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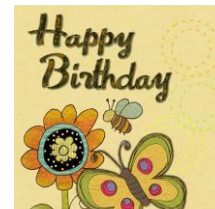
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To – All October Birthdays
– Happy Birthday. May your day and year be filled with happiness, good health, and may all your happy dreams come true.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Poets,

I hope you all enjoyed the High Holidays – and now the Anthology launch is nearly upon us. As you know, we have given up on the feasibility of holding a face-to-face meeting and have moved the launch event to Zoom. I look forward to seeing you all on October 3rd at 7 pm Israel time (12 noon US East Coast time, 9 am Pacific time, 5 pm UK time). **If anyone hasn't yet registered and would like to, please email me *immediately* to president@voicesisrael.com.**

We've extended the closing date for the 2021 Reuben Rose competition until November 15th. Please do send in your best poems now, to avoid a last-minute rush and backlog! This means that the judges' decisions will also be announced a month or so later than usual – in mid-January 2022 rather than mid-December.

As a result, we've also moved the dates for submitting to the Anthology by one month – the submission period will now start on January 15th and run until April 15th. This allows you all to get the results of the Reuben Rose competition, and if your poem did not win a prize or Honourable Mention, you then have plenty of time to enter it for the Anthology!

The submission period for the Bar Sagi Young Poets Prize remains as it was – starting November 15th. Please everybody do remind all your family, friends and others who may be interested, and direct them to the information on the Bar Sagi Prize page of our website: <https://www.voicesisrael.com/bar-sagi-prize>. This year we are reverting to the original format of the competition – it is open to Israeli students only. The trial we held last year showed that it is indeed not fair to expect Israeli school students to compete against those from an English-speaking society where English poetry is extensively taught in schools.

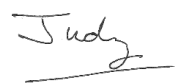
We're delighted to announce that Pesach Rotem has agreed to take over as Voices secretary from Linda when she retires next March. Welcome Pesach and many thanks! I am looking forward to working with him. Pesach will start working with Linda in January to ensure a smooth transition; Linda will retire at the 2022 AGM and head for a well-earned rest!

Looking ahead: we are planning a workshop in Jerusalem to be given by Dr. Judy Belsky in late November, either face-to-face or via Zoom according to the Corona situation.

I'm happy to note that, after reverting to Zoom due to the latest Corona spike, our Netanya group is now back to face-to-face meetings, so we have two groups, Haifa and Netanya, who are resolutely pursuing "business as usual." **Reminder:** any of our members may join any group meeting via Zoom, subject to agreement with the group's coordinator.

I wish us all a healthy, happy and productive year ahead!

All the best,



Judy Koren, President, Voices Israel.

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MEETING DATES, TIMES AND PLACES

<p>HAIFA TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 7:00 PM AT NAOMI YALIN'S 8 KIKAR DAVID NEVE SHAANAN</p> <p>Coordinator: Wendy Blumfield Tel: 04-837-6820 Mobile: 054-524-0412 wendyblumfield@netvision.net.il</p>	<p>TEL AVIV MEETING VIA ZOOM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 7:00 PM</p> <p>Coordinator: Mark Levinson Mobile: 054-444-8438 nosnivel@netvision.net.il</p>	<p>JERUSALEM MEETING VIA ZOOM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 8:00 PM</p> <p>Coordinator: Avril Meallem Tel: 02-567-0998 aemeallem@gmail.com</p>	<p>UPPER GALILEE MEETING VIA PERSONAL ZOOM AND IN PERSON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 5:00 PM</p> <p>Call 04-697-4105 or write to: poetsprogress@gmail.com for a link & guidelines.</p> <p>Coordinator: Reuven Goldfarb Tel: 04-6974105 Mobile: 058-414-0262 poetsprogress@gmail.com</p>
<p>ASHKELON CONTACT CHAIM FOR DETAILS</p> <p>Coordinator: Chaim Bezalel Mobile: 054-674-5900 bezalel.levy@gmail.com</p>	<p>NETANYA & SHARON MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 7:00 PM AT SUSAN OLSBURGH'S 2/6 ZALMAN SHAZAR (3RD FLOOR) RAMAT POLEG</p> <p>Coordinator: Susan Olsburgh Tel: 074-704-2736 olsburgh.susan@gmail.com</p>	<p>WESTERN GALILEE CONTACT PHYLLISIE FOR DETAILS</p> <p>Coordinator: Phyllisie Gross Tel: 052-874-6880 phyllisie@hotmail.com</p>	<p>LONDON UK FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ESTHER.</p> <p>Coordinator: Esther Lipton eblipton@talk21.com</p>
<p>SOUTHERN MEETING VIA ZOOM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 5:00 PM</p> <p>Coordinator: Miriam Green Tel: 05-7388640 miriamsgreen@gmail.com</p>	<p>GLOBAL GROUP MEETING VIA PERSONAL ZOOM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 6:45 PM (ISRAEL TIME)</p> <p>Coordinator: Shoshana Kent Tel: 052 808 9365 Y2nosh@netvision.net.il</p>	<p>USA/CANADA NO MEETINGS PLANNED</p>	

