

# The Poile Zedek Bulletin

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*"How does the city sit solitary  
that was full of people! How is  
she become as a widow."*

*"Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your G-d."*



*"איכה ישבה בדד העיר  
רבותי עם. היתה כאלמנה."*

*"נחמו, נחמו עמי יאמר  
אלקיכם."*

## THE RABBI'S MESSAGE

We are now at the beginning of the "Three Weeks", a period of national mourning for the destruction of the *Bais Hamikdash*, the Holy Temple. This period begins Tuesday, July 3, with the Fast of the 17th of Tamuz and will culminate on Monday night and Tuesday, July 23 and 24, with the fast of the Ninth of Av. The Chafetz Chayim points out that it is most crucial for us to be aware of the sins that caused the destruction of the *Bais Hamikdash* which have prolonged the exile. By correcting these faults we can avert future tragedies and bring about the future redemption.

In the Tractate *Yoma* (9b) the *Gemarrab* attributes the destruction of the First Temple to the Jewish nation's transgressing the three cardinal sins: idolatry, adultery, and murder. However, the *Gemarrab* asks: "During the era of the Second Temple when Judaism was flourishing, *Torah* was studied, and people were

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## THE President's MESSAGE

Greetings to all. I hope that this finds you in good health and enjoying your summer.

As we approach the Three Weeks, culminating with Tisha B'Av and afterwards the month of Elul and the Yamim Noraim, the High Holy Days, we find ourselves in an extended period of introspection. We are reassessing our interpersonal relations — as the Temple was destroyed because of unjustified hatred one to another, and our relationship with G-d in anticipation of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

It is in this light that I urge you to help us ensure that we have a minyan on a daily basis and on Shabbos. During the course of the year there are many times when we just have the 10 requisite for a minyan. During the summer, when many are on vacation, assuring that we have a minyan, daily and on Shabbos, is critical. Our daily minyanim are followed by a light breakfast and learning; our Shabbos service is

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## 17th Tammuz & Tisha B'Av Schedule

### **TUESDAY, JULY 3 — 17TH OF TAMMUZ**

Shacharit	7:15 A.M.
Fast starts	4:20 A.M.
Mincha	3:25 P.M.
Fast ends	9:18 P.M.

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 4**

Shacharit	8:00 A.M.
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### **MONDAY, JULY 23 — EREV TISHA B'AV**

Shacharit	7:15 A.M.
Fast starts	8:20 P.M.
<i>Tisha B'Av</i> services	
Ma'ariv, Eicha and Kinot	8:15 P.M.

### **TUESDAY, JULY 24 — TISHA B'AV**

Shacharit	7:15 A.M.
Mincha	7:45 P.M.
Fast ends	9:07 P.M.

### **FRIDAY, JULY 27—EREV SHABBAT NACHAMU**

Shacharit	7:15 A.M.
Candle lighting	8:01 P.M.

### **SHABBAT, JULY 28 —**

*SHABBAT NACHAMU, PARSHA VA'ETCHANAN*

Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Shabbat ends	9:09 P.M.

### **SUNDAY, JULY 29**

Shacharit	8:00 A.M.
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## HIGH HOLIDAYS 2007



**Rosh Hashanah:** Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 13 & 14.

**Tzom Gidalyah:** Sun., Sept. 16

**Yom Kippur:** Fri. evening, Sept. 21 (Kol Nidre) & Shabbat., Sept. 22.

**Succot thru Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah:** Wed. eve, Sept. 26 - Fri., October 5

**High Holiday Services at Poile Zedek** (as well as services year round) are relaxed, informal, and heimish. Everyone is engaged and is an integral part of the service. Beginners feel comfortable with the pace of the services and regulars appreciate the ability to concentrate on their prayers. At Rosh Hashanah services beginners, or those feeling uneasy about the order and pace of the service, are teamed with congregants to guide them. Please mention to the Rabbi that you would like to participate. Our seudah luncheon after services on Rosh Hashanah and break-the-fast reception after Yom Kippur further enhance the holiday experiences.

To reserve your High Holiday seats now please fill out the form on the back cover and mail to Cong. Poile Zedek, P.O. Box 166, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 or reserve online at our website: [www.poilezedek.org](http://www.poilezedek.org). Tickets are \$75/person; no charge for college students.

### **WEEKLY CLASSES & SHIURIM**



**Millionaire Club — Lunch & Torah study with Rabbi Mykoff Tues. & Thurs.**  
12:00 — 1:30 P.M.

**Partners in Torah**—Study with your own private rabbi from Lakewood. Refreshments and *Ma'ariv* following. Weds. — 8:10 P.M.

