



ACTORS TEMPLE

Congregation Ezrath Israel

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AN INTERVIEW WITH RABBI JILL HAUSMAN

What is your background?

I was born in New Jersey and grew up there and in Maryland near Washington, DC. As a child I studied dance and then, during my late teens I began to sing in the Friday evening service of my parents' Reform temple, as a volunteer in the professional choir. That experience taught me the liturgy and gave me a connection that marked a beginning of my adult relationship to Judaism. I attended Smith College, majoring in Biology, and worked as an aquatic biologist in New York for the first five years after college.

Though in my early adult years I was attracted to my own religion through synagogue music, I also was attracted to and learned about eastern religions: Buddhism and Hinduism. I learned how to

meditate, took the EST Training, and read a number of self-help and religious books that gave me insight into the basic, underlying truth found in all religions. But I remained within Judaism. I began to sing in Jewish choirs and eventually became a Cantorial Soloist, working in different synagogues, on the Holy Days over about a ten year period. At the same time I studied voice with a wonderful teacher, with whom I have pursued vocal truth, as taught by the old teachers of the Bel Canto school. Singing has been one of my spiritual disciplines. Acting helped me too, and served as a kind of do it yourself analysis and path to growth. My first full year job in a temple was at Boro Park Progressive



Rabbi Jill Hausman

Synagogue in Brooklyn, a Reform synagogue, where I became their cantor in 1994. After a few years, the Rabbi, Charles Shoulson, became ill, and I began to officiate alone, give sermons, chant Torah, and perform funeral services. Boro Park Progressive was known as the friendly synagogue, and there I learned what a synagogue could ideally be. Having ten years of pulpit experience and five years of intermittent rabbinic experience gave me an inside view of what values a synagogue community should engender.

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HIGH HOLY DAYS: A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shalom! The Holy Days, which come early this year, will soon be here. This year we are planning a full complement of services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, conducted by Rabbi Jill Hausman, and assisted by Rabbinic Intern Sam Swartz. On the second morning of Rosh Hashanah we will again have a creative service, which this year will honor the

founding members of our synagogue. There is a free service on Thursday, September 13th, the second night of Rosh Hashanah, that is open to everyone. For those wishing to stay at the Temple all day on Yom Kippur, we will be holding study sessions in the middle of the day. There will be children's services on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, consisting of a service and

program of singing for the first hour, and a children's art project during the second hour. Please let us know on your ticket order form the times and dates you would like your children to attend, so that we can plan appropriately. Below you will find a schedule of High Holy Day Services and related events.

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RABBI JILL HAUSMAN – CONTINUED**What direction do you think The Actors' Temple should be moving toward?**

Last year when I came to The Actors Temple, I had no idea about who regularly attended services: the ages of people, whether there were families, singles, interfaith couples, gay and lesbian couples. I learned that the answer to all the above is, "Yes!"

The community served by The Actors' Temple is exceptionally diverse. There are people in each age category who come to the services and programs we offered this year. This presents a unique challenge for the Temple. We have to make sure we

appeal to a broad variety of people at different stages of life.

Our small size allows us to be there for each of our congregants: to listen, to provide spiritual nourishment, to provide support in times of stress, and to provide opportunities to learn, grow, and socialize together. It is very important to me that human concerns come first, that people come before institutions. Now that there are more people regularly attending services it feels like a real community. My challenge is to continue to help the synagogue grow, while at the same time keeping the feeling of a small, warm, caring community.

**Services every
Friday at 7 PM and
Saturday at 10:30 AM**

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HIGH HOLY DAYS – CONTINUED

Since our dues are extremely low, we do ask our members and friends to purchase tickets for the Holy Days. Tickets are \$125 for members and \$200 for non-members—again, one of the lowest High Holy Day ticket prices in the New York area. This year all prices include the communal Break-Fast. Reservations, however, are required to attend the Break-Fast, and should be so indicated on the accompanying ticket order form. You may either fax or mail this ticket purchase form, or you may call our office.

If you are not yet a member of the Actors' Temple, but would like to become one, we are offering High Holiday tickets at member prices if you sign up and pay at least 25% toward your 2008 membership dues of \$360 for individuals or \$720 for families. The balance of the 2008 membership fee will be billed in January.

We look forward to seeing all of you as we embark on a new and exciting year together.

