Rabbi's Letter

5780: A New Jewish Year, A New Jewish Decade

by Rabbi Shawn Israel Zevit

Shalom and welcome back from summer to the Jewish rhythms of a new year.

This Rosh Hashanah we enter into a new Jewish decade. We welcome 5780 and the possibilities of a grand, transformative new beginning. With gematria, the mystical practice of transforming numbers into Hebrew letters, 5780 highlights the letter pei (also representing the number 80). Pei is also a word that literally means mouth and focuses our attention on the power of words.

As you will also read in Rabbi Yael's article, "This is a time to be vigilant about the words we use, the stories we tell and the narratives we live by. This is an opportunity to wonder about the words we want to place upon our hearts and before our eyes to guide our efforts and actions."

In Exodus 4:12, our Torah depicts God assuring Moses, that Moses' real or perceived limitations of his capacity to change the world through the words of his mouth, do not need to define his taking a stand to end oppression and reconnect with his people in a remarkable way, "Anochi eheyeh im picha / I will be your mouthpiece." As it says in Pirkei Avot 5:22 (Sayings of our Sages), "When one is eighty years old, they have reached a special strength." Moses is described as being eighty years old when he led us out of Egypt and eighty when he transmitted the Torah to us at Sinai.

Whatever our age or stage of life, our skill, experience or lack thereof, our tradition says any turning of a decade can be a time to break the shackles that hold us and others back, to tap into the miracle of life itself, and in community and relationship, find or refine our calling, purpose and perhaps, help liberate ourselves and others from narratives, systems and leaders who are fueled by power, cruelty and injustice.

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. I see the invitation and even the call that 5780 and this new decade in our larger cultural calendar provides as we reach 2020, is to see even (continued on the next page)
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beyond this time to the longer vision. Let’s be bold and claim this coming year with our eyes wide-open and the words of our mouths (pei), and actions of our hearts opening to justice for all (Pitchu Li shaarei tzedek). Let’s not wait for hindsight vision and lament what we might have done for the sake of the planet, our nation and communities, the meaning and potential purpose of our own lives and those of our loved ones. Our goal is to actively, consciously and compassionately 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.

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. Our city, state and nation are gearing up to organize this year for an election cycle that will affect our democratic, diverse and sense of justice for decades to come. This precious earth cries out for our immediate attention, as do those longing to join us in these United States of America.

As we look ahead to this year, our new passionate president Steve Jones and the dynamic board we elected last June will be guiding us in tandem with our staff, active committees and membership. A great committee was assembled and is chaired by our immediate past-president Ellen Tichenor to oversee and coordinate activities during my Sabbatical this coming November-December, and February-mid-May. We are focused together on supporting continued retention and growth, going for 100% membership participation in our long-term sustainability campaign moving into its third year.

We are fully moving into our fourth decade as a Jewish spiritually activist community. Please look at the wide-array of educational and programmatic offerings coming this year and get involved in volunteering and/or participating.

On Shabbat weekend of September 6-7 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/sign up here).

Rabbi Yael, Gabby Kaplan Meyer and I will all be on hand for the first potluck of the new season, tot Shabbat and Kabbalat Shabbat with help from some other young leaders!

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 further resources for the month of Elul, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

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(at left, receiving blessings)
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We are looking forward to welcoming the New Year together. Please refer to our High Holiday booklet for all the information you need to celebrate with us. Remember that it is a wonderful time to invite friends and family to our warm and meaningful services. Tickets are not required but donations are accepted.

Or go to WWW.MISHKAN.ORG for complete High Holiday schedules and locations

SIGN UP! for our Community Brit Mishkan

Like other synagogues, we at Mishkan rely on our members' financial contributions. But we also rely on additional forms of sustenance - food, nourishment, and community. Our "Community Covenant" (Brit HaMishkan) includes some of our most basic tasks, such as hosting a Potluck Dinner, a Kiddush after services, a Village Shabbat, etc.

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

With great thanks to Sarah Katz and Meredith Mann, click the SignUp Genius button to see this year's Brit Mishkan opportunities to get the dates you want and to help us start the year on solid footing.

Sarah made a special effort to detail what's needed for your signup in the intro section. Please take a moment or two to read it. It will help you when your date arrives.

(A Way In dates will be added soon; and B’nai Mitzvah Families -- your dates will be added as well.) Thanks to all!
“Six years you may sow your field and six years you may prune your vineyard and gather in the yield. But in the seventh year the land shall have a Sabbath of complete rest, a Sabbath of the Lord.”