**Torah Study** in Russian — Learn the Torah with Rabbi Eli Kogan. Thursdays — 7:00 P.M. Men and women. Refreshments served.

### **Eruv Information**

In order to utilize the New Brunswick eruv, you must check weekly on its status (whether it is functioning for that Shabbat) by calling the Eruv hotline: (732) 247-ERUV before Shabbat.

To request to be placed on the Eruv e-mail list, please call the Rutgers Hillel Foundation: (732) 545-2407. For a map of the Highland Park/Edison and New Brunswick Eruvim boundaries go to [www.hperuv.org](http://www.hperuv.org).

### ***Shiv'ah Asar b'Tammuz—17th of Tammuz***

The fast of the 17th of *Tammuz* (from dawn to nightfall) marks the beginning of the destruction of the Second Temple with the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem by the Roman armies, culminating with the destruction of the Temple three weeks later on the 9th of Av.

The 17th of *Tammuz* was also the day that Moses smashed the first Tablets of the Covenant, upon seeing Israel's worshiping of the Golden Calf. It was also the day when Temple services were disrupted prior to the destruction of the First Temple.



### ***Tisha B'av — Laws & Reflections***

*Tisha B'av*, the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, is a 25 hour fast in the Jewish calendar which lasts from sundown to when the stars appear. *Tisha B'av* is a time of sorrow and mourning over the destruction of the Second Temple and the exile of the Jewish people from the land of Israel.

*Tisha B'av* has historically been a day when tragedies have befallen the Jewish people. The *Talmud* lists five tragedies:

- ♦ On this day, the *meraglim* (spies) returned after scouting out the land of Israel with a negative report. It was decreed that the generation that had left Egypt would die out in the desert during the forty years of wandering.
- ♦ The first *Bais Hamikdash* (temple) was destroyed by the Babylonians.

- ♦ The second *Bais Hamikdash* was destroyed by the Romans.
- ♦ The fortress of Betar was destroyed by the Romans and Bar Kochba's revolt was crushed.
- ♦ The city of Jerusalem was razed to the ground and plowed over.

Other tragedies which have occurred on *Tisha B'av* include the beginning of the First Crusade in 1095; the expulsion of Jews from Spain by King Ferdinand in 1492; and the beginning of World War One in 1914.

In addition to the restriction against eating or drinking, we refrain from bathing, anointing, wearing leather shoes and marital relations. It is also customary to sit on low chairs such as mourners do. At night we read in the synagogue from *Megilat Eicha*, the Book of Lamentations. After the *Megilla* reading at night and after morning services on *Tisha B'av* day we recite *kinot*, elegies, regarding the destruction of the Temple and other tragedies that befall our people.

### **Other Highlights in the Month of Av**

***Shabbat Nachamu*** – The *Shabbat* after *Tisha B'av* is called *Shabbat Nachamu*, named for the *Haftorah* read that *Shabbat*. It is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 40, and begins with the words "*Nachamu, Nachamu Ami*" (Comfort, comfort my people). *Shabbat Nachamu* is the first of seven *Haftarot* of consolation.

***Tu B'Av*** (15th of Av) – The *Talmud* calls *Tu B'Av* one of the most joyous days of the Hebrew calendar. This was the day when the generation of the *midbar* stopped dying. When the Jewish people lived on their land, this day was an occasion for celebrating various events.

*Tachanun* is not said on this day.

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performing many *mitzvoth*, why was the Second Temple destroyed?" The *Talmud* concludes that the cause of the destruction of the Second Temple was due to *sin'at chinam*, unjustified hatred, and its derivatives including *lashon harab*, speaking derogatorily about our fellow Jew. It equates baseless hatred of our fellow man with the three major sins of idolatry, adultery, and murder. In fact, it was the *lashon harab* of the *meraglim*, the spies, which caused the death of the generation of the *midbar* (the desert) and prevented their entrance into *Eretz Yisrael*. *Tisha B'av*, the eve of the *meraglim's* return, was to become the saddest day of the Jewish calendar.

Thus, we see how important it is to eliminate *sin'at chinam* and to promote all facets of *abavat chesed*, loving kindness, thereby bringing about the *genula sh'laimah*, the true redemption.

During the era of the great Rabbi Akiva, twenty-four thousand of his students also met a tragic fate due to their lack of *kavod habriyos*, honoring their fellow man. It was Rabbi Akiva who concluded that "*Ve'ahavtah lerayacha kamocha* (*Vayikra* 19:18) - *zeh klal gadol batorah*" - "To love your fellow Jew as yourself is the most fundamental principle of the Torah."

