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Message from the HC President:

Everyone should be aware now that we will be conducting High Holy Day services on line via Zoom. As you are reading this, we will have completed our last live services in the Hebrew Congregation Sanctuary on August 30. We realize that this is a huge departure for a Conservative congregation, and we understand how much we will all miss seeing our friends during this period.

I can assure you that Rabbi Pepperstone has come up with the best possible substitute for a live service that can be imagined. I think you will be amazed at how creative our Rabbi has been in sculpting warm and meaningful services in virtual space. So please give it a try. If you have technical problems, ask for help. We will be glad to get everyone up to speed. Please participate as fully as possible, and remember the reason for this departure from our norm is to save lives—even your own.

As of the afternoon of August 30, we will no longer have access to our building. Construction and demolition will be reaching a peak during this time. Our valuable resources are covered in plastic for protection. If some article must be obtained during the month of September, please contact me at (316) 208-5227.

During the month of September, the Hebrew Congregation building and site security exclusively belong to Conco, the contractor. Attempting to access the building will result in charges for police dispatch from Conco's security system to intercept trespassers.

We do appreciate your strong support, your hard work, and your willingness to be flexible during these chaotic times. We look forward to the future when things will return to something more normal.

Shanah Tovah and Hag Sameach,

Richard Smith
President

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From the Rabbi

Making This Years 'High Holidays Meaningful

Given that this years 'High Holiday services will be online, it has become evident that no aspect of the High Holidays this year can simply run on the precedents of the past. The normal routines simply won't apply this year. So let's lean in to the abnormality of this year's High Holidays.

One dimension of the High Holidays that I am concerned about is helping people having a meaningful experience, whatever that means. These days are meant to get us to confront our mortality, our shortcomings, our failures, to reflect on them, and to begin to do what it takes to become better, to make ourselves, our families, our community, our city and our world better. Undertaking that is beyond the scope of a monthly column in a newsletter, but we can begin to talk about how to prepare ourselves and our spaces at home to make this work possible.

Practically speaking, how might you create a meaningful High Holy Days experience in front of the screen at home? Here are a few suggestions that I urge you to try.

Dress up! – Yes, we all enjoy staying in our comfy house clothes 24/7, and online retailers report that they are selling a lot of business shirts but very few pants... Tempting as it may be, staying in 'home clothes 'will not create a festive experience. Dress for online services the same way you would if they were in person. You will feel completely different. Even socks and shoes. Wear your tallit!

Create a Sacred Space! – There will be a specific workshop about this later this month, and written guidance coming to our homes as well. But in general: Do not be tempted to participate in the service from your office, or from your kitchen. Take some time to think about where you set up your device. Find a nice, comfortable area in your home, or use your living room television. Face East if at all possible. Put on a nice, white tablecloth with candle sticks, a kiddush cup, and a shofar if you have one. Get some pomegranates, apples and honey, and place them in a visible spot. These are just a few starting suggestions about making your home environment matter. Stay tuned for more suggestions.

Minimize Distractions! – If using your computer, close all your browser tabs. Shut down every application you don't absolutely need for services. Emails and social media can wait. Change your phone setting to "do not disturb." We are used

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to being available 24/7, but trust me, the world will continue to turn if you allow yourself to be 100% present for a couple of hours. You are not missing out on *that* much!

Use your Books! – Since we will not have the text of the service on the screen, we are distributing our High Holiday *mahzors* to the entire community, as part of a High Holiday kit. Few things can replace the experience of praying from a book. Allow yourself to read beyond the particular spot we are in – **whatever page you are on is the place you need to be in!**

Sing! – You may be muted for most of the time, and maybe nobody else can hear you, but this does not mean you cannot sing out loud. Remember that third grade chorus teacher that told you to move your lips and make no sound? Now is your chance to sing as loud as you want without any fear of judgement. Sing like you are in the shower and no one else can hear you.

None of these suggestions will make these High Holidays feel normal. There is nothing normal about them. But normal is not always what we need. Maybe being forcefully removed from our comfort zone is just what we need at this particular time as a community, where we are beginning to think differently about our sacred space in general. Let's embrace this strange time and make ourselves open to our creativity and to the experience as it is. And let's all make a commitment to make our High Holidays meaningful.

Shanah tovah u-metukah! / Have a good and sweet year!
Rabbi Andrew Pepperstone

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September Birthdays / Yom Huledet Sameach! - Happy Birthday to...

- ☆ Rita Magidson
- ☆ Cynthia Walker
- ☆ Jamie Smartt
- ☆ Elliot Magidson
- ☆ Susan Mandelbaum

May you live to 120 years, a long life of well-being!

