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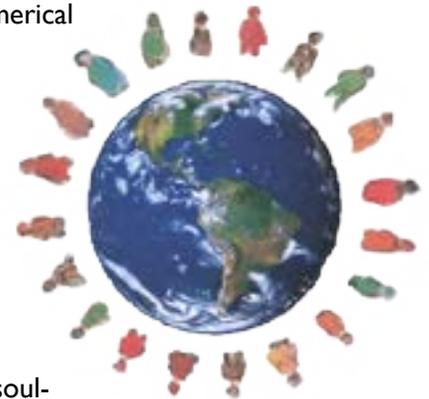
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Rabbi's Letter

This New Jewish Year: We Lift Our Eyes to Each Other and to the World

by Rabbi Shawn Zevit

Shalom and welcome back from Summer to the Jewish rhythms of a new year. This year is 5778 in the Jewish calendar. Every Hebrew letter also has a numerical value. The New Year 5778 reveals the Hebrew letters *ayin* and *het*. *Ayin* can represent the first letter in the words **einayim/ eyes** and *het* can lead to **hayyim/ life**. Keeping our Eyes/Focus on what will sustain and bring forward life, aliveness!



A year ago, as we explored the Power of the Hebrew word *Ohz*, “soul-strength through engagement” we built on the prior year’s “[Yav Consciousness](#)”. This New Year urges us to expand our vision and focus our energy and attention on the life of our planet, communities, our Mishkan, and own souls. Our goal is to reach for clarity and insight so we can engage more fully with the expanse of life’s choices, blessings and challenges in clear, true and accountable ways.

A year ago, many of us felt poised with hope and confidence in a new era of openness, caring and equity towards a more just society and abundant society for all. We cheered that we had joined the global community to recognize and take measures to mitigate our ever-changing climate and deteriorating environment. Different outcomes awaited us on the national and statewide scene. Yet our Jewish tradition and values and our own [Mishkan Shalom statement of principles](#), invite us to rise above cynicism or apathy and get involved in life with discernment, commitment and compassion, not despite our current circumstance, rather even more so because of them.

As we look to the year ahead, may members, committees and staff strive for the objectives Mishkan President Ellen Tichnor describes in her article on page 3. While we will be working to support continued membership and growth, we are launching a major long-term capital campaign for the first time in many years. We will also honor our

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Letter from the Rabbi

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beloved Education Director and long-time member Rivka Jarosh, who is retiring at year's end. We already have an active team and process underway to search for Rivka's successor. With the tireless efforts of our board member, Ilene Burak, we now have new long-term leases for [CB Community School](#) and City Light Church. And with Bob Kaufman and Lance Laver's guidance, a new expanded office space on the first floor was established for our own needs.

We are poised to move to a new phase in the life of our community. If we both continue our growth and engagement pattern, and secure funds, founding members can join the new generation of members to engage more actively in our mission and vision. [Please look at the wide-array of educational and programmatic offerings coming this year and get involved in volunteering and/or participating.](#) Our *Shabbat* School pilot project continues in December after a successful first year for three monthly *Shabbat* immersion experiences, with an additional fourth by popular demand to end the year in May. Claire Brunhild, brings an array of skills and passion to her role as rabbinic intern and teen coordinator. Members Julie Meyer and Billy Linstead-Goldsmith co-chair our revitalized Green Team and sustainability efforts as part of the [HAZON Seal of Sustainability initiative](#).

This year we will be taking steps toward greater ownership of what the covenant of belonging means as a stakeholder in Mishkan Shalom. Many of you have been doing so since our founding with Rabbi Brian Walt in 1988. More than half of us have joined or re-joined Mishkan Shalom in the last five years,

especially the last two years when we have had a net growth of membership. Thank you all; we now have a new phase of the journey to travel together.x

On *Shabbat* weekend of September 8 – 9, we will have an opportunity to show up with and for each other, to lean into a renewed commitment and connections with each other in a full weekend of dynamic learning, prayer, and sustenance ([fulfilling our Brit Mishkan](#)). Rabbi Yael, Claire and I will all be on hand for *Kabbalat Shabbat*, and Judah and new *Bar Mitzvah* Isaiah Weekes will be there with me to lead *Shabbat* morning services!

As I take these words in myself, I assess my own leadership of service, my partnering, parenting and friendships. I see my contributions and growth, and often my falling short of the person I long to be in this precious one life. If I have unintentionally hurt or missed the mark with any of you, please let me know in kindness so we may move into this next year with a more open heart together. If we can strengthen our own connections to each other, please let me know better ways to do so or ways you can better support each other in conscious Jewish community. I always prefer face to face communication where possible.

Throughout the Days of Awe and the year ahead we will lift our eyes to life and together focus on our vision and mission on how we can act for justice, compassion and peace in the years(s) ahead. These are indeed the times we were made for!

Elul Tov v'Shanah Tovah U'Mitukah--wishing all of us and our precious world rebirth and renewal in the year ahead.

[CLICK HERE](#) for
Mishkan Shalom's

Sukkot,
Simchat Torah, &
Shemini Atzeret Schedule

(Scroll down to p. 10 on the pdf)



The complete schedule
of 5778 Yamim Nora'im Services

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President's Letter

by Ellen Tichenor

I wake to sleep, and take my waking slow.
Theodore Roethke, "The Waking"

Dear Mishkan Family,

How do we know when evil is prevailing? When do we keep going as we have been going, when do we stretch farther, fight harder, put our lives on the line to save our children and our neighbors and our world? When are the forces of evil truly coming for us? Are we doing all we can do, facing our fears, educating ourselves and others, strengthening our convictions and capacity to resist? Or are we living the Parable of the Boiled Frog: each day the temperature rises in the pond, literally on our planet and between its inhabitants, and each day we acclimate to increased heat, telling ourselves it's not as bad as ___?

