



## Transformative Moments

*Rabbi Edward S. Boraz*

I write this as I prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I am late getting to the task, so I gather hastily some materials that I intend to use, then type today's date to get started, almost without thinking. Mind you, I read the morning newspaper and performed other similar rituals, without noticing a single article or reference to the date – September 11 – the day in 2001 when America was attacked for the first time on its shores during my lifetime.

I will never forget that day. It was much like today. I was preparing for the High Holy Days, working away at home in the peace and quiet when I suddenly received a call from Dartmouth President Wright's office. He was calling an emergency session of various individuals to be briefed on how we should respond. The parents of some students on the Dartmouth Outing Club First-year trips had one or more parents who worked in the Twin Towers. Student leaders had been dispatched to bring them from the woods, share with them the news, and support their reactions. Other staff members were put on call at various locations throughout the College to serve as support for returning students.

I called personnel at the Roth Center, asking them to remove our



Torahs from the Ark, to store them in a different location for safe-keeping, then to leave for home as a precautionary measure. It was a time of tragedy for so many. Since then, many have stood up heroically and have sacrificed their lives, their well-being, their future right to pursue happiness, in order to fight in what has become the war on terrorism that remains with us today.

What strikes me is how easy it is to forget those hours. It is amazing in some respects that we can so easily push aside our collective history, not intentionally, but simply because of the immediate demands of so many things that must be done in the here and now.

One of Judaism's great contributions to the world is its regard for the sacredness of history. Each day Jews, through our liturgy, are led to recall the exile of our people, the

righteousness of our ancestors, the desire to return to a land we once called our own, the recognition of human suffering and our obligation to address the problems that afflict those who are less fortunate. Yet it is still far too easy to forget our history because we have a psychological need to push it out of our consciousness. The mind can truly hold only thought at a time, no matter how rapid in succession more thoughts may flow.

You will read this piece nearly a month after the Jewish Festivals have concluded. Still, one of the most significant themes of the Torah reading for Sukkot is the commandment that precedes our duty to rejoice in our festivals: that is, to take care of the poor, the orphan, the widow – those people in our society who are most vulnerable.

When we remember our collective histories, whether through our own sacred narrative, or the sacred narratives of our country, we are required to pause and ask ourselves, "What is the purpose of our lives?" Is that purpose it not to connect intentionally to those moments of our history that were transformative, even if painful? Let us recognize that it is only through such recognition, such sensitivity, that we may move forward to build a better world for those whom we love and care for.

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**President's Message**

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November marks the beginning of new Board terms, so it offers a natural opportunity to review what we have accomplished as a Board and Community over the past year. I would like to thank exiting board member Devora Gronauer for her service and contributions over the past 3 years, and welcome Lynn Schwartz and Bill Brown to the Board.

After the Board retreat and Annual Meeting of 2014, it was clear where the board would put its efforts. One of our goals was to re-establish the committee structure within the by-laws. The second goal was to focus on membership; the third, to continue financial stability. The Board was successful in accomplishing these goals. Revitalization of our committees has increased dramatically participation by UVJC members. We welcome all community members to participate in ways that are meaningful to them, and are grateful to those who have stepped forward, giving of their time and energy.

The former Ritual Affairs Committee regrouped and renamed themselves the Ruach Committee [Ruach means "wind", "breath", "spirit"]. Already we have experienced some of the committee's work such as additional services (including some in the Reform tradition), and all our school's Shabbat services this past year. The Ruach Committee put together a yearlong calendar of traditional and alternative services for the Community; this summer saw a Friday night Shabbat service outdoors at the Dartmouth Bema. Members hosted Shabbat dinners in their homes. Havdalah followed by dessert marked not only the transition from Shabbat to the week, but also from summer vacation to the start of the school year. All of these events were well attended. Kudos and many thanks to the Ruach Committee for their hard work and inspiration.

