



Shabbatery Lottery

Friday, July 14, 2023

6:00 pm

Please join your Mizpah Friends for Shabbat
Meal in the Home

Must Sign up to attend

No services at Mizpah

Hosts With Open seats (as of June 26)

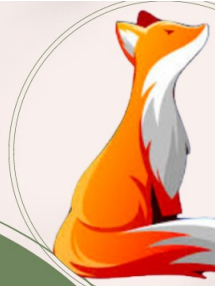
Susan and Brett Caminez

Mike and Linda Spector

David and Paula Israel

Vicki and Art Lewis

Please text Richard Zachary to sign up 423-322-3332



Intriguing Conversations

July 19, 2023 at 7:00PM

The Torah says, "That animals are part of God's creation. People are responsible for showing compassion toward them and protecting them."

Join us for an intriguing conversation, as we hear from Mizpah member, **Juniper Russo**, as she talks about her animal rescue agency **For Fox Sake Wildlife Rescue**. This will be a wonderful conversation for the entire family as Juniper shows us how to enjoy and celebrate wildlife with respect and understanding.

in Feinstein Hall

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CAMP 23'**

SEPTEMBER 1-4, 2023

GEARED FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN WHO ARE
INTERESTED IN EXPERIENCING CAMP!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...

4 Tamuz, 5783
June 23, 2023



Vicki Lewis

Dear Fellow Congregants,

By the time you read this, the Annual Meeting for Mizpah will have occurred. As I shared with you last month, Mizpah is a special congregation. The warmth of our members is noticeable.

Last month **Rabbi Lewis** talked about the importance of community. I would not be a member of Mizpah if it were not for our community. And my daughters, **Alex** and **Marissa**, would not be a part of our community without that warmth. They both teach for Machanooga. Alex is the Education chair and Marissa is our Youth Group advisor, as well as a Hebrew tutor.

I am so proud to be a part of this congregation, a place for all of us to feel friendship with our fellow members in very different ways.

I feel friendship with my fellow learners at Torah Study. I feel friendship with those members who attend our Jewish Book Club, which meets bi-monthly at various members' homes. I feel friendship with many of our congregants whom I meet for lunch. I don't play mahjong, but I feel friendship from who have volunteered numerous times to teach me. (I think I learned not to want to play from my mother, who was an avid bridge and canasta player.)

I attended the Rabbi's Lunch and Learn classes on the development of Reform Judaism. Quoting from the Preamble to A Statement of Principles for Reform Judaism, which was adopted at the 1999 Pittsburgh Convention, "**Today when so many individuals are striving for religious meaning, moral purpose, and a sense of community... [Reform Judaism] has enabled the Jewish people to introduce innovation while preserving tradition, to embrace diversity while asserting commonality, to affirm beliefs without rejecting those who doubt.**" I believe that with Mizpah's diverse community of members and volunteers, we can continue to fulfill this mission.

This coming year we already have exciting events planned, new classes coming, holiday celebrations, discussions of various topics of Jewish interests, and more. I hope to see you in the near future at one (or more) of these events.

We also have places for more help. **Deb Dubow**, who has worked diligently on Social Action/Social Justice issues, programs, and activities is stepping down from her position as chair. Is that something you would like to do?

This fall's November 5th concert fundraiser will be **Herb Cohn's** final as Chair of Temple Fundraising. Is this something you would like to do? Our doors and hearts are open to you.

l'dor va dor

From generation to generation

Warmly,

Vicki

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

MIZPAH CONCERT FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

3:00 PM MIZPAH SANCTUARY

THE EMILY NELSON QUARTET

POP AND CLASSICS

DELUXE RECEPTION

SPONSORSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RABBI...

By the time you read this, I will be long gone...to Israel... But please don't worry, I will be back. Israel is my spiritual home. Chattanooga is my home home. As they say, "Home is where your mortgage is..." or something like that. And no matter what, Mizpah is always on my mind. I sincerely hope that what I gain by participating in the Shalom Hartman Institute's Rabbinic Torah Seminar will expand my knowledge and translate directly into some good teaching for all of you. The theme for the program is "The Choosing People: What are the core commitments of modern Judaism and Zionism?" You can count on something or some things from this ten-day course popping up during the High Holy Days, not to mention some reflections on the state of the State of Israel.



