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Shabbat in the Park

Friday, July 15, 2022



August 2022

Temple Talk

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August Shabbat & Holiday Services

Join us for services
on Zoom and In-Person

Friday	August	5	7:30	PM
Saturday	August	13	10:00	AM
Friday	August	19	7:30	PM
Saturday	August	27	10:00	AM

Shabbat services during the month of August will continue to be both in-person and on Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Check our Temple Talk calendar and weekly e-mail messages to confirm dates and times.

Candle Lighting Times
Shabbat August 2022

Friday	August	5	8:11 PM
Friday	August	12	8:00 PM
Friday	August	19	7:53 PM
Friday	August	26	7:42 PM



Vice-President's Message



I just finished the book *Squirrel Hill* by Mark Oppenheimer. I learned many details of the tragic day, October 27, 2018, when our city and the world was rocked by the worst anti-Semitic attack in American history. As you all know, it happened at Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Congregation at Shabbat services on a Shabbat morning that changed us forever. Eleven people, many of whom we knew personally, were killed.

We all felt that nothing like this could happen here, in our relatively quiet town.

A certain member of our Temple always was concerned about our safety, and we employed safety measures for many years. Personally, I thought that we were overreacting, but I was wrong. These things could happen here and did happen here. One in four American Jews say they have been targets of antisemitism in the last twelve months. That could mean anti-Jewish graffiti, vandalism, being made to feel unwelcome or harassed both online and physically.

The only good part of this horrendous incident was that everyone came together to show their support and concern, Muslims, Christians, religious and secular Jews, black people, white people, all people. Really, until the last few years the numbers of anti-Semitic incidents were evident but not more than occasional. That too has changed. The number of anti-Semitic attacks is on the rise. The number of incidents has reached an all-time high. In fact, the increase is the highest in the United States in the last forty years. Jews were being attacked in the street for no other reason than the fact that they were Jewish. These unfortunate victims were blamed for the violence that happens between Israelis and Palestinians, a half a world away.

How is this impacting Jewish communities? On a Saturday morning in Texas, Rabbi Charlie Crytron-Walker was overwhelmed when a gunman threatened him and his congregation, Congregation Beth Israel in Fort Worth. He and three other congregants were taken hostage, BUT, the rabbi said that the trainings at the congregation saved their lives. Without the instruction they would not have been prepared to act and flee.

In the aftermath of this attack at the Tree of Life we and other communities around the country have stepped up security. The United Jewish Federation has been there for us with suggestions on how to increase safety with funds that we received from them to make it happen. We are now prepared with security cameras, alarms, backpacks with whatever we would need in an emergency. Depending on the event or service, we have a Temple employee or a guard on duty to screen the people who do come through the door. The White Oak Police have also been part of the process. We continue to be in touch with the people at the Federation who would alert us if there is anything suspicious happening in the area, and more.

It has been a process, but rest assured that Temple B'nai Israel is safe for you to come to services and social events. We are prepared. May it never happen here, but in case, we are ready. That is not to say that a certain heightened awareness should be a part of us out in our communities, the grocery stores and familiar areas of our lives. There has been more and more investment of security around the country which of course must continue. I think that the rise in anti-Semitism could actually make people feel more connected to the Jewish people.

Let's begin here, in our very safe synagogue to connect to our Judaism, in prayer and in closer relationships with our Temple B'nai Israel Family. If you have any concerns or need to talk about these issues, Rabbi Stein is always available to speak with you.

Kol Tuv,
Janice Greenwald

Rabbi's Message



Faith Is Hard

George Carlin (admittedly not always the most suitable-for-shul source of wisdom) once said, “Tell people there's an invisible man in the sky who created the universe, and the vast majority will believe you. Tell them the paint is wet, and they have to touch it to be sure.”

