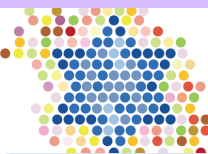


Koleinu - "Our Voice"

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Tamuz/Av - 5782



Congregation *Kehillat Israel*

The Noahide Covenant
Study with Jack Love in Memory of
Arthur Aryeh Seagull
July 20, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Congregation Kehillat Israel, in person and on Zoom Jews have 613 mitzvot to follow, but Aryeh was fond of telling non-Jews that they could "always get into Jewish heaven" if they couldn't measure up to the strict standards of another faith tradition, because they only had to follow the seven laws that apply to the children of Noah.

We are fortunate that Aryeh's dear friend, Jacob (Jack) Love, Ph.D., who taught Adult Education classes at KI for over 20 years, will be present to lead us in a study of the history and Talmudic arguments around this list.

Rabbi Kaufman will share a reading to mark the transition out of the shloshim, the first 30 day period of intense mourning.

Please join us in person or remotely for this fitting tribute to a man who loved historical religious detail and Jewish learning. Zoom link is posted in body of NL email and in weekly announcements.



Saturday Services
10:00 am

July 2 at KI
July 9 at SZ*
July 16 at KI
July 23 at KI
July 30 at SZ*

*Details to follow



From the Desk of Rabbi Matthew

As we celebrate Independence Day on July 4th, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the power that American civil religion plays in our lives. One of the first Reconstructionist publications, *The Faith of America*, recognized in this holiday an important opportunity to ritually rededicate ourselves as American Jews to the American Idea.

American Jewish philosopher Horace Kallen wrote that the religion of the American Idea (a phrase he adopted from Unitarian abolitionist Theodore Parker) is expressed through a functioning democracy. "For the communicants of the democratic faith, this is the religion of religions, the common faith in the way of life which keeps impartial peace among them all and assures to each its liberty on equal terms with the others," Kallen wrote. "It is the one way in which each, although maintaining its unique and singular individuality, although cherishing its incommensurable difference, can yet live together with the others in such wise that it can grow in liberty and safety more certainly than if it sought to exist solo." Democratic cooperation requires a faith commitment that we can and must work together. In these times when we are seeing escalating assaults on the democratic faith by those who wish to quash the democratic process, it is important to re-articulate this faith in a public fashion.

The Declaration of Independence makes clear what the American Idea signifies. Its claim that "all men are created equal" does not employ the word "equal" in the sense of "homogeneous," Kallen argued. Rather, it means "equal as different; it affirms the parity of the different; it recognizes that their equality does not abolish their diverse natures but preserves and liberates them." As American Jews, our commitment to the American Idea constitutes an affirmation of the value of Jewish difference together with other ethnographic and faith group differences. Through democratic cooperation, we contribute to each other's flourishing. It is a simple but powerful idea, and one that we must not allow this nation to forget.

I return to work at KI on August 6th. I look forward to seeing you then!

Presidents Column

Kehillat Israel lost one of its founders recently. Art Seagull was a person who had a profound impact on our tradition in the course of his long involvement with the synagogue. He is missed and will be missed by many.

While at the cemetery for his interment I fell into conversation with two of our fellow congregants, both of whom have been members for much longer than I, so over 20 years, and in one case much longer than that. At one point we remarked upon the graves of two people, a married couple, situated nearby. I recognized them from our reading the names of the deceased during our Yizkor service. I assumed that my companions, given their longer history at KI, would remember them. In fact, they did not; they too knew the names from Yizkor.

It occurred to me while driving home that this deceased couple, who must have been KI members and participated in their time in the life of the congregation, were on the cusp of being forgotten for their particular activities and contributions to the life and the tradition of Kehillat Israel today. And yet, though absent now, they remain with us, woven into that tradition they helped to create.

I think each of us who have made a commitment to KI are on similar path. No matter the size or the kind of commitment, we are helping to build and further our special KI tradition. And ultimately, each of us has a place within that tradition.

Doug Moffat

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Stephanie and I are excited to announce that we are moving to East Lansing in July! We're looking forward to finally becoming locals. During my vacation time in July, we'll be busy unpacking and settling into our new home.