Rabbi Craig Lewis

I am so excited to be in Jerusalem, to represent Mizpah, to study with great teachers, to learn with colleagues, and to invigorate my rabbinate with new ideas. I thank you for providing me with this opportunity, the time, and professional resources to make it happen. So, the first ten days of my stay in Israel will be devoted to work, but as they say, "All work and no play makes Craig a dull rabbi..." or something like that. Following the seminar, I have a couple days overlap with my brother who will be in Israel at the same time. Would you believe he is also attending a Shalom Hartman seminar for Hillel professionals. What are the odds? Then **Jen** and **Eden** will arrive for two weeks of vacation. Jen and I have each made several visits to the Holy Land, but only once together, for my first year at HUC-JIR, during which we celebrated our second wedding anniversary (mentioned for context to demonstrate just how long ago this was). This will be Eden's first time traveling internationally, aside from a couple Caribbean ports of call during a cruise. We cannot wait to share our memories and experiences with him, and to watch him respond to the incredible sights and sounds as we build new family memories together.

And then of course, many of you remember **Nicole Taege**, who is not our daughter, though she lived with us for a few years, so in many ways is like a daughter, whom we are very close to and proud of, and who is like an older sister to Eden, even though we never filed any paperwork or agreed to take on financial responsibility, and just the same many of her belongings reside in our guest bedroom which we still call Nicole's room. She made Aliyah and teaches high school English in Israel; Nicole will spend time traveling with us, her non-parent parents. It is sure to be a great reunion. We also hope, of course, to connect with some of our past Chattanooga *shelichim*. This is going to be a great trip for many reasons.

We are excited about the number of activities and tours we have planned. Yet I am even more excited about the discoveries and meetings that are impossible to plan for. I wonder what will be the unexpected conversations, like the last time I was Israel and spoke French with a Moroccan Jew who had relatives I used to know in Kansas City? I wonder what will be the new fun place, like the umbrella street leading to Kikar Hamusica with a live music stage surrounded by various cafes? How amazing will it be just to sit on the beaches of Haifa and Tel Aviv and truly feel the Mediterranean sun radiating on our Ashkenazi skin? How much sunscreen will we need and which SPF, and then how much aloe?

The questions go on. But these are things I - and we - have been waiting a long time to ask and find answers to. Most importantly I - and we - cannot wait to come back and tell you all about it. For me, it will probably be at least a sermon or two. For the rest, it will be a shared love for the State of Israel, its land and its people, a place that unites us all as the Jewish homeland.

Again, I thank you for this opportunity. During my absence, I leave you in the hands of wonderful volunteers, for whom I am deeply grateful. Please be nice to them.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Lewis



MIZPAH CONGREGATION YAHRZEITS - May - June

June 25 - July 1

Steven Potts
Judy Snyder
Florence M. Barack
Rebecca Greenblum
Pearl Lewis
Rita Soroko
Marcelle Weill
Anna Kopetovske
Mose Lebovitz
Saul Abish
Edward Berger
Howard Levine
Daniel Coleman
Weintraub
Marilyn Schulman
Rafal
Dina F. Solovey
Harry Monen

Isadore Lander

Barry Parker
Julius Kushner
Jacquelyn Ruth Lauer
Isadore Louis
Leventhal
Ida Litoff
David Rice
Harold Schwartz, Sr.
Isidor Shavin
Irene Ayers Ingle
Ira Long
David Perlstein
Bea Salit
Nathan Stoller
Mary Effron
Herbert Hochoer
Rose Sorkin
Rae Graf
Mata Barack Jaffe
Jay Susman

July 9 - 15

Lillian Ullman
Clara Shapiro
Tres Wood
Nancy Merren
Herman Samuel
Brener
Arthur Kobacker
Philip Russ
Jack Siegel
Elaine Friedman
Muriel Mallen

