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News and Notes from Congregation Jewish Community North

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FROM OUR RABBI



Shalom, Y'all!

I write these words as we enter into the Hebrew month of Av, which takes us from the depths of sorrow on the 9th day, to the heights of joy on the 15th. The ninth of Av "Tisha B'Av" commemorates the destruction of the great temples in Jerusalem. Both were destroyed on the same day of the year, centuries apart. In addition, the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 took place on the Hebrew date of, you guessed it, the 9th of Av. Many traditionally observant Jews will abstain from meat for the first eight days of the month, and then fast completely on the 9th day. Because they are primarily tied into a romantic longing for the restoration of Temple worship, these restrictive and mournful practices fell out of favor in the Reform movement. Nevertheless, the significance and importance of the day remains.

Another special day, even older than the commemoration of our calamities and exiles, is the 15th of Av, or "Tu B'av," an ancient lovers holiday. Tradition holds that the young women of ancient Judea would dress in white and go out among the vineyards trying to discover their true love. In modern Israel, Tu B'av has been reclaimed as a sort of Jewish "St. Valentine's Day". All of this takes place as we begin the countdown to the New Year, just two short moons away. It is a time when we might stop and see the rhythms and themes of life in the ancient practices of our people. Sorrow and joy are often close neighbors, mingling and mixing and sometimes arriving just after its counterpart, as it does in the first two weeks of the month of Av. We live lives that are blessed and beset by blessings and challenges and the spiritual disciplines we inherit and develop and pass on are meant to help us keep balance.

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From Our Rabbi, continued:

Just as we should seek a physical checkup each year, it is good practice to have a spiritual 'check-in'. In the coming weeks please don't be surprised to receive a call from me or Amanda Hutchinson, as I would like to offer each of you a chance to set up a 30 minute 'check-in' visit or call. This is just a chance to talk about life in general since we don't always get an opportunity when we see each other in passing or at a service where I'm usually being pulled in ten different directions.

Please remember also that I have open office hours every Thursday from 10-3 and I'm usually only a phone call, text or email away.

In blessing and gratitude,

Rabbi Jonathan Siger

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CJCN is thrilled to welcome the following new members to our congregation. Be sure to say hello!

Samantha Buncher
Lisa Steck
Janet & Robert Deitsch
Stuart Zykorie



From Our President Rick Preble

Fellow congregants,

Our congregation has a new president (Rick Preble) and several new officers and board members. Thanks to all the outgoing leaders and the remaining leaders now in the second year of their terms.

A newsworthy item that you need to know; we have adopted new High Holiday prayer books. They are a two-volume set, one book for Rosh Hashanah and one for Yom Kippur. These books are sold as a set and are on sale now; contact the temple office for info on ordering or pick up an order form at Friday night service.

Check our website calendar each week and you will see that a number of our volunteers are busy orchestrating a robust selection of opportunities to learn, pray, and socialize with others in your CJCN family.

A reminder to send in your dues pledge form and your religious school registration form. To those that have already done so, thank you. The congregation desperately needs this information in order to be able to plan.

In closing, thank you for opportunity to serve as this congregation's president. If I may be of assistance feel free to reach out directly to me.

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CJCN is looking for volunteers. Do you have a few spare hours a month, and an interest in:

- Newsletter editing/publishing
- Social media
- Fundraising / Programming ideas
- Camp-style activities for students
- Building renovations
- Or anything else?

Please let us know if you can help!

If you're not sure who to contact, please email Susan Shaffer at preselect@cjn.org

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Religious School Updates from Kylie Danielson, Director

Camp Aviv finished the 5778 school year with a unit on Israel. Our campers made model drip irrigation systems, planned a tour of Israel's important sites, listened to contemporary Israeli music, and studied life on the Kibbutz. We concluded the unit with our first ever Yom Yisrael where they explored a giant floor map of Israel, played a trivia game to show off their knowledge of Israel and Hebrew, and enjoyed Israeli food and music.





Drip irrigation, Kibbutz-style!



We are looking ahead to the 5779 school year with all-new projects and experiences for our campers. One of my goals for 5779 is to invite more congregants to participate in Camp Aviv so don't be surprised if you get a phone call from me in the coming months!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018 AT 7 PM**

It is our honor to present the new CJCN:
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Sisterhood

Sisterhood has sketched out our calendar for 2018-19. Nothing is in stone, of course, but we hope for October 28th for our Membership Luncheon, with perhaps a travelogue. We are considering a trek around Old Town Spring for November 7th, with lunch at Corkscrew BBQ; January 16th would be our annual and ever-popular Ladies' Nite Out at Oriental Gardens; for a Saturday evening in February, we are considering Doh-See-Doh, and hoping to share the evening with the women of CBSW Sisterhood; and May 19th will be our Spring Luncheon. We are, of course, less concerned with programs than we are with serving the Temple: September is the Break Fast, December means Hanukkah dinner and GIFT WRAP AT WILLOWBROOK MALL, and April brings the 2nd night Seder. Another busy year. We hope you will join us.

Cheryl Tompkins and Carolyn Weiner, co-presidents

Men's Club

Men's Club is busy planning for an active year that will include a golf tournament, a Men's Club Shabbat, a Men's seder, a couple of brewery tours, another bourbon event, some "Breakfast in Brotherhood" programs, and of course, our 3rd annual Richard Wiseman Dinner next April. We are also looking for opportunities to partner with other clubs in the area and even farther, including the men at Temple Beth Torah in Humble and Beth Shalom in Austin. We are always looking for new men to join and get involved in what we do - we are here for you and the more, the merrier!

Dan Checkman, president

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