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From the Rabbi: New Ways to Navigate the New Year

Everything you need to know to celebrate 5781... while living in 2020

Every year, I hear people comment how Rosh Hashana arrives early or late. My perspective is that it is always on time, as it seems to show up reliably, year after year, on the first of the Hebrew month of Tishrei. This year, however, I think all of us can agree that it's right on time—September 18 is about as average as it gets. So this edition of Kol K.I. thus coincides with the beginning of the month of Elul, our annual period of preparation for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

I am writing this article in mid-July. At the moment, many parts of the United States and the world are experiencing a resurgence of cases of illnesses related to COVID-19. At the same time reports from Massachusetts and especially the Berkshires are looking relatively okay. It seems like a fragile moment to me. Although we all have guesses about what might come next, none of us knows for sure.

That kind of existential uncertainty resonates strongly with the prayers of Yom Kippur. There we find gut-wrenching reflections that put us face to face with our

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own mortality. I feel like this year has put all of us face to face with our vulnerability on an ongoing basis. There are many things we can't control—nature, other people's behavior, our leaders' whims. And yet, within the boundaries of what we can control, we have great power. It is up to us to look at our situation, assess where we are and develop the best plans we can to move forward.

Livestreaming Shabbat

This moment finds K.I. on the cusp of beginning livestream shabbat morning and Sunday morning services. By the time you read this article, we hope our davening will again have found its rhythm. We may have even already celebrated a bar mitzvah or two, with members of the congregation watching and kvelling from their homes. Each Satur-

day, please tune in to knesetisrael.org/livestream from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The service is different each week, incorporating some davening, Torah reading, study, and song. The Torah Service typically begins around 10:15 a.m. On Sundays,

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How to Order a Mahzor for High Holiday Livestream Services

To fully enjoy K.I.'s livestream services, you will want to own a Mahzor, a prayer book for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

You may purchase Mahzor Lev Shalem directly from the publisher at bit.ly/3h5E2Yj If the cost (\$29.40) presents a barrier, please reach out to the rabbi.

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Member Mitzvahs & Mazel Tovs

■ The granddaughter and grandson of **Bernie and Beth Abramson** graduated from high school this year. Both are children of K.I. graduates. **Alex Wanatick**, son of **Rebecca and Michael Wanatick**, graduated from Randolph High School in New Jersey. He will be going to Quinipiac in the fall. **Sophie Lipset**, daughter of **Jennifer Lipset and Alan Lipset**, graduated Salutatorian from Fairfield Warde High School in Connecticut, and will be going to Bowdoin in the fall.

■ **Sigmund Tobias**, a former member of K.I., who moved to Florida last year, participated in a documentary called "Harbor from the Holocaust" that will be shown nationally over the Public Broadcasting Service on September 8th at

10 p.m. The program deals with the Jewish refugee community that fled to Shanghai for safety from the Holocaust. A number of other former Jewish refugees from Shanghai were also interviewed.

■ Congratulations to **Phoebe and Don Sugarman** on the graduation of grandson **Faolan Sugarman-Lash** magna cum laude from Santa Clara University. He was named by Leavey Business School faculty for the outstanding student in management award, was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society, and acknowledged for his achievement in the Accelerated Cooperative Education Leadership Program.



photo: © Bill Wright

■ **Parker Wright** is eagerly awaiting her Bat Mitzvah, and her much anticipated ascent to the bima on Saturday, September 12. Parker is the daughter of her delighted parents, **Bill and Carrie Wright**. Her siblings are **Paige and Pilot**. She is the granddaughter of **Barry Lobovits** of Pittsfield, MA.

Parker loves reading graphic novels and playing with her recently adopted kittens, Dill and Pickle. Parker is an avid mountain bike rider and loves to go riding in the Pittsfield State Forest along with her brother, Pilot, and her dad, Bill. She also loves to ski; she is looking forward to a hopefully snowy winter.

Parker is an honor student at Herberg Middle School in Pittsfield. She is very social and loves being with friends. While she is missing her friends and community at URJ Eisner camp (she has attended for six summers) she is Zooming often with her bunkmates. She is currently in the Science & Engineering Summer Program with General Dynamics—a remote program in which students work with interns to engineer and design catapults and trebuchets to sling snacks into the stratosphere!

From the Rabbi

New Ways to Navigate the New Year

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a visit to the same website at 8:45 a.m. will show you our weekday minyan. Until Rosh Hashana, our Friday night service will continue on Zoom. At that point, the earlier candle-lighting time will push Friday nights to the livestream as well.

A 2020 Menu of 5781 High Holiday Experiences

We intend to build on our months of experience with Zoom and livestreaming to create a meaningful experience of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur for the congregation. For most congregants, the primary experience of the holidays will need to be online this year. There are simply too many of us to gather us all safely indoors for hours of prayer, song and checking in with each other. The virus will not give us a pass just because we have come together for a higher purpose.

