# TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM Paulletin

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# L'Shanah Towah

# HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Erev Rosh Hashanah	October 2nd	8:00 PM	
Rosh Hashanah Day 1	October 3rd	8:30 AM	
Rosh Hashanah Evening	October 3rd	7:30 PM	
Rosh Hashanah Day 2	October 4th	8:30 AM	
Kol Nidre	October 11th	6:00 PM	
Yom Kippur	October 12th	9:00 AM	
Yizkor	October 12th	Noon	
Mincha	October 12th	4:00 PM	
Neilah	October 12th	5:30 PM	

# SUKKOT - SIMCHAT TORAH SCHEDULE

SERVICE	DATE M	AIN SERVICE TIMES	LOCATION
Sukkot I & II	Oct. 17th & Oct. 18th	9:00 AM	Sigesmund Sanctuary
Hosha'na Rabbah	October 23rd	7:30 AM	Steinberg Chapel
Shemini Atzeret, Yizkor	October 24th	9:00 AM	Sigesmund Sanctuary
Simchat Torah Celebration	October 24th	7:00 PM	Siegesmund Sanctuary
Simchat Torah	October 25th	9:00 AM	Steinberg Chapel

# A BLESSING OF SWEETNESS FOR ROSH HASHANNAH

BY RABBI FELIPE GOODMAN

s we approach Rosh Hashanah, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the significance of this special time and share my warmest wishes with all of you.

Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the High Holy Days, a time for introspection, renewal, and hope. It is a moment to pause and consider the past year — our triumphs, our challenges, and the lessons learned along the way both as individuals and specially this year, as a People. We gather to celebrate new beginnings, to welcome the possibilities that lie ahead, and to strengthen our bonds with one another and with our community. The sound of the shofar serves as a reminder to awaken our hearts and minds; it invites us to reflect on our actions and to seek forgiveness where it is needed. As we listen to the shofar's call, let us also hear the call to make positive changes in our lives and to be more present for those around us.

Rosh Hashannah is a time to pay attention even to the most mundane of rituals; Apples dipped in honey, symbolizing our hopes for a sweet year ahead, which we have never felt a need for as much as right now. Similarly, I wish for each of you and your loved ones a year filled with prosperity. May you experience abundant blessings in all aspects of your life.

Rosh Hashanah is also an opportunity to reach out, reconcile, and renew relationships. I encourage each of you to take a moment to connect with someone you may have drifted apart from and to extend your hand in friendship. The power of community and connection is immeasurable, and together, we can cultivate a supportive environment for growth and understanding. As we gather with family and friends, let us create cherished memories that will bind us together. May the light of this New Year illuminate our paths, guiding us toward peace and fulfillment.

We have all been through a very difficult year. There will be ample time in the days ahead to reflect on what has happened and what without doubt lies ahead. For now, I just wanted to create a brief space of respite from the reality in which have found ourselves since

October 7, 2023. A small break in the unceasing feeling of loss that we continue to experience as a people to reflect on our lives as individuals.

As we embark on this new chapter and we pray for life and health together, let us embrace the spirit of gratitude. I am grateful for each of you and the shared moments we have experienced. Here's to a year filled with new blessings and opportunities. Shanah Tovah Umetukah — wishing you a good and sweet year!

Rabbi Felipe Goodman

# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY ELLIOT BLUT



As we approach the sacred time of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. This is a time for reflection, renewal, and celebration, and I am grateful to share it with such a wonderful community.

The High Holy Days are a special period for us all, filled with meaningful traditions and opportunities for spiritual growth. I encourage everyone to participate in the services and events we have planned, as they offer a chance to connect with our faith and with each other. Rabbi Goodman and D.J. Sinai have begun their preparations to spiritually lead us through the holidays so that we all have a meaningful High Holy Day season.

In addition to the High Holy Days, we are excited to welcome back our students to both the preschool and religious school. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for a successful and enriching year ahead. The preschool enrollment is at the highest level in the history of the school and off to a strong start. This summer we hired Jillian Post as our new religious school director. Jillian has been working tirelessly to prepare for the new year. We look forward to seeing the children's smiling faces and watching them grow in their knowledge and love of our traditions.

With a new year upcoming we have started several upgrades to our building that we plan to have completed in time for Rosh Hashana. This includes fresh painting, enhanced lighting, new carpeting throughout the facility, repaired and reglazed the marble floors in the synagogue and refurbishing some of the chairs in the sanctuary. These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to providing a welcoming and comfortable environment for all our members and those who join us for services and community wide events.

We are also in the process of bringing our electrical infrastructure up to date and installing a state-of-the-art security system. During these turbulent times with antisemitism on the rise in the United States, security for our congregation as we gather is the highest priority for the synagogue.

