

Temple El Emeth Bulletin

November 2025 Cheshvan—Kislev 5786



From My Desk... On the Release of Our Captives

"The hostages are home". When President Trump said that, as he addressed the Israeli Knesset one week ago, he added, "It feels so good to say those words". His joyful expression was an understatement.

Of course these weren't "the hostages". They were OUR hostages. Any person with even the slightest sympathy for Judaism, the Jewish people, or even common decency, would admit that the collective Jewish people's worry and, even, obsession for the return of these innocent captives, was predicated upon a moral imperative. The capture and holding of babies, elderly Holocaust survivors, and -unbelievably- Jews who for years had been personally assisting Gazan people with medical appointments and food shopping was despicable. This was truly a barbaric attack on civilization.

The return of the living hostages does not, however, mean that we can say the problem has been solved. As of this writing, Hamas (may G-d avenge their cruelty) still has not released those who were murdered by their rampage and their bodies dragged into Gaza as "trophies". We pray that Israel will not have to return to war to recover the dead bodies of our extended Jewish family.

Nevertheless, after two years of hearing harrowing stories, it's good to take some time to calm down, and happily reflect on the fact that our families in Israel can now enjoy the company of their loved ones. That, in itself, is something to celebrate.

But the ethical questions raised by the capture of Jewish hostages is still important to consider. Sadly, throughout our long history, Jews have had to face these issues more than once. (We pray, now, that we never again will have to face such heart wrenching problems). Let's take a moment to consider a few of the principles underlying this matter.

The first, and perhaps, overriding principle, is that of *Pikuach nefesh*. This principle holds that almost any mitzvah may be temporarily ignored, in order to save the lives and ensure the safety of Jewish hostages. "You shall not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor", teaches the Torah in the Book of Leviticus (19:16). Because we are made in the image of G-d, we are to exert every effort on behalf of saving peoples' lives.

Second, the Talmud prioritizes redeeming captives, and places no limits on our efforts. (Bavli, Gittin 4:5). In a beautiful statement, the Talmud also urges us "Just as G-d redeems the Jewish people, so should they redeem captive brothers [and sisters]" (Avodah Zara 17b.) The Talmud also directs that communal funds, which might otherwise be used for other purposes, be directed to redeem captives. (Bava Batra 8a). There is also the idea that "kol yisrael areivim zeh bazeh-" ("All Jews are responsible for each other" [Shevuot 9a]).

Friday Evening & Saturday Morning Services are HYBRID

Candle Lighting Times

Candle Lighting times can also be found on the November calendar.

Friday, November 7	4:52 PM
Friday, November 14	4:46 PM
Friday, November 21	4:40 PM
Friday, November 28	4:37 PM

Havdalah

Saturday, November 1	6:58 PM
Saturday, November 8	5:50 PM
Saturday, November 15	5:43 PM
Saturday, November 22	5:38 PM
Saturday, November 29	5:35 PM

Rabbi Sternstein wishes to be in contact with anyone in our congregation who (G-d forbid) is ill. Please call the Rabbi directly, 914-960-4653, and/or the Temple El Emeth office, 330-759-1429, as soon as possible, if you know of someone ill. Please do *not* assume that someone else has informed the Rabbi or office. Even if we receive multiple calls, it is much preferable to our missing vital information.

We thank you for your help.

Hybrid **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, November 4th – 7:30 pm



Turn your Clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1st!

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FROM MY DESK, CONT'D...

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This idea that the Jewish people must consider itself a close -knit family, (even if thousands of miles separate us physically), has become part of the fabric of Jewish life. A Jew in one part of the world is always regarded as our brother or sister, and every effort is made to ensure their safety.

There are, of course, debates as to exactly how all these teachings come into play. Jewish law refines these teachings to answer questions such as, "Does paying enemies to release captives simply encourage more hostage-taking (G-d forbid)?" "If the enemy demands the turnover of a particular Jewish man, in return for sparing an entire community, what do we do?" "Are Jewish women /children considered differently for purposes of redemption?" "How much must we pay for an individual captive, or for many captives?" These are not insignificant questions, and are discussed at length in Jewish literature.

