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Rabbi's Message

Rabbi's Report from the Shir Tikvah Annual General Meeting

June 7, 2020

It is wonderful to see so many of you here, even if virtually. It has been a long three months, and like you, I too wish things could get back to "normal." But I am truly grateful to all of you who have been staying home, and in so doing, helping to save lives. The pandemic is not yet over, but we are truly fortunate to have the means through

which we can gather together and see and hear one another. I am grateful for the gift of your presence!

I think it is also safe to say that this year has been both busy and challenging. Like many years, in some ways, and unlike anything any of us have ever seen, in others.

We began last July with another outstanding red, white, and blue Shabbat in honor of the Fourth of July, and I led the first of two summer CJC Shabbat services for the south suburban community. I was also blessed to co-officiate with colleagues at a couple of conversion ceremonies. In August, I put together and led a Tish'ah B'Av service, led a second CJC Shabbat service, as well as Bible and Bagels. And I was thrilled to join in our first Birthday Bash, where so many gathered to celebrate our first year as one, united congregation. It was a smashing success all around!

In September and October, I led Shabbat services, some with soloist, Nancy Friedman. And in addition to our ongoing programs like Bible and Bagels, I co-led S'lichot services, as well as Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services along with the Shir Tikvah choir. A big thank you to our High Holiday

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co-chairs: Gayle Weil, Carole Fefferman, Janet Herbstman, and Dan Greenberg! It was a beautiful way to begin a New Jewish year, and it was a true pleasure to have welcomed our rabbis Emirati, Rabbi Podwol and Dalia, who led our Conservative Services, and Rabbi Dreyfus who shared a beautiful and meaningful sermon, led our healing service guided meditation, along with Jim, shared the powerful story of their family's heirloom candelabra, and participated in multiple ways throughout the holidays. I also co-led a Kever Avot service at Beverly Cemetery, planned a family Sukkot Pizza in the Hut celebration (unfortunately, I fell ill and could not attend the event) and led services for Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

With a New Year, came a new school. I worked with members of our leadership to help build a new Religious school and Hebrew School program at Shir Tikvah, and throughout the year, I partnered with our school coordinator, Barb Cohan, and our Hebrew teacher, Carole Fefferman, on a number of lessons and projects. On Sundays, I taught on the topic of Jewish Identity to two bright and thoughtful high school students. I look forward to celebrating their confirmation with you once we are able to join for services in person again.

At the end of October, I was given the incredible opportunity to travel to Europe with a group of Rabbis and spouses. We visited Warsaw, Krakow, Prague, and Budapest, where we learned Jewish history through a remarkable engagement with people and places. I visited Auschwitz / Birkenau, Terezinstadt, and the old Jewish quarter in Krakow and Prague. I saw synagogues, met with progressive Jewish leaders, and studied with professors and guides. I visited museums and monuments, and because of this experience, I got a whole new perspective on my Ashkenazi roots, and on the more modern history of the Jewish people. It was a true gift to be able to take part in this trip, and I will forever be grateful for the ways in which this

trip helped me to grow.

In November, I took part in a Sulam board training program with our leadership, as we studied with USCJ's Mindy Gordon. I also led services, Yahrzeit Minyans, and the first of our now monthly combined Reform services, and took part in the annual interfaith Thanksgiving service at Flossmoor Community Church. In December, I joined Gayle Weil and Barry Bayer at the URJ Biennial Convention at McCormick Place, where I attended Shabbat services, as well as a number of powerful sessions, including an eloquent presentation about Anti-Semitism by Professor Debra Lipstadt. And at the end of the month, I enjoyed a delicious Chanukah dinner and celebration with so many of you! Dare I say it was a de-LIGHT-ful way to end the secular year!

In January, I had a pretty typical month, making phone calls, visits, and the like, and in February, I led a session on Tu Bishvat at the Homewood Public Library, where I am especially grateful to have had some professionals help me out with the planting of parsley seeds: Rick, Louie, and Josh Bloomberg! Many of you came out to support the event and it was wonderful to study with all of you as well as members of the community at large! In March, I dressed up as a cup of cold HE-BREW coffee, and celebrated Purim with some fifty of you, in what was our last communal gathering before the pandemic hit.

I am especially grateful to the Shir Tikvah leadership, who has so thoughtfully addressed the issue of community health and safety during this crisis. We were ahead of the curve, closing our doors a full week before Governor Pritzker's shelter-at-home order, and moving to online gatherings within a week or so of that. Our board has continued to have important and thoughtful discussions about how and when we might

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resume in-person gatherings and operations in our building, and I would like to thank Dr. Bernie Heilicser who has been an extraordinary advisor during this time, both to me personally, when I ran a fever at the beginning of the quarantine, as well as to our Shir Tikvah community, as we make decisions about how to proceed. A big thank you, as well, to the Women of Shir Tikvah, who immediately went to work when we closed our doors, making phone calls, running errands, and taking care of our community! We couldn't have done it without you! For now, our building remains closed, and like almost every other congregation in the country, we have been joining together on Zoom, for weekly healing services and virtual onegs, Shabbat candle lighting and Kaddish, and Shabbat morning services, for the better part of the past three months. I have been working from home and continue to tutor our three B'nai Mitzvah students, meet with various committees, and attend various webinars offered through the URJ and USCJ. I have been so pleasantly surprised to see how much more satisfying meeting online has been than I'd imagined it would be, and I am so grateful for the incredible conversations that I have had with many of you since the pandemic began. I continue to pray for your health and well-being. Together, we will get through this! I look forward to partnering with Jerry as we continue to navigate this situation, and lead our congregation into the new year and beyond.

So here we are at June again, and I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to offer a special thanks to the two people who have been so integral to my work and to our community's success over the past two years. Sherman and Sherry, you have been two outstanding partners with whom I've had the pleasure of working. Despite your busy schedules, you always made sure you made time for Shir Tikvah and for me. Two years ago, you emulated Nachshon Ben Aminadav, who, when the Israelites stood at the shore of the Sea of Reeds, was the only one brave enough to step into the water with faith that it would part. You had no idea how this new community, Shir Tikvah, would wind up looking, and yet, you had faith, perhaps, hope,

Tikvah, as is a part of our name, and you willingly took the first steps into the metaphorical water, knowing in your hearts, that it would part. And part it did. Since you began leading Shir Tikvah, our community has seen much accomplishment. We chose a new logo and put new signs up on our building to identify it. We have finished many renovations to our building, including a new floor, an updated bimah in the sanctuary, and a new sound system in the sanctuary and chapel. We have put new bylaws in place, a kashrut policy, and security guidelines. We have combined our ritual committees, combined the kiddush following Shabbat morning services, and even combined those services on a weekly basis. And of course, these are just a few of the highlights. You have helped bring our community together, and you have guided with wisdom and strength, especially when tough decisions were required, such as locking our doors at all times and updating our security system following the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, or making the unbelievably difficult decision to shut down our building for the sake of our congregants' safety when the COVID 19 virus became a threat. Like Nachshon, you took it upon yourselves to walk right into the unknown, and your leadership has been a true blessing to our community as we began a new phase as Shir Tikvah. Thank you both for your patience and thoughtful decision-making, for being available to so many at all times, for your care and concern for the well-being of our community, and for your support of me, as your rabbi. You made a real difference in our community. May you go from strength to strength as you retire from your roles as co-presidents of Shir Tikvah. Y'shar Ko'ach!

~Rabbi Carmit Harari

President's Message given at our annual meeting June 7

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood...make big plans; aim high in hope and work."—Daniel Burnham

When we stood before you two years ago, we had spent over a year making very big plans—the formation of a new congregation. With excited anticipation, we asked for your support and we got it in the form of unanimous approval of the consolidation of BYBS and Congregation Am Echad to form Shir Tikvah, Song of Hope. Shir Tikvah became known throughout the country as a congregation that successfully maintained the identities and practices of both the Reform and the Conservative movements, and we received phone calls from other congregations who were also trying to consolidate. We told each of them that it involved a lot of hard work by many people, much trust, a flexible, supportive rabbi, and finally, a group of people who really liked each other. We had been coming together for many years for religious school and for celebrations. We attended weddings, b'nai mitzvot, and, sadly, funerals at each other's congregations, so we were not strangers in a strange land. We were friends who liked and respected each other. Last year, we had our first, and what we can now call annual, meeting of Shir Tikvah in which we discussed our evolution and the challenges we faced as we moved from being two to being one. This year, as we settled in to refine our practices, we faced some new challenges, beginning with the formation of our religious school and moving to where we are now—the isolation of the pandemic. We have faced our challenges and emerged with a strong congregation and new accomplishments.

