



# PATHFINDER

## Rabbi Moffic — What Makes Us a Family?

Erev Rosh Hashanah Remarks 5775

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When I first visited Israel, I was a junior in high school. My grandfather, of blessed memory, took me along with two cousins. At 81 he was the oldest person on the trip. When we arrived at the Tel Aviv airport, we got our bags and gathered around the tour guide.

I saw my cousin, Adam. I saw my cousin, Ross. I did not see my grandfather. I looked at the other families. Nothing. I went back to the baggage carousel. Nothing.

"Uh oh," I thought. I told the tour guide. Of course, the tour guide had never met my grandfather, so he could not do much. My cousins were 10 and 11, so I had to lead the search.

I walked through the baggage claim area. I began walking around outside. After about 15 minutes of walking, I found grandpa walking into the baggage claim area from outside.

He had gotten confused, disorientated. He was scared. He thought we were lost. He didn't know what happened. He apologized. He was happy we had found him and everyone was okay.

The feelings my grandfather experienced resemble how some of us feel today. We are perplexed: by the never-ending conflict in Israel, Gaza, the Middle East. We are disorientated by the sudden and enormous rise in antisemitism in Europe, and by the refusal of many in the Arab world to accept a Jewish state. We remain scared by Iran's determination to build a nuclear bomb, and by the more than 200,000 people murdered in Israel's neighbor Syria.

We may also feel lost when we try to understand the way Israel should respond to the enmity of its neighbors. Are the settlements the problem? Is the military response too strong or too weak? Should we give up on the idea of a two-state solution?

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This year's Women's  
Seder will be on  
Sunday, March 22  
at 4:00 pm  
and we're looking for  
volunteers!



Please email Cantor Glikin at  
cantorglikin@gmail.com if  
you are interested!

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## Days of Awe 5775/2014 Schedule of Worship

### Adult Services

#### Yom Kippur

Friday, October 3  
Kol Nidre 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 4  
Morning Service 10:00 AM

Family Service: 2:00 PM

Afternoon Service 3:30 PM

Memorial/Yizkor Service 4:30 PM\*

Concluding Service 5:00 PM\*

*\*Times are approximate*

### Sukkot

All are invited not to one but two Sukkot celebrations! The first one will be our **Erev Sukkot Family Experience** on *Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00 PM*. Join us with family and friends for the first night of Sukkot for this short, engaging, and song-filled family experience for families with pre-readers. If you like Pray N' Play this is the service for you! The service will be followed by child friendly snacks. Come celebrate and have fun with your children and grandchildren!

If you can't come on Wednesday, don't worry, you can join us at our **Sukkah Decorating and Potluck Lunch** on *Sunday, October 12* right after Religious School. We will start with a potluck lunch and Sukkah decorating at 12:00 PM followed by Sukkot Service under the Sukkah at 1:00 PM. Bring a dish that can be shared with 8-10 people and we will provide dessert.

\* Guests are welcome for both events.

### Simchat Torah Yizkor Service

Thursday, October 16 at 10:30 AM  
At the Takiff Center in Glencoe.

### Simchat Torah

Friday, October 17  
Evening Service/Consecration 6:30 PM  
We will celebrate the completion of the reading of the Torah and beginning the new reading cycle.

# Cantor Glikin's Desk — Who Will Live and Who Will Die: the Spiritual Lessons of Yom Kippur

Judaism is a deeply pragmatic religion and few holy days are as pragmatic as Yom Kippur. The main message of Yom Kippur is that each of us is mortal and will eventually die, which forces us to consider how we live. Ultimately, the holiday reaffirms life, but until we arrive at the N'ilah service, the closing service of the day, much of the drama of Yom Kippur lies in the fact that through the holiday's liturgy and ritual, we stage and experience our own death.

In the same way that a corpse would not require food, water, and other earthly pleasures, so too we fast and refrain from marital relations on Yom Kippur. In traditional communities, on Yom Kippur people wear a kittel, the very clothes in which they one day will be buried. At the beginning of the Kol Nidre service, we face an open, empty Ark - an "Aron Hakodesh," which without the Torah - the Tree of Life - in it, becomes simply an "Aron," a word that means "casket" in Hebrew. As we stare into the empty "Aron," we pronounce the ancient words of Kol Nidre set to the familiar and haunting melody, words that pronounce as invalid and no longer binding all of our vows and commitments. In the same way that our commitments are cancelled toward other human beings and God, so are God's commitments annulled toward us, the people of Israel. All bets are off during this one day a year and the very covenant between the people of Israel and God is temporarily put on hold as the scale between goodness and evil, right and wrong, life and death is perfectly balanced, waiting to be tipped - we hope toward goodness, righteousness, justice, and life.

Yom Kippur calls on us to be truly honest with ourselves and to think about matters that are real and raw. But the point of Yom Kippur is not to scare or depress us. Rather, facing the eventuality of our own death is meant to encourage us to think about how it is that we *live* our lives. It forces us to ask the question: If I were to die tomorrow (God forbid), would I be happy with the legacy that I am leaving behind? Am I living the kind of a life that I want for myself? These are important questions and, when we are honest with ourselves, the answers to these questions have the potential to empower us to make the kinds of changes that we would like to make.

We all know that change is difficult and personal change is no exception. This was recognized by Rav Yisrael Salanter, the founder of the Musar movement, a nineteenth century effort aimed at furthering personal ethical and spiritual development. Rav Salanter taught that the path to change consisted of three steps: Emotion, Elaboration, and Illustration. "Emotion" refers to the truth that unless our heart truly desires the change, our mind will contin-

ue to rationalize the status quo. Well before Sigmund Freud, Rav Salanter understood the power of the subconscious and believed that emotional experiences connect us to this hidden part of ourselves. "Elaboration," according to Rav Salanter, fosters emotion since continued reinforcement makes a stronger impression on the heart (or, the subconscious). Finally, "illustration" refers to drawing a clear picture for ourselves of the consequences of not changing - what is the price that we pay for maintaining the status quo?

Yom Kippur is the perfect setting for engaging in personal transformation. This time is by its very nature emotional, consisting of countless memories, familiar melodies, and often moving words of the liturgy. Certain prayers are repeated throughout the multiple services of Yom Kippur, granting us the opportunity to experience and re-experience them not only year to year, but also service to service and hour to hour. The extended time spent in prayer gives us the space that we all too often lack to reflect and consider our lives with honesty and openness. If I were to die today (God forbid), what would my legacy be? Am I living the kind of a life that I want for myself?

