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## Old, New and Holy

A year ago at this time, I was fixated on the words of one of my favorite poetsingers, Joni Mitchell. The seasons were going 'round and 'round again, the carousel of time was showing me what the autumn months in the life of a rabbi look like, and I was trying to take in all of the new while acknowledging and remembering the old. I must have listened to Joni Mitchell's "Circle Game" for two weeks straight, regardless of how many times I had already heard it throughout my life. There was meaning in the musical notes, life lessons in the lyrics; Joni Mitchell was who I needed to hear each day as I drove to and from work and around the city, as I sat in my home relaxing, as I took my dog out for his walks each day - Joni Mitchell everywhere.

Flash forward to this end-of-summer. when I feel more at home in New Orleans than ever before. Yes, the heat and humidity are still oppressive (does that ever go away?), but I feel settled in a way - at home in my surroundings, more confident in my daily tasks, more sure of where to go and what to do and how to love what I encounter. The scary new-ness of last year has dissipated, and a fond remembrance of this season has entered my heart; I'm ready for a new year of religious school, another round of High Holy Days, a full year of Shabbat services and simchas and teaching classes and speaking with people who stop in to my office.

So with that in mind, it might be most appropriate to have a new song (or, at least, new to my ears) as my theme music for this autumn season. Something jazz-y, with all those different instruments doing their own



Rabbi Todd Silverman

thing while listening to each other and working to balance each other out. Isn't that what starting a new year is all about: finding harmony in all the elements?

But alas, my sound track this season is NOT something new. It's not even something in the realm of jazz. Instead, it's a cover version of a song so many of us know: "Sound of Silence", performed by a band called Disturbed, most notably in a live performance on Conan O'Brien's late-night talk show.

In a nutshell, Disturbed is a hardcore metal group that I don't exactly despise, but don't really love either. Their music is usually pretty unintelligible, at least to my ears. And a show like Conan is not where you would typically hear music like theirs in the first place. But there they were: on a show they typically wouldn't appear on, performing a song they typically wouldn't be associated with, listened to by a rabbi who typically would avoid their type of music altogether.

And I'm hooked.

Now, I've heard "Sound of Silence" a million times; it's what happens when your mom only plays the Oldies

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# High Holy Days 2016 5777

## HIGH HOLY DAYS AND FESTIVALS - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### **Selichot**

September 24

8:00pm Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, October 2

8:00pm Evening Service, Main Sanctuary

#### Rosh Hashanah

Monday, October 3

9:00am Young Family Service, Forgotston Chapel9:00am Tot Service, Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion

10:00am Morning Service, Main Sanctuary

12:30pm Congregational Rosh Hashanah Luncheon

3:00pm Tashlich, City Park at the Boat Dock

#### Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, October 7

6:00pm Shabbat Service, Forgotston Chapel

7:15pm Shabbat Dinner

#### Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 12

9:00am Young Family Service, Forgotston Chapel9:00am Tot Service, Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion

10:00am Morning Service, Main Sanctuary

12:30pm Music & Meditation Service,

Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion

2:00pm Afternoon Study, Forgotston Chapel 3:15pm Afternoon Service/Torah Reading,

Main Sanctuary

4:15pm Yizkor/Memorial Service, Main Sanctuary 5:00pm Neilah-Concluding Service, Main Sanctuary

#### Break-the-Fast

Enjoy a light break-fast following the Neilah Concluding Service in the Bowsky Garden.

#### Sukkot

October 17 - 23

See page 8 for a listing of all our Sukkot celebrations



**Parking Information** - We are grateful to our friends at the Academy of The Sacred Heart who have graciously offered us the use of their parking lot located on Carondelet St. between General Pershing and Milan. Unfortunately, during the day-time services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur school will be in session so the available spots will be limited. Please use the available spaces furthest from the school. Please respect our neighbors and do not park in a driveway, and observe any posted signs you find in the lot.

## President's Remarks from the Annual Meeting

Some questions I am frequently asked: Are you enjoying it? Is it difficult? Do you spend a lot of time at temple? Would you have said yes if you knew then what you know now?

Easy answers: Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes!

My first year as president of Touro Synagogue has been nothing less than pure enjoyment for me. From the beginning it was a little bit rocky – what with an annual meeting full of excitement (some would say fireworks), a new granddaughter born five days later and then my own health issues five days after that. Some might say it was a baptism by fire! However, I felt if I could conquer those things, everything else would be a piece of cake.

The difficult part comes with making sure that this 188-year-old institution is current with the times, while giving something to each congregant which makes them proud to belong to Touro. Unfortunately, often times a cost/benefit has to be weighed and all decisions are not popular among every member. However, you should know that every choice or change that is made is done with only the best of intentions. Something done for the "greater good" (no pun intended).

Spending physical time at the temple whether at meetings, Shabbat Services or just stopping by to check in, is what has really connected me to this place. Our clergy and staff are always willing to assist with whatever the request might be. Deliberation and compromise are two critical aspects of the relationship we all have formed. And the "we" is certainly more than me. The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees have been totally involved in all of the accomplishments which were attained this year. Also, many fellow congregants, who are not board members, have participated on committees and volunteered for a myriad of projects.

Please indulge me for a moment in hitting some of the highlights of our Touro year.

We began last summer with renovations for fire and life-safety issues in our religious school building on the first and second floors.

In July, we welcomed our new Rabbinic Director of Life Long Learning, Rabbi Todd Silverman. What a lucky day that was for us! Rabbi Silverman has energized and challenged us and we are thankful he is now a part of the Touro community.

After a successful Board Retreat in August, nearly every single board member volunteered to participate on a standing committee or task force. They each took their leadership role seriously and gave back more than I could have imagined.

One of our greatest accomplishments was renewing Rabbi Berk's contract. The new terms are for her to remain at Touro for another six years. Rabbi's devotion to this place, even when experiencing her own difficult times, is unparalleled. I said if nothing else happened this year, the signing of that contract was enough for us!

How fortunate we are to have had rabbis who have had long tenures at Touro. Rabbi David Goldstein, along with others who came before, are beloved and appreciated for their contributions as well.

We have done well financially too. Our second year of Voluntary Annual Support met budget expectations. There is always room for growth, but what is important is that we now have a system where every member can feel good about their monetary commitment.

We have become current with our financial reviews through June 2015. No small task, but BOOM, DONE because of the acumen and persistence of our diligent treasurer, Jill Israel.

Our annual fundraiser, this year a Celebrity Waiter event, surpassed its goal as did the 25th anniversary of Jazz Fest Shabbat. Under Cantor Mintz's capable hands (and voice!) not only was the evening a spiritual sensation, but with the addition of



Susan Good

our "Community Partners" we were able to capture more revenue for the synagogue. Our music director, Terry Maddox, along with the choir, added greatly to the success.

