

# the Shofar



Etz Chayim Conservative Synagogue's Monthly Newsletter

JUNE, 2017

SIVAN/TAMUZ, 5777

Friday evening services begin at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday morning services begin at 9:30 a.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 28 8:30 AM JWV Breakfast Meeting at the Paddock home followed by decorating graves of Jewish Veterans around 9:45
- May 29 Memorial Day Ceremony at Maple Hill Cemetery, 10:30 AM
- May 31 Shavuos, Morning Services at 9:30 AM on 31 May and 1 June. Yizkor services on Thursday, June 1 at about 10:30 AM.
- Jun 04 Etz Chayim Annual Picnic at Green Mountain Nature Trail, 11:30 AM
- Jun 13 Congregation Meeting at EC, 7:15 PM, voting on the new Board and the Budget

## THE ONEG SCHEDULE

Hi all,

I am trying to fill all the Friday evening July 1-December 29 volunteer slots to bring oneg desserts for after services. Please call or notify by email of a date you are willing to bring and serve those desserts. Remember it

is a Kosher kitchen, and if you have not spent time in our kitchen I can pair you with someone familiar with the routine. I normally make phone calls, but it is difficult for me to do that this month because of last minute family commitments. It is especially urgent for me to fill the July and August slots soon. Don't hesitate or someone will take the time slot that you wanted for a celebration or yahrzeit.

Thank you,

Lynne Edmondson  
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Onegs July, 2017-December, 2017

14-Jul	Liles	06-Oct
21-Jul	Zelickson	13-Oct
28-Jul		20-Oct
04-Aug		27-Oct
11-Aug		03-Nov
18-Aug		10-Nov
25-Aug		17-Nov
01-Sep		24-Nov
08-Sep	Fisher	01-Dec
15-Sep		08-Dec
22-Sep		15-Dec
29-Sep	Erev Yom Kippur	22-Dec

29-Dec Berger

## SISTERHOOD

Hello All,

Last month's Lunch Bunch was attended by a nice crowd who enjoyed our lunch at Walton's Southern Table. It was a pleasure to see some new faces joining us!

The SH Board is working on our slate of officers and chairwomen for the coming year. If you are interested in participating, please contact Natha.

We've got a new freezer in the kitchen, and have converted the original freezer to a refrigerator. All is going well and we're happy with the situation!

As hard as it is to imagine, it's almost time to begin work on next year's New Year Book! Look for your renewal letter to arrive in June. We hope you'll help us keep this project strong by responding. It's where we earn the funds we use during the year for Rabbi Luncheons, the Latke Party, the Purim Hot Dog Supper, the Seder, etc.

Have a safe and healthy Summer!

Brenda

## DONATIONS

### Sisterhood

From: Diana & Howard Polin  
To: David Rush - Prayers are answered.  
Thank G-d for your blessed recovery, stay well.

To: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Kreitman & Family - Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your son, Michael.

To: Dorothy Goldberg - Thinking about you and know you will be much better soon.

From: Diane Ferdie & Family

To: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Kreitman & Family - In Memory of their son, Michael Kreitman.

From: Sandra Wiederecht:

To: Dorothy Goldberg - Our thoughts and prayers are with you, feel better soon.

### Rabbi Fund

From: Millie & Max Rosenthal

To: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Kreitman - In Memory of your son, Michael.

To: Candy Rush-Glad your surgery is over, and we're looking forward to the "new you."

From: Janet Schindler

To: Candy Rush-Glad your surgery is over and look forward to seeing you soon.

To: Dorothy Goldberg - Thinking about you. We miss you, may our thoughts and prayers help you to get well soon.

From: Janet Schindler

From: Harriet Sacks

From: Millie & Max Rosenthal

From: Shirley & Ted Roberts

### General Fund

From: Maria & Mike Sumerall

### Outdoor Lighting Fund

In Memory of Gertrude and Perry Schlein  
From their daughters Natha Hancock & Robin Slomka and their families.