K.I. members participate in Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur for many different reasons. In an ordinary year, we address many of our needs simultaneously by immersing ourselves in large gatherings and formal services. This year's digital options, while each is pretty good at achieving one particular purpose, are not nearly as versatile. Depending on what you seek from Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, you might choose to join in some or all of the following opportunities:

■ **If you seek davening**, please tune into the livestream at the scheduled times. There you will find meaningful yet abbreviated services broadcast from the K.I. sanctuary. These will be primarily a davening experience, free of long speeches, including some silent prayer as well as the usual chant and congregational participation. The room will be far from full. We will supply



Rabbi David Weiner

outlines for each service that you may download in advance to help you follow along. Please remember to purchase a mahzor from rabbini.calassembly.org/books. Jewish prayer works better when there is a book in your hand. It has been a tough year all around, so if cost (\$29.40) is a barrier for you, please

send me an email—it's a privilege to help everyone celebrate the holiday.

- **The shofar** is sounded only on the second day of Rosh Hashana this year. We will be sounding it out the side door of the sanctuary during services, only during the Torah Service—so listen for that on the livestream. We will also sound it outdoors during Family Services. We also hope to post a video of one of K.I.'s baalei tekiah sounding the shofar.
- **If you hope for musical edification**, please watch for the special email before each holiday. They will contain links to videos of K.I. shlihei tzibbur singing prayers that will be left out of the abbreviated services. We hope to include a few surprises as well.

■ **If you crave insight**, please also watch for that same email. We will be sending out my sermons, the president's address and lay divrei torah a couple of days before the holiday. Seekers of wisdom might also attend "Prepare Your Soul" classes in late August and early September after evening davening. Facilitated by the rabbi, these Zoom sessions include opportunities for focused Torah study, personal reflection and soulful conversation.

■ **If you are looking for programming for family and children**, please attend (in person or via livestream) special services on the afternoon of the second day of Rosh Hashana—including shofar and tashlich (September 20) - and on Yom Kippur morning.

■ **Yizkor**, for many an especially meaningful part of the season, will take place on Zoom on Sunday morning, September 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m. We have moved Yizkor to Zoom to protect our health. It's difficult, but not a total loss—the technology will also allow us to take a creative and interactive approach to the memorial prayers.

Judith, Joseph, Ari, and Shira join me in wishing everyone L'shana tova umetuka, a good and sweet new year.

For the full schedule of Rosh Hashana Services & Candle Lighting including instructions for ZOOM & LIVESTREAM turn to pages 4 & 5

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September Holiday Service Schedule

ZOOM & LIVESTREAM Service & Candle Lighting Schedule Including Selihot, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur • ELUL 5781 / September 2020

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Ktivah
v'chatima
Tova

Friday, September 11

Kabbalat Shabbat (ZOOM ID 241-400-252) 5:45 PM
Candle Lighting no later than 6:50 PM

Saturday, September 12

Bat Mitzvah of Parker Wright & Selihot

Shaharit (LIVESTREAM) 9:30 AM
Maariv/Havdala/ Selihot (ZOOM ID 556-224-391) 8:15 PM
Havdala no earlier than 7:49 PM

Sunday, September 13

Shaharit (LIVESTREAM) 8:45 AM
Cemetery Memorial Service (KI Cemetery & LIVESTREAM)
..... 10:15 AM

Tuesday, September 15

Maariv (ZOOM ID 934-910-554) 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 17

Maariv (ZOOM ID 934-910-554) 7:00 PM

Friday, September 18—Erev Rosh Hashana

Minha & Rosh Hashana Evening Service (LIVESTREAM)
..... 5:45 PM
Candle Lighting no later than 6:38 PM

Saturday, September 19—First Day of Rosh Hashana

Shaharit (LIVESTREAM) 8:30 AM
Torah Service (LIVESTREAM) approximately 9:15 AM
The shofar is not sounded on Shabbat
Candle Lighting no earlier than 7:37 PM

Sunday, September 20—Second Day of Rosh Hashana

Shaharit (LIVESTREAM) 8:30 AM
Torah Service/Shofar (LIVESTREAM) approx. 9:15 AM
Family Service with shofar (LIVESTREAM) 3:00 PM
Tashlikh (meet at K.I. then to Pomeroy Avenue Bridge)
..... 4:15 PM
Havdala no earlier than 7:35 PM

Tuesday, September 22

Maariv (ZOOM ID 934-910-554) 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 24

Maariv (ZOOM ID 934-910-554) 7:00 PM

Friday, September 25

Kabbalat Shabbat (LIVESTREAM) 5:45 PM
Candle Lighting no later than 6:25 PM

Saturday, September 26—Shabbat Shuvah

Shaharit (LIVESTREAM) 9:30 AM
Hebrew School as usual 8:40 AM-noon
Havdala no earlier than 7:24 PM

Sunday, September 27—Erev Yom Kippur

Shaharit (LIVESTREAM) 8:45 AM
Yizkor for Yom Kippur (ZOOM TBA*) 10:30 AM
Kol Nidre and Maariv (LIVESTREAM) 6:15 PM
Candle Lighting/Fast Begins no later than 6:22 PM

Monday, September 28—Yom Kippur

Family Service (LIVESTREAM) 9:00-10:30 AM
Shaharit (LIVESTREAM) 11:15 AM
Torah Service (LIVESTREAM) after 12:15 PM
Minha (LIVESTREAM) 4:30 PM
Neila (LIVESTREAM) 5:55 PM
Tekiah Gedolah/Maariv/Havdala (LIVESTREAM) 7:20 PM

* YIZKOR

NOTE: Yizkor is Sunday Sept. 27 at 10:30 AM

The Zoom ID# for Yizkor for Yom Kippur will be announced in early September. We will use every avenue available to us at the time to get the ID# out to you.

