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TOL's MITZVAH SUMMER

*We celebrate the B'nei Mitzvah of our TOL teens.
Mazal Tov to them and to their parents!*

Jonathan Lederman

Friday-Saturday, June 14-15

Parents: Michelle Leversee & David Lederman

Annabel Brazaitis

Friday-Saturday, June 28-29

Parents: Julie Penn & Mark Brazaitis

Elana Gutmann Friday-Saturday, July 5-6

Parents: Amy Gutmann & Rich Gutmann

Sam Snider

Friday-Saturday, July 19-20

Parents: Bonnie & Dan Snider

Sarah Rosefsky

Friday-Saturday, July 26-27

Parents: Linda & Adam Rosefsky

Ilan Wright Saturday, August 10

Parents: Daya & Rodney Wright



HADASSAH

Shalom y'all. Our June 9th, 2013 Hadassah book club meeting was a big success, as usual. We shmoozed, ate some good, healthy food as well as shared our recent favorite reads. Our list is extensive and available for the asking. If you like mystery novels, you will find a plethora of choices. Historical fiction and non fiction also had a strong showing. Many of our members are reading by listening ... we had a brisk trade in "Books on Tape/CD." We all thank Barbara for being our always gracious hostess.

We are planning an informal board planning meeting and welcome new faces. Please join us **6:30 pm Wednesday, July 10 at Merle's house.**

We look forward to an exciting new year and your presence!! Keep tuned for more details.



June Mazal Tov Shabbat

Our June Mazal Tov Shabbat recognized celebrants for June and July. August and September honorees will be recognized in September.

SISTERHOOD

TOL Sisterhood hosted a very enjoyable Ikebana flower arranging class June 16th.

In addition to creating beautiful arrangements to take home, attendees learned about the work of TOL Sisterhood. We welcomed several new members and hope that all the women of TOL will also join us as we continue to sponsor wonderful special programs, support the religious school and contribute financially for major projects of the synagogue.

We recently donated a brand new refrigerator as well as \$1800. For the Charm Campaign. We passed a budget at our last Board meeting which includes two fundraisers. The first will be a TOL garage sale to be held in South Park in August. Please start collecting and pricing items you have on

hand to donate. We will be participating in a neighborhood wide sale which brings in many buyers. Our plan is to have members drop off items at Rosa Becker's garage (around the corner from entrance 245 Allison St.) and then hold the sale in the large driveway on Wagner Road. Watch for further details in upcoming announcements.

We also plan to hold our fall Sisterhood Shabbat featuring a wonderful guest, illustrator and Judaic artist from Pittsburgh, Ilene Winn-Lederer. The date is the first weekend in October. Ilene will be doing a multi media presentation over Shabbat and an art activity Sunday morning. She is the author and illustrator of *Between Heaven and Earth, An Illuminated Torah Commentary* and is currently working on an illustrated book of blessings.

Women of TOL...we need your participation!!! Please become a

member of Sisterhood. Basic dues rate is \$36. (More than half of that amount goes to national and regional organizations, in accordance with WRJ structure.)

Contributions at a higher level are most welcome. Please write your check to Tree of Life Sisterhood and mail to:

Eva Segert-Tauger, Treasurer,
TOL Sisterhood
POBox 4051
Morgantown, WV 26504-4051





**Adam
Rosefsky**

This year is just flying by.

Our religious school was a great success, and plans for next year are already under way. We are almost half way through summer, and our B'nai Mitzvah marathon is going strong. For those of you not able to make it, as of this writing, Jonathan Lederman and Annabel Brazaitis have both become B'nai Mitzvah. We still have Elana Guttman (July 6th), Sam Snider (July 20), Sarah Rosefsky (July 27) and Ilan Wright (Aug. 10). If you haven't attended one, please come by. I assure you that everyone is welcome. And I can guarantee that you are all invited to my daughter Sarah's.

Our CHARM campaign is well under way. The first phase of the construction and build out is complete.

The Roof has been replaced, the New AC is up and running and the first part of the Social Hall update is complete. The social hall ceiling looks great, the new paint brings a whole new life to the place. We still need to retile the floor and replace the cabinets, and we're working to get that scheduled. I'd like to thank Ed Gerson, Marty Sipin, Austin Works for their hard work in organizing and overseeing the construction. I'd also like to thank Donna Bolyard-Gerson for picking out the color scheme. Also thank you goes to Julie Penn, Michelle Leversee, Al Berrebi, Daniel Berrebi, Max Snider and all the others who gave up their weekend to clean and organize the downstairs (I know I'm missing some names and I'm sorry).

While the construction is over for the moment, the paying is still going on. When the membership approved the construction to replace our dilapidated AC system, failing Roof and improve the Social Hall, we know it was going to be expensive.

We are a small congregation, and all

of the work we do to maintain and improve the center of our Cultural Heritage comes from a small group of people. We know that we will need about \$1,500 from each member family. Not everyone can afford that much (especially not all at once) and some can afford more. For my donation I set up an automatic funds transfer of \$100 a month (beyond my normal membership dues) for 3 years. It's easy and I don't even have to think about it.

If you haven't given to the CHARM Campaign, please do. If you have given, please consider giving more. This year, the High Holidays are very early, so look for your membership package coming soon. We have again engaged Daniel Hazzan to act as our Cantor.

Finally on a sad note, I wish to offer my personal condolences to Sylvia Cooper on the loss of her husband Barry. On behalf of myself, Linda, Sarah and the rest of the Tree of Life family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Shalom.

Mazal Tov

College Graduates

Alex Abrahams graduated from RISD (Rhode Island School of Design) with a degree in bachelor of fine arts, with a major in FAV (film, animation, and video) and minor concentration in graphic design. This summer he is taking a screenplay writing course in Providence and plans on seeking employment for a year or 2 to gain experience before attending graduate school.

Kathryn Cohen graduated from Brown University with a dual major in Applied Music, where she received the Marion Hassenfeld Award, and Economic Developmental Studies, where she graduated with honors and received the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence and the Class of 1873 prize. Katie

has a short summer gig in New York and then will be planning her sister Rebecca's bachelorette party and assuming other maid of honor duties, as well as working on issues related to mountain top removal and on graduate school applications and auditions in hopes of furthering her studies in classical voice.

Stephen Stolzenberg graduated from Princeton University with a degree in German and a certificate in Near Eastern Studies. Stephen graduated with Department Honors and received the Mary Cunningham Humphreys German Prize. Stephen will be teaching English in Thailand through the Princeton in Asia program.

(If we have missed anyone, please let us know and we will include them in the next newsletter)

Congratulations to:

- **Bob Hunt**, honored in June as Fairmont's Rotarian of the Year
- **Ilan Wright**, who addressed the Buckhannon Rotary meeting on June 11 about his upcoming bar mitzvah (as reported by the *Elkins Inter Mountain* and the *Buckhannon Record Delta*)
- **Emily Sharkey**: 2nd grade winner of the Shelley A. Marshall Foundation Mother's Day Writing Contest
- **Eliana Tauger** for winning the Willy Fund Scholarship.

מזל טוב!



**Rabbi
Hample**

Signpost to the Promised Land

At this season we are reading Deuteronomy, the fifth and last book of the Torah. In Hebrew the book is called *D'varim*, “words” or “speeches.” The name Deuteronomy (“second lawgiving”) is Greek, a translation of the book’s alternate Hebrew name, *Mishneh Torah*. As you might guess from this name, the book recapitulates a lot of material from the preceding books: for example, the Ten Commandments from Exodus, the dietary laws from Leviticus, and the instruction to wear fringes on the corners of our garments from Numbers. An element shared by Genesis and Deuteronomy is the hint that God is female as well as male. Genesis 1:27 says man and woman are created in the Divine image; Deuteronomy 32:18 says “you forgot the Rock that bore you, and neglected the God who gave birth to you.”

Deuteronomy is framed as Moses’ final remarks to the Israelites at the edge of the promised land, just before his death. It is a preview of the promised land and the requirements of living there. We are told what sorts of food we will be eating in Canaan, the importance of sharing our crops with the needy, and the wisdom of protecting fruit trees. We are urged to show compassion for debtors, not to take the shirt off their backs or invade their homes. We are ordered to respect judges and to pursue “justice, justice.” The repetition of the word implies two kinds of justice: the strict justice of rights and responsibilities, and the flexible justice of conciliation and compromise.

Unlike other books of the Torah, the historical date of Deuteronomy can be fixed with some precision. Deuteronomy, or an early version or fragment of Deuteronomy, was undoubtedly the lost book of the Torah that came to light during the reign of King Josiah, as recounted in II Kings 22-23. King Josiah reacts to the discovery by centralizing the sacrificial cult at the national Temple in Jerusalem and suppressing the regional shrines. This centralization is required by Deuteronomy (chapter 12) and by no other book of the Torah. King Josiah lived in the late 7th century BCE, a generation before the Babylonian captivity, so that must be when Deuteronomy was published.

But the message of Deuteronomy is timeless. The book offers the clearest theology, the shrewdest political program, the most compelling social vision in Scripture. Best of all, Deuteronomy contains the *Sh'ma*, the credo of Judaism. “Hear this, Israel: the Eternal is our God; the Eternal is one.” In other words, the only God we need is the God of justice. The worship of any other will surely divert us from the promised land.

Darkest before the Dawn: The Fast of Tish’ah b’Av

In midsummer, July 16 this year, Jews fast to commemorate the destruction of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. This sad holiday is called Tish’ah b’Av, “the ninth of Av.” Av is the name of the month, so the expression is similar to “the fourth of July.” The custom is to wear drab clothes, sit on the floor, and read the book of Lamentations, which describes our suffering under conquest. A well-known verse from Lamentations is *Hashivenu Adonai v’nashuvah: chaddesh yameinu k’kedem* (“Take us back, Eternal, and we will return: renew our days as of old”).

There is a slight Biblical discrepancy about the date of this holiday.

II Kings 25:8-9 says the Temple was destroyed on the seventh of Av, while Jeremiah 52:12-13 claims it happened on the tenth of Av. The rabbis split the difference and designated the ninth of Av for the annual observance. But if the ninth falls on Shabbat (Saturday), the fast is deferred to Sunday. A Jew never fasts on Shabbat, except when Yom Kippur falls on Shabbat (as it will, this September 14).

The Biblical destruction of the Temple was inflicted around 586 BCE by the Babylonians. The Temple was later rebuilt, and destroyed again by the Romans in 70 CE. Supposedly both the Babylonian and Roman destructions occurred on the same calendar day. Perhaps this coincidence is not to be understood literally. But it seems plausible that both destructions took place at approximately the same time of year. History’s battles and conflicts unfolded mainly in the summer, when the weather permits the movement of troops. Both the American and French revolutions started in July. Most famous wars began in the warm season.

How is it possible that the house of an all-powerful God can be destroyed? The rabbis believed God permitted the catastrophe as retribution for our sins. The Talmud says the first Temple was destroyed to punish us for the sins of idolatry, adultery, and murder, but the second Temple was destroyed to punish us for the sin of *sin’at chinnam* (baseless hatred). This shows that *sin’at chinnam* is as bad as idolatry, adultery, and murder put together. Then there’s the legend of Kamtza and Bar Kamtza, in which a private quarrel escalates to national disaster and the destruction of the Temple. The rabbis lived in a time of squabbling factions and divisive politics not unlike our own. They saw clearly that inconsiderate treatment of one’s neighbor can lead to every sort of calamity.

A ray of hope is offered by another folktale, that Tish’ah b’Av is the birthday of the messiah. This tradition is similar to the old saw that it is always darkest before the dawn. Probably most Reform Jews do not believe



in an actual person called the messiah: rather, the messiah is a metaphor of redemption. In one Talmudic story, a rabbi receives a mystical revelation that the messiah will come “today.” He is all excited, but when the day ends, the messiah has not come. Only then is the rest of the message disclosed: “Today *if you hear God’s voice* (Psalm 95:7).” Redemption is at hand, whenever we are truly ready for it.

On Tish’ah b’Av we recite the *Nachem* (“Comfort”) prayer, a text used at no other time of year. The *Nachem* prayer invites God to rebuild Jerusalem with fire just as it was destroyed with fire. Another custom at Tish’ah b’Av is the singing of solemn songs called *kinot*. I blush to confess that I do not know any of the traditional, old-country *kinot*. However, new-fangled songs like Don McLean’s “By the Waters of Babylon” (based on Psalm 137) work just as well. The famous *Hashivenu* verse from Lamentations can also be sung to a contemplative melody.

The interval between Tish’ah b’Av and the High Holidays is called the seven weeks of consolation. During the latter part of the summer, Jews prepare for the reconnection with God represented by the Days of Awe. That is the real *nechemta* (silver lining) of this fast day. Tish’ah b’Av truly is the darkest part of the Jewish year, but it is not long before the dawn.

Adult Education

In the spring we provided adult education three times a month, including adult Hebrew on the first and third Wednesdays, and diverse subjects on the second Wednesdays. On May 8 we studied “Modern Jewish Crisis I,” how the Jewish people was shaped by the events of 1881-1945; and on June 12 “Modern Jewish Crisis II,” bringing the story up to the present, with special attention to the State of Israel.

Over the summer, the only adult education is adult Hebrew on the first and third Wednesdays. Please contact me if you have ideas for adult

education in the fall.

Children’s Education

The religious and Hebrew school term concluded with a certificate ceremony and picnic May 19. The TOL Sisterhood generously awarded Barnes & Noble gift cards to those completing the year. We owe the success of the picnic to Michelle Leverage and Rachel Spero, who coordinated food and activities, respectively. The teachers enjoyed a thank-you lunch at Pies & Pints on June 2.

Religious school staffing for the fall is still fluid. If you know of college students or others who might wish to teach, please put them in touch with me. We hope Sheryl Grossman’s health permits her to return. A new resource is Nina Price, a Jewish educator moving here from California. She may be very helpful with neglected functions like technology and teacher training.

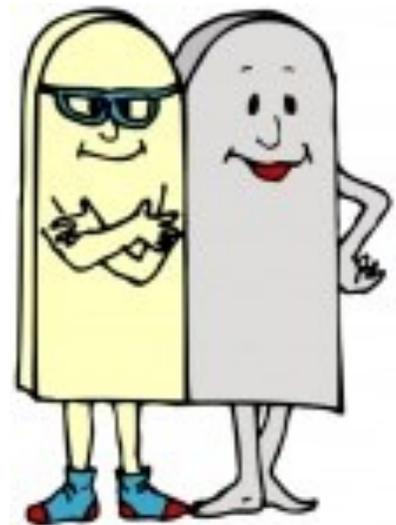
The top priority of our religious school is to develop an attitude, not a knowledge base. The main goal is for the children to *like* Judaism. The same should be true of our Hebrew school: the most important thing is for the children to *like* Hebrew. Last year we used several different Hebrew books, but all of them tended to bore the children with their focus on the language of prayer. That’s why I’m developing a new, irreverent Hebrew primer for use in the fall, with sentences like “Where did you buy that ugly hat?” and “I’m flushing the broccoli down the toilet.” Perhaps the children will illustrate the book, as they expertly illustrated our homemade Passover *haggadah*.

I sent a progress report to *b’nei mitzvah* parents on May 22. Next year I’ll provide *b’nei mitzvah* progress reports more frequently, as parents need a sense of what’s being accomplished and what isn’t. The Snider family has developed an explanatory leaflet for Sam’s ceremony and shared with other *b’nei mitzvah* families who may wish to imitate it. TOL young-

sters celebrated two *b’nei mitzvah* in June: there are three more in July and one in August. We hope many of these kids will serve the religious school in the fall as *madrichim* (teachers’ aides).

I continue to work with Margalit Persing and Rachel Spero on the teen program for the fall. On summer Saturday mornings when there is no *bar/bat mitzvah*, we’ll have some teen workshops to brainstorm and trade ideas. Everyone, especially families with a tween or teen, is welcome to participate.

We are grateful to Aric Agmon, Rosa Becker, Daniel Berrebi, Ben Borinsky, Laurie Brager, Ilana Chertok, Monique Gingold, Sheryl Grossman, Amy Gutmann, Emily Layman, Brian Lemoff, Michelle Leverage, Zevi Lowenberg, Steve Markwell, Margalit Persing, Rachel Spero, Barry Wendell, Julie Winegard, Alana Works, and Andrea Works for leading the TOL religious and Hebrew school in 2012-13. Everything we do, of course, is a group effort: that’s the real meaning of the *minyán* (quorum) concept. It takes a village to serve God properly.



Major Yizkor Book Changes!

Beginning 5774, our Yizkor book will include the complete Yizkor service. Our Ritual Committee – Richard Cohen, Chair – is working with Rabbi Joe to produce a publication that is a more spiritually fulfilled and which is in fact our own unique Jewish community record.

Two years ago, at Sylvia Cooper's urging, we created and began using a **Yizkor Book** during our Yom Kippur services. Our intent was to shorten the afternoon services, as we had three congregations' *yahrzeit* tablets, or about 500 nameplates. Larger congregations initiated this change years ago. Being mindful of those who still preferred to recite all the names, a special service provided the opportunity to do so.

Although this year we will again edit all the names, errors and/or omissions are always possible. These things happen even with the best of planning. If you are aware of any errors or omissions in last year's Yizkor book, we welcome your corrections for the 5774 Yizkor book. For those wanting to personally memorialize loved ones and friends, complete information is provided in the adjacent column.

Due to publishing deadlines, corrections and submissions sent in after **July 31, 2013** will not be published in the book itself; at best we can only suggest, but not guarantee, an insertion page for late submissions.

Shalom – Ed Gerson IPP
For all submissions & questions:
gerson1@earthlink.net



Dedicatory Pages Donation Schedule

Front inside cover
\$175

Back inside cover
\$150

Full page
\$125

Half page
\$75

Quarter Page
\$50

Dedicatory List of Family and Friends

Cost per Name
for members
\$10
for non-members
\$18

Names of those who passed away within the previous year are automatically listed.

**Deadline
for all
Submissions
July 31st**

Send all submissions to
gerson1@earthlink.net

Send Donations to
Tree of Life Congregation
PO Box 791
Morgantown, WV 26507-0791

NOTE: Because of spacing and layout concerns, we must limit the number of names per full/half/quarter page.

Visit <http://etzheim.org>

Kolot: Summer Morning, a poem

by **Bonnie Enes**

Slow rise to this humid morning from the alabaster-white sheeted bed, slip into a tangerine robe,
follow the tortoise-shell cat meows to the kitchen, spoon oily tuna into her turquoise bowl set up the coffee pot to brew,
fill a lime green cup slide into the bronze wicker chair, inhale steam from water that flowed through freshly ground beans farmed,
harvested in a distant land while orangutans romped along the Bohorok River under coco palms as sea turtles plumbed the depths of the Indian Ocean and elephants transported tourists to coffee plantations where locals plucked coffee beans off bushes
as bananas ripened and the occasion of the peacock-blue sky turning dark, cracked open, washing off dust coating the rain forest.
I sip heavenly blackness from Sumatra, the purring cat on my lap now, her coat ebony with paint brush strokes of sun.