– Leviticus 25:3-4

Shalom Haverim,

It’s hard to believe that Rabbi Shawn has been here seven years. As a community, we cannot begin to count the blessings his leadership has brought to us, which make this milestone even more special.

In our tradition, the seventh day of the week is Shabbat, time for us to replenish and renew our spirits after six days of labor, then look forward to the coming week feeling refreshed. In the seventh year of his service, our rabbi will be taking his Shabbat year sabbatical. Between early November 2019 and mid-May 2020, R. Shawn will take six months away from his rabbinic duties at Mishkan (except for the last two weeks in January 2020, when he will be with us for MLK Weekend and a bnai mitzvah weekend following).

The Board and a wonderful Sabbatical Task Force have been working with R. Shawn, R. Yael (who has increased her time for next year), Gari and Gabby (our wonderful interim Educational team), Maria and other lay leaders on the best plan for us while he is away. Though we aren’t trying to replace him for that time– as if we could! – We have developed interim structures and gathered people to keep all the wheels turning smoothly. Mishkan is blessed with R. Yael, with inspiring rabbis who are members, and with a dedicated congregation. We’re enthusiastic about new opportunities for service and leadership that this special time provides for our community.

With you,

Ellen Tichenor
Mishkan Shalom Immediate Past-President

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**A Note from Men of Mishkan...**

**Men of Mishkan** is a men’s group open to all adult male members of Mishkan. We meet every two weeks to share life’s joys and difficulties and provide support to each other. If you would like more information or to consider joining please contact either Marc Jacobs, [Marc@MarcJacobsLifeCoach.com](mailto:Marc@MarcJacobsLifeCoach.com), or Mark Heller, [CuisineVoila@aol.com](mailto:CuisineVoila@aol.com).
Greetings to all as we enter September and the Hebrew month of Elul.

This season calls us into our spiritual preparation for the New Year, inviting us to reflect on the year that has been and set intentions for how we hope this new time will unfold.

I step into this season so aware of the anger, sadness and pain I feel about the state of our country and the planet. Understandable as these responses are, I don’t want them to shape my path into the New Year.

This Rosh Hashanah we enter into a new Jewish decade. We welcome 5780 and the possibilities of a grand, transformative new beginning. With gematria, the mystical practice of transforming numbers into Hebrew letters, 5780 brings the letter pei. Pei means mouth and focuses our attention on the power of words. We know all too well that hateful speech leads to hate filled actions. As we enter this New Year we raise up the power of love filled, compassionate speech.

This is a time to be vigilant about the words we use, the stories we tell and the narratives we live by. This is an opportunity to wonder about the words we want to place upon our hearts and before our eyes to guide our efforts and actions.

I am practicing not allowing myself to speak words of hatred and I am being careful of not allowing the rage I experience to seep into my daily encounters. I am placing words of love, compassion and patience upon my heart and before my eyes, so as to be guided by these qualities. Each time I notice myself slipping from these practices, which I do time and time again, I do my best to be forgiving and return my awareness to compassion and understanding.

I am looking forward to being together throughout the yamim noraim, the holy days of awe. I am excited and hopeful about what this New Year can bring.

I will be taking a larger role in the life of the congregation this year as Rabbi Shawn takes his sabbatical. I step into this role feeling very grateful for the community. What a blessing to journey together through the joys and challenges of life, to support and inspire each other, to weep and celebrate together.

May this New Year bring good health and well being, may it inspire our love and compassion. And may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts and the work of our hands be aligned for healing, justice and peace.

Much love and blessing,
Shalom, Rabbi Yael

Find teachings and practices to guide us into the New Year at: www.awayin.org
Dear Friends,

It’s really exciting to begin the school year working with my friend and colleague Gari Weibacher to prepare for what we know will be an engaging school year for our kids, teens, parents, teachers--and entire Mishkan community!

As you know, my role is to support both our teachers and our families. For our teachers, I’ve been working on creating and curating curricular resources. One new addition that I think you’ll appreciate is introducing school-wide monthly themes based on Jewish values. We’ll begin in September with *Menschlekeit*—the idea that we all play an active role in being a kind and respectful person. We’ll share ideas about being a ‘mensch’ in our opening assemblies and in the classroom. I hope you’ll join us every Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. for music, some prayer and conversation on our monthly theme.

