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TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

The High Holidays offers us a moment of deep reflection and a time to ponder our relationship with ourselves and with our community. After being apart for a few years due to the pandemic, this year, I believe, will be special as we return to worship in our sanctuary during our most sacred time.

Rosh Hashanah, according to rabbinic tradition, is the time when the gates of heaven open to hear our prayers. It implies both an access to a transcendent God and the ability to feel God's presence among us. It offers a moment of deep transformation.



When we immerse ourselves in the rituals of this season, we are less asking for items from God and rather asking to reach toward God. We are not asking God to bend toward us, but we are in fact, engaged deeply in cheshbon nefesh ourselves. We are engaged in an act of self-judgment so we can be open to receive God. To be truly open to do this work requires courage.

The Bible also provides words of encouragement, which I believe can help inspire us to do this task. "Be strong and courageous," Moses tells the people (Deut. 31:6). "Be strong and courageous," Moses tells Joshua (Deut. 31:7). "Be strong and courageous," Moses tells Joshua again (Deut. 31:23).

If you examine these quotes, you will quickly learn that they take place in the context of militaristic moments. We are encouraged when faced with an external threat and fear of destruction to be fearless and have courage. We are reminded that God is with us (Deut 31:6). Ibn Ezra (Medieval Spanish Torah Commentator) says that they need to "Be Strong and Have Courage [because] Now that you know that God goes with you wherever you go to battle." That we have knowledge that regardless of where we are at in life God is with us, encouraging us, offers us hope individually. Alshich (a medieval Torah Commentator 1540-1590) adds a comment: strength and courage come from knowing collectively that God is with us in our unity "(Alshich on Deut 31:6).

It is when we are able to come together in unity that we are able to engage in both processes brought forward by Ibn Ezra and Alshich. This purpose is to develop an inner individual knowing and have that knowing reassure us collectively that as we face this moment we can embrace together what it means to celebrate and hold each other during this sacred season. As we look toward Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur, ritually, engaging in facing our mortality, the spiritual strength of being together will hold us. Our fear can create a hard shell acting as a barrier preventing us from coming together. But being open can allow us to soften that shell and engage in cheshbon hanefesh.

Our courage can allow us to be strong together. We can face our collective fears and our individual ones. We can face the daunting task of exploring our mortality as we are implored to do by our rabbis. Only when we allow these words of "be strong and courageous," into our hearts can we live them out in our lives. May this year be a season of renewal, strength, courage, teshuvah, and unity. Shanah Tovah!

Thank You Notes

To all my friends at Temple Beth Israel:

Thank you so much for the Tree Of Life donation in my name. It is a wonderful gift for my birthday this year. I hope that all of you are doing well, and I am thinking of you. Dad, Mom, and I are looking very much forward to being able to return to services. I am hoping that all of you have a sweet, healthy, and happy New Year.

Cody Salis



8:00 PM S'lichot Evening

Saturday September 17th

Morning Service [מנחה] - Details to Follow

8:00 PM Rosh Hashanah [ראש השנה]

Sunday, September 25th

Erev Rosh Hashanah - Adult Service

Sisterhood Reception to Follow

Monday, September 26th

09:00 AM Family Service

11:00 AM Morning Service [מנחה]

01:00 PM Lunch 03:00 PM Tashlich

06:30 PM Shabbat Shuvah [שבת שובה]

Friday, September 30th

10:00 AM Cemetery Service

Sunday, October 2nd

Cemetery Service at William Wolff Cemetery

(At the corner of Riverside & Madison)

Yom Kippur [יום כיפור]

Tuesday, October 4th

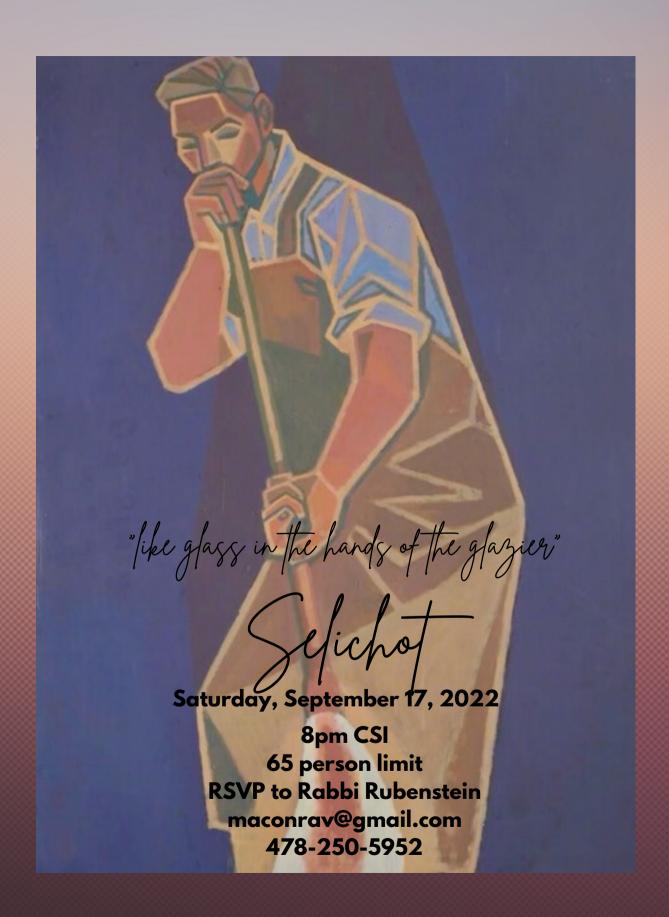
8:00 PM Kol Nidre [כל נדרי] – Adult Service

