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L'SHANA TOVA



HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Rabbi:

THE KING IS IN THE FIELD

Cannibals captured the rabbi, chazan and president of a shul. They are offered one last request. The rabbi asked for an hour to deliver a sermon. The chazan wanted time to sing one more Kol Nidre. The president pleaded to be killed first.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are days filled with sermons and cantorial performances. We sit in shul for hours hoping to be inspired. Sometimes we are, but often times we are not. What can we do to ensure that we get "High" on the High Holidays?

Prepare! Hashem has given us the month of Elul to prepare for the New Year. The essence of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is "*Kabalat Ol Malchut Shamayim*". We reaffirm our acceptance of the yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Here is the parable. The King, who is usually found in his palace, periodically leaves his capital city and goes out to meet his subjects in the field. There he makes himself accessible to all who desire to meet him. He receives them all with a pleasant smiling face. He connects with them and they relate to a personal sovereign, who is kind and loving. They are inspired and rejuvenated and commit themselves to be better subjects of the king.

When he returns to the palace, only special people are received, who know how to dress and behave in the palace when the king is garbed in royal robes and wears his crown. There he is

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KIDDUSH SPONSORS

We acknowledge and thank the following for sponsoring a kiddush on:

June 5: Glenn Krieger in honor of wife Alissa and **Chanala & Mendy Kornfeld** in memory of Yisrael Noach Kornfeld z"l and in honor of Mayer & Dov's birthdays.

June 12: Susan Golden & Steve Wiesman in honor of Steve's aufruf and their upcoming wedding.

June 19: Henrika & Michael Sandorffy in memory of Michael's mother, Ester Sandorffy z"l.

June 26: The Shul

July 3: No Kiddush

July 10: The Shul

July 17: Mary & Morris Frimer in memory of Morris' father, Salomon Frimer z"l.

July 24: Henrika & Michael Sandorffy in honor of Morris Frimer.

July 31: Talby & Bob Gelb in honor of Heather & David's 3rd wedding anniversary, the "Gelblet's" 1st airplane trip to Seattle, Frieda Gelb's 90th birthday, the yahrzeit of Bob's father, Emanuel z"l and Talby and Bob's 38th wedding anniversary.



DATES TO REMEMBER

27 AV-7 AUGUST
BLESSING-NEW MONTH

30 AV & 1 ELUL
10 & 11 AUGUST
ROSH CHODESH ELUL

29 ELUL-8 SEPT.
EREV ROSH HASHANAH

1 & 2 TISHREI-9 & 10 SEPT.
ROSH HASHANAH

4 TISHREI-12 SEPT.
FAST OF GEDALIAH

9 TISHREI-17 SEPT.
EREV YOM KIPPUR

10 TISHREI-18 SEPT.
YOM KIPPUR

14 TISHREI-22 SEPT.
EREV SUKKOT

21 TISHREI-29 SEPT.
HOSHANA RABBA

22 TISHREI-30 SEPT.
SHEMINI ATZERET

SHABBAT MINCHA-MAARIV

Friday evening services: check emails for summer scheduled times

Saturday evening services begin 10 mins. before Shabbat candle lighting time.

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Candle Lighting Fri.	Shabbat Ends Sat.	Sedra
Aug. 6 8:19 PM	9:22 PM	Re-eh
Aug. 13 8:07	9:09	Shoftim
Aug. 20 7:55	8:56	Ki Teitzei
Aug. 27 7:42	8:43	Ki Tavo
Sept. 3 7:28	8:29	Nitzavim-Vayeilech
Sept. 10 7:14	8:15	Haazinu
Sept. 17 6:59	8:00	Yom Kippur
Sept. 24 6:45	7:46	Sukkot

