

July 2016

Sivan - Tammuz 5776

Friday, July 1st at 6:00pm

Please join
Cantor Arlene Frank
for her first Erev Shabbat Service at CSS
and

immediately following the 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service

The Membership Committee invites you to a
Kickoff Summer BBQ

We're providing the hot dogs, hamburgers,
and veggie burgers. We're asking you to bring a salad, side
dish, or dessert. The side dishes and salads should be parve,
the desserts can be dairy.

Please let the Temple office know if you're coming so we can
make sure we have enough burgers, etc.
Come for the service and stay for dinner, or just come for the
BBQ....but we hope to see you there!



During the months
of July and August, Friday evening
Erev Shabbat Services will
be held at 6:00pm
outside under the tent
(weather permitting.)



Saturday, July 30th
at Island Park in Williamsville.
Join CSS and Walk the Walk!

9th Annual Walk Off Hunger for the Food Bank of WNY

Congregation Shir Shalom is proud to once again co-host Walk Off Hunger for the Food Bank of WNY. This year's event will be held Saturday, July 30th at Island Park in Williamsville. Check-in begins at 10:00am, the Walk is at 11:00am, and Summerfest continues until 2:00pm.

Since we started the walk in 2008, it has raised enough money to provide nearly two and a half million meals for Western New Yorkers in need. Last year's walk was the biggest yet, raising enough money for more than half a million meals!

As we have every year, CSS had the largest team in the walk. And once again our Jennie Pohl raised more money than any other walker.

Registration for the walk is only \$25, and kids under 16 are free. Your registration fee includes all the Summerfest activities, including food, children's games, and entertainment.

To sign up for the Shir Shalom team or to make a donation, go to:
<https://www.crowdrise.com/team-congregation-shir-shalom>



Team Shir Shalom at the 2015 Walk.

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CONGREGATION SHIR SHALOM

"Song of Peace"

**OUR MISSION IS TO BE A WELCOMING
COMMUNITY AND TO ENHANCE ALL
ASPECTS OF JEWISH LIFE.**

WE ARE:

- ◆ Reform and Reconstructionist
- ◆ Diverse
- ◆ Multigenerational
- ◆ Inclusive and Interfaith

WE SHARE:

- ◆ Joy in Judaism
- ◆ Compassion and support
- ◆ Lifelong learning
- ◆ Traditions with flexibility

WE AFFIRM:

- ◆ Reinterpreting our heritage
- ◆ Repairing the world
- ◆ Embracing uniqueness and unity
- ◆ Recognizing the relevance of Israel



September 2016 Chai Notes Deadline

The deadline for articles to be submitted for inclusion in the
September 2016 issue of Chai Notes is **July 21, 2016**.

Please submit articles
to the editor at laura.yellen@shirshalombuffalo.org

Chai Notes

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From the Clergy



It's summer time and I get to go to camp. My daughter Jarah will be attending overnight camp for the first time, Camp JRF, a Reconstructionist camp in the Poconos, and I'll be joining her for a week. Like many of our youngsters attending Camp Seneca Lake, the closest JCC camp, or Camp George, the URJ camp north of the Border, Jarah will have an immersive Jewish experience far away from her home community.

Summer camp has been a staple of the American Jewish experience for well over one hundred years. Starting in the late 19th century, Jewish camps began appearing across the United States to give our children a reprieve from the squalid conditions of the cities. Later in the 20th Century, as waves of Jewish immigrants came from Russia and Europe, Jewish camps became the main mechanism to acculturate the youth into main stream society. Ironically, today they are now used to recreate the closeness and camaraderie of Jewish neighborhoods that have long since dissolved in our move toward suburbia.

The larger American Jewish community has seen the impact that a positive Jewish camping experience can have on our overall community. Outside of spending time in Israel, or being part of a Jewish Day School, no other Jewish experience creates more Jewish future leadership than Jewish overnight camps. With this in mind, the Foundation for Jewish Camp offers \$1000 scholarships to first year campers in a program called One Happy Camper. If you have children or grandchildren interested in Jewish overnight camp, I would encourage you to go to www.jewishcamp.org to find out more.

Later in the summer, I will also be helping with Camp Centerland's Shabbat program on Friday, August 8th. Camp Centerland, which now operates outside of the Amherst JCC, is our local day camp. Led by new director Betsy Abramson, Camp Centerland is a fun, safe environment for kids to spend the summer.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein

Meet with the Rabbi

If you need guidance, advice, or if you just want to schmooze, Rabbi Alex is available every Thursday, from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Call Rabbi Alex at 308-4558 to make an appointment.



