

kehillath shalom nemsletter הילת שלום reconstructing

Rabbi's Reflections

Service of the Heart: This is Prayer.

BY RABBI LINA ZERBARINI



For so many Jews, the prayers of the *siddur* have little connection to our hearts. The Hebrew is incomprehensible and it is worse when we read the English. The outlook of those who wrote the Bible and the prayerbook is foreign to us and we cannot pray what we do not believe. And we are

not always sure to whom or to what we are praying. Plus, there are So. Many. Words.

The purpose of prayer is multi-dimensional. The title of Anne Lamott's recent book: Help, Thanks, Wow, does express three traditional aspects of Jewish prayer: offering praise, expressing gratitude, and seeking support. But, interestingly, the term for prayer in Hebrew is /להתפלל heterm for prayer in Hebrew is /להתפלל heterm for prayer in Hebrew is / להתפלל heterm for prayer in turn in ward. Prayer is not only – or even primarily – externally directed. It is a connection with

our own soul in openness to the presence of the Holy.

This year, we will embark on an exploration of this possible for each of us. ***** traditions of Jewish prayer practices and develop

an understanding of the structure of the liturgy. As with most endeavors, the more we understand, the more meaningful and resonant our interaction with the prayerbook.

I also hope that we will explore and share our own experiences of prayer – aside from structured

experience – and perhaps bring more of our own soul's experiences into our communal worship.

Deeply rooted. Boldly relevant,

We will begin on **Sunday**, **November 6**, **from 10 am – 12 noon**, with an introduction to Jewish Prayer and Liturgy that will kick off a year of monthly Learners' Services (mostly the first or second Saturday of the month).

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote that "prayer cannot bring water to parched fields, or mend a broken bridge, or rebuild a ruined city; but prayer can water

an arid soul, mend a broken heart, and rebuild a weakened will." I pray that our learning will make this possible for each of us. .



One link, One Meeting ID#, for most KSS meetings!

Meeting ID#: 882 6522 6225

Password: 046 425 By Phone: 1 646 558 8656

or click this link:

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88265226225? pwd=MoZVcHlRWEZjeElod1VNajJ6UlNzUTo9

From the Presidents

So, to Me, What Does It Mean to Be Jewish?

By Gail Sachs

To be Jewish means that you are part of the Jewish people. Whether you were born into a Jewish home and culturally identify as Jewish or because you practice the Jewish religion (or both). Cultural Judaism includes things such as Jewish foods, customs, holidays, and rituals.

Ultimately, to be Jewish is to be a member of a culture, a religion, and a peoplehood. Jews are unique in that we are one of the few, if only, "people" in the world that encompass religious, cultural, and national aspects. We are often referred to as *Am Yisrael*, meaning the "People of Israel." To be Jewish is to be many things all at once.

So, to me, what does it mean to be Jewish?

God-consciousness: This is the subtle thread that runs through every fabric of a Jewish identity This to me is at the core of my 'Jewish;' everything else comes after.

To observe Shabbat: What could make one feel more Jewish than following and fulfilling the religious aspects of Judaism? This particular day has a significant meaning for me in that it affords me an opportunity to unwind, refocus, and reconnect with what's important to me

Keeping the Mitzvot: I understand that some of us may not feel comfortable being 'commanded' – this is especially true for some of us in the western world – it feels like being deprived of the right to choose. But, it was recorded in the Torah that

when God gave the commandments, He declared: Behold, I have set before you the blessing [of observing the commandments] and the curse [the potential punishment for failing to keep the mitzvot] — therefore, choose life!

It seems to me that even God understood that the Jews have a say in the matter, though we were pointed to make the right choice. To me, I believe that the *mitzvot* are the guiding lamp on how one should go about leading a Jewish life.

Placing emphasis on learning: Looking at our history, I believe one of the essential tenets that helped us as a people survive all the ordeals was our love for knowledge. Even in persecution, tribulations, and in exile, we saw it just as another opportunity to learn and to enrich the mind. This is profound, and I identify with it.

Today, we can see the manifestations of this love, in that there's a disproportionate representation of our people at the top of <u>almost every profession</u>.

The indescribable feeling of being part of history: We as a people have been here for so long – we've watched empires rise and fall; we've seen wars; we've seen other nations rise and fall – and we're still here. And mind you, we're going nowhere. Being part of a long chain of history, of a collective consciousness, – that's what being Jewish means to me. ❖



Answering the Call; Lending Our Voice

The Plenum (representative congregational body) of <u>Reconstructing Judaism</u> has proposed a <u>Resolution on Reparations</u> to the Movement. In order for it to be passed by the Movement, it must be passed by the majority of Plenum representatives. Ileen Koenig represents KSS at the Plenum. She will need the sense of Kehillath Shalom Synagogue's perspective in order to vote at the December 11th meeting of the Plenum.

We had one meeting on September 20, at which we discussed some background resources (below) and read the resolution.

We will meet again on **Tuesday, November 15** at 7:30 to get a sense of the congregation.

Please read the <u>Resolution on Reparations</u> and make every effort to join us on November 15.

Questions may be directed to:

Ileen Koenig, Plenum Representative: koenigi631@gmail.com

Roberta Israeloff, Chair, Committee on Racial Justice: rsis@optonline.net

Rabbi Lina Zerbarini, rabbi@kehillathshalomsynagogue.org

RESOURCES:

First, "Our Country Was Built on a Stolen Beam," a Rosh Hashanah sermon by Rabbi Sharon Brous (2017).

And, Professor Susan Neiman's: <u>Learning</u> from the Germans: Race and the Memory of Evil - <u>Holocaust Living History Workshop</u> ❖



Come to the Table

With Ileen Koenig, KSS's representative to Plenum, CRJ invites you to become involved in a discussion about reparations.

Q: What is the Plenum?

A: "The plenum of the Reconstructionist movement is a group of representatives from each affiliated congregation and *havurah* who discuss and share the issues of the day, both internal movement discussions and thoughts on the movement's relationship to the world."

Q: What do we mean by a conversation about reparations? How did this come about?

A: The Tikkun Olam Commission of Reconstructing Judaism wrote a Resolution of Reparations which was adopted by the movement at the March 2022 Convention. Now, each Reconstructionist congregation in the US has been asked to endorse it so that it will become an official statement of our movement.

Q: What does the Resolution actually state?

A: https://www.reconstructingjudaism.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Resolution-on-Reparations-approved-by-TOC-29APR2022.pdf

Q: Resolution 15 refers to HR40. What is that?

A: "HR 40, named after the 40 acres and a mule promised but never given to enslaved people after emancipation, is a federal bill that seeks to establish a commission to examine the impacts of slavery and other racist laws and practices. This commission will then provide recommendations and proposals to provide reparations for redress and repair for slavery and all of the forms of institutional racism it spawned." This explanation appears on a website, "Coming to the Table."

Invitation: Please come to our virtual table on **Tuesday**, **November 15**, **at 7:30**, when we will have our second study and discussion session about reparations, and vote on whether KSS should join other sister congregations in endorsing the Resolution. ❖

Reparations in Pursuit of Repairing the World, Ayeola Omolara Kaplan, commissioned by Reconstructing Judaism

A Response to Reconstructing Judaism's Resolution on Reparations

Reconstructing Judaism is the name of the central organization of the Reconstructionist Jew- has reached a point where being Jewish is pointish movement. It has prepared a resolution recom- less... mending actions to be taken by the movement to remedy harms resulting from America's treatment rituals, tribal memory, connection to Israel and of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) populations. Member synagogues are asked to provide their perspectives to Reconstructing Juda-through prolonged Diaspora, what happens when ism's Plenum so that it can vote on whether to accept this Resolution.

this is my perspective.

The Resolution says, among other things, "the primary focus [of the Joint Tikkun Olam Commission] would be to develop resources and programs, in partnership with all appropriate stakeholders, to support movement-wide engagement on the issue of racial justice and the impact of racist attitudes and policies on BIPOC communities..." The document also reports adoption of a "five-year strategic plan...to join and lead Jewish efforts to dismantle systemic racism, and to advance racial diversity, equity, and inclusion within uniqueness lies our universality. Through being the Reconstructionist movement" and a commitment "to work for a national reckoning in the United States through reparations."

It is obvious that Reconstructing Judaism has put a great deal of time and thought into this. In my opinion, this energy is seriously misplaced.

As a Jewish religious organization, its primary focus should be on the Jewish people. The Torah tells us, "All Jews are responsible for one another," should be teaching. There are multiple organizaa teaching that has contributed to Jewish survival for millennia.

The Jewish people are currently experiencing more antisemitism than we have seen in generations. Here in America, in Israel, and in Jewish communities throughout the world, Jews are being targeted by an upsurge of virulent Jew hatred in all its forms.

Jewish pride may be the best defense against antisemitism.

I believe Reconstructing Judaism should devote its resources to teaching us - children and adults – how to be proud Jews who can protect ourselves from systemic antisemitism.

Years ago, I wrote in a *Times of Israel* blog post, "... American Jews are abandoning [Judaism] and substituting a religion of liberal or progressive values."

I asked, "What distinguishes Jews from other groups who share the same ideals? The answer

may be 'nothing.' It may be that American Jewry

"If some basic knowledge of Jewish scripture, responsibility for other Jews are among the powerful defining elements that ensured Jewish survival they dissipate?

"...The secular Jewish alignment with liberal/ As a member of a Reconstructionist synagogue progressive positions, while having great humanitarian value, may be a Trojan horse. It provides a fine rationale for an elusive and limited identification with Judaism by focusing on tikkun olam and discarding the rest, leading secular Jews to feel dissociated from both Judaism and Jewish peoplehood..."

> I concluded by quoting Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks: "I admire other civilizations and traditions and believe each has brought something special into the world, aval zeh shelanu, but this is ours. This is my people, my heritage, my faith. In our what we alone are, we give to humanity what only we can give...I want to say to Jews around the world, 'Take it. Cherish it. Learn to understand and to love it. Carry it and it will carry you. And may you, in turn, pass it on to future generations. For you are a member of an eternal people, a letter in their scroll. Let their destiny live on in you."

This is what I believe Reconstructing Judaism tions available to those of us who want to support BIPOC people and their fight for reparations.

Jewish continuity, our survival as a people, depends upon Jewish leaders of our religious and communal organizations making a primary commitment to supporting fellow Jews and fighting systemic antisemitism.

> Respectfully submitted, **Judy Davis**

The views expressed in by-lined or signed Newsletter articles represent the views of the writers and may not reflect those of the entire Kehillath Shalom Synagogue community.

We welcome the free expression of ideas from different perspectives and will consider all submissions for publication.

Why We Support the Resolution on Reparations

An open letter to the congregation:

As informed congregants and readers of the KSS Newsletter, you probably know that we will vote, on November 15, whether or not to lend our support to the Reconstructionist movement's <u>Resolution on Reparations</u>. This is a significant vote. By supporting it we will be acknowledging our responsibility, as American Jews/Jewish Americans, to create a more just and healthier nation, one which will protect us all.

We will acknowledge that at times our country's aspirations outstripped its actions. Rabbi Sharon Brous wrote a Rosh Hashanah sermon claiming that our country was built on a stolen beam: "We can't undo the past. But we can name it, take responsibility for it, and do everything in our power to fix what's been broken." This echoes Isabel Wilkerson, who wrote in her book, *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*, that we live in a house built on a crooked foundation. We didn't build the house. But we all live in it now. And the leaks and cracks are ours to fix.

The Resolution on which we are asked to vote requests that the House of Representative consider H.R.40, a request to "establish a federal commission to examine the impacts of the legacy of slavery and recommend proposals to provide reparations. The bill does not authorize payments or any remedies." (Human Rights Watch).

If we are here, as Jewish Americans/American Jews, we are here because someone decided to leave a home country. Put aside, for a moment, the circumstances or what happened next. The fact remains that our ancestors had agency, had a choice to make. People brought to this country as slaves had no such agency. They were not considered whole humans. There is much to repair – as Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel knew; as Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner knew, as the founders of Kehillath Shalom know, as countless Jewish Americans/American Jews know. The work is ongoing.

As Jews, we are asked – some would say commanded – to engage with the larger world, not simply with our own community. To fulfill this mission, we study, consider, discuss many issues at once. As every person in a minority group knows, we must be vigilant, we must have eyes on the back of our heads. The rise in antisemitic incidents shakes us to our core – all of us. It is happening all around us, in our own town. We are paying attention. But it is not the only issue to which we are paying attention.

We don't have that luxury, to do one thing at a time.

There isn't a synagogue or a Jewish movement in America that doesn't deplore the scourge of antisemitism and work to fight against it. But there are synagogues – and movements – that don't support the needs of the wider community. We know we have a responsibility to ourselves *and* to the country in which we live.

If we are only for ourselves, who are we?

Hineni / הנני Belonging, Memory, Action, Marjorie Attignol Salvodon, commissioned by Reconstructiong Judaism

Yours,
Barbara Heller
Roberta Israeloff
Gail Sachs
David Schwartz
Committee for Racial Justice

Ileen Koenig KSS Representative to the Plenum

Inter-Faith Community Comes Together to Aid Ukrainian Refugees

Kehillath Shalom has joined with eight other Huntington congregations – Temple Beth El, which has taken the leadership role, Congregational Church of Huntington, East Northport Jewish Center, Huntington Jewish Center, North Shore Suffolk Cooperative Parish of the United Methodist Church, St Elizabeth's of Hungary Catholic Church, St John's Episcopal Church of Huntington, and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington – to bring a family from Ukraine to our community. We are working with HIAS, a 140-year-old refugee resettlement organization, and have met their rigorous standards for participation in this critical program for the next two years.

We have been matched with a young couple who will be coming in the next few weeks. Although we do not know specifics, we know they had to flee their home and have experienced the trauma of war, displacement, and loss. A small Sponsor Circle has been formed comprised of skilled volunteers who will work directly with the couple to facilitate their adjustment.

The program requires us to provide the family with full financial support for the first four to six months, including plane tickets, housing, food, clothing and local transportation. Given the cost of living in the Huntington area and the probability

that any job will be on the lower end of the pay scale, our plan is to supplement their income for the full two years of the program.

So far, we have raised more than \$50,000, with another \$20,000 pledged. **Our goal is \$125,000-150,000**. Temple Beth El is coordinating the resettlement effort and has established a Refugee Resettlement Fund for use by the entire Huntington community.

There will be many opportunities to become involved, but our most pressing need is funds.

Please give what you can. Here's how to make your tax-deductible donation:

- By Check: Checks should be made out to Temple Beth El Refugee Resettlement Fund, and mailed to: Temple Beth El, 660 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743. Please put *Kehillath Shalom Synagogue* on the memo line.
- Online: You can also <u>donate online</u> at <u>www.tbeli.org</u>: choose **Refugee Resettlement Fund**, the second one listed, and type *Kehillath Shalom Synagogue* in the tribute space.

We will provide regular updates to the community about our resettlement efforts while respecting the privacy of the family in our care. Thank you for your compassion, your generosity, and your support! •



Adult Ed: Jewish Prayer



What is Jewish Prayer?
Is there a difference between
Prayer and Liturgy?
How do you pray?
How would you like to pray?

Sunday, November 6, from 10 - 12

Do you pray? How does your prayer overlap, if at all, with "services"? What did the rabbis have in mind when they created Jewish liturgy? How might it express the prayers of your soul?

Traditional Jewish liturgy is like going to the Philharmonic – the more you know about it, the more you get out of it. And we must continue to reconstruct it – what are we called to do to make our prayers sing?

Join us on Sunday, November 6 from 10 – 12 for an introduction to Jewish Prayer & Liturgy that will kick off a year of monthly Learners' Services. Multi-access.

More information? rabbi@kehillathshalomsynagogue.org.

LEARNERS' SERVICE DATES

Saturday mornings @11:15

November 13 December 3 January 7 February 11 March 4 April 1 May 6 June 3

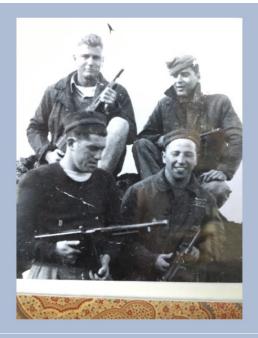
Kehillath Shalom Synagogue

Welcome the month of Kislev. As the days shorten and the nights lengthen, we light candles. Join us as we share where we find light and make candles.

Sunday, November 20@10 am RSVP to rabbi@kehillathshalomsynagogue.org for location.

Rosh Chodesh: Welcoming the New Month

Come join us for a sweet Sunday afternoon as we welcome those who have recently joined Kehillath Shalom
Enjoy a classic tea (food and coffee as well)
Be entertained by Cindy Quart, Director, Long Island Pride Chorus
RSVP to the synagogue office by Thursday, November 10 PLEASE!
61,167,4580 or kehillathshalom@optonline.net



Unknown Heroes Among Us: The Story of Paul Kaye shared by his wife, Susan Kaye



Thursday, 11.3.2022@7 pm Kehillath Shalom Synagogue

Learn how Paul Kaye was recruited to bring Jewish refugees from Europe to Palestine by ship in 1947.

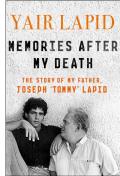
Light refreshments served • Zoom participation possible

RSVP to Judy Davis: <u>jdavis4727@aol.com</u> by Thursday, October 20

bagels & books

On November 20 we will have our annual joint session with the Israel Affairs Committee, discuss-

ing Memories After My Death, by current Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid, a mesmerizing portrait of his father, one of modern Israel's leading figures. From seeing his father taken away to a concentration camp to arriving in Tel Aviv at the birth of Israel, Tommy Lapid lived every major incident of Jewish life since the 1930s. Belonging to neither left nor right, but ve-



hemently secular, Lapid's unorthodox opinions expose the many contradictions inherent in Israeli life today.

Note: There are only two library copies of this book on all of Long Island. Dolores Weinberg has several copies available. Please contact her at doloresw324@aol.com to arrange to borrow one.

For the rest of the year, we will read:

December 18 - The Gown, by Jennifer Robson

January 22 — *The Choice,* by Edith Eva Eger February 19 — *The Oracle of Stamboul,* by Michael David Lukas

March 19 — Plunder: A Memoir of Family Property and Nazi Treasure, by Menachem Kaiser

April 16 - *The Other Einstein*, by Heather Terrell

May 21 — The Vanished Collection, by Pauline Baer de Perignon

June 25 — A Bend in the Stars, by Rachel Barenbaum

Watch TWAKS and email for location info. ❖



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Dear Bookys,

My family and I want to extend our gratitude to all of you.

The bagels & lox platter was perfect for all of us after Fred's funeral.

I was very overwhelmed by our last month with two aides in the house and the turns Fred's illness took. I could never have handled shiva. I pray I'm excused for this lapse.

It was a blessing from all of you. Thank you!

Love,

Dolor

SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Soup Shabbat 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Torah Study 10 am

Tefilah 11:15 am

Torah Portion: <u>Lech Lecha</u>, <u>Genesis 12:1—</u>

17:27

The origins of the Jewish people. Abraham and Sarah; Lot; God's Covenant with Abraham; the birth of Ishmael; circumcision is ordered by God for Abraham, his people, and all their descendants as a sign of the Covenant with God.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Candlelighting on Zoom 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Torah Study 10 am

Tefilah 11:15 am

Learners' Service

Torah Portion: <u>Lech Lecha</u>, <u>Genesis 12:1—</u> 17:27

The origins of the Jewish people. Abraham and Sarah; Lot; God's Covenant with Abraham;

the birth of Ishmael; circumcision is ordered by God for Abraham, his people, and all their descendants as a sign of the Covenant with God.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Welcoming Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Torah Study 10 am

Tefilah 11:15 am

Meditation Service

Torah Portion: Torah Portion: <u>Chaye Sarah</u>, <u>Genesis 23:1—25:18</u>

The death of Sarah. Abraham purchases the Cave of Machpelah as a burial site. The marriage of Isaac and Rebecca. The death of Abraham.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

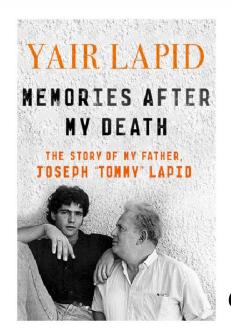
No Candlelighting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

No scheduled service

Torah Portion: *Toldot*, *Genesis* 25:19 – 28:9

Isaac marries Rebecca; Jacob and Esau are born. Esau trades his birthright to Jacob, and Jacob receives his father's blessing. ❖



Bagels & Books & Israel Forum

Sunday November 20, 2022@10 am

rsvp: doloresw324@aol.com for link

Written by Yair Lapid, the current Prime Minister of Israel, Memories After My Death is the astonishing true story of Tommy Lapid (Yair's father), a well-loved and controversial Israeli figure who saw the development of the country from all angles over its first sixty years.

Welcome to New Members...

SUSAN EISNER and CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL, of Kings Park, who have already made themselves into familiar faces at various KSS events. We're so glad to have you as part of our community!





Sukkah at the Kotel, Jerusalem

Do You Zelle?

KSS can now receive payments through Zelle, the quick, convenient, no-fee online payment system used by Bank of America, Capital One, Chase, Citi, and many other banks.

Make donations, pay for special events, pay dues — no checks, no stamps, no fees. Log into your bank account, find Zelle, and send to <u>kehillath-shalom@optonline.net</u>.

Note: Do NOT Zelle to the office phone! It won't work!

Easy as aleph, bet, gimel! ❖

LOOKING FOR A NEW OIL COMPANY?

Skaggs-Walsh, KSS' heating oil supplier, gives us cash thank-yous if you sign up with them and say Kehillath Shalom Synagogue referred you. Our first two referrals, Abby Pariser and Peter Gollon, and Jane

KÜNSTLER and CLIFF BROFFMAN, earned us \$100 each. The third referral is worth \$200! Will you



be the one? Referrals #4 and 5 would also earn us \$100 each, and #6 would be another \$200, and so on.

Contact Skaggs-Walsh at 516-227-3700, or skaggswalsh.com. ❖

The Gifts Received

GENERAL FUND

BARBARA MALLECK, in loving memory of Leonard Malleck, Sally G. Kligfeld, David H. Kligfeld, and Becca Goldfarb

PAMELA FEINSTEIN, for High Holidays SCOTT ASH, for High Holidays LOIS HASS, for High Holidays

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BARBARA HELLER, in memory of FRED WEINBERG

FOR CANTOR FOR BREAK-FAST

DOLORES WEINBERG





Join us on November 19 at Kehillath Shalom for an exciting evening!

Camp Havaya is all about the joy of summer camp with the freedom to be who you truly are.

Sara Chernov, Director of Emotional Wellness and Support and Camp Havaya, will be with us from 5:00—7:00 pm for a fun-filled night of *Havdalah*, games, and more!

Want to learn more? Let's be in touch!

CampHavaya.org / 833-CAMP-HAV Hello@CampHavaya.org



The Israel and Jewish Affairs Committee Presents

A Series of Forums and Discussions

THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL







Memories After My Death: The Story of My Father, Joseph "Tommy" Lapid, by Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid SUNDAY, November 20, 10 am

Joint Session with bagels & books

Israel and the Middle East: What American Media Don't Tell You Saturday, December 17, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

The Reasons for Founding the Modern State of Israel Saturday, January 21, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

Update and Report from Israel and the Middle East Saturday, March 25, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

Ten Years of Forums: What We've Learned and What's Next Saturday, April 29, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

Moderated by Kehillath Shalom member Nissim Yeheskel, Israeli native and frequent visitor.



Lunch & Learn

Kaplan, Democracy, & Social Justice

Thursdays@12:30

Begins 11.3.22@12:30 by Zoom



In 1945, Mordecai Kaplan echoed FDR in saying that America had proven to be an "arsenal of democracy." He was a believer in and optimist about American democracy's potential to enable the flourishing of the Jewish community as both Americans and Jews. Today, many Americans are concerned that the strength of the arsenal is waning. In this class, we will explore Kaplan's teachings as well as contemporary Jewish approaches to how our community can strengthen and be strengthened by democracy.

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If you would like to know more about a particular committee — what it does, how much time it entails, or anything else — please contact the people above. Asking for more information does not commit you to anything! But it could lead to a rewarding experience, working with others to strengthen and grow our community. •



Friday evenings, 6:30

(When nothing else is scheduled)

We'll share, sing, and bring Shabbat peace.

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We will learn, study, share, pray.
As usual, come for Torah Study or Service or Both!
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Morning Gathering: Tuesday & Friday Mornings at 8 am
Establish a strong, centered, calm foundation for the day.

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November 2022 Cheshvan/Kislev 5783



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| Morning Gathering Tuesdays and Fridays 8 am | | | | Lunch & Learn Kaplan, Democracy, & Social Justice 12:30 pm Zoom Israel Program Story of Paul Kaye 7 pm | Soup Shabbat 6:30 pm | Torah Study 10 am Tefilah 11:15 am |
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| Adult Ed Jewish Prayer 10 am—noon | | Board Meeting 7:30 pm | | Lunch & Learn Kaplan, Democracy, & Social Justice | Candlelighting 6:30 pm on Zoom | Torah Study 10 am Tefilah 11:15 am Learners' Service |
| Daylight Saving Ends | | Election Day | | 12:30 pm Zoom | Veterans' Day 4:20 | |
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| Membership Tea 2:30—4:30 pm | | Congregation Meet- ing: RJ Plenum Rep- arations Resolution | | Lunch & Learn Kaplan, Democracy, & Social Justice | Welcoming Shabbat Service | Torah Study 10 am Tefilah 11:15 am |
| | | 7:30 pm Newsletter Deadline | | 12:30 pm Zoom | 4:15 | Evening with Camp Havaya 5—7 pm |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Salar |
| Bagels & Books/Israel Committee Memories After My Death 10 am Rosh Chodesh Group | | | | Thanksgiving | No Candlelighting 4:10 | No scheduled service |
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Meditation Walk @

Target Rock NWR

10 am

Candlelighting

6:30 pm on Zoom

Lunch & Learn

12:30 pm Zoom

Kaplan, Democracy, & Social Justice