**Merle
Stolzenberg**

I hope that everyone is having a good summer and enjoying the relative ease of getting through Morgantown. As summer progresses your board is gearing up for the New Year. It is one of our busiest times as we being planning for the next fiscal year , the beginning of Religious School and of course, the High Holidays. The Tree of Life fiscal year ends on August 31, so please make every effort to pay all of your financial obligations for the 2012-13 year. Thank you for your support this

year. And it is never too late to make a pledge if you have not already done so. Every pledge counts.

We rely on not only your fair share dues pledges but also on the gifts that allow us to keep up with the maintenance of our fifty plus year old building. The congregation voted at our last meeting to spend funds to replace the air conditioning and the roof and to update the social hall. I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy the improvements. It is nice to know that the roof is no longer leaking and that the air conditioning won't break down on a 90 degree day during one of the summer's B'nai Mitzvot! But now we need to raise the funds to cover the costs of the renovations which were taken out of our endowment funds. The CHARM campaign is underway with a goal of raising the entire amount needed to replace the funds taken out of the en-

dowment fund. The endowment fund's purpose is to ensure the long term financial security of the Tree of Life Congregation so this is an important goal. Thank you to those who have already donated to the CHARM campaign. For those who have not yet donated, please be as generous as you can. We are hoping to get 100% participation from the congregation. Pledges can be paid over time if you would like.

If you have any questions about dues, about making a donation to the CHARM Campaign or to any of the other funds, please contact me at (304) 292-6767 or by email at mpstolzen@yahoo.com.

I look forward to seeing you at Tree of Life soon.

*Merle Stolzenberg,
Treasurer*

Donations Made in April/May 2013

CHARM Campaign

Allan and Millie Karlin
Gloria Lees
Rusty Mall
Judith Stitzel
Rita Tanner

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

By David Lederman and Michelle Leverage
in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jonathan
By Dan and Daya Solomon
in memory of Ruth Krawetz and Jonah Henry Solomon

In Memory of Barry Cooper Community Members

Darrell and Robin Asbury
Barbara Born
John and Judith Hall
Arthur and Barbara Weldon

Tree of Life Members

Nyles Charon and Anne Selinger
Stan and Judy Cohen
Sherry Hildebrand
Norman and Matha Lass
Bennett and Muriel Millstone
Alan and Merle Stolzenberg

Yahrzeit Plaque Deadline July 22nd

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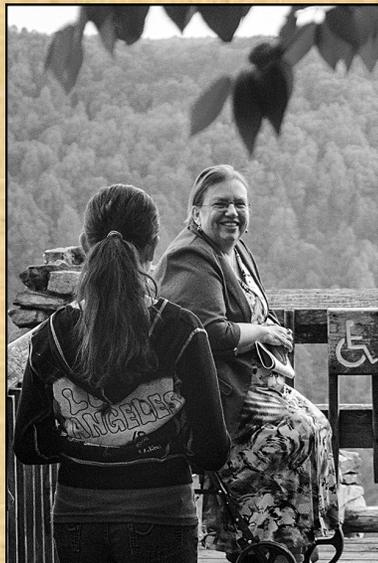
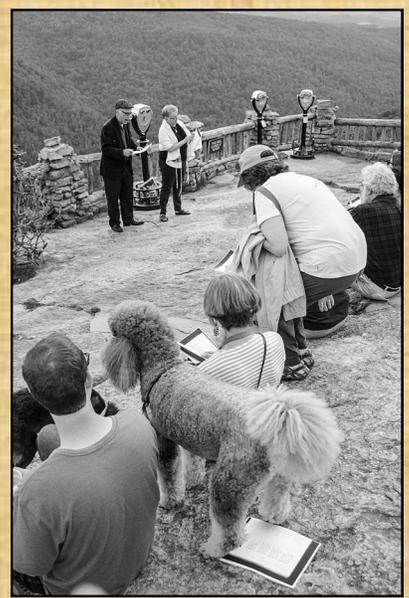
Because the High Holidays are so early this year, if you want to order a Yahrzeit plaque and have it on the Yahrzeit board before Yom Kippur, you must email or call Bennett Millstone by **Monday, July 22, 2013**.