Also providing us with a significant stream of revenue has been the leasing of space to charter schools the last four years. I am pleased to report that the board approved the rental to Cypress Academy for an additional school year (2016-17). It is a great feeling and mitzvah to have our empty classrooms used during the week while providing New Orleans families with another exceptional option for elementary education. This is a beneficial situation for all.

With Teri Hunter, Executive Vice President, again spearheading social action, more and different opportunities were afforded our membership for participation. You will hear more from Teri about these projects, but she might not report on the local and national attention which was received for all these good works. Just more feathers in cap (or yarmulke)!

Some items which are administrative but just as important for everyone to know are as follows:

Plans have been finalized for a Touro Museum which will be located in the Shushan Assembly. Funding was provided by the Touro Sisterhood along with a generous donation from Betty Kohn. Also thanks are due to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans for a grant which was received for the same project.

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#### (Rabbi Silverman's article continued from page 1)

station in the car from the time you're born until... well, now. And each time I hear the original version by Paul Simon, I'm reminded of why I love it so much: like Joni Mitchell's music, it's poetry set to notes that truly reach my (and so many others') soul. In a million years, I would never think to listen to a cover by anyone else and feel the same emotional response — let alone a band like Disturbed. But here I am, listening to it over and over again. It's downloaded onto my music player, it's listed as one of my "Favorites" on YouTube, and I am spreading the word of it's existence to anyone who will listen.

What strikes me is that this cover is nothing like the average Disturbed lover (or hater) would expect. This band just threw everyone for a loop by taking a song that no one would suspect be on their album and then owned it while appreciating the original version. Nothing changed, nothing edited, nothing added. Nothing that says they figured out how to do anything better than Paul Simon (pff...like that's even a thing). Nothing that says "look how outdated this song is."

Just love and appreciation, with a personal twist.

This is my prayer as the seasons turn 'round again and we all begin this next trip around the sun, the great carousel of time:

May God grant us all the ability to do this same thing in our own lives. In work, in prayer, in caring for ourselves and our friends and loved ones. In everything regarding our roles as friends and neighbors and siblings and parents and children — every aspect of our lives.

May we throw everyone for a loop in the best way possible.

May we give gratitude to all those original composers out there, finding kinship with them through time and space.

May we present something that really could only be done by our own hands and our own words, in our own time.

Kein y'hi ratzon.

#### (President's Message continued from page 3)

The Board of Trustees piloted a new approach for Mardi Gras parades. Having prime property on the Avenue is a blessing and a curse. However, hopefully with some tweaking this fun time can become even more volunteer driven and relieve our staff from a bit of the Mardi Gras strain.

A newly created Governance Committee was formed and a much anticipated Duality of Interest policy approved. All of this is in an effort to ensure complete transparency to our community.

Also written and approved are Destination Wedding and Benefits of Membership policies. All of these are available for your reading pleasure by contacting the office. Most importantly the policies provide guidelines for our response to requests by members and non-members for life-cycle events. Our clergy are in great demand for participation in many of these events and we want to be sure that all inquiries are treated fairly and equally.

Of recent note, we have begun exploration of a Planned Giving initiative. Although not official yet, we will hopefully be reporting next year at this meeting our hopes and aspirations of this effort. Immediate past president, Scott Silbert, along with Bob Gross are leading us in this undertaking. We are all aware that supplementing our Foundation is what will help ensure the financial stability of this congregation. So stay tuned for more on this endeavor.

And finally, in reference to our physical facility, we are now under renovation again by completing those fire and life-safety changes to our third floor religious school classrooms. This work will be completed over the next couple of months and should literally make us all breathe easier!

We were also fortunate to have a physical and cyber security review done on our entire building this spring. We are now in the process of ranking the recommendations and will remediate many of our deficiencies as soon as possible. Some will be an easy fix with no cost, but others will require more effort and money. The congregation will be apprised as to what will transpire as some of the recommendations might affect what we have come to expect as customary. We want to remain a welcoming community, but must keep the safety of our congregants, our staff and our facility as first priority.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the contributions that our staff has made in guiding and helping move our mission forward. Donna Provetere, Sean Picou, Annahi Tapia, and Anna Federline all work under the leadership of our dedicated and tireless executive director, Kerry Tapia. They all care deeply for Touro and each one of us. Touro is not just a place to work, but a family as well. I hope each of you will take the time to thank them for loving and caring for this community as they do.

In closing, I again want you all to know how much I appreciate the opportunity and honor you have afforded me. So in answer to that final question, the answer would be a resounding yes. I know a lot more today than I did a year ago and I would affirm again, *HINENI*, HERE I AM, for Touro and all of you. Todah Rabah!

## **E**CUL WALKS IN THE PARK

Elul Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. St. Charles entrance to the park Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28

ELUL WALKS ARE BACK! Come prepare your body and soul for the High Holy Day season with our conversations and contemplations while walking in Audubon Park. Dogs and strollers welcome!





### IS PEACE POSSIBLE: AN HONEST LOOK AT OURSELVES AND THE OTHER

community dinner. We hope you'll join us!

A Mirror of Conversation and Contemplation With the Documentary Film Encounter Point

### **SELICHOT EVENING**

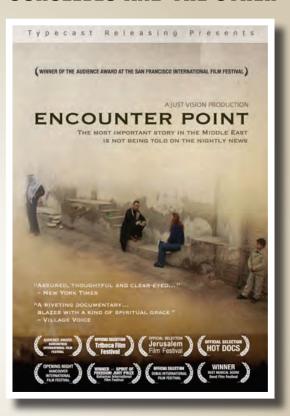
September 24, 2016

5:00 Film Viewing and Discussion
7:15 Dinner (Suggested donation of \$10 per person)

8:00 Contemplative Selichot Service - Music and Reflections

Just when the world is losing hope for the possibility of resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict comes Encounter Point. Created by a Palestinian, Israeli, North and South American team, Encounter Point moves beyond sensational and dogmatic imagery to tell the story of an Israeli settler, a Palestinian ex-prisoner, a bereaved Israeli mother and a wounded Palestinian bereaved brother who risk their safety and public standing to press for an end to the conflict. They are at the vanguard of a movement to push Palestinian and Israeli societies to a tipping point, forging a new consensus for nonviolence and peace. Perhaps years from now, their actions will be recognized as a catalyst for constructive change in the region. Encounter Point is a film about hope, true courage and implicitly about the silence of journalists and politicians who pay little attention to vital grassroots peace efforts.

RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com



## HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

## FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER 12

#### **TOT SERVICES**

For Babies and Toddlers Children ages 0-3

Rosh Hashanah Monday, October 3 9:00 - 9:20 am

Yom Kippur Wednesday, October 12 9:00 - 9:20 am

Littlest ones (ages 0-3 years) join Cantor Mintz and Rabbi Berk for a blessing and singing in the New Year.

Services held in the Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion.

#### YOUNG FAMILY SERVICES

For Children ages 4-8

Rosh Hashanah Monday, October 3 9:00 - 9:45 am

Yom Kippur Wednesday, October 12 9:00 - 9:45 am

Please join Rabbi Silverman and Nick May for interactive services for children ages 4-8, accompanied by their parents. There will be prayer, stories, music and fun!

