

the sephardic temple



CONGREGATION EMETH VE'SHALOM



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## שבת שלום SHABBAT SHALOM

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DAILY MINYAN IN TEMPLE: MONDAY-FRIDAY...8:00 AM, SUNDAY...9:00 AM

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023**

### HOSHANAH RABBAH

LIGHT CANDLES: 6:11 PM

SERVICES 6:15 PM

מנחה וערבית



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

(22 TISHREI 5784)

### SHEMINI ATSERET

PLEASE SEE THE ACCOMPANYING  
FESTIVAL FLYER FOR INFORMATION



### MELDADOS

SHABBAT, OCTOBER 7, 2023

SHELOSHIM  
DR. BERNARD LANTER

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| LOUISE BALASSIANO        | REBECCA PINKHAS RABENO |
| HYMAN RAMRAS             | BERTA IFRAIMOLA        |
| GERTRUDE WEINICK         | SARAH I. BENARDO       |
| ANDREW WEINBERGER        | SOPHIE SUSSI           |
| MICHAEL KLEINMAN         | CALO RAFAEL DANNON     |
| MORRIS RUSSO             | SOPHIE MORRIS RUBIN    |
| NEAMA ERBESH             | SOLOMON J. LEVY        |
| LOUIS GOLDSMITH          | ABRAHAM Y. PEREZ       |
| MORTON ROTH              | HELEN MIZRAHI STEIN    |
| JOSEPH S. CAMHI          | PAULA LEVY SMOLAR      |
| HELENE GELLER KRASSNER   | JOSEPH JOSEPHS         |
| VICTORIA ZACHARIA PITSON | SARINA DEVIDAS         |
| NATHAN BERGENFELD        | PALOMBA CRESPI         |
| ABRAHAM Y. SHARABY       | JACOB PARDO            |
| RICHARD FRANCO           | JACK NEGRIN            |
| YEESH ASSAYAG            | MARY MIZRAHI           |
| LILLIAN ALLEGRA          | BENJAMIN NAHAMA        |
| GARFINKEL                | ISAAC COHEN            |
| HERMAN POLANSKY          | ABE BIESKY             |
| MAZLIAH R. LEVY          | SARAH ALBOHER          |
| MOLLY TESTA              | LILLIE RAPHAEL         |
| DINAH ALDEROTY           | JOSEPH LEVY            |
| BEHOR ISRAEL FILS        | SALLY CAMHI BAKER      |
| CANTOR ISAIAH GRAMA      | MATTHEW ROUSSEU        |
| JACK HAZAN               | JULIA ATTAS            |
| SIMON ABRAHAM ALBALA     | JENNIE SEFEKAR         |
| RACHEL S. ALHANATI       | BENVENISTE KAMHI       |
| LUISA RAZON              | REBECCA GELLER         |
| ABRAHAM (DUSCHO) ELIAS   | DAVID FEINSON          |
| LEAH J. ALTMAN           | JACOB D. AZUZ          |

# HOSHANA RABBAH

הושענא רבה

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023**

Morning Services: 8:00 AM

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# SHEMINI ATSERET

שמיני עצרת

**FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 6, 2023**

Light Candles.....6:11 PM

Minhah/Arvit Services.....6:15 PM

**SHABBAT MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

Shahrit.....8:45 AM

**Yizkor Memorial Prayers Follow the Conclusion of the Service.....11:00 AM**



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# SIMCHAT TORAH

שמחת תורה



**SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

Minhah/Arvit Services .....6:15 PM

Light Candles (*not before*).....7:02 PM

*Following Services:*

**HAKAFOT & PROCESSIONAL OF THE TORAH SCROLLS**

FLAGS & JELLY-DIPPED APPLES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR CHILDREN

**SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 2023**

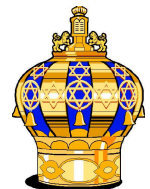
Shahrit .....8:45 AM

**HAKAFOT & PROCESSIONAL OF THE TORAH SCROLLS**



HATAN TORAH  
The Bridegroom of Sefer Rishon  
**Jehiel Nakash**

HATAN BERESHIT  
The Bridegroom of Sefer Sheni  
**Bob Gally**



**FESTIVE KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES**

**SUNDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 8, 2023**

Minhah/Arvit Services .....6:15 PM

Havdalah/End of Yom Tov .....7:00 PM



## SHEMINI ATSERET

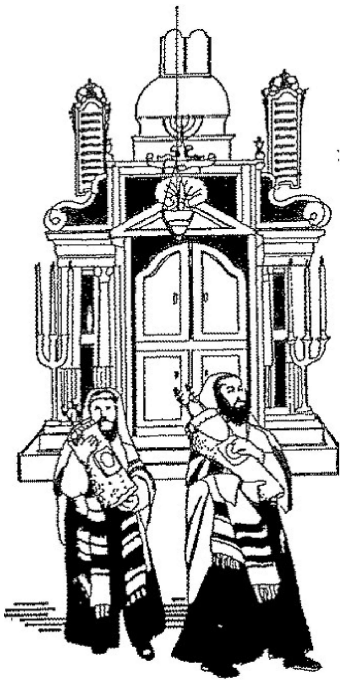
שמיני עצרת

The concluding eighth day of Sukkot festival is not technically called Sukkot, but rather *Shemini Atseret*. It is independent of Sukkot.

Although its purpose is to conclude the festival of Sukkot, it is commonly regarded as simply the final days of the Sukkot festival, Shemini Atseret reflects none of the special observances related to Sukkot. The Sages described the reason for the eighth day in terms of the following parable, which is based on the other meaning of the term *Atseret*:

*G-d is like a King who invites all his children to a feast to last for just so many days; when the time comes for them to depart, he says to them: "My children, I have a request to make of you. Stay yet another day; your departure is difficult for me."*

Like Sukkot, Shemini Atseret is also referred to in the prayer book as *zeman simhatenu*, the "season of our rejoicing."



**Simhat Torah** is really the second day of Shemini Atseret.

But it didn't become the Simhat Torah we know until about the eleventh century. Every Monday, Thursday, and Shabbat, a portion of the Torah is read in the synagogue. In the ancient period the portions read were short and therefore the reading of the entire Torah was completed over three years. In Babylonia, however, it became the custom to read longer portions. As a result, the entire Torah could be read through every year - and so a holiday was born. The reading of the Scroll is started on Simhat Torah, and a year later, on Simhat Torah, we reach the end. The last chapter of the book of Deuteronomy is read. And immediately, we begin reading from the first chapter of Genesis, the first book. This is the chief ceremony of the day.

All the Torah Scrolls are taken out of the Ark; and carried in a circle around the perimeter of the synagogue while the congregation sings special prayers and hymns. Many people will reach out to touch or kiss the Scrolls as they are carried past them. Everyone is given a chance to carry a Scroll during one of the Hakafot, many people march along with them carrying flags.

On the morning of Simhat Torah comes the reading of the closing and opening chapters of the Torah. It is a special honor to be called to the Torah on this holiday of rejoicing. The man who recites the blessing over the last verse of Deuteronomy is called the "Hatan Torah", the 'bridegroom of the Torah'. The man who recites the blessing over the first chapter of Genesis is called the "Hatan Bereshit", 'the bridegroom of the beginning'. The name "bridegroom" may sound strange, but in a way Jews are married to the Torah. And Simhat Torah is supposed to be as happy as a wedding!



The greatest help for a Jew in becoming, and remaining, a good person is the Torah. Indeed, the Humash/Pentateuch - and the many books in the corpus of Jewish sacred literature - have guided Jews for several thousand years in their attempts to do good, be good, and build a good world. It would have been impossible to get this far in history without being grounded in the Torah.

The holiday of rejoicing in this Book, in the study of Torah, is Simhat Torah.





## IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

THE SEPHARDIC TEMPLE WEEKLY BULLETIN . OCTOBER 7, 2023



בסימן טוב ומזל טוב  
SIMAN TOV & MAZAL TOV

On the Birth of a Baby Boy:

*Shawn Michael Sitelcool*

Parents:

Dr. Jodi Ezratty & Yaniv Sitelcool

Grandparents:

Meri & Jeffrey Ezratty  
Natan & the late Elana Sitelcool



Shabbat, October 14 is

*October Birthday and Anniversary Shabbat*

Please contact the Temple office to let us know if you have a birthday or anniversary in October that you would like to be acknowledged

*Have you sent in your  
Kal Nidre pledge?*



*Ladino Phrase of the Week*

ריסיבידו קי סייגה

*Resivido ke seiga*

Let our prayers be accepted

## KAL NIDRE ADDRESS 2023 by ISAAC MAYO

My Dear Friends,

I am once again honored to be here today as the President of the Sephardic Temple. Whether you are members or guests, I am pleased that you have chosen to observe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur among us here at the Sephardic Temple.

