

CHAI-LITES

News and Notes from Congregation Jewish Community North

Ioin us for Shabbat:

We celebrate most weeks with services in the Kant Family Sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. A fellowship hour "Oneg" follows in our beautiful foyer.

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OFFICE HOURS:
Wed-Fri 10:30-2:30

Did You Know?

Hospitals no longer inform the temple office when a patient is admitted. If either you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please let us know. If you, or someone you know is in need, we'd like to help. If you don't tell us, we can't help. Please contact us!

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FROM OUR RABBI



"Let us understand our days are numbered, let us become wisehearted"

We do not know how much time we have. Some of us will not be here next year because death is sometimes cruel and unpredictable. These past few years have been brutal and heartbreaking for many of us, having to confront death not as a fear, but as reality. Others of us are actively fighting to stay what cannot be avoided only delayed. So a holiday that tells us to confront death is hardly an easy thing to embrace, unless we understand the message of this day to be life-affirming. Which it is. This day is about how we live. We are best served when we are motivated by desire for the good rather than fear of the bad, by love of self and not shame or grief over our mistakes. Today is about letting go of that.

It's an obligation to enjoy our lives. It's okay to be happy. I'm telling myself this as much as you, and I encourage you to remind yourselves as well, as often as you need to. If you aren't encouraging yourself, it's hard to hear others encouraging you. Live. Grieve when you must, make space for it, don't ignore it, but continue to pursue all that is your potential. You must want to live fully and to your best, otherwise all of this doesn't matter.

How we spend the time we have is of the utmost importance. And the only time we know we have is right now. Not hours from now. Not days, not years. Accepting this is not an excuse for cynicism or unchecked hedonism or irresponsibility, although I understand those responses because they are human responses to fear and grief and trauma and life is filled with lots of those things. But life is also filled with joy and beauty and wonder and we Jews are charged with increasing these things in the world through study and practice of Torah.

(part of my homily for Kol Nidre 5780)

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THE DAY AFTER YOM KIPPUR - A Poem

I feel cleansed!!!

The woes and errors of last year have hopefully been forgiven. Prayers chanted, heard, read and remembered are still fresh. *Rosh Hashanah*, the head of a New year,

Ten days of repentance, reflection, remembrance, *Tashlich*, symbolic of sins cast away.

Contrite, cleaned, corruptness gone.

I look forward to a Good Year, not repeating sins of the past, Keeping my promises to be genuine, humane, respectful, tolerant,

And many improvements to my inward self to be outwardly a better *mensch*.

An *Aliyah* received, helps me realize that only in the voids and fullness of matter and, an Ethereal and prosaic world.

Take a step in the correct direction and G-d will help with next ones!

Howard Leff

10 Tishrei, 5780

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Benjamin & Amy Leipzig
Jessica Pous





From Our President Rick Preble

We celebrated the high holidays and welcomed the New Year. November will arrive and I will have to get used to 2020. With the new year we find ourselves once again responding to the annual appeal to maintain and support this congregation. Last year you paid for one new roof, three new air-conditioning units, and the repair to the outside of the building that last year's appeal raised enough to pay for. This year you will replace at least one more A/C unit, (already done) with the good chance that more will follow.

Last year your donations were matched by a single family up to \$25K. This year no one has yet offered to support this year's appeal with a similar matching donation.

Some of you have already sent holiday donations. THANK YOU! It is not too late to for someone to propose a matching idea. As the holidays were later in the calendar year, please do not forget to support your temple as soon as you are able.

This will be my last year to serve as your president, please contact me with questions, ideas, or concerns.

Rick Preble President



CJCN has a tradition of recognizing our outstanding volunteers, members whose dedication and effort makes our committees and events successful.

Without your effort the programs that our congregation enjoys would not be possible.

