

# The Messenger

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**Havdallah August 1 Pot Luck**

Please call Carol at 951-769-7514 to let her know what you will bring.



## In Loving Memory



Hope Wasserman  
Esther Katz

## High Holidays are coming soon!!

The High Holidays are coming and we are asking for readers to take part in the services. Please call Carol Sherman at 951-769-7514 if you are willing to read for Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur (or both) and whether you will read in Hebrew or English. We would love to have all members take part.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Services for Erev Rosh Hashana September 13, 7:00 pm

Services for Rosh Hashana September 14, 10:00 am

Rosh Hashana no-host lunch on September 14, 12:30pm

Services for Erev Yom Kippur September 22, 7:00 pm

Services for Yom Kippur September 23, 10:00 am

Yizkor service September 23, 4:00 pm

Break-the-fast September 23, 5:00 pm – by pre-paid reservation

## President's Message



It is with a heavy heart that I announce the death of long-time member, Hope Wasserman. Hope died after a brief illness. She is survived by her son, Merrill (Angela) and brother, Bruce Davidson (Phyllis)

It also grieves me to announce the passing of Esther Katz, mother of Claudia Schwartz. Esther succumbed after a brief illness following surgery. She was a lovely addition to our congregation.

Included in this issue is a flyer announcing a proposed trip to Israel, led by our own Rabbi Kenneth Milhander. The excursion is open to anyone, and we are inviting members of Our Savior's to join us as well. Rabbi Ken has taken several different groups on this tour and has a wonderful local guide to lead us through the country.

You will also find a flyer announcing this year's joint service with Our Savior's. The service will include a dedication for all the renovations. Please join us.

SAVE THE DATE! Don't forget that the November 7<sup>th</sup> Havdalah is being sponsored by Kay Ross at the South Clubhouse, Sun Lakes. In addition to our regular Havdalah Service led by Rabbi Ken, there will be delicious food and entertainment. Kay has

# *From the Rabbi*

August 2015



Shalom Chaverim,

I know all of us were deeply shocked and horrified by the recent church shooting massacre in Charleston, South Carolina. I say shocked and horrified, but not surprised. As Jews, we are not surprised that there are people in this world and in this nation that are full of hatred, racism, bigotry, and violence. Too often in history we were targets, our synagogues were targets, and Israel continues to be a target of hateful people and evil regimes. So our collective experience as a people gives us tremendous empathy for those people of faith, sitting around a table studying their sacred text, meditating in prayer, who were targeted and slaughtered because of the color of their skin.

The story of the events of Mother Emanuel Church of Charleston quickly shifted as hatred and bigotry turned to an outpouring of community love and support, with people of all faiths, all colors, all political affiliations, all parts of town linking arms and hearts in prayer and fellowship. Most amazing of all was the forgiving words expressed by victim's family members when the perpetrator made his initial appearance in court. One after the other, they stood to tell the alleged killer that they forgave him for his actions. And one after the other, news commentators expressed amazement and wonder at such actions. When asked, family members stated that their faith moved them to forgiveness. Certainly, they did not forgive the actions, they could not forgive the motivation, but they forgave the person.

I'm sure you asked yourself if you could do the same under the same set of circumstances. I, for one, could not. More interesting to me as a man of faith and teacher and student of Torah are the religious teachings behind the actions. We are familiar with the Christian concept of "turn the other cheek" which my Christian colleagues tell me is quite misunderstood by most people. Do we have such an equivalent in Judaism? The simple answer is not exactly, but forgiveness is an important Jewish concept.

Forgiveness is the central theme of our upcoming High Holy Days. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur this theme is reflected in our prayers and often in rabbinic sermons. If we generally think of Jewish history, we would be loathe to forgive the likes of Pharoah, Haman, or the Nazis. But on a more personal level, perhaps we have forgiven a parent or child, spouse, loved one, or friend or an indiscretion or wrong committed against us.

Those who forgave the alleged Charleston shooter said that they had to forgive him in order to unburden their own soul and to alleviate hatred and pain from their own hearts. The question of us as Jews is, what does Judaism teach us and instruct us on this topic? I'm glad you asked! On Saturday, August 1st my Havdallah program will be "Forgiveness in the Jