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L'shanah Tovah!

ROSH HASHANAH – SEPT 29 & 30 **YOM KIPPUR – Columbus Day Weekend – OCT 7 & 8**

The High Holy Days 5772 fall during Vermont's beautiful peak foliage season ...the perfect time and place to begin a sweet new year!

We look forward to welcoming you, your family, and your friends to Israel Congregation of Manchester.

MEMBERS CAN ORDER GUESTS TICKETS AT THE FAMILY & FRIENDS RATE

HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE – PAGE 3

Rabbi David Novak is pleased to welcome back to the bima **Cantor Lindsay Waldman**, newly invested by the Jewish Theological Seminary. Together for the third year, Rabbi Novak and Cantor Waldman have made our High Holy Day services eloquent and meaningful.

Seven Weeks

From Rabbi Novak

Think about what number "seven" means to the Jewish people. Perhaps the most important representation of seven is the six days of creation, followed by Shabbat. Shabbat commemorates both creation and our redemption from Egypt. In Hebrew, the days of the week are all numbered: Sunday is "the first day," Monday is "the second day," etc. The seventh day is known as "Yom Shabbat."

Another "seven" that is important to us are these seven weeks between *Tisha b'Av*, the Jewish day of mourning, and the beginning of the Jewish new year, *Rosh Hashanah* (which begins our new year on the first day of the **seventh** month!). After our short, three-week descent into mourning that culminates with reading Lamentations, recounting our destroyed relationship with God, we begin our ascent to a healed and renewed relationship consummated on *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. These seven weeks are our time to prepare for that encounter.

Each week we read a *haftarah* from the Book of Isaiah. Although Isaiah is one book in the Hebrew Bible, these readings are from what is known as Second Isaiah, the Isaiah speaking from the perspective of 538 BCE. This was the time when Cyrus the Great, of Persia, conquered the Babylonians and allowed our Israelite ancestors to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple, the place where our ancestors believed God's name dwelled on earth.

These are words of comfort, reuniting, acceptance, and love. The destructive God portrayed in Lamentations is subsumed in total, presented here as a God who wants to be in relation with us.

These weeks give us the opportunity to heighten our awareness. It is a time where we work on the relationships in our lives: to ourselves, to others, to God. Even though this is not easy work, it is critical work to bring this consciousness into our everyday being. In so doing we will take stock of our blessings and our hurts, committing ourselves to repair and be repaired as we ascend to a fresh year.

Israel Congregation Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

9/2 6:30 pm **Family Shabbat and Community Potluck Dinner** Sponsored by **Micki & Bob Horowitz**

9/3 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Parashat Shoftim*

9/5 Labor Day—Office Closed

9/6 10:30 am **Adult Education:** Talmud Study

9/9 6:30 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Worship Followed by Community *Oneg*

9/10 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Parashat Ki Teitzei*

9/11 9:00 am **Annual Tag Sale**

9/13 10:30 am **Adult Education:** Talmud Study

9/14 4:00 pm **Religious School Begins**

9/15 7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

9/16 6:30 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Worship **Potluck Dinner** Sponsored by **Doris Bass & Marisa Eisemann** in Honor of Libby Harris' *Bat Mitzvah*

9/17 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Parashat Ki Tavo*

9/20 10:30 am **Adult Education:** Talmud Study

9/21 4:00 pm **Religious School**

9/23 3:00 pm **Play & Pray Golf Tournament**

6:30 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Worship and **Community Potluck Dinner** Sponsored by **Irene & Ed Glazer**

9/24 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Nitzavim-Vayeilech*

7:30 pm **Havdalah followed by Selichot**

9/27 10:30 am **Adult Education:** Talmud Study

9/28 1:00 pm Office Closes Early

8:00 pm **Erev Rosh Hashanah Services**

9/29 9:00 am **Rosh Hashanah Services**

9/30 9:00 am **Rosh Hashanah Services**

6:30 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Worship

OCTOBER

10/1 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Parashat Ha'Azinu*

10/4 10:30 **Adult Education:** Talmud Study

10/5 4:00 pm **Religious School**

10/7 1:00 pm Office Closes Early

6:00 pm **Kol Nidre Services**

10/8 9:00 am **Yom Kippur Services**

10/9 10:00 **Sukkah Raising and Children's Decorating Party**

10/10 Columbus Day—Office Closed

10/11 10:30 **Adult Education:** Talmud Study

10/12 3:00 pm Office Closes Early

10/13 9:30 am **Sukkot Service;** Office Closed

10/14 10:00 **Tot Shabbat**

6:30 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Worship Followed by Community *Oneg*

