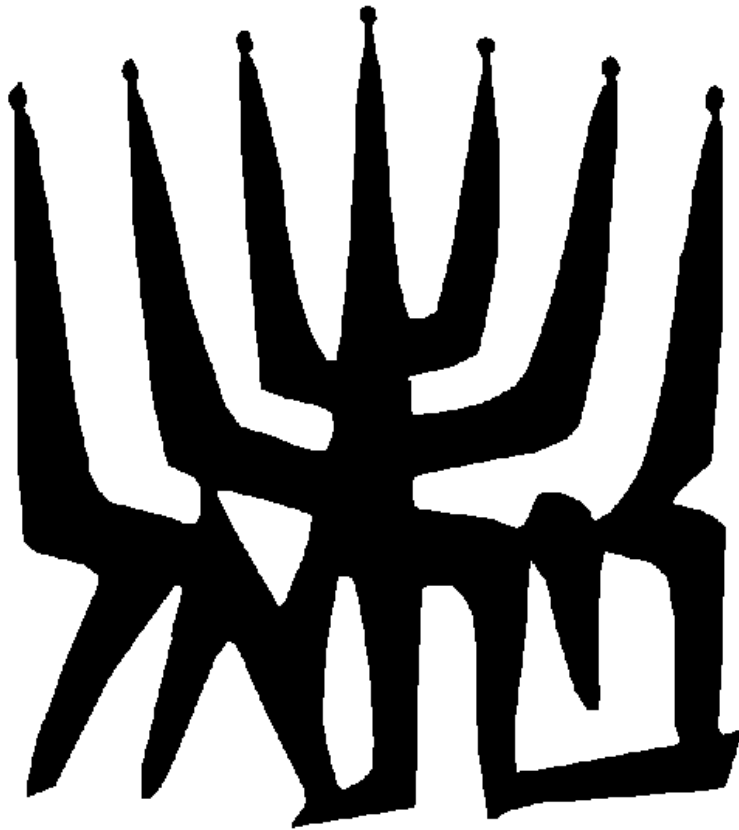


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From the Desk of Rabbi Mandel

Judaism is a religious practice of many blessing. In fact, one teaching says that each individual should say 100 *brakhot* a day! In the coming months I will be sharing Jewish prayers and blessings in my bulletin column from many different regional traditions.

In Israel, the rainy season begins around the festival of Sukkot. On Shemini Atzeret we say a special blessing for rain which is then repeated, in shortened form, in the daily prayers until Passover when we switch to a prayer for dew. Midrash Shokhar Tov, on Psalm 117 says: "Said Rabbi Tanhum bar Hiya: Greater is the falling of rain than the giving of the Torah, for the giving of the Torah brought joy to the Israelites alone, but the falling of the rain brings joy to all peoples, and to all beasts, both wild and domestic, and to the birds." The following is a Sephardic prayer for rain said on Shemini Atzeret (note: in Hebrew it is an alphabetical acrostic):
With raindrops of Ancient light, illuminate the earth.
With raindrops of Blessing divine, please bless the earth.
With raindrops of Gleeful rejoicing, give joy to the earth.
With raindrops of Divine exultation, enrich the earth.
With raindrops of Heavenly splendor, give glory to the earth.
With raindrops of Wise assembly, let the earth be gathered.
With raindrops of Song and melody, make music through the earth.
With raindrops of Healing life, enable earth to live.
With raindrops of Timeless good, give goodness to the earth.
With raindrops of Your saving help, redeem the earth.
With raindrops of Caring nurturance, nourish the earth.

For you are the Source of Life, our God, abundant in your saving acts, who makes the wind to blow and the rain to fall. For blessing, not for curse. For living, not for death. For plenty, not for dearth. – From the Kol Haneshamah prayerbook.

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CONGREGATION MEETING NEW DATE

The Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, October 22, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Best Western Country Cupboard. If anyone needs directions, please email me or call. It will be in one of the meeting rooms of the hotel. Just go to the entrance of the hotel and they will be able to direct you to the room. It should be a comfortable setting.

ONEGS

October 2: Break Fast- Sosland & Hershman
October 6: Diana Winett
October 15: Simchat Torah
November 3: Ilene Daniels
December 1: Dave Jacobson
December 17: Chanukah
Donna Rosenberg, Jan Byron
January 5: Phyllis Rich
February 2:
March 2:
March 3: Megillah Reading
March Purim Carnival Diana Winett, Donna Rosenberg & Speck's
May 4/ 5: Speck Bat Mitzvah
May 6: Sunday School Picnic
1 person to organize and then the entire Hebrew school brings a dish to share
May 11/12: Buckler-Miller Bat Mitzvah
As of now volunteers are still needed (**for bolded dates**) – Call Vicki for more info

NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE

Starting September 1st, we will be meeting for Friday evening services at the Berelson Jewish Center on the Bucknell Campus. The Center is located on St. George Street at 7th Avenue, adjacent to the cemetery. Services will begin at 8pm except on the third Friday of the month when we will join the Bucknell students for an early service and pot-luck supper beginning at 5:30pm.

This year we will have two Shabbat morning programs. Starting after the High Holy Days, we will have a traditional Saturday morning service beginning at 10 am, on the first Saturday of the month. This service will be held at the Berelson Center. On the second Saturday of the month Shabbat Yeledim will meet from 10-11am in members' homes. Shabbat Yeledim resumes in November. Locations will be posted.

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10	Evelyn Karniol Ignaz Karniol Irving Steinberg	2
11	Mervyn Speck	3
13	Hyman Amdurer	5
14	Vernon Miller	6
18	Julius Kaplan Ann Staver	10
19	Meyer Millner	11
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1	Paul Vernarchick	23
6	Cecilia Kaplan	28
9	Rebecca Levitan	31
		Nov
10	Hattie Minker Meyer Silverman	1
11	Tillie Rosenblum	2
12	Edana Bernstein	3
13	Gertrude Schaffer Arthur Hirsch	4
15	Harry Bernstein Albert Kaufman Fritzi Hirsch	6
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18	Charles Putterman	9

**“Those in the first year of
Passing”**

Karl Sosland
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Remember to kindle the
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date**



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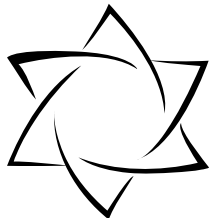
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