For now, let us pray that we never again have to consider these as anything more than theoretical questions. May G-d bless our people with strength, health and safety, and may this last two year period usher in the time called "Atchalta D'Geulta"- the beginning of Ultimate Redemption of the Jewish people.

Rabbi Seth Sternstein

WITHIN THE SYNAGOGUE



TORAH TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 11th
11:00 AM

Please note new starting time! Reservations are appreciated!

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE AT LEVY GARDENS

Friday evening, November 7, 2025 4:00 PM

Join us as we host a Shabbat evening service with our friends at Levy Gardens. Kindly RSVP to Temple if you plan to attend.

WITHIN THE SYNAGOGUE

Thank you to the following people who helped with High Holiday services and activities:

To those who chanted Haftorahs, Phillip Silverman, George Aron and Dr. Mark Perlman To Torah readers, Dr. Warren Rogers and Dr. Dannielle MacDuff

To our High Holiday Ushers, Harry Silverman, Diane Finesilver and Beth Finesilver To our Gabbis, Paula Ferguson, Aaron Duval, Harry Silverman and Randy Blecher To Paula Ferguson and Karen Ferguson for handling sound and livestreaming during the High Holidays

To Paula Ferguson for blowing the Shofar so beautifully

To Gregory Alper and Diane Finesilver who transported Cantor Kowitz to and from the airports:

To Lisa Mirman for preparing delicious lunches for the Sternstein family and Cantor Kowitz both days of Rosh Hashanah

To Beth and Diane Finesilver for donating apples for Simchat Torah

To Alan Mirkin for donating Hershey bars for Simchat Torah

To Debbie Mirkin and Dave Scialabba for the delicious food they prepared for us.

To the Liberty Police Department and Federation Security Department for providing us security and peace of mind.

To Our Wonderful Staff: Nancy, Maurita, Dominic and Elyse who worked tirelessly behind the scenes

Temple Grams—November

Temple Grams are \$1.00 for each. The Temple office will not accept any telephone orders. If you know of someone's special Simcha, please let the Temple Office know. Indicate each Temple Grams book in which you wish to be listed.

Dorothy Schwebel November 2 nd	Jeff & Doreen Spiegl November 10 th
Special Birthday	40 th Anniversary
Please print your name the w	ray you want it to appear on the T¢m

FIESTA



Temple El Emeth Fiesta

Return your ticket Stubs and check to the Temple Office No later than

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1st

DRAWING IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd
Winners will be notified.

Just by buying a ticket, you have supported your Temple's Operations and Programming — and that's a win any way you look at it!

Where does the \$150 you pay for a Fiesta Raffle Ticket go?

- Some of it is returned to those whose names are drawn on December 2nd *this could be YOU*!
 - MUCH of it is used to support the day-to-day operations and functions of the synagogue.

Please purchase your raffle tickets today! The drawing is December 2nd

PROGRAMMING



LIBERTY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

at Churchill United Methodist Church 189
Churchill Hubbard Road—near Belmont Ave.
9:30 AM —12:30 PM



Volunteers are needed for the November food distribution

Friday, November 7th

9:30 am—12:30 pm

Call the Temple office and we will pass your name on to the pantry.

PROGRAMMING

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON In recognition of the holiday of SIGD Saturday, November 15, 2025 Services at 10 AM with lunch following

This holiday is celebrated annually in Israel, 50 days after Yom Kippur. According to Beta Israel tradition, an individual's sins are forgiven by G-d on Yom Kippur, while communal introspection and repentance occurs during the 50 days following Yom Kippur. SIGD is believed to be the day that G-d forgives all communal sins, as well as the day on which G-d revealed himself to Moses. Those observing the holiday traditionally fast from sunrise until mid afternoon. Our traditional Kiddush lunch will feature some dishes with an Ethiopian flair

PLEASE RSVP TO THE OFFICE 330-759-1429



Family Hanukkah Dinner—December 16th, 6:00 pm Featuring Origami Artist Michael Roy

See Enclosed flyer for more information *RSVP with payment by December* 12th

SISTERHOOD

TORAH FUND This is the fall season and changes are taking place within our environment. The air is cooler; the leaves are falling or turning colors. But MOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM OUR community has not changed—it remains strong and cohesive. In CELEBRATING 80 YEARS considering this let us remember the foundation of our Torah and of the dedicated Rabbis, teachers, and counselors that have helped us to sustain our faith.

