A New Year Begins: 
Reflection, Return, and Ingathering 
October 2019/5780 

For everything there is a season 
And a time for all things in the world 
– Kohelet/Ecclesiastes 3:1, traditionally read during Sukkot 

by Rabbi Shawn Israel Zevit

It is such a blessing to share the Yamim Noraim (Days of Awe) again with all of you, and with joy and commitment, to gather-in for the many celebrations of Sukkot. We welcome the wonderful diversity of new and prospective members joining and exploring their spiritual and identity journeys with us.

I pray something will stir in your soul, your awareness, your longing for the world that can be; what will spur you into action in the year ahead? I encourage you to get involved in Mishkan Shalom in new ways. Our Brit Mishkan asks every member household to contribute in our community. We want to define membership as more than an exchange of financial resources, though we must also be generous and committed with our resources as many of you have both in annual self-assessed contributions and in our Re-Generation campaign to be sustainable in the long run.

As Rabbi Yael and I discussed in the September Kol Shalom, and as we will be sharing over these Holy Days, I see the invitation and the call that 5780 and this new decade in our larger cultural calendar provides as we reach 2020, is to see even 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, and actions of our hearts opening to justice for all. 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.

The Festival of Sukkot that follows the Yamim Noraim invites us into a relationship with both time and space. We move into Sukkot, where we gather in vulnerability and celebration in an open-dwelling place - porous to the elements and welcoming to each other at the final harvest of the year. Through ushpizin, the tradition of welcoming in the spiritual presence (continued on the next page)
with our family, friends and community, we reached across time connected with the rhythms of the earth and seasons and locate ourselves together in space, albeit a temporary dwelling that reminds us of the impermanence and the preciousness of each moment and place.

Dr. Yonatan Mirvis, International Director of the Melton School in Jerusalem writes about the immersion in ideas and relationship to time and space at this time of year, “Sukkot is a unique festival in that it “falls” on us with almost no preparation. Yom Kippur is the “Shabbat Shabbaton”, the day in which time is most sanctified. On Sukkot, we are directed to live in a temporary dwelling (dirat arai) and make an evaluation of our use of space. In living in this sukkah and engaging in hospitality in an area, which is far less secure and probably far smaller, we suddenly find a very different relationship to our utilization of space. Every conversation can be heard from the outside and the “roof” is not hermetically closed from neighbors above. For seven days when we move from our permanent home into the sukkah, we must be very careful about what we say, how we say it and how we behave within the confines of “home”. There are no secrets in the sukkah. This life adjustment becomes a paradigm for how we use space and how we should conduct ourselves in space. . . .”

**Shemini Atzeret** is the last stop on the Festival route where we are quiet and reflect on everything the holy days have brought to our attention - our relationships, community and the planet. We rejoice in our heritage at **Simchat Torah**, both in the particularity of Jewish life and Torah itself, and in the universal truths and diversity of life around us. At Mishkan Shalom we intentionally complete the cycle of the fall festival with Dorshei Derekh at Germantown Jewish Center, so we can celebrate together as Reconstructionist communities in Philly North West as a larger community.

We will need this wisdom to remain open-hearted AND not feeling complacent in our opinions or stories about another person or people, or even our own community, while remaining on the side-lines. We will need this resolve to keep open to change AND stay rooted in our mission. We will need this passion to grow our own community AND do so with an unwavering commitment to the ecological wellbeing of our planet, those seeking asylum across the world, and those who still fight for the right to racial justice and healing in our own backyard.

Here’s to a wonderful month of Jewish celebrations and spiritually strengthening ourselves, each other and our communities together.

**Shanah Tovah, Gmar Tov and Hag Sameah** all rolled into one!

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**MISHKANATHON ‘19!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

Every year all the Congregational School students at Mishkan Shalom raise funds for the school while doing good work on behalf of the environment. Working with the synagogue’s site stewards, grades Gan-Aleph-Bet and Dalet will plant flowers, trees and shrubs on the Mishkan grounds while the older students in Hey, Vav and Zayin go to the Wissahickon.

