



## The Shabbat Rinah Band Kick-Off

September 7 @ 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 7: Kickoff of this year's Shabbat Rinah service. The Band, composed of Hazzan Dulkan, Andrew Rehfeld (guitar), Mike Shanas (violin), Rob Birenbaum (percussion), and Wendy Hyman-Fite (bass), will join in. We have the Shabbat Rinah service every Friday evening (it's our unique version of the traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service), with the Band joining in twice each month.

Mark your calendar for September 28, when the band will return, and stay for a special intergenerational Shabbat dinner in the Sukkah. All grandparents, adults, children and grandchildren are invited. Make your reservation with the office by Monday, September 24.

September 7 & 28	Feb. 1 & 15
Oct. 19	Mar. 7 & 21
Nov. 2 & 16	Apr. 4 & 18
Dec. 7 & 21	May 2 & 16
Jan. 4 & 25	June 6 & 20

## It's Not Too Late!

Today Rabbah to all members who already pledged to the annual High Holiday campaign. It is not too late to join your fellow congregants to make your pledge.



Contact the synagogue office at 314-727-1747.

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**Congregational Trip to Israel**

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**SHABBAT SERVICES FOR EVERYONE**

**Babysitting** (1-5 years)

10:00 in the Early Childhood Center

Fun and games for those too young to experience the other options, complete with snacks and juice.

**Family/Youth Services** (K-4th grades & families)

10:25 am in the Guller Chapel

A lively and engaging service led by adult guests, including Andrew Rehfeld, Michael Raileanu, Alice Fasman, and Joyce Olshan, for our younger members. The services are designed as an age-appropriate combination of prayer, song, stories, and discussion of Jewish themes. In December, we will have a song fest of everyone's favorite Chanukah songs; in February, a discussion of Tu B'Shvat complete with a feast of fruit; and in March, we will prepare for Purim with story and song; in April, we will have a Passover-themed service and celebrate Israel's Independence Day.

**Shacharit in the Sanctuary**

8:45 am in the Epstein Sanctuary

All are welcome in the sanctuary for our traditional egalitarian service. Children are welcome; they are especially encouraged to attend towards the end for Adon Olam and other prayers before helping the Rabbi and Hazzan with Kiddush.

**High Holiday Schedule**

Selichot

Saturday, September 8

9 pm Program & Reception

10:30 pm Selichot Service

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 12

6:45 pm Mincha / Ma'ariv

6:58 pm Candlelighting

Thursday, September 13

8:30 am Introductory Service

9 am Shacharit

10 am Torah Service

11 am Sermon

11:30 Musaf

6:15 pm Tashlich

7:30 pm Mincha / Ma'ariv

7:54 pm Candlelighting

Friday, September 14

8:30 am Introductory Service

9 am Shacharit

10 am Torah Service

11 am Sermon

11:30 Musaf

6:40 pm Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat

Ma'ariv

6:55 pm Candlelighting

Yom Kippur

Friday, September 21

6:15 pm Kol Nidre

6:43 pm Candlelighting

Saturday, September 22

9 am Introductory Service

5:30 pm Mincha

6:40 pm Neilah

7:39 pm Chag and Shabbat End

Please see the complete schedule of services that you received with your High Holiday tickets.

# A Message from Rabbi Fasman

## Rabbi Mark Fasman

What have you learned about *teshuvah* (repentance) in the past year?

I learned that *one is more complex than two*. This is the revolution of Abraham: God is One, and thus God contains all

of black and white, light and dark, good and evil. There is nothing in this world that is outside of the One. Thus, the Ultimate Simplicity is really infinitely complex.

It is the same with people. One of the great challenges of living in a culture that tends to reduce things to black-and-white is that we tend to see things as one or the other. Hollywood almost always portrays a struggle between the all-good and the all-evil. It is much easier to tell stories that have this clarity. From our earliest years we are bombarded by this world view. Consequently, many grow up judging the behavior of others as either good or evil; and we apply the same yardstick to ourselves.

This problem is especially keen during any period of *teshuvah*. At the recent national CAJE convention (held for the first time in St. Louis), I heard a presentation by Rabbi Mark Borovitz and his wife, Harriet Rosseto. Harriet created the only Jewish residential half-way house in the country. The 120 beds are always filled; there is a waiting list. All of the residents are individuals who are struggling to control their addictions. Drugs and alcohol are the most common, but there are *many* other types of addiction. For these individuals, Yom Kippur is a day of celebration. Yes, they fast. But they are engaged in a daily (and lifelong) struggle to make *teshuvah*, to turn their lives around, to conquer the behaviors that ultimately drag them into the abyss.

Harriet Rosseto explained to us that the core of addiction is black-and-white thinking: "I am either all good or all evil. If I cannot do all good, then I might as well do all evil." Rabbi Borovitz, himself an ex-con, taught us that the essence of *teshuvah* is to take the tremendous energies of addiction and redirect them to the good. He is still a hustler; but now he hustles for God!

Many of us tend to think of ourselves in the simple categories of good and evil. Our behaviors are right or wrong. And those behaviors that are "bad" can only be fixed by completely and absolutely changing those behaviors to

completely "good." Even if we succeed in stopping that "bad" behavior, it remains a daily struggle (and often seems hopeless or not worth the effort). Our broken relationships have to be completely fixed ... and since this is highly unlikely (except in Hollywood), we tend not even to try.

The message of the *Shema* – recited every morning and every evening – is that God is One. And since all of Creation emanates from God, we are ultimately one (with others and with ourselves). Since one is more complex than two, we understand that all of life exists in the grey area, between day and night, between light and darkness, between good and evil.

Throughout Yom Kippur, we will recite *Al chet she-chatanu lefanekha* – for the *chet* (insert Hebrew) we have committed before You .... *Chet* is almost always translated as "sin." But that is not what *chet* means. *Chet* is not "sin." Instead, it means "to miss the mark." A *chet* is the Jewish way of describing the ways in which we fall short of what we should be and (difficult though it often is) what we could be. If we have missed our ideal target, then we have not completely failed – as long as we live, we can do the difficult work of improving our aim in order to come ever closer to the target.

For Judaism, it isn't "good and bad," but "better and worse." I'd like to share with you two important teachings recorded in Pirke Avot. The first is found at the beginning of Chapter 2:

Know what is about you: an Eye that sees, and Ear that hears, and all your deeds are written in a book.

Thus, we are urged to live a life of self-awareness. (How else do we behave if we know that God is watching?)

The second is found at the end of Chapter 2: You are not obliged to finish the task, but neither are you free to desist from it. That is, it's not all or nothing. Even if we cannot fully achieve the task before us, we nonetheless are obligated to do what we can.

Can there be a more central message of the High Holy Days? Live a self-aware, thoughtful, and reflective life. And when you discover one of the myriad ways in which you are not perfect, commit to improving the best you can.

*L'shana tova tikateivu* – May you be inscribed for a good year. And may God give you the strength to make it so.

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# President's Message

*Marsha Birenbaum*

Shanah tovah! A good year to you all! I am very excited about the Days of Awe this year as we look forward to seeing all of you at some time over the next month.

This is our opportunity to take a look deep inside ourselves and make whatever course corrections we feel necessary. On a lighter note, it's an opportunity to re-visit our strong and thriving Shaare Zedek family and participate in all the various activities we have planned to begin this New Year with renewed vigor and optimism. We must grab hold of this chance at a new beginning and embrace the future while the past is falling away; a chance to honor and celebrate the ebb and flow of life through all our senses, while opening our hearts to God.

I've been reading "*God's To-Do List: 103 Ways To Be An Angel and Do God's Work On Earth*," by Dr. Ron Wolfson. It's a wonderful book filled with simple ways that we can be God's angels by completing God's work, for it's when we do this "work" that we find we bring God's presence into our world. After all, we were created in the image of God, and when we look in the mirror, we should see back our own individual reflection of God. The Bible teaches to be like God, so we must use God as our role model.



In this book there are ten chapters and each one contains examples of one of the good acts that God does: create, bless, rest, call, comfort, care, repair, wrestle, give and forgive. Then at the end of each chapter, Dr. Wolfson lists ways to live and do this work on earth, all of them designed to remind us that we are God's partner. Just as God creates, so, too, we have the capacity to create. Just as God blessed the earth, so, too, we can bless our families and the beauty of the world around us. God calls us; we just have to listen carefully, then make the call, phone or otherwise, to those confined to home or the cousin we've lost touch with.

And when the community calls us, we need to be ready to step up and be present. The book is filled with anecdotes and inspiring stories of people like us who have made a difference. It would be wonderful if we could all do just one thing in the coming year to make our lives and the lives of those around us one of happiness, blessing and peace.

May you all be inscribed for a good and sweet year! -*Marsha*

## Want to Learn How to Read Hebrew?

Ever wondered about the sacred traditions  
of chanting Torah and Haftarah?

How do people read the Torah with no vowels anyway?

Did you *never* have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or if you did,  
have you forgotten everything?

You might be a perfect candidate for our Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class,  
currently in formation.

Please contact Hazzan Dulkan if you are interested.  
Classes begin this fall.



# HazzaNotes

*Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan*



The Mishna teaches, “You are not obligated to finish the work, but this does not mean you are permitted to refrain from it.” In other words, the

Think of yourself as an owner of the Shaare Zedek Synagogue team. You pay your dues, which bring you the privilege of belonging

process of impacting the world for good is too big a task for any one person; however, this does not give us an “out” to pitching in and doing our part. We are obligated to act in the world, whether the issue is global warming, the massacre in Darfur, poverty, homelessness, human trafficking, racial or sexual inequality. But what about the work of building our community here at home? How do we make our synagogue a place of gathering, a sacred space where everyone feels nurtured, loved, spiritually satisfied? Not only for those in the synagogue leadership, but for each member of our shul, this is a huge task akin to a major global issue. The question is not, “how to make everyone happy?” but rather, “how to make everyone feel welcome?”

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Dr. Ron Wolfson, in his fantastic book *The Spirituality of Welcoming*, shares his wisdom about synagogue renewal from many years of studying both congregations and successful businesses. He shares what synagogues can learn about what he calls “Quality Service” from businesses like The Home Depot (there are no dumb questions), Nordstrom (everyone deserves personal attention) and Disney (everyone is a greeter). I was fortunate to study with Dr. Wolfson in a special track of the Conference for Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE) which was held at Wash U last month. The most powerful story he shared was about what the Green Bay Packers (yes, the football team) can teach congregations. I didn’t know that the Green Bay Packers are the only community-owned NFL team. Imagine what a game is like when everyone in the stadium is a literal stakeholder in the team: the players jump into the stands at a spectacular play and are cheered on by their fans, who are also their “owners.”

to our fantastic synagogue family. What are you most proud of, and how are you going to share this pride with others? Pride in ownership is what will make our synagogue grow. Personal testimonials of how this place has positively impacted each one of us are what creates “buzz.” Person to person, this is how lasting connections are made. However, too often synagogue members get involved in what another teacher at CAJE, Rabbi Phil Warmflash, calls the “culture of kvetch.” How easily have we all found ourselves drawn into this? When you hear a complaint about the synagogue or the community, how do you typically respond? How can each one of us help instead to foster a culture of honor and appreciation? What ideas do you have and how are you going to contribute to make the synagogue, your team, a place where everyone’s work is appreciated fully?

In short, to make shul an even more worthwhile place to be, it is up to all of us. The feeling of belonging to a true community is the greatest gift the synagogue gives to the Jewish people. And true community is about establishing relationships. The Shaare Zedek community is so beautifully interconnected: people who have grown up here have brought their children and grandchildren into the synagogue family, and even newcomers leave with a sense of connection. How to build on this in the coming year? How can we forge even stronger bonds between the members of our community? As we turn to the *Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe)*, it is a time to celebrate our successes as well as deeply examine where and why we have not succeeded. There is always room for growth, both individually, and as a community: this is why the Rabbis teach that we must contribute to the world, but are not obligated to finish the task of completely repairing it. ☆

*Shanah Tova u'metukah / A sweet and Happy New Year*

# Men's Club

*Dave Propper, President*

## Report from the 2007 Biennial Convention of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC)

July found four busy men driving to Chicago to attend the 2007 Biennial Convention of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Monroe Ginsburg, Gary Kodner, Alan Schwartz and I had the opportunity to attend the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary FJMC International Convention. Attendance at Convention is the best way to fulfill the FJMC mission of "Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life" by strengthening our Men's Club through the knowledge gained and activities presented at the biennial convention.

Each of us as attendees was busy from eight in the morning through ten at night, attending a variety of speakers' presentations and training sessions. Awards ceremonies honored both outstanding contributors to Men's Clubs and FJMC activities as well as the performance during the past two years of individual Men's Clubs throughout the FJMC realm. As one of our attendees put it, "When do we get a break during convention?" Our own Shaare Zedek Men's Club brought home a "Quality Club Award" which is now on display in the Synagogue museum case.

Keynote speakers included leaders and pioneers in various fields of Jewish Life in North America. Among the keynote speakers were Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, Dr. Rela Mintz-Geffen, Rabbi Hayim Herring, Dr. Ron Wolfson, and former NFL Referee, Jerry Markbreit. Added to this incredible roster of top-notch educators were some of the great Hazzanim of our generation: Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi, of PBS fame "Cantors: A Faith in Song," along with Hazzans Aaron Bensoussan (Toronto), Rebecca Carmi (Cleveland), George Mordechai (Miami Beach), Alisa Pomerantz-Boro (Voorhees, NJ), David Propis (Houston) and Steven Stoehr (Chicago). This auspicious group presented the Convention attendees with a concert on Thursday evening that was worthy of another PBS special!

We participated in a broad variety of training sessions focused on the activities of Men's Clubs within shul and community. Due to vast number of program tracks which were run concurrently, we were able to cover a large percentage of the training programs, enabling us to bring home new and improved ideas for programming and improving the effectiveness of our club. Leadership training for club officers began each morning with special "power breakfasts" geared to top club and regional leadership. The Geffen Academy provided training throughout convention in the areas of Mishna, Shofar blowing and choir performance

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in a graduate school type environment.