Kaddish

We encourage people who are looking to say kaddish to:

- (a) watch a Livestream service and say kaddish along with the assembled minyan that can be seen and heard onscreen.
- (b) participate in our Zoom services—Sunday morning or Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday evenings on a day close the Yahrzeit—and say kaddish.

September Calendar / ZOOM & Livestream instructions

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING AUGUST:

Friday, August 21 7:26 PM
 Friday, August 28 7:15 PM

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING SEPTEMBER:

Friday, September 4, 7:03 PM
 Friday, September 11 6:51 PM
 Friday (Eve of 1st Day of Rosh Hashana)
 September 18 6:38 PM
 Shabbat (1st Day of Rosh Hashana)
 September 19 7:36 PM
 Friday, September 25 6:26 PM
 Sunday (Erev Yom Kippur)
 September 27 6:22 PM

**TURNING YOUR HOME INTO
A SACRED SPACE**

*The article on page 12 of this KOL K.I.
has additional suggestions to make
the experience of Zoom and
Livestream more meaningful.*

SERVICES UNTIL ROSH HASHANA

- **Sunday**
Morning Minyan 8:45 AM
LIVESTREAM
- **Tuesday**
Meditation 8:30 AM
ZOOM ID 232-966-596
- Davening** 7:00 PM
ZOOM ID 934-910-554
- **Thursday**
Davening 7:00 PM
ZOOM ID 934-910-554
- **Friday**
Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 PM
ZOOM ID 241-400-252
Note: Friday evening Zoom ends
September, 11; Livestreaming
begins September 18
- **Saturday**
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 AM
LIVESTREAM

K.I. ANNUAL MEETING
Wed., August 19 • 7:30 PM
 watch for ZOOM ID in E-News

CLASSES

- **PREPARE YOUR SOUL**
 Tuesday, August 25 and
 Tuesday, September 8
 after the 7 PM Zoom Davening
 (see service listing to left)
ZOOM ID: 934-910-554
 and Saturday, September 12
 in conjunction with 8 PM
 Havdala & Selihot
ZOOM ID 556-224-391
 Introspection during the month of
 Elul prepares us for Rosh Hashana and
 Yom Kippur. Facilitated by the rabbi,
 these Zoom classes include opportu-
 nities for focused Torah study, person-
 al reflection and soulful conversation.

- **TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK
with Myrna Hammerling**
 Tuesdays 10:30 AM

Study the Torah Portion of the Week
 through the lens of scholars and
 commentaries Myrna Hammerling
 continues her insightful approaches
 to seeking wisdom for our own day
 from these ancient stories and laws.
 Try it! You may really like it!!

ZOOM ID: 851-6320-8966

- **TOGETHER AND APART:
Rabbi's Adult Education Class**
 Thursdays 10:45 AM-Noon
 August 20 & 27
 September 3 & 10
ZOOM ID: 863-269-457

- **MEDITATION**
 Tuesday Mornings 8:30 AM
ZOOM ID: 232-966-596

**Knesset Israel will make every effort to keep ZOOM numbers consistent.
 We will communicate any changes in the weekly K.I. E-News email.
 Please visit our website calendar and K.I.'s new COVID-19 Response" page.**

During August and September, the majority of our members and visitors will participate in Knesset Israel services, classes, and programming through their computers and devices (Zoom & Livestreaming). • Some services, classes, and programming will take place by livestream from the K.I. sanctuary. A few people, through advance arrangement only, will gather in person in the sanctuary. To access these livestream events, see directions below.

HOW TO ZOOM

1. Go to Zoom.us at the announced time.
 2. Click "join a meeting"
 3. Enter the Zoom ID number
4. If asked, give Zoom permission to use your camera and microphone.

HOW TO LIVESTREAM

- Go to knessetisrael.org/livestream at the announced time.
- You may need to press the "play" button that appears onscreen.
- On that page you will find suggestions to improve your experience.
 - Watch and sing along.

Rosh Hashana

Turning Your Home into a Sacred Space —by Cantor Matt Axelrod

They will make me a sanctuary and I will dwell among them וְעָשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְּתוֹכָם

For months now, we've all become accustomed to working from home—it's gone more smoothly for some than for others. Social media has been replete with work-from-home fails: toddlers barging in on important calls, dogs and landscapers disrupting meetings with intrusive background noise, and even partially clad family members being caught on camera.

