



# UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF HOBOKEN

## שוֹפָר The Shofar

### RABBINIC REMARKS FROM RABBI ROBERT SCHEINBERG

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*By James Weinstein  
President, USH Board of Trustees*

**“A Letter to the Future”** (*adapted from Rabbi Scheinberg’s sermon from Rosh HaShanah Eve 2009*)

Did you ever receive a letter from a younger version of yourself?

For most of us, it doesn't happen every day. But every so often, I have gone to a conference, or taken a class, or had some experience where, as part of the experience, we were supposed to write letters to ourselves. I remember, at the end of one particular synagogue leadership conference, the facilitator said, “Your head is probably spinning right now with all these great ideas, all these creative things you could bring back to your congregation, to your community, to your family. That’s wonderful, but we all know how life is. The instant you get back home, you have your regular routine to contend with. You’ll have all the regular projects, the details of your life, you’ll have business as usual. Pretty soon, this whole conference will be a blur, and the enthusiasm you’re feeling right now will have dissipated. So this is what I want you to do. Write yourself a letter. Summarize the excitement that you feel right now at doing just **three** things you have thought about during this conference. Address your envelope, and I’ll send it to you one month from today.”

And I remember thinking: ok, what am I supposed to write in a letter to myself, but myself one month older? This is feeling a little contrived.

So I start: “Dear Rob: How are you doing?... Having a good time. Wish you were here...”

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“This summer is busier than usual at USH” – there are certainly a couple of counter-intuitive thoughts that arise from that phrase – why would the summer be busy, period, and why would it be busier than usual?

The summer is always busy since the summer is the prelude to the High Holidays. With the High Holidays “early” in relation to the secular calendar, we started preparing and meeting and planning in June, rather than in July. Thanks to Barry Grossman for leading our HH planning, after a brief respite. And thanks in advance to our Labor Day volunteers. We literally will have a three day window to get the shul completely ready for Rosh Hashanah, which is three days after Labor Day this year.

“Busier than usual” – we are using our small space extremely efficiently. Our sanctuary is closed for the final phase of the restoration – you literally won’t recognize it in September, but if you want a sneak preview, it will be open just one day this summer – August 7, for the Bar Mitzvah of Leo Hochhauser, son of Donna and Hal. Major construction, wood stripping, plastering, and cleaning will take place around that event, but by August 7, it will be clear, due to the restoration’s progress, just how beautiful the sanctuary looked in 1915.

It’s also been a busy summer for planning and getting started with our ever-growing Learning Center and Kaplan Preschool. There are a few openings in the afternoon program at KPS and I hope we will be at capacity by the time you read this. The LC always has room for more students, and I just

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Friday night: 7:00 pm

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Monday: 7:30 pm

## RESTORATION UPDATE

*By Ken Schept  
Restoration Chair*

We're deep into the restoration of the sanctuary.

Following the bar mitzvah scheduled for August 7, we will enter the final stage of Phase 2, which includes finishing the sanctuary floors, working on final items and doing an extensive clean-up.

Through early July, we repaired all the crumbling plaster in the sanctuary and the south stairway, primed the walls and applied a first coat of paint. We also removed the finish from most of the ark wall.

As we progressed, we discovered a few unanticipated projects. One was mandatory because it concerned safety. The row of lights over the ark, and the eternal light, still were powered with old wiring. We opened channels in the surrounding plaster surfaces and replaced all of the old wiring. And we reduced the number of lights by eliminating any that were not original. At the same time, we investigated adding wiring for subtler lighting in the future, if not now.

Two other unanticipated projects were elective: adding an antique finish to the chandeliers and applying a decorative finish to the support rods that help suspend the balcony. These changes add some cost to the job, but it makes sense to accomplish this work now, while the sanctuary is closed and we can move pews, install the necessary scaffolding and avoid future disruptions of this magnitude.

