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Music/ Multimedia Event Coming to the Rutgers Jazz Institute

Two Pianos: Playing for Life is a unique one-hour performance that features Mozart, Arensky, Brahms and other selections with in-character readings, performed by the internationally acclaimed piano duo Diana Shapiro and Stanislava Varshavski. It tells the story of human perseverance, diligence and the power of art to motivate, inspire, and sustain us in extraordinarily difficult times. Set against the backdrop of global events, it tells the story of two young women who meet in music conservatory in Europe, joined by their mutual love of music and their pursuit of artistic excellence, and after being separated by war and surviving the Holocaust, reunite in the city of Newark. It is a wonderfully heartbreaking

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story of triumph, will, memory, and resistance. Music, narration, archival-image projections and video vividly recreate the stories of classical pianists Anna (Burstein) Bieler and Halina (Neuman) Schulsinger. Anna and Halina met as “alien student residents” at the Leipzig Conservatory in the 1920’s and played two-piano concerts with the Leipzig Kulturbund under the Third Reich, cementing a lifelong friendship. Narration, event and exhibit content are based on character interviews by Michael and Nora Jean Levin (Anna’s daughter) in the 1980’s, supplemented by Kenneth Hoffman (Halina’s grandson).

Two Pianos is a production of the Rutgers University-Newark Institute of Jazz Studies, and is co-sponsored by Congregation Ahavas Sholom. Please RSVP as seating is limited. Doors open at 2 pm for a walk-thru exhibit and the performance follows at 3 pm with a Q&A and reception afterward. For more about Two Pianos please visit the website at www.twopianosplayingforlife.org. to register for this free event [click tickets](#)

Lost Keys

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, one of our congregants found a set of keys in the parking lot of the synagogue. To retrieve them contact Allah Eicheldinger at alla7815@yahoo.com

*“On Rosh Hashanah it is written...
On Yom Kippur it is sealed. May it be written and may it be sealed that you have a new year that brings fulfillment and joy, peace and prosperity health and wisdom.
Shanah tova!”*

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Thought Provoking Insights from Rabbi Simon Rosenbach



Rabbi Simon Rosenbach

When we left off on Tuesday morning, Israel didn't have a government and Likud and Kahol Lavan were at an impasse. On Wednesday, Avigdor Lieberman, the chairman of Yisrael Beiteinu, said Yisrael Beiteinu said

if a compromise is not found by Yom Kippur, Yisrael Beiteinu would actively participate in negotiations. Also on Wednesday, Benjamin Netanyahu asked Lieberman to discuss a government and they met on Thursday. Netanyahu asked Lieberman to part of the Likud coalition, but Lieberman declined, saying the "right way" is a unity government comprised of Likud, Kahol Lavan, and Yisrael Beiteinu. Lieberman also said on Thursday that he will hold informal talks with Bennie Gantz, the leader of Kahol Lavan, but no meeting was set.

On another front, Netanyahu is contemplating a snap, primary election. (In a parliamentary system, a "snap election" is an election sooner than scheduled.) A Likudnik named Gideon Sa'ar is the ostensible next leader of Likud, and possibly Netanyahu senses Sa'ar hot on Netanyahu's trail. Possibly, Netanyahu wants to quell a rebellion in the ranks.

On still another front, today is the second day of pre-indictment hearings concerning Netanyahu. Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein said that Netanyahu were indicted, he would take a temporary leave of absence. Gantz is waiting for the indictment, but Lieberman does not care: Lieberman will accept Netanyahu as prime minister whether he is indicted,

but Lieberman has strong, substantive differences with the religious parties that would nominally be part of Likud's coalition, so Yisrael Beiteinu won't join Likud as long as the religious parties join the coalition.

In the meantime, in this week's Parashah, Va-yelech, Moses announces to the Israelites that he is old, he can not go to and fro easily, and God has forbidden him to cross the Jordan. Do not be afraid, he tells the Israelites, because God and Joshua will lead you. I yearn for the time when ostensible leaders will be selfless, and put the people first, but God doesn't announce who the leader will be anymore. ✡

*The Weequahic High School
Alumni Association*

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*cordially invites you to join us for
our 22nd Anniversary and Hall of
Distinction Induction Ceremony*

Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 6 pm
Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel
1000 Spring Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey

Tickets: \$100

*Proceeds to be used for
scholarships and student activities*

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Help Us Remodel Our Kitchen

It's been estimated it will take \$60, 000 to properly renovate our kitchen.

