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In light of the Coronavirus pandemic, we are continuing to exercise an abundance of caution, reluctantly suspending all in person activities, including services, classes, meetings (Sisterhood, Men's Club, Board), and the Rabbi's Roundtable.

We will have periodic Shabbat services online via Zoom with notification sent by email.

We are working out the details for the High Holidays, and will notify you via email once we have our plans finalized.

We hope that all of our members, friends and loved ones will put health first and find strength, during this challenging time, in continuing communication by email, text, telephone, and other electronic, safe means available to us.

We will eventually return to our customary rich schedule of events. In the meantime we hope you will be able to participate in our virtual services.

May everyone affected by this crisis receive a *r'fuah sh'leimah*, a speedy and complete healing.

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Rabbi's Message

The reason why Jews are called 'Jews' is because we are from Judea. This land doesn't belong to us; rather, we belong to the land. – Rabbi Jeremy Gimpel

As the world cries out for a solution to the global Covid-19 crisis, Israeli vaccines and testing are performing successfully in animal and human trials. And yet, despite the undeniable contributions of Jews and the Jewish state, and the international movement away from racism generally, much of the world's population cannot resist the urge to hate Israel and the Jewish people. This was driven home for me by some recent news.

For several years, beginning in 2010, I enjoyed watching a unique variety show, *Tuesday Night Live in Jerusalem*, on Jewish Life Television. It was often filmed in additional locations in the U.S., from which its hosts had made Aliyah.

As musicians, rabbis, published authors, fellow IDF reservists and best friends, Ari Abramowitz and Jeremy Gimpel covered political and social topics, humor, and spiritual conversations with eminent rabbis. A different band performed each week.

I was intrigued to learn that in the past few years, Rabbis Abramowitz and Gimpel had founded and moved with their respective families to their newest venture, the organic growing, living and worshipping community, Arugot Farms.

Arugot is located in a place to which they had always dedicated a great deal of attention on their JLTV show: the historic area of Judea (*Y'huda*), which together with Samaria (*Shomron*) are now often referred to as the "West Bank."

Before its two founders sank their life savings into the project, no one had invested anything in the area for at least 30 years; the blooming, productive farm and residential land they have established is surrounded by arid wilderness. Under proposals for a Palestinian state currently being explored by the U.S., however, Arugot Farms is in danger of being cut off from the remainder of Israel, and possibly abandoned.

Although most Israelis, and Americans, support the "two-state solution," the Arab countries that surround Israel refuse unanimously to recognize Israel's right to exist; to accept any Arabs from the contested areas of Israel; or to allot any of their far more extensive lands for the purpose of establishing a Palestinian state. The loss by Israel of productive and well-established Israeli communities, such as Arugot Farms, as a result of taking Israel's land alone, would be devastating.

Zionism, the desire of the Jews for a homeland, is identical to the universally acknowledged right of every people to a land of its own. The resurgent phenomenon of anti-Zionism is, tragically, another name -- and the newest face -- of anti-Semitism.

As Americans, whether we are Jews, or friends of the larger, inclusive Jewish community we call *k'lal Yisrael*, it is our privilege and responsibility to use our freedom of speech to support the beauty, integrity and contribution of Israel to the world.

During this time, when so many of us find ourselves blessed with time for meaningful endeavors, let's add to our other charitable and educational activities the goal of rededication to standing with the people and state of Israel, in whatever form each of our interests and resources may dictate.

With love and blessings for good health to you and your loved ones – Rabbi Karen Allen – 386.254.2773

Message from the President

As I look back at the past few months, I am amazed at how much our world has changed. In February I don't think I'd ever heard of Zoom and now I have attended Zoom Shabbat Services, Seders, a Funeral and even a *shiva* call (in Maryland which we would not have made it to otherwise). Due to the use of this technology I have also attended Birthday celebrations and a Bat Mitzva for my great nieces in Israel. Pre-Corona I would not have participated in these occasions. Of course, if this pandemic had not occurred I would have been in Israel to see them in person, but that was not to be. So, maybe next year!

When we had our first Zoom Shabbat Service, so many people said that they didn't realize how much they missed hearing Rabbi Allen's voice and seeing members of the congregation. I certainly hope that more people will chose to join us virtually. It's a wonderful opportunity for those people who don't like to drive at night.

As we plan for the future we continue to monitor the situation to determine what is appropriate for our congregation. As we charter this unprecedented territory, please know that our most important consideration will always be the health and safety of our members and guests.

I know that when we finally can get back into the building, however long that takes, our future services will look different than what we remember, but we will figure it out! We will have to be creative to socialize while practicing social distancing and to determine the best ways to once again enjoy our onegs and kiddushes. I know that our members are looking forward to seeing each other in person, but we have to wait until it becomes safe to do so. The strange thing will be the lack of hugs and kisses that are such a part of our synagogue family.

