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Rabbi's Message, given for Yom Kippur

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"Is This the Fast that I Desire?"

Shir Tikvah Reform Minyan

In March of 2020, there appeared the photo of a wedding in the Israeli newspaper, Yediot Acharonot. In and of itself, this is not so

unusual, but this wedding was unlike any wedding you have ever experienced: It took place in a cemetery. Now if you're asking yourself 'what kind of wedding takes place in a cemetery?' you're not alone. This unusual wedding was a 'Covid-19 wedding,' and it was the resurrection of a little-known custom: 'the cholera wedding.'

If you've never heard of a 'cholera wedding' before, you're still not alone. This unusual ceremony "...was one of the most peculiar folk rituals to emerge from the rich spiritual matrix of East European Jewry." A modern innovation begun in the 1830's, the 'cholera wedding' was "...a corrective ritual intended to normalize marginal people through marriage and restore them to a respectable place in the community in order to achieve a kind of cosmic reconciliation that would banish the epidemic." Initiated in the pale of settlement, Jewish communities sought to remove the plague of cholera from within their midst or, according to Dr. Natan Meir, at least "...to symbolically displace the epidemic from ordinary Jews to marginal people." And so it was that the unusual ritual of the 'cholera wedding' was born.

Fast forward a little more than a century, and for the first time in more than one hundred years, the cholera wedding was reborn. That wedding, held in a cemetery in B'nai Brak, in Israel, sought to remove the plague - this time the Coronavirus - from the midst of the community. And if you think that that sounds ridiculous, you may or may not be alone. Think

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back to March of 2020 and try to remember what you did or didn't do when the pandemic broke out. Most of us locked ourselves into our homes, refusing to go out at any cost. We ordered groceries and toilet paper online, and we wiped down each and every package with a minimum of three Clorox wipes. We sprayed our mail with Lysol, washed our hands 18 times a day, and we Today, we know that the Covid-19 virus and its mutations are transmitted through respiratory droplets rather than by touch. But at the time, it seemed like these precautions were necessary.

Our ancestors in the pale of settlement, though learned, had limited knowledge of western medicine. They did not understand how bacteria or viruses were passed from person to person, nor did they know how to treat an individual once that person fell ill. They believed qualities and behavior, like sexual immorality, accounted for illness. Furthermore, many lacked previous experience with medicine and as such, did not trust physicians. So they turned to what they knew and trusted: God.

Some two thousand years ago, a similar trend can be seen among our ancestors, in the Mishna. In tractate ta'anit, the Hebrew word for fast, we read of various and sundry occurrences for which a public fast was called: Wildfire, vicious beasts, plagues, drought, and more. Anytime the situation turned life-threatening, the rabbis of the Mishna would sound the shofar and declare a public fast as a means of reaching out and gaining God's attention. In the rabbinic worldview, everything has a cause and an effect. There is, in this mindset, a direct correlation between our behavior and the resulting blessing or punishment. And so it was that our ancestors reached out to God in times of trouble, seeking compassion by way of fasting. They needed God to notice them, to be reminded of their merits, and the best way to do so was to fast. For the rabbis, fasts served as way to say: 'hey God, look at me. I'm contrite, I apologize for my misdeeds, please have compassion on me.'

Back in the pale of settlement, our ancestors were seeking God's compassion and an end to the cholera epidemic. They exercised theurgy, their ability to influence God, by performing what they saw as a mitzvah. Since orphans, individuals with disabilities, and those on the margins of society were unlikely to wed, the community providing a wedding for them seemed, to the organizers, a good deed. And as Professor Meir explains in his book, *Stepchildren of the Shtetl: The Destitute, Disabled, and Mad of Jewish*

Eastern Europe, 1800-1939, since the orphaned bride and groom "...were already community charity cases, the community was fully justified in using them to help stop the epidemic." Still, not everyone was pleased with the prevalence of this ritual. Rabbis, and members of the Haskalah, the educated elite, throughout various communities pleaded with those organizing cholera weddings to stop, or in one case, to move the wedding from the cemetery to the courtyard of the synagogue "...presumably to minimize the shame that the cholera wedding would bring upon the community." But the truth is that such magical rituals are no strangers to the Jewish tradition.

