

# SHOFAR

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*Bring your whole self,  
whoever you are*

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# LETTER FROM THE RABBI

## Answering the Call of the Shofar

October coincides almost entirely with our season of T'shuvah, translated variously as "Repentance," "Return," and "Penitence," but modern Hebrew translates T'shuvah as "**Answer.**" We normally think of T'shuvah during these **Aseret Y'mei T'shuvah** (the "Ten days of T'shuvah")/**Yamim Nora'im** ("Days of Awe")/**High Holy Days** as an act of returning to our highest selves; it is a call to go back to the Garden (thank you, Joni Mitchell!) when humans were still in our pristine condition, newly-minted inhabitants of the earth, blemish-free. Humans were deemed "very good" and created B'tzelem E-lohim ("in God's image") in the Creation story. All of us, Judaism teaches, are divinely constituted, infinitely valuable.

Despite our proud beginnings and divine pedigree, God having breathed life into the first human, our lives collide with a fragile, chaotic, and at times injurious world. Damaged people and the cruelty they repeat cause us, amidst our fears of our mortality, to contort, leading us astray. These **Aseret Y'mei T'shuvah** from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur are designed—says Jewish tradition—to straighten out the kinks and dysfunctions that have developed within us during our interface with the brokenness that surrounds us so that we can be on an honorable pathway for another year, pleading to God that S/He move from the **Throne of Judgment** (for "Ashamnu...Chatanu," we are shamefully capable of transgressions) to the **Throne of Compassion** (God is "E-l Rachum v'Chanun," a Compassionate and Merciful God who is rooting for us, for humanity). Jews pray that our lives are signed and sealed during these **Yamim Nora'im** into a metaphorical Book of Life rather than a Book of Death, and our tradition teaches us that in order to ensure this life-giving future year, we must hear the call of the Shofar to "Wake Up!" as medieval Jewish philosopher Rabbi Moses Ben Maimon (Maimonides) taught us in the 12th Century. The shofar pierces our ears with:

"Arise from your slumber, you who are asleep; wake up from your deep sleep, you who are fast asleep; search your deeds, repent, and remember your Creator. Those of you who forget the truth because of daily trivialities, indulging throughout the year in the useless things that cannot profit you nor save you, look into your souls, amend your ways and deeds. Let everyone give up his evil way and his bad purpose..."

Let us ponder for a moment the other definition of T'shuvah, "Answer." Might the act of return and repentance be in and of itself the Answer to our world's fragility? Might Answering this call to change be the answer? As Jews throughout the world ponder how to be better, how to fulfill our divine purpose (bestowed upon not only Jews but all of humanity as descendants of Adam), will we answer the necessity to recognize the image of God in those around us? How will we honor God's image seen within us and within our fellow travelers of the planet? Do we accept the urgency to create the world that we wish for our children and our children's children?

As a Bakersfield rabbi dedicated to the perpetuation of Jewish values, I pray that this requirement to celebrate life, sustain it, and find solutions to our world's problems can urge not only Jews but all of us to pursue a better world. L'shanah Tovah Tikateivu v'Techateimu, may none of us ignore the necessity to **answer the ever-present question about how to address suffering and brokenness**, within us and within the world around us, and may we be signed and sealed in a Book of Life for another great year and many more to come.

Blessings,



Rabbi Klein



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shalom Friends who are Family,

This is such an exciting time of year for me! The high holidays are here for us to celebrate. We will be together for services, fellowship, and sweet treats. I love it all! Be sure to check the calendar and come to the temple.

I am hosting a luncheon immediately following Rosh Hashanah services on Thursday, October 3rd. It will be in the social hall. Fire oven pizzas are made on location along with other nosh. I hope to see you and enjoy the first day of the year together. We will go to do Tashlich at Mill Creek after lunch.

All eyes continue to be on Israel and its fight for survival. I pray and ache every day for our hostages who are enduring unbelievable conditions and

abuse. I pray and ache every day for the displaced citizens who have been living in hotels for nearly a year due to the constant attacks by terrorists from the north. I pray and ache for all the civilians, on all sides caught in this hell created by terrorists who couldn't care less about their people. May the year 5785 bring lasting peace to all of us.

As I write this, we are in the midst of the Kern County Fair. Our Pastrami King is a hub of good energy, fun, and delicious sandwiches. People come to the window and tell us how they wait all year to enjoy our pastrami. I am so proud of everyone stepping up for this fun, heavy lift! Seeing acquaintances, chatting with friendly strangers, people-watching, and dancing to the concert de jour, is all a priceless experience for the community.

Quintessential Bakersfield! I am grateful to the congregation B'nai Jacob members who enable us to carry on this Bakersfield Jewish tradition and I am looking forward to continuing to raise money and having a silly good time for many years to come at our special spot in the fair.

יש תמיד סיבה למסיבה – there is always a reason for celebration  
L'Shanah Tovah,

*Avital Anders*  
President



# Our Contributors:

Thank you

## Memorials/Yahrzeits

- Greg & Rose Broida: in memory of Emilio Gonzales
- Beth Freedman: in memory of Jerry Stein, Mona Freedman & Tim Fromm
- Ronald & Laura Lauria: in memory of Pauline Shinberg, Minnie Gintzler
- Nancy & Arthur McCombs: mem of Jonathan McCombs
- William & Terry Skinner: in memory of Laura Jenkins

## Tree of Life

- Vivian Gonzales



## Kol Nidre Donation

- Andy & Diane Andrews
- Esther & Rogers Brandon
- Leonard & Carla Epstein
- Melanie Rudnick: in memory of the Milton and Diane Rudnick Family

## Rabbi Discretionary

- Leonard & Carla Epstein
- Mary Gerena

## Solar Carport

- Linda Porter

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**We are grateful for all contributions!**



# Happy Anniversary



**Dave & Marissa Marcus**

October 7

**Amanda & Mario Garza**

October 11

**David & Lillian Brust**

October 15

**Irvin Pike & Pamela Elisheva**

October 15

**Jenny & Raymond Seibert**

October 30

## MOMENTS IN OUR LIVES



**Laura Lauria**

October 1

**Steve Newbrough**

October 10

**Zaharija Ristic**

October 2

**Dejan Ristic**

October 10

**Avital Anders**

October 4

**Marcus Magnus**

October 11

**Greg Broida**

October 5

**Karen Zanoff**

October 17

**William Skinner**

October 5

**Lindsay Pearson**

October 18

**Marsha Parr**

October 6

**Sharon Rhodes**

October 18

**Leonard Epstein**

October 8

**Heather McAlister**

October 20

**Jeanne Moore**

October 8

**Raymond Seibert**

October 22

**Ron Baron**

October 9

**Pandora Jacobson**

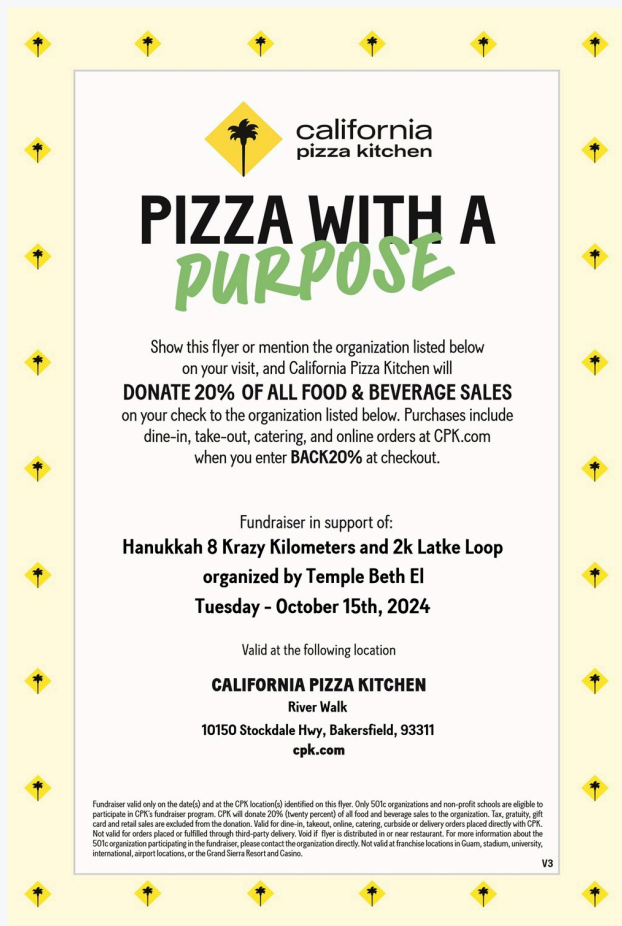
October 27

יום הולדת שמח

# Temple Beth El Night at California Pizza Kitchen Night



You can support Temple Beth El and the Hanukkah 8 Krazy Kilometers by eating some wonderful food at California Pizza Kitchen located at 10150 Stockdale Hwy on Tuesday, October 15th any time between 11:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. - dine in, take out or delivery; just mention the 8 Krazy Kilometers or Temple Beth El when ordering and enter Back20% at checkout and 20% will be donated back to us. Tell all your friends about this delicious fundraiser.



The 7th annual Hanukkah 8 Krazy Kilometers and 2K Latke Loop will be here sooner than you think, December 8 . You must register by November 6th to be guaranteed a race shirt. Register at [RunSignUP](https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Bakersfield/8krazykilometers). Get a discount when you form a team of three or more.

Check out our merchandise in our race store! Open to both registrants and non—registrants. Purchase at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Bakersfield/8krazykilometers>

The Hanukkah 8 Krazy Kilometers committee is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, you can sign up at [Hanukkah 8 Krazy Kilometers and 2K Latke Loop Fun Run](https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Bakersfield/8krazykilometers)



For more information about our event, you can check out our official website at <https://www.8krazykilometers.org/> or our social media sites ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), or [X](#)) Please share and invite all your friends.

# Sisterhood Chailights

*Sisterhood members continue to participate in many exciting and interesting activities! All activities can be started at any time and no prior attendance is needed.*

**GENERAL MEETING-** October 20th @ 12:00 pm Under the Sukkah & TBE Zoom

**LEADERSHIP MEETING-** No leadership meeting in October

**BOOK CLUB-** October 20th @ 1:30 pm. Reviewing: The Postcard by Anne Berest in the Sukkah & by TBE Zoom!

**Rosh Chodesh-** October 27 @ 6:30 pm via TBE Zoom

**ROSH HASHANAH Oneg-** Wednesday Night October 2nd! Please let Helen know if you can bring a dessert.

**COOKING CLASS-** October 20 @ 10:30 am! We'll eat what we make in the Sukkot at our meeting! Will also be on TBE Zoom!!

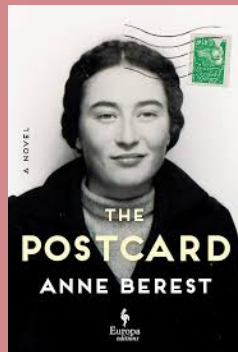
**SISTERHOOD DUES ARE NOW DUE!! \$18 FOR THE WHOLE YEAR!!** You can pay online at the TBE website or send a check made out to WOTBE with sisterhood on the envelope!!

Please consider joining some great women! We are now on Facebook. If you would like an invite to join our group please let one of the leadership team know!

All Sisterhood activities are via TBE Zoom and in person, as noted.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me, Helen Armistead- Co-Vice President/Secretary; [armisteadlmft@gmail.com](mailto:armisteadlmft@gmail.com)

## Sisterhood Book Club



Our next read for Sisterhood Book Club will be [The Postcard by Anne Berest](#). In 2003, twenty-four-year-old Anne Berest's mother, Lélia, receives a cryptic postcard containing only the names of four relatives, who all died at Auschwitz during the Holocaust. Ten years later, Anne embarks on a mission to discover who sent it and why, and she soon discovers more about her family's history and her Jewish heritage. Aided by her chain-smoking mother, family members, friends, associates, a private detective, a graphologist, and many others, she embarks on a journey to discover the fate of the Rabinovitch family: their flight from Russia following the revolution, their journey to Latvia, Palestine, and Paris. What emerges is a moving saga that shatters long-held certainties about Anne's family, her country, and herself.

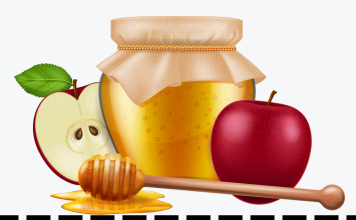
9 We will meet in person with a Zoom element on Sunday, October 20th in the Sukkah for our general Sisterhood meeting at 12:00 pm and to discuss the book after around 1:00 pm.





Elul  
Tishrei

# October



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
No Religious School		1 <i>28 Elul</i> 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom) 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Zoom) Religious Practices Committee	2 7 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Services	3 <i>1 Tishrei</i> <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 9 am Children Services 10 am Rosh Hashanah Services followed by Open house & Tashlikh	4 6pm First Friday Shabbat Family Services	5 <i>Ha'azinu</i> 4:30-5:30 pm Class on Ecclesiastes (by Zoom)
6 9:30-12:30 Religious School	7 Commemoration to Remember those slain and hostages in Israel.  Online Hebrew Reading Class*	8 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom) 7:00 pm Board Meeting	9 Online Hebrew Reading Class*	10	11 6 pm Kol Nidre	12 <i>Yom Kippur</i> 9 am Children Services 10 am Yom Kippur Service - midday discussion 4:30 pm Yizkor/Neilah 7 pm Break the fast
13 9:30-12:30 Religious School 9:30 am Mensch Club build Sukkah	14 Online Hebrew Reading Class*	15 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom)	16 <i>Erev Sukkot</i> Online Hebrew Reading Class*	17 <i>1st day of Sukkot</i>	18 6 pm Potluck in the Sukkah with Sukkot Services	19 <i>Sukkot</i> 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service w Cong Bnai Jacob 4:30-5:30 pm Ecclesiastes Class ( Zoom)
20 9:15-12:30 Religious School Resumes 10:30 am Cooking Class 12:00 pm SH Gen. Meet 1:00 pm Book Club Meeting	21 Online Hebrew Reading Class*	22 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom)	23 Online Hebrew Reading Class*	24 <i>Shemini Atzeret</i>	25 6 pm Simchat Torah	26 <i>Bereishit</i> 4:30-5:30 pm Class on Ecclesiastes (by Zoom) 6 pm Havdalah & Selichot Services
27 9:30-12:30 Religious School 10:30 am Cooking Class 10	28 Online Hebrew Reading Class*	29 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom)	30 Online Hebrew Reading Class* <b>*Contact Rabbi Klein for Registration</b>	31	Services Religious School Adult Education Leadership Meetings Community Events Sister Hood Event <i>Parsha of the Week</i> <i>Jewish Holidays</i> <i>Jewish Date</i>	

# UPCOMING EVENTS:



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Temple Beth El



**SUKKAH BUILDING**

With the Mensch Club

- Bring gloves
- Be prepared for a great time!

October 13 @ 9:30 am



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**Potluck and Services in the Sukkah**  
**6 pm**



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**VETERANS SHABBAT**  
**@ 6 PM**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

# CELEBRATION WEAR



Temple Beth El is always ready to celebrate! You can now show everyone that you are ready to celebrate with us and help support TBE at the same time! We have t-shirts for the hot summer weather and sweatshirts for the cooler winter weather!

Please go to the TBE website to order yours today! We have both youth and adult sizing!!

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## ALWAYS A REASON TO CELEBRATE

# יש תמיד סיבה למסיבה!!

# Yahrzeits

## September 2024

*+Memorialized on the Yahrzeit plaques on the wall in the foyer*

### SEPTEMBER 27 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

<b>Bea Shilkrou</b> : aunt of Judy Strauss	September 27; Elul 24
<b>+Else Bachenheimer</b> : remembered by TBE	September 27
<b>Barbara Gose</b> : remembered by TBE	September 28
<b>+Sandra Laibman</b> : aunt of Larry Fish	September 28
<b>Rosellynn Witer</b> : mother of Elaine White	September 28
<b>+Hyla Ruth Goldman</b> : remembered by TBE	September 28
<b>+Ida Gintzler</b> : remembered by TBE	September 29
<b>+Irving Pevar</b> : remembered by TBE	September 29
<b>+Benjamin Klein</b> : remembered by TBE	September 30
<b>+Marvin E. Lipco</b> : remembered by TBE	September 30
<b>+Rebecca Schwartz Rosen</b> : remembered by TBE	September 30
<b>+David Pacht</b> : father of Terri Stanton	October 1
<b>Vickie Hugo</b> : wife of Mark Hugo	October 2
<b>+Max Greenberg</b> : remembered by TBE	October 2; 21 Tishrei
<b>James Ray Jr. Williams</b> : remembered by TBE	October 2
<b>Saul Lande</b> : father of Rose Blatt; grandfather of Barbara Kessler; great-grandfather of David Kessler	October 3; Tishrei 1
<b>Jewell Potter</b> : step-mother of Alexander Potter 7"7	October 3
<b>+Florence Makoff</b> : remembered by TBE	October 3; Teshrei 20

### OCTOBER 4 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

<b>Ida Gintzler</b> : great grandmother of Laura Lauria; great-great-grandmother of Amanda Garza	October 4, Tishrei 2
<b>Joseph Polland</b> : grandfather of Laura Lauria; great-grandfather of Amanda Garza	October 4, Tishrei 2
<b>Ludwig Oppenheimer</b> : father of Judy Feldman	October 5, Tishrei 3
<b>Norma Dorris</b> : mother of Gail Magnus; grandmother of Elliott Magnus	October 6
<b>Bonnie Jauch</b> : friend of Karen Briefer	October 6
<b>+Etta Fleishman</b> : remembered by TBE	October 6
<b>Louis Leventhal</b> : uncle of Howard Leventhal 7"7	October 7
<b>Bessie Makoff</b> : sister-in-law of Florence Makoff 7"7	October 8, Tishrei 6
<b>Norman A. Potter, Sr.</b> : father of Alexander Potter 7"7	October 8
<b>+Sarah Messerman</b> : remembered by TBE	October 8; Tishri 8
<b>+Rosa Brown Gilfenbain</b> : remembered by TBE	October 8
<b>Mona Freedman</b> : daughter of Beth Freedman; sister of Michael Freedman	October 9
<b>Amy Knight</b> : wife of John Knight 7"7; sister of Susie Simrin	October 9
<b>Opal R. Neal</b> : remembered by TBE	October 9
<b>Leonard Simrin</b> : father of Stan Simrin 7"7; grandfather of Susie Simrin	October 9, Tishrei 7
<b>+Hyman Davis</b> : husband of Pearl Davis 7"7	October 10
<b>Katrina Pickens-Roman</b> : aunt of Pamela Elisheva	October 10

## OCTOBER 11 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

<b>Berlin Redwine:</b> father of Denise Turner 7"י	October 11
<b>Adelaide Rich:</b> sister of Charlotte Abrams 7"י; aunt of Andy Abrams	October 11
<b>+Rose Rositzky:</b> remembered by TBE	October 11
<b>+Samuel H. Zeiser:</b> remembered by TBE	October 11
<b>John Arthur Benner:</b> father of Patricia Young	October 12
<b>+Rose Klein Herskovitz:</b> remembered by TBE	October 13
<b>Hatti Hand:</b> mother of Marcia Rudnick 7"י; grandmother of Libbie Mahan	October 14
<b>Jesse J. Reyes:</b> son of Greg & Rose Broida; brother of Michael Broida	October 15
<b>Larry Abrams:</b> brother of Andy Abrams; son of Al 7"י Charlotte Abrams 7"י	October 16
<b>Fred Brautigam:</b> brother of Indiana Schenkman	October 16
<b>Rennick Goldberg:</b> son of Donald Goldberg 7"י	October 16
<b>Shirley Ann Newman:</b> mother of Heidi Allison	October 16
<b>Jack Fromm:</b> uncle of Tim Fromm 7"י	October 17
<b>Keith Gonzales:</b> son-in-law of Ronda Valdez 7"י	October 17
<b>+Nat Slepyan:</b> remembered by TBE	October 17

## OCTOBER 18 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

<b>+Shirley Polland:</b> grandmother of Laura Lauria; great grandmother of Amanda Garza	October 18, Tishrei 16
<b>+Armaund Kramer Strauss:</b> remembered by TBE	October 18
<b>Dorothy Jacobson:</b> friend of Kathleen Arnold-Chambers	October 19
<b>Steven Redwine:</b> brother of Denise Turner 7"י	October 19
<b>+Ruth Baron:</b> remembered by TBE	October 19
<b>Sol Diamond:</b> father of Jess Diamond 7"י	October 20
<b>Marvin Lipco:</b> father of Lisa Levine; father of Sharon Lipco 7"י	October 20, Tishrei 18
<b>+Nathan Sheffel:</b> remembered by TBE	October 20
<b>Jad's Bitton:</b> uncle of Dorise Bitton	October 21, Tishrei 19
<b>Sam Fenig:</b> grandfather of Barry Goldner	October 21
<b>+Ida Koval:</b> mother of Pearl Davis 7"י	October 21
<b>Shirley Evelyn Wallace:</b> grandmother of Eytan Wallace	October 21
<b>+Bernard Spitz:</b> remembered by TBE	October 21
<b>Florine Bleyer:</b> great-aunt of Karen Briefer	October 22
<b>Howard Levine:</b> Brother of Andrew Levine	October 22
<b>Marcus Rudnick:</b> husband of Marcia Rudnick 7"י; father of Libbie Mahan; brother of Phil Rudnick, Miriam Stull, & Milton Rudnick 7"י; uncle of Daniel Rudnick & Joshua Rudnick	October 23
<b>+Robert J. Styrt:</b> brother-in-law of Milton Rudnick 7"י	October 23
<b>+Sheldon Sol Krasnow:</b> remembered by TBE	October 23
<b>+Louis J. Younger:</b> remembered by TBE	October 23; Tishri 26

## OCTOBER 25 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

<b>Sarah Davis:</b> aunt of Dan Neal 7"7	October 24
<b>Clarisse Schneider:</b> aunt of Helen Armistead & Jeff Schwartz; sister-in-law of Norma Schwartz 7"7	October 24, Tishrei 22
<b>William Schneider:</b> brother of Norma Schwartz 7"7; uncle of Helen Armistead & Jeff Schwartz	October 24, Tishrei 22
<b>+Sam Gintzler:</b> remembered by TBE	October 24
<b>+Jacob Krasnow:</b> remembered by TBE	October 24
<b>Joseph Abrams:</b> brother of Al Abrams 7"7; uncle of Andy Abrams	October 25
<b>Oscar Rudnick:</b> husband of Allison Smith-Rudnick	October 25
<b>Kent John Humphrey:</b> nephew of Karlyn Farber & Laura Reyes	October 26
<b>Gloria Nichter:</b> mother of Sheryn Pincoski 7"7	October 26
<b>Gertrude Wolgin Hass:</b> grandmother of Glenn Singer	October 27
<b>Edythe Kean:</b> mother of Ron Kean	October 27
<b>+Pearl Rudnick:</b> aunt of Daniel Rudnick, Libbie Mahan, & Joshua Rudnick; sister-in-law of Milton Rudnick 7"7 & Marcus Rudnick zl"	October 27
<b>+Ann Greenberg:</b> aunt of Steven Magnus; great-aunt of Elliott Magnus	October 28
<b>Monty Hy Pike:</b> cousin of Irvin Pike; nephew of Arline Pike 7"7	October 28
<b>Louis J. Younger:</b> father of Milton Younger 7"7; grandfather of Susan Cohn 7"7	October 28, Tishrei 26
<b>Lila Klein:</b> mother of Jonathan Klein	October 29, Tishrei 27
<b>Edith Carnahan:</b> mother of Donna Schwartz	October 30
<b>+Fannie Davis:</b> aunt of Hyman Davis zl"	October 30
<b>Morris Katz:</b> husband of Sylvia Katz 7"7; step-father of Larry Saslaw	October 30
<b>Guy Parr Sr.:</b> father-in-law of Marsha Parr	October 30
<b>+Fanny Shrier:</b> remembered by TBE	October 30
<b>+Roselyn Strauss:</b> remembered by TBE	October 30
<b>+Paul Bregor:</b> father of Jackie Rudnick 7"7; grandfather of Daniel Rudnick	October 31
<b>Claude Pierce:</b> father-in-law of Irvin Pike	October 31
<b>David Zent:</b> father of Chelsea Zent, grandfather of Pixie Zent	October 31



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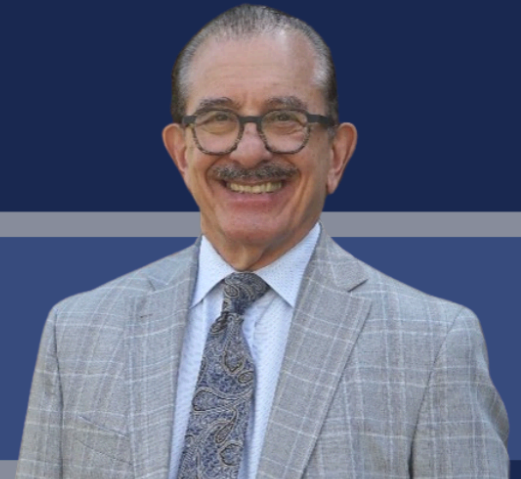
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