

N E W S L E T T E R

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The Staff of the Newsletter wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Joyous Hanukkah. This year Hanukkah begins on Sunday, December 2nd, with the lighting of the first candle, and continues through the eighth day on Monday, December 10th.

November Events:

Temple Ner Tamid will hold a special service and solidarity gathering on Friday, November 2, at 8:00 P. M. in response to the horrific attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Special guests will include Mayor Ted Bettencourt and members of the Peabody Clergy Ministerial Association. The featured speaker will be Police Chief Thomas Griffin.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, November 15, at 7:30 P. M.

A business meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, November 18, at 9:30 A. M. Bagels, coffee, and tea will be served.

The annual Peabody Thanksgiving Interfaith Service will be held at St. Ann's Church, Lynn Street, Peabody, on Tuesday, November 20, at 7:00 P. M.

From the President...

It is my sincere hope that all our congregants along with their loved ones had a fruitful L'Shana Tovah. May Hashem bless us all alike, along with Israel and the rest of our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

I would like to thank everyone who performed the mitzvah of tzedakah during our High Holy Days. It is my wish that during this coming year performing these mitzvahs and tzedakah will increase.

Thanks to Jay and Betty Polonsky along with their volunteers for making our Break-the-Fast a success. Other activities will be planned during the year. In order to make them a success, we need the participation of everyone.

Our sister Shul Congregation Sons of Israel extends a standing invitation for CTI to attend their monthly services. These include Friday, November 2, and every Saturday and Sunday morning in November.

Special thank you to Jerry Pressman for maintaining our building and to Joanne Pressman for her outstanding chanting during our services.

Last but not least, I appreciate the fine decorum during our holiday services.

Input from all our congregants is always appreciated. If you have any comments, positive or negative, please let me know. I can be reached at 978-531-7309 or by email at dorel6@comcast.net

*Elliot Hershoff,
President*

Thank you to the following members and friends who have made donations to CTI in memory of their loved ones whose Meldathos were observed during recent Shabbat services and those members who have recently passed on:

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Heidi August	Lloyd Nimaroff - Step Father
Millie & Jerry Becker	Leo Pernitchi - Father
Michelle Fain	Edythe Sands - Mother
Libby Gans	Nathan Gans - Husband
Libby Gans	Simpson Barber - Father
Libby Gans	Michael Gans - Son
Cynthia Garber	Aaron Garber - Husband
Robert Gibeley	Amy Gibeley Ogden - Daughter
Arnold Gitter	Stella Gitter - Mother
Harvey Goldberg	Lillian Goldberg - Mother
Lorna Goldberg	Harold Linsky - Father
Doris & Elliot Hershoff	Sophie Yonis - Mother
Doris & Elliot Hershoff	Rachamim Yonis - Father
Doris & Elliot Hershoff	Dora Pappos - Grandmother
Doris & Elliot Hershoff	Bessie Hershoff - Mother
Rabbi Howard Kosovske	Ethel Kosovske - Mother
Cynthia Linsky	Ruth Yonis - Mother
Jerry Pressman	Simpson Barber - Grandfather
Jerry Pressman	Sumner Pressman - Father
Jacob Romo	Sheila J. Sprinsky - Sister
Adele Shackelford	Robert Pollock - Husband
Adele Shackelford	Simpson Barber - Father
Adele Shackelford	Bessie Lanes - Grandmother
Smokler Family	Mathew Smokler - Father
Wendy Tirck	David Tirck - Husband
Wendy Tirck	Irving Parkin - Father
Linda Weaver	Ruth Yonis - Mother
Joe Yonis	Sophie Yonis - Mother
Joe Yonis	Rachamim Yonis - Father
Joe Yonis	Dora Pappos - Grandmother

Thank you to the following members who have made donations to the **Happy Day Fund**:

<u>To - Occasion</u>	<u>From</u>
The Gibely Family, The Israel Family & Mrs. William Etz - in honor of the birth of Ephar George Israel	Victoria Linsky
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Kepnes - in memory of brother Norman Kepnes	Millie & Jerry Becker
The Kunian Family - in memory of Susan Kunian	Victoria Linsky
The Laakso Family - in memory of Shirley Gibeley Laakso	Victoria Linsky
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Pressman - in memory of uncle Norman Kepnes	Millie & Jerry Becker
Adele Shackelford - in honor of her birthday	Jill & Steven Pressman
Marcia Smokler - in memory of brother Robert Yudin	Doris & Elliot Hershoff
Irving Weiss - in memory of wife Charlotte	Doris & Elliot Hershoff
Mrs. Anita Yudin - in memory of husband Robert Yudin	Marcia Smokler

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZEL TOV

To Millie and Jerry Becker who each won ribbons on their respective quilts displayed at the Topsfield Fair. Millie's quilt "Blooming" won a third place and Jerry's quilt "Little Boxes" won a second place.

NEW MEMBERS

Congregation Tifereth Israel extends a warm Sephardic welcome to our newest members: Sally Francis, Dan Leavitt, and Danielle Polonsky.

Reflections on the High Holidays

For those of us on the Bimah during the services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the perspective is quite different from someone sitting in the Congregation. As one of the religious leaders, I always experience a certain amount of concern and anxiety as the High Holidays approach. Will everyone be available for their Aliyah honor or will we need a last minute substitution? Will the service go smoothly and be well received by our members? Will we have enough volunteer readers to assist with the responsive readings? And of course the biggest question of all: Will my voice hold out until the last note of the Neilah service on Yom Kippur?