I feel my fate in what I cannot fear. I learn by going where I have to go. (op. cit.)

Mishkan Shalom stands as a bulwark against the uncertainty and insanity. Here we face difficult truths about our world and about ourselves, as Jews, progressive, intentionally aware and outspoken, deeply compassionate, always searching. Mishkan is in a long chain of human beings reaching for meaning, bringing the lessons of our tradition and our evolving interpretations to the urgent questions before us now.

Our Mishkan is 30 years old, for some of us it seems the blink of an eye. It's old enough for some children to have grown up, start careers and have children of their own; for beloved community members to have died; for some older and newer members to not yet know one another; for new leaders to step into the picture; and for our current staff and lay leaders to concentrate on ensuring Mishkan's flourishing with strong roots, new growth, and in a rich, nourishing soil. We learn guided by our principles, and by going where we have to go.

The Board has three goals for 5778. The first is **to successfully launch and achieve the Year 1 goals of our 5-year Campaign for Sustainability**. Over the course of the next two years, we intend to involve each family in conversation about the needs and direction of our

Mishkan, and to encourage your supporting the Campaign as generously as possible.

Hand-in-hand with Goal #1, Goal #2 is **to grow our membership by net 8%**. Happily, in the past several years, Mishkan's membership has been steadily growing. Our community currently has 220 families. If the campaign is successful but our membership doesn't grow, we could be in a similar fiscal position as the one we were in when we started it. So the goal is that our community size increases to the point where annual membership dues support the annual operating budget by the end of the Campaign. Retaining and supporting current members is equally essential. We aim to be self-sufficient in our building, and thereby in the future focus fundraising on the extras that will enhance our building, classrooms and programs. It's within our reach. Each of you, along with the Board and our rabbis, has a role to play in achieving this goal. You'll hear more about it as the year unfolds, but I urge you: don't wait, especially as the High Holidays are nigh. Invite friends and family to come to High Holiday services, to have a Mishkan experience, and to consider joining our congregation. Introduce yourself to someone you don't recognize, and bring them into our circle of community

The third 5778 goal is bedrock to our mission: **to transition successfully to a new Education Director**. We know well the gift we've been blessed with for decades in Rivka Jarosh, bringing her warmth, love of learning and Judaism and for children, as well as her many skills as an educator, to Mishkan's Religious School. There would not be a school without her, and because of her, we know our children are getting the best of Mishkan. The Religious School is where our children learn to love Judaism, be part of a community, to lead a service, to understand good and evil, to choose and act for good. The School Committee and Board have begun to define the role and initiate the search for a new Education Director. Rivka herself is woven deep into the fabric of Mishkan, so we can look forward to what she will do next as a longtime, treasured member.

Roethke tells us our fate is in what we cannot fear, must not fear. And so we learn by going where we have to go, and by doing all we can. This is an
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A Way In: Jewish Mindfulness by Rabbi Yael Levy

Dear Friends,

Here we are again, standing on the edge of a New Year together. It has been some year, as we all know. And, in the midst of all the madness, I feel such gratitude for our community. It feels so important to come together, to support and guide each other as we make our way through the blessings and challenges of this time.

As we all get ready for the Days of Awe, I begin, as the tradition urges, to do *heshbon hanefesh*, an accounting of the soul. I take a look at the past year—where and how I have created connection and brought goodness into the world and where and how I have missed the mark, caused hurt or pain or failed to step forward and act for good.

This year I am so aware of the frustration and despair that seeps into my being and the anger and hatred that arises within me. I don't want to bring these qualities into the New Year. I don't want to become whom and what I despise.

The year we are entering, 5778, offers helpful guidance. With *gematria*, the mystical practice of transforming numbers into Hebrew letters, 5778 reveals the letters, *ayin* (70) and *het* (8). *Ayin* means Eye and *het* is the first letter of *hayim*—Life.

This New Year, 5778 calls—Eyes on Life.

Eyes on Life: Lift your eyes and see the life force in all creation—and remember that you are here with all beings, in a web of interdependence.

Eyes on Life: Lift your eyes and ask—How do I want to live? What qualities, intentions do I want to place upon my heart and before my eyes to help direct my words and actions?

Eyes on Life: Lift your eyes and acknowledge that this is it. This is life right now. How do I want to walk through my days? Who do I want to be? What is mine to give?

As I place these questions before me, it becomes clear that I want to live in ways that bring love, compassion, kindness and care into the world. I want to live in relationship and with gratitude. I want the world to be a better place for my having passed through. Hatred and anger, though they at times feel energizing, blur this path. So as I prepare for the New Year, I practice. I practice seeking connection. I practice being thankful. I practice seeing the good in those I encounter. And when the rage rises, as it has many opportunities to do, I acknowledge it and then do my best turn toward an action that creates connection or inspires awe or gratitude. Those are the good days.

Life is a team sport, a friend once said to me, we are all in this together. As we walk into 5778, may we lift our eyes to the beauty, wonder and spectacular blessings of life. May we lift our eyes to the brokenness, the pain and despair. And may all that we see inspire us to reach toward each other, sharing our compassion, vision and strength for the benefit of all life.

I am so grateful to be walking with you.
Shalom, Rabbi Yael

President's Letter

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exciting and important year. Together we are seeing to all the working parts that keep Mishkan Shalom going, and our moral and spiritual compass alive in a world where justice and human decency can be eclipsed.

May your year, and the world, be filled with good,
Ellen

Choose classes now
from our new
Fall, 5778
Lifelong Learning Brochure
See Page 10 of this Issue!

