

JUNE AND JULY 2019



Welcome Rabbi Rosen!

We are very pleased to welcome Rabbi Joseph Rosen to Beth Israel Congregation.

Rabbi Rosen grew up in the small Jewish community of Rochester, Minnesota and graduated from Brandeis University. He was just recently ordained by the Hebrew Union College at its Cincinnati campus. Rabbi Rosen officially starts on July 1st, though he plans to move to Jackson in June.

Please join us for his first Shabbat service on July 5th, which will be followed by a congregational cookout.

Over the summer, Rabbi Rosen will participate in a series of “meet and greets” to get to know our congregation. Please stay tuned for further details and make plans to welcome Rabbi Rosen to our community.



After services, on July 5th, there will be a "4th of July Celebration" and dinner honoring Rabbi Rosen.

Please make your plans to attend and **send your RSVPs to Mindy Humphrey at consulthns@comcast.net by June 28, 2019.** We will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. If you want a veggie burger, please include that information in your email. Veggie burgers must be reserved in advance.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Well we have hit the summer doldrums, but there is excitement coming. Starting July 1st, Rabbi Joseph Rosen will be here to lead our congregation. He is being ordained this month in Cincinnati. Those of you that have had the opportunity to meet him know that he hails from Minnesota. How he will adjust to our Mississippi summers is yet to be seen, but my bet is he will not miss a step. We have a transition committee that will help him hit the ground running. As in the past, small group meetings will be arranged so he can get to meet the congregation on a personal level.

Shavuot begins on Saturday evening June 8, 2019. We are planning a dairy dessert that night followed by Torah study. On Sunday morning, there will be a Yizkor service. Please try to attend for this meaningful holiday.

Also there are plans for a musical fundraiser. Our wonderful choir and talented members of the congregation will be lead by Carol Joy, and if it is anything like our sing-a-longs, it should prove to be an exciting evening.

And last, please consider some of your contributions to BIC be made to our Capital Improvement Fund for future repairs and maintenance of our beautiful synagogue.

Larry Goldstein
President



College Grads
Tyler Daniel
Max Erlich

**BABYSITTING WILL BE
OFFERED DURING SERVICES
ON June 7, 2019 AT 6:15 P.M.**

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Please celebrate with us as our daughter
Sylvia Josephine
is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 10:15 a.m.

Beth Israel Congregation
5315 Old Canton Road
Jackson, Mississippi

Kiddush luncheon to follow
Debra and Alexander Kassoff

CHEVRA KADISHA

SITTING WITH THE LIVING

Previously our subject was “Sitting with the Dead,” discussing the role of shomrim (guardians). That mitzvah honors the person who has died. To comfort the living, our tradition provides several ways. Regarding Jewish tradition, Shira Telushkin, a student at Harvard Divinity School, writing in the online daily magazine *Tablet*, says, “*For thousands of years, Judaism has been rolling through time and space, picking up everything in its path. Which is awesome and beautiful and great, but also means that we’ve inherited a tradition with a complicated and often confusing mix of rituals, identity markers, red lines, and ways to practice.*”

One of the ways our tradition provides comfort to the mourners is the practice of “sitting shiva.” It allows those who are grieving to stop and remember their loss, to process it without the pressures of daily obligations. Friends and others can visit their home during this period. This is known as making a “shiva call.” We are enjoined by Judaism to do this, when possible. But it can be intimidating to step into a house of mourning, for a variety of reasons. Shira addresses this concern:

Shiva Jitters

Hey Shira,

A woman in my broader Jewish community just lost a parent, and it’s really tragic. We’re not friends, but we would recognize one another on the street. She’s sitting shiva, and I’m worried it will feel unnatural for her

to have to speak to me if I make a visit, given that I am such a casual acquaintance. How do I make my presence a comfort and not a burden?

Signed,

Concerned but Cautious

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Dear concerned,

Go.

The answer is almost always to go. In times of loss, just like in celebration, many people want to feel surrounded by the comfort of their community. You might not be her friend, but as a familiar face, you make up part of the visual background of her life and serve as a reminder that her loss is shared by the wider community. If you feel hesitant, then before you enter, get comfortable with yourself about the potential moments of awkwardness that arise in a shiva house. When you enter, the only available seat might be across the room, and you should calmly walk through the guests and find the seat, rather than hover by the walls. If it’s a very busy shiva house, you should not feel the need to interrupt the mourner’s conversations with other guests. Rather, sit calmly and respectfully, knowing that your presence is noted, and being there is much more important than saying anything. You don’t need to stay for more than 15-20 minutes, though before you go you should approach the mourner if you haven’t already, and briefly interrupt them to squeeze their hand, or clasp your own hands together, and

say you are sorry for their loss, and that you are all thinking about them.

If it feels appropriate to you and the particular house, say the traditional Hebrew phrase of leave-taking one says to a mourner—*hamakom yenachem etchem betoch avlei zion v’yerushalayim* (May God comfort you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem)—but also don’t feel pressured if it feels unnatural. In a quieter shiva house, enter with purpose and take a seat close to the mourner. When asked by others, explain you are a friend from the community. **As tradition advises, you should wait in silence for the mourner to initiate any conversation.** Follow their lead on whether to ask about the newly deceased or distract them with other talk about the world. When in doubt, refrain from any theological explanations about their loss, and stick to expressions of sympathy.

If the loss was tragic or hits home for you, check yourself in advance to ensure you’re not going to self-center your own tragedies or fears in the conversation. Don’t make assumptions about their relationship to the deceased. If you are particularly anxious about the visit, then still go, and remind yourself before entering the home that your presence is welcomed, and your visit needs no justification or explanation, despite your peripheral place in this person’s friend group.

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**JUNE, 2019**

**6/2/2019—6/8/2019**

\*D. H. Orkin  
 Charles Hendrix  
 Ike Grundfest  
 Harry Ades  
 Harry Praver  
 Birgitte Hoffberg  
 Barbara Sandler  
 Judith Rivlin  
 \*Alan Fields  
 Samuel Roffwarg  
 Jack Avins  
 \*Bernard Finkelberg  
 Michael Lasky  
 Edith Stone  
 \*Raymond Oppenheim  
 Florence Wiener  
 Sarah Beckerman  
 \*Bernard Weiss  
 Herbert Grief  
 Joe Goldstein  
 Ruth Schwartz  
 Mitchell Pollack  
 \*David Gordon

**6/9/2019—6/15/2019**

Minnie Wolff  
 \*Myer A. Segal  
 Michael LeBlanc  
 \*Julia Hart  
 Leo Sonnabend  
 \*Ida Muskin  
 Peter Ziman  
 Hillel Sloan  
 William Rosenblatt  
 Paul Silberman  
 Margaret Laboda  
 \*Stanley Orkin  
 \*Isaac Simon Ascher  
 Gertrude Schwartz  
 Charles Miller  
 Sandra Zalowitz  
 \*Charlotte Crystal  
 Elizabeth Taffet  
 Nathaniel Bloom  
 Bill Krock  
 Morris Neveleff

**6/16/2019—6/22/2019**

Steve Braver  
 Irving Rosen  
 Homer Benson  
 Esther Draft  
 James Gibb  
 Helen Lasky  
 Rosalie Rotwein  
 Minnie Hart Dreyfus  
 Frances Kahn  
 Ella Goodman

**6/23/2019—6/29/2019**

Bessie Balkin  
 Bob Emmich  
 George Bloom  
 Lena Kahn  
 Joseph Elfassy  
 Sumner Levine  
 Shirley Kreisman  
 Isadore Beckerman  
 \*Walter Berman  
 Edwin Ascher  
 Davera Goldstein

**6/30/2019—7/6/2019**

Gussie Roffwarg  
 Carla Willenzik  
 Alfred Jefferson  
 Stuart Altshool  
 Celia Rozman  
 Alex Sacher  
 Leo Mermelstein  
 Emily Magidson  
 Natalie Goldberg  
 Wolfie Cohen  
 Eldora Judlin  
 Chalom Charles Elfassy  
 Shirley Orlansky

**JULY, 2019**

**7/7/2019—7/13/2019**

Gerson Gran  
 Rose Rosenzweig  
 Bertha S. Rubinsky  
 Joseph Berg  
 Marilyn Spielman  
 Lona Cohen  
 Gerald Alpern  
 Harold Rosenzweig  
 Victor Gorelik  
 Vladimir Ivshin  
 Fay Lewis Berman  
 Henrietta Goldberg  
 Laurence Gavant  
 Ernest Workman  
 Tillie Friedman

**7/14/2019—7/20/2019**

Sarah Teeman Bloom  
 Celia Falk  
 Jeanette Smith  
 Jeanette Ettinger  
 Louise Stamm  
 Simon Waisbrod  
 Jeanette Ettinger  
 Frances Davidson  
 Betty Hyde  
 Joseph Emile Berman  
 Lucile Rosenbaum  
 Ruby Stern  
 Freda Lewis  
 Elvyn Spencer  
 Hermine Sacher  
 Sol Blumenthal  
 Peter Brannan

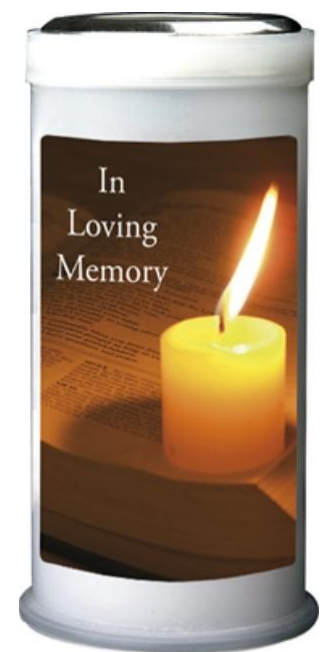
**7/21/2019—7/27/2019**

George J. Gordon  
 Marvin Cohen  
 Jacob Elfassy  
 Christopher Dimattia  
 Allan Mitchell  
 Reuben Gavant  
 William Sklar  
 Lewis Plotkin  
 Paul Mandel  
 Norman Kaminsky  
 Anita Sherr

Irene Liverman  
 Bennett Freedman  
 Myer A. Lewis  
 Flo Berman  
 Harriet Trubman  
 Albert Clark  
 Michele Krock

**7/28/2019—8/3/2019**

John Simon  
 Anne Fishman  
 James Lawson  
 Vera Marsden  
 Lois Steiner  
 Eric Stessmann  
 \*Lee Shornick  
 Jess Docter  
 Maxine Harris  
 Linda Brantley  
 Ida Sebulsky  
 Edward Spielman  
 Kathleen Waxman  
 Lev Aronov  
 Sandra Klingler





# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES — JUNE AND JULY, 2019

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Robert Kahn
- 4 Noah Parshall
- 4 Robert Briggs
- 4 Nadav Herman
- 4 Anna Herman
- 6 Art Salomon
- 6 Aaron Trubman
- 6 Mark Johnson
- 6 Gino Giammarco
- 8 Erica Abeles
- 9 Elizabeth Springer
- 9 Howard Roffwarg
- 10 Joan Amman
- 10 Casey Smith
- 16 Roger Rosenfield
- 17 Sophia Elizabeth Pandolfo
- 18 Jesse Pandolfo
- 21 Lynne Rosenfield
- 21 Sarah Printz Thomas
- 22 Michael Jacobs
- 22 Ian Paul
- 23 Jo Ann Gordon
- 30 Ava Pomeranz



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Helen & Mark Johnson
- 10 Bernice & Steve Silberman
- 11 Carey & Robert Emmich
- 12 Julie & Ian Paul
- 13 Suzanne & James Freedman
- 15 Melissa & Ralph Daniel
- 16 Erica Weil & Matthew Dreffin
- 17 Kay & Philip Pollack
- 18 Jennifer & Clifton Tucker
- 19 Judy & Josh Wiener
- 21 Cookie & Marcelo Ruvinsky
- 21 Cheryl & Howard Katz
- 22 Marla Harbor & Erik Hearon
- 24 Deborah & Clay Crystal
- 25 Mindi Helsehein & Eric Phillips
- 29 Sherrie & George Glass
- 30 Anne & Don Sawyer

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Riley Dreffin        | 28 Joann Eisenstatt |
| 4 Phil Cohen           | 29 Steve Orlansky   |
| 5 Betty C. Crystal     | 29 Edward Erlich    |
| 6 Susan Snyder         | 30 Stephen Rozman   |
| 7 Sally Cohen          | 30 Tammy Rubinsky   |
| 7 Jonathan Sledge      | 30 Robert Smith     |
| 8 Richard Gavant       | 31 Nafie Sollek     |
| 8 Suzanne Freedman     | 31 Tedd Abeles      |
| 9 Lisa Pence           |                     |
| 9 Joan Burwell         |                     |
| 9 Diann Hesdorffer     |                     |
| 10 Kay Metz            |                     |
| 12 Sylvia Kassoff      |                     |
| 12 Susan Rockoff       |                     |
| 12 Ellen Hart          |                     |
| 13 Remi Erlich         |                     |
| 14 Stacey Mitchell     |                     |
| 17 Carey Emmich        |                     |
| 20 Julia Levingston    |                     |
| 21 Michel Rivlin       |                     |
| 22 Judy Wiener         |                     |
| 22 Alexander Goldstein |                     |