So here it is Yom Kippur and many of us are fasting. The Torah teaches: **וְעִינִיתֶם אֶת נַפְשׁוֹתֵיכֶם**, you shall afflict your souls. This is the reason that many of us, in fact, refrain from food or drink, don't wear leather, and don't concern ourselves with our appearance on Yom Kippur. Still, when viewed through the lens of the Mishna, the same kind of magic-like quality associated with the cholera or Covid-19 wedding, is also associated with the act of fasting, and with another high holiday ritual- the ceremony of kaparot. Through kaparot, we re-enact the biblical ritual of the scapegoat, transferring our sins onto an animal – in the case of kaparot, a chicken. In a cholera or Covid-19 wedding, the bride and groom serve as the scapegoats. In the case of fasting, we refrain from our most basic needs as a way of getting God's attention. It is a way to influence God, to change God's mind and stop the plague, drought, or evil decree. Just as described in the Torah and as understood by the rabbis, our actions have the ability to determine whether we are blessed or punished.

For some of us, a ritual like kaparot, or the cholera wedding, is an echo of an ancient superstition. Unlike the era of the cholera epidemics, we know what to do when disease overtakes our community. But there is something to be said for the symbolism of the fast, the idea that for twenty-five hours or so, we remain focused on the act of atonement, focused on the spirit and not on the body. And if God happens to notice us and have compassion upon us, even better. We may not believe in the idea that our sins are literally transferred or that God literally takes note every person that is fasting and seals that person for life, but alongside Jews throughout the world, we continue to take part in these rituals, generation after generation because especially in challenging times, it means the world to believe that our actions can and do make a difference to the outcome of a situation. I don't know what became of

the couple wed in the cemetery in B'nai B'rak, Israel in March of 2020. I do know that the pandemic only got worse. But I also know that Israel has been a world leader in its approach and treatment of the coronavirus, that it was among the first to vaccinate its citizens and residents, and that the number of deaths from the virus, relative to the number of people in the state, was, at least initially, quite low. In our high holiday liturgy, we find the teaching:

ותשובה ותפילה וצדקה מעבירין את רע הגזירה,
repentance, prayer, and charity lessen the severity of the decree. I believe in this idea, at least symbolically, because I think that God wants to see us, God's children, doing our part, using our skills and our knowledge to make the world a better place. By being kind, honest, and caring human beings, by doing the work of t'zdakah, better translated as justice, and by keeping in touch with God, or our spiritual needs just as our physical ones, we can affect the outcome of a situation for the better. As God asks the prophet Isaiah in this morning's haftarah: 'Is this the fast I desire?' God doesn't want a literal fast just because it is tradition. Rather, God seeks, in us, partners in the work of Tikkun Olam; people who will clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and care for the poor. And though the rituals like kaparot, the cholera or covid-19 wedding, and fasting don't necessarily have efficacy beyond the symbolic, they connect us to the traditions of our ancestors, and remind us that even when it feels like our fate is sealed, we have the ability to partner with God, to put our skills and our knowledge to use, and to make an impact, however small, upon humanity.

Time and again in this pandemic, we've seen scientists work overtime to create a vaccine, medical professionals step up to help save lives, and grocery store employees and other delivery personnel show up so that we could stay safe. It hasn't eradicated Covid-19, but it has been a small step towards healing. So this Yom Kippur, if you choose to fast, I pray that your fast is a meaningful one. May it move you to act to increase justice in the world. Your fast may not move God to directly absolve you of all your sins, but it can illumine the path to a year of good deeds. And in the meantime, like our ancestors in the pale of settlement, let's pray that God removes all illness from us and from all who dwell on earth.

Ken Yehi Ratzon!

G'mar Chatimah Tovah,

May you be sealed for a year of goodness and blessing.

~Rabbi Carmit Harari

Meir, Natan M., *Stepchildren of the Shtetl: The Destitute, Disabled, and Mad of Jewish Eastern Europe, 1800-1939*, Stanford University Press, Stanford, California, 2020, Pg. 89

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Isaiah 58:6

President's Message, given for High Holidays

L'shana Tova and welcome to those online and in person. Last year, I began by quoting Bob Dylan that "the times they are a changing" and they are still a changing. We are in a strange environment, not knowing how to plan for the future because we do not know the future status of the virus.

I knew my first year as President would be a learning experience. I spent most of my career in management, so I was less concerned about the administrative part of the position. My concerns were more centered on writing articles for the bulletin and giving a High Holiday speech. I was correct about the bulletin articles. It is challenging to come up with ideas every month and this speech is major undertaking. Little did I know, these would not be my main concerns.