Services will be in the Forgotston Chapel and are not intended for babies or toddlers.

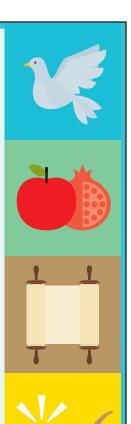
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CHILDREN AGES 8-12

Special discussion session and interactive project during services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning.

Exit service when announced and rejoin your family in time for the conclusion of the service.

This break-out session will be held in the Forgotston Chapel and Shushan Assembly.



## ROSH HASHANAH LUNCHEON

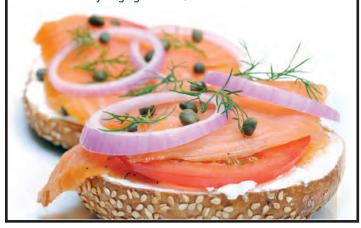
You are cordially invited to join us for lunch after Rosh Hashanah Morning Service on Monday, October 3 in the Jacobs Social Hall

OPEN TO ALL

\$20 adults / \$10 children

BSVP ONLINE

www.tourosynagogue.com/rosh-hashanah-luncheon



## BREAK-THE-FAST RECEPTION

All are welcome to join us for a light break-the-fast in the Bowksy Garden following the Neilah Concluding Service on October 12.

The Break-the-fast is generously underwritten by a gift made by the Sisterhood to Touro Synagogue's Foundation.

## BABYSITTING HIGH HOLY DAYS

We are happy to offer babysitting during the High Holy Days for children ages 6 months to 7 years. Please sign up online at

www.tourosynagogue.com/hhdbabysitting

**Reservation Deadlines:** 

Monday, Sept. 26 for Rosh Hashanah Tuesday, Oct. 4 for Yom Kippur

## High Holy Days at Home

#### **EREV ROSH HASHANAH**

Rosh Hashanah often begins with a family meal usually accompanied by a round challah and apples dipped in honey. Before the Erev Rosh Hashanah meal, the following blessings are recited:

#### Blessing over the candles on Rosh Hashanah

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשֶׁנוּ בִּמְצְוֹתָיו, וְצְנֵנוּ לְהַדְלִיק

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who makes us holy with your commandments, and calls us to kindle the festival lights.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu I'hadlik ner shel yom tov.

#### Blessing over the wine or grape juice

בַּרוּדְ אַתַּה יִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלַדְּ הַעוֹלַם, בּוֹרָא פַּרִי הַגַּפּן.

Blessed are You. Eternal our God. Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam borei p'ri hagafen.

#### **Celebrating this moment**

בַּרוּךְ אַתַּה יִי אַלֹהֶינוּ מֵלֶךְ הַעוֹלֶם, שַהַחֵינוּ וְקַיִּמֵנוּ וְהְגִּיעַנוּ לַזְּמֵן הַזָּה.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who has given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this moment.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam shehechiyanu v'kiyamanu v'higianu lazman hazeh.

#### Blessing over the round challah

בָּרוּדְ אַתַּה יִיַ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֶדְ הַעוֹלֶם הַמוֹצִיא לַחֶם מַן הַאַרְץ.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.

#### Blessing for dipping apples into honey

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיַ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֶדְ הַעוֹלֶם בּוֹרֵא פָּרִי הַעֵּץ.

Blessed are You. Eternal our God.Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the trees.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam borei p'ri ha'eitz.

#### YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur usually begins and ends with a meal shared by family and friends. The meal is eaten before sundown and includes the blessing over the bread but not the blessing over wine. Also before sundown, in memory of deceased family and friends, yahrzeit candles are lit that will burn throughout Yom Kippur. After the meal, two holiday candles are lit with the following blessing. This marks the beginning of Yom Kippur.

#### Blessing over the candles

בָּרוּךְ אַתַּה יִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֶךְ הַעוֹלַם, אֲשֶׁר קַדְּשַׁנוּ בִּמְצְוֹתֵיו, וְצְוַנוּ לַהַדְלִיק נר של יום הכפורים.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who makes us holy with your commandments and calls us to kindle the lights of Yom Kippur.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu I'hadlik ner shel Yom Hakippurim.



Come be with our clergy for a lovely lunch in our congregational sukkah, hand built by Touro Synagogue members.

Bring yourself and a brown bag lunch, and we'll provide drinks and a gorgeous courtyard sukkah on these fall days.

Join us for one, or all three – we'd love to be with you!

#### **Tuesday, October 18**

Lunch with Rabbi Silverman 12 - 1 PM

#### Wednesday, October 19

Lunch with Cantor Mintz 12 - 1 PM

#### **Thursday, October 20**

Lunch with Rabbi Berk 12 - 1 PM



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 5:30 PM** 



Sukkot, a Hebrew word for "booths" or "huts," is the Jewish Festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest, as well as the commemoration of the forty years of Jewish wandering in the desert after Sinai.

Come celebrate this festival with our Uptown Hebrew scholars, enjoy a pizza dinner, and shake the lulav.

RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com so that we can be sure to order enough *Slice Pizza* for everyone!





Join us at Danneel Park for a Simchat Torah brunch and community celebration, as we lift our voices in song, hear the chanting of the Torah and dance into the afternoon with the Panorama Jazz Band!

Bring your favorite brunch items like donuts and milk or Bloody Mary fixings with extra olives. Load up your blankets and chairs; On-site restroom will be provided.

#### 9:30 a.m. - Brunch Picnic

Brunch Picnic; BYOB (bring your own brunch) donuts and milk; mimosas and fruit – whatever you fancy!

#### 10:15 a.m. – Dance with Panorama Jazz Band

Hold the Torah; join in the celebration with Cantor Mintz

#### 10:45 a.m. - Torah Unroll

Hear the whole Torah in ten minutes! Special stories and interpretations with Rabbi Berk and Rabbi Silverman

### 11:15 a.m. - Games and fun!

Bring your footballs and frisbees!

Religious School not in session on Sunday, October 23rd. All Religious School families are encouraged to attend the celebration in the park. In case of inclement weather, the celebration will move back to Touro Synagogue -- indoor picnic and all!



## Simchat Torah Festival Service with Yizkor Monday, October 24, 10:30 AM Forgotston Chapel

The Torah instructs us to set the first and last days of our festivals apart to make them special and holy. Touro Synagogue will hold festival morning worship services, which will be a beautiful way to set our festivals of Simchat Torah, Passover, and Shavuot apart from other days. To have the name of your loved one read at Yizkor services, please call the office and speak to Donna.

Additionally, Touro Synagogue will observe Yizkor at the festival morning services at Passover (April 17, 2017) and Shavuot (May 31, 2017).



