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Temple El Emeth Bulletin

November 2024

Tishri—Cheshvan 5785



From My Desk... The Aristocracy of the Jew

A friend of mine, who is a Sephardic Jew, once chided me that so many Ashkenazic Jews have forgotten what Sephardic Jews have always emphasized: The Jewish people are aristocrats.

While this may sound arrogant, my friend did not mean it that way, at all. Rather, he was paraphrasing what the Torah, itself, teaches us about our status as a people. Exodus, Chapter 19, tells us that G-d promises us that if we are faithful to Him, and obey the Torah, then we will become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

A few observations about this short, but powerful statement. First, becoming a kingdom of priests and a holy nation is NOT an automatic honor. We must live up to the laws and traditions that have come down to us from Sinai, and continue to practice them, and teach them to our children. In other words, we have to *earn* the right to call ourselves a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Now, the term “a holy nation” (“goy kadosh”) is more easily understood than “a kingdom of priests” (“mamlechet kohanim”). Becoming a holy nation seems like the natural outcome of fulfilling the commandments on a daily basis.

However, we tend to think of kohanim as those descending from the male line of Aaron, the first High Priest. Clearly, most Jews do not fall into that category. Therefore, the question arises, What does the Torah mean by charging all Jews to achieve the distinction of becoming a kingdom of priests?

While some Biblical commentators understand this honorific to be realizable only in Messianic times, others, like Rashi, translate the term Kohanim as “sarim”. Sarim means “noblemen” or “aristocrats”. With Rashi’s explanation, the term “Kohanim” no longer refers only to male descendants of Aaron, but rather to every Jew, male or female. All of us have the capacity to live as “aristocrats”, if we make the effort. If that is the case, then the Torah charges all of us with living up to this title in the here and now; every day of our lives.

What does living as an aristocrat mean? Perhaps, based upon Biblical and Rabbinic literature, living as a Jewish aristocrat can best be summed up in the phrase, “noblesse oblige”, which the Oxford dictionary defines as, “the inferred responsibility of privileged people to act with generosity and nobility toward those less privileged.” Jews are those privileged people. What is the privilege we have that no other people has? The privilege of becoming an “Am Segulah”- G-d’s treasured nation (Exodus 19:5). As the Am Segulah, we have the obligation to act with generosity and nobility towards other moral and just nations.

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Friday Evening & Saturday
Morning Services are HYBRID

Candle Lighting Times

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

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|---------------------|---------|
| Friday, November 1 | 5:59 pm |
| Friday, November 8 | 4:51 pm |
| Friday, November 15 | 4:44 pm |
| Friday, November 22 | 4:40 pm |
| Friday, November 29 | 4:36 pm |

Havdalah

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Saturday, November 2 | 6:56 pm |
| Saturday, November 9 | 5:48 pm |
| Saturday, November 16 | 5:42 pm |
| Saturday, November 23 | 5:38 pm |
| Saturday, November 30 | 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 5th—7:30 pm



Turn your
Clocks **BACK**
one hour
before you go
to bed on
Saturday, November 2nd!

FROM MY DESK, CONT'D...

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Once again, a word of caution. Becoming G-d's treasured nation does not mean that G-d loves Jews to the exclusion of all others. G-d created all of humanity in His image, and therefore every human being is G-d's child. What the Jewish people enjoy is a unique relationship with G-d that Bible students of all faiths understand and appreciate; and this relationship brings blessings and peace to those who endorse it, and destruction to those who attempt to thwart it. In brief, an enemy of the Jewish people is G-d's enemy. A friend to the Jewish people is a friend to G-d.

But, this unique relationship, as we have noted, is not automatic. The Jewish people cannot ignore the contractual basis of this relationship, of which the Torah is the document of record. Only when we maintain our side of the relationship will G-d maintain His side of the relationship (this idea is enunciated again and again by our greatest prophets).

This is what it means to become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. We can consider ourselves "spiritual aristocrats" only when we maintain the laws, teachings and ideals of our holy tradition. Anything less runs the risk of our losing that honor. And, if we truly believe that the Jewish people are spiritual aristocrats, then we have the obligation to implement the most beautiful of all aristocratic behaviors; that of noblesse oblige. And, when we do, G-d will continue to bless us, and all others who support that Divine plan.