April Modlinger, who has always been a pillar at Congregation Ahavas Sholom, has generously pledged \$10, 000 to making this happen.

We have recently received another pledge for \$2,200, bringing the total to 12, 200.

With your help Congregation Ahavas Sholom will soon have a kitchen we all deserve.

Make your pledge today!

The Weequahic High School Alumni Association **HALL OF DISTINCTION INDUCTEES**

Warren Grover, 1955 - Author, historian, and co-founder of the Newark History Society.

Stanley Markowitz, 1955 - Educator, professor, activist for peace and social justice.

Eli Hoffman, 1956 - President of the Jaqua Foundation in NJ.

Paul Tractenberg, 1956 - Founder of Education Law Center and Institute on Education Law and Policy.

Jacob Toporek, 1963 - Executive Director NJ State Association of Jewish Federations, WHS Note newsletter.

Steven Dinetz, 1965 - CEO of Next Media, President of the Chancellor Foundation.

Wilfredo Nieves, 1966 - Educator, President of Capital Community College in Hartford, Connecticut.

Carrie Jackson, 1968 - Jazz vocalist, producer/arranger, recording artist, CEO of C-Jay Records.

Honorable Sheila Oliver, 1970 - NJ Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the NJ State Assembly.

Antoinette Baskerville-Richardson, 1970 - Chief Education Officer for the City of Newark.

Hisani Dubose, 1971 - Film producer, screenwriter, director and founder of NJ Movie Maker's Network.

Dr. Frederick Tyson, 1972 - Scientific Program Director at the National Institute of Environmental Health Services.

Deceased

Dr. Nathan Weiss, 1940 - Longtime President of Kean University, graduate school named after him, and author.

David Schechner, 1946 - Attorney, leader in Jewish community, synagogue historian, WHS Alumni trustee.

Hal Braff, 1952 - Attorney, civil rights activist, co founder of the WHS Alumni Association and avid Mets fan.

Dr. Eleanor Lutzke Lewis, 1959 - Social and consumer justice advocate who worked with Ralph Nader.

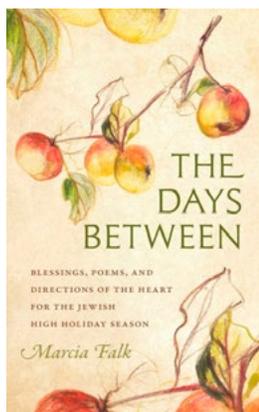
Dr. James Oliver Horton, 1961 - Professor Emeritus, scholar of African American history, and author.

Sadie Rous, Faculty, 1935-1968 - Popular and well-respected Social Studies teacher for 33 years.

Coach Burney Adams, Faculty, 1968-2002 - Legendary football coach and mentor for 34 years.

The High Holy Days, or if you prefer, the Days of Awe are a time for reflection, forgiveness, repentance and reconciliation. It's a time of new beginnings, of cleaning the slate so to speak. It's also a time for recalling past misdeeds and mistakes; as well as an opportunity to take ownership of our past transgressions and to use the lessons learned to become better people. It's a time for remembering loved ones we've lost and appreciating those we still have. Most important it's the time of year we are most eager to get right with God.

This week we're looking at a couple of books that might prove particularly appropriate and enjoyable reading for the High Holy days.

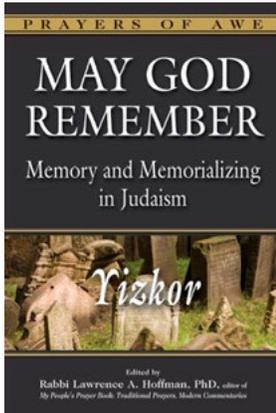


The Days Between: Blessings, Poems, and Directions of the Heart for the Jewish High Holiday Season (HBI Series on Jewish Women) *Marcia Falk*

Hardcover, 260 pages, 9781611686050



inner of the Spirituality & Practice's Spiritual Book of the Year (2014) The Jewish High Holidays the ten days beginning with the New Year Festival of Rosh Hashanah and culminating with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement constitute the most sacred period of the Jewish year. During this season, religious as well as nonaffiliated Jews attend synagogue services in unparalleled numbers. Yet much of what they find there can be unwelcoming in its patriarchal imagery, leaving many worshipers unsatisfied. For those seeking to connect more deeply with their Judaism, and for all readers in search of a contemplative approach to the themes of the fall season, poet and scholar Marcia Falk re-creates the holidays key prayers and rituals from an inclusive perspective. Among the offerings in *The Days Between* are Hebrew and English blessings for festive meals, prayers for synagogue services, and poems and meditations for quiet reflection. Emphasizing introspection as well as relationship to others, Falk evokes her vision of the High Holidays as ten days of striving to keep the heart open to change. Accessible and welcoming to modern readers, *The Days Between* is steeped in traditional sources and grounded in liturgical and biblical scholarship. It will serve as a meaningful alternative or supplement to the traditional liturgy for individuals, families, synagogues, and communities small and large that is, for all who seek fresh meaning in the High Holidays."