One of our first challenges was a monetary one. Jerry Tenny, our esteemed and extremely capable treasurer, worked with the financial committee to put together a budget that would allow us to continue to operate with a minimal depletion of our resources. As you have seen from this year's financial report and budget, we are doing amazingly well, but this is also due to your generosity and the hard work of the fund-raising committee. We started our year with a birthday

celebration and auction in August, at which we raised more than we expected. In addition, we had a wonderful time with over 80 people coming together to rejoice. This winter, our fund-raising committee again proved to be outstanding as they worked on producing an ad-book, the second one ever for Shir Tikvah and one which raised money that exceeded the budgeted amount. Many thanks also go to Dan Greenberg and Gayle Weil. They inventoried the Torahs and reported the results to the board, who voted to allow Danny and Gayle to pursue the option of selling some of them. They followed through, and we now have fewer Torahs and more money.

The money we raised went to good use these past two years as we worked on beautifying and safeguarding the building. The one mistake we made was not taking before and after pictures to show the difference. Look at the difference in the lobby, the hallways, the floors, the offices. We also have benches outside for people who need to wait for rides. The other improvements we made were as a result of another challenge. The synagogue shootings in Pittsburgh in October and other anti-Semitic attacks caused us to realize our vulnerability. A security committee was formed and immediately went to work assessing our needs and applying for grants. Irwin will report on this in more detail during the meeting. In April, the board also passed a motion to assess each family unit a \$100 security fee. However, because of the continued lockdown, the board will revisit this motion at the next meeting.

Over the summer, we faced another challenge: our religious school became independent. We said we can form our own religious school, convened a committee, and went to work. As a result, our students met for Hebrew school on Wednesdays and for Sunday School twice a month. The school became a work in progress, and we are continuing to work this summer on improving it.

Viktor Frankl said, "When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." This spring we had a new challenge,

the pandemic, which definitely challenged us to change ourselves, as you can see from the meeting today. The building was closed on March 17 for what we hoped would be a short time. When we realized that we did not know how long this would go on, we worked on reaching out to all of you with phone calls from Rabbi Harari and the Women of Shir Tikvah. We faced the challenge of finding a way we could come together while staying apart. Thanks to Zoom, the ritual committee, and Rabbi Harari, we were able to provide Shabbat services, weekly onegs, and links to many, many programs. We have learned how to come together virtually, and have been able to reach out to each of you. Our High Holiday committee has been meeting to discuss the most effective and safe way to have services. After considering what other congregations are doing, the age of our congregants, and the recommendations of the URJ and USCJ, we decided to have virtual High Holiday services. These will be unique, but they will still retain the traditions of the Reform and Conservative movements. A transition committee has been formed to plan how to prepare the building and how to schedule activities for when we may safely open. Your safety is a priority at all times, especially when the country is so unsettled.

We have had many other accomplishments during this past year. One accomplishment was formulating policies. We now have a sexual harassment policy, a security policy, a kashrut policy (complete with the renaming of the kitchens), and a school policy. Other accomplishments include joyous times, as we came together for Shabbat kiddushes, b'nai mitzvot, and family celebrations. For the second year in a row, at the end of Yom Kippur, we all met in the sanctuary for Neilah, the blowing of the shofar, and the breaking of the fast. We always get a thrill, (and the fire department always gets concerned) when we gather together, as we did this year on the last night of Chanukah, to light the chanukiyot, again as a community. Finally, just before we closed down for the pandemic, we were able to celebrate Purim together. May we also have such good times in the coming year.

