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SEE PAGE 3 FOR COMPLETE HIGH HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Services will led by Rabbi Marla Joy Subeck Spanjer
accompanied by cantorial soloist Dr Daniel Sternlicht*

**We wish you and yours
a sweet New Year!**



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From the Temple President

Robert Goetz



Goodbye to the hot days of summer! Bring on the cool breeze of autumn. There's plenty of excitement happening at Temple B'nai Israel as we gear up for the New Year 5780 and the subsequent holidays.

Our religious school gets back in session on Sunday, September 8th. On Friday, September 13th (superstitious might want to attend) we'll have an Open House Shabbat starting with a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm followed by services at 7:00 pm. Got an unaffiliated Jewish friend or coworker? Please let them know, or drop me a

note and I will be sure to reach out to invite them.

The Ritual Committee was busy over the summer and has arranged a return engagement for Rabbi Marla Joy Subeck Spanjer for High Holy Day services. Of course the Rabbi will have cantorial assistance from our own Dr Daniel Sternlicht.

In October we'll receive a visit from ISJL Education Fellow, Margo Wagner. And in December we'll host ISJL Rabbi on the Road, Rabbi Bruce Aft of Virginia.

B'nai Israel may be small, but we remain a powerful force across Bay County as we continue to help our community rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Michael. Your participation is welcomed, much needed, and of enormous value to so many. If you are a congregant, paying your membership dues, coming to services and events, and staying involved is needed. If you are a friend of B'nai Israel, perhaps consider becoming a member on some level. Ask me or any board member how you may best participate.

See you In Shul and around the community!

Shalom - Robert

Meet our ISJL Education Fellow

Margo Wagner



Margo Wagner was raised in the Rocky Mountains where she grew up shredding the slopes and being an active member of the local volunteering community. She has been a musician playing guitar, percussion, piano, and singing since the age of four, and has continued to enjoy her musical craft through today.

Most recently, Margo earned a bachelor's degree in Jewish Sacred Music and a minor in Hebrew from Indiana University. She believes that gaining different perspectives from Jewish communities in the south will help her connect to Judaism on a unique and deeper level. As an aspiring cantor, she decided to move down south to the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life to gain educational and professional skills before attending Cantorial school. She has participated in many summer camps, most recently, working as a song leader at the Union for Reform Judaism's Greene Family Camp in Bruceville, TX. URJ Greene Family Camp was her first introduction to the South and to the ISJL.

Margo is very excited to be working for the ISJL as a first year Education Fellow and to build relationships with the Southern communities, including Temple B'nai Israel.

1ST & LAST NOTICE FOR 5780 YIZKOR BOOK

Temple B'nai Israel will once again prepare a *Yizkor Book*, to be read by Rabbi Spanjer during the Memorial Service on Yom Kippur. If you would like to have the names of your deceased loved ones placed in the 5780 (2019) *Yizkor Book*, please contact editor Stephen Sickerman at sickerman@comcast.net no later than September 22nd.

The requested donation amount remains the same as before: \$18 for 1-3 names and \$36 for 4-8 names.

If you'd like a PDF copy of last year's book or need more information, please call Stephen at (850) 814-2610.

Please mail your donation to: Treasurer, Temple B'nai Israel, PO Box 16556, Panama City, FL 32406-6556.

SEPTEMBER JOYS & REMEMBRANCES

Y A H R Z E I T S - THEIR MEMORIES ARE FOR US A BLESSING

08/14	DOROTHY STERNLICHT - MOTHER OF DANIEL STERNLICHT
08/25	SARAH FELDSTEIN - MEMBER OF TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
09/02	LOUIS FARKAS - FATHER OF SARAH FARKAS
09/05	LOUIS SILVER - FATHER OF ANITA SKOULA
09/09	STEPHEN THEBERGE - FATHER OF STEPHEN THEBERGE JR
09/09	RITA WHEELER - MOTHER OF MARE WHEELER
09/11	AARON HORWITZ - NEPHEW OF SARAH FARKAS AND JUDITH SCOTT
09/13	RICHARD PARKER III - NEPHEW OF STEPHEN THEBERGE
09/14	YETTA LEVY SICKERMAN - GRANDMOTHER OF STEPHEN SICKERMAN
09/20	NORMA LIST - MOTHER OF JUDITH SCOTT
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BIRTHDAYS