Congregational School

by Rivka Jarosh

Dear Mishkan Community,

I cannot believe I am writing to you as I begin my 12th year as principal of Mishkan Shalom Congregational School and my 28th year of teaching in the School. I look forward to this next year very much. School will begin on Sunday, September 10. We will be gathering at 9:30 a.m. with adults and students to introduce new families and new programs. I am happy to say that we have our wonderful teachers back. We continue to have teachers who “get” children. They appreciate the different learning styles of our students and teach so that all children can learn. The teachers are also well learned in Jewish subjects. A great combination of talents for a Hebrew school!

Last year we reintroduced the idea of having a *Shabbat* School time. We had three *Shabbat* School sessions, each with a different theme. The children had the opportunity to join the services, to share their theme of the morning and to experience services with the other members of our congregation. The feedback was very positive. The students liked the themes and being in services. The parents who stayed, loved being part of the community and praying, instead of rushing about on a Saturday to get to some other activity. The congregation members who no longer have children in the school were very happy to have children be part of the morning. This year we are going to have four *Shabbat* School days. The fourth day will be our last day of school for the youngest children.

Over the last few years, we have had monthly Tot *Shabbats*. With a nice group of regulars, we have scheduled Tot *Shabbats* on the same days as our monthly congregational potlucks. While we continue to have our monthly Tot *Shabbat* gatherings, this year we are will also offer a Tot group gathering on Sunday mornings. We are hoping that these times will be good for congregation members with Tot sessions are open to anyone with little children.

We have been able to fund most expenses for this program with grants from Judge Berger, who kindly donates money to the Jewish Learning Venture for this purpose. Many of the families who come for tot programs end up joining us as members. This last year we had children of former students coming to Tot *Shabbat*. From generation to generation, Mishkan is continuing.

Another new project that was introduced through the Site Committee for this year is one where 10 students from Mishkan School will work with 10 students from our rental school, CB, to create a mural on the outside wall of the first floor. This should bring our two communities a little closer as students work together. I will be reporting more about this program as the year goes on.

In addition to school beginning for our students, under the leadership of Jennifer Coburn, there will be new adult education programs during school time. Our own Elsie Stern, who teaches at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, will be teaching three sessions on Navigating the Prayer Book. Her first session will be on September 17 with a session of *Yotzer Or*. The sessions will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The other two sessions will be on October 8 and October 15.

On a personal note, I have finished all medical treatments for cancer. I am cancer free and glad to grow healthier every day.

Wishing everyone a happy New Year with a good heathy year for all of us. The children will prepare for the holidays in class and in assemblies with Rabbi Shawn. Looking forward to seeing everyone for *Rosh Hashanah* services at Haverford School on Thursday, September 21. There will be services for children all during the morning and child care at other times during the holidays.

B'shalom, Rivka

Sign Up for your High Holiday volunteer spot [HERE!](#)

Library Committee

13th Annual One Book Mishkan:

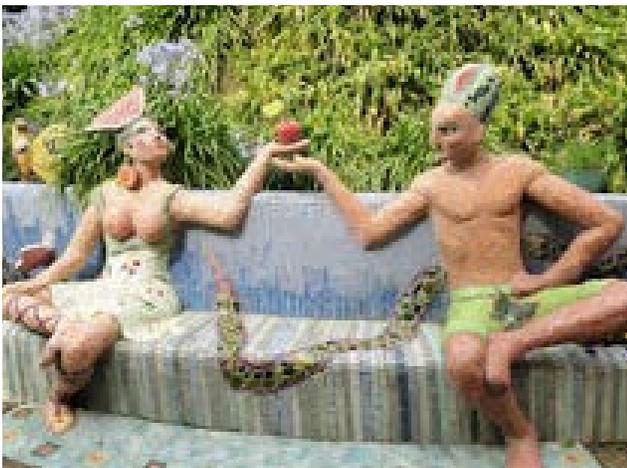
The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, and Us by Bruce Feiler

If the story of Adam & Eve is about romantic love, and not of sin; if one of the most well-known stories of all time is actually about introducing the idea of love into the world; what might this signify about the Bible, in general, or about modern religious practice? Author Reza Aslan calls this work “a provocative journey:” “Eloquently written, Feiler’s book forces even the most experienced of religious scholars to rethink our understanding of sacredness and profanity.”

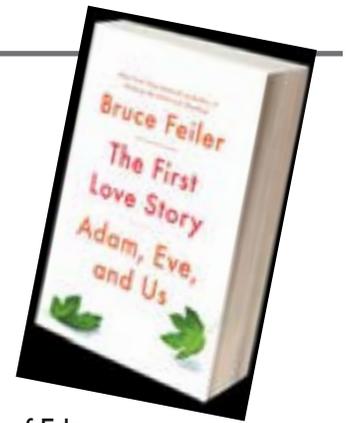
In his *New York Times* column, *This Life*, Feiler writes about *Love Lessons From the (Very) First Couple*:

“Even more important, a single god gives the power of creation exclusively to two human beings. If humanity is to succeed, Adam and Eve must succeed. Our founding story is not about one person; it’s about two: learning to live together, learning to be one.”

From ancient times to the present day – and to the farthest reaches of the world – the story of Adam



“The Giant’s House,” a mosaic sculpture portraying Adam and Eve, by artist Josie Martin in Akaroa, Banks Peninsula, South Island of New Zealand.



and Eve has been told and re-told as the origin of sin. Now, via travels from the Garden of Eden to the Sistine Chapel to Hollywood, Feiler offers a stunning reexamination of their lives, along the way discovering many artists and thinkers who also saw Adam and Eve as individuals in a long-term relationship which endures and, indeed, strengthens, through adversity.

Join us throughout 5778 as we read and discuss this “revelatory journey across four continents and 4,000 years” with master storyteller Bruce Feiler as our guide. Watch for details on *One Book Mishkan* programs. We hope you’ll read with us this year!

