

FROM THE SHALIACH TO YOU



Shalom Everyone! Better Than Ever

It feels so good to be back! Summer in Israel is unbeatable - beautiful shores, amazing food, family and friends (and heat waves all day long...). It was amazing seeing everyone and being back in my home after a year.

The past summer got me thinking a lot about the idea of belonging, and how we define home. Especially in light of the High Holy Days that are fast approaching, that are all about coming together and celebrating new beginnings as one.

When giving it some extra thought - this past year has been all about belonging, and finding my own place in this new path of life that I chose - being a part of a community, being a part of a new social circle, being a part of a family. Those changes weren't easy - but they were necessary. In order to grow, a seed must burst through thick soil, must soak in the sun, must give it everything its got. I always tell my students that great things never come from comfort zones, and I truly stand by it.

Spending some time with my family and friends - coming back to my comfort zone - gave me the push I needed to rejuvenate and come back with renewed energy, to truly embrace the new year, and to open myself to the wide variety of opportunities and options that being part of our community offers. I invite you to give it some thought - and for this new year, leave some room for growth.

With love,
Snir



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Israeli Movie Recommendation

The Wedding Plan

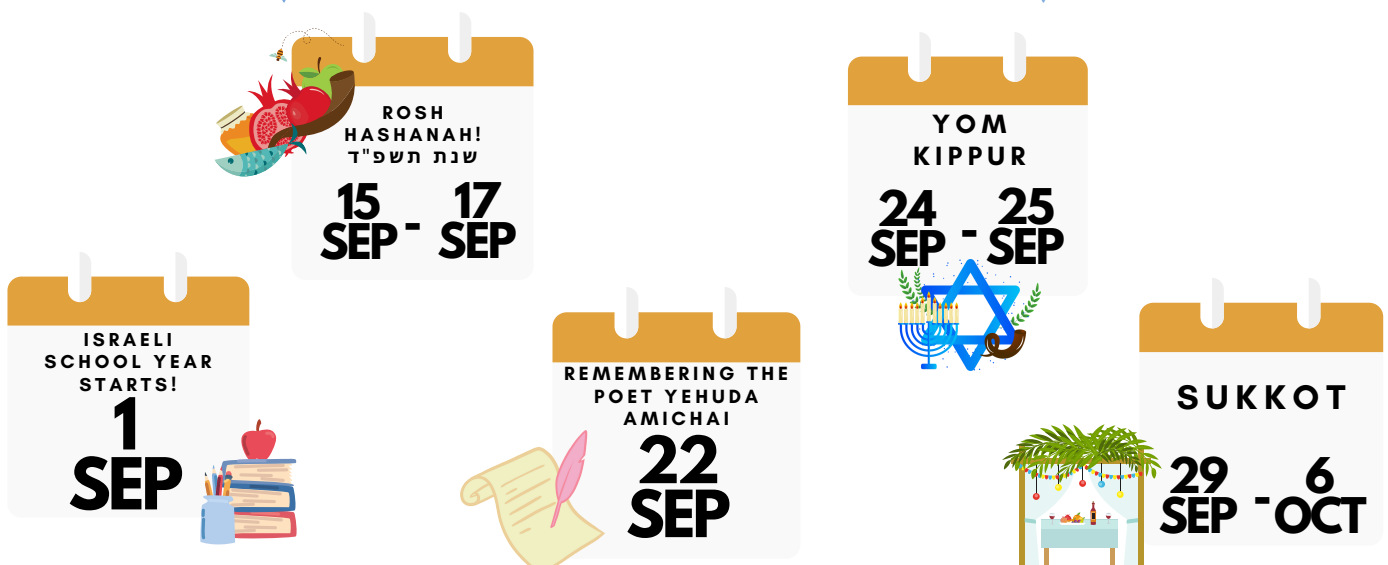
(La'Avor Et Ha'Kir) - לעבור את הקיר

There's nothing better than starting the year with a heart-warming movie, sprinkled with some good laughter. "The Wedding Plan" was released in 2016 and almost instantly became a huge hit. This special film gives us a look into the Jewish matchmaking industry, and a big lesson about faith and what it means to us. Due to its success, this film was made into a musical, which is also, as you can imagine, critically acclaimed and a huge success. With performances by amazing actors like Noa Koler and Oz Zehavi, this movie is truly incredible.



