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From the Rabbi

Human history seems to get defined in ages. We all remember history classes where we had to learn about the Stone Age, the Bronze Age, the Iron Age, the Middle Ages, the Age of Industrialization. Supposedly, we are now living in what is referred to as the Information Age. As you might expect, this gets its name from the explosion of information that has occurred in the last 30 years or so, due primarily to computers, data storage, and the internet, but also to the increasing number of other discoveries in other worlds such as medicine, space exploration, deep sea exploration, electronics, and more.

But I believe that it would be more accurate to call this the *Mis*information age. And I think that the High Holyday period we are in the midst of is a perfect time to reflect on this.

One of the pitfalls of email and the internet is the immediacy with which things can be transmitted to literally millions of people with one stroke on the keyboard. Unfortunately, we tend to believe things we read in emails and/or on the internet -- after all, they are there in black and white, and so they must be true! Yet we often don't know a thing about the author, and usually don't have time to research them. If the thing we read happens to be something we like, or agree with, we send it on to as many people as we can. Sometimes we do this to share it with like-minded friends, but just as often, if not, more so, we do it as a response to those who disagree with us. This internet problem is exacerbated by the creativity of those who are more mischievous. Photographs are easily changed or faked, and accuracy is almost never checked.

That is why I refer to this practice of forwarding unchecked emails as a potential form of gossip and *lashon hara*. It is no

different for us to spread falsehoods on the internet if we haven't checked them than it is for us to lie outright, or to spread rumors. Our culture, which at one time (at least according to Superman) stood for "Truth, Justice, and the American Way" is fast becoming a culture of falsehood and misinformation and "spinning" stories. This has been particularly prevalent during a presidential primary season.

In the spirit of the Ten Days of Repentance, I hope you will join me in asking forgiveness from anyone to whom we may have done this to, and in making a resolution to begin checking things out that we receive before passing them on to others. There are some places on the internet that actually help, but of course, one must be willing to take the time to investigate the many things they may receive. Yet even these are apparently subject to the political biases that seem to be polarizing our country, so you may want to check more than one.

This information age situation recalls the old Jewish story of the man who gossiped against a rabbi in a little *shteibel* of a town, and when he realized the error of his ways, went to apologize to the rabbi and ask what he could do to make amends. When the rabbi replied "take your feather pillow, go to the top of the hill, cut it open, and shake out all the feathers into the wind", the man readily and quickly complied. When he returned to the rabbi, he asked, "I did what you asked, so am I now forgiven?" The rabbi said "Not quite. Just one more thing. Now go and pick up all the feathers". The man objected because the wind had blown all across the land. And the rabbi said, "so it is with our words -- once we have let them out, we can never get them back".

Shanah tovah,
Rabbi Gordon Fuller

October Service Schedule

Saturday, October 1

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 7:51 p.m.

Sunday, October 2

@ CAJ Cemetery
Kever Avot 11:00 a.m.

Friday, October 7

Erev Yom Kippur

Candle Lighting 6:49 p.m.
Kol Nidre 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 8

Yom Kippur

Shacharit 10:00 a.m.
Mincha 5:30 p.m.
Neilah 6:30 p.m.
Break the Fast 7:51 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12

Erev Sukkot

Candle Lighting 6:43 p.m.
Service 8:00 p.m.
Oneg in Sukkah following

Thursday, October 13

Sukkot 1

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Candle Lighting 7:36 p.m.

Friday, October 14

Sukkot 2

Candle Lighting 6:41 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 15

Hol Hamoed

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Contemplative/Spiritual
Session following
Kiddush
Shabbat ends 7:34 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19

Erev Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

Candle Lighting 6:35 p.m.
Ma'ariv 7:00 p.m.
Oneg Following

Thursday, October 20

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Yizkor (Approx) 10:00 a.m.
Food for Thought Lunch following
Candle Lighting 7:28 p.m.

Friday, October 21

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 6:33 p.m.

Saturday, October 22

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Ends 7:26 p.m.

Friday, October 28

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Candle Lighting 6:26 p.m.

Saturday, October 29

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Ends 7:20 p.m.



Cal Goldberg
Florence & Stanley Hersh
Margie Marcus
Bobbye Brickman
Pearl Jacobson

BOARD MEETING



DUE TO THE BUSY MONTH, THE OCTOBER
BOARD MEETING will be CANCELLED. THE NEXT
BOARD MEETING will be WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 9th AT 7:30 p.m.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The monthly Food for Thought Luncheon will be held October 20th, following services. Please contact the office to make your reservations.