Rabbi Matthew

Hadassah Book Club

Wednesday July 27, 2022

Zoom - 1:00 pm

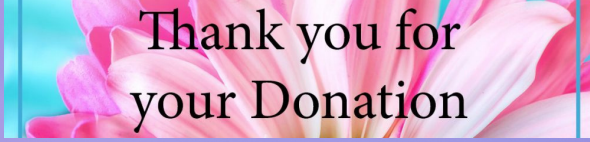
Antiquities by Cynthia Ozick

Discussion Leader is Gloria Epstein

Great Books

The next KI Great Books meeting will be Zoom only on Monday, 18 July, at 2:00 PM. The Zoom link will be emailed. At our last, 27 June, session, we discussed our next text and the consensus was to move to the Best American Short Stories 2015, edited by T.C. Boyle (and Heidi Pitlor), which got very favorable reviews from Amazon readers. The book is available at Amazon in paperback, and can arrive in a very short time. As is customary, we will start with the opening two stories: "The Siege at Whale Cay," by Megan Mayhew Bergman and "Fingerprints," by Justin Bigos. If you would like to be the discussion-starter, please let me know. Stay well and Happy 4th.

Alan Posner



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Fundraising for KI through Amazon

Shop Smile Amazon and earn money for KI. The link below will take you directly to smile.amazon.com and you can shop and support KI. We will earn .5% of your purchase. Look us up as - Kehillat Israel Lansing Michigan - and shop.
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1918632>

Kroger fundraising to earn money for KI

Members can sign up by searching for Congregation Kehillat Israel and connecting KI to their Kroger plus card. Our account number is nv535. You can go to the Kroger Community Funds home page for instructions. Copy and paste this link to your browser or click : <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

KI will earn a percentage of your purchases. No cost to you.

Monthly Board Meeting Wednesday, July 13, 7 pm Zoom

Board of Directors

Doug Moffat - President - 2024

Kirsten Fermaglich - Executive VP - 2024

Susan Morris - Secretary - 2023

Leon Puttler - VP for Finance - 2023

Rachael Amber - VP for Facilities - 2023

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Liz Harrow - VP for Programs - 2023

Robin Willner - First Trustee - 2024

Judy Spanogle - Trustee - 2023

Emily Schnurr - Trustee - 2024

Stuart Braiman - Trustee - 2023

Michelle Loree - Trustee - 2023

Neil Gordon - Past President

WE HAVE ADDED MORE DATES TO OUR TORAH & HAFTARAH SIGN-UP

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1273RVz5LmC8EDS3O3mvdvU-PkZUMrzWpFH-0yISl68/edit?ts=604a403d#gid=0> to sign up to give a dvar or chant Torah/haftarah. If you don't see the date you want on there, please reach out to kikath-erineb@gmail.com.

Zoom Gabbaim for Shabbat Services - If you are comfortable using Zoom (or would like to learn more), please contact Judy Spanogle at kikatherineb@gmail.com (this is open to teens as well as adults).



July Yartzeit's

Walter Kron, 1 Tammuz, July 1

Jean Yonke, 8 Tammuz, July 7

Corrinne Balaban, 8 Tammuz, July 24

Norman Zimmerman, 13 Tammuz, July 12

Herman Slatis, 25 Tammuz, July 24

KI Members: We have begun to develop the KI Yizkor Memorial Book for 2022-23, Hebrew Year 5783. It is time to consider whether you wish to have your loved ones listed in the KI Yizkor Memorial Book and receive yahrzeit reminders.

KI members whose loved one(s) were listed in the KI Yizkor Memorial Book in 2021-22/5782 will have received a USPS mailing reminding them to renew their listing and payment for 2022-23/5783.

Those members who chose not to list last year still have the opportunity to list this year by calling Katherine at 517-882-0049 to receive a form to fill out. If you did not list last year and wish to list this year, please follow the directions on the form and send your payment to the KI office by July 12, 2022.



<https://forms.gle/2hbYeXQmLaurSarA6>

Registration link

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR
**KEHILLAT ZEDEK
SUMMER CAMP**

מַחַנֵּה קֵהִלַּת צֶדֶק

August 8-12, 2022

for all kids ages 4 - 12

HALF DAY: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(Pick-up before lunch)

\$200 for the week

FULL DAY: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

\$300 for the week

Aftercare available Monday-Thursday

To Register:

<https://bit.ly/RegisterCampKZ>

You can find out all about camp in the bulletin.

or you can email kehillatzedek@gmail.com with any questions.



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Water Activities

Arts & Crafts

Baking