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To volunteer, contact Bob Prischak, robert.prischak@gmail.com
Dear Mishkan Members,

It is with great joy, pride and gratitude that we can share this information about the Mishkan@30: ReGeneration Campaign with you. We committed to paying down the mortgage by $300,000 and we want to make good on that promise now! As soon as November, we could go to the bank to begin discussions, which could allow us to save $25,000 yearly.

A subcommittee led by our treasurer, Ellen Steiker will begin this process. The financial team will figure out the most advantageous course of action, which includes paying down the mortgage to lower our interest expense over the life of the mortgage. Depending on interest rates, our options include: re-amortizing the loan, which could provide yearly savings of $20,000-$25,000, depending on interest rates at the time, refinancing the loan so that we lock in current low rates for years to come, or simply paying off the loan early at a lower overall cost.

We are comfortable going to the bank once we are assured that Year 3 payments and new gifts will total $250,000 in cash for the year and after the first $75,000 is in hand.

For those of you who have made pledges to the campaign, what is needed from you are early and timely payments on your Year 3 pledges. And, if you thought that at any point you may be increasing your pledge, now is the time to do so. For those of you who have waited until we were ready to go to the bank, the time is now. Thank you all.

As we enter the New Year, we send wishes for health, peace and abundance for our spiritual community and for the larger world around us.

Shanah Tovah and thank you,

Keely, Irv and David
Steve, Rabbi Shawn and Rabbi Yael

p.s. - Please email any one of us to schedule a time to discuss contributing to this campaign goal of great impact to the community.

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this a week and a half before Rosh Hashanah knowing that you will be reading it after we have entered the New Year. I hope that the holy days together have brought (and continue to bring) inspiration, courage and love.

As I move through these days I seek guidance from trees and birds, from the movement of the river and from the whispers of the changing season. I find wisdom in the words of teachers and in the songs of the psalmists. In the psalms I hear a yearning to be close to the Mystery, to be in intimate relationship with the life force that is creation. The psalms inspire and comfort me.

In honor of 5780 and its call to be mindful of the words we speak and the words we place upon our hearts and minds, here is my translation of psalm 61. As I walk into the New Year, I place these words before me to direct my attention, energy and actions.

Hear my shout Infinite Mystery, please listen to my prayer.
I call to you from the edge of the earth,
from a heart vulnerable and raw.

Lead me to a rock that is too high for me to reach alone.

For you are my refuge,
A tower of strength in the face of all that besieges me.

I dwell in your tent, revealed in the mystery.
I take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

For you are the one that listens to my vows.
That gives way as we live in awe.

May the days of strength and clarity be abundant and full,
May this goodness flow through all.

I sit with the mystery in the presence of the One.
Divine love and truth stand guard.

Yes, I will sing to all that is with all that I am,
To make whole my vows each day.

May we walk together into 5780 in strength and love.
May the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts and the work of our hands be aligned for healing, justice and peace.

Shana Tova,
Rabbi Yael
At our Board retreat this summer, when we started to prepare for our work in 5780 and beyond, Board members imagined a future newspaper story about Mishkan Shalom. What would Philadelphia journalists be saying about us in ten years? Our answers were revealing: our take-away for this imagined future news story was that Mishkan will be bucking today’s trend in declining congregational membership; we’ll grow, and not just tread water, because of our special way of linking activism, Jewish education, and prayer. We’ll be an important part of a Philadelphia landscape that is more just.

Since I started my “apprenticeship” as Board leader a year ago, I have been asking myself how I can be part of this vision for growth. Like anyone, I bring my previous life experience to the sacred work of leadership in our community. A lot of my work has been in a public-sector union, a local of the American Federation of Teachers. It’s interesting to me to note the common threads in the organizations: the focus on mutual support and a mission based on principles make a union and a synagogue feel similar to me. In helping to lead a complex organism like a union or synagogue, it is natural for me to look for people who will take ownership of an issue or an area of activity, and to support them in taking the lead. A biblical figure I relate to is Yitro, the father-in-law of Moshe, who, according to our tradition, observed Moshe almost tearing his hair out from the impossible task of adjudicating all the issues in the community, and advised him on how to delegate responsibilities and authority.

