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L'Chaim --- *From President Laura Schrager*

The dictionary defines liminal as "occupying a position at, or on both sides of, a boundary or threshold." I am writing this in the liminal days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Ten Days of Repentance. As our tradition holds, these are the days when God is close, and the gates of heaven are open.

As you read this, we have passed the threshold and the Day of Judgment. The High Holidays are behind us and we are soon launching into the joyous celebration of Sukkot. I hope you all had a meaningful and sweet High Holidays.

On Rosh Hashanah Day, Nomy Lamm sang the following words to the melody of Avinu Malkeinu.

Slow down, child, slow down,
slow down and listen to the wind,
all comes together, all falls apart
forming anew your beating heart.

Slow down, child, slow down,
slow down and draw yourself near,
the rocks are your keepers, tell them your stories,
now it is safe to be here.

A river flows
from within you to where you will go,
the current carries you home,
let your life unfold.

Slow down child slow down
slow down and you will receive
life wants to meet you where you are
not where you think you should be.

--Words by Cedar Ranney-Shapiro

On Rosh Hashanah day, Nomy sang those words sitting with her mother, Gidon and her partner Lisa in our sanctuary. As I write this today, I have just learned of Malinda's passing very early this morning. May Malinda's memory be for a blessing always.

Emanuel Ben-David, Visiting Scholar Presenting On War and Peace

Sunday, November 5, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Temple Beth Hatfiloh is honored to welcome Emanuel Ben-David as our Visiting Scholar on Sunday, November 5th. A native Israeli, Emanuel has unique insights to share with us. He will speak in the morning during Beit Sefer and at its conclusion. Please join us for one or, if you can, both presentations. We hope to offer a catered lunch, with details to be arranged. You are of course welcome to bring a brown bag.



In the morning presentation at 10:30 am, Emanuel will walk us through events and situations that rocked Israel, leading to the 1967 Six Day War. That war has ramifications that continue to affect the possibilities for peace to this day. This year marks the war's 50th anniversary.

In the afternoon presentation at 1:00 pm, Emanuel will describe his personal experience working for decades for Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, one of the three major defense contractors in Israel. Among the technologies and products he worked on were the Iron Dome and David's Sling, two of the three layers of Israel's missile defense architecture. Emanuel will also give an example of how defense technology has been transposed to the medical arena, providing life-saving breakthroughs.



Tashlikh at Percival Landing

TOT SHABBAT!

Starting October 7, all kids ages 0-6 and their grown ups and families are invited to celebrate Shabbat together with song, story, movement, prayer and craft!



**First Saturday of the Month
9:00 am to 10:00 am
in the TBH Sanctuary**

OCTOBER EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

*Erev Services on
October 6, 13 and 27 are at 6:00 pm.*

*Erev Service on
October 27 is at 7:30 pm.*

October 6	6:00 pm	Shabbat Service <i>Sukkot Tisch and potluck dinner</i>
October 13	6:00 pm	Shabbat Service
October 20	6:00 pm	Family Shabbat Service <i>Potluck dinner following</i>
October 27	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service <i>No oneg following</i>

OCTOBER SHABBAT DAY ACTIVITIES

JEWISH WITH MEANING

1st Saturday, October 7, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

We gather for food, ritual, experience, and discussion as we connect with our tradition on a deep level. All are welcome to join us.

TORAH STUDY

2nd Saturday, October 14, 10:00 am

Prayer and study are equally holy activities; and we will do both. We'll share a snack and study the Torah together. All are invited. No experience is necessary!

MUSSAR

3rd Saturday, October 21, 9:30 am

Mussar is the Jewish school of thought which seeks to root personal character development and right behavior in Jewish tradition and text. We meet monthly to share food and learn more about this tradition and how it may benefit our lives.

TALMUD STUDY

4th Saturday, October 28, 9:30 am

The Talmud is a compendium of law and lore that is the basis on which biblical interpretation and contemporary Jewish practice rest. Rabbi Seth will lead us as we dive deep into this complex and fascinating text.

WAYS TO SUPPORT TBH!

Here are a few old and news ways to contribute to TBH.

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THRIFTWAY

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NEW! WA State employees Can donate to TBH through the WA Combined Fund Drive!

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To make donations, contact the CDF at
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The Washington State Combined Fund Drive (CFD) is the payroll contribution program for state and higher education employees and retirees. This program allows employees to make donations via check, credit card and payroll deduction to their favorite charities.

OCTOBER EVENTS

WEEKLY EVENT:

Make Your Voice Heard Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

This political advocacy group is focused on current issue advocacy and communicating with lawmakers. Open to members and friends of the Jewish community.

Mitzvah Morning Sunday, October 1, 9:30 am

On the Sunday following Yom Kippur, we continue our High Holiday spirit by joining in a morning of community service work. Projects include farming at GRuB, making of "stone soup", organizing High Holiday Food Drive goods and trail cleanup at Priest Point Park. Meet at TBH at 9:30 am. Projects run from 10 am to noon. When you are done, come back to TBH for lunch and sukkah decorating. Bring sukkah decorations from home, hang something you find here or make a new decoration!