As President, I am more active in the events and activities around the congregation. I see how much time and effort it takes for our staff and volunteers to provide the congregation with services, school, and events. It takes everyone working together to keep Shir Tikvah a source of Jewish community for our members.

Early in my term, I volunteered for a TOV food drive held at the old JCC building. I meet several members and their children who worked emptying cars and sorting the food. I met Sarah Goldberg who is now the newest member of our Board. With input from Amy Bloomberg, TOV moved their collection events to our parking lot, which provides additional visibility to our building.

We have offered alternative programming during this past year. We hosted adult education programs that were interesting, if you have not attended, I suggest you try one. We created a Caring Committee to provide better communications and calls to our members in need. This is in addition to our services and the well-attended CJC Community Shabbats

I have worked closely with Rabbi Harari, and we developed a good working relationship. We have shared values and agree on solutions to the issues we faced. Rabbi Harari is a caring person who wants to ensure the health and safety of our members. This has been a large part of my job.

When I took this position, I did not expect that I would be tracking a virus. I have learned about daily new case trends, infection rates and positive test rates. We have closed the facility, partly reopened, had a few weeks of in person services without mask and are now in person with mask.

These decisions are not easy to make. I would like to thank the members of the Board for their support and advice as we navigate through this pandemic. I would also like to thank the many members who serve on our committees for their time and input, including many lively discussions.

We relied on the CDC and State of Illinois for guidance but after the government was sued concerning religious freedom, they stopped providing guidance for churches and temples. The URJ and USCJ provided seminars and information but since the situation and state mandates were so different it could not provide specific instructions on what we should do. The decision was going to be made by each congregation based on their demographics, the severity of the virus in their location and their risk assessment.

These decisions are more difficult because there is so much misinformation being circulated. The Surgeon General issued an advisory related to misinformation because he believes misinformation is upending the fight against COVID. Technology companies built a system in which people spread misinformation so much further, so much faster, and in such high velocities that it is impossible to fight. An analysis of millions of social media post found that false news stories

were 70 percent more likely to be shared than true stories.

Joan Donovan, a research professor at Harvard, tracks misinformation on social media and describes the story of hydroxychloroquine. Two individuals, who were opposed to lockdowns, created a Google document stating that hydroxychloroquine cured and could prevent COVID. They are not practicing doctors or researchers and provided no original evidence, just old research reports on this drug being used to fight other viruses. On the same day, the Google document was posted, March 13, 2020, one of the authors posted a tweet about a new drug that could cure and prevent COVID referencing his own google document. Three days later, Elon Musk, the CEO of Tesla, retweeted the post to his forty million followers. Shortly, after that, the claim was picked up by the mainstream media. On March 19, then President Trump stated the drug has “shown very encouraging – very, very encouraging early results.”

In less than a week, this made-up document was being promoted by the President of the United States. This resulted in the FDA starting trials for the drug and many doctors prescribing it even though it proved to have no benefits. Much time and effort were wasted that could have been put to a more useful purpose.

This type of misinformation does not go away. Conspiracy theories develop that this cure is withheld because “they” do not want you to get it. Many times, the “they” becomes an old antisemitic trope about Jews controlling the world. The myth of excessive Jewish power relies on historical claims of Jews controlling global affairs. Jews have been blamed for economic crises, from the Great Depression to the 2008 recession. Now groups, like QAnon, use codewords such as globalist to mean Jews, without being outwardly antisemitic. As misinformation and conspiracy theories continue to thrive, we continue to see an increase

in antisemitic behavior.

It is time for the government to update regulations that would ensure protection for the public interest. The misinformation does not spread on its own. Social media companies can change their algorithms to not promote misinformation and conspiracy theories. We all must be careful of what we read on the internet and what we forward. Many times, this misinformation spreads unknowingly from friend to friend increasing its reach. It is all our responsibility to stop the flow of misinformation.

In the current environment the stress level is higher for everyone. However, Shir Tikvah has not only survived but prospered.

Shir Tikvah has become the center of Jewish activity in the South Suburbs. Services are held weekly both in person and on Zoom and the office is back to operating on a fulltime basis. The JUF Over 50 meets here on Tuesday and the JUF Tikum Olum Volunteers Network held five events which collected provisions for service organizations. The NCJW Board meets here, and the Honey for the Holidays were sorted and packed in our social hall. It is wonderful to see additional Jewish based activity in our building.