What we haven't heard nearly as much about is praying from home. With synagogues shuttered, congregants have had to avail themselves of the various live feeds, streaming, and Zoom services that their temples have created. Furthermore, the pandemic and its continuing restrictions have forced us to begin planning extensively for the High Holidays considerably earlier than usual.

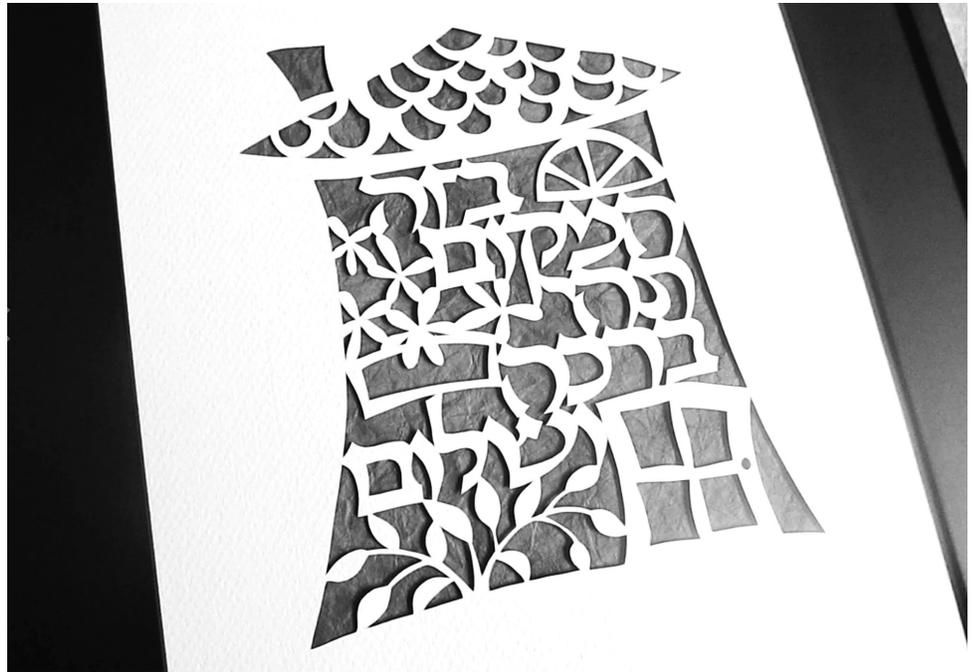
Be assured that your synagogue—wherever you belong—has already been thinking, planning, strategizing, and agonizing over what High Holiday services are going to look like this fall.

Have you been planning as well?

Setting up a laptop on the kitchen counter and “playing” Friday night services may be just fine for you. You can listen to the cantor, hum along with the familiar tunes, hear what the rabbi has to say—all while cleaning up after dinner and loading the dishwasher. Sometimes praying from home is just as convenient as working from home.

But wouldn't you agree that your High Holiday experience should be a little more meaningful? Assuming that you will be participating virtually in services this year, what will that look like in your house?

For however long services last, you need to transform some place in your home



"Let this home be filled with blessing and peace" from Birkhat Habayit. Papercut artwork available at hebrica judaica and miscellanica—bit.ly/2CLNscG

into a makom kadosh—a holy place. Here are some ways that you can accomplish that:

The Space

Find somewhere in your house that's spacious enough for everyone to sit comfortably and see the computer. Even better—and well within most people's technical capability—connect your computer to your big screen TV so you aren't all crowding around a small monitor.

Most sanctuaries in North America are situated so that people face east when they pray—towards Jerusalem. Do you know which direction east is when you're sitting in your designated prayer space? [I always ask this when I lead a shiva minyan in someone's home, and surprisingly, many do not.] If it's possible, try to face east when you participate in services.

Otherwise, it's nice if you at least know where it is.

Participate

Take it from me: it's awkward and foreign to sing at a computer screen. (I did get used to it quickly.) You may very well find it strange to sing along as the cantor sings a congregational melody when all you hear is your lone voice. Try anyway. Respond 'Amen' when appropriate. Stand up and be seated at the usual times. Put on a tallit and kippah, and otherwise engage in all the usual choreography of the service.

Just as you would come to shul with your family, make sure that everyone is present in your newly created worship space. I predict that your kids are less inhibited than you are to sing out loud and participate in front of the screen.

Rosh Hashana

Hold The Book

Remember all those books—various Siddurim and Chumashim—that your children were presented from temple over the years? Every Hebrew school class graduation, bar mitzvah, or other important life cycle event was marked by another book, which the rabbi somberly handed over with the words, "...and here's a book from the board of trustees that I know you'll enjoy reading." You dutifully put them on the bookshelf and there they have sat for years gathering dust.

