



Sons of Jacob Bulletin

July 2018

Tammuz/AV 5778

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, July 13

- Services with Rabbi Kushner, 7:30pm

Saturday, July 14

- Services with Rabbi Kushner, 9:30am
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THE OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4.



DONATIONS NEEDED

Can you help??

Bobbi has been working hard to finalize furnishing and decorating of the parsonage. We need to have this project done prior to the High Holiday season.

We are still in need of dish towels & dish cloths, pots & pans, a moderately sized TV for the Livingroom, a bedside stand with a drawer,

If you have any of these items available to donate or would like to give a monetary donation so these items can be purchased, please contact Bobbi Kazenelson or Stephanie.

DINNER HOST FOR RABBI KUSHNER

We still need a dinner host for Rabbi Kushner on Friday, July 13. If you are available to host Rabbi Kushner, please contact the office or a member of the Leadership Team.

Rabbi Kushner does maintain a vegetarian diet. There are multiple options for this: Host her at your house; Take her out to eat; Bring take out or a prepared meal to the parsonage.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Next time you are in the synagogue, keep your eye out for the volunteer signup sheet.



Work on the annual Membership directory is beginning. Please see the last page of the bulletin if you would like to put a greeting in the directory.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: Please contact Stephanie by phone, 319-233-9448, or email sojstephanie@q.com, if you have any changes in your personal information from last year. Thank you in advance!

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Sons of Jacob Synagogue Acknowledges the Following Contributions:

FIELD, Hugh – In memory of his friend, Rabbi Sol Serber;
In memory of his parents, Burton & Marjorie Field

FINKELSTEIN, Judy – In memory of Rabbi Sol Serber;
In memory of her father-in-law, Isador Finkelstein

FISH, Sally – In memory of Rabbi Sol Serber

GOLDNER, Doris – In memory of her uncle, William Goldstein;
In memory of her aunt, Osna Goldstein;
In memory of her uncle, Lou P Myers;
In memory of her mother-in-law, Sylvia Goldner;
In memory of her sister-in-law, Natalie Jacobs

GOLDNER, Norman – In memory of his mother, Sylvia Goldner;
In memory of his sister, Natalie Jacobs

IHLENFELDT, Ron – Donation of Holocaust Plaque, in loving
memory of Rabbi Sol Serber;
Holocaust Plaque, in loving memory of Rabbi Rosenbaum

KOHN, Joyce – In memory of Rabbi Sol Serber

KOHN, Lori – In memory of Rabbi Sol Serber

KRAMER, Yale A & Barbara – In memory of his father, Mandel
Kramer; In memory of his aunt, Anna Kramer;
In memory of his grandmother, Ida Kramer;
In memory of his uncle, Benj Kramer;
In memory of his aunt, Ann Kramer;
In memory of his uncle, Hime Kramer;
In memory of his aunt, Bernice Kramer;
In memory of his uncle, Sam Kramer

LEDERMAN, David, Amy & Family – In memory of his mother,
Barbara Lederman

LEDERMAN, Jacob – In memory of his mother, Barbara
Lederman

OFFMAN, Sharon – In memory of Rabbi Sol Serber

YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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AL CARR

SUE CARR

Greetings from your Leadership Team

- Starting this month, the entrance will be locked after services begin. Please be sure to arrive on time for services. The door will be locked 20 minutes after the scheduled start of services. If you need to enter after the doors are locked, please ring the doorbell for entry. We appreciate everyone's help and understanding with these new security procedures.
- We are happy to announce that we have resigned a contract with Rabbi Kushner. Rabbi Kushner will continue to work with the Hebrew school students and those that are going through the conversion process.
- We still need a volunteer to host Rabbi Kushner for dinner on Friday, July 13. If you are available to do this, please contact Stephanie in the office or a member of the Leadership Team.
- The Board and SPC, along with Rabbi Ora Simon-Schnitzer, are working on planning for the High Holidays. Please watch for more information as we get closer to September.
- Stephanie is beginning to work on the membership directory. Please make sure that if you have had any changes in your address, email, or phone number, she has your complete, accurate information as soon as possible.
- Thank you to those who have made donations to help furnish our parsonage. We are still looking for a few items for the parsonage, which are listed on the front page. If you are able to donate any of these items or would like to give a monetary donation toward these items, please contact Stephanie or Bobbi Kazenelson. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Words of Wisdom from Rabbi Kushner...

Is today Monday or Tuesday?

Sometimes during the summer months (especially when we're on vacation!), it's easy to lose track which day of the week it is. The familiar habits of school, classes and various returning obligations seem to blur into the background, giving way perhaps to more "natural" rhythms: watering the garden, eating tasty seasonal fruits, hiking, boating or picknicking.

Yet there is a deep meaning in the weekly cycle of days. In Western languages, they are referred to as honoring a specific deity or planet: Sunday (the sun), Monday (the moon) Tuesday (Mars, as we see in the French word Mardi), and so on. In Hebrew the days of the week have no names, but are referred to simply as Day One, Day Two, Day Three, etc. The exception is Shabbat. We probably remember "Mizmor shir l'Yom ha Shabbat," a "song for the Sabbath day" from our Friday and Saturday prayer services.