About the Author

From his native Savannah, Georgia, to a year *Under the Big Top*; from *Looking for Class*, in Oxford and Cambridge, to *Walking the Bible*, peripatetic writer and commentator Bruce Feiler has become one of America’s most preeminent thinkers on the role of religion in contemporary life. His books include *Abraham*, *Where God Was Born*, *America’s Prophet*,



Bruce Feiler

Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler, *The Council of Dads*, and *The Secrets of Happy Families*. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Linda Rottenberg and their twin daughters.

Notes from the Library Committee:

- ❖ **We Welcome Dr. Adam Blistein as New Library Committee Chair:** With no end of appreciation for founding Library Chair Dr. Lillian Sigal's vision and leadership over the past fifteen years, we wish a warm *Yasher Koah* to Adam, as he assumes his new role. Truly, we have gone from strength to strength!
- ❖ **Library Teshuvah: Turning and Returning:** Considering what work of *teshuvah* you may wish to do during these Days of Awe, here's one way to lighten your hearts: Gather and return your Library books to the blue return bin, under the table, just inside the Library door. Then, of course, begin again!
- ❖ **Book Donations: Let's make it a Better World:** With our collection overflowing, we're only able to accept PRE-APPROVED donations...most likely recent titles or very special items. For book donation pre-approval, please contact Eilen Levinson: levinsone@yahoo.com

Please do not leave boxes of books in the Library!! Instead, donate books to Better World Books. Prof. David Waldstreicher, a new member of the Library Committee, alerted us to this

social enterprise which sells and recycles used books to generate income for literacy initiatives worldwide.

Better World Books has re-used/recycled over 216 million pounds of books and raised over \$18 million for global literacy and local libraries; saved millions of books from landfills, created hundreds of jobs, provided books to millions of readers and, with their partners, built schools, started libraries, trained teachers and provided scholarships. Find your nearest dropbox: <https://www.betterworldbooks.com/go/donate>. There are several locations just a short drive from Mishkan.

- ❖ **Join the Library Committee:** If you're a reader, booklover, lover of libraries or wish to deepen your knowledge of Jewish subject matter, the Library Committee could be a great fit for you. We'd love to have you join us!
- ❖ **Learn more about the Library Committee, our One Book, Bruce Feiler and upcoming One Book Mishkan programs:** Visit our Library page at: www.mishkan.org or write library@mishkan.org. See you in the Library!



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Mishkan Shalom *Hazon* Sustainability Seal 5778 Projects: Eat Local Project Overview



We are delighted to be welcomed into the [2017 cohort of the *Hazon Seal of Sustainability*](#). With the support of members Julie Meyers, Billy Linstead Goldsmith, our newly formed Green Committee, in concert with other Mishkan stakeholders, will work hard to receive the *Hazon Seal of Sustainability* at year's

end. We need your participation and input to both articulate and then achieve our goals in our three chosen projects areas: Food and Food Justice (inc Fair Trade), Re-using and Recycling, and Eating Local. Please be in touch with co-chairs Julie Meyers jpmeyers2@gmail.com, Billy Linstead Goldsmith wlinsteadgoldsmith@gmail.com or Rabbi Shawn if you're interested in becoming part of our Green Team.

Overview of one of our three sustainability projects

Mishkan will begin the focus on Eat Local with a CSA-focused project. The goals will be to educate the community on what a CSA is, provide opportunities to participate in a CSA located close to the synagogue, as well as to educate the congregation on other local-focused opportunities for purchasing if the CSA option is not the right fit for their family.

We will do this in several phases. To educate the Mishkan Community we will ensure that there is easy-to-use signage and provide speakers. We will provide instruction and materials that make participation in the local CSA easy, and we will seek to educate members on where the closest farmers markets may be to their homes by undertaking a mapping project. We will also work to host a farmer to speak to the congregation about the importance of buying local and potentially organize a trip to the local farm that provides the food for the CSA.



What are our first steps for this project?

The first step will be to create reusable signage for community hosted meals and *kiddush* so that congregants can see which items have been made with local, Fair Trade, organic and other ethically sourced ingredients. In addition, we will explore avenues to educate the community about the preference of using these types of ingredients as they commit to, and prepare dishes to serve. We will also approach our neighbor, a church, who hosts a CSA to see if we can collaborate and makes shares available to the Mishkan community or explore other nearby alternatives. Some Mishkan Members already participate near where they live in other CSAs

How will you know that this project has been successful?

We will initially gauge success by how many members opt into the CSA. We will also track adoption of ethically sourced ingredients used by members when preparing dishes to share with the community.

What challenges do you anticipate in completing this project?

Behavior change is always the most difficult challenge, as people tend to form attachments to the brands/products/retail outlets that they are used to. We will continue to be consistent in our messaging and will make a point to demonstrate how moving to more ethically sourced products align with the Jewish values that our congregation embraces. We will also work to make these specific behavior changes as easy to adopt as possible.

When do you expect to complete this project?

The commitment to the project will be ongoing, however we would aim to complete the educational components (signage, CSA info and potential farmer speaker) by the end of the calendar year, as well as begin the farmers' market mapping.

You can read more about the *Hazon Sustainability Seal* in the [June 2017 article in Kol Shalom](#).

New Sanctuary Movement: General Assembly and Upcoming Events

by Tsurah August, with Michael Ramberg



On the perfect day of Sunday, August 6, 2017, more than 60 activists gathered together at to collectively envision creative ways to muster recognition and support for the dignity and wellbeing of undocumented immigrants in Philadelphia, in an imperfect society.