The Social Action Committee gained many new members, allowing them to continue their work with the UVIP (Upper Valley interfaith Project) and the Claremont Soup Kitchen, and to start new initiatives like the Bimah Baskets. Thank you to Carolyn Gordon and the committee for their commitment to tzdekah and tikkun olam.

Education saw the continuation of our Hero Seminars thanks to Rosemary and Gary Brown. Rabbi Boraz held a class on "Introduction to Judaism." Torah and Talmud studies meet weekly. Our Hebrew elementary school and high school programs had another successful year.

On the Social front, thanks to Rusty Sachs, we sponsored a local Jewish Film Festival. Membership on the committee overseeing the NH Federation Jewish Film Festival increased, and four wonderful films were shown last March. This past July, a group of members met to plan more social events for the coming year.

The board continued to discuss the issue of membership. We decided to approach membership in two ways: retaining our current members, and engaging new members. Our membership has remained stable over the year at 197 family units. At the board retreat in April, we used the time to examine how our membership has evolved over the past 8 years.

Utilizing available data, Board member Rob Shumsky put together an analysis of the years 2006-14. The data showed was that while the number of member units was relatively stable, the mix of those units has changed sig-

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# Sacred Activity

*Maggie Duford,  
UVJC Director of Education*



The changing season brings with it a new school year. As your education director, I could not be more privileged to say that I have grown to know each and every family by more than just names.

We know that each child is unique, but the greatness of a small school is that we may shape our environment so that learning can be at an optimum for each child.

Most would be surprised to know just how many parents have important and legitimate requests for their children's Hebrew education. Each and every request is carefully considered as I believe that being flexible is crucial to the children's successful learning and formation of strong community bonds with their peers. Options, solutions and compromises can be found when parties are dedicated to doing so.

Without customizing our school in this way, children could get lost in the cracks, with our traditions losing their color, flavor and meaning in the generations to follow.

UVJC families juggle much to maintain their commitment to a Jewish education for their children; there are so many competing activities. Those dedicated parents who regularly bring children to their school realize that Hebrew School is not just another activity, but is instead a unique and sacred space where our traditions are passed, and where community is built.

When I walk about during the hours when school is in session, I often wonder which of our kindergarteners one day will serve as president of our congregation, or as treasurer of another. Will we have instilled in our children the values it takes for them to be dedicated to work for our people? Will we have given each child the tools to enter any synagogue with a level of comfort that allows willing participation? Will these young lives remember that they are Jews first, holding closely all the values we teach throughout the year even as their future takes them on a winding road? Will they have connected to that very personal and intimate internal space where prayer lives?

The UVJC Hebrew school, and I as its director, are confident that they will. Entering into my 5th year, I, and all who I proudly call our teachers, promise to work hard always to give your children the revered tools they will need to survive, as Jews have survived, over thousands of years.

## **DO YOU KNOW????**

... where everything Jewish is going on in the Upper Valley?

... where you can find the entire TANACH read to you in Hebrew?

... where there are links to popular local destinations and local weather?

... where there is a database of everything Jewish for your region, including learning links and candle-lighting times?

**Visit the UVJC website OFTEN, for ALL the news!**

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Maggie Duford

# KIDDUSH SCHEDULE

October-November 2015/5776

## OCTOBER

**3**

Maggie Duford

**10**

Deb Kaplan

**17**

Sheryl Lerner

**24**

All School Shabbat

**31**

Sharon and Bob Racusin



## NOVEMBER

**7**

Jamielynn Garland

**14**

Dianne and Gary Levine

**21**

All School Shabbat

**28**

Yoni and Stephen  
Neirman

## VOLUNTEER TO SPONSOR A SHABBAT MORNING KIDDUSH

Responsibility to prepare our weekly Shabbat *kiddush* is rotated among UVJC volunteers who attend services. Preparing *kiddush* for the congregation is a great way to celebrate a birthday, graduation, wedding anniversary, or to commemorate a loved one's *yahrzeit*. It's also an opportunity to get together with old friends and make new ones.