This statement describes two important elements of our experience in this world. The first is that it is much easier to understand that which we can experience directly, as compared to something that is vastly distant either physically or psychically. The second is that we (ought to) possess a natural skepticism that pushes us to be judicious in the sources that we trust. (That having been said, even if the paint is dry it was wet when the sign was placed there.)

So how then do we engage with God, who we cannot experience corporeally (and about whom anything we say is at best a poor approximation, calibrated to our limited human capacities)? I don't think that trying to find the grand experience is the way to go; the three foundational events of Judaism (Creation, the Redemption at the Sea of Reeds, and the Revelation at Sinai) were each unique. We cannot truly grasp any of those without having been there. Even the wonders of modern astronomy, that lead us ever closer to the moment the universe began, cannot give us the true experience of that moment.

Trying to find these moments of global import is more likely to give us the sense that God is not present in the world. Rather, seeking the small moments of wonder can give us a better sense of God's presence in our world. The clouds glowing at sunrise or sunset, a dewdrop on a newly-opened flower, the first smile of a baby—these are all transcendent moments in their own way, and ones that can be deeply impactful if we take a moment to appreciate them. A hotel concierge may find us a restaurant in an unfamiliar city; finding God requires us to do our own legwork.

Rabbi Howie Stein

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Getting Ready for 5783

A Reminder: In the July issue of the *Temple Talk* a special insert (and return TBI envelope) was included for High Holiday Greetings and Memorial Names that will be published in the upcoming September bulletin.

Our Temple members and friends of the Temple are encouraged to participate in this special Holiday section. Please make certain that your information is shared with the Temple office by no later than August 18th. Information received after this date will be appear in the October *Temple Talk*.

Also included on the insert was information about sharing our monthly bulletin with family and friends. If you would like to add a name to our mailing list, please let us know. The *Temple Talk* can be shared for as little as \$30/year. If you have misplaced the inserted flyer, call the Temple office and we will make arrangements to e-mail you the information again.

The 2023 Sisterhood calendar project is also under way. Contact Lindi Kendal for more information about business advertising opportunities.



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 Mary Goldberg's appointment as the Assistant Dean at the University of Pittsburgh's Interprofessional
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Thank you for your August Chai Fund Donations



Sharon and Tony Battle, in memory of Sharon's brother, *Jeff Nevitt*
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Terry and Len Young, in memory of Leonard's father, *Harold*

Refuah Shlema—רפואה שלמה

A Prayer of Healing and Return to Good Health

Steve Mayer * Rosalie Anstandig * Esther Newberg * Maxine Stein



Wishing you a speedy and complete recovery.

Please contact the Temple office if you wish to have a named added or removed from our Refuah Shlema list.

A Bisel Yiddish

Oy vey! — also: Oy vavoy! Oy vey iz mir!
Oy gevalt! Or quite simply: Oy!

Oy Vey!

Oy is the word a heart can lean on, like Bubbe's soft yet sturdy shoulder, when all other utterances of comfort can't be peeled away from your throat.

Oy is a sigh. Oy is a cry, both a happy and a sad one. Oy is to smile at a newborn's gummy grin, oy is to gasp at a leaking diaper, oy is the consoling of boo-boo, oy is to shudder at the non-washable marker on baby skin.

Oy is effortless. It doesn't beg you to perform the linguistic gymnastics of the "ch" sound that's so prominent in Yiddish. It's easy, and so oy is for everyone. Oy is uniting and simultaneously, it is so uniquely Jewish.

Yahrzeits from 3 Av - 7 Elul 5782: July 31—September 3, 2022

If the name is printed in **Bold**, a Yahrzeit Plaque will be illuminated in the Sanctuary on the date the name is read.

If you would like to place a Yahrzeit Plaque in the Sanctuary,

please call the office at 412-678-6181.

The cost is \$350.00.