I feel lucky that my delegating style fits nicely with the rich blessings we enjoy at Mishkan: we have many effective, knowledgeable, kind members who take formal and informal leadership roles. Our Vice President (really my co-President) Stephanie Shell, and our Immediate Past President Ellen Tichenor are fountains of support and wisdom. Our Board functions like a living organism, both in its parts and as a whole. Our rabbis and staff are the envy of the Jewish congregational world. Our campaign team is poised to put us on a more sustainable financial footing. I feel that if I can support the work that has already begun, I’ll be a successful president!

And our thriving this coming year and beyond depends on more than skilled individuals and good feelings. Our work needs to stand on structures that will sustain us when momentum is not enough. This is where members come in: This year I hope that at least one member of every Mishkan family will have a significant, structured interaction with a member of Mishkan’s leadership, in which we talk about our community’s needs specific needs for participation in the areas of tikkun olam, spiritual life, education, the building (including security), our finances, membership, and fund development, and match those needs with capabilities and interests our members are ready to offer. We need to welcome everyone in!

Solidarity and shalom,
Steve Jones
Thank you to our amazing students, parents and teachers for a wonderful first month of school! In October, our theme will be Shomrei Adamah—the mitzvah of taking care of the earth. This relates to both the holiday of Sukkot and our October 27th school fundraiser, the Mishkanathon, in which students raise money while doing service with our site stewards.

Every Sunday morning, we begin our day with a 15-minute assembly that features prayer and learning about our monthly theme. We love for parents to join us—your kids have so many inspiring ideas to share; it is really an energizing and uplifting way to start the morning.

We can use adults who would be willing to help tutor Hebrew for a number of new students in the school. If you’re interested, please be in touch. Special thanks go to our parent volunteers who have helped staff the concession stand. There are still a few slots open.

Here’s a roundup of some of the things happening in our classes with special focus on Gan-Aleph-Bet.

Enjoy!

Cheers,
– Gabby and Gari

**Gan-Aleph-Bet**

**Julia Weekes**

At Mishkan Shalom, our youngest students begin to deeply connect to our community and their Jewish culture through exploration of Jewish values and traditions. We will see how our values shape our traditions and how our history has shaped our values.

We explored the meaning, origin, and traditions of Rosh Hashanah. We talked about how each year we change...sometimes we know how we’re going to change and what we’d like to change, but sometimes the changes just happen (getting taller, losing teeth, etc.). We made “New Year, New You” puppets, read a story about acknowledging our mistakes and making new choices, sang a song about Rosh Hashanah, and enjoyed apples & honey for a happy and sweet new year. L’shanah tovah u’metukah!

**Kitah Dalet**

**Amy Goldman**

Dalet class is off to a great start... we learned about Rosh Hashanah, had a Hebrew review and spent some time getting to know each other. We made honey butter as a sweet treat for the New Year! It was so fun to make and yummy. L’Shanah Tovah!

**Kitah Hey**

**Cantor David Acker**

The new year has gotten off to a great start. I am so impressed by this group of kids. They are enthusiastic, playful, keenly interested in learning, and kind to one another. Their Hebrew skills have warmed-up quickly. Soon they’ll be ready to start learning the Torah Service.

We have been bursting with ideas about Menschlichkeit, our theme of the month, and have been industriously finding ways to express them artistically. Look for their poster connecting Menschlichkeit to Rosh Hashanah on our synagogue bulletin board. May you all be written for a good and sweet year.

**Kitah Vav**

**Noah Rubin-Blose**

The students in Vav class are full of opinions, questions, and creativity! We have been discussing and creating comics about teshuvah in preparation for Rosh Hashanah, and students have been getting to know each other, sharing “oys and joys” from the week and art that they’ve made.