Special programs included Passionate Davening, which is establishing a process and an environment to help evolve the liturgy and davening practices in our communities so that it is more meaningful to us. A focus on "GREEN" comes through the "Solar Ner Tamid" program introduced at Convention which brings a 21<sup>st</sup> century relevance to Conservative Judaism by developing a direct link to the sun with modern technology providing us a way to eliminate the issues associated with using fuel from un-kosher sources....translation – a solar powered Ner Tamid! The on-going 2007 Program Fair presented the best of programs gathered from the member clubs of FJMC, enabling your attendees to bring the best of FJMC direct to you!

Look for updated Men's Club Programming information coming your way. September 9<sup>th</sup> will kick off the new programming year with our first Annual Men's Club Recognition Dinner. October 21<sup>st</sup> will feature a World Series of Poker and Baseball evening. We are looking forward to Sports Night, a Men's Club Health Fair, Men's Club Shabbat, Make Your Own Hanukkah and World Wide Wrap, to name a few.

The Officers and Board of Directors of your Men's Club look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events!

Shalom. –Dave

### Mishpacha: Come to the Shaare Zedek Silly Supper in the Sukkah

- What: 1st Mishpacha Event of the Year  
When: Sunday, September 30  
Time: 5:30 pm-7 pm  
Cost: \$18 per family (for dinner)

Games, dinner, cookie decorating & singing for families w/kids ages 0-6. Reserve your spots by Monday September 24.

# Sisterhood - Round Challah?!

*Cindy Ginsburg & Lisa Gellman, Co-Presidents*



The culinary traditions of the High Holy Days are laden with symbolism, round challah being one of the more widely known. Traditions developed centuries ago in the Ukraine and Lithuania are some of the more imaginative in terms of symbolism.

A crown shape is a classic for Rosh Hashanah, alluding to God as the King of Kings. A challah in the shape of a ladder or a round one with a ladder on top serves as a reminder during the pre-fast Yom Kippur meal that God decides who will ascend and descend the ladder of life. Similarly, for *Hoshanah Rabah*, the ladder is meant to help our prayers reach heaven. A lesser-known tradition is embellishing the round challah with birds or shaping the entire challah in this form, recalling the phrase of Isaiah 31:5: "As hovering birds, so will the Lord protect Jerusalem." Yet another theme is shaping the challah like a hand beseeching Heaven, or adding a motif of hands to the top of a round challah. The turban shape is the one preferred by Moishe Perlmutter, a professional baker who learned the techniques from his father, who came from the Ukraine and opened a bakery in Toronto in 1911. "I believe that the shape follows the pathway to heaven," he says.

The spiral is an important motif in spiritual studies, including Kabbalah. Raisins are a classic addition to challah dough, but almost any dried fruit can be used. One Sephardi tradition

is to add anise seeds to the dough. A favorite for many is lacing the dough with chunks of fresh apples, thus incorporating two holiday traditions in one.\*

## Future Event

Sisterhood is planning a Rummage Sale for November 4. To donate gently used items or to volunteer your time, please contact Sue Propper at [sumeryl@charter.net](mailto:sumeryl@charter.net) or 862-5698.

## Sisterhood Budget

Have you ever wondered where Sisterhood's funds go? Well, for the fiscal Year 7/01/06 - 6/30/07, here are a few of our recipients:

Synagogue	\$13,012
USY	\$ 5,000
Camp Scholarships	\$ 4,850
Religious School	\$ 750

Thank you to our faithful Sisterhood supporters. Have a sweet New Year!! -Cindy

\*Taken in part from [www.ritualwell.org](http://www.ritualwell.org), Ruth Heiges

## Sisterhood in the Sukkah

*When:* Monday, October 1, 2007

*6:30 p.m.* Baked Potato Bar Dinner

*7:15 p.m.* Program

*Where:* Shaare Zedek Sukkah

*RSVP:* Synagogue office 314-727-1747  
by **Wednesday September 26**



*If you need a ride or for more information, please contact Dorothy Goldstein at 314-996-2674.*

# Shaare Shalom

*Chani Pinsberg, Director of Education*



Welcome back to another great year of Shaare Shalom Religious School. I hope that you had a healthy and restful summer. I had the opportunity to attend the annual CAJE Conference that happened to be taking place here in St. Louis at the Washington University campus. We discussed many new ideas in Jewish education that I hope to implement this year at the school.

As we look forward to the fifth year of Shaare Shalom, I want to be sure that you received all the necessary registration information. If you did not get the packet in the mail at the beginning of the summer, please call the office. If you didn't return the forms, please do so now, and send it to the synagogue with the correct payment. This material is essential for the opening of school.

