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Kansas City Jewish Culture Fest























Multiple Tools for Repair

Since the horrific attacks from Hamas, the Jewish people have been going through a collective state of trauma. Depending on our individual upbringing and life experi-

ence, this pogrom that occurred during Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah can carry with it multiple layers of trauma.

If your family came to this country from Eastern Europe before WWII, your family's stories might include flight from these very types of attacks. On the other hand, there are other family stories that this event might recall depending on if your family came from Jewish families from Arab lands, or if you have family in Israel, or if you are the descendants of Holocaust survivors. Also, if you or your parents chose Judaism, there are different repercussions that are unique to your stories.

In addition to different family narratives that affect our emotions, it is not uncommon to feel a full kaleidoscope of emotions during this period. The philosopher, Micah Goodman, has called this a "cocktail of emotions." There are so many different emotions mixed up inside each of us, it is sometimes difficult to discern what we are feeling.

Over the last number of weeks, community members have shared with me emotions of grief, pain, anger, vengeance, dread, and rage. These are sometimes combined with surprisingly positive emotions that pop up. Hope and inspiration from Israeli fortitude and resilience. Intense gratitude for support from a non-Jewish friend or coworker. Relief that a particular friend or family member is safe.

In the same way that there are multiple emotions – there are also multiple actions we can take during this time to bring different types of repair.

Listening and Talking

I know that this seems obvious, but sharing how we are feeling with one another can actually help. When we notice that our grief or pain is unmanageable, or beyond the scope of family and friends – there is also counseling available through Jewish Family Services (jfskc.org) or available on most health insurance plans. Emotional injury is no less in need of professional care than physical injury.

Charitable Giving

Many organizations have been asking for dollars for many worthwhile causes. Some of these are through well known organizations like Federation, others through small direct giving campaigns. Though some of us have the resources to make a significant gift right away, most of us do not. I suggest tzedakah as a spiritual practice. This crisis will be lasting a long time. I suggest a daily (first thing in the morning) or weekly (right before Shabbat) practice of intentionally choosing whom to help, and consciously clicking on an appropriate tzedakah.

Prayer and Intentional Gathering

Prayer can be personal or communal, with the help of the siddur or with the prayers inside ourselves. Sometimes comfort can come from the words themselves, or other times from simply sharing space with others. I recommend ignoring the inner critic that tells you what "type" of Jew you think you are: secular or religious, believer or non-believer, traditional or progressive. Listen to the inner voice of the moment that comes from your heart and whispers where you need to be, and what you need to be doing.

I don't have space to explore the many other actions that can be taken: political organizing, letter writing, pro-Israel programming, education, interfaith engagement . . .

We are in the throes of a massive upheaval and disruption in Jewish living. There will not be one tool to repair everything, nor one person with all of the answers.

Rather, we need the faith that collectively – with our combined wisdom, and the vastness of our combined tools, we can move ourselves out a bit from the narrowest of spaces.

Am Yisrael Chai. The People of Israel Live.

Dard M. Cliebran

RABBI DAVID M. GLICKMAN dglickman@bethshalomkc.org

FROM THE Rabbinic Fellow

What do waffles have to do with Simchat Torah?!

No, you didn't miss this in Hebrew School; the Torah does not actually mention waffles (...though Pirkei Avot does teach "no flour, no Torah"). However, some Jewish communities have the tradition of teaching children how to write the alef bet by tracing letters in honey and having young children lick up the honey. Torah is sweet! So, on the Sunday of Simchat Torah, our PreK and K families got together to pray, dance with the Torah, and decorate freshly cooked waffles with all types of sweet syrups and assorted toppings. Thank you to everyone who brought their energy to this program, with special appreciation to our line cooks Ilana Chilton, Mika Cohn, and Louis Cohn and to Peter and Ben for help with set up. As we were reminded Sunday, Torah is something we can "stick" to in times of joy and hardship.