This movie is so addictive,. I mean, how can you resist this plot? A 30-something, ultra-Orthodox Jewish woman is jilted by her fiancé just 22 days before they take their vows. But instead of canceling the reception venue booked for the eighth day of Hanukkah, she trusts that fate in the form of the Almighty will provide a willing replacement and that the ceremony will take place as planned. It's a journey of a woman exploring womanhood, faith, and family. This is the second feature of American-Israeli filmmaker Rama Burshtein, who is herself Ultra-Orthodox. This movie is guaranteed to give you a good time! The movie is available to watch (for free) on YouTube TV (click the poster to watch).

☆ What's Happening in Israel? ☆

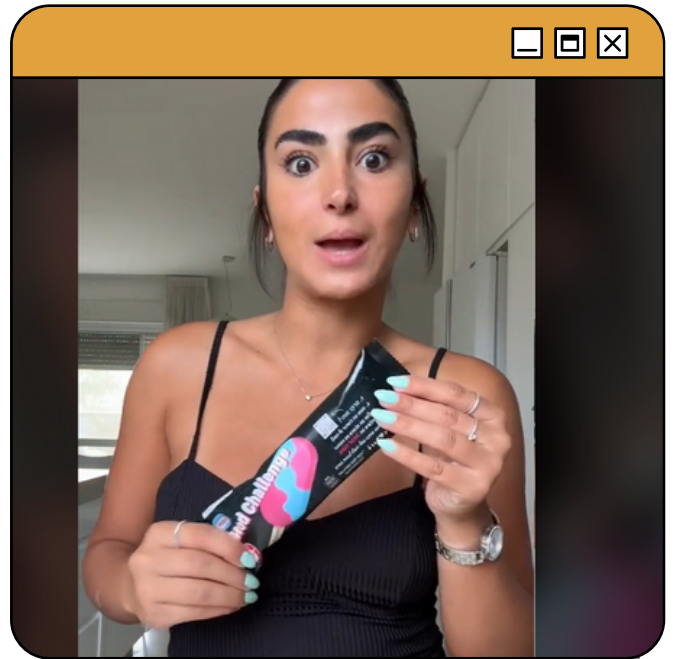


The calendar images are clickable and have more details! Also, for more information about those special days, please don't hesitate to reach out! (Contacts on the last page).

Israel News

The "Do-Good" Israeli Popsicle!

After spending a year in the DMV area, I almost forgot how hot the Israeli summer is. When I visited, it hit me again, and this summer was extremely hot! One of the best remedies for a hot summer day is a scoop of ice cream or a nice fruity popsicle. Those delicious summer treats are known for hitting the spot and are also always a hit with kids and teens. This year, the Israeli Nestle Company launched a campaign to encourage kids to do Mitzvahs, or acts of kindness, while eating popsicles!



Famous Israeli TikToker Peleg Levi, Promoting the Campaign

Now, more than ever, it's hard to get kids off their phones and away from technology. When you promise them a treat... that's a different story. This new initiative combines the two to create a platform of doing good - especially during summer break when kids have lots of free time. It works like this - there's a QR code on the package that directs the user to the TikTok sound to use, the Mitzvah is written on the popsicle stick, so once you're done eating, you see what you have to do, shoot a TikTok, and post it and pass the challenge along!

Branding and publicity for this great initiative took two years, and thousands of kids and teens took a part in this project using the various social media platform. Once again Israel finds a way to do good and incorporate lots of fun! Yasher Koach!



The "Do-Good" Israeli Popsicle Packaging



More Israel News

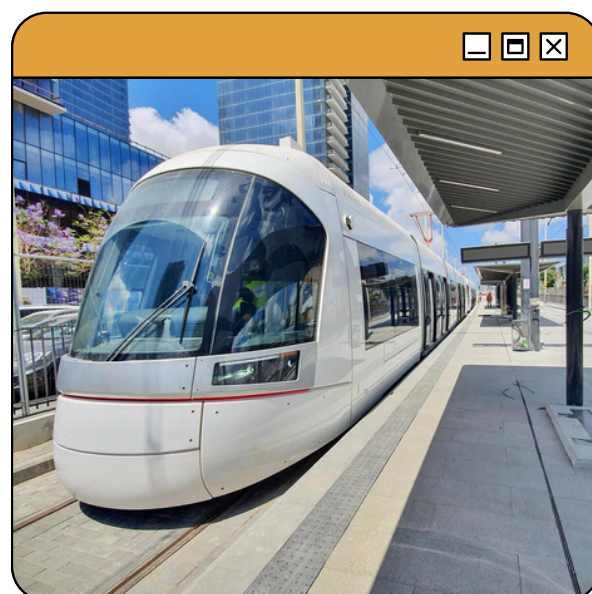
The Launch of the Dankal – the Light Rail of Tel Aviv

