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#### A MESSAGE FROM RABBI BERK

#### Are They Ever on Time?

The High Holy Days are early this year. Next year, they fall late. Are they ever right on time?

The truth is, I love them any way they come. When they come early, the whole cycle is over leaving a wide expanse of beautiful fall – for classes, experiences, and explorations. When they come late, there is much more summer preparation time, and we get to spend a full, contemplative Elul together getting ready. Any way they come, the High Holy Days are welcome. And, when they arrive, it's a season of beauty, meaning, joy, and reflection at Touro Synagogue.



Many of you have heard me say before that the Tishrei cycle is

my favorite time of year to share with you all. I appreciate so much how you show up so fully present, open, willing to do the spiritual lift it takes to truly transcend the ordinary and make it holy. This takes a grand scale collaboration. A sea of open minds, unshackled hearts, and unlocked souls fills our sanctuary space. And, in those prayer moments, we are creating the High Holy Days. Quite simply, in our complete, connected effort we will turn Monday, September 10th, 2018 into Rosh Hashanah. The day will transform – and we will be transformed. And, then, we will eat apples on the front steps along St. Charles Avenue, and we rejoice in our incredibly good fortune to have one another to collectively celebrate the New Year. It wouldn't be the same without you.

I am very excited to create this time, as always, with you. And, with Rabbi Silverman and Cantor Margolius. With song, story, poetry, and prayer; with thoughts, reflections, and contemplations; with all of us together, this will be a very High Holy Days indeed. I can't wait to see you.

With love,

Rabbi Alexis Berk

### A MESSAGE FROM CANTOR MARGOLIUS



When I made my first visit to New Orleans in January, I thought, "This feels like home." Of course, New Orleans is quite different from Cleveland, Ohio, where I grew up. But the warm welcome from the Touro community made me feel at home. My husband Jason and I feel privileged to be members of this incredible congregation.

For the past five years, I was the Cantor-Educator at Temple Beth Tikvah in Madison, CT. I enjoyed teaching all ages, from preschool to our adult learners, and I look forward to teaching and learning with you here at Touro.

From Shabbat to the High Holidays to Jazz Fest Shabbat, this community knows how to celebrate. I've already enjoyed hearing Touro's communal voice sing along with me at Shabbat services, and I hope that you won't hesitate to sing along in the

future. I can sing solo in the car whenever I want, but at Touro, we can sing together and listen together and learn together — and produce something that is far greater than its individual parts. That is the magic of this congregation. Thank you very much for welcoming us to Touro.

### HIGH HOLY DAYS AND FESTIVALS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Holy 1

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#### EREV ROSH HASHANAH Sunday, September 9

8:00PM Evening Service, Main Sanctuary

#### ROSH HASHANAH Monday, September 10

9:00AM Young Family Service, Forgotston Chapel
9:00AM Tot Service, Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion
10:00AM Morning Service, Main Sanctuary
4:00PM Tashlich Celebration, City Park Boat Dock

#### SHABBAT SHUVAH Friday, September 14

6:00PM Shabbat Service, Main Sanctuary 7:15pm Shabbat Dinner

See page 12 for more information

#### EREV YOM KIPPUR Tuesday, September 18

8:00PM Kol Nidre Service, Main Sanctuary

#### YOM KIPPUR Wednesday, September 19

9:00AM	Young Family Service,
	Forgotston Chapel
9:00AM	Tot Service,
	Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion
10:00AN	1 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

**September 24-30** See page 13 for a listing of our Sukkot celebrations

SIMCHAT TORAH Monday, October 1 See page 14 for more information

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In her book, *Long Life*, Mary Oliver wrote that "Man finds that he has two halves to his existence: leisure and occupation, and from these separate considerations he now looks upon the world. In leisure he remembers radiance; in labor he looks for results."

In order to meet the deadline for this first bulletin of the new programmatic year, it's early July as I write this. Like many of you, I've had some leisure time away from the city. Touro, too, has had what some might consider 'leisure' with a 'month off'-meaning only that we've not had services at Touro during June so our clergy and staff also have had some rotating time away.

The labors of Touro, however, have not stopped. Our clergy have walked through life cycle changes with many of you. Kerry and our staff also have been hard at work with us. So have many of you-- board and non-board members alike.

The buildings have been filled with

painters and workers who are giving our walls and floors and ceilings much needed freshening and upkeep. And the electronic lift that will make our offices and Rabbi's study and bimah accessible to those with limited mobility is being installed. The final report on the condition of and maintenance guide for our historic sanctuary has been issued by the building conservation firm we hired during the last programmatic year. It will be a roadmap for our future care of the exterior of our beloved sanctuary.

It's already been a very busy summer of labor and results as well as leisure and radiance!

I hope that you have had some leisure yourself and that your leisure has had you remembering the radiance that is Touro-the radiance of our buildings and the radiance of our community.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Warmly, Teri



Teri Hunter

Read Teri's Annual Meeting Address online at <u>goo.gl/tKKJHv</u>

TODAH RABAH! Thank you!

Thank you to Ben Swig for his donation to add back lighting to the circular stained glass in our sanctuary with LED lights. It's been many decades since the magnificent glass in the center and four corners of the dome has been back lit. His donation has restored beauty to our historic sanctuary.

Thank you to Brian Weimer for his donation to convert the two rings of lights in the dome to LED bulbs. In addition to the environmental benefits of this gift, it also has drastically reduced the labor involved with changing out bulbs in the dome by our staff. The glow of these lights is now long-lasting and energy efficient.