RABBI TALIA KAPLAN

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FROM THE Director of Youth & Family Education

Cheshvan, the quiet month?

It was so exciting to hear the voices of children here at Congregation Beth Shalom throughout the month of Tishrei. Kids sang together in our Rosh HaShanah youth services and put on a play about Jonah during our Yom Kippur Torah service. They gathered with new and old friends in the activity rooms before and after davening where they played games and noshed on apples and honey (lots of honey!). On Simchat Torah the children read from a Torah that was rolled out on long tables and sang songs about the Torah as they danced with the adults in Goldsmith Hall. Students in grades 3-7 brought their amazing voices to the Sukkah at Village Shalom where they did the mitzvot of visiting the residents and sitting in the Sukkah.

Cheshvan, the Hebrew month after Tishrei, has no holidays in it. But that doesn't mean it will be quiet around here. On Saturday, November 4, (the 20th of Cheshvan) the kindergartners from both PRS and HBHA will celebrate Consecration during Shabbat morning services. Come hear the children sing the Shema and celebrate this milestone of Jewish education with their proud families. On Sunday, November 12 our PreK children will learn Hanukkah songs, practice playing dreidel, and have fun with Jewish friends in their activity-filled classroom.

Stop by on Wednesdays and you will hear the middle school students having hallway conversations in Hebrew and you can't miss the loud singing voices of the kids in grades 3-7 leading a Torah Service in Goldsmith Hall with the Hazzan.

Cheshvan will be anything but quiet! The blank slate of a month with no Jewish holidays gives us the opportunity to create meaningful moments for our kids. You are always welcome to join us in making lots of joyful noise; stop by for a visit or volunteer when you can.

Todah! Civia

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2	Allison Berey & John Lorei 4	17	Joshua & Jane Sosland
2	Randy & Dini Freed 20	18	Shelton & Nancy Gallas
3	Gary & Patti Friedman	19	Brian & Karen Cole 29
3	Daniel & Lindsey Osman 16	19	Doug McNay & Dawn Gale 17
4	David & Lisa Skolnick 28	19	Jeremy & Hilary Singer
4	Adam Tilove & Marni Thompson-Tilove 15	20	Jeffrey & Cathy Alpert 47
5	Lee & Beth Albee 23	21	Rodney & Gerre Minkin 64
5	Seth & Rachel Katz	23	Albert & Cecille Silverman 66
6	Herbert & Barbara Simon 57	25	Lori & Bruce Hertzfield 19
9	Benjamin & Sarah Baellow 9	25	Robert & Carol Yarmo
10	Stanton & Sharon Rosenthal	26	Jeff & Rhonda Fromm
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11	Jon & Milana Dowis 2	27	Louis & Gina Goldstein 21
12	Stephen & Mara Abrams 23	27	Steven & Lisa Ruben
12	Nathan & Ashley Ross	28	Steve & Milisa Flekier
14	Sheldon & Joan Turetsky 48	29	Jessica & Aaron Kroll
15	Vincent & Marcy Pellegrino	30	Lee & Esther Pearlmutter
16	Stuart Bodker & Tensy Marcos-Bodker 38		

Bat Mitzvah

Dahlia Feinberg November 11 / 27 Cheshvan

Dahlia Gavrielle Feinberg will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Shabbat morning, November 11. Dahlia is the daughter of Samantha Daniels Feinberg and Samuel Feinberg, and sister to Eva and Avichai. Proud grandparents are Bruce Daniels, Lynne Feinberg, and Marsha Rubin, all of the Greater Kansas City area, as well as Jason Feinberg, of blessed memory. Dahlia attends Indian Hills Middle School. She enjoys competitive dance, reading, and attending Camp Ramah in Wisconsin.



