

שמיני עצרת

Shemini Atzeret

22 Tishrei, 5787/October 3, 2026

Triennial Cycle Year I: Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17

Humash Etz Hayim, page 1074

Maftir: Numbers 29:35-30:1, page 936

Haftarah: 1 Kings 8:54-66, page 1263

- (14:22-29) Laws concerning the second tithe.
- (15:1-6) Laws concerning the shemittah, or sabbatical year.
- (15:7-11) Laws concerning tzedakah and help for the poor.
- (15:12-18) Laws concerning the Hebrew slave.
- (15:19-23) Laws concerning the first-born of animals, which were dedicated to God.
- (16:1-17) The celebration of the three Pilgrimage Festivals, Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Please check our online calendar for the most up-to-date information

Saturday, October 3

Shmini Atzeret

- 9:30 a.m. Shemini Atzeret Services Includes Yizkor (Sanctuary/YouTube)
- 12:00 p.m. Kiddush (Sukkah Patio/Social Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. Candle lighting
- 7:30 p.m. Erev Simchat Torah Services (Sanctuary/YouTube)

Sunday, October 4

Simchat Torah

- 9:30 a.m. Simchat Torah Services (Sanctuary/YouTube)
- 11:30 a.m. Kiddush (Sukkah Patio/Social Hall)
- 7:29 p.m. Havdalah

Monday, October 5

- 7:00 p.m. Minyan (Zoom)
- 7:30 p.m. ENCORE: No Shade for the Prophet Jonah (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 6

- 10:00 a.m. Empty Nesters Coffee & Chat (Offsite)
- 10:30 am Torah Study (Beit Midrash)
- 7:00 p.m. Minyan (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 7

- 11:30 a.m. Balance and Stretch Class (Beit Midrash)
- 4:30 p.m. Religious School (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Minyan (Zoom)
- 7:30 p.m. Program Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, October 8

- 7:00 p.m. Minyan (Zoom)
- 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Friday, October 9

- 10:00 a.m. Talmud Study (Zoom)
- 6:21 p.m. Candle lighting

Saturday, October 10

- 9:30 a.m. Services (Sanctuary/YouTube)
- 12:00 p.m. Kiddush (Sukkah Patio/Social Hall)
- 12:45 p.m. Jewish Book Discussion Group (Beit Midrash)
- 7:20 p.m. Havdalah

SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

Erev Simchat Torah Service (Sanctuary/YouTube)

Saturday, October 3, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Dance, sing, and celebrate as we rejoice in the Torah! Join us for a lively evening filled with the joy of completing the Torah cycle and beginning anew.

Simchat Torah Service (Sanctuary/YouTube)

Sunday, October 4, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

This year, we are proud to honor Jane Jacobson, Kallat Torah (Bride of the Torah), with the final Aliyah of the Torah cycle, and Howard Gannes, Chatan Bereishit (Groom of Genesis), with the first Aliyah of the new cycle. Mazel tov to our honorees!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ENCORE: No Shade for the Prophet Jonah (Zoom)

Led by Sheryl Rattner

Monday, October 5, 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion on the biblical prophet Jonah. See calendar for the Zoom link and to download the handout before class.

Jewish Book Discussion Group (Beit Midrash)

The Red House

Saturday, October 10, 12:45–2:30 p.m.

by Mary Morris, led by Ginny Baird

Thirty years after her mother, Viola, vanished without a trace, Laura returns to Italy seeking answers. The only clues are Viola's haunting paintings of a red house and the cryptic words, "I will not be here forever." As Laura uncovers her mother's hidden past, she begins to unravel the mystery that has haunted her family for decades.

2Low Classical Concert (Social Hall)

Sunday, October 11, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Join us for a concert by 2Low, featuring Charles Chandler (bass) and Amos Yang (cello) of the San Francisco Symphony! Tickets are \$20 per person. Please RSVP.

Members, here: <https://tinyurl.com/members-2Low-concert>

Guests, here: <https://tinyurl.com/guests-2Low-concert>

Patrons are free — email info@beth-david.org to RSVP.

Brooklyn Odyssey: My Journey out of Hasidism (Social Hall)

Sunday, October 18, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Growing up in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, Zalman Newfield was immersed in the Chabad-Lubavitch Hasidic community and trained as a Lubavitch emissary. In *Brooklyn Odyssey: My Journey out of Hasidism*, he shares how reading, travel and education broadened his perspective and ultimately led him to leave the faith of his youth. The cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP by October 16 by emailing Hazak@beth-david.org.

Understanding Fallacies About Israel, Zionism, and the Jews— and How to Respond (Offsite)

Sunday, October 18, 3:30–5:00 p.m.

Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos Hills Charlotte Korchak will provide an overview of Israel, Zionism and the Jews, and will outline some of the common fallacies typically encountered which challenge us, explaining why they're false, and offering effective responses to use. Charlotte Korchak is well known for her deep knowledge of Middle East history and current events, and her ability to break down the most challenging concepts into comprehensible pieces.

Bocce & Dinner at Campo di Bocce (Offsite)

Sunday, October 18, 4:00–7:00 p.m.

Join us at Campo di Bocce for drinks and an early dinner, followed by bocce court time. Please RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16 by emailing mensclub@beth-david.org.

Navigating the Sea of Sacred Jewish Literature (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 20, 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Join Rabbi Roller as we embark together on a voyage of discovery through the vast and diverse world of Jewish sacred literature. We will examine the unique characteristics of each genre and explore their historical contexts. Starting with the varieties of biblical literature as a foundation, we will see how rabbinic, medieval, and modern texts build upon, reinterpret, and expand this core. Through this journey, we'll gain insight into the rich tapestry of intertextuality that characterizes Jewish literature, witnessing how each era contributes to an ongoing, dynamic conversation within Jewish tradition. See calendar for Zoom sign up link.

Alternative Shabbat Sessions (Beit T'Fillah)

Saturday, October 24, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

with Rabbi Hugh Seid-Valencia

In this session, we will engage in close readings of excerpts from some of the early Hasidic masters' commentaries on the weekly Torah portion. These readings and discussions will serve as a springboard to explorations of mindfulness meditation practice. Participants should come prepared to study, discuss, and experiment with meditative practice. No prior text study or meditation experience is necessary.

The Former Prophets (Beit Midrash)

Saturday, October 24, 12:45–2:00 p.m.

with Rabbi Roller

Discover the most exciting biblical stories you have never heard before! We will be going through the Nevi'im Rishonim (Former Prophets) from Joshua through Kings. Explore stories of war, love, betrayal and revenge that rival anything on a bestseller list. We will be primarily using Robert Alter's translation. Other translations of Hebrew Bible are acceptable as well. Please bring any Hebrew Bible you might have from home. There are a limited number of texts available for use during class.

Experiencing Israel During War (Beit Midrash)

Sunday, October 25, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

San Jose resident Anastasia Torres-Gil shares her experiences about what it is like to be in Israel under rocket attack and describes her encounters with Israeli resilience and community.

SAVE-THE-DATES

Pinot Noir Passport: A Wine Tasting Around the World (Mercatz)

Sunday, November 8, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening exploring Pinot Noir from around the world. Please bring a bottle of your favorite Pinot Noir to share, along with a few tasting notes about its region, vintage, flavors, or why you selected it. We'll sample the wines together, compare their distinctive characteristics, and vote for a few group favorites. Light snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to mensclub@beth-david.org.

Once a Paratrooper:

The Story of a Lone Soldier in the Gaza War (Beit T'Fillah)

Wednesday, November 11, 7:30–9:00 p.m.

IDF soldier Ira Kohler will speak about his personal experience as a "lone soldier" in the IDF Paratroopers, before, during and after October 7. Mr. Kohler will highlight his 100 days serving at the front in Gaza, the realities of serving as a lone soldier, and the broader lessons and experiences gained from the war. Mr. Kohler will bring copies of his new book, 'Once a Paratrooper', for sale this evening. This event is co-sponsored by Beth David membership programming. Cost is \$18 per person, please RSVP by November 6. Members, RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/paratrooper-member>
Guests, RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/paratrooper-guest>

Global Shabbat

Rhythm and Sound of Africa in celebration of SIGD (Social Hall)

Friday, November 13, 5:30–9:00 p.m.

Join our Global Shabbat service featuring the rhythm and sounds of Africa as we celebrate the Beta Israel holiday of SIGD and the ancient and emerging Jewish communities of Africa.

The event is free, but please RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/global-shabbat>.

Jewish Book Discussion Group (Beit Midrash)

This Is Not About Us

Saturday, November 14, 12:45–2:00 p.m.

By Allegra Goodman, led by Lori Cinnamon

After their sister dies, an apple-cake misunderstanding estranges Sylvia and Helen for a decade. Warm and witty, this multigenerational novel explores forgiveness, sisterhood, and the enduring bonds of family.

Israeli Folk Dancing (Social Hall)

Sunday, November 15, 10:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

Join us for a low-key Israeli folk dancing session with instructor Donna Frankel. Please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/Israeli-Folk-Dance>.

Bagels, Lox & Tefillah—BLT (Beit Midrash)

Sunday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Kunin for bagels, lox, and an engaging discussion about tefillah, including the order and meaning of the prayer service. Additional discussion topics will be announced. Come enjoy good food, thoughtful conversation, and a deeper understanding of Jewish prayer.

Walking Without Worry—Fall Prevention (Beit T'Fillah)

Sunday, November 15, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Occupational therapist Julie Rettberg shares practical tips and strategies to help prevent falls and stay safe and steady. Please RSVP by November 13, here: <https://tinyurl.com/walk-without-worry>.

Mah Jongg Tournament (Social Hall)

Sunday, November 22, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Please join us for an afternoon of lunch and four rounds of Mah Jongg. Advanced players only. \$75 per player. Please RSVP by November 13.

Members, RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/mah-jongg-members>

Guests, RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/mah-jongg-guests>

WAYS TO SUPPORT

Honor a Loved One Through Kiddush-Oneg Sponsorship

Thanks to the generous support of our community, our weekly Shabbat lunches can continue to be enjoyed by all. We are grateful to have several sponsored Kiddush lunches in the coming weeks and look forward to celebrating these special occasions together.

Bakers Needed for Kiddush Lunches

We are asking three volunteers each week to bake 2–3 dozen cookies to supplement the other wonderful desserts being provided! Please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/bakers-needed>. Instructions are outlined on the signup. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Join Our Chevra Chesed Meal Support Team

Several congregants are facing illness, recovery, and other life challenges. We're grateful to our Chevra Chesed volunteers and welcome a few more helping hands. Even preparing and delivering an occasional meal can make a meaningful difference. If you would like to join our Chevra Chesed meal support list or have questions, please email chevrachessed@beth-david.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcing Sulam for Emerging Leaders

Would you like to help guide Congregation Beth David in the next phase of our journey? Please consider joining Sulam for Emerging Leaders, a leadership development program with a distinctly Jewish outlook. Through seven two-hour sessions, you will build relationships with your peers, gain empowerment to effect change, reflect on leadership through Jewish values, and practice leadership skills. Sulam for Emerging Leaders engages with people in Congregation Beth David who are in their first term serving on the Board of Directors or who have not previously served. The program will begin after the High Holy Days this fall, meeting about once a month. The exact schedule will be worked out with the participants before the first session. Please contact Jerry Bloom (jeremyblm@yahoo.com) if you are interested and save a place on your calendar for Sulam for Emerging Leaders. Help build the future of Congregation Beth David.

Yahrzeits Week of October 2/3, 2026

Gabriel Appleman, Father of Daniel Appleman
Anna Luise Batson, Mother of James Batson
Avrum Belogolovsky, Grandfather of Alex Belogolovsky
Henry Coleman, Grandfather of Lynne Kinsey
Martin Farkas, Cousin of Stanley Farkas
Sabine W. Finger, Mother of Herbert Finger
Robert Frieden, Brother of Stephen Frieden
Fanny Friedman, Grandmother of Neal Gafter
Burton Ganeles, Cousin of Jerome Ganeles
Robert Ganeles, Father of Jerome Ganeles
Udo-Leb Geydelman, Father of Lisa Lipkind
Boris Genuchovich Gilman, Grandfather of Liliya Yunerman
Selma Glasser, Mother of Lance Glasser
Florence Graubart, Grandmother of Eric Lewis
Abraham Petachye Herskovitz, Uncle of Barry Brummer
Stanley Hirsch, Father of Lee Hirsch
Ramah Khatoon Isaac, Mother of Myrtle Schwartz
Anne Kline, Mother of Rhoda Bress
Anna Koenigsberg, Grandmother of Lynne Kinsey
Alexander Kohan, Brother of Ruth Kohan

Sol Lindenbaum, Father of Bonnie Ashkenazi
 Alexander Makaroff, Grandfather of Carol Cassell
 Harvey Meltzer, Cousin of Hillary Farkas
 Etta Newman Michaelson, of Blessed Memory
 Shmuel Miller, Father of Jacob Mor
 Connie Molecke, Aunt of Ricki Gafter
 Benjamin Nelson, Father of Joel Nelson
 Keith Parmett, Son of Jeanette & Michael Parmett
 Max Pearson, Grandfather of Stephen Green
 Gert Rainish, Mother of Doris Katz
 Michael Roller, Father of Nathan Roller
 Theodore Murry Rosenblume, Father of Cathy Beyda
 Marie Ruebusch, Mother of Ronald Ruebusch
 Sylvia Simon, Mother of Rita Blumstein
 Isidore Soltz, Grandfather of Robin D. Penn
 Miriam Spivock, Mother of Aline Usim
 Manya Vaynerman, Grandmother of Igor Yunerman
 Julia Gordon Weiner, Aunt of Susan Rojo Firsty
 Gail Wishnow, Cousin of Davida Adelberg
 Polina Yunerman, Mother of Igor Yunerman
 Lillian Zis, Mother of Jerome Zis
 Siegbert Zwang, Grandfather of Felissa Cagan

Refuah Shleimah – A Complete Recovery – as of 10/3/26

- Yosef ben Moshe Ruven, Jerry Ganeles (member)

Michaela Yacova bat Ruchel Saushe v'Nachum Chanan, Micaela Abramovitz (daughter of Rachel and Norman Abramovitz)
 Nachum ben Yaacov u'Brachah, Norm Abramovitz (member)
 Howard Chaitt (cousin of Marilyn Ader)
 Yehudit bat Mordechai v'Reeska, Judy Applesmith (member)
 Liora bat Genia (member and mother of Rabbi Ilana Baird)
 Maya bat Noach v'Rivka Leah, Maya Bareket (member)
 Asaph Ben Shalom (nephew of Betty Becker)
 Meira bat Zehava, Meira Peretz (niece of Betty Becker)
 Zehava Malka bat Chana, Gloria Strikovsky (sister of Betty Becker)
 Rivka bat Esther v'Yehuda (mother of Joseph Bendahan)
 Hila bat Itzhak u'Bat Ami
 Ruth Brill (member)
 Chaim ben David, Harvey Checkman (member)
 Aliza Cicerone (daughter of Seema Cicerone)
 Lauren Davis (cousin of Seema Cicerone)
 Keith Cicerone (brother-in-law of Seema Cicerone)
 Mayer, Marcos Cicerone (family of Seema Cicerone)
 Mike Deveau (family of Seema Cicerone)
 Judy Attard (friend of Barbara Davis)
 Barbara Davis (member)
 Simona Goldstein (cousin of Barbara Davis)
 Scott Mathews (cousin of Barbara Davis)
 Marc Weiss (cousin of Barbara Davis)
 Terri Willert (cousin of Barbara Davis)
 Ellen Frankovitch (cousin of Lloyd Dickman)
 Chanoch ben Benyamin haLevi, Richard Dorsay (member)
 Grady Quintal (friend of Dorothy Dorsay)

Malka Lavana, Wendy (friend of Donna Frankel)
 Axel Faederholdt (friend of Donna Frankel)
 Gittel bat Yihiskael v'Pi'a Batya, Beverly Jean Kanter (sister of Donna Frankel)
 Ari Yehuda ben Malka Ariella
 Shira Yael bat Yehudite Rachel, Shira Weisenfreund (friend of Emily and Howard Gannes)
 Steve Mizrahi (friend of Howard and Emily Gannes)
 Rachel Chana bat Rayzel (friend of Howard and Emily Gannes)
 Shalom ben Chana (friend of Howard and Emily Gannes)
 Yaffa Leya bat Ruchel, Susan Marcus (friend of Emily Gannes)
 Donna Stone (cousin of Wendy J. Glasser)
 Chaim ben Moshe, Harvey Stone (cousin of Wendy J. Glasser)
 Shmuel Ben Menaka Mendel
 Etta bat Phival
 Chaya Sarah bat Avraham Hersh v'Shaiva, Sondra Goldberger (member)
 Howard Goldstein (member)
 David Garfinkle (brother-in-law of Rhonda Raider Gould and Don Gould)
 Malka bat Daniel u'D'vora, Helaine Green (member)
 Aryeh ben Shlomo v'Miriam (friend of Helaine & Stephen Green)
 Jessica (friend of Helaine & Stephen Green)
 Guadalupe Ariel Cordova (friend of Helaine & Stephen Green)
 Allison Tobin (friend of Helaine & Stephen Green)
 Tikva bat Katania, Allyson Guggenheim (granddaughter of Allen Guggenheim)
 Juanita Harris (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
 Kathryn Schultz (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
 Steve Kaplan (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
 Sylvia Rogers (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
 Prudence Victor (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
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Refuah Shleimah (Continued)

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Fred Nelson (friend of David Hoffman)
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Madison and Walker Vega (grandchildren of Jan Krum, niece and nephew of Barb Green)
Levi ben Lina v'Eliyahu (father of Rabbi David Kunin)
Tova bat Clara v'Mordechai haKohen (mother of Rabbi David Kunin)
Arkadi Nisenzon (brother of Zoya Lazer)
Eliezer ben Shulamit Yehudit, Lawrence Goldblatt (cousin of Michael Leitner)
Miriam, Marion Lessman (friend of Ben Leitner)
Daniel Seth ben Yaffa v'Yitzchak haKohen, Daniel Lewis (son of Sheryl & Eric Lewis)
Dr. Barry Schwartz (cousin of Andrea Linder)
Miriam bat Bluma, Miriam Marr (member)
Chaim ben Uziel v'Tovah, Charlie Marr (member)
Leibel Yehuda ben Shmuel Yisroel v'Sheindl, Leonard Metz (member)
Dalia bat Joseph v'Sarah, Dalia Milgram (member)
Rachmiel mi-beit Y'chiel u'Vreindel, Bobby Miller (member)
Susan Keith (friend of Robert Miller)
Joanie Pepper (aunt of Jan Pepper)
Gary Hedden (friend of Jan Pepper)
Deb Rau (friend of Jan Pepper)
Chaya Bracha bat Shira Nechama
Yosefa Sara bat Chana
Sander ben Avraham u'Martha, Alexander Rodstein (member)
Aharon ben Yochevet, Allan Schwartz (former member)
Matana bat Rahma, Myrtle Schwartz (member)
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Annabel Rubin (relative of Dina Yevelev)
Bela bat Bronya (cousin of Dina Yevelev)
Sonya bat Emma (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Rita bat Sonya (friend of Dina Yevelev)
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