09/03	AVIVA MALLARY	09/11	PHORNSUDA (AMANDA) NANTVIKOM
09/04	STEPHEN SICKERMAN	09/12	AILSAL CLARK
09/05	JOAN PROWS	09/13	AVIVA MALLARY
09/10	JARROD CLARK	09/14	ALVIN GINGOLD
		09/28	LINETTE STERNLICHT

SEPTEMBER + OCTOBER HHD CALENDAR

SUN	9/8	9:00 am	Religious School classes begin!
WED	9/11	6:30 pm	Monthly Temple Board of Directors Meeting
FRI	9/13	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Open House / Shabbat Potluck Dinner – <i>please bring a side dish or dessert</i> Shabbat Services
SUN	9/15	9:00 am	Religious School
WED	9/18	6:30 pm	TBI Sisterhood Meeting
SUN	9/22	9:00 am	Religious School
SAT	9/28	6:00 pm	Havdalah – followed by dinner at a local restaurant
SUN	9/29	7:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service led by Rabbi Spanjer
MON	9/30	10:00 am 12:00 pm	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service (Shacharit) led by Rabbi Spanjer Tashlich at St Andrew Marina – located at 3151 West 10th Street, Panama City followed by lunch at a local restaurant
OCTOBER			
TUES	10/8	7:00 pm	Kol Nidre Service led by Rabbi Spanjer
WED	10/9	10:00 am 3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Yom Kippur Morning Service led by Rabbi Spanjer Family Afternoon Service led by Rabbi Spanjer Yizkor (Memorial) and Neilah (Concluding) Services led by Rabbi Spanjer with Tekiah Gedolah – everyone with a shofar may blow it for as long as they can
		approx 5:15 pm	Havdalah – followed by Break-the-Fast – hosted by TBI Sisterhood - see page 4

PLEASE HELP US BREAK-THE-FAST TOGETHER!

The High Holidays are fast approaching, and the Sisterhood needs your help with Break-the-Fast, Wednesday evening, October 9. Bagels and cream cheese will be provided, but we need your help with the items listed below. We expect to feed about 4-5 dozen people.

Our kitchen is small and services will be ongoing, so please bring your dishes table-ready in order to minimize noise and fuss. The meal will begin immediately after concluding services, which begin at 4:00 pm. We

appreciate all your contributions and would not be able to do this without your help. Please email, call or text **Linette Sternlicht** at 850-895-1547 to let her know what you can bring or to answer questions. Thank you!

Suggested food items include:

Lox | Herring | Assorted salads | Sliced onions
Sliced tomatoes | Fruit & fruit salad | Deviled eggs
Capers | Olives | Kugel | Beverages | Ice | Desserts



TBI ANNUAL HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE

Tzedakah is the obligation to see to the needs of fellow human beings unable to meet their own needs. In that spirit, please bring non-perishable foods – such as canned goods, spaghetti, cereals, dried beans, and soups – to any of our *Rosh Hashanah* or *Yom Kippur* Services. Your donations, including those dropped off at any other time, will go directly to the Family Services Agency of Bay County, a non-profit located at 114 East 9th Street, Panama City, is a partner in affiliation with United Way of Northwest Florida. All donations are tax-deductible and can be delivered during their regularly scheduled office hours. For more information, please call 850-785-1721.

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The new TBI Board of Directors were officially installed August 14, 2019 by Lois Oswald. Left to right: Mike Starkman, Mary Starkman, Alvin Gingold, Linette Sternlicht, Robert Goetz, Pavel Amromin and Lois Oswald.

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If you are not currently a member of Temple B'nai Israel, a suggested donation of \$108 – 6 x chai (18) – for attending each holiday service would be greatly appreciated – but is not required. All are welcome!