We may be the presidents, but you are Shir Tikvah. What has been accomplished could not have been done without the help of all of you. We are so grateful to the board and to the executive committee, who came out for all the meetings, even in an ice storm. Each committee saw a need and worked to solve it. WoST is incredible; we said we need something, and they said, "Done." We could not have functioned without the Women of Shir Tikvah. We also could not have functioned without the help of Bob and Diedre, who put in many more hours than many of you know because of their love of the congregation. We have so many thanks to give to Rabbi Harari, who is willing to work with both the Reform and Conservative populations, who is willing to listen to and make suggestions, who is in contact with so many of the congregants who are lonely or hurting, and who is able to provide us with joy and energy. Finally, we would be remiss if we did not thank our spouses, Ruth and Ron, who encouraged us and supported us, and who tolerated the many phone calls and meetings. Trust me, we would not be here without their support. We love you.

Our best wishes go to our new president, Jerry Tenny. Jerry, we will be here to help you, but we feel confident that you have a phenomenal group to help you and work with you.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you for the High Holidays. In planning for them, we are keeping to the guidelines of the CDC, URJ, and USCJ. We are also listening to the advice of the members of our congregation who are in the medical field.

"Community is society with a human feel—the place we know we're not alone."—Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

We here at Shir Tikvah are a community in the best sense of the word. Thank you all.

—Sherry & Sherman



Re-Opening

Facility Re-Opening Committee

The Board decided to convene a committee to investigate the timing and requirements to re-open Shir Tikvah's facilities. This committee will review guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control, the State of Illinois, along with recommendations from the URJ and USCJ. Policies and procedures will be developed to allow each function to open when appropriate and safely for our members. The committee met June 22 and decided to open slowly, one function at a time. This way can make ensure the opening is being done safely, before moving to the next stage.

The first function to open was the use of the building by the staff. Having the building empty has allowed Bob to work on maintenance items that have been put off for a long time. Bob will continue to maintain the property and work on improvement projects. Rabbi Harari has been working from home and since the physical office is not required to complete her duties she will continue to work from home. It was decided that Diedre could return to working in the office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11AM to 3PM.

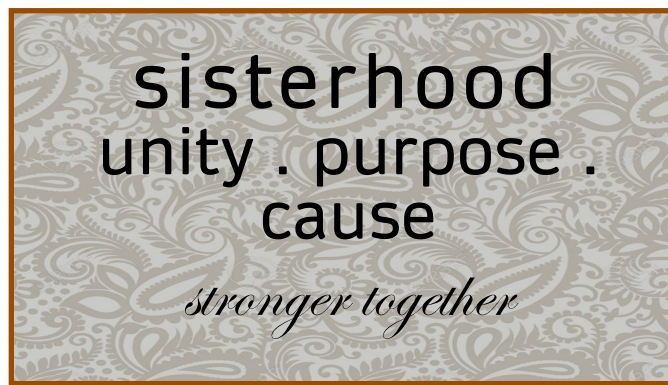
We want to minimize the number of visitors to our building. If you are required to come to the office, please email or call Diedre so she can schedule your visit. When in the building, please record your time in and out in the logbook in the foyer. This will allow us to track who has been in the building.

Please wear a face mask, practice social distancing, and use the hand sanitizer stationed in the hallways.

This is our first step in reopening the facility. We will continue to plan further and report our findings to the Board on July 13.

Jerry Tenny

President and Re-Opening Committee



The Women of Shir Tikvah had plans for the entire temple year but the corona virus did not allow us the opportunity to fulfill many of these plans. We shut down our activities when the building closed in March. The WoST has continued to meet virtually throughout the closure of the building.

Before that, we were able to accomplish some things. We supported the Shir Tikvah birthday celebration. We donated the profits from the Jewelry Sale to the temple. We also gave money from our theater events to Shir Tikvah. These monies totaled over \$3000 for the congregation.

We had a successful Challah sale. We are planning on doing it again this year with curbside pickup. We sponsored the Pizza in the Hut on Sukkot, Break-the-Fast, book reviews and Chair Yoga. We continue to sell Jewel cards.