August	Sept	October
Alijah Ballard	Jared Bleiler	Scott Jortner
Lenore Herman	Erin Bleiler	Sheila Jortner

Torah on Tap

What's it all about? The subject varies each time but has spanned Jewish history with the Greeks, Jewish humor, an overview of the types of Judaism over the ages and what they believed, an introduction to the Talmud and why it's important to Jews, the recent Israeli elections and how they operate, to Maimonides (aka Rambam) and why he was so important to Judaism. In the last session Rabbi Siger followed up on his earlier presentation on the Talmud with more discussion on how the Talmud is formatted and analyzed.

We meet about 4 times a year in a really relaxed, informal environment at a bar or restaurant where you can grab a beer or other favorite drink, eat, and learn. Sound like fun? Join us at our next session on Saturday, November 16th!

Email Rob Greenberg at TorahonTap@cjcn.org for more information.



"Torah on Tap" with Rabbi Siger Saturday, November 16th at 6:30 PM Spring Creek Barbecue 6068 FM 2920 (about 7 minutes northwest of CJCN)

Discuss Torah and current events from a Reform Jewish perspective in a casual environment at reasonable prices

Please RSVP by November 13th
To Rob Greenberg
TorahOnTap@cjcn.org

WE WANT TO HELP
From our By Laws:
"No individual shall be
denied membership
in the Congregation solely
for reasons of financial
inability"

Please contact our Finance Committee at Finance@CJCN.org if you are facing financial challenges and need to adjust your commitment. We value and protect everyone's confidentiality.

FYI

If you would like to place someone on the Mi Sheberach list, please contact the office at office@cjcn.org. Please let us know if you would like to be removed from the list

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WAYS TO DONATE

Helping your temple is a meaningful way to fulfill the mitzvah of Tzedakah while honoring your family and those you hold dear.

Honor	Minimum Donation
Memorial Plaque	\$360
Leaf on the Tree of Life	\$270
Prayer book dedication	\$36
Library book donation	\$18



HELP NEEDED

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

- 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@cjcn.org

Religious School Updates from Kylie Danielson, Director

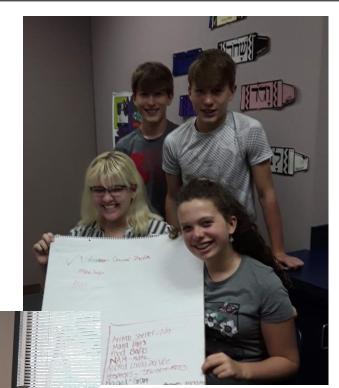
Camp Aviv has kicked off another exciting school year. We welcomed two new teachers, Morah Deitsch and Morah Heathman, as well as a few new families.

Our curricular focus this year is the song "Echad Mi Yodea" which teaches 13 of the most important concepts in Judaism. So far our students have had thoughtful discussions on the meaning of one G-d, made and shattered their own 10 commandments, and learned stories about the *avot* and *imahot* from Genesis.

Our older students are taking on service-learning projects through studying the text *Elu d'varim* and developing community service projects. Our Hebrew Through Movement specialist, Morah Checkman, engages our students in actively building their Hebrew vocabularies. Our staff continues to do amazing things with their students each week!

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Programming & Fundraising Updates October 2019

We thank Rob Greenberg and Rabbi Siger for presenting lively discussions at our Torah on Tap Saturday evening events held at Spring Creek Barbeque, 6968 FM 2920 at 6:30. The next meeting is November 16^{th.}

Additional thanks to Dan Checkman and Denise Kutcher and other members of our programming committee for creating the CJCN Film Series. The next movie is Sunday November 10, 2:00pm in the Social Hall where the classic thriller movie, "The Odessa File" will be shown.

"Following the suicide of an elderly Jewish man, investigative journalist Peter Miller sets out to hunt down an SS Captain and former concentration camp commander. In doing so, he discovers that, despite allegations of war crimes, the former commander has become a man of importance in industry in post-war Germany, protected from prosecution by a powerful organization of former SS members called Odessa."

Please join us. No charge but your donations are appreciated. We have popcorn!