**Kitah Zayin**

**Holli Goldenberg**

We’ve gotten off to a great start in our Zayin Class! We have been talking about our class Brit (rules) and what will make this year one of learning and growth. We also have been talking about our feelings toward our upcoming B’nai Mitzvot! Shanah Tovah!
our Congregational School kids having fun getting ready for the High Holidays!
Sam Tonkon
November 2

For Sam, *parashat Noah* (Gen. 6:9-11:32) is a story about second chances. And that dovetails perfectly with his bar mitzvah project: telling a story of immigrants in Philadelphia, families who are seeking a new opportunity to thrive.

“Immigrants come here [to the United States], and this is kind of like the ark. They come here for refuge, but that’s not really what they’re getting. In Texas, at the border, they’re in cages. It makes you remember the Holocaust, how Jews were mistreated.

“I’ve heard the story [of Noah] a lot. But when you’ve seen something a lot, you look at it from different angles.”

For his project, Sam plans to make a video, along with Mishkan classmates and members of the New Sanctuary Movement, about one of the families currently living in sanctuary in a Philadelphia church. “The film will be about NSM and telling the family’s story,” he says.

Sam has been coming to Mishkan since he was in the Bet class; he remembers how he and his friends would start out drawing holiday pictures, then make them crazy, putting tails on the people and setting the pictures in the underworld.

“Hebrew School was fun, different from regular school,” he says. “It was art, it was inclusive, it was really fun for kids.” He knew he’d have a *bar mitzvah* eventually. “At first, I was not excited a single bit,” Sam recalls. “I had never really seen myself as a great Hebrew reader. But my tutor showed me that I really was.”

Repetition was the key: Sam learned how to decode and pronounce the first word of a phrase, then the first and second, then the first, second and third. “It’s not the most fun, but it’s effective,” he says. “I’m almost done with my last *aliyah*, and I have all the prayers down.”

At Springside School in Chestnut Hill, Sam plays soccer and baseball; he acts in plays, including a co-star turn as the old green grasshopper in a production of James and the Giant Peach. “Drama helps with stage fright,” he says, “so that when you’re in front of 100 people, it helps you be more fluent.

Now, after nearly a year of *bar mitzvah* preparation, Sam’s proud of being conversant in a language few people can speak. He’s proud of having led a prayer at a recent service, marking his grandfather’s *yahrzeit*. And he imagines the moment at his bar mitzvah when everyone will stand and focus their attention on the handmade cabinet that holds the *Torah*.

“I’m looking forward to going up there, opening the ark. I’ve done that before, and it feels great. I’m looking forward to being counted on—to be able to go up there and do what I have to do. [A *bar mitzvah*] is a pretty special thing to have. I’m making my family proud.”
Israel-Palestine Discussion Gatherings

by Marcy Boroff and Ariel Peleg-Globig

Mishkan Shalom has a strong and deep history connected to Israel/Palestine. Reading the news and discussing Israel/Palestine with community members, friends, family and strangers can be difficult and challenging. Therefore, many of us are looking for opportunities to delve deeper into our own learning and understanding of the history and current situation so we can feel more confident in our own knowledge and ability to participate in discussions. Based on our own desire to do this, we have decided to facilitate and organize Israel-Palestine Discussion Gatherings as an opportunity for ourselves and other Mishkan Members to meet this fall (and hopefully continue into the spring).

We realize that to discuss and learn about Israel/Palestine at a deeper level, we need to create a group that trusts each other enough to ask questions and share opinions and ideas that may not be the same as other members. Therefore, we are planning:

**Sunday, October 6, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon** - Introductions & Discussion about our goals and questions

**Sunday, November 10, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon** - Reactions to Combatants for Peace

On Saturday, November 2 at 7 p.m., A Reason for Hope: An Evening with “Combatants for Peace” will be held at Mishkan Shalom. For more information on Combatants for Peace see Save the Date. We will encourage everyone to attend the event and on Nov 10, we will discuss our reactions & questions.

**Sunday, December 8, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon** — We will show a documentary related to Israel/Palestine and discuss our reactions & questions. We will also discuss next steps.