Please join us in welcoming Cantor Arlene Frank and her family to Buffalo and our congregation.

Look for her introductory column in this spot next month.

"Transition in Song" Cantor's Concert DVDs are available for \$18. Please contact Joanne in the Temple office if you would like to purchase one.



(L to R) Cantor Arlene Frank, Cantor Sharon Colbert and Cantor Barbara Ostfeld. *Look for more concert pictures in the August issue of Chai Notes.

Save the Date

Friday, August 19th from 7:00 - 8:00pm
Congregation Shir Shalom
Open House

Current and prospective members and their families are welcome.

You will have the opportunity to meet:

- Clergy, Rabbi Alex Lazarus Klein and Cantor Arlene Frank.
- Religious School Director, Hope Bongiorno.
- Religious School Faculty and Staff.
- Executive Director, Joanne Marquisee.
- Parent Council Members.
- Members of the Board of Trustees.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Tour our building and Outdoor Worship Center.
- Hear about highlights of the upcoming year.
- Learn about our Religious School curriculum.
- Hear about Adult Education options.
- Learn more about our warm and welcoming community.
- Meet new friends and see old friends!

FYI - Reform and Reconstructionist Judaism

Reform Judaism

HISTORY

- Founded in Germany in the early 1800s
- The 1st Jewish response to Enlightenment
- Key figures:
 - Abraham Geiger (1810-1874)
 - Isaac Mayer Wise (1819-1900)
 - Stephen S. Wise (1874-1949)
- The largest Jewish Denomination with 1.5 million members, 900 synagogues

BELIEFS

- Belief in God as defined in the Shema.
- Belief that the Torah was written by human hands, in the language of its time, with divine inspiration.
- Belief in the rationality of humanity.
- Belief that the process of reinterpretation of the Torah to the language of today is ongoing, and that every Jew has a stake and a role in that restatement and extension.
- Belief in egalitarianism (equal treatment of the sexes) wherever possible.
- Belief in the strong moral and social action commitment inherent in the Torah and embodied in the concept of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world.

Reconstructionist Judaism

HISTORY

- Founded by Mordecai Kaplan in the 1920s
- First Jewish denomination formed in US
- Rabbinical school started in 1968
- Currently 109 synagogues and approximately 40,000 members
- Influence in American Judaism much greater than size

BELIEFS

- Judaism is more than a religion; it is an evolving religious civilization.
- Judaism is the creation of the Jewish people themselves, not of God.
- Jewish law is not the sole decision maker: i.e. the past "has a vote, not a veto."
- A belief in a non-supernatural deity: "God is the process that leads to salvation"
- The driving force behind Judaism is belonging rather than believing.
- Judaism and working for social justice are inseparable.
- The State of Israel is vital to Jewish cultural and spiritual survival.

CSS Religious School, Youth & Family Programming

2016 - 2017

Religious School Registration

Take advantage of our **Early Registration Discount** when you pay tuition, in full, by July 15, 2016, or get a new family to register for K - 7 in our Religious School by August 12th, so that you can receive a \$100 discount on one child's tuition! One discount per family.

Save the Date!

Join Congregation Shir Shalom as we are guests of the JCC for

Pray, Play and Splash!

Friday, August 5th

at the JCC Benderson Building

Sunday, July 17th @ 6:00 pm

Mama Doni is returning to Buffalo!

at the Rein Family Amphitheater on the grounds of
Camp Centerland

Join PJ Library and bring the whole family and rock out to the tunes of Mama Doni! Ice Cream social will follow the concert. Part of the second annual Rein Family Summer Concert Series.

For more information, go to www.jfedbflo.com



CSS Religious School, Youth & Family Programming

Religious School closing day activities included an assembly that featured recognition of May Students of the Month, a Book Fair and Sale and Curriculum Fair, showcasing student work from the past year.



Sisterhood News

First, thank you to everyone who participated in the Sisterhood Erev Shabbat service on May 20th. Thanks especially to Grace Bluestone for writing a beautiful service as always, including a special poem and song parody for Cantor Sharon, who led this annual service for the last time. Please see the full text of the poem and song on this page.