We want to thank Marc Eichenbaum, graduate of our Jacques C. Shure religious school and director of The Mayor of Houston's efforts to aid the homeless, for giving a very scholarly presentation to our oldest students. He informed us that the number of homeless in Houston has decreased since 2014 from 8,000 to 3,500. He encourages us all to find out more at thewayhomehouston.org Donations are spent to finance housing for the homeless. It was very exciting to hear Marc speak so eloquently and enthusiastically about tackling this problem

The Fundraising Committee has had many meetings to create a fun fundraiser for CJCN in January to re-ignite us from the winter doldrums. We are excited and hope you will also be excited to participate. If you are willing to help, PLEASE contact Sharon Natenberg, sharon.natenberg@gmail.com or Kathleen Blumenthal, Kathleen@verdantmedia.com

Ways to Honor Friends and Family and Benefit CJCN

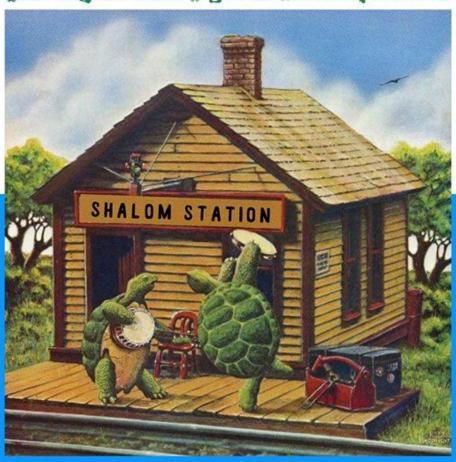
Just as a reminder, there are many ways to benefit our temple. You can engrave a leaf on our Tree of Life in the foyer. It is reserved for happy occasions: anniversaries, birthdays, accomplishments, etc. You can dedicate a Shabbat or High Holy Prayer with a book plate that honors an accomplishment, celebration or the memory of a loved one. I noticed at High Holy Days that many of our books do not have a book plate. You can honor the memory of a loved one by engraving a yahrzeit plaque that is displayed in the back of the sanctuary.

You will be doing a mitzvah for you, your family and our temple if you donate in any of these ways.

Contact Sharon Natenberg with any questions, sharon.natenberg@gmail.com 832-633-9964.

Shabbat & Co.

Rabbi Jonathan Siger & The Bayit Band



September 20 October 25 November 15 December 20 January 24 February 21 March 13 April 17 May 15

Select Friday Nights at 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Jewish Community North
CJCN.ORG



THE 2019-2020 CJCN FILM SERIES

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sunday, September 22 • Drama • "Avalon"
Sunday, November 10 • Classic • "The Odessa File"
Sunday, December 8 • Comedy • "The Frisco Kid"
Sunday, February 23 • Israel • "The Women's Balcony"
Sunday, April 19 • Documentary • "On The Map"
Sunday, June 7 • Animated • "Prince of Egypt"

ALL SHOWS 2:00 p.m. at CJCN: 5400 FELLOWSHIP LANE, SPRING, TX 77379
FREE ADMISSION BUT RESERVATION IS REQUIRED
RSVP BY EMAIL: 4REEL@CJCN.ORG ● (281) 376-0016

Men's Club

Thanks to Men's Club for ushering during the High Holidays!

Sisterhood

With the high holidays behind us, Sisterhood moves on. For fun, the members will gather in November to share Thanksgiving and Chanuka recipes along with some delicious tastings. As a labor of love, during December. we will lead in the gift wrap fundraiser at Willowbrook Mall, frying latkes and preparing the temple's Chanuka celebration at the end of the month. January is a treat for us - Ladies Nite Out at Oriental Gardens. As the secular year draws to a close, we again wish all a happy new year...

Toby Greenberg, president

SPRIFTY

Sprifty ran our annual food drive for NAM over the High Holidays. We collected 708 pounds of food for the food pantry. We've also run our annual Sukkot Gram fundraiser in October. We've got plans coming up for a fall activity and our annual white elephant Chanukah party. We also hope to help out with Gift Wrap in December!" Thanks for supporting our Temple's youth!"

Joanna Schess & David Pfeffer, co-chairs





Be Part of the Judaica Gift Shop Team!!