The new system, in connection with our expert security team will provide our congregation the peace of mind that everything is being done to keep us safe and secure when we visit the campus for prayer.

And while all of this is ongoing, our thoughts and prayers are with the People of Israel and the remaining Hostages. With the constant attacks Israel has been under the past eleven months it remains important that we remain diligent and steadfast in our support for all of Israel.

I look forward to seeing everyone for the High Holy Day services and thank you for your continued support and involvement in our congregation. Together, we can make this year one of growth, connection, and joy.

Wishing you all a Shana Tova, a year of health, happiness and most of all Peace.

Elliot Blut
President
Temple Beth Sholom

# THE JUDY & RONALD MACK SCHOOL FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES

JILLIAN POST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR



#### WHY IS A CUTTING-EDGE JEWISH EDUCATION ESSENTIAL IN TODAY'S WORLD?

In today's rapidly evolving world, it is more important than ever to provide our children with a Jewish education that is both relevant and inspiring. A cutting-edge Jewish education should go beyond traditional religious studies and offer a holistic approach that nurtures the mind, body, and soul.

A modern Jewish education should incorporate a curriculum that is relevant to the lives of our students. This means exploring the intersection of Jewish tradition and contemporary issues, such as social justice, environmentalism, and technology. By connecting Jewish teachings to the world around them, we can help students develop a deeper understanding of Judaism and its role in their lives.

A cutting-edge Jewish education should also foster critical thinking skills. This means encouraging students to question, analyze, and evaluate information. By developing these skills, students can become more engaged and informed citizens.

In addition to academic excellence, a Jewish education should prioritize social and emotional learning. This means teaching students how to develop healthy relationships, manage their emotions, and build empathy. By nurturing these skills, we can help students become well-rounded individuals who are capable of making a positive impact on the world.

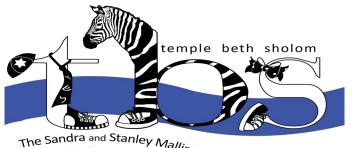
A cutting-edge Jewish education should also instill a lifelong love of learning. This means providing students with opportunities to explore their interests, pursue their passions, and continue their education beyond high school. By fostering a culture of curiosity and inquiry, we can help students develop the skills they need to succeed in this world.

A Jewish education should be centered around community. This means creating a supportive and inclusive environment where students feel connected to their peers and Judaism. By fostering a sense of belonging, we can help students develop a strong Jewish identity and a commitment to tikkun olam (repairing the world).

The Judy & Ronald Mack School for Religious Studies is committed to providing a dynamic and innovative Jewish education that is both relevant and engaging. For these reasons, our curriculum incorporates a blend of traditional texts and modern perspectives, fostering critical thinking and a lifelong love of learning. We utilize interactive teaching methods, technology, and experiential learning to create a stimulating and immersive educational environment that inspires students of all ages. By staying at the forefront of Jewish education, we aim to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and values they need to thrive in today's world.

Jillian Post

Director of the Judy and Ronald Mack School for Religious Studies



The Sandra and Stanley Mallin Early Childhood Center
The Lovee and Bob Arum Kindergarten



BY JENNIFER ZUKOWSKI SCHOOL DIRECTOR

#### A FANTASTIC START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR AT TBSECC!

Te are thrilled to share that the first month of school at The Sandra and Stanley Mallin ECC here at TBS has been nothing short of fantastic! With more families enrolled than ever before, filling 17 classrooms, our vibrant community continues to grow, bringing in new faces, fresh energy, and exciting opportunities for connection and learning.

The children have settled into their classrooms beautifully, embracing their new routines with enthusiasm and curiosity. It's heartwarming to see our young learners forming friendships, engaging in enriching activities, and exploring the world around them with joy and wonder. Our dedicated teachers have created warm, welcoming, and stimulating environments where each child feels safe, valued, and encouraged to thrive.

The walls in our halls are bursting with life, adorned with the vibrant and imaginative work of our children. Inspired by read-alouds featuring beloved authors like Mo Willems, Bruce Ingman, Philip and Hannah Hoose, and Audrey Penn, these displays reflect the creativity and curiosity of our young learners. Each piece tells a story, showcases their understanding, and highlights their connections to these treasured books. It's a joy to see the halls transformed into a gallery that celebrates our students' love for reading and artistic expression!

As we continue this journey together, we look forward to more wonderful moments, growth, and learning throughout the year. Thank you to our incredible families for your support and partnership. Here's to a fantastic year ahead at TBSECC!