Thank you to Dan Weiner, Chris Kornman, and Cynthia Stewart for their leadership and talents in making the accessibility lift to our bimah and office suite a reality. We are excited that this project will be completed in time for the High Holy Days.

We are grateful to all of them for their generous and impactful gifts.

## MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS!

#### Bar Mitzvah of Hunter Benjamin Norton September 22, 2018



For my Mitzvah project, I decided to read short stories to kindergarteners at Lawrence D. Crocker Prep, a local charter school. Reading and storytelling can really give kids an advantage in the world and in their studies. I came during summer school, while teachers were teaching the kids essential math and reading skills for the coming year. The

reading teacher set aside time for me so I could read a story to them. During the coming school year, I hope to continue to tutor in the school and make a difference. I'm really excited for my Bar Mitzvah, and I hope to see you on September 22!

Hunter is the son of Valerie and Patrick Norton.

#### Bar Mitzvah of Asher Max Duitch October 6, 2018



I'm extremely excited for my Bar Mitzvah. This is my opportunity to assert my Jewish identity. I've always felt a connection to Judaism, especially through the Torah and relating it to modern day events. My Bar Mitzvah project is to put graphics on what to recycle on recycling bins. Global warming is a real issue that needs to be addressed, one of the easiest

ways to address it is through recycling, so many things that could be recycled are dumped in the landfill. Adding recycling bins around has immensely helped but there is still lots of confusion on what can be recycled. If a piece of plastic gets in a recycling plant it takes up lots of time and effort for the workers to remove it, and lots of recyclable things are put in the trash even if there is a recycling can. That's where my project comes in - making informative and intuitive graphics on bins will help out with this problem.

Asher is the son of Suri Duitch and Neil Kleiman.

#### Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Dreher Haber September 29, 2018

Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is one of the most meaningful experiences in my life. It takes a lot of hard work. The dedication it takes to be prepared makes me think that if I can do this, I can do anything! I would really like to thank my Rabbis and teachers who have helped me through this journey through Judaism. I feel more connected to my faith through this process.



For my Mitzvah Project, I chose to work with Zeus' Place, a local rescue animal shelter. I love my dog, Jet, and I want to make sure that other animals are also with families who love them.

Sam is the son of Kelly and Lawrence Haber.

#### Bar Mitzvah of Donovan Samuel Ahlquist October 13, 2018



I can't believe it's almost time for my Bar Mitzvah! It has been challenging to get ready, but I have worked really hard. I have learned so much from Rabbi Pinsky, Rabbi Berk, Cantor Margolius, and, especially, Dr. Jaffe, and I couldn't have done this without their guidance. My Bar Mitzvah project is about restoring lost wetlands, and I have been

working to plant trees in threatened areas to rebuild the land. This is something that I care a lot about, and that I hope to keep working on for a long time, and inspire others to do the same. Reading from the Torah portion that includes Noah, I have thought a lot about our relationship with water. Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is the next step in my Jewish life, and I hope to share it with you on October 13.

Donovan is the son of Elizabeth and Aaron Ahlquist.

#### Bar Mitzvah of Zachary West Breux October 20, 2018

Zachary is the son of Lainie and Tad Breaux.



## WELCOME BACK!

## UPTOWN HEBREW OPENING DAY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPENING DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS Religious School is starting soon!

Grades 3-6 start Wednesday Hebrew on September 12 from 4:00-5:30pm. All grades Pre-K through 10th start Sunday classes on September 16 from 9:00-11:30am

Reminder emails will be sent to all families who have registered prior to opening day.

## SHABBAT ROCKS! AT TOURO

#### A SHABBAT MORNING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - 9:30AM (INFANTS - AGE 6)

Join Rabbi Silverman and Cantor Margolius for a special Shabbat morning of singing, dancing, praying, playing, Torah stories, and (of course) challah and juice!

Our first Shabbat Rocks of the year will be EXTRA special in honor of Selichot — the month when we prepare ourselves for Rosh Hashanah. Bring your favorite stuffed animal so we can start the year off with sweet blessings and lots of laughs. Have a friend who is interested in joining us? Bring them along!

> For more information contact Rabbi Silverman at tsilverman@tourosynagogue.com

**UPCOMING DATES: OCTOBER 6** 

## HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER 12

TOT SERVICES FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS CHILDREN AGES 0-3

*Rosh Hashanah* Monday, September 10 9:00 - 9:20 am

*Yom Kippur* Wednesday, September 19 9:00 - 9:20 am

Littlest ones (ages 0-3 years) join 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, September 10 9:00 - 9:45 am

*Yom Kippur* Wednesday, September 19 9:00 - 9:45 am

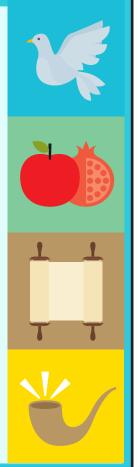
Please join Rabbi Silverman and Charlie Cox for an interactive service for children ages 4-8, accompanied by their parents. There will be prayer, stories, music and fun!

Services will be in the Forgotston Chapel and are not intended for babies or toddlers. "THE STORIES AND LESSONS OF THE SEASON" KIDS 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.



# **ELUL EVENINGS**

## A HIGH HOLY DAY PREPARATION WITH RABBI BERK

## WEDNESDAYS 5-6PM

Join us as the sun sets on Wednesdays in Elul to explore some High Holy day themes in conversation, contemplation, with a nice glass of wine and some light appetizers. It's just a very lovely way to prepare for the Tishrei season. Come to one or all Elul Evenings - your honesty and reflection will add so much to the conversation.

