

From your Ritual Committee

**This article was accidentally omitted from the September 2022**

L'Shanah Tova. As we write this article we continue to prepare for the High Holy Days. We are grateful to be able to have in-person and streamed High Holy Day Services starting on Erev Rosh Hashanah Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. And although our COVID restrictions have been relaxed at this time with masks recommended at Temple Israel but not required, for High Holy Day Services only adults and children sixteen and up must show proof of vaccination or present a negative Covid 19 test result taken within the previous 36 hours.

As we prepare for the Days of Awe, the Memory Book is being finalized, High Holy Day honors are being distributed and continue to be adjusted, the Ritual Silver will be polished with the assistance of Sisterhood on September 14<sup>th</sup>, Bimah Flowers will be refreshed and White Torah Covers will be dry cleaned in time for Selichot.

Selichot, a prelude to the High Holy Days will be observed on Saturday evening September 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 PM and includes light refreshments, a study session "The Power of Regret" led by Rabbi Howald and Cantor Bernstein, Havdalah and the Selichot Service. Please join us at this first High Holy Day observation. And we look forward to seeing you at Temple for Rosh Hashanah, Shabbat Shuvah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. The specific dates and times of all Services are found elsewhere in the Bulletin. Using the flyer also included in this Bulletin, please be sure to order your own personal Lulav and Etrog Sets by September 28<sup>th</sup> and be prepared to wave them in all directions during Sukkot.

As the summer ends, we welcome back home Cantor Suzanne Bernstein who will be our part-time Cantor this year. Her first Shabbat Service will be on Friday evening September 2<sup>nd</sup> and don't miss the special welcoming happening on Friday evening September 16<sup>th</sup>. Cantor will be at all our High Holy Day Services and more. We will also welcome this month Cantor Bandman on Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> for Shabbat Shuvah. Congregant Jim Rohan has agreed to be our musical leader on many dates when Cantor Bernstein is not here.

And we thank Jim Rohan for providing musical leadership for the Erev Shabbat Services in the months of July and August.

Saturday morning Torah Study and Services continued on the Zoom platform. The lay leaders who led Saturday morning Torah Study in the months of July and August were Linda Brill, Arnie Grossman, JR Rich, Barbara Fried, Kathi Kass, Maxine Cohen and Judy Lee. Our Saturday morning Shabbat Services were led by Pamela Carlton, Dr. Ken Pickover and Jaimie Blackman. We thank them all for their dedication and generosity of time.

We wish for all a happy, healthy and sweet 5783.

Jerry, Nina and Linda