Before we know it, Yom Kippur is drawing to a close and our spiritual journey takes us to the N'ilah service, which is truly the culmination of the day and a complete reversal of the Kol Nidre service. The Ark is once again opened and in traditional communities remains open for the entirety of the service. This is the only time of year when the Ark remains open for the length of the service with the Torah scrolls inside it. As such, life is breathed back into the "Aron," which is once again transformed into the familiar "Aron Hakodesh." The kittel is taken off and even the tallit - another item used during burial - is traditionally removed during this service. No more sins are announced during the N'ilah service, but instead we call out to God - "*atah notein yad laposh'im*" - "You open Your hand to the guilty ones," reflecting our belief that God is forgiving and compassionate. The different feel of the N'ilah service is reinforced by the different nussach (melodies) used just once a year, at this special service. The N'ilah service concludes with a final blow of the shofar, symbolizing rebirth and renewal.

I hope that your spiritual journey on Yom Kippur is fulfilling and inspiring. May it be a time of reflection, honesty, strengths, and renewal. May we emerge from this journey striving to be our best selves and may each of us be written in the Book of Life and Blessings in 5775.

- Cantor Vicky Glikin

# From Our President — Our Consoling Community of Faith and Compassion in This Age of Uncertainties

## Erev Rosh Hashana Remarks on the first day of *Tishrei 1*/September 24, 2014

*L'Shana Tova, Tikatevu.* May you be inscribed for a good year. And a welcoming embrace to all who worship with us for the first time.

My father and mother recounted for me, many years later, the cascading uncertainties of the catastrophic year of 1939 at the onset of the Second World War. Helen and Jules Ebner – each in their twenties – would speak of the uncertainties involved in making plans for the future.

Our storyline this evening – the age of uncertainties – rings all too familiar. Each day we open our newspaper or browser, or view the evening news. Last month I contemplated an image on television of a fiery nighttime conflagration. Questions fled thru my mind, as if watching a newsreel, about places as well as time: was this Aleppo? Or was it Donetsk? Or was it Mosul? Actually the image on the television screen was Ferguson, known to each of us as the racially fraught suburb of St. Louis. During the summer of 2014 we found ourselves absorbed in swirling crises – domestic and international – of unimaginable, and even unspeakable proportions. Roger Cohen, the *New York Times* columnist, bleakly characterizes 2014 as “the great unraveling.” As I prepared for Erev Rosh Hashana, I fixed my eye on the concept of pluralism. This brought me to Sir Isaiah Berlin, the renowned British philosopher. Near the end of his long life Sir Isaiah wrote an essay purposefully intended for an American audience. Upon re-reading his thoughts on pluralism I found myself contending with today’s domestic and international uncertainties. Jews and people of all faiths worldwide would benefit from contemplating Sir Isaiah’s observations.

Isaiah Berlin explored – indeed yearned for – “the possibility of human understanding.” He discovered virtue in hearing divergent voices. That seems like a very tall order today. Think about the fault lines which currently shape the political system of the United States. Or think about the international crises which proliferated during this past summer of disquiet and even despair. Sir Isaiah pleads with us to *listen*, to *hear* one another.

Here we turn to Congregation Solel. Consider this congregation, in the age of uncertainties, as our consoling community of faith and compassion. Here are eight images, selected to illustrate the character of our consoling and compassionate congregational life.

- Take the matter of worship, occupying the center of our congregation. The matter I am about to raise is very simple but visually it will illustrate my point. Some among us drape themselves in *tallit*. Some cover their heads with *kip-pot*. Others do so only occasionally. Still others opt not to wear *tallit* or *kippot*. Blessedly, within our sanctuary this is not a source of debate. Instead, our equanimity on this matter underscores our respect for individual preferences. We worship together peacefully as well as respectfully. Sir Isaiah Berlin would recognize our sensibilities as pluralistic.
- Our synagogue embraces – with an open heart – Jews by choice as well as interfaith families, participating in every aspect of Congregation Solel’s pursuits including our lay leadership past and present. We don’t have a list of strictures and certainly we avoid posing invidious questions. Jews by choice and interfaith households have and will strengthen us by virtue of their investment in our congregational life.
- We have a prospering intergenerational women’s gathering. It is convened by Cantor Glikin – for prayer, meditation, learning, friendship, and nourishment – to mark *Rosh Chodesh*. In launching this ongoing gathering our congregation is again strengthened and renewed. Although I do not attend *Rosh Chodesh*, I value so very much this significant exercise of building community.
- Rabbi Moffic conducts well attended lunch-and-learn sessions, held monthly here in Highland Park as well as in the Loop. Congregants regard them as intellectually vibrant, and at times ram-bunctious. Our congregants love to disagree and occasionally agree on challenging issues, whether religious or secular. Rabbi’s well-chosen reading assignments provide focus for these unbounded sessions.
- Most recently – prompted by our lay leadership – an intergenerational group of able congregants quick stepped to assist our clergy in *minyans* in households which have suffered a loss. I am personally struck by how quickly all of this

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# Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Celebration for Women

Thursday, October 23

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

ראש חודש



Celebrate the beginning of the month of Cheshvan! Rosh Chodesh is a celebration of ourselves, our uniqueness as women, and our relationship with the Divine. Join us as we make new friends, see familiar faces, and learn more about ourselves and each other. In the spirit of tzedakkah, please bring non-perishable food donations for the Deerfield Food Pantry and Moraine Township Food Pantry.

7:00-7:20 pm – Social time – get to know the other women of Solel and nosh.

7:20-7:50 pm – Rosh Chodesh ritual led by Cantor Glikin.

7:50-9:00 pm – A special activity led by our hostesses, Marilyn Meyers and Miriam Gerber.

This Rosh Chodesh Celebration is hosted by Marilyn Meyers and Miriam Gerber.

Please RSVP to Solel's office at [solelooffice@solel.org](mailto:solelooffice@solel.org).

Questions? Please be in touch with Cantor Vicky Glikin at [vglikin@solel.org](mailto:vglikin@solel.org).

*We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event for women!*

*Save the date for the Women's Seder on March 22!*

**Future Rosh Chodesh Celebration Dates (all at 7-9 pm):**

December 21

February 18

May 18

# *SPOOKY SHABBAT SHALOM IN COSTUME! A SERVICE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Go trick-or-treating, then join us and other families for pizza, and stay for services in your costumes!

With its high energy and casual atmosphere Shabbat Shalom! is the perfect way for families and Solelites of all ages to celebrate Shabbat.