> AUGUST 15 A New Working Definition of Transgression: Intent vs. Impact

> > AUGUST 22 Exploring Forgiveness Through Empathy

**AUGUST 29** Judgement vs. Discernment: Where is God in All of This?

SEPTEMBER 5
Do People Ever Really Change? The Cycle of Reflection and Return

RSVP AT TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/ELULEVENINGS

## **SELICHOT** SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 1

## MR. ROGERS & ME : A DEEP & SIMPLE DOCUMENTARY FILM

6:00 Film Viewing 7:15 Dinner and Discussion with Rabbi Berk 8:30 Selichot Service – A Contemplation of Deep and Simple

*"Deep and simple is far more essential than shallow and complex."* – Fred Rogers

In an age of noise, this film explores moments of silence. In an age of complexity, this film explores seeking simplicity. In an age of technology, this film explores heart connections. In an age of harshness, this film explores gentleness.

To open our High Holy Day season, we will calibrate our souls to the teachings of one of our most revered spiritual guides, Mr. Rogers. Deep and simple. Please join us.

RSVP AT TOUROSYNAGOGUE COM/SELICHOT



#### **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**

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel Yom Tov.

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָ, אֵלהַינוּ מֶלֵדְ הַעוֹלָם, אֲשֵׁר קַדְּשָׁנוּ בִּמִצְוֹתָיו, וִצְוַנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֵׁל יוֹם טוֹב.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the festival lights.

#### **BLESSING OVER THE WINE OR GRAPE JUICE**

Baruch Atah Adonai,	בָרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ,
Eloheinu Melech haolam,	אֱלהַינוּ מָלֶדְ הַעוֹלָם,
borei p'ri hagafen.	בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

#### **CELEBRATING THIS MOMENT**

Baruch Atah Adonai,	בָרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ,
Eloheinu Melech haolam,	אֱלהַינוּ מָלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם,
shehecheyanu v′kiy′manu	שֶׁהֶחֶיָנוּ וְקִיְּמַנוּ
v'higianu laz'man hazeh.	וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this season.

#### **BLESSING OVER THE ROUND CHALLAH**

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.

ברוּדְ אַתַּה יַיָ, אֵלהַינוּ מֶלֵדְ הַעוֹלָם, הַמְּוֹצִיא לֶחֵם מָן הָאָרֵץ.

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

#### **BLESSING FOR DIPPING APPLES INTO HONEY**

Baruch Atah Adonai,	בָרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ,
Eloheinu Melech haolam,	אֱלהָינוּ מָלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם,
borei p'ri ha'eitz.	בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הָעֵץ.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the trees.

#### **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

Baruch atah Adonai,	בָרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ,
Eloheinu Melech haolam,	אֱלהַינוּ מָלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav,	אֲשֶׁר קדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir	וְצִנָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק גֵר
shel Yom haKippurim.	שֶׁל יוֹם הַכִּיפּוּרִים.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the lights of Yom Kippur.

> Rabbi Silverman's Favorite Challah

- · / cup warm water

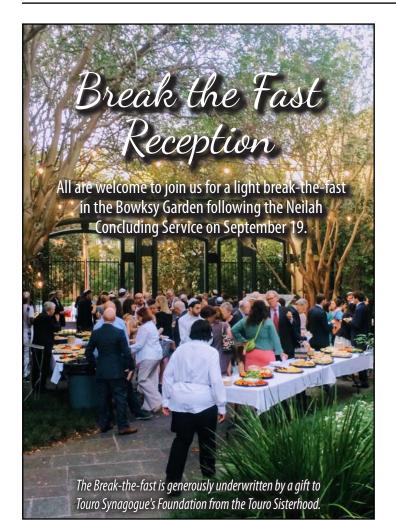
- 2 1/2 top. fresh or active dry yeast 1/2 cup vegetable oil or applesauce 3 eggs (2 for dough, 1 for brushing)
- · 1/2 cup sugar
- · 1-2 thep honey
- · 2 top. kosher salt
- 5 cups flour
  - 1. activate yeast 2. mix & knead 3. proof & braid 4. bake

  - 5. enjoy!

Enjoy Rabbi Silverman's delicious challah recipe at home this High Holy Day season. Find the full recipe at https://goo.gl/axjKNp



Meet us at the Boat Dock for a meaningful Tashlich Service and singing with Rabbi Berk, Cantor Margolius, and Rabbi Silverman. Bring a picnic snack, cold beer or soft drinks to share. Come with your frisbee, football and even your dog!



# BABYSITTING HIGH HOLY DAYS

We are happy to offer babysitting during the mornings of High Holy Days for children ages 6 months to 7 years. Please sign up online at www.tourosynagogue.com/hhdbabysitting.

#### **RESERVATION DEADLINES:**

Monday, Sept. 3 for Rosh Hashanah Wednesday, Sept. 12 for Yom Kippur



#### HIGH HOLY DAY PULPIT FLOWERS SPONSOR | \$350

Touro Synagogue offers many sponsorship opportunities for you to consider in memory or in honor of someone you love or in celebration of a simcha.

Submit your sponsorship online at www.tourosynagogue.com/sponsorship or call the Touro office (504-895-4843) to make arrangements to support our synagogue.

#### SEE PAGE 20 FOR MORE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



# TOURO SYNAGOGUE TORAH PROJECT

"The one who engages with Torah - and discovers in it new meanings contributes new Torah, which is treasured by the congregation of Israel." - Zohar

We are about to engage in the writing of a new Torah. This is an honor and a joy for our whole Touro Synagogue community. It is a once in a lifetime encounter, the magnitude and magic are nothing short of spiritually transcendent. And, we get to do this together!