Sincerely yours, Louise Kline Torah Fund Chairman

News & Notes

MAZEL TOV!

- To Lenore Ackerman on the engagement of her granddaughter, Rebecca Ackerman to Jaycob Kitain, both of Philadelphia, PA. Rebecca is the daughter of Scott and Linda Ackerman, also of Philadelphia. She is also the granddaughter of the late Robert Ackerman and great granddaughter of the late Louis and Minnie Harskovitz.
- Dorothy Schwebel on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Juliet Morgan Leenheer, of Bath, Ohio. Juliet is the daughter of Jana and Joseph Leenheer, also of Bath. She is the granddaughter of Dorothy and the late Paul Schwebel and Kathy and Tom Leenheer.
- ♦ Mark & Irina Perlman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Nathan Halper, son of Mike & Lindsay Halper of Simi Valley, California. Nathan is the grandson of the late Jacqueline Perlman. He is the great grandson of Phyllis Perlman and the late Harold and Elizabeth Perlman.

MAZAL TOV

to those celebrating a Birthday in November

- 1 Jonina Weisz
- 2 Adeline Brocker Dorothy Schwebel
- 3 Peter Grinstein
- 5 Isaac Torem
- 7 Michael Malkin Harvey Mirkin
- 8 Gerry Peskin
- 10 Terri Kaback
- 14 Alan Weiss

- 18 Brad Brocker Lisa Long
- 20 Mel Moss
- 23 Sharyn Dunlap
- 24 Suzyn Schwebel Epstein Sheldon Persky
- 26 Diane Hetson

MAZAL TOV

to those celebrating an Anniversary in November

- 1 Marc & Janine Silverman 44th
- 10 Jeff & Doreen Spiegle 40th
- 23 Arnold & Bettina Clebone 53rd

HIGH HOLIDAYS—5786/2025

TASHLICH _Liberty Park, September 28, 2025



HIGH HOLIDAYS—5786/2025

ADULT SUKKAH DECORATING



HIGH HOLIDAYS—5786/2025

SIMCHAT TORAH



YAHRZEITS

November 1—November 7 10 Cheshvan—16 Cheshvan

Margaret Appel Julius Aron* Harry Bober* Dora Bunshaft* B. Richard Burdman*

Louis Chevlen* Tillie Dimont*

Stella Fein* Max Fox*

Zev Wolf Froomkin*

Rose Goldstone

Milton E. Greenberg* Roberta Grinstein*

Katie Gross* Leo Isenberg* George Jacobs* Joseph Kamen* Marcus Knox* Joseph Kohan* Morris S. Lerner*

Sam Levy Samuel Levy*

Aaron Lichtenstein* Molly Linder* Isidore Lustig* Sam Malkin* Pauline Meister* Laura Miller* Lori Mirkin* Abraham Pear* William Peskin Iacob Rosen*

Leonard Schwartz* Samuel Schwebel*

Dinah Scheer*

Sam Scher*

Abraham S. Spector*

Ruth Stoyak Pearl Yarov* Edward S. Zatell* Isadore Zobel*



November 8—November 14 17 Cheshvan—23 Cheshvan

Hattie Berman* Alice Zelda Bloch* Morris Bonow Max Brown* Florence Bunshaft* Abe Chazanoff* Bath Sheba Elkin* Sadie Farber* Alvin Finesilver* Louis Goodman* Fannie Gross* Ella Harr*

Morris Isenberg* Martin Kalus* Abraham Katz* Esther Leah Knox* Laura Krause*

Feiga Bas Meyer Michlin*

Allen Mirkin* Sarah Monus* Nathan Ozersky* Harold Perlman* Eunice Pittler* Seymour Podolny* Abram Post* Bettie Randell* Lillian Roth* Elaine Schermer* David Z. Schonberger* Harvey Sniderman* Harold H. Soule* Esther Strutin* Joseph Sweedler Isadore Tamarkin*