Refu'ah Shleimah

- Jodie Abels
- Lori Atkins
- Judy Frank
- Larry Frank
- Stuart Frank
- Rebecca George
- Melvin Kahn
- Jerry Marcus
- Marilyn Mason
- Andrea Stras
- Allie King
- Howard Marcus
- Stanley Harder
- Allen Boge
- Nan Joseph Bailey
- Holly Robbins
- Mary Ann Filbrick
- Eunice Schonning
- Ed Anger
- Phyllis Leitner
- Lynne Greenberg
- Adam Netzel

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May the One who blessed our ancestors, bless them with a complete healing; a healing of body and a healing of spirit, speedily and in our days.

HaMakom Yenachem / Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Our congregation offers its sincere condolences to Phyllis Leitner, Yoram Leitner and Family on the loss of their husband and father.

May God who is always with us comfort and sustain you amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

CANDLE LIGHTING Times for SEPTEMBER 2020

FRIDAY 4	KI TAVO	7:34 PM
Friday 11	Nitzavim/Vayeilech	7:24 PM
Friday 18	Erev Rosh Hashanah	7:13 PM
Friday 25	Shabbat Shiva / Ha'azinu	7:02 PM

Hebrew Congregation Board of Directors Meeting

The regular meeting of the Synagogue Board of Directors will be held on Monday, September 14th, at 7:30 PM by Zoom. A link to the Zoom event will be sent out prior to the Board meeting.

Contributions

Yahrzeit Fund

- Paul Stein
- Dale Marcus
- Matt Conrad
- Lou Gollin
- Carolyn Grote
- Stephen Zacker

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The Hebrew Congregation Yizkor Memorial Book

The Synagogue Memorial Book has become a noble tradition in honoring departed members of our congregation. There is no contribution required if you presently have a Memorial Plaque. Those names will be included in the memorial book.

If you do not have a memorial plaque and wish the name of a loved one to be included in this year's Yizkor Memorial Book, an \$18.00 donation per person is required.

"IN LOVING MEMORY OF"

Kindly include in the Memorial Book to appear on Yom Kippur and other occasions when there is a Yizkor service, the following names:

(please print or type)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I have enclosed \$ _____ as a memorial offering for the Synagogue.

Contributor's Name: _____

***Please turn these in ASAP! Deadline for the Memorial Book is August 31.
Please email this page to Ralpolene at office@wichitashul.org or mail it in to
the Hebrew Congregation office (temporarily) at 7011 E Central Drive, Wichita,
KS 67206***

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Hebrew Congregation Directory for 2020 - 2021

To assist us in the update of our directory please complete this form with your information to appear in the Hebrew Congregation Directory. **PLEASE PRINT**

Names:

Last: _____

First: _____

Last: _____

First: _____

Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone:

Home: _____

Cell: _____ Name: _____

Cell: _____ Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Phone: _____

Email Address:

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Please return on or before **September 15, 2020**

Send only if you have changes

Email to Joyce Bachus at: gbachus1@cox.net

OR send to: Joyce Bachus, 10225 E Lakefront, Wichita, KS 67206

For Office use only

___ Congregation & Sisterhood Member

___ Congregation Member only

___ Sisterhood Member only

September 2020 Yahrzeit List

2 Irving Fein

Remembered by:

Kelly Fielding

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Gwen Walden

Remembered by:

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- Kim Gollin
- 8 Carl Chuzy**
Remembered by:
Lynne Greenberg
- 14 Sandra Sue Fielding**
Remembered by:
Ron Fielding
- 15 Arnold Barnett**
Remembered by:
Phyllis Leitner
- 15 Max Frank**
Remembered by:
Larry Frank
- 15 Lillian Hershorn**
Remembered by:
Helen Sweet
- 16 Mildred Marcus**
Remembered by:
Howard Marcus
Jerry Marcus
- 17 Frank Soltz**
Remembered by:
Dr. Robert Soltz
- 23 Siskind Leo Rothenberg**
Remembered By:
Sue Harder
- 24 Eva Leitner**
Remembered by:
Yoram Leitner
- 27 Harry Bachus**
Remembered by:
Gary Bachus
- 27 Fannie Jackson Cohen**
Remembered by:
Gillard Cohen
- 28 Joel Fein**
Remembered by:
Kelly Fielding
- 28 Liba Bat Moshe**
Remembered by:
Ludmila Fridman
- 28 Brother & Sister
of Morris Chuzy**
Remembered by:
Lynne Greenberg
- 29 Bernard Novick**
Remembered by:
Charlene Kass

2020 Schedule of Events

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Important Note: Zoom links for all Zoom events, including High Holiday services, will be sent out over email prior to the scheduled event. Zoom links are also sent out in Hebrew Happenings and Daily Zoom Links email as well.