OCTOBER 1
REBECCA LEVY

OCTOBER 2
ROBERT GLICK
SUSAN FULLER GOLDSTEIN
LOREN SCHWARTZ

OCTOBER 4
JAKE WOLF

OCTOBER 6
CHANCE FARLEY

OCTOBER 9
DAVID ROSEN
DONALD LYNN

OCTOBER 19
MEG LOONEY SPARK
SCOTT SILVER
Cissy CHERNOFF

OCTOBER 23
DAVID NOVY

OCTOBER 25
SAUL CHERNOFF

OCTOBER 26
BARBARA WOLPO

OCTOBER 30
CHERI DEWILDE

Special Donations

*Beau & Janice Barrington
Leonard Englander
The Way of the Cord
Jay & Cheryl Sigel*

All Donations
AC Donations

Florence & Stanley Hersh

Thank You

*Thank you to Nate & Audrey Koss for hosting the Rosh Hashanah oneg.
Thanks to the Sisterhood for all their hard work on the Rosh Hashanah oneg & Break the Fast.
Thank you to all of you who bought aliyahs.*

You're Invited!!



Rabbi & Sharon invite you to an open Sukkah on Sunday, October 16th from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Chag Same'ach!



Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah



Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah will be together again this year. The service will be Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. so children can come on a school night. Special dessert follows. Then, on October 20th, Shacharit at 9:30 a.m. with an early Yizkor at 10:00 a.m. Schnapps will be available. Bring a silly hat and have fun!

SHABBAT DONATIONS

August 27

Judy Hersh
Florence & Stanley Hersh
Jake & Simone Bauer
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

September 10

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Judy Hersh
Jake & Simone Bauer
Abbye & Susan Silver
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

September 17

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Bill Burge & Tracey Hall
Jake & Simone Bauer
Judy Hersh
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

September 24

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Abbye & Susan Silver
Jake & Simone Bauer
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

In Loving Memory



Fred Lisker

Hilda Ruttenberg

Fannie Mae Lieberman

Jeff & Lea Levin

Rae Trustman

Hilda Ruttenberg

Nettie Marcus

Morris Marcus

Ada Edelman

Morris Marcus

Evelyn Hoffman

Marcia & Jim Olmsted

Bobbye Brickman

Florence & Ben Dickerson

The Chodorow Family

Ann & Jack Chodorow

The Chodorow Family

Minnie Rae Fink

Jack Fink

Barry Phillips

Mae Woolf

Louis Woolf

Leonard Englander

Jeff & Lea Levin

The Chodorow Family

Ellen Schwartz

Charles Levy

Mazal Tov Donations

Florence & Stanley Hersh's 60th Wedding Anniversary

Jake & Simone Bauer

Leonard Englander

Marcia & Jim Olmsted

Harold & Allyn Schmucker

Mitzvah of the Month



CROP Hunger Walk

"Ending Hunger One Step at a Time."

This is an opportunity to get others to support you, as well as, to make donations that will feed those who are hungry. Sponsor sheets are available in the foyer. The walk is Sunday, October 9th at 2:30 p.m. at Bledsoe Miller Park.



It's a Girl!



Congratulations to David & Maura Jortner who welcomed new baby

Gabrielle into their family!

We all look forward to meeting her and wish them the best!

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.



CYJ-Texas FAMILY CAMP

Water Slides . Playground . Fun
Ga-Ga . Basketball . Art . Shabbat
Games . Campfire . Yoga . Swimming
Nature walk . Singing . Story Telling
Relaxing . Dancing . Eating . Schmoozing

November 3-6, 2011

A long weekend of fun, laughs, and family time.
A vacation unlike any other! Spend time relaxing
With other families and see what camp is all about.

Family Camp Price: \$100/adult \$50/child (lodging cost not included)
*** Sign up soon to get first choice on lodging. Deadline for signup is Oct. 25



FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER, VISIT:
WWW.CYJTEXAS.ORG/FAMILYCAMP

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 7

Tishri 9 Dr Eli Berkman
 L. Ginsberg
 Anna Hoffman
 Miss Mary Levy
 Jack Schaevitz
Tishri 10 M. Markman
 Mrs. M. Markman
 Lillian Epstein
 Irving Frankfort
Tishri 11 J. Markusfeld
 Jules Bloch
Tishri 12 Friedman Goldberg
 Albert Rubenstein
 Perry Segal
Tishri 13 Emma Gallo
 Harry Levine
 Evelyn Dalkowitz
Tishri 14 Jacob Kroll
 Sarah Harris
 Jacob Kessler
Tishri 15 Morris Chazonow
 Meyer Jerwick
 Sophie Adams
 Estelle Falgout

