

SONS OF JACOB BULLETIN



Upcoming Services with Rabbi Kushner

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

5783 High Holiday Services
with Rabbi Ora Simon-Schnitzer

Rosh Hashanah - Monday, September 26th
9:30am - Morning Service
5:00pm - Tashlich Service

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

New SOJ Office/Admin Staff Hours:
Effective August 1st, 2022

Stephanie:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday -- 11am-3pm
Erin:
Tuesday & Wednesday -- 9am-3pm

BAT MITZVAH

Malachi Herrick

Friday, September 9th
&

Saturday, September 10th

A celebration will follow in the evening of
the 10th in Anamosa.
(time & venue yet to be determined)



Malachi Herrick, son of Justin and Jacqueline Herrick and brother of Mickala, Haley, Chavah, and Elijah will celebrate his status as Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat, September 9-10, 2022.

Malachi will be entering 8th grade in the fall. He both attends Anamosa Middle School and the Herrick Home School. His favorite subjects are math, science, and history. Malachi's favorite book series is *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*.

Malachi's hobbies include reading and doing puzzles. He has a special talent for solving a Rubik's cube. He enjoys the Marvel movies and soft rock, pop alternative music. His favorite quote is, "I tried being normal that got boring."

Once all details are finalized for his Bar Mitzvah celebration, more information will go out to the community.

Yahrzeits

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

Jul 31 - Aug 6:

Maurice Ritter
David Guralnik
Charles Tenenbaum
Beatrice Cooper
Louis Cooper
Alan Israel
Lena Lachman
Anne Wolfe
Sophia Cohn
Sarah Fish
Jack Meadow
Myer Toor

August 14 - 20:

Eva Buk Kazenelson
Abe Goldstein
Isaac Greenman
Ruth Alpern
Nettie Widerschein
Marion Krupkin
Edward Kramer
Joe Blot
Nathan Harris
Yitzchok Nathanson
Craig Zucker

Aug 28 - Sept 3:

Cathy Cohen
Dora Abrams
Abraham Poteshman
Phyllis Goldie Cohn
Jackie Sinykin
Maxine Cohn
Yale Kramer
Sarah Cohen
Irene Cohn
Ann Siegel Goldstein

August 7 -13:

Ezril Offman
Sarah Stone
Edward Kramer
Abraham Silber
DEvorah Lauter
Maurice Saiger
Sarah Blot
Louis Levine

August 21 - 27:

Frieda Epstein
Murray Zucker
Jean Cohn
Annie Uze



We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

FINKELSTEIN, Judy - In memory of beloved father-in-law, Isador Finkelstein

KRAMER, Barbara - In memory of husband, Yale A Kramer; his father, Mandel Kramer; his grandmother, Ida Kramer; and all of his Kramer aunts & uncles

LEDERMAN, Dan - In memory of mother, Barbara Lederman

LEDERMAN, David & Family - In honor of Leo Feldman and all of the hard work Leo has done for the synagogue

LEDERMAN, Jacob & Christina Family - In memory of mother, Barbara Lederman

LEVITON, Donna & Harvey - In memory of mother, Elizabeth Cohn

MACLACHLAN, Nancy & Robert - In memory of father, Frank Greenberg

MARGULIES, Rosemary & Jeffrey - In memory of Jay, Cornelia, and Alan Levi

NASHEL, Susan - In memory of grandfather, Frank Blindman

STICKFORT, Allen - General Fund Donation

TABACH, Barney & Barbara - In memory of aunt, Pauline Vidis

*Todah
Rabah*

Neither are you free

At first, I hadn't even heard the cries. Out for a brisk early morning walk, I was deeply focused on gulping in the sweetness of the earth's scent after rain. It took a moment for the voice to permeate the fog of my concentration. "Ow! Ow! Ouch! Ow!"

I located the voice as belonging to a man on the other side of the street, He was hobbling along on a cane, literally inching along the sidewalk. He winced and moaned with every crunching step he took, venting more to himself than to anyone in earshot. "Ow! Ow!" Every several moments he paused in his agonizingly slow progress. "Ouch! Ow!"

I darted across the street to him, stating the obvious: "You seem to be in a lot of pain!" He didn't answer right away, which gave me a chance to look at him somewhat closer. He was dressed in blue hospital scrubs, wore a small leather backpack; a hospital ID dangled from his neck. Perhaps a physician on his way to work? I wondered. Through pressed lips he finally replied: "Arthritis in my left hip."

I asked him if he was on the way to the hospital. "I work there," he replied, somewhat testily. Aha, I thought, I had guessed correctly. "Do you need a ride?" I asked, and offered to run home, get my car, and drive him where he needed to go.

He thought a moment, and his face showed that he seemed to wrestle with accepting my offer: it would have saved him an excruciatingly tiresome walk (he was still several long blocks from the hospital) and but perhaps he felt too proud to admit his weakness. Or maybe he had another issue entirely.

"Thank you, that's very kind of you." He voiced the result of his inner struggle. "But I'll just go slowly."

I didn't pressure him further, but reluctantly left him and his cries of pain behind, continuing my walk. A good half an hour later I passed the same place on my route home. I stopped some women walking their dogs and described the situation. Had they ever seen this man previously? "Never," they both agreed. "And we walk this way every day."

Strange, I thought. I had never seen him before either. I felt dissatisfied that there were too many loose ends in this encounter. There was no way to find out who he was or where he lived, and I wish I had been able to help him more. Then I thought of the words of Pirkei Avot: "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." While this thought wasn't completely satisfying, it did comfort me somewhat. While I didn't think that I had abandoned him, the encounter still nagged at me. Could I perhaps have done more? I felt I could only send a *refuah shelema*, a prayer for healing after him. Then it suddenly occurred to me that even medical science admits that people who are prayed for, even if they aren't aware of it, seem to heal quicker and more thoroughly.

I often think of him on my morning walks, and sincerely hope that others will be found to help complete the task, and to tie up as many loose ends as possible. Maybe I'll see him again.

L'shalom,
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:

September 2022:

House on Endless Waters: A Novel

By Emuna Elon; Translated by A Berris & L Yechiel
2020, Elon House

October 2022:

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

By Dvora Hacoen
2021, Harvard University Press

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