For those unfamiliar with the tradition of Shabbat morning *kiddush*, it is the time following the service when we gather over wine, grape juice, challah and other goodies.

But most of all, we come together to enjoy

Shabbat with good fellowship.

Wine, grape juice, paper goods and cups are supplied by the UVJC. The weekly *kiddush* volunteer supplies the challah. One may add to the fare if one wishes. For example, herring, gefilte fish, cheese, cookies, coffee cake, sweet rolls, pretzels, or fruit make nice additions to the *kiddush* table.

If you have questions, or would like to sponsor a *kiddush*, please contact Yoni Neirman who may be reached evenings at 802-649-3234, or by email at [Yoni.Stevens.Neirman@hitchcock.org](mailto:Yoni.Stevens.Neirman@hitchcock.org).

*Please Welcome  
UVJC's  
Newest Members*

**Omer and Lily Trajman**

**Adam Weinstein  
and  
Heather Salon**

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# Yahrzeit Board



## REMEMBRANCE

The act of remembrance in Jewish tradition is a profound experience. Remembrance brings to present consciousness the influence, love, and nurturing the departed brought to us, our children, and our children's children.

A yahrzeit board provides a spiritual means of paying respect and offering tribute to the memories of our departed loved ones.

The yahrzeit board in the Alperin Sanctuary at the Roth Center for Jewish Life at Dartmouth College provides each member of our congregational family the opportunity to engage in the profound mitzvah of remembrance by acquiring a yahrzeit plaque.

On the anniversary of the yahrzeit (the date of death), a light is illuminated adjacent to the deceased's name.

If you are interested in acquiring a yahrzeit plaque, please contact Carole Clarke at 603-646-0460 or at [uvjc@valley.net](mailto:uvjc@valley.net).

### Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques

Harriet and Rick Fingeroth  
in loving memory  
of their parents

Samuel and Norma Rifkin  
and

Grace and Murray Fingeroth

Gary Richard Samwick

Beloved husband of Marilyn,  
beloved dad of Andrew and Terry,  
Beloved Pop of Aidan and Lili.

## Volunteer Profile:

### Melinda Stucker

By Liza Draper

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An old adage states, "If you want to get something done, ask a busy person." We know it's true, because one of the Upper Valley's busiest residents agreed to undertake a Herculean task for our History Project.

Melinda Stucker has served on the board of the Norwich Historical Society for six years. She is a member of OSHER@Dartmouth's Curriculum and Study Leader Support Subcommittees, has co-taught a course for OSHER, volunteers for the Norwich Women's Club's annual "Nearly New Sale", and has spent four years working on VT and NH Court Diversion panels. A member also of the Hanover Garden Club, Melinda works in their greenhouse, and has opened her gardens several times to visitors. To complete the picture, she is also a gym rat, kayaker, and grandmother of two!

Despite this lengthy list of commitments Melinda attended an early meeting of our Committee, intent on making a contribution. Drawing on her expertise as a writer, former educator, and librarian, Melinda assumed responsibility for the enormous cataloging effort initiated by Nancie Severs. Over the last several months, Melinda has spent hundreds of hours reading and re-reading the collection of UVJC newsletters that Sylvia Scherr has saved for decades.

First, Melinda helped the committee define topics central to development of the Upper Valley Jewish Community. She then began the research required to map the contents of all newsletters to that list of topics. Each back issue from the Scherrs' stacks was scanned and analyzed, with special attention given to the Rabbi's and President's letters to determine whether they touched on a particular category of interest.

So far, Melinda has reviewed several years of back issues, and she's still at it. In fact, if anyone has Connection issues prior to June 1980, we would love the chance to scan them and add even more files to Melinda's pile!

This volunteer effort to unearth significant elements of the Community's development is enabling the History Committee to establish a more accurate chronology, while we flesh out memories that others have shared with us during their interviews. Nancie and Melinda's work will become an important part of the final project as it continues to take shape.