The gathering was a multicultural, multilingual, intergenerational group of people from diverse social strata and neighborhoods of Philadelphia. Having this group engaged with one another discussing any topic would be good in and of itself. But this group was engaged in brainstorming and planning ways to reach two goals: preventing ICE from terrorizing undocumented immigrants in Philadelphia (Sanctuary in the Streets campaign) and changing the dastardly practice of towing the cars of unlicensed immigrants and thus cutting off their ability to get to work and school (Live Stop campaign).

The facilitators were well prepared! In minutes the assembled had to come up with creative and effective ideas, plans and commitments to bring the plight of immigrants to the police and politicians.

Several Sanctuary in the Streets vigils were planned: Neighborhood vigils on Friday, August 25, 6:00 p.m. - midnight in Northwest Philly and West Philly, Friday, September 22, 6:00 p.m. - midnight in North Philly and South Philly, and a culminating public **Sanctuary in the Streets vigil at City Hall on Friday, October 27.**

At a **Live Stop vigil at City Hall on Thursday, September 7**, we will publicly turn over 2500 petition signatures to Mayor Kenny and the Police Commissioner. Earlier our campaign's growing strength led to a meeting with the Police Commissioner.

The next general assembly is **Sunday, October 1, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**, at an NSM member congregation TBD. Join us!

Yosaif, Rabbi Michael Ramberg and I represented Mishkan, one of only three Jewish congregations present! What the others missed! We hope you will join us and this unique group of people using their creativity, passion and intelligence to aide our immigrant brothers and sisters in need.



August Assembly volunteers



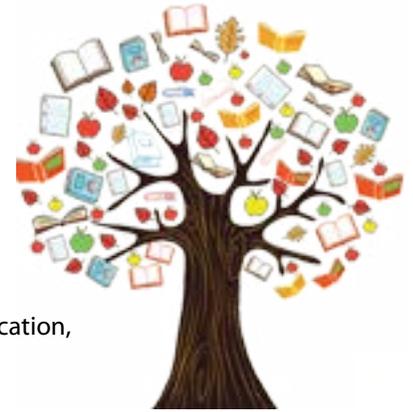
More than 80 people gathered for the August NSM general assembly

If you have questions or would like to get involved, please contact Michael Ramberg: mvrarnberg at yahoo.com or 215.432.4667.



Lifelong Learning: 5778

Fall Course Offerings, 2017-2018



At Mishkan Shalom, we believe in learning for life. Below you'll find a varied, robust range of classes, workshops and experiences to help you—no matter your age or prior experience with Judaism—grow and learn.

[Please visit our website](#) for information about our classes, location, teachers and more.

You can register and pay online for any class listed, using the Lifelong Learning page on our website, www.mishkan.org, or you can mail your registration and a check.

If you have a suggestion for a class you'd like to take—or teach—contact Jennifer Coburn, our Lifelong Learning Committee chair, at jennifer.coburn@gmail.com

[Navigating the Prayerbook](#)

While each service is unique, all Jewish prayer services share a similar “plot.” Mishkan member Elsie Stern will introduce the story line of Jewish prayer services and explore how the individual prayers fit into the common structure of every service. If you've ever wondered what the *shema* has to do with the *kaddish* or what exactly those prayers are, this workshop is for you! Elsie is the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the RRC where she teaches Bible and Rabbinic Judaism.

- 9/17/17: *Yotzer Or* and *Ahavah Rabbah* (Creation and Divine Love)
- 10/8/17: *Shema* and *V'Ahavta*
- 10/15/17: *Geulah* (Redemption)

Sundays, 10:30-Noon. Sept 17, Oct 8, Oct 15

One session: \$10 members/\$15 non-members
All 3 sessions: \$25 members/\$35 non-members

[Walk the Talk: Knowing Nature through a Jewish Lens](#)

Led by Steve Jones, “Walk the Talk” is a series of guided outdoor experiences where you'll learn to “read” the natural landscape as a text. Walk about 1-1/2 hours in the nearby Wissahickon forest, observe elements of the natural world, learn about ecological relationships, and consider short Jewish texts. Walking on the day that follows *Simchat Torah*, we will consider what Jewish teaching has to say about the conservation and appreciation of natural places. All ages welcome. Meet at Mishkan Shalom after services at 12:30, then carpool to a starting point in the nearby woods. Please wear sturdy shoes and sensible clothes for the outdoors.

Saturday, Oct 14, 12:30-2:30pm

\$5/session (members & non-members). We will not collect money on Shabbat.
Please register and pay in advance via the website.

[Spiritual Direction: A Monthly Open Circle](#)

Jewish Spiritual Direction is a process of exploring our connection with what we experience as sacred. Please come promptly at 9:00 a.m. so we may begin together. Led by Meredith Barber. The Spiritual Direction Circle will continue to meet on the 2nd Shabbat of each month.

Saturdays, 9:00-9:55 am. Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13

No charge for this class

[Shabbat Lunch and Learn](#)

“How does our personal relationship with food help us affirm our Jewish identity? Our ethical, ecological, and economic values?” Please join Lisa Joy and Alan Tuttle for a conversation about *Kashrut* (Jewish dietary law) from a Reconstructionist perspective as presented in *A Guide to Jewish Practice, Vol. 1: Everyday Living*, by David A. Teutsch. We will explore how traditional and contemporary practices of *kashrut* can offer us opportunities to bring holiness to the act of eating and to affirm our values.

Saturday, Oct 21, 12:30-2:00 pm

Brown Bag lunch discussion following Shabbat services

No charge for this event

[Pause & Refresh Your Soul: An Exploration of Shabbat Unplugging](#)

Led by Rabbis Shawn and Simcha Zevit at their home in Mt. Airy. Monthly reflection, study and song that blend *Shabbat* afternoon tradition with text study, contemplation, prayer and spiritual practice, all connected to this year's theme of keeping our eye on life – our commitments, time and energy for a sustainable and just world. Throughout the year we will explore the Jewish approaches to *middot* (values, characteristics, virtues) focusing each session on different *middot* we might take on to live our lives more fully, consciously and in relation to the people and world we are part of. See <http://reformjudaism.org/study-48-middot>, <http://www.phillymussar.org/middot.html> and <http://www.torahaura.com/samples/44309.pdf>

Saturdays, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16 (with more in 2018)

\$10.00/session (members); \$15.00 (non-members). We will not collect money on Shabbat.