## A BRAND NEW SHABBAT MORNING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES



SEPTEMBER 24 & OCTOBER IS 9:30 AM - SHUSHAN ASSEMBLY

TOT SHABBAT (INFANTS - 3)

SHABBAT KREWE

(AGES 4-6)

Join Rabbi Silverman and Cantor Mintz once a month for a special Shabbat morning of singing, stories, Shabbat activities, and of course, challah and juice. For more information, contact Rabbi Silverman or Cantor Mintz at 895-4843.

## NEWS AND THE JEWS WITH RABBI BERK



SELECT THURSDAYS 12:00-1:00 P.M.

in the Mautner Learning Center Beginning October 27, 2016

Each week, there are stories in our community and our world that confound us and comfort us, confuse us and confront us. What would Judaism say about these world issues? What is a Jewish response?

Join Rabbi Alexis Berk in the Mautner Learning Center for a lunchtime study. Each session will be completely unique in that we will explore a story from the week's news through a Jewish lens, with a Jewish mindset. Come join us! All are welcome. Bring your own lunch and we will provide the drinks.

## In the Kitchen with RABBI SILVERMAN



## CHALLAH BAKING

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 6:00PM TOURO KITCHEN

"They attacked us. We won...Let's eat!" No truer words exist to describe the experience of living a Jewish life — so let's own it and eat it!

Join Rabbi Silverman throughout the coming year for four sessions exploring examples of classic Jewish food. We will discuss the importance of various dishes to the cultural milieux of modern Jewry, and we'll get the kitchen a little messy as we prepare those foods with our own hands!

For more information on the entire course of sessions, see the forthcoming High Holy Day bulletin.

We hope you can join us for our first session — "Challah" — this month.

#### **SPACE IS LIMITED**

Materials and Registration Fee:
Members - No Charge / Non-Members - \$18
Register by emailing info@tourosynagogue.com.



## SHABBAT SHUVAH



## AN OPEN LETTER TO...

### ...FROM RABBI DAVID GOLDSTEIN SHABBAT SHUVAH 5777 OCTOBER 7, 6:00 PM

Do you remember the peak of the High Holy Day season when the congregation would - in the weeks leading up - begin to wonder to whom Rabbi Goldstein would address his letter?

For over three decades Rabbi Goldstein delivered an open letter on the High Holy Days. Dear Mr. Gorbachev...Dear Louis Farrakhan...Dear David Duke...Dear Menachem Begin... Who will it be this year?

In a reprisal of a brilliant modality of addressing the most pressing and reflective issues of the time, Rabbi Goldstein will bring this gift back to his Touro Synagogue community. If you remember the great years of this High Holy Day tradition, you will surely want to come back for it again. If you've never had this experience personally, you'll be so glad you came!

And be sure to stay after for our community Shabbat dinner.



## WHY POLITICS MATTER

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN ISRAEL ADVOCACY

#### **JERRY GREENSPAN**

AIPAC REGIONAL POLITICAL DIRECTOR

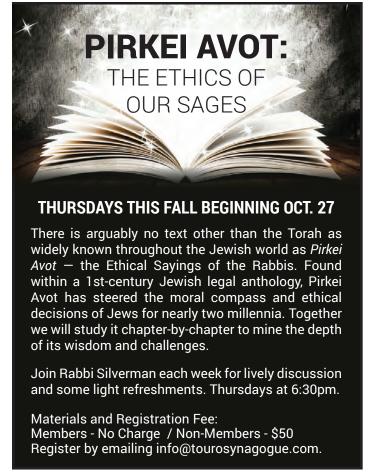
### MONDAY, SEPT.19, NOON

MAUTNER LEARNING CENTER

Jerry Greenspan, AIPAC Southwest Political Director, will visit to give a presentation on how the November elections will impact the US-Israel alliance. Discussion and questions will follow. Bring your lunch and we'll provide the drinks.

Jerry Greenspan joined AIPAC in March 2012; today, in his role as Regional Political Director, Jerry works day-in and day-out to increase pro-Israel political participation with AIPAC's citizen lobbying corps.

RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com or 504-895-4843.



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

## Welcome Back from the "Va'ad" — our Religious School Council!

In Hebrew, "va'ad" means a council or committee of stakeholders of a particular organization or public good, who offer advice and ideas to the community for the betterment of their common organization. Our Touro Synagogue Religious School Vaad does the same for our education program, and strives to:

- · further communication and connection among all stakeholders of Touro's religious education program,
- · participate in identifying and supporting the needs of Touro's religious education community, and
- ensure ongoing enrichment of the quality of the educational experience provided by Touro's religious education program.

Join us for a **Vaad Meet 'n' Greet on September 25 at 9:15 a.m.** in the Mautner Learning Center. Get to know your class liaisons and hear about what kind of service and counsel they offer to the school in their roles.



**Arian Elfant** - By day I am a clinical psychologist in private practice, and at all times I am parent with my husband Chris Kornman to two children: Ainsley (4<sup>th</sup>) and Noah (K). I joined the Va'ad because it seems like a wonderful opportunity to become involved with the Touro community. That, and Rabbi Silverman is a hard man to say "no" to!



**Rebecca Finger** - I am the proud mom of Jack (10th), Ana (8th), and Charlie (4th), as well as wife to my husband Simon. I have been a Touro Religious School parent for 10 years and am honored to be beginning my second year of service on the Board of Trustees. It has been a pleasure to be involved with the Va'ad, and I said "Yes!" when asked because I loved the idea of working with Rabbi Silverman and other religious school parents to help forge the new direction for religious education at Touro. Rabbi Silverman and the rest of Touro's leadership are so excited and open to the possibilities ahead of us with regard to making our religious education program a world-class model for Jewish learning, and I was thrilled to be asked to be a part of that process.



**Sam Guichet** - I'm mom to Ella ( $7^{th}$ ) and Jake ( $4^{th}$ ). I said yes to participating on the Va'ad because I love Judaism and I want to support a learning environment that instills the same love of Judaism in my children and all of their peers. I am also proud to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the last 5 years, and currently on the Executive Committee.



**Anamaria Villamarin-Lupin** - I am also know as Nico and Alex's mom. I have been a Religious School parent for 5 years and a Touro Board member for one year. This year Nico will be entering 6th grade and Alex will be entering 5th grade. My husband Tim and I joined Touro five years ago because we found Touro to be a generous, accepting and loving community that would support us in strengthening our family and raising our boys. We have not been let down. I said *yes!* to joining the Va'ad because I feel that our voices are important and we have to work together with the wonderful education department to make our religious school the best experience that it can be for our kids.



**Kim Sherman** - My husband, Steve, and I are the parents of Sasha, a 1st grader, and Zella, a three-year-old Tot Shabbat-er. I am a school psychologist in the Belle Chasse public schools, and in August I will take on a new job as a Professor of Practice in Tulane's School of Psychology Doctoral Program. I welcome the opportunity to join the Va'ad because I want to support the religious school and help ensure that families' perspectives and talents are tapped in shaping children's religious school experiences.