**Future Dates:**

November 28

January 30

February 27

March 27

April 24

May 29

5:30 pm - Pizza dinner

6:15 pm - Enjoy a warm and meaningful service led by Cantor Glikin and Rabbi Moffic, with participation by Solel's Youth Choir "Rimonim"

Shabbat. Friendship. Community. Family. Song.

## Green Team Thoughts

*"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better."* - Albert Einstein

As the Jewish people approach the Days of Awe, which focus on introspection, change (turning) and movement toward our higher selves, it is also fitting that we pause in our reflections to see our intrinsic connection with nature, and the ecosystem of which we are only one part. Where would any of us be without the earth's gifts? Our very breath, our food and water are inseparable from what the earth gives us.

Rosh Hashanah is also referred to as the birthday of the earth. What would be a suitable present?

When we give with full hearts, we become the recipients of untold gifts. A change in behavior that reflects mindful consideration of the earth would be a gift. This does not need to be a sacrifice, but rather a giving choice. For example, walking anywhere instead of driving reduces gas consumption and adds to one's own health. We are not asked to do more than we can, but only to participate in whatever way suits each of us, always remembering that nothing goes unnoticed, and that everything matters.

During these coming days of reflection, consider some change that will lessen your impact on this fragile planet.

*"One generation goes, another comes, but the earth remains the same forever,"* - Ecclesiastes 5:8



Join us!!

Sukkot Guided Walk at the  
Chicago Botanic Gardens

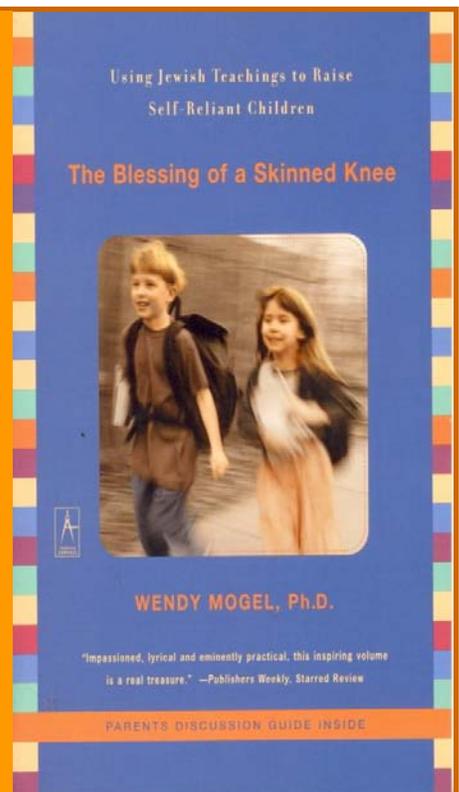
Tuesday, October 14  
2:00 pm

***Solel has acquired a generous collection of reading glasses over the past year! Please feel free to stop by the office and see if you are the rightful owner of a pair before we donate them... thanks!!***

# Jewish Parenting 101 with Cantor Vicky Glikin and the Religious School Committee

*"Raising Jewish Kids: The Blessing of a Skinned Knee"  
This is an opportunity to informally get to know other  
religious school parents and to learn more about  
Jewish parenting.*

**October 19, December 7 & March 15  
9:45-10:45 am  
at Congregation Solel**



***This workshop series will draw on the bestselling phenomenon among parents and educators, *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*, an essential guide that offers an inspiring roadmap for raising children.***

### **Session 1 (October 19):**

Topic: *Helping Our Children Realize their Potential without Creating Stress and Granting our Children Freedom*

Suggested reading: Chapters 1-4 of *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*

### **Session 2 (December 7):**

Topic: *Giving, Receiving, and Food*

Suggested reading: Chapters 5-7 of *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*

### **Session 3 (March 15):**

Topic: *Discipline and Our Goals in Raising our Children*

Suggested reading: Chapters 8-10 of *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*

**Attend all or just one of the sessions.**

**RSVP by email the synagogue office at [solelooffice@solel.org](mailto:solelooffice@solel.org)  
or call (847) 433-3555.**

## Hebrew School Bus Pilot Project Launched

Congregation Solel has affirmed its tradition of encouraging congregants to come up with innovative solutions to problems and work toward their resolution.

A pilot Religious School bussing program began on September 9. It was conceived by a congregant and designed to help parents who need to get children to Hebrew school, but work or who have to have children in diverse places at the same time.

Rabbi Evan Moffic, Cantor Vicky Glikin, Geoff Prass, and Allan Litwack greeted the Hebrew School Bus as it arrived for the first time on September 9.

The pilot, which began with 14 students at Highland Park's Wayne Thomas Elementary School, was the brainchild of Shara Lieberman, who did her homework about the proposal, before approaching Solel's Director of Education, Geoffrey Prass. "This was congregant initiated, which I appreciate," said Prass. "Shara ran with it and was persistent."

Lieberman, who teaches at Braeside School, found it difficult to get from work to Wayne Thomas to pick up her children and get them to Hebrew School on time. In talking with other parents, she learned it was not a unique problem. "I thought that there has to be a better way," she said. Since a number of Wayne Thomas families, belong to Solel, this was a good place to start.

She approached the school bus company and got the information before contacting Prass and Susan Kaden, Solel's vice president of religious school. "I feel so pleased that we will be able to help these families," said Kaden. The program will fill another need: religious school officials had been looking for ways to build community within the school. Since these children will arrive about a half hour early, they will have an opportunity to socialize. Prass has contracted with a teacher to supervise them.

The group contacted Solel's Executive Director, Allan Litwack, who worked with the

congregation's insurance broker. It was there that the plan hit a snag that could have derailed it. The broker believed that the amount of insurance the bus company carried was not adequate to protect the congregation. Instead of letting go, Litwack went back to the bus company, which was able to come up with the needed coverage.

"It took a few phone calls," he said.

"Allan Litwack put in an extraordinary effort," said Susan Kaden. "He was a key player."

From there it was a matter of attending to the legal work, with services generously donated by a congregant.

This pilot project is entirely funded by the parents, who pay per child.

Rabbi Evan Moffic reflected on this pioneering initiative: "The pilot project reminds us of what an inspired congregant can achieve. We are indebted to Shara Lieberman, Allan Litwack, and Susan Kaden for their investment of time over the summer to take the essential steps that brought this to reality. The bus reminds us about developing a great idea and collaborating with others to bring it to reality."