Yahrzeit names to be read week of: July 31—August 6

Ruth Rebecca Sherman : Av 3 : 7/31/2022

Sylvan Mendlowitz : Av 3 : 7/31/2022

Benjamin Ackerman : Av 4 : 8/1/2022

Bessie Kleiner : Av 4 : 8/1/2022

Mamie Iskowitz : Av 4 : 8/1/2022

Rose M. Lefkowitz : Av 4 : 8/1/2022

Adi Birnkrant : Av 5 : 8/2/2022

Ben Olender : Av 5 : 8/2/2022

Nettie Amper : Av 5 : 8/2/2022

David Klein : Av 6 : 8/3/2022

Leo Gernsback : Av 6 : 8/3/2022

Louis Linzer : Av 6 : 8/3/2022

Anna Amper : Av 7 : 8/4/2022

David Weinberg : Av 7 : 8/4/2022

Rebecca Green : Av 7 : 8/4/2022

Samuel Ackerman : Av 7 : 8/4/2022

Taube Dena Escovitz : Av 7 : 8/4/2022

Maurice Moritz : Av 8 : 8/5/2022

Gertrude Wanetick : Av 9 : 8/6/2022

Harry Weisberg : Av 9 : 8/6/2022

Rose Firestone : Av 9 : 8/6/2022

Samuel W. Kaplan : Av 9 : 8/6/2022

Shirley Silverblatt : Av 9 : 8/6/2022

Yahrzeit names to be read week of: August 7—13

Adolph Kimmelman : Av 10 : 8/7/2022

Adolph Klein : Av 10 : 8/7/2022

Meida Chottiner : Av 10 : 8/7/2022

Olga Linton : Av 10 : 8/7/2022

Yetta Bigman : Av 10 : 8/7/2022

Monroe Izsak : Av 11 : 8/8/2022

Myrtle Goldstein : Av 11 : 8/8/2022

Rosa Friedman : Av 11 : 8/8/2022

Irving Leffel : Av 13 : 8/10/2022

Larry Israel : Av 13 : 8/10/2022

Jacob Swartz : Av 14 : 8/11/2022

Linda Kraynick : Av 14 : 8/11/2022

Mary Simon : Av 14 : 8/11/2022

Jacob Chottiner : Av 15 : 8/12/2022

Rose Lhormer : Av 15 : 8/12/2022

S. Milton Schwartz : Av 15 : 8/12/2022

Bertha C. Feldman : Av 16 : 8/13/2022

David Siegel : Av 16 : 8/13/2022

Marlene Odle : Av 16 : 8/13/2022

Naomi Lhormer : Av 16 : 8/13/2022

Yahrzeit names to be read week of: August 14—20

Faye Gelb : Av 17 : 8/14/2022

Giza Greenfield : Av 17 : 8/14/2022

Continued from week of: August 14

Milton Lebowitz : Av 17 : 8/14/2022

Ruben Lebenson : Av 18 : 8/15/2022

Sally Levine : Av 18 : 8/15/2022

Isaac Parker : Av 19 : 8/16/2022

Frieda Goldberg : Av 20 : 8/17/2022

Mildred Landman : Av 20 : 8/17/2022

Rebecca Lebenson : Av 20 : 8/17/2022

Sidney Fischer : Av 20 : 8/17/2022

Edward Linton : Av 21 : 8/18/2022

Herbert Kohn : Av 21 : 8/18/2022

Leonard Ehrenreich : Av 21 : 8/18/2022

Leon E. Darling : Av 22 : 8/19/2022

Simon Zeidman : Av 22 : 8/19/2022

Celia Rack : Av 23 : 8/20/2022

Yahrzeit names to be read week of: August 21—27

David Moskowitz : Av 24 : 8/21/2022

Dora Mendlowitz : Av 24 : 8/21/2022

Harold B. Mermelstein : Av 24 : 8/21/2022

Jeanne Feinberg : Av 24 : 8/21/2022

Sophia Finkel Kalstone : Av 24 : 8/21/2022

Beatrice Goldman : Av 25 : 8/22/2022

Harold Wintner : Av 25 : 8/22/2022

Pearl Halpern : Av 25 : 8/22/2022

Jerome Wechsler : Av 26 : 8/23/2022

Louis Engelman : Av 26 : 8/23/2022

Sadie Zeidman : Av 26 : 8/23/2022

William I. Kline : Av 26 : 8/23/2022

Jeff Nevitt : Av 27 : 8/24/2022

Arthur R. Rack : Av 28 : 8/25/2022

