



Mah Hadash: What's new?

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A Word From Rabbi White

Five nights from the moment I write, the Hebrew month of Elul begins, the last month of the Jewish calendar marking years since God brought the world into being, of which, according to Judaism's creation myth, there have been 5771. (There are three other Jewish calendars: one each for the pilgrimage festival cycle, the tithing of trees, and the tithing of cattle.)

The Jewish mind sees the month of Elul in its entirety as a time for reflection, a time for engaging in a process known as "Heshbon HaNefesh," an accounting of the soul, translated literally. The shofar is sounded throughout the month at the conclusion of prayer services every morning, except Sabbaths, its purpose to rouse us to engage in Heshbon HaNefesh.

We can move forward only by looking back. I can't become a better person without reflecting on my deeds, citing those where I've missed the mark – "missing the mark" is the literal meaning of the primary Hebrew term for sin: het – and considering how I might come closer in the future. Most especially, Heshbon HaNefesh is looking for PATTERNS in how we act and think; if we can cite a pattern, changing it is a change for the better in a large way.

At the same time, Elul is an appropriate juncture to reflect on the things that are good about ourselves. Proper balance calls for complementing self-criticism with a measure of self-praise. The latter without the former is conceit; the former without the latter is overly modest.

As this issue of Mah Hadash initiates the High Holy Day season at Congregation Ohev Sholom, I encourage you, dear reader, to engage in the process of Heshbon HaNefesh. Not only will you find yourself more to your liking, you also will find the Days of Awe, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, a more gratifying experience.

My household wishes you a very sweet and meaningful New Year.

Happenings.....

**Sun., September 11,
Cafe Ohev**

**Rabbi Moti Rieber presents
"Caring for Creation", Kansas IPL
10:00 a.m.**

High Holy Day Schedule

***Complete High Holy Day
schedule can be viewed in
accompanying document***

**Mon. -Tues., October 17-18:
Hol Hamoed Sukkot**

**Dwell in your sukkot and give that
lulav a shake
Shacharit 6:50 a.m.**

**Sukkah Lunch & Study with Rabbi
White & Temple Israel, Rabbi
Cukierkorn 12:00 p.m.**

**Wed., October 19:
Hoshanah Rabbah**

**The last morning we take up the lulav
and etrog, finally beating the willow
branches into the ground during the
morning minyan.**

**Shacharit 6:45 a.m.
Sukkah Lunch & Study with Rabbi
White & Temple Israel, Rabbi
Cukierkorn 12:00 p.m.**

**Shemini Atzeret 6:48 p.m.
Candles 6:17 p.m.**



Audrey's Announcements

I have become distracted recently, on learning that my 36-year-old nephew has a serious illness. My mind wanders, thinking about him, his wife, his two small children, my sister and brother-in-law. I find myself praying throughout the day for my nephew's recovery, and fortunately, I find that our tradition helps me because we are in the weeks preceding the High Holidays and because some of our traditional prayers reflect what is in my heart.

We are taught that the seven weeks between Tisha B'Av and Rosh Hashanah are the weeks of comfort and we are urged by the prophets to find comfort as God will be with us, especially at this time. I take this message to heart. On the recent Shabbat when the new month of Elul was announced, I read the words of the blessing asking God to renew our lives in the coming month, to grant us a long life, a peaceful life with goodness and blessing, sustenance and physical vitality. The words perfectly describe what I yearn for. And later in the service, I joined in the Misheberach where I prayed for physical cure as well as spiritual healing for my nephew, asking for blessing, compassion, restoration, and strength, within the community of others facing illness as well as all Jews, all human beings. All of this helps and I am grateful to have inherited a tradition that can provide comfort. I am also grateful for the advances of medical science and the doctors who are treating my nephew.

I share these very personal thoughts with the hope that perhaps some of you who are experiencing challenging times also find words through our liturgy or our traditions that strengthen and comfort you and that Rabbi White can also be a support.

As we approach the new year of 5772, I look forward to seeing you at Ohev events. We will continue our most successful programs: Havdalah in the Home, Cafe Ohev, Beit Midrash, a Sukkah crawl, Shabbat dinners, a Hanukah dinner, baking Hamentaschen, a Purim spiel, and Club 52. We will add new programming that will include lunch with the Rabbi throughout Sukkot, planting a community garden on Ohev property, social outings like apple picking, going to plays, enjoying concerts. We have already introduced our Kiyyum Ha'Adamah program with a wonderful dinner that was made mostly of locally grown food, and through this program there will be opportunities to do hands-on activities related to stewardship of the environment from a Jewish perspective. We plan to visit nearby farms and gardens and prepare more locally grown food together. And our magnum opus for the year will be KosherFest, to be held June 3, 2012. It is such an important event, not only as our major fund-raiser, but also as our message to the community that showcases what a strong, vibrant congregation we are, how volunteerism is our middle name and how tasty our kosher food is.

You will notice this year that our newest tenant, Congregation Temple Israel, led by Rabbi Jacques Cukierkorn, will participate with us in some of our activities, like decorating the Sukkah and joining us for lunch there during Sukkot. Pathway Church continues to rent Waldman Hall and the National Council of Jewish Women continues to lease one classroom. All these lease agreements provide us important financial support.

So, if you are a regular minyan-goer, a gardener, a baker, a cook, one with an appetite for Jewish learning, Ohev Sholom is the place to be. Find your niche...or let me know how we can better serve your needs for community, Jewish education and spiritual growth. The more we connect with one another, the stronger we become as a congregation. I send you and your family my best wishes for a happy and healthy new year. I look forward to seeing you soon and hope you find that reading our new Machzor will be conducive to a thoughtful and meaningful High Holiday experience.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Audrey

WHO IS ANNE DEUTCH?