Torah is as old as the practice of Judaism. Each Torah scroll contains the same letters, the same words, the same stories. But, each Torah scroll is written by an individual scribe. Every sheet of parchment is personally inked by a human hand, so no two scrolls are identical. Each Torah reader studies a different angle on a passage; each voice lifted in cantillation brings a new pitch to the resonance; each episode reads differently as the passage of our lifetime unfolds. And, each cycle of Torah reading renews our opportunity to just read it all over again. In this way, Torah is always spiritually new - and renewable.

#### Soferet (scribe) Linda Coppelson will write a new Torah for Touro with us.

We each will have the chance to dedicate selections that are most meaningful to us - the chapters that inspire and challenge us. Linda will allow us to place our hand over hers, and actually write the Torah together. A word, a verse, a column - these will come together anew with our community commitment to write a new Torah.

*62 sheets of parchment; 248 columns of ink; 10,413 justified lines; 304,805 individual letters. And, every single heart in this sacred endeavor.* 

Members in good standing will be invited to dedicate parts of the Torah that are most meaningful to them or a loved one. This magnificent Torah writing experience will kick off during the weekend of Shabbat Shuvah. We hope you will plan to be with us!

**STAY TUNED FOR TORAH DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES, SCRIBING DATES, AND DETAILS** 

Dedications may be in honor or in memory of someone, to mark a special life-cycle event, to celebrate a special occasion, or simply to celebrate being a part of this unique Torah writing experience.

This Torah is underwritten in loving memory of Touro past president, Julian H. Good, by his family.

## TORAH DEDICATION CELEBRATION **SHABBAT SHUVAH SEPTEMBER 14 - 16** *WITH SOFERET LINDA COPPLESON*

#### JOIN US AS WE DEDICATE OUR NEW TORAH SCROLL WITH OUR SCRIBE

#### SHABBAT SERVICES FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - 6:00PM

Featuring a talk with Linda about the art of Torah writing and the sacred calling. How does one write a Torah? What is the process? The time frame? The art? The science? The holiness and the love.

#### SHABBAT AFTERNOON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – 1:00-2:30PM

The State of our Torah Scrolls – Past and Present. Where did our Torah Scrolls come from? Who wrote them? What is their condition? What can we learn about the stories and circumstances surrounding our existing Torah Scrolls? Come talk with Linda and see all of our Torah Scrolls unrolled! Individuals, couples, and families welcome.

Babysitting will be available for ages 6 and under with RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com.

#### NEW TORAH DEDICATION! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – 10:00-11:30AM

See Linda write the first letters in the very beginning of the Torah; watch her hand as it forms the words! All Touro Members - Plan to share in the joy of this momentous, sacred moment; be part of history at Touro Synagogue.



#### LINDA B. COPPLESON, SOFERET STA"M

After years of training, Linda was accepted to participate in the Women's Torah Project, writing 20 out of 62 pages of a Torah that now lives in Seattle, WA. It is the first Torah in history written by a group of Sofrot (women scribes). Her role as a Soferet extends beyond writing to include teaching about the art and skill of the Sofer and embracing and including congregants in the process. Being physically close to a Torah scroll as it is being written, seeing the letters and words emerge from the quill and appear on the parchment is to feel the inexorable pull of history and tradition and elicit that elusive sense of belonging and connection to Jews and Judaism. In addition to writing Torah scrolls, megillot and mezzuzot (STA"M), Linda repairs and restores sifrei Torah. Linda recently retired after a 25 year career teaching Tanach, Rabbinics, and Jewish History. She earned a BA in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University, and an MA in Hebrew Culture and Education from New York University.

## TOURO SYNAGOGUE TORAH PROJECT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The experience of being a part of this Torah project is intended to reach every single member of Touro Synagogue. All donations are welcome and will support a new Touro Torah Fund that will sustain the well-being of this new Torah scroll, and ensure the healthy condition of all of our beloved Torah scrolls for years to come. A profound dimension of this experience is that your donation allows you the honor of scribing in the Torah with our Soferet Linda Coppelson. While she is here working on our scroll, donors to the project will be allowed to join hands with hers and work on the lettering wherever she is in her writing of the Torah scroll. You also may choose to donate to this project and our Torah Fund without choosing the scribing experience.

#### WHAT IS A SCRIBING SESSION?

During your scribing session, you and/or you and a family member will join hands with Linda as she scribes a letter. In the case of a large family or friendship group you will form a chain, with each person touching someone who is touching someone who is touching Linda's hand. Linda will teach you about the significance of the section that you will be helping her to write in the Torah scroll. Each scribing session will last approximately 10-15 minutes.

#### WHEN WILL THE SCRIBING EVENT TAKE PLACE?

This project will unfold during this 2018/2019 programmatic year. Linda will be in town and at Touro on several different occasions; stay tuned for exact dates. Arrangements will be made through the Touro Synagogue office with all donors for specific scribing times.

#### WHO CAN SCRIBE?

Every Touro Synagogue member can scribe. Just as a Torah is not complete without each letter, the story of our congregation is not complete without each member taking part of this unique and special experience.

#### WHAT IF I'M NOT JEWISH?

Every Touro member is enthusiastically encouraged to scribe – all members – non-Jewish members, women, men, children and teens, and seniors. Singles, couples, families, and friends. Everyone.

#### HOW YOUNG IS TOO YOUNG?

Every member from 1 to 100 is invited to be present at a scribing session. Generally, children under age four are welcome to be part of your family's experience, but their little hands aren't quite grown enough to join Linda in writing the scroll itself.