But did you know that there is also a special Psalm for each day of the week as well? This goes back several thousand years. Each daily Psalm (sung by the Levitical choir in the Temple) was chosen for its ties to that day's significance in the week of Creation.

~ On Sunday we recite Psalm 24, which refers to the first day of Creation, on which God acquired the universe, bequeathed it to mankind and ruled over His world by Himself.

~ On Monday, we recite Psalm 48, which refers to the second day of Creation, on which He separated the things that he made (the heavens from the earth) and was sovereign over them.

~ On Tuesday we recite Psalm 82. This refers to the third day of Creation, on which He exposed the land with His wisdom, thus preparing the world for His assembly.

~ On Wednesday we recite Psalm 94 and part of Psalm 95. This refers to the creation of the sun and the moon on the fourth day of Creation. God will ultimately exact punishment from those who worship them.

~ On Thursday we recite Psalm 81. It refers to the fifth day of Creation, on which God created the birds and the fish to give praise to His Name.

~ On Friday we recite Psalm 93. It refers to the sixth day of Creation, on which He completed His work and reigned over all his creations. It's also in our Siddur as part of our Kabbalat Shabbat prayers.

~ Finally, on Shabbat, we sing Psalm 92, the familiar "A Song for the Sabbath Day," referring to the seventh day of Creation. This psalm points to the Messianic times, when everything will be perfected and "entirely" Sabbath, lacking nothing.

We Jews have traditionally lived according to our own organization of time. This includes how we have understood the structure of the calendar. As in the Creation story, everything in the week

builds towards the anchor of Shabbat. This can be a very meaningful structure for our lives. We can take the Creation narrative very seriously without needing to take it literally.

If you don't have a prayer book or a Bible at home, all these Psalms can be found in lovely translations at www.sefaria.org. Start the habit of reading them now, during these delightfully long summer days. You'll improve your Jewish literacy and keep better track of the days of the week besides!

B'vrachot, with Blessings,

Rabbi Rebecca

Y A H R Z E I T S

May the memories of our loved ones always remain for a blessing....

The yahrzeits of these relatives should be observed on the Friday & Saturday of the week listed below.

July 1 - 7

Isador Finkelstein
Jo Krensky
Bertha Tabach
Natalee Jacobs
Julius Meyers
Elizabeth Epstein Cohn
Rose Krupkin
Sophie Myers
Rose Edelstein
Harry Hankin

July 8 - 14

Esther Fish
Jay Levi
Theodore Cohen
David Nadler
Ida Kramer
Max Reinstein
Mary Rosenthal
Frank Greenberg

July 15 - 21

Maurice Ritter
David Guralnik
Charles Tenenbaum
Beatrice Cooper
Louis Cooper
Alan Israel
Lena Lachman
Anne Wolfe
Sophia Cohn
Sarah Fish
Jack Meadow
Myer Toor

July 22 - 28

Ezril Offman
Sarah Slone
Edward Kramer
Abraham Silber
Devorah Lauter
Maurice Saiger
Sarah Blot
Louis Levine

July 29 - Aug 4

Eva Buk Kazenelson
Abe Goldstein
Isaac Greenman
Ruth Alpern
Nettie Widerschein
Marion Krupkin
Edward Kramer
Joe Blot
Nathan Harris
Yitzchok Nathanson

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For the most updated schedule and list of events, please go to: www.sojonline.com.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Board Meeting, 12:00pm <i>Office Opens at 9:30am</i>	12	13 Services with Rabbi Kushner, 7:30pm	14 Services with Rabbi Kushner, 9:30am
15	16	17	18 SPC Meeting, 12:00pm <i>Office Opens at 9:30am</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Sons of Jacob Membership Directory Project

July 2018

Dear Friends:

It's that time of year again! We are working on the production of the 2017-2018/5778 Membership Directory (Sometimes referred to as the greeting book).

If you would like to purchase a greeting, celebration, or tribute; and receive a directory and/or calendar please fill out the information below and return to me by **August 17**. Your participation is appreciated!

Greeting in Book: _____ **\$10.00 Each**

Please print how you would like your name to be listed:

Celebrations/Tributes: _____ **\$10.00 Each**

We are offering an opportunity for you to honor a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.) coming up between October 1, 2017 thru September 30, 2018 or to memorialize a loved one.

Examples:

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| 1. | IN HONOR OF | 2. | IN MEMORY OF |
| | JOHN & JANE DOE'S | | JOHN DOE |
| | 25 TH ANNIVERSARY | | BY JANE DOE & FAMILY |
| | MAY 15, 2015 | | |

Please print how you would like your celebration or tribute to read:

Directory: _____ **\$10.00 Each for Non-members** (Complimentary for members)

Calendar: _____ **Complimentary** (Additional postage if shipping more than 1)

Postage: _____ **\$3.00 Each** (If you would like it mailed to you)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Please return completed form and check by August 17, to:

Sons of Jacob Synagogue
411 E. Mitchell Avenue
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Please make your check out to
Sons of Jacob Synagogue