This is their (and your) big day! During your virtual service, pull those tomes off the shelf and hold the Siddur or Machzor in your hand. There are also numerous resources and options available to download electronic versions of the Machzor. During the Torah reading, turn or scroll to the appropriate page in the Chumash. Follow along with the davening. Read the texts and the translations. Seek out interesting and provocative readings—perhaps online—before services begin so you can enhance your synagogue's service with your own insights. Don't be a passive viewer. Be an active worshipper.

Get Dressed

Months of nothing but Zoom meetings have required all of us to make sure that we look professional on screen—from the waist up. For High Holiday services, wear pants! You can probably do just fine without the usual formal and uncomfortable suit and dress, but don't attend services in jeans or sweats even though you might be sitting on your den couch. Before you hear a single word of prayer, being dressed a certain way will begin the process of transforming your home into a personal sanctuary.

Be On Time

In the old days (that is, 2019), all congregants arrived at shul at various times throughout the service, stayed for however long, and then left. Then there were

always the diehards who were in their seats before the rabbi and cantor even began the service, and wouldn't think of leaving before the 5 1/2 or 6 hour service was over.

I imagine that most synagogues will be abbreviating their virtual High Holiday services considerably. It's simply not realistic to expect someone to remain engaged and attentive for over 5 hours in front of a computer screen. So if services end up lasting closer to 2 or 3 hours, make every effort to tune in for the whole time. Those few hours will contain the most recognizable and significant portions of the service.

Be Open

Sitting in the sanctuary for High Holiday services last year, no one could have ever imagined that this would be the way we'd usher in the year 5781. While it may not be what we want, it's what we have. Take advantage of these unusual circumstances to experience something new. Sitting in your den, surrounded by family and all of your familiar possessions—the message of Unetaneh Tokef about the fragility of life and our tenuous mortality may take on a whole new meaning. This is a unique opportunity to understand and appreciate the liturgy and message of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur differently than you ever have.

This year, you may not have to face the crowds or remember to bring your tickets, but you should still prepare to transform your home into a sacred place of holiness.

Cantor Matt Axelrod has served Congregation Beth Israel of Scotch Plains, NJ since 1990. He is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and a national officer of the Cantors Assembly. Cantor Axelrod is the author of Surviving Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah: The Ultimate Insider's Guide, and Your Guide to and Your Guide to the Jewish Holidays: From Shofar to Seder.

Tzedaka Ideas

These are just a few of the ways you can reach out to help others:

Feed the Hungry

Donate to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for the South Congregational Church Food Pantry. Donate online at knesetisrael.org, or send a check to Kneset Israel. Please designate this in the memo line.

Federation's COVID-19 Fund

The Jewish Federation of the Berkshires has organized a Covid-19 Relief & Recovery Fund. For more information, about assistance, or to donate visit jewishberkshires.org/covid19.

Make Food Deliveries

Working with Berkshire Bridges Working Cities and Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity, members of the K.I. Social Justice Committee are currently distributing food cartons to families in Pittsfield. See back cover of this KOL K.I.!

K.I. Cares

Volunteers phone other members of the community who are in need of a sincere a connection, and also help congregants who are experiencing illness. Contact Fran Wolk at fwolk@att.net.

Donate to Kneset Israel

Supporting our synagogue financially through this pandemic is important for all who are able to do so. These gifts are the foundation of all that K.I. offers, including unforsaken expenses. Donate to a Fund or Endowment in honor or memory of family, friends, and occasions. These donations sustain us all.

From the President

Moving Forward

Members and committees maintain Knesset Israel's mission



Richard Simons

We may not be gathering together in the manner in which we previously did, but K.I. continues to move forward!

Our dedicated Budget and Finance committee has been meeting to work out the challenges COVID-19 has imposed upon our finances. The Berkshire Jewish Film Festival has inaugurated its first virtual festival and is in the process of raising funds for our Hebrew School. The Ad-Hoc Working Committee, in conjunction with Rabbi Weiner has been planning, tweaking and revising our in-person Shabbat worship along with the livestream. Our Social Justice Committee has directed funds to the South Congregational Church food pantry and provided volunteer power delivering meals

to those in our community who need it.

Plans are underway to make High Holiday services available to all those who wish to attend. In short, though we're not seeing everyone in person, we are working together to insure our vitality.

The K.I. Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 19 at 7:30 p.m. by Zoom. We hope you will all "Zoom in" so that you can hear how things are going.

I hope each one of you is managing all of these changes.

For the time being, please do not call the K.I. office and leave messages. They will not be retrieved in a timely manner. Instead, email office@knessetisrael.org as this is currently the best way to communicate.

Please comply with United Synagogue standards, and refrain from conducting synagogue business, via email, text, and/or phone calls on Shabbat or holidays. Thank you.



"Shanah tovah um'tukah," ... "May you have a good and sweet new year."

"Shanah tovah," ... "A good year"

"L'shanah tovah tikateivu v'teichateimu" ... "A good year, and may you be inscribed and sealed (for blessing in the Book of Life)."

POSSIBLE BULLETIN DELIVERY DELAYS

We have been informed by the USPS that non-profit mailings can be delayed, as priority is being given to packages & first class mail. To insure you get K.I. information in a timely manner, we encourage you to read it online. You can even download and print it out.