We will continue many of these programs in the coming year. Due to the pandemic, we have decided that having a Break-the-Fast in our building will not be possible.

We will send out membership information and Holiday Greetings in late July.

The Women of Shir Tikvah are an important part of our community. We support our members and the congregation through good times and bad. We look forward to planning events for the coming year either virtually or in person.

Stay safe,

Gayle

Zoom Invites go out for Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturday services via the MailChimp emails.

Download the Zoom App on your device so you can join in.

See you on Zoom!

REMIX JUDAISM: PRESERVING TRADITION IN A DIVERSE WORLD (ROWMAN & LITTLEFIELD, 2020)



Professor Roberta Rosenthal Kwall will discuss her book on Sunday morning, July 19th at 10:00 via Zoom.

Remix Judaism sets out a process of selection, rejection, and modification of rituals that allow for a focus on Jewish tradition rather than on the technicalities of Jewish law. Professor Kwall's goal is to encourage readers to find their own personal meaning in Judaism outside the dictates of Commandment by broadening their understanding of how law, culture and tradition fit together. She inspires her audience to be intentional and mindful about the space they allocate for these elements in defining their individual Jewish journeys and identities.

Roberta Rosenthal Kwall is a professor at DePaul University College of Law. She also is the author of *The Myth of the Cultural Jew: Culture and Law in Jewish Tradition* and *The Soul of Creativity*. Her OpEds and articles on topics related to the Jewish community have appeared in *The*

Chicago Tribune, *JTA*, *Commentary*, *The Forward*, *The Jewish Journal*, *The Jewish Week* and *Jewish Philanthropy*. She has published over 30 scholarly articles and book chapters on Jewish law and culture, authorship rights, and intellectual property. She is co-editing *The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Law* as well as writing an essay for this volume about lawmaking in the Conservative Movement. Kwall is a frequent visiting professor at Radzyner Law School in Israel where she teaches a course on The American Jewish Movements and Jewish law.

You are encouraged to read the book in advance of the discussion. The book can be purchased from Amazon at <https://amzn.to/2kY8gFo>, the book's publisher Roman & Littlefield, and other booksellers.

The Zoom meeting ID, password, and link will be provided.

Shabbat Scripture Readings for July 2020
All services in our building are cancelled based on the
coronavirus restrictions.
Please check your emails for our virtual services on Zoom

Virtual Zoom Services

Fridays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

5:30pm

**Candle Lighting, welcoming Shabbat, and
Kaddish on Zoom**

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28

7:00pm

Virtual Oneg & Check In

**Shabbat Readings & Virtual
Services**

Saturday, July 4

Shabbat Morning Conservative Service on Zoom

9:45 am

Parashat Chukat-Balak

Torah: Numbers 19:1-21:20

Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8

Saturday, July 11

Shabbat Morning Reform Service on Zoom

10:15 am

Parashat Pinchas

Torah: Numbers 25:10-26:51

Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

Saturday, July 18

Shabbat Morning Conservative Service on Zoom

9:45 am

Parashat Matot-Masei

Torah: Numbers 30:2-31:54

Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4

Saturday, July 25

Shabbat Morning Reform Service on Zoom

10:15 am

Parashat Devarim

Shabbat Chazon

Torah: Deuteronomy 1:1-2:1

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-27

Emails are sent with Zoom invites. You may download the ZOOM app on your device, either smart phone, tablet or computer. ZOOM works best with a microphone and camera.

If you do not have a smart phone, computer or a tablet, you can call in to the services on your phone.

At the correct time, call 312-626-6799 and follow the prompts to enter the meeting ID and password. This will allow you to hear the virtual service. Please call the office and leave a message if you would like the meeting IDs and Passwords or help to know how to do this.