Rabbi Seth Sternstein

Todah
Rabbah!



What a beautiful showing of giving!

Over 235 lbs. of goods were donated from Temple El Emeth Members to the Second Harvest Food Bank!

Thank you for your generosity!

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** and Torah reader, **Dr. Warren Rogers**

To our High Holiday Usher, **Harry Silverman and Gabbis, Paula Ferguson, Aaron Duval, Gerry Peskin and Harry Silverman**

To **Paula Ferguson**, for handling sound and livestreaming during the High Holidays and for blowing of the Shofar

To **Jeannie Peskin**, for helping with Selichot refreshments and Sukkah decorating Lunch

To **Jonathan Silverman** for providing security at our Tashlich ceremony in Girard

To those members who transported **Cantor Kowitz** to and from the airports:

Gregory Alper, Susan and Aron Blecher, Sherri and Gary Clayman

To those who provided home hospitality or lunches and dinners for the Cantor

Rochelle and Sam Miller, Sherri and Gary Clayman, Paula Ferguson

To **Megan and Jeff Vickers** for helping to hang decorations in our new Sukkah and donating new fall garlands to decorate the sukkah.

To **Beth and Diane Finesilver** for donating apples for Simchat Torah

To **Alan Mirkin** for donating Hershey bars for Simchat Torah

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

Todah Rabbah, thank you, everyone!!

IN THE SYNAGOGUE

TORAH TUESDAYS

Upcoming Dates

NOVEMBER 19th

December 3rd

December 17th

December 31st

*Sessions will run from 10:30 am until noon
Reservations are appreciated!*



"PROJECT PRAY" with RABBI STERNSTEIN

Wednesday, November 6th

7:00—8:00 PM

Wednesday, November 13th

7:00—8:00 PM



- survey of basic Jewish Prayer
- Examine powerful ideas that have captivated Jewish people for millennia
- Learn the role of meditation in Jewish prayer
- Begin mastering basic prayers through song. MP3 recordings will be available to help you remember what you have learned
- Goal: To give participants the tools to unlock the Siddur, and enjoy its treasures

Reservations to the office are appreciated by not necessary

Upcoming Events:

- ◇ Women's Group Rosh Chodesh, with Marsha Sternstein, Friday, December 6th, 1:00 pm
- ◇ Hanukkah Happening—December 10th
- ◇ Sisterhood Hanukkah Luncheon—Date to be Announced
- ◇ Hanukkah Begins on Wednesday, December 25th—watch for details.

FIESTA



Temple El Emeth Fiesta

RETURN YOUR TICKET STUBS
AND CHECK TO THE TEMPLE
OFFICE NO LATER THAN

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

DRAWING IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

Winners will be notified.

- Q. Especially in times like this, why should you buy a Fiesta raffle ticket?
- A1. Because you value the vital spiritual, religious and educational mission of our beloved synagogue.
- A2. Because you love enjoying the social activities which we provide
- A3. Because you want to maintain a vibrant Jewish presence in Youngstown
- A4. Because we know we can count on you!

Thank you in advance for supporting this fun(d)raiser!

Please purchase your raffle tickets today! The drawing is December 3rd

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 1st

9:30 am—12:30 pm

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

PROGRAMMING

Lisa and Randy Mirman

cordially invite the Congregation to the naming of their Granddaughter

Ivey Rose Seder

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Shabbat Services begin at 10 am with Luncheon immediately following

SISTERHOOD

TORAH FUND
WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Let us reflect upon our recent holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We had a beautiful service given by our Rabbi and Cantor. It was both moving and inspirational. In honor of our learned rabbi and cantor and the service they performed for us, please consider giving to the Torah Fund. The Torah Fund upholds our tradition of excellent Judaic studies and our services certainly reflect this honored tradition.

Sincerely yours,
Louise Kline
Torah Fund Chairman

Thank you to the Sisterhood for again baking cookies and brownies for Sukkot.