10/15 9:30 am **Family Shabbat,** *Parashat Sukkot*

10/18 10:30 **Adult Education:** Talmud Study

10/19 3:00 pm Office Closed for *Shmini Atzeret*

4:00 pm **Religious School**

10/20 9:30 am *Shmini Atzeret* Service; *Yizkor*~11 am

10/21 6:30 pm **Simchat Torah & Shabbat Worship** Followed by Community *Oneg*

10/22 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Parashat Bereshit*

10/25 10:30 **Adult Education:** Talmud Study

10/26 4:00 pm **Religious School**

10/27 7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

10/28 6:30 pm **Women-led Shabbat Worship** Followed by Community *Oneg*

10/29 9:30 am Shabbat Worship, *Parashat Noach*

10/30 6:00 pm **Women's Rosh Chodesh Group**

11/4 6:30 pm **Family Shabbat and Community Potluck Dinner**

SCHEDULE *of* SERVICES

ISRAEL CONGREGATION OF MANCHESTER

RABBI DAVID NOVAK AND CANTOR LINDSAY WALDMAN

ROSH HASHANAH

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 24, 7:30 pm

Havdalah followed by Selichot

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 28, 8:00 pm

ROSH HASHANAH I

Thursday, September 29, 9:00 am

Tashlich will follow the oneg;
bring comfortable walking shoes

ROSH HASHANAH II

Friday, September 30, 9:00 am

*The shofar will be sounded at
approximately 11:15 am on each day*

YOM KIPPUR

KOL NIDRE

Friday, October 7, 6:00 pm

Service begins promptly; please arrive early

SHACHARIT

Saturday, October 8, 9:00 am

Yizkor will be at approximately 11:30 am

MINCHA

Saturday, October 8, 5:00 pm

NEILAH

Saturday, October 8, ~ 6:15 pm

*The shofar will be sounded at
approximately 7:15 pm*

Havdalah with children's procession follows

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

CHILDCARE will be available.

SUKKOT

October 12-20

Sukkot 1 – Thursday, October 13, 9:30 am

SHMINI ATZERET

Thursday, October 20, 9:30 am

Yizkor will be at approximately 11:00 am

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Shabbat Evening

Friday, October 21, 6:30 pm

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, pick up a list of needed items, bring back your donations, and we will deliver them to the Food Cupboard after Yom Kippur. All non-perishable food donations are also welcome. Thank you for taking part in this mitzvah - helping those in need in our own community.

Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah

Sukkot, the festival of our rejoicing, begins this year the evening of October 14. We will be building the *sukkah*, the temporary structure put up annually on our rear patio, on Sunday, October 9, at 10 am. At the same time, we will have a family program where decorating stations will be set up in the social hall for families to come and participate in creating our *sukkah's* decorations. First day *Sukkot* services will be held in the *sukkah*, weatherpermitting, on Thursday, October 15, at 9:30 am.

Shmini Atzeret, the conclusion of the week-long holiday, will be on October 20 with worship at 9:30 am and *Yizkor* at approximately 11:00 am.

Simchat Torah, our annual rejoicing over the Torah, will be celebrated Friday, October 21, at 6:30 pm.

Third Annual ICM Reads December 3, 7:00 pm

Building upon the success of our first two ICM Reads events, the Library Committee is delighted to announce that *By Fire, By Water*, by Mitchell James Kaplan is the book selected for this year's program. A beautifully crafted historical novel set in Spain at the time of the Inquisition, *By Fire, By Water* brings readers close to the lives of conversos, who had only distant connections to their Judaism, and hidden Jews attempting to elude the long arm of Torquemado, Chief Inquisitor.

We are delighted to have Williams College Professor Dr. Leyla Rouhi, whose area of specialization is Medieval Spain and the Inquisition, as our speaker. *By Fire, By Water* is set against a historical background which includes Columbus, Queen Isabella, King Ferdinand, Moorish emirs, and more, and Dr. Rouhi will provide fascinating insights into a period in Spain which changed the course of Jewish history.

Come with an appetite to savor the taste of Sephardic/Castilian food and the sound of Ladino music.

Purchase your copy of the book for \$10 in our office.

Calling All Bakers

Each year, Israel Congregation is proud to offer bountiful *onegs* following our High Holy Days services. The homemade treats made by our talented congregant bakers are what makes these *onegs* so special. Once again, we reach out to those of you with a knack for baking to help create an enticing display of pick-up desserts. Please contact **Jen Weinstein** at jhw@theweinsteingroup.net or 802-768-8333 to let her know what you can bring.

Women-led Shabbat

The first women-led service was such a great evening that we'd like to do it again. **Libby Harris** has offered to lead the group this time. If you would like to join her in putting together (and helping to lead) an enjoyable, meaningful service, please contact Libby at libbyharris@comcast.net. We have scheduled the next "sisterhood" Shabbat for Friday, October 28. All of the women who led services the last time agree that it's a wonderful experience!

