

# HAPPENINGS

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## From Our Rabbi

Dear Friends,

Sukkot begins in the evening of Friday October 2nd. One of the many relevant points of the Festival of Booths is that it reminds us of the importance of home. Remembering that there was a time our ancestors did not have the luxury of a fixed residence, we ought to be grateful for our nice homes.

Yet, our primary residence is not our only home. we also have a spiritual home in the New Reform Temple. The NRT is our home away from home. I like to say that we are like the Cheers bar: a place that everyone knows your name and is happy that you came.

In order to make your spiritual home's visit easier, more accessible and more meaningful I have an announcement and a few suggestions:

**1) NEW TIME** - You probably heard it during the High Holidays, but I will remind you once again. After 8 years of holding Shabbat services at 6 PM, we will try the new time of 6:30 PM. This is being done based on several requests of NRT members that say that this 30 minutes will allow them to get to temple after work. Services will continue to run the usual hour and will still be followed by Kiddush in the Krasne Room. Special events such as Confirmation and the Krasne scholar in Residence program will continue to be at 8 PM and will be amply publicized. We will try this new time for one year and determine if the change is a positive one. Soon I will begin offering a class or discussion group between 6 PM and 6:30 PM on Fridays.

**2) TEMPLE ATTENDANCE IS A PARTICIPATORY SPORT** - One of the

hallmarks of Classical Reform Judaism is a meaningful and participatory worship experience, mostly in the English language, that touches us intellectually and Spiritually. Our unique tradition is that of musical compositions that come from the Great Nineteenth-Century Synagogues of Berlin and Vienna; we also sing Hebrew songs that link us to our past and to our fellow Jews throughout the world. Our services also include liturgical settings and hymns for congregational singing in both Hebrew and English, with a variety of instrumental accompaniments. Carlene Neihart, our Musical director, is the premier organist in town and our choir members are always top notch. Yet all this musical effort is diminished if we just sit in the sanctuary as if in a theater. The goal of synagogue music is for us to join. It is my understanding that we do not have a cantor so we may not feel tempted to let the Cantor sing for us. So I urge you to sing. Never be worried you can't sing well. Compare your singing with mine and you will always be ahead!

**3) BE INFORMED, BE IN TOUCH** - We live in a time of instant communication. We will be using technology more effectively from now on. I urge you to join the New Reform Temple's Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=127271123420>. There you will be able to join discussions, ask questions, participate in discussions and even know before everyone else what the sermon that week will be about.

I look forward to seeing much more of you at our new service time!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn

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**WORSHIP HOURS**

- Friday, October 2 ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Consecration & Chinese Dinner
- Friday, October 9 ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 16 ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 23 ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 30 ..... 6:30 p.m.

**October Temple Events**

Our Program Year starts off with a BANG! as we enjoy the Pumpkin Chucker!!! Don't know about this? Read on.....

**Friday, October 2  
Consecration**

We will celebrate the official start of Jewish learning by our youngest students. Come join us for a Chinese food dinner following the service. If you want to participate in the dinner, please call the

Temple office by September 30. The cost for the dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

**Sunday, October 11**

Come to Camp NRT! Join us Sunday morning during Sunday School as we learn about Jewish camp opportunities and then stay for a **Family Program** of hot dogs cooked over a campfire, and yes... "S'mores" songs and camp fun. We will be done by 12:30.

Keep reading....

**Wednesday, October 14  
Lunch With The Rabbi**

We will meet at Temple from 12:00 to 1:30. Lunch will be provided by Mama's 39<sup>th</sup> Street Diner. Our broad topic of conversation will be Jewish Ethics. We will start with the question: Can Good Deeds Cancel Bad Deeds? We will send out an e-mail reminder the week before that will contain some menu options. You will need to make your lunch reservations with the Temple office by Monday Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. You must have a reservation for lunch. If you are not having lunch and just want to come for the discussion, no reservation is needed.

Keep reading...Pumpkin information coming up soon....

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Mazal Tots** kicks off the year with a very special project. We are going to be making a scrap book of pictures and art work of our activities all year. This week we will begin our book, learn some songs, learn how to spin a dreidel, play some games and of course in order to be an authentic Jewish gathering, we will have food!

Not yet...Keep reading...

## Friday, October 23

### Shabbat Dinner

Round out your Shabbat experience with a wonderful meal of brisket from McGonigle's, complemented with homemade dishes by some of our members who just happen to be great cooks.

Cost is \$8 per person. Make your reservation with the Temple office at 816-523-7809.

At last....

## Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

**Family Program** 12:30 till 3:00. Join us at the Pumpkin Patch in Gardner, Kansas where you can experience the Pumpkin Express Train, Miniature Golf, Rope and Hay Bale Mazes, Humpty Dumpty Rock Climbing Wall, and....DRUM ROLL PLEASE.....the Pumpkin Cannon!!!...and much, much more. There is a full concession stand where you can purchase lunch and snacks. General Admission is \$8.

## Save the Dates:

### November 6

A very special Family Shabbat. Some of our music will be by Rodger Heidgerken, Leah Cohon, Erika Levy, and Charlie Fromm all from our Religious School. There will also be special readings by other Religious School students.

### November 8

Chanukah Magic Rehearsal: 11:30-12:30 with Pizza lunch.

## From Our President

Dear Friends,

"We live in the golden age of Judaism." I share that message with my Confirmation class at the beginning of every school year. When I make that comment, I typically see a roomful of puzzled faces. So, for those of you who won't be in my class this year, let me share with you as well what I mean by that statement.

Jews who live in the United States have never had as many freedoms as we enjoy today. There are no more quotas or percentages of Jewish students who can attend certain colleges and universities. As a people, we are welcome to join about any country club. There are no restrictions on where we live, or the professions we choose to seek and practice. As wonderful as it is to realize how meaningful it is to have these liberties, it is even more important for us to protect and guard our freedom, and not take it for granted.

I emphasize this lesson to my students, because, as we are all aware, it wasn't too long ago that such opportunities and rights didn't exist. Understanding our history, especially over the course of the past 70 years is so essential to protecting what we enjoy today. In fact, we spend a fair amount of class time discussing how our history relates to current events. Every week, I pick a current event for the students to bring to class relevant to a Jewish topic or perspective. At the beginning of the year, they usually don't see the significance of doing so, especially as I relate the event to something in our history. As the semester/year progresses, they begin to realize the value of these topics. They begin to correlate the past with the present, and MOST IMPORTANT, as trite as this may sound, that it's up to them to sustain our autonomy.

Beyond the walls of our religious school, it is up to us as adults to relate stories of our personal struggles and triumphs to the next generation and for them to do the same for their future. Our children/grandchildren can read history books and watch documents, but our conversations with them can leave indelible marks. Please consider taking the opportunity to share stories with them in the name of sustaining our freedom.

Tom Barnett  
President

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by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Nachman

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## *In Memoriam*

*The Temple extends sincere  
sympathy to the bereaved  
families and friends of*

*Sidney Lefkovitz  
John Uhlmann*

## **Village Shalom Message**

Shanah Tovah to all The New Reform Temple Social Action Committee members and congregants who generously volunteer their time at Village Shalom. Thank you!

## October Anniversaries

02 Ed & Karen Porter	13 Robert & Sally Uhlmann	23 Hal & Wanda Lowenstein
03 Bill & Gail Wien	16 Steve & Lisa Glassman	24 Chuck & Lori Gilbert
06 John & Debra Starr	17 Paul & Liz Uhlmann	26 Fred & Tina Greenbaum
07 Roger & Dana Holifield	19 Steve & Ellen Bresky	27 Robert & Lois Lazere
07 Erwin & Elaine Sackin	21 Dan & Janet Dubrava	29 Kurtis & Kelley Cowman
10 Charles & Leslie Herman	21 Morris & Francis Levitch	29 Jack & Fran Mayer
11 Leonard & Una Strauss		

## October Birthdays

01 Jack Coe	07 Jack Copaken	12 Jacques Cukierkorn	21 Deedee King
02 Noah Bortnick	07 Geri Neuberger	12 Rodger Heidgerken	24 Leah Holifield
02 Jeffrey Brick	08 William Copaken	14 Pam Fleischer	25 Zachary Luea
02 Dawn LaRoe	08 Howard Schwartz	14 Deborah Trout	25 Amanda Rothstein
02 Hudson Witbrod	08 Arthur Walts	15 Mark Sachse	25 Wendy Wolfe
03 Stanley Hellerstein	09 Jonathan Angrist	17 Edward Fromm	26 Owen Barewin
04 Edith Hellerstein	09 Amy Copaken	17 Julie Fromm	26 Theresa Freilich
05 Chandler Hampton	10 Romeo Bagunu Jr.	18 Caryl Siegel	27 Ann Brendle
05 James Helzberg	10 Norma Gorsuch	18 David Swartzman	27 Susan Sloman
05 Bill Witbrod	10 Megan Turner	19 Donna Brown	28 Fred Greenbaum
06 Jacqueline Fromm	11 Ridley Angrist	20 Ed Gorsuch	30 Mark Davis
06 Martha Katz	11 Diane Mnookin	20 Daniel Slosburg	30 Marc Turner
06 Morris Levitch	11 Alexis Wolfe	21 Yvonne Cordeiro	31 Marcia Berkley
06 Burton Smoliar	12 Sarah Baum	21 David Goldstein	31 Jean Hiersteiner
07 Charles Berlau	12 Eliot Berkley	21 Billy Jacob	31 Meyer Sosland
			31 Mindy Sosland

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### Welcome New Temple Members!

*Allison & Brian Bloch*

*Debbie & John Coe  
Jack, David & Lydia*

*Lynnette & Norman Siegel  
Sydney & Natalie*

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### Abby's Run for the Heart

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Abby's Run for the Heart will be held Sunday, October 11, at Town Center Plaza. Proceeds from this 5k run/walk and tot trot benefit The Abby Glaser Children's Heart Fund where all money is directed towards research into sudden cardiac death in children.

Also this is a great way to earn you community service hours! Sign up to volunteer! Please visit the website at [www.abbysrun.com](http://www.abbysrun.com) for more information.

## Y A H R Z E I T S

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

### October 2

Howard Boasberg, Sr.  
Sarah Brown  
Ruth R. Hoffman  
Edward W. Hoffman  
Norma Isaacs  
Ellen B. Laner  
Stephanie Mnookin  
Samuel Statland  
Mildred R. Wien

### October 9

Alfred L. Benjamin  
David Bodker  
Miriam Broud Bradley  
Daniel M. Braude  
Ephraim Discher  
Stanley Grant  
Anne Goldman Halper  
Sara Kaufman  
Marion Berger Levin  
Ann Mindlin  
Eugenia Reisner  
Marvin L. Rich  
Harry Seligson  
Rae Shapiro  
Jack Snyder

### October 16

Joseph Bortnick  
Anthony Cordeiro  
Minnie Davidson  
Elmer R. Galamba  
Herbert Jacob  
George Montague  
Ruth Pearlman  
Moshe Poleg  
Florence Rothschild  
Bernice Sloman  
Eugene Spertus  
Jake Tenenbaum  
Helen Jane Uhlmann

### October 23

Alvin J. Baer  
Juliet Block  
Freda Fink  
Joseph Fried  
Sylvia Goldstein  
Bertha Greenberg  
Morris Kamen  
Julian H. Levi  
Charlotte Serkes Levy  
Arthur Mag  
Albert Menitove  
Samuel Mnookin  
Richard Montague  
Helen Padorr  
Patricia Uhlmann Rich  
Michael Rudd  
Marcel Weill

### October 30

Renee L. Baer  
Elizabeth Cohen  
Louise B. Dreyer  
Herman Epstein  
Netti Friedberger  
Helen Galamba  
Sylvia Gershenson  
Elmer A. Ghertner  
Phyllis K. Ghertner  
Frank K. Hoffman  
Jeanette Hurwitz  
Anne Isenberg  
Elliot Jacobson  
Emelie L. Levin  
Irving Marder  
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Jacob S. Rubin  
Saul Slegman  
Lawrence Davidson Starr  
Charlotte Wien