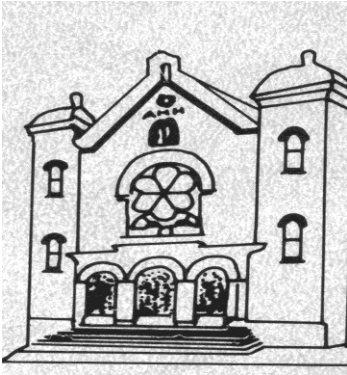
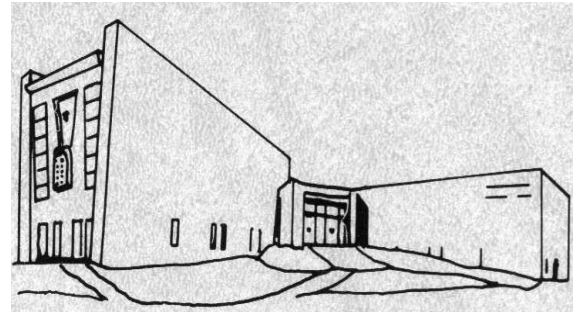


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Newsletter Newsletter



Rabbi Moshe Russell, Interim Rabbi

Gershon Guttman - President

June/July/August 2014

RABBI RUSSELL'S MESSAGE

With much gratitude to Hashem for the beautiful additions to our community with the three new families that just recently moved in, we hope that our growth will continue. We sadly say goodbye to Moshie and Devoiry Reich, who will be relocating back to the New York area. At the same time we wish a tzaischem l'eshalom to Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Gordon on their recent move to Columbus, Ohio. We wish them lots of hatzlacha in all their endeavors.

The Jewish holidays are not only celebrations of past events, but they have an ability within them to experience the past event in the present. For example, Passover, which we celebrated as the holiday of freedom from our physical and spiritual enslavement in Egypt, the same time every year we have the ability to free ourselves from our spiritual bondage to climb to great spiritual heights. On Shavuos, *zman matan torahsanue*, the day we receive the Torah at Mount Sinai, there is an intrinsic ability to reaccept the Torah as we originally did 3326 years ago. In order to reaccept the Torah, one has to prepare himself just like our forefathers did when they prepared for their kabbalas hatora at Mount Sinai.

The preparation which our forefathers did was *ki'ish echad belev echad* like one person with one heart. As we utilize the remaining days of

sefira, let us focus on unity and loving our fellow Jew to become *ki'ish echad belev echad*.

Rabbi Russell

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is so much happening in our little town, it is difficult to decide what to say, so sit back and I'll try to fill you in.

A while back, the Congregation approved a change to the constitution regarding the election process. Thanks to all of those who worked to make it happen. As a result of the change and the ensuing election, we now have a new board and a few new officers. While I have not talked to Sondra (our office staff), I would guess that she has listed the new Board of Directors of the shul somewhere in this newsletter. I encourage everyone to talk to them about shul business, concerns or complaints.

Pesach was a wonderful Yom Tov at Gemilas Chesed, as we were visited by many friends and family. It is always nice to get reacquainted.

The Lag B'Omer picnic was a blast. A special thanks to one of our new board members, Sammy Balis and his son, Howie, for the expertise in grilling for the picnic. We had nearly 100 people attend.

We now have two more young families joining Mr. & Mrs. Yoel (Rina) Deitch as regular shul attendees. This doesn't mean that you don't have to come, just that you may see some new faces when you do come.

One day during the week of May 19th, if you came to shul, you would have seen Mordechai Russell put on his tefillin for the first time. We posted some pictures on Facebook, but you had to be there to celebrate with the Kiddush that followed.

Shavuot is already upon us. Make sure you plan to join us for a lunch on the second day after davening.

As we move forward into the digital age we are going to try to post more of the things going on, and pictures to show. So, friend us on Facebook in order to follow us.

Lastly, the only way to really follow us is by coming to shul and help to keep the Minyan alive and well.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Gershon Guttman
President

SISTERHOOD'S MESSAGE

It's been a very exciting year for the Sisterhood. Pesach has come and gone and now we are looking forward to Shavuot and the warm summer months.

