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FROM THE RABBI

The Summer edition of the ChaiLine always focuses primarily on the Three Weeks, from 17 Tammuz through Tish'a B'Av. This period is a time of increased sadness and mourning culminating with many practices of mourning that are observed on the 9th day Av when each of the two holy Temples in Jerusalem were destroyed on the very same day hundreds of years apart.

The loss of the second Temple in the year 70 began a 2,000 year of loss of Jewish sovereignty in the land of Israel, from which we still suffer today. The sadness we portray after these losses still haunt us today, even though we have recently reestablished the Jewish State. Sovereignty implies the acceptance of Jewish rule in the State of Israel by the world nations which is almost totally absent. Anti-Semitism throughout the world, including in our beloved United States is on the rise in areas of the globe and Jewish lives, observances and values are being trampled upon.

Although most of our prayers of remembrance focus on the tragedy of the destroyed Temples and other horrible events of the historical past, this year we must focus our prayers and the sadness we are currently experiencing.

Today, July 19 as the date of distribution of the ChaiLine, also is the 287th day that the hostages have been held in Gaza in unknown conditions. Since October 7th when they were abducted by Hamas during their horrific attack, we have not heard from them nor have attempts to rescue them been fruitful. Military attacks, in an attempt to locate and free them, and diplomatic conversations that try to make a deal have largely been unsuccessful in making any progress towards their release.

We must, and will, dedicate our prayers to those being held and towards those who are no longer alive, with their bodies being held as ransom.

This year the tragic events of the Three Weeks are not only remembrances from the distant past. This is a time to beseech God Almighty to restore the captives to their families and enable the military battles to end successfully. Such Godly intervention will truly restore Jewish sovereignty in the State of Israel and allow us to continue our march towards world recognition and respect.

Help us towards this goal by joining together in the synagogue as a community of concerned and committed Jews..

Rabbi Zev Silber

Message from the President

I hope you are having a good Summer so far.

Everything is basically quiet at the shul but of course we need all you guys reading this to help with the Shabbos Minyan. Lots of people are traveling so we almost always have just 8 or 9 and it's so disappointing. Please help, we need you!

Assembly of the gate in the courtyard has begun it should be finished soon.

Work on the building's cinder block will hopefully start soon as well, so we should be looking good by the time Rosh Hashanah comes around.

Looking into the month of August we will be having a speaker and luncheon on August 10. Of course, this is open to everyone. It would be especially nice if we had lots of people to impress our speaker as to what a welcoming community Binghamton is. Please mark your calendar for this event.

Have a good rest of your Summer!

Saba Wiesner

The Month of Elul

The month of Elul: A month before Rosh Hashanah, this year Wednesday, September 4 we begin preparing for the Day of Judgment. We blow the shofar each weekday morning, with the exception of Erev Rosh Hashanah, and add Psalm 27 into our prayers each morning and evening, in order to begin awakening within us feelings of repentance.

Selichot: Penitential prayers are recited each weekday morning until Yom Kippur. We begin reciting these prayers at a special service on Saturday night, September 28.

TISH'A B'AV AND SHABBAT SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: AT THE PRESENT TIME, BETH DAVID ONLY HAS MINYAN ON SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY MORNINGS, AS NOTED BELOW. A MINYAN AT OTHER TIMES MAY POSSIBLY BE ARRANGED, UPON REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT THE RABBI.

Friday, July 19 <i>candle lighting</i>	8:17 pm	Monday, August 12	Fast Begins	8:07 pm
Shabbat, July 20	Shacharit Shabbat ends	9:30 am 9:16 pm	Maariv	8:30 pm
Friday, July 26 <i>candle lighting</i>	8:10 pm	Tuesday, August 13	Shacharit Mincha Fast ends	7:00 am 7:35 pm 8:48 pm
Shabbat, July 27	Shacharit Shabbat ends	9:30 am 9:07 pm	Friday, August 23 <i>candle lighting</i>	7:33 pm
Friday, August 2 <i>candle lighting</i>	8:02 pm	Shabbat, August 24	Shacharit Shabbat ends	9:30 am 8:31 pm
Shabbat, August 3	Shacharit Shabbat ends	9:30 am 9:01 pm	Friday, August 30 <i>candle lighting</i>	7:21 pm
Friday, August 9 <i>candle lighting</i>	7:53 pm	Shabbat, August 31	Shacharit Shabbat ends	9:30 am 8:20 pm
Shabbat, August 10	Shacharit Shabbat ends 8	9:30 am 8:53 pm		

