

SONS OF JACOB BULLETIN



Erev Yom Kippur -
Tuesday, October 4th
 7:00pm - Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur -
Wednesday, October 5th
 9:30am - Morning
 Service
 5:00pm - Afternoon
 Service
 7:00pm - Concluding
 Service
 Havdalah Service
 7:30pm - Break the Fast
 (catering from Olive Garden)

The SOJ office will be closed
on
Yom Kippur - Wed 10/5

Regular SOJ Office Hours:
Mon-Thur 11am-3pm

Results of the vote at the Special Congregational Meeting that took place on Sunday, September 18th:

At the Special Congregational Meeting that took place on Sunday, September 18th, the motion passed to approve the sale of our property to Living Stone Church.

- There were 20 members present that were eligible to vote on this motion. The final vote: 16 in favor of the motion, 2 against the motion, 2 abstained from the vote.

Some background information about Living Stone Church:

- They are a Pentecostal church established in the Republic of Congo and have been worshipping in a rental space since 2014.
- Congregational Leader, Patrice Keti, has indicated that they have attendance of around 100 people every Sunday and are honored to continue the rich heritage of the Jewish people.

Some information about the sale:

- The sale agreed upon is for \$625,000 on contract over an 18 month period. Closing date is March 31, 2023.
- All religious artifact including the cornerstone, signage, Ark doors, Ner Tamid, plaques and Yahrzeit boards will be taken with us.

The Board and Long Range Planning Committee in their process of finding a space for our new home and planning/packing for our move.

Services with Rabbi Kushner

Friday Services - 7:30pm
Saturday Services - 9:30am

Friday, August 26th
Saturday, August 27th

Friday, September 9th
Saturday, September 10th

Friday, October 28th
Saturday, October 29th

Friday, November 11th
Saturday, November 12th

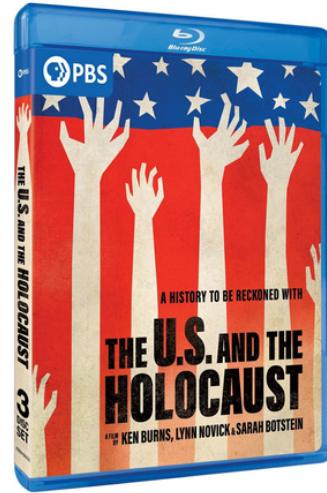
Friday, December 16th
Saturday, December 17th

Wednesday, March 8th
Purim Celebration

The U.S. and the Holocaust

A new documentary by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein

The U.S. and the Holocaust is a three-part, six hour series that examines America's response to one of the greatest humanitarian crises of the twentieth century. Americans consider themselves a "nation of immigrants," but as the catastrophe of the Holocaust unfolded in Europe, the United States proved unwilling to open its doors to more than a fraction of the hundreds of thousands of desperate people seeking refuge. Through riveting firsthand testimony of witnesses and survivors who as children endured persecution, violence and flight as their families tried to escape Hitler, this series delves deeply into the tragic human consequences of public indifference, bureaucratic red tape and restrictive quota laws in America. Did the nation fail to live up to its ideals? This is a history to be reckoned with.



This important documentary series is streaming on PBS :
<https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/us-and-the-holocaust/>

The Iowa PBS Schedule provides information on live broadcasts of The U.S. and the Holocaust :
<https://www.iowapbs.org/schedule>



There is a collection of items, located in Doran Hall.

These items are free to any members or friends that would like them. We will have them available until High Holidays are over.

Please feel free to grab items following upcoming services or to stop in anytime during regular office hours to take a look.

Yahrzeits

The yahrzeits of these beloved, departed relatives listed below should be observed on the Friday and Saturday of the week listed.

Sep 25 - Oct 1:

Martin Andrew Uze
Herb Dorfman
Michele Whitcelo
Sam Diamond
Jennie Sherman
Mordecai Zaidberg
Janet Goldberg
Anna Kramer
Marion Offman
Joe Cohen
Dorothy Lederman
Michael Ratute
Ida Goldberg
Jacob Rosenthal
Rose Tamres
Fred W Fredericksen

October 2 - 8:

Celia Unger
Simon Hurwich
Nate Zeiger
Kalli Corwin
Joseph B. Cohn
Miriam Dorfman
Nancy Weissman Sarles
Miriam Hurwich
Dov Baer Krupkin
Joseph Maidan
Jane Zucker
Lois Wolf
Ely Katz

October 9 -15:

Eli Cohn
Harry F Freedman
Ida Gefter
Selma Rosen
Rev. Beril Goldstein
Gerald Siegel
Rose Blindman
Julia Krensky
Polly Schlesinger
David Joseph Siegel

October 23 - 29:

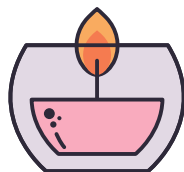
David Kushner
Ruth Blindman
Arron Goldner
Tillie S. Kronheim
Lucie M. Field
Kurt Wolf
Jacob Cohn
Sarah Rothstein
Sid Weissman

October 16 - 22:

Julius Levi
Renate Nadler
Mary Samberg
Marsha Zoe Slavin
Louis Spivack
Rose Cohn Unger
Benj Kramer
Jessie Diamond
Ben Gottner
Mary Kanofsky
Jacob Leizerowitz

Oct 30 - Nov 5:

Frances Blindman
Ben Barg
Max Leonard Alpern
Sol Algase
Charlotte Rosenthal
Frances Slivken
Jake Kanofsky
Ervin Myers
Ricka Wolf
Hnery Cutler



We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

EDELMAN, Jesse & Lisa -

Donation to the Building Fund, in memory of family

FINKELSTEIN, Judy - Donation to the Finkelstein Fund

In memory of Sylvia Finkelstein

HERRICK, Justin & Jacqui - Simcha plaque donation,

In honor of Haley Jo Herrick's Bat Mitzvah

In honor of Malachi David Herrick's Bar Mitzvah

IHELENFELDT, Ron -

High Holiday Donation

Donation in memory of son, Brian Ihlenfeldt

LEDERMAN, Ted, Renee & Debbie -

In memory of mother, Dorothy Lederman

In memory of grandmother, Bessie Lederman

NASHEL, Susan - Donation of High Holiday pulpit flowers,

In memory of parents, Frances & Harry Blindman

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Rabah*

Feed Bread to your Little Free Library

Recently I returned somewhat disappointed from Tashlikh, the annual ceremonial casting away of one's sins by tossing pieces of bread in a river or pond on Rosh ha Shanah. Otherwise, it could be a meaningful moment, however this year's Tashlikh seemed to me more like an afterthought. It's probably because I had already experienced a similar moment several weeks previous.

I had urgently needed to free up shelf space. There were several books that I could safely do without, as well as a number of corny bookmarks and well-meant gifted knickknacks. Especially the latter bothered me. I kept putting them from one place to another, trying to decide what to do with them. They weren't anything I particularly wanted to keep. I weighed them in my hand, wondering if I should just throw them away and be done with them. On the other hand, someone might find them really nice; they were not really waste basket fodder.

The saving thought came to me: put them in one of the many neighborhoods Little Free Library boxes, along with the books I wanted to discard. I had seen such small castaways before and had myself upon occasion rescued some that took my fancy. As the German saying goes: *gedacht, getan* (I thought of it, I did it). I bagged the small collection of unwanted items, trotted to the Little Free Library while on my jogging route, and nested them carefully beside the usual paperback novels and self-help books. Then I set out to continue my morning run.

The sudden, unexpected sense of relief that surged through me took me by surprise. I had released what I didn't need -- so to speak into the cosmic sphere -- and was no longer responsible for it. Had this "stuff" really been so burdensome? I wondered. The comparison with Tashlikh was immediate. We may put some bothersome things in our lives (let's call them "sins" or "useless habits" or "negative traits") from one place to another, wondering how to best be rid of them, and yet honor the good they might have once had before they really got out of control and in our way. Tashlikh is potentially a useful offering, and I now seriously consider doing this kind of personal pruning more than just once a year. It felt really enlivening.

A few weeks later, I succumbed to the temptation to jog by the library box and check to see what had happened to my "donations." Two books and most of the knickknacks were gone. Someone must have found favor with what I no longer needed. As we read in the High Holiday Machzor: "Just as fish eat our bread and what is cast away becomes nourishment, so we pray that even our sins will eventually be turned to good effect in the world."

I felt verified: Tasklikh, indeed.

B'vrachot, with blessings,
Rabbi Rebecca

JEWISH CONNECTIONS BOOK CLUB



The Jewish Connections Book Club meets once a month.
Please call or email the SOJ office if you are interested in joining.

SELECTED BOOKS FOR 2022-2023:

November 2022:

Peony: A Novel of China

By Pearl S Buck

1948 The John Day Company; Reprinted by Moyer Bell 2006

December 2022:

The Last Rose of Shanghai

By Weina Dai Randel

2021, Lake Union Publishing

January 2023:

Fear No Evil

By Natan Sharansky; Translated by Stefani Hoffman

1988, Random House

February 2023:

Davita's Harp

By Chaim Potok

1985, Random House/Ballantine; Reprinted 1996

March 2023:

A Little Girl is Dead

By Harry Golden

1965, Avon

April 2023: (Holocaust Selection)

The Warsaw Orphan: A WWII Novel

By Kelly Rimmer

2021, Graydon House

May 2023:

The Book of Sarah

By Sarah Lightman

2019, Myriad Editions New Internationalist

June 2023:

To Repair a Broken World: The Life of Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah

By Dvora Hachohen

2021, Harvard University Press