#### WHAT IF I DON'T WRITE OR READ HEBREW?

No Hebrew experience is necessary to participate in this amazing experience. Linda will guide you with her teachings and her hand as you scribe the letter together.

#### WHAT IF I MESS UP?

Impossible. You can rest assured, Linda will be holding the quill with you at all times. There is no risk of messing up the Torah scroll. Quite the opposite. Your participation makes it most sacred.

#### **HOW SHOULD | PREPARE?**

On your scribing day, the Torah Team, rabbis and soferet (scribe) will be there to lead you through this holy moment. In advance you may want to consider someone whom you would like to honor with this experience - in memory or in celebration. You needn't necessarily share this publicly - just a consideration, if you choose.

#### WHAT IF I WANT TO SCRIBE WITH OTHER TOURO SYNAGOGUE MEMBERS?

Members should feel free to sign up to scribe as individuals, or as a Touro friendship group or family unit. Even multiple families can experience scribing together. Because this is an individual, family, and communal experience, you may sign up with other members with whom you feel connected and/or with those you may not yet know, but will come to know through this shared experience.

#### HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE NEW TORAH?

A new scroll requires about a year to complete plus another month for meticulous inspections and assembly. We can hardly wait to see it all complete!



## **DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Dedicate a part of the Torah that is most meaningful to you or to a loved one. Dedications may be in honor or in memory of someone, to mark a special life-cycle event, to celebrate a special occasion, or simply to celebrate being a part of this unique Torah writing experience.

The experience of being a part of this Torah project is intended to reach every single member of Touro Synagogue. All donations are welcome and will support a new Touro Torah Fund that will sustain the well-being of this new Torah scroll, and ensure the healthy condition of all of our beloved Torah scrolls for years to come. A profound dimension of this experience is that your donation allows you the honor of scribing in the Torah with our Soferet Linda Coppelson. While she is here working on our scroll, donors to the project will be allowed to join hands with hers and work on the lettering wherever she is in her writing of the Torah scroll. You also may choose to donate to this project and our Torah Fund without choosing the scribing experience.

#### Dedications are non-exclusive.

There may be multiple sponsors and shared dedications for each of the opportunities listed below.

CHOOSE YOUR DEDICATION:			SIGNIFICANT STORIES AND THEMES:		
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* These are exclusive dedications and are offered to the first person to pe	ay for	the dedication	5	-	

This Torah is underwritten in loving memory of Touro past president, Julian H. Good, by his family.

DEDICATE A PART OF THE TORAH ONLINE AT **WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/TORAHPROJECT** OR RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO TOURO SYNAGOGUE, 4238 ST. CHARLES AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70115

### **STEP 1: SELECT YOUR DEDICATION**

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Our Scribe will be in town and at Touro on several different occasions. Arrangements will be made through the Touro Synagogue office with each donor for a specific scribing time. You may be scribing in a section different from your dedication.

#### **STEP 2: COMPLETE THE DONATION FORM**

All dedications will be acknowledged with a beautiful certificate sent to you or the honoree of your choice.

Payment over time can be arranged for dedications over \$1800. Please contact the Touro office to make arrangements. All contributions are 100% tax-deductible.

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# **USHPIZIN FEST**

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 5:30 PM

**ushpizin** (oosh'piz-een) *noun*. 1. The Talmudic (Aramaic) word for "guests". 2. Those who are invited to join family and friends under the sukkah during the festival of Sukkot.

Come dwell for a bit in Touro's congregational sukkah for our second annual Ushpizin Fest - an evening of noshes, stories, and singing with friends and fellow congregants. Help brighten our communal space by just being you.

Bring your loved ones; have a nosh; take a photo; tell a story or two. Join us for a sweet, lovely evening with your Touro friends and family.

#### RSVP AT <u>TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/USHPIZINFEST</u> Pizza and drinks for all!



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 -- 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, SEPTEMBER 25 Lunch with Rabbi Silverman 12 - 1 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 Lunch with Rabbi Berk 12 - 1 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 Lunch with Cantor Margolius 12 - 1 PM



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. Additionally, Touro Synagogue will observe Yizkor at the festival morning services at Passover (April 26, 2019) and Shavuot (June 9, 2019). To have the name of your loved one read at Yizkor services, please call the office at (504) 895-4843 and speak to Donna.

### FROM MOUNT SINAI TO ST. CHARLES: JEWISH HISTORY 101 WITH RABBI SILVERMAN

#### TUESDAYS THIS FALL OCT. 16, 23, 30; NOV. 6, 13 - 6:00-7:30 PM MAUTNER LEARNING CENTER

Join Rabbi Silverman for an examination of the timeline of Jewish history, beginning with the earliest records of our people's religious and cultural development through life as a 21st century Jew in New Orleans. Together we will explore answers to the question, "How and why did we get from there to here?", and look at examples of the pivotal moments throughout our people's history which often get ignored.

From the Biblical era to Ancient Greece and Rome, from the Middle Ages to modern times, come learn how the pieces of our people's journey interlock to create a story of innovation, adventure, oppression, and celebration.

Those who register should purchase a copy of "AShortHistoryoftheJewishPeople"byRaymondP.Scheindlin in advance of our first session.

> MEMBERS: NO CHARGE | NON-MEMBERS: \$50 RSVP TO INFO@TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM



#### SELECT THURSDAYS, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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! Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll provide the drinks. **All are welcome**.