Lenore Ackerman
Sherri Clayman
Margaret Klein

Lisa Mirman
Jill Rogers
Elayne Rusnak



NEWS AND NOTES

MAZAL TOV

to those celebrating a Birthday in November

| | | | |
|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 2 | Adeline Bocker | 18 | Brad Bocker |
| | Dorothy Schwebel | 20 | Melvin Moss |
| 3 | Peter Grinstein | 23 | Sharyn Dunlap |
| 5 | Isaac Torem | | Shayna Wilschek |
| 7 | Michael Malkin | 24 | Suzyn Schwebel |
| | Harvey Mirkin | | Epstein |
| 8 | Gerry Peskin | | Sheldon Persky |
| 10 | Terri Kaback | 26 | Diane Hetson |
| 14 | Alan Weiss | | |

MAZAL TOV

to those celebrating an Anniversary in November

- 1 Marc & Janine Silverman — 43rd
- 10 Jeff & Doreen Spiegle — 39th
- 23 Arnold & Bettina Clebone — 52nd

Thank you for your patience as we get our new webpage up and running!
As with anything new, there is a learning curve but it is looking pretty good!
Remember! To view Member only pages, the
password is:

TEEMembers2024!(password is case sensitive and must include the exclamation point)

JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

SAM KOOPERMAN ENDOWMENT



Applications for camp scholarships and study in Israel are being accepted.

The deadline to apply for camp scholarships is December 31.

The deadlines to apply for study in Israel scholarships are December 31 and June 30.



YOUNGSTOWN AREA
JEWISH FEDERATION

For more information contact Lisa Long
at 330.746.3250 ext. 175 or
llong@Jewishyoungstown.org.

Click below for Application:

<https://www.yajfoundation.org/endowmentapps>

Veterans Breakfast Club

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

November 15 | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
JCC Multi-Purpose Room
\$10 suggested donation. RSVPs are
requested at jccyoungstown.org.



Older Adults Fraud Safety Night (Ages 60+)

Join Prosecutor Gina DeGenova for a night on fraud safety. Other community agencies will be present to provide information about their services as well. Dinner will be provided. Registration required.

Tuesday, November 19

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Presentation starts at 5:30 p.m.

JCC Multi-Purpose Room

Register by November 12 at jccyoungstown.org.

High Holidays

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Y AHRZEITS

November 1—November 8 30 Tishri—7 Cheshvan

Jules Aron
Shirley Berk*
Miryam Boone
Max Brenner
Hyman Clayman*
Alexander Dumas*
Slova Chveidan Dunn*
Dorothy Feuer
Naomi Fine
Miriam Frankle*
Berkeley W. Froomkin*
Emmy Gross*
Aaron Grossman*
Ricka Hodesson*
Ann Kaufman*
Adolf Kornspan*
Henry Kozokoff*
Ruth H. Landau*
Nellie Levy*
Jere D. Lustig*
Albert Bela Mandel*
Helen Mandel*
Ronald Lee Mandel*
Rosemary Pazol Mundell*
Robert Neimark*
Bernard N. Nius*
Oby S. Oblonsky*
David Ostash*
Anna Ozersky*
Rachel Podolny*
Ann G. Schmerin*
Jerome Schmerin*
Dez Moshe Schonberger
Neil David Schor*
Max Shwartz*
Joseph Siegel*
Irene Silver*
Joseph Mordechai Silver*
Sam Small*
Beatrice Louise Snyder*
Joseph Ungar*
Roselle Weinberg*
Avrum Hyman Wine*
Solomon Louis Wine*
Debra Wiss
Louis Zoss*

November 9—November 15 8 Cheshvan—14 Cheshvan

Sophie Abramovitz*
Margaret Appel
Harry Bober*
Dora Bunshaft*
B. Richard Burdman*
Stella Fein*
Dena Aron Fine*
Margaret Finesilver*
Max Fox*
Esther Friedman*
Zev Wolf Froomkin*
Herman Gelbman*
Rose Goldstone
Milton E. Greenberg*
Roberta Grinstein*
Katie Gross*
Jacob Kalver*
Joseph Kamen*
Marcus Knox*
Joseph Kohan*
Morris S. Lerner*
Sam Levy
Samuel Levy*
Aaron Lichtenstein*
Abraham D. Lockshin*
Isidore Lustig*
Sam Malkin*
Gertrude Mazer*
Pauline Meister*
Laura Miller*
Abraham Pear*
William Peskin
Jacob Rosen*
Dinah Scheer*
Sam Scher*
Samuel Schwebel*
Abraham S. Spector*
Ruth Stoyak
Benjamin L. Warner*
Pearl Yarov*
Isadore Zobel*

