

Temple Beth Sholom



The Shofar

Elul 5780/Tishrei/Cheshvan 5781

September/October 2020

“For Heaven’s Sake We Pray From Home as One: A Prayer for Patience and Restraint” By Rabbi Naomi Levy

**We miss our sanctuary
The comfort of community
Our voices joined together in prayer,
But for heaven-s sake
We pray from home
As one
For grandmothers and grandfathers
For mothers and fathers
For aunts and uncles
For the vulnerable and the frail
For this is God-s prayer:
Be safe, my children
Your touch
Your hug
Your breath
Your song
Can cost lives right now.
It-s tragic and heartbreaking,
But we will keep our sanctuaries closed
To stem this pandemic.
Your patience is praise
Your restraint is glory.
So reach out with all your heart
Join soul to soul
With a mighty love
That transcends all distance.
Take it in**

**Waves of blessings
Hands to heaven
We pray from home
As One
And God says,
Amen.**



YAHREZEITS
May Their Memories Be a Blessing

September 4-5/15-16 Elul

30 – Bessie Halperin Jaiven
30 – Rabbi David M. Kushner
31 – Harry Harris
2 – Sarah Heiner
3 – Ida Novakoff
4 – Josephina Sierra de Loper

September 11-12/22-23 Elul

7 – Gertrude S. Kushner
8 – Dr. Robert L. Kushner
9 – Elix Rubin
11 – Joseph Schriebfeder

September 18-19/29 Elul-1Tishrei

13 – Celia Katzman
15 – Samuel B. Numark
15 – Ann B. Passamaneck
16 – Hazel S. Roman
17 – Howard J. Nakdimen
17 – Dr. Herbert R. Silverman
17 – Ernst Wassing
19 – Leonard Miller

September 25-26/7-8 Tishrei

20 – Gertrude Herman Calisch
24 – Saul M. Schriebfeder
25 – Louis Herman Calisch, Jr.
25 – Nathan Lester

October 2-3/14-15 Tishrei

27 – Emmanuel “Manny” Levy
27 – Sam Lyon
27 – Emilie R. Mueller
28 – Louise D. Kushner
30 – Evelyn Silverman
1 – Max LeBof
3 – Leonard Harris
3 – Lawrence Koplen
3 – Ida Greenberg Newman

October 9-10/21-22 Tishrei

4 – Ruth Ann Fusfeld
5 – Florence Koplen
8 – Hormidas Santerre
9 – Dr. Dan H. Schriebfeder
10 – Bessie Klaff

October 16-17/28-29 Tishrei

11 – Dr. Harry Francis Calisch
11 – Moses Harris

October 23-24/5-6 Cheshvan

19 – Samuel A. Kushner, Sr.
22 – Moritz Feibelman

October 30-31/12-13 Cheshvan

26 – Heller Cohen
26 – Joseph Kingoff

16 – Paul Wall

22 – Moses Roman
22 – Michael Bercholz
23 – Tessie Bermann
23 – Joel Singer

27 – Rachel O. Roman
28 – Alvin Harris
28 – Helen S. Silverman
29 – Sayde Greenberg



Temple Beth Sholom Donations

Peter and Jo Ann Howard: Mazel Tov to Sam Kushner for serving our city as an interim councilman

Sam and Faye Kushner: In memory of Sam's parents, Margaret and Sam Kushner, Sr.



Sisterhood Building Fund Contributions

Ronnie Mand, 799-3434

Please remember the Sisterhood Building Fund for Sympathy, Mazel Tov, Thank You, and Speedy Recovery. The list is endless. Your contributions are used to beautify our temple.

Mazel Tov to Barry Koplen on the birth of his grandson Yoshi – Jo Ann and Peter Howard, Steven and Ronnie Mand

TZEDAKAH

Although we generally associate the mitzvah of tzedakah with giving money, the mitzvah encompasses all forms of kindness. Tzedakah can be as basic as offering someone a lift or shlepping a friend's heavy load. Tzedakah can also take forms that are more "spiritual" — cheering up a friend who is depressed, or sharing your knowledge or insights with another. Whatever form it takes, the Torah regards preserving the dignity and self-respect of the receiver as a cornerstone of tzedakah. Accordingly, the great codifier of Jewish law, Maimonides formulated a list of eight levels of giving, correlating to the degree to which the giver is sensitive to the needs and feelings of the recipient.

