

CONGREGATION ANSHE EMETH OCTOBER E-NEWSLETTER:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 SHABBAT SERVICE AND SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION, 7:30 PM:

At Temple (masks required) and also on Zoom. Zoom link at the bottom of this message.

OCTOBER YAHRZEITS. May their memory be for a blessing.

Clara Barr, Phil Cohen, Esther Levin Zarnowiecki, Ethel Louis, Beatrice Thomson, Nickolas Yearsley.

Most recently, we mourn the loss of **Shelley Roberts**, Lora Kaufman's daughter.

IT'S OFFICIAL! Our Temple History is permanently housed at the Jewish Virtual Library: THANK YOU David Austin Reid for your amazing work:

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/a-history-of-jewish-life-in-the-upper-miami-valley>

TEMPLE BUILDING REPAIR REPORT:

The flat roof over the social hall has been re-covered to prevent further leaking. Later this fall, two trees overhanging the roof and impacting the foundation of the building will be removed.

As a result of the leaks, the light fixtures and ceiling tiles in the social hall are next on the replacement agenda.

These improvements will be so nice when we are able to socialize again. We are still seeking a renter as well.

MESSAGE FROM RABBINIC INTERN CHLOE:

Soon, we come to the end of our journey through the high holiday season.

The season begins, taught Rabbi Alan Lew, *alav hashalom*, earlier than many might suspect: with Tisha B'av, the commemoration of the destruction of the Temple, our tradition's invitation into grief. In the heat of summer, we open our hearts to loss, making it possible for us to feel again in a world that often asks us to numb out. The next stop is the month of Elul, where we start the process of teshuvah, looking inwards and outwards at once, and beginning our process of *cheshebon hanefesh*. Rosh Hashana is the culmination of all that soul-searching, a chance to land in community and to breathe in gratitude for a new year. The Days of Awe give us a chance to pause and be still, and to prepare for the spiritual peak of the high holidays: Yom Kippur. The Day of Atonement allows us to pour out our souls to God, to get in touch with our mortality, and to use this awareness of our finite time on earth to become more *alive*, more committed to living and living well. We emerge wrung out, exhausted, but seeing more clearly.

There is a real wisdom to this journey through Jewish time. Each stop offers us an invitation into a different emotion, a different doorway into spiritual life. But how does the high holiday cycle end? How do we close out this period?

Simply put: with raucous, celebratory, unadulterated joy.

On Sukkot, we eat, sleep, and play in temporary shelters, enjoying nature and resting in contentedness. Deuteronomy tell us, of Sukkot, "You shall have nothing but joy" (Deut. 16:15). This joy is profound, and earned, emerging, teaches the Lubavitcher Rebbe, from the spiritual work of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

But there is perhaps no Jewish holiday as obviously joyful as Simchat Torah. We rejoice in starting the cycle of reading Torah all over again, and literally dance in the streets with glee! Anyone who has ever danced to klezmer music, tripping over their feet and laughing out loud in community can tell you that Simchat Torah is the joyous exclamation point on the high holiday season.

There's a misconception, I think, that spiritual life is and should be all "serious." That true reckoning with the meaning of life, with what matters to us most, with what's holy and good -- is essentially a sober and austere endeavor. But Judaism teaches just the opposite. For Judaism, the experience of joy is profound. Joy is holy. We're told to go for joy with gusto-- to dance, sing, laugh, eat, drink, make fools of ourselves! To celebrate this life, and this being human. To be an heir to a tradition that honors pleasure as much as pain, laughter as much as tears, dancing as much as stillness---is, for me, a true gift.

I look forward to celebrating Torah and joy with you very soon!

Chloe

COMMENTS from some Zoomers at the High Holidays:

Wendy F. says " We really enjoyed the services last night and today! The rabbi is great and Steve S did a nice job with the tech !" Dan F. responded," Well said. Agree ! "

Susan Bargemann, CA "I was so grateful to be able to join my Anshe Emeth family for the holidays via zoom. Rabbi Chloe's services were beautiful and meaningful, and I really appreciated interacting with my fellow "zoomers" during the discussion times. Thank you Eileen, Steve, and Rabbi Chloe for making the holidays so special, even from a distance."

