

January 2019

Rabbi Joseph H. Rosen



Friends,

In our liturgy, we repeatedly here messages urging us to work for a world redeemed from violence, poverty, and anguish. Inspiring as they are, their goals are lofty and may seem impossible at times given the incredible challenges facing us. Coming into 2020, the new year always has people thinking of what resolutions to make. We all know how often we shoot for lofty goals that may completely fall apart by next week. We cannot ignore the opportunity for small goals that might lead into bigger aspirations. One small thing our congregation does every year is serving Christmas lunch at Stewpot. Although this endeavor has a limited impact on our community, we cannot overlook the importance of the small steps that need to take place before the giant leaps towards a world redeemed. I asked Julia Kunis, a first-year fellow at the ISJL, who coordinated our visit at Stewpot, to offer her reflections on this commitment...

From Julia:

I always thought that in order to make real impact on the world I needed to make global change. Uplift those who are suffering, I thought. Cure all diseases, I wrote. Feed all the hungry on earth, I contemplated. All these passing thoughts, ideas, and lists were from a young-ambitious teen who wanted to make real change in the world, but didn't have the knowledge or tools to do so, just yet. This urge to change the world came from a place of love, kindness, and genuine care for humanity and stayed with me, especially today. But, for some reason these all felt very out of reach to me in the past – almost impossible.

It wasn't until my senior year in college, in Professor Hodges American Civil Rights class that I started to understand what the beginning stages of real action and community organization looked like. In class, we were (ironically) studying Jackson, MS during the civil rights era and then, it came to me: "Think globally, act locally." This caught me a little off guard for a second, I thought: "Did I really just come up with that?" "What does this even *really* mean?" Even though I questioned it immediately, it felt like a light-bulb, a little spark went off in my brain.

Nonetheless, I felt one step closer to action. I didn't know that this was already a coined phrase, it just came to me, naturally. By studying the actions and efforts of the unsung heroes of the civil rights movement, like Medgar Evers, Vernon Johns, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Rosa Parks, put my desire into a framework that I understood. These unsung heroes put that phrase into motion for me, they gave it perspective and life.

Now, I'm here *living* in Jackson, MS, the very place I studied in Professor Hodges Civil Rights class. On Christmas day at Stewpot and I was with the Jewish community of Jackson, ready to serve. I not only thought about this phrase, but I held it near and dear to me that day. I saw this phrase in action, right in front of me, and I was a part of making this happen. It humbled me to see a community that cares, that is resilient, and that upholds the Jewish value of *Tikkun Olam*, especially on a day where families in Jackson, needed it the most. Upon reflecting on our short-time at Stewpot, I realized my deep desire connect, act, and act on a local scale to help repair global challenges. And most importantly, it allowed me to connect to the members of Beth Israel, the employees and clients of Stewpot, and back again to the phrase: Think globally, act locally.

Kroger Community Rewards

Please remember to re-enroll in January for the new calendar year, please log in to your Kroger account and click Community Rewards to re-enroll Beth Israel as your charitable organization.

You can make sure you're enrolled by checking the bottom of your Kroger receipt.

ADULT HEBREW (Led by Wendy Farley)

Mondays 6:00 pm Temple Library

This class is for beginners as well as reviewers.

Course materials are provided at no charge by the NJOP.

Tax Statements

Tax statements will be emailed and mailed Thursday, January 30th. If you have moved or changed your email this year, please notify kim@bethisraelms.org.

TIME TO FIND YOUR HIDDEN TREASURES

We are now taking all white elephant items for the 2020 Bazaar. We will be accepting books, toys, all kitchen items, small kitchen appliances, purses, jewelry, art, home accessories, lamps, bikes and furniture.

NO ELECTRONICS OR COMPUTERS.

Please contact Charna Schlakman for pick up or drop off if you have any questions. 954-629-1371

Thank You All,

For supporting our Board this month at this year's installation of new officers.

Religious School Calendar

Hebrew School
1-8; 1-15; 1-22; 1-29

Sunday School
1-5; 1-12; 1-19; 1-26

Silent Auction

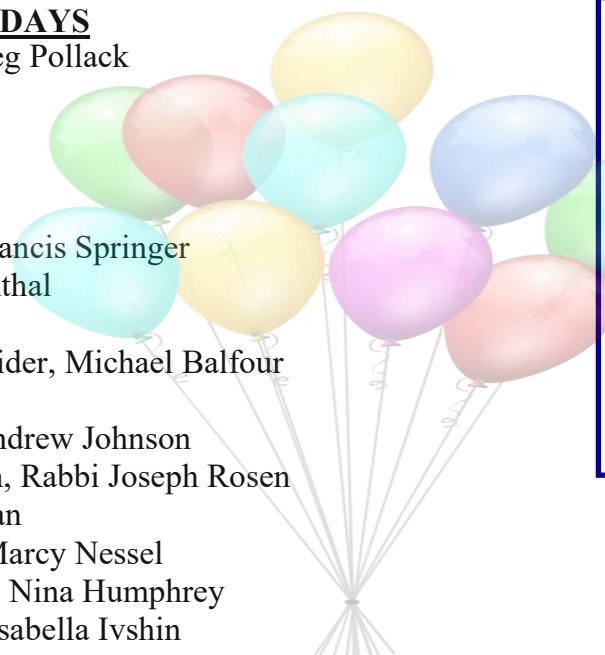
We are asking every member to donate at least 2 items for the auction. Items of any value are appreciated, as long as the items are new. Gift cards are always great! Please drop off items in the Gift Shop-Sundays 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