For you, our families, I look forward to conversations about your hopes and goals for your child’s Jewish education. I want to make sure to speak with every parent whose child may need support in learning or behavior--the more that we can work as team and share strategies to support your child, the better the school experience here at Mishkan will be. As a mom of a child with an IEP, I value the opportunity to work as partners in creating a culture of inclusion.

If you are reading this message and are NOT a parent of a child in our school, there are MANY ways for you to connect and engage with our school program. Have a cool idea for an arts & culture class? Come teach a *hoog* (40 minutes) in our Wednesday night program. Are you a Hebrew reader? We could use some tutors--and you don’t need to make a weekly commitment. Let me know if you’d like to talk--we welcome our members’ expertise and experience in our school program.

L’shalom – Gabby

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Hello Friends!

I am so excited to be holding the administrative details for our Congregational School and I am especially thrilled to be working closely with Gabby and Maria.

As we lay the foundation for future generations, we know that the Congregational School is one of the most significant expressions of Mishkan Shalom’s values. Knowing this, we continually express our love for the diversity expressed in our members and their children.

Our community includes Jews married to non-Jews, Jews of color, those who are differently abled, LGBTQ+ and even non-Jews who are moved by our commitment to social justice. Our children might have two Jewish parents, or one. They may be Jews of color, non-binary, gay, straight or searching. The school is a place where kids -- and their families -- show up as who they are in order to learn and live a Jewish life. It is extraordinary.

I invite you to learn a bit about the teachers who will be our children’s guides in the coming year. Information about all our school staff can be found on our website under the congregational school tab. This year, we are welcoming Noah Rubin-Blose, a first-year rabbinical student at RRC and Holli Goldenberg who is a public school teacher and also teaches in KI’s Hebrew school. Noah and Holli will be teaching *Vav* and *Zayin* respectively.

We are all excited about a year that brings *menschlekeit*, ease and excitement to our kids and their families. And if you don’t have kids in the school, be on the lookout for opportunities to interact with the students. It may be supporting the Mishkan-a-thon, seeing the kids at Shabbat School or volunteering in some capacity. It will keep you connected and maybe even keep you young!

Best always – Gari
Elijah Borish
September 14

His parasha contained a lot of rules.

Seventy-four of the Torah’s 613 commandments are included in Ki Titze (Deut. 21:10-25:19)—regulations and cautions about everything from sexual violence to building codes. “There’s something about part of the harvest being left for the poor, and about having to have a railing on a roof,” Elijah says.

When he first read those verses, he felt overwhelmed: “I don’t think I’m going to be able to learn all this.”

He’d been a student at Mishkan only since 6th grade; his first Hebrew School Sunday, with Mishkan families and Citylight congregants streaming through the building, left him thinking, “Wow, there are so many people.” A hoog (elective) on gaga, a dodgeball-like game, helped Elijah bond with classmates, and extra tutoring sessions with Rivka Jarosh helped him catch up on learning Hebrew. He began working on his parasha and prayers in earnest last August, and discovered that the verses came more easily when he listened to a recording and sang along rather than speaking the words.

Discussions with Rabbi Shawn, and with his parents, helped Elijah think more deeply about his parasha. Some of the ancient laws still struck him as relevant, such as the commandment to leave portions of the harvest for the poor. Others—like the ‘brother-in-law’s duty’ that calls for the brother-in-law of a widowed, sonless woman to marry the woman and carry on his brother’s line—seemed strange or out-of-date.

For his tikkun olam project, Elijah wants to raise money or somehow support Black Lives Matter, a movement that feels personal and urgent to him because one of his siblings is African-American.

Elijah, an 8th-grader at The Philadelphia School, likes science labs and hands-on projects. He’s enjoyed learning Hebrew; he struggled a bit with his d’var Torah. The whole bar mitzvah preparation experience has taught him “how to prepare myself and how to study. There’s a deadline I have to complete. My advice would be: Take your time and be thorough.”

If he’s nervous before his bar mitzvah, he’ll use the same strategies he uses before a basketball game: “I try to just listen to music and breathe.” Afterward, he expects to feel relieved. “It’s definitely a rite of passage. It’s been a tradition in my family. It’s a project. It’s something that takes time and hard work—I’ll just be proud of myself for accomplishing it.”
New Member Profile: Dan and Bobbi Dvorkin

Dan and Bobbi Dvorkin, like a lot of people, tried a few other synagogues before finding a Jewish home at Mishkan Shalom. It’s an added bonus that it’s a five-minute walk from their home in Manayunk.