Sisterhood is in need of some help to cover the Judaica Gift Shop.

All we need are two person teams on Sunday mornings when religious school is in session or whenever there is a special CJCN event.

With a big enough sales force, each team may serve as few as two shifts during the entire school year.

Please submit your name and contact information to Rita or Toby ASAP.

Training can be provided.

Rita W: howardw9@yahoo.com 281-440-7316 Toby G: larrytobygreen@aol.com 347-650-3620



Thank you to our generous donors!

July Donations

2019/20 Building Fund Donations

On the Yahrzeit of Carmen Rosen Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Rosen

On the Yahrzeit of Etta Stein
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Arouty

2019/20 Miscellaneous Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Nelson Mr. Sherman Scott

2019/20 Legacy Fund Donations

On the Yahrzeit of Charles Robertson Mrs. Sheryl Robertson

On the Yahrzeit of Naomi Salzinger Mrs. Sheryl Robertson

On the Yahrzeit of Samuel Waldman Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Waldman

2019/20 Religious School Fund Donations

On the Yahrzeit of Saul Fine

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2019/20 Yahrzeit Contributions

Dr. & Mrs. Ronald Rosenberg

On the Yahrzeit of Sylvia Braff Mr. Howard Leff

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On the Yahrzeit of Ethel G. Watsky

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On the Yahrzeit of Fannie King Mr. & Mrs. Jason Kirbie On the Yahrzeit of Moana Cherry Mr. Murray Marks

On the Yahrzeit of Murray Gordon

Mr. & Mrs. David Livney

On the Yahrzeit of Paul S. Waller Mr. & Mrs. Gary Waller

On the Yahrzeit of Saul Namkin
Mr. Howard Namkin

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Donations

In honor of Rachael and Brandon Fisher and Their Marriage

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Kutcher

Miscellaneous Contribution

Mr.& Mrs. Nathan Margolis

On the Yahrzeit of Benjamin Abrahams Sr.

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Targeted Donations

As a program sponsor Shabbat Services Babysitting

Mr. Stephen Saltzman

August Donations

2019/20 Building Fund Donations

On the Yahrzeit of Beatrice Barrett Mr. & Mrs. Paul Protas

On the Yahrzeit of Dorothy R. Bieber Dr.& Mrs. Lawrence Ginsberg

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On the Yahrzeit of Sol Blum Ms. Marlene Gordon

On the Yahrzeit of Vivian Nusholtz
Ms. Marlene Gordon

2019/20 Miscellaneous Donations

In appreciation of hosting the visit of Reuben Prager of Beged Ivri Matthew Bernstein

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In memory of Joan Camenson
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Blumenthal
On the Yahrzeit of Sylene Skalovsky
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Blumenthal

2019/20 Legacy Fund Donations

On the Yahrzeit of Richard Wiseman
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2019/20 Yahrzeit Contribution

On the Yahrzeit of Edwin Marks
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September Donations

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Mrs. Carolyn Weiner	On the Yahrzeit of Meyer Hamburger
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Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Gertson	•
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	As a Film Series Sponsor
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Dr. & Dr. Morris Orocofsky	Mr. & Mrs. Barry Cohn
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Ms. Lenore Herman	On the Yahrzeit of Abraham Schafer
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Mr. & Mrs. Scott & Sheila Jortner	On the Yahrzeit of Samuel Warren
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Mire	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Davis



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BAT MITZVAH & BAR MITZVAH & WEDDINGS
REHEARSAL DINNERS BRIDAL/BABYSHOWERS

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We accept Credit Cards for dues, donations, and purchases. All financial information is handled in the strictest of confidence.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board of Trustees meetings are open to the congregation's members
(unless in closed session)
Why not join us and observe the governance of your Temple at work?

CALENDAR

Check the calendar on our website at www.CJCN.org for the most up to date information.



SPRIFTY kids at the Northwest Assistance Ministries food pantry. Thanks for your donations!



Jacques C. Shure Religious School – Camp Aviv