

SONS OF JACOB BULLETIN



Upcoming
Services
with
Rabbi Kushner

Purim
Celebration

Wednesday
March 8th



PRE-HANNUKAH POTLUCK

Friday, December 16th -
meal at 6:00pm
Short service to follow in
Doran Hall

Please bring a kosher dish to share.
This will be a dairy meal.



Regular Shabbat Service
with Rabbi Kushner
Saturday, December 17th
9:30am



A SPECTACULAR CHANUKAH CLASSICAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Wednesday, December 14 |

6:30 pm Eastern

Free for all

Register here - <https://streicker.nyc/current-season/chanukah>

Featuring GRAMMY winners Anthony Roth Costanzo and Angel Blue;
The Knights and the Brooklyn Youth Chorus
An Everlasting Light, a musical evening celebrating Chanukah,
conceived and sponsored by Dr. Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel

MAZEL
TOV!



Mazel Tov to Dr. Judy Finkelstein!

On Friday, November 4th, Judy (UNI class of 1968) received the prestigious 2022 Alumni Service Award at the University of Northern Iowa President's Distinguished Awards Celebration.

The Alumni Service Award recognizes those graduates who have shown long and continuous services to the University of Northern Iowa and to their communities.

She also supports Rod Library, the Regents' Early Childhood Center, Sturgis Youth Theatre and others. Judy is a member of the UNI Presidents Club and Legacy Society.

A SPECIAL PROGRAM
**JEWISH CENTERVILLE AT THE
TURN OF THE CENTURY**

Sunday, December 11, 2022
2 PM | via Zoom

Join the Iowa Jewish Historical Society as Rabbi Mark Sameth shares his newest research about Jewish Centerville at the Turn of the Century.



How and why did Jewish immigrants make their way to Iowa at the turn of the century? What was going on in southern Iowa that made Centerville so attractive?

These questions and more will be covered in the colorful presentation "Jewish Centerville at the Turn of the Century." Rarely seen photographs (including from the high school yearbook) and stories of life just before the arrival of the Jews combine for a stimulating presentation.

Rabbi Mark Sameth is the great-grandnephew of one of Iowa's first rabbis. Named "one of America's most inspiring rabbis" by *The Forward*, Rabbi Sameth is the author of *The Name: A History of the Dual-Gendered Hebrew Name for God*. Rabbi Sameth's essays and an excerpt from *The Name* may be found on his website rabbimarksameth.com.



Zoom link for IJHS event:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84804250965>

Sons of Jacob Members Participate in November 20, Interfaith Environmental Event

About 100 people attended the Cedar Valley Interfaith Council's event, Holy Change: An Intersection of Faith & Environmental Advocacy. Here are picture of Leo Feldman, Andrea Fratrick, Judy Finkelstein, and Naomi McCormick at the Sons of Jacob table, where they distributed Jewish literature on the environment, and a photograph of Naomi speaking on Jewish Perspectives on Climate Change. Naomi pointed out that leaders from most Jewish denominations have spoken out against pollution and climate change and are educating Jews to live sustainably and reduce consumption. Write to the synagogue if you would like a copy of Naomi's speech.



Yahrzeits

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

Nov 27 - Dec 3:

JSam Cohen
Jack Lachman
Minnie Cohen
Harold "Hal" Wohl
Ben Kramer
Jeanette Kushner
Ruth Ritter
Joseph Siegel
Sarah Goldstein
Jeffrey Levin
Sol Lipkin
Rebecca Feldman
Rosemary Greenberg
Phil Cohn
Alfred Rothschild
Harry Blindman

December 4 - 10:

Florence Targoff
Stanley Greenman
Isak Weissalc
Esther Klein Jacobs
Ida Nacht
Bas Sheva Ethel Siegel
Harry Hanchin
Osna Lazar
Ethel Whitebook
Phyllis Goldstein-Shatz
Harry F Blindman

December 25 -31:

