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From the Rabbi

This month, I wanted to share with you an unusual correspondence I received. You'll find it below, and then it will be followed by my comments.

Dear Rabbi Fuller,

You don't know me, but I felt the need to write you to thank you for a small, but heart-stopping mitzvah the Congregation did for me. My grandfather, Aaron J. Levy, was a member of your congregation during the last years of his life over 30 years ago. My brother and I visited him back then, and I'll never forget how respected he was and the affection shown to him by the members. But that's not the mitzvah to which I refer.

I was looking up my mother's name on Google today-I've been thinking about her a lot recently. I found one reference, which I looked up. There she was, Jeanette Levy Lemson, in the January 2011 newsletter from your congregation. She was listed under *yarhzeits* for January 21. This, 38 years after she passed. I couldn't breathe for a moment.

Someone remembered my mother, people who never knew her, in a place she had never been in her life. I have to pause as I write this because my heart is full.

Thank you for remembering her. She would have been so touched. My grandfather's memory, may it be eternal, was honored. I am deeply grateful.

Peace to you and all the members of Congregation Agudath Jacob.

Yours,
Stephen D. Lemson

Friends, this is a perfect example of why it's important to do *mitzvot*. They may not always be fun or exciting, they may not always make us feel good, but then, that's not why we do them. We do them because they are commanded, not suggested, and

because we believe they come from a higher power or a higher wisdom. And so we trust that they are the right thing to do. The letter above is just one example of why this is so.

One of my favorite movies of all-time is "It's A Wonderful Life" (which can be watched almost non-stop the entire month of December on one channel or another, colorized or not). Obviously, I don't love it because it's a "Christmas" movie; I love it because I think George Bailey is a hero, a man who lives a good life by doing good for others, often in self-sacrifice. As the story unfolds, George comes to see how many lives he touched with his simple acts of human kindness and unselfishness.

Each of us touches lives, too, in ways we often don't see or understand, even with something that may seem so long and dreary as reading a list of names of "those generations that have come before us", whether on a weekly basis at *Kabbalat Shabbat*, or in our annual recitation of all the congregation's loved ones remembered on *Yom Kippur* before *Yizkor*. Hopefully, all those times we touch others will be positive ones. I'm sure they will be, if we use the 613 *mitzvot* we have that tell us how to behave and what to do with our lives here on earth. And while I hope it doesn't happen for many years to come, there is some comfort in knowing that one day, my name might be remembered by being included in such a list for reading aloud.

Shenizkeh l'mitzvot – may we continue to be privileged to do God's work together for many years to come,

Rabbi Gordon Fuller



July Service Schedule

Friday, July 1

Candle Lighting 8:20 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 2

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 9:20 p.m.

Friday, July 8

Candle Lighting 8:19 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 9

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 9:18 p.m.

Friday, July 15

Candle Lighting 8:17 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 16

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 9:16 p.m.

Friday, July 22

Candle Lighting 8:14 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 23

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 9:12 p.m.

Friday, July 29

Candle Lighting 8:10 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 30

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 9:07 p.m.

Friday, August 5

Candle Lighting 8:04 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING



THE MONTHLY CAJ BOARD MEETING will be held WEDNESDAY, July 13 AT 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Lucinda Warnstaff
Alice Todd

Mazal Tov Donations

Dr. Hersh's Birthday

Ellen Schwartz & Family
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Marcia & Jim Olmsted

David & Lorraine Hoppenstein

Max Silver - MBA

Ellen Schwartz & Family

Hanna & Barry Phillips Wedding

Audrey & Nate Koss

Florence & Stanley Hersh

Pearl Jacobson

Elayne Lynn

Bobbye Brickman

Judy Hersh

Simone & Jake Bauer

The Harelík Family

Lucinda Warnstaff



Congregation Agudath Jacob wishes to congratulate the Spark Family on the marriage of daughter, Meg, and on the graduations of their grandson, Ezra Goldstein, from High School and granddaughter, Carlyn Goldstein's graduation from TWU.

Congratulations to Abbye & Susan Silver on the engagement of their son, Scott.

Mitzvah of the Month



Caritas Fan Club

Help those who cannot afford air conditioning by joining the Caritas Fan Club today! Individuals/Organizations can join the Caritas Fan Club by making a contribution to the effort to provide a fan for those persons and families in need during this hot time of the year in HOT (Heart of Texas). The contribution can be in the form of a new or used fan(s) or cash (\$20.00 is suggested) to purchase a fan(s).



July 7

Joel Ryan Weissman

July 11

Joe Schwartz

July 13

Bill Burge

July 15

Shirley Hoppenstein

July 19

Carolyn Neuwirth

July 21

Cheryl Hersh

July 25

Eric Kamden Bauer

July 26

Inez Bonneville

July 29

Jaece Rogers

July 30

Staci Reznik



Special Donations

Clifton Robinson

Gift Shop

Need a graduation or wedding gift for a special person this summer??

Be sure to stop by and take a look at all the special gifts available in the CAJ Gift Shop! Contact Pearl Jacobson with any questions or special requests. The shop is open Monday-Friday, 10a.m. - 4 p.m.



The Rabbi will be on vacation from July 12th thru 26th. Please contact him before he leaves to handle any business you may have, or contact the office in his absence.



IN MEMORY OF

Rosaline Gardner
Hilda Ruttenberg

Sam Chernoff
Susan & Abbye Silver

Esther Neuwirth
Carolyn Neuwirth

Shirley Gardner
Carolyn Neuwirth

Adam Kiss
Alice Todd

Milton Harelik
Dorothy Harelik

Rebecca Zoblotsky
Morris Zoblotsky

Klair Schwarz
Steven & Lilia Schwarz

Dr. Frank Sifuentes
Steven & Lilia Schwarz

Harry Schwarz
Steven & Lilia Schwarz

Dorothy Gulman
Jeff & Lea Levin

Bernard Wolstein
Judith Wolstein

Fannie Fogel
Pearl Jacobson

Hyman Fogel
Pearl Jacobson

Bill Fogel
Pearl Jacobson

Mitchell Stein
David & Lorraine
Hoppenstein

Lillian Schiff Stein
David & Lorraine
Hoppenstein

Howard Hoppenstein
David & Lorraine
Hoppenstein

Max Hoppenstein
David & Lorraine
Hoppenstein

Sarah Hoppenstein
David & Lorraine
Hoppenstein

WELCOME

CAJ wishes to welcome new members Staci & Scott Reznik and Lucinda Warnstaff! We look forward to sharing many years of worship with them!



On - Going Mitzvah



Food from the Faithful

We will supply dried and canned beans on an on-going basis. Please bring packages throughout the year and Rabbi Fuller will see that they are delivered to Caritas.

SHABBAT DONATIONS

May 28

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Simone & Jake Bauer
Barbara & Elliot Wolpo
Hanna & Barry Phillips
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

Shavuot, June 7

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Judy Hersh
Susan & Abbye Silver
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

June 18

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Judy Hersh
Simone & Jake Bauer
Morris Marcus
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

June 4

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Simone & Jake Bauer
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
David & Lorraine
Hoppenstein
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

June 11

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Simone & Jake Bauer
Barbara & Elliot Wolpo
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Barry & Hanna Phillips
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

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 1

Sivan 30 *Morris Novy*
 Abe Weitzman

Tammuz 3 *Sam Levy*
 Esther Goldie Lubin

Tammuz 4 *Lt. J.A. Englander*
 Tillie Goodman Goldstein

Tammuz 5 *Annie Geetah*
 Gus Holste
 Mrs. Joe Kaplan
 Abe Wizig

Tammuz 6 *Hyman Fogel*
 Reva Green
 Morris Zoblotsky

Kaddish will be said July 8

Tammuz 7 *Leslie Hoffman*

Tammuz 8 *Sam Marks*
 Mary Robinson

Tammuz 9 *Dora Kleinman*
 Maurice Rosenberg
 Mamie Sampson

Tammuz 10 *Adolph Beerman*
 Isadore Dansky
 Max Miller
 Anna Neuwirth

Tammuz 11 *Israel Genecov*
 Dave Harris
 Charles Burge

Tammuz 12 *Mrs. L. Gershowitz*
 Harry Hoffman

Tammuz 13 *Meyer Heyman*
 Fannye Smith

Kaddish will be said July 15

Tammuz 14 *Nathan Neuwirth*
 Sam Pinchuk
 Max Siegel

Tammuz 15 *Benny H. Green*
 Matley Harelik

Tammuz 16 *Annie Adams*
 Phillip Koss
 Molly Sorkin

Marie Solovey Wanger

Tammuz 18 *Annette Fox*

Tammuz 19 *Louis Ringold*

Tammuz 20 *Edwin Bernard Dreyfus*
 Ethel Dickwolf
 Benson Offit

Kaddish will be said July 22

Tammuz 21 *Sam Katz*

Tammuz 23 *Gitle (Gussie) Jacobson*
 Claire Seriff

Tammuz 24 *Max Israel*
 Ida Knobler
 Mrs. M. Novy
 Morris Rubinsky

Tammuz 25 *Izadore F. Aronson*
 Kate Kahan

Tammuz 26 *Hannah Wolpo Gray*
 Sidney Lynn

Tammuz 27 *Leon Jacobson*
 Edna Levy

Kaddish will be said July 29

Tammuz 28 *Ida Budin*
 David Fuller
 Edna Levy

Tammuz 29 *Mose Genecov*
 Emanuel Wizig

Av 1 *Samuel Levy*

Av 2 *Hyman Frindell*
 Jacob Beerman
 Ilona E. Belove
 David Segal

Av 3 *Kalman Solovey*

Av 4 *Bessie Gilbert*
 Mrs. Sam Koenigkeit
 Bessie Toblotsky

Av 5 *Josephine Ringold*

Av 6 *Charles Brodkey*
 Alex Genecov
 Gussie Rosenbaum
 Emanuel Rubel

July 2011

29 Sivan 5771 - 29 Tammuz 5771

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

					1 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 29 Sivan Chullin 5	2 ROSH HODESH I Jr. Congregation Resumes Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 30 Sivan Chullin 6
3 ROSH HODESH II 1 Tammuz Chullin 7	4 2 Tammuz Chullin 8	5 3 Tammuz Chullin 9	6 4 Tammuz Chullin 10	7 5 Tammuz Chullin 11	8 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 6 Tammuz Chullin 12	9 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 7 Tammuz Chullin 13
10 8 Tammuz Chullin 14	11 9 Tammuz Chullin 15	12 10 Tammuz Chullin 16	13 CAJ Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. 11 Tammuz Chullin 17	14 12 Tammuz Chullin 18	15 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 13 Tammuz Chullin 19	16 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 14 Tammuz Chullin 20
17 15 Tammuz Chullin 21	18 16 Tammuz Chullin 22	19 FAST OF TAMMUZ 17 17 Tammuz Chullin 23	20 18 Tammuz Chullin 24	21 19 Tammuz Chullin 25	22 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 20 Tammuz Chullin 26	23 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 21 Tammuz Chullin 27
24 22 Tammuz Chullin 28	25 23 Tammuz Chullin 29	26 24 Tammuz Chullin 30	27 25 Tammuz Chullin 31	28 26 Tammuz Chullin 32	29 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 27 Tammuz Chullin 33	30 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 28 Tammuz Chullin 34
31 29 Tammuz Chullin 35						