

THE SHOFAR

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Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday / Friday
9:00am - 12:00pm
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Located Temple Emanuel due to construction.

Leadership

Rabbi: Andrew Pepperstone
President: Richard Smith
Gabai: Jan Hoffman

Who We Are

Our name, Ahavath Achim, means "brotherly love," the essence of our Shul. We strive to create a warm and friendly atmosphere, consider everyone family, and try to meet the our members' needs.

We are proud members of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), and of USCJ's Central District.



From Our President

Happy New Year!
Exciting things are happening for Hebrew Congregation and the Wichita Jewish



Community Center. Our mutual move-in date is approaching. And the building is coming back together. I appreciate your flexibility in using Zoom for our services and congregation meetings. The health and safety of our congregants is important to us all.

Please join Rabbi Pepperstone as we celebrate Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah together. Rabbi is doing an excellent job of meeting the challenge of making these services engaging and participatory. I am sure this time in Hebrew Congregation's history will be looked back on many years from now and generate many good stories and memories. Let's use this period to re-connect as a congregation and come out of COVID 19 stronger and healthier than ever.

If you are still struggling with the technology for services, please give the Rabbi or me a call. We will be glad to get you some help.

Please stay safe and healthy during our New Year.

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From Our Rabbi: Sukkot Engages the Senses



Sukkot and I have a long history. Cantor Pepperstone and I began our relationship around the time of Sukkot. Our daughter Hadar is named for one of the *Arba Minim* (Four Species) of Sukkot, the etrog, which is the *Pri Etz Hadar*. Long ago, my family went to our synagogue's sukkot event, and for the first time, I was in a sukkah and used a *lulav* and *etrog*. I was so entranced with them that the rabbi let me keep the set, which sat on my bedroom table for days. After we moved to Los Angeles, a member of our Havurah invited us to *their* sukkah - in their own backyard! In the subsequent years, I ate in friends' sukkot, helped my Hillel put up their sukkah, celebrated in many sukkot, and increasingly became aware that this festival was a major deal.

During my first year at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), I saw how meaningful Sukkot could be. Classes were in full swing when the maintenance crew constructed their two gigantic sukkot, *each* one seating over two hundred people. Hundreds attended Yom Tov and daily morning services. Never before had I experienced the full-blown liturgy of Sukkot: Hallel reverberating off the walls every day, and *Hoshanah* processions where everyone circled the shulchan with *lulav* and *etrog* in hand, reciting the ancient piyyutim (liturgical poetry) asking God to save us and sustain us in the coming year.

After many years of celebrating in our own sukkot since, I have come to appreciate Sukkot as the festival that fully engages the senses. Being outdoors as the summer gives way to autumn; feeling subtle changes in the air. The exertion of planning and building a sukkah. The smell of lumber and the sounds of hammers and drills, or the clangs of metal poles coming together to form that temporary shelter. Decorating the sukkah with years of grade school decorations. Planning and cooking meals that promise to keep diners warm and satisfied in the cool evening air in the dimly lit sukkah, catching a glimpse of the stars amidst the schach. A sense of living extending from our house to the shelter now standing in the yard. The scent of the etrog, the spikes of the lulav, and the feel of the four species in hand. The sounds of Hallel, Hoshanot and the Festival melodies filling the air.

Sukkot also evokes aspects of Jewish memory that can move us to action in the coming year as well. We live outdoors even as the summer fades, exposed to the elements as our ancestors did for forty years in the wilderness, and in the land after the completion of the harvest, both under God's continual providence. We realize that we are fortunate to live in homes that withstand the seasons. Who goes without secure shelter? How many people have already been made and will be made homeless this year by fires, storms and economic distress?

We dine in the cool air, on crisp autumn days and night. Since this is a harvest festival, we are aware of our food, its sources, how it got from soil to plate, and how we depend on those sources' health for our continued nourishment. Our minds turn to Israel and the land: will they get enough rain this year? Will other parts of the world get the rain they need this year? Where will drought and famine strike again this year? How can we help ensure that all humanity has enough to eat? Sukkot fully experienced can help us relive our collective past, live fully in the present and more fully engage in the future.

Celebrating Sukkot This Year

As you probably already know, this year, we will not be putting up the sukkah at Hebrew Congregation, both because of COVID-19 and because of the building's construction. But Sukkot is still happening and there are plenty of ways to celebrate what the Rabbis call *The Festival* / HeChag.