This year the Sisterhood's donor will be memorable for all. We are pleased to announce that the renowned all-female vocal group, Kol Shira, will be singing Hebrew, Yiddish, and English favorites. The group is in quite demand and has performed throughout the metropolitan area. After a scrumptious brunch, Kol Shira will thoroughly entertain us. Thanks to Rita Ungar for making the arrangements for our tantalizing meal. Thanks to everyone's participation, this event will provide much needed funds for the Sisterhood.

The Sisterhood will showcase our culinary talents by baking homemade cheesecakes for the Shavuot kiddushes. These delicious creations will be available for sale to members of our congregation, and to the community. The money raised will be used for future Sisterhood events.

We thank Faigy Chapley and Esthereva Guttman for all their hard work and expertise in making this a successful event.

Our best wishes and thoughts go out to our members, Phyllis Spiegel, Marlene Jacobs, and Maxine Lang.

The Sisterhood is delighted to welcome - new families to our community. We hope that they have much happiness here.

We are sad to report the passing of three of our members; Blema Neuman, Julia Weingarten, and Sadie Morantz. May the memories of their lives be long-lasting.

Looking forward...we are working hard on possibly planning a summer casino trip. Check your emails and/or flyers.

May you all have an enjoyable summer season.

Marilyn Perl
Sisterhood President

OFFICE HAPPENINGS

Flower Fund: Having flowers on the bimah for the yomtovim are always a lovely touch, but we need your financial support to continue. It is not necessary to sponsor a complete arrangement; simply send in any amount you wish and we'll take care of the rest. We will announce your contribution if you wish.

Cards for all occasions: If you would like to send a card to a birthday celebrant, bar or bat mitzvah, someone who is ill, in the hospital, or G-d forbid, a condolence, please remember that the shul does offer this service.

Shabbos Kiddush is a very special way to remember a loved one or to celebrate a simcha. If you would like to host a Kiddush, please contact the shul office by phone or email to reserve a date (first come first served only!). Please allow at least two weeks for proper preparation.

Chumashim, Machzorim, Siddurim: To inscribe one of these books (or more) in honor of a special occasion, birthday, or in loving memory,

is a beautiful gift. All that is necessary to do this is to call the shul office at 412-678-8859 with your instructions. A Chumash is \$50.00; the Siddur and Machzor are \$25.00. A card will be sent to the recipient to announce your thoughtfulness.

Cupboard Stretchers – Food Bank: This area, unfortunately, has many families who need assistance. We ask that members and friends of Gemilas Chesed continue to donate non-perishable food items as well as soap and toilet tissue to the local Food Bank. The yellow container in the shul's downstairs lobby is for this purpose. We ask that you be as generous as possible.

Cemetery Committee: The chairman of the Cemetery Committee is currently and capably being filled by **Richard Bollinger**. Any questions or concerns can be directed to him or to the shul office.

Shul Resale Shop: **Betty Barlow** is in charge of the resale shop. This special fund raiser is open on Sundays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you wish a different time, call Betty at 412-678-9090, and she will arrange a time more suitable for you.

MIKVAH NEWS

Mrs. Shoshanna Russell is the women's Mikvah attendant and can be reached at 724-978-1397. Her back-up is **Mrs. Jackie Katz** at 917-757-6217.

We are looking for some assistance:

Assembling the newsletter is somewhat of a chore, but it can be done quickly if there are several people working together. A couple of extra hands would be very welcome. Please call Sondra at the office – 412-678-8859 if you have the time...your help will be greatly appreciated.

LAG B'OMER

A special thank you to Esthereva and Aharon Guttman, and David Sunstein for making our Lag B'Omer picnic such a fun time. Special thanks to Sammy and Howie Balis for seeing that the food was grilled to perfection. Everyone that attended

had a great time.

Welcome Newcomers!

We are happy to welcome Yitzchok and Tali Idell and family, and Ari and Clara Auerbach to our community. May they have much happiness and enjoy much nachas in their new homes.

MEMBERSHIP

Our dues are among the lowest in the country (just ask our out-of-towners!). If you haven't already joined or know of prospective new members, please call the shule office and leave a message, or e-mail us with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

Full Family	\$500
Full Single	250
Associate Family	200
Associate Single	150
Students	50

(Seats for the high holidays are included)

OUR SHUL OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Gershon Guttman
VICE PRESIDENT: Bruce Gelman
TREASURER: Richard Bollinger
RECORDING SEC'Y: Faigy Chapley
GABAI #1: Gershon Guttman
GABAI #2: Alan Balsam

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Sam Balis	Myles Neiman
Alan Balsam	Larry Perl
Joseph Chapley	Bill Schonberger
Sherman Elias	Rita Ungar
Aharon Guttman	

The congregation wishes all of you Mazel Tov!
We wish you well.

SIMCHA SECTION

A heartfelt **Mazel Tov!** to

- Cindy & Gershon Guttman on the birth of their new granddaughter
- Rita Ungar on the birth of her great-

granddaughter

- Al & Lynda Kianese on the graduation of their son, Vincent from Seton Hill College
- Sondra & Joe Mendlowitz on the graduation of their granddaughter & grandson from the University of Massachusetts

REFUAH SHELEMAH

- Phyllis Spiegel
- Marlene Jacobs
- Maxine Lang

Our thoughts and prayers are with you for a speedy and complete recovery

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

Due to the fact that Shavuot falls on the first Wednesday of June, there will not be a Lunch & Learn session this month. Arlene Elias, chairman, announced that the next program will be on July 2nd, and the topic of discussion will be about "Loss of Memory". The following Lunch & Learn program will be Wednesday, August 6th. She hopes to see everyone there.

DAF YOMI (SHABBOS)

Approximately 45 minutes before

Mincha. Class is held downstairs in the Beis Medrash/Library.

THE COOKING CORNER

A few recipes for summertime.

Hungarian sour cherry soup

2 cans pitted red tart cherries, undrained
½ cup sugar
1 cinnamon stick
1 cup sour cream (non-fat works well)
Lemon juice to taste

In a saucepan, combine cherries, sugar and cinnamon stick. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and remove cinnamon stick. Put mixture in blender with sour cream and lemon juice and puree. Chill before serving.

Easy and Quick Summer Stir Fry

Sauce:

¼ cup Zesty Italian dressing
1 TBSP. soy sauce
2 cloves minced garlic

1 lb. Boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut in strips
1 each red, green, & yellow pepper, chopped
2 green onions, sliced

1. Mix sauce ingredients: Add 1 TBSP. of sauce mixture to chicken; toss to coat. Let stand 5 minutes.
 2. Heat oil in large non-stick skillet on medium-high heat. Add meat mixture and veggies; stir fry 4 minutes, or until meat is cooked through.
 3. Add remaining sauce mixture; simmer 2 minutes. Serve over rice.
- Makes 4 servings.

Blissful Brownies

(prep time – 10 minutes)

4 – 1 oz. squares unsweetened baking chocolate
1/3 cup canola oil
1/3 cup unsweetened applesauce
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups sugar
8 large egg whites
1 cup flour
½ cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9 x 13 inch baking pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides of pan. Grease foil.

Microwave chocolate in large microwavable bowl on high for 1 minute. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Add oil, applesauce and vanilla; mix well. Stir in sugar. Add egg whites; stir until well blended. Add flour and pecans; mix well. Spread batter into prepared pan.

Bake: 25 minutes or until brownies start to pull away from sides of pan. Cool completely. Remove brownies from pan using foil handles. Makes 24 servings.
ENJOY!

DAILY MINYAN

Please refer to enclosed calendars for proper time.

Yahrzeits*

*Yahrzeits are listed by the date which corresponds with the Hebrew date for this year. Please light your memorial candle at sundown on the evening before the listed date!