Anne Edelstein Miller

Larry Goldstein
Christine Jany
Herman Berger
Linda Coan

July 16 - 22

Isaac Schiff
Ida Richelson Bush
Caroline Lorberbaum
Fanny Silverman
Marcos Beker
Jack Kopkin
Lester Cohn
Pearl Kaplan
Debbie Freiberg
Sarah Rice
Matthew Biancuzzo
Ida Freibrun
Oscar Jonas
Sidney Pleat
Wallace F. White
William Cramer
Fannie G. Goldberg
Randy Miller
Elsie Segalin Perry
Harry Weber
Rabbi Abraham
Feinstein
Sanford E. Saperstein

July 23 - 29

Ida Miller
Albert William
Coulter, III
Joyce Morris
Ruth Pike
Josephine Saul
Richard Abelson
Harry Herschel
Berman
Edith Clien Schulman
Bill Holmberg
Eugene Weinstein
Jeanette Brener
Orken
Effie Hart Brown
Susan Goldblatt
Phillip Israel
Frances Lander
Isidor Loerberbaum
David Wardlaw
Margaret Wertheimer
Charles Martin
Philip Miller
Esther Rosenthal
Jimmy Ettin
Edgar Feibelman
Elizabeth Feibelman
Rosalie Schechter
Harold L. Shalett
Tsivya-Musya
Belinskaya
David Diamond
Joel W. Solomon

July 30 - August 5

Marilyn Wynn Weiss
Margarette Dodd
Jake Maurice
Edelstein
Daniel G. Levine
Harry H. Siegel
Ian Oikkacj
Patrick Pike
Josephine Russ
Marilyn Wynn Weiss
Joel Ginsberg
Al Jacobs
Charles Oates Rymer
Laura Clark
David Schaffer
Goldie Siskin
Matthew Perry
Sayde Pressman
Linda Bartlett Cohen

July 2 - 8

Victoria Brodsky
K.H. (Henry)
Haesloop
Beverly Shuckman
Blanche Bisen
Marjorie Brener
Siegel
Lillian Brody
Ada Hoffman
Sarah Jones
Ronald Jay Kiselik
Anne Kiselik
Friedman

CONDOLENCES TO...

...**Bev Coulter** on the June 24th death of her husband, **Dr. Steven L. Coulter**. Also mourning his loss are Steve's son **Benjamin**, his brother **Bill**, and Bev and Steve's children, **Scott** and **Sara**.
Zichrono Livrahca: May His Memory Be for a Blessing.



MAZAL TOV TO...



...**Joe Bray** and **Jackie Fane**, on the June 12th birth of their son, **Theo Fane Bray**.

...**Jaron Pearson**, grandson of **Joel** (z"l) and **FiFi Ginsberg** and nephew of **Janet Sivils**, who received a scholarship to attend Mercer University in Macon, GA, in their pre-med curriculum, shown at left at Camp Jenny along with counselor **David Israel**





Annual College Care Package Signup!



Do you have a student in college? Mizpah sends out college care packages throughout the year to our Mizpah members who are off at school. Packages go out for the High Holy Days, Chanukah and Purim.

Interested in sending packages to your student this coming school year? Now's the time to sign up! Signed up before? Please sign up again so we have the most accurate address on file!

SIGN UP BY AUGUST 15



At Mizpah Congregation, rising 3rd graders are eligible to start learning Hebrew in preparation for B'nei Mitzvah.

Hebrew classes are half-hour one-on-one tutoring sessions throughout the school year. Monthly, these students meetup and apply Hebrew in contemporary ways through fun activities together. Materials will be provided and teachers will be selected by administration. Sign up now to register your student **before August 15!** MHS starts Sept 13 with our first monthly meetup!



Techilah

Judaism for Our Littlest Learners

Mark your calendar now for our family and toddler program. This is our hour-long interactive play, story, music, craft time as we learn about Judaism

together!

Sept 9: High Holy Days

Nov 18: Noah's Ark



Family Shabbat & First Friday Dinner

They happen all summer! Join me!