Berenice Izsak : Av 29 : 8/26/2022

Ida Skolsky : Av 29 : 8/26/2022

Alihu Klein : Av 30 : 8/27/2022

Louise Pearlman : Av 30 : 8/27/2022

Margaret Hirshberg : Av 30 : 8/27/2022

Samuel Grossman : Av 30 : 8/27/2022

Yahrzeit names to be read week of: August 28—Sept 3

Abe Shore : Elul 1 : 8/28/2022

Emil Silberman : Elul 1 : 8/28/2022

Marvin L. Buckler : Elul 1 : 8/28/2022

Shirley Gernsback : Elul 1 : 8/28/2022

Esther Kendal : Elul 2 : 8/29/2022

Fannie Leventon : Elul 2 : 8/29/2022

Ruth Fineberg Berger : Elul 2 : 8/29/2022

Bernard Barzal : Elul 3 : 8/30/2022

Harry Samuels : Elul 3 : 8/30/2022

Louis Shook : Elul 3 : 8/30/2022

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Norman Rosenberg : Elul 3 : 8/30/2022
Toba Weiss : Elul 3 : 8/30/2022
David Lichtenstein : Elul 4 : 8/31/2022
Max Schwartz : Elul 5 : 9/1/2022
Pesch Gordon Katzman : Elul 5 : 9/1/2022
Phyllis Lichtenstein : Elul 5 : 9/1/2022
Howard Finkelstein : Elul 6 : 9/2/2022
Karl Israel : Elul 6 : 9/2/2022
Meyer Klein : Elul 6 : 9/2/2022

Sherri Lee Klein : Elul 6 : 9/2/2022
Emelie Gernsback : Elul 7 : 9/3/2022
Emma Dinnerstein : Elul 7 : 9/3/2022
Jenny Papernick : Elul 7 : 9/3/2022
Meyer Umansky : Elul 7 : 9/3/2022
Sidney A. Kaplan : Elul 7 : 9/3/2022
Solomon Alpern : Elul 7 : 9/3/2022

*May their memory be a blessing
Z”L*



Rabbi Stein is inviting you to share your הַשְׁאֵלָה (shyla) questions that you might have been wondering about. This month's question from Joel Kaufman

Question: Why is Rosh Chodesh (the beginning of the Jewish month) sometimes celebrated for one day and sometimes for two days?

Answer: There is both a short answer and a long answer to this question. The short answer is that some Jewish months are 29 days long and some are 30 days long. In the former case, Rosh Chodesh for the following month is only observed on the first day of that month. In the latter case, Rosh Chodesh is observed both on the 30th day of the month that is ending and on the first day of the new month.

I will spare you the long answer (although I am glad to discuss it separately if you wish), which gets into the details of which months are of which length and which months can vary in length.

**August Birthdays and Anniversaries
will be acknowledged during our Shabbat service on Saturday, August 13**

Birthdays

Dena Chottiner, Alan Baum, Freda Spiegel,
Maxine Stein, Janice Greenwald

* Jonathan Pollard, David Duchovny,
Michael Kors, Sean Penn, Jill St. John,
Kyra Sedgwick, Marlee Matlin,
Gene Simmons, Elliot Gould,
Itzhak Perlman

Anniversaries

Rosalie & Lou Anstandig
Marsha & Dick Leffel
Debbie & Alan Iszauk

Special Anniversary

Donna & David Tyson

Mazel Tov

**Save the Date — Tuesday, August 30
3:00 — 5:30 PM**



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Join us afterwards for dinner at Twin Oaks Lounge