To help afford these changes, we redirected some funds. For example, the top surface of balcony knee wall, to which the brass railing is fastened, needed extensive repair. The original plan called for replacing some of the wood and refinishing the surface around the entire balcony. Instead, we're going to repair and then paint the surface. Similarly, we'd intended to hand finish molding around the sanctuary doors. Instead, we're going to paint those moldings, but strip and refinish the

doors, as planned.

This revised plan continues an earlier shift in scope when we decided to postpone any carpeting or woodwork refinishing work in the stairways and focus almost exclusively on the sanctuary. The sanctuary now is painted in warm shades of beige with a slight gradation from lighter to darker between the balcony and the main level. The colors maintain the serene and historic feeling of the sanctuary while making the space somewhat brighter. The colors will work well with the refinished wood and with the color range in the existing and planned stained glass windows.

We expect to install the first of the stained glass series designed and produced by USH member Susie Klein. Susie's elegant design combines some of the traditional elements of our existing glass with a creative interpretation of the days of creation, starting with chaos represented in the window for the first day and ending with the calm of Shabbat in the windows near the bimah.

To simplify the overall job, given the time constraints, we decided not to dramatically change the seating arrangement, although we will remove several rows of pews to provide more legroom and space to add new bookshelves near the sanctuary entrances. We'll also add a wheelchair access ramp to the bimah.

Fundraising continues over the summer. Early payment of existing pledges and additional pledges will help us meet the cash needs of this restoration effort. To contribute, please contact one of the heads of the capital campaign—Lauren Calmas, Heidi Learner and Talya Schaeffer—or email [capitalcampaign@hobokensynagogue.org](mailto:capitalcampaign@hobokensynagogue.org). And please know that we appreciate everyone who takes the time to respond to our efforts—both the individuals and families able to contribute and those who graciously decline. ✨

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Detail of the Ark Wall, after stripping

*Photo courtesy of Ken Schept*

## THE HIGH HOLIDAYS ARE EARLY THIS YEAR!

By Laurie Palumbo  
Coop/Volunteer Coordinator

Heads up, everybody!! The High Holidays are early this year! In case you haven't looked at a calendar lately, you might be surprised to learn that....

**...the first night of Rosh Hashanah is on Wednesday, September 8, a mere two days after Labor Day!**

And that means that we need your help earlier than usual.

The upcoming High Holiday season offers dozens of volunteer opportunities. It's a great time to get involved (not to mention a great time to fulfill your USH membership service requirement). The numerous activities vary widely in nature, so there should be something of interest for everyone. Please see the list of volunteer opportunities below and choose at least one. Thanks!

But first, a note from our sponsor, regarding the 2010-2011 USH Membership Application:

Regardless of whether you are a new member or a returning member, please fill out and return the Service Requirement page of the membership application. Whenever possible, we try to match the interests of our members to the needs of the synagogue, and the Service Requirement page is the best tool that we have to do so. It is necessary to fill out this page every year, regardless of whether or not any of your membership information has changed from a prior year.

If you did not receive a membership application in the mail, you can download a copy of the application from the USH website, [www.HobokenSynagogue.org](http://www.HobokenSynagogue.org), or call the synagogue office to have one mailed to you.

### Volunteers in the News (the USH news, that is)

#### Our New "Meditation Garden"

For those of you who have not yet seen the new "meditation garden," you MUST take a look. This outdoor adult sitting area, which can be reached by going out through the social hall doors, is simply beautiful! It is a warm and welcoming area, and rightly deserves its "meditation" name. Many thanks to Rob and Julie Harari for their inspiration and creation of this lovely addition to our surroundings. (See thank you's below, for the entire garden team.)

### Volunteer Opportunities:

Membership Committee staffing: Monique Haas is looking for more people to join the Membership Committee. Please contact Monique at [membership@hobokensynagogue.org](mailto:membership@hobokensynagogue.org).

#### High Holiday Season Needs:

The week of August 23rd: daytime help needed in the USH office, stuffing tickets into envelopes.

Labor Day (how appropriate!), Monday, September 6:  
Building Prep: With the renovations going on in the sanctuary this summer, it's a bit hard to predict what can happen and when. September 6th is the tentative date for

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### WHAT'S GOING ON AT USH?

You can get regular updates about USH events and the community (including births, deaths and shiva information) through our ListServ.

Send an e-mail to [Listserv@uscj.org](mailto:Listserv@uscj.org).

Leave the subject line blank.

Write this for the message:

SUBSCRIBE HOBOKEN <FIRST NAME> <LAST NAME>

For example, if your name is Leo Kessler, your message will read:

SUBSCRIBE HOBOKEN Leo Kessler



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"Building Cleanup Day." The day entails general preparation of the building for the High Holidays, including cleaning up in and around the synagogue. Please contact Steve Sperber, Building Chair, at [steven.sperber@cbre.com](mailto:steven.sperber@cbre.com) for more information.

Labor Day, Monday, September 6: Sanctuary set-up: Change the Torah covers and ark curtains; stuff literature into prayer books. To assist with this, contact Louise Kurtz at [ritual@HobokenSynagogue.org](mailto:ritual@HobokenSynagogue.org)

Wednesday, September 8: Rosh Hashanah eve:

Security: Greet people outside the synagogue, check for visitors' tickets, and coordinate with Hoboken Police. Contact Ron Rosenberg at [Ron.Rosenberg@ramtogo.com](mailto:Ron.Rosenberg@ramtogo.com).

Greeters: Welcome people in the lobby and assist those who may not be familiar with USH. Contact Monique Haas at [membership@HobokenSynagogue.org](mailto:membership@HobokenSynagogue.org).

Ushers: Distribute prayer books. Assign honors and readings. Help people find seats. Contact Louise Kurtz at [ritual@HobokenSynagogue.org](mailto:ritual@HobokenSynagogue.org)

Thursday, September 9: Rosh Hashanah first day:

Kiddush: Help to set up beforehand and/or to clear-away afterward. Contact Laurie Palumbo at [volunteer@HobokenSynagogue.org](mailto:volunteer@HobokenSynagogue.org).

Security: Greet people outside the synagogue, check for visitors' tickets, and coordinate with Hoboken Police. Contact Ron Rosenberg at [Ron.Rosenberg@ramtogo.com](mailto:Ron.Rosenberg@ramtogo.com).

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Ushers: Distribute prayer books. Assign honors and readings. Help people find seats. Contact Louise Kurtz at [ritual@HobokenSynagogue.org](mailto:ritual@HobokenSynagogue.org).

Friday, September 10: Rosh Hashanah 2nd day: Same needs as RH 1st day

Sunday, September 12: Re-stuff literature into prayer books. Contact Louise Kurtz at [ritual@HobokenSynagogue.org](mailto:ritual@HobokenSynagogue.org).

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But I remember that upon receiving the letter, it truly worked. I had been "back to normal," so to speak, but receiving that letter pulled me back to my feelings, my environment, and my enthusiasm from a month earlier.

Then I heard about a website called "futureme.org." It's a very simple premise. You go to the site and you write an email to yourself, and you indicate the date that you want to receive it. You can choose a date for the email to be delivered as much as 25 years in advance, assuming email will still be around then or as little as three months in advance, just far enough away that you will be inclined to think of yourself as someone at least a little bit different.

On the first night of Rosh Hashanah, it has been my practice to share with you all a metaphor for how we can think about the experience of teshuvah, the process of introspection that characterizes this time of year. In previous years, I have mentioned how the High Holiday season can be like writing and publishing a book, or like walking across a bridge, or like taking a sabbatical.

This year, it seems to me that the High Holidays are like writing a letter to your future self while also reading a letter from your past self.

I remember my mother sharing with me, when I was younger, that one of the things that she loved about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur was the timeless feeling that she would sometimes get especially if she were to hear music that she remembered as a child, or read prayers she remembered from long ago. She said this especially happened when she listened to Kol Nidre. It didn't matter what the words meant, or if she even understood what the words meant. But hearing the same piece of music, each year, would give her an experience of being in the past and the future simultaneously. It heightened her awareness of the passage of time, the things that had changed since the last time she heard Kol Nidre, and the things that might change before the next time. For some people, it's the sound of the Shofar that transports them back to the last time they heard the Shofar, to capture some of their life goals, texture, and enthusiasm from that moment.

In Jewish tradition, some of our holiest moments tend to be the moments when we can achieve a simultaneous awareness of past, present, and future. And this is reflected even in the mysterious Hebrew name of God itself. As you may know, something peculiar about Judaism is that we know how to spell God's name, but we don't know how to pronounce it. In the

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Torah, and in most prayerbooks, God's name is spelled with the Hebrew letters *yod - hey - vav - hey*. But without the vowels above and below the letters, we don't know how it's supposed to be pronounced. So instead we substitute a euphemism; we read that word as "Adonai," which means "Lord," even though that's really like God's job description rather than God's name, and that's obviously not what the letters *yod - hey - vav - hey* spell.

But ancient and modern sages noticed something about these four Hebrew letters. If you were to take the Hebrew words *Hayah*, meaning "Was," and *Hoveh*, meaning "Is," and *Yihyeh*, meaning "Will Be," and combine these three words and artificially compress them tightly into a single word, that word might well be spelled "*Yod, hey, vav, hey*." So God's name is like the conflation of the concepts of was, and is, and will be. And those moments when we are most aware of God's presence in our lives are likely to be moments when we feel that "was" and "is" and "will be" are all going on at the same time.

According to Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, one of the most profound High Holiday moments in modern American cinema might come from the 1980's movie "The Right Stuff," about the pilots chosen to be the first American astronauts. Figuring prominently in the film is Chuck Yeager, considered one of the best of all American test pilots. There's a bar in the movie where the pilots often go, and there's a friendly bartender who offers some advice to Chuck Yeager (played by Sam Shepard) at a difficult moment. But the people who watch the credits closely realize that playing the bartender is Chuck Yeager himself.

It's not many of us who are able to arrange something like that an illusion of a conversation between the you of the present and the you of the future. Think of what you would want to pass on now to a younger version of yourself, or to an older version of yourself.

When I envision that kind of conversation between past, present, and future, going on in my own mind, I confess that it sometimes starts as a shouting match. My past self is sometimes a little grumpy. He says, "Rob! I had such plans for you this year! You're a year older now, and that's all you have to show for it?"

And my present self is put on the defensive, but parries back, and says to the past self, "I remember what it was like to be your age, to be young and naive, to lack the understanding and the experiences and the wisdom that I've amassed this year. So what if not all of it *was* exactly according to YOUR plan?"

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can't say enough about the dedication of our educational staff, many of whom work through the summer to prepare for the September re-opening.

We are using our Social Hall for AIR CONDITIONED services, thanks to the addition of a window unit (on a timer) which makes the heat and humidity far more bearable. If we ever get a non-humid, 70 degree night, we will have services outdoors in our new garden – we have had one in June, and would like to have more, if only the weather would cooperate!

When the social hall is not in use for services, we have classes, board meetings, and camp. We are truly using all our space efficiently, and after the restoration is completed and after Yom Kippur, we are going to create extra classroom space in the alcove in the sanctuary, and start to figure out exactly how we want to use the rest of the restored Star of Israel building. We already have plans for both a youth lounge and an office for our Learning Center director in the two rooms at the top of the stairs behind the balcony. We plan to make the Garbade Room (the room in front of the Rose Window) more functional. In short, we hope to move back from the trailers, albeit slowly.