July 7 at 6 PM

2nd Annual Elul 30-day Challenge

August 19 at 5:30 PM

Check out the flyer and join our annual challenge—this year we're making SMASH books!

MIZPAH FUNDS: YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Donations received by the 15th of prior month \$18 - "chai" - minimum donation

Archives	Leadership Development	Physical Property
Building	Library	Religious Activities
Capital Campaign	Miller/Lefkoff	Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Cemetery	Marks Memorial	Rabbinic Endowment
Educator	Mazon (Feed the Hungry)	Rita Russ Speer
Endowment	Miller/Schwartz	Religious School
Flower	Music	Social Action
Garden of Life	NFTY (Youth Group)	Staff Support
Goldman/Moses	Operating	Kindertransport Chapel
Mary W. and Jacob L. Levine	Oneg	
	Prayer Book	

Rita Russ Speer

Honor of Sally Rosenberg's Birthday

Jan & David Fox

Mary W. and Jacob Levine

Honor of the Coulter Anniversary

M.J. Levine

Archives

In Memory of Gerry Sadow

M. J. Levine

Rabbi's Discretionary

Thank you Rabbi Lewis for B'not Mitzvah

Judy Sachsman

Carol Cohn

Speedy Recovery of Dana Banks

Rosie Newton

Music Fund

Thank you Marianna for the music for B'not Mitzvah

Judy Sachsman

Thank you for your help with the B'not Mitzvah

Judy Sachsman

Operating

In Honor of all who participated in B'not Mitzvah

Gary and Millie Lander

Art and Vicki Lewis

For a Speedy Recovery of Dana Banks

Anita Levine

MIZPAH ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Mizpah held their Annual Business meeting on Sunday, June 25th, at 3:00 pm, in the Temple sanctuary. **President Vicki Lewis** conducted the meeting. Board Secretary **Beth Thomas** along with Temple Administrator **Angela Rickert**, signed members in and assured a quorum was present, to include members present plus proxies. All Mizpah committees submitted in advance their annual reports. Minutes from last year's Annual meeting were approved. **President Lewis** presented her Annual report, citing the excitement of all our volunteers and the profound sense of community in our congregation. **Rabbi Lewis** issued a stirring commentary on stepping up and speaking out, how numerous small acts can result in large results.

The business of the meeting was conducted, namely the approval of the Temple Annual Budget, created by the Finance Committee, **Steve Cohn**, Treasurer, Chair, as well as approval of the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, **David Israel**, Chair. The following is a budget summary. Detailed budget numbers are available. Also following is a report of the Nominating Committee for Officers and Board and new or reappointed members of both the Cemetery Board and the Trustees.

Income:

Building rent \$42,000
Dinners, Oneg, etc \$12,500
Fundraiser \$20,000
Transfer from Educator fund \$25,200
Transfer from Trustees \$102,880
Dues pledges \$340,000
Hebrew School \$4,500
Operating and Fund donations \$22,500

Expenses:

Administrative \$116,460
Building and Maintenance \$51,000
Human resources \$344,156
Programs \$57,964

Officers: (term ending)

President: Vicki Lewis (2024)
VP-Admin: David Israel (2024)
VP-Programming: Jed Mescon (2024)
VP-Annual Giving: bev Coulter (2024)
Past President: Frank Miller (2024)
Treasurer: Mike Birghenthal (2025)

Board: (term ends 2024): Rachael Ruiz, Holly Schwartz, Gary Chazen, Austin Center; Term ending 2025: Bob Marlowe, Amy Cohen, Edie Weiss, Caroline Kaplan; Trustees (2028) Gary Chazen Cemetery (2028) Gary Chazen Cemetery (2025) Ruth Longway



JOIN THE 2nd Annual 30-DAY *Elul Challenge*

Sat, Aug 19 from 5:30-7:30 PM
Feinstein Hall

All ages are invited to a soulful evening exploring Elul - the last month of the Jewish year. We'll create a 30-day Challenge which will help guide us in an interactive, thoughtful way as we prepare ourselves for the High Holy Days. We'll craft, nosh and end with Havdallah.