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Not only is it possible to win cash prizes, but you are also contributing to Voices Israel!! Send in your poems through Submittable before November 15, 2021.

IMPORTANT!!

The 31st Reuben Rose Memorial Poetry Competition

First prize \$500, second prize \$150, third prize \$50, ten honorable mentions. **Deadline is November 15, 2021.** Among the thirteen winners, no poet is included twice in the same year.

All prizewinners and honorable mentions will be published in the coming year's Voices Israel poetry anthology.

The competition is sponsored by the Voices Israel Group of Poets in English (<http://voicesisrael.com/>) but it is open to all. (You do not need to be a member of the Group.)

Submit original poetry, in English, on any topic. Challenging, humorous, and/or eccentric poetry is welcome, but typographical tricks are discouraged, and any illustrations will be discarded. Entry fee: \$18 for 6 poems, \$12 for 3 poems, or \$6 for 1 poem.

Line limit per poem: 41 lines, including any stanza breaks, dedication, epigraph, etc. but not including the title. Microsoft Word is the preferred format, but you may submit in PDF if you have an unusual structure to reproduce.

Poems must be unpublished and must remain unpublished until the list of winners is e-mailed to the entrants (target date is early February). Thereafter you may publish and republish as you like; copyright remains with you, and we claim only a non-exclusive license to publish and republish the winning poems and honorable mentions in any form, physical or digital. For our purposes, poems are not considered previously published if they have appeared in the Voices Israel newsletter or in a Voices Israel workshop chapbook.

Submit at <https://voicesisrael.submittable.com/submit>. Poems are judged without the poets' names. The judges' decision is not subject to appeal. Make sure that your name appears only on the Submittable page, not anywhere in the file you send or in the file's name.

The judges for the 2021 competition are:

Ricky Rapoport Friesem - last year's First Prize winner.

Jane Seitel - last year's Second Prize winner.

David Caplan - this year's Overseas Judge.

David Caplan is a Full Professor of English and assistant director of creative writing at Ohio Wesleyan University. He is a member of the executive Committee of the Modern Language Association's Creative Writing Forum. He has published two books of poems, has won the Virginia quarterly Reviews Emily Clark Balch Prize for Poetry, and is a contributing editor to the Virginia Quarterly Review and to Pleiades: A Journal of New Writing. In 2018, when on sabbatical in Israel, he gave us a workshop in Haifa, and we are very happy to welcome him back to Voices Israel as our Overseas Judge.

Questions may be sent to reubenrosepoetrycompetition@gmail.com.

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The Voices Israel Group of Poets in English announces the Third Bar Sagi Young Poets Prize Competition, 2022

The Bar Sagi Young Poets Prize commemorates a talented young Israeli poet, Bar Sagi, who died at the age of fifteen. The competition was established by Bar's family and is administered by the Voices Israel Group of Poets in English in consultation with Prof. Anthony Joseph, Bar's grandfather.

The competition is open to Israeli school students aged 12 through 19.

Submission dates: November 15, 2021, through January 15, 2022.

Cash prizes will be awarded to three winning poems: 400 NIS first prize, 250 NIS second prize, 100 NIS third prize. One or more other poems may be awarded an Honorable Mention.

There is no fee for entering the competition.

Competition rules and submission guidelines

- The competition is open to young poets aged 12 to 19 when the poem was written.
- Poets may use their whole name, first name, or a pseudonym. We will not publish any contact information.
- Poets submit by sending up to three poems, by email, in one file – either in the body of the email, or as an attached Word file – to barsagivoices@gmail.com.
- The parent or guardian's name and postal address, and the child's age when the poems were written, must be included somewhere within the document.
- Poems may be in any style and on any subject, but each must have no more than 41 lines (not including title), and they must be in English.
- Poems must be previously unpublished. The poets retain sole copyright of their poems.
- Prizes will be presented by Bar Sagi's family, and the winning poets will read their poems, at a prize-giving ceremony held by Voices Israel. This may be held separately, or together with the prize-giving for the Reuben Rose competition, Voices Israel's annual poetry competition for adults.
- The winning poems, and Honorable Mention poems if there are any, will be published in the annual Voices Israel anthology. Upon acceptance, a parent or legal guardian must sign a release allowing us to publish the poem.