Events were not only in our building but also outside. Our first in person event since the start of COVID, was a social gathering for Lag B’Omer. We roasted marshmallows over fire pits and enjoyed smores. It was nice to finally meet and talk with people in person. Thank you to Rick Bloomberg for helping to organize this event. In July, we hosted a CJC Shabbat in our back lot with over one hundred attendees. Rabbi Harari’s mother joined us and played guitar while leading us in song. It was nice to watch the sunset as the service progressed.

In August, we had two events on a Sunday afternoon that were well attended. First, the Women of Shir Tikvah hosted a barbeque lunch for the congregation. This is an example of the

dedicated support the Women of Shir Tikvah provide to the congregation. Thank you for your assistance and to Gayle Weil for all you do to support Shir Tikvah.

The luncheon was followed by a wonderful performance by the Maxwell Street Klezmer Quartet. Over one hundred people enjoyed a professional Klezmer concert in the South Suburbs. The Klezmer band was one of the many events this year supported by a JUF mini grant. Many thanks to Amy Bloomberg, our JUF representative, for assistance with the mini-grants and bringing additional JUF services to our attention. I hope we continue to hold events outside in the future.

Financially, we are moving forward in a strong position. COVID restrictions resulted in lower expenses and our investments did well. The fundraising events exceeded expectations with strong support from our members. The sale of several Torah's and unused land added additional income. Our congregant's support was remarkable as most members maintained their dues and Kol Nidre contributions.

As President, during the High Holidays, I ask for your continued support of Shir Tikvah, so it remains a source of Jewish identity in the South Suburbs. We ask you to give to the best of your abilities. If you cannot contribute financially, volunteering your time is encouraged and appreciated. Thank you to all the members who maintained their giving levels throughout this challenging time.

Like all schools, this was a difficult year, but with a team effort we made it through. Thanks to School Administrator Barb Cohan for keeping us all focused and our teachers; Carole Fefferman, Sherry Dieckman and Rabbi Harari. We are planning for a more normal year, including many field trips for the students. The teachers, children, and parents are looking forward to not logging on to Zoom.

Our staff is part of our congregational family and

continues to do a wonderful job. Bob has been keeping busy, both indoors and out. He washed over one hundred chairs for the Klezmer band event and pitches in managing the door for Shabbat services. Diedre keeps the lines of communication open and helps with many of our committees. She maintains Notebird for the Caring Committee and puts together the Directory/Ad Book including selling several ads.

Pulling all the various aspects of the High Holidays together is a big job. Thank you for the splendid work by our Co-Ritual Vice-Presidents, Janet Herbstman and Carole Fefferman, as well as Gayle Weil, Dan Greenberg, Larry Burrows, and Irwin Friedman for their assistance.

I would like to thank Jacob Cytryn for leading the Conservative services and Lisa Kristina for directing the Reform Choir.

A peer told me that the most important job for the President is to find the next President. I must thank Sherry Dieckman and Sherman Friedman for taking on that responsibility again after my term expires. I also thank them for continuing to be my sounding board.

Although we are not all together in the synagogue, we are in a better place than last year. I said last year, referring to Pesach, so I will say it again this year. Hopefully, for High Holidays, next year we will all be in the synagogue.

Please be safe and stay healthy. I wish everyone the best for the New Year.

~Jerry Tenny, President



October

We are in the process of wrapping up our membership drive. If you have not renewed your Sisterhood membership, please consider doing so. The Women of Shir Tikvah are looking forward to our JUF mini grant Making Your Own Golem on October 28 at 7pm. The program will be on Zoom and we will be able to participate in this paper midrash program. The kits for the project will be available for pick up at Shir Tikvah on Monday, October 25.

We were hoping that the Delta variant of the Covid-19 virus would have been under control by now, but reluctantly it isn't. Although we have in person services we are unable to sponsor Friday night Onegs. At the present time, we have no idea when Onegs will continue. Therefore, we need to rethink some of our future plans.

We wish everyone a happy fall.

Stay safe,

Gayle

Women of Shir Tikvah

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (cell) _____

Email _____

Dues Level:

____ Leah \$36 ____ Miriam \$54 ____ Sarah \$72 ____ Jonathan \$18 (Male associates)

Members of the Conservative Minyan

____ \$36 **To belong to the Women's League for Conservative Judaism as individual member

Make checks payable to Women of Shir Tikvah.