After the final sounding of the Shofar, and the wonderful Break-the-Fast enjoyed by our members thanks to Jay and Betty Polonsky, I can now relax and look back on a very successful holiday. Congregation Tifereth Israel may be very small in numbers, but we have always managed to endure and survive due to the willingness of our members to step up whenever the need arises.

When I meet new people who ask me about CTI, I tell them that we are a small Sephardic congregation with no professional, full-time staff. But that does not really paint a true picture. I believe that our leaders, Elliot Hershoff, David Podradchik, Jay Polonsky, and I, conduct our services in an extremely professional way. We all put in countless hours studying, practicing, and preparing for our roles. This year we were joined by Vice-president Jerry Pressman who stepped up just prior to the start of the holiday when Elliot began experiencing some health issues and needed assistance. It was especially meaningful for me to stand on the Bimah leading the Congregation alongside my husband.

Out of respect for our Sephardic heritage, we have tried to maintain as many traditions of our fathers and grandfathers as we could. Reality sometimes overrides that ideal, and we have had to make some difficult decisions along the way. Last year we accepted the fact that we were unable to guarantee the ten members required for a minyan and we eliminated the service for the first night of Rosh Hashanah. This year saw us experimenting with a new procedure to assign the honors during the holiday services.

Now I am asking for feedback from you, the membership of our Congregation. Please let us know what you think of these changes. Come to the next general meeting on Sunday, November 18, or send an email to give us your input and opinion. Your voice is important but it is effective only when you make it heard.

Joanne Pressman

THANK YOU

To Doris and Elliot Hershoff who sponsored our October Oneg Shabbat.

GET WELL WISHES

To Jerry Becker, Samantha Cohen, Donald Deveau, Barbara Forbes, Libby Gans, Cynthia Garber, Elliot Hershoff, Victoria Linsky, Ryan Podradchik, Phyllis Potash, Jack Romo, Sheila Romo, Gloria Sontz, and Rick Yonis.

DEATH

Our congregational family extends its deepest sympathy to Marcia Smokler and her family on the passing of her brother, Robert Yudin. To Jill Pressman and her family on the passing of her uncle Norman Kepnes.

May G-d comfort you in your moment of sorrow.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE DATES

Kislev - November 9 Tevet - December 14
 Shevat - January 11 Adar I - February 8
 Adar II - March 8

All services begin at 7:30 P. M. and include the reading of the Yahrzeit memorial names for that Hebrew month. An Oneg Shabbat follows each service. Please make every effort to attend.

Yahrzeit - Meldathos

NOVEMBER	KISLEV	DECEMBER	TEVET
Service Friday, November 9 7:30 PM		Service Friday, December 14 7:30 PM	
9 William Barber	1	9 Joseph Polonsky	1
10 Mildred Freedman	2	10 Kenneth Furtado	2
11 Mark Kasarjian	3	10 Mildred Freedman	2
11 Esther Savy	3	11 Lillian Evans	3
13 Judith Epstein	5	13 Rose Harsfield	5
15 Frumel Barr	7	15 Lynn Shackelford	7
15 Michael Lanes	7	15 Harold Sumberg	7
17 Morris Becker	9	16 Rebecca Sholomith	8
18 William Podradchik	10	18 Ada Millstein	10
19 John (Jack) Yonis	11	18 William Podradchik	10
23 Max Blair	15	19 Edward Baum	11
30 Emili Pernitchi	22	19 Robert M. Hasday	11
30 Victor Savy	22	20 Joseph Gibely	12
DECEMBER		21 Esther Eskenazi	13
1 Sarah Bengar	23	21 Morris Fins	13
1 Mildred Grossman	23	25 Ralph Polonsky	17
1 Samuel Grossman	23	26 Esther Gibely	18
1 Joseph Romo	23	30 Sarah Whitcomb	22
2 Leo Gibely	24	30 Mathew Smokler	22
2 Robert Hasday	24	31 Esther Gibeley I	23
3 Philomena Duerr	25	31 Esther Miller	23
5 Sara Savy	27	JANUARY	
7 Susan Kunian	29	5 Calef Havio	28
7 Harry Savage	29	6 Lionel Harsfield	29
7 David Sherman	29	6 Susan Kunian	29
8 Norma Alpert	30		

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

3 Adam Podradchik
 5 Terry Simon
 7 Joshua Arsenaunt
 7 Ryan Podradchik
 10 Julia Podradchik
 13 Andrea Cohen
 17 David Frasch
 19 Patricia Stewart
 21 Kathy Blair
 22 Aimee Arsenaunt
 22 Heather Rowen
 23 Linda Weaver
 24 Benjamin Savage
 25 Erika Romo
 28 Brooke Arsenaunt
 29 Samantha Kraus
 30 Eric Jagher

DECEMBER

1 Lucille Sherman
 3 Betty Polonsky
 4 Michelle Fain
 4 Steven Pressman
 7 Bradley Thompson
 8 Jacob Arsenaunt
 8 Dan Leavitt
 9 Elias Becerra
 9 Anita Horowitz
 9 Victoria Linsky
 11 John Shaheen
 16 Michelle Becker
 16 Robin Murby
 20 Steven Polonsky
 21 Sarah Kraus
 23 Scott Goldberg
 23 Scott Simon
 24 Paula Cohen
 24 Mark Fain
 25 Diane Elefson
 30 Kimberley Civitarese

ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

1 Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Freedman
 6 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Duerr
 22 Mr. & Mrs. Randy Hershoff
 24 Mr. & Mrs. Neal Pressman