Tish'a B'Av Schedule

Monday, August 12	Fast begins	8:07 pm
	Ma'ariv and Eicha (at Shul)	8:30 pm
Tuesday, August 13	Shacharit and kinot(at shul)	7:00 am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv (at shul)	7:35 pm
	Fast ends	8:48 pm

Customs and Practices for the "Three Weeks", the "Nine Days" and Tish'a B'Av

Background: The three-week period from 17 Tammuz through 9 Av was a time of tragedy for the Jewish people. Many calamities happened on these specific days and during the time between. The catastrophic events surrounding the Holy Temple in Jerusalem that occurred on those specific days resulted in the long exile, which is still ongoing. On the 17th of Tammuz the walls of Jerusalem were breached during the period of the second Temple, and the 9th of Av marks the day on which both the first and second Temples were destroyed. For that reason it was ordained that this period of 3 weeks shall be observed as days of mourning by the entire nation. Some mourning practices begin on 17 Tammuz and they increase in severity as we approach the 9th of Av.

When: The 3 weeks begin on 17 Tammuz, which occurs on Tuesday, July 23, and continue through 9 Av, which occurs on Tuesday, August 13.

The fast of 17 Tammuz: This day is observed as a fast day, with the fast beginning in the morning at 4:04 am and ending at nightfall, at 9:13 pm.

Mourning practices: During the entire 3-week period we do not conduct weddings, we refrain from haircuts, and we avoid listening to live music.

The Nine Days: When: The 9 days begin on Rosh Chodesh Av, which occurs on Monday, August 5, and continue through 9 Av, which occurs on Tuesday, August 13.

Mourning practices: During the entire 3-week period we do not conduct weddings, we refrain from haircuts, and we avoid listening to live music. During the 9 days beginning on Rosh Chodesh we refrain from eating meat and drinking wine (or grape juice), and from wearing freshly laundered and ironed clothes. Freshly laundered undergarments are permitted. None of these restrictions apply to Shabbat. We may also drink the wine or grape juice used for Havdalah, even though it is no longer Shabbat, however it is preferable that a child drink the wine or grape juice. We also do not launder or dry clean clothes during this period, even for use after the 9 days. Swimming and bathing for pleasure is likewise forbidden. Bathing for hygienic and health reason is permitted. Purchasing "items of joy" should be avoided unless their cost will be higher, or the item will not be available, after Tish'a B'Av. Shaving is avoided during the 9 days, or at least the week in which Tish'a B'Av occurs, and is forbidden on Tish'a B'Av itself – Monday night and Tuesday.

Erev Tish'a B'Av: Before sunset it is customary to eat a seudat hamafseket, the last meal before the fast commences. The regular meal eaten in order to have the strength to fast is consumed earlier. This meal is a meal of mourning. It consists of just one course, usually a hard-boiled egg, and bread. This meal is eaten while sitting on a low chair, just like during Shiva, and consumed in solitude. This is the last food that one should consume before the fast.

Tish'a B'Av is observed for the full 24-hour period, beginning at sundown on Monday, August 12. All the restrictions of Yom Kippur apply: It is prohibited to eat and drink, we are not allowed to wash, anoint oneself, wear leather shoes or engage in marital relations. If you need to take medication or consume food or drink due to health reasons, please consult with the rabbi. It is also customary to sit on a low chair or on the floor, as during Shiva, until Mincha on Tish'a B'Av.

Ma'ariv service: After the evening service we read the book of Eicha (Lamentations), followed by several kinot, poetic dirges which recall the destruction of the Temple.

Shacharit service: We do not don Tallit or Tefilin and following the service many kinot are recited which recall the many tragic events that occurred on this day.