Mail to Sisterhood Membership, Shir Tikvah, 1424 183rd Street, Homewood, IL 60430

If you missed being a part of the Holiday Greetings, but would like to be included for Hanukkah and Passover, please return the request form, below, with your check for \$25.00, payable to WoST.



Please include me in the Holiday Greetings!

Name: _____

(as you want it to appear in the bulletin)

Alternatively, if you prefer, please go to

<https://forms.gle/w8TCS3hn4YfBxUDbA>

to complete your membership and greetings form online.



October Birthdays

2	Damien Munson
3	Richard Kaplan
6	Barry Sturm
6	Cookie Marks
10	David Golland
11	Lucille Wolf
15	Ellen Stone
16	Marianne Switt
16	Miriam Garbow
17	Joel Kaufman
17	Ernie Ratowitz
18	Barry Marks
19	Scott Wolf
19	Taffy Mack
22	Janet Muchnik
23	Jeff Gilbert
27	Keigh Malis
27	Richard Lieb
28	Rabbi Harari
29	Steve Altman
29	Laura Berliner Eisenwasser
31	Sara Marks



October Anniversaries

25	Marianne & Stuart Switt
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November Birthdays

1	Stuart Friedman
5	Brian Miller
6	Pat Simon
8	Terri Palomaki
9	Gayle Weil
11	Sid Barch
11	Gracie Goldberg
11	Alene Rutzky
12	Beth Snedden
13	Mark Brachman
13	Marilyn Ruche
13	Celia-Ann Toll
17	Amy Bloomberg
17	Harold Reisler
19	Brian Latman
21	Bonnie Mosbacher
22	Lynn Brown
23	Robert Mahler
23	Jeffrey J. Makos
24	Iris Napoleon
25	Stewart Lipman
27	Sherry Wolf
29	Diedre Bodine

November Anniversaries

7	Judith & Richard Lieb
11	Cathy Burnett & Nacho Tejada

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please email Diedre at
office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org & let her know!

Yahrzeits

Week of 10/1/2021

Morris Berliner
Rodess Blitstein
Tillie Blitzstein
Mildred Brazzale
Bessie Epstein
Reuben Esrick
Bertha Glaser
Phil Graubart
Irving Green
Louise Greilsheim
Rose Goetz Hersh
Norton Himmel
Michael Hirschberg
Ludwig Hofman
Abe Jacobson
Albert Johnson
Jean Johnson
Ethel Kaminsky
Aaron Katz
Leo Kushner
Rose Lee
Estelle Levine
Herbert M. Levy
Stan Lustig
Elizabeth Meno
Jim Mollin
Hanita Nussbaum
Irene Reznick
Jacob Rovell
Pearl Rutzky
Harry Saltzman
Robert Schmidt
Noemi Schwarz
Alfred Silverman
Steven Sime
Louis Singer
Emmy Speier
Samuel Stark
Gustav Straus
Sophie Straus
Else Strauss
Samuel Teper
Linda Turman
Norman Weinberg
Stuart Weisler
Gerald Werner

Week of 10/8/2021

Annie Abrams
Theo Adler
Isidor Altman
Ruth Arnoff
Leonard Becker
Sylvia Blustein
Frances Bransky
Manfred Buchsbaum
Harry P. Cohen
Max Diamant
Clara Elend
Carlye Friedman
Leonard Friedman
Bessie Gaby
Mindelle Goodfriend
Fannie Gordon
Neil Greenberg
Erwin Held
Vernon Heusmann
Ben Levitt
Eve Lewin
Emanuel Marcado
Lena Marks
Adrienne Mathias
Alice Mosbacher
Norton Rosenbaum
Beatrice Rothschild
Diana Samson
Harry W. Shuchter
Carol Somerman
Harold Weiner
Gretel Yurman
Morris Zalman
Bonnie Zand

Week of 10/15/2021

Solomon Blum
Sarah Blumenthal
George Chapman
Sara Elfman
Rebeca Faynshteyn
Leon Feigenbaum
Abe Feldman
Harry Harvey Gold