## ONEGS

Jun 02      Levitt

Jun 09	Polin
Jun 16	Meyer
Jun 23	Yalowitz
Jun 30	Berger

### Yahrzeits\*\*

Jun 01	Sivan 07	Rose Rosenthal*
Jun 01	Sivan 07	Irving Sainker*
Jun 04	Sivan 10	Molly Meyer
Jun 09	Sivan 15	Harry Kaufman*
Jun 10	Sivan 16	Myrna Klazmer
Jun 11	Sivan 17	Harriet B. Schlein*
Jun 14	Sivan 20	Julius Strimling*
Jun 19	Sivan 25	Goldie N. Brown
Jun 21	Sivan 27	Al Krupnick*
Jun 24	Sivan 30	Phyllis E.A. Schreiber
Jun 29	Tamuz 05	Charles Klazmer
Jun 29	Tamuz 05	Doris Mae Aaronson Kirshtein
Jun 29	Tamuz 05	Morris Schindler
Jun 30	Tamuz 06	Abraham Kalachman*
Jun 30	Tamuz 06	Meyer (Mike) Zelickson*
Jul 01	Tamuz 07	Jacob Milton Ludmer*
Jul 01	Tamuz 07	Jacob Zarovsky
Jul 01	Tamuz 07	Virginia Johanna McDonald*

\* Plaque

\*\*Light Memorial candle sunset of previous evening

### BIRTHDAYS

Jun 01	Jeff Zelickson
Jun 03	Benjamin Yalowitz
Jun 10	Adam Liles
Jun 19	Jacob Copeland
Jun 19	Sheree Greenbaum
Jun 26	Natha Hancock
Jun 30	Bill Goldberg

### ANNIVERSARIES

May 25	Lauren & Steve Goodman
Jun 05	Brenda & Cliff Liles
Jun 16	Candy & David Rush

### FATHERS OF THE TANACH: AND TODAY

By Ted Roberts

Father's Day inspires us to consider the Tanach and the colorful parade of fathers and sons that march through its pages. I must be as honest as the Torah is honest and report that this is not a totally uplifting experience. Fathers and sons - a complex duality, especially in our Book. And in bible times nobody's camel had a sign on its rear end asking if you hugged your kids that morning. There is not much affection in the biblical male world - including fathers and sons - though that grand reunion of Joseph and Jacob is a touching scene. "Joseph wept on his neck a long while."

But first we have Abraham and Isaac. Yes, it's good to obey the Lord when he demands the almost ultimate sacrifice. But Isaac must have been mildly depressed until he saw the ram caught in the thicket and realized he was off the hook. I would guess that after this misadventure, their father-son relationship wasn't what it used to be. I don't think they attended the wrestling matches in the meadow like they did in the old days. The Chumash is silent on their later relationship.

Isaac grows up and begets Jacob. Shepherding must be a full-time occupation, like managing Microsoft, because Isaac, like his father before him, does not dedicate a lot of attention to young Jacob. In fact, who can forget that great historical deception wherein Jacob, with the help of Mama and a bowl of savory stew, steals the blessing. (Emeril would have used a generous handful of chopped garlic and a spoonful of cumin. The

Chumash doesn't even mention salt and pepper!) Another father-son inter-generational failure!!

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It gets worse. Jacob, the spice-less goat stew chef, suffers a commensurate punishment with his own unruly boys who, in turn, deceive their father about Joseph, his favorite son. Thinking him dead, there's no communication for a couple of decades between the two - not a single letter. Finally, they have that enthusiastic reunion in Egypt. All's well - in this relationship - that ends well.

The next significant father and son drama features David and his boys. It almost cannot be told in a family publication like the Tanach. David must have used an early version of Dr. Spock's childrearing manual to raise his brood. David's permissiveness results in a son who - ahem - forces himself upon a half-sister; and much worse, a son, Absalom, who tries to steal his father's throne. David - ever the loving father - cries at his death.

And let's not forget Jonathan, son of Saul. Crazy King Saul, who was as green as the meadows of Sharon - with jealousy of David. So, who was David's best pal? Every Sunday School child knows the answer. Saul's own son, Jonathan! whose loyalty to his friend exceeds his love for father Saul. Another flawed relationship. Fathers and sons - as dysfunctional in the Tanach as in real life. But is that not the test of truth, in our Holy Book?

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