



Chai Lites

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Summer Lay Services

 **Fri, July 12, 7:00 p.m.**

Led by Meryl Crews and Margo Fleisher
Special Speaker Janis Koike - Mathematics, Genetics, and Identity Politics

 **Friday, July 26, 7:00 p.m.**

Led by Meryl Crews and Margo Fleisher

 **Saturday, August 3, 11:00 a.m.**

Celebration of Life for Mae Kalus, mother of Carolyn Neuberger, followed by a luncheon. Ushers are needed for this event. Please see Rob Lerner or Carolyn Neuberger to volunteer and for times.

 **Friday, August 9th, 7:00 p.m.**

Lay Services led by Margo Fleisher
Special speaker Howard Kerner who will present the film "Miracle at Midnight". This inspiring film is about the heroic Danish people who saved almost all the Jews in Denmark during WWII.

 **Friday, August 23rd, 6:00 pm BBQ followed by Shabbat Service at 7:00 p.m.**

The BBQ is being sponsored by Phil and Sandi Grinker. They will be supplying the hotdogs, hamburgers, buns and condiments. Please bring a side dish to share. Please R.S.V.P. by August 15th sandigrinker@gmail.com 863-207-7440.



Calendar

July

July 2	11:00 a.m.	Book Club
	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
July 7	9:30 a.m..	Brotherhood Breakfast
July 9	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
July 12	7:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services
July 14	9:00 a.m..	TBS Board Meeting
July 16	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
July 23	12:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg
July 26	7:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services
July 30	10:30 a.m.	Needlework
	12:00 p.m.	Mah Johngg

Memorial Service

Celebration of life for Mae Kalus (mother of Carolyn Neuberger)

Saturday Aug. 3rd @ 11:00 am

There will be a light lunch served directly after the service.

Kindly RSVP no later than July 26, 2019

Carolyn Neuberger

863-325-9028 or via e-mail: carolyn67stu@gmail.com

Ushers are needed for the memorial service, please email Rob Lerner at RKL228@aol.com.



Notes From The Pres.

by Lorraine Mixer

Summer is officially here and that means school is out and summer vacations are in the works.

I hope you will attend some of our Summer Lay Services. We have planned some different experiences for the summer.

I'm especially grateful for the energy of the volunteers who will be leading and adding to the Summer Lay Services while I am out of the country to bring you these engaging and meaningful Lay Services.

Exciting Fund Raising ideas are in the planning stages.

We hope to see a new 'Mystery' take shape. Look for notices to volunteer for this fun evening. A Silent Auction is also in the works. Ladies, we will need your purses for that one! Lots of volunteers will be needed for this event as well!

I am reachable by phone: 863-409-8509 (please do not text) or email: lorrainemixer@aol.com

Feel free to contact me with comments or concerns while I am away.



Growing UP Jewish

by Renee Cohen

We lived in East Flatbush, in a 2 family house, with my mom's family. My mother's sister, Rita and Uncle Morris lived downstairs with my 2 cousins Marc and Julia. My Aunt Martha and Uncle Irving lived next door, with my 2 cousins Richard and Jeffrey.

Rushing home from school on Fridays, we flew up Bubbe's steps to get our first taste of latkas. Is there anything as delicious as homemade latkas? Forget about how we make them these days! Those days, bubbe used stale, day old bread and broke them into the hand chopped, potato mixture. The latkas were fried in schmaltz (chicken fat), and were drained on a paper bag. There was so much oil she could save it for next year,

Friday Nights. Ahhhh! With the Shabbos candles lit, it was time for the Jewish time honored treat ...more food! Glorious food! My shwartzza bubbe, who lived upstairs next door, always cooked on Friday. (I know what you're thinking. Renee had a black grandmother? Not exactly, but she did have black hair. I will spell out the differentiation in future columns.)

Bubbe always prepared a huge pot of chicken soup. (Enough for all of East Flatbush,) She would either make cholent, chopped liver, stuffed cabbage, or gefilte fish. (and I always prayed it wasn't gefilte fish) For those of you who are not familiar with cholent, it is a soft pot roast type of meat that cooks all day from Thursday to Shabbos and allows you to taste it until the following Friday. Talk about heartburn!

My brothers or I would shimmy over the bricks on the porch with an empty pot for the soup, a plate for the latkas and a deep dish for the appetizer. I honestly did not mind going there because I had another opportunity to talk with bubbe and get another coveted latka, right from the frying pan. I can still smell her cooking now. My bubbe was an incredible cook, but unfortunately my mom did not inherit the cooking gene. It skipped a generation. Well, until next time....

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Rabbinically Speaking

by Rabbi Garson Herzfeld

Balancing Two Essential Questions

Several years ago, Rabbi Dr. Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi raised two important questions in an article she wrote for “The Jerusalem Post.” What should we take into our own lives from the past?” and “What do we want to bequeath to the future?”