We are as busy on the finance side of our operations as we are on the building side. In the fiscal year just ended, we had over \$60,000 of dues reductions, tuition reductions at the Learning Center, and debt write-offs at all three of our component institutions. This startling number, which was three times what we estimated it would be, is a sad reflection of just how deeply so many people from our community have been affected by the continuing recession, with some who are experiencing acute financial crisis.

As always, we are committed to make sure that financial hardship does not prevent anyone who would like to be a synagogue member from doing so; in fact, many of those experiencing such challenging times indicate to us that now they treasure their connection to our Jewish community more than ever before. At the same time, we need to run an institution that is financially sustainable to ensure that it is still functioning in future years, to provide support to people at future times of crisis. Not surprisingly, our synagogue ran a deficit this year, but with a little help from the economy, better fundraising, and tightening our belts, this deficit will not be repeated. The Board and all of our professional staff are committed to implementing policies to protect USH while remaining true to our mission to provide a Jewish education to our

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But once the sparring is over, the real conversation can begin, including the confession of anxieties. The past self says to the present self: "I am so concerned about what this year is going to be like. The terrible economy, my own health and the health of my loved ones, my professional situation; my relationships with my friends and family."

And my present self says to the past self: "First of all, I'm glad to tell you that a lot of what you're anxious about now is going to turn out to be absolutely insignificant, but I'm not going to lie to you. There will also be some very difficult and even intensely painful moments. Soon you'll be finding out that you're stronger and more resilient than you ever knew."

And the present self now has an anxiety to confess to the past self: "So often I admire your passion, your idealism, your vision, your principles, your ability to set goals. I just hope I can stay true to them. Sometimes, I'll confess to you, it's difficult to nourish the passion over the long haul. Sometimes, in the general craziness of life, some of the ideals and goals get a little cloudy."

And now it's time for the past self to reassure the present self: "If you're ever feeling that your passion is dissipating, just spend some time thinking about me that might help. But also, please know that if some of those life goals change, and you head out in a different direction, don't feel that you're breaking your bond with me. I understand, and I trust you."

And what about my future self? He tends to keep quiet. He's kind of enigmatic. He sometimes has a calm smile like he's seen this all before. I hope that's a good sign.

Over these holidays, I invite you to join your own conversation between past, present and future, and simultaneously, we engage in a collective conversation between the entire Jewish people's past, present, and future. The success of these days depends not on what happens up on the bimah, but on what happens in our hearts. May these High Holy Days bring you into conversation with your tradition and with yourself, past, present and future. And in part through that process, may your new year bring you blessing, happiness, and peace. ☆



Garbade Room under construction. Note that the floor is now level with the rest of the balcony floor.



Repaired plaster and a first coat of paint in the balcony  
*Photos courtesy of Ken Schept*



**Please renew your membership!**

There are lots of great things in store for you at USH this year.

Applications are in the office and on our website,  
[www.HobokenSynagogue.org/membership.php](http://www.HobokenSynagogue.org/membership.php)

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Monday, September 13: USH's night to serve dinner at the Hoboken Shelter.

Friday, September 17: Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)

Security: Greet people outside the synagogue, check for visitors' tickets, and coordinate with Hoboken Police. Contact Ron Rosenberg at Ron.Rosenberg@ramtogo.com.

Greeters: Welcome people in the lobby and assist those who may not be familiar with USH. Contact Monique Haas at membership@HobokenSynagogue.org.

Ushers: Distribute prayer books. Assign honors and readings. Help people find seats. Contact Louise Kurtz at ritual@HobokenSynagogue.org.

Saturday, September 18: Yom Kippur day: Same needs as Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)

Saturday, September 18: Yom Kippur Break Fast: Help to set up before and/or to clear-away afterward. Contact Mimi Lavine at mimilavine@hotmail.com.

Sunday, September 19: Help return the sanctuary to non-High-Holiday status (replace the High Holiday siddurs, etc). Contact Louise Kurtz at ritual@HobokenSynagogue.org.