#### Jennifer Zukowski

School Director

The Sandra and Stanley Mallin Early Chilldhood Center and The Lovee and Bob Arum Kindergarten



















BY D.J. SINAI YOUTH/MUSICAL DIRECTOR

# YOUTH

ND JUST LIKE THAT... we are off to another amazing school year with Kadima and USY! If you haven't already heard, this city-wide Jewish youth group hosted at Temple Beth Sholom is growing at an exponential rate! Students in grade 4-12 from all over the valley are coming together for friendship, camaraderie, leadership opportunities, and fun activities where they can be uniquely themselves in a safe, inclusive environment. Regardless of temple affiliation, students come together for amazing programming - this isn't your parent's youth group!

Our year started with our annual Back To School Ice Cream Social at Bruster's Ice Cream and was filled with smiles, licked bowls, and hugs with familiar faces. Students who signed up for the youth group before the first day received a free, newly designed USY Las Vegas fanny pack - now that's a great way to start the year! Just a few weeks later, thirty of our 7-12 grade members took off for our first adventure of the year - Disneyland! This 25 hour trip has become a yearly favorite, exploring different theme parks every Labor Day Weekend. The teens truly made fantastic memories at "The Happiest Place On Earth"!

Our first Shabbat dinner of the year hosted over 60 students in grades 4-12 and was a smash! Chef Rachel prepared a pasta station where students got to choose their favorite pasta and sauce - so much fun! Each month, our youth group comes together as one big family as we bring in Shabbat together with a free meal, followed by services full of ruach! All of our members sit together, raise their voices and sing along with the Ruach Ensemble as one big community... this is definitely a sight to see!

Our most recent event brought another plethora of kids together for a fun afternoon of racing at Las Vegas Mini Grand Prix. All the participants were smiling and laughing as they raced around the track, played arcade games, and pigged out on cotton candy!

Each week, our Jr. and Sr. USY members come together for Lounge Night in our hi-tech lounge - complete with arcade games, foosball table, air hockey, surround sound speakers, LED lights, snacks, games, and more! Every week is a different program put together by our high school board members, and is a different opportunity to interact with your friends!

Now for the bad news - while this programming all sounds amazing, it's not for adults. I'm sorry! This programming is exclusively for Jewish students in the Las Vegas Valley in grades 4 - 12 and, as you can see, is a great way to meet new friends, build community, and learn some leadership skills along the way.

**D.J. Sinai**Youth & Musical Director





# **WOMEN'S LEAGUE**



omen's League is back from the long, hot summer, and we've hit the ground running. Over the summer we met to brainstorm and add a variety of events to the calendar. Our calendar is so full that there are several items a month to choose from. There are lots of fun events like trips to the theater, a ceramics craft project, a game night, women's defense class, and even a chocolate Sedar. There are also several recurring special interest groups, so there's something for everybody, and everything is more fun when it's done with friends.

On Sunday, September 15th Vered Schaffer and Jennifer Schwamberg hosted a New Member Brunch in the TBS social hall. The brunch was delicious, free, and open to all TBS women. Women's League members, as well as many non-members enjoyed a scrumptious brunch and got a chance to find out what Women's League is all about. There was lots of good food, lots of good company, and lots of good information about who we are and what we do. Besides supporting our clergy, our security, and our office staff at TBS, Women's League holds many events that are educational, spiritual, or just fun.

I'm also excited to announce that for the first time in many years, we will again be having a Women's League Shabbat. On January 25th we'll be joining Women's League affiliates all over the country who will be leading the entire Shabbat service at the same time. Bonnie Bloss, Myra Dorf, and Lillian Radomsky are already hard at work finding Torah readers & prayer leaders and insuring a spiritual and uplifting service for everyone attending. There are lots of parts still available, so if you're interested in participating, contact Bonnie, Myra, Lillian, or me. Everyone mark your calendars. You won't want to miss it.

Watch the TBS bulletin for information on more Women's League events and please join us!

Carrie Zeidman

President Women's League of Temple Beth Sholom



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#### **B'NEI MITZVAH**



# JULIANA LEVISMAN SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024

Juliana Margot Levisman will become a Bat Mitzvah on September 21, 2024. She is currently a 7th grader at The Adelson School and excels in all her classes. She loves participating in theater as well as the school volleyball team.

She enjoys music and has performed in several concerts playing piano, but her greatest love is reading, and she has an insatiable love for all books. For that reason, she has chosen to collect and donate books through Spread the Word Nevada and has pledged to continue to support the program going forward.



# EVAN KUPERSTOCK OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

My name is Evan Kuperstock, and I am a 7th grader at The Meadows School. I have played and studied chess for many years and meet regularly via Zoom with my chess tutor in New York. I train weekly in both Krav Maga and fencing. I also enjoy studying and debating Jewish laws and Midrashim. My family moved to Las Vegas from Los Angeles over three years ago. Along with our two dogs, Ellie and Izzy, we love Las Vegas!