It is a pleasure to see so many families in attendance, acknowledging the fact that we have provided a safe place for all of us to pray here over these High Holy Days.

Here at the Sephardic Temple, the Executive Board, Board of Directors, Religious Committee, office staff, security and maintenance staff - all of us - maintain a daily working relationship to ensure the health and safety of our members as well as continuing to safeguard the perpetuation of our beloved Sephardic Temple. I have enjoyed working on the daily goings-on here, and I assure you that I will continue to work with all members of the Temple family. I continue to do so with the gratitude that I have for all those who have given me direction and guidance through the years.

One of my obligations as President of the Sephardic Temple is to give a report on Kal Nidre night on the overall state of our Temple. I have recently met with Past President and Financial Executive Steven Chernoff and Board Members Victor Hazan, Marvin Rosen, Martin I. Elias, and Justin Chernoff.

I am glad to report that the Temple's financial condition is good. This financial status is the result of the generosity of our members and of the Board's control of expenses. Our financial condition is strong enough that I can announce that once again, we have no need for a special assessment or raising of dues.

Therefore, I wish to thank our members for their steady and collective contributions through the silent Kal Nidre pledge, Journal contributions, Yizkor Book, donations, and prompt payment of dues. Your generous responses have enabled us to plan and maintain control of our assets even though we have increased operating expenses.

However, our membership has continued to decline in the past years. This year the congregation consists of 215 families, compared to last year's census of 230 families. We are continuously working on many ways to raise funds through events and community outreach programs. For example: the upcoming Jewish Life on Rhodes Exhibit scheduled on Sunday, October 15 is a perfect way to fundraise through reserving a table at the luncheon.

An additional cost continues to be our security budget and building maintenance. Due to the temple's maturity, modernization and preservation of some of the internal structural features of the temple is an ongoing issue. Our security initiative is considered most necessary, because of worldwide events. We have a comprehensive security camera system and we have increased the budget for plain clothes police security during services. At this time, I want to personally thank our security staff that are present during our services. These gentlemen are led by Bob Gally. Gentlemen, I appreciate your service, both to this congregation, and to the general community. The entire Board wishes you and your families the very best of health and happiness for the New Year.

We are determined to stay connected to our extended membership who are scattered throughout the United States and the world. These families call on the Sephardic Temple to celebrate, confer, or console on life's events. Regardless of distance, many of our members and their families continue to celebrate their simchas here. The Sephardic Temple is part of who they are.

Thank you, Rabbi Golden, for your energies this year and for the performance of all the rabbinical dues required by our members. We are especially appreciative of your efforts in visiting the sick and consoling grieving families. Your compassion for our congregants is noticed by all and is appreciated. Your dedication has enriched the lives of our members and we are grateful.

Thanks to Rabbi Golden for hosting a weekly Bible study class, a daily live minyan service, and for those members interested in praying remotely, the minyan includes a virtual platform as well. If you wish to join the minyan group, either live or via Zoom, please call the main office.

The congregation wishes you, Rabbi, your dear wife Shira and your family - Navah and Adam and Cove, recently married Hannah and Jared - good health and long life and continued success! We enjoyed celebrating the Shabbat Hatan with you and your family. Thank you, Rabbi Golden for all that you do for us at the Sephardic Temple.

A special thank you this year to our superb Cantor Yair Yonati. You continually add beauty to our service with your singing. Your attention to the detail of the service is greatly appreciated by all. Your execution of all our special tunes is exceptional. Your voice is the soul of our service. I extend you our sincere gratitude and good wishes for the New Year. Good health, long life and happiness to you and your dear wife Naomi.

## KAL NIDRE ADDRESS 2023 by ISAAC MAYO

Thank you to David Laniado, Howie Franco, and Fred Abraham for your service assisting Cantor Yonati during the High Holy Days. Once again, the dueling shofars on Rosh Hashanah were a big hit! A special thank you to David Laniado's daughter Sivan for leading the children's service in our library: this is a growing sign that the Sephardic Temple is here for generations to come.

Our thanks to Gabbaim Howard Franco, Nathan Grama, Fred Abraham and Jeff Beja. Gentlemen, you do an excellent job in guiding the service, both during Shabbat and the holy days. Thank you for keeping our minhag successful.