All we can say at this point is: ***Thank you – we so appreciate your time and talent!***

Please let us know if there's some way you would like to become involved in the History Project. We seek help to enter data Melinda has uncovered so the archive can be fully searchable. We are also still hoping for folks to step forward with information on Jewish-owned businesses in the local area. Think back: What do you remember about the Upper Valley's Jewish commercial landscape?



# *A Beautiful Alternative to Flowers*

## **Bimah Baskets and Centerpieces for B'nai Mitzvah and other special occasions**

Colorful and elegantly-arranged baskets of food provide the festive beauty of flowers and infuse your occasion with the spirit of tikkun olam. Afterwards, the contents are donated to food pantries.

Perfect for B'nai mitzvah, Kiddushes and other occasions.

The Social Action Committee is delighted to prepare the baskets. You pay only for the contents. For further info, contact [UVJCSocAction@gmail.com](mailto:UVJCSocAction@gmail.com)

### **There are many opportunities for donors to designate a gift to the UVJC.**

*Please give generously throughout the year.  
Please make your check payable to either "UVJC" or  
"Upper Valley Jewish Community,"  
noting the name of the fund on the memo line.  
Donations may be directed to the UVJC General Fund  
or specifically to one of the following funds:*

#### **Adult Education Fund:**

To support guest speakers and other special adult programs

#### **Beautification Fund:**

To be used toward furnishings, decorations, and ornamentation to enhance the Roth Center for Jewish Life.

#### **Cemetery Fund:**

To help with landscaping and maintenance of the UVJC cemetery.

#### **Endowment:**

Contributions of cash or securities, payable to the UVJC Endowment Fund. Interest will be used to support the activities of the community.

#### **Library Fund:**

For purchase of books and/or other library materials.

#### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:**

For charitable purposes as determined by the Rabbi.

#### **Religious School Scholarship Fund:**

To provide scholarships for deserving religious school students.

#### **School Programming Fund:**

To support special programs over and above the curriculum.

#### **Teen Programming:**

To provide support for young adults in our community to participate in Jewish programs.

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Please request to join the UVJC page today at [www.facebook.com/groups/359003357910](http://www.facebook.com/groups/359003357910)

# October 2015

18 Tishre 5776 - 18 Cheshvan 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 18 TISHRE ✧ Succot - Second Intermediate Day 12:00 p.m. Guide for the Perplexed	2 19 TISHRE ✧ Succot - Third Intermediate Day 6:05 6:00 p.m. Hillel Shabbat Service - Dinner to follow - All are welcome	3 20 TISHRE ✧ Succot - Fourth Intermediate Day 10:00 a.m. Reform Shabbat Service Kiddush: Deb Kaplan
4 21 TISHRE ✧ Succot - Fifth Intermediate Day ✧ Hoshanah Rabbah 6:01 NO HEBREW SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:00 p.m. Sukkot - Shmini Atzeret and Yizkor Evening Reform Service	5 22 TISHRE ✧ Shemini Atzeret 10:00 a.m. Sukkot - Shmini Atzeret and Yizkor 6:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Community Celebration	6 23 TISHRE ✧ Simchat Torah 10:00 a.m. Simchat Torah Morning Service NO HEBREW SCHOOL	7 24 TISHRE 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting	8 25 TISHRE 12:00 p.m. Guide for the Perplexed	9 26 TISHRE 6:53 6:00 p.m. Hillel Shabbat Service - Dinner to follow - All are welcome	10 27 TISHRE ✧ Bereshit 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service Kiddush: Maggie Duford
11 28 TISHRE 10:00: Hebrew School - All Grades	12 29 TISHRE	13 30 TISHRE ✧ Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan - Day 1 12:00 p.m. Torah Study with Rabbi Boraz 1:30 p.m. Torah Study 4:00 p.m. Hebrew School - Grades 3-7	14 1 CHESHVAN ✧ Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan - Day 2	15 2 CHESHVAN 12:00 p.m. Guide for the Perplexed	16 3 CHESHVAN 5:41 6:00 p.m. Hillel Shabbat Service - Dinner to follow - All are welcome	17 4 CHESHVAN ✧ Noach 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service Kiddush; Sheryl Lerner
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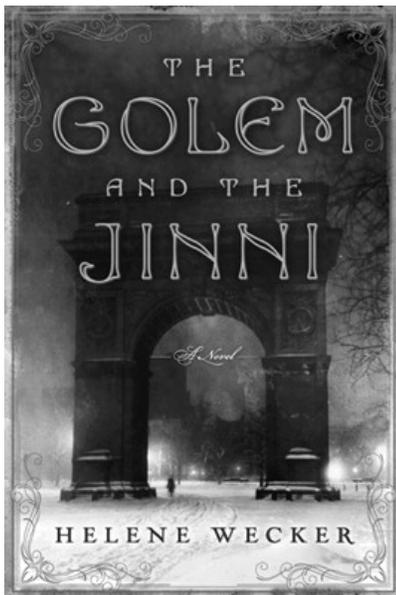
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<b>29</b> 17 KISLEV NO HEBREW SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>30</b> 18 KISLEV					