Watch for a couple of fun events this month. On Friday, July 8th, Sisterhood will be going out for a "Dutch treat" dinner after services under the tent. Men as well as women are welcome. The restaurant hasn't yet been decided – watch your email for details. On July 24th, join us for a picnic at the home of Marina Finkelstein. Bring your swimsuit for a relaxing dip in the pool or hot tub. Eat good food, schmooze with friends, and have a say in Sisterhood's plans for the upcoming year. Attendees at the picnic will be the first to hear about events being planned for 2016-17, so get your reservations in as soon as possible.

Stay cool and comfortable, and we'll see you soon!

Jill Hamilton

Send in the Cantor

Isn't it sad? Why are we here?
Saying "Good bye" is a task
That we all fear.
Why must you go?

Why are we sad? That isn't all...
We're not just losing you;
We're losing Paul.
Why must you go?
We love you so.

Wasn't it great...
Another year
Seeing you, hearing you,
Having you with us and here?

Making our Shabbats so sweet
Hearing your voice.
You there in Texas
Would not be our choice.
Why must you go?

You've family there,
They want you so...
That now we know
Why you must go.

Cantor Hiawatha

By the shores of old Lake Erie
In the meeting house *Shir Shalom*,
Lives our mitzvah known as Cantor,
Sharon Colbert, known as Cantor
Known as singer, sweet and mellow,
Known as gentle in her manner,
Known for being there when needed
In the times of pain and sorrow.
Truly Sharon is our mitzvah.

Talk to Cantor;
She will listen.
Ask her questions;
She will answer.

She will see you as a person,
She will share with you her knowledge.
Also share her sense of humor.
Cantor Sharon Colbert studies,
Also sometimes taught of Torah
To the Wednesday Class of Torah,
Bringing woman's view of Torah
With much preparation for it.

Cantor Sharon leaves for Texas,
Home of Stetson, cattle, lone stars,
Home of oil, and Cantor's family,
Taking with her Paul, her husband,
Taking with her recollections
Of her days at Temple with us,
And the many hearts at Temple
Which she holds fast as she leaves us.

Things she cannot take to Texas...
For the very air of Temple
Holds the memories and the music,
All the love ...the breath of Temple
We all will still have deep within us
All the Shabbats we shared with her...
This we keep though we lose Sharon.
This the mitzvah that she gives us.

As you go to Texas. Cantor,
You have given much to Temple,
More than we can ever give you.
But to Texas we give riches,
More than oil fields, cattle, ranches,
All the wealth you spread before us
Cannot really total up to
All the worth of Cantor Sharon.

So for Cantor Sharon Colbert,
Be a mitzvah for the Texans
Be your star for your own family,
Most of all be truly happy.

Men's Group

From the Men's Group

The Men's Group hopes that everyone is having a great summer! We are taking a break from monthly meetings until next month. We are looking for interesting speakers for our monthly meetings, so if you have any suggestions, please email me at the address below.

Our monthly poker games continue. The dates are announced by email, so if you are not yet on the Men's Group email list, send us an email (see address below) and we will be happy to add you. Most of our communication is through email, so get on the list to be informed of what we're doing.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, everyone!

Daniel Kester

Men's Group President

mensgroup@shirshalombuffalo.org

Fundraising and Tikkun Olam

Chesed Caring Committee

The CSS Chesed Caring Committee wants you to know that we take care of our members in a very special way; namely, by providing meals for families who: have a loved one just returning home from the hospital; are experiencing the birth of a new baby; or are observing Shiva. All we need is a call from someone in the family to let us know that one of the above situations exists, and we will provide a delicious meal for the immediate family.

We also are looking for volunteers who would be able to pick up the meals and deliver them to the recipient's home. This does not have to be a long-term commitment. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you will be called to help.

"Care-Ring"

We recognize that some members, who are unable to leave their homes for one reason or another or who live alone, may appreciate a phone call once a week from another caring congregant. We are reaching out to both those who would like to hear from someone, to chat, to visit on the phone, and those who are willing to make the phone calls.

Please let us know if you want this service, or if you are able to provide this service. We will explain the details. It's easy, convenient, and it's a MITZVAH. All you need is a phone and a few minutes a week.

To request a meal be provided to a member or to volunteer, please call Adrienne Crandall at 875-7061, or email her at adrienne.crandall@gmail.com

L'Chaim Column

Mazel Tov to our President's Award Recipients Micky Farber & Betsy Zappia

On May 17, 2016, Micky Farber and Betsy Zappia were recognized for their commitment to our temple family.

The annual President's Award is given to honor individuals that exemplify extraordinary service and dedication to Congregation Shir Shalom.

Each year, the President of the congregation selects one or more recipients who have enhanced the ethics of Judaism, leading by example, and demonstrating the true meaning of Tikkum Olam.



Mazel Tov Bruce Corris on being named the recipient of the 2016 Daniel E. Kerman Award



The Daniel E. Kerman Award is given to an individual or an organization who has lived by the ideals that made Rabbi Kerman such a beloved leader. This award carries not only prestige, but also a monetary award.

Bruce receives his award from CSS Executive Committee member Joe Glickman.

Mazel Tov

to grandmother Dana Moore,
great-grandfather Lawrence Laufer,
parents Katelyn Moore & Nathan El-Obari,
and brother Zackary,
on the birth of Lucas Grant.

Adult Education

Thursdays at 10:30am
Women's Torah Study with Rabbi Alex
Weinberg Campus Card Room

This discussion group will meet on the first, second, fourth and, if applicable, fifth Thursdays of the month at 10:30am. All women are welcome.

January 8 - 19, 2017
**Jewish-Presbyterian Geo-Political
trip to Israel and the West Bank**

Total cost, including round-trip airfare from Toronto to Tel Aviv:
\$3,596/person

There are only 30 spots available at this very low rate!

Contact the Temple office for more information.

Anne Bernstein Memorial Shabbat Speaker Series

Ninety people attended the Anne Bernstein Memorial Shabbat Speaker Series and luncheon on May 28th at CSS.

We extend a very special thank you to Alan and Ellen for sponsoring this event in memory of their daughter Anne.



Alan and Ellen Bernstein with
speaker Elinor Weiss (center)

Book Group and Library Corner



SAVE THE DATE
Friday, August 5th at 11:30am

Between the Covers

"Lineup" by Liad Shoham

We will enjoy our brown bag lunches at 11:30am, and begin our discussion of the book at 12:00pm.

Liad Shoham, the #1 bestselling author in Israel, makes his American debut with *Lineup* - a superbly plotted, uncompromising crime thriller.

Lineup focuses on these two men, detective and suspect, as they both end up betraying what they value most, fighting for their lives, and struggling to make amends for their mistakes in this gritty, fast-paced, complex novel of suspense.

LIBRARY CORNER Several memoirs have been written by women who were raised in ultra-Orthodox or Hasidic families, usually focusing on their frustration with the treatment of women and girls. *This Is Not A Love Story*, by Judy Brown, takes a different approach. In this often painful but ultimately hopeful book, Brown ("Menuchah" in the story) looks back on her childhood as a descendant of a respected Hasidic dynasty, growing up with Nachum, her "crazy" brother, whose affliction (undiagnosed autism) is considered shameful in their community. His incomprehensible behavior must be due to a curse, her 8-year-old friends tell her, caused by the shocking fact that her parents fell in love rather than waiting for their marriage to be arranged.

Brown is brutally honest about her resentment of her brother and the prejudices and superstitions that she encounters and to some extent shares, as well as the tensions in her parents' marriage and her mother's unwavering determination not to give up on Nachum. However, there are touching moments and funny ones as well, such as her attempts at a 40-day fast (with multiple "exceptions"), her most unkosher addiction to "goyisch" fairy tales, and the true story of her parents' courtship. Thankfully, as Brown notes, due to increased understanding and availability of resources, attitudes to special needs children are improving in traditional Jewish communities.

This Is Not A Love Story can be obtained through the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library system.

Leslie Jaszczak
Ljaszczak1@verizon.net

Shir Shalom Funds

If you wish to honor those whose memories are dear to you, or express your gratitude for a joyous occasion, you are invited to make a contribution to Congregation Shir Shalom. Below is a list of funds available for your donations:

Congregation Shir Shalom Endowment Fund	Cantor Susan Wehle Memorial Garden Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	Abe and Shirley Marquisee Memorial Fund
Cantor's Discretionary Fund	Anne Bernstein Memorial Education Fund
Executive Director's Discretionary Fund	Dr. Barnett A. Slepian Memorial Fund
Educator's Discretionary Fund	Bella & Bert Kremer Education Fund
Building Fund	Bess & Morris Michaels Memorial Garden Fund
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Cemetery Fund	Gunilla Kester Bat Mitzvah Fund
Chesed/Caring Fund	Hyman Midda Memorial Fund
Fight Hunger Fund	Irving & Helene Fudeman Memorial Fund
General Operating Fund	Dr. Max, Jeanette and Edgar Rivo Memorial Fund
General Education Fund	Jane Oved Memorial Fund
Landscaping Fund	Julian Safir Memorial Fund
Library Fund	Leonard Goodman Fund
Music Fund	M. Sobel Education Fund
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Sisterhood Fund	Neustatter-Shapiro Fund
Social Action Fund	Robert Unher Memorial Fund
Thanksgiving Baskets Fund	Samuel B. Cohen Memorial Fund
Yahrzeit Fund	Spivack Youth Library Fund
Youth Group Scholarship Fund	Rabbi Steven & Patty Mason Israel Scholarship Fund
Rabbi Daniel E. Kerman Memorial Fund	Edith and Joel L. Cohen Memorial Prayer Book Fund
Cantor Susan Wehle Memorial Caring Fund	

If you have questions regarding any of the funds listed above, please contact Joanne Marquisee in the Temple office at 633-8877.

If you choose to contribute to more than one fund, a separate check for each donation would be greatly appreciated.

\$10 minimum donation is requested.

Manager Wanted
Congregation Shir Shalom Sisterhood Gift Shop
Starting September 1st. Contact Jean at 634-3504 if interested.

Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop

Shop at Shir Shalom

During the summer, the Gift Shop will be open
by appointment only.
Call Jean at 634-3504 or the Temple at 633-8877.



Member Announcements

Member Announcements Program

Congregation Shir Shalom now has a Member Announcement Program in our monthly newsletter, Chai Notes. If you have a special event or message you would like to share with our congregational family, this is your opportunity.

The program guidelines are as follows:

- The piece will be accepted based on space availability in the issue.
- It must be submitted in camera ready form. Please send your piece in a jpeg or pdf file to laura.yellen@shirshalombuffalo.org
- There is a time lag of approximately 6 weeks from submission to publication. So, if the piece is time sensitive, please keep this in mind.
- We reserve the right to not publish a piece as Editor.

The Rate Card is as follows:

- Full Page \$180
- Quarter Page \$ 45
- Half Page \$ 90
- Business Card \$ 36

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Joanne in the Temple office at 633-8877.

Mazel Tov Adam Yellen and The Jewish Repertory Theatre of WNY on their Buffalo Artie Awards nominations



The annual Artvoice Artie Awards are the Tony Awards of Buffalo and they're a big deal in the local theater community! Adam has appeared in three Artie Award winning shows but this is his first individual nomination. This year he was nominated in the Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play category

for his portrayal of *Maria* in last summer's Shakespeare in Delaware Park's all-male production of *Twelfth Night* (see "gentlewoman" *Maria* in photo above.) Quoting Buffalo News reviewer Ben Siegel (July 2015) "Adam Yellen is a huge jewel in this cast's crown... of all these feminized men, Yellen wears his dress the best! Adam once again, shows us how versatile, dependable and spectacular he is on a stage."

The Jewish Repertory Theatre was nominated for three awards - Outstanding Production of a Play for *My Name is Asher Lev*, in which Adam played the title role, and two JRT actors were also nominated in the Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play category.

Adam will next be appearing in this summer's Shakespeare in Delaware Park's *Taming of the Shrew*. Next season look for Adam in *Sweet Bird of Youth* (Irish Classical Theatre), *Frankenstein* (Roadless Traveled Productions), *A View from the Bridge* (Kavinoky Theatre) and *Great God Pan* (Jewish Rep. Theatre). He will also be assistant directing *Equus* (Irish Classical Theatre.)

General Programming and Announcements

Thursday, July 21st at 7:00pm Spiritual Discussion Group

This group is open to anyone who feels he/she has had some sort of "contact" with the Divine, feels that in some way he/she has been "saved", or has had a similar life altering experience, and/or has had a near death experience.

Those who have had such experience(s) and would like to talk to others with similar experiences are welcome to join this group.

Video Streaming of Friday Night Services

Live video streaming of Friday night services at Congregation Shir Shalom is available to anyone with a computer and an internet connection. To access it, simply go to the Temple's website, www.shirshalombuffalo.org and click on the "Live Video Streaming" link. It's easy!