**Shea Soll** - By marrying my wife Michelle, I married into a long-standing Touro family (Genet/ Gernsbacher). Our three daughters, Lauren, Maya and Reyna, 7th generation Touro congregants are all 11 years old and currently in 5th grade. Our family is dedicated to doing our part to support Jewish needs both within our community and abroad, so Michelle and I have both served in many capacities on our local Jewish agency boards and committees. Why did I say yes? It was an opportunity for me to get to know Rabbi Silverman, and through a process that I hoped would have long term benefit in me contributing to help shape part of the Jewish identity of my children and the children of other parents within our Touro community.

## Bat Mitzvah of Gavriella Zoe Edith Smith

September 17, 2016



As my mitzvah project I chose to coach at A's and Aces. A's and Aces is a non profit organization that introduces the game of tennis to underprivileged children and helps them with their life skills off the court. It was started by David Schumacher, my dad's doubles partner at Tulane, and it was a honor and privilege to work at his organization. During my time teaching I created countless relationships with my students that changed me as a person. This experience was extremely special to me and I continue to volunteer and plan on volunteering for many more years. I believe this was a truly inspiring place, and I see how my fellow coaches and I have made a great impact on our students, similar to the impact they have had on us. Ever since I was a little girl I dreamed of this day. The day where I become a woman and take my place in Jewish society. From this point on I will be responsible for myself and I will receive the consequences for my actions by G-d. Hopefully with my sins off my dad's shoulders he'll stand straighter and look a little thinner. This is a major day for me and I am overjoyed to celebrate with all of you here and my closest friends and family.

Gavi is the daughter of Jeffrey and Birgitt Smith, and sister of Melina and Zachary.

## Welcome from our Community Director of Youth Engagement

Shalom Y'all!

My name is Charlie Cox and I am deeply honored to be the new Community Director of Youth Engagement for the New Orleans Reform Jewish community. I am absolutely thrilled to be part of such a rich and deeply rooted Jewish community here in New Orleans. I am looking forward to the great events being planned for the 2016-2017 year, in addition to meeting all of you.

One year ago I moved to New Orleans from Baton Rouge, to work as a caregiver for a man with ALS. I am passionate about helping others and trying to impact their daily lives in a positive way. That experience taught me about helping those in need, and gave me a deeper meaning of the word mitzvah. It has been an incredible year having the opportunity to work with someone who has such a crippling disease. I aim to show our youth that giving to those less fortunate than ourselves is more than a pillar of Judaism; it is a fulfilling endeavor that should be embarked upon by all beings.

I am originally from Mandeville and for the first six years of my life, my family and I traveled to the Metairie and New Orleans synagogues every Friday night for Shabbat services, and Sunday for Hebrew School. Over the last year in New Orleans, my love for this beautiful Jewish community was reinvigorated as I attended services and events at all three reform synagogues.

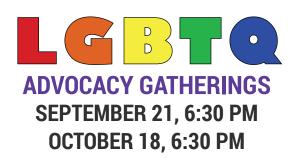
As a teenager, my family and I actively attended the Northshore Jewish Congregation. I participated in many youth group events and conclaves, making connections and cultivating friendships with other Jewish kids, many of whom are still my closest friends. I also attended URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp as a camper for four years and worked on staff for seven summers. Henry S. Jacobs Camp is not only a place where I've spent many summers, it's a place I consider to be a second home. My involvement with camp and youth group growing up has given me a strong sense of Jewish identity, showing me how welcoming the Jewish community can be. I am so proud to rejoin this community as an adult. If I am able to give these teenagers and pre-teens even a fraction of the love for Judaism, selfconfidence, and lifelong friendships that this community has given me, I will have been successful. I accepted this position to help guide and



mentor the Reform Jewish youth of New Orleans, help them build a strong Jewish identity, and instill in them a sense of belonging in the Jewish community.

The 2016-2017 year is sure to be one of the best the New Orleans Reform Jewish community has ever seen. I look forward to getting to know all of you and your children, creating fun and engaging programming that instills a strong sense of kehilah kedosha (a holy community), and taking our youth movement to the next level.

Yours truly, Charlie Cox Community Director of Youth Engagement



We at Touro Synagogue join Reform Jews across the country to celebrate progress toward equality, and at the same time, redouble our efforts toward much that remains to be done. Continue the forward progress with us on Wednesday, September 21 when we will gather for dinner and discussion about our agenda and goals for the year, and again on Tuesday October 18 to secure our plans. Please mark both dates on your calendar and RSVP so we can appropriately plan for dinner. \$10 suggested donation per person, and all are welcome. Contact laura.silven.levy@gmail.com for questions, comments or to RSVP.

Please also join us for Rabbi Berk's evening of "Literature and Libations" on Wednesday, November 30, when we will discuss *She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders* by Jennifer Finney Boylan.



NO/AIDS Task Force is the oldest HIV/AIDS service organization in the Gulf South. It was founded in 1983 in response to the early devastating effects of the AIDS epidemic in the New Orleans area. For over 30 years, NO/AIDS Task Force has been providing hope, care and compassion to thousands of men, women and families affected by HIV & AIDS. NO/ AIDS offers a full spectrum of care at low to no cost, including services such as: an HIV medical clinic, food pantry, home delivered meals, housing, mental health, peer support and many others. NO/ AIDS also remains committed to the health of our entire community and reaches over 20,000 each year through HIV prevention education efforts. This year's NO/AIDS Walk will be held on Saturday, September 24. Registration begins at 8:30. Contact Lisa Keleher at lisatkeleher@gmail.com for details.



### **OCTOBER 15, AUDUBON PARK**

The New Orleans Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) offers hope, help, and healing to people with mental illness - and to those who share their lives - through family support, education and advocacy, and quality psychosocial services. Through NAMI Walks' public display of support for people with mental health challenges, we are changing how Americans view mental illness. We will join together as a congregation and participate in NAMI's "Changing Minds with a Second Line!" walk around Audubon Park on October 15, 2016 at 10:00am. Please support us or join the team by visiting http://www.namiwalks.org/neworleans.

For more information about Touro's mental health initiatives, contact **David Hammer at hammer.david@rocketmail.com**.

## HARRY TOMPSON CENTER

Touro is proud to continue its support for The Harry Tompson Center (also known as the Rebuild Center) which works tirelessly to provide support to the large number of homeless New Orleanians, and to end the cycle of homelessness in our community.

How can you help? Touro has ongoing drives for gently-used books and for unused travel-size hygiene supplies such as soap, shampoo and toothpaste. Stay tuned for periodic fresh fruit drives intended to add delicious nourishment for the HTC guests. In addition to our annual Christmas Mitzvah Day program, Touro members can volunteer to help serve lunch or to provide and serve breakfast at any time throughout the year. If you have expertise in psychiatric or psychological services or are a medical practitioner, there is a need for volunteers in these areas. New this year...HTC is part of Amazon Smile. If you shop on smile.amazon.com and select Harry Tompson Center as your nonprofit choice, Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to HTC!