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, July 3

8:09 pm

Friday, July 10

8:07 pm

Friday, July 17

8:03 pm

Friday, July 24

7:57pm

Friday, July 31

7:50pm

Candle lighting times are for Homewood, IL

Yahrzeits

WEEK OF 7/3/2020

Mark Abrams
Seymour Aisuss
Wilhelm Altman
Myron Bardige
James Bayer
Nathan Brodsky
William B. Davis
Rabbi A. Stanley
Dreyfus
Riv Ebenstein
George Elliott
Joseph Fox
Rubin Gilbert
Regina Goldman
Alfred Hayum
Sherman H.
Himmelblau
Ella Horewitch
Mitchell Hurowitz
Sol Israel
Barbara Kaminsky
Jerry Klein
Lena Klein
Dr. Otto Koehler
Israel Kogan
Lillian Kress
Jeffrey Krugman
Lucille I. Krugman
Meyer Levine
Florence Mandell
Larry Mintz
Freda Morse
Mary Reich
Helen Rubin
Joshua Ruder
Jean Rusnak
Susan Seigle
Sarah Siegel
Leonard Simon
Rose Todorofsky
Pauline Vinik
Israel Wagman
Elsie Wellisch
Rose Wolkow

WEEK OF 7/10/2020

Betty Bartfeld
Helen Blumenthal
Helmut Blumenthal
Samuel Blustein
Adele Weinhouse
Boorda
Sol Braunstein
Harold Brill
Burley Brotman
Nathan Cohen
Joanne D. Cox
Isaak Finkelstein
Max Fox
Fred Gold
Herschel Goldstein
Isadore Jacob
Hamermesh
Dr. Marvin D. Henry
Cody Hoover
Sylvia Hurowitz
Jerry Knight
Gene Lee
Shirley Levine
Robin Lipman
Max Lukas
Richard Michaelson
Dr. Jerome Noskin
Sarah Noven
Meyer Proctor
Ruth Rischman
Max Rothschild
Paul Salamensky
Neil Saxner
Frank Sherman
Esther Shuftan
Jean Singer
Irving Snyder
Henry Stein
Irvin Stein
Rebecca Stelzer
Simon Strassman
Norman Sturm
Samuel Sugar
Susan Somerman
Whitely
Walter Wolf

WEEK OF 7/17/2020

Joan Barr
John Arthur Beber
Margaret Berkowitz
Abe Ebenstein
Evelyn Gerber
Ethel Gibstein
Bella Goldsmith
Vita Kopstein
Alice Ledwith
Zipporah Goren
Lightman
Rose Malis
Larry Mankin
Shirley Marks
Max Moeckler
Howard Pattis
John Prendergast
Melvin Radman
Max Sager
Esther Salk
Max Serlin
Bernice Shore
Edith Aaron Shore
Thelma G. Shuman
Lillian H. Silverman
Rose Simon
Edward Tregilgas
Ethel Weiss
Sam Weiss
Irving Wilchins
Jack Wolfs

WEEK OF 7/24/2020

Ludwig Adler
Julius Brant
Ruth H. Cohen
Eva Dukes
Fanny Fiterman
Jack Frank
Isadore Gertzfeld
Harold Goetz
Shari Golub

Margaret Klein
Bella Kraft
Fred S. Lasner
Sarah Levens
Selma Lorsch
Irwin Mervis
Muriel Mora
Charles Moskowitz
Marvin Pechter
Isaac Perelman
Harry Pink
Jack Proctor
Mary DeLue Romano
Dan Rosenfeldt
Arthur Salm
Paula Schoenberg
Kate Shlosberg
Senta Stein
Adolf Tersch
Ernestine Tersch
Aranka Trebitsch
Arthur Weiss
Kate Goldsmith Yale
Carolyn Zatz

WEEK OF 7/31/2020

Goldie Barch
Doris Becker
Mortimer Blumenthal
May J. Bocknek
Seymour Burrows
Cantor Walter
Davidson
Lester Eisner
Israel Fassberg
Henrietta Friedman
Miriam Friedman
Isador Gaby
Alvin Gilbert
Sophie Goldberg
Anne Green
Anna Hirschberg
Esther Hite

Alan Jacobson
Murray Kaplan
Fleurette Koltun
Paul Leibson
Jack Levinson
Nellie Miller
Doris Pecchio
Anna Plotnick
Abe Portman
Max Rodin
Louis Rosen
SaDelle Rothman
Abraham Rubenstein
Manfred Segall
Fay Sherman
Samuel Silver
Lillian Smason
Else Stein
Charles Teitelman
Anna Uhlmann
Alfred Weiner
Mary Switt Winikoff
Ida Wolfson
John Zucker