Sunday, September 19: Help to build the USH Sukkah, starting at 9am. Contact Mike Marcello at mikeush@optonline.net.

Sunday, September 19: Deliver donated food.

Adults with cars needed to help our Cub Pack and the Hoboken Boy Scouts to deliver food collected on Yom Kippur to the Hoboken Food Pantry. Contact Norman Kasser at scouts@HobokenSynagogue.org.

Friday, September 24: Sukkot Community Shabbat dinner:

Variety of needs: Shop for food, help to set-up, clean-up, etc. Contact Justin Schneider, Programming Chair, at programming@HobokenSynagogue.org.

Sunday, September 26: Hoboken's Art & Music Festival. Help staff the USH table. Meet and greet neighbors. Provide information to prospective members. Shifts will begin mid-morning and end at 4pm. Contact Matt Meistrich at mattmatrix@aol.com. Note, there is a possibility the festival will be postponed to Sunday, October 3.

Sunday, September 26: Membership Barbecue and Sukkah Party. The BBQ itself lasts from 4pm-7pm, but we'll need help before, during, and after. Contact Matt Meistrich at

mattmatrix@aol.com.

Thursday, September 30: Simchat Torah eve Celebration

Variety of needs: Help with refreshments and entertainment. Contact Justin Schneider, Programming Chair, at programming@HobokenSynagogue.org.

Sunday, October 3: Help to take down the USH Sukkah, starting sometime after 11am. Contact Mike Marcello at mikeush@optonline.net.

Sunday, October 3: possible postponement date of Hoboken's Art & Music Festival. See description above, for Sunday, September 26.

Sunday, October 10: Mitzvah Day.

Participate in one of many simultaneous community service projects in our area. Events in the past have ranged from projects at the Hoboken Jubilee Center, to the Liberty Humane Society Animal Shelter in Jersey City, to visits to homebound seniors, to the Hoboken Emergency Food Pantry. There will be opportunities for all ages! Please contact Jake Stuver at jstuver@gmail.com for more information.

#### **Thank you's:**

Monday, June 14: USH night to help prepare and serve dinner at the Hoboken Homeless Shelter:

Mike Shaw, Elizabeth Brand, Karen Figueroa, Jon and Elsa Graff, Russ Pechman, Orli Rodriguez

#### **Meditation Garden:**

Thanks again to Rob and Julie Harari for creating the idea and participating in each stage of its creation, including:

The Demolition Team: Todd Clear, Shana Ecker and Justin Goldman, Andrew Heiden, David Kalmus

The Planting Team: Joseph Harari, Cindy Tavlin

The Ad Hoc Watering Team: Laura Forino, Steve Sperber, and Meg Donaldson-Carson.

And thanks to the professional hardscaping services of the Rafael Construction company.

#### **How To Get Involved**

Please either contact the people listed above for particular activities or you can contact me, Laurie Palumbo, at 201-659-3728 or [volunteer@HobokenSynagogue.org](mailto:volunteer@HobokenSynagogue.org). ✨

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youth, services to our parishioners, and a vibrant community to Jews in Hoboken and surrounding areas. But for the synagogue's protection, we are gradually implementing policies regarding payments and collections, membership, and operations, in order to get away from a deficit situation. To that end, we would really appreciate if every member takes the time to get the membership forms (and dues) into the office. It will make the job of sending out tickets that much easier for everyone, will make discussions about dues reductions easier for our Membership and Finance chairwomen, and will be appreciated by our professional staff.

Thanks for your continued membership and interest in USH, and if you are reading this from the beach (or Shore) or from a vacation spot, I look forward to greeting you back here at Rosh Hashanah. ✨

## HANUKKAH STAR OF ISRAEL REDEDICATION

**DECEMBER 5, 2010 HOLD THE DATE**

Hanukkah means dedication in Hebrew.

The holiday celebrates the perpetuation of Jewish life and the rededication of the Second Temple after the Maccabee victory over the Hellenizing forces of King Antiochus.

