Fannie Sofransky
Walter Sondhelm
Fritz Strauss
Jerome Vigushin
Ida Weinschenck
Philip Weinstat
Max Wetzler
Ann Zizmor

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Rose Adler
Clara Arnstein
Edward Baar
Julius Baer
Hedda Blum
Moses David
Gerda Dittman

Morris Duhan
Helen Eckstein
David Finkelstein
Elsie Frank
Adolph Gerson
Minnie Glauber
Nasha Hamlet
Liselotte Hartmann
Cynthia Holcomb Hall
Milton Hymes
Irma Isner
Siegmond Jaeger
Leopold Kende
Harry Kessler
Herman Kestenbaum
Isidore M. King
Hannah Kirchheimer
Susan Kun Leddy
Clara Levin
Harriet Loeb
Sophie Malvin

Hyman Mandelsberg
Eugene Marx
Hertha Marx
Sophie Mayer
Gerda Nesselroth
Amalia Neugarten
Hermann Pomper
Henrietta Rothschild
Arthur Saalfeld
Paul Schachter
Abraham Schwartz
Edward Sink
Julius Sommer
Peter Spivack
Jacob Steuerman
Leon Walter
Samuel Weitzenhoffer
Johanna Wiersch
Rosa Winkler
Eric Wolff

Worshipping, Learning, and Growing with Rabbinic Intern Rebecca Hecht

Being part of the Hebrew Tabernacle family gives us many opportunities to share in worship and explore our relationship to Judaism. This winter, we have had many chances to learn with Rabbinic Intern Rebecca Hecht, who has been teaching at our services, in collaboration with Student Cantor Robby Wittner and her mentor, Rabbi Jeffrey Gale.

On December 4, a dozen adult congregants discussed this theme: 'Tis the Season: A Discussion about Hanukkah, Christmas, and our Modern Jewish Families. As Jews in the United States, we experience both the benefits and the challenges of living in a multi-religion society. And our 21st-century Reform communities are home to many families with religiously diverse experiences. We shared experiences, hopes, and challenges about the holiday season, as Jews and as parents raising Jewish children. Intern Hecht offered some ideas for countering the excessive commercialism that threatens to take over our family holidays.

On Shabbat (Dec. 7) she continued her series of sermons on the prayers and songs that make up our liturgy. She linked Jacob's awe at the miracle of the ladder to heaven and God's presence by his side to our Shabbat morning prayers, which begin with our expressions of gratitude for the wonders of our bodies and our souls. When we acknowledge the miracles of everyday life, we voice our recognition of the gift of being able to wake, to see, to stand, to dress, to participate in life for another day.... We may not see angels ascending and descending on a stairway to heaven, nor find God standing beside us,

ready to share words of comfort. But we can try each day to wake up a little bit more to the small wonders of daily life.

Please join us for these wonderful upcoming services and events:

- Fri. Jan. 10: Rebecca Hecht will co-lead Family Service
- Shabbat, January 25: Hecht will chant Torah, preach (10 am) and lead a Rosh Chodesh discussion over lunch at noon.
- Wed. Jan. 29: Hecht will lead Adult Study, 7:30-8:30pm
- Thurs. Feb. 13: Hecht will lead Adult Study, 7:30-8:30pm
- Fri. Feb. 14: Co-lead Tot Shabbat (6pm) and teach at Kabbalat Shabbat service (6:45pm)
- Shabbat Feb. 15: She will chant Torah and preach (10 am)

Please check our website for updates and information on Hecht's services and Adult Study sessions. You will be glad you came.

News from HT Sisterhood!

The Hebrew Tabernacle Sisterhood has some exciting news to share. First, we are planning to resume weekly meetings in March. For more information about upcoming Sisterhood meetings, please contact Diana Douglas at dianadouglass@hotmail.com.

At Hebrew Tabernacle, Family Services are always worthwhile and exciting for all ages. The Sisterhood will be a part of the Family Service on Friday, February 7, hosting a brief presentation by Sharon Sobel from the Speaker's Bureau of Women of Reform Judaism during the service. Join us afterwards in the Social Hall for dinner and presentations by Hebrew School Students, followed by a Sisterhood "Meet and Greet" in Classroom 2 with wine and cheese.

The Hebrew Tabernacle's Armin and Estelle Gold Wing Gallery
January – February, 2020 Exhibit

NOAH BAUMWOLL – Metal Work
MIRRORS OF THE DIVINE SPARK



Artist's Statement:

Out of cold hard metal, I fabricate cityscapes, altars and temples, gods and goddesses, and warm, friendly life forms that dance, meditate, play music, and do yoga.

Much of my inspiration comes from the strong influence of New York City, where I grew up, as well as my deep appreciation and interest in the colors, culture, and music of the world, with particular connection and delight in the spiritual traditions of India, Jamaica, and Judaism. I seek to integrate these and other seemingly disparate cross cultural connections and traditions into a cohesive oneness.

I would like my art to be appreciated as a celebration of life, a fusion of all means of artistic expression, and a mirror of the divine spark that lives inside us all.

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Heart Open Yogi

14" x 15" welded steel
painted with a translucent
solvent dye to allow the
metal to shine through.

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Also open some evenings, weekends after services, and by appointment with the artist. Wheelchair accessible.

Volunteer Curator: Regina Gradess

Exhibit closes February 28th.

An Update from the President

In late November I wrote a letter to Hebrew Tabernacle members informing them that the Board of Trustees was reaching out to the Reform Movement Rabbinical and Cantorial Recruitment Committees to hire a part-time rabbi and/or part-time cantor. Our hope is to hire either a rabbi who can lead us in song or a cantor who has preaching and pastoral care skills. The search has officially begun and a list of the Rabbinical and Cantorial Committees is included elsewhere in this Bulletin. Thanks to Denny Kelk, Vice President and Rabbinical Search Committee Chair, Jen Talansky, Vice President and Cantorial Search Committee Chair, Desma Holcomb, Shelly Koy and Loren Christian for their leadership and support in this process.

Many of us hope that it will be fiscally possible to again seek rabbinical and/or cantorial students and pending results of our search, I will appoint student clergy search committees. Those who have attended services led by Student Cantor Robby Wittner and Student Rabbi Rebecca Hecht know how special student led services can be.

A third professional student has joined us this year. Decsiree Gonzalez, a student at Adelphi University, is doing her internship for a Master of Social Work degree with us. Under my supervision, she will be working with committees, Hebrew School, and on different projects. She is available to assist with individual or family concerns and connect people to needed services.

Our recent events, the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service and the Rummage Sale were amazingly successful. Special thanks go to Rabbi Gale for the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service and to the Rummage Sale Committee led by Rose Ellen Neidish and Michael Klein. While too early at this writing to know, the Virtual Menorah fundraiser, begun by Robinanne Turiel, looks like a major success.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your thoughts, questions, or suggestions. I am generally available in person after services, by appointment, or by email (joanhtpres@gmail.com). If you prefer, leave a message with the HT office (212 568-8304) and I will call you back as quickly as possible.

Joan Serrano Laufer, *President*



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