Join us for Sukkot services on Zoom! (See the full schedule at the back of the Shofar)

This year, both the first two days of Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah fall on weekends, which gives us more opportunities to celebrate Sukkot together! We begin both of these Friday evenings with the melodies of Shabbat and the Festivals, albeit with a shortened Kabbalat Shabbat service. On Saturday and Sunday mornings, we sing Hallel, read Torah, and chant the Hoshanot (the liturgical poems for each day which include the refrain *Hosbah Na!* / Save Us!) On this coming Sunday and Wednesday, we will include the Etrog and Lulav in our weekday service as well. And yes, we are also including a Wednesday morning Chol Ha-Moed service at 9:00 am!.

For Simchat Torah, the Saturday evening service will include singing, dancing and Torah reading, as will the Sunday morning service on Simchat Torah as well. Since final details of Simchat Torah are still being planned, watch your email inbox for more details! **Zoom links for all services will be send out prior to the Festival itself.**

Shake Your Lulav and Etrog!

We certainly hope that, if you are one of the people who has a set of lulav and etrog, that you make the time each day to use them, and we also hope that you join us for services on Zoom on the second day of Sukkot and on Wednesday morning during Chol Ha-Moed with your Etrog and Lulav in hand.

Dwell in Your Sukkah!

If you have the good fortune to have built a sukkah this year, be sure to take every opportunity to spend time in it - dining with a few friends and family, reading, hanging out, playing games, napping - weather permitting of course. You could even shave in the sukkah. (If you get that joke, let the rabbi know.) The current weather forecast looks pretty good (wind notwithstanding), so get out there and dwell!

New and Exciting: Opportunities to Bentch Lulav and Etrog During the Week

This year, the JBJCS sukkah will be built at Temple Emanuel and open to the entire community from **10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sunday through Thursday during Sukkot**, for anyone who wants to come and perform the mitzvah of shaking the etrog and lulav. Rabbi Davis will be there for all of those hours, and Rabbi Pepperstone will be there for several hours on those days as well.

In addition, the Pepperstone's are making their sukkah available for the same from **5:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Monday through Thursday during Sukkot** for anyone who wants to shake the lulav during that time. Their address is 573 North Armour, 67206. Just drop on by and shake the Lulav!

HC's October Board Meeting

This month's board meeting will take place on **Monday, October 12 at 7:30 pm**. If you are on the Board, please make every effort to attend. The Zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting that day, along with minutes from last month. If you have any questions, contact our congregation president Richard Smith at srx60ocr@gmail.com.

High Holiday Todah Rabbah! / Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made this year's High Holiday over Zoom a success. First, Richard Smith and the HC Board for trusting Cantor Pepperstone and me. To Kelly Fielding, Royce Wolff, Ludmilla Fridman, and Rita Magidson for putting the High Holidays Kits together, and to everyone who delivered them to members who needed a delivery! To Ralpholene for all of the administrative tasks behind the scenes and making it all work smoothly. To Carolyn Marie Fugit, our Virtual Gabbai and Zoom Host, who made our Zoom services go smoothly. To Jan Hoffman, our indomitable Gabbai. To Hadar Pepperstone for reading Maftir on all three days. To Yoram Leitner, Jan Hoffman and Adam Beren for reading Haftarat. To Laura Black for beautiful rendition of Bruch's Kol Nidrei. To Richard Smith for his poignant Kol Nidrei remarks. To Gary and Joyce Bachus to making our beautiful and thoughtful Break Fast Kits. And to Cantor Pepperstone for three days of beautiful, moving and powerful davening.



MKJF'S CAFÉ CHEVRE

"Lunch & Learn" FEATURING Lou Medvene

"Successful Aging: Highlights from Current Research & Practical Applications"

Wednesday, October 21, 2020; 11:45 am, Virtual on ZOOM

The MKJF welcomes Lou Medvene to Café Chevre. He will discuss and review the current research on the biological and psychological aspects of aging, and ways to expand our "health span", and lifestyle and social policy implications of this work. This is an important topic for all ages, so please plan to attend.

Louis Medvene, Ph.D. is a social and community psychologist, and Professor Emeritus in the department of psychology at WSU. He has been at WSU since 1992 and became an Emeritus professor in September, 2019. Lou is a member of Congregation Emanu-El.

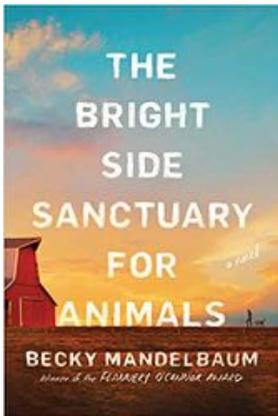
Make your reservation by calling the MKJF Office at 316-686-4741 or email Julie at jfruhauf@mkjf.org, by October 19.

New! Fall Learning with Rabbi Pepperstone

Soon, Rabbi Pepperstone will begin his fall learning series. He will be teaching a course called **Foundations of Jewish Living**, meant for both the novice and the experienced, taking a fresh, new look at core aspects of Jewish learning and living. In addition, Rabbi Pepperstone will be teaching a **Beginning/Intermediate Synagogue Hebrew** course, aimed at helping people become more comfortable in Hebrew based synagogue. The level will be determined in part by the level of the participants. Details about the courses, days and times, and Zoom links will be coming out shortly. If you are interested, contact Rabbi Pepperstone at rabbipepperstone@gmail.com

Hadassah News

Coming up on October 18th at 3:30 p.m., Hadassah will host a book club author talk featuring Becky Mandelbaum, daughter of Susan Mandelbaum. Everyone is invited to join us for this special event. If you would like to attend, please email to leah.barnhard@wichita.edu and I will send a link to the event.



From the winner of the 2016 Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction comes a tender and funny debut novel, set over one emotionally charged weekend at an animal sanctuary in western Kansas, where maternal, romantic, and community bonds are tested in the wake of an estranged daughter's homecoming.

Acclaimed writer Pam Houston says that "Mandelbaum is wise beyond her years and twice as talented," and *The Bright Side Sanctuary for Animals* poignantly explores the unique love and tension between mothers and daughters, and humans and animals alike. Perceptive and funny, moving and eloquent, and ultimately buoyant, Mandelbaum offers a panoramic view of family and forgiveness, and of the meaning of home. Click [here](#) to find the book on Amazon.

Hadassah has greeting cards and JNF tree certificates for sale. As we continue to "stay at home", it is even more important to let your friends and family know you are thinking about them. Consider purchasing **cards or certificates** to honor or recognize friends and family. Your purchase is a very special way to support Hadassah and the work we do in our local community and the Hadassah Hospital in Israel.

Sunny Levy has the cards and certificates and **Judy Eichhorn** has the JNF tree certificates. Any questions? Contact Sunny at sunpeace@cox.net or 685-1657 or Judy at jujug@aol.com or 684-3050.

Are you a member of Hadassah? If you're not a Hadassah member and would like to join or if you have any Hadassah membership questions, go online to Hadassah.org or contact **Paula Van Andel** at paula.vanandel@gmail.com or **Laine Alter** at lainealter@gmail.com. \$36 Annual membership, \$250 Life membership.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah / Have a good and sweet new year!

Leah Barnhard, Wichita Chapter President

October News from the JBJCS

We just opened the doors, metaphorically, to another year at JBJCS. This year is shaping up to look different than anything we've seen, yet. Instead of returning to the building and resuming classes, we are reZOOMing classes (see what I did there?) Our kids are beginning the school year by meeting for Hebrew and Judaic Studies via zoom. Once we feel confident that we can return without putting our staff and families at risk, we will do so.

Meeting over zoom means a lot of things for us - logistics for getting the students, staff, Rabbis, and me in and out of meetings; shorter, purposeful Judaic Studies classes and more strategic planning for distributing resources to families are a big focus. There are a lot of balls in the air.

It is all strange and surreal, but the JBJCS staff has done it! We had our first day of classes and they went well! The kids were excited to see one another and their teachers, due in VERY large part to our incredibly thoughtful, hard-working teachers. Our teachers have committed to learning a new way of delivering their classes, creating relationships, and engaging the kids. They have spent hours training and learning new technology platforms, troubleshooting, and planning for conducive learning environments. They've worked to get supplies to me so that we can distribute them to the kids. They've met with me and each other to practice and grow their skills.

This past month, we also got our first deliveries of supplies to families. It's hard not to spend Rosh Hashanah together. We couldn't let that go by without some celebration, so we wished our families a happy new year with a little honey jar, honey sticks, and a wooden dauber. Our youngest kids also received a special lovie that they will integrate into their classes, teaching their new friend how to be a good Jewish lovie. Our PJ Library families also were able to meet at Eastborough Park for a socially distanced Rosh Hashanah craft and snack. Kids made blessings placemats and had an on-the-spot opportunity to use them.

Our opening and delving fully into the school year are further complicated by the High Holidays. Although we have officially had our first day of Sunday classes, we will be meeting only for Wednesday night Hebrew through mid-October. While we are away, we will continue to find ways to engage and connect with our kids and their families. For example, I want our students to think about, as the month progresses, how to make the digital space to which they connect "separate" from their regular use of that space. One thing we have come up with is creating a meZOOMzah - a special mezuzah they will make that they can affix and take on and off their computers when it is class time.

Thank you for your continued support. If you see any of our teachers - Jason Smartt, Sue Downs, Samantha Taylor, Vinnie Reed, Susan Mandelbaum, and Deborah Silverman - please make sure you thank them for their hard work.

Jamie Smartt, Director
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In Our Family

October Birthdays:

- Marshal Eisenberg
- Dr. Stephen Zacker
- Miriam Taub
- Deborah Hoffman
- Melanie Marinsky
- Rose Marcus

May you live to see 120 years in good health!

October Anniversaries:

- Ron and Kelly Fielding
- Dan and Melissa Chocron

May you rejoice like a new bride and groom all the days of your life!



Refuah Shleimah

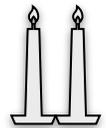
- Jodie Abels
 Larry Frank
 Rebecca George
 Jerry Marcus
 Andrea Stras
 Allie King
 Howard Marcus
 Nan Joseph Bailey
 Phyllis Leitner



- Lori Atkins
 Stuart Frank
 Melvin Kahn
 Marilyn Mason
 Judy Frank
 Allen Boge
 Stanley Harder
 Eunice Schonning
 Ed Anger

May the only who blessed our ancestor bless you with a complete healing - a healing of spirit and a healing of body, speedily and in our days.

Candle Lighting Times - October 2020



Friday, Oct 2	Sukkot I	6:52 pm
Saturday, Oct 3	Sukkot II	7:47 pm
Sunday Oct 4	Havdalah	7:45 pm
Friday, Oct 9	Shemini Atzeret	6:41 pm
Saturday, Oct 10	Simchat Torah	7:37 pm
Sunday, Oct 11	Havdalah	7:35 pm
Friday, Oct 16	Breisheet	6:31 pm
Saturday, Oct 17	Havdalah	7:27 pm
Friday, Oct 23	Noach	6:22 pm
Saturday, Oct 24	Havdalah	7:18 pm
Friday, Oct 30	Lech Lecha	6:14 pm
Saturday, Oct 31	Havdalah	7:11 pm

October Services Schedule @ HC

Zoom links for all services will be sent out prior to that Shabbat or Festival. Check your email inbox!

Friday, October 2	Erev Shabbat/Sukkot	6:00 pm
Saturday, October 3	Shabbat/Sukkot I - including Hallel and Hoshanot	9:00 am
Sunday, October 4	Sukkot II Including Lulav, Hallel and Hoshanot	9:00 am
Monday - Friday October 5-9	Chol Ha-Moed Sukkot (Intermediate Days of Sukkot)	
Wednesday, October 7	Chol Ha-Moed Sukkot Including Lulav, Hallel and Hoshanot	9:00 am
Friday, October 9	Erev Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret	6:00 pm
Saturday, October 10	Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret Including Hallel, Geshem (the Prayer for Rain), Kohelet/Ecclesiastes, and Yizkor	9:00 am
	Simchat Torah Evening Including Hakafot (Dancing and Singing), and Torah Reading	7:45 pm
Sunday, October 11	Simchat Torah Including Hallel, Hakafot (Singing and Dancing), Reading the end and beginning of the Torah.	9:00 am
Friday, October 16	Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 pm
Saturday, October 17	Shabbat Morning	9:00 am
Sunday, October 18	Sunday Morning	9:00 am
Friday, October 23	Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 pm
Saturday, October 24	Shabbat Morning	9:00 am
Sunday, October 25	Sunday Morning	9:00 am
Friday, October 30	Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 pm
Saturday, October 31	Shabbat Morning	9:00 am
Sunday, November 1	Sunday Morning	9:00 am



October Yahrzeits

May their memories become a source of blessing in our world.

1 Shifra Gelman

Remembered by:

Lynne Greenberg

1 Elton "Buddy" Greenberg

Remembered by:

Sanford Greenberg

6 Sylvia Budgar Eisenberg

Remembered by:

Marshal Eisenberg

8 Morris Bloomgarten

Remembered by:

Lynne Greenberg

12 Michel Friedman

Remembered by:

Steven Cohen

12 Darline Ruth Spence

Remembered by:

Lorene Ward

16 William Simons

Remembered by:

Cynthia Walker

17 Esther Gilgus Kamen

Remembered by:

Sue Harder

18 Willard Ward

Remembered by:

Lorene Ward

20 Sofia Rozhener

Remembered by:

Ludmilla Fridman

21 Marilyn Marks

Remembered by:

Larry Frank

22 Harold Cohen

Remembered by:

Mark Glickman