Bat Mitzvah

Honora Osman November 25 / 12 Kislev



Honora is the daughter of Lindsey and Dan Osman. She's the older sister to Leonie. She's the granddaughter of Susan & Steve Osman and Jill Quinn. Honora has spent six years practicing and competing in Taekwondo where she's working diligently towards her second degree black belt. Last year she played volleyball and has played with several rec leagues and clubs in the area. She's a fantastic, creative writer and has a gift for art. Honora volunteers every week at Taekwondo, mentoring younger students as they progress in the sport. She's also working to provide donations and supplies to a local cat cafe so that kittens and cats alike can find their forever home.

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ברוך דין האמת

Praised is the True Judge

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Yahrtzeits Join us for morning or evening minyan to say Kaddish for your loved one. Check our website for service schedule.

NOV 1-17 CHESHVAN

Esther Byers Ben Denowitz Ida F. Dolginoff Gale Grossman Lillian Reich Rubin Spivak Joseph Talbot Charles Traxler

NOV 2-18 CHESHVAN

Leonard Bettinger Max Copaken Dora Fine Stanford Gilgus Sam Jaben Hyman Levine Alexander Meltzer Mary Moskowitz Mary Pelofsky Nathan (Nat) Silverman Lajos Springer

NOV 3-19 CHESHVAN

Jacob Barabechik Ike Birnbaum Arthur Bock Tillie Hudson Pearl Kasoi Ben Kern Reuben Wechsle

NOV 4-20 CHESHVAN

Leon Baum Anna H. Bornstein Magda Fried Steven Friedheim Marsha Goldman Marvin Kritzler Bruce David Mallin

Phyllis Pack David Studna Ellis Tonkey Sylvia Viner

NOV 5-21 CHESHVAN

Evelyn Alexander Linda Greene Birnbaum Sam Brown Esther Daniels Edward Issac Dukar Ellen Ginden Anna Levin Rose Lofman Norman R. **Parmet** Alfred Parnes Rose Penner Leo Polterock Sarah Rosen Abraham Abba Rubin Esther Shapiro Morris Stahl

Betty Yaskolka NOV 6-22 CHESHVAN

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NOV 7-23 CHESHVAN Sol Baum

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Jennie Feingold Simon Garelick David Gereht David A. Katz Ben S. Lerner Anna Levitch Dollie L. Mann Zahava Lottie Morgan Rose Nelkin

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NOV 9-25 CHESHVAN

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28 CHESHVAN

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Sisterhood Information

Message from Sisterhood President

by JILL GOLDSTEIN

Since I was a child, I have wanted to be an educator. "I want to teach stuff to people" was what I told my cousins who played school with me throughout my elementary years. I didn't know what I wanted to teach, or to whom, but I thought that sitting at the teacher's desk would be really cool. I have been lucky enough to fulfill that childhood dream for the past 55 years—in front of high schoolers in public school classrooms and in front of all ages in religious school classrooms. Little did I know when choosing that career, you don't need to be a formal educator sitting behind a desk, or even in a classroom, to teach. With age has come some wisdom—we are all teachers—every one of us! We are teachers when we give a child a coin to put in the tzedakah box. We are teachers when we light Shabbat candles together. We are teachers when we show our children that we are lifelong learners. We are even teachers when we provide opportunities for others to learn. Why the lesson in lifelong learning? Today I was lucky enough to sit with other adults, both men and women, in a Sarah Peltzman class on World Religions. Today's class focused on the origins of religion, and in coming weeks, we will begin studying Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam. We learned as much from our professor (from Benedictine College) as we did from each other, something the Peltzman classes are known for. Because this is the November Scroll, there will only be one class left this trimester, and you are invited to join us for it to get a taste of Peltzman. Then, wait until February when Hazzan Ben-Yehuda will begin her course study on Angels in Judaism and join us. You can go to our website for more information and to enroll.



The community is invited to join Beth Shalom Sisterhood on Thursday, November 9 in Goldsmith Hall to enjoy an afternoon of Mah Jongg.

Brunch begins at 10:30 am and Mah Jongg starts at 11:00 am.

Have fun while raising money to support breast cancer research.