**Open to the  
whole  
congregation**

Congregation Solel  
Invites the entire  
community to  
celebrate with us... TWICE

# Sukkot

The Festival of Booths  
Sunday, October 12, 2014  
12:15 pm Lunch

**Erev Sukkot  
Family  
Experience**  
Wednesday,  
October 8 at  
6:00 PM.

Join us with  
family and  
friends for  
the first night  
of Sukkot for  
this short,  
engaging, and  
song-filled  
family  
experience  
for families  
with pre-  
readers.

If you liked  
Pray N' Play  
this is the  
service for  
you! The  
service will be  
followed by  
children  
friendly  
snacks

Bring a main or side dish  
to share at our picnic  
potluck-style lunch and eat  
in the Sukkah!

We will decorate the  
Sukkah, enjoy each  
other's company &  
welcome the holiday  
with a  
brief service.

We will provide  
the beverages & the dessert.



*Solel*

## Fine Arts Committee News

### Michelle Kogan Art Display in the New Lounge

Michelle Kogan is our featured artist in the New Lounge for the months of September and October. She is an award winning artist/illustrator based in Chicago. Michelle exhibits her work throughout the country, and most recently at the United States Botanic Garden in Washington D.C.

Michelle is an art instructor at the Evanston Art Center and the Lincoln Park Conservatory. She has strong ties to Solel as she grew up in Highland Park and belonged to Solel as a child. Her images include both endangered and threatened plants and animals, often within urban environments. Her work takes on elements of fantasy as she engages viewers, hoping to involve them in the environmental dilemmas we face today.

Michelle's images are multi-layered watercolors constructed with transparent, opaque and iridescent paints and watercolor pencils. Watercolor's transparency, luminosity and sensuous qualities are all characteristics she seeks to capture in her paintings. Her use of color and light draws her audience in and transports them to another reality.

Michelle's interest in nature and conservation has motivated her to create a large body of nature-inspired flora, fauna and figure paintings. Additionally, she writes and illustrates nature poems, haikus and children books.

### Congregation Solel's Chuppa Cover

This beautiful Chuppa cover was designed by Solel members Billie Hanig and Nancy Koulton. It was intended to be used for weddings held in Solel. Its beautiful crewel embroidery was done by Solel members, including Barbara Volin and many more who worked on it every Tuesday morning for approximately a year! Sylvia Radov obtained the beautiful ecru wool on a trip to England. The handmade fruitwood poles are topped with hand-carved pomegranates, also made by a Solel member. We, on the Solel Fine Arts Committee, would love more information about the creation of this beautiful piece of Solel's history. Please contact Anne Kleinerman or Susan Mason if you have more information about this or other Solel artwork.

- Anne Kleinerman and Susan Mason



Michelle Kogan: *Little Blue Heron and Red Winged Blackbird*



Solel's Chuppa cover

## Gun Violence: A Jewish Perspective

Congregation Solel's Just Congregations initiative will explore the problem of gun violence with a special program spanning the weekend of November 21-23, 2014.

Beginning with comments during Shabbat evening services on Friday, we will look at what Jewish teachings have to say about the issue. The program will continue on Sunday, November 23 from 10:00 am - 11:30 am, in the Chapel with a presentation and breakout sessions, designed to provide information and assess interest in the Solel family in working on addressing the issue. This program is open to Solel members only.

If enough Solel members are willing to work on the problem, we will continue at a later date with research and discussion aimed at finding a path to follow. You do not have to commit to working on the issue in order to attend November 21 and 23. All interested Solelites are welcome.

Just Congregations is a program of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) and is organized as congregational based community organizing. This means that the issues on which Just Congregations chooses to focus on are determined by its host synagogue's members, not from the top down.

For more information, contact Sharon Stein at [sstein24@gmail.com](mailto:sstein24@gmail.com) or Meta Levin at [meta.levin@comcast.net](mailto:meta.levin@comcast.net).

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**SNOWBIRD SHABBAT**

**FEBRUARY 27-28, 2015**



### Solel Blood Drive

**Sunday, November 9, 8:30 am**

Begin the New Year with a mitzvah by saving a life! Solel is sponsoring a blood drive on November 9, 2014, 8:30AM - 12:30 PM. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

When you participate in the blood drive, you will have the opportunity to join your fellow congregant donors for bagels and cream cheese, home baked goodies and shmoozing.

Appointments can be made by contacting: Diane Resnick at [dnrphd@gmail.com](mailto:dnrphd@gmail.com) or (847) 926-8510.

**BE A HERO... SAVE 3 LIVES !**

**JUST 1 PINT MAY SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!**

**LIFESOURCE**  
*Chicagoland's Blood Center*

## Mazel Tov to Emily Schlossberg on her Bat Mitzvah!



Emmy Schlossberg, daughter of David and Jill, will become a Bat Mitzvah on October 11, 2014. She is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Edgewood Junior High in Highland Park. Emmy's favorite hobbies are playing with her dogs, soccer and field hockey. For her Mitzvah project Emmy volunteered at PAWS, a no-kill animal shelter in Chicago. Through her work at PAWS, Emmy and the other volunteers helped dogs and cats find good homes rather than being destroyed simply because they are homeless. Emmy's Torah Portion is *Chol Hamoed Sukkot*, from the Book of Exodus. The most important thing Emmy learned from her Torah portion is that you need to have the courage to stand up for others even when it is not easy or convenient. Emmy learned from her experience in becoming a Bat Mitzvah that it takes a lot of work and preparation to become proficient enough to stand in front of the congregation and chant the Torah and Haftarah. The greatest challenge she faced in preparing for her ceremony was balancing all of her activities and making sure there was some free time as well.

## Mazel Tov to Isabelle Pastroff on her Bat Mitzvah!



Isabelle Pastroff, daughter of Brian and Nancy, will become a Bat Mitzvah on October 18, 2014. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Northwood Junior High in Highland Park. Isabelle's favorite hobbies are hanging out with friends, singing, traveling and running. From her Mitzvah Project, Isabelle learned that it feels good to help others—even our furry animal friends need an advocate. Isabelle's Torah Portion is *B'reshit*, from the book of Genesis. The most important thing Isabelle learned from her Torah portion is that there are consequences for one's bad behavior and you should always think before you do or speak. The important thing Isabelle learned from her experience becoming a Bat Mitzvah is that it takes a lot of time and effort, but it is all worth it in the end. The greatest challenge she faced in preparing for her ceremony was learning how to project her voice so that everyone in the synagogue can hear her singing and speaking.