- ❖ Level Eight: Giving grudgingly, with a sour countenance.

- ❖ Level Seven: Giving less than you can afford, but doing so pleasantly.
- ❖ Level Six: Giving generously, but only after being asked.
- ❖ Level Five: Giving before you are asked.
- ❖ Level Four: The recipient knows the giver, but the giver does not know the recipient.
- ❖ Level Three: The giver knows the recipient, but the recipient does not know the giver.
- ❖ Level Two: Giving anonymously, where the recipient does not know the giver and vice versa.
- ❖ Level One: Helping someone become self-sufficient.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Let's welcome Shabbat and the Holy Days together..
Watch for your weekly invitation for Zoom.**

SEPTEMBER

Friday, 4 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – The Howards
Friday, 11 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – The Howards
Friday, 18 th	TBA	"Zoom" Erev Rosh Hashanah with Temple Emanuel
Saturday, 19 th	TBA	"Zoom" Rosh Hashanah with Temple Emanuel
Saturday 19 th	TBA	Tashlich at the River
Friday, 25 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Shuvah Service – The Howards
Sunday, 27 th	TBA	"Zoom" Erev Yom Kippur with Temple Emanuel
Monday, 28 th	TBA	"Zoom" Yom Kippur services with Temple Emanuel



OCTOBER

Friday, 2 nd	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat/Sukkot Service – The Howards
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Friday, 9 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat/Simchat Torah Service –The Howards
Friday, 16 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – The Howards
Friday 23 rd	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – The Howards
Friday, 30 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – The Howards



WHAT'S HAPPENING in SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER



Be sure to stop by the Vaughan's porch to pick up a calendar for 5781 – 2020/2021 by September 1st. If you are unable to pick up a calendar, please let Jo Ann know. The calendar has it all...beautiful photos, all holiday listings, Torah reading schedules, and times to kindle the Shabbat candles. Enjoy!

A thank you note has been sent to Townes Funeral Home for this most generous annual gift. The next time you see David Fuquay, please let him know how much you appreciate receiving a Jewish calendar. Not all congregations are as lucky as we are!



The **Fall Holidays** are just around the corner! Despite the fact that we are unable to all be together, we have arranged for options that might interest you. We will be able to welcome 5781 during Rosh Hashanah, atone for our sins during Yom Kippur, and celebrate Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Please note the following:

- ✚ You will receive the Yitzkor/Holy Day Offering form in the mail soon. The names will be printed along with prayers and sent out via email or the postal service for those who do not have a computer.
- ✚ If you don't have your own copy of the High Holy Days prayer book we will arrange for you to pick up books. Please let Peter know.
- ✚ The times for the Zoom High Holy services with Temple Emanuel will be sent out as soon as we get them.

- ✚ Tashlich at the River – For those of you who would like to meet in person (masks required), we will meet at the river on Rosh Hashanah afternoon, or if you are interested in receiving a service so you can do Tashlich on your own, please contact Jo Ann.
- ✚ It will be a little different, but we will still be able to celebrate Sukkot and Simchat Torah on Zoom. For those of you who would like to have the opportunity to wave the lulav and smell the delicious etrog, the Howards will once again have a sukkah on their deck. One family can come at a time, October 3-9, so give a call to set your date.



Peter and Jo Ann will continue to host Shabbat services on Zoom during the months of September and October. We have a small group and hope more of you will join us. It has been exciting to have participants volunteer to do readings or lead some of the singing. If you need a prayer book just let us know. You will receive an invitation each week in order to join the session. If you can't use your computer, you can use your phone.



Uplift another congregant's spirits by giving them a call! It only takes a few minutes and it will make a big difference in their day and yours!