Hopefully mail delivery will return to normal soon.

You can access current and past bulletins at knessetisrael.org/kol-ki

Prayers for Healing

Each week, any congregant may submit names for the prayer for healing on Friday evening via Zoom chat.

For Shabbat morning, submit names in advance to Diana at office@knessetisrael.org

Knesset Israel Statement of Purpose

Welcome.

We are here to nourish mind, heart, and soul.

We are here to inspire through word and deed.

We are here to accompany each other on life's journey.

We are here to celebrate in community.

We are here to bring life to the wisdom and values of Torah.

We are here to transform our world.

הינני איכה הנני

Our best response.

God's first call to human beings.

Hineni Ayeka
Here I am. Where are you?

Rosh Hashana

Tashlich, the Symbolic Casting Off of Sins

A short history of this Rosh Hashanah ritual

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Jews traditionally proceed to a body of running water, preferably one containing fish, and symbolically cast off their sins. The Tashlich ceremony includes reading the source passage for the practice, the last verses from the prophet Micah (7:19), "He will take us back in love; He will cover up our iniquities. You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."

Selections from Psalms, particularly Psalm 118 and Psalm 130, along with supplications and a kabbalistic prayer hoping God will treat Israel with mercy, are parts of Tashlich in various communities.



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The custom developed around the 13th century and became widespread despite objections from rabbis who feared superstitious people would believe that tashlich, rather than the concerted effort of teshuvah, had the power to change their lives. Religious leaders were particularly opposed to the practice of tossing bread crumbs, representing sins, into the water, and even shaking one's garments to loosen any evil clinging to them was discouraged.

Superstitious rites most likely did influence ceremony. Primitive people believed that the best way to win favor from evil spirits living in waterways was to give them gifts. Some peoples, including the Babylonian Jews, sent "sin-filled" containers out into the water. (The Talmud describes the practice of growing beans or peas for two or three weeks prior to the new year in a woven basket for each child in a family. In an early variation of the Yom Kippur kaparot ritual, the basket, repre-

senting the child, was swung around the head seven times and then flung into the water.) Kurdistan Jews threw themselves into the water and swam around to be cleansed of their sins.

To make the practice symbolic rather than superstitious, the rabbis gave it ethical meaning. Through Midrash, they connected the water with the Akedah, the binding of Isaac. When Abraham was on his way to sacrifice Isaac, they said, Satan (which could be understood as the voice inside Abraham telling him not to kill his beloved son) tried to stop him. When Abraham refused to heed his voice, Satan became a raging river blocking Abraham's way. Abraham proceeded nevertheless. When the water reached his neck and he called out for God's help, the waters immediately subsided.

Water was also seen as symbolic of the creation of the world and of all life. Kings of Israel were crowned near springs, sug-

gesting continuity, like the King of Kings' unending sovereignty. Since the prophets Ezekiel and Daniel each received revelation near a body of water, it was seen as a place to find God's presence. As the element of purification, water also represents the opportunity to cleanse the body and soul and take a new course in our lives. (Later rabbis continued to protest against the ritual, on grounds that it encouraged new sins by creating a social situation where people could gossip and men and women mingle, as Isaac Bashevis Singer's story "Tashlich" illustrates.)

Although the rabbis preferred that Tashlich be done at a body of water containing fish (man cannot escape God's judgment

any more than fish can escape being caught in a net; we are just as likely to be ensnared and trapped at any moment as is a fish), since this is, after all, a symbolic ceremony, any body of water will do, even water running out of a hose or a faucet.

If the first day of Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat, Ashkenazi Jews do Tashlich on the second day (so as not to carry prayer books to the water, which would violate Sabbath laws). Sephardic Jews perform the ritual even on the Sabbath [as do a number of liberal Jews]. The ceremony can take place any time during the holiday season through Hoshanah Rabbah at the end of Sukkot.

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Knesset Israel Awarded Massachusetts Security Grant

Monies will allow urgently needed improvements

Knesset Israel has been awarded a Massachusetts financial grant for security improvements to our building. In April, K.I. received notification that our application to the 2020 Commonwealth Non-Profit Security Grant Program had been approved in the amount of \$28,917.

Over this past winter, Lewis Schiller of the K.I. Security Committee, with help from Ed Udel, Don Sugarman, and Richie Simons, submitted an application for this new state program. The initiative was open to houses of worship and other non-profits, located outside of the Boston metro area, that might be at risk of attack or other hate crimes. Knesset Israel is one of only three organizations in the Berkshires who qualified. Of the over 200 groups that applied, 65 were awarded a total of \$1.5M.

Improvements will include major upgrades to doors and windows at the main entry, additional CCTV cameras, security lighting, and custom door security hardware. Work has begun and will be complete prior to the High Holidays. This continues efforts by the K.I. Security Committee over the past three years to improve building security, safety, and emergency provisions. Anyone with questions or suggestions can contact the Committee at security@knessetisrael.org

Thanks to Adam Hinds and Tricia Farley Bouvier who wrote letters of recommendation supporting our application.