This Hanukkah we will rededicate the Star of Israel to mark the completion of Phases 1 and 2 of the restoration and the renewal of local Jewish life it symbolizes. The celebration will take place late in the afternoon on Sunday, December 5, 2010, culminating with a community candle lighting.

An initial group of dedication plaques will be in place in time for the ceremony. The plaques recognize some of the Capital Campaign donations which came with specific dedication requests. To allow sufficient time to create the plaques, these initial dedications will be for pledges paid in full by September 30, 2010.

Please contact the heads of the capital campaign—Lauren Calmas, Heidi Learner and Talya Schaeffer—with any questions. Their phone numbers and email addresses are in the synagogue directory. Or you can reach them at [capitalcampaign@HobokenSynagogue.org](mailto:capitalcampaign@HobokenSynagogue.org). ✨

**THANKS FOR SPONSORING KIDDUSH**

July 3, Keith Fernbach and Jennifer Rosen in honor of their aufruf

July 10, Nancy Torres in appreciation of the USH community and in honor of Michael Jay Solomon, mentor and friend.

July 17, Kitty Bateman, to commemorate the yahrtzeit of Solomon Slotkin's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

July 31, Rano Elmuratova, in honor of her mother, Mavsim. ☆

**IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY****Welcome to New Members**

Jayme and Natalie Goldstein

Alyssa and Lee Greenberg

Adam and Staci Handler

Shane and Margaret Klein

Benjamin and Gudrum Natelson

Dalia Rogalin

Matt Sadowsky and Gillian Waldman

Mark Schor and Daphne Anshel

Jeffrey Sklar

Jeffrey and Lidia Stark

Jeffrey Kalman and Barbara Malach Kalman

**Congratulations**

Mazal Tov to Dan and Lisa Kessler on the birth of their son Leo, and Mazal Tov to big sister Siena

Mazal Tov to Dyane and Russell Goldstein on the birth of their son Ryan, and Mazal Tov to big sister Sophia

Mazal Tov to Eric Freedman and Isabella Dias on the birth of their son, Akiva Dias Freedman

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Moshe and Shaindel Schapiro on the birth of their son, Levi Yitzchak

Mazal Tov to Sharon and Menash Cohen on the birth of their daughter Ruby, and to big sisters Romy and Raiya

Mazal Tov to Jessica Widmann on her conversion to Judaism

Mazal Tov and Hatzlacha Rabbah (wishing you much success) to Karen Lisa Shain, long-time member of our congregation and Learning Center Bonim teacher, who has recently made aliyah and moved to Israel.

Mazal Tov to all the new graduates in our community!

Mazal Tov to Charlie Schwartz, 2009-10 USH Rabbinic Intern, on being named one of the '36 outstanding Jewish leaders under age 36' by the New York Jewish Week.

**Condolences**

Condolences to Joe Chanin on the loss of his father, Milt Chanin.

**Misheberach**

Because of privacy concerns, we are no longer including the Misheberach list of people who are ill in the Shofar newsletter. The list will continue to be sent out each Friday in the weekly Shabbat announcements email. To receive USH announcements by email, contact the synagogue office at [office@HobokenSynagogue.org](mailto:office@HobokenSynagogue.org).

We think of all those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and of Israel, praying for safety and well-being for them and all others, and speedy return to their homes and families.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY****Kaplan Cooperative Preschool Special Needs**

Julie Steinberg

**Kaplan Cooperative Preschool Tricycle Fund**

John and Christie Kirkland

Hyunju Kwak

Ed and Tricia Levin

Marty Gottlieb and Jeri Slavin

Stacy and Scott Rosenblum

**Sarah Condiotti Chesed Fund**

David Kaufman in honor of the marriage of David Swirnoff and Merry Firschein

Hope Koturo in memory of her father, Joseph Koturo

**Kaplan Family Learning Center**

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