May God Remember—Yizkor: Memory and Memorializing in Judaism (Prayers of Awe)

Lawrence A. Hoffman

Hardcover, 304 pages, 9781683361886

An engaging and sobering look at memorializing in Judaism and why memory—ours and God's—is so central to people.

Through a series of lively introductions and commentaries, over thirty contributors—men and women, scholars, rabbis, theologians and poets, representing all Jewish denominations—examine the history and ideas behind Yizkor, the Jewish memorial service, and this fascinating chapter in Jewish piety.

Featuring the traditional prayers—provided in the original Hebrew and a new and annotated translation—this fourth volume in the Prayers of Awe series explores the profound theological questions at the core of this service and our own humanity: What happens to us after we die? Is there really an afterlife? Does our fate after death depend on the goodness with which we have pursued our earthly life? And more.

Prayers of Awe : A multi-volume series designed to explore the High Holy Day liturgy and enrich the praying experience for everyone—whether experienced worshipers or guests who encounter Jewish prayer for the very first time.

#ShowUpForShabbat Gather. Remember. Act.

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MAZON Rebukes Trump Administration's 3rd. Sneak Attack on SNAP

In response to the third and most recent administrative attack this year on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger rebuked the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) proposal to "modernize" SNAP as a thinly-veiled guise to ram through the Trump Administration's dangerous and ideological regulatory agenda.

"In this latest proposal to slash food stamp benefits, the Administration has launched yet another poisonous shot across the bow targeting America's most vulnerable," said Abby J. Leibman, MAZON's President & CEO. "This attempt to restrict state flexibility is being promoted as a way to "streamline" SNAP benefit calculations, but in reality, it will only increase hunger and hardship for millions of low-income families. It is the latest in a string of administrative attacks strategically proposed to cut urgently-needed assistance for people who struggle to feed themselves and their families."

The new plan, announced by USDA on Tuesday, would result in SNAP benefits being cut by \$4.5 billion over 5 years. An estimated 20% of low-income households that use SNAP will lose \$30 each month that they could have used to buy groceries.

"This proposed rule change takes us in exactly the wrong direction at a time when we should all be doing more to ensure that those who struggle to put food on the table receive the help they so desperately need. Especially considering that USDA's motto is 'Do

Good and Feed Everyone,' we regard this latest attempt to restrict access as hopelessly out of touch and vapidly immoral."

"Announcing such a cruel policy as the Jewish community enters its holiest time of year dramatically reminds us of the failure of this Administration to act with common decency, let alone higher values," Leibman continued. "As we approach Yom Kippur, we recommit to honoring the highest commandments of our faith and our collective responsibility to take care of the most vulnerable among us. We will continue to fight for the millions of Americans who struggle with hunger every day, skipping meals not out of choice but due to their circumstances."

This proposed rule change comes days after the end of the public comment period for the Trump administration's proposal to eliminate Categorical Eligibility in SNAP—a move that would kick 3.1 million people off food stamps and cause over 500,000 children to lose eligibility for free school meals. ✨

Kiddush Sponsorship Shabbat Services

Join us this week for a President's Kiddush in honor of Fred & Linda Grabiner in appreciation of all of their contributions to Ahavas Sholom. Sponsoring Kiddush is \$150.00, which barely covers the cost of the lunch. Our goal is to have every Kiddush sponsored. To sponsor a Kiddush email Rabbi Rosenbach or contact Allah Eicheldinger at alla7815@yahoo.com. You can also help by shopping; which doesn't cost money, just a little time. We'll give you a list of items, you shop and we'll reimburse you. Whatever you can do will be appreciated, greatly.

Join us at Ahavas Sholom this Saturday for Shabbat services. Strangers, visitors; friends - old & new - our doors are open to you. Looking for a new home? New members are always welcome at Congregation Ahavas Sholom. Shabbat services start at 9:00am. Our congregation is open and welcoming; feel free to pay us a visit, anytime.



*Join us at Congregation
Ahavas Sholom this
Shabbat and help us
make minyan*