Rosh Chodesh Gathering

The next meeting of the women's *Rosh Chodesh* group is set for Sunday, October 30, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We have moved the time up a bit so that we can share more than just a snack. Please bring a vegetarian or dairy dinner dish to share.

Our discussion at this gathering will focus on the experience with religious education for women in our congregation. Come share your stories about the religious training you received—or didn't receive—when growing up.

College Connections

We like to keep in touch with our college-aged congregants and let them know the members of Israel Congregation are thinking of them. If you have an ICM Family Membership and have a child in college, send his/her school mailing address to office@icmvt.org and we will send your child a "Thinking of You" gift for the High Holy Days and *Pesach* (Passover). Please send addresses by September 15 to ensure delivery of High Holy Days gifts.

President's Column

As I sit here in our library, I marvel once again at this magnificent synagogue and grounds that we are so blessed to enjoy. Even more important, however, are the meaningful friendships and relationships that have been forged over the years through our involvement and commitment to Israel Congregation.

All of us who have developed and maintained these lifelong connections are deeply indebted to Israel Congregation of Manchester.

We are a dynamic Jewish community full of many activities, celebrations, and events. We must sustain this momentum. We must continue our deep commitment to a full range of ritual observances and the religious education of our children. We also must continue to provide for the spiritual and emotional needs of each and every congregant—particularly during these difficult economic and political times.

We are alive and vibrant thanks to you and your ongoing financial support.

We are the center for Jewish religious and cultural life in the Northshire. We offer many rich and diverse programs, such as ICM Reads, special guest lecturers, Klezmer and MMF Young Artists concerts, 92nd Street Y shows, film festivals, folk dancing, *Yom HaShoah* commemoration, Talmud and other adult education classes, our community-wide *seders*, tag sales for *Tikkun Olam*, and many more.

In short, Israel Congregation does so much because of you.

Our dues are much lower than those of other synagogues. We invest more in our religious school than we get back in tuition. We provide classes and programs for all because we know that engaging our people—young and old—is the key to securing our Jewish future. We can do all this because our members have always acted generously at the High Holy Days with additional financial contributions to our congregation.

When you contribute, you are giving so much: to yourself, to your family, to our community, to the Jewish people today, as well as to future generations.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

I look forward to seeing you at the High Holy Days. On behalf of the Board, let me be among the first to wish you a *Shanah Tovah!*

John Sobel


Religious School Begins

ICM's Religious School begins Wednesday, September 14, at 4:00 pm. This year we are delighted that **Alison Hill, Yuval Sela, and Rabbi Novak** will constitute our faculty. They are looking forward to welcoming your children for the new school year. If you would like registration information please contact Karen in our office at office@icmvt.org or by calling 362-4578.

In addition to a vibrant Hebrew and cultural curriculum there will be special programs throughout the year, as well as our monthly Family Shabbat Friday Night Services, and our Shabbat Morning Family Services which begin this year on Shabbat morning, September 17, at 9:30 am.

New: Tot Shabbat!

Parents, grandparents, anyone with toddlers—come on October 14 to our *sukkah* for our first Tot Shabbat program of the year. For one hour we will be in the *sukkah* (weather-permitting), light candles, have some challah, do some singing of Shabbat songs, and tell a story. This is open to *anyone* who has a child being raised Jewish, whether or not a member of the congregation. For more information, please contact Rabbi Novak at rabbi@icmvt.org.



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Rabbi Bob Alper for leading Friday night Shabbat services July 29

Rebecca Fishkin for leading Saturday morning Shabbat services July 30

Jackie Borella, Bev Rokes, Libby Harris, Susan Leader, Ina Rubin, and Charlotte Sperling for leading Friday night Shabbat services August 5

Ina Rubin, Alison Hill, Libby Harris, and Ruth Gilbert for spearheading the return of the Women's *Rosh Chodesh* Group

Manchester Music Festival Young Artists for their beautiful performance prior to services August 12

Ina Rubin and Marlene Skulnik for sponsoring our Shabbat dinner on August 26

Georgette Levis and the Lifelong Learning Committee for bringing author Julie Salamon to ICM August 27

Mazel Tov

Vicki and Steve Greene on the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Chris

Steve Cohen on the engagement of his son, Jonathan, to Dara Silverstein

Irene Berkson on her Pen & Brush, sculpture, and jewelry shows this past Spring

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Dinah Stevens on the loss of her husband, Hugh Spitzer, July 2, 2011

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Our New Shabbat Dinner Schedule

In an effort to better meet the needs of our ever-changing congregation, the Board of Directors has evaluated and updated our community potluck Shabbat dinner schedule as follows:

- ICM holds a community potluck dinner only when the dinner is sponsored or it is Family Shabbat (usually the first Friday of the month). Please bring a vegetarian or dairy dish to share.
- On other Friday nights, services are followed by an *Oneg*.

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For exhibitor information, please call Lynne Abcug, 297-1946.