Dan, a member of Men of Mishkan, often attends Torah study on Saturday mornings. He says, “While it’s a pain getting up, I enjoy everybody speaking their minds about how the parsha impacts them. This is something I hadn’t known before,” he says.

At Mishkan, Dan likes the feeling of being a member of a diverse group. “It doesn’t feel like everybody’s like me,” he says. Having been raised Orthodox, he “went to Jewish Day school until 4th grade, then to public schools.” He became non-observant after college.

With their two young children, Bobbi and Dan joined a large, suburban Reform congregation. This gave the family a Jewish religious and cultural framework, and they enjoyed the variety of programs and activities. But, while that synagogue matched the couple’s liberal social and political views, Dan still yearned for a closer, more intimate religious experience.

After their two children grew up and moved away, Dan found the religious experience he sought in a tiny congregation, also in the suburbs. But with few programs and activities, this synagogue still wasn’t quite right. Then one day, as they walked in the neighborhood, there was Mishkan Shalom, just blocks away. They scheduled a visit with then-Membership Chair Marcy Boroff, met Rabbi Shawn Zevitt, and joined Mishkan soon after.

Having jumped right into life at Mishkan, Dan was pleasantly surprised with “almost everything” about it. I really liked that you don’t need tickets for High Holidays services. I used to resent that,” he says. He also likes the intellectual depth and the social activism of the rabbis. They’re “into what’s going on in the world.” And, the same for the members: Dan says, “So many members are rabbis—I feel a little dumb sometimes, but I’m happy to learn from the other members! The people are very welcoming, and so knowledgeable.”

Of the services and activities, Dan enjoys that congregants are active and participate in everything: “It’s not a passive experience like in some synagogues; we’re not just there to receive. It’s stimulating and energizing.” He’s even finding his Hebrew coming back, as he enjoys the ritual and tradition in the progressive framework of Mishkan’s services.

Dan says he’s grown as a person from getting to know “people from so many backgrounds, types of people I haven’t had contact with before.” And, “(Mishkaners) are not shy about speaking their minds.”

Outside of Mishkan Shalom, Dan and Bobbi spend a lot of time with their children and grandchildren, none of whom are local. They “travel a lot to keep up with” their daughter in Florida and their son in Paris, each of whom has three children.

For the past four years, two days a week, Bobbi and Dan have been attending OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) courses at Temple Center City: “Mostly things we missed in college, liberal arts-type things.

In Mishkan’s Tikkun Olam tradition, Dan, a dermatologist who retired 2 years ago, volunteers a day a week at a free clinic.

And Bobbi, a retired librarian and lifetime passionate bibliophile and collector, shares her love of books and reading with elementary-age students as a reading tutor. Bobbi likes going to book clubs. She is an excellent home cook, a moral beacon who follows common sense; and is a woman concerned about the state of the world.
Immigrant and Refugee Rights Committee – September 2019

OUR MISSION: The Immigrant and Refugee Rights Committee seeks to engage Mishkan as an institution and our individual members in the struggle for immigrant justice and refugee protection. We do this through:

- Coordinating and building upon existing efforts as a member congregation of New Sanctuary Movement, supporter of HIAS PA/HIAS International, participant in the Northwest Philadelphia Immigrant Action and Mobilization and interfaith initiatives that assist refugees, asylum seekers and those facing deportation.
- Acting as a clearinghouse and resource to provide information throughout the congregation on hands-on support activities, advocacy and direct action and protest.
- Educating ourselves and members of our congregation on immigrant and refugee rights, connecting our experience as Jews who fled persecution and oppression to the experience of today’s immigrants and refugees.

CHECK THIS PAGE OUT EACH MONTH for activities, volunteer and advocacy opportunities relating to immigrant and refugee rights at Mishkan Shalom and the wider community. We will provide links to resources and allied organizations. Questions? Suggestions? Please contact Gail Bober, gbober52@gmail.com. Interested in joining a special listserv for this committee to get up-to-date information? Contact reachseth@gmail.com

Happening at Mishkan Shalom:

Yom Kippur Mincha – Join Rabbi Shawn and other activists for a discussion of immigration rights and Jewish values

Human Rights Shabbat, December 7, 2019, when the religious school hosts a program on immigrant and refugee rights

Stay tuned for updates on upcoming accompaniment training. Learn how to support immigrants by accompanying them to immigration proceedings. The Committee is also working on organizing other volunteer opportunities. Please join us!