Julian Goodfriend
David Henry
Dora Herbst
Solomon Herbst
Fred Kaiser
Hedwig Kamberg
Sam Kaminsky
Seymour Lacob
Matilda Lerner
Goldie Leventhal
Jacob M. Leventhal
Ernestine Lipman
Anna Meyer
Delores Robin
Joyce Rosenfeldt
Lillian Rosinger
Lucy Rothman
Boris Shnay
Gerald Silver
Charles Silverman
Lewis Stone
Erwin Walcoff
Nellie Warfield
Tillie Warren
Shirley Wilchins
David Wolfson

Week of 10/22/2021

Sara Adler
Henrietta Bernstein
Pauline Berry
William A. Bode
Simon Brant
Taube Bueler
Earl E. Cazel
Clara Englaender-
Elend
Emanuel Ephron
Robert Feigenbaum
Maurice Forkash
Sylvia Fox
Rose Frank
Sarah Gertzfeld
Mary Gilbert
Belle Glassman

Ben Glassman
Rose Glickman
Harry Goldberg
Anna Gratz
Neil Higgins
Rose Hirsch
Philip Kaplow
Charles Kaufer
Bernard Kruglick
Allen Leibowitz
Dr. Morris J. Levin
Hal Mahnke
Nathan Manilow
Pittsburgh Masacre
Myrle (Sis) Messer
Jeanette Rappaport
Ruth Robinson
Esther Rosenfeldt
Gertrude Rovel
Nancy Rusnak
Raynold Sandack
Arthur Settle
Milton Shlensky
Tillie Singer
Dena Sugar
Jay H. Toll
Eliezer Toval
Charles Treitler
Max Weinberg
Ted Willner
Simon Wohl
Benjamin Wolf
Samuel Yaffe

Week of 10/29/2021

Robie Adler
Irene Avner
Augusta Blum
Jack Bobrick
Harold Brown
Janice Byrd
Rosie Eisen
Belle Fisher
Julius S. Friedman
Mathilde Frisch

Osna Libby Ganz
Isidore "Jerry" Golland
Pearl Greenberg
Max Gutman
Monica Hesky
Jack Hornstein
Rose Kenis
Jane Komins
Ansel Kraft
Lawrence Landfield
Morey Levinson
Bernard Lieb
Harry Machtinger
Viola Marienthal
Charles Marks
Zahava (Lottie) Morgan
Matthew Platt
Bradley Scott "Brad"
Rosner
Eliyahu Schwarz
Louis Sher
Hyman Shlosberg
Rose Simon
Minna Speier
Frederic Stein
Christopher Tejada
Kurt Uhlmann
Chester Ulman
Adolph Wagner
Michael Edward
Warady
Emanuel Woolf
Anna Ostrow Yaffe



Tributes

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of

Niusia Eiger from Donelle Macey
Jonathan Greenberg from Debbie & Dan Greenberg
Jonathan Greenberg from Elliott Greenberg
Rivian Ketterer from Cheryl Warshaw
Tom Murray from Marimonica Murray
Anne Conway from Ros & Oren Conway
Harold Copen from Margie Copen
Faye Levinson, Mary Bertha Warshaw from Cheryl Warshaw
Norton Himmel from Linda & Peter Wilkins
Mindelle and Julian Goodfriend from Jodie & Jeff Virene

General Fund

In Memory of

Frances Mayer from Shari Cohen & Bob Mayer
Pauline Wolfson from the Leo Wolfson family
Jules Rutzky from Alene & Ron Rutzky
Noemi Schwarz from Barb & Gary Schwarz
Zelda Kushner from Jerry Tenny
Rolf and Louise Stein from Paul Stein
Leonard and Jean Marin from Diedre Marin Bodine
Shirley Weinberg, Jacob Winkelman from Jack Levitt
Morris Berliner from Laura & Jake Eisenwasser
Abe Jacobson from Shari Cohen & Bob Mayer

In Honor of

Rabbi Ellen Dreyfus from Celia-Ann Toll
In appreciation and recognition to Janet and David Herbstman, Dan and Debbie Greenberg, Bob Oros and Diedre Bodine for the incredible way in which they prepared the Conservative High Holiday services at the Homewood Science Center from Elliott Greenberg
To the congregation and Rabbi Harari for their wonderful Zoom services from Roz & Oren Conway
Seymour Ferdman's 90th Birthday from Richard Stern, DeeDee DuBrow, Linda & Marvin Cohen
Albert Johnson, Jean Johnson from Susan Johnson

Choir Fund

In Memory of

Gerald Werner, Paula Buschke from Barb & Gary Schwarz

Sisterhood Tributes

Sympathy

To Richard Africk and Family in memory of Diane Africk, cousin of Carol & Rich Zucker, and Alene & Ron Rutzky

On behalf of the High Holiday committee, we would like to thank everyone who participated in and helped to enhance our services.

