



CONGREGATION HESED SHELEMET

Sivan - Av 5777

June-July 2017

From the Rabbi's Desk.....

On November 19th, 1863, President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. It was the site of the bloodiest battle of the Civil War claiming 51,000 lives. President Lincoln opened his address with a peculiar numerical jargon: "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation..." Why didn't he say in plain English "87 years ago"? There was something deliberate he wanted to express, even if the subtlety of his language would pass unnoticed. President Lincoln was wondering if the cause of liberty and equality, the very principle of democracy, was not altogether dead.

I believe President Lincoln was alluding to Psalm 90 verse 10: "The days of our years are threescore and ten; or if by some great strength fourscore, their strength is labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." President Lincoln was musing, "Have we, as a nation, run our course?" The human life-span is 70-80 years according to the Bible. The 51,000 dead from both sides, all the intellectual and emotional offspring of our founding fathers' principles lay there four score and seven years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Had the zeal and ideals of our nation's founders fallen victim to a spiritual death in the same way human beings age and decay?

President Lincoln in November of 1863 still had doubts about the outcome of the war. As he stood contemplating the demise of the Union after the passage of 87 short years - a robust human being's life span - he pivots. The nation will survive beyond the measure of a man's life, because of the accumulated debt of time paid for by each life cut short in battle. "It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced....that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion..."

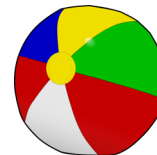
Yale historian Timothy Snyder recently wrote, "If none of us is prepared to die for freedom, then all of us will die under tyranny." As we enter the Summer season let us reflect on the nature of our nation's unique spiritual heritage and the distinct flavor of Hebraic culture that underpins American democracy and freedom.

Rabbi Ira Flax

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SUMMER



Services

Fri	June 23	6:15pm	Shabbat Service & Dinner led by Rabbi Flax	Fri	July 14		—NO SERVICE—
Sat	June 24	9:15am	led by Rabbi Flax	Sat	July 15	9:15am	led by Congregant
Fri	June 30		—NO SERVICE—	Fri	July 21		—NO SERVICE—
Sat	July 1	9:15am	led by Congregant	Sat	July 22	9:15am	led by Congregant
Fri	July 7	6:15pm	led by Rabbi Flax	Fri	July 28	6:15pm	led by Rabbi Flax
Sat	July 8	9:15am	led by Rabbi Flax	Sat	July 29	9:15am	led by Rabbi Flax

Birthdays

June		July	
5	Ilene Cooper	8	Robert Misko
	Harrison Wolf	10	Barry Sankey
11	Meghan Manley	15	Levi Wolf
17	Pearl Neumann	19	Alvin Weiss
22	Stacey Messing		Hannah Maltzman
23	Bonita Pomerantz	21	James Messing
25	Mark Pastor	26	Myrna Rawdin
30	Gayle Wolf		

Anniversaries

June	
10	Mr. & Mrs. Seth Eilberg
16	Dr. & Mrs. Martin Rawdin
25	Dr. & Mrs. Philip Matilsky Mr. & Mrs. Mark Pastor
July	
16	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Freedman
17	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wolf
19	Mr. & Mrs. James Messing
24	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Angst

Save the Date!

Shabbat Dinner

Friday, June 23rd @ 6:15pm UPSTAIRS

Join us for Pizza Night!
(Vegetarian options available).

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The Manley Family

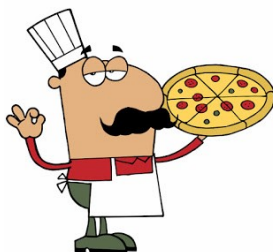
RSVP by June 22nd to the Office
Administrator by email:
hesedshelemet575@gmail.com or
call (610) 326-1717

If you would like to sponsor a future month's Shabbat
dinner, contact the Office.

You make the donation and JWL does the work!

Pat Rhoads as "Mama" Morton in *Chicago*

Last Weekend! King of Prussia Players present *Chicago*,
now at the Center Theater in Norristown. **Friday and Sat-
urday, June 23rd & 24th @ 8:pm and Sunday, June
25th @ 2:00pm.**



The Cohn Family in *Urinetown*

Playcrafters of Skippack present *Urinetown, the Musi-
cal*. Opening **Thursday, July 13th** and running for three
weekends. Laura and Norm are onstage and Macey is
doing sound.

CHSE Anniversary Party Planning Meeting

There will be a planning meeting for the Nov 11 CHSE
Anniversary party at Judy Bieberfeld's home
on Wednesday, June 28th @ 7:00 pm, volunteers need-
ed! Email Judy at bieberfeld@verizon.net for directions.

Ritual/Education Meeting

Friday, July 7th @ 5:00 pm

Board of Governors Meeting

Monday, July 10th @ 7:15pm

Congregation Hesed Shel Emet

125th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Saturday, November 11 - Details to follow!

Thank You

Thank you to Mark and Cindy Pastor and Barry Sankey for sponsoring May Shabbat Dinner and Wendy and Tim Manley for sponsoring June.



Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Norman Cohn after his recent stroke.

And please STAY well to Amy Wolf!

Notice for High Holidays Re: Babysitting

Note that the Jewish Women's League will not be providing babysitting services at High Holidays this year.

Change of Address Notice!

We now have a PO Box address for all mail coming to the synagogue. Effective immediately, please use the following address to send ALL mail:

Congregation Hessed Shel Emet
PO Box 272
Pottstown, PA 19464

Please update any address books you have or vendors that you receive mail from at the office!

Personal Notes

If you have something you would like to contribute to the bulletin, please contact the Office at 610-326-1717, or by email at hesedshelemet575@gmail.com

Thank you for your generosity!

Donations

In appreciation for the kindness of Rabbi and Vicki Flax
donated by Barbara Eppley

In memory of George Berman
donated by Jay S. Berman

In memory of Ada Freedman
donated by Ed Freedman

In honor of birthdays for Jack Wolf, Jo Katz and Marilyn Altschull - *donated by David Schachter*

In memory of Maxwell Cooper
donated by Randi Setterlund

In memory of Jesse Neumann
donated by Marcus Neumann

In memory of Herman E. Freedman
donated by Ed Freedman

In memory of Brenda Flam
donated on behalf of Sandra Gary by Billie Horwitz



Remembering Brenda Flam

Condolences to the Flam Family on the passing of Brenda on Friday, May 19, 2017. Brenda was interred in our Congregation Cemetery. Her grandparents were early members of our Synagogue. Her grandfather, Joseph, was an officer and her grandmother, Sophie, was a founder of the Needlework Guild, which was an important organization for our women. The Guild sewed articles for the needy.

Brenda, a resident of Silver Springs, Maryland, was a molecular biologist who began her career at the National Institutes of Health and worked at the National Science Foundation for 30 years. She is survived by her sister, Sandra Gary.

June/July Yahrzeits From 6/1/2017 to 7/31/2017 (Sivan 7, 5777 to Av 8, 5777)

Name	Observed By	Relationship	Observed on (civil)	Jewish
Leon Prince	Marilyn Altschull	father	Thursday 6/1/2017	Sivan 7, 5777
Esther Bressler	Janet Prince	grandmother	Wednesday 6/7/2017	Sivan 13, 5777
Lillian Raden	Jonathan Raden	mother	Friday 6/9/2017	Sivan 15, 5777
Herman E. Freedman	Ed Freedman	father	Sunday 6/11/2017	Sivan 17, 5777
Mary Prince	David Prince	mother	Sunday 6/11/2017	Sivan 17, 5777
Bessie Strom	Barry Sankey	grandmother	Sunday 6/11/2017	Sivan 17, 5777
Jean Ruth Amber	Gayle Wolf	mother	Thursday 6/15/2017	Sivan 21, 5777
Jean Ruth Amber	Levi Wolf	grandmother	Thursday 6/15/2017	Sivan 21, 5777
Jesse Neumann	Marcus Neumann	father	Wednesday 6/21/2017	Sivan 27, 5777
Isadore Strom	Barry Sankey	uncle	Wednesday 6/21/2017	Sivan 27, 5777
Florence L. Feit	Dr. I. William Collins	mother in law	Thursday 6/22/2017	Sivan 28, 5777
Jules Prince	David Prince	father	Sunday 6/25/2017	Tammuz 1, 5777
Jennie Weiss	Alvin Weiss	mother	Monday 6/26/2017	Tammuz 2, 5777
Herbert Pastor	Mark Pastor	father	Monday 7/3/2017	Tammuz 9, 5777
Ida Katz	Julia Katz	grandmother	Tuesday 7/4/2017	Tammuz 10, 5777
Rose Glassman	Philip Matilsky	grandmother	Wednesday 7/5/2017	Tammuz 11, 5777
Albert Berman	Rebecca Marion	uncle	Sunday 7/9/2017	Tammuz 15, 5777
Michelle Schlosberg	Marge, Schlosberg Jennifer and Samuel Schlosberg	daughter, sister	Friday 7/14/2017	Tammuz 20, 5777
Pearl Jacobson	Myrna Rawdin	mother	Sunday 7/16/2017	Tammuz 22, 5777
Philip Katz	Julia Katz	grandfather	Monday 7/24/2017	Av 1, 5777
Earl Strom	Barry Sankey	uncle	Tuesday 7/25/2017	Av 2, 5777
Jeanne Pastor	Mark Pastor	mother	Wednesday 7/26/2017	Av 3, 5777
Mollie Etkin	Philip Matilsky	mother	Sunday 7/30/2017	Av 7, 5777

Committees and Contacts:

President: Barry Sankey

Finance: Judy Bieberfeld & Valerie Angst

Ritual/Education: Mark Pastor & Jack Wolf

Communications/Administration: Stacey Messing & Bob Misko

Secretary: Julia Katz

Treasurer: Ed Freedman

Cemetery: Paul Prince & Allan Altschull

Sisterhood: Claire Pettigrew

If you need to contact one of the VP's or Deputies, please email your concern with the person's name in the subject line to the office (hesedshelemet575@gmail.com) and the message will be forwarded.

Office Hours

Tues. , Wed & Thurs 8:30am to 12:30pm.

Hours are subject to change, please call or email before stopping by!