The video streaming is a joint project of the CSS Sisterhood, Men's Group and Communications Committee, with the goal of making services available for those unable to get to Temple, especially our ill and/or immobile congregation members. Please note that we occasionally experience technical difficulties that are beyond our control. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

High Holiday Services Participation

If you would like a part in our High Holiday Services, please contact Mindy Weinman, at toothdocs2@aol.com or 689-7518.

Requests will be granted to the best of our ability.

July 29th @ 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service Hawaiian style! under the tent

Wear your favorite Hawaiian attire and join us after the service for tropical drinks.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to our July B'nai Mitzvah and Their Families



*Adam
Cramer-Benjamin*
July 9, 10:30am



Elijah Brooks
July 23, 10:30am



Mari Lederman
July 30, 10:30am

Opportunities

Any Reason is a Good Reason to Sponsor an Oneg!

Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat after Friday Erev Shabbat Services is a lovely way to honor someone you love, to celebrate an upcoming simcha, or to remember a loved one in a special way. It's a great way to celebrate a special event: birth, baby naming, engagement, wedding, anniversary, birthday, graduation, return to good health, a new job, awards, etc.

As a sponsor, your name and dedication will be read from the bimah as part of our announcements and will be included in the service leaflet.

The cost of sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat is \$180. You also can co-sponsor with another person or family. All dates must be pre-approved. For more information, please contact Joanne Marquisee, our Executive Director, at 633-8877 or joanne.marquisee@gmail.com. What a nice way to honor those individuals who are important in your life!

Please share your pictures with us!



Do you have a picture of an event that you attended at temple; a picture of a family Shabbat you had at home; an interesting picture from a meeting; or other photos that you'd like to share with us?

If so, please send them to: shirshalomphotos@gmail.com along with a **very brief** explanation of the particulars for each photo (who, what, when, where, why).

We will use the best of these pictures on our website, in Chai Notes, in articles we submit to the Jewish Review, Jewish Journal, in emails, etc. Thanks for your help!!!

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for the lovely challahs you donate to Congregation Shir Shalom each and every Shabbat.



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Congregation Shir Shalom -
Buffalo, NY



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July Donations

(those received by May 21, 2016)

The Congregation Shir Shalom Endowment Fund

In Memory of:

Sam Arnovitz, by
Joan Daniels
Suzanne Kahn
Sharon and Donald Walker
Herbert Cheiffetz, by *Elaine Cheiffetz*
Peggy Gunzburger Altman, by *Suzanne Kahn*
Barbara Katz Gladstone, by *Neysa and Ron Davis*
Pearl Pikkel, by *Gayle Nosenchuck*

The Rabbi Lazarus-Klein Discretionary Fund

In Memory of:

Sophie Capell, by *Carol Froehlich*
Patricia Kroh Freudenheim, by *Jo Freudenheim*
David Gabin, by *Donna and Morris Horwitz*
Jack Herzbrun, by *The Herzbrun Family*
Dr. Charles Konell, by *Charlotte Pollock*
Sandra Leigh, by *Drucy Borowitz and Philip Glick*
Daniel Pollock, by *Charlotte Pollock*

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Alex's thoughtfulness and kindness, by
Bob and Betteann Joseph
Rabbi Alex, for his guidance and leadership in the baby naming
of Brady, by *The Rubin Family*
Rabbi Alex, by
Marlene Glickman
Zachary Greenberg
Susan Bloch Kay and Stephan Kay
Shir Shalom for the Seder Celebration, by
Henry and Lynette Lazarus & Family

The Cantor's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of:

Joseph A. Carr, by *Laurie and Larry Carr*
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In Appreciation of:

Cantor Colbert, by *Marlene Glickman*

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Mishebeirach Prayers

If you, or someone you know, is in need of healing, please call the Temple office at 633-8877 and let us know. We would be happy to add the name to our Mishebeirach List that is read at the Erev Shabbat Service on the second Friday evening of each month and on Saturday mornings, followed by a healing prayer.