November 16—November 22 15 Cheshvan—21 Cheshvan

Julius Aron*
Hattie Berman*
Alice Zelda Bloch*
Morris Bonow
Max Brown*
Florence Bunshaft*
Louis Chevlen*
Tillie Dimont*
Sadie Farber*
Louis Goodman*

Fannie Gross*
Ella Harr*
Leo Isenberg*
Morris Isenberg*
George Jacobs*
Martin Kalus*
Esther Leah Knox*
Laura Krause*
Molly Linder*
Lori Mirkin*
Sarah Monus*
Nathan Ozersky*
Harold Perlman*
Eunice Pittler*
Abram Post*
Bettie Randell*
Lillian Roth*
Leonard Schwartz*
Harold H. Soule*
Esther Strutin*
Joseph Sweedler
Avraham Vegh
Edward S. Zatell*

November 23—November 30 22 Cheshvan—29 Cheshvan

Belle Agrest*
Israel Axelrod*
Nathan Berman*
Murray Blecher
Nettie E. Bloom*
Dina Bradlyn*
Eliezer Bunshaft*
Abe Chazanoff*
Albert Cohen*
Rebecca Cohn*
Bernard Davidow*
Max Eisenstot*
Bath Sheba Elkin*
Stanley Engel*
Herman Feuer*
Alvin Finesilver*
Leon Fox*
Olga Fox*
David S. Goldberg*
Sarah Schermer Greenfeld*
Bessie Blau Hoffman*
Rose Kaback
Abraham Katz*
Helen Kline*
Fanny Kretzer*

* denotes
those who
have
Memorial
Plaques

Yahrzeits

November 23—November 30
22 Cheshvan—29 Cheshvan

Hena Kurant*
Joseph Leventhal*
Charles Levy
Rabbi Theodore Levy
Leah R. Livingston*
Ted H. Marlin*
Feiga Bas Meyer Michlin*
Donald I. Miller*
Allen Mirkin*
Pauline Rae Nelson*
Matilda Panner*
Anne K. Pazol*

November 23—November 30
22 Cheshvan—29 Cheshvan

Seymour Podolny*
Lillian Polonsky*
Harry Prizant*
Arnold Rosen*
Ella Rosky*
Esther Rusnak
Elaine Schermer*
David Z. Schonberger*
Helen Schwartz*
Jenny Simon*
Flora Weily Small*
Harvey Sniderman*

November 23—November 30
22 Cheshvan—29 Cheshvan

M. Henry Speck*
Isadore Tamarkin*
Samuel Weinberg*
Arnold I. Wexler*
Minnie Wisman*
Max Zoldan*

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who have
Memorial
Plaques**

DONATIONS

Yahrzeits

In Loving Memory Of:

Shirley Berk

By Ronald & Nancy Berk & Family

Morris Bonow

By The Finesilver Family

Alvin Finesilver

By His Children & Granddaughter

Tamara Carnick

By Terri & Neil Kaback

William B. Clayman

Minnie Fish

By Sherri & Gary Clayman

Albert Cohen

By Manning & Brenda Cohen

Milton E. Greenberg

By Debra & Reid Dulberger

Emmy Gross

By Bernard Gross

Fannie Gross

By Joel & Marsha Moranz

George Jacobs

By George Jacobs Family

Yahrzeits

In Loving Memory Of:

Rose Kaback

By Terri & Neil Kaback

Gertrude Levy

By Brad & Judy Levy

Pearl Lukin

By Dr. & Mrs. Sanford R. Weiss

Ludwig Mandel

By Lisa Stein & Family

Margaret Meader

By Stan Meader

Laura Miller

Avraham Vegh

By Rochelle & Sam Miller

Arnold Rosen

By Terry & Roger Karp & Family

Pearl Yarov

By Michael & Bobbie Berkowitz



TEMPLE FUND

In Memory Of

Arthur Friedman

By Richard & Myra Stone

Art Cheloff

By Gary & Ellen Weiss

TEMPLE FUND

In Honor of

Harry & Elyse Silverman on the birth of their grandson, **Frank**.

