



Israel Congregation
of Manchester
*Enriching Jewish Community
in the Northbire*

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L'Shanah Tovah! 

ROSH HASHANAH: SEPTEMBER 5 & 6 • YOM KIPPUR: SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

Rabbi David Novak is pleased to welcome to the ICM bimah **Student Cantor Vera Broekhuysen**. Together, they look forward to making our High Holy Day services eloquent and meaningful.

We look forward to welcoming you, your family, and your friends to Israel Congregation of Manchester as we begin a good and sweet new year together!

MEMBERS MAY ORDER GUEST TICKETS AT THE FAMILY & FRIENDS RATE

From the President

It's been another spectacular year at Israel Congregation! I'm sure you are noticing our growth in everything we do: growth in our membership, growth in our programming, growth in the number of people participating in our services and communal activities. We revised our by-laws for the first time in 13 years. We are firing on all cylinders, and the results speak for themselves: ICM is on a solid foundation as the center for Jewish life in our communities.

My thanks to all of our hard-working volunteers — your officers, board of directors, and the volunteers throughout the synagogue community. None of this would be possible without you.

Our moving High Holy Day services with our rabbi and student cantor are of the highest caliber — and we celebrate all Jewish holidays, including every Shabbat, in engaging and meaningful ways. We are here for you for every joyous occasion and every time of need. Beyond services, we offer an enormous amount of programming here at Israel Congregation: We present best-selling authors, musical performances, 92nd Street Y broadcasts, Fourth of July BBQs (this year with the Israeli Scouts, who were terrific!), Scholars-in Residence Dr. Michael Grodin and Rabbi Eli Kaunfer, Dr. Jack Mayer speaking on Irena Sendler, and more.

We offer film festivals, guest lecturers, and
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From the Rabbi

Summer is a short story in Vermont — and before it ends, Rosh Hashanah begins on Wednesday evening, September 4. Joining me on the ICM bima this year will be Student Cantor Vera Broekhuysen of Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts. You may have been to one of the three services that she co-led over the summer, which many of our congregants found deeply meaningful. Together, we are collaborating so that you and your loved ones will find your time at ICM over the High Holy Days a rich and deep experience.

The main reason that Erev Rosh Hashanah falls so soon after Labor Day stems from the nature of the Jewish calendar. I will be speaking about the three independent phenomena that are the basis for our Jewish calendar and how we bring our calendar back into alignment with these phenomena. On Rosh Hashanah morning you will be exposed to the many places in our liturgy proving that we are a life-intoxicated people, that the blessing that we seek from Rosh Hashanah is to be in life and to benefit from an overabundant flow of blessings for good. At our entrance to Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, I will speak about the complicated nature of forgiveness, when it is required, and when it is not.

For now, we are in the month of Elul, the month preceding Rosh Hashanah. Each weekday, the shofar is sounded to alert our internal clocks to the coming of Rosh Hashanah. Each time we experience
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Shabbat Guests in August

Join us Friday evening, August 2, when our ears will welcome Shabbat with music from the Young Artists of the Manchester Music Festival. During services, ICM member George Kalinsky, photographer for Madison Square Garden, will share with us some of his favorite photos.

Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, our Miller Scholar in Jewish Innovation, will be in residence on August 9 and 10. The founder of Mechon Hadar in New York City and the author of *Empowered Judaism*, he will speak at Friday night services about "Innovation and Prayer: A New Way to Read the Siddur."

On Saturday, August 10, Rabbi Kaunfer will speak at lunch about "Innovation and Community: The Future of Synagogue Life," and at 6:30 pm, he will address "Innovative Aesthetics: Praying with the Senses." Graciously funded by Carole and Paul Miller, the weekend will offer the ICM community insight into current prayer innovations. It should not be missed!

On August 16, State Representative Kesha Ram, who is the youngest member of the Vermont House of Representatives, will share with us her experiences. She is Jewish and Hindu and visited Israel last year. She will speak at services about her dual identities.

August 30 will be our annual Play and Pray Golf Tournament. Sponsored by Ed and Irene Glazer, it is your opportunity to hit the golf course on a Friday afternoon, then come as you are to Shabbat services, followed by our communal table meal.

We look forward to seeing you at services!

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the shofar's sound, we are given an invitation to explore ourselves; explore our relationships with family, friends, and acquaintances; and contemplate our relationship to God and the Jewish People. This is time to experience the shofar, to incorporate its sound as a means of shaking us up on the inside. Using Elul as space to prepare for Rosh Hashanah will make your time at ICM during the High Holy Days that much more of a profound experience.

As summer's heat moderates, my hope, my prayer is that all of us find many moments in the year to come when life is good and sweet to you and to those you love and care about.

Rabbi David Novak

Thank You

David and Valerie Heisler for sponsoring Shabbat dinner on June 28 in honor of Valerie's joining the Jewish people

The Wood and D'Eredita families for their help at the Fourth of July BBQ

Marlene Skulnik and Sheila Mills for organizing the Second Annual Tag Sale

Rosalie and Lee Fox for sponsoring Shabbat dinner on July 19 in honor of their son Ned's engagement to Gabriela Uribe

The friends of Doris Bass for sponsoring Shabbat dinner on July 26 in honor of her 85th birthday

Condolences

The friends and family of James Chase

Lisa Bendik on the loss of her father, Marty Krautheim

From the President

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classes led by Rabbi Novak and others. We help repair the world by volunteering our time for local causes. We are on the pulse, with the latest books in our library. We are an active member of the Interfaith Council and hold our traditional interfaith Seders and Martin Luther King Day celebrations right here in our synagogue. Every Friday night, we have a full Shabbat experience for you: socializing, prayer, and a communal meal. We are **the** place to be for all in the Northshire!

But none of this happens without financial support from you. Our operations and our exciting programs need your financial investment now! And I feel certain that you will find it in your hearts — and wallets — to help us continue the work we've started to keep our synagogue a place that makes us proud.

I look forward to shaking all of your hands and wishing you L'Shanah Tovah! Wishing a calm and peaceful New Year to you and your entire family.

Ed Glazer

Learn to play Mah Jongg

Merrily Lewis will be hosting a beginners' Mah Jongg class on Mondays from September 30 until November 4, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at ICM. Class size is limited; please contact the office or call Merrily at 802-362-3810 to discuss more information and course fee.

SCHEDULE *of* SERVICES
High Holy Days 5774

ISRAEL CONGREGATION OF MANCHESTER
RABBI DAVID NOVAK AND STUDENT CANTOR VERA BROEKHUYSEN

ROSH HASHANAH

EREV ROSH HASHANAH
Wednesday, September 4, 8:00 pm

ROSH HASHANAH I

Thursday, September 5, 9:00 am
Tashlich will follow kiddush; bring walking shoes

ROSH HASHANAH II

Friday, September 6, 9:00 am

The shofar will be sounded at ~11:15 am on each day.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday, September 6, 6:30 pm
Shacharit: Saturday, September 7, 9:30 am

CHILDCARE will be available.

SUKKOT

September 18–25

Sukkah Raising: Sunday, September 15, 9:30 am

SUKKOT I

Thursday, September 19, 9:30 am

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

Evening Services: Friday, September 20, 6:30 pm
Shacharit: Saturday, September 21, 9:30 am

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Wednesday, September 25, 7:30 pm

SHMINI ATZERET

Thursday, September 26, 9:30 am
Yizkor will be at approximately 11:00 am

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE

Friday, September 13, 6:30 pm
Services begin promptly; please arrive early

SHACHARIT

Saturday, September 14, 9:00 am
Yizkor will be at approximately 11:30 am

MINCHA

Saturday, September 14, 5:15 pm

NEILAH

Saturday, September 14, ~6:45 pm
*The final shofar will be sounded at ~7:45 pm.
Havdalah with children's procession follows.*

CHILDREN'S SERVICES will be held at ~10:45 am
on Rosh Hashanah I and on Yom Kippur.

YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE

"...share your bread with the hungry..."
[Isaiah 58:7]

This is an important year to participate in our annual Yom Kippur Food Drive. During the High Holy Days, please pick up a list of needed items and bring back your donations when you come to services. After Yom Kippur, we will deliver them to the Food Cupboard. All non-perishable food donations are welcome.

Thank you for taking part in this mitzvah and helping those in need in our community.

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 2 Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm
Special guests: Young Artists of the Manchester Music Festival
Guest speaker: George Kalinsky, "Favorite Photographs"
 Communal Table Dinner
- August 3 Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am
Parashat Re'eh
- August 6 Rabbi's Class, 10:30 am — "Finding Rebekah at the Well"
- August 9-10 **Miller Scholar in Jewish Innovation Rabbi Elie Kaunfer in residence**
- August 9 **Musical Shabbat with Student Cantor Vera Broekhuysen**
 Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm
Speaker: Rabbi Kaunfer, "Innovation and Prayer"
 Communal Table Dinner
- August 10 **Tot Shabbat, 8:45 am**
 Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am
 Shabbat Lunch, noon; **Rabbi Kaunfer, "Innovation and Community"**
 Havdalah, 6:30 pm; **Rabbi Kaunfer, "Innovative Aesthetics"**
- August 13 Rabbi's Class, 10:30 am —
 "Rebekah Becomes Mother of Twins; Deceiving Isaac"
- August 14 **Board of Directors meeting, 7:00 pm**
- August 16 Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm
Guest speaker: State Representative Kesha Ram
- August 17 Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am
Parashat Ki Teitzei
- August 20 Rabbi's Class, 10:30 am — "Deceiving Jacob: Laban, Leah, and Rachel"
- August 23 Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm
 Communal Table Dinner
- August 24 Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am
Parashat Ki Tavo
- August 27 Rabbi's Class, 10:30 am —
 "Jacob's Anxiety in Meeting Esau; Jacob's Struggle with God"
- August 30 **Play and Pray Golf Tournament, 3 pm**
 Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm
 Communal Table Dinner

MA'ASER SHENI

When the Temple functioned in Jerusalem, the Jewish community supported it and its priests with a system of tithes in the form of food and/or money. Today we feed our communal needs by offering financial gifts that strengthen and enhance Jewish religious and communal life in the Northshire.

Thank you for your generous donations!

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sandra and Martin Castelbaum in memory of Phyllis Topchik's beloved husband, Robert Topchik
Georgia and Gene Mittelman in honor of the engagement of Abigail Meyer to Michael Feuerstein
Sheryl and Robert Tepper in memory of Jim Chase

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Frances and Mark Aronowitz • **Loni Bader Argovitz** • **Shirley and Horace Entin** in honor of Jacob Waters' bar mitzvah • **Valerie and David Heisler** • **Micki and Robert Horowitz**
Neil and Patti Katzman in honor of Doris Bass's birthday • **Cookie and Israel Mac** in honor of the recovery of their son-in-law Gerald Bodner • **Joan Pantzer** in honor of Doris Bass's birthday
Norma Rosenblatt in memory of Bob Topchik • **Muriel and Sheldon Scher** • **Roslyn and Jacob Shein**
Lauren Waters in memory of Lucille Klein and Bob Topchik • **Norma and Paul Waters** in honor of Ed Glazer, Rabbi Novak, Jacob Waters' bar mitzvah, and Judy Sarnoff's special birthday

In memory of Jim Chase

Susan and Michael Dick • **David R. Frazer** with great sorrow
Fredda and Edward Goldstein • **Lynda and Sanford Mitz**

Yahrzeit Fund

Judith and Michael Adler in memory of Jerome Adler and Edith Adler
Lilli and Gary Mayerson in memory of beloved uncle Norman Ziedman
Abby Ross in memory of Seymour Rosenblum • **Ina and Al Rubin** in memory of Bernard Brown
Marilyn and Raymond Starker in memory of Albert Reiter

MUSIC FUND

Cookie and Israel Mac in memory of Jim Chase

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND

Judith and Henry Kaplan in memory of Morris Kaplan • **Lee and Barbara Silver**
Leah Sperber in memory of Nathan Sperber

TIKKUN OLAM FUND

Georgia and Gene Mittelman in honor of the special birthday of Doris Bass

SHABBAT DINNER FUND

Anonymous • **Doris Bass** in honor of the engagement of Ned Fox to Gabriela Uribe
Alan and Carol Benjamin • **Florence Frey** • **Micki and Robert Horowitz** in memory of Louis Horowitz
 and in honor of Doris Bass, Harvey Flaxman, and Marlene Skulnik

HOROWITZ FUND

Carol and Philip Goldmith in honor of Marjorie and Michael Weiss's new grandson

CULTURAL AFFAIRS FUND

Ruthie and Norman Ellenbogen • **Melanie and Charles Salzman**
Susan and Robert Shaw • **Phyllis Topchik**

Donations received after July 23 will appear in the September edition of the Shofar.

Israel Congregation has about 180 member units from diverse Jewish backgrounds, both full-time and part-time residents of southern Vermont. We provide Shabbat and holiday services, a religious school, adult education, life-cycle events, and cultural and social programming in a warm and welcoming environment.

An integral part of Jewish life in the Northshire for almost 90 years, Israel Congregation has been at its current location on Rte 7A, 1.2 miles north of Rte 11/30, since 1985. Our building is ADA accessible.

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Preneg at 5:45 pm
followed by Congregational Communal Dinner
Saturday Morning Shabbat Services, 9:30 am
Tot Shabbat: 9:00 am, second monthly Shabbat (Saturday)

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