

Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation AG Beth Israel Bulletin



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Rabbi Meyers' Message

Growing up, one of the hardest holidays to relate to was Tisha B'Av. It commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, but this historical event seemed distant and abstract. The idea of mourning the destruction of a building used for ancient rituals in a foreign land during a foreign time felt irrelevant to my modern life as a Jew in America. Despite being taught that the pain and suffering we have endured over the millennia are byproducts of our exile, this connection felt tenuous at best.

Living a good, free life as Jews in America, it was difficult to relate to the harsh realities of exile. We were blessed to freely and proudly practice our faith in a fair society. Tisha B'Av was a foreign and unrelatable day on the calendar, a somber day of mourning that seemed disconnected from our daily experiences.

Yet, everything changed this past October 7th. After the horrific terror attacks in Israel, a torrent of anti-Semitism has been unleashed globally. The surge in anti-Israel and anti-Jewish hate has been palpable across social media, mainstream media, college campuses, the United Nations, and among politicians at both federal and local levels. These entities have been fomenting anti-Semitism, openly embracing anti-Semitic narratives, and presenting distorted and biased perspectives of the war in Israel.

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President's Perspective

We completed the counting of the Omer, we had a siyum to celebrate Shavuot, and now we can enjoy the summer. I have probably shared this observation before, but I see echos of history in the time on the calendar.



We have some weeks of summer to enjoy ahead of us. Then, seemingly out of the blue - we have a half-fast to kick off a 3-week period of melancholic national introspection. This intensifies after 12 days to become more intense for 9 days culminating in a full fast, full national mourning. And immediately after that, we look forward only 7 weeks later to the New Year!

This time always reminds me of the 1990s, when the Cold War ended seemingly peacefully, and we enjoyed "the end of history." We had something of a rude awakening on September 11th 2001, and in many ways it appears our American society seems not to have recovered.

Now add another cataclysmic event, the attack last October. As our nation continues its quest to bring peace, there are forces in the world arrayed against our interest. What we thought were long dormant public expressions of support have found loud contrary expression in many of our cities, calling to mind historical changes in our life in Galut.

Here is where we can take comfort from the calendar. Harsh events come up, whether we expect them or not. While we don't know the duration before our salvation, still we have faith that the suffering will be finite. We will come through it again, and we will move on to greater celebrations and commemorations.

Wishing all happy languid, lazy days, and keep in touch with our community and join us whenever you can.

Daniel Gutstein
President

A vibrant, colorful floral pattern in shades of pink, orange, yellow, and blue serves as the background for a Shabbat morning event announcement. The text is arranged in two columns. The left column features large, stylized text: "FOR WOMEN" in pink, "ABOUT WOMEN" in blue, "By WOMEN" in green, and "SHIUR" in purple. The right column contains event details in purple and green text: "SHABBAT MORNINGS, MONTHLY AFTER KIDDUSH", "PARSHAT KORACH, JULY 6", "MARILYN ZELLER", "PARSHAT MATOT-MASEI, AUGUST 3RD", "MARILYN GOLDMAN", and "TO SPONSOR A SHIUR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE, OR IN HONOR OF A SIMCHA PLEASE CONTACT THE SHUL OFFICE".

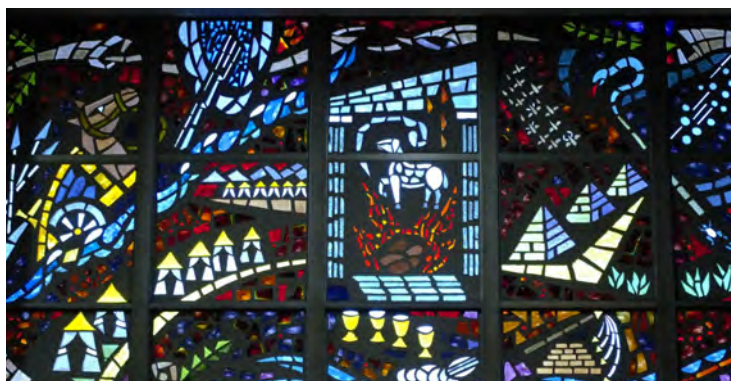
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Announcements

Mazal Tov:

To Leah & Alex Goldstein in honor of grandchildren Yoni who graduated with a BA in Accounting, Rena who graduated with a BS in Health Sciences, both from Touro College and Doni Shua who graduated from 8th grade at Ari Crown

To Rachel & Russel Katz in honor of Rosie's graduation from kindergarten

To Shari & Jeff Liebling in honor of daughters Amanda & Rachel who graduated from Stevenson High School

To Edie & Jeff Light in recognition of grandsons Samuel Tricker who graduated from High School in Charlottesville, Va, and Henry Light who graduated from primary school in Northbrook, Il

To Regine & Stuart Meisel in honor of their twin grandsons' graduation from Arie Crown

To Chaya & Sandy Mincus in honor of their daughter Chana Raizel graduation from Medical School

To Renee & Joe Silberman in honor of son Jason completing residency at Harvard and returning to Chicago for a Fellowship at Northwestern

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Refuah Sheleima

To Helaine Ellenby
Martin Ellenby
Phyllis Kaplan
Edie Light
Darlene Piell

The *From the Catering Department* column is taking a well deserved hiatus this issue .

Please get your articles in for the shul bulletin

If you have a program, announcement or event, please get your information to the Shul *Bulletin* so everyone will know about it! Send your electronic submissions to the editor at: bulletin@ljcagbi.org or submit a hard copy to the Shul office before the deadline, **September/October 2024 issue, Wednesday, August 21, 2024**. All material is subject to approval by the editor and may be modified for space or content. Inserts must also be approved by the editor before inclusion in the *Bulletin*. Please email bulletin@ljcagbi.org for further details.



As history has always shown, hate speech never ends with just speech. Open violence and discrimination against Jews and Israelis has already become so commonplace that it doesn't even make the news cycle anymore. Yes, post-facto the politicians condemn, but since when has an anti-semite cared about a condemnation?

Suddenly, Tisha B'Av has never felt more real. For the first time in my life, I am acutely aware of the fragility of Jewish life in exile and the diaspora. The desperate need for redemption for our people and the healing of our world has never been more evident. This Tisha B'Av, when I sit in mourning, I am not mourning a distant and foreign past, but the present.

I mourn for the over 1,200 Jews who were murdered on October 7th. I mourn for the over 200 people taken hostage to Gaza, many of whom were murdered there. I mourn for the over 300 soldiers who have sacrificed their lives defending our ancestral homeland. I mourn for all the broken families; for the widows, orphans, and parents who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. I mourn for all the communities in Israel who are still displaced from their homes. I mourn for the Jews across the world who have been subject to ongoing hate, intimidation, and violence. I mourn for the Jews who mistakenly believe that the answer to the hate is to side with those who hate us. But most importantly, I mourn for a world void of G-d's imminent presence.

This Tisha B'av more than ever let us pray that redemption should come speedily in our days and that we should merit peace and prosperity for the entire world.

THREE-WEEKS AND NINE-DAYS QUESTION & ANSWER

THE LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF THE THREE WEEKS AND NINE DAYS CAN BE CONFUSING.

JOIN US AT SHABBAT MORNING KIDDUSH, JULY 20TH FOR AN EASY AND CONVENIENT WAY TO LEARN HOW TO PROPERLY MOURN FOR THE BEIT HAMIKDASH IN 2024.

SEND QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE TO RABBI@LJCAGBI.ORG.

Sponsorship opportunity available.

Please contact the Shul office.

July/August 2024 Calendar of Events

Thursday, July 4	Independence Day
Saturday, July 6	Rosh Chodesh Tammuz- Day 1
Sunday, July 7	Rosh Chodesh Tammuz- Day 2
Wednesday, July 17	Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday, July 23	Fast of 17 Tammuz
Monday, August 5	Rosh Chodesh Av
Tuesday, August 13	Tisha B'Av
Monday, August 19	Tu B'Av
Wednesday, August 21	Board of Directors meeting



Dr. Naftali Wein

Psychologist, Private Practice
Community Scholar

Scholar-in-Residence

To sponsor please contact the shul office.

Shabbat Nachamu
August 17th
Parsha Va'Eschanan

Hope;
A Journey from Grief to
Consolation



Schedule for Daily/Shabbat/

JULY 2024/SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5784						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
	1 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:15pm	2 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:15pm	3 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:15pm	4 S: 8:30am M/M: 8:15pm	5 S: 7:00am CL: 8:11pm M/M: 7:20pm	6 ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ-DAY 1 KORACH S: 9:00am M/M: 8:10pm H: 9:10pm
7 ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ-DAY 2 S: 8:30am M/M: 8:15pm	8 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:15pm	9 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:15pm	10 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:15pm	11 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:15pm	12 S: 7:00am CL: 8:08pm M/M: 7:20pm	13 CHUKAT S: 9:00am M/M: 8:05pm H: 9:07pm
14 S: 8:30am M/M: 8:10pm	15 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:10pm	16 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:10pm	17 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:10pm	18 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:10pm	19 S: 7:00am CL: 8:03pm M/M: 7:20pm	20 BALAK S: 9:00am M/M: 8:00pm H: 9:02pm
21 S: 8:30am M/M: 8:05pm	22 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:05pm	23 FAST OF 17 TAMMUZ Fast begins: 4:24am S: 7:00am M/M: 7:50pm Fast ends: 8:54pm	24 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:05pm	25 S: 7:00am M/M: 8:05pm	26 S: 7:00am CL: 7:57pm M/M: 7:20pm	27 PINCHAS S: 9:00am M/M: 7:55pm H: 8:56pm
28 S: 8:30am M/M: 7:55pm	29 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:55pm	30 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:55pm	31 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:55pm			KEY: S - Shacharit M - Maariv M/M - Mincha/Maariv CL - Candle Lighting H – Havdalah



Services & Candlelighting Times

AUGUST 2024/TAMMUZ-AV 5784						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
Key: S – Shacharit M- Maariv M/M- Mincha/Maariv CL – Candle Lighting H- Havdalah				1 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:55pm	2 S: 7:00am CL: 7:49pm M/M: 7:15pm	3 MATTOT-MASEI S: 9:00am M/M: 7:45pm H: 8:48pm
4 S: 8:30am M/M: 7:45pm	5 ROSH CHODESH AV S: 7:00am M/M: 7:45pm	6 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:45pm	7 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:45pm	8 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:45pm	9 S: 7:00am CL: 7:40pm M/M: 7:15pm	10 DEVARIM S: 9:00am M/M: 7:35pm H: 8:39pm
11 S: 8:30am M/M: 7:35pm	12 EREV TISHA B'AV S: 7:00am Mincha: 6:15pm Fast begins: 7:54pm M: 8:15pm	13 TISHA B'AV S: 8:00am M/M: 7:15pm Fast ends: 8:30pm	14 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:35pm	15 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:35pm	16 S: 7:00am CL: 7:30pm M/M: 7:20pm	17 VA'ESCHANAN S: 9:00am M/M: 7:25pm H: 8:29pm
18 S: 8:30am M/M: 7:25pm	19 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:25pm	20 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:25pm	21 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:25pm	22 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:25pm	23 S: 7:00am CL: 7:20pm M/M: 7:20pm	24 EKEV S: 9:00am M/M: 7:15pm H: 8:18pm
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Minyan times are subject to change. To confirm minyan time please check the shul website under the worship services tab or call/text Paul Kramer at 312.343.2200.



The Fifteenth of Av in Mishna and Talmud

A seemingly minor full moon festive day, the Fifteenth of Av is the Jewish Holiday that most captures the essence of the Full Moon component of our calendar. The final mishna of the tractate *Taanit* states:

"There was never a day as festive (Yom Tov) for the Jewish nation as the Fifteenth of the month of Av and Yom Kippur."

How could it be that unknown Fifteenth of Av and solemn Yom Kippur were more festive than Passover, Sukkot and Purim? The Mishna continues that on these two occasions:

"The daughters of Jerusalem...dressed in white...would go out and dance in the vineyards."

Why did they do that? The Talmud (*Taanit* 31a) fills in between the lines: "Whoever lacked a wife would go there to [gaze and] find one."

In other words, the Fifteenth of Av was a major matchmaking day, and so was, amazingly, Yom Kippur.

Now, the vital importance to Jewish continuity of aiding Jewish man-Jewish woman marriages to happen is as clear as a newborn's eyes. Nevertheless, does that justify claiming that the Fifteenth of Av is a greater holiday than the three Torah-mandated 'pilgrim' festivals, Pesach, Shavuot or Sukkot, with their immense gatherings at the Holy Temple in Jerusalem?