**Let us know you plan to attend by
emailing: education@mizpahcongregation.org**

BIRTHDAYS

July 1

Julia Reising

July 3

Trent Center

July 4

Riki Jordan Odineal

July 5

Vicki Lewis

Ben Sirota

Mary Susman

July 6

David deOlloqui

Sylvia Zuckerman

July 7

Tom Farnam

July 8

Donald Mackler

Madelynne Gabelman

July 9

Samuel Herstik-

Berger

Ruth Longway

July 12

Darwin Russo

July 13

Jacob Levine

Roni Charyn

July 14

Jasper Stone

Robert Kiselik

William Kuby

July 15

Alex Birghenthal

Erin Lopez

July 16

Mary Laband

Will Potts

Laura Reising

July 17

Judith Pressman

July 18

Robert Bernhardt

July 20

Rosie Newton

July 21

Jennifer Berz

Robert Berz

July 24

Andrew London

July 25

Bridget Fischer

Ariel Pollack

July 27

Julian Saul

Susan Brener

Deana Brody

ANNIVERSARIES

July 3

Brett and Susan Caminez

July 5

Oscar and Rachael Ruiz

July 18

Bill and Sandy Dittus

July 19

Charles and Melinda Rosenthal
Will Melnyk and Glyn Ruppe-Melnyk

July 21

Robert and Judy Stahl

July 24

Richard and Dana Waxler



MIZPAH NOSH AROUND THE CLOCK

Jed Mescon,
VP-Programming
June 24, 2023



TIME TO MEET ANOTHER NEW MEMBER!

June Reed moved last October to the East Brainerd area of Chattanooga. Her sister and niece will be moving to Chattanooga soon. Originally from Detroit, June lived in Washington DC for four years before relocating to Chattanooga. June is an Educator who has worked for many Jewish non-profit organizations, including the Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit. She is looking forward to participating in educational programs at Mizpah as well as cooking and making new friends. A big fan of all things "Barbie", June collects and sells vintage Barbie Dolls. Other interests include making beaded jewelry and baking bread.

Welcome to Chattanooga and Mizpah Congregation!!
Paula Israel, Membership



MIZPAH SOCIAL ACTION

Family Promise is a non-profit providing shelter and food for temporarily homeless families. Mizpah partners with St. Paul's Episcopal, providing coverage for seven (7) nights, four (4) times a year. Family Promise now owns its own home off Main Street near Dodds Ave. This is a great program for a parent or parents to bring their school-age children to help. We provide a hot meal, visit a while then go home. Family Promise now employs overnight staff as well as an on-site Social Worker. Their goal is to help these families find permanent shelter and employment.



What works best is for two (2) folks—or one family—to sign up for one night. Please contact **Vivian Hershey (423-413-4424)** if you are interested. She will coordinate the week with the representative from St. Paul. It's easy to do, and very rewarding. You may also use this online signup form: <https://signup.com/go/mtPddJJN> (Ctrl + cursor to access if seeing this online; copy and paste if print version). Let them know what you are bringing in the comments section.

Our dates this time are Sunday July 30 - Saturday, August 5th. Please arrive at 5:30 pm. You may choose to eat with the families, or not. After the meal, we visit a bit. Sometimes the families (kids) go off to their own rooms. That's OK too. Thank you.



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TEMPLE OFFICERS AND BOARD

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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Susan Caminez, Education Coordinator
Angela Rickert, Temple Administrator

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Jim Levine Sandy Dittus



Officers and Board 2023-2024: Bottom row, L>R: David Israel, Beth Thomas, Mike Birghenthal; Middle row, L>R: Bob Marlowe, Vicki Lewis, Amy Cohn; Top row, L>R: Rabbi Lewis, Carolyn Kaplan, Austin Center: Not pictured: Rachael Ruiz, Holly Schwartz, Frank Miller, Jed Mescon, Gary Chazen, Edie Weiss, Bev Coulter