## Mazel Tov to Jacqueline Levenson on her Bat Mitzvah!



Jacqueline Levenson, daughter of Daniel and Deborah, will become a Bat Mitzvah on October 25, 2014. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Edgewood Middle School in Highland Park. Jacqueline's favorite hobbies are dance and tennis. For her Mitzvah Project, Jacqueline served food at JUF Uptown Café and packaged boxes for Passover for Jewish people in need. From her Mitzvah Project, Jacqueline learned that it feels good to help others. Jacqueline's Torah Portion is *Noach*, from the book of Genesis. The most important thing Jacqueline learned from her Torah portion is to care for others. The important thing Jacqueline learned from her experience becoming a Bat Mitzvah is putting time and effort. The greatest challenge she faced in preparing for her ceremony was balancing all of her activities and making sure there was some time to practice.

# Rabbi Moffic — What Makes Us a Family? (cont.'d)

## Erev Rosh Hashanah Remarks 5775

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Amidst this confusion, our history and tradition give us one overriding response: We are one family. We are one people. When someone asks you if you have family in Israel, you say yes. We all have family in Israel. We look out for each other. We search for answers when we are confused. We do not give up when we are lost.

### An Imperfect Family

Families are not perfect. You do not have to be a rabbi to know that. And members of a family have many different points of view. We debate, discuss, disagree. But we do not give up. We do not stand idly by while our brother bleeds. If you remain perplexed, disorientated, angry, concerned about our family in Israel, our Jewish people around the world, here's what you need to remember:

**1. Our family has deep deep roots.** Those roots keep us grounded amidst the winds pushing us back and forth.

A number of families in our community have created family trees. I've seen several of them. As is typical in most Ashkenazic Jewish families, the tree begins around the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Very rarely do they go back further. The reason is that Jews did not have last names until the beginning of the nineteenth century. We were known by our first name, then son of or daughter of, our father's name. My name would have been Evan, son of Steve. It was Napoleon who, for the purposes of documenting citizenship, required all Jews to have last names.

But these family trees are misleading. Our personal family trees may only go back a few hundred years. But our larger family dates back at least 4000 years. Archaeological findings confirm this. For purposes of international law, Israel may be a modern state. It only declared independence in 1948. But from another perspective, it is 3000 years old, founded when King David united the twelve tribes and governed from Eilat in the South to Dan in the North.

One extraordinary confluence of events brings this two perspective together. It was the evening of November 29, 1947—the day the United Nations voted on the partition plan to permit the creation of a Jewish state. Hundreds of thousands of Jews sat glued to their radios. All except a man named Eliezer Sukenic. He was one of the world's leading archeologists. He was not listening to

the radio because his mind was totally focused on the ancient Hebrew manuscript before him. It was part of the Dead Sea scrolls. These scrolls had been preserved in vessels hidden in caves for 1900 years. They had come into his possession that very evening. As throngs of people cheered the reestablishment of a Jewish homeland after 1900 years of exile, an Israeli scholar began to study a community that had flourished there 1900 years ago. Our roots are deep and wide.

**2. Our family depends on each of us:** Sometimes—I know my grandfather used to do this—we read the papers and look for Jewish names. If they have done something bad, we cringe. If they have done something good, we smile. We take pride. We are a family.

I remember when I was a kid—and I know this will shock everyone—I occasionally misbehaved. My mom would often tell me that my behavior reflected on them. People will think she raised a child to be rude or naughty. I'm not sure if this was the best parenting technique, but it worked. I knew my behavior influenced more people than just me.

Part of the reason we debate and discuss Israel so much is that the actions of its government reflect on us, for better or for worse. I generally think it is for better. The Israeli army follows a strict code of ethics. It makes every effort to warn innocent civilians caught in the middle of Hamas installations. As our Solel group learned last year on our visit, the army devotes enormous resources to protecting the lives of its soldiers.

Still, as we are reminded of on the news, innocent people are killed. Children lose their homes—and their parents. Sometimes we get angry because we care so much.

We cannot always control what other family members do. But we can control what we do. We can speak out for Jewish values. We can visit Israel, as several of our congregants have done. We can remain active, as Jews, on critical social justice issues in our community—immigration, education, and fair housing. And what we do will ripple across the world. We will become ambassadors of our people, of our family. In fact, we already are, even if we do not know it.

Rabbi Norman Lamm illustrates this truth in a true story about Mendel the waiter. It was 1976, and news had just broken about the Israeli raid and freeing of the

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hostages at Entebbe. As you may recall, Ida Amin in Uganda had taken almost 100 Jews on a flight hostage and flown them to a remote base in Uganda called Entebbe. An Israeli unit, led by Prime Minister Netanyahu's older brother Yoni, freed the hostages. Tragically, Yoni died during the raid, the only Israeli casualty.

News of the successful Entebbe raid reached a cruise in the Mediterranean. The passengers on the cruise wanted to pay tribute, in some way, to Israel and the Jewish people. They looked to see if there were any Jewish passengers on board. There weren't. But they kept looking and eventually found a Jewish member of the crew: Mendel the waiter. So in a solemn ceremony, the captain of the ship, in front of all the passengers and crew, presented Mendel with congratulations and a medal. This waiter had become the representative of the entire Jewish people.

We are all, as Rabbi Lamm puts it, "like it or not, ambassadors of the Jewish people, and how we live, behave and treat others reflects not only on us as individuals but on Jewry as a whole, and thus on Judaism and the God of Israel." We are one family.

**3. Our family never gives up:** David Ben Gurion once said that in Israel to be a realist you have to believe in miracles. We can take his observation a step further. To believe that a tiny people could survive and thrive to this day—.02% of the world population—to get our minds around this phenomenon, we have to believe in miracles. The ups and downs of Jewish life—the tragedies we have suffered, the heights we have reached—boggle the mind.

I recently spoke with one of our members who is a docent at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. The museum took her and several others to Poland last Spring. The tour focused on both Polish history and contemporary Jewish life there. While relatively few Jews live in Poland, the ones our docent spoke with universally acclaimed the security and fullness of Jewish life there. It is safer and easier, the docent said, to be a Jew in Poland than in many parts of France or Belgium or even Britain.

Can you believe this statement? A place where millions of Jews were slaughtered—many by their neighbors—just 65 years ago is now a place where Jews are welcomed. That is a miracle.

Still, according to the Talmud, we may believe in miracles, but we cannot rely solely on them. In the phrase of the Talmud, we are *shutafut eem hakadosh baruchu*, partners with God. God works through us. God has no

hands but ours. It is those hands that sustain our people, our tradition. And those hands choose life. Even when death surrounds them, they choose life. That is true not only today in Israel and around the world. That has been true for thousands of years.