Thank you to Honorary Life Trustee and Past President Alex Cohen, and Steve Chernoff and Victor Hazan. You have given me guidance whenever I reached out to you. I thank you on behalf of this congregation, for the many years of outstanding leadership, service, and most importantly, your experience that you have so freely given to me to strengthen the name of Sephardic Temple. You are an appreciated positive influence to all of us.

A huge thank you to the Board of Directors of the Temple. These gentlemen are my amazing advisors. They contribute their time and energy toward most of our Temple's operating needs. Their concern, brainpower and understanding provide this congregation with the very best in leadership qualities. I thank you, gentlemen, on behalf of the congregation.

Thanks to Sisterhood President Susan Bahaloul and Treasurer Tina Erbesh. Thanks to Men's Club President Marc Tenzer, and Treasurer Russ Posner for all the work you do on behalf of our Temple. Thank you to all the ladies of the Sisterhood and the gentlemen of the Men's Club.

One name I would like to mention is that of my dear friend Jerry Hattem, whose anyo marked his first year of passing. To honor the memory of Jerry Hattem, the Men's Club renamed the Annual BBQ: The Jerry Hattem Memorial BBQ. This year's Jerry Hattem Memorial BBQ was a huge success. Thank you to all those who made it possible.

We are proud to have published the Sixtieth Annual Testimonial Journal honoring Susan and Albert Bahaloul. Congrats to our honorees! The congregation and the Board of Directors appreciate and value all your efforts in supporting the Sephardic community. The poetry presentations during the Journal service were magnificent, as was the delicious luncheon that followed. We wish you and your family good health and happiness for the New Year. Thank you to Journal Chairman Russ Posner and Anniversary Celebration Chairman Mel Matsil for assuming the Testimonial Journal responsibilities.

Our Memorial Hall has been open to the public and is located near the library. The memorial plaques represent the departed from the Sephardic Home for the Aged and the Sephardic Jewish Center of Canarsie. Thank you, Jeff Beja, for all your efforts ensuring the successful completion of this project. I strongly suggest that you visit the Memorial Hall when you have an opportunity.

Thank you to our entire Temple staff. A very special thanks to our Executive Director Lloyd Denenberg for your conscientious support with overseeing the functioning of our Temple and workings of the office. You have been and continue to be most supportive to my position as President. I want to take a moment to wish Lloyd a speedy and safe recovery from his recent surgeries. Thank you to Executive Assistant Ashley Rothbart, your dedication to Temple obligations is appreciated. Thank you to office staff Dee Soll and Robin Cohen who diligently ensure our Temple office works smoothly day to day.

Thank you to Superintendent Angel De Leon, you are a major player in the daily operations of our Temple. Angel is assisted by Evelyn Burgos, Susan Barrios, and his team. Thank you for all that you do.

At this time, I am extending an invitation to friends and extended families of members to consider joining our Temple. I am certain that membership at the Sephardic Temple will bring you much pleasure and delight. The beauty of our services, the fellowship of our congregants, and the Temple's support of all special family events enhance the joys of life. Please call our Temple office for membership arrangements. We will make special financial accommodations for new memberships.

In closing, as President, I commit, on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors to continue our mission of safe worship together in these difficult times.

I pray that Hashem blesses our Temple building, its members, and their families, with good health, happiness and long life.

G-d bless America, G-d bless Israel, thank you.