As modern Jews, we often question what potential meaning past traditions have in our lives today. How are those rituals and customs relevant today or how do we make them relevant? Judaism has renewed itself repeatedly by reassessing the answer to the first question at critical junctures in our history.

Once we determine the critical values of the past, in answering the second question, one must decide which values to pass forward to future generations and how to make sure that they are secure. Rachel comments that even more than our obsession for the past is that of the future as Jews. As she explains, “somehow swinging between the past and the future, we create our lives through the choices we make in this moment.”

Shavuot, which we just celebrated, provides an opportunity for us to link past and future. The revelation/giving of the Ten Commandments - indeed the entire Torah - at Mount Sinai provides the setting for every generation, not just those standing at the foot of the mountain, to potentially choose to receive the law. Thus there is chain of connection and tradition among successive generations.

However, the Babylonian Talmud (Shabbat 88b) suggests that even in Biblical times, the Israelites may not have immediately agreed to accept the Torah. God had to coerce them to accept it. Perhaps the Biblical recording of unanimous agreement to affirm and uphold Torah is not the whole story.

Rachel sites a verse (9:27) from the Book of Esther many generations later in which the Jews in Persia “uphold and accept” the Torah thus affirming the covenant at Sinai. Here there is no coercion to receive and uphold Torah.

Given this interpretation, it took many generations after Sinai for Jews to answer the two questions affirmatively. We said yes to upholding Torah received in the past thus confirming the relevance of the covenant at Sinai in our own time.

Each year when we celebrate Shavuot we in essence repeat this process. Each of us affirms life and receives the law anew. Whether one believes that the gift of Torah was received fully at Sinai or generations later in Persia, every generation must choose to commit to following Torah and to the belief in a vision of the world redeemed.

In the words of Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi: “The past can only offer us its wisdom, but the future is determined by the justice and salvation we help to create.”

Thank You's

- Meryl Crews and Sandi and Phil Grinker for hosting Rabbi Herzfeld for the month of June.
- To our Oneg hosts June 7th Sue Zwerling, June 21st Janis Koike.

Donations

- From Karen Neubart for the building fund
- From Jerry Kosten for the building fund
- From Meryl and Jimmy Crews for a memorial donation in memory of Mae Kalus, mother of Carolyn Neuberger.

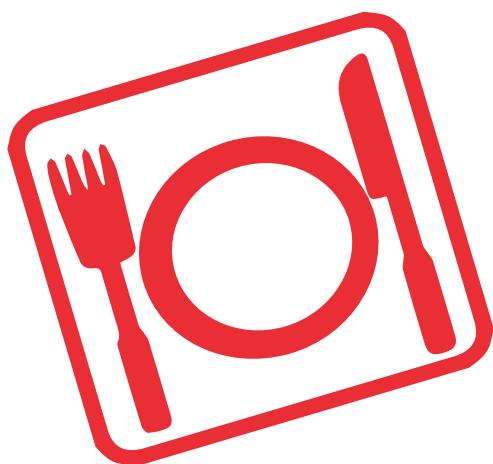
Get Well Wishes

- To Jackie Korn on her recent knee surgery.

Mazel Tov

- To Rabbi Herzfeld for celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination as a Reform Rabbi.

Host The Rabbi



When Rabbi Herzfeld returns, please consider hosting a Shabbat dinner for him, either at your home or at a restaurant. Please contact Sandi Grinker to set up a date.

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July Yartzeits

Kara Diane Goldberg.....daughter of Gene & Anna Goldberg
 Bertha Goldschmidt.....mother of Ruth Weitzenkorn
 Ed Smith.....father of Julia Smith
 Clare Poller-Rosenthal.....sister of Robert Poller
 Edna Marcus.....aunt of Brenda Kleinman
 Ruth Bronstein.....perpetual yahrzeit
 Harry Danzig.....father of Bernie Danzig
 Pearl Kosten.....mother of Jerry Kosten
 Thomas Small.....brother of Victoria Lemonds
 Buel Lemonds.....father of Craig Lemonds
 Beverly Hodes.....mother of Lorraine Mixter
 Arthur Markowitz.....husband of Elaine Markowitz
 Martin David Friedlander.....son of Edwin Friedlander
 Samuel Grayson.....father of Mel Grayson
 Morris Wacks.....father of Lois Levine
 Jerome Levine.....brother of Art Levine
 Ethel Johnson.....grandmother of Valerie Spiwak
 Melanie Goodman.....mother of Carol Stern
 Maxwell Wolf.....perpetual yartzeit
 Valentine Glockner.....mother of Darrow Glockner

