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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



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RENEW US  
HIGH HOLY DAYS 5783  
*Schedule -2022/5783*

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 נדרין] – 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

Yizkor Service [יזכור]

05:00 PM

Concluding Service [נעילה]

05:45 PM

Sisterhood Break the Fast





*"like glass in the hands of the glazier"*

# *Selichot*

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

**8pm CSI**

**65 person limit**

**RSVP to Rabbi Rubenstein**

**maconrav@gmail.com**

**478-250-5952**

## Words From the President

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

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BENNETTS  
BY LISA SCOTTOLINE



**SISTERHOOD**  
**BOOK**  
**CLUB**

What Happened to  
the Bennetts  
Sunday | 1 PM  
October 2nd  
Temple Beth Israel

Join us in person or on  
Zoom!

Author  
Lisa Scottoline

## 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**  
Thursday, September 15, 2022  
5:30 PM at Society Garden  
Food, Fun, and Fellowship!





# TBI Photo Album

Lunch with Rabbi Bahar











**Learn Hebrew with Rabbi Bahar**  
**10 years and older**  
**4:00PM on Mondays**  
Contact TBI for more information

# Lunch with Rabbi Bahar

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 11:30 AM**

**MELLOW MUSHROOM WARNER ROBINS**  
**710 LAKE JOY RD, WARNER ROBINS, GA**  
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17<sup>TH</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Keynote Address

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

**10:10 A.M.** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

Macon Outreach (located at Mulberry Methodist 267 First Street in downtown Macon) needs 5 volunteers to help serve its cafeteria-style lunch for those in need on the third Thursday of each month: 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.

If you'd like to sign up for any of the above dates or have any questions, please contact David Ilan, CSI Social Action Chair at [ilanclan@gmail.com](mailto:ilanclan@gmail.com).





**HAPPY**  
*Birthday*

**Lori Garrett - September 5th**

**Jim Butler - September 7th**

**Michelle Laurine - September 9th**

**Betty Taylor - September 12th**

**Marian Grace Vogel - September 20th**

**Gus Kaufman - September 21st**

**Pam Webster - September 23rd**

**Bowen Wolk - September 26th**

**Kathy Zion - September 27th**

**Louis Piassick - September 28th**





# Happy Anniversary

*Matthew & Lori Garrett - September 1st*

*Jerome & Beverly Schnee - September 11th*





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

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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

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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

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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

**Hattie Kuttner Freid** - 09/25/1901

**Carol "Honey" Hurvitz** - 09/25/2004

**Tillie Peyser** - 09/26/1955

**Irving Fried** - 09/27/1954

**Sarah Grauman Kahn** - 09/28/1927

**Sam "Buddy" Sommer** - 09/28/1983

**Edna Hofmayer** - 09/29/1963

**Ann Rosen Hoffman** - 09/29/2019

**Dick Morgan** - 09/30/2007

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