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Shalom to Lisa Lipkin....Shalom to Cantor Karen Webber



Karen Webber

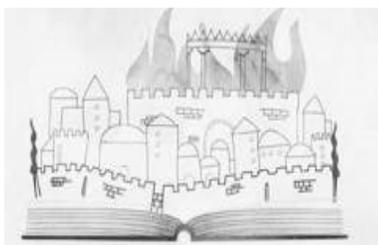
Things change whether we want them to or not. Lisa Lipkin has been our soloist for several years, and she has added so much to our Friday night services. She is both inspirational and uplifting. Unfortunately for us, she has moved to New Hampshire, and has accepted a position at a congregation closer to her home. We thank her profusely for the many weeks that she has enhanced our prayer experiences. She does occasionally return to the greater Pittsburgh area, and we hope that one day she will visit us as our soloist.

Lisa was kind enough to place an ad on our behalf in the nationwide female cantors' network, and thanks to her assistance we have engaged a new soloist.

Cantor Karen Webber was interviewed at length recently by a Temple committee of four. Her personality fits our needs, and her singing voice is lovely. She knew every prayer we requested, as well as several versions of each one.

Karen was invested as a Cantor at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, and she was ordained as a Cantor and earned a Master of Sacred Music in 1990. She is a member of the American Conference of Cantors. Her credentials are impeccable. Cantor Webber is highly qualified, and we are sure you will be pleased when you listen to her chant.

Tisha B'Av - The Saddest Day of the Jewish Calendar



The following story is told of the great French leader, Napoleon Bonaparte. He once was traveling through a small Jewish town in Europe. He entered a synagogue. There he saw an incredible sight. Men and women weeping. They were sitting on the floor on small stools holding candles while reading from books. The synagogue had an elaborate chandelier but only a few candles were lit. If not for the small candle lights the magnificent synagogue would have been in complete darkness. It was a sad sight to behold.

Napoleon asked why the people were weeping and wanted to know what misfortune had happened here. An enlightened Jewish French officer told him that nothing new and terrible had happened. The Jewish people had a custom to gather once a year on a day called the ninth day of Av, the day that marks the destruction of the Jewish people's Temple. Twice they built a magnificent Temple in Jerusalem, and both were destroyed. After their second Temple was destroyed the people were scattered all over the world and sold as slaves. Some escaped and built their homes world over.

In order to commemorate these sad events, they gather once a year in synagogue. There they fast, pray, and read sad prophetic writings concerning the destruction of their Temple and land. What we see in this town is happening in all Jewish communities. Napoleon inquired as to how many years have they been doing this - it was over 2,000 years. Upon hearing this Napoleon exclaimed, "A nation that cries and fasts for over 2,000 years for their land and Temple will surely be rewarded with their Temple."

On Sunday August 7th, Jewish people worldwide will gather and pray for the return of a peaceful Israel. They will remember how wonderful and safe the land of Israel was. How they had a magnificent Temple where nations came to pray, paying homage to God.

Prayers for the rebuilding of a homeland and a holy Temple will be the message of the day. Prophets speak of the time when there will be world peace: Isaiah 2:4 "...they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not lift a sword against nation, nor shall they learn war anymore." Michah 4:4 continues: "Each man shall sit under his vine and under his fig-tree, and none shall make them afraid".

The threat of war and nuclear bombs will be a thing of the past. Nuclear energy will only be used for peaceful purposes such as nuclear power. Nations will feel like family. The true knowledge of God will be known - what a wonderful world we will have.

The prophets speak about people returning to the innocence of childhood. A child that knows right from wrong and is at peace with itself. We are now living in a world where little children are sacrificed by struggles of war and power. The unheard cry from the real child needs to emerge.

On August 7th, the people of the world should gather in their houses of worship and end their conflicts. For over 2,000 years Jews have been remembering their land and Temple. Now is the time to end the weeping and start the reaping of a new era of peace.



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