

HAPPENINGS

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2007

NUMBER TEN

From Our Rabbi

Dear Friends,

Although we read year round, for some reason the summer is associated with grabbing a good book when we head for vacation. I have tried every year to provide my small segment of the People of the book with some good book suggestions for the summer. This year Bill Tammus (my co-writer) and I have been reading much on the subject of Antisemitism for the book we are writing. So this year's list is fairly heavy on this subject. Here it goes:

* *Antisemitism: Myth and Hate from Antiquity to the Present*, by Marvin Perry and Frederick M. Schweitzer. These two academics cover the history of the various antisemitic myths through history.

* *The Devil and the Jews: The Medieval Conception of the Jews and Its Relation to Modern Anti-Semitism*, by Joshua Trachtenberg. First published in 1943, this classic about how Jews have been portrayed throughout the Middle Ages, has been republished with a new foreward that describes the influence of Trachtenberg's work.

* *Challenges in Jewish-Christian Relations*, edited by James. K. Aitken and Edward Kessler. Various writers contribute chapters to this 2006 book, which brings readers up to speed on the issues and challenges of relations between the two faiths.

* *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine. This "Yankee Jewish feminist" writes an intriguing account of ways both Christians and Jews misunderstand Jesus, and how fixing that might improve relations between them.

* *American Jewish History*, by Normah H.

Finkelstein. This is a JPS Guide. Well illustrated. Lots of sidebars and graphics.

* *Sources of the Holocaust*, edited by Steve Hochstadt, A collection of documents, starting with New Testament passages, that relate to or contributed to the Shoah. Some commentary, too.

* *Antisemitism: The Longest Hatred*, by Robert S. Wistrich. A 1991 book by a good historian. Large type. Pretty easy to read.

* *Holy Hatred: Christianity, Antisemitism and the Holocaust*, by Robert Michael. A meticulous account of the way in which anti-Judaism and antisemitism have infected Christianity almost from the beginning.

Now for a bit of variety, allow me to suggest:

* *He, She and It* by Marge Peircy. This is a wonderful Jewish Sci-fi novel that deals with making ethical choices.

I wish you a happy summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn

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WORSHIP HOURS

Summer Services Moved to Krasne Room

Starting on **Friday, June 29**, we will be holding our summer Shabbat Services in our Krasne Room. Due to the remodeling that will be taking place in our sanctuary, we have had to move our services and ask that you **please use the Krasne Room's side door to enter and exit.**

Important Dates to Remember

Temple Picnic Monday, September 3
Religious School Start Sunday, September 9
Rosh Hashanah Eve Wednesday, September 12
Yom Kippur Eve Friday, September 21
Scholar-in-Residence November 16 & 17

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

- June 1 6:00 p.m.
Family Service
- June 8 6:00 p.m.
Service Honoring Recent Converts
- June 15 6:00 p.m.
Service led by Margaret Lange
- June 22 6:00 p.m.
- June 23
Bat Mitzvah of Betsy Jacob
Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Bortnick
- June 29 6:00 p.m.
- July 6 6:00 p.m.
- July 13 6:00 p.m.
- July 20 6:00 p.m.
- July 27 6:00 p.m.
- August 3 6:00 p.m.
- August 4
Bar Mitzvah Ori Goldwasser
- August 10 6:00 p.m.
- August 17 6:00 p.m.
- August 24 6:00 p.m.
- August 31 6:00 p.m.

Family Shabbat Service

At **6 p.m. on Friday, June 1**, bring the family to services for an evening of fun and learning. Help Rabbi Cukierkorn welcome the Sabbath by singing and reading from special family prayer books. Following the service we'll head to Sweet Tomatoes for dinner.

Sabbath Service Honoring Recent Converts

Come help us welcome new members of our Jewish community as they attend their first NRT service as Jews. This special Service will be held at **6 p.m. on Friday, June 8**, followed by a wine and cheese reception in their honor.

Beat the Heat Walk/Run

Be a part of the 20th Annual Beat the Heat 5K/10K Walk/Run on Father's Day! The 5K/10K walk/run is a fundraiser for Village Shalom. The proceeds of the race directly benefit Village Shalom and specifically support their programs and services for patients with Alzheimer's, and their families. This is the 20th Anniversary of the race. Last year the race raised almost \$30,000.