BIC TAKE HOME BOOTH

The 53rd annual BIC Bazaar is just around the corner on Wednesday, March 25th. The Take Home Booth has been a success because of all the time and effort put in by our wonderful volunteers. We are asking for every congregant to prepare at least two items. An email will be sent out within the next few weeks with a link and directions on how to sign up for the food of your choice.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Drew Harris, Greg Pollack
- 4 Joy Roffwarg
- 5 Peter Sharp
- 6 Arty Finkelberg
- 7 Eric Schipper
- 9 Jen Shemper, Francis Springer
- 11 Bernard Blumenthal
- 13 Shelley Crunk
- 16 Kimberly Schneider, Michael Balfour
- 17 Caroline Metz
- 22 Bob Lazarus, Andrew Johnson
- 26 Sheryl Davidson, Rabbi Joseph Rosen
- 27 Gabriel Freedman
- 28 Marla Harbor, Marcy Nessel
- 29 Helene Johnson, Nina Humphrey
- 31 Stuart Rockoff, Isabella Ivshin



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Susan and Macy Hart
- 4 Tamar and Peter Sharp
- 10 Nafie and Gilbert Sollek
- 17 Amy and Arty Finkelberg
- 17 Shirley and Gary Eriksen
- 18 Michele and Kenneth Schipper
- 19 Jarmila and Peter Zapletal
- 26 Marcia and Robbie Barron

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- TIKKUN OLAM FUND**
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 Dr. Ralph Daniel, III

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 Dr. Sandor Feldman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Donation—Mark Seros
 Donation —Michele and Kenneth Schipper

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Donation—Mark Seros

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In Memory of A.J. Orkin, Sr.—Donna & Ted Orkin

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 Peter Zapletal
 In Memory of Ann Taylor—Betty Crystal
 In Memory of Simon Sharp—Tamar and Peter Sharp

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 in the February Chailights.
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 if your contribution is not listed.

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We Remember — Yahrzeits for January

12/29-1-4

Helen Praver
Daniel Hendrix
Morris Danziger
Roy Hanf
Adolph Orkin III
Kitty Steckel
Louis Jacob Buchman
Naomi Rubin
Izzy Stone
Melvin Korelitz
*John Fischer
Fradie Bear
Jacques Wahba
Arnold Draft
Jacob Fijman
Rose Kirby
Phillip Needle
Samuel Friedman
*Leo Phillip Gradinger
*Greer Beth Pollack
Pauline Samuels
Simon Rubinsky
Toby Grossman
Samuel Steeg
*Adolph Orkin, Sr.

1/5-1-11

*Bertha Helen Geiger

Margaret Guenther
Rose Bennett
Betty Shapero
Rosa Schwartz
Edward Byous
*Morris Priebatsch
Maurice Joseph
Dorene Bowley
Moody Grishman
Joseph Sawyer
*Frances Berman
*Julian Wiener
Beatrice Binder
Shalom Kaminsky
Samuel Fermon
Sadie Jacobs
Florence Sandler

1/12-1-18

Milton Cherkasky
Lester Lasky
Michael Geranda
Helen Petersen
*Shirley Klateman
*Ann Plotkin
Ada Bear Daniel
Leah Kantor
*Pearl Hesdorffer
Ida Stein

*James Goodman
Joseph Rosen
Dora S. Orlansky
Maurice Luxenberg
Rona Libglid
Joseph Tishkovsky
Ephram Cohen
Shirley Balkin
Bernard Stein
Heyena Gorelik
David Taub
*Cecille Shornick
Marshall Nirenberg
Raymond Docter
Tom Underwood
Leon Schipper
Ethel Emmich
Fayga Millstein
Rose Seligman
Frances Weaver

1/19-1-25

Sally Spiegel
*Rhea Shindell
*Norman Muskin
Jerry Paukin
Abe Rones
Myrtle Byous
Irving Sollek

Anita Kaminsky
Hassib Ifrah Elfassy
Florine Abrams
Pam Mintz
Vera Miller
*Erna Ascher
Natalie Gordon
Charles Shapero, Sr.
Joshua Vitanzo
Hattie Mitchell Dorman
Shepherd Tucker
*Mae Freedman

1/26-2-1

Nathan Ostrov
*Thelma Mitchell
*Alfred Sternberg
Gertrude Garshman
Adolph Schwartz
*Abby Hesdorffer
Eva Marmel
Shirley Goodman
Lottie Brady
Bruno Marcus
Lee Gotthelf
Abram Hyman Orlansky
Phoebe Cleve Spencer
William Friedman
*Memorial Alcove

Beth Israel Congregation
~ January 2020 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2 5:30pm-7:30pm Library Reserved (Library)	3 6:15pm-7:30pm Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)	4 9am-10:15am Saturday Morning Service 10:30am-11:30am Torah Study (Library)
5 9:30am-12pm Religious School 12:30pm-1:45pm Confirmation 7pm-8pm Shalom Group (Library)	6 Office Closed 6pm-7:30pm Adult Hebrew - Library	7 6:30pm-7:30pm Refuge Meditation (Library)	8 5:30pm-6:30pm Hebrew School	9 5:30pm-7:30pm Library Reserved (Library)	10 6:15pm-7:15pm BIC Board Installation 6:15pm-7:30pm Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)	11 9am-10:15am Saturday Morning Service 10:30am-11:30am Torah Study (Library)
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