Senior Schmooze Tuesday, October 3, 12:00 pm

Bring your brown bag lunch and jokes! Dessert will be provided by Rabbi Seth. Elie Halpern will share information about Emigration and the Evian Conference of 1937.

Death & Dying Workshop Planning Session

Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 pm

We look forward to hearing your ideas about further topics, discussions and venues regarding end of life are desired over the next year in collaboration with the local Chevra Kadisha and Temple Beth Hatfiloh communities. We will also provide information about an innovative national project we are involved with this year: The Kavod Conversation. If you have any questions, please contact Hilarie Hauptman at (360) 464-7984 or hilariehauptman@gmail.com.

Sukkot Tisch

Friday, October 6, 6:00 pm



Join us as we celebrate Sukkot and Shabbat with the annual Sukkot Tisch! We will come together in the TBH sukkah for singing, storytelling, study, and sharing food and drink (including the rabbi's famous etrog liquor) around a big table ("tisch" is table in Yiddish). Please bring some dairy/vegetarian food or drink to share.

Tot Shabbat Returns! Saturday, October 7, 9:00 am

Join us the first Saturday of every month. *See details on page two!*

FORKids Food Packing Tuesday, October 10, 3:30 pm

Thurston County Food Bank
2260 Mottman Road SW, Tumwater

Join us on the second Tuesday of October as we again fill bags at the Tumwater branch of the Thurston County Food Bank. The FORKids program provides a weekend bag of food to over 2,000 elementary and middle school children in Tumwater, Lacey and Olympia. For information please contact Elie Halpern at (360) 357-8160 or ehalpern7379@gmail.com.

Creating Sanctuary Tuesday, October 10, 6:00 pm

Come to meet with representatives of other faith communities as we work together to create safe spaces for our immigrant neighbors.

Simchat Torah

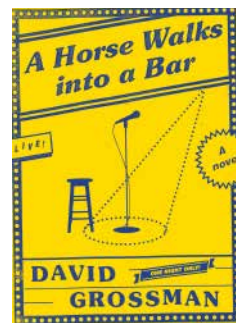
Thursday, October 12, 6:00 pm



Simchat Torah is the celebration when we mark the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle. We end the reading and begin again! It's a time for dancing and singing, and we will unroll the entire scroll. (An amazing sight if you have never seen it.) We also use this opportunity to honor our new Beit Sefer students, and all of our kids who will celebrate their bar or bat mitzvah in the coming year.

Book Club A Horse Walks into a Bar by David Grossman Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 pm

This searing short novel by David Grossman is about the life of a stand-up comic as revealed in the performance of one evening.



Some of his darkest moments and traumatic memories from childhood are divulged. [Download the full book club schedule here \(PDF\).](#)

Advancing in Hebrew Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 pm

This seminar-type gathering will work on advancing Hebrew knowledge, including grammar and roots. Held on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

NOVEMBER EVENTS PREVIEW



On War and Peace

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Senior Schmooze

Tuesday, November 7 at 12:00 pm

Jews on Wheels

Sunday, November 5 at 5:00 pm

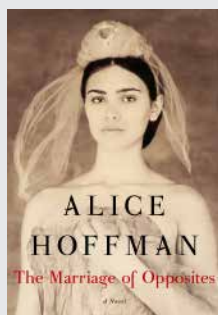


Join TBH at Skateland! The cost is \$8 per person and includes skate rental and snacks/drinks.

Book Club

Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm

The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman is a forbidden love story set on the tropical island of St. Thomas about the extraordinary woman who gave birth to the Jewish painter Camille Pissarro, a Father of Impressionism.



FORKids UPDATE

Kudos to **Alex Zudinski, Bernie Friedman, Stacy Hirsch, Selah Hirsch, Laura Hurtado-Webb and Beth Dubey**, who each donated 1½ hours at the Tumwater Food Bank filling bags for the 4Kids program on the second Tuesday of September. We hope to have a bigger group so that we can fill more bags, October 10, at 3:30 p.m. at the Tumwater Food Bank. Bring your family members and friends. We look forward to seeing you there. We expect to have more schools and more kids to deliver weekly bags of food to for the weekends this year. Thanks for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 357-8160 or e-mail me at ehalpern7379@gmail.com. For sure I will be coming myself on the 10th as I have been MIA the last three times.

Elie Halpern

Thank You, Volunteers!

High Holiday Cleaning: **Beth Halpern, Jeanne Conner, Elza Dear, Sue Goldstein, Michael Krasnokutsky, Ho-Duong Nguyen, Spencer Orman, Marnie Frisch, Marielle Orman, Bill and Jill Dole, Leslie Goldstein, Howard Goldstein, Sara Eve Sarlicker, Marina Foster and Gail Pollack**

Grounds Keeping: **Rob Carmel, James Dolliver, Kay McKenzie, Spencer Orman, Bernie Friedman, Raven Lidman and Charles Shelan**

Friday Night Oneg Host: **Gail Pollock**



FROM CATHERINE CARMEL: FAMILY LIFE AND LEARNING DIRECTOR



L'Shanah tovah! Here we are at the beginning of another school year and the beginning of 5778. We had a discussion in the Rosh Hashanah youth activities about why we were celebrating the 5778th birthday of the world when we all knew the world was much older

and we decided it was because that was how long Jews had been counting. We likened it to celebrating the birthday of an older friend or family member. It wasn't so much about the actual birthday years as the number of years we have celebrated together. I love the timeless wisdom that comes from our kids.

