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From the Rabbi

Tishah b'av, the Jewish commemoration of the destruction of both Temples (among other calamities that befell us) has past. By the time you get this newsletter, *Rosh Hashanah* will be just five weeks away – a little hard to believe!

Our tradition calls the seven *Shabbatot* between *Tishah B'av* and *Rosh Hashanah* the seven Sabbaths of comfort. When the rabbis put together the *haftarot* with the Torah readings, they decided that for these seven weeks, the theme from those portions of the Prophets (all of which come from the book of Isaiah) to be read after the Torah reading should deal with words of comfort for the Jewish people. For the three weeks before *Tishah B'av*, they are called the Sabbaths of rebuke as those *haftarot* warn us that we need to reflect on what we're doing and how we're behaving and make any necessary changes to avoid another calamity.

It is clear, then, that while *Selichot* are the first formal prayers of the season of repentance before the high holidays, the actual mood is set with our traditions around *Tishah B'av*. We learn in the *Talmud* [BT Yoma9b] that the first Temple was destroyed by our sins, particularly that of idolatry. The second Temple was destroyed because of what is called "*sinat chinam*" – baseless or unrestrained hatred, which was rampant between fellow Jews at that time.

The seven Sabbaths of comfort give us hope that things will get better. They reassure us that God is listening and available. In fact, it is a Jewish belief that God went with us on the exile to Babylon, a unique concept of God for its time.

God never abandoned us, but just as with the current philosophy referred to as "tough love", God still required consequences for us when we didn't do what we were supposed to do, and didn't behave as we were capable of behaving.

Rabbinic law also teaches us that we should repent the day before we die. Obviously, since none of us knows the moment that we will die, we should therefore do *teshuvah* – repentance – every day. Don't wait for the "*Yom Kippur* rush". It's never too early to start asking forgiveness. In fact, perhaps it's easier to do so while our transgressions are still fresh in our minds.

As we approach the new year of 5771, may we be more mindful of how we act, more open in our interactions with others, more forgiving when they err against us, and more quick to ask forgiveness when we are the transgressors.

Shenizkeh l'mitzvot – may we continue to be privileged to do *mitzvot* together,
Rabbi Gordon Fuller

SNEAK BACK TO SHUL BBQ

Friday, August 20, 6:00 p.m.

Service will follow.

Cost - \$10 per adult

\$5 for children (under 13).

RSVP by Monday, August 16

AUGUST SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, August 6

Candle Lighting 8:03 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 7

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 9:05 p.m.

Friday, August 13

Candle Lighting 7:56 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 14

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 8:58p.m.

Friday, August 20

Candle Lighting 7:49 p.m.
Back to School BBQ 6:00 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat to follow

Saturday, August 21

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 8:51 p.m.

Friday, August 27

Candle Lighting 7:41 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 28

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 8:43 p.m.

Friday, September 3

Candle Lighting 7:32 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 4

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 8:34 p.m.

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

CAJ Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 11, 2010
7:30 p.m.

Welcome the new CAJ members:

Eugene Grenz
Dr. Jeff Levin

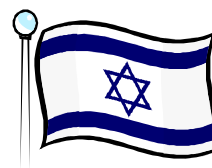
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

8/08 Dr & Mrs Jim Olmsted
8/09 Mr & Mrs Thomas Offit

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/3 Lilia Schwarz
8/4 Kalize Bauer
8/11 David Hersh Levy
8/12 Marsha Pollak
8/13 Lorraine Hoppenstein
8/15 Joshua Harelik
8/19 Aislinn Tala Brooks
Margaret Harelik
Judy Hersh
Lindsey Weissman
8/22 Maria Rafalson
Kaspar Wilde
8/24 Simone Bauer

Save the Date!



**August 22 for the Party on the Plaza:
A Celebration of Israel.** Come learn more about Israeli culture and the many contributions Israel has made to the world.

Noon - 5:00 p.m.
**American Airlines Center – AT & T
Plaza at Victory Park.**
Dallas

Please visit wecelebrateisrael.com for more information.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCH/ & STUDY
THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010
Sponsored by Lorraine & David Hoppenstein



***Please note: There will be no Food For Thought Lunch & Study in August**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS!

Teacher In-Service
Wednesday, August 25,
5:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. With
With USJL Fellow, Claire Solomon

Please have your school registration forms in by Friday, August 20.

CAJ's on-going Mitzvah is to supply dried and canned beans for Caritas.

The Mitzvah of the Month is to buy a High Holiday Aliyah

AUGUST CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 11 - CAJ Board Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 15, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. High
Holiday, Honors Sale with Coffee & Dessert

Friday, August 20, - Back to School BBQ

Wednesday, August 25, Teacher-In-Service
5:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 29, First Day of Religious
School. 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CAJ Annual High Holiday Honors Sale

Sunday, August 15, 2010

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Dessert & Drinks will be served.

