

Chailights

August 2020

Rabbi Joseph H. Rosen



Our History, Our Reckoning

The death of George Floyd has caused a resurgence in conversations on race relations in our nation. Since then, we have seen tensions grow regarding the accountability of law enforcement. We have seen disagreement over the interpretations of Confederate Monuments. We are also questioning the glorification of national heroes, whose legacies are blurred by moral imperfections. In addition, the stress of these dialogues has been confounded by the anxious atmosphere of pandemic. We must continue to hold our community connections close, that we may find shelter in these uncertain times.

Now, more than ever, is a time where we can look to the Jewish tradition for guidance. We are fast approaching the High Holy Day season, where we hope to reflect, repent, and renew ourselves for the new year, 5781. These observances provide a safe and necessary space for us to recount our moral imperfections. In the words of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik,

The years of sin are transformed into powerful impulsive forces which propel the sinner towards God. Sin is not to be forgotten, blotted out or cast into the depths of the sea. On the contrary, sin has to be remembered. It is the memory of sin that releases the power within the inner depths of the soul of the penitent to do greater things than ever before. The energy of sin can be used to bring one to new heights.

As we search for solutions to these uncomfortable confrontations, Rabbi Soloveitchik teaches that these painful encounters can inspire us towards a path of compassion and justice. We cannot be afraid to admit how our imperfect actions can harm those most vulnerable. Additionally, this season of repentance demands that the adjustments we make must be rooted in the desire for sustainable change. Furthermore, as these conflicts bring us face to face with one another, we must look inward for the small, still voice that guides us to respond with empathy and love.

Best,

Rabbi Joseph H. Rosen

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Contacting the Office

As part of our effort to take care of our congregation and community, we have decided that the best way to practice Social Distancing is to expect it of our office staff as well. To this end we have decided to minimize our own presence in the Temple.

This does not mean that you can't contact the office. Our Administrative Assistant has agreed to have all Temple calls during normal business hours forwarded to her personal phone. Thus you can still call the office at the **(601) 956-6215** number. She's also reachable by e-mailing the office.

To speak to Rabbi Rosen you can call or text his work cell phone at **(601) 351-5238** or email him at rabbijrosen@bethisraelms.org. Calling the office will have Michaela get a message to the Rabbi but for direct contact, please call him or send an e-mail.

To speak to Kim in Bookkeeping please either reach out to her e-mail address, or call the Temple Office number above. Michaela will take a message and contact Kim. We are still processing all donations, pledge payments and checks while the office is closed, and Kim can still answer questions.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOU

We serve two meals a week each month and we are running low on food items. Each meal that we serve consists of a protein, starch, vegetable, dessert, fruit, and a bread. Typically, each day requires serving 10-12 people.

The easiest way to support this program is by purchasing a gift card from either Kroger, Walmart, or Sams Club. However, if you love cooking we will take any and all frozen meat casseroles. You can also help by purchasing frozen vegetables, bread, or fruit cups.

We thank you for your support in advance. All gift cards should go the Temple marked MOW and sent to Kim Graham. All food items should be placed in the freezer in the kitchen and marked "MOW" with a date.

When coming by the Temple to drop off anything, please call ahead to make sure someone is available to receive the items. Also remember to wear a face mask when coming to the building.

Again, many thanks.

The Meals on Wheels Team

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BIC BLAST
12:00 P.M. Tuesday (For publication
in the *following week's* blast.)

CHAILIGHTS
15th of every month

FRIDAY NIGHT LEAFLET
1:30 P.M. Thursday

Please e-mail all submissions to
office@bethisraelms.org

BETH ISRAEL OFFICE HOURS

Monday
CLOSED
Tuesday
10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Thursday
10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Friday
10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Closed daily for lunch
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

August Birthdays

1	David Mandel	17	Eric Balfour	30	Jessica Rubinsky
	Leah Wittenberg	18	Will Leonard		James Bowley
3	Sherrie Glass	20	Justin Schlakman	31	Ruby Thomas
	Marcia Barron		Rebecca Craig		Jonathan Springer
4	Lynda Balfour	22	Sidney Mack		
11	Scott Dreffin	23	Rachel Glazer		
	Michele Myers	24	Abby Craig		
12	Eugenia Ruvinsky		Erica Weil		
13	Ted Orkin		Clay Humphrey		
	Vince Jordan	25	Robbie Barron		
	T J Grossman	26	Sarah Springer		
14	Deborah Feldman		Hannah Rost		
15	Diane Feldman	27	Trey McGregor		
16	Joshua Loya		David Crystal		
	Jason Snyder		Talia Buxbaum		

