

SONS OF JACOB BULLETIN



Upcoming Services with Rabbi Kushner

Friday, May 27th
Saturday, May 28th

Friday, June 17th
Saturday, June 18th

Friday, July 22nd
Saturday, July 23rd

Please join us after regular Shabbat Services on Fridays for oneg and social time and Saturday for luncheons. All are welcome, even if you are unable to attend services.

The SOJ office will be closed on Friday, May 13th

Abby Lederman Bat Mitzvah

May 13th and 14th with Rabbi Kushner

Please join us in celebrating this wonderful milestone!

Friday night service will begin at 8:00pm

Oneg following service

and

Saturday morning services will begin at 10:00am

with a luncheon following services





Judy Finkelstein is turning 90!

Let's shower her with cards.

If you do not have Judy's address, cards can be sent to the Sons of Jacob office and we will pass them along to Judy prior to her birthday on May 17th.



2022

Sydney Stokes

Sydney Stokes is graduating from Cedar Falls High School with honors.

She participated in track, Women's Leadership Club and Volunteer Club. Sydney spent time tutoring and mentoring students and loved taking ice skating lessons.

She plans to attend Boston University where she intends to study computer science.

The Sons of Jacob community is invited to attend an open house to celebrate with Sydney and her family on

Saturday May 21st from 10am to 12pm
at their home at
1714 Willow Bend Rd in Cedar Falls.

Yahrzeits

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

May 1 - 7:

Samuel Siegel
Harry Krensky
Moshe Friedman
Regina Lemson
Eva Goldstein
Molly Offman
Hugo Field
Ethel Kaplan
Belle Guralnik

May 8 - 14:

Edna Cohn
Dora Bloom
J. Meyer Offman
Myra Siegel
Hans Epstein
J.D. Siegel
Zalman Gellerman
Julius Glazer
Julius Praglin
William Rosenthal
Nathan Wohl
Milo Brady
Belle Feldman
Burton Field

May 15 - 21:

Frances Passman Green
Leonard Greenman
Isadore Schultz
Herman Walner
Anne Zucker
J. Eugene Goldberg
Albert Arenson
Ronald Baum
Beth Uze Brass
Sadie Katz
Isadore Krensky
Barnett Schultz
Edward Max Chapman
Joseph Katz
Mollie Levine

May 22 - 28 :

Ellen Jacobs
Miriam Slivken
Martha Nash
Benjamin Rubin
Maxine Power
Sam Blott
Sol Fish
Louis Schultz
Pauline Vidis
Laurence Durnan
Ruth Diamond

Mat 29 - June 4:

Lazar Melmood
Bebe Rosen
Mel Finkelstein
Stanley Cohn
Isaac Gradinger
Yitzchak Guralnik
Nicholas Brent Corwin
Joseph Bookatz
Ralph McGlaughlin

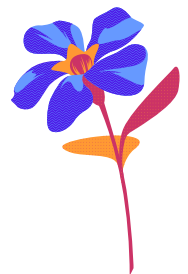


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EDELMAN, Lisa & Jesse - In memory of grandmother, Pauline Vidis

KOHN, Joyce - In memory of grandfather, David Lemson

Todah Rabah



Prayer Dishes on the Roof

I looked out of the hotel room window, admiring the view of roofs and streets as seen from above. My attention was caught by the rooftop of a next-door radio station, where an impressive population of satellite disks had been installed, looking somewhat like oversized mushrooms sprouting on a moist forest floor.

I marveled at the obvious efficiency of these antennas and remembered having read at one time that the first prototype had been created by Heinrich Hertz in the late 1880's (guess why the term used for radio and electrical frequency measurements are called hertz, kilohertz and megahertz!). These discs are so common that we take them for granted. Invisible signals are received and transported, gathered and strengthened. This all happens without our being able to view the process, whether be it a bird's eye view such as out my hotel window or from street level.

Phenomena exist without being available to our usual sensory experience. Standing there at the window, I had the sudden impulsive longing to create a Satellite Prayer Disc. We seldom know if the words of our prayers arrive at the "ear" of the Divine, or if our prayer influences another person's health, or our own lives and wishes, or if everything we call prayer - be it reciting a page from the Siddur or launching a thought that emerges from the depths of our heart - is perhaps actually in vain. Does it have any effect at all? With a Satellite Prayer Disc, we could potentially magnify our prayer impulses.

Spiritual energy from the person praying to the receptor of the prayer (be it the Holy One of Blessing or another person) could be sent, received, transmitted, bundled and reinforced, all without being seen, heard, felt or otherwise scientifically proven. Then a response could possibly be beamed back, perhaps even on a similar frequency. Maybe our Prayer Disc would resonate in a way that would be compatible with our mundane experiences: A moment of gentle healing, an act of kindness, or a brief detail of compassion might be enough to delete bitterness, hatred, indifference or grudges from our everyday life files. Then prayer would have changed us for the better, which is probably the entire point of the process.

Come to think of it, a Satellite Prayer Disc might not be altogether an unrealistic, whimsical wish. Some essential elements of existence such as love cannot be proven either. But we all have felt love and have gifted it to others as well. In doing so, we have reinforced our own "inner discs." Expanding our own capabilities of listening, awareness and communication can encourage our prayer life to vibrate like electricity after a long frigid power outage. Perhaps our Inner Prayer Discs have already been installed, and merely need to be reactivated!

Happy Spring!

Rabbi Rebecca

JEWISH CONNECTIONS BOOK CLUB



NEXT MEETING:

May 18, 2022:

*My Grandfather's Blessings:
Stories of Strength, Refuge, and
Belonging*

By Naomi Rachel Remen
2001, Riverhead Books

The Jewish Connections Book Club will meet via Zoom until further notice.

Please contact Stephanie Schmitt, in the SOJ office, if you are interested in joining the book club.

Jewish Connections meets on the listed dates from 10:00-11:00am

Zacharias Frankel: Defiant Jewish Educator -- Paperback – March 22, 2022 **by R' Rebecca Kushner (Author)**

Zacharias Frankel: Defiant Jewish Educator, is a profound work by emerging historian, writer, Rabbi Rebecca Kushner, MSJE. Rabbi Kushner has translated the primary sources on her own by delving into archival texts, many of which are appearing here in English for the very first time.

The book effectively explores the underlying challenges of defining a meaningful religious life in increasingly secularized surroundings. The book enlightens and edifies the reader regarding Frankel's defiant yet determined life trajectory, his professional choices, and his remarkable legacy.

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