The sweetest, most caring, most loving, kindest, gentlest, most soft spoken, and the tiniest all-in-one human being. God has blessed Anne with 100 years of parenting five children, five in-laws, 13 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews, as well as hundreds of friends. She is the last of 10 brothers and sisters. Annes' love of family, Ohev Sholom, music, flowers, sunrises and sunsets has filled her life with great joy.

We honor Anne at Congregation Ohev Sholom

Saturday, September 10

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Followed by havdalah and dessert.

Everyone is invited.

Please join us in celebrating Anne's simcha.



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We Are Ohev

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Congregation Ohev Sholom renewed its commitment to “going green” by updating its website last summer. For those of you who comfortably reside on the “net,” and exchange information “in the cloud,” please visit our website. For members who do not use computers, hard copies of information will be available.

Loaded with information on our history, our programs, and even a membership application for newcomers, the Ohev website also displays a selection of Rabbi White’s weekly sermons and guest “thought provoking” dvars. No need to lose scraps of paper with miscellaneous Ohev activities dates or worry about leaving your calendar on the desk at work, because the website posts all events and activities on an easy to follow calendar. When events, such as the book club, are held at venues beyond our building, click on the activity and the calendar will show maps and directions from the synagogue.

If you have any suggestions, or would like to see additional information on our website, please feel free to contact Terri Turner or send a message under the “contact page” located on the “Under the Ohev Tent” tab.



MEET OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Administrative Assistant, Maria Barton, joined Congregation Ohev Sholom's office staff on August 1, 2011. An accountant for more than 12 years, Maria, who has an associate's degree in accounting from the Longview Community College, has worked for Sprint, Ceres Group (a senior life insurance company), and for a little while she was a fitness instructor for preschool-aged children.

Maria enjoys meeting new challenges, has great analytical skills and the ability to learn various tasks fast. When calling Ohev you will always be greeted with Maria's friendly voice and in person you are always greeted with a smile. Maria believes a smile is your greatest social asset.

Maria Barton is a mother to three beautiful children; Dallas, her 16 year old daughter and her two sons, Ryan(13) and Andrew(9). Maria has been married to her high school sweetheart, Jason, since April 1995. Maria and her family live in Kansas City, Missouri and are actively involved in both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts holding positions as Treasurer, Den Leader, Cub Master & Committee Members. For fun Maria enjoys camping with her family, using her creative talents for painting & craft projects, and actively volunteering with youth organizations in her community. Maria is also an avid fan of the beloved Disney character, Tinker Bell.

CARING FOR CREATION: AN INTRODUCTION TO KANSAS IPL – SHAWNEE MISSION



Rabbi Moti Rieber, Presenter • Coordinator

**Sunday, September 11, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

**Congregation Ohev Sholom
5311 West 75th Street
Prairie Village, KS 66208**



All faiths have as one of their core principles the care and responsible stewardship of G-d's creation. A growing number of congregations of all faiths – locally, nationally, and around the world – are becoming involved in the work of protecting the world we live in by lightening our impact on it.

Kansas IPL (Kansas Interfaith Power & Light) is at the forefront of these efforts, and partners with houses of worship to take practical steps to reduce energy usage, to teach and preach about Creation Care, and to work for public policies that will help protect our neighbors and those less fortunate from disruptions due to the impact of human activities on the environment.

Come learn about Kansas IPL, about the challenging issues facing our environment, and what people of faith all over the state and the country are doing about it! Rabbi Rieber will speak in conjunction with Ohev Sholom's efforts to support "sustainability" as part of the Kiyum HaAdama initiative.

September 11, 2011

Café Ohev

9:30 a.m. Morning Minyan

10:00 a.m. Café Ohev

*Please call the Office at 913-642-6460
to make your reservations no later
than Wednesday, September 7th.*



OHEV SHOLOM
SISTERHOOD'S

SIMCHA TREE ORDER FORM

Simcha Leaves.....\$72 per Leaf

(Four x "chai" for extra Good Luck!)
Engraving cost is included)

Please make your check payable to: Ohev Sholom Sisterhood

**Mail your Check to: Marsha Naron
 12607 Cedar
 Leawood, KS 66209**

Questions? Call Marsha Naron at (913) 469-0661

Leaf #1:

Line #1: _____
Line #2: _____
Line #3: _____

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Line #1: _____
Line #2: _____
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*Please note leaf size 3 inches x ¾ inches tall

**Please list the names of everyone who helped
purchase this leaf or leaves below!**

Leaf #1 purchased by: _____

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Check here if you would like an acknowledgement sent.
Please print the recipient's name and address on the
back of this form.

Shabbat Dinner



Shabbat Dinner Reservation Form

Yes!

We will join you on Friday
night, **September 23rd** for
Shabbat Dinner.

Name: _____

Adults Attending @ \$15.00 ea _____

Children 0 – 3 N/C _____

Children 4 – 12 \$7.50 ea _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Telephone: _____

Reservation Deadline:
Wednesday
September 21, 2011

Join Us for a Traditional Shabbat Dinner

Friday Evening • September 23, 2011

Dedicating our new High Holiday Machzors will be a unique opportunity to share in a joyous occasion.

Join us for a Shabbat Services at 6:00 p.m. followed by a delicious, traditional Shabbat Dinner @ 7:00 p.m

You'll get your first look at our brand new High Holiday Prayerbooks, many dedicated by members of our congregation.

Cost for Adults is \$15.00 per person
The cost for children ages 4-12 is \$7.50 per child, children ages 0-3 N/C

Reservations must be made by September 21, 2011.

Please mail your checks to:

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Kiyum Haadamah Presentation



Club 52



Rabbis studying new Machzor



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