The following is a wish list of items that are particularly needed: ponchos, men's shoes, sizes 10 and up, men's belts, bandanas, insect repellent, grocery tote bags, backpacks, towels, washcloths, books, magazines, newspapers, men's socks, deodorant, men's reading glasses, baseball caps, small snacks, i.e. granola bars, walking canes, wheelchairs, copy paper, notebooks, office supplies, underwear and t-shirts. Donations may be brought to Touro. For more information contact Naomi Yavneh (yavneh@loyno.edu) or Julie Silbert (Julie.silbert@keanmiller.com).

## Saul's Light Foundation

Dear Touro Family:

We want to sincerely thank you for all the donations to Saul's Light NICU Care Packages! Because of your generosity, we were able to create 24 care packages, another appreciation basket for the nurses, and make a small in-kind donation to the Ronald McDonald House! It's because of the support of this community that we're able to do this work.

With gratitude, Kimberly and Aaron Novod (Saul's Mommy & Daddy)

## Sophie B. Wright Charter School

Dear Rabbi Berk and the Touro Synagogue community,

As the new school year begins, Sophie B. Wright faculty, staff, students, and families are moved into our newly renovated home building. It is GORGEOUS and we are all so very excited! Three long years of renovations to this building had us in difficult temporary housing. Many long years prior to that had us fighting a hard battle to get the renovation money and project started.

Throughout all of this, the Touro Synagogue community stood with us, supported us, and nurtured us in so many ways. It feels fair to say that we could not have gotten here without all of you.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, from the bottom of our hearts for all that you have done and do for us. I can't wait to show you the building and share its use with you.

I hope you will come to the ribbon cutting ceremony in September and that we'll be able to have a Touro tour before long.

We are so happy to be home and neighbors once more.

Sincerely,

Sharon L. Clark

Sophie B. Wright Charter Director



The Broadmoor Food Pantry is busier than ever! School has started and it is never too early to prepare for the holidays.

We have made a wonderful improvement to our distribution method and we are now a choice-food pantry. This means that our clients decide what food they would like to take on a given distribution day. This has helped us identify the food items that people need the most and it reduces waste dramatically.

As a result, we would like to boost our supply of healthy breakfast foods to start the school year off right! We are actively collecting coffee, cereal and granola bars, oatmeal, pancake mix, fruit preserves, juice, flour, sugar and healthy breads. Please place your donations in the Broadmoor Food Pantry shelves located in the Shushan Assembly. You may also bring donations directly to the food pantry which is located In the Broadmoor Community Church (formerly known as Gloria Dei Lutheran Church) at 2021 S. Dupre St. The Food Pantry hours are Mondays 10-12pm and Wednesdays 1-3:30pm.

Also, the Touro Garden will soon be producing fresh, organic produce for the pantry. Please stay tuned as we are always in need of Harvesters to collect the greens. For more information or to volunteer, please email Anamaria at wellness@ broadmoorimprovement.com or call 504-259-6604.

### YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE

Get ready for Touro's annual Yom Kippur food drive for Second Harvest. Last year Touro collected 1,602 lbs. of food for Second Harvest; since 2011, we have donated more than 11.000 lbs. to them! Can we collect even more this Yom Kippur and tip the scales on hunger? The challenge is on and we need your help. Start your shopping now and get ready to help fill Second Harvest's vans on Yom Kippur.



## TOURO SYNAGOGUE MUSEUM

On a site in 1909, when St. Charles was still a tree lined road once on the way to a former World Cotton Exposition, and an electric streetcar line had opened only a few years before, an elegant, majestic structure was built as a symbol of a prosperous Jewish community in a city that exemplified growth. The new Touro Synagogue was an amalgamation of two previous congregations, Congregation Gates of Mercy, established in 1828 and Dispersed of Judah, founded in 1846. The merger of these two congregations in 1881, helped to strengthen the center of Jewish life in New Orleans. The synagogue was named after Judah Touro, a New Orleans businessman and a benefactor of the Jewish community, who had settled in New Orleans from New England (where his father had been leader in Touro Synagogue in Newport, RI, America's oldest synagogue).

Touro Synagogue is now celebrating its 188th year, and is long known for its leadership in the Jewish community, city-wide, and a powerful support of the Reform Movement nationwide. Its collections of documents, photographs, honors, programs, events, artifacts and more are a valuable and unique narrative to the growth of the congregation and Jewish life through almost two centuries. It is also a memoir to American history and acknowledges the triumphs and problems through 19th and 20th centuries to our modern times. There is a ledger from 1833, listing marriages, births, brits; there are renderings of the progression of the dome as it is being built; there are yearbooks from a large Sunday School population of the 1950's and 1960's... There are explanations of economic problems post-Civil War, identification of Jewish families who made New Orleans their permanent home so many generations ago, recognition of Boards and Clergy and Membership...and so very much more.

A very able Touro Synagogue Museum Committee, under Chair Adrien Genet is anticipating, with great excitement, launching the Museum in the very near future. If you have an item or document (can be scanned or digitized) you would like to share, please contact Adrien through the Synagogue for its consideration.





Do you recognize anyone in this photo?

Tell us at agenet@cox.net

## **CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR**

An integral part of the musical experience at Touro, our congregational choir adds its voice throughout the year, during the High Holy Days, Jazz Fest Shabbat and other special Shabbat services. If you've ever thought about becoming a part of the choir yourself, consider giving it a try in this new year!

With no long-term commitment required, anyone is invited to attend a rehearsal to see if the Touro Synagogue choir is right for you! For information about joining the choir, please contact Cantor Mintz at dmintz@tourosynagogue.com.

What choir members are saying:

"I love singing and celebrating my Judaism. In the choir, I get to do both!"
"Something amazing happens when people sing in harmony. I can't get enough of it!
"I love the people and the music. It never disappoints."



## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 HOME OF LISA & WILLIAM KELEHER 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Join fellow Uptown Touro members (those who live in the 70115 zip code) for some light refreshments, conversation, and a special project for the Rebuild Center. We'll come together at the home of Lisa and William Keleher on Saturday, September 17, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm to visit and put-together backpacks for the homeless. Bring along a beverage or appetizer to share and a dozen or so of one or more of the following items:

- Insect repellent
- Bandanas
- Paperback books/magazines (new or gently used)
- Men's socks
- Deodorant
- Men's reading glasses
- Baseball caps
- Small snacks (like granola bars)
- Men's underwear
- Men's t-shirts

Other items that can be donated to Rebuild (but won't be put in the backpacks): men's shoes size 10 or larger, men's belts, bath towels & washcloths, walking canes, wheelchairs, copy paper, notebooks, pens and office supplies.

Questions or RSVP to Lisa Keleher at (504) 296-5472 or lisatkeleher@gmail.com. Look for the Evite in your inbox.





lead and elevate our community!

Basic Hebrew skills are necessary.

If you're interested, please contact Cantor Mintz

at dmintz@tourosynagogue.com.