*May you be gifted
with life's biggest
joys and
never-ending bliss.
After all, you yourself
are a gift to earth, so
you deserve the best.*

August Anniversaries

5	Emily and Len Malick
16	Petra and Robert Kay
	Janice and Bernard Blumenthal
	Beth and Steve Orlansky
17	Sue and Bobby Jacobs
18	Sondy and Bob Berman
19	Deborah and Sandor Feldman
	Mary Golde and William Howell
	Debra and Alexander Kassoff
26	Kay and Lawson Metz
28	Susan and Richard Snyder
30	Miriam and Robert Smith

Happy Anniversary

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

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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
SATURDAY MORNING FUND
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NOTICE

Donations received after July 15th will be published in the next Chailights. Please email office@bethisraelms.org if your contribution was not listed.

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

CARING FUND

For the Recovery of Candy Morse — Andrea and Buddy Fish

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In Memory of T. Stanley Orkin — Donna and Ted Orkin

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In Memory of Mark Hesdorffer — Gilda Hesdorffer

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We Remember — Yahrzeits for August

8/1/2020 - 8/8/2020

Jess Docter
Harry Sherman
Linda Brantley
*Ida Sebulsky
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*Lev Aronov
Sandra Klingler
Arthur Moskowitz
Inez Sacher
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*Lillian Crystal
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8/9/2020 - 8/15/2020

*Sara Gorelik
Sam Rubin
Irene Sloan
*Stewart Docter
Rebecca Fisher
Martin Sacher
Clinton Howell
Gertrude Solomon
Adelia Thames
*Sigmund Stamm
William Taffet
Beatrice Workman
Josephine Moorhead
Helen Orkin

8/16/2020 - 8/22/2020

Harry Boyd
Lena Finegold
Charles Grossman
*Solomon Sherman
Murray Benenson
*Alvin Leighton
Sol Wolff
*John Hart Asher
Betty Docter-Raines
Joseph Brame, Jr.
Max Loeffelholz
Byron Nelson
Celia Mermelstein

8/23/2020 - 8/29/2020

Allan Bernstein
*Raymond Jacobs Geiger
*Mary Lipsich
Dorothy Barham
Sadie Smith
Eleanor Branson
*Louis I. Portnoy

Alexandra Erlich
Willie Reichek
*Lehman Engel
Rose Salomon

8/30/2020 - 9/5/2020

Estelle Binder
Hortense Leveck
Hilda Shapero
William Shookoff
Henry Leveck
Aaron Kay
Betsy Rae Mimnaugh
*Mose Hesdorffer
*Morris Rosenzweig
*Abe A. Rotwein
Sam G. Loeb
Max M. Lawfer
Ellis Hart
Albert Wahba
Fanny Ruvinsky
*Louis Muskin

**Memorial Alcove*

High Holy Days 2020/5781

Zoom and Facebook Live information will be sent out in the future
along with the High Holy Day Handbook

Saturday	Sept. 12	Evening Selichot Service Time TBD
Friday	Sept. 18	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service at 6:15
Saturday	Sept. 19	Rosh Hashanah Children's Service at 8:45 Rosh Hashanah Morning Service at 10:30 Rosh Hashanah Torah Service and Study at 11:45
Sunday	Sept. 20	Rosh Hashanah 2 nd Morning Service at 9:30 Rosh Hashanah Mindfulness and Meditation Session at 11:15 Tashlich – Location and Time TBD Memorial Service at Cemetery – 4:00
Friday	Sept. 25	Shabbat Shuvah Evening Service at 6:15
Saturday	Sept. 26	Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service at 9:00; Torah Study at 10:30
Sunday	Sept. 27	Kol Nidre 6:15
Monday	Sept. 28	Yom Kippur Children's Service at 8:45 Yom Kippur Morning Service at 10:30-11:45 Yom Kippur Torah Service and Study at 11:45 Yom Kippur Special Study at 1:15 Yom Kippur Afternoon Service at 2:30 Yizkor (Memorial Service) at 4:15 Neilah (Concluding Service) at 5:00 Virtual Break-the-Fast following Neilah