> UPCOMING SESSIONS: OCTOBER 4 OCTOBER 18



## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### TOURO SYNAGOGUE'S VIENNESE COFFEE HOUSE

Come discuss the issues of the day. How will we use our voice to advocate for, attend to, and advance our civil rights legacy? What is the role of interpretive religion and Judaism in the political discourse?

#### WHEN

Sunday, October 14, 9:30AM - 11:00AM with Rabbi Berk

#### WHERE:

Coffeehouses are graciously hosted by Touro Congregants in their homes. Addresses will be provided upon RSVP

#### WHO:

Open to all Touro Synagogue members. You may bring friends with you. Please RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com prior to each event.



## **CARING & MITZVAH COMMITTEE**

Touro's Caring & Mitzvah Group endeavors to strengthen our community by helping members connect to one another. Our goal is to create a place of comfort, where we support and celebrate each other. If you would like to know more about our current initiatives or help our leadership team assess and develop new initiatives, please contact Lisa Keleher at <a href="https://www.lisatkeleher@gmail.com">lisatkeleher@gmail.com</a>.

Current initiatives include delivery of care packages and meals to families experiencing challenging changes to their lifestyle, welcoming new members to our community, inviting members to participate in Shabbat services, and contacting members who may be isolated from the community.

#### SHOMREI ADAMAH ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

#### SERVICE PROJECT ON THE COAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Shomrei Adamah, Touro social action's environment committee, aims to provide members of the Touro community with opportunities to reflect on our individual and collective impact on the environment and to take actions that promote environmental preservation and protection. On September 8 Touro is going to be joining the Coalition to Restore Louisiana's Coast in Buras, Louisiana, to bag recycled oyster shells in preparation for deployment as a new reef. This reef will be deployed as part of a larger coastal protection project with Point Au Chien tribe, a coastal community with which Touro has partnered.

If you are interested in volunteering on September 8 or getting more involved in Shomrei Adamah in another way, email <u>david.l.shepard@gmail.com</u>.



Touro's Hunger Action Initiative, Nourish, aims to help alleviate the hunger needs of our greater New Orleans community. According to recent statistics, in Orleans Parish alone, there are 88,170 food insecure people. This number includes children as well as hard-working adults and seniors who simply cannot always make ends meet and may be forced to go without food. The threat of hunger is very real; often they must decide which to go without, food, or medicine. You can help Touro's efforts to be part of the solution!

Our state of the art Vertical Garden, which lines the exterior walls of our building on Pitt Street, provides fresh and healthy produce for our neighborhood food pantry--sometimes as much as 70 pounds in just one harvest! The Broadmoor Food Pantry (BFP), an initiative of the Broadmoor Improvement Association, Broadmoor Community Church, and a Second Harvest member agency, distributes fresh produce to the hungry individuals and families in our neighborhood, many of whom are diabetic or pre-diabetic in part because they cannot afford the fresh fruits and vegetables needed to sustain a healthy body.

We also support Second Harvest directly by maintaining ongoing collection bins for non-perishable foods. We encourage you to bring in your non-perishable food items each Shabbat and whenever you are in our buildings. Your donations help make our New Orleans community more food secure. The Broadmoor Food Pantry depends on Second Harvest's distributions to provide food for their families in our neighborhood. Look for our focused drive each month to offer the foods they most need.

To learn more about the Broadmoor Food Pantry and what you can do to help, please contact Anamaria Villamarin-Lupin at <u>anamariavl@live.com</u>.

To learn more about our Vertical Gardens or to help us harvest (one time or on-going) please contact Scott Saltzman at <u>scott.saltzman@gmail.com</u>.

#### NOURISH COMMITTEE FOOD DRIVE COLLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER Canned proteins: tuna, chicken, salmon

OCTOBER

Canned fruits and vegetables; canned beans and potatoes

We happily accept all types of non-perishable food donations year-round. For safety reasons, Second Harvest prefers not to receive any glass containers.

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#### WE THANK THESE GENEROUS SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR HELP IN MAKING SHABBAT A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE:

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on the birth of their son, Aviel David Benson, and to grandparents Julie and David Benson, and great-grandmother Roberta Yuspeh

#### Michelle and Jacob Goehring

on the birth of their son, Maxwell David Goehring, and to grandparents Cathy and Morris Bart, aunt and uncle Carrie and Austin Marks, and great-grandmother Hertha Bart

#### Beth and Austin Lavin

on the birth of their son Max Aron Lavin, and to big sister Amelia, grandparents Howard Shapiro, Catherine Boozman, Nancy Aronson, and Virginia Besthoff

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on the birth of their grandson, Asher Max Lestelle

**David Margolin** 

on being elected President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons

**Rebecca Mark** on being named Chair of the English Department at Tulane University

Sandy Rosenthal

on being honored by Tulane University as Social Entrepreneur of the Year for her work as founder and director of levees.org

#### Benjamin Swig

on launching his emergency service *Ready Responders* which provides solutions to improve response times to critical 911 medical emergencies, reduce unnecessary ambulance and emergency department utilization, reducing health care cost through the use of their innovative staffing model of EMTs and Paramedics, technology and patient-centered engagement.

