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From the Desk of Rabbi Ben-Zion Lanxner

G-d provides us each with so much.

Here in America, on the Hallmark calendar, November is the month and/or season when we are to express gratitude for the abundance of gifts in our lives.

However, “in the Jewish world, “ giving thanks and expressing gratitude is an on-going DAILY (while for some, even an HOURLY) important tenet of our religion. To prove it, just take a look at our Prayer Book and notice how such expressions of thanks appear on almost every page!

My personal view on the holiday:

You are, no doubt, aware of segments within the Jewish community in our country who do not observe or celebrate Thanksgiving. People in these groups go about their lives as if Thanksgiving were an ordinary Thursday. Their schools and shops are open, doing business as usual. They believe that Thanksgiving is not a Jewish holiday and therefore has no claim upon them.

While the holiday of Sukkot is our own institutionalized Thanksgiving, I believe that if you are an American, enjoying America’s freedoms and blessings, why ignore an American holiday that has such a positive message? Especially if the holiday does not negate Judaism or require any sort of violation or suspension of Jewish law. SO, GO and ENJOY!

One of our sages, Rabbi Meir, taught that in order to express gratitude, one should recite a hundred blessings every day. Even on the most ordinary and uneventful of days, there are countless occasions for expressions of gratitude. Beyond those of home, family, food and shelter, there are so many gifts which call forth a blessing, or *bracha*. There are moments and sights which could and should be sanctified with a *bracha*. These may include the magic of a melody that captures the heart, an idea that exalts the mind, a stately tree that excites the imagination, a formation of migrating birds, softly falling snow, a rainfall that refreshes, a congenial conversation, autumn leaves, the reawakening of nature every spring,

the sudden appearance of a magical rainbow and the freedom to which we awaken every day. These and so many others are gifts and moments to treasure. Indeed, the quality of our lives is reflected in the things that move us to recite a *bracha*. To celebrate Thanksgiving is to celebrate life.

I wish all of Congregation Agudath Jacob members and friends a joyous Thanksgiving.

May you gather to celebrate and to give thanks for all that we have in our lives.

B'Shalom (in peace),

Rabbi Ben-Zion Lanxner

P.S. Life is so precious. Do not put things off for 'later.' Do them 'now.'

While sitting at her bedside daily for weeks, my daughter's boyfriend recently admitted to her that he had purchased an engagement ring months prior and was nervously and anxiously waiting for the right, special moment. He, nor we, ever imagined in our wildest dreams that a healthy young woman could/would become deathly ill – basically overnight. So he finally decided two weeks ago, while she lay ill in bed, awake and cognizant, to propose to her.

At the time of this writing in late October, my daughter Jennifer now lies in her hospital bed, in a deep sleep for days, unaware that she is wearing her new engagement ring or of the promise of what was to be an exciting and happy future as a new wife.

If there is some kind of life-lesson to be learned from this sudden, horrific experience, I haven't yet been "enlightened."

Your texts and emails expressing your warm messages of emotional support during this very difficult and challenging time in our family are very much needed and appreciated.

Your steady stream of spiritual support during this time has helped me to stay strong for my daughter. During difficult moments, when my own inner flame begins to weaken and wane, it is comforting to know that it can be gently rekindled by a warm spark shared by others.

My wife Susan and I feel so blessed to know you and to be a part of the CAJ Family. Thank you for praying for my precious daughter, Bracha Tiferet Chaya's physical healing and renewal.



Rabbi Lanxner's beloved daughter, Jennifer, passed away early Thursday morning. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

November Service Schedule

Friday, November 6

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 5:18 p.m.

Saturday November 7

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Ends 6:12 p.m.

Friday, November 13

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 5:13 p.m.

Saturday, November 14

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Ends 6:09 p.m.

Friday, November 20

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 5:10 p.m.

Saturday, November 21

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Ends 6:06 p.m.

Friday, November 27

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 5:08 p.m.

Saturday, November 28

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Ends 6:04 p.m.

Office Closed

The Office will be closed Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27, for Thanksgiving.