So Cool

New air conditioning and heating units in place

Work was completed this past September on K.I.'s new air conditioning and heating units which serve the sanctuary, social hall, and library. The old units had reached the end of their life and the heating portion of the social hall unit was no longer functional. These new rooftop units (RTU's) are more energy efficient than the old ones. The project cost was approximately \$108,000. In addition, the units will help control the humidity in the sanctuary to reduce stress, and wear and tear on the Torahs and woodwork.

The engineering design was provided by EDM Architect and Engineers, who also oversaw the sanctuary renewal back in 2016. The equipment was furnished and installed by M&W Heating. Both are Pittsfield firms.

Don Sugarman, VP for K.I. Facilities, was assisted by members Joel Less and Lewis Schiller in overseeing this project. The committee wanted to be certain that our building would have adequate cooling for services this summer. Although the pandemic has delayed the congregations appreciation of these improvements, they will be in place when we can finally gather again. Both Don and Chris Goetze are currently working with the installer and manufacturer to determine the best filters and operation to improve indoor air quality and reduce airborne COVID-19 contaminants when we reopen.

We Need Seven Headstones!

2020 Cemetery Headstone Cleaning

The K.I. Cemetery Committee is pleased to facilitate discounted headstone cleanings. Sign up NOW, and you will receive a billing notice when we have our minimum of 25 headstones needed to secure the discounted price of per monument is \$65. We currently have 18 headstones on our list, so we only need 7 more!



If you have questions, please email Don Sugarman at cemetery@knessetisrael.org. Please email Diana in the office at office@knessetisrael.org with the name(s) on the monument(s) you would like to have cleaned.

A Jewish Blessing for Everything

This one's for masks. . .

Thank you to Rabbi Valerie Cohen for sharing this beautiful blessing by Rabbi Michael Knopf for putting on a mask. Indeed, this is a sacred obligation. • Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu al shmirat hanefesh. • Blessed are You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, who has sanctified us with commandments, and commanded us to protect life.

Of Interest

Tzava'ot—Ethical Wills

K.I. Rosh Chodesh to sponsor program about this ancient Jewish custom

Ethical wills, sometimes called spiritual or legacy letters, are resources Jews have used for centuries to articulate and pass on deeply held values and beliefs. Historically, they were letters written by parents to children; today they often address a wider circle of friends and family, and can come in audio, video, or other creative formats. Whichever format you choose, your ethical will can share your moral legacy, including stories, life lessons, and blessings for the future with those who are important to you.

There are many reasons one chooses to write an ethical will: to reflect on how we have lived and how we wish to live; to give and to ask for love; to pass on what we don't want forgotten; to forgive and to be forgiven; to remember and to be remembered; and to leave behind something personal and distinctive for friends and family.

The objectives of the program are to help you acquire general knowledge about ethical wills; receive support to reflect on your life and shape a "telling" of your reflections to share with others as you wish; to help you feel empowered to give voice to your values and articulate their transmission; to motivate you to begin the process of creating an ethical



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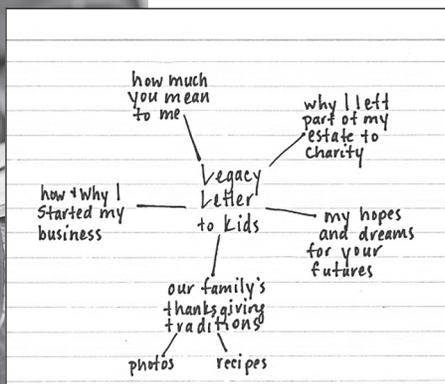
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will and to have a group context to share your initial work.

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Every year during Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur our sanctuary is filled to overflowing. And yet, the holiday that inspires such high attendance, begins with a ceremony that attracts a very small crowd.

Scheduled for the Sunday before Rosh Hashana, the Cemetery Memorial Service is a time to honor and reflect on the life and influence that loved ones have had on our lives.

Rabbi Weiner leads a brief, but meaningful service with prayers and poems from the pamphlet "Memorial Prayers at the Cemetery... Personal Meditations and Community Memorial Service".

At one point in the service, the rabbi invites each person in attendance, if they so choose, to say aloud the names of their loved ones who have died. There is nothing more moving than hearing these names called out in community.

After the service, the rabbi is available for prayers at individual graves.

This is a truly special service, where everyone—young and old—can live out the Knesset Israel promise to "learn. inspire. grow. together."

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Spotlight On

Joseph Weiner

A passion for music. . . and hamantashen!—by Phil Coleman

Joe, welcome to my column this month. It's really great to have you. We've watched you grow into a fine young man, and a very musical one at that! What kind of music are you listening to these days?

Joe: Thank you for having me! I mostly listen to orchestral pieces that I can play along with on piano or a drum pad, and also Australian 70s rock. AC/DC is my personal favorite, although anything on Triple M is good to listen to. Triple M is a great Australian rock radio channel that I like.