Annual dues notices will be mailed on July 1. Even though we haven't been able to attend services in the synagogue, we still have the opportunity to enjoy Rabbi Allen's beautiful services. Your Board of Directors is meeting regularly, and our basic expenses continue, just as our personal bills continue despite the coronavirus. We still need your support to maintain the synagogue's existence.

We are all wishing that we could meet in person at the shul, but that is just not possible with the current situation. In the meantime we have 30 minutes social time before every Zoom service, so that we can continue to be *The Synagogue That Feels Like Family*.

Be Safe and Stay Healthy,

Shalom, *Andrea Kraft* 352-513-3517

I would like to welcome Sandra Byrne to our Board of Directors. Sandra retired recently and expressed an interest in helping us as needed. When I asked if she would be interested in joining the Board I am happy to say that she graciously agreed. I know that her background in technology will be a valuable addition to the board, and that we all look forward to working with Sandy as we navigate the future. Andrea


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R'fuah Sh'leima (Get Well Wishes)

to those who have been ill or have had or will have surgery:
Nettie Goeler

Many of you have added loved ones and dear friends to our New Mi Shebeirach list. The list is included in our virtual services.
Should you wish to recite the Mi Shebeirach for them at home, it is printed below.

Mi Shebeirach

written by Debbie Friedman

מי שְׁבִירַךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ.

Mi shebeirach avoteinu. M'kor habrachah l'imoteinu

May the Source of Strength
Who helped the ones before us
Help us find the courage
To make our lives a blessing
And let us say: Amen.

מי שְׁבִירַךְ אֲמוֹתֵינוּ מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu. M'kor habrachah l'avoteinu

Bless those in need of healing
With *r'fu-a sh'lei-ma*
The renewal of body,
The renewal of spirit.
And let us say: Amen.

Mi Shebeirach

Our Secretary, Fred Jacobs, maintains the list and keeps it up to date for presentation at services.

To add new names, please send them to Fred at
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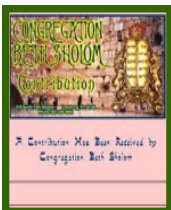
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Birthdays				Anniversaries	
	July		August		July
7/4	Bob Marcus	8/3	Andrea Kraft	7/1	Robert and Betty King
7/8	Dee Marcus	8/10	David Englander	7/21	Terrence and Eileen Levin
7/8	Marlene Steinberg	8/12	Rebecca Scholl	7/30	Fred and Helen Jacobs
7/11	Ben Solotoroff	8/18	Marty Snader		August
7/12	Helene Steinberg	8/22	Robert King	8/4	Dan and Eileen Hirschfeld
7/15	Edith Freiurth	8/22	Marty Rothbard	8/12	Judy Mayer and Michael Drexler
7/24	Marnell L. Hayes	8/22	Marty Meyers	8/23	Allen and Janice Klein
7/26	Diveda Spector	8/24	Sheila Saks		
7/27	Linda Kost	8/29	Allen Klein		
7/28	Roz Wenrich	8/30	Elly Rothbard		
7/28	Bob Milkman				
7/30	George Brogan				

Mazel Tov to
Marsha and Marshall Graboio who celebrated
their 50th anniversary on June 13!

SISTERHOOD

Tick tock, time keeps marching on. Minutes turn to hours and hours to days, then into months. But, eventually there will come a time when we will all be able to see each other in shul. When I have spoken to the different members of Sisterhood and they have told me how they are getting along, and how their children and grandchildren are doing, I started to reflect on the importance of the Jewish home. This is not the first time in our history that we have not been able to join together at the shul, but now as always, the fundamental values of Jewish life are stressed in the home. It is where we first learned to light the candles on Shabbat, where we learned about *Tzedakah*, and threw daily life we learned the traditions and values of being Jewish.

With thoughts of home comes memories of wonderful food. If you have not sent your favorite recipe to Dorothy Strauss for our cookbook please type it up and send it on to Dorothy.

Henrietta Lubin reports that all the refunds for the cancelled Challah baking class have gone out. If you have any questions please call Henrietta at 708-724-4605.

Yvette Litwack told me that she has been busy knitting for the Knitty Gritty Crafters. If you have any questions or want to get involved with this committee Beverly Myers would love to hear from you. You can reach her at 352-633-1472.

I would like to thank the members of the care committee for making calls on behalf of the board to the members of the congregation. The members of this committee are: Henrietta Lubin, Dee Marcus, Anita Sherman, Marion Solotoroff, and Diane Weinbaum. If you would be interested in working on this committee please give me a call.

If you have any ideas for sisterhood or just want to talk, I would love to hear from you.