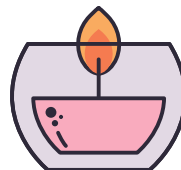
Nancy Unger
Sam Cohen
Jack Lachman
Minnie Cohen
Harold "Hal" Wohl
Ben Kramer
Jeanette Kushner
Ruth Ritter
Joseph Siegel
Sarah Goldsetin
Jeffrey Levin
Sol Lipkin
Rebecca Feldman

December 11-17:

Ethel McGlaughlin
Bruce Nadler
Morris Birenbaum
Louis Rosenthal
Yetta Diamond
Charlotte Gellerman
Sylvia Saiger
Sandra Arenson-Keller
Zanvil Rotman
Jeanette Friedman
Mel Wolf
Ida Golofsky
Sam Lipkin
Frank Steinberg

December 18-24:

Theresa Toor
Rabbi Sidney Goldstein
Dora Blot
Meyer Friedman
Ann Kramer
Sadie Berger
Morris Goldstein
Nechemia Raich
Elisabeth Kaplun
Bertha Chrenen
Kathleen Kerr
Marvin Jacobson
Lena Rosenbloom



We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

FELDMAN, Leo - Donation of Holocaust Plaque
In loving memory of William "Bill" Nie

GOLDNER, Doris
In memory of father, Aaron Goldner

HANSON, Phil -
Donation to the General Fund

JORAM, Elana & Family -
High Holiday donation

LEVIN, Mitchell -
Donation to the General Fund

PANDEY, Dr. Avi & Jill (Gellerman) -
In memory of parents, Herschel & Charlotte Gellerman

Homesickness is Incurable

I recently drove past my childhood home again. I don't go out of my way to drive down that street, but when I occasionally do, I always say "hi, house, here I am again!" as if the house was a person to whom I could speak. I often imagine myself, growing up within these walls, looking out at the world from such small windows. I remember the rooms, sounds, smells, and staircases that I could even now trace by heart in the dark, from the vaulted attic to the immense cellar. Of course, when I see the house now, I also note the inevitable changes and additions that have been made to the structure. I mourn the loss of trees and the large vegetable garden. My first cat, Tabby, chose to recluse and die under the spacious leaves of a rhubarb patch, now covered with a cement sidewalk.

Several times in the past years I jogged past the old house and spent a few minutes in the alley contemplating the truncated garden and pondering the now non-existent garage and shed. "Are you looking for anyone?" someone asked me more than once. "No," I responded, "allow me a few moments of nostalgia. I grew up in this house." "Do you want to come in and see it again?" was the question.

I paused, then closed my eyes, seeing the house the way it had been. "Thank you, but I think I need to remember it the way it was."

Sometimes I think of the account of our father Jacob who pillowed his head on a stone and had a dream vision of a ladder with angels ascending and descending. When he awoke, he realized: "God was in this place and I, I did not know." My namesake Rabbi Lawrence Kushner wrote: "It is not Jacob who says, 'God was in this place and I; I did not know.' It is you who are reading these words. You are the sacred text itself. The holy text is not about you. You are not even 'in' it. You are it."

My childhood house and myself have long since merged into one field of memory. I don't crave to go back inside the building to be there. What that house has taught me from my childhood, I carry within me. I don't need the physical walls.

It's comforting to look in the rearview mirror, but you can't drive with your gaze fixed upon it. You need to look at the road that is ahead of you.

B'vrachot,

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:

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 Hacoen
2021, Harvard University Press

Please Join us for a:

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Chanukah

Public

Menorah Lighting

Celebration



Honoring
Local
Dignitaries

Hot Latkes,
Doughnuts

Gifts
for the
children

Dancing
Rabbits and
much more!

Sunday, December 18 | 6:00pm


Cedar Falls Iowa
Overman Park
316 W 3rd St. Cedar Falls Iowa 50613

Free of Charge



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HANUKKAH
LIGHTING

ACROSS IOWA



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
6:30 PM / VIA ZOOM

tinyurl.com/2yhstknv

Meeting ID: 833 8170 3427 / Passcode: 162714