THANKS FROM BETHANY HOUSE FOR HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS:

Thanks to all who donated to our annual Temple High Holiday Food Drive. Sean at Bethany House said they especially appreciate our fall donations because many groups donate around the winter holidays

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS:

Sheldon Benjamin – in Honor of **Eileen Litchfield**, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude, and to my mother and the **Kastner family**

Judie Thomson – Clara and Herman Barr Fund, in memory of **Clara and Herman Barr, Joseph Kastner, Beatrice Thomson and Eileen Yearsley.**

Austin David Reid

Eileen Litchfield towards the tree removal, given in honor of **Austin David Reid** for his incredibly documented work on the history of our congregation and Jews in the northern Miami Valley.

Martin Strauss

Shauna Maher

Anonymous x 2

Jamie-Sue & David Ferrell

In memory of **Shelley Roberts**, Lora Kaufman's daughter:

Mike & Judy Feinstein; Lauren & Neal Schmidt; Joanne Hillelson; Mitzi Saeman

MISHEBERACH PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Neal Schmidt

**PROGRAM FOR SMALL OHIO CONGREGATIONS SPONSORED BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
LEGACY PROJECT:**

***WHAT'S GOING ON IN ISRAEL AND HOW DO WE TALK ABOUT IT WITH
CONGREGANTS, JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH FRIENDS, CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN?"***

Please join fellow congregants for this timely and helpful virtual presentation, sponsored by the Jewish Community Legacy Project's Ohio Cohort, representing over a dozen Small City Jewish Communities from around the state on:

Thursday, October 7 at 7:00pm

Featuring Donald A. Sylvan

Emeritus Professor of Political Science

The Ohio State University

Donald A. Sylvan continues to teach courses in Middle East Politics and the Politics of International Terrorism, with a concentration on Israeli-Palestinian Relations.

In addition to Professor Sylvan's honored academic career, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA), as the founding Executive Director of Hillel Ontario, as the board chair for many Jewish organizations, as a congregational president, and as Vice President of the Columbus Jewish Federation.

He is the perfect person to help us understand this topic of critical interest to all of us as Jewish-Americans.

Register in advance for this meeting with this link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ucuitpsjHd1jCewqOedyB88ReAeEdIO2>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM: Classes start October 19 – 7 – 8:30 PM

<https://jewishdayton.org/program/intro-to-judaism/>

Interested in Jewish history and ritual? Involved in an interfaith relationship? Want to learn more about your Jewish neighbors, friends, or family members? Seeking conversion? Organized and taught by the rabbis of The Synagogue Forum of Greater Dayton. The course offers an in-depth look at Judaism from Conservative, Orthodox/Traditional, and Reform perspectives along with guest speakers who offer their insights and broaden exposure to the Jewish community. Presented by the Synagogue Forum of Greater Dayton; Beth Abraham Synagogue, Beth Jacob Congregation, Temple Beth Or, Temple Israel; with the support of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton.

Intro to Judaism is held once a year between Fall and Spring quarter. Classes are held one night a week for roughly 17 weeks. Class location typically rotates every four classes to a different synagogue, in order to reflect Dayton's diverse and colorful Jewish community. For more details see link above for the Jewish Federation

YOU ARE WELCOMED TO ZOOM TO SERVICES ALL YEAR:

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Service: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7643723318?pwd=STJIR1drNXFoL29XRGw0L1AzMThxQT09>

Or go to your Zoom App and put in this information:

Meeting ID: 764 372 3318 Passcode: 0092

Or simply dial by your location: 646 876 9923 US (New York)

When prompted, put in for the Meeting ID: 764 372 3318 and push #

Passcode: 0092 and push #