Mishkan and the Community

Mishkan Shalom is a longstanding member and supporter of the New Sanctuary Movement, NSM undertakes a number of advocacy campaigns and also supports families living in sanctuary. You can support their work both financially and as a volunteer at www.sanctuaryphiladelphia.org

Mishkan has also been active with the Northwest Philadelphia Immigration Action and Mobilization (NWIAM). NWIAM has been supporting a Honduran family in Philadelphia, among other activities. Contact Judi Bernstein-Baker for more details judibernsteinbaker@gmail.com

Also happening in the Philadelphia region:

Sept. 10: Sanctuary Suppers dinner at International House to support African Family Health Organization. www.sanctuarysuppers.org

Sept. 27: Monthly fundraising dinner for families in Sanctuary. First United Methodist Church of Germantown

ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

NSM is spearheading the Drivers License Campaign to pass legislation allowing undocumented Pennsylvanians to obtain drivers licences, which will give them more freedom to work and protect them from deportation and discrimination. Donate here: https://www.sanctuaryphiladelphia.org/campaigns/drivers-licenses-for-all/

Join the effort to shut down the Berks County Family Detention Center: https://paimmigrant.org/campaign-to-shut-down-berks/

– Sharon Barr 267.319.2400 sharonpbarr@gmail.com
Tikkun Olam

New Sanctuary Movement: Join the Action

by Anndee Hochman

First, we had to switch places in the circle. It was an opening exercise at an end-of-July strategic planning meeting of the New Sanctuary Movement; 16 people standing like numbers on a clock, given the task of swapping spots (that is, the person at midnight would move to the 6 o’clock position) as quickly as possible.

The key, it turned out, was strategy: changing our behavior both individually and as a group; respecting differences (some people move faster than others); communicating clearly; practicing and persisting. It was a natural segue from that ice-breaker to discussing NSM’s values, priorities and challenges.

The group, which included members from predominantly-immigrant congregations as well as ally congregations like Mishkan, talked about some of the polarities in NSM’s work, tensions between:
• providing direct services to immigrants versus focusing on legislation/immigration reform
• being faith-based versus being politically savvy
• offering education/awareness versus building political support for long-term campaigns

We agreed, in the end, that we want both/and: NSM should continue to provide direct services (the community fund to support families facing deportation; accompaniment for immigrants who have court appearances) while educating and building support for “big-picture” work that includes the campaign for driver’s licenses for all in Pennsylvania.

Want to get involved?
• check out New Sanctuary Movement’s website and Facebook page for updates and info on current campaigns
• attend NSM’s every-other-month General Assembly meetings, a great chance to form relationships with other members, be part of policy discussions…and share delicious food!
• support two families living in sanctuary at First United Methodist Church of Germantown by attending monthly Friday dinners at the church (again, more delicious food and a chance to build community)
• volunteer in the accompaniment program—a once-every-three-months commitment to show up in solidarity with an immigrant facing a court appearance. Contact maria@sanctuaryphiladelphia.org to get on the accompaniment list.

www.sanctuaryphiladelphia.org
"The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit, A Jewish Family's Exodus From Old Cairo to the New World" is This Year's Mishkan One-Book Selection

by Adam Blistein

Mishkan’s Library Committee has chosen The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit, A Jewish Family's Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World by Lucette Lagnado as its one-book for 5780. Published in 2007, this is Lagnado’s memoir of her family.

After the fall of King Farouk and the rise of the Nasser dictatorship in the early 1950s, the family had to leave a relatively prosperous life in Egypt and flee to any country that would have them. After some intermediate stops, the family arrives in New York where some thrive, and others don’t. This book will give us the chance to discuss topics as varied as Jewish communities in unfamiliar places, immigration, assimilation, and the vagaries of the American dream. We’ll announce program details soon.

Would you like to know what’s in Mishkan’s Library? Want to Join the Committee?

We’d like to show it off. On selected Saturdays this Fall, Library Committee members will be in the Library for about an hour right after morning services. Check the calendar and watch Ma Hadash for the dates of these open houses.

One of the three areas in Mishkan’s Statement of Principles is Torah/Study. Would you like to help the Mishkan Library Committee to support the Congregation’s work in that area by taking care of the Library space, selecting a book for the Congregation to read each year, and then organizing programs around that book? This involves four or five meetings each year and pitching in at Committee events. We’re always looking for new members who would like to participate.