Hebrew for Beginners, Part II will be offered in the Spring

language for the very first time!

The class will include learning the basics of decoding Hebrew letters and building the skills for Hebrew reading.

Materials and Registration Fee:

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## **MAZEL TOV**

Touro Synagogue congratulates the following congregants...

#### **Catherine Firestein and Joseph Avalos**

on their marriage held April, 16, 2016

#### Mark and Ellen Balkin

on their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Mazel tov to grandparents

Andy and Carmen Jacobs, Sharon Jacobs and Leonard Davis, and great-grandmother Dotty Jacobs on the birth of Weston Peter Bordeaux

on July 21, 2016.

#### **Alexa and Robert Craig**

on the birth of their daughter, **Isabela Mayer**, on August 3, 2016. Mazel tov to grandparents **Jan Katz and Jim Derbes** 

#### **Ana and Juan Gershanik**

being named as the 2016 recipients of the NCJW's Hannah G. Solomon Award

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being honored at the American Red Cross' 2016 Power of Women Celebration

#### **Allison and Shane Kupperman**

on the birth of their daughter, Ellie Sophia, on May 14, 2016. Ellie is the granddaughter of Stephen and Mara Kupperman, niece of Zachary and Emily Kupperman, and cousin of Matthew Kupperman

#### **Lauren and Rusty Libby**

on the birth of their son, **Shaun Owen**, on May 13, 2016.

#### **Gale and Randy Pick**

on the birth of their grandson,

Crosby Bernhard Olsen, on June 26, 2016.

Crosby is the great-grandchild of

Thaia Pick and great-nephew of

Lisa and Robert Conescu. and Laura Pick

#### Jonathan and Daniella Silberstein

on the birth of their son, **Benjamin Michael**, on May 13, 2016

#### **Kerry Tapia and Ben Beasley**

on the birth of their daughter, **Anina**, on June 10, 2016

#### Linda Usdin

being named one of Avodah's 2016 New Orleans Partners in Justice

#### Stacey Weinreb and John Lutz

on their marriage held June 4, 2016

Mazel Tov to grandaparents **Ellen and Marc Yellin**, and great-grandmother **Bryna Yellin** on the birth Eliana Hazel Yellin on July 22, 2016.

#### **Elly Zakris**

for making the cover of New Orleans Magazine as one of New Orleans' Best Doctors

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Touro family:

#### **Jason and Nicole Adler**

Reese and Piper

Julie Yuspeh Benson and David Benson

Otylia "Tilly" and Martin Benson

#### Jessica and Andrew Bizer

Ruby and Rose

**Seth Bloom** 

#### Tad and Helene Breaux

Benjamin and Zachary

Ivan Brizzio

#### **Greg and Joanie Cox**

Charlie and Sally

#### **Suri Duitch and Neil Kleiman**

Asher and Zelda

#### **Melanie Fawer and Christian Recile**

Gabriel

#### **Lindsay and Josh Friedmann**

Caroline

#### Michelle and Jacob Goehring

## **Lawrence and Kelly Haber** Jack, Sam, and Henry

Samantha Katz and Jared Oberlin

**Mark and Jennifer Kutash** 

Adeline

**Ben and Megan Lowenburg** 

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#### **Valerie and Patrick Norton**

Hunter and Travis

#### **Allison and Mario Padilla-Goodman**

Ilara

#### **Gillian Wolff**

## **YAHRZEITS**

Perpetually enshrined on the Yahrzeit Tablets of Touro Synagogue are the following loved ones for whom Kaddish will be recited for the months of September and October.

#### Friday, Sept. 2 / Saturday, Sept. 3

Frances Duber, Annette L. Block, Philip Phillips, Katie Schlankey Bowsky, Max Bergman, Bertha Levy Weil, Victor F. Kirschman, Samuel Rabin, Leonard W. Krinsky, Isidore Manasses, Israel Samuel Lurie, Meyer Goldberg, Edith Kaufmann, Charles Edward Loeb, George B. Aarons, Harry Haas, Sam A. Schulman, Victor Cupple Burk, Leon Max Teles, Harriet Levy Felix, Sara Kohn

#### Friday, Sept. 9 / Saturday, Sept. 10

Vivian Mayer Teague, Alex Hochstein, Gustave J. Klotz, Jr., Andre Zilbermann, Murray J. Kops, Isaac Widofsky, Ophelia Peine Hausmann, Minnie Sarnoff Fierman, Henry Schwartz, Henry Berlin, Max H. Levy, Rubin Weaker, Sol Grishman, Benjamin Goldenberg

#### Friday, Sept. 16 / Saturday, Sept. 17

Henry Lazarus, Isidore Heymann, Sam Schwartz, Emanuel S. Pulitzer, Harcourt N. Levy, Emanuel Fliegel, D.D.S., James Matthew Davis, Jon Francis Leyens, Salomon Geismar, Marjorie I. Kullman, Arthur Irving Gottsegen, Julian Julius Loeb, Edith Israelson, Herbert Charles Leopold, Karen Jacobson Greenberg, Isadore Levy, Max Meyer Tannenbaum

#### Friday, Sept. 23 / Saturday, Sept. 24

Eleanor Honey Brener, Leonard Louis Bain, Madelyn Patz Cohn, Julie Trautman, Bella Levy Aaron, Aaron Daniel Zack, Gertrude Levy Levy, Henrietta L. Frank, Ferdinand Nathan Falk, Hilda Hiller, Dr. Aaron David Heinemann, Dr. Joseph R. Seelig, Elias Berenson, David Kanter, Rose L. Kaufman

#### Friday, Sept. 30 / Saturday, Oct. 1

Elkin Moses, Rabbi David Fichman, Alphonse Pincus, Julia Heymann Goodman, Milton M. Feitel, Camille Hagedorn Ochs, Helen Morse Kottwitz, Louis Alan Francis, Barbara Sherman Loeb, Sigmund J. Loeb, Samuel Jacob Spiegel, Peter Roussel Norman, Blanche Samuel Goldman, David Levy, Florence Hartson Hiller, Sandra Joy Willenzik, Joseph O. Grant, D.D.S., M.S., Solomon Aaron Stolaroff, Alvin Lee Duber, Harry Rothschild, Emil Emanuel Block, Velma Lazarus Goldstein

#### Friday, Oct. 7 / Saturday, Oct. 8

Mathilda Friedman Shushan, Captain Benjamin Newman, Albertina Lob Waldhorn, Sidney Sigoloff, David Ochs, Harry Latter, Norma Reine Levy, Adolph Ira Botnick, Fannie Berenson Rubenstein, Sarah Levy Newman, Meyer Heinemann, Marian Fliegel, Nettie B. Bloch, Sadie Bennett, Fannie Lehmann Ochs, William H. Levy