The race takes place on a course around Village Shalom. Race participants should arrive at Village Shalom, 5500 West 123rd Street, Overland Park, the morning of the race. **The race will begin at 7:30 a.m. on June 17th**, but participants should plan to arrive around 6:30 a.m. Participants can pick up their packets before the race at Village Shalom on June 15 from 4–8 p.m., June 16 from 12– 4 p.m. or before 7:30 a.m. the morning of the race.

Please return the enclosed registration form and a check, payable to Village Shalom Associate Board, to the temple no later than June 10. If you have any questions, please contact Herb Adler at 816-274-4262 or at hadler1@hallmark.com.

From Our Religious School

As Jews, we believe that it is our responsibility to teach our children about community service and helping others who have less than we do. This past year, our students took part in community service at Harvesters, Ronald McDonald House, and Village Shalom. Collections throughout the year were given to Operation Breakthrough and an elementary school in Kansas City. On April 29th, students in grades Pre K-6th were given play money that represented how much money the class had brought for tzedakah each week. They were then able to give the money to the organization of their choice at the Mitzvah Market based on the discussions they had with representatives from Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, and a congregation in Guatemala, represented by our rabbi. Students were able to see that their money was going to help others in our community, not just go into a brown envelope each

week. The upper grades donated their money to Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics, Animal Haven, and Invisible Children. Hopefully, this will spark an interest to help others in our children that will continue throughout their lives.

Have a wonderful summer, and we will see you at the pancake breakfast on September 9th.

Ann Brendle
Religious School Director

Temple Gift

A generous friend of the Temple has recently donated to us a portable handicap ramp for the downstairs Uhlmann Social Hall. The addition of this ramp has now made it possible for people in wheelchairs to access the social hall from the Gregory Street side of the building.

Welcome the Following New Temple Members

Marc, Linda & Lindsay Turner

Bookplate Program

When you want to honor someone, consider the Temple's bookplate program. For just \$25 you can dedicate one of the prayer books with a bookplate, imprinted with a personal message. For more information, contact the Temple's office.

We Gratefully Acknowledge the Following Contributions to the Temple

To the Levin Library

In Appreciation
by Mrs. Faith Hamilton-Trent

To the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of Samantha Barnett's Bat Mitzvah
by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Barnett

In Memory of Milton Brown
by Mrs. Annette Bloch

In Honor of the 2007 Confirmation Class
by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hiersteiner

To the Temple

In Memory of Dorothy Benjamin's Yahrzeit
by Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Prince

In Memory of Milton Brown
by Mrs. Betty Barnett & Mr. Glenn Haynes
by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Greenstein
by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Schoenfeld

In Honor of Allison Kipke, Katherine Sachse and Kathryn Greenbaum
by Mr. & Mr. G. Kenneth Baum

In Honor of Erwin Sackin's Birthday
by Mrs. Marjorie Sackin

In Memory of Henry H. Schoenfeld's Yahrzeit
by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schoenfeld

In Memory of Beverly Wolfe
by Mr. & Mrs. G. Kenneth Baum
by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schoenfeld

In Memoriam

The Temple extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and friends of

Richard Epstein

Day of Discovery Comes to KC

Mark your calendars for an exciting upcoming community program: Day of Discovery – Explore the Joy of Jewish Learning in Kansas City. This event will be held from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 26, at the Jewish Community Campus and will kick-off a year of Jewish Learning in Kansas City.

The Day of Discovery is a unique opportunity for adults, young and old, to discover the richness and diversity of Jewish learning available in town. Participants will have an opportunity to learn, study and discover some of the community's finest Jewish educators, rabbis and cantors who will lead session on a wide range of topics. A listing of adult Jewish learning opportunities that will be offered in the community throughout the year will be distributed.

We Need Your Help

Please make Rabbi Cukierkorn aware of any Temple members who are hospitalized or just in need of a visit. You can reach Rabbi on his cell phone at 913-940-1011.

June Birthdays

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 02 Madeline Schuman | 10 Sara Prince | 17 Lois Davidson | 26 Samuel Frazen |
| 02 Tyler Schuman | 11 Joan Berkley | 17 Susie Jacob | 26 Leslie Herman |
| 04 Pat Brown | 11 Elinor Bortnick | 17 Marilyn Melcher | 26 June Horwitz |
| 04 Tom Rooker | 11 Amanda Brendle | 17 Haley Schuman | 26 Harold Melcher |
| 05 Riley Brennan | 11 Ann Darke | 18 Raquel Cukierkorn | 26 Cathy Seligson |
| 05 Valerie Discher | 11 Linda Lyon | 18 Nathan Judy | 27 Gillian Brennan |
| 05 Lauren Uhlmann | 11 Marcia Schoenfeld | 18 Mike Lyon | 27 Joe Hiersteiner |
| 05 Rosanne Wickman | 11 Andrew Starr | 18 Geof Newman | 27 Guin Siegel |
| 06 Blair Benjamin | 12 Richard Greenberg | 18 Tyler Wirken | 28 David Roesler |
| 06 Andrew Glashow | 13 Andrew Block | 20 Jacob Gerson | 28 Eliza Spertus |
| 06 Jack Nachman | 14 Maureen Durwood | 20 Emily Weiner | 29 Dick Berkley |
| 07 Megan Klugman | 15 Judith Boasberg | 21 Steve Jacob | 29 John Neuberger |
| 08 Kerry Bush | 15 Morgan Bush | 22 Bob Brown | 29 Mitch Reisler |
| 08 Amy Schoenfeld | 15 Evan Copaken | 22 Caroline Copaken | 29 Melissa Rooker |
| 09 Evelyn Freilich | 15 Carol Wilson | 23 Joyce Fulps | 29 Carol Rose |
| 09 Tamar Ginzburg | 16 Maxine Darke | 23 Tom Isenberg | 29 Tracy Tucci |
| 09 Jamie Sloman | 16 Eliot Glenn | 24 James Levin | 30 Carol Cohon |
| 10 Alexander Buhayar | 16 Russell Peloquin | 25 Nell Adkins | 30 Alice Erdner |
| | | | 30 Sidney Lefkowitz |

July Birthdays

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|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 01 Ginny Epsten | 09 Benton Helzberg | 20 Kelsey Smith | 26 Mary Gladstone |
| 01 Judy Fudenberg | 11 Maren Roesler | 20 Cory Spitcaufsky | 26 Lauren Gunter |
| 01 Craig Wilson | 12 Barbara Bloch | 21 Laurie Bomba | 26 Dan Sight |
| 02 Linda Turner | 12 Frederic Seligson | 21 Ann Isenberg | 26 Carol Trenton |
| 03 Harry Bosley | 12 William Wien | 21 Katie Sloman | 27 Marion Bloch |
| 03 Ellie Copaken | 13 Jessica Klein | 22 Meredith Baum | 27 Robert Bloch |
| 04 Karen Herman | 13 Ellen Laner | 22 Irwin Blond | 27 Terry Mc Ewen |
| 05 Lynne Melcher | 13 Irv Rubin | 23 Herb Adler | 29 Todd Bosley |
| 05 Edward Wilson | 13 Benjamin Sight | 23 Richard Brown | 29 Brad Epsten |
| 06 Kenny Baum | 13 Meredith Sight | 24 Margaret Brown | 30 Henry Bloch |
| 06 Vicki Reisler | 14 Annie Dreyer | 24 Emily Crenner | 30 Joshua Boasberg |
| 06 Fred Wickman | 15 Chad Auerbach | 24 Kourtney Misse | 30 Deborah Buhayar |
| 08 Lisa Adkins | 15 Tom Davidson | 25 Howard Barewin | 30 Barbara Fleischer |
| 08 Arnie Brown | 17 Marjorie Montague | 25 Diana Discher | 30 Mike Rainen |
| 08 Joseph Porter | 17 Sally Uhlmann | 25 Elaine Sight | 31 Don Gessen |
| 09 Edward Bloch | 18 William Block | 25 David Vittor | 31 Paige Holmes |
| 09 Oliver Helzberg | 20 Elaine Ryder | 26 Sharyn Blond | |

August Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 01 Carole Freilich | 09 Michael Rosenblum | 16 Marjorie Bercu | 25 Mary Bloch |
| 01 Cole Mitchelson | 10 Jennifer Auerbach | 16 Adam Starr | 25 Gregg Davidson |
| 01 Sarah Ward | 10 Grant Misse | 16 Lily Starr | 25 Sonni Schuman |
| 03 Gene Bortnick | 10 Barbara Schwartz | 18 Dick Durwood | 26 Paul Copaken |
| 03 Lori Eastman | 10 Neil Sloman | 18 Emelia Gladstone | 26 Roger Hurwitz |
| 04 Tate Angrist | 10 Geri Weinbaum | 18 Hal Lowenstein | 26 Lindsay Rooker |
| 04 Howard Goldwasser | 11 Bill Berkley | 18 Jim Sight | 26 Daniel Spertus |
| 04 Jeremy Gunter | 11 Samantha Klein | 19 Joyce Galamba | 26 Alex Wirken |
| 04 Abe Rosenberg | 12 Janice Benjamin | 19 Patricia Sanditz | 27 Rolfe Becker |
| 05 Chase Bloch | 12 Tommy Dreyer | 19 Betty Slegman | 27 Elaine Sackin |
| 05 Myra Siegel | 12 Mark Levy | 19 Evelina Swartzman | 28 Terry Goldberg |
| 06 Kimberly Stern | 12 Scott Molos | 23 Leah Cohon | 29 Kenneth Block |
| 06 Linda Watson | 13 Steve Swartzman | 23 Christina Greenbaum | 29 Carol Porter |
| 07 Phyllis Cohen | 14 Lisa Frazen | 23 Sheila Hartney | 29 Steve Unterman |
| 07 Keith Copaken | 14 Elizabeth Ghadimi | 23 Camryn Markey | 30 Jim Klein |
| 07 Mark Discher | 14 Lisa Klein | 23 Lauren Peloquin | 31 Gracie Cowman |
| 08 Jenny Barewin | 14 Lisa Lefkovitz | 23 Lizbeth Pener | 31 Dahlia Cukierkorn |
| 08 Carly Dreyer | 14 Pattie Shostak | 23 Heather Ream | 31 John LaRoe |
| 08 William Snower | 15 Connor Schuman | 24 Sam Slosburg | 31 Daryl Rosenblum |
| 08 Robert Snower | | | 31 Patricia Stein |

June Anniversaries

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 04 Mark & Lecie Davis | 14 Jon & Heather Bortnick | 25 Robert & Lynne Cohen |
| 04 Bradley & Theresa Freilich | 14 Arnie & Donna Brown | 26 Jack & Fran Brozman |
| 06 Allen & Debra Parmet | 15 Meyer & Mindy Sosland | 26 Don & Lisa Gessen |
| 06 Morton & Estelle Sosland | 16 Henry & Marion Bloch | 26 Ed & Ann Kander |
| 06 Charles & Jeanne Sosland | 16 John & Dawn LaRoe | 27 Jeffrey & Stevi Brick |
| 06 David & Ellice Vittor | 19 Michael & Ruth Fedotin | 28 Eliot & Marcia Berkley |
| 12 Burton & Barbara Smoliar | 20 Don & Diane Mnookin | 28 Doug & Ann Ghertner |
| 13 Andy & Pat Brown | 21 Samuel & Marjorie Montague | 28 Rocky & Susan Horowitz |
| 13 Andy & Lori Eastman | 22 Robert & Jacqueline Epsten | 29 Kenny & Ann Baum |
| 13 Chris & Donna Holmes | 22 Jay & Symie Menitove | 29 Harvey & SuEllen Fried |
| 13 Michael & Gloria Rudd | 22 David & Lizbeth Pener | 29 Jeff & Heather Ream |
| 14 Bert & Janice Benjamin | 24 Dick & Maureen Durwood | 29 Richard & Kimberly Stern |

July Anniversaries

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 02 Daniel & Stacy Rainey | 13 John & Geri Neuberger | 25 Daniel & Patricia Slosburg |
| 03 Dick & Sandy Berkley | 16 Jim & Katie Gerson | 25 Stuart & Sheila Wien |
| 07 Michael & Marie Rosenblum | 18 Jon & Shelley Copaken | 26 Jim & Mary Jo Ward |
| 07 Irv & Anna Lee Rubin | 18 Rip & Clara Grossman | 27 Gene & Cathy Bortnick |
| 08 Keith & Andrea Weisz | 18 Ron & Barbra Hill | 27 Bernard & Vicki Levi |
| 09 Henry & Clarice Epstein | 19 Phillip & Peedee Brown | 27 Lester & Myra Siegel |
| 11 Michael & Megan Grossman | 25 Mark & Nancy Sachse | 29 Jerome & Hope Grunt |
| 11 Jim & Lisa Klein | | 31 Byron & Susie Milgram |

August Anniversaries

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 03 Brett & Kourtney Misse | 19 Arthur & Barbara Stern | 24 Andrew & Laurie Fromm |
| 04 Bud & Jean Brown | 20 Jon & Sarah Baum | 27 Ernie & Barbara Fleischer |
| 05 Chad & Jennifer Auerbach | 20 Michael & Linda Braude | 27 Steve & Evelina Swartzman |
| 06 Herbert & Nancy Kohn | 21 Mark & Pattie Brennan | 27 Bob & Cindy Tucci |
| 09 Betty Barnett & Glenn Haynes | 21 Fred & Margaret Schoenfeld | 28 Howard & Jenny Barewin |
| 10 Mark & Diane Molos | 22 William & Hortense Snower | 30 Laurence & Lisa Frazen |
| 11 Jack & Pamela Dicapò | 23 Joe & Cathy Hiersteiner | 31 Bush & Jamie Helzberg |
| 15 Errol & Cissy Copilevitz | 24 Chris & Kathy Crenner | 31 Tyler & Pam Wirken |

Y A H R Z E I T S

"The memory of the righteous shall be for a blessing"

JUNE 1

Pearl Atlas
Annabel Benezra
Nan Resnik Braude
Marjorie B. Cohen
Leon Cohen
Elizabeth Fredkin
Sylvia Glabman
Jake Levin
Marjorie Miller Levy
Sam Lewin
Alfred Liebman
Lorie Newhouse
Esther Niman
Larry R. Russell
Ethel Steinmark
Alan Murry Turner

JUNE 8

Jeanette Barnett
Harold N. Cohen
Ily Cukierkorn
Dora R. Feder
Lawrence Firestone
Harold Friedman
Sarah Gollance
Bertha Kamen
Naomi McCord
Berthold J. Newburger
Rose S. Ripley
Albert Sagand
Ruth D. Schwartz
Elizabeth Shifrin
Samuel I. Siegel
Albert A. Strauss

JUNE 15

Alan K. Benjamin
Louis M. Brod
Gayle S. Galamba
Mose Goldberg
Fred Goldman, Jr.
Dorothy Halperin
Barry Hyken
Max Barnett, Jr.
Samuel Kamen
Blakely Russell Kay
Bernard Klein
William M. Klein
William Lazere
Marjorie R. Levi
Jenny S. Navran
Allen S. Porter
Sylvia Roseroot
Necoma Seigel

JUNE 22

Morten Brown
Harry N. Brown
Mildred Epstein
Ruth Goldstein
William H. Kain
Kenneth Krakauer
Esther L. Krasne
Franz E. Lenk
Kathleen Roesler
Helen Rosenstock
Leo R. Rubenstein

JUNE 29

Ben J. Fredman
Mrs. Fred Goldman, Sr.
Lewis B. Grossman
Dorothy Hershfield
Debra A. Jacobson
Elizabeth L. Levy
Lillian H. Porter
Sarah Tenenbaum
Paul Uhlmann, Sr.
Frances Yukon

JULY 6

Caroline Berkowitz
Dorothy Copaken
Louis H. Ehrlich, Jr.
J. Ralph Fels
Lenore Hantover
Estelle W. Kapleau
Marjorie Levin
Leo Pollock, M.D.
Dorothy Reiger
James R. Rosenberg
Lena Sackin

JULY 13

George Aaron, M.D.
Isabel R. Blass
Helen Dreyfus
Edward H. Gilbert
Harry Isaacs
Ida Klein
Shirley Litan
Harry P. Sagand
Lucille Shapiro
Beatrice Smith
Norman Strauss
Mrs. Charles Tucker

JULY 20

I.C. Barnett
Sara Barnett
Helen B. Bergman
Lester Blender
Linda Fox Bortnick
Gretchen Friedman
Raphael Goldstein
Lillian Goldstein
Antonia Greenman
Betty Ann Koralchik
Selma Barth Liebman
Janice Lowenstein
Herman Lowenstein
Harry Rothschild
Gerre Gene Strauss

Donna Bigus
Richard A. Bloch
Marjorie A. Greenberg
Fannie Mae Marder
Jerri Pliner
Florence Rosenthal
Don Rudnick
Anna Sabara
Irving A. Stern

JULY 27