Thank you to Carole, Lisa Kristina, and the choir for the beautiful music.

Gayle and Carole



On the birth of Emily Miriam, born August 29th to Tanya and Michael Eisenwasser. Proud sister is Nicole. Proud grandparents are Laura and Jake Eisenwasser.

Cooperative Jewish Council

Community SHABBAT

October 8, 2021

7:30 PM

In person and on Zoom



Hosted by

Temple Anshe Sholom

10001 Columbia Avenue

Munster Indiana

To RSVP click the link below

<https://forms.gle/MJefpmyjZqb5HmnU9>

News You Can Use!



October

Sunday school has gotten off to a great start!

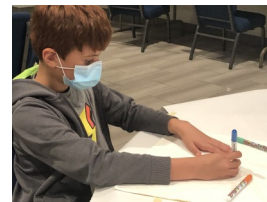
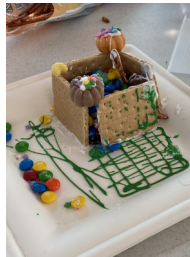
We began our year during the intermediate days Sukkot. We welcomed new students, played Pictionary with Jewish symbols, shook the lulav and etrog, and made edible candy (and graham cracker, cereal, and pretzel) sukkot!

During our second week, students learned about Challah. We talked about why we eat Challah on Shabbat and holidays, why it is braided, and the idea of hiddur mitzvah, elevating a commandment. We shaped and baked our own challot, and while the bread was in the oven, students worked on making their own challah covers.

Hebrew school begins this week, and we are excited to welcome new students into our class. Ms. Fefferman will continue to work with our students on mastery of the Hebrew letters and vowels, as well as working on prayers from the Shabbat and festival service. We look forward to having our students take part in services throughout the year, as they help lead us in worship.

We thank Barbara Cohan, our school coordinator over the past few years, for her service and contributions! We will miss you! And we welcome Donelle Macey, who along with Hebrew teacher, Carole Fefferman, and 8th and 9th grade teacher, Sherry Dieckman, joins our School Staff. We look forward to a terrific year together!

Rabbi Carmit Harari



Welcome New Members!

Debbie Jacobson, 6503 Pinewood Lane, Tinley Park, IL 60477

Debra White, 3310 Edgecreek Drive, New Lenox, IL 60451

Brian & Jalussee Miller and children, Ben, Avigayle and Joseph, 2109 Vardon Lane, Flossmoor, IL 60422



Exciting News!!

Judy Winnick is returning to Homewood, LIVE on
Wednesday, October 20th at 7 PM, at Shir Tikvah,
1424 183rd Street, Homewood

Vaccination Cards, IDs, and mask required to attend.
Registration is required!

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Make Your Own Golem!

What's a Golem? Watch a video to find out.



The Women of Shir Tikvah have this 90 minute mini-grant planned for up to 30 participants on Thursday, October 28th at 7:00 PM. The first 30 registrations will come together on Zoom and learn how to make their own Golem in the comfort of their own home! Kits will be available for pick up at Shir Tikvah on Monday, October 25th. To prepare, you will need to have on hand your own pair of scissors, and a roll of masking tape.

Interested? Sign up today! Space is limited to 30 and you will need to come to Shir Tikvah to pick up your tool kit. Out of town? No problem! The Women of Shir Tikvah are willing to mail you your kit!

Please only register if you are able to attend! Since space is limited to 30 and we want to offer this great experience to those able to participate.



Click Here to register today.



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3 Sunday School 10AM	4 JUF Mini- Grant on Zoom 7PM	5 Shalom Over 50s 11AM-3PM Grande Prairie Singers Rehearsal 7PM	6 Hebrew School 4:30PM	7	8 CJC Shabbat at TAS 7:30PM 6:01p 	9 Reform Service 10:15AM
10 Sunday School 10AM	11 Board 8PM	12 Shalom Over 50s 11AM-3PM Grande Prairie Singers Rehearsal 7PM	13 Hebrew School 4:30PM	14 Ad Book Committee Meeting 7:30PM	15 Flossmoor Book Club 12 PM Shabbat Evening Service 7:30PM 5:50p 	16 Conservative Service 9:45AM
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