#### Friday, Oct. 14 / Saturday, Oct. 15

Charles Bennett, Florence Rosenthal Maas, Dr. Sidney A. Kantor, Shepard M. Latter, Charles D. Zucker, Irma M. Isaacson, Jacob Melvin Cohn, Dorothy R. Caplan, Irving Redler, M.D., Dorothy Mann Marcus, Dr. Isidore Cohn, Jr., Nathan I. Schwartz, Amelia Blum Samuel, Edwin A. Vacant, Virginia Ullman Weil

#### Friday, Oct. 21 / Saturday, Oct. 22

Ansel S. Kottwitz, Milton Sheen, Louise Goldstein Wolchansky, Philip David Rittenberg, David Cohn, Pearl Kaufman Levy, Isaac L. Haspel, Judith F. Lowenberg, Estelle Aaron Levy, Mary Sommer Solinsky Good, Shirley Latter S. Kaufmann, Samuel Clarence Pulitzer, Joseph Lester Ames, Theresa Lubel Baum, Ruth Rosen Weisler, Beryl Levy Gernsbacher, Gustave P. Covert, John B. Lefkowitz

#### Friday, Oct. 28 / Saturday, Oct. 29

Eva Levenberg Yarrut, Elizabeth Jacobs, E. Sylvia Frank, Saul Brooks, Hope (Tikva) Teles Solomon, Irma Leucht Rosen, Dorothy Burger Wagger, Jacques Wildenstein, Max Schwartz, Bernard Gretzner Levy, Adelaide H. Bergman, Charles Louis Yuspeh, James D. Neuwirth, Miriam Levy Asher, Julia Mayer Weiss, Sam Margolis, Jean Salmon Frankel, Jonas Hiller, Milton M. Glueck

## IN MEMORIAM

Touro Synagogue extends its deepest sympathies to the families and friends of...

#### Barbara Bettman Allen,

mother of Susan Allen, grandmother of Rennie DiCarlo and Lyle DiCarlo

#### **Ruth Goldman Asher**

#### Arthur Joel Axelrod,

husband of Tiki Axelrod, father of Foofie Schaefer (Darrah), grandfather of Samuel Schaefer and Lily Schaefer

#### **Robert Morris Goldstein**,

husband of Claudia Derrick Goldstein

#### Arthur Hertzberg,

father of Joanie Hertzberg Wightkin, grandfather of Ben Wightkin and Jessie Gelini (Joe) and great-grandfather of Kylie Wightkin

#### Reba Farbman Katz,

grandmother of Cantor David Mintz (Deborah) and great-grandmother of Nadav Mintz

Harry S. "Skippy" Kaufman III

Margery Alaynick Kirschman

#### Joel Latner,

brother of Dick Latner (Pat Reardon)

#### Ivan R. Leopold,

brother of Thaia Pick, uncle of Randy Pick (Gale) and Lisa Conescu (Robert)

#### Barbara Jeannette Rosenthal Lincove,

wife of the late Dan Lincove, aunt of Evan Lincove (Jane) and great-aunt of Zoey and Sarah Lincove

#### Sharon Robinson Litwin

#### Caroline Klotz Masur,

grandmother of Lauren Masur Davis (Matthew)

#### Peter Arno Mayer,

husband of Linda Mayer

#### Jean Dresner Spizer,

grandmother of Amy Malish (Jedd)

#### Walter H. Weiner,

brother of Roy Weiner (Marjorie)

## SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service and Birthday Blessings	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Office closed in observance of Labor Day		8:00 a.m. Elul Walk in the Park (Audubon) 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Kumzits	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 a.m. Religious School		12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group	8:00 a.m. Elul Walk in the Park (Audubon) 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Gavriella Smith
18	19	20	21 8:00 a.m. Elul Walk in the Park (Audubon)	22	23	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat Rocks
9:00 a.m. Religious School	12:00 p.m. AIPAC Presentation 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting		4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew 6:30 p.m. LGBTQ Advocacy Dinner and Meeting	6;00 p.m. In the Kitchen with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service Selichot 5:00 p.m. See page 5 for more details
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:15 a.m. Va'ad Horim Parent Meet and Greet		12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group	8:00 a.m. Elul Walk in the Park (Audubon) 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	

## OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						9:00 a.m.
						Torah Study 10:30 a.m.
						Shabbat Service
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
EREV ROSH Hashanah	ROSH HASHANAH					
HASHANAH	HASHANAH					
					6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. Torah Study
8:00 PM Erev Rosh	See page 2 for the full schedule of		4:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Shuvah Service and	10:30 a.m.
Hashanah Service	services	11	Uptown Hebrew	Choir Rehearsal	Birthday Blessings	Shabbat Service
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		EREV YOM KIPPUR	YOM KIPPUR			9:00 a.m.
		12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Care				Torah Study
	7.00	Givers Support Group	0		6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat Rocks
9:00 a.m. Religious School	7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting	8:00 PM Kol Nidre Service	See page 2 for the full schedule of services		7:30 p.m. Shabbat Kumzits	10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			12:00 p.m.			
	Office closed in observance of	12:00 p.m. Lunch in the	Lunch in the Sukkah with Cantor Mintz		6:00 p.m.	
	Sukkot	Sukkah with Rabbi Silverman	4:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. Lunch in the Sukkah	Sukkot Shabbat Service	9:00 a.m.
		6:30 p.m.	Uptown Hebrew	with Rabbi Berk	7:15 p.m.	Torah Study
9:00 a.m. Religious School		LGBTQ Advocacy Dinner	5:30 p.m. Slice in the Sukkah	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Sukkot Harvest Shabbat Dinner	10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
9:30 a.m.	24	25	26	27	28	29
Simchat Torah Celebration at	10:30 a.m. Simchat Torah	12:00 p.m.		12:00 p.m.		
Danneel Park (see page 9)	Festival Service and Yizkor	Alzheimer's Care Givers Support		News and the Jews		
30	31	Group 6:30 p.m.		6:30 p.m. Pirkei Avot with Rabbi Silverman		9:00 a.m. Torah Study
9:00 a.m.		Hebrew for Beginners with	4:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.
Religious School		Cantor Mintz	Uptown Hebrew	Choir Rehearsal	Shabbat Service	Shabbat Service

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## Shabbat Service Schedule September and October 2016

#### Friday, September 2

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service and Birthday Blessings, Forgotston Chapel

#### Saturday, September 3

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Friday, September 9

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel followed by Friday Night Kumzits

#### Saturday, September 10

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Friday, September 16

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Saturday, September 17

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Gavriella Smith, Main Sanctuary

#### Friday, September 23

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Saturday, September 24

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Friday, September 30

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Saturday, October 1

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Friday, October 7

6:00pm Shabbat Shuvah Service and Birthday Blessings, Forgotston Chapel

#### Saturday, October 8

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Friday, October 14

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel followed by Friday Night Kumzits

#### Saturday, October 15

9:30am Shabbat Rocks (Tot), Shushan Assembly 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Friday, October 21

6:00pm Sukkot Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Saturday, October 22

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Friday, October 28

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

#### Saturday, October 29

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel