

Congregation Kehillat Israel

Save the Dates

High Holidays 2022 / 5783

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| Erev Rosh Hashanah | Sunday, September 25, 2022 |
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We are delighted to offer both in-person and virtual seating at our High Holidays services this year! Services will be held in-person at KI and they will also be on Zoom. You will experience warm and haymische services however you choose to attend!

**please see last page of this newsletter for HDD form to print, fill our, and send back to kikatherineb@gmail.com.*

Please bear in mind that in order to ensure community safety, all persons entering the building are required to be fully vaccinated, boosted and masks are encouraged.

**for more information on updated covid policies visit our website at kehillatisrael.net.*



Saturday Services
10:00 am

August 6 *

August 13 *

Adult B'nei Mitzvah

August 20 *

August 27

***With Rabbi
Matthew**

From the Desk of Rabbi Matthew

Many people ask whether or not abortion is permitted under Jewish law. Few ask how to sanctify abortion. There is a world of difference between the two questions. The former want to know what the boundaries are. The latter don't permit others to assign boundaries. They wish to create a Jewish pathway to affirm their choice.

The latter approach to Jewish living speaks to me. It says that Judaism is there to serve the needs of those who choose to live Jewish lives. Not the other way around. To me, this is the essence of a Reconstructionist approach to Jewish living. It is the key to how living a Jewish life can remain relevant and vital.

I will admit that it is not an unproblematic approach on a theoretical level. After all, boundaries have to exist for any group to make sense of itself. My answer is that the problem lies not with boundaries. The problem lies with resignation.

Every Jewish group wrestles with this essential question. Orthodoxy, for example, requires submission to much more circumscribed boundaries than do other denominations (while freely admitting great diversity within that general ascription of observance). Reform Judaism, representing for the purposes of contrast the opposite end of the spectrum, creates bodies of responsa (rabbinic decisions) that are generally aligned with the more liberal values of modern American life. Thus, Reform Judaism unequivocally affirms that women have the right to sovereignty over their bodies.

Reconstructing Judaism goes further. It concerns itself not only with what is permissible, but also with new and creative ways to engage with the spiritual and moral concerns of those who value living Jewishly. Reconstructing Judaism's Ritualwell website (which I recommend to everyone), contains an exquisite example of this with respect to the issue of abortion: "I knew I needed to bring a sense of kedusha, of blessing and wholeness, to the abortion while I was experiencing it, but even as I lay on the operating table squeezing Steven's hand so hard that his knuckles turned white, I was unable to access that kedusha," writes Deborah Eisenbach-Budner. "Then something happened." Please do take the time to read this moving piece (<https://www.ritualwell.org/ritual/ritual-abortion>). The author finds her Jewish soul connected and healed through the awesome power of her choice.

If anyone reading this feels a need to reach out to talk to me about this, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at Klrabbim@gmail.com. I will be with you beginning August 6th.

Presidents Column

We think of summer as a quiet time at Kehillat Israel, but August marks the return of our Rabbi from vacation and the move of he and Stephanie to their new home. Welcome to the Neighborhood!!

August means that Ritual Committee, and perhaps a few others, begin thinking seriously about the High Holidays, which are a little on the late side this year: Erev Rosh Hashanah is Sunday, September 25. You will have received via email a request to participate. I strongly encourage you to do so, and to let Rich and Gail and the committee know soon.

And what will the High Holidays look like this year? We are going to have to be flexible and see happens with the latest Covid variants. The Reopening Committee (primarily Jon Gold, Liz Kaufman, and Nigel Paneth) will meet two more times before September 25. We have followed their guidance to good effect so far, and I expect we will do so again.

An important housekeeping measure. If you have keys to KI, could you please return them. Keys have been freely distributed over the years, and usually for good reason. But they have not always been returned once they were no longer needed. I would be happy to come and pick them up personally, if that would be helpful.

Please check the calendar on the KI website and also our Facebook page for events at KI.

Best wishes, Doug Moffat

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Prayerbook Rotation August 2022

| DATE | PLACE | Prayerbook |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Aug 6 | KI | Kol Haneshama |
| Aug 13 | KI | Kol Haneshamah (Adult B'nei Mitzvah) |
| Aug 20 | KI | Kol Haneshamah |
| Aug 27 | SZ | Conservative Prayerbook |

Soup and Shmooze - August 14, 2022 outdoors:

Brain Games Edition 2: details to come. *Arthur Slobasky*

Hadassah Book Club

The next meeting of the Hadassah Book Club will be August 24, 2022 on zoom at 1pm. the book for discussion is *The Passenger* by Elrich Alexander Boschwitz. Trans. from German. Discussion leader will be Lois Rosen.

Great Books

The next KI Great Books meeting will be on Monday, 15 August, at 2:00 PM. For now, we will continue with a Zoom only session. We will be discussing the next two stories in *The Best American Short Stories, 2015* text: "Happy Endings" by Kevin Canty and "Moving On" by Diane Cook. Take care.

Alan Posner



General Fund

Bonnie Austin - in memory of Art Seagull

Arnold & Claire Berkman - in memory of Aryea Seagull, David Matz,
and Glenda Scheer

Rich Block & Marcia Horan - in memory of Art Seagull

Elaine Fischhoff - in memory of Art Seagull

Stan & Toba Kaplowitz - In memory of Art Seagull

Bob Uphaus & Lois Rosen - in memory of Art Seagull

Betty Seagull - in loving memory of Arthur Aryeh Seagull, with thanks to all
who helped with his funeral and shiva. Special thanks to David & Beverly Wiener,
Ken Glickman, Arlene Sharkey, Dan Mishkin, Gail Richmond, Bill Schneider,
Robin Willner, Arthur Slabosky, and Liz Kaufman.

Arthur Slabosky & Robin Willner - in memory of Art Seagull

Daniel Glickman Memorial Fund

Howard & Eileen Heideman - in memory of Art Seagull and to celebrate
Menchik's 50th anniversary

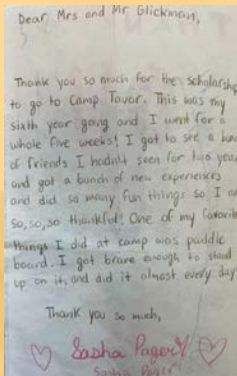
Ken & Karen Glickman - in memory of Art Seagull and Glenda Scheer
John and Kathleen McKinney - in memory of Art Seagull

Stephen & Ellen Potash - in memory of Art Seagull

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Dan Mishkin and Karen Ogle - in memory of Art Seagull

Camp News



Camp was fun. I liked getting to know and spending time with people that I didn't know before. I liked learning songs, my favorite is the song we sang before every meal "ani v'at." I don't know if you could say we were singing, we basically screamed it while standing on the benches. I sleep on a loft bed at home so sleeping on the top bunk in my cabin wasn't a problem. Thanks for helping me be able to attend, I can't wait to go back next year!

Danny Kalt

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, August 10, 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

Ody Norkin- VP for Facilities - 2023

Richard Block/Gail Richmond - VP for Religious Affairs - 2024

Arlene Sharkey - VP for Education - 2024

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-OyISl68/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).



August Yartzeit's

Warren Malchman, 13 Av, August 10

Elaine Bailie, 14 Av, August 11

Member Directories will be emailed in a few weeks. Please send any informational changes (address, phone number, email address, name) to kikatherineb@gmail.com.

Thank You.



WORRIED ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?



Join us in reading about what WE can do!

Community Book Club

***Facing the Climate Emergency:
How to Transform Yourself with Climate Truth
by Margaret Klein Salamon/Molly Gage***

"Yes, we're facing catastrophic breakdown of our climate. Yes, it's terrifying. But you don't have to be paralyzed. You can use your pain to transform yourself, your friends, and the world. You can become the hero humanity needs. This book will show you how."

Order your copy: Call Everybody Reads (517) 346-9900

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm August 3rd, August 17th, and August 31st.

email Nicole (nicole.ellefson@gmail.com) or Stan (kaplowi1@msu.edu)



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Please use this form to tell us how you would like to participate in High Holiday services and return to the KI office by July 31. It helps us if you provide several options. Please use a separate form for each family member who is participating.

Your Name: _____ **Email:** _____

1. I can lead/co-lead the following service segment(s) in Hebrew (H) or English (E). (Circle your choice):

| Service Segment | ERH | RH1 | RH2 | YK | YK-Specific Service Segments | |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| <i>Ma'ariv</i> | H E | | | H E | <i>Kol Nidre (NOT Ma'ariv)</i> | H E |
| <i>P'sukei D'zimra</i> | | H E | H E | H E | <i>Avodah</i> | H E |
| <i>Shacharit</i> | | H E | H E | H E | <i>Yizkor</i> | H E |
| Torah Service | | H E | H E | H E | Martyrology | H E |
| Shofar Service | | H E | H E | H E | PM Torah Service | H E |
| Musaf | | H E | H E | H E | <i>Mincha</i> | H E |
| | | | | | <i>Neilah</i> | H E |

2. I am interested in doing a special *English reading* in a service segment. please explain.

Erev RH RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm

3. I am interested in doing the following for the main service. (Circle your choice):

| | Service | | Service |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Reading Torah | RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm | Reading <i>haftarah</i> | RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm |
| Delivering a <i>d'var Torah</i> | RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm | Having an <i>aliyah</i> * | RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm |
| Leading <i>Tashlich</i> | RH1 | Torah bearer | RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm |
| <i>Hagbah</i> (lifting scroll) | RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm | <i>Gelilah</i> (dressing scroll) | RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm |
| Shofarist | RH1 RH2 YK pm | Shofar caller | RH1 RH2 |

*Please give us your Hebrew Name if requesting an Aliyah.

High Holiday services will be held at KI in the Sanctuary with family services (time to be announced) held in the Social Hall. Service leaders will be in-person in the Sanctuary. There will be a Kiddush after services on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, as well as for the breaking of fast on the evening of Yom Kippur. Whether the Kiddushim take place in the social hall or outside the building will be decided at a later date and depends upon the Executive Board's decision regarding food consumption indoors. Vaccination and masking policy will be in effect, and will also be in adherence with Executive Board policy.

4. I am interested in planning and helping to run the family service. (Please circle if interested.)

5. Request specific reading

6. Other family needs (parking, seating, etc.):

PLEASE—mail, scan & email, or send this form as an attachment to the KI office.