July 2016 Memorial Anniversaries

July 1, 2016

Eva Bachner, Roslyn Balaban, Mildred Barden, Irene Birzon, Seymour Bluestone, Dr. Peter M. Cohen, Sam Cutler, Michael P. Davis, Solomon DeBruin, William Diamond, Annette Favus, Norman Friedman, Betty Galinsky, Freda Goldberg, Helen Gross, Dora Jeffay, Amrum Moshka-Kivovie Kaplan, Mary Krebs, Lois Kurtzman, Harry Lapides, George Lisch, Bessie Lunn, Robert Malek, Irving Millman, Francine Morris, Melvin Morrison, Mark Noznisky, Marshall Raphael, Bertha Rubin, Edith Schnittman, Louis Schreiber, Abraham L. Schwartz, Ida Siegel, Sadie Simon, Margaret Sklarsky, Sarah Slepian, Betty Snitzer, Henry Stein, Jerry Stromberg, Paul Suchman, Nathan Sweet, Roberta Yood, Sonya Yurovitsky.

July 8, 2016

Dorris Ellen Applebaum, Harry Barney, Sultana Berger, Phyllis Cohen Bleichfeld, Louis Borins, Toni Bovenkerk, Philip Brody, Barbara S. Burwick, Nathan Cassover, Sandra Gale Klein Davidson, Milton Diamond, Ida Epstein, Leon Farhi, Florence Galinsky, Charles Giller, Irving J. Grass, Lottie Grossberg, Philip Karch, Sara Katz, Dorothy "Dot" Landers, Rhea Markel, Rose Meyers, Mildred Nathan, Maryn Sandberg, Ruth Schack, Max Schaeffler, Ethel Schraiberg, Ben Schwartz, Margaret M. Schwartz, Jack Segal, Mary Segal, Evelyn B. Sellers, Hannah Shapiro, Eva E. Silverman, Isidor Silverman, Claire Spector, Benjamin Wallins, Elaine Weiner, Israel Westerman, Tyler Joseph White, D. Beverly Winston, Roberta Sarafaty Yood.

July 15, 2016

Evelyn Alt, Harry "Heshy" Balsom, Morris Bardach, Anne Bunis, Adele Florence Cohen, Stanley Corris, Ruth D. Ellis, Grace L. Elmy, Mary Etkin, Carl Flick, Morton Frankfort, Lena Freed, Cecelia Freedman, Harry Freedman, Hortense Goldstein, Helen Hersh, Bertha Krupnick, Howard Lesman, Meyer Levy, Jonah Margulis, Nicholas Monrich, Milton Newman, Sam Paris, Susan Pezzino, Reva Pozner, Nathan Pritikin, Ruthann G. Raiken, Rudolph Schiller, Henry Schreiber, Essena Schweitzer, Harry Seitz, Arkady Sharogradsky, Honoris Starr, Mathilda S. Taksen, Marshall Weinstein, Abraham Winiger, Dorothy Wisniewski, Sybil Yalof, Estelle M. Yood.

July 22, 2016

Freda Berger, Esther Brody, Allen Eber, David E. Edelman, Samuel Fertig, Louis Fishman, Carl Frey, Golda Gafter, Rose Gassen, Harold Gefsky, Avrom Gilden, Bernard Goldman, Jennie Mann Kulick, Edwin E. Leff, Sumner Leondar, Miriam Kaufman Lester, Harvey Mandelkern, Maurice Mintzer, Samuel Neberg, Joseph Peller, Murray M. Pikoff, Henri Reinhard, Harry Rekoon, Samuel Rosengarden, Harry Serota, Tillie Sohinki, Doris Tubin, Ada Wolpin, Ann Zimmerman.

July 29, 2016

Doriene Baker, Morris Berman, Harold Bernstein, Cecelia Breitbart, Arthur Burnat, Jay M. Cavior, Anne Chase, Edith Cohen, Irwin Cropp, Yetta Falk, Maynard Feldman, Fannie Gold, Max Hellmann, Janet Hohenstein, Daniel E. Kerman, Dr. Harold A. Korn, Jack J. Kuritzky, Geraldine Lemanski, Fred Lippa, Harry Mackler, Ruth Mindell, Jack Orlick, Saul Ostroff, Anne Perrin, Evelyn Rabin, Herman Rekoon, Sally G. Safir, Mary Sandel, Sidney Schiller, Henry Schlanger, Charles Sellers, Sara Smith, Shifra Sweet, Rebecca Weber, Harold Louis Wise, Boris Zhebrak.

