

Kol Sholom

The Voice of Peace



August 2019 Tammuz – Av 5779

From the Temple President's Desk

Dear Congregants,

It has been approximately one year since I began as Board President. The challenges have been great, but the opportunities have been even greater. However, one of the biggest and most perplexing challenges has been how to address one of the principles as set forth by our founders of the United States, "E Pluribus Unum," meaning "out of many, one." Herein lies one of my greatest tasks, creating a strong sense of unity in our congregation without sacrificing individuality, personal belief, and conviction. It remains something of a mystery to me; how we are to achieve this goal and become more compassionate, understanding, and respectful of each other. It seems simple to say that we must nurture the desire we all possess to be better able to speak to each other; *but we must nurture the desire we possess to be better able to speak to each other.* My hope is that we become "one," as in E Pluribus Unum. In Hebrew, "Echad," is another term for God, "the oneness within us and around us, and before which all other numbers pale."

Cantor O'Desky told me that the Mishnah records statements and opinions that are not the ones followed. Why? Because it is a lesson not in argumentation, but in compromise and unity. The Mishnah records minority opinions to show that even great teachers change their mind when they are wrong.

We all must question what we, ourselves, can do to help provide stronger unity, and turn thought to deed. To quote Goethe, "Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it now."

I wish everyone a greater August and end with a paraphrase of an Oscar Wilde quote, "Please don't shoot the piano player. He is doing his best."

Best wishes,

Jim Shinder
President, Temple Rodef Sholom

Cantor's Corner

There is a guy who calls himself the Hebrew Nerd who has come up with a number of great reasons to learn Hebrew. My favorite, and maybe the most practical, is his #12 "Finally, you're getting somewhat tired of the shows on Netflix and you need something meaningful to do with your time." But, probably the most important is his #3, which reads, "If you participate in Jewish prayers and rituals, studying the Hebrew of the Bible will help you understand where the words came from and what they mean."

Hebrew is unusual...not so much in speaking, but in its history. After 2000 years of not being used as a "mother-tongue," it was revived into a modern, spoken language. The Hebrew Bible only contains 8,674 individual words. That is it. Of these, 2415 are proper names (think Moses, Isaiah, and Joe Shmo..., which, btw, is a Hebrew word). So, there are only 6259 words in the entire Torah although there are many variations of a word. In English, we would see child, children, child's as the same word so I am counting the same way in Hebrew. Either way, that is very few words compared to your every-day spoken language. Our liturgy is also very, very repetitive. Nu this and Nu that as in Eloheinu. Why NU? Nu...because it is taken from the word ANACHNU which means WE. So it becomes OUR as in this case, Our G-d. Avoteinu...Our Fathers.

So why am I telling you all this? Because very soon I am going to start, our "intro to reading Hebrew" class and I would like you there! No, you are not too old. We are going to stick with liturgical Hebrew... The Hebrew you say when you recite the Shema, V'ahavta, or V'Shamru. You will learn to spot the roots, usually 3 letters, which make up most of the words and figure out the meaning from there. And, you know I will not be boring. Stay tuned for more information. And, it answers the most important question "is it good for the Jews?" For the Jews of Rodef Sholom...absolutely.

Please consider making a donation to the Temple

It is a wonderful way to:

- Mark a *simchah* (happy occasion)
- Honor someone's memory
- Wish someone a speedy recovery
- Express Gratitude

Donations

- There was a donation to the Security Fund to honor graduate Gretchen Englander.
- There was a donation to the Security Fund in memory of Bernd Hirsch.
- There was a donation to the Building Fund in memory of Elaine Silverberg.
- There was a donation to the Building Fund in memory of Bernd Hirsch
- There were multiple donations made to the General Fund in memory of Bernd Hirsch.
- There were multiple donations made to the General Fund in memory of David & Rose (Jacobson) Chozick

“Friends & Family” Supper



Please join us August 9, at 6:00 PM for a Pancake Supper with at least 15 different toppings. A \$5.00 donation per person is requested. Please let the Temple office or Susan Shinder know whether or not you will be attending. (This will save on phone calls.)

Mark your Calendar

Festival of Faiths

Date: Sunday, September 15

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Place: Providence Health Center Pavilion
6901 Medical Parkway, Waco





August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 6:30 PM Pre-Neg hosted by Nora Householder 7:00 PM Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 6:00 PM Friends & Family" Pancake Supper 7:00 PM Shabbat Service led by Ellan Burke	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 6:30 PM Pre-Oneg hosted by Eleanor Levy 7:00 PM Shabbat Service led by David Jortner	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 6:30 PM Pre-Oneg hosted by Patty Knighten 7:00 PM Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky	24 9:00 AM Torah Study
25	26	27	28	29	30 6:30 PM Pre-Oneg hosted by Barbara Kirstein 7:00 PM Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky	31

HIGH HOLY DAYS



High Holy Days Service Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, September 29

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service – Monday, September 30

Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidrei Service – Tuesday, October 8

Yom Kippur Services – Wednesday, October 9

Yom Kippur – Yizkor

During the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur afternoon, the memorial list of names will be read from the pulpit. If there are any names you would like to have read, please fill out the form below. Names of loved ones on the Memorial Wall will be placed on the Yizkor list, as always.