Lindsey and Leigh Topp

on the birth of their daughter Edith "Edie" Mae Topp

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on the birth of their son Jack William Topping

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on the birth of their son Ari Michael Zapetal and to big brother Meyer

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

#### WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS TO THE TOURO FAMILY:

Vanessa and Chad Berg Michael and Brandon

#### **Carol Bixler**

Michelle Allen-Hart and Joseph Hart Avery and Harry

**Deborah and Kelsey Jannerson** 

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#### SHABBAT PULPIT FLOWERS | \$75

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#### CHANUKAH FAMILY DINNER UNDERWRITER | \$250

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

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

> **Betty Jean Rosen Weil** wife of Donald Weil

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Arthur Michael Horowitz husband of Carol Bixler

#### **Gloria Gans Opotowsky**

mother of Randy Opotowsky (Kathleen), grandmother of Henry, David, & Matthew

#### Joyce Goodwin Widofsky

wife of Woody Widofsky

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husband of Frances Marcus, father-in-law of Karen Remer

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grandmother of Abigail Isaacoff

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father of Ellen Kempner Sucherman (Lee)

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father of Shelley Saltzman (Scott), grandfather of Tierney

#### Eleanor Yanitz

sister of Elaine Rabin, cousin of Joan Bain, Steven Bain (Aimee), & Brian Bain (Julie)

> Jamie M. Ber daughter of Rosemary Ber

May their memory be for a blessing.



## **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, AUGUST 31 / SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 (*READ AT CONGREGATION GATES OF PRAYER*) Isaac Coleman Bowsky, Bertha Schottlander Harris, Charles Samuel, Bella G. Ratner Zucker,

Charles Alltmont, Nathan Katz, Melvin Anish, Annette L. Block, Frances Duber, Victor F. Kirschman, Bertha Levy Weil, Katie Schlankey Bowsky, Max Bergman, Philip Phillips, Samuel Rabin, Israel, Samuel Lurie, Leonard W. Krinsky, Isidore Manasses, Meyer Goldberg, George B. Aarons, Charles Edward Loeb, Edith Kaufmann

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 / SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 Sam A. Schulman, Victor Cupple Burk, Leon Max Teles, Harry Haas, Harriet Levy Felix, Sara Kohn, Murray J. Kops, Gustave J. Klotz, Jr., Vivian Mayer Teague, Andre Zilbermann, Isaac Widofsky, Alex Hochstein, Ophelia Peine Hausmann, Minnie Sarnoff Fierman, Lester Benjamin Shapiro, Henry Schwartz, Henry Berlin, Nat Friedler, Max H. Levy, Rubin Weaker

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 / SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Sol Grishman, Benjamin Goldenberg, Harcourt N. Levy, Emanuel S. Pulitzer, Henry Lazarus, Isidore Heymann, Sam Schwartz, Jon Francis Leyens, Marjorie I. Kullman, James Matthew Davis, Emanuel Fliegel, D.D.S., Salomon Geismar, Arthur Irving Gottsegen, Julian Julius Loeb, Edith Israelson, Herbert Charles Leopold

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 / SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Karen Jacobson Greenberg, Max Meyer Tannenbaum, Isadore Levy, Eleanor Honey Brener, Leonard Louis Bain, Madelyn Patz Cohn, Julie Trautman, Aaron Daniel Zack, Bella Levy Aaron, Henrietta L. Frank, Gertrude Levy Levy, Ferdinand Nathan Falk

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 / SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Dr. Aaron David Heinemann, Dr. Joseph R. Seelig, Elias Berenson, Hilda Hiller, Rose L. Kaufman, David Kanter, Mrs. Elkin Moses, Rabbi David Fichman, Alphonse Pincus, Camille Hagedorn Ochs, Julia Heymann Goodman, Milton M. Feitel, Helen Morse Kottwitz, Louis Alan Francis, Barbara, Sherman Loeb, Sigmund J. Loeb, Samuel Jacob Spiegel, Peter Roussel Norman

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 / SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 Florence Hartson Hiller, Sandra Joy Willenzik, Blanche Samuel Goldman, David Levy, Solomon Aaron Stolaroff, Emil Emanuel Block, Velma Lazarus Goldstein, Alvin Lee Duber, Joseph O. Grant, D.D.S., M.S., Harry Rothschild, Mathilda Friedman Shushan, Captain Benjamin Newman, Albertina Lob Waldhorn, David Ochs, Harry Latter, Sidney Sigoloff, Fannie Berenson Rubenstein, Adolph Ira Botnick, Sarah Levy Newman, Norma Reine Levy, Nettie B. Bloch, Marian Fliegel, Sadie Bennett, Mever Heinemann

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 / SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

William H. Levy, Fannie Lehmann Ochs, Florence Rosenthal Maas, Charles Bennett, 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

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 / SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

Dr. Isidore Cohn, Jr., Amelia Blum Samuel, Nathan I. Schwartz, Edwin A. Vacant, Virginia Ullman Weil, Ansel S. Kottwitz, Milton Sheen, Philip David Rittenberg, Louise Goldstein Wolchansky, Pearl Kaufman Levy, Isaac L. Haspel, David Cohn, Estelle Aaron Levy, Judith F. Lowenberg, Shirley Latter S. Kaufmann, Mary Sommer Solinsky Good, Samuel Clarence Pulitzer, Joseph Lester Ames, Theresa Lubel Baum

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 / SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Beryl Levy Gernsbacher, Ruth Rosen Weisler, John B. Lefkowitz, Gustave P. Covert, Eva Levenberg Yarrut, Elizabeth Jacobs, Saul Brooks, E. Sylvia Frank, Dorothy Burger, Wagger, Bernard Gretzner Levy, Irma Leucht Rosen, Hope (Tikva) Teles Solomon, Jacques Wildenstein, Max Schwartz, Adelaide H. Bergman, James D. Neuwirth, Miriam Levy Asher, Charles Louis Yuspeh

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 / SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Julia Mayer Weiss, Sam Margolis, Milton M. Glueck, Jean Salmon Frankel, Jonas Hiller, Sylvia Baskind Levitch, Morris Ellis Irving, Steven Howard Phillips, Pauline Joseph Levy, Mercedes P. Sontheimer, Gustave Lehmann, August Marx, J. Isadore Lindy, Anna Solomon, Moise Waldhorn, Tilden Pick, Madeleine A. Oberdorfer, Rebecca Newman Greenspan, Irving "Ernie" Weiss, Myron "Mike" Kasten, Stella S. Isaacs, William T. Hochstein, Pauline Phillips, Leon Hirschberg, Jules D. Feitel, Abraham L. Shushan, Sr., Frank Friedler, Jr.