May G-d be with you,

Dee Marcus

Sisterhood President 352-750-8086

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Helene Bachmann in memory of her mother, Pauline Gripon

Marsha and Marshall Grabois in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary

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Thank You to

Rabbi Karen Allen – For preparing Inspirational services during these trying times

President Andrea Kraft & Vice President Linda Kost – for holding practice Zoom sessions so that our members would be able to attend our Zoom Services

Diane Weinbaum – Chairing our Honey from the Heart fundraiser again

Dee Marcus & Sisterhood – Contacting our members to make sure that they are safe and if they needed any assistance

Sandra Byrne – For agreeing to join the Board as a Director, to share her vast experience in technology

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Memorializing a loved one with a permanent plaque in the sanctuary is a wonderful opportunity to honor their memory.

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Contact Fred Jacobs for more information.

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IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED



Since our schedule is unknown at the time of publication, we are listing those loved ones whose yahrzeits are observed during the months of July and August.

Henry Englander	Father	of	David Englander	11	Tammuz	3-Jul
Hermia Isaacs	Mother	of	Judy Snader			7-Jul
Sidney Storch	Father	of	Alice Schweitzer	16	Tammuz	8-Jul
Jacquiline Kassie	Mother	of	Robyn Kassie			10-Jul
Dorothy Berger Stern	Mother	of	Stephen Berger			12-Jul
Rebecca Fiegura	Grandmother	of	Yvette Litwack	21	Tammuz	13-Jul
Lionel Kraft	Father	of	Burt Kraft			15-Jul
Winnie Goldberg	Mother	of	Ira Goldberg	24	Tammuz	16-Jul
Harry Barnard	Member	of	Congregation	24	Tammuz	16-Jul
Murray Edell	Father	of	Susan Brogan			18-Jul
Mitchell Lutsy	Brother	of	Linda Kost	26	Tammuz	18-Jul
Alfred Janosi	Father	of	Cookie Wright	29	Tammuz	21-Jul
Sam Goldensohn	Husband	of	Hennie Goldensohn			24-Jul
Helen Rowe	Mother	of	Marjorie R. Heyman	3	Av	24-Jul
Jochvet Sidorski	Mother	of	Helen Jacobs	5	Av	26-Jul
Hermione Storch	Mother	of	Alice Schweitzer	6	Av	27-Jul
Henry Hirschfeld	Father	of	Dan Hirschfeld	8	Av	29-Jul
Mildred Finkelstein	Mother	of	Phyllis Simon			2-Aug
Debbie Hirschfeld	Daughter	of	Dan and Eileen Hirschfeld	14	Av	4-Aug
Harry Schloss	Father	of	Andrea Kraft			5-Aug
Lillian Schwartz	Mother	of	Selma Haimes			7-Aug
Nathan Chasin	Father	of	David Chasin			7-Aug
Diana Frank	Mother	of	Judy Albin			8-Aug
Mark Parker	Brother	of	Ronnie-Jane Boekema	18	Av	8-Aug
Rochelle Goldberg	Wife	of	Ira Goldberg	19	Av	9-Aug
Julie Nemer	Friend	of	Dr. Marnell L. Hayes	19	Av	9-Aug
Gunter Marx	Father	of	Ellen Englander	20	Av	10-Aug
Frieda Sloves	Mother	of	Phyllis Lax	21	Av	11-Aug
Mitchel Rothbard	Uncle	of	Marty Rothbard	21	Av	11-Aug
Grace Daniels	Member	of	The Congregation	22	Av	12-Aug
Charles Kassie	Father	of	Robyn Kassie			13-Aug
Celia Zalla	Mother-in-law	of	Lene Zalla			14-Aug
William L. Kleinfeldt	Father	of	Henrietta Lubin			14-Aug
David Marcus	Son	of	Robert and Darlene Marcus			15-Aug
Jeffrey Simon	Son	of	Mark and Phyllis Simon			16-Aug
Sy Newman	Uncle	of	Keith Berger	27	Av	17-Aug
Irving Steinberg	Father	of	Helene and Marlene Steinberg			18-Aug
Lonnie Kramer	Brother	of	Marsha Graboys			20-Aug
Samuel Berkowitz	Father	of	Beverly Ann Meyers	1	Elul	21-Aug
Laura Goeler	Mother	of	Ronny Goeler	2	Elul	22-Aug
Dora Fellner	Great Grandmother	of	Keith Berger	5	Elul	25-Aug
Merle Kramer	Member	of	The Congregation	8	Elul	28-Aug
Sally Schafer	Mother	of	Ellen Schafer			30-Aug

EXPLANATION OF DATES ON YAHRZEIT LIST

We give our members the option to observe yahrzeit on the secular date (the actual date of passing) or the Hebrew date. If there is no Hebrew date next to a name, it is because their family prefers to observe yahrzeit on the secular calendar date.