July Birthdays

7/1 Ray Hamad
 7/1 Willard Bransky
 7/2 Susan Bayer
 7/3 Diane Wolf
 7/5 Richard Zucker
 7/9 Manny Katz
 7/10 Jerry Golland
 7/10 Dr. Lauren Kern
 7/11 Ruth Friedman
 7/13 Bari Wolf
 7/14 Jake Eisenwasser
 7/14 Fawn Gottlieb
 7/18 Larry Simon
 7/19 Mitchell Simon
 7/21 Hillary Sigale
 7/22 Bea Kamen
 7/25 Marcia Sime
 7/26 John Kern
 7/27 Rachel Latman
 7/27 Henry Lorsch
 7/28 Leslie Sigale
 7/29 Ron Rutzky
 7/29 Barbara Sitrin
 7/29 Peter Wilkins
 7/30 Ignacio Tejada
 7/30 Irwin Friedman
 7/31 Ron Dieckman
 7/31 Miriam Nissly

**August Birthdays**

8/1 Doug Koltun
 8/2 Nathan Katz
 8/4 Carol Gilbert
 8/4 David Gottlieb
 8/4 Ted Herbstman
 8/7 David Levitt
 8/8 Elizabeth Proctor
 8/8 Marcia Heilicser
 8/9 Ilene Uhlmann
 8/10 Gert Kaufman
 8/10 Jack Levitt
 8/11 Lana Rogachevskaya
 8/12 Rayna Adler
 8/12 Micah Rader
 8/13 Grant Goldberg
 8/15 Bob Mayer
 8/15 Larry Cohan
 8/17 Bonnie Rubin
 8/18 Gretchen Falk
 8/18 Aaron Rusnak
 8/19 Rachel Mylan
 8/20 Vivian Stelzer
 8/21 John Chiera
 8/22 Barbara Gilbert
 8/29 Claire Kern

**July Anniversaries**

7/2 Linda & Peter Wilkins
 7/5 Sandi & Keith Reich
 7/5 Richard & Carol Zucker
 7/6 Dr. T. Michael & Ida Anger
 7/12 Barbara & Lawrence Cohan
 7/15 Walter & Gretchen Falk
 7/27 Stuart & Nancy Friedman

August Anniversaries

8/4 Dalia & Rabbi Shalom Podwol
 8/5 Amy & Richard Bloomberg
 8/8 Gayle & Norm Weil
 8/10 Evie & Larry Plofsky
 8/13 Leslie & Jordan Sigale
 8/15 Georgina & Mike Kaminsky
 8/17 Ruth & Sherman Friedman
 8/17 Fern & Manny Katz
 8/17 Barbara & Michael Sitrin
 8/18 Elizabeth Proctor & John Chiera
 8/22 Andreatte & Mark Brachman
 8/25 Judith & Carl Levy

Tributes

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of

Aida Tihay Schwager from David Stein
Etta Roven from Iris Blumenthal
Haskell Rosen from Roz & Oren Conway
Edythe Leibowitz, Esther Koslin, Alfred
Eisen from Sharon & Henry Lorsch
Rebecca Yellen from Sarah Smason

Choir Fund

In Memory of

Anita Rubin from Rhoda Rosen

General Fund

In Memory of

Irving Weinberg from Jack Levitt
Marilyn Himmel from Peter Wilkins
Leonard Silverman from Anne Silverman

Mazel Tov

To Janet and David Herbstman on the birth
of their new granddaughter from Jack
Levitt

Sympathy

To Ruth and Sherman Friedman and Sandy
Rusnak for the death of their Uncle,
Maurice Rusnak from Laura and Jake
Eisenwasser

Speedy Recovery

To Gayle Weil from Shari Cohen & Bob
Mayer

Sisterhood Tributes

Speedy Recovery

To Carole Fefferman from Ruth & Sherman
Friedman, Donelle Macey, The Women
of Shir Tikvah Sisterhood
To Gayle Weil from The Women of Shir
Tikvah Sisterhood