Mincha service: We wear our Tallit and Tefilin and the traditional service for a fast day is recited.

After Tish'a B'Av: Some of the restrictions of Tish'a B'Av continue until noon of the next day. It is customary not to eat meat or drink wine or grape juice until after noon. It is permissible to wear leather shoes and bathe immediately after the fast. We are not permitted to wash clothes, get a haircut or shave until after noon.

Our sages teach that whoever mourns over Jerusalem will merit the future vision of her joy. As it is written in Isaiah (Chapter 66, verse 10), "rejoice greatly with her, all who mourn her."

SISTERHOOD

Dear members and friends of Beth David Sisterhood,

We hope you are enjoying your summer and managing to stay cool.

Last month, Marcy and Gavi Yonaty once again generously sponsored the annual Sisterhood Shavuot luncheon. Marcy's theme was "Past, the Present, and the Future."

For the past, she remembered her brothers who fought in World War 2, especially her brother Laurence Slutzker who was killed in action; for the present, she showed her support for the State of Israel through blue and white table decorations. And finally she expressed her hopes for the future by honoring her youngest grandson, Ezekiel.

Sisterhood thanks Marcy and Gavi Yonaty and their helpers, Marilyn Bell, Susan Hubal, Judy Silber, Stacey Silber, Cathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy for making the luncheon possible.

Sisterhood ended its official season with a well-attended June meeting which featured Rivka Ayelet Kellman who informed us of a variety of home-schooling models and elaborated upon the system she and her family have used with great success.

Planning for our next season has already begun. If you have ideas you would like us to consider, or would be interested in joining any of our committees such as membership, programming, fund raising, or Bikur Cholim (Reaching out to the sick); or if you would like to take photos at meetings, edit photos, send photos to the Reporter, write publicity articles for the Reporter, or help with the weekly or holiday kiddushes, PLEASE CONTACT US.

Sisterhood's goal is to strengthen Beth David and the local Jewish community through what we hope will be educational and enjoyable programs and activities.

Our meetings are open to all, including men and members of the community not associated with Beth David Synagogue. We do however encourage women to become official members of Sisterhood by paying \$25 dues.

If you have not been receiving sisterhood flyers, please contact Susan Hubal or leave a message in the schul office to have your email added to our list.

Don't forget that for a donation of \$3 Toby Kohn will send a **Mitzva card** to suit any occasion, and **Stacey Silber is still accepting donations** of new or used items which she sells on behalf of Sisterhood.

If you know of a member who is ill or in need of assistance, please notify our Bikur Cholim committee (Dora Polachek) or the schul office.

Also, if you are aware of a Jewish family considering moving to the Binghamton area who might be interested in attending Beth David, please contact our Membership committee (currently me) so we can send them a letter to introduce ourselves to them.

Have a good summer.

See you in shul!

Cathy Velenchik,
President Beth David Sisterhood

Mitzvah Fund
Tova Kohn, 754-4297 or tova.kohn844@gmail.com

Sisterhood Fundraisers

For years Sisterhood has been raising funds through the sale of mitzvah cards which are \$3 each. They are custom written by Toby Kohn to express sentiments appropriate to the occasion. The most efficient way to order them is to contact Toby directly, but you may also make a request through the synagogue office. Toby's number: 607-754-4297, email: tova.kohn844@gmail.com

Checks made out to Sisterhood must be mailed to or dropped off at:

Deborah Sliom
6 Brevity Court
Binghamton NY 13905

A relatively new fundraising project is coordinated by Stacey Silber whose business Silber Creations, sells a variety of handcrafted and donated items at the multi-vendor market Your Needful Things, located at:

136 East Service Road Binghamton.

Stacey has agreed to donate to Sisterhood the profits from anything she sells which has been donated to her by Sisterhood members with the intention that Sisterhood will benefit if they are sold. So far, she has raised nearly \$100.

To donate items please contact Stacey at (607) 727-9738 or email her at silbercreations@gmail.com. You can shop in person at Your Needful Things, or by visiting her website at www.silbercreations.com

Mitzvah Cards

Mazal Tov to:

Valerie & Leonard Preston on being this year's recipients of the Jack & Mary Ferber Memorial Award.