[Please register and pay in advance via the website.](#)

[Soul Collage® with a Jewish Spin](#)

Sunday, Oct 22, 1:00-4:00 pm, Social Hall

Join us on October 22nd, in this season when our hearts are most open, and let the cards we make reveal to us who and where we are in this new year. Intuitively chosen visual images can be both pithy and surprising, and a nonverbal creative way to consolidate and reflect what we have learned through all the High Holidays. Not to mention that card making is fun and relaxing! If you can use scissors and glue stick you can do it. No art experience necessary - just receptivity, trust in the process, and a spirit of adventure. Taught by Susan Richards.

\$40/class (members and non-members; includes all supplies)

Maximum 12 participants for this workshop

[Let it Rise: Challah Baking](#)

Thursday, Oct 26, 6:30-8:30 pm, Mishkan Kitchen

Join seasoned challah-makers Elissa Goldberg and Anndee Hochman to learn a generations-old family challah recipe; practice mixing, braiding and baking; and learn a bit of challah history and ritual. Come to the class with a large mixing bowl; return home with a freshly baked mini-challah and dough ready for an overnight refrigerator slow-rise so you can braid and bake a full-size loaf in time for *Shabbat* (Mishkan's Village *Kabbalat Shabbat* is on the 27th!). You'll also bring home a packet with the basic recipe, some variations (raisin challah! pesto challah!) and printed challah blessings. Participation essentials: Your own mixing bowl. *To ensure enough ingredients work space and guides, YOU MUST pre-register.*

\$10 members/\$15 non-members

[Eyes On Life—An Exploration](#)

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm. Nov 1, 8, and 15 (more in 2018)

This New Year, 5778, calls us to lift our eyes, to see clearly and engage fully with the blessings and challenges of life. Together we will explore how Jewish tradition, insight and practices, and contemporary understandings can guide us on our journey.

- How do our teachings help us focus on what is most essential in our lives and live in alignment with the time we find ourselves in?
- How can we be inspired to step in, embrace life's gifts, and commit ourselves to being part of the healing and transformation?

Through text study, reflection, meditation, writing and discussion we will explore these themes. And throughout our exploration we will support each other in articulating our visions and actualizing the call to live with *Eyes on Life*. This course will run throughout the year and be taught by Rabbis Yael and Shawn and as well as other guests. **\$40 members/\$60 non-members**

[Roll it Up: Rugelach-baking](#)

Wednesday, Dec 6, 6:00-8:00 pm, Mishkan Kitchen

Celebrated in the Mishkan community for her cinnamon challah, Pat Quigley is branching out to teach another traditional delicacy--*Rugelach*. We'll roll out, fill in and roll up these Eastern European pastries; mix a batch of our own dough to take home, roll out and bake; and review some *rugelach* lore and alternative recipes. Bring a large mixing bowl and a wooden spoon to class; return home with freshly baked *rugelach* and dough to pop into your refrigerator until you're ready to make your own in time for *Hanukah*. You'll also receive several recipes, including a vegan alternative. ***Pre-registration and your own mixing bowl with wooden spoon are prerequisite!***

\$10 members/\$15 non-members

[Shining a New Light on Love, Loss & Re-Emergence](#)

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm. Dec 7 and Dec 21

Led by Rabbi Tsurah August, these sessions are interactive, integrating Jewish traditions, texts, and rituals with the arts: drawing, writing, and music, and are open to anyone interested in exploring end of life issues.

- **Session 1, Dec 7: *Saying Good-bye*.** We explore different ways of having meaningful interactions with our beloveds who are living their final weeks and days, and ideas we might want to incorporate into our own final days.
- **Session 2, Dec 21: *Re-Emergence*.** Many of us think Grief and Mourning are synonymous. However, Grief is the amalgam of a myriad of feelings—emotional, physical, spiritual—that we experience upon a significant loss. Mourning is the assortment of ways we use to move through loss and grief to wholeness. We'll explore a variety of mourning practices from Judaism and other spiritual traditions as well as “out of the box” creative techniques to embrace life again.

You may register for 1 or both sessions. Each session is \$18 members/\$36 non-members

13th Annual One Book Mishkan: *The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, and Us* by Bruce Feiler

If the story of Adam & Eve is about romantic love, and not of sin; if one of the most well-known stories of all time is actually about introducing the idea of love into the world; what might this signify about the Bible, in general, or about modern religious practice? Join us for a revelatory journey across four continents and 4,000 years with master storyteller Bruce Feiler as our guide.

Watch *Kol Shalom*, *Ma Hadash* and www.mishkan.org for 5778's *One Book Mishkan* programs.

Questions? Suggestions? Write library@mishkan.org. See you in the Library!

Mishkan Shalom is a Reconstructionist congregation in which a diverse community of progressive Jews finds a home. Mishkan's Statement of Principles commits the community to integrate Prayer, Study and Acts of Caring — and to work with other people of faith to repair the world in justice and peace.