Please return this form to the Temple no later than **Monday, September 30**, so that we have enough time to complete our memorial list.

I would like to have the following recalled by name from the pulpit during the Memorial Service (Yizkor) on Yom Kippur.

(Please print names clearly.)

I am enclosing a donation of \$ _____

Name: _____

UPCOMING YAHRZEITS



Yahrzeits

July 27 – August 2, to be read on July 26

Joe Ellis	Sam Segal	Sue Mellin	Rudolph Genecov
Kate Kahan	Jacob Gandler	Virginia Bounds	

August 3 – August 9, to be read on August 2

Bessie Davidson	Susan Schwartz	Harry Wood, Sr.	Dr. Stanley Block
Jack Kahn	Anne Silensky	Sadie Schwartz	David Cinnamon
Lillian Collins			

August 10 – August 16, to be read on August 9

Jake Lutzer	Elva Levy	Libbie Davidson	Minnie Wood
Sadie Silvers	Ann Cohen	Hattie Levy	Neva Moon
Morris Schechter	Jacob Naman		

August 17 – August 23, to be read on August 16

Minette Wood	Dr. Louis Roddy	Mace Pollon	Miriam Mellin
Louis Fish			

August 24 – August 30, to be read on August 23

Charles Silver	Aubrey Sachs	Frank Handelman	Joy Hiller
Marthe Heyman	Lester Levy, Sr.	Nell Miller	Birdie Davidson
Eva Davidson	L.H. Goldstein		

August 31 – September 6, to be read on August 30

Zelik Woislowski	Melvin Adams	Norman Paule	Eli Sanger
Johanna Levy	Eva Kestner	Jennie Schwartz	George Schwartz
Louis Adams	Joseph Dannenbaum		



Simchas

Birthday

August 5

Lydia Hays

August 14

Alla Aksel

August 16

Steven Wessinger

August 22

Abby Sobel

August 25

Jennifer Sternberg Ricki Florsheim

August 26

Gabrielle Jortner

August 30

Talia Sternberg

Anniversary

August 6

Patricia & Jerry Knighten

August 11

Sara Jo and Louis Englander

August 16

Zdzislaw and Gretchen Wieckowski

August 29

Charlotte and Butch Labens

August 30

Eleanor and Frank Levy

August 31

Sheila and Loui Dobin

THE 2019-2020 ONEG LIST

Kabbalat Shabbat is a space in time for holiness, rest, and joy. The women who create our Onegs help create that space for us. If you have a question, ask in the office for the article *"Is Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat (or a Pre-Neg) at Temple Rodef Sholom New to You?"* If you are on a date that will not work for you, please call another woman on the list, and trade with her! If you do not cook, something from the local grocer is a great solution! If you still have a question, or if you are not on the list and you are willing to help, please call Suzan at 881-2131. Remember, it is not about eating, it is about JOY! You are not alone. If someone calls you to trade, please say "yes!" Make it work! We all have to say "yes" for this to work! Say "yes" to joy!

9-6-19 Betty Bauer
9-27-19 Alice Todd

9-13-19 Shauna Bauer

9-20-19 Jane Bounds

10-4-19 Elysse Englander
10-25-19 Cheri Gardner

10-11-19 Sara Englander

10-18-19 Ricki Florsheim

11-1-19 Abby Sobel
11-22-19 Nan Haber

11-8-19 Ellan Burke
11-29-19 Alice Todd

11-15-19 Sue Hanson

12-6-19 Tracie Hermann
12-27-19 Suzan Shinder

12-13-19 Yvonne Miller

12-20-19 Nora Householder

1-3-20 Dr. Karen Humphrey
1-24-20 Patty Knighten

1-10-20 Dr. Maura Jortner
1-31-20 Charlotte Labens

1-17-20 Martha Bauer

2-7-20 Suzan Shinder
2-28-20 Ashley McKeown

2-14-20 Gretchen Wiekowski

2-21-20 Gayle Marcuis

3-6-20 Eleanor Levy
3-27-20 Pat Segal

3-13-20 Rachel Martinez

3-20-20 Yvonne Miller

4-3-20 Meg Looney
4-24-20 Jane Bounds

4-10-20 Sue Shipp

4-17-20 Dr. Alla Aksel

5-1-20 Barbara Kirstein
5-22-20 Cindy Wood

5-8-20 Ellan Burke
5-29-20 Lydia Hayes

5-15-20 Lauren Wessinger



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