

High Holiday
The Shofar
5776~2016



Temple Beth Tikvah



Our Friends -

It is that time again. Time to welcome in a New Year - 5777! After a summer on the Shoreline, perhaps spent mostly outside, time to again focus inward, time to reconnect with that part of ourselves that searches for meaning.

Our theme this year is *Opening Doors*: The High Holidays is the time we open the doors of our hearts to self-inspection and to a connection to the Greater. As we open the beautiful doors of Temple Beth Tikvah, we also invite you to open yourselves to a reconnection with TBT and to each other.

We have talked a lot in the past year about the physical aspects of our synagogue. As central as our synagogue is as a place where we gather to pray, learn, and connect with each other, it is, in the end, a building. What makes TBT is not our walls, or even our doors, but our relationships with each other: rededicating ourselves to old friendships, building new ones, and reaching out to share our energies, passions, and gifts to each other.

This year, 5777, as we step through the open doors of TBT, may we all be open to rededicating ourselves to each other and to our holy community.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu - May you and your loved ones be written in the Book of Life for a good New Year.

Rabbi Stacy Offner

Stu Weinzimer, President



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YOUR copy of this ticket will be sent to you in the mail.
Remember to bring it with you to services.
Please watch for it in postcard form.

Thank you, Rob Jacoby, for your beautiful artwork!

Rosh Hashanah Open House

**Rabbi Stacy Offner and
Nancy Abramson**
wish you



And invite you to usher in
the New Year with us.

Open House

120 North Fair Street, #2B
Guilford, CT 06437

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Monday, October 3, 2016

1 Tishrei 5777

High Holiday Tickets

Your High Holiday ticket will be mailed to you in the coming weeks. One ticket is good for the whole family and includes children through age 25. If you have any questions about your ticket, please call Kim Romine, our Administrator, at 203-245-7028.

Please bring your ticket with you for the services indicated on the ticket.

Guest tickets may be purchased for \$100 per person, per holiday. Please use the enclosed High Holiday form.

Those who are not members of TBT and wish to attend services should call our office at 203-245-7028.

Will your college-aged students be out-of-town for the High Holidays? We can help find a Reform congregation and arrange for complimentary tickets for TBT members. Just contact Rabbi Offner to help facilitate a match: 203-245-7028, or rabbi@tbtshoreline.org.

***The staff of TBT wish all of you
a sweet and healthy New Year.***

Shanah Tovah!

Rabbi Stacy Offner

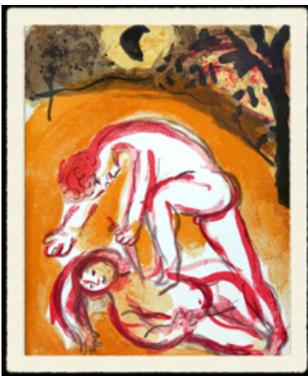
Cantor Kevin Margolius

Bernadette Stak, Nursery School Director

Kim Romine, Administrator

Bonnie Mahon, Administrative Assistant

Len Dwarica and Dyanna Green, Custodians



Cain and Abel: On the Origins of Religious Violence

*A discussion of Genesis 4 led by
Dr. Jason Gaines*

Yom Kippur afternoon
2pm, TBT Library

Jason Gaines, PhD, teaches Hebrew Bible, Judaism, and Islam at Fairfield University and College of the Holy Cross. His book on poetry in the Torah, [The Poetic Priestly Source](#), was published recently by Fortress Press.



Parking for the High Holidays

PARKING AT THE TBT LOT

- Arrive 20-30 minutes before services begin. The entrance closes 10 minutes before services begin.
- Enter the synagogue via the NORTH driveway. A greeter will direct you to a parking space. Please be kind to our greeters! Remember: they are temple members too, volunteering to help you.
- Handicap access: please arrive 30-35 minutes early and let the parking attendant know of your requirement. You will be accommodated to the best of our ability.
- Come in your smallest car!
- If you need to leave early, please consider the commuter lot or arrange to have someone pick you up. Once you pull into the parking lot, you won't get out until services are over.
- Exiting the Lot: the NORTH driveway will be for right turns only onto Route 79. The SOUTH driveway will have two lanes, one for left turns and one for right turns.



OTHER PARKING OPTIONS

- St. Andrews Church, 232 Durham Road (they are expecting us), located just north of TBT on the same side of Durham Road.
- The Commuter Lot, 2/10 of a mile south of the synagogue, near the highway entrance.
- Carpooling can go a long way to help alleviate parking congestion!

Note: These alternative lots offer incredible ease for you. No traffic jams, total freedom to come and go when you choose, and doing the mitzvah of reducing stress on the TBT lot. Thank you for seriously considering these great options. Bonus: you get a refreshing New Year's walk!

Please remember that the parking lot crew is made up of synagogue members, volunteering their time to make your high holidays safer and less stressful. We thank you for your cheerful cooperation and will make every effort to get each service off to a safe start.



Bimah Flowers

Anyone wishing to make a contribution for bimah flowers for the High Holidays in memory of or in honor of a dear friend or family member:

Please use the enclosed High Holiday form, or contact Kim Romine at 203-245-7028 by Tuesday, September 20th.

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For Our Children



All children of all ages are welcome to attend services in the sanctuary with their parents. Breaks can be taken in the library, which has audio streaming of the service and a bucket of toys, books and art supplies.

Grades K-2 & Grades 3-5 Parallel Services:

The first day of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Morning: 10 am - Children begin in the Sanctuary with their parents, Teacher-led Parallel Service and Holiday Activities to follow. No prior arrangements necessary to attend.

Child Care and High Holiday Activities for ages 2-6:

During first day Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning services, **RESERVATIONS are required for this program** - please return the enclosed High Holiday Form.

Rosh HaShanah, Monday, October 3 from 9:45 am - end of services (~12:45 pm)

Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 12 from 9:45-end of services (~12:45pm)

A snack will be provided. Please bring a lunch if your child normally eats before 12:45 pm.

We do not offer programming or babysitting for children under 2 years old on the days of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

More information about children's High Holiday opportunities is available on the TBT website.

Tashlich

Our afternoon Tashlich service on Monday, October 3, is the perfect opportunity for families to celebrate Rosh Hashanah together. As we stand at the Long Island Sound, we throw pieces of bread into the water. As we see the morsels being carried away, we can symbolically imagine our sins disappearing as well.

Yizkor: Book of Remembrance



****ATTENTION: Please Read These Directions for Having Names in the Book****

We remember our loved ones who have passed away at our Yizkor service on Yom Kippur afternoon.

The names of parents, siblings, children, and spouses/partners who have died since last Yom Kippur will automatically be included in our Yizkor Book of Remembrance.

Please submit any additional names you would like to have included in the Book of Remembrance on the High Holiday Form insert. We do not carry names forward from last year's book. Each year our loved ones deserve the care and attention of being named anew. Please make sure to include the names you choose to honor.

In addition to being present for the Yizkor service, Jewish tradition invites us to give tzedakah in memory of our loved ones and to light a yizkor candle in the home on Erev Yom Kippur. Yizkor candles are available in the TBT gift shop.

Memorial Service

at the Temple Beth Tikvah Cemetery

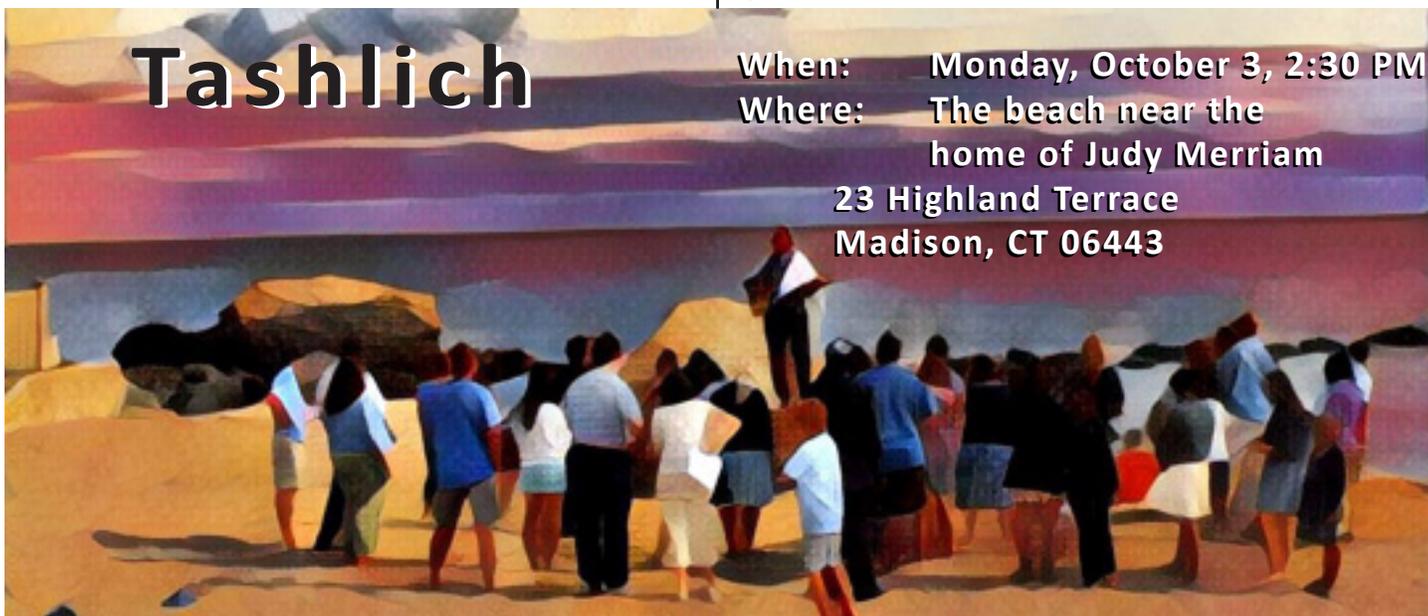
Sunday, October 9th
10:00 am

It is a mitzvah to honor our beloved deceased during the High Holy Days.

Directions to the Temple Beth Tikvah Cemetery: I-95 North to Exit 64. Turn right off exit ramp to stop sign, right onto Rte. 145 to the Beaverbrook Cemetery on left, just past the golf course. Or, enter 98 Old Post Road, Clinton, CT, into your GPS.

Tashlich

When: Monday, October 3, 2:30 PM
Where: The beach near the home of Judy Merriam
23 Highland Terrace
Madison, CT 06443



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PATHWAYS to a Deeper Jewish Life

Taught by Rabbi Offner
9:30-11am on six Sundays: Sept. 25, Oct. 16, 23,
30, Nov. 13, 20 - in the TBT Library

This class emphasizes experiential Jewish learning. Participants will learn some Hebrew to make prayers more accessible, explore the nature of Jewish identity, and examine the basic elements and tools of Jewish living. Bring a Bible of your own and a Jewish calendar to all classes.

Class Fee:

Members \$25 +books, Non-members \$50 +books

Registration deadline: Sept. 15, 2016

If you have questions, or to register, please contact the office at 203-245-7028, or office@tbtshoreline.org



Adult Hebrew

Taught by Dr. Jason Gaines

Sunday mornings, beginning Sept. 25 (following the Religious School calendar, through May) in the TBT Library.

Beginner Class – Sundays, 11-12, starting with the alef-bet and vowels. Learn to read our sacred language.

Intermediate Class – Sundays, 9:30-10:30, for those who can read Hebrew letters and vowels. Become more comfortable and confident reading the Hebrew in our prayer books and in the Tanakh!

Course registration: \$300 for the school year

To register for these great classes, or for more information, contact the TBT office: 203-245-7028, office@tbtshoreline.org



jChat 2016-2017

TBT High School Program
Sunday Lunch and Chat with the Rabbi
Grades 10-12
Noon-1:30
In the SALTY Lounge

Talk to the Rabbi with your TBT peers about what matters most to YOU!

September 25, October 23, November 13, December 11
January 8, February 12, March 12, April 23, May 21

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Meet Stephanie Condoluci, SALTY's new Youth Advisor!

It is a thrill to welcome Stephanie Condoluci to the TBT family. Stephanie is working on her Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy at Quinnipiac University and has a lot of youth group experience. Stephanie grew up at Temple Beth Torah (another TBT!) in Upper Nyack, New York, where she was active in her temple youth group and went up the ranks of leadership, serving as president during her senior year of high school. Stephanie also was involved in her region, holding two regional chair positions and served as the Northern Recruitment VP for NFTY-GER (Garden-Empire Region).

In addition to her involvement in Jewish youth group. Stephanie writes: "I also love ice cream, giraffes, and peace signs. In my free time, I go rock climbing, play the ukulele, and guitar (taught myself both), and enjoy nature."

Calling all 8th-12th graders and their parents: if you want to reach Stephanie about SALTY activities, she would love to hear from you at srcondoluci@gmail.com or 845-596-4969.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Welcome Back to TBT Religious School! We hope you had a great summer.

- The **first day of school is Sunday, September 18.**
- **Parents, please join** us on September 18 for our annual parent meeting and brunch.
- Welcome (back) new teachers **Nancy Kahrimanis, Jason Gaines, and Heide Mueller-Hatton**

We can't wait to hear all of your stories from the summer, and to begin this exciting new year.



See you soon,
Cantor Margolius



Nursery School News

1st Day of School is September 6th

1st Day of Parent/Child is September 13th

We look forward to seeing the children!

Selichot

Enter into the High Holidays in a Most Meaningful Way

TBT will have its own Selichot Service for the first time this year.

Saturday, September 24th, 2016, at 7pm

**Temple Beth Tikvah
196 Durham Road, Madison**

All are welcome

*Intimate*Reflective*Spiritual*

September Shabbat Services



September 2nd (6:00pm)
Greet Shabbat with Wine & Cheese

September 9th (7:15pm)

September 16th (7:15pm)

September 23rd (7:15pm)
Visual T'filah

September 30th (7:15pm)

Weekly Torah Study



September 3rd: Re'eh
Deuteronomy 15:1-16:17

September 10th: Shof'tim
Deuteronomy 19:14-21:9

September 17th: Ki Tetze
Deuteronomy 24:14-25:19

September 24th: Ki Tavo
Deuteronomy 27:11-29:8

October 1st: Nitzavim
Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20



**Temple Beth Tikvah Religious
School is looking for an energetic,
creative teacher for 2nd grade.**

- Sundays, 9:30-noon
- Beginning in September

If you or someone you know is interested, contact
Cantor Margolius at cantor@tbtshoreline.org

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Ella Kagan

Ella Kagan will become a Bat Mitzvah at Shabbat morning services on September 10, 2016, at 10:00 am.

Ella has Cantor Margolius to thank for such excellent preparation. His personalized websites have been a daily support for Ella's preparation. She would also like to thank all her Hebrew school teachers.

For her mitzvah project, Ella has been volunteering for the Guilford Land Trust as a Trail Steward. Along with her father, she has cut trees that blocked trails, cleared brush, and notified the Land Trust President of prohibited trail use, such as fires that endanger the land.

Ella is very excited to share this special day with her friends and family. The entire congregation is welcome to attend this joyful day.



Olivia Kaplan and Lisa Walker

Olivia and her mom, Lisa, will become B'not Mitzvah at Shabbat morning services at TBT on September 17, at 10:00 am. They have both been working hard to

learn and prepare for this remarkable occasion when daughter and mother will assume the adult responsibility in Jewish life of becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

We are especially grateful for the tutoring and loyal support of Cantor Margolius and Rabbi Offner in helping Olivia and Lisa reach this important milestone.



To our September Children

Ellis Tibere, Evan Stein, Lilah Meisel, Ella Kagan, Zipporah Barasz, Miriam Hatton, Dean Paglino, Dylan Friedman, Kallie Kagan, Cassie Handelman, Leo Liu, Aaron Rubin, Allison Buller, David Bixon, Cooper Broder, Tanner Weiss, Nathan Miller, Elise Paglino

TBT Book Club

Meets Third Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm
The Hearth, Madison

September: The Marriage of Opposites, by Alice Hoffman

October: All I Know and Love, by Judith Frank

November: Henna House, by Nomi Eve

December: Saving Sophie, by Ronald Balson

January: The Two Family House, by Lynda Loigman



(Belated) Thank you!!

Once again, we want to thank all who attended the Chai

Dinner, making is such a success.

It was fun to mingle with old friends and meet new ones. The food and drink were great too!

If you missed it, please put it on your calendar next year. Let's all make it a tradition!

L'Shalom,
Shaun Glazier and Natalie Feingold



Oneg Shabbat

Thank you for hosting an Oneg Shabbat this summer

July 1st: The Hatton Family

July 8th: Charles Barr and Margo Merin, in memory of Wendy Gross

July 15th: Helen Winokur, in celebration of the naming of her grandson, Aiden Small

July 22nd: Shelley and Ron Capozzi, in celebration of the anniversary of Shelly's Bat Mitzvah

July 29th: Rob and Marcia Jacoby, in belated celebration of Rob's birthday

August 5th: The Frisch/Levine Family

August 12th: Judy Merriam and Bonnie Fins Stoddard, in celebration of their families

August 19th: Barbara and Marty Sklaire, in celebration of their daughter, Karen's, and future son-in-law, Mark Wilson's aufruf

August 26th: Lisa and Eric Rich, at their Beach House

Social Justice

Want to get involved in doing great things for your community? Join the Social Justice Committee!

Upcoming projects include the Diaper Drive, High Holiday Food Drive, Warm Coats and Mittens Drive, Student Mitzvah Project, Read Aloud Day, TBT Cooks at the Branford Soup Kitchen, Malawi Farmers Inc., Raise the Roof, ALICE, and Affordable Housing in shoreline communities.

If you are interested in these activities, contact the Director of Social Justice, Hannah Jurewicz, at hannahjurewicz@comcast.net.

You can also call the TBT office at 203-245-7028.

In Memoriam



Jay Seigel, father of Melanie Siegel, former husband of Susan Lustig
6/23/16

Richard Jackson, brother of Tina Kislak
6/24/16

Theodore Lisnow, father of Jay Lisnow
8/13/16

"May God Comfort All Who Mourn"

All donations received after the Summer Edition of our Shofar went to press will be listed, in the usual manner, in our next full edition, October 2016

Thank you for your kind generosity



Coming Up!

Mark your calendars for these special upcoming events at TBT

Sunday, November 6th: Breakfast and Movie - *Harvesting Stones*

Weekend of November 11-13: Scholar-in-Residence
Featuring Rabbi Amy Scheinerman

Wednesdays in January 2017: Jewish Experience in Film Series
Selection of four dramas and documentaries will examine unique aspects of Jewish life in the U.S. and around the world.

Further details on these events
in the October *Shofar*



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Rosh HaShanah

10/2	*Erev Rosh HaShanah	8:00 PM
10/3	*Rosh HaShanah Morning Children's & Youth Services <i>dismissed from main service</i> Tashlich	10:00 AM 2:30 PM
	Rabbi & Nancy's Open House	3:00-6:00 PM
10/4	Rosh HaShanah Morning II	10:00 AM

Yom Kippur

10/11	*Kol Nidrei	8:00 PM
10/12	*Yom Kippur Morning Children's & Youth Services <i>dismissed from main service</i> Discussion Group	10:00 AM 2:00 PM
	Micha, Yizkor, and Ne'ilah	3:30 PM

**Your High Holiday ticket is required to attend marked events*

Break-the-Fast

Join us for a congregational Break-the-Fast at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services. A contribution of \$10.00 per person is kindly requested, and all are welcome.

Thank you for prepaying so we don't have to handle money on the holiday (see enclosed form). We will also have envelopes available at the Break-the-Fast for those who want to join us at the moment.

Many thanks to Bennett Paul and his team of helpers for making this celebratory meal possible.

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is due by September 14th****