Sympathy

To Beverly Sokol in memory of her
husband, Ed, from Alene & Ron Rutzky,
Penny & Jerry Shnay, Judy Lohr-Safcik,
The Women of Shir Tikvah Sisterhood
To Ruth & Sherman Friedman and Sandy
Rusnak in memory of their uncle,
Maurice Rusnak, from Donelle Macey,
Judy Lohr-Safcik, The Women of Shir
Tikvah Sisterhood
To Dr. Gineen O'Neil in memory of her
father from Alene & Ron Rutzky

Thinking of You

To the Zucker family during a difficult time
from The Women of Shir Tikvah

To Janet and David Herbstman to celebrate
the birth of a new granddaughter from
Donelle Macey, The Women of Shir
Tikvah Sisterhood



*We mourn the death of
Maurice Rusnak*

*May his memory forever be a
blessing to all who loved him and
may his family be comforted
among the mourners of Zion and
Jerusalem.*

Virtual Sisterhood Birthday Luncheons Normally, the Sisterhood celebrates birthdays on the first Wednesday at 12:30pm at Aurelio's Pizza in Homewood. However, due to COVID-19 they are meeting virtually instead. Please contact Gayle Weil to find out how to join the online party at gweill19@yahoo.com or call her directly!

Support the Sisterhood by purchasing Jewel Cards! We receive a percentage from each card we sell. Denominations are \$50 and \$100 and are available by emailing the office. Diedre has them at home and will get them to you! Thanks for your support!



Shalom Transportation



Are you over 55 and need a ride? Need to get to an activity at night, or just don't want to drive somewhere? The South Suburban office of JUF has partnered with GoGo Grandparent to offer 10 rides a month, up to 25 miles, for just \$5.00 a ride! How does this work? Call Amy Bloomberg at 708-249-6086 or email amybloomberg@juf.org to get registered and learn the easy program details. This program is generously funded by the Albert and Lucille Delighter and Marcella Winston Foundation, a Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

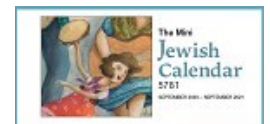
Order Your Calendars and Books from Karben

Elliott Greenberg is once again able to take your orders for books and calendars for 5781 at an excellent discount! You may visit www.karben.com to explore the possibilities and then call Elliott directly at 708-748-9327 to give him your order.

Please— no early morning calls and remember to talk slowly and loudly!

His hearing is not as good as it used to be!

This year, Janet Herbstman is taking over the ordering of the Luachs so please let her know if you'd like one for 5781.



Congratulations To:

Janet & David Herbstman, on the birth of a new granddaughter, Shayna Claire, born to Ted & Nora on June 9th!

Mercedes Neves-Hatchwell, on the birth of a granddaughter, Elena Carmen Chuquimia, born to Luis David Chuquimia and Lauren Brown on May 13th!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Invite links for all Zoom meetings go out under separate cover via email.			1	2	3 5:30p Virtual Candle Lighting & Kaddish  8:09p	4 Virtual Shabbat Morning Conservative Service 9:45 am
5	6	7 Virtual Oneg 7pm Board Mtg 8pm	8	9	10 5:30p Virtual Candle Lighting & Kaddish  8:07p	11 Virtual Shabbat Morning Reform Service 10:15 am
12	13	14 Virtual Oneg 7pm	15	16	17 5:30p Virtual Candle Lighting & Kaddish  8:03p	18 Virtual Shabbat Morning Conservative Service 9:45 am
19 Zoom: Remix Judaism Presentation 10am	20	21 Virtual Oneg 7pm	22 Rosh Chodesh Av	23	24 5:30p Virtual Candle Lighting & Kaddish  7:57p	25 Virtual Shabbat Morning Reform Service 10:15 am
26	27	28 Virtual Oneg 7pm	29 Erev Tish'a B'Av	30 Tish'a	31 5:30p Virtual Candle Lighting & Kaddish  7:50p	