The Month of Elul
A Prayer about Spiritual Seeking
(from Covenant of the Soul)

Reflection

The month of Elul is a time for reflecting on our spiritual life...As the month unfolds, Jewish tradition urges us to conduct a truly honest appraisal of the way in which we have used God's gift of life during the past year. Whom have we helped? Whom have we hurt? Before we can ask the Holy One for forgiveness, we must ask those we have hurt to forgive us. Before we ask the Shechinah to forgive us, we must forgive ourselves.

Prayer

May it be Your will, Eternal One, to help me search my heart. Help me to feel the ways in which I can make my life more blessed. Help me to see the changes I must make in my life to add to my sense of joy and well being. Give me the courage and strength to be honest with myself about my weaknesses, and help me to embrace my strengths.



WITH OUR CONGREGATION



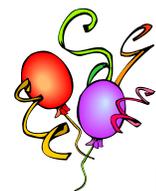
Our wishes of Mazel Tov and l'chaim are joyously extended to Morgan Epstein and Thomas Clark on their recent marriage. We are so happy for you! But it doesn't stop there...Morgan has just recently started her own consulting business "Epstein Clark". We wish you much mazel in your new venture.



A little shnops, a bite of herring, a lot of heart felt mazel to Barry Koplen on the birth of his grandson Yoshiyahu (Yoshi) Tzvi Ariel Anderson (Chana Batya and Yishai).

Our wishes for good health are extended to **Belinda and Bernard Baker, Carol Caplan, Faye Kushner, Lynne Loper, Joan Newman** and **Charles Silverman.**

We know that some of our congregants become ill, have surgery, or suffer an injury between The Shofar publications, so please know that we extend a prayer of comfort and continued recovery to those who are not specifically named.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September Birthdays: 1 – Barry Koplen; 3 – Sydney Fryman; 3 – Sean Fryman;
8 – Ronnie Mand; 11 – Barrett Eisner; 16 – Peter Howard

September Anniversaries: 6 – Deborah & Ben Rippe;
15 – Joe Eisenberg & Melissa Laverack; 29 – Jason & LaTrice Eisner

October Birthdays: 7 – Bonnie Brumfield; 16 – Paul Mandel; 29 – Joan Newman

October Anniversaries: 16 – Karen & Matt Harris; 31 – Lynne & Don Loper



Message from Ronnie Mand, Sisterhood President

Since no services or activities will be held at Temple during September, nor will our opening Sisterhood meeting. Let's all hope, and add a few prayers, that everything will be able to resume soon, and Sisterhood will be able to meet in person for the November meeting.

In the interim, start thinking about some suggestions for our March Book Review so we can decide our choice in November, whether on-site or via email.

It seems that having a Zoom meeting is not an option due to several factors among some members' technical equipment, but rest assured, Sisterhood of Temple Beth Sholom will still function in some manner during this unprecedented, challenging time.

That said, it is time to pay our dues, still \$50/member. Jo Ann will be sending bills soon; please respond in a timely manner with your check. We need your continued support to keep Sisterhood an important, thriving arm of the temple.

A few reminders: keep dropping coins in your **Silver for Sisterhood** box and when it's full put the coins in a ziplock bag and bring it to Jo Ann.. This is such an easy way to help our organization, then ultimately the temple. And if anyone has items for Haven, whether children's clothing, books, toys, or toiletry items for the clients, if you cannot get them to the site, I will be happy to pick them up and deliver.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy. Hopefully we'll all be together as a temple family and Sisterhood in the not too distant future.



My Mother

I want to tell you about my mother, Margaret Kushner, who died in July, 1979, three months before my father's death.

My mom was an exceptional woman. She graduated from UNC Teacher's College, which became the University of NC in Greensboro, where she majored in English and minored in French and music. She was a life-long educator. She taught for many years at GW, and is still remembered by former students as an outstanding French and German teacher. I think it remarkable that at the age of 50 she returned to college to get her certification in German.