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Debra and Joel Jacobs
- 6 Robyn & Greg Pollack
- 7 Tammy & Bert Rubinsky
- 14 Lynda & Eric Balfour
- 19 Jill & Bob Lazarus
- 27 Judy & Richard Stamm



## CHEVRA KADISHA

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You can also plan to visit around a minyan time, where the bustle can feel less fraught. Ultimately, when somebody you know has suffered a loss, the right thing to do is pay your respects. This is an example where, as my father likes to say, doing the right thing usually turns out to be the right thing to do.

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Jewish traditions regarding death and burial have helped sustain our communities for hundreds of years. They are not just for the traditionalist or frum (pious). They are for everyone, regardless of religious background, observance or activity. In your time of loss, please contact the Beth Israel Chevra Kadisha.

## CIVIC ACADEMIES

Academy 3: June 6, 2019  
New Horizon Church  
1770 Ellis Avenue  
Jackson, MS

Time for all events:  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

This is a meeting to learn about the Jackson Public School District's status and pathway to success. Discussions will take place around ways the community can hold JPS accountable.

For more information, contact:  
Dave Miller  
[davemiller.dmm@gmail.com](mailto:davemiller.dmm@gmail.com)  
662-616-9132

## CELEBRATE! the Giving of the Torah Erev Shavuot Saturday, June 8, 2019 in the Library

Evening prayers begin at 8 p.m. with Havdalah and Maariv.  
Night of Learning follows, with study beginning at 9:30 p.m.  
Light dairy and fruit refreshments available.

## Shavuot - Yizkor Service Sunday, June 9, 2019 in the Sanctuary

Morning service at 10 a.m.,  
followed by Yizkor  
Light dairy and fruit refreshments served.

## It's AUSPICIOUS! Begin learning Hebrew on 6/13

The Hebrew Crash Course will meet on June 13, 2019, at 6:13 p.m. in the Music Practice room (Room B.)

This free short course will provide the basics of reading prayerbook Hebrew. It concludes on the 18th...  
Chai! July!

Please contact Wendy Farley Jordan or Bill Morris to register and more information.  
Wendy: 443-467-8882  
Bill: [wdmorris@bethisraelms.org](mailto:wdmorris@bethisraelms.org).

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM GROUP

After taking a break for several months, it's time for the Criminal Justice Reform Group  
To make plans!

All are welcome to join the group at 1:30 p.m. on June 19, 2019, in the library to discuss holding another candidate forum this fall and to get a report on the RAC's Consultation on Conscience.

For additional information, contact  
Beth Orlansky:  
[bethorlansky@gmail.com](mailto:bethorlansky@gmail.com).



**WE APPRECIATE THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT BETH ISRAEL  
BY REMEMBERING AND HONORING THEIR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES THROUGH THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

*In Memory of A. J. Orkin, Sr.—Donna & Ted Orkin*  
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*In Memory of Joe Larry Johnson—Amy & Arty Finkelberg*  
*In Memory of Bobby Quick & Lynda Parent—Amy & Arty Finkelberg*  
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*In Memory of Marian Chamow Nadboy—Mindy & Clay Humphrey*

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*In Memory of Joe Harris—Susan Asher Calechman*

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*In Memory of Jerry Crystal—Betty Crystal*  
*In Memory of Gerson Solomon—JoAnn Eisenstatt*  
*In Memory of Milton Stiebel—Sheila Rubin*  
*In Memory of Florence Stiebel—Sheila Rubin*  
*In Memory of Sidney Rubin—Sheila Rubin*  
*In Memory of Naomi Rubin—Sheila Rubin*  
*In Memory of David Hesdorffer—Richard Gavant*  
*In Memory of Joe Harris:*  
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 Peggy & Larry Goldstein  
 Jay Hesdorffer  
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**BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION  
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING  
SUNDAY  
JUNE 23, 2019  
4:30 P.M.**