Email (preferred):
mzbam@comcoast.net
phone:
304-292-3406

Cost of each plaque is \$400. Payment should be sent to:

Tree of Life Congregation
PO BOX 791
Morgantown, WV 26507-0791





Ilan Wright Bar Mitzvah

Please share in our joy
as our beloved son
Ilan Robert
is called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, August 10, 2013
Ten o'clock in the morning

The congregation is invited
to join us for a luncheon
following the ceremony

Please RSVP to:
daya@dayawrightlaw.com
304.473.0658

Thank You!

The Lederman family would like to thank everyone who attended Jonathan's bar mitzvah for celebrating this wonderful milestone with us. We are also grateful to everyone who has supported Jewish life and Jewish education at Tree of Life throughout the years, and are so appreciative of this community.

Michelle and David

From Barry Cooper's Family

There is an old African proverb: "It takes a village ... to raise a child." During my family's recent loss, I found a new meaning for that proverb. It takes a (TOL) village to feed, comfort and support a family in grief. When food started pouring in, we started a list. Before long, the list was a lost cause. There was no way to keep track of everything people brought and did. So, in lieu of individual thank you notes, please accept our family's gratitude to all of you for all you did.

Grieving is a new experience for me. It has been decades since we lost a close family member. As I struggled, I realized the wisdom of our Jewish faith. At its heart, sitting Shiv'ah is not about sitting on low stools and draping mirrors. It is about making sure there is a support group in place. It is about the mitzvah of comforting the mourners. I found this online: "*Most of all, the mourners need to know that they are not facing the world alone, that they have friends.*" Thank you my friends. Your mitzvot of caring and support have given us needed and appreciated comfort.

*We note with sorrow
the passing of
Bernard R. Cooper
"Barry"*

*May his memory
be a blessing*



Samuel Snider Bar Mitzvah

Samuel Snider will be Bar Mitzvah on Saturday July 20th. The congregation is invited and an Oneg will follow on the first floor of the Synagogue.

Bonnie and Dan Snider

Share Your Simcha Buy a Leaf on THE SIMCHA TREE

**\$250/leaf
\$2500/Small Stone
\$5000/Large Stone
Contact
Merle Stolzenberg/
Barbara Jacowitz**

Remember a loved one
with a
YAZRZEIT PLAQUE
\$400 DONATION
Contact: Bennett Millstone

TOL offers many donation opportunities.

For a complete listing
please visit

[http://www.etzhaim.org/
aboutus/temple/](http://www.etzhaim.org/aboutus/temple/)



Erev Rosh Hashana Oneg

Tree of Life Congregation, Wednesday, 4 September 2013

Break-the-Fast

Tree of Life Congregation, Saturday, 14 September 2013

Dear TOL community,

The TOL board has been busy planning for the High Holidays, which are very early this year. TOL members, Lee Kass and Julie Penn have volunteered to coordinate the **Erev Rosh Hashana Oneg** and **Break-the-Fast**. Details follow:

Lee Kass will be coordinating the Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg on September 4, 2013. We invite you to help in any of the following ways. Please let Lee know as soon as possible, **preferably before August 28**, how you can contribute to this special TOL High Holiday event.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg, 4 September 2013

Apples & honey, challahs, fruit tray, cheese plate, cookies, cake that can be eaten with the fingers, drinks, help with set up or clean up, OR make a monetary donation to help with paper goods and other related expenses.