For information about the competition and its winners, and PDF files of the winning poems from previous years, see <https://www.voicesisrael.com/bar-sagi-prize>.

For further questions, contact Susan Bell, the administrator of the competition, at sujubell@gmail.com.

Voices Israel is a fully accredited and approved organization registered since 1993 with the Israel Organizations Authority: number 580197036.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER(S)

Amos Neufeld, NY, USA

CONDOLENCES



We have learned that we recently lost one of our Voices members, **Hadassa Haskale** ל"ת, from Jerusalem. You will find some of her poems on the first page of poems. May her memory be a blessing.

We send our condolences to, **Wendy Blumfield**, whose brother, **Gerald Don** ל"ת of England, has passed. May his memory be a blessing.

A SPECIAL OFFER FROM JOHNMICHAEL SIMON

Johnmichael Simon is offering his chapbook design services to Voices Israel members and friends. If you would like to possess a beautifully presented and published collection of your own favorite poems, please contact Johnmichael for details of this special offer at johnmichaelsimon@gmail.com.

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

The 2021 Wilder Book Prize is currently open for submissions! A Poetry Contest for Women over the Age of 50

Submission Dates: Sept. 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021

Judges: The Editors of Two Sylvias Press: Kelli Russell Agodon & Annette Spaulding-Convy
Prize: \$1000 and publication by Two Sylvias Press

Past Winners: Carmen Gillespie, Adrian Blevins, Dana Roeser, Erica Bodwell, Gail Martin, and Michelle Bitting

[Visit this link to read the submission guidelines](#)

Nimrod International Journal is calling for submissions to its Spring/Summer 2022 thematic issue, *What Now?: The Future We Make*. We would love to see your poems, short stories, creative nonfiction pieces, or translations that explore micro- and macro-versions of the future: both our futures on an individual, relationship, or family level and our social, national, and worldwide future. See the following link for all submission information and guidelines.

<https://artsandsciences.utulsa.edu/nimrod/call-for-manuscript-submissions/>

Winning Writers found some excellent poetry contests. See [here](#) for all the information.

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KUDOS TO OUR MEMBERS

To – **Judy Belsky**, on the publication of her book of poems “Where Is The Thread?”

To - **Judy Belsky** sent a pdf of her art booklet she created called The Canvas#1. It contains some of Judy’s magnificent paintings accompanying her eloquent and moving story of what each painting means to her. Judy has some prints and originals available for purchase. Contact Judy to receive a copy of her lovely art booklet. Judy Belsky

To – **Pesach Rotem**, whose poem “Stars and Bars Triumphant” was published in the Summer 2021 issue of Rise Up Review at <https://riseupreview.org/pesach-rotem>, and whose haiku “Emunah” was selected as a Second Prize Winner in The Book Meshuggenah’s Chai-ku Contest at <https://thebookmeshuggenahs.com/chai-ku>.

To – **Larry Lefkowitz**, whose haiku “framed in a window” was selected as a Second Prize Winner in The Book Meshuggenah’s Chai-ku Contest at <https://thebookmeshuggenahs.com/chai-ku>.

To – **Paul Rabinowitz**, who has been nominated for the Maria Mazziotti Gillan Literary Service Award. The award ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 3 at noon at the Paterson Poetry Festival in Paterson, NJ, USA.

In addition, **Paul’s** poetry manuscript, *truth, love and the lines in between* is being submitted for publication. Some individual published works that will appear in the manuscript can be read [here](#).

Our friends at **Spertus Institute in Chicago, IL USA** sent us the following message:

Wishing you a new year of health, happiness, and learning

As we begin a new Jewish year, we want to express our gratitude to you—our supporters, students, members, colleagues, alumni, neighbors, and friends.

From all of us at **Spertus Institute**, thank you for the sweet ways you support our organization and for being part of our growing community of learners.