Kaddish will be read on October 14

Tishri 16 Bertha Wood
 Isaac Comer
 Mrs. Sam Katz
Tishri 17 Zalman Tannenbaum
Tishri 18 Hannah Knop
 Sidney Samet
 Helen Fitterman
Tishri 20 Boaz Levinson
Tishri 21 Jacob Aronson
 Estelle Goldfeder
 Baby Harris
 Bess Levinson
 Max Udashen
 Doba bas Yitzchok
Tishri 22 Minna Adams

Sarah Beerman
 Rabbi Charles Blumenthal
 Julia Ellis
 Harry Lapin

Kaddish will be read on October 21

Tishri 23 Abraham B. Blank
 Billy Dwayne Brooks
 J. Harold Simon
Tishri 24 Mark Harris
 Sarah Levy Bell
 Joe Rubel
 Bernice Shapiro
Tishri 25 A. Rubinsky
 Eli Marks
Tishri 26 Samuel Patlis
 Joe Schwartz
Tishri 27 Baby Harelik
 Eric Engleman
 Gertrude Harris
Tishri 28 Rebecca Jacobson

Kaddish will be read on October 28

Tishri 30 Harvey Goldfeder
 Annie Harris
 Mrs. Louis Gerson
 Yisrael Podrizki
Cheshvan 1 Stanley Ray Chodorow
 Mrs. B. Bauer
 Irving Berkman
 Julius Genecov
 Mrs. Irving Kippur
Cheshvan 2 Herman Rosenbaum
 Ida Segal
 Edythe Siegel
Cheshvan 3 Aaron Kalber
 Chas Novak
 Mrs. Harry Udashen
 Harold Fitterman
Cheshvan 4 Lazare Heyman
 Hymie Hoffman
Cheshvan 6 Israel Ellis

October 2011

3 Tishri 5772 - 3 Heshvan 5772

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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<p>2</p> <p>FAST OF GEDALIAH Kever Avot 11:00 a.m. In CAJ Cemetery</p> <p>4 Tishri Chullin 98</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5 Tishri Chullin 99</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6 Tishri Chullin 100</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 Tishri Chullin 101</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8 Tishri Chullin 102</p>	<p>7</p> <p>EREV YOM KIPPUR Kol Nidre 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>9 Tishri Chullin 103</p>	<p>8</p> <p>YOM KIPPUR (YIZKOR) Shacharit 10:00 a.m. Mincha 5:30 p.m. Neilah 6:30 p.m. Break the Fast 7:44/7:51 p.m.</p> <p>10 Tishri Chullin 104</p>
<p>9</p> <p>No Religious School CROP Walk 2:30 p.m. Bledsoe Miller Park</p> <p>11 Tishri Chullin 105</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12 Tishri Chullin 106</p>	<p>11</p> <p>13 Tishri Chullin 107</p>	<p>12</p> <p>EREV SUKKOT 8:00 p.m. Oneg Following Svc</p> <p>14 Tishri Chullin 108</p>	<p>13</p> <p>SUKKOT I Shacharit 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>15 Tishri Chullin 109</p>	<p>14</p> <p>SUKKOT II Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>16 Tishri Chullin 110</p>	<p>15</p> <p>HOL HAMOED SUKKOT I Shacharit 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>17 Tishri Chullin 111</p>
<p>16</p> <p>HOL HAMOED SUKKOT II</p> <p>18 Tishri Chullin 112</p>	<p>17</p> <p>HOL HAMOED SUKKOT III</p> <p>19 Tishri Chullin 113</p>	<p>18</p> <p>HOL HAMOED SUKKOT IV</p> <p>20 Tishri Chullin 114</p>	<p>19</p> <p>HOSHANAH RABBAH Ma'ariv 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>21 Tishri Chullin 115</p>	<p>20</p> <p>SHEMINI ATZERET (YIZKOR) /SIMCHAT TORAH 9:30 a.m. Yizkor 10:00 a.m. Food for Thought Following</p> <p>22 Tishri Chullin 116</p>	<p>21</p> <p>SIMCHAT TORAH Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>23 Tishri Chullin 117</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Shacharit 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>24 Tishri Chullin 118</p>
<p>23</p> <p>25 Tishri Chullin 119</p>	<p>24</p> <p>26 Tishri Chullin 120</p>	<p>25</p> <p>27 Tishri Chullin 121</p>	<p>26</p> <p>28 Tishri Chullin 122</p>	<p>27</p> <p>29 Tishri Chullin 123</p>	<p>28</p> <p>ROSH HODESH I Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>30 Tishri Chullin 124</p>	<p>29</p> <p>ROSH HODESH II Shacharit 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>1 Heshvan Chullin 125</p>
<p>30</p> <p>2 Heshvan Chullin 126</p>	<p>31</p> <p>3 Heshvan Chullin 127</p>					