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	SEPTEMBER 2018							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
						1 9:00AM Torah Study 9:30AM Tot Selichot 10:30AM Summer Union Shabbat Service at Gates of Prayer 6:00PM Selichot Film Screening and Dinner followed by Selichot Service		
2	3 Labor Day Touro Office Closed	4	5:00PM Elul Evenings with Rabbi Berk	6 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal	7 6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service	8 9:00AM Torah Study 10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service Shomrei Adamah Service Project ( <i>location offsite</i> )		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
EREV ROSH HASHANAH 8:00PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	ROSH HASHANAH See page 2 for the full schedule of services		4:00PM Uptown Hebrew Opening Day	7:30PM Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service/ Shabbat Shuvah with Soferet Linda Coppleson	9:00AM Torah Study 10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service 1:00PM Torah Project: Soferet Visit		
16	17	18 Kol nidre	19 Yom kippur	20	21	22		
9:00AM Religious School Opening Day 10:00AM Torah Project: New Torah Dedication		8:00PM Kol Nidre Service	See page 2 for the full schedule of services		6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service	9:00AM Torah Study 10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service/Bar Mitzvah of Hunter Benjamin Norton		
23 9:00AM Religious School in session	24 ѕиккот	25	26 12:00PM Lunch in the Sukkah with	27	28	29		
30 9:30AM Simchat Torah Celebration (Religious School not in session)	Touro Office Closed 7:00PM Board of Trustees Meeting*	12:00PM Lunch in the Sukkah with Rabbi Silverman	Rabbi Berk 4:00PM Uptown Hebrew in sesson 5:30PM Ushpizin Fest	12:00PM Lunch in the Sukkah with Cantor Margolius	6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service followed by Shabbat Sukkah: Vintage Wines and Harvest Moon	9:00AM Torah Study 10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service/Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Dreher Haber		

\*These meetings are open to Touro members in good standing

## OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
						9:00AM Torah Study		
						9:30AM Shabbat Rocks!		
	10:30AM Simchat Torah Festival Service with Yizkor		4:00PM Uptown Hebrew in session	12:00PM News and the Jews	6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service/ Birthday Blessings	10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service/Bar Mitzvah of Asher Max Duitch		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
						9:00AM Torah Study		
9:00AM Religious School in session			4:00PM Uptown Hebrew in session		6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service	10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service/Bar Mitzvah of Donovan Samuel Ahlquist		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
9:00AM Religious						9:00AM Torah Study 10:30AM Shabbat		
School in session 9:30AM Viennese Coffeehouse	7:00PM Board of Trustees Meeting*	6:00PM Jewish History 101	4:00PM Uptown Hebrew in session	12:00PM News and the Jews	6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service	Morning Service/Bar Mitzvah of Zachary West Breaux		
21	22	23	24	25		27		
						0:00 AM Torob Ctudy		
9:00AM Religious		6:00PM Jewish	4:00PM Uptown		6:00PM Shabbat	9:00AM Torah Study 10:30AM Shabbat		
School in session		History 101	Hebrew in session		Evening Service	Morning Service		
28	29	30	31					
9:00AM Religious School in session	10:30AM Touro Women's Book Group Meeting	6:00PM Jewish History 101	No Uptown Hebrew					

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## **IMPORTANT HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION**

#### ST. CHARLES AVE. CONSTRUCTION AND PARKING

The City of New Orleans construction project on St. Charles Ave. between Napoleon Ave and Louisiana Ave. is well on its way. This project will be ongoing throughout the High Holy Days so we wanted to share some tips to help you navigate the area during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

- A very limited amount of temporary handicap parking spots will be available on the General Pershing side of our building
- This year, the passenger drop off zone will be located on General Pershing St. close to the St. Charles intersection
- Parking at Sacred Heart parking lot is only available during Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre evening services. Their school is in session on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur days and their lot will not be available to us during daytime hours. Please plan to arrive early to find parking in the surrounding neighborhood
- Senior citizens and persons with disabilities may contact the Touro office for Catch-a-Cab vouchers to use for getting to and from the synagogue during the holidays; this will allow you to bypass parking altogether
- Consider ride sharing with each other or taking an Uber to avoid any parking difficulties

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding surrounding any parking difficulties caused by the City of New Orleans construction project.

#### **SECURITY PASS REMINDER**

High Holy Day Security Passes have been mailed to all members in good standing.

Please remember to bring your member security passes to services. With these passes, members and their families and any accompanying guests, will be admitted without security screening. These passes are intended to allow family groups to bypass entry security screening. Members will use their issued passes for each service during the High Holy Days and are asked to keep the passes in their possession throughout. (It is not necessary that each individual family member have a pass, but to avoid screening, members and their families, and accompanying guests must enter together with one of the passes.) Security passes are non-transferable.

As always, non-member visitors are welcome. Non-member guests and anyone unaccompanied by a security pass will be screened by security personnel before admittance.

If you did not receive your pass, please feel free to contact the Touro office to make arrangements to pick one up during office hours (9am-5pm).