Where are you studying and who are your teachers? Are you in any groups or bands?

Joe: I am currently studying jazz piano with Dave Bartley, and percussion with the school district. I also happen to play percussion and piano for the middle school's concerts for my time there, though I am currently not playing in any band due to the situation with COVID-19.

I understand jazz piano, mallet percussion, and singing are some of your interests. Tell me a little bit about those.

Joe: Jazz piano is basically the way I relax without actually relaxing. Considering most of it is thinking less about what you're doing and more about what you're going to do in the next bar, it is a great way to end a long day. The auxiliary (mallet and tympani) percussion is the bulk of what I play for the school, as



Joseph Weiner

I am able to sight-read sheet music for mallet percussion. The timpani is a little bit harder to play, though I am starting to get in control of the tuning pedals. Singing is less of a passion than the other two, though I enjoy serving the community. Leading services at K.I. is one of the ways to do that.

Growing up around the synagogue and being deeply involved in our services, you must have a strong interest in

Jewish music and liturgy. We are especially proud to see your service leading skills develop. What are some of your memories or favorite parts of your 11 years of involvement at K.I.?

Joe: My favorite memory from my time at K.I. has to be baking hamantashen every Purim for the congregation! Yom Kippur services are a close contender, however.

What can K.I. do to stimulate both our young people and the general congregation, in the areas of music, musical service participation, and service leading that we may not be doing now?

Joe: Teaching variations in how to lead a service would probably work for the better. I have found that as I learned new melodies from the Rabbi over the last few months, my davening skills have increased dramatically. It might also benefit the congregation to teach more people festival services.

You're off to a great start. Do you see a future for yourself in music or in some form of Jewish leadership?

Joe: Unfortunately, I do not see music becoming more than a side hobby of mine. I do plan on continuing to evolve my music skills, and maybe I will go into music after all. It's just too early to tell.

It was great having a chance to feature you Joe!

A Jewish Blessing for Everything—*This one's for beauty*

The Shulchan Aruch states that one should recite a blessing when seeing a beautiful tree, animal or human. The text is: Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, she kacha loh b'olamoh. Blessed are You, LORD, our God, King of the Universe, who has such things in his world.

Jewish Book Council Recommends Reads

Not only is summer at ime when many of us like to relax through reading, but with the current pandemic we may also find ourselves with some extra down time.

Miri Pomerantz Dauber, Director, Jewish Book Council Book Clubs, provides the following suggestions, some of which were recognized with Jewish Book Council awards. The 2020 Jewish Book Award recipients will be announced on January 12, 2021.

Fiction

- Hannah's War*..... by Jan Eliasberg
- On Division* by Goldie Goldberg
- The World That We Knew*by Alice Hoffman (2019 JBC Book Club Award)
- A Bend in the Stars*by Rachel Barenbaum
- The Last Watchman of Old Cairo*by Michael David Lukas (2018 JJ Greenberg Memorial Award)
- Fly Already* by Etgar Keret (2019 JBC fiction award)
- The Book of V.*by Anna Solomon
- The Lost Shtetl*..... by Max Gross

Non Fiction

- The Art of Leaving: A Memoir* by Ayelet Tzabari
- America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times Until Today* by Pamela Nadell (2019 JBC Jewish Book of the Year/Everett Family Foundation)
- The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed Race Jewish Girl*..... by Marra Gad
- The Seventh Heaven: Travels Through Jewish Latin America*..... by Ilan Stavans
- The Sacred Exchange: Creating a Jewish Money Ethic*..... by Mary Zamore
- Wandering Dixie: Dispatches from the Lost Jewish South* by Sue Eisenfeld
- #QuietingTheSilence: Personal Stories*..... by The Blue Dove Foundation

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Nathan Kaplan
Minnie Cohen
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Marvin Gersh

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the Torah commands us no less than
169 times to remember.

—Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

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Edith A. Reder
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Rose Dworkin Silver
Miriam Samuels
Judith Lipschutz
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Nathan Bookless
Chaim Goldin
Mae Fuhrman
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Gertrude Moskowitz
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Abraham Pincus
Edith Zuckerman Evans
Charles Louis Klein
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Lawrence E. Selkowitz
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George Lober
Liba Rothenberg
Ida Soifer Dworkin
Joseph Klein
Spencer Norman Prose
Nathan Dworkin
Friedl Sturm
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Cong. B'Nai Abraham
Sandisfield

Mac Sturm
Eleanor Stern
Ralph Radsken
Howard Fishman
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Celia Linker
Rosalie Ginsberg
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Benjamin Shusterman
Jack Linker
Sarah Linker

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Kneset Israel volunteers continue to make weekly food deliveries to over 50 families in Pittsfield.

This an ongoing effort which began several months ago, involves picking up and delivering cartons of foods assembled by other volunteers at South Congregational Church and the Salvation Army.

Recipients are currently unemployed and do not have transportation to get to a food pantry.

More volunteer delivery people are needed. If you can help, please contact Nancy Cook at splynter100@gmail.com

