

## CONGREGATION ANSHE EMETH HIGH HOLIDAYS 2024 NEWSLETTER

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***L'Shanah Tovah - 5785***

**High Holiday Services**  
**In-person and also by Zoom\***



Rabbinic Intern  
Jonathan Benzion

***Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 PM***

*Erev Rosh Hashanah*

***Thursday, Oct. 3, 10 AM***

*Rosh Hashanah services, followed by carry-in dairy lunch*

*Children's activity 10 – 11*

***Friday, Oct. 11, 7:30 PM***

*Kol Nidre*

***Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 AM & 4:30 PM***

*Yom Kippur.*

*Children's activity, 10 - 11*

***3:30*** – *Class led by Rabbinic Intern Jonathan*

***4:30*** p.m. *Afternoon, Yizkor and Concluding services,*

*Break-the-Fast provided.*

## WELCOME TO RABBINIC INTERN JONATHAN BENZION

I am a fourth-year rabbinical student at HUC-JIR, Cincinnati. I was born in Mexico but have spent more than half of my life in Israel and France, places where I had the opportunity to conclude my undergraduate and graduate studies. During my years in Israel, I also had the privilege to serve in the Golani Brigade. Serving in the Israel Defense Forces has been one of the most significant endeavors I have ever done. Not an obligation, more than a duty, a blessing! As my words may perhaps convey, Israel, and by this I mean Tōrat Yisra'ēl, 'Ēretz Yisra'ēl, and 'Am Yisra'ēl, is at the core of my raison d'être. Hence, and despite my extended academic formation, and after having taken much time to consider my path, either in the academia or the Rabbinate, I

have prioritized the latter and committed myself to bringing the Light of the Tōrah to others, regardless of ethnicity, gender, political preference, economic status, academic level, or religious affiliation. As a future Rabbi, I see the coalescence of Judaism and its ancient traditions and present diverse realities and needs of the Jewish world as crucial. Thus, I aspire to aid others find meaning through the luminescence of the Tōrah and the Jewish wisdom that emanates from the extensive corpus of rabbinical literature and to help them embrace the light of the Divine and the path of our forefathers as our *modus vivendi*, in accordance to our day and time. As it is written “Ma’aseh Avōt sīman le’banīm” — for the actions of the forefathers are a sign for the children (Midrash Tanḥūmā Leḥ Leḥa 9), namely, a path of light, truth, and life. As it reads: “For with thee is the well of life, and in thy light shall we see light” (Psalm 36:9). If all of Israel is responsible for one another, as our sages taught, the ‘Aravūt and Aḥrayūt of the Rabbis surpass this, for if the future of the Jewish People depends on all of us, the transmission of our tradition rests mainly on them, and that is not an easy or acquiescent task. Therefore, I pray God to help and guide me on this challenging yet beautiful path named Rabbinate, so that our communities can be a light unto the nations, but most importantly and foremost, a light unto our brethren, Israel. I trust that with God’s help and your support, we can achieve it.

L’shalom,

## TEMPLE ANNUAL HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Please bring a sack of NON-PERISHABLE groceries for the local food pantry by Yom Kippur. OR please consider a check to The Bethany Center, or online to Mazon.com, “the Jewish response to hunger”.

The Bethany Center offers a soup kitchen, food pantry and clothing bank to those in need in Piqua.

Popular items: canned soups, boxed mashed potatoes, noodles/pasta, cans of great northern beans, and pancake mix. No papergoods, please.

## WITH THANKS & GRATITUDE:

- \* **Mike & Judy Feinstein** – for arranging for major bush trimming at our cemetery
- \* **Luke Bowman** – for his continuing loving care of the building and its repairs.
- \* **Sharon & Cory Bowman** for their continuing generosity.
  
- \* **Rusty Altschul, Luke Bowman, Joey Ferrell, Mike & Judy Feinstein, Renni Livingston, Jason Schmidt, Steve Shuchat, Marcia Stayer** for their time in cleaning the Temple on Sunday, 9.22.24

## Letter from Rabbinic Intern Jonathan Benzion

### Liturgical Curiosities:

#### **Metatrōn in the Maḥzōr le'Rōsh ha'Shanah ve'Yōm ha'Kippūrīm. The Divine Servant Whose Name and Voice Equal those of His Master**

Yōm Kīppūr is the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, the 10th of the month of Tishrei. It is a time for reflection, repentance, fasting, forgiveness, and connection to the Divine. On that day, it is customary to read from a prayerbook: The Maḥzōr le'Rōsh ha'Shanah ve'Yōm ha'Kippūrīm. Besides the repertoire of prayers, confessional invocations, pleas for forgiveness, and liturgical poems of repentance and atonement, the older versions of the Maḥzōr treasure a liturgical curiosity, a puzzling apparition embedded in the Yehī Ratzōn imploration, right at the order of the shofar blasts on the blessings for Rōsh ha-Shanah, which reads: “May it be your will before you, Adonāi my God and God of my forefathers, that the sounding of the Kashak that we blow today be woven into the curtain by the hand of the minister Tartī'el, like the name that was received by the hand of Eliyahu (may his memory be for a blessing) and Yeshū'ā the Minister of the Countenances and Prince Metatrōn, and may you be filled with mercy for us.

Blessed are you Adonāi, Master of mercies.” An additional inference is found in the “Prayer of Awe” within the Sefer Shem Tov Katan: Tīkuneī T'filōt (1855) where Matat is approached through a rather atypical prayer of supplication: “Please I beg you Metatrōn, ‘Minister of the Faces,’ because your name is just as the Name of your Master.” In the Hēchalōt Rabbatī, he is the beneficiary servant of the Divine Name (Y.H.V.H.): “Metatrōn servant of Y.H.V.H., slow to anger, and great in grace, Lord of lords and Lord of the hidden.” This inference is rather perplexing because while the adjectives “slow to anger,” and “great in grace” are found in the biblical corpus in diverse instances, these address Y.H.V.H. directly: “Y.H.V.H.-Y.H.V.H., merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and great in grace and truth” — as Exodus

34:6 reads. Rashī equated Metatrōn with Shaddaī (שדי), and Rabbī Moshe ben Naḥman equalized his voice with the voice of the 'Ēl 'Elyōn. Whatever the nature and duty of this celestial being may be, what is true is that the occurrences where the Minister of the Countenances appears in the Maḥzōr seem to have been slowly erased through time from more contemporary Jewish prayerbooks.

Nowadays, their absence in their scripts is rather the norm. However, the essence contained in the message that emanates thereof, which is forgiveness, repentance, and connection to the Divine through evoking God's attributes of clemency, compassion, grace, and forgiveness, remains and will continue to be the central substance of Rōsh ha'Shanah ve'Yōm ha'Kippūrīm. May we merit, by God's Mercy, to be inscribed in the Book of Life!

**... WE REMEMBER ...OF BLESSED MEMORY....**

**SEPTEMBER**

**EVELYN BARCUS \* HERMAN BRATEMAN \* JOANNE FAY  
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**OCTOBER**

**KEN BARCUS \* CLARA BARR \* PHIL COHEN \* ESTHER LEVIN  
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STAMATY ZIMENT \* BEATRICE THOMSON \*, NICKOLAS YEARSLEY**

**MISHABEIRACH PRAYERS FOR HEALING FOR:**

**Neal Schmidt, Joey Farrell, Mitzi Saeman, David Farrell**

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**Meeting ID: 764 372 3318 Passcode: 0092**

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**When prompted, put in for the Meeting ID: 764 372 3318 and push #Passcode: 0092 and push #**

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