**~WITHIN THE FAMILY~
ANNIVERSARIES
AUGUST**

<u>DATE</u>		<u>YEAR</u>
1	Shira & Aaron Levin	17
1	Alice & Ido Ziring	43
3	Carla Greenbaum & Fred Tobis	24
5	Cathy & Robert Kahn	32
5	Flavia & Marcus Markiewicz	9
7	Sophia & Vladimir Brayman	28
8	Giselle & Harvey Greisman	15
8	Carol & Phil Jacobs	17
11	Henrika & Michael Sandorffy	42
11	Ketzi & Jim Toney	37
13	Talby & Robert Gelb	38
20	Joy & Doug Maskart	32
20	Janet & Menachem Rochon	30
21	Alissa & Glenn Krieger	16
23	Maya & Gregg Berretta	13
25	Danya & Larry Jablon	5
29	Mary & Morris Frimer	46
31	Jodi & Rick Negrin	13

SEPTEMBER

2	Elana & Manish Katyal	9
3	Debbie & Eric Joslin	9
4	Elaine & Ed Epstein	44
5	Sarah & Allan Goldman	34
8	Ruth & David Israel	29
11	Vivian & David Blum	34
18	Debra Alderman & Moti Krauthamer	21
28	Michal & Tzafir Sheffer	40
30	Rachel & Avi Freedman	9

CONTACT THE RABBI

Congregants should know that Rabbi Kornfeld, as our full-time Rabbi, is available for them 24/6. For Shabbat and holidays he can be contacted, in person, at the synagogue or at his home. The following contact number is for congregant use only. If you would like to meet with the Rabbi in person, at a mutually convenient location, the Rabbi is available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and on a limited basis on Sunday evening.

206-679-9117

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PEOPLE ARE DAVENING

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

You can now make credit card payments for all your shul commitments by phoning Kim at 425-864-2801 to learn how it's done.

~~ TRIBUTE CARDS ~~

For as little as \$5.00 per tribute card you can honor those having anniversaries, wedding, births and other life-cycle events.

Contact Henrika at 206-682-6868

Ext. #13 or email

henrikas@msandorffy.com

\$\$ MONEY MATTERS \$\$

We are at the end of the Shul's fiscal year, so you are urged to consider your financial obligations to your Shul and pay them in a timely manner. We would like all obligations paid off in the fiscal year they are made. This will help the Shul's cash flow and make it easier to start the new year, in September, with a clean slate. Your Board of Directors thanks you in advance for your co-operation.

SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING FUNDS

*Eruv Fund
Book Fund
Kiddush fund
Building Fund
Childrens' Fund
Seudat Shlishi Fund
Religious Articles Fund
General Donations Fund
Scholar in Residence Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Morrie Buttnick Fund For Child
& Adult Torah Education*

KIDS KIDDUSH SEATING

It would greatly be appreciated if parents would encourage their younger children to sit at the children's table. This will open up more seating for adults and older children who wish to stay for singing and the Rabbi's shiur.

**REFUAH SHLEMAH
A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:
JANICE COHEN
IRWIN SCHILLER
HARVEY GRAD**

TRIBUTES

Bruce Caplan & Family in memory of Bruce's father Al z'l:

Henrika & Michael Sandorffy

The Pieprz Family on the occasion of their making Aliyah:

Bob Kahn & Family

David & Ruth Peckasrsky & Family

Morris Frimer: for a speedy recovery:

Randy & Joe Fischer

Ruth & David Israel

Elaine & Ed Epstein

Irwin Schiller: for a speedy recovery:

Elaine & Ed Epstein

Rabbi cont'd.....

awesome and revered.

During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Hashem is his throne in His celestial palace. To gain access you have to be Yom Tovdik: well dressed in shul and davening with kavana as well as hearing the Shofar and fasting on Yom Kippur. These days of awe require reverential behavior.

Elul (beginning Tuesday, August 10th) is "Chodesh Harachamin" - the month of divine compassion. This is when Hashem, our King, comes to us in the field out from the palace. It is a weekday month, when we can access Hashem, as we are with all our warts and weaknesses. He accepts us unconditionally with pleasant and smiling countenance. As long as we desire to approach Hashem, He receives us and empowers us to be enthusiastic and excited about a New Year, with a clean slate.

Elul is a gift, a month to prepare ourselves to gain access to the palace of the High Holidays. Let us treasure this month when our King is with us in the field and daven deeper, study Torah with more intensity, give more tzedakah and be a better spouse, parent, child, sibling and friend. With proper preparation, we will surely be worthy of entrance to the palace, when Hashem will bless all of us with the Shana Tova U'metukah, a happy, healthy and sweet New Year.

From our President, Joe Fischer:

Dear Members,

This year has seen much transition for the shul. We have a new Kiddush committee co-chair (Janet R), a new lead eruv coordinator (Rich G), new donations (Eddie E) and a new communication focal, (Randy F -who hopes to have our new web site operational by Rosh Hashanah). We have a new Chazzan for the high holidays, introduced a new 'Way to Pray' class format, and have replaced our Gabbai with an ad hoc 'Gabbai by committee'. We have asked Rabbi Kornfeld to speak once a month from the bimah on Shabbat Mevorchim; he has become more involved in the older kids program, and set up office hours in an attempt to formalize his accessibility to the membership. We worked hard to balance the budget for fiscal 2011 which, unfortunately, led to our first dues increase in 3 years.

There is more internal revamping that needs to take place. For better and worse, on a typical Shabbat we are

bursting at the seams, with the predictably negative effect on the ability to concentrate on praying or hearing the Torah reading. We need to find ways to start minimizing the traffic which generates noise that sometimes permeates services; for example, relocating (or even eliminating) some shelving units on the window side of the shul. We also plan to introduce more explanation and prayer education to increase the awareness of when you should or should not be walking through and around the sanctuary. We want to find an additional space so the not-quite-ready-for-the-children's-program children can 'congregate' - outside of the sanctuary. In fact, we are looking to improve the kids program overall by hiring an administrator and implementing an OU provided curriculum.

One immediate improvement that can be made is for all of us to cut down on extended conversations during the tefillot. During services and Torah readings, please act with *at least* the same amount of decorum you would if you were sitting in a movie theatre, the symphony or listening to a business proposal from a

valuable client. In those cases you would most likely be annoyed if someone next you engaged in an extended conversation with their neighbor, or chas v'shalom, started talking on their cell phone. Please show the proper respect due the Torah, the Rabbi and your fellow congregants inside the sanctuary.

The changes that have taken place and the future changes the board is contemplating are designed for one reason: to help CSA continue to evolve into a place we all enjoy being a part of. I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting on August 29th where we can talk more about what is going on in the Shul. Don't forget to submit questions, ideas, or any other feedback to David Blum and these will be answered during the meeting.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns on these or any other Shul related issues, please let me know about them. I appreciate your attention and continued support of Shevet Achim.

Thank you,
Joe



KIDDUSH ALERT!

In an effort to reduced labor costs (the time staff has to clean up after the kiddushim),we urge and would appreciate everyone who participates in the kiddush to clean off their table before leaving. There are a small number of participants who are diligent about cleaning up after they finish eating and readily and willfully clean off the tables of others. Our concern is that those who continually offer their services will burn out. In fairness to all, please do your share of clearing your table, as well as the table where your children ate before you leave the social hall.

אֶרְבָּה לולב & עֶרֶוֹק

LULAV & ESROG

Like last year, you will be able to order your Arbah Minim (4 species) through your shul. By doing so, you will be fulfilling two Mitzvot: possessing the Arbah Minim and contributing to your shul's financial well-being. More information will be available shortly from Glenn Krieger

RECENT DONATIONS


Sophia & Vladimir Brayman: 2 Chumashim in memory of Vladimir's father, Moysey Brayman z"l.

Randy & Joe Fischer: 3 Siddurim and 2 Chumashim in memory of Randy's paternal grandmother, Chava bas Aaron z"l.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES START AT 9:30AM



SHABBAT CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
10:45 AM TO 12:00 PM
3 -7 "Torah Tigers"
8-12 Girls "Mitzvah Pearls"
9-12 Boys "Nachas Ninjas"
 Parents are encouraged to support these programs and have their children attend them.



CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, AUG. 29TH
7:00 PM
AT THE NW YESHIVA H.S.
Reserve the date—Plan to attend

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

CHILDREN'S SHABBAT PROGRAM

Fibi Duke: 206-219-5579

CHESED

Bev Horwitz: 206-232-4528

DONATIONS

Ed Epstein: 206-232-1919

DUES

Ed Epstein: 206-232-1919

HOSPITALITY

Mrs.E: hospitality@shevetachim.com

Michelle Haston: 206-327-9387

WEBSITE, EMAIL, WEEKLY NEWS

Randy Fischer: 206-236-6230

KIDDUSHIM

Janet Rochon: 206-232-4514

Ruth Israel: 206-232-4775

BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Ed Epstein: 206-232-1919

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BUILDING

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SPECIAL LOGISTICS

David Peckarsky: 206-236-3060

SECURITY

Mike Ekshtut: 206-275-3352

NOMINATING

Bob Kahn: 206-236-1133

LEARNING ON THE ISLAND

Mondays: Parsha HaShavua Rabbi Kornfeld teaches on the weekly Parsha at the NW Yeshiva, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Except when he is giving a lecture series. Check your emails for subject matter, time and place. For these special lecture series.

Wednesdays: Torah With A Twist. A woman's in-depth text based study group for all levels with Rabbi Schwartz. Classes are from 11:00 to noon and have been ongoing for over 8 years. Contact Diane at 206-230-8983 or email to menorahnorth@juno.com for more information.

Thursdays: Hebrew Reading Class for Women, from 3:00 to 3:45 pm at the home of Stacy Gilmore on Mercer Island, 206-232-1060.

Thursdays: Hebrew Class with Rabbi Toban of the Seattle Kollel is teaching his wonderful and unique method of learning Hebrew from 10:30-11:30 at the home of Nika Klinghoffer. The ability to read Hebrew words is required. For more information contact Nika at 206-232-2142.

Wednesday Evenings: Torah Ohr. Rabbi Mendy Kornfeld discusses a classic Chassidic text on the weekly Parsha authored by Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of the Chabad Chassidic movement. Weekly classes for men and women start at 8:30 pm, at 9 Maple Lane., Mercer Island. For questions phone Rabbi Mendy at 561-707-6223.

Shabbat: Mishna Berurah. An in depth study of the laws of Shabbat with Rabbi Kornfeld 30 mins. before Mincha every Shabbos in the main sanctuary.

Sundays: After morning minyan, which begins at 8:00 am, at the NW Yeshiva, there will be a Daf Yomi with the Rabbi.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Consider honoring your loved ones with a yahrzeit/meldatos plaque placed on our Memorial Boards. Each is priced at \$250.00. Contact Vladimir Brayman to place your order at 206-275-0883.

SEUDAH SHLISHI

The compulsory third meal of Shabbat is eaten after Mincha, which starts 10 minutes before Shabbat candle lighting time followed by Maariv and Havdalah. All are welcome to attend to enjoy the singing, learning and camaraderie.



OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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★ MAZEL TOV ★

Debbie & Eric Joslin on the birth of a son.

Elana & Manish Katyal on the birth of a son.

Susan Golden and Steve Wiesman on their recent marriage. The newly weds will take up residency on Mercer Island.

Dr. Craig Keebler on the publication of his new book entitled, "Know Your D: Optimizing Your Health With Vitamin D". Signed copies are available.

TO ALL GREETERS

Mike Ekshtut is in charge of security and shul greeters and puts together a list of those that have duties at designated times. Please make it a habit to check the list, which is posted on the bulletin board downstairs before you enter the sanctuary.

WEEKDAY MORNING SERVICES

Morning services start at 6:50 am on Monday through Friday. On Sundays services start at 8:00 am. Tanya classes start a half hour before services. We urge your participation. We need you and you.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

As a renter in the Yeshiva, we have a responsibility to keep and maintain the facility in as good and clean a shape as we possess it for every Shabbat and holiday.

Food should be confined to the social hall, which is the official eating area. Of late we have noticed that children have been eating in a great number of other places throughout and leaving a trail of food after themselves. Parents, please try to monitor your children and, at the least, monitor the areas that your children play and clean up after them. That is the right thing to do so the burden of cleaning and monitoring is not transferred onto others.