2017 High Holiday Schedule 5778

SATURDAY September 16 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at Mishkan Shalom	SELUCHOT (FORGIVENESS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 p.m. – Teshuvah workshop with Rabbi Shawn and Rabbi Yael 9 p.m. – Service of Healing and Forgiveness with Rabbi Shawn and Rabbi Yael
WEDNESDAY September 20 6:30 p.m. * at Mishkan Shalom	Erev Rosh HaShanah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 p.m. – Evening service
THURSDAY September 21 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. * at Haverford School	Rosh HaShanah first day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Shacharit (morning) service 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Torah service, sermon, shofar and musaf 1:00 p.m. – Potluck lunch – no nuts please! 3:30 p.m. – Tashlich in Valley Green across from the Valley Green Inn
FRIDAY September 22 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. * at Mishkan Shalom	Rosh HaShanah second day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.: A Way In Mindfulness /Mishkan Shalom Service
SATURDAY September 23 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. * at Mishkan Shalom	Shabbat Shuvah: The Shabbat of Return <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Teshuvah study with Rabbi Shawn Zevit 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. FORGIVENESS, ATONEMENT and SOCIAL JUSTICE with Rabbi Shawn and Rev Greg Holston.
FRIDAY September 29 6:00 p.m. * at Haverford School	Kol Nidre: Yom Kippur Eve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 p.m. Community gathers to write cards for Al Chet (the past year's misdeeds) and place objects on the memorial altar 6:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service
SATURDAY September 30 9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. * at Haverford School	Yom Kippur Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – service using Kol Haneshamah Machzor with Rabbi Shawn Zevit, Kohenet Shoshana Bricklin and other Mishkan leaders. 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – A Way In Mindfulness service with Rabbis Yael Levy and Myriam Klotz 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. – Torah service, sermon, discussion, haftarah, Musaf 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Avodah service led by Wendy Galson & Susan Windle 3:15-4:15 pm – Learning And Discussion Sessions 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Yizkor 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Mincha/Afternoon service 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Neilah/Closing service and Break Fast Potluck "Break-the-Fast" meal follows service

FREE CHILDCARE — NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED — FOR AGES 2 ½ -12 YEARS OLD

Supervised by local teacher and mom, Rebecca Dhondt. This will be offered on Rosh Hashana, 9/21, from 9 am - 1 pm & Yom Kippur, 9/30, Sat, from 9 am - 2 pm . In the Haverford School dining room.

Children's Services

Rosh Hashanah First Day & Yom Kippur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – Children's services (0-5 year olds) 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Children's services (5-8 year olds) 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Children's services (9-12 year olds)
Rosh Hashanah Second Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Children's services (5-12 year olds)

Contributions

April 15, 2017 to May 15, 2017

Heartbeat Concert

Tsurah and Yosaif August
Julie Benioff
Gene Bishop and Andy Stone
Adam and Maralin Blistein
Margaret and David Bradley
Rachel Brown
Lois Bruckner and Debbie Lipshutz
Ilene Burak and Alexis Lieberman
David Calloway and Sandra Sborofsky
Wendy Caplin and Denise Kulp
Sandra Choukroun
Meryl Crean
Penny Delone
Ann Ellen Dickter
Carol Fleischman Sotirescu and Eugene Sotirescu
Fleischman
David Ferleger and Dayle Friedman
Ron Goldwyn and Carol Towarnicky
Jeff Gelles and Sharon Gornstein
Mark and Alex Goodman
Natalie and Harold Gorvine
Gloria Hochman
Seth Horwitz and Marie Scarce
Ed and Jackie Jonas
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Rod MacNeil
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Michelle Marcuse
Steve Masters and Beu Trey
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Marjorie Scharf
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Marilyn Ackelsberg –
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Jordan, Meredith and Baby Benjamin
Shelia Oliver – IHO Abby Ruder's Birthday
The Mishkan Choir
Abby Ruder and Ellen Tichenor
Lisagail Zeitlin – IHO Sam Gilden-Weiner's
Admission into Temple University

G'milut Hasadim / Acts of Caring

By Gene Bishop and Stephanie Shell

Acts of Caring

As we begin a new year, we offer a “refresher course” in *G'milut Hasadim* and *Hineni*.

Acts of Caring lets the *Mishkan Shalom* community learn about significant events in the lives of our members. In this way, we can reach out to one another in times of grief, illness, and joy. To reach us simply email: actsofcaring@mishkan.org. Please remember to share the joy along with the sorrow. We all need it. Gene Bishop and Stephanie Shell are your email posters.

HINENI--HERE I AM

If you could use a little help because of illness, or joy (new baby!) or you know of a Mishkan member too shy to ask, please email actsofcaring@mishkan.org and we will reach out. *Hineni* offers concrete support to members in need of short-term help, including meals, visits, transportation, etc. Please don't hesitate to ask.

If you would like some help, but do not wish a public solicitation, contact the rabbis, or actsofcaring@mishkan.org and we will speak with you privately and seek to arrange help. Don't be shy – it is a *mitzvah* to help others. There is no standard of severity or need. If you need help thinking about it, *Hineni* is here. Our *Hineni* coordinators are Lisa Mervis and Chris Taranta.

In this Acts of Caring column, we share the joys and the sorrows that have occurred over the summer since the last *Kol Shalom*.

Mazel Tov

We extend a hearty *mazel tov* to Stacey Meadows and Christoph Spath on the birth of their grandchild, Juniper Lola Briguglio-Adels, born July 29 to Sam Meadows-Adels and Claire Briguglio. Sam grew up in Mishkan, and was a Mishkan *Bar Mitzvah*. Best wishes to all.

Condolences

We send condolences to Cindy Perkiss on the death of her mother, Helen Schurr, to Jim (Lior) Feldman on the death of his father Jim Feldman, to Roberta Berliner Rossman on the death of her mother Harriet Riva Berliner (Hena Riva), and to Linsey

Will on the death of her father William Henry Will. May Cindy, Jim, Roberta, Linsey and their families be comforted among all who mourn, and may Helen's, Bill's, Jim's and Harriet's memories be for blessings.