GRACIOUS GIFTS IN JULY

IN MEMORY OF:

Haskel Harelik

Dorothy Harelik

Matley Harelik

Dorothy Harelik

Milton Harelik

Dorothy Harelik

Pauline Kempler

Dorothy Harelik

Sol Kempler

Dorothy Harelik

SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Dr. Richard Kleiman

Frances (Torchy) Hoffman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:

Hanna & Barry Phillips

Michael & Michael Brown

SHABBAT DONATIONS:

07/03

Simone & Jake Bauer

Margie & Morris Marcus

Judy Hersh

Susan & Abbye Silver

Pearl Jacobson

07/10

Simone & Jake Bauer

Susan & Abbye Silver

Pearl Jacobson

07/17

Simone & Jake Bauer

Esther & Naman Lipinsky

Pearl Jacobson

If you do not see your contribution listed, it will be in the next newsletter.

CAJ RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Cost per student:

\$275.00 for First child - \$250.00 for additional child

Family Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ email: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Child's English Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____

DOB: _____ School Grade _____

Special Needs: _____

Child's English Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____

DOB: _____ School Grade: _____

Special Needs: _____

Date: _____

Child's English Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____

DOB: _____ School Grade _____

Special Needs: _____

My child/children named above have my permission to go on field trips with the CAJ School

CAJ has my permission to use photos of my child/children taken at school to be used on the website or other areas as is appropriate.

Signed: _____

PLEASE RETURN before AUGUST 25TH!

PLEASE RETURN BY AUGUST 30

To The Memorial Committee:

Please remember the following Dear Ones at Memorial Services to be held on Yom Kippur.

- (1) PRINT the last name first, followed by the given name.
- (2) Please put in alphabetical order
- (3) Make one list for Men and a separate list for Women.

Name: (Men)

Name: (Women)

I am enclosing of my own free will, an offering in the amount of _____, in memory of my Dear Departed Ones.

Signature

Please Note: As in the past few years, there will be no individual El Moleh Rachaminm; the name of your Dear Ones will be read publicly during the one all-inclusive El Moleh. Complete the form above and return it to the Synagogue office by the end of August.

HOW TO OBSERVE THE YAHRZEIT

It is traditional to kindle a Yahrzeit Candle in the home on the evening Yahrzeit begins. It should remain lighted until sunset the next day. Possible prayer before lighting a Yahrzeit candle: Eternal God, I/we light this candle in memory of (name) _____, my/our beloved (relationship) _____. The light of the flame rekindles all the warm memories of the moment we shared together, and reassures me/us that a piece of his/her soul dwells in my/our heart(s) forever. May his/her soul be bound up with the bonds of eternal life. Amen. Candles are available at the Gift Shop. Every effort should be made to say Kaddish at congregational services. It is meritorious to perform some Mitzvah or to contribute to the Synagogue in commemoration of the deceased.

Kaddish will be said July 30

Av 20 Sarah Levy
Esther Samet
Lee David Miller
Charles I. Silver
Ben Tobolowsky
Av 21 Marilyn Ellis
Emma Lynn
Av 22 Daniel Kamenetsky
Av 23 Abe Berlowitz
Av 24 Violet H. Lyons
Rachel Aronson
Sam Aronson
Av 25 Rae Levin
Av 26 Mrs. Toby Freeman

Kaddish will be said August 6

Av 28 I. Chodorow
Eunice Rosen
Adolph Schein
Av 29 Gertrude Brickman
Av 30 Helen Marie Hoffman
Mitchell Stein
Sam Taub
Elul 1 A. S. Kaplan
Elul 2 Bessie Chodorow
Abe Hoffman
Nathan Hoffman
Sidney Solomon

Kaddish will be said August 13

Elul 4 Reichel Heyman
Elul 5 Jacob Marcuis
Minnie Rae Fink
Elul 7 Esther Brown
Frank Handelman
Jake Hayman
Julius Jacobson
Elul 8 Dora Berlowitz
Bennie Markusfeld
Marthe Heyman
Elul 9 Jacob Halpern

Elul 10 Mrs. Bessie Chernoff
Isaac Wolpo
Jonas Samuel Zackin

Kaddish will be said August 20

Elul 11 Fannie Lieberman
I.M. Mott
Elul 12 Mrs. I. Adams
Elul 13 Aaron Block
Hannah Goodman Rosenblatt
Elul 14 Pauline Kempler
Louis Kolom
Nell Miller
Elul 15 Pearl Wise
Elul 16 Ada Edelman
Dave Greenspan
Renee Kluk
Joe Novich
Elul 17 Pearl Lewis
Kaddish will be said August 27
Elul 18 Nettie Marcus
Louis Harelik
Fannie T. Kaplan
Elul 20 Johanna Levy
Elul 21 Charles Harris
Elul 22 Morris Kleiman
Myron Rubel
Elul 23 Mollie Feldt
Gerald Smith