Wednesday, October 5th

09:00 AM Family Service
 10:30 AM Morning Service [שחרית]
 01:30 PM Adult Education [לימוד]
 03:00 PM Afternoon Service

04:00 PM Afternoon Service (יזכור) Afternoon Service

05:00 PM Concluding Service [נעילה]
05:45 PM Sisterhood Break the Fast



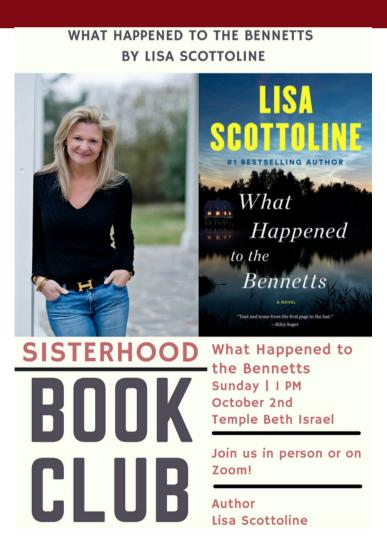
Dear fellow Congregant:

One of the things that we do this time of year is to update the Yitzkor Book that is part of the Yom Kippur Memorial Service. To this end, please email me any names that need to be added to the Yitzkor Book. These would be family members that you wish to have added that have passed away in the last year. In addition, for our new members, please give me all of the names that you wish to have in the Yitzkor Book whether from the last year or from further back. The deadline to have your loved ones added to this year's booklet is Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Please send any updates to Sbecker604@aol.com.

Thanks for your help,

Simon

Sisterhood



HELLO FROM YOUR SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

Hello, y'all and welcome to the busiest time of the year for everyone, but for those who celebrate the

Jewish High holidays, it is even more so. Every year at this time we gather as a Temple family to pray,

celebrate and fellowship. If you receive a phone call asking you to participate in the religious and social

gatherings for Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur, please say yes.

COVID certainly messed up our lives and our normal in-person Services. We are slowly trying to get back to normal, and it is wonderful to see people face-to-face again. We hope the Holidays will bring even more people back to the beautiful building we are so proud of. You know, as Jews, one thing we are fond of is cooking and eating. We ask that you help us do both for the Rosh Hashanah Reception on

Sunday September 25, as well as the Breaking of the Yom Kippur Fast.

Lest you think that Sisterhood is only always asking for things, let me remind you how important Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood (otherwise known as Women of Reform Judaism) is to TBI. First, a little history. TBIS has been around since 1915 (not quite as long as TBI) and has been an important part of TBI for over 100 years. Look at your Sisterhood Yearbook to see who has been involved over the years.

TBIS maintains the kitchen, which includes appliances and supplies. We arrange for Honors each Shabbat—flowers, candles, kiddush and Onegs. Again, please say yes if you are asked to help. We provide Mitzvah meals for newly bereaved families. We have a wonderful Gift Shop for those occasions

requiring special gifts. I could go on and on.

In years past we have helped many people, including years spent assisting the visually impaired with

luncheons and programs. We've sponsored field trips and programs to enhance the Jewish experience.

We have a great group of officers this year who are working as a team to make TBI a better place to be.

We are looking forward to programs this New Year. (By the way, if you have not already paid your TBIS

Membership dues, please send your check to Lise Dayan!)

My you have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Shalom,

Marlene Humphry

President



Celebrate the High Holidays by sharing your good fortune with the very needy of Macon. We will be donating food to Loaves & Fishes, a special agency which assists homeless and very low income Maconnites with food.

Please fill a bag (or two) with

Plastic, metal or paper containers - no glass, please. Pop tops are great!

Non-perishable food items, such as:

Protein sources, such as peanut butter, tuna, canned meat, Vienna sausages

Juice in individual containers

Individual packets of peanut butter or cheese crackers,, granola bars, etc.,

(you can get them in large quantities inexpensively at Sam's club.)

Canned vegetables, beans, fruit, soup., etc.