Years in the planning and building - finally - the Dankal launched in Israel!

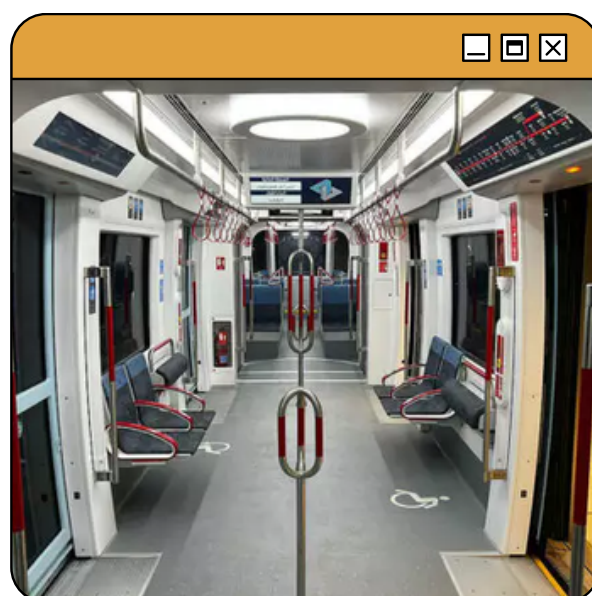
The landmark project, which cost nearly \$5 billion, promises to reshape the experience of commuting to Tel Aviv, or moving within it, for countless Israelis. The Red Line, whose route runs through Bat Yam, south of Tel Aviv, through Tel Aviv to Petah Tikva, officially opened to the public on August 18th, and people love it!

The line, consisting of 34 stations and a spur, is expected to carry some 235,000 passengers daily, according to NTA. Trains are expected to run every six to eight minutes, taking some 80 minutes to traverse the complete route.

The rail, the first of three planned light rail lines that will largely travel overland, is seen as a major boon for the Tel Aviv region, which is choked by major congestion on its roads daily.



The New Light Rail - Dankal

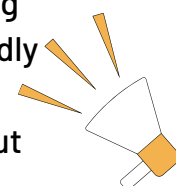


The Inside of the Light Rail

What's Going on?

Summer at Temple Emanuel

Over the summer, the Temple Staff and I have been working hard on new programming, events and so much more for our community! We have been planing a lot of new and exciting stuff for you, so stay tuned! Among other things, I am planning classes about Israeli films and literature, with the theme of "Love, Family, and Everything In-Between." Also, the KESTY Board and I have been meeting and coming up with an amazing programs lineup for our Temple Youth, including a special NFTY Weekend event and KESTY's 70th Birthday Party (for all ages!). I can also proudly announce that we hired over 20 Madrichol and Apprentices to join our Religious School team this year! They're going to add a lot to our programming and we couldn't run the school without them, what a great year is coming!



On The Horizon



KESTY-Led High Holy Days Services

I love this incredible tradition, in which our KESTY teens compose and lead a family friendly High Holiday service, it's a great opportunity to show our community the strength and dedication of our amazing Temple Youth. Join us on September 16th at 1:00pm for our KESTY-Led Rosh HaShanah Service and on September 25th at 1:00pm for our KESTY-Led Yom Kippur Service.



KESTY's Annual Kick-Off Bonfire!

Every year, KESTY kicks off the year with a big bonfire for all teens that want to come and be a part from our KESTY community! We'll have a nice and cozy bonfire, the obligatory s'mores, hot chocolate, nice music, and, most importantly, good company! It's a great opportunity to meet new friends and our new KESTY Board! Plan to attend on October 3rd at 7:30pm, see you there!