### Life Amidst Death

We know this for a fact. There is a valley directly outside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem. In biblical times it was known as the Valley of Gehinnom. During the time of the ancient Israelites—perhaps around 1000 BCE, pagan groups practiced child sacrifice in that valley. So powerful was the Jewish revulsion to this pagan practice that in Hebrew the word for Hell is *gehinnom*.

About 20 years ago archaeologists working in *gehinnom* made a startling discovery. They found a burial cave of a family who lived there. It was a Jewish family who lived through the destruction of the First Temple in Jerusalem in 586 BCE. They knew this because the family had artifacts that would date to around 15 years after the Temple's destruction. The cave had not been raided by tomb robbers, which has been a frequent problem over the last 2500 years.

Over several months the archaeologists painstakingly went through all the household possessions. They found cups, miniature alters, and pottery. Amidst these possessions they also found two amulets in the form of miniature silver scrolls. They were tiny and caked with dirt. They had not been opened in 2500 years. The archaeologists carefully and gently opened the scrolls. In them they found a barely legible inscription.

The words of this description tingle my spine whenever I read them. They are the oldest sacred text of the monotheistic religion. They predate the next oldest parchment—The Dead Sea Scrolls by 500 years. And they proclaim our Jewish imperative to *u'vharchta v'chayim*, to choose life. They proclaim our gift—nay our imperative—to find a blessing—a cause for hope—even amid a place of despair. Across the span of 2500 years, they speak to us today. What words did the archaeologists find on those scrolls?

May God bless you and keep you;  
May God make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
May God lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.

- Rabbi Evan Moffic

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# President's Remarks

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came about. The very first meeting occurred on August 24. Our new *minyán* committee furnishes an affirming storyline, reinforcing our sense of Congregation Solel as a consoling and compassionate community. I salute the congregants who stepped forward instantly to serve in this capacity. Earlier this week our *minyán* committee comforted a family mourning the loss of a loved one.

- Another very recent achievement is a source of satisfaction in a different form. In a nutshell, families found themselves hard-pressed by the challenge of transporting their youngsters to Religious School on Tuesday afternoons. With great determination, one congregant collaborated with our lay-led Religious School Committee, our Executive Director, and our Religious School Director. Endless emails and phone calls flew back and forth. On September 9 we inaugurated a pilot project for our Solel Religious School Shuttle Bus.
- Our congregation is renowned for its unswerving devotion to social justice. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke from this pulpit forty-eight years ago. Rabbi Moffic recently observed that the greatest challenge facing Congregation Solel in the realm of social justice is to perpetuate our commitment to the goals associated with the legacy of Dr. King. Many of you know that a lay-led initiative – the Envision Scholars Program at Waukegan High School – engages nearly thirty of our congregants. They tutor promising Waukegan students here at Congregation Solel whose households are unfamiliar with the process of making application to colleges and universities, especially the preparation of personal essays as well as negotiating how to pursue scholarship awards. As a consequence of this multi-year effort students from Waukegan High School – guided by their mentors in this congregation – have earned admission to such institutions as Bucknell College, Denison University, Kalamazoo College, Stanford University, Tufts University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Wellesley College, Wesleyan University, and Yale University among many others. Dr. King, our congregants and our clergy remain passionately devoted to your goals.

- Our congregation is recognized by Life Source, the blood bank serving northeastern Illinois, among its foremost congregational donors. This underscores our community-minded spirit. The next blood drive is on Sunday, November 9. If you qualify to make a donation, please roll up your sleeve.

Immediately following the conclusion of worship tomorrow at approximately 12:30 PM please join us – in the tent adjacent to the eastside of the sanctuary – for our much-loved Rosh Hashanah reception. We missed it a year ago because of post-construction complications. Now we celebrate the return of our longstanding tradition. On behalf of the board of directors, our clergy, and our staff, we look forward to greeting each of you. The Rosh Hashanah Reception is for *everyone*, young and otherwise. Wonderful noshes. Wonderful fellowship. And some tumult.

I could tell you so much more about our historic congregation, but we have much of importance before us on this Erev Rosh Hashanah. But I am *not* finished!

I express – on behalf of the congregation – our words of thanks. To our clergy we express heartfelt gratitude. Our congregation cherishes the vibrant and energetic leadership of Rabbi Moffic, our guide, our teacher, and our pastor. Cantor Glikin is a blessing, devoting herself to so many aspects of congregational life. We are grateful to Allan Litwack, our Executive Director, who devotes himself each day – with unending dignity – to strengthening and safeguarding this congregation. Geoff Prass, our Religious School Director, oversees the Jewish education of our youth with imagination and verve. Simcha Ackerman is a stalwart in advancing our students, working with them one-to-one as they pursue their goals. Congregation Solel is grateful for the inspiring teachers in our Religious School. In our administrative offices Evelyn Brewer, Michelle Raz, Vic Bassi, and Jenny Gilbertson provide support essential to our daily operations. Our energetic and loyal custodial staff makes us look good every day. Heartfelt thanks to Juan Gutierrez Sr., Juan Gutierrez Jr., Carlos Gutierrez, and Hugo Gutierrez. We cherish all who serve our holy congregation, asking a blessing for each of them as well as for those whom they love.

Our congregation is ever grateful to our Solel choir, soloists and volunteers. Choir Director Warren Fremling, and Phil Orem, our accompanist as well as composer-in

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-residence – collaborate with Cantor Glikin to make our spiritual music inspirational and participatory.

In our age of uncertainties, we find ourselves consoled by the very act of worshipping together. Our congregation – in prayer, in learning, in serving, in giving, and in friendships old and new – reminds us about the benefit of assembling in our sanctuary. We stand together – rather than alone – on this first day of *Tishrei* in our new year 5775. May this bring a good year – for our revered founders, for our newest congregants, and all of us in between – for the people who comprise Congregation Solel.

And together we pray as one congregation for the blessing of a year of renewed understanding – for the United States of America, for Israel as well as its neighbors, for the beleaguered citizens of Ukraine who cherish freedom, for the struggling African nations confronted by epidemic – and for all who inhabit the earth.