Chance Lemonds.....son of Craig Lemonds
 Martin Parcel.....husband of Jean Parcel
 Jesse Arfa.....son of Rabbi Cyrus and Sherry Arfa
 Ross Wolf.....perpetual yartzeit
 Harry H. Gasson.....former husband of Sandy Gasson
 Evelyn Case.....mother of Carla Calabretta
 Rabbi H. Leonard Poller.....brother of Robert Poller
 David Friedmann.....brother of Richard Friedmann
 Marlene Kaplan.....sister of Sandi Grinker
 Abraham Sandler.....grandfather of Steven Chayt
 Ludwig Friedmann.....grandfather of Richard Friedmann
 Myron Ravdin.....father of Brenda Kleinman
 Marion Smith.....mother of Vincent Smith
 Robert Segal.....father of Jett Segal
 James L Perkins.....husband of Lorraine Mixter
 Pearl M. Kogan.....second mother of Brenda Poller
 Daniel Eisenberg.....father of Sue Zwerling
 Lucille Grinker.....mother of Phil Grinker
 Lillian Greenbaum.....mother of Korina Masters



Donations in memory of Jeanne Heyman

Jerry Heyman

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Janis Koike

Lake Bess Country Club

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Lorraine Mixter

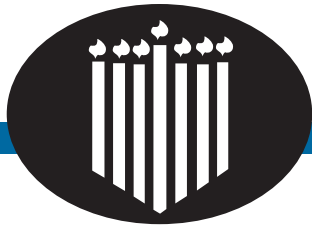
Barb & Clint Brooks

Bert Devorsetz

Dr. Robert Williams

Steven & Meryl Chayt

Brotherhood News



Brotherhood Breakfast Meetings

Sunday July 7, August 4th at 9:30 am.

Brotherhood Elections, September 1st.

Mark the last Saturday of February 2020 for our mystery party. More info coming. Remember to polish your blue suede shoes!

Usher Program

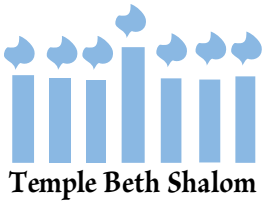
If you have an interest in volunteering for the Usher Program please email Rob Lerner at RKL228@aol.com. Be aware even if you only want to do one service a year you will need to join the Usher Program as a formal member. Thank you for your continued support of Temple Beth Shalom.



ATTENTION!

To increase security, the main entry door code will be changed in September. A key FOB, available to members for \$10, will be required.

Ask any Board Member for information.



Temple Usher Program

Purpose: Defines the duties of the Usher program

Persons Eligible: All members male and female of all ages

Goals:

1. Provide a friendly and welcoming first impression to the Temple.
2. Make easy the passageway through the magnetic front door.
3. Take advantage of the ushers to observe all visitors in regards to security concerns.
4. Facilitate registration for all visitors
5. Facilitate introduction for all visitors to congregation members

Duties:

1. Assist all members and visitors into and out of the building as needed.
 - a) Front door magnetic lock is active causing the front door to be locked unless a person has a key fob, or knows the entry code. For this reason, an usher is there to unlock the magnetic lock and assist visitors into the Temple prior to, during and after services as needed.
 - b) The magnetic door lock only locks the door to the left when facing out of the building. There is a push button to the left hand side of the door which will unlock the magnet for approximately 4 seconds. The door to the right has an emergency exit bar that when pushed opens the right hand door. All exiting individuals can use the right hand door at any time.
2. Greeting all members and visitors.
 - a) Services typically will be associated with the use of a prayer book or handouts needed during the service. The Usher or assistant usher should greet all persons and provide appropriate service materials.
 - b) Ushers should introduce themselves to all persons that they do not recognize. If the visitor is new to the congregation, the usher should make an attempt to quickly introduce that person or family to a Board Member or President if available. If convenient an introduction to the Rabbi should also be attempted.
 - c) Ushers should make an effort to have all visitors sign in on the visitor sheets available on the entry table. It would be preferable for the usher to legibly fill in the visitors name, address, contact phone and email for each family or individual person.

Expectations:

1. Joining the Usher Program implies accepting the responsibility to work a mutually agreed upon assigned service.
2. Once assigned a service date, it would be the responsibility of that usher person to find a replacement person to cover them if they are unable to attend that service. An alternative option would be to notify the program coordinator to find their replacement.
3. Typically would prefer a minimum of two Ushers to work each service.
4. Each team would divide duties to accomplish secure monitoring of who is allowed in through the front door, handing out service materials, registering all guests and as allowed introduction of all visitors to available Board Members or President.
5. Report all security concerns to Usher Program Director or Temple President.
6. In the event of an emergency from a security or medical concern, the Ushers should immediately assist and know how to assist as appropriate:
 - a) Ability to dial 911 for emergency assistance
 - b) Knowledge of first aid kit located in the kitchen area
 - c) Knowledge of location of Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED)
 - d) Facilitate EMS or Ambulance Personnel into the Temple
 - e) Knowledge of turning off the magnetic door lock - On/Off Switch above the push to Exit button.