5771- HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES – 2010

SELICHOT	Sat., Sept. 4	11:00 pm	
ROSH HASHANAH	Wed., Sept. 8	6:00 am	Selichot followed by Shacharit
		7:15 pm	Mincha & Maariv
	Thurs., Sept. 9	8:30 am	Shacharit
		10:45 am	Shofar
		6:45 pm	Mincha, Tashlich
		8:00 pm	Maariv
	Fri., Sept. 10	8:30 am	Shacharit
		10:45 am	Shofar
		7:00 pm	Mincha
		7:45 pm	Maariv Shabbat Shuvah
SHABBAT SHUVA	Sat., Sept. 11	9:00 am	Shacharit
		7:15 pm	Mincha,/Seuda Shlishit/ Maariv
FAST OF GEDALIAH	Sun., Sept. 12	8:00 am	Shacharit
		6:45 pm	Mincha & Maariv
			Fast begins 5:30 am, ends 7:59 pm
YOM KIPPUR	Fri., Sept. 17	7:00 pm	Kol Nidre & Maariv
	Sat., Sept. 18	8:30 am	Shacharit
		11:30 am	Yizkor
		6:00 pm	Mincha/Neilah/Maariv
		8:00 pm	Fast Concludes
SUKKOT: Erev	Wed., Sept. 22	6:50 pm	Mincha & Maariv
First Day	Thurs., Sept. 23	9:30 am	Shacharit
		6:45 pm	Mincha & Maariv
Second Day	Fri., Sept. 24	9:30 am	Shacharit
		9:45 pm	Mincha & Maariv
SUKKOT: Last Days			
SHIMINI ATZERET	Wed., Sept. 29	6:40 pm	Mincha & Maariv
	Thurs., Sept. 30	9:30 am	Shacharit
		11:00 am	Yizkor
SIMCHAT TORAH EVE.			
	Thurs., Sept. 30	6:30 pm	Mincha
		7:15 pm	Grand Joyous Hakafot
SIMCHAT TORAH	Fri., Oct. 1	9:30 am	Shacharit
		10:45am	Grand Kiddush
			followed by Hakafot
		6:35pm	Mincha & Maariv

HOLIDAY CANDLE LIGHTING SCHEDULE

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, Sept. 8 – 7:18 pm
 Thursday, Sept. 9 – After 8:19 pm
 From an existing flame
 Friday, Sept. 10 - 7:14 pm
 Not later from an existing flame

Yom Kippur

Friday, Sept. 17 - 6:59 pm

Sukkot

Wednesday, Sept. 22 - 6:49 pm
 Thursday, Sept. 23 - After 7:50 pm
 From an existing flame
 Friday, Sept. 24 – 6:45 pm
 Not later from an existing flame
 Wednesday, Sept. 29 – 6:35 pm
 Thursday, Sept. 30 – 7:36 pm
 From an existing flame
 Friday, Oct. 1– 6:30 pm
 Not later from an existing flame

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES
AND CARE**

Rosh Hashanah– 1st and 2nd
 Days: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Kol Nidre: None

Yom Kippur: 10:30 am - 1:00
 pm & 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

*Hours are approximate. Check
 your emails for exact times
 closer to the holidays.*

**SECURITY WILL BE
 PROVIDED DURING THE
 SERVICES.**

**TOWARDS A MORE
MEANINGFUL
SERVICE**

As the New Year ap-
 proaches we should re-
 flect on the spiritual signifi-
 cance of these special days.

For many there is an
 intensity surrounding these
 awesome days and we should
 therefore be sensitive to their
 state of spiritual involvement.
 A level of decorum will show
 respect to those in prayer.
 The following rules of shul
 etiquette will help a great
 deal: limit talking and carry-
 ing on conversations in the
 sanctuary, refrain from walk-
 ing into the sanctuary when
 congregants are standing dur-
 ing the services and espe-
 cially during the *Amidah* and
 also when the Rabbi is ser-
 monizing.

Following these sim-
 ple principles will enable the
 services to have a greater
 meaning to more congregants
 and you will show respect to
 those in prayer and for the
 sanctity of the services and
 the holidays.

SELICHOT SERVICES

The month of Elul is a time for
 spiritual preparation for the
 new year. The Selichot service
 intensifies and makes us even more
 aware of the upcoming High Holi-
 days. Plan to attend on Saturday,
 September 4th, at 11:00 pm.