# 2023 Kal Nidre Participants



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Abraham  
Mrs. Marilyn Alcosser  
Ms. Joy Zacharia Appelbaum  
Ms. Diana Assael  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Azaria  
Mr. Sam Barouch  
Mrs. Alma Baruch  
Mr. Michael Baruch  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Beja  
Mrs. Judith Beja  
Mr. & Mrs. Jacques Benatar  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bensignor  
Mr. & Mrs. Amir Berenblat  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bergman  
Ms. Elizabeth Bernstein  
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Blit  
Mrs. Belle Camhi  
Mr. Justin Chernoff  
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Chernoff  
Mr. Alex Cohen  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob S. Cohen  
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Cohen  
Mr. Sol Cohen  
Ms. Roberta Confino  
Mrs. Marion Crespi  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Crespi  
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Crespi  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crespi  
Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Davidson  
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Davidson  
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Edelberg  
Mr. Allan Elias  
Mr. Brett Elias  
Mr. & Mrs. Butch Elias  
Mr. Martin I. Elias &  
Ms. Veronica Arevalo  
Mr. Sean Elias  
**Mr. & Mrs. Alan Elie**  
Mrs. Rose Eskononts  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Ezratty  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Franco  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Franco  
Mrs. Trudy Franco  
Mrs. Caroline Hazan Fried  
Mr. & Mrs. Ira Friedman  
Mr. & Mrs. David Futter  
Ms. Nina Garfinkel &  
Mr. Steven Notis  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Gally  
Mr. & Mrs. David Gatenio  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Geller  
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Gindi  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Glasser  
Mrs. Karyn Goffin  
Mrs. Margualite Gormezano  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Gotkin  
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Grama  
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Grass  
Dr. & Mrs. Steven Haleo  
Dr. Joe Halio  
Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Hanan  
Mrs. Evelyn Hattem  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hattem  
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Hazan  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hazan  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Hazan  
Mr. & Mrs. Victor F. Hazan  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Israel  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Israel  
Mr. & Mrs. Sol Israel  
Mrs. Sandy Izhakoff  
Dr. Stephen Kleinman  
Mrs. Dorothy Lanter  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Lederman  
Mr. Mel Matsil  
Mr. Isaac Mayo  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles McMellon  
Ms. Annielynn Miller  
Mr. Arthur Miller  
Mr. & Mrs. David Monaco  
Dr. & Mrs. Edmond Mukamal  
Mr. & Mrs. Jehiel Nakash  
Mr. & Mrs. Kobi Noiman  
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Oberstein  
Mrs. Louise Pardo  
Ms. Miriam Pardo  
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Pardo  
Mr. Sol Pearlman  
Mrs. Regina Pessa  
Mr. & Mrs. Russ Posner  
Dr. Pnina Powell  
Mr. Arthur Quentzel  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Renton  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Roman  
Mr. & Mrs. Murray Romano  
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Rosen  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Rosen  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Ross  
Mr. Jack Rubin  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Russo  
Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Russo  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Russo  
Mrs. Audrey Salem  
Mr. Michael Russo Sawyer  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Sayah  
Mr. Albert Sayegh  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Schwartz  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schwartz  
Mr. Robert Schwartz  
**Mrs. Evelyn Semaya**  
Mr. & Mrs. Stewart Semaya  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Serwetz  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sharaby  
Mrs. Sylvia Sheinker  
Mr. Murray Simsolo  
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Skolnik  
Dr. Sultana Ehrlich &  
Dr. Robert Smith  
Mrs. Amelia Sobel  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Solli  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Spector  
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Spitalowitz  
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Stein  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Stoltz  
Mrs. Carol Susi  
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Tawil  
Mrs. Delcia Telson  
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Tenzer  
Mr. Elliot Tolchin  
Ms. Sharon Trager  
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Trager  
**Mr. & Mrs. Shai Tzach**  
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Waldman  
Mr. & Mrs. Jarrod Weber  
Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Weber  
Mr. Mark Weber  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Wein  
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Wilson  
Mr. & Mrs. Morris Yanni  
Mr. & Mrs. Ari Yemini  
Mr. Barry Yomtov  
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Zacharia  
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Zacharia  
Mrs. MaryAnn Zacharia  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zacharia  
**Mr. & Mrs. Zion**

*\*New Names in Bold*



# Hol Hamoed Sukkot Dinner & Film Screening

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023*  
*Dinner in the Sukkah at 6:15 pm*  
*Movie at 7:00 pm*



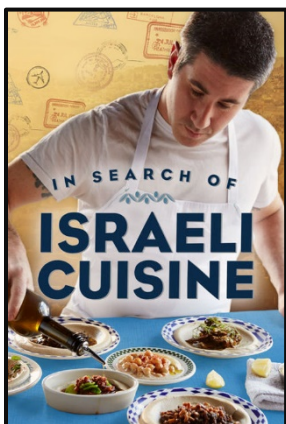
Join us for pizza, dessert, popcorn,  
and a special screening of:



## **IN SEARCH OF ISRAELI CUISINE**

**\$15 per person (for dinner)**

**RSVPs required, please contact the Temple office  
by 11:30am on the day of the event**



*In Search of Israeli Cuisine* is a portrait of Israel told  
through food.

Award-winning chef Michael Solomonov goes on a  
journey profiling chefs, home cooks, farmers,  
vintners, and cheese makers drawn from the  
multitude of cultures that make up Israel today.