- Michael Ebner  
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# Rabbi Moffic — Regrets

## Rosh Hashanah Day Remarks 5775

The most popular musical in the country when I was in college was *Rent*. Perhaps you saw it. It was not as edgy as, say, the *Book of Mormon*, but it had its moments. One of its most popular songs was called “Another Day.” It is a paean to the idea of *carpe diem*, seize the day. You know the idea. Today is the only day we have. Make the most of it. Generally good advice. Such advice usually comes along with the encouragement to live without any regrets. One verse in the song says,

There's only us  
There's only this  
Forget regret  
Or life is yours to miss

“Forget regret?” Is that really possible? Can we really live—make choices, form relationships, do important work—and have no regrets? To explore this question, let us turn to the biblical story we just read.

God asks Abraham to take his son Isaac to the top of a mountain and murder him as a sacrificial offering. Abraham obliges until, at the last moment, an angel stays his hand. A ram is slaughtered in Isaac's place. Abraham and Isaac leave, and the next passage we read tells of the death of Sarah, Abraham's wife and Isaac's mother.

### Everyone has regrets

Do you think Abraham regretted his eager and affirmative response to God's request? After that experience on the mountain, he and Isaac never speak again. Do you think God regretted asking Abraham to prepare to perform such an awful act? Perhaps God expected Abraham to challenge God's command? Perhaps God regretted giving such a horrible test in the first, in a way a parent might regret encouraging their child to do something that turned out to be way too much?

Did Sarah have regrets? Perhaps she should have stopped Abraham when he left with Isaac to go up the mountain. Earlier she had forced Abraham to expel Hagar and Ishmael for their home. Perhaps she felt she could have at least spoken up and told Abraham he could not, no matter what he thought God was saying, prepare to sacrifice their only son?

And what about Isaac? The commentaries say he was 36 years old when this happened. Now I know in the good old days, children used to obey their parents, at least until they were 18. Today that obeying stops as

soon as they learn to speak. But still. At 36 he didn't stop and say something?? Might he have regretted his acquiescence?

*We can make a case that every party in this story regretted their actions.* Yet, we still read it every year. We read it on one of our central holidays. We wrestle with its meaning. It is part of our Jewish story, our framework for making sense of God and ourselves.

We are meant to put ourselves in the shoes of Abraham, Isaac, God and Sarah, asking ourselves how we would have responded, and taking those insights and applying them to the choices we have made and are making today. Thus the question: What regrets do we have?

### What Regrets Do You Have?

I can start. I regret not spending more time with my grandfather near the end of his life. I regret the times I have gotten upset or spoken rudely to my wife. I regret the times I have not been as understanding of my children as she has been. I regret the times I did not show or express my love and admiration for my parents. I regret the times I have not visited or called people who were sick or in the hospital. I regret the times I did not prepare as diligently as I should for sermons or classes. I regret the times I did not hear the unspoken pain, the unspoken desires during a conversation. I regret the friendships that fell apart because I didn't write or call. I regret the times I did what was easy instead of what was important.

And I also regret the untaken vacations. I regret not staying an extra week or two during our Solel Shabbat weekends in Longboat Key. I regret some of the meals where I didn't order wine or dessert, especially when someone else was paying.

We all have regrets. Sometimes they are easy to acknowledge. Sometimes they feel impossible to accept. We rationalize. We blame. I'm sure Abraham rationalized his decision. God told me to do it. What choice did I have? Richard Feynman once said— the easiest person to fool is yourself.

### Stop Fooling Yourself

Today is an opportunity to stop fooling ourselves. The Talmud describes Rosh Hashanah as *Yom Harat Ha'Olam*, the day of the creation of the world. Today is

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pregnant with possibility. The gates of change, of choice, are wide open. We don't need to rationalize. We don't need to blame. We need to accept and resolve.

Accepting is hard, especially today, because it is so easy and tempting to compare ourselves to others. Consider Facebook: Someone might share an article saying the top ten things every parent must say to their child—and you look and see, huh, well I'm not measuring up. Or we see pictures of another family taking their child to the Art Institute followed by the symphony and then closing with an impromptu cooking class. Huh, well I downloaded a new educational game today for the iPad.

Is anybody here a perfect parent or grandparent? Is anyone a perfect brother or sister or son or daughter? The whole idea seems absurd. We make mistakes constantly. We lose our temper, say something we wish we hadn't said or we don't respond strongly enough to a situation that needs our response. We could go on and on.

To accept our regrets is not always to condone a choice we made. It is not to pretend we were necessarily right. Rather, it is to accept that the choices we made have made us into the person we are. *To accept our regrets is to accept ourselves.*

### The Hardest Part

This acceptance is the beginning. The harder part comes next. See, Judaism does not urge us to simply accept ourselves and be happy. These holy days—in fact, our whole lives—are times for change, transformation, growth, *teshuvah*. Rosh Hashanah means the “Head of the Year,” as in the New Year. But the word *shanah* also means change. In other words, this is the holiday of change. Acceptance is the first and critical part. It is the precondition for what comes next because, as the great psychologist Carl Rogers put: “The curious paradox is that when I accept myself just as I am, then I can change.”

How then do we change? How do we become the person we are meant to be? In addition to acceptance, three experiences or feelings can lead us to change. One is fear. Just think—if you are running in one direction and see a tiger coming at you, you will change directions.

The second is tragedy. If a beloved friend who smokes dies from lung cancer, you might be more likely to give it up. These are important impetuses for change. But we have little control over them. They happen or do not happen.

### What Do You Long For?

The last feeling, however, is one we do control. This last impetus—the one that can change us this night—is great desire. When we long—we deeply desire—to do something, to be something, to change our ways—we can push ourselves to do so.

The most moving biblical example of this truth is Judah. Judah is the fourth son of Jacob. It is from Judah that we have the term Jew. In fact, all Jews today are descendants—unless you are Cohan and Levite—of the tribe of Judah. Judah begins his adult life as a jealous and angry brother and son. He leads his brothers in throwing their younger brother Jacob into a pit and then selling him to roving slave traders. Then he seduces his late son's widow. He certainly is no saint.

Then something happens. Judah sees his father Jacob's pain at the loss of Joseph. He sees the seeming inability or unwillingness of his brothers to lead or change. He longs for reconciliation, for healing, for family tied together not only by self-interest but by love and caring.

Then, when he and his brothers come before Joseph, whom they do not recognize as the Prime Minister of Egypt, he is the one who leads. He is the one who pleads the needs of their father. He is one who is willing to be taken prisoner instead of his younger brother Benjamin because he knows that Benjamin's absence would devastate their father.

It was certainly not easy for Judah. He probably feared Joseph would kill him. Indeed, the biblical text suggests that when Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, their reaction was not joy or relief. It was utter terror. He was in a position of great power, and they had once made him a slave. Judah, however, persists and changes nonetheless.