November 15—November 21 24 Cheshvan—1 Kisley

Belle Agrest* Sidney Agrest* Israel Axelrod* Nathan Berman* Murray Blecher Nettie E. Bloom* Dina Bradlyn* Eliezer Bunshaft*

Avraham Vegh

Samuel Weinberg*

November 15—November 21 24 Cheshvan—1 Kislev

Albert Cohen* Rebecca Cohn* Bernard Davidow* Max Eisenstot* Stanley Engel* Herman Feuer* Leon Fox* Olga Fox*

Mendel Glasberg* David S. Goldberg*

Sarah Schermer Greenfeld* Lawrence Herskovitz* Bessie Blau Hoffman*

Rose Kaback Helen Kline* Fanny Kretzer* Hena Kurant* Joseph Leventhal* Charles Levy

Rabbi Theodore Levy Leah R. Livingston* Benjamin Lustig* Ted H. Marlin* Donald I. Miller* Pauline Rae Nelson* Matilda Panner* Anne K. Pazol* Lillian Polonsky* Harry Prizant* Arnold Rosen*

Helen Schwartz* Toby Feingold Schwartz* Jenny Simon* Flora Weily Small* M. Henry Speck* Arnold I. Wexler* Minnie Wisman*

Allen L. Wolkoff* Max Zoldan*

Ella Rosky*

November 22—November 30 2 Kisley—10 Kisley

Harold W. Adler* Herman L. Allen* Max Beerman Hannah Bergsman*

* denotes those who have Memorial **Plaques**

YAHRZEITS

November 22—November 30 2 Kislev—10 Kislev

Leo Ralph Bergsman*
Morton Berkowitz*
Samuel Bunshaft*
Goldie P. Cheloff*
David Cohen*
Yudel Cohen*
Maurice Cohn*
Joseph Deitchman*
Harvey I. Engel*
Max Engelberg*
Samuel Epstein

Rose Selma Felkowitz*
Myron C. Frank*
Louis Fried*
Kaila Friedkin*
David Friedman*
Mary Goldberg*
Mendel Goldberg*
Theda L. Goldstein*
Martha G. Goodstein*

November 22—November 30 2 Kislev—10 Kislev

Bertha Grobstein* Benjamin Hasden Bernice Hasden* Hyman Henkin* Ruth Hochman Bernard Hodesson* Abraham H. Hume* Irving Jacobson Louis Kanterman Simon Katzman* Herbert Kravitz* Sam Laskin Jake Levine* James Livingston* Abraham Lockshin* Gerald A. "Jerry" Malkin*

Marilyn Malkin* Sophie Malkin*

Dora Newman*

Sophia Oblonsky*

November 22—November 30 2 Kislev—10 Kislev

Alice Padvo* Leonard Passell Benjamin Perlin* Morris Raven* Anna Rosen* Joseph Santer* Otto Scheer* Helen Silverman Harry Sisman* Mandel Sisman* Fruma Slutzker* Esther Udell* Abraham Wagman* Bess Weinblatt* Samuel Wexler* May Zinner*

> * denotes those who have Memorial Plaques

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Yahrzeits

In Loving Memory Of:

Margaret Appel Murray Blecher

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Morton Berkowtiz

Pearl Yarov

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Yahrzeits

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By Ilene Malasky-Frankle

Yahrzeits

In Loving Memory Of:

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DONATIONS

Yahrzeits

In Loving Memory Of:

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In Appreciation of Cemetery Visits

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In memory of Beloved Father, Samuel Epstein

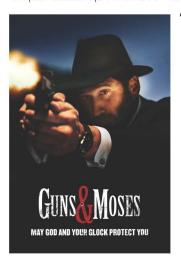
By Bruce & Suzyn Schwebel Epstein

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JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS



in partnership with the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies



"Guns & Moses" Ages 18+

Mo Zaltzman, a Hasidic rabbi in a desert town, is shaken when his congregation is attacked. Police arrest a young white nationalist, but Mo doubts the boy's guilt. With no one else searching for answers, he steps into the role of detective. As bodies mount. Mo must master a gun and confront a terrifying choice: whether he can pull the trigger when lives are at stake, or whether his hesitation will cost everything. A virtual Q & A with film director, author, influencer Salvador Litvak will follow the film.