Sincerely, Alan Kifferstein, President

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ACTORS' TEMPLE HIGH HOLY DAYS 5768

Friday, 9/7	Shabbat/Selichot	7:00 PM	Musical Service & light supper
Wednesday, 9/12	Rosh Hashanah Eve	7:00 PM	Traditional Service
Thursday, 9/13	Rosh Hashanah 1 st Day	10:00 AM	Traditional Service
	Children's Service	10:30 AM	
	Free Service	7:30 PM	
Friday, 9/14	Rosh Hashanah 2 nd Day	10:00 AM	Creative Service Honoring the Founders
	Children's Service	10:30 AM	
	Tashlich—immediately following Service, we will walk to the Hudson River		
Friday, 9/21	Kol Nidre	6:30 PM	Traditional Service
Saturday, 9/22	Yom Kippur Day	10:00 AM	Traditional Service
	Children's Service	10:30 PM	
	Yizkor	1:00 PM	
	Study Session	3-4:00 PM	
	Mincha and N'ila	5:00 PM	
	Break-Fast	7:35 PM	Included in Ticket Price

- ◆ There is no charge for Selichot or Tashlich
- ◆ Children's Services will consist of a one-hour service and one hour arts/play session
- ◆ The Break-Fast is included in all ticket prices.

High Holiday Ticket Prices (for all Services including the Break-Fast)

Members: \$125

Non-Members: \$200

Full-time Students (13-25): \$30

Please Don't Forget the other Fall Holidays

Erev Sukkot (9/26, 7 PM), **Sukkot** (9/27, 10:30 AM), **Erev Shemini Atzeret** (10/4, 7 PM), **Shemini Atzeret** (10/5, 10:30 AM) **Yizkor** will be said, **Erev Sukkot** (9/26, 7 PM), **Simchat Torah** (10/5, 7 PM) Torah Parade, dancing, and more

M E M B E R N E W S**Mazal Tov to:**

Sonia Kifferstein and **Marina Kifferstein**, daughters of **Alan** and **Joan Kifferstein** and to **Ted Hawkins**, son of **Rabbi Jill Hausman** and **Hal Hawkins**. Sonia graduated from Vassar and is planning to work in the film industry. Marina was admitted to Oberlin College and Conservatory for the double degree program and will attend in the fall. Ted, who graduated from Cornell, will attend St. John's Law School; **Florence Cohen** on the birth of her grandchild, **Chaim Carolyn Trufelman** and **Larry Roberts** and big brother **Caden** on the birth of **Dexter Lewis, Kenny, Laura** and big brother **Max Feldman** on their newest child, **Isabelle Hazen**, and **Matt** and **Evy Libien** and big brother **Ethan** on the birth of **Nathaniel Jesse**. We wish them all many blessings!

We Welcome our Newest Members:

Carole Elfman, David Belsky, Joan Roth, Kama Linden, Shana Zaslow, Bill & Lynn Nadel.

Yahrzeits

July 17 **Herman Eulau**, July 23 **Milton Kifferstein**, July 27 **Diane Salo**, August 25 **Bernard Butenkant**,
September 7 **Belle Butenkant**, September 11 **Goldie Cohen**, September 27 **Thelma Feld**,
September 29 **Annie Spegal**

HIGH HOLY SEASON 5768—TICKET ORDER FORM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Ticket Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Member	\$125	X	= \$ _____
Non-member	\$200	X	= \$ _____
Full-time Student (ages 13-25)	\$30	X	= \$ _____
Children's Service (10:30 am-12:30 pm)	\$10	X	= \$ _____
GRAND TOTAL			\$ _____

I will be bringing the following number of people to the community Break-Fast (included): _____

Children's Service

We will be offering a Children's Service and arts program from 10:30 to 12:30 on both days of Rosh Hashana and on Yom Kippur. Children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult during the first hour.

Please note that children under the age of 13 are admitted free to the main service and are welcome.

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Actors' Temple. Please give me the member price and send me a membership packet.

Donations:

I wish to make an additional donation to the Actors' Temple for the following amount: \$ _____

Volunteering:

I am interested in ushering or in helping to set up the communal Break-fast.

Please call me at: _____

Payment Type:

Check enclosed MasterCard Visa

Credit Card No: _____ Exp. Date: _____

All ticket orders received by August 31st will be mailed.

All ticket orders received September 1st or later must be picked up in person.

Please call the office at 212-245-6975 to make arrangements.

**Fax the completed form to: 212-586-3025
Or mail to Actor's Temple, PO Box 2620, NY, NY 10108**