Special Donations

LEONARD & ELYSSE ENGLANDER
MICHAEL LUCAS
LESLEY & DAVID ROSEN
HOWARD MILLER

Cemetery Restoration Fund

Justin Lynn



November 1

Benjy Bauer

November 4

Raylene Silver

November 5

Harold Kamenetsky

November 16

Harriet Stupak

November 22

Dylan Rogers

November 25

Halyn Bauer

November 26

Joel Weissman

November 30

Lourdes Perez



Mazel Tov Abbye & Susan Silver on Birth of Granddaughter

Judy Hersh

Audrey Koss's Birthday

Judy Hersh

In Honor of Rabbi Lanxner & David Levy for Holiday Services

Judy Hersh

In Honor of the "Security Team"

Paul Farmer

Walter Zacharias

Norm Goldberg

Steve Schwarz

Judy Hersh

In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Stanley Hersh

Dorothy Harelik

Anniversaries

November 13

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Rogers

November 25

Mr. & Mrs. Elliot Wolpo

Speedy Recovery

Robert Passmore

Steve & Lilia Schwarz

Nate Koss

Jeff & Colleen Wolf

Charles Levy

Steve & Lilia Schwarz

Carolyn Neuwirth

Jennifer Lanxner

Frances "Torchy" Hoffman

Howard & Yaffah Miller



Thank you to Jeff Levin for purchasing the new computer, printer, and software for the Rabbi's office & for overseeing and paying for the installation!

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Steve & Lilia Schwarz

BOARD MEETING

**The next board meeting will
be held Wednesday,
November 11th at 6:00 p.m.**

In Loving Memory



Pearl Jacobson

Judy Hersh

Jewish Community Foundation of
Kansas City

Rina Rutenberg

Cindy & Arthur Liebenthal

Bernie & Gloria Morgenstern

Louis Muldrow

Phyllis Rutenberg Akmal

Gary & Gail Weinberg

Dorothy Harelik

Ilsa Burns

Estelle Goldfeder

Jeff & Lea Levin

Harvey Goldfeder

Jeff & Lea Levin

Bernard Hersh

Linda Kowal

Willie Lipinsky

Naman & Esther Lipinsky

Sarah Levy Bell

Gary & Margaret Bell

Lorraine Hoppenstein

Shirley Hoppenstein

Sherrí & Michael Radoff

Nathan Finkelstein

Shirley Hoppenstein

Sherrí & Michael Radoff

Nate Koss

Ilsa Burns

Hanna Vaughan

Frances "Torchy" Hoffman

Brent & Dianne deMerville

Abbye & Susan Silver

Charles Levy

Sydney Jacobson

Frank Lipinsky

Naman & Ester Lipinsky

Jennifer Lanxner

Brent & Dianne deMerville

Writing your Grocery List???

Just like any home, CAJ is always in need of lots of every-day items from paper products to cleaning supplies and kitchen goods. When planning your next trip to the store, please keep us in mind. The weekly announcements will also have a list of specific items we may need each week. Below is a list of just a few of the items that are in constant demand here at our shul:

- * Paper Towels
- * Toilet Paper
- * K-Cups/Creamer/Sugar
- * Coffee/Drink Cups
- * Hand Soaps
- * Wine/Grape Juice
- * Kiddush Snacks
- * Drinks
- * Garbage Bags
- * Facial Tissue

****When purchasing food/wine/beverages for the shul, please contact the office if you are unsure about the proper Kosher markings (we do not serve any non-Kosher food items—everything must have a marking)****

Shabbat Donations

October 3

Stanley & Florence Hersh
Brent & Dianne deMerville
George & Kathleen Keller
Inez Bonneville
Jake & Simone Bauer
Jeff & Lea Levin
Judy Hersh
Abbye & Susan Silver
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

October 17

Jake & Simone Bauer
Brent & Dianne deMerville
Stanley & Florence Hersh
Miguel Perez
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

October 10

Jake & Simone Bauer
Brent & Dianne deMerville
Stanley & Florence Hersh
Jeff & Lea Levin
Miguel Perez
Abbye & Susan Silver
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

October 24

Stanley & Florence Hersh
Miguel Perez
Brent & Dianne deMerville
Abbye & Susan Silver
Steve & Lilia Schwarz



FOOD FROM THE FAITHFUL

WE WILL BRING CEREALS & PASTAS ON AN ON-GOING BASIS. PLEASE BRING PACKAGES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND SUSAN SILVER WILL SEE THAT THEY ARE DELIVERED TO CARITAS

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 read on October 30

Cheshvan 18 Aaron Esserman
Jack Shaw
Cheshvan 19 Elaine Berman
Maynard (Sonny) J Wizig
Cheshvan 20 Abe Lowich
Cheshvan 21 Kittie Heineman
Max Schwartz
Cheshvan 23 Mrs. Dave Adams
Ida Goldreyer
Carl Meyers

Kaddish will be read on November 6

Cheshvan 24 Ephraim Levin
Gershon Epstein
Betty Rosen
Cheshvan 25 Al Budin
Anna Korsch
Mayer Lipshitz
Cheshvan 26 Joseph Levine
Joe Harry Lewis
Mollie Roberts
Max F. Starr
Cheshvan 27 Nathan Feldt
Jennie Rubin
Cheshvan 28 Hyman Lyons
Harry Smith
Cheshvan 29 Hyman Wolf Fink
Sara Smolensky
A.L. Torchin