The Talmud itself expresses astonishment. "Yom Kippur is clearly [special]...because it is [a day] of forgiveness and pardon...But what is [the significance of] the Fifteenth of Av?" (*Taanit* 30b)

The Talmud goes on to answer its own question. Different sages recall five joyous historical events which occurred on the Fifteenth of Av (in counterpoint to the five calamities that occurred on Ninth ('Tisha') of Av and on 17 Tammuz, mentioned earlier in the Mishna), plus one custom that arose in the years of the two Holy Temples in Jerusalem.

source: Chabad.org

LADIES NIGHT AFTERNOON OUT (SORTA)

RSVP to the shul office by Monday Prior (July 1st & July 29th)

At the home of Martha Meyers

Women's Monthly Summer Seudah Shlishit
Parsha Korach, July 6th @ 5:30pm
Parsha Matot-Masei, August 3rd @ 5:30pm



SHABBAT AFTERNOON GEMARA SHIUR

**JOIN US FOR A GEMARA SHIUR EACH
WEEK, 30 MINUTES BEFORE SHABBAT
AFTERNOON MINCHA**

NO SHIUR SHABBAT JULY 13 OR AUGUST 24



THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S MISHMAR

Thursday nights after Maariv

July and August dates:

July 18 & 25

August 1, 8, 15 & 29

LINCOLNWOOD JEWISH CONGREGATION-AGBI PRESENTS

SCHOLAR- IN- RESIDENCE *MRS. TEMA TAXER*

Parsha Pinchas - July 27th Shabbat Morning Kiddush

Mrs. Tema Taxer attended Michlala, earned a Bachelor's degree in economics from Stern College for Women and is a CPA. She has been working in both public and private accounting. In addition, she teaches Taharat HaMishpacha through Daughters of Israel and gives shiurim to women on a variety of topics. Tema lives in Chicago with her husband and children.



Sponsorship Opportunities Available

parent-child learning

Torah learning,
snacks, prizes
and more!

Monthly Shabbat afternoons

5:30pm @ the Meyers

Parsha Korach, July 6th

Parsha Matot-Masei, August 3rd

No need to RSVP!

To sponsor please contact the Shul office



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THROUGH HISTORICAL MASTERPIECES

THURSDAY NIGHTS

JULY 18, 25 - 7:30 PM
AUGUST 1, 8 - 7:00 PM

ONLY ON ZOOM



Your presence is greatly needed: please attend

Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A G Beth Israel, our Shul, has always maintained two daily minyanim for Shacharit and for Mincha/Maariv (or just Maariv during the winter months). It continues to be difficult to guarantee that 10 men will be present for davening. **Your help is urgently needed to ensure that a full minyan is present for everyone, especially those who have Yahrzeit or are in their year of mourning. Please attend whenever you are able.**

Off the Subject

David just received his CPA and he was looking for a job. He was being interviewed by Alan Goldfarb, a partner at the three man firm Goldfarb, Applebaum and Goldman. Alan came across as a very nervous man.

"I need someone with an accounting degree," Goldfarb said. "But mainly, I'm looking for someone to do my worrying for me."

"Excuse me?" the young accountant said.

"I worry about a lot of things," Goldfarb said. "But I don't want to have to worry about money. Your job will be to take all the money worries off my back."

"I see," David said. "And how much does the job pay?"

"I will start you at eighty-five thousand dollars."

"Eighty-five thousand dollars!" David exclaimed. "How can such a small business afford a sum like that?"

"That," Goldfarb said, "is your first worry."

Two cowboys come upon an older man lying on his stomach with his ear to the ground. One of the cowboys stops and says to the other, "You see that man?"

"Yeah," says the other cowboy.

"Look," says the first one, "he's listening to the ground. He can hear things for miles in any direction."

Just then the man looks up. "Covered wagon," he says, "about two miles away. Have two horses, one brown, one white. Man, woman, child, and household articles in wagon."

"Incredible!" says the cowboy to his friend. "This man knows how far away they are, how many horses, what color they are, who is in the wagon, and what is in the wagon. Amazing!"

The man looks up and says, "Ran over me about a half-hour ago."

A law professor was explaining courtroom procedure to his students. "Remember, when you are fighting a case, if you have the facts on your side, hammer on the facts! If you have the law on your side, hammer on the law."

A student raised his hand and asked, "But what if you don't have the facts, or the law, on your side?"

"In that case, you hammer on the table!"