By applying this great principle in practice, we can help bring about a true peace, the rebuilding of the *Bais Hamikdash* and the coming of the *Maschiach* speedily in our days.



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followed by a Kiddush.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind those who have allowed their membership to lapse to please contact the synagogue to renew your membership and to encourage those of you who are not yet members to consider doing so now. As you know, Poile Zedek is the only orthodox synagogue in New Brunswick. In addition to serving our membership, we also have many New Brunswick residents and Rutgers students who rely on us, and our community outreach programs help many who would not otherwise have a connection to Judaism. Our membership dues have been kept purposefully low so that all who wish may join; however, our expenses have not decreased and every member is important. For your convenience we have included an application form on page 7.

What better time to make or renew your commitment to Poile Zedek than now! By attending services and renewing your membership or becoming a new member, you are accomplishing both those *mitzvoth* between man and his fellow man and those between man and G-d.

Also, please remember — Rosh Hashanah 5768 starts Wednesday evening, September 12. Please reserve your seats now by filling out the form on page 8 or by reserving online at [www.poilezedek.org](http://www.poilezedek.org).

Danny Ravitz

## **Your Contributions Count!**

Your contributions to Poile Zedek help support the operation of the shul and enable Poile Zedek to provide vital services to our community.

Poile Zedek has five funds for this purpose.

### **The Rebbetzin Fanny Mykoff Torah Fund**

Established in the memory of Rabbi Abraham Mykoff's mother, of blessed memory, the Torah fund furthers Torah observance by assisting individuals to meet their social and religious needs.

### **The Joan Schick Educational Fund**

The fund supports Torah education on both a community and individual basis. This fund includes the Joan Schick Memorial Library. It is in memory of a true woman of valor who devoted herself tirelessly to the synagogue.

### **The William Weber Matzah Fund**

The William Weber Matzah fund was established by William Weber, of blessed memory, a veteran member of the congregation. The Matzah fund provides Passover food for the needy and sponsors our annual Community Seder.

### **Project Chesed Free Loan Fund**

The Project Chesed Free Loan Fund has been established by Mr. & Mrs. Zalman and Miriam Widofsky, in memory of their parents. This fund provides small, short term, interest free loans to individuals. If you know of anyone who could benefit, please contact the synagogue.

To make a donation or inquire about a free loan, please call the synagogue (732) 545-6123.

**The Ellen Schick Gemilat Chesed fund** was established in order to allow people to continue to benefit from Ellen's warmth and

compassion for many, many years to come, this fund provides moderate loans to individuals. Donation checks should be made out to: Ellen Schick Gemilat Chesed Fund, c/o: Barry and Diane Mael, 423 Benner Street, Highland Park, NJ 08904. For more information please call (732) 819-3512

## **Good & Welfare**

### **Mazel Tov**

To the following upon their celebrations:

#### Births

Dr. Peter & Rachelle Kassai on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Mr. & Mrs. Moshe Weider.

#### Bar Mitavahs

Evan and Jill Chaimowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Steven, at Poile Zedek.

#### Weddings

Michael Feigin and Chedva Auman on their upcoming marriage.

#### Graduations

Sarah Morrison from Moshe Aaron Yeshiva High School.  
Ira Herniter from eighth grade.

### **Refuah Shelaima**

A speedy and complete recovery to the following:

Harry & Bea Einstein, Pearl Friedkin, Miriam Goldman, Mike Gross, Yehudit Mitchell, Baruch Savitt, Helen S. Solomon, and Sima Svirskiy.

### **Condolences**

Jerry Silverstein and family upon the loss of his mother, Gertrude Silverstein.

“May the Almighty console the family among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.”

## Yahrzeits

### Av 5767 - July/August 2007

#### 4 Av — July 19

Mark Berkowitz.....grandmother, Eva Berkowitz  
Robert Berkowitz.....grandmother, Eva Berkowitz  
Bernard Israel.....Aunt Sadie

#### 13 Av — July 28

Mark Berkowitz great grandfather, Joseph Fisher  
Robert Berkowitz great grandfather, Joseph Fisher

#### 15 Av — July 30

Harvey Leder.....father  
Steven Leder.....father

#### 17 Av— August 1

Myra Marantz.....mother, Ruth Berkowitz

#### 18 Av — August 2

Lyudmila Ivanova...grandmother, Malka Tzikerman

#### 19 Av — August 3

Marvin Marantz.....brother Morris  
Edith Schwartz.....brother Morris

#### 20 Av — August 4

Alan Brown..... father, Milton  
Yaakov Gitelman...father, Yitzchak ben Chaim

#### 25 Av — August 9

Joan Israel.....Aunt Milli

#### 28 Av — August 12

Sophia Mezhibovsky..... Esther Mezhibovsky

#### 30 Av — August 14

Sylvia Margolis.....father

### Elul 5767 - August/September 2007

#### 1 Elul August 15

Mark Berkowitz.....father, Samuel  
Robert Berkowitz.....father, Samuel  
Rhonda Jasper.....father

#### 7 Elul August 21

Mark Berkowitz.....mother, Sandra  
Robert Berkowitz.....mother, Sandra

#### 9 Elul August 23

Marvin Marantz.....brother Herman  
Norman Mironov.....mother  
Edith Schwartz.....brother, Herman

#### 14 Elul August 28

Elizabeth Friedman..... brother, Manny

#### 16 Elul August 30

Henrietta Buckner.....mother, Mollie B. Berger  
Channah Idesis.....father, Ovsey Milman

#### 23 Elul September 6

Ron Greenberg.....mother, Annette Greenberg  
Ruth Grossman.....father  
Joan Israel..... Aunt Hilda

#### 24 Elul September 7

George Shrier.....mother, Runa

#### 26 Elul September 9

Richard Bruskin.....mother, Bess  
Stanley Bruskin.....mother, Bess

#### 27 Elul September 10

Miriam Goldman.....mother, Jennie Klaus  
Bernard Israel..... grandmother, Esther  
Bernice Weinblatt.....mother, Jennie Klaus

## A Loving Tribute

### Memorial Windows



Memorialize your loved ones by dedicating a stained glass window in our beautiful sanctuary. A limited number of windows are still available for this fitting tribute to the memory of a cherished family member. Each window is \$1500.

### Memorial Plaques

Memorialize your loved ones by having their names listed on our bronze Memorial Boards in the sanctuary. A light will be illuminated on their yahrzeit dates. Each plaque is \$150.



Please call the synagogue at (732) 545-6123 to dedicate a window, order a plaque, or for more information.



# CONGREGATION POILE ZEDEK NEEDS YOU

## TO BECOME A MEMBER.

For only a \$150 investment you & your family can have a **Share In Eternity** by ensuring the continued success of Poile Zedek.

### Congregation Poile Zedek Membership Application

145 Neilson Street, P.O. Box 166, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 \* 732 545-6123

#### Applicant Information

Name: (Rabbi, Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kohen \_\_\_\_\_ Levi \_\_\_\_\_ Yisrael \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maternal Grandmother's Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Office #: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_ Secular \_\_\_\_\_

#### Spouse Information

Name: (Rabbi, Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kohen \_\_\_\_\_ Levi \_\_\_\_\_ Yisrael \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maternal Grandmother's Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Office #: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_ Secular \_\_\_\_\_

Previous/Other Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Children (use married names where applicable)

Name	Hebrew Date	Eng. Date	School
_____	_____	_____	_____
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I hereby apply for membership and agree to pay the annual dues of \$\_\_\_\_\_.\*

If my membership application to Poile Zedek is accepted, I agree to follow Congregation's constitution and by-laws.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Note: Annual membership is \$150.** First year membership for applicants from June to September is \$75. First year membership for applicants from October 1<sup>st</sup> – end of year is waived with payment of \$150 credited to following year dues. High Holiday Seats are \$75.

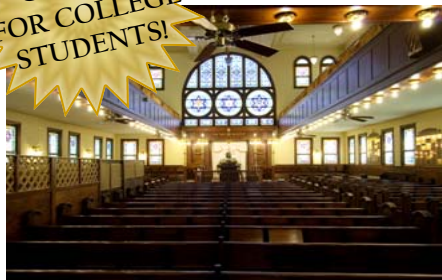


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- Marty Klein, Cantor

Rosh Hashanah: Thursday, September 13, & Friday, September 14

Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre, Friday, September 21, & Saturday, September 22

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Seat Reservations—please mail in form below or reserve via our website—[www.poilezedek.org](http://www.poilezedek.org)

## Seat Reservations—High Holy Days 2007

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Women: main level (ml) or balcony (b) available.

Men

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Aliyahs/Honors

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Number of seats \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75/Seat = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Cong. Poile Zedek, P.O. Box 166, New Brunswick, NJ 08903