# Literature Lovers

We are an enthusiastic reading group who love to discuss books proposed by group members. We welcome new participants. Literature Lovers usually meets at 7:00 PM the last Sunday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

For location or information, contact Susan Cohen at 603-643-3611, or [sncohen037@gmail.com](mailto:sncohen037@gmail.com).



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

### The Golem and The Jinni

by *Helene Wecker*

An immigrant tale that combines elements of Jewish and Arab folk mythology, *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker, tells the story of two supernatural creatures who arrive separately in New York in 1899. One is a golem, created out of clay to be her master's wife, but he dies at sea, leaving her disoriented and overwhelmed as their ship arrives in New York Harbor. The other is a jinni, a being of fire, trapped for a thousand years in a copper flask, before a tinsmith in Manhattan's Little Syria releases him.

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### **President's Message**

nificantly, in particular with non-senior families down by 31% from over the most recent 4 years. This situation is not unique to the UVJC, but is a local reflection of a trend in Jewish Communities all over this country.

Following the retreat, the board, with help from Tuck Student Jacob Crandall, undertook a community-wide survey. We received 130 completed responses, representing a very large percentage of our membership of 197 [66%]. One of the most important themes with regard to what and why people value the UVJC came down to one word: COMMUNITY. Throughout the survey, members emphasized their desire to be affiliated with and connected to a Jewish community, and to have the opportunity to share life events, social events, education, and religious celebrations together as a community. Happily, the mission of the UVJC reflects what we learned from the survey:

The Upper Valley Jewish Community (UVJC) is a welcoming, egalitarian congregation providing Jewish spiritual, educational, social and cultural opportunities to the Upper Connecticut River Valley.

The board found the survey to be helpful in confirming some of our thoughts about the community, and helped us to prioritize where we should put our efforts. We are also working on ways to get information from non-members about perceived barriers to membership.

For more information on how the board will be following up on the survey results, visit our website at [uvjc.org](http://uvjc.org).

Our goal of financial stability was accomplished by staying within our budget guidelines, which could not have happened without the generosity of our membership. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the UVJC, as we look forward to another year of Jewish life in the Upper Valley.

## Yahrzeit Contributions

Aila Conarck and her grandson Ben, in remembrance of the Kadish/Fryer family's loss of their mother, grandmother, Allyne Cohen Kadish Janet Goldberger in memory of her father, Milton Goldberger  
Rusty Sachs in memory of his mother, Jeanne Sachs  
Syd and Gloria Finkelstein in memory of Syd's father, Joseph Finkelstein  
Bruce Pacht in memory of his father, Harold R. Pacht  
Rusty Sachs in memory of his friend, Walter Simmenauer  
Jerome and Sharon Smith in memory of Jerome's mother, Eve Smith  
Bruce Pacht in memory of his friend and mentor, Joseph F. Daschbach  
Michael Humphrey in memory of his brother, Thomas Humphrey  
Rusty Sachs in memory of his brother, Jim Sachs  
Sam Zucker in memory of his mother Eva Zucker and his sister, Susanne Sucker  
Susan and Mark Israel in memory of Mark's mother, Hannah Israel  
Sharon and Jerome Smith in memory of Jerome's father, Israel Smith  
Bruce Pacht in memory of his friend and colleague, Ed Levin  
Jerome and Sharon Smith in memory of their son, David Howard Smith  
Judy Rocchio in memory of her stepfather, Raphael R. Gamsso  
Bruce Pacht in memory of his mother, Jeanette Pacht