Wed 3	Rabbi's Fall Festival course (Zoom)	7:00 PM
Th 5	Return: 30 Days of Reflection (Zoom)	7:00 PM
Fri 4	Kabbalat Shabbat Service (Zoom)	6:00 PM
Sat 5	Shabbat Morning Service (Zoom)	9:00 AM
Sun 6	Morning Minyan (HC)	9:00 AM
	Making Sacred Space at Home (Zoom)	7:00 PM
Mon 7	<i>Office Closed - Labor Day</i>	
	Sounds of the High Holidays (Zoom)	7:00 PM
Wed 10	Rabbi's Fall Festival course (Zoom)	7:00 PM
Th 5	Return: 30 Days of Reflection (Zoom)	7:00 PM
Fri 11	Kabbalat Shabbat Service (Zoom)	6:00 PM
Sat 12	Shabbat Morning Service (Zoom)	9:00 AM
	Selichot Event and Service (Zoom)	9:30 PM
Sun 13	Morning Minyan (HC)	9:00 AM
	Baking Classic Honey Cake	7:00 PM
Mon 14	High Holiday Kit Pickup	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
	Sounds of the High Holidays (Zoom)	6:00 PM
	Board of Directors Mtg (Zoom)	7:30 PM
Wed 16	High Holiday Kit Pickup	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
	Rabbi's Fall Festival course (Zoom)	7:00 PM
Th 17	Return: 30 Days of Reflection (Zoom)	7:00 PM
Fri 18	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (Zoom)	7:00 PM
	Rosh Hashanah Seder (Zoom)	8:30 PM
Sat 19	1st Day Rosh Hashanah (Zoom)	
	P'sukei D'zimrah	9:00 AM
	Shacharit	9:30 AM
	<i>10-minute break</i>	10:30 AM
	Torah Reading	10:40 AM
	Rabbi's Sermon	11:15 AM
	<i>10-minute break</i>	11:30 AM
	Musaf	11:40 AM
	Adon Olom	1:00 PM
	Evening Services	7:00 PM

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Sun 20	2nd Day Rosh Hashanah (Zoom)	
	P'sukei D'zimrah	9:00 AM
	Shacharit	9:30 AM
	<i>10-minute break</i>	10:30 AM
	Torah Reading	10:40 AM
	Rabbi's Sermon	11:15 AM
	<i>10-minute break</i>	11:30 AM
	Musaf	11:40 AM
	Adon Olom	1:00 PM
	Shofar Service/Tashlich	5:00 PM
Wed 23	Rabbi's Fall Festival course (Zoom)	7:00 PM
Fri 25	Kabbalat Shabbat Service (Zoom)	6:00 PM
Sat 26	Shabbat Shuva Morning Service (HC)	9:00 AM
Sun 27	Morning Minyan (HC)	9:00 AM
	Kever Avot @ HC Cemetery	11:00 AM
	Kol Nidrei (Zoom)	
	Light candles	6:00 – 6:30 PM
	Mincha	6:15 PM
	Kol Nidre	6:30 PM
	Followed by Rabbi's sermon & Ma'ariv	
Mon 28	Yom Kippur Day (Zoom) Office Closed	
	P'sukei D'zimrah	9:00 AM
	Shacharit	9:30 AM
	<i>10-minute break</i>	10:30 AM
	Torah Reading	10:40 AM
	Rabbi's Sermon	11:30 AM
	Yizkor	11:45 AM
	<i>10-minute break</i>	12:15 PM
	Musaf	12:25 PM
	<i>Break after Musaf</i>	
	Mincha	5:00 PM
	<i>10-minute break</i>	6:15 PM
	Ne'ilah	6:25 PM
	Ma'ariv	7:45 PM
	Sound the Shofar and Havdalah	7:55 PM
	Break-the-Fast (Zoom)	8:00 PM

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Wed 30	Rabbi's Fall Festival course (Zoom)	7:00 PM
Fri, Oct 2	Erev Shabbat/Sukkot Services (Zoom)	6:30 PM
Sat, Oct 3	Shabbat / 1st Day Sukkot (HC)	9:00 AM
Sun, Oct 4	2 nd Day Sukkot Services (HC)	9:00 AM

Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

*Details for Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah are still being planned.
Stay tuned for further details.*

Fri, Oct 9	Erev Shabbat/Shmini Atzeret (Zoom)	6:30 PM
Sat, Oct 10	Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret Services (HC)	9:00 AM
	Yizkor	10:30 AM
Sun, Oct 11	Simchat Torah Evening Service (TBD)	
	Simchat Torah Morning Services (TBD)	