Contact Oneg Coordinator:

Lee Kass at (lbk7@cornell.edu; 304-816-4787) to tell her what you will be bringing. If calling her, call before 10:00pm. Send monetary donations to Lee at 1822 Pleasant Valley Road, Fairmont, WV 26554

Julie Penn will be coordinating the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast on September 14, 2013. Please help Julie by letting know as soon as possible, **preferably before September 7**, how you can contribute to this special TOL High Holiday event.

Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast, 14 September 2013

GENEROUS amounts of one of the following: Bagels/breads; kugels/main dishes; fruit, salads and vegetables, desserts, help with set up or clean up, OR make a monetary donation to help with paper goods and other related expenses.

Contact Break-the-Fast Coordinator:

Julie Penn at (julietspenn@gmail.com or 304-296-8723) to tell her what you will be bringing. Send monetary donations to Julie at 734 Courtney Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501.

Thank you for your help and your continued support of Tree of Life Congregation.
Shana Tova Umetukah (A Good and Sweet Year).

Lee B. Kass

lbk7@cornell.edu, 304-816-4787

&

Julie Penn

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JULY/ 2013			
Date	Day	Event	Time
7/3/13	Wednesday	Hebrew for adults	5:30-7:00 pm
7/4/13	Thursday	Sorry, no Rabbi drop-in hours	
7/5/13	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat for Elana Gutmann	7:30-9:00 pm
7/6/13	Saturday	Elana Gutmann bat mitzvah	10:30 am-1:30 pm
7/11/13	Thursday	Sorry, no Rabbi drop-in hours	
7/12/13	Friday	Shabbat & oneg	7:30-9:00 pm
7/13/13	Saturday	Sorry, no Shabbat service	
7/16/13	Tuesday	Tish'ah b'Av service sitting on floor	6:00-7:00 pm
7/17/13	Wednesday	Hebrew for adults	5:30-7:00 pm
7/18/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
7/19/13	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat for Sam Snider	7:30-9:00 pm
7/20/13	Saturday	Sam Snider bar mitzvah	10:00 am-1:00 pm
7/22/2013	DEADLINE YAHRZEIT PLAQUES		
7/25/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
7/26/13	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat for Sarah Rosefsky	7:30-9:00 pm
7/27/13	Saturday	Sarah Rosefsky bat mitzvah	10:00 am-1:00 pm
7/28/13	Sunday	Burial of g'nizah (expired Hebrew documents)	12:00 noon-2:00 pm
7/31/03	DEADLINE YIZKOR BOOK SUBMISSIONS		

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Date	Day	Event	Time
8/1/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
8/2/13	Friday	Shabbat & oneg	7:30-9:00 pm
8/3/13	Saturday	Family High Holiday brain-storm	1:00-3:00 pm
8/7/13	Wednesday	Hebrew for adults	5:30-7:00 pm
8/8/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
8/9/13	Friday	Shabbat & oneg	7:30-9:00 pm
8/10/13	Saturday	Ilan Wright bar mitzvah	10:00 am-1:00 pm
8/15/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
8/16/13	Friday	Shabbat & oneg	7:30-9:00 pm
8/17/13	Saturday	BBYO event	TBA
8/21/13	Wednesday	Hebrew for adults	5:30-7:00 pm
8/22/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
8/23/13	Friday	Shabbat & oneg	7:30-9:00 pm
8/24/13	Saturday	Teen High Holiday brain-storm	1:00-3:00 pm
8/29/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
8/30/13	Friday	Shabbat & oneg	7:30-9:00 pm
8/31/13	Saturday	Soup kitchen, Trinity Episc, 247 Willey St.	10:00 am-12:00 noon
8/31/13	Saturday	Movie & S'l'ichot service	7:00-10:00 pm



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