*We are trying to create a balance between building trust and our busy schedules so we are asking that if you are interested in participating in this ongoing discussion group that you attend Sunday, October 6 and at least one of the other dates. Since many of you cannot commit to attending Sunday, October 6 and one of the other dates and are interested in an ongoing discussion, we want to remind everyone about the Israel-Palestine Mishkan Member Listserv. If you want to join the listserv or have more questions about the listserv, please contact Seth Horwitz at reachseth@gmail.com. For more information or to sign up for the Israel-Palestine Discussion Gatherings, please contact Marcy or Ariel at marcy.boroff@gmail.com or apeleg-globig@gmx.net.

SAVE THE DATE--A Reason for Hope: An Evening with “Combatants for Peace” at Mishkan Shalom

Saturday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m.

by Marcy Boroff

Two members of the Combatants for Peace (one Palestinian, one Israeli) will join us to share their personal stories and talk about the work of their organization in Israel and Palestine. Combatants for Peace is a group of Palestinians and Israelis who have previously taken an active part in the cycle of violence in their region: Israeli combat soldiers and officers serving in the military, alongside Palestinians former fighters and prisoners. Together, they are using nonviolent activism to end the occupation and bring peace to both their peoples. Their model is unique, and they have been twice recognized with Nobel Peace Prize nominations.

I am a member of a local committee bringing Combatants to Peace to Philadelphia for this community-wide. I am happy that Mishkan Shalom agreed to be the host sponsor for this special event. The local committee is busy planning and reaching out to other organizations and individuals about being sponsors. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at marcy.boroff@gmail.com.
Visit the Library After Services

Would you like to know what's in Mishkan's Library? We'd like to show it off. On the following Saturdays - October 19, November 23, and December 7 - Library Committee members will be in the Library for about an hour right after morning services. Stop by and let us show you the wonderful resources we have, and how you can take advantage of them.

“One Book Mishkan” Programs

The 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. After the fall of King Farouk and the rise of the Nasser dictatorship in the early 1950s, Lagnado’s 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. Here are the programs we have scheduled so far.

**Book Discussion, Sunday, November 17, 2-4pm.** Natalie and Harold Gorvine will lead a discussion of the book and the issues it raises. Come even if you haven’t read the book; the conversation will be worth it. High quality snacks (the Committee’s specialty) provided, and we promise to get you home in time for the Eagles’ 4:25 kickoff.

**Movie Night, Saturday, January 25, 7-10pm.** Save the date. Title to be announced.

Join the Committee

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. Send an e-mail to Committee Chair Adam Blistein, blistein@comcast.net.

Tikkun Olam

**Mishkan and the Eastern Delaware Life Center: Join Us on Monday, Oct. 14**

By Rivka Jarosh

For 20 years, Mishkan members have been going to the Eastern Delaware Valley Life Center at 63rd and Market Streets to provide dinner for hungry people. The Life Center is a shelter for thirty-five residents but every night at 7:00 p.m.; it opens its door to whoever needs a meal.

We have provided meals for over 200 people many evenings. We go on the second Monday of every month. I am very proud of our families and especially our children who come to serve the food with smiles and respectful talk. If you are interested in participating in this activity let me know at rebca1@verizon.net.

The work is simple, meaningful and fun. It is a great project for children. It is an especially good Bar/Bat Mitzvah project. The children have to be 10 years of age to come.
An Interfaith Story

When So-Called Enemies Can Be Friends and Allies in Life

by Claudia Apfelbaum

On September 8, I offered a workshop on “When I say ‘No,’ I feel Guilty” to 25 members of the Jewels of Islam. The leader of Jewels of Islam and I had met at a Ramadan dinner. We had talked about various workshops I could offer to the group and this topic seemed on pointe.

As I described the challenge of saying “No,” many of the women said that they receive many requests every day in their roles as mothers and grandmothers, wives and daughters. They acknowledged that saying, “No” is difficult, even when they feel over-extended and exhausted.

One woman shared a poignant story of how she did, in fact, say “No” to her adult daughter, when her daughter asked her to give her children more gifts.

Before she began, she said this was the first time she was talking about her (recent) experience with her daughter and that she could not have opened up if the other women had not spoken first and made her feel safe.

She said that she often gave her grandchildren gifts of value: bikes, computers, trips to here and there.