What do you long for? That is the key to knowing where you need to change. Do you long for a deeper relationship with your spouse? Do you long to speak again to a brother or sister who hurt you? Do you long to say something to your child without fear of being

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offended or shut out? Making the change to meet these longings is not easy.

### **The Broken Butterfly**

Indeed, we need to long for change enough to get through the huge difficulty it will bring. And we need to resist taking the easy way out. If we don't, the change will never last.

Now I'm not a zoologist, so I can't speak for the scientific accuracy of this example, but I recently read a piece about a man who came across a butterfly's cocoon. The cocoon had a little hole in it, and the butterfly was struggling to get through. The man watched as the butterfly struggled for hours. He saw that the butterfly seemed to be making little progress and had gotten as far as it could. So the man decided to help out.

He got a pair of scissors and cut away the rest of the cocoon. The butterfly easily emerged and flew out. But its body was swollen and its wings were small and shriveled. The man continued to watch it, thinking that the body would expand and the wings would enlarge naturally to support it. But neither happened. The butterfly never grew into the fully functioning healthy butterfly it was supposed to become. Without struggle, without difficulty, neither will we.

### **You are not alone**

But here's the most beautiful and most important part—it's not all up to us. Much of what I've said so far—aside from the biblical stories and midrash—we could learn from psychology or literature. That is critically important. But today, here, in this synagogue, I tell you we are not alone in pushing for change. We have a God, a force, a being larger than ourselves, who knows us, loves us, and desires for us to become the people we long to be. That is why we gather here; that is why we read from this ancient book; that is why this eternal light remains ever burning. God has faith in us.

A great student once went to his rebbe with a problem. He said, "Why do we pray on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It doesn't seem to work. We always sin again. Why do we need to come year after year and apologize when we know the same pattern will just happen over and over."

In response, the rebbe asked him to turn around and look out of the window behind him. Outside was a toddler learning to walk. "Tell me what you see," said the

rebbe. "A child, standing then falling," replied the student.

The rebbe told him to come back tomorrow. He did, and the next day and the next day. He saw the same scene: the child standing, falling and standing again. Then at the end of the week, the child stood and didn't fall. The child's eyes lit up. He seemed to have achieved the impossible.

The rebbe turned to his student and said, "So it is with us. We may fall again and again, but in the end, a loving God gives us the opportunities we need to stand up." May this year be one where God helps us stand up, change, and become the person we long to be.

- Rabbi Evan Moffic



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*As of September 29, 2014*

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# October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Kindle Shabbat Candles at dinner or at the following times (CDT):</p> <p>3.....6:12 pm 10.....6:01 pm 17.....5:49 pm 24.....5:39 pm 31.....5:29 pm</p>			<p><b>1</b> 12:00 pm: Downtown Lunch &amp; Learn 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3 Kol Nidre</b> 8:00 pm Kol Nidre Service</p>
<p><b>5</b> 9:00 am: Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Religious School</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:30 am Current Events 11:00 am Current Events</p>	<p><b>7</b> 4:15 pm Religious School</p>	<p><b>8 Erev Sukkot</b> 10:00 am Short Stories Class 6:30 pm Sukkot Family Experience 7:15 pm: 92Y Live: Wesley K. Clark</p>	<p><b>9 Office Closed</b> Sukkot</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Emily Schlossberg Bat Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan</p>
<p><b>12</b> 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Religious School 12:00 pm Sukkot Service &amp; Potluck</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:30 am Current Events 11:00 am Current Events</p>	<p><b>14</b> 12:00 pm Lunch &amp; Learn at Solel 2:00 pm Botanic Gardens Walk 4:15 pm Religious School 7:30 pm Just Congregations Meeting</p>	<p><b>15 Shemini Atzeret</b></p>	<p><b>16 Office Closed</b> Simchat Torah 10:30 am Yizkor Service at Takiff Center</p>	<p><b>17</b> 6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service &amp; Consecration</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Isabelle Pastroff Bat Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan</p>
<p><b>19</b> 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Religious School 9:45 am Jewish Parenting 101</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:30 am Current Events 11:00 am Current Events</p>	<p><b>21</b> 4:15 pm Religious School 7:00 pm Jewish War Veterans Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:00 am Short Stories Class</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:00 pm Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Celebration for Women</p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Jacqueline Levenson Bat Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan</p>
<p><b>26</b> 9:15 am Executive Committee Meeting 9:45 am Religious School 10:15 am Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:30 am Current Events 11:00 am Current Events</p>	<p><b>28</b> 12:00 pm Lunch &amp; Learn at Solel 4:15 pm Religious School</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> 6:15 pm Shabbat Shalom in Costume</p>	

# Shabbat Services Schedule

## Friday, October 3

Kol Nidre .....8:00 pm

*D'varim, Deut. 1:1-3:22*

## Saturday, October 4 — Yom Kippur

Morning Service .....10:00 am

Family Service .....2:00 pm

Afternoon Service .....3:30 pm

Memorial/Yizkor Service .....4:30 pm

Concluding Service .....5:00 pm

## Friday, October 10

Shabbat Evening Service .....7:30 pm

*Va-et'chanan, Deut. 3:23-7:11*

## Saturday, October 11

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Emily Schlossberg Bat Mitzvah .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

## Friday, October 17

Shabbat Service & Consecration .....6:30 pm

*Eikev, Deut. 7:12-11:25*

## Saturday, October 18

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Isabelle Pastroff Bat Mitzvah .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

## Friday, October 24

Shabbat Evening Service.....7:30 pm

*R'eih, Deut. 11:26-16:17*

## Saturday, October 25

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Jacqueline Levenson Bat Mitzvah .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

## Friday, October 31

Spooky Shabbat Shalom in Costume.....6:30 pm

*R'eih, Deut. 11:26-16:17*

## Saturday, November 1

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Rachel Bringas Bat Mitzvah .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

### Updating Your Solel Calendar with Future Events in 2014

**Friday, November 7, 7:30 pm:** Veteran's Shabbat  
& Kristallnacht Service

**Sunday, November 23, 10:00 am:** Gun Violence  
Prevention

**Friday, December 5, 7:30 pm:** Human Rights  
Shabbat

Want to inquire more deeply into a passage after the Shabbat service? Find the weekly parashot and commentaries at these links:



Weekly D'var: <http://uri.org/learning/torah/>  
or  
<http://www.reformjudaism.org/>

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