For my Bar Mitzvah project, I have created "Chessed" – a true play on words: "chess" combined with the Hebrew word, "chesed" which means kindness or compassion. My goal with Chessed is to be able to donate chess kits to Israeli soldiers, children and civilians who have been impacted by the war. We will ship these kits to at least two different organizations in Israel, who in turn, will distribute them to kids and grown-ups. I have been playing chess for a few years, and I hope that the joy it has brought to me can be an escape – even a small one – from the troubles so many Israelis face right now. I will be donating 1/3 of my Bar Mitzvah gifts to this project.



### NOAH SCHWAMBERG OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

Noah Daniel Schwamberg will be called to the Torah on October 26th, 2024, at Temple Beth Sholom. Noah is the son of Aaron & Jennifer Schwamberg and the grandson of Allan& Edith Bloomberg and Mitchell & Nedra Schwamberg. Noah has a younger brother Gabriel, a Goldendoodle named Max and is a 7th grader at Doral Academy-Saddle.

Noah enjoys playing the saxophone, playing football, basketball & soccer. He is an avid Xbox gamer and a 2nd degree black belt in taekwondo!

Noah likes to spend time with friends and family and is always looking forward to our next road trip. Noah would like to be a professional soccer player when he is older, we are hoping he will be their lawyer!

Noah is fortunate to have close family here in Las Vegas and has frequent trips to Seattle and LA to see family and friends. He loves to attend USY events, recently travelling with them to Disneyland.

For Noah's mitzvah project, he is asking the community to bring their gently worn and new shoes to one of our drop boxes at the Temple that will be donated to Sneaker Impact. Sneaker Impact helps us reduce waste and create an economic impact in developing countries that both helps small business and provides affordable footwear in places not otherwise available.

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# SEPTEMBER 2024

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	shabbat
7:30 AM Morning Minyan	9:00 AM Morning Minyan  TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED	7:30 AM Morning Minyan	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 6:00 pm USY Lounge Night	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  6:30 pm Intro to Judaism	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  6:30 pm USY/ KADIMA Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat w/ Ruach Ensemble	9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service
9:00 AM Morning Minyan  9:00 am Religious School First Day	7:30 AM Morning Minyan	7:30.AM Morning Minyan 10	7:30.AM Morning Minyan 6:00 pm USY Lounge Night	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  6:30 pm Intro to Judaism	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  5:45 pm Friday Nite Kids  7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00 AM Shabbat Halelu
9:00 AM Morning Minyan 15 10:00 am WLTBS Luncheon	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 16 5:30 pm Shofar University	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  10:00 am WLTBS Book Club	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 6:00 pm USY Lounge Night	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  6:00 pm WLTBS Challah Bake  6:30 pm Intro to Judaism	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  7:30 pm Acoustic Kabbalat. Shabbat	9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service  Juliana Levisman will be called to the Torah
9:00 AM Morning Minyan 22	7:30.AM Morning Minyan 23 5:30 pm Shofar University	7:30.AM Morning Minyan 24	Z:30.AM Morning Minyan 25 6:00 pm USY Lounge Night	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 6:30 pm Intro to Judaism	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service  8:00 pm Leil Selichot
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# OCTOBER 2024

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	shabbat
		7:30 AM Morning Minyan	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  8:00 pm EREV ROSH HASHANAH DAY ONE	8:30 am ROSH HASHANAH DAY ONE 7:30 pm EREV ROSH HASHANAH DAY TWO	8:30 am ROSH HASHANAH DAY TWO 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat w/ Ruach Ensemble	9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service
9:00 AM Morning Minyan	7:30.AM Morning Minyan	7:30.AM Morning Minyan  10:00 am WLTBS Circle of Prayer	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  6:00 pm USY Lounge Night	7:30.AM Morning Minyan 10	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  6:30 pm KOL NIDRE	9:00 am YOM KIPPUR 12:00 pm YIZKOR 4:00 pm MINCHA 5:30 pm NEILAH
9:00 AM Morning Minyan 13	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 14	7:30.AM Morning Minyan 15 10:00 am WLTBS Book Club	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 6:00 pm USY Lounge Night	9:00 am SUKKOT DAY I SERVICES	9:00 am SUKKOT DAY II SERVICES  7:30 pm Acoustic Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service  Evan Kuperstock will be called to the Torah
9:00.AM Morning Minyan 20	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  21	7:30.AM Morning Minyan 22	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  6:00 pm  USY Lounge Night	9:00 am SHEMINI ATZRET w/ YIZKOR 7:00 pm SIMCHAT TORAH	9:00 am SIMCHAT TORAH  7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00.AM Shabbat Morning Service  Noah Schwamberg will be called to the Torah
9:00 AM Morning Minyan 27	7:30 AM Morning Minyan 28	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  29	7:30.AM Morning Minyan 30 6:00 pm USY Lounge Night	7:30 AM Morning Minyan  6:30 pm Intro to Judaism		



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