Randy & Lisa Mirman on the birth of their grand daughter, **Ivey Rose**

By Howard & Linda Sniderman

Gerry & Jeannie Peskin

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Appreciation

Mary Lou Finesilver Unveiling

By The Finesilver Family

In Appreciation

By Sherri & Gary Clayman



TEMPLE EL EMETH

November 2024

30 Tishri—29 Cheshvan 5785

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <div> <p>Temple Website:</p> <p>www.templeelemeth.org</p> <p>Visit often for service updates, cancellations, and pictures</p> </div> | | | | <div> <p>November 2nd Rosh Chodesh— Cheshvan</p> </div> | <p>1 30 Tishri</p> <p> 5:59 pm</p> <p>Liberty Community Food Pantry Distribution 9:30 AM—12:30 PM</p> <p>Women's Rosh Chodesh Group 1:00 PM</p> <p><i>Hybrid Evening Services</i> 5:45 PM</p> | <p>2 1 Cheshvan</p> <p> Noach</p> <p><i>Hybrid Shabbat</i> 10:00 AM</p> <p>Kiddush Luncheon in honor Mirman Baby Naming Following Shabbat Services</p> <p>Havdalah 6:56 PM</p> |
| <p>3 2 Cheshvan</p> | <p>4 3 Cheshvan</p> <p><i>Virtual Minyan</i> 5:45 PM</p> | <p>5 4 Cheshvan</p> <p><i>Hybrid Board of Directors Meeting</i> 7:30 PM</p> | <p>6 5 Cheshvan</p> <p>Project Pray 7:00 PM</p> | <p>7 6 Cheshvan</p> <p><i>Virtual Minyan</i> 5:45 PM</p> | <p>8 7 Cheshvan</p> <p> 4:51 pm</p> <p><i>Hybrid Evening Services</i> 5:45 PM</p> | <p>9 8 Cheshvan</p> <p> Lech-Lecha</p> <p><i>Hybrid Shabbat</i> 10:00 AM</p> <p>Havdalah 5:48 pm</p> |
| <p>10 9 Cheshvan</p> | <p>11 10 Cheshvan</p> <p><i>Virtual Minyan</i> 5:45 PM</p> | <p>12 11 Cheshvan</p> | <p>13 12 Cheshvan</p> <p>Project Pray 7:00 PM</p> | <p>14 13 Cheshvan</p> <p><i>Virtual Minyan</i> 5:45 PM</p> | <p>15 14 Cheshvan</p> <p> 4:44pm</p> <p><i>Hybrid Evening Services</i> 5:45 PM</p> | <p>16 15 Cheshvan</p> <p> Vayera</p> <p><i>Hybrid Shabbat</i> 10:00 AM</p> <p>Havdalah 5:42 pm</p> |
| <p>17 16 Cheshvan</p> | <p>18 17 Cheshvan</p> <p><i>Virtual Minyan</i> 5:45 PM</p> | <p>19 18 Cheshvan</p> <p>Torah Tuesday 10:30 AM</p> | <p>20 19 Cheshvan</p> | <p>21 20 Cheshvan</p> <p><i>Virtual Minyan</i> 5:45 PM</p> | <p>22 21 Cheshvan</p> <p> 4:40 pm</p> <p><i>Hybrid Evening Services</i> 5:45 PM</p> | <p>23 22 Cheshvan</p> <p> Chayei Sara</p> <p><i>Hybrid Shabbat</i> 10:00 AM</p> <p>Havdalah 5:38 pm</p> |
| <p>24 23 Cheshvan</p> | <p>25 24 Cheshvan</p> <p><i>Virtual Minyan</i> 5:45 PM</p> | <p>26 25 Cheshvan</p> | <p>27 26 Cheshvan</p> | <p>28 27 Cheshvan</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>29 28 Cheshvan</p> <p> 4:36 pm</p> | <p>30 29 Cheshvan</p> <p> Toldot</p> <p>Havdalah 5:38 pm</p> |

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leaving town!

Please email or call
the office with the
dates you are going to
be out of town. This
way, we can be sure
to update your mailing
address to avoid you
missing notices.

It also helps the Temple avoid extra postage
for returned mail.



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Monday—Thursday

9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Friday

9:00 AM—12 Noon

(Afternoons by Appointment)

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

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



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Although we have more
than one person proofread the
Bulletin before we print it, we
make no claims to total
accuracy. If you should
happen to find a mistake, you
are welcome to call Nancy in
the office so that corrections
can be made, when possible.

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IS NOVEMBER 15th**