

Torah Thoughts, Sukkot, Exodus 33.12-34.26

A friend recently reminded me that we had been in Israel when Yitzchak Rabin and Arafat had signed the Oslo Agreement. I actually did not believe him, having absolutely no memory of witnessing history there together. So, he had to look it up and sure enough the famous signing on September 13, 1993, when both of us had undoubtedly been studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Suddenly, little bits of memory began to filter back to me: the cheering among students, the intense optimism in the air, the opening of several neighboring countries' borders.

These moments when peace appears possible seem so fleeting, in a region so often mired in bloodshed. Indeed, it was less than six months later when Baruch Goldstein, an Israeli-American physician, would open fire at the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, another event I have largely blocked out from that year of study. In a way these flashes of optimism are like the booths we build during Sukkot, little waystations that provide hope and sustenance for the journey ahead.

As we celebrate Sukkot this Shabbat, let us fully breathe in the possibility of this joyous holiday. While we may be a long way off from repairing our hearts and the world, let us not lose sight or the memory of how wonderful life can be when we are surrounded by a Sukkat Sholemecha, a shelter of peace.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Alex

In Memoriam

Shiva

Tillie Lazerson, aunt of Amy O'Donnell

Sheloshim

Shirley Brodsky Adler

Erin Glavan

Karen Houser

Jake Lipshin

Ilene Scheib

Michael Shapiro

Annette Strauss

Yahrzeits

Ben Antonoff

Stanley Bardach

Robert Barker

Joselyn Berg

Warren J. Cavior

Edward Cohen

Molly Forman

Jack Freedman

Samuel Furash

Tillie Glick

Phyllis Goldman

Zelda B. Goldenberg

Betty Goodman

Mary Isenberg

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Robert Kayton

Frank Kneitingner, Jr.

Feyga M. Kolnik

Bert Kremer

Solomon Kusnitz

Alice Melamed

Arlene Millman

Anthony Paige

Elinor Reiner

Milford Sarfaty

Macy Savatsky

Annette Schaefer

Norman Schulman

Doris Serota

Abraham Julius Silver

Esther Stein

David Steiner

Joseph Stulberg

Benjamin Sultz

Morris Taksen

Frank Tripi

Robert Wakoff

Charles Weitzner

Erev Shabbat Service

Friday, October 10, 2025/19 Tishri, 5786

7:00pm



Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein
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B'COL Religious School Director Rabbi Einav Symons
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CONGREGATION SHIR SHALOM
In Person Events & Virtual Services

Saturday October 11th

Sukkot Day 5
9:00 am Torah Study– Offsite and via Zoom
10:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Galley

Sunday Ocober 12th

Sukkot Day 6
9:00 am B’COL Religious School– Closed
5:00 pm Adult B’nai Mitzvah Class Rehearsal

Monday October 13th

Sukkot Day 7
Office Closed
6:00 pm Erev Simchat Torah and Adult B’nei Mitzvah
7:30 pm Candy and Apples sponsored by Renee Klein
7:30 pm Oneg Shabbat co-sponsored by Mitch Rubin, in honor of his wife, Vickie Rubin, and Todd Sugarman, in honor of his wife, Pam Sugarman, having their Adult B’nei Mitzvahs

Tuesday October 14th

Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah
10:30 am Simchat Torah Morning Service and Yizkor
12:30 pm Simchat Torah Luncheon

Thursday October 16th

1:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
6:30 pm Women of Shir Shalom Quilt Project– Offsite
8:00 pm Talmud Study via Zoom

Friday October 17th

6:00 pm New Member Reception with Board of Trustees and Membership Committee
7:00 pm Erev Shabbat Sukkot Service/ New Member Shabbat
8:00 pm Oneg Shabbat and The Great Cookie Challenge

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chiavetta’s Chicken BBQ returns on Tuesday, October 21st from 4:00 pm until sold out. Preorder online and save \$1. See you in the drive thru line! Thank you to everyone who supports this important fundraiser.

Sinchat Torah and Adult B’nei Mitzvahs will be on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Join us in celebration in honor of Simchat Torah & our Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class. Join our procession in this tradition of singing and dancing to honor the Torah. Hear the last portion of Deuteronomy, the first portion of Genesis and help us unroll the Torah in a circle around the sanctuary. There will be seven hakafot celebrated with flags. This Service will be accompanied by Ivan Docenko and Gregory Docenko, Sponsored by Dr. Ed and Debra Fine. A Festive Oneg Shabbat will follow.

The Great Cookie Challenge will be on Friday, October 17th at 8:00 pm during the Oneg Shabbat. Submit your favorite Cookie Recipe for people to taste. Maybe you will win one of the prizes!!!

The 50’s High School Dance and Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre will be on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm. The Murder Mystery takes place in the 50’s so please dress for the occasion. The cost is \$45 per person and will include a dinner buffet, wine, beer, soft drinks and an Ice Cream Bar sponsored by Cantor Frank. Please RSVP to Joanne at joanne.marquisee@gmail.com

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Prayer for those who lead our congregation

O God, this congregation has honored us with the task of leading them, and of serving You with them.

May we strive to be fit for this sacred task.

May we lead well and may we serve well.

May we hear the quiet as well as the active voices, and may we heed the call and follow the paths of what we, after honest searching, feel to be the right things to do.

May we listen to each other, and may we listen to You, as all of us together make this synagogue a *kehillah kedusha*, a Holy place.

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