Environmental Column

Global Warming, and Planting a Tree for the Future

by Joe Morris

Some of you attended my Men's Group presentation on Global Warming a couple of months back, and the reprise at the JCC on June 2nd. The presentation explained the science behind Global Warming. Scientists use computer models to understand and predict future climate. To gather actual data about the past, they employed deep-drilled ice cores, some a mile or longer, to investigate the carbon dioxide (CO₂) content from the atmosphere that was captured in the ice, obtaining data as far back as a million years. Their findings show a much higher CO₂ content now than any other time in recent history, dating back hundreds of thousands of years. Scientists used isotopes of carbon and oxygen to determine the source of the extra CO₂ in the atmosphere to be from fossil fuel.

While this scientific evidence is overwhelming, we won't truly know for decades if we're right. By then, if it turns out the predictions of coastal flooding, wild storms, loss of arable land leading to starvation, and massive forest fires are correct, the long term effects of waiting are potentially far worse than the economic impacts of switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy. Germany has already converted half its energy generation to renewables. It still has a growing, competitive economy in world markets, and has proven that the switch to renewables is manageable.

I'm reminded of a story from the Talmud. A man planting a tree that will take seventy years to bloom is asked if he expects to live long enough to enjoy its fruits. He answers that he had found the world a fruitful world and is planting the tree for his children. Every American generation has sacrificed to make the world better for the next generation. It's our turn.

I would be interested in hearing your thoughts about this and other environmental issues. I attended a community forum with the Rabbi and other congregants in April, where I learned about environmental activities at some local churches and synagogues. I welcome suggestions on what we, as a congregation, can do to lessen our environmental impact. My email is joe@rocketscitech.com.

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In Memoriam

Our Congregation extends its sympathy to the families of:

Gerald Arywitz,

husband of the late Berti Arywitz

Lois Block,

mother of David (Jackie) Block

Upcoming Services

July 2016

Parashat Shelach ~ Numbers 13:1 - 15:41

Friday, July 1, 2016

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
outdoors under the tent

Saturday, July 2, 2016

9:00 AM Torah Study at Canterbury Woods
10:30 AM Mishebeirach and Mourner's Kaddish
10:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Parashat Korach ~ Numbers 16:1 - 18:32

Friday, July 8, 2016

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
outdoors under the tent

Saturday, July 9, 2016

9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of Adam Cramer-Benjamin

Parashat Chukat ~ Numbers 19:1 - 22:1

Friday, July 15, 2016

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
outdoors under the tent

Saturday, July 16, 2016

9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Mishebeirach and Mourner's Kaddish
10:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Parashat Balak ~ Numbers 22:2 - 25:9

Friday, July 22, 2016

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
outdoors under the tent

Saturday, July 23, 2016

9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of Elijah Brooks

Parashat Pinchas ~ Numbers 25:10 - 30:1

Friday, July 29, 2016

6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
outdoors under the tent

Saturday, July 30, 2016

10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Mari Lederman

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Our calendar is prepared more than one month in advance of publication and is subject to change.	During the summer the Gift Shop will be open by appointment only. Call Jean at 634-3504 or the Temple at 633-8877.				1 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service Under the Tent Welcome Cantor Frank 7:00pm Kickoff Summer BBQ	2 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Mishebeirach & Mourner's Kaddish 10:45am Shabbat Morning Service	
3	4 OFFICE CLOSED <i>Happy 4th of July!</i> NO BINGO	5 7:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	6	7 10:30am Women's Torah Study at Weinberg Campus 1:30 - 3:00pm Meet with Rabbi Alex (appointment requested)	8 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service Under the Tent	9 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Adam Cramer-Benjamin	
10	11 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm BINGO	12	13	14 10:30am Women's Torah Study at Weinberg Campus 1:30 - 3:00pm Meet with Rabbi Alex (appointment requested)	15 <i>Last day to take advantage of Religious School Early Registration discount</i> 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service Under the Tent	16 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Mishebeirach & Mourner's Kaddish 10:45am Shabbat Morning Service	
17 6:00pm <i>Mama Doni</i> at Camp Centerland	18 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm BINGO	19 7:00pm Board Meeting	20	21 <i>Submissions for September Chai Notes due</i> 1:30 - 3:00pm Meet with Rabbi Alex (appointment requested) 7:00pm Spiritual Discussion Group	22 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service Under the Tent	23 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Elijah Brooks	
24 <hr/> 30	25 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm BINGO	26	27	28 10:30am Women's Torah Study at Weinberg Campus	29 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service Under the Tent "Hawaiian Night" followed by tropical drinks	30 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Mari Lederman 11:00 Walk off Hunger at Island Park	