Mother taught us about the importance of education and always encouraged our interests. She made opportunities available to us to expand our minds and horizons. She taught us about the beauty of the garden, music, and art.

Mom was a mensch. She knew what was right and did right. She had special empathy for the elderly of our congregation and never forgot those in need. She taught us to do right though sometimes we have missed the mark. Perhaps we can keep mom's spirit alive by telling our grandchildren about her and the values for which she stood.

Mother was a righteous woman who devoted her life to good deeds. When she died, we asked that her funeral service be conducted at the Temple she so loved as an expression of our love and respect for her.

There are only few of you who remember my mother. I hope that her memory brings you a smile and the recollection of some kindness she showed you.



HIGH HOLY DAYS HUMOR

In a Conservative shul there once was a Congregation President who was a nice businessman but Jewishly, well, he was "ritually-challenged." On Rosh Hashanah the Rabbi offered him an aliyah. The President said, "As you know, I'm not very observant and I wouldn't want to take the honor from someone else."

The Rabbi responded, "You're the President, everyone wants to see you honored." Panic-stricken, the President said "No no, no, I can't read the Hebrew blessings, I'll embarrass myself."

The Rabbi said: "As President, you HAVE to take this honor!"

The President thought and then he said, "Isn't there anything where I don't have to talk?"

The Rabbi thought for a minute and suggested "How about *Gelilah*?"

"What's *Gelilah*?" said the President?

"Simple," replied the Rabbi, "you just come up after the Torah is lifted, and when the cover is put on, you put on the breastplate and the crown and then sit down. You can't possibly go wrong."

Relieved, the President accepted the honor.

And so, right after hagbah, the President came up, put on the breastplate and the crown, and went back to his seat.

The Rabbi came running over and said "NOT ON YOU, put the breastplate and the crown on the TORAH, on the TORAH!!

Q. Why didn't the computerized shofar work on Rosh Hashanah?

A. The rabbi didn't buy enough RAM

Speaking of technology and the holidays, a big baseball fan comes running to his rabbi before Yom Kippur. "Rabbi, I have a dilemma. The Sox are playing their big game on Yom Kippur. What do I do?" The rabbi replies, "Well, what do you think they invented VCRs for?" And the congregant replies, "Rabbi, that's a great idea! But I didn't know Yom Kippur services were on cable.



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2020

Danville

Martha Woody, President

I was excited to participate in the recent virtual National Hadassah meeting. In addition to updates on all of Hadassah's good work through HMO, Youth Aliyah, Young Judaea, etc., Hadassah also promoted domestic advocacy and approved three new policy statements:

- Hadassah reaffirms and strongly encourages support for bilateral, cooperative, medical partnerships between the U.S. and Israel. Bipartisan legislation (S. 3722/H.R. 6829) is focused on improving the response to the COVID-19 pandemic through such medical partnerships.
- Hadassah supports investment in the American health care workforce; continued efforts to ensure adequate supplies of PPE, testing supplies, and medical resources; public education about the importance of vaccinations and the rapid production and distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine, once developed; and other policies to mitigate the health disparities highlighted by the pandemic.
- Hadassah celebrates the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote by supporting efforts to ensure that each eligible person can vote safely and without impediment.

To review all of Hadassah's policy statements, including those from previous years on racial justice, sexual harassment, and anti-Semitism, go to the Hadassah website and 1) Click on Take Action; 2) Click on Action Center; 3) Click on Take Action/Advocate; 4) Scroll down to policy statements.

And just FYI, the Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act (S. 2043/H.R. 3545) is bipartisan legislation to strengthen federal laws that combat hate speech, threats, and attacks.

As one of the Southern Seaboard Region's vice-presidents for advocacy, I'm very proud of how easy Hadassah makes contacting their legislators for its members. Just go to the Action Center on the Hadassah website; Hadassah really does do all the work for you! We are hoping to have a town hall virtual meeting with Senator Tim Kaine in September. Stay tuned for updates!