The cost per person for brunch and snacks is \$10 payable to Beth Shalom Sisterhood.

A minimum \$15 donation is payable to KU Breast Cancer Center.

Please send two separate checks to Carol Peltzie.

Please contact Carol Peltzie for more information:

cpeltzie1@gmail.com or call 913-449-1107

In preparation for Bams for Mams, Jill Goldstein will be teaching a Mah Jongg lesson on Thursday, November 2 from 10-11:30 am, in Goldsmith Hall. There is no charge for the lesson, however, a reservation is required. You can email Jill at jgoldstein0127@gmail to reserve your space.

Volunteer Opportunities

Mt. Carmel Volunteer Days

Please join us Sunday, November 5, and Sunday, December 10, 12:00-2:00 pm to paint, clean, weed, rake and more at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, 5529 Ditzler Road. We will spend these days beautifying the cemetery. This would be a good opportunity for groups or individuals to earn community service credits. For more information or to sign up, contact Bruce Luchen at 913-220-7518 or bluchen0731@gmail.com.















Ruth Bader Ginsburg Visits RFEC



Miss Marlene Katz taught our children about Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the great impact she had on our legal system.

Guest Contributor

I needed to be with my friends this week. I needed to be with people who could understand my spoken and unspoken language of sadness, of fear, of outrage, and of pain. But I just wasn't sure if I had established myself yet here in Kansas City, here at Congreation Beth Shalom, here in this greater Jewish community, to feel the kind of friendship and support I needed right now.

I moved here a little over a year ago after retiring. I had left deep roots and friendships I had nurtured serving a Conservative synagogue in a Maryland suburb of D.C. for 20 years. It's said that in D.C., international and national news are "local" news. I wondered if here in KC, the events in Israel would have that impact that had been a large part of my daily intake.

I spent the weekend reaching out to my friends in the D.C. area, and they reached out to me. I sent dozens of emails to friends with relatives in Israel and they responded. Would personal connections to Israel and Israelis here parallel what had been my norm?

I had only recently started to step up my involvement and attendance at Beth Shalom. I was just starting to see people I recognized or knew when I went to events. I have been bragging about the KC Jewish community to my D.C. friends since my arrival but only just starting to feel I was part of it.

I attended Sunday's Simchat Torah service and learned that the joyousness of the holiday, while not abandoned, was aptly modified to reflect the moment. I attended the community-wide gathering on Monday and felt soothed in the tone of what was said and what was not said. I attended Friday morning minyan and although I struggled with the liturgy of God as Protector, being part of the minyan was more than enough to satisfy my need to be with fellow Jews. I attended Shabbat morning services on Saturday and felt the communal relationship personally. Sunday, I attended the KC Jewish Culture Festival and shared the experience with people I knew and those who I recognized but may not have yet remembered names.

My admiration for Rabbi Glickman grew throughout the week as he emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually seized the moment to reach the universal and the individual needs of our community. I know how important servant leadership is in a congregation. I saw fingerprints in everything that reflected that collective effort of bringing clergy, staff, leaders, and volunteers together for a common purpose. I am beyond proud to be part of the Jewish community here and am beyond proud to be a member of Beth Shalom.

This week I needed to be with my friends. This week I learned that I was.

Deb Finkelstein

MINYANAIRE OF THE MONTH: JIMMY ROSENBLOOM

I attend morning minyan for two reasons.

The daily minyan is the nucleus of the Jewish people and the lifeblood of Congregation Beth Shalom. To be a participant, on a regular basis, in the seasons of our Jewish lives, is a most gratifying life experience.

Many of us have participated in saying Kaddish for our loved ones, and there were a whole bunch of compassionate people that helped to make that happen by making a minyan. We all should give back to those who helped us through the mourning process, by helping them through the mourning process. Believe it or not, one of the greatest mitzvot is to say Kaddish for a parent, sibling or child, and it is even a greater mitzvah to provide comfort to those others in the process of mourning.





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