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UPCOMING EVENTS BY VOICES MEMBERS

Invitation from Paul Rabinowitz, New Jersey, USA

Paul has sent a personal invitation to the opening of his solo show “Retrospective with Reading Glasses on Friday October 1, from 6-9 pm (East Coast time in USA) at CCM Gallery, Sherman H Masten Library in Randolph, NJ. Retrospective with Reading Glasses is a mixed media exhibition that uses a combination of photographs, short poems and videos by Paul Rabinowitz to tell the story of an evolving artist. **The show will be up through November 18 if you are unable to attend the opening.**

Questions: info@paulrabinowitz.com

Info on [Parking](#) and for special assistance and wheelchair accessibility **Stop by Public Safety** (MAP #12) [click here](#)

Invitation from Willa Schneberg, Oregon, USA

Dear Friends and Family,

I want to invite you to an evening of the words of Oregon Jewish writers.

One of the advantages of a Zoom event is that you can be in my company, and in company of the other four readers, and you can be anywhere in the state of Oregon, in the US, and abroad, and join us in a shared virtual space! Don't forget that is 7PM (PDT). Please translate into your time zones. also want to let those for whom the reading will be in the middle of the night, that it will be recorded and available on the Oregon Jewish Museum's website.

*I am attaching a docx. and PDF file with all the particulars. ***

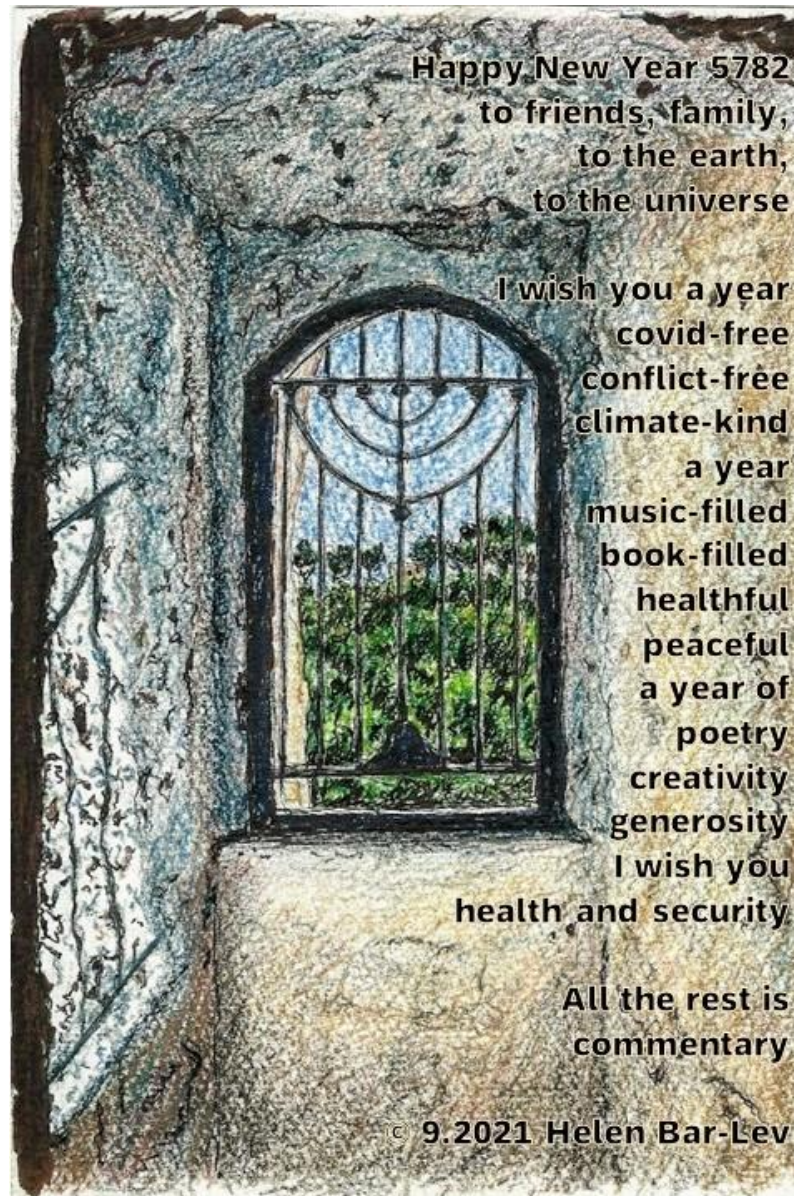
To register: <https://www.ojmche.org/events/oregon-jewish-voices-2021/>

So hope to see you there!

Willa

**** The referenced documents are available at the above link.**

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