This year we add a new teacher to our midst. Our oldest group of students has been so large that we've decided to split them into two groups, Alim and our B'nai Mitzvah group. Rabbi Seth is working weekly with our upcoming b'nai mitzvah candidates and we hired a new teacher to take on the Alim group. Our new teacher is **Elisheva Miller**, who is attending Evergreen. I'll let Elisheva introduce herself and we'll follow with the introductions of our returning teachers. It's going to be a great year!

Catherine

Shalom Parents, my name is **Elisheva**, and I'm excited to be joining Beit Sefer as the Alim teacher this school year! I'm a senior at Evergreen, where I'm studying Biblical Anthropology. I moved to Olympia in January from Spokane, and I have been involved with the Jewish community in Spokane for my entire life. For several years, I was a B'nai Mitzvah tutor at Temple Beth Shalom. I'm glad to now be a part of Olympia's Jewish community, and I'm looking forward to the coming school year with Beit Sefer!

My name is **Rochelle Rinn**. While I am a teacher in my "other" life, I am thrilled to be starting my 20th year of teaching at TBH. I like being involved in our children's learning about their traditions and culture and watching them bloom into the future adults in our local Jewish community. I'm happy about working with Anafim in 5778! This year we will be focused on the relationship between *Am Yisrael* and *Eretz Yisrael*. They also learn that *keva* and *kavanah* combine to help us make sacred connections.

My name is **Ariel Adereth**, and I am thrilled to remain part of the TBH community! I am teaching Geza'im again this year. To those of you who do not know me, I was born in Tel Aviv and moved to New York City with my family at age four. I grew up involved with Judaism and Jewish culture through my parents and the amazingly welcoming Jewish communities in Brooklyn. I always felt a personal connection to Judaism, and my hope as a teacher is to spark the same interest and excitement for Judaism in your children!

Shalom! My name is **Marlee O'Neill**, and I am excited to be teaching Shorashim for my fourth year at TBH. I enjoy both sharing my Jewish knowledge and enhancing my Jewish knowledge through teaching Beit Sefer. At the end of every year, I always wonder if the kids learned as much as I did. I have two children, a fourth grader and a second grader, who also attend Beit Sefer. During the week, you can find me at the Department of Health.

Shalom from **Rabbi Seth**! I am excited this year to teach a new class, solely to B'nai Mitzvah students, to prepare them for what makes it a meaningful event in their lives and their futures within the Jewish community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Deep thanks to Hal Marcus z"l for his generous bequest to Temple Beth Hatfiloh.

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Adult Library

Sonja Dordal

OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

1 Morris Kamenetzky	16 Jane Pate Eastham
1 Arthur Goldberg	18 Donald Adam
2 Lena Berebitsky	18 David Cohn
2 David Robinson	21 Harry Ebner
3 Roland Barnes	22 Milton Bean
4 Nuce Nathan	22 Leo Cotler
7 Bob Robinson	25 Arthur Sigmund Farber
9 Ben Goldstein	25 Benjamin Robinson
9 Adolph Goldstein	26 George Koppelman
10 Ivens Siegel	26 Dolores Franco Hurtado
10 Hannah Rubenstein	26 Jess Spielholz
12 Jack Friedman	26 Doreen Miley Holder
13 Faina Kogan	28 Charles Griffin
13 Nathan Levy	28 Eva Robinson
14 Allison Tao Divyer	29 Leonard Snyder
15 Bruce Godwin	30 Aleksandra Kompaniez
15 Elsie Sahanow	30 Al Hodes
16 Thomas Stevenson	30 Todd Brabant
16 Art Goldberg	31 Richard Shecter
16 Samuel Soule	

*These names will be read from the bimah at Shabbat services before and after the yahrzeit. **Bold type** denotes those inscribed on a plaque on our Memorial Wall. **Please send any corrections and additions to the Yahrzeit listings to tbh@bethhatfiloh.org!***

Happy Birthday Yom Huledet Sameach

1 Mark Peckler	12 Susan Alexander
3 Barnett Kalikow	15 Paul Parker
5 Keikos Paros	17 Laura Chartoff
5 Michael Paros	18 Thomas Husmann
6 Oscar Soule	21 Mike Mondress
6 James Stevenson	23 Fred Goldberg
6 Lynn Urstadt	23 Tim Lipski
8 Lisa Hoffman	25 Bernie Friedman
10 Joan Aronovitch	27 Rick Hahn
10 Mary Stevenson	29 Barbara Soule

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