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Time for Food! Maple Syrup Coffee Cake

You probably ask yourself - why is Snir sharing a recipe for a Maple Syrup Cake before Rosh HaShanah? Where are the honey- infused recipes?! Well, you are not wrong, but this super easy cake is a nontraditional take on the Rosh HaShanah classic. This recipe took over my life when my mom's friend from work shared it with her and she never looked back. This cake showed up on EVERY holiday, occasion, or celebration. You name it, and it was there. When we finally told our mom that we had our fair share of maple syrup for a lifetime, she stopped, but not on Rosh HaShanah. The honey we eat on Rosh HaShanah symbolizes our desire to have a sweet and good year, and maple syrup is no different! This ridiculously easy-to-make cake is sure to be the sweet thing that will get you through the High Holidays, and it's also a nice cake to have with a cup of tea after the Yom Kippur fast. Bon Appetit!

Directions

- Preheat your oven to 350°F.
- In a bowl, mix the wet ingredients - sour cream, eggs, oil, vanilla and sugar.
- To that mixture add flour, try not to overmix the batter as it will result in a tough, dense cake. Once you cannot see any white bits of flour - you should stop mixing.
- Grease two loaf pans and divide the batter equally between the two pans.
- Mix the nuts with a bit of cinnamon and brown sugar, the brown sugar is supposed to be sticky enough to help everything bind together, but if not, you can add small amount of butter.
- Sprinkle that mixture on top of the cakes and bake for 25-30 minutes, when a fork comes out clean.
- While still hot, poke some holes in the cake (using a chopstick or a fork) and drizzle LOADS of maple syrup on the cake.
- Let it cool for a little while before serving. Cut and enjoy!
בתיאבון, if you make it, make sure to send me a pic!



Ingredients

- 200 ml of Sour Cream
- 3 Eggs
- 1 ¼ cups of Self Raising Flour
- 1½ cups of Sugar
- ½ cup of Vegetable Oil
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- LOTS of Maple Syrup to drizzle over the cake (the fake maple syrup tastes better for this...)
- If desired - cinnamon, nuts and brown sugar like pecans or walnuts to put on top of the cake.





Come to OSRUI for a special NFTY Weekend!

Registration Still Open! Scholarships Available!

I am so excited to share the news that registration for The Collab is now open! At The Collab, NFTY teens from across North America have the opportunity to come together and connect with one another. Registration is open for this unforgettable 4-day weekend from November 10th-13th, 2023. 9th-12th graders are invited to sign up and tell a friend! Temple Emanuel is really excited about sending our teens to this event and will sponsor airfare (up to \$400)!

URJ Camp OSRUI in Wisconsin is the home for this weekend away where life-changing memories will be made. I spent two summers working at this amazing camp and it's such an incredible place to spend time, explore, and enjoy everything it has to offer. I'm really excited for this weekend and spending some time at OSRUI with our amazing teens. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION](#)



See You Later & Keep In Touch!

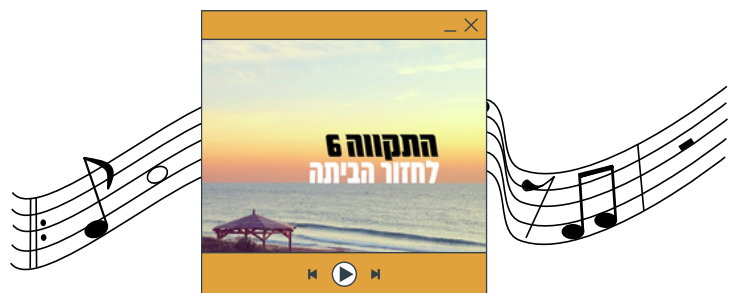
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That's it for this time!
 Hope you enjoyed this issue!
 I wish everyone a great new year and a Shana Tova! I'm really excited about everything that is about to come!

La'Shalom,
 Snir



Israeli Music Recommendation HaTikva 6 - 'LaChzor HaBayta'



LaChzor HaBayta means to go back home. After spending the year in the DMV area it feels good and refreshing to spend some time at home. This song beautifully walks you through that indescribable feeling of coming back home after a long time. This song became a hit after being in the background of a lot of post-army trips coming back home videos, and it amazingly captures and connects so many Israelis. Click the cover to listen.