What's Happening in our Danville Chapter and Region



New Year Card 5781 – Chairman Carol Caplan sent you a letter earlier in the month regarding our annual Hadassah New Year card. This is a wonderful way to welcome 5781.



Angels of Mercy – Yes, it's that time of year again! Ronnie Mand and Jo Ann Howard are busy getting everything prepared to kick off this year's campaign. You will receive your letter in September asking for your support. This is a very special year for the Danville Chapter...it's our 70th year of running this project. Celebrate this achievement and help to support our two world renown Hadassah hospitals in Israel.

You are invited to

Southern Seaboard Region's Fall 2020 Region Meeting

Saturday, September 12th 8pm-9:30pm // Sunday, September 13th 9:30am – 12:30 pm

Program Highlights

Saturday Sept 12th 8pm Register here: <https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/register/upUoc-6prTotH9E-tlJhwFb0UtEZyZiq2zuV>

- **Havdalah**
- **Special Program – BYO Liquid Motivation**

Sunday Register

here: <https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uplvceirpjkpHNLnvejnZYZRUhQlqilyGqRP>

- **Breakfast in the Zoom Room at 9:00 am (BYO Breakfast)**
- **Region Business Meeting – 9:30am**
- **Advocacy**
 - **What is MotiVote?**

- Day In The District
- Keynote speaker Rabbi Sandra Lawson, Associate Chaplain of Jewish Life at Elon College. Veteran, personal trainer and musician, Sandra Lawson became the first openly gay, female, black rabbi in the world in 2018. Rabbi Sandra will speak on “Seeing with new eyes: dealing with the here and now”

IMPORTANT NOTE: YOU MUST REGISTER FOR EACH SESSION; YOU WILL RECEIVE TWO SEPARATE ZOOM LINKS—ONE FOR SATURDAY & ONE FOR SUNDAY

Rays of Hope and Celebration



Our Danville members continue to “light” menorahs and share their sentiments. You too can participate throughout the year when you would like to share your feelings, events taking place, or just because. Each menorah is just \$18. Make your check payable to Hadassah and mail along with your sentiments, to Jo Ann Howard, 326 Rosemary Lane, Danville, VA 24541. Looking forward to hearing from you!



Lindy Levey

My menorah is in honor of the birth of our grandson, Asher Dylan Levey (Dan & Julie) and in honor of the marriage of Bill Levey and Felicity Conrad.



Ronnie Mand

One candle is for our speaker, Sharon Goretzky and the rest are for those who joined us today for our first ever virtual Donor event.



Melanie Vaughan

One candle is for Sharon for her wonderful program.

One is for all us to stay safe, healthy, and happy.

The rest are for my mother who I pray to be able to see her again and put my arms around her.



Martha Woody

One candle each for my family – Bob, Nathan, Bernie, Adriane, Eleanor, and Alice

One candle in gratitude to the Danville Chapter members who “Zoomed” with us today

One candle in gratitude to Sharon Goretsky for making our Donor event so special

One candle for tikkun olam especially from COVID-19



Darcy Amick

One candle for Sharon speaking

One candle for every one of my friends at this meeting

One candle for other friends I haven't seen in a long time

One candle for my parents

One candle for David and his partner

One candle for Sam and DJ

One candle for Michael

One Candle for David purchasing his first home



Susan Dufour

I light this menorah for my friends in Danville and my family with wishes of health and happiness



Jo Ann Howard

One candle for Sharon for her inspiring program

One candle for my wonderful daughter Dawne who continues to support Madassah by serving as a chairman

One candle each for Susan, Darcy, Barbara and Leah – it's so wonderful to see you

One candle for Martha, Melanie, and Ronnie

One candle for Peter

One candle for Dawne, Dan, Maya, Jonathan and Faith



Jo Ann Howard

I am lighting an entire menorah with prayers for Billy Gray.



Jo Ann and Peter Howard

I am lighting an entire menorah as a mazel tov to Chana Batya and Yishai Anderson in honor of the birth of their son, Yoshiyahu Tzvi Ariel Anderson and to Nechamah who is already an awesome big sister.