## UVJC General Fund

Bill and Edna Silverman  
Aila Conarck in memory of her aunt, Harriet Levy  
Charles Hacker in honor of his son, Ivan becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
Rob Schertzer and Laura Rosenthal  
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Rusty Sachs in memory of Michael Zegans' father, Dr. Leonard Zegans  
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in memory of Gene's mother,  
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Paul and Sue Etkind  
to thank Rabbi Boraz for the  
beautiful and moving service  
at Eastman in August.

## The Upper Valley Jewish Community Cemetery

The Upper Valley Jewish Community owns and maintains its own cemetery for your comfort and service in times of need.

We encourage you to think today about your future needs.

Plot locations may be selected, and information you want family members to have may be recorded informally, at a time when there is not a present need.

Inquiries about the cemetery or individual plot acquisition may be directed to Carole Clarke at 603/646-0460.

## The UVJC gratefully acknowledges the following people for gifts to our High Holiday Appeal

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# *My Dinner With Jews: A Hit in the Upper Valley*

*By UVJC member, Paul Etkind*



On July 24, the Upper Valley Jewish Community (UVJC) organized five pot-luck Shabbat dinners hosted in private homes throughout the area in an effort to bring Jewish people together for an evening of introductions, conversations fellowship and, of course, good food!

The evening developed from ideas discussed by the UVJC's Ruach Committee, a group organized by Rabbi Edward Boraz. The committee comprises has seven members, with diverse representation from the observant to the secular.

The Committee's objective is to enhance the community by developing ways to 1) bring people into the community, 2) try different strategies to encourage people to participate in the community, 3) create ways to broaden the extent of ritual practice, 4) create opportunities in which people can become comfortable with a wider spectrum of Jewish traditions, and, 5) create social opportunities not necessarily centered around religious observance.

The dinners were seen as a way to bring people together in a non-religious setting. The organizers began with an email to UVJC members asking for volunteers to host dinners.

Eight persons stepped forward; five were able to follow through on the selected date. A second email

was sent to the UVJC membership as well as to an email list of non-members who, over time and circumstances, had expressed a desire to be informed of UVJC activities.

Fifty-three people met, many for the first time, in the five homes. Feedback showed that participants enjoyed the evening, and that it was great to meet new people. Most indicated that they would like to repeat the experience.

"There is a special connection between Jews that doesn't necessarily have to happen in synagogues," said Lynn Schwartz, one of the Ruach Committee organizers. "What could be more basic than Jews eating with Jews?"

The next set of dinners is scheduled for October 16. If persons who are not members of the UVJC would like to be informed of these dinner, or of other activities being planned and scheduled, please indicate your interest with an email or call to Carole Clarke, UVJC Office Administrator (uvjc@valley.net; 603-646-0460). Please include your email address and other contact information.

The Upper Valley Jewish Community (UVJC) is a welcoming, egalitarian congregation providing Jewish spiritual, educational, social and cultural opportunities to the Upper Connecticut River Valley.

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### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

6:00 pm

Sukkot –

Shmini Atzeret and Yizkor  
evening Reform Service

Roth Center

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 5**

10:00 am

Sukkot –

Shmini Atzeret and Yizkor  
Roth Center

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6**

10:00 am

Simchat Torah morning service  
Roth Center

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 5**

6:00 pm

Simchat Torah  
Community Celebration  
Roth Center



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