Oatmeal, grits, cereal and other grains

Toiletries, such as toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream, deodorant, soap Laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, cleaning supplies

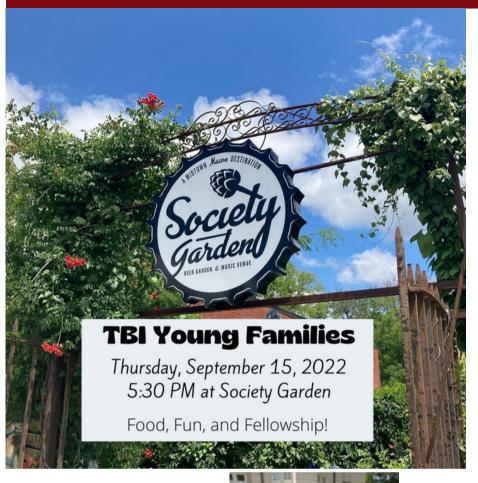
If you have children, involve them in this very Jewish way of reaching out to our neighbors. Bring them with you to shop for children who are in need.

Our bounty will be delivered to Loaves & Fishes right after Simchat Torah.

Can we count on you'

It's a Mitzvah!

TBI Young Families

















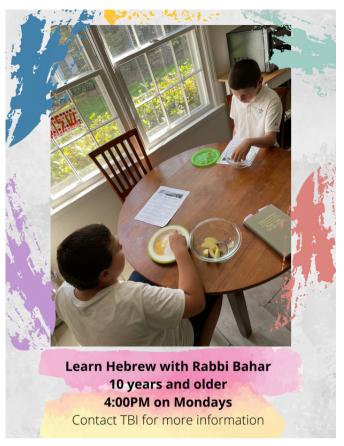


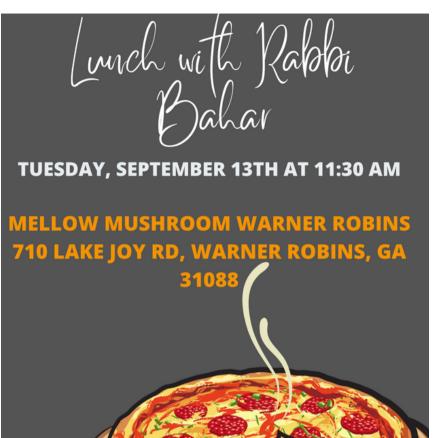
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17TH ANNUAL BUILDING



SYMPOSIUM

Thursday-Friday, September 15-16, 2022

Symposium Theme:
"What Is My Responsibility for
Racial Justice and Healing?"

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Daniel Hill

Senior Pastor, River City Community Church, Chicago Author of White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to Be White

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY 6:30 P.M. Banquet (President's Dining Room, University Center) Followed by 1st Keynote Address

FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. Breakfast at Centenary UMC Fellowship Hall)

10:10 A.M. 2nd Keynote Address (Penfield Hall)

11:15 A.M. - 1:40 P.M. Panel Discussion followed by lunch (Penfield Hall)

Free Admission to All Sessions

Reservations Required for Lunch and Breakfast
Register online at
https://mercerbeloved2022.eventbrite.com,

or capture this QR code on your phone:



or contact Trish Dunaway at trishdunaway3@gmail.com
Deadline Friday, September 9
Find details at http://community.mercer.edu/beloved/

Macon Outreach Volunteers Needed 10:45-noon Third Thursday of Each Month

acon Outreach (located at Mulberry Methodist 267 First Street in downtown on) needs 5 volunteers to help serve its cafeteria-style lunch for those in need rsday, Aug. 18th, 10:45 a.m. - 12 noon. Free parking is available in front of the church on Mulberry Street.

TBI volunteers are invited to help on the third Thursday of each month: Aug 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15th. Dates for 2023 will be emailed in December.

ou'd like to sign up for any of the above dates or have any questions, please contact David Ilan, CSI Social Action Chair at !lanclan@gmail.com.









We Remember the Following on Shabbat
September 9 (September 3 - 9)
Florine Happ Michael - 09/05/1954
Emanuel A. Waxelbaum - 09/06/1908
Gertrude Lavine Weinstein - 09/06/1956
Elizabeth Flowers - 09/07/1989
Mae Bechtel - 09/08/1979
Frank Rudes - 09/09/1974
Charles Schnee - 09/09/1991

We Remember the Following on Shabbat
September 16 (September 10 - 16)
Lewis I. Waxelbaum - 09/11/1947
Julian Voorsanger - 09/12/1942
Nathan Alfred Gans - 09/13/1982
Shirley Kemper Roobin - 09/13/2011
Lucy Hanks Gabriel - 09/13/2017
Jesse Harris - 09/16/1932
Helen Frank - 09/16/1995

We Remember the Following on Shabbat
September 23 (September 17 - 23)
Alex Carmel - 09/17/1969
Morris Michael - 09/18/1943
Jane Kaufman Levitt - 09/18/1980
Robert Nussbaum - 09/19/1906
Allan Pulitzer Bashinski - 09/19/1996
Becky Porges - 09/20/1993
Earle Block - 09/21/1967
Irving Holtz - 09/22/1989
David Moses - 09/23/1930
Estelle Hertz Flatau - 09/23/1939
Thelma Kalish - 09/23/1977
Gustave Herman Small - 09/23/1988

We Remember the Following on Shabbat September 30 (September 24 - 30) Monroe Harris - 09/24/1962 Marvin Coddon - 09/24/2003 Hannah Weichselbaum Waxelbaum -09/25/1874

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