Miriam & Aaron Alweis on the arrival of a new granddaughter, born to Elisa & Melech Lapson

Condolences to:

Saba Wiesner on the loss of her beloved husband, Michael

Nancy Basmann on the loss of her beloved husband, Robert

Beth David Family

Mazal Tov to Tova and Ari Sacher of Israel on the birth of a grandson, Hod Yehuda, to Anael and Assaf Frankel. The baby was named for his great grandfather Ed, a"h. Great grandmother Ruth is kvelling all the way from Montreal.

Rachel and Ayal Adamit brought a son, Adiv, into their San Diego family. Grandparents Sarahlynn and Ami Adamit flew in from Israel for the joyous event. The Adamits also visited Abby and Achi and their family in Teaneck.

Chaim and Tirtza Strauss added a branch to their family tree with the birth of Itai Avraham. Grandparents Rose and Jerry Strauss are loving their new roles as grandparents. May each of the babies grow to Bar Mitzvah, Chuppah, and to 120 in good health!

Roz and Harry Wiesel had the z'chus to attend the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Sydney in CT. She's the daughter of Elisa and Jordan Gurevich.

Harold and I delighted in seeing our grandson, Zecharya Yitzchok, called up to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. He's the son of Rochie and Marc Sommer of Passaic. Mazal Tov to the extended Gurevich and the Sommer families.

Miriam and Aaron Alweis' road trip brought them to Chicago to hug their newest family addition, Adir. They were welcomed by their children Elisa and Melech Lapson, and by Adir's sister Tova. Isaac Kohn brought his parents Ana and Daniel, and his aunt and uncle Jeannie and Mark to Endwell to celebrate both the nation's birthday and, more importantly, his Bubbe's birthday. Toby and Harold Kohn were thrilled with the visit.

Summer travelers have taken to the roads and the sky, yet I can't tell you about those adventurers because our readers haven't kept me posted. Please let me know of your family's happenings so I can share it here and we can all kvell with you. msasnowitz@gmail.com

May each of us continue to daven for the release of the hostages, for the safety of the IDF, and for peace for our Homeland.

Meryl Sasnowitz

GIVE DOUBLE CHAI TO THE CHAILINE

You can be a sponsor for a minimum donation of \$36.00 Write ChaiLine on the memo line and include your message. Some reasons to sponsor include graduations, births, bar/bat mitzvahs, birthdays, anniversaries, a new job, commemorating a yahrzeit, or just to be a sponsor. A thank you message can be printed for a donation of \$18.00. Our \$180.00 Special Sponsors get special recognition for their generous contribution.

Gina Santiago

Chai Line Coordinator

Join the Jewish Federation for a

Vigil for the hostages and presentation by Eitan and Varda Morell.

Thursday, August 8 at
Temple Israel, Vestal.

Beginning at 7 pm.



OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Beth David Synagogue
Scholar-in-Residence
Summer Shabbat Luncheon Speaker

August 10, 2024

Parashat Devarim - Pre-Tisha b'Av Shabbat - 6 Av 5784

9:30 - Services / 11:45 Kiddush Luncheon

A SHABBAT MINYAN - A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE - JOIN US!

Rabbi Aaron Goldscheider

*What the Jewish People Have Learned
Since October 7th*

Rabbi Aaron Goldscheider serves as chief editor of OU Israel's weekly *Torah Tidbits*, Coordinator of Rabbinic/Leadership Training at Yeshiva University Gruss Kollel and faculty member at the Rabbinical Council of America's conversion program in Jerusalem. He is the author of the best-selling *haggadah*, *The Night That Unites* (Urim Press) and has recently published *Torah United*, a book on the weekly Torah reading with insights from Rav Kook, Rabbi Soloveitchik and Chassidic masters (OU Press). He is the founding director of the *In Our Hearts Project* which offers guidance, strength and support after the loss of a child.



Our prayers are for the welfare of our brothers and sisters in Israel.



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