Opening Day is September 9<sup>th</sup> at BSKI from 10am-12pm. Parents are invited to join us at 11:40 in the sanctuary for an opening of the year assembly. Please review the drop-off and pickup instructions that are in the handbook that was

mailed to you, or on the synagogue's website. Our students' safety is the first priority, so please follow these rules closely at each start and end of the Religious School day.

The teachers had an orientation meeting on Sunday, Aug 26<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the upcoming year. They are very excited to teach your children and are eagerly awaiting the first day of Religious School.

I believe in a strong partnership between the home and school. Together we will strive to raise educated and committed Jews, which are the future of the Jewish community. You are the VIPs –Very Important Partners – in your children's education, and I value your support and comments.

Wishing you *Shanah tovah umtukah*, a good and sweet year! -*Chani*

## Early Childhood Education

*Tessa Katan & Marty Schaeffer*

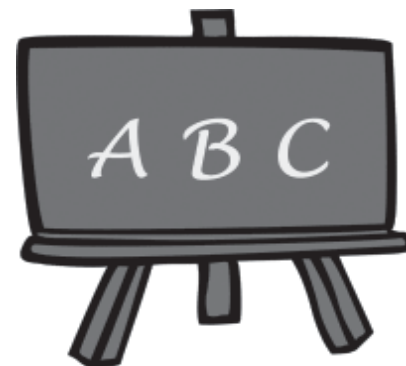
Hi, my name is Tessa Katan. I'm the new Assistant Director in the ECC. Previously, I had the pleasure of working in the Superstar Room as one of the pre-k teachers, where I became a part of the ECC community.

I come to Shaare Zedek with 14 years of Early Childhood experience, including teaching at Congregation Beth Israel in San Diego, Temple Solel in San Diego, and Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco. All of the schools that I've had the privilege of working with supported and encouraged Jewish learning and values. As an active member of the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) for 13 years, I'm invited to attend conferences, where I'm exposed to the latest information and techniques regarding early childhood development.

Recently, I attended the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE) held at Washington University. At the conference I was amazed by all the materials and information. I was particularly taken with

a class on how to implement Torah into an early childhood curriculum.

In order to be an effective educator I believe that one must be a good student too. Because of my personal philosophy I'm enrolled at UMSL, finishing my teaching credentials. This year I am looking forward to assisting Marty Schaeffer, as we develop new programs, providing the best early childhood education for the children of the Shaare Zedek ECC. -*Tessa*



# Youth Programs

*Iris Hinderliter, Youth Director*

I have a newfound appreciation for the CAJE staff. As a volunteer for the latest CAJE conference in St. Louis, I was in charge of answering phones, greeting conference attendees, and general office tasks. For four hours on a Wednesday morning, I watched as the CAJE staff juggled every sort of inquiry, problem, and task under the sun.

What impressed me most about the CAJE staff was their knowledge of the Washington University campus in such a short amount of time. There were no questions the conference-goers asked that the staff could not answer. From hotel accommodations to assisting those with walkers get to and from the programs, the CAJE staff operated with such a high level of proficiency that I felt confident we were all in capable hands.

After I finished my volunteer shift, I enjoyed many of the programs. By far, my favorite part of the conference was spent at the Expo. I loved strolling by the booths and looking

## Sizzlin' Dates for Youth Activities

Mark Your Calendars Now!!

September 2 - Annual Float Trip  
September 5 - Freshman Lounge Night  
September 9 - USY Apple Picking  
September 25 - Pizza (in the) Hut

at the Jewish books, jewelry, music, and clothing. The spirit of the room was high, and it was wonderful to see so many Jewish education items on display at one time.

In all, I had an amazing experience at this year's CAJE conference. The staff was phenomenal and the presenters were "top-of-the-line." For those of you who were able to attend, you may want to think about sending a thank-you to a member of the CAJE staff who assisted you in some way, even if they just gave you directions to a program. I know I will. *-Iris*

# Jewish Community Schools

*Maxine Weil & Rabbi Ari Vernon*

***"In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a sacred occasion: you shall not work at your occupations. You shall observe it as a day when the horn is sounded." Numbers 29:1***

Our rabbis teach that we begin hearing the call of the shofar in the month of Elul to wake our souls up in preparation for the coming holidays. While our souls slumber and fall into lax patterns, so too do our minds. The shofar calls of this season can also wake up our desire to enter new patterns for the coming year and generate excitement for the new learning opportunities that await us.

The Jewish Community High School year began on August 30th. It was a wonderful reunion of returning students and faculty, and we are happy to welcome our incoming 8th graders. Registration is ongoing, and all students in grades 8-12 are welcome to join our fun learning community. You can download the current course listings and registration form on the Jewish Community High School page of the teen section at [www.cajestl.org](http://www.cajestl.org).

Jewish Community Hebrew School classes begin on Wednesday, September 5th at the East Branch at Shaare Zedek and on Thursday, September 6th at the West Branch



at Bnai Amoona. We've been busy this summer preparing for an action-packed school year, and we're looking forward to blowing shofar with all of our students in the first weeks of school.

If you have not yet registered your students in grades 3-12 in the Hebrew School or Hebrew High, please feel free to contact us at 314-442-3757 (Morah Maxine) or 314-442-3758 (Rabbi Ari). We would love to welcome you to our schools.

With all of the excitement of the coming new year, we hope that this year will be filled with health, happiness and lots of good Jewish learning for everyone!

L'Shanah Tovah,

*Morah Maxine*  
Jewish Community  
Hebrew School

*Rabbi Ari*  
Jewish Community  
High School

# Todah Rabah!

## Haftarot for August:

Jaron Asher, Yonit Olshan, Bob Olshan,  
Monroe Ginsburg and Steve Keyser

## Greeters for August:

David Geller, Nancye Gliner,  
Dave Propper, Pat Rosen



## Happy September Anniversary!

Harry & Betty Baker  
Norman & Andrea  
Berger

Thomas & Esther Goldenberg

Avi & Evan Goldfarb

Phillip & Phyllis Katz

Marshall & Sara Myers

Andrew Rehfeld & Miggie Greenberg

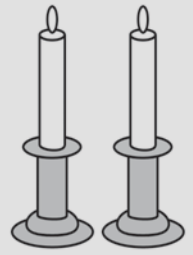
Yossi & Sara Kahn Shapiro

Marc & Lvav Spector

Kenneth & Cheryl Stein

Aaron & Cynthia Vickar

## The Evelyn Shanker Judaic Gift Gallery at Shaare Zedek



Featuring an exclusive line of  
Judaica for Bar/Bat Mitzvah, your  
home, holiday celebrations, and  
gifts.

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kippot  
tefillin  
music  
mezuzot  
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kiddush cups  
artwork

jewelry  
prayer books  
seder plates  
wedding gifts  
bnai mitzvah gifts  
challah plates &  
covers

Call Ann Frank for a personal shopping appointment  
for B'nai Mitzvah or wedding gift registry.

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Open M-F 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Special Hebrew School Hours: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday hours by appointment.

## Jewish Social Action

Want to get involved in something? Want  
your group to experience the fulfillment of  
volunteering?

- Learn how efficient lighting can save more than money in the long run.
- Recycle more than paper, plastic and aluminum cans.
- Learn to check the products you buy.
- Volunteer for programs at the Gladys and Henry Crown Center.
- Keep informed about Israel.
- Add your own pet projects and activities

Call Micki Kingsley at 314-997-4479 or email  
makingsley@gjn.com.

# Everyone Has a Story: The Story of Sidney and Sylvia Rosen

*Sima Needleman*

The day that Sidney Rosen was born — October 29, 1916 — was the very day that his future wife's parents, Sarah and Ben Bailen, were married. Mr. and Mrs. Bailen both immigrated to the United States from Russia with their respective families. They met and later married in St. Louis. Sylvia, who was born on December 20, 1917, was their only child. Her father was a tailor, who worked in a clothing factory and her mother was a homemaker. Sylvia's maternal grandparents lived two doors away in the same tenement house on 16<sup>th</sup> and Carr Streets as Sylvia's family in what Sylvia described as a "mixed" neighborhood.

Sylvia completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the Emerson Grammar School on Page Boulevard and then went on to graduate from Ben Blewett High School. She has many fond memories of her early years: playing with her cousins and other children in the neighborhood; visiting her grandparents in their "flat;"\_going sledding with her father down Art Hill in the winter; taking a stroll to the river with her dad on Sundays and then having lunch at a particular delicatessen on Franklin Avenue. She also remembers spending Saturdays with her mother in downtown St. Louis where they would stop at Woolworth's for lunch, a hot dog for Sylvia and tuna or egg salad for her mother. Two gifts from her parents—a lovely dress with a solid dark skirt and red top and a wonderful roll top desk with drawers —stand out in Sylvia's memory. Another pleasant memory was of her membership in the Junior Hadassah organization in her neighborhood. Reflecting back over those years, Sylvia felt that she had a good childhood.

During World War II, the Jewish Welfare Board brought Jewish soldiers from Ft. Leonard Wood, Scott Air Field, and Jefferson Barracks to the Jewish "Y" in St. Louis on weekends to socialize with young Jewish women. Sylvia attended many of their parties and dances.

After graduating from high school, Sylvia found clerical jobs at a number of establishments, including the Stix, Baer and Fuller Department Store, a grocery store and a printing company, where she was employed until after she got married and became pregnant.

Sidney's early years and Sylvia's had some similarities. Sidney's parents, Fannie and Joe Rosen, also came to America from Russia at a young age, met, married and lived in St. Louis. Sidney's father was also a tailor. But that's where the similarities ended. Sidney's father owned his own store, which was located in South St. Louis. Sidney was the oldest of three children. A sister, Betty, came after him, and brother Melvin was the baby. When Sidney was

seven years old, his mother contracted tuberculosis and had to go to a sanitarium on Fee Fee Road which, at that time, was a long distance from where the family lived. His mother lingered for five years, during which time Sidney and his siblings began living with their paternal grandparents. When his mother died, Sidney was 12 years old. Less than a year later when his father remarried, Sidney and his siblings returned to their father's household. But after Sidney graduated from grammar school, he went right to work in a hat factory, making \$7.00 a week (which doubled after President Roosevelt's National Recovery Act passed).

All this time, Sidney actually knew Sylvia from the time they were children. They both belonged to the Young Israel Congregation and were friends as teenagers. Young Israel was where the couple socialized much of the time.

When Sidney got his job at the hat factory, he moved out of his father's home, rented a room on Clara Avenue for \$2.00 a week, and was somehow able to buy a car. He survived on bologna sandwiches but was "skinny as a rail." It didn't take long before he knew that he had to make a change. He decided to enlist in the Air Force, and in December, 1941, while at Jefferson Barracks, he began writing letters to people back home. Sylvia was one of those people. Starting in 1942, Sidney was stationed in a number of bases first in the U.S. and then in the Libyan Desert in Africa. During the time that Sidney was in the Middle East, he thought he would actually like to live in Palestine. With that in mind, he sent his army allotment to his mother's sister and asked her to give half to his brother and half to his sister if he didn't return.

Today, Sidney becomes passionate when he describes, in great detail, what was happening in Africa at that time — how Germany's desperate need for oil for its troops led the Germans to invade and capture oil fields in Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia, actions which prompted Churchill to ask for help from the United States. Sidney explains that the nearest port for shipping oil out of Northern Africa was the port of Haifa in Palestine, where half a million Jews lived. According to Sidney, if the Germans, in their pursuit of oil, had overcome the Jews, it would have been a second Holocaust! (The St. Louis Holocaust Museum made a video in the Jewish War Veterans Memorial Room of Sid's wartime recollections.)

In 1944, Sidney left Northern Africa and was sent to Italy for about a year before coming home. On June 27, 1945, soon after he returned to St. Louis, he and Sylvia got married. In the beginning of their marriage, the couple lived

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with Sylvia's parents. In 1947, while Sidney was working for a clothing store on Washington Avenue, their daughter, Vicki, was born. About 3 years later, they had a son, whom they named Steven. By this time, Sidney had opened an auto parts store in north St. Louis and the family had moved to University City. Sid was in the auto parts business for 35 years, retiring in 1978 at the age of 62.

For the next 15 or 16 years, Sylvia and Sidney went away each winter, first stopping in Oklahoma City where their son, Steven and his family live, then going to San Francisco to visit their daughter Vicki's family, followed by a visit to cousins in Burbank, CA, and ending in Phoenix and Las Vegas before returning to St. Louis for Pesach. Also, during that time, Sidney worked periodically at a number of jobs; one was as an usher and projectionist at an AMC theater.

Today, in addition to their two children, the Rosens have three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They have lived at Covenant House for almost eight years, where they have taken advantage of the many activities and offerings that are available to residents -- kosher meals, Bingo games, book reviews, lectures, arts and crafts, concerts, current movies, and the physical facilities at the JCC. Recently, Sidney was elected President of the Covenant-Chai Tenants' Council. They are even able to attend Shabbat services right in their building because Rabbi Mordecai Magency officiates there each Saturday. That is the reason we don't see Sidney and Sylvia as often at Shaare Zedek these days. However, Sylvia is quick to say that from the time they joined the shul 50 or 55 years ago until the present, they have had a good life at Shaare Zedek. In fact, Sidney and Sylvia would agree as they think back over the years that they have just had a good life!

*Sima Needleman has been interviewing Shaare Zedek members for her column "Everyone Has a Story." If you would like to be interviewed or have a suggestion of someone who might like to be interviewed, please call Barbara Bianco at 314-727-2399.*



Sidney and Sylvia Rosen

## The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Your Help

All year, the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry asks for our help in providing food for the hungry.

But, with a successful food drive at the High Holidays, they are able to restock the almost empty shelves of summer, and have something to put away for later.

To that end, every September, the Jewish congregations of St. Louis support a community-wide collection for the food pantry.

There is a "shopping list" next to the Food Collection Basket at the entrance of the synagogue. We ask that you take a list home with you. Anytime it's possible during the Holiday period from September through the end of Sukkot, please pack a bag or two of foodstuffs and/or other necessities and bring them with you when you come to the synagogue.

For further information, please contact:  
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Richard Barohn  
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### Birthdays

Ann Grabel  
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Martin, Barbara, & Jodi Becker  
Merle Goldstein  
Rudy & Frances Oppenheim  
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# YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK

*One who is remembered is never really gone*

YIZKOR IS SEPTEMBER 22, 2007

As in previous years, Shaare Zedek will publish a Yizkor book to be distributed at **Yom Kippur**.

You can honor your loved ones by memorializing their names in this Book of Remembrance.

A minimum contribution of \$5 is suggested for:

- Each individual name
- Each entry on the Rabbi Epstein/Rabbi Asher Memorial page
- Each entry on the Holocaust Memorial page

Please respond by **Monday, September 10** so that your honored names can be included in this year's Yizkor Book.

B'Shalom,  
Lisa Gellman

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We will cast our bread, symbolic of our sins,  
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We will meet at BSKI at 9:15 AM, and the bus (wheelchair accessible) will  
depart at 9:30 AM. Expected arrival at the Edward “Ted” and Pat Jones-Confluence Point State Park  
will be at 10:30 AM, with return to BSKI by 12:30 PM.

Nominal cost of \$5 per person for the bus.

Please call the Shaare Zedek Office at 314-727-1747 to reserve your spot.

There will be no Shaare Shalom Religious School that morning.

Members enjoyed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tashlich at the Confluence.  
Join them this year in experiencing this Mitzvah.

More information and maps are available on-line at <http://www.mostateparks.com/confluence/map.htm>  
Note that restroom facilities do not have running water, but bottled water, wet- wipes and towels will be provided.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 18 KI Tavo Corey Rosenberg Bar Mitzvah  8:45 & 6:40
2 19 USY Float Trip  8:00 & 6:00	3 20 Labor Day (office closed)  8:00 & 6:00	4 21 8:00 a.m. Text Study  7:00 & 6:00	5 22 Hebrew School begins  7:00 & 6:00	6 23 Executive Committee  7:00 & 6:00	7 24 Shabbat Rinah with band  7:00 Candles 7:00 & 6:00	8 25 Nitzavim- Vayelekh  Lunch 'n Learn Selichot 8:45 & 6:40
9 26 Shaare Shalom classes begin  10:15 a.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting 8:00 & 6:00	10 27 9:45 a.m. Sisterhood class  7:00 & 6:00	11 28 8:00 a.m. Text Study  7:00 & 6:00	12 29 Erev Rosh Hashanah  6:58 Candles 7:00 & 6:45	13 Tishrei 1 Rosh Hashanah Day 1  7:54 Candles 8:30 & 7:30	14 2 Rosh Hashanah Day 2  6:55 Candles 8:30 & 6:40	15 3 Shabbat Tehuva  Haazinu-Tshuva 8:45 & 6:40
16 4 Fast of Gedallah  12:00 Joint Tashlich with BSKI 8:00 & 6:00	17 5 9:45 a.m. Sisterhood class  7:00 & 6:00	18 6 8:00 a.m. Text Study  7:00 & 6:00	19 7   7:00 & 6:00	20 8 Board Meeting  7:00 & 6:00	21 9 Kol Nidre  6:43 Candles 7:00 & 5:45	22 10 Yom Kippur  9:00 & 7:40
23 11 8:00 & 6:00	24 12 7:00 & 6:00	25 13 8:00 a.m. Text Study  Pizza (In the) Hut 7:00 & 6:00	26 14 Erev Sukkot  6:35 Candles 7:00 & 6:15	27 15 Sukkot - Day 1  7:31 Candles 8:45 & 7:10	28 16 Sukkot Day 2 Lunch In Sukkah Shabbt Rinah with band and Dinner 6:32 Candles 8:45 & 6:00	29 17 8:45 & 5:55
30 18 Mishpacha Silly Supper In the Sukkah  8:00 & 6:00						



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### Thursday, October 4

- 5:30 PM Wine and cheese early bird kick-off
- 6 PM Evening services
- Music & dancing
- Honoring special congregants
- Hakafot surprises
- And of course, candy apples!

### Friday, October 5

- 8:45 AM Morning services, the rejoicing continues
- Singing & dancing
- Special honors for families
- Torah honors for everyone
- Simchat Torah festive luncheon



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Join this special celebration luncheon to commemorate our 5768 Torah year.

Sponsored by the synagogue. No charge, but please contact the office (727-1747) for reservations.

The Shaare Zedek Synagogue Torah Project will officially kick-off Simchat Torah 5768 with a celebration formally announcing the commission of our new Torah scroll. *Just Write It!* will continue for one year and conclude with the new Torah's dedication.

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