Monday, November 3 | 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

YSU Campus: Cushwa Hall B112

No charge to register. Donations welcome at the door. Register by October 31 at jccyoungstown.org/filmfest.



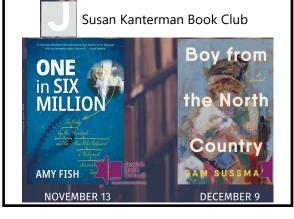
Sam Kooperman **Endowment Applications** for camp scholarships and study in Israel are being accepted.

The deadline to apply for camp scholarships is December 31st

For more information contact;

Courtney Lockshaw at 330.746.3250, etc. 152 or clockshaw@jewishyoungstown.org









FAMILY HANUKKAH DINNER

TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 16, 2025 6:00 pm

Bring your own family Menorah to light! Activities for the children



Hanukkah Music by Daniel Shapira

Featuring Origami Artist



Michael Roy



HomeMade Latkes

Family Hanukkah Dinner—December 16th, 6:00 PM

Name Please List Each Person Individually Please Print	Member & Out of Town Guest \$20	Assoc. & Non Members \$25	Child Age 6-11 \$10	Child Age 0-5 No Charge

Dietary Restrictions_

NO Seating Assigned

Please mail your check, with this form, made out to "Temple El Emeth", to 3970 Logan Way, Youngstown, Ohio 44505 to be received by

December 12th

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THE DEADLINE FOR THE **DECEMBER** BULLETIN IS NOVEMBER 17th

TEMPLE EL EMETH **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Thursday

Friday

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

9:00 AM-12 Noon

(Afternoons by Appointment)

Office CLOSED Thursday & Friday, November 28th & 29th



Happy Thanksgiving From Rabbi Sternstein

The Board of Directors Nancy, Elyse Maurita & Dominic



TEMPLE EL EMETH

November 2025 10 Cheshvan 5786—10 Kislev 5786

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
							1 10 Cheshvan Lech-Lecha Hybrid Shabbat 10:00 AM Havdalah 6:58 PM
2	11 Cheshvan	3 12 Cheshvan Virtual Minyan 5:45 PM	4 13 Cheshvan Hybrid Board Meeting 7:30 PM	5 14 Cheshvan	6 15 Cheshvan Virtual Minyan 5:45 PM	7 16 Cheshvan 4:52 PM Services at Levy Gardens 4:00 PM	8 17 Cheshvan Vayera Hybrid Shabbat 10:00 AM Havdalah 5:50 PM
9	18 Cheshvan	10 19 Cheshvan Virtual Minyan 5:45 PM	11 20 Cheshvan Torah Tuesday 11:00 AM	12 21 Cheshvan RSVPs Due for SIGD Luncheon	Virtual Minyan 5:45 PM	23 Cheshvan 4:46 PM Hybrid Services 5:45 pm	24 Cheshvan Chayei Sara Hybrid Shabbat 10:00 AM SIGD Luncheon Havdalah 5:43 PM
16	25 Cheshvan	Virtual Minyan 5:45 PM	18 27 Cheshvan	19 28 Cheshvan	20 29 Cheshvan Virtual Minyan 5:45 PM	21 1 Kislev 4:40 pm Rosh Chodesh Hybrid Services 5:45 PM	2 Kislev Toldot Hybrid Shabbat 10:00 AM Havdalah 5:38 PM
23	3 Kislev	Virtual Minyan 5:45 PM	25 5 Kislev	26 6 Kislev	27 7 Kislev 5:45 PM Give Thanks! OFFICE	28 8 Kislev 4:37 PM Hybrid Services 5:45 pm CLOSED	29 9 Kislev Vayetzei Hybrid Shabbat 10:00 AM Havdalah 5:35 PM
30	10 Kislev						