Love and Support

This month we send our ongoing love, support, and prayers for healing to Mishkan members Rivka Jarosh, Erica Eisenberg, Jane Lipton, Adam Tuttle, Claire Needleman, Robin Berenholz, Bernice Bricklin, Mark Goodman, Jane Hinkle, Sue Jacobs, Denise Kulp, Robin Leidner, and Nathan Horwitz.

We are keeping Carol Dombroski (mother of Brian Dombroski), Natalie Caplin (mother of Wendy Caplin), Sheila Hyatt (sister of Maralin Blistein), Eleazar Shimon Hakohen ben Shoshana v'Ahron Yosaif (father of Rabbi Shawn Zevit), Sarah Bradley (mother of David Bradley), Debra Singer (sister of Karen Singer), Patrick Windle (brother of Susan Windle), Sal Berenholz (father of Robin Berenholz), Jackie Berman-Gorvine (daughter-in-law of Natalie & Harold Gorvine), Lorna Michaelson (mother-in-law of Joe Brenman), Edgar and Eva Galson (father and mother of Wendy Galson and father-in-law and mother-in-law of Susan Windle), Julie Post and Joseph Post (sister and father of Nancy Post), Judy Jasper Leicht and Anthony McDowell (friends of Eilen Levinson), Ruth Barber (mother of Meredith Barber) and Cy Swartz in our prayers as well. May they all experience a *refuah sheleimah* (full healing).

Please notify us if you want a name added to, or removed from, our “Ongoing love, support, and prayers of healing...” list.

Are you receiving Acts of Caring via email?

Acts of Caring goes out to all Mishkan members. If you are not receiving Acts of Caring, check your spam folder, or if you have gmail, your solicitations folder (Acts of Caring is distributed by Constant Contact). If you unsubscribe from *Ma Hadash*, intentionally or accidentally, you will also be unsubscribed from Acts of Caring. Please contact the office for clarification.

Got Nachas? Sharing your good news is a marvelous way to connect our community! Please don't be shy - send all lifecycle events you would like to be posted to our email address: actsofcaring@mishkan.org.

Yahrzeits

Alan Boroff-9/1-Elul 10

Father of Marcy Boroff

Stanley Mervis-9/3-Elul 12

Father of Steve Mervis

Charles Solomon Berman-9/4-Elul 13

Father of Phyllis Berman

Irving Kosmin-9/4-Elul 13

Father of Sandra Kosmin

Minnie Selinger-9/4-Elul 13

Mother of Warren Selinger

Samuel Belasco-9/6-Elul 15

Grandfather of Andrea Belasco

Jeffrey David Samuelsson-9/6-Elul 15

Son of Eileen Levinson

Joseph Silverman-9/6-Elul 15

Father of Helene Feldman

May August-9/7-Elul 16

Tsurah & Yosaif August

Elmer Blistein-9/8-Elul 17

Father of Adam Blistein

Gertrude Galson Greenberg-9/10-Elul 19

Grandmother of Wendy Galson

Elsa Goldschneider-9/11-Elul 20

Grandmother of Wendy Galson

Samuel Levin-9/12-Elul 21

Grandfather of Barrie Levin

Anne August-9/13-Elul 22

Mother of Yosaif August

Frances McCullen-9/13-Elul 22

Father of Mark McCullen

Janet Spigel Linic-9/13-Elul 22

Sister of Rosalind Spigel

Lucille Kleppel-9/17-Elul 26

Mother of Judy Kleppel

Lynn Zeitlin-9/17-Elul 26

Mother of Lisagail Zeitlin

Arthur Deikman-9/18-Elul 27

Father of Susan Deikman

Helen Finn Ruder-9/18-Elul 27

Mother of Abby Ruder

Sara Laver-9/22-Tishrei 2

Mother of Lance Laver

Sara Laver-9/22-Tishrei 2

Grandmother of Claire Laver

Emma Belasco-9/28-Tishrei 8

Grandmother of Andrea Belasco

Sam Kaufman-9/28-Tishrei 8

Father of Robert Kaufman

Maurice Stanley Friedman-9/29-Tishrei 9

Friend of Susan Richards & Sharon Parker

Henry Galson-Friday, 9/29-Tishrei 9

Grandfather of Wendy Galson

Henry Maschler-9/29-Tishrei 9

Father of Rina Maschler

Jean Somers-9/30-Tishrei 10

Mother of Larry Somers

Harvey Stone-9/30-Tishrei 10

Father of Andy Stone

**Please join us for Torah study every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.
Consult attachments for more information on High Holy Day services.**

Saturday, September 1, 10:30 a.m. – *Shabbat Service*, with Lisa and Allan Tuttle

Friday, September 8, 7:30 p.m. – *Kabbalat Shabbat Service*, with Rabbi Shawn and intern Clare Brunheld

Saturday, September 9, 10:00 a.m. – *Shabbat Service*, with Rabbi Shawn

Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. – *Tot Shabbat*, with Rivka; *A Way In Mindfulness Service*, with Rabbi Yael; **9:00 p.m.** – *S'lihot Service*

Wednesday, September 20 – 6:30 p.m. – *Erev Rosh Hashanah Service* at Mishkan Shalom

Thursday, September 21 - 9:00 a.m. – *Rosh Hashanah Service* at Haverford School

Friday, September 22 – 9:00 a.m. – *Rosh Hashanah Second Day – A Way In Mindfulness Service* at Mishkan Shalom, with Rabbi Yael

Saturday, September 23 – 10:00 a.m. – *Shabbat Shuvah Service*, with Rabbi Shawn and guest speakers

Friday, September 29 – 6:00 p.m. – *Kol Nidre Service* at Haverford School

Saturday, September 30 – 9:00 a.m. – *Yom Kippur Services* at Haverford School

Click here for further resources for the month of [Elul, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur](#)



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