Send an e-mail to Committee Chair Adam Blistein (blistein@comcast.net).
Contributions

May 21 to August 15

**General Fund**
Robin Berenholz – IHO Tsurah August
Evelyn Bishop
Jim Feldman and Sharon Sigal – IHO Beu Trey
Jim Feldman and Sharon Sigal
  – IHO David Piver’s 60th Birthday
Joyce Hanna and Arnie Kohen
  – IHO Mark Goodman
Gail Himelfarb – IHO David Piver’s 60th Birthday
Marc Jacobs – IHO David Piver’s 60th Birthday
Nancy Fuchs and Seth Kreimer
Frederick Koven
Lance Laver – IHO Beu Trey
Lisa and Steve Mervis – IHO Beu Trey
Lisa and Steve Meris
  – IHO David Piver’s 60th Birthday
Alan & Lisa Tuttle - IHO our teachers

**Library Fund**
Rhoda Posner Pruce

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Cindy and Steve Perkiss
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**5779 B’nai Mitzvah Fund**
Cary and Perri Boriah
Nancy Fuchs and Seth Kreimer
  – IHO Jesse Weingold’s Bat Mitzvah
Gael & Jamie Simon
**G'milut Hasadim/Acts of Caring**

by Gene Bishop, Stephanie Shell and Ariel Weiss

**Mazel Tov**

We offer a hearty *mazel tov* to Elijah Borish and his family, as he becomes a *b'nai mitzvah* this month. We offer a joyous *mazel tov* to Claire Laver and Alex Pientka, along with grandparents Lance and Mary Laver, on the birth of Claire and Alex’s daughter Caroline Sara Pientka, on July 15, 2019. And in the grandchild department, Cindy and Steve Perkiss are excited to welcome their new grandson, Simon Joseph Freedland. Simon is the son of Abby Perkiss and Brent Freedland, the nephew of Marta Perkiss, and the little brother of Zoe Freedland.

**Condolences**

We send condolences to Robin Heller and Mark Heller on the death of Robin’s mother, Darlene Ropar, and to Myriam Klotz and Margot Stein on the death on Myriam’s mother Carol Klotz. May Darlene and Carol’s memories be for a blessing, and may Robin and her family, and Myriam and her family, be comforted among all those who mourn.

**Love and Support**

This month we send our ongoing love, support, and prayers for healing to Mishkan members Joyce Hanna, Gene Bishop, Gena Lopata, Robin Berenholz, Bernice Bricklin, Robin Leidner, Sharon Weinman and Natalie Gorvine.

**We also send ongoing love, support, and prayers for healing to all those Mishkan members in need of healing but who seek to remain private.**

We are keeping Carol Dombroski (mother of Brian Dombroski), Natalie Caplin (mother of Wendy Caplin), Eleazar Shimon Hakohen ben Shoshana v’Ahron Yosai (father of Rabbi Shawn Zevit), Sarah Rivka bat Elizabeth (mother 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), Edgar Galson (father of Wendy Galson and father-in-law of Susan Windle), Don Levinson, brother of Eilen Levinson, and Julie Post and Joseph Post (sister and father of Nancy Post), Connie Kaiserman Robinson, Shoshana bat Akiba v’Chaya (mother of Homer Robinson) and in our prayers as well. May they all experience a *refuah sheleimah* (full healing).

**A reminder:** Snail mail cards are always welcomed by all those who are healing, and mourning. If you think of it, do it!

**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 now goes out to all Mishkan members. It is our communication central for sharing life cycle events and community needs for help. If you are not receiving Acts of Caring, please check your spam, 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.

**Acts of Caring**

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.

**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. If you would like some help, but do not wish a public solicitation, please contact the rabbis, or actsofcaring@mishkan.org and we will speak with you privately and seek to arrange help. Our Hineni coordinators are Lisa Mervis and Chris Taranta.

**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.
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**T’filot**

Please join us for Torah study every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

**Friday, September 6, 7:30 p.m.** – Kabbalat Shabbat Service, with Rabbis Shawn and Yael

**Saturday, September 7, 10:00 a.m.** – A Way In Mindfulness Service, with Rabbi Yael

**Saturday, September 14, 10:00 a.m.** – Shabbat Service, with Rabbi Shawn. Elijah Borish will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

**Saturday, September 21, 10:00 a.m.** – Shabbat Service, with Rabbi Shaw; 9:00 p.m. – S’lechot Service, with Rabbis Shawn and Yael.

**Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m.** – A Way In Mindfulness Service, with Rabbi Yael

**Sunday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.** – Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, with Rabbis Shawn and Yael

**Monday, September 30, 9:00 a.m.** – Rosh Hashanah Service at the Haverford School