Name	English Date
Sam Moldovan	June 1
Joseph Reichman	June 1
Marvin Schulhof	June 1
Rhoda Zwibel Aliskovitz	June 3
Max Rashewsky	June 3
Morton Rozen	June 3
Sylvan Alpern	June 4
Phillip Auslander	June 4
Avrahm Friedman	June 4
Surah Chiyah Friedman	June 4
Boris A. Gelman	June 4
Fraida Katz	June 4
Shmuel Katz	June 4
Molvin Spiegel	June 4
Pearl Israel	June 5
Samuel Israel	June 5
David Lebowitz	June 5
Robert N. Moldovan	June 5
Rose Prizant	June 5
Emanuel Yortis	June 5
Robert Katz	June 7
Jennie Lang	June 7
Anna Mae Littman	June 7
Ruth Stone	June 7
Kalman Berkowitz	June 8
Joseph Firestone	June 8
Leah Moldovan	June 8
Ed Recht	June 8
Ralph Beck	June 9
Rose Katz	June 9
Annie Lichtenstein	June 9
Emanuel Lichtenstein	June 9
Jennie Lichtenstein	June 9
Gizella Salkovitz	June 9
Rose Selkowitz	June 9
Margret Stark	June 9
Nathan Diamond	June 10
Esther Friedman Gurman	June 10
Carrie Roth	June 10
Jeanette Klein	June 11
William Moldovan	June 11
Samuel Laby	June 12
Marvin Spiegel	June 12
Harry Zemon	June 12

Nathan Klein	June	13
Kate Markovitz	June	13
Jacob Wasko	June	15
Rae Buckler	June	16
Max H. Leib	June	17
Sylvan Tennenbaum	June	17
Leo "Tut" Ungar	June	17
Pam Wander	June	17
Harry Neiman	June	18
Phillip Klein	June	19
Simon Rashewsky	June	19
Helen Auslander Schwartz	June	19
Fannie Stark	June	19
Hilda Ungar	June	19
Heighman Weiss	June	19
Marvin Eisner	June	20
Edward Leslie Weiss	June	22
Edward H. Greenwald	June	21
Nathan Schachter	June	21
Sadye Spitz	June	22
Joseph Schachter	June	24
Morris Siskind	June	24
Joseph Feldman	June	25
Rose Alpern	June	26
Albert N. Jacobs	June	26
Tess Mandell	June	26
Benjamin Markovitz	June	26
Dr. Norman Schwartz	June	26
Samuel Spitz	June	27
Irving Arthur Yudovin	June	27
Milton Schulhof	June	28
Anne Greenfield	June	29
Ruth Ehrenreich	June	30
Ignatz Elias	July	1
Lottie Price	July	1
Edythe Buchman Arko	July	3
Leon Izsak	July	3
Tillie Seltman Izsak	July	3
Sylvan "Zell" Mendlowitz	July	3
Esther Gross	July	4
Evelyn Solomon	July	4
Aaron Feinberg	July	5
Barbara Shyndell Weiss	July	5
Joseph Bahm	July	6
Jacob Mandel Mendlowitz	July	6
Ruth Schenk	July	6
Ruth Balis	July	7
Berti Buchman	July	7
Sydney Harris	July	7
Arnold "Ottie" Weiss	July	7
Blanche Harris	July	9
Fred J. Farkas	July	10
Margot Guttman	July	10

Gussie Snyder	July	10	Harry Auslander	August	1
Helen Spector	July	10	Beckie Lockspeiser	August	1
Max Ehrenreich	July	11	Alvin J. Moldovan	August	1
Fannie Friedman	July	11	Ben Olender	August	1
Isadore "Josh" Joshowitz	July	11	Emanuel Pollacheck	August	1
Edith Haberman Davis	July	12	Benjamin Gold	August	2
Esther Safier	July	12	Miriam S. Moritz	August	2
Adolph Samuels	July	12	Rose Krause	August	3
Saul Feldman	July	13	Benjamin Uram	August	3
Joseph Neuman	July	13	Ethel Linder	August	4
Bertha Firestone	July	14	Milton B. Friedman	August	4
Leah Alpern	July	15	Flora Bahm Pollacheck	August	5
Lillian Baum	July	15	Lena Feldman	August	5
Frank Weinberg	July	15	Albert Friedman	August	5
Lee Guttman	July	16	Joe Weinberg	August	5
Esther Neuman	July	16	Sidney Bahm	August	6
Jennie Pollacheck	July	16	David Reichman	August	7
Sandford Robinowitz	July	16	Pearl Greenfield	August	7
David Ungar	July	16	Benjamin Berkowitz	August	9
Majorie Cohen Weinberg	July	16	Lewis Neuman	August	9
Sam Weinberg	July	16	Harry Solomon	August	10
Abraham Kahanovitz	July	17	Jacob Chottiner	August	11
Harry Reichman	July	17	Albert Klein	August	11
Jacob Friedman	July	20	David Ohringer	August	13
Harry Jacobs	July	20	Leonard Ehrenreich	August	17
Rose Laska Jacobs	July	20	Maurice Berkowitz	August	18
Cele Seligson	July	20	Irving Gershater	August	18
Kattie Luskey	July	21	Morris Greenfield	August	18
Mollie Schachter	July	22	Leah Neiman	August	18
Alice Friedman	July	23	Isadore Tolchin	August	18
Rose Herskowitz	July	25	Adolph Weinberger	August	18
Jacob Moss	July	25	Ella Heisler	August	19
Morris Wander	July	25	Jacqueline Wander	August	19
Rosealie Arko Bristow	July	26	James Beck	August	20
Shimon Jacobowitz	July	26	Dora Mendlowitz	August	20
Louis Markovitz	July	26	Martin Jay Lockspeiser	August	21
Isadore Middleman	July	26	Helen Beck	August	22
Samuel Recht	July	26	Bessie Feinberg	August	22
Sam Solomon	July	26	Albert Greenman	August	22
Albert Gottesman	July	27	Joseph Klein	August	22
Flora Herskowitz	July	27	Beverly Barnes	August	23
David Iszauk	July	27	Norman Ilkuwitz	August	23
Julius Langer	July	27	Harry Hershkowitz	August	24
Sam Friedman	July	28	Simon Huber	August	24
Jacob Kendal	July	29	Fannie Katz	August	24
Laibe Spiegel	July	29	Ilse Kimmelman	August	24
Molly Spiegel	July	29	Ruth Weiss Belle	August	25
Dr. Benjamin Greenfield	July	30	Harry Gottesman	August	25
Sylvan Mendlowitz	July	30	Berenice Izsak	August	25
Rose Roth	July	30	Jocheved Landesman	August	25
Sidney Siskind	July	30	Ida Skolsky	August	25
David Lee Greenfield	July	31	Belle Berkowitz	August	26
Rose M. Lefkowitz	July	31	Hanna Diamond	August	26
			Anna Middleman	August	26

Sam Pearlstein	August 26
Herman Recht	August 26
Zlottie Supkoff	August 26
Pearl Greenfield	August 28
Mandel Grossman	August 28
Esther Kendal	August 28
Bertha Brockman	August 29
Ben Heisler	August 29
Bernard Barzel Mendlowitz	August 29
Anna Friedman	August 30

If you need to have someone at shul say Kaddish for your loved one, please call Rabbi Russell to arrange it.

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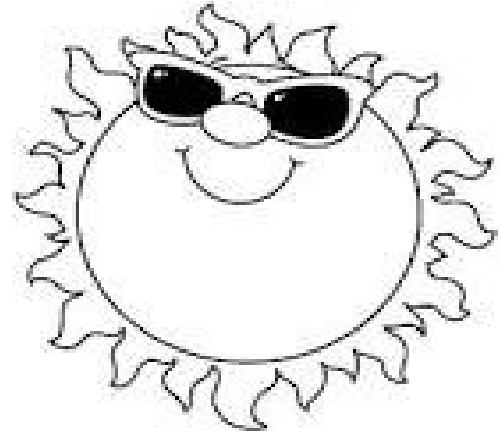
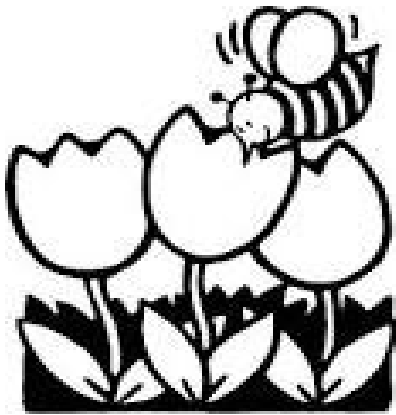
TO OUR READERS:

We try to bring you information concerning all the events and happenings at the shul and surrounding communities; however, we do need your assistance and input to be certain nothing is overlooked. We always welcome your comments, stories, any Shul history – as well as simchas, refuah shelemah, etc. Please contact Sondra at the office, **412-678-8859**.

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