This time, she said no because she was caring for her dying husband and paying for lots of expensive medical interventions. Upon hearing this ‘no,’ her daughter turned away from her mother and even told her own children not to contact their grandmother. This woman was in a lot of pain from this situation and it highlighted what many of the women said they were afraid of: losing the love of people if they were to say “no.”

This lead into the second part of the workshop: how to say “no,” effectively.

The first suggestion I made was to check deeply into one’s heart, and being, to see what the right response is, and then follow that direction. I acknowledged that saying “no” can be very difficult because we do not want to hurt or get hurt in the transaction. I said that saying ‘yes’ when your inside voice says ‘no’ is harmful to both yourself and the other person. It creates resentment and can result in a lack of growth on the part of the individual who did the asking. “We cannot get hand-outs all our lives!”

I suggested honoring the request by saying something like, “I hear you would like me to give you money for a new dining room table. I understand your wish…and at this time, it does not seem like the right thing for me to do. I love you and you will need to find another way to get that table.”

I have practiced this method of communicating with my own daughter. It has sometimes brought anger but it has also brought about growth and independence, which I wanted to help develop.

Saying “No” is not easy for anyone, of any age, or religion, or gender and it can be the more honest answer. As one member of the Jewels of Islam said, “When you say “Yes” but feel “No,” it is a hypocritical action and is not something that Allah would feel good about.”

Her words made me feel that I had learned something of moral value from being part of the Jewels of Islam for the afternoon. The afternoon was a time of a deep and beautiful sharing; one we plan on having again.

It is through the gift of these kinds of exchanges that so-called enemies can be friends and allies in life.
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Love and Support

This month we send our ongoing love, support, and prayers for healing to Mishkan members Ray Kaplan, 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 Shoshana bat Akiba v’Chaya (mother of Homer Robinson), Carol Dombroski (mother of Brian Dombroski), Natalie Caplin (mother of Wendy Caplin), Eleazar Shimon Hakohen ben Shoshana v’Ahron Yosaif (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) and 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.

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.

A reminder:
Snail mail cards are always welcomed by all those who are healing, and mourning. If you think of it, do it!
For those who may not get a chance to hear it, we are pleased to share the following text which we prepared for presentation to the congregation next week on Yom Kippur (Wed., Oct. 9, at the Haverford School).

We who stand here – Gene Bishop, Stephanie Shell, Chris Taranta, Ariel Weiss, and Lisa Mervis – are the faces behind the Acts of Caring emails, and the organizers of Hineni – here I am. We are a community building group — not a messaging service, or a catering service. We stand here today to make 3 requests:

1) Open our emails, even if you do not know the person or the family. Share in the joys and sorrows of our community. You will find meaning in being present as others experience life transitions and if ever you are the subject of a posting you will find an outpouring of love and support.

2) Share with us your news especially of joy — babies, marriages, public awards and recognition. Don’t assume we know of the blessings that have come your way. Instead let us know about them with photos when you have them.

3) Don’t be embarrassed or ashamed to ask for help, thinking you are not as sick as the next person, or as needy, or that having a new baby or a partner with a temporary disability won’t be any added work in your life. We can tell you from experience — it is added work. It is a mitzvah for the community to help. If you would like help, but would prefer to remain private, let us or the rabbis know. We have secret ways. We don’t need to share everything with the whole community to offer you help. If you or your partner has another strong community outside of Mishkan, let us know. Our sign-up for help does not require Mishkan membership BUT receiving Acts of Caring or having a post on your behalf does require Mishkan membership. This is an important way we stay connected as a community and is one more reason for those of you who have not yet joined Mishkan to do so.

We know many Mishkan members have medical issues they wish to keep private, but who are in process of healing. We have added a line in our Kol Shalom column, a misheberach for all those who are healing privately, so consider yourselves the recipients of prayers and well wishes even without an email.

We can be reached at actsofca ring@mishkan.org.

We wish all in need a refuah sheleima – a healing of body and spirit.
Yahrzeits

Sara Laver-10/1-Tishrei 2
Mother of Lance Laver

Sara Laver-10/1-Tishrei 2
Grandmother of Claire Laver

Maya Boskovitz-10/2-Tishrei 3
Sister of Madeleine Boskovitz

Emma Belasco-10/7-Tishrei 8
Grandmother of Andrea Belasco

Sam Kaufman-10/7-Tishrei 8
Father of Robert Kaufman

Rosel Hoffberger Schewel-10/7-Tishrei 8
Mother of Susan Schewel

Maurice Stanley Friedman-10/8-Tishrei 9
Friend of Susan Richards

Henry Galson-10/8-Tishrei 9
Grandfather of Wendy Galson

Herman Spigel-10/8-Tishrei 9
Father of Rosalind Spigel

Henry Maschler-10/9-Tishrei 10
Father of Rina Maschler

Jean Somers-10/9-Tishrei 10
Mother of Larry Somers

Harvey Stone-10/9-Tishrei 10
Father of Andrew Stone

Morris Kleiner-10/10-Tishrei 11
Father of David Kleiner

Alan Masters-10/10-Tishrei 11
Father of Steve Masters

Albert Antonowsky-10/13-Tishrei 14
Father of Jayne Antonowsky

Jean Taranta-10/13-Tishrei 14
Mother of Chris Taranta

Eva Mayro-10/14-Tishrei 15
Mother of Leslie Mayro

Bea Horwitz-10/16-Tishrei 17
Mother of Seth Horwitz

Rita Gorvine-10/17-Tishrei 18
Mother of Harold Gorvine

Neil Kramer-10/17-Tishrei 18
Father of Susanna Kramer

Keith Searce-10/21-Tishrei 22
Father of Seth Horwitz

Frances Dichter-10/22-Tishrei 23
Mother of Harriet Dichter

Elizabeth Eisenberg-10/22-Tishrei 23
Grandmother of Charles Honeyman

Ruth Silver-10/22-Tishrei 23
Mother of Joel Silver

Jeanne Abeles-10/23-Tishrei 24
Mother of Judy Mock

Becky Hoffmann-10/23-Tishrei 24
Friend Joyce Hanna

Wallace Morris-10/24-Tishrei 25
Father-in-law of Richard M Heiberger

Leonard Elwell-10/25-Tishrei 26
Father of Stephen Elwell

Lewis Fowler-10/27-Tishrei 28
Father of Terry Fowler

Rita McCullen-10/27-Tishrei 28
Mother of Mark McCullen

Jonah Meadows Adels-10/27-Tishrei 28
Son of Stacey Meadows

Rhoda Jonas-10/28-Tishrei 29
Mother of Edward Jonas

Ferrer Levinson-10/28-Tishrei 29
Father of Eilen Levinson

Gerri Levinson-10/28-Tishrei 29
Mother of Eilen Levinson

Madelyn Shure-10/31-Heshvan 2
Mother of Jane Shure
**T’filot**

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

**Friday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.** – *Kabbalat Shabbat*, with Rabbi Shawn

**Saturday, October 5, 10:00 a.m.** – *Shabbat Service*, with Rabbi Shawn

**Tuesday, October 8 – 5:45 p.m.** – Gather to write *Al Chet* cards, at Haverford School

**Wednesday, October 9, 9:00 a.m-7:00 p.m.** – *Yom Kippur* Service at Haverford School

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**Friday, October 11, 7:30 p.m.** – *Kabbalat Shabbat*, with Rabbi Shawn

**Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m.** – *A Way In Mindfulness*, Service with Rabbi Yael

**Monday, October 14, 10:00 a.m.** – *Sukkot* Service with Rabbi Shawn and Rabbi Yael

**Saturday, October 19, 10:00 a.m.** – *Shabbat Service*, with Rabbi Shawn

**Sunday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.** – *Simchat Torah* Service at Germantown Jewish Center, with Dorshei Derekh

**Monday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.** – *Sh’mini Atzeret* Service at Germantown Jewish Center, with Dorshei Derekh

**Saturday, October 26, 10:00 a.m.** – *A Way In Mindfulness* Service, with Rabbi Yael