Kaddish will be read on November 13

Kislev 1 Max Ellis
Mrs. J. Kuttner
Frank Lipinsky
Sam Raphael
Sarah Rubel
Kislev 2 George Cohen
Kislev 3 B. Kaplan
Rachel Lachman
Charles Handelman
Minnie Meinstein
Kislev 4 Eva Adler
Secil Chazanow
Cecilia Fleischman
Geraldine Harelik
Ethel Koppman
Kislev 5 Esther Blinderman
A.M. Bierman
Morris Giniger
A.J. Goldberg
M. Roman
Elmer Smith

Kislev 6 Pauline Koss
Edith Koss
Mrs. Toby Novich

Kislev 7 Arthur Schwartz

Kaddish will be read on November 20

Kislev 8 F. Jennie Chazanow
A.D. Goldfine
Isaac Goldstein

Kislev 9 Rose Ellis
Sophie Blank
Mrs. Isaac Feldt
Sarah Holste

I. Israel
Wm. Petchesky
Dora Sackett
Beatrice Siegel
Minnie Wise
Jack Goldberg

Kislev 10 Joe L. Reed
Sol Siegel
David Sornin
Hannah Udashen

Kislev 12 Sam Gelber
Mina Parven
Mrs. Goldye Solomon

Kislev 13 Miriam Berkman
Philip Stupak

Kislev 14 Stanley Marmelzadt
Lilian Mendelsohn

Kaddish will be read on November 27

Kislev 15 Pauline Bartz
Moses W. Cinnamon
Elihu Frankfort

Kislev 16 B. Roddy
Emma Wizig
Zlata Singer (Schwartz)

Kislev 17 Mary Friedman
Moze Novich
Max Reed

Kislev 18 William Goldblatt
Warren Israel
H. Novich
Rachel Rosenthal

Kislev 19 Max Corman
Mose Harris
Jack Silver

Kislev 20 Sidney Fleischman

Kislev 21 Flora Epstein
Toby Schwartz
Vernon Woolf

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19 Heshvan 5776 - 18 Kislev 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:45AM/6:40PM 19 Heshvan Sotah 6	2 7:46AM/6:39PM 20 Heshvan Sotah 7	3 7:46AM/6:38PM 21 Heshvan Sotah 8	4 7:47AM/6:37PM 22 Heshvan Sotah 9	5 7:48AM/6:36PM 23 Heshvan Sotah 10	6 7:49AM/6:36PM ii6:18PM Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 24 Heshvan Sotah 11	7 7:50AM/6:35PM §7:20PM Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 25 Heshvan Sotah 12
8 7:51AM/6:34PM 26 Heshvan Sotah 13	9 7:51AM/6:34PM 27 Heshvan Sotah 14	10 7:52AM/6:33PM 28 Heshvan Sotah 15	11 7:53AM/6:32PM Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. 29 Heshvan Sotah 16	12 7:54AM/6:32PM Rosh Hodesh I 30 Heshvan Sotah 17	13 7:55AM/6:31PM ii6:13PM Rosh Hodesh II Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 1 Kislev Sotah 18	14 7:56AM/6:30PM §7:15PM Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 2 Kislev Sotah 19
15 7:57AM/6:30PM 3 Kislev Sotah 20	16 7:58AM/6:29PM 4 Kislev Sotah 21	17 7:58AM/6:29PM 5 Kislev Sotah 22	18 7:59AM/6:28PM 6 Kislev Sotah 23	19 8:00AM/6:28PM 7 Kislev Sotah 24	20 8:01AM/6:28PM ii6:10PM Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 8 Kislev Sotah 25	21 8:02AM/6:27PM §7:12PM Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 9 Kislev Sotah 26
22 8:03AM/6:27PM 10 Kislev Sotah 27	23 8:04AM/6:27PM 11 Kislev Sotah 28	24 8:04AM/6:26PM 12 Kislev Sotah 29	25 8:05AM/6:26PM 13 Kislev Sotah 30	26 8:06AM/6:26PM Office Closed 14 Kislev Sotah 31	27 8:07AM/6:26PM ii6:08PM Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. Office Closed 15 Kislev Sotah 32	28 8:08AM/6:25PM §7:10PM Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 16 Kislev Sotah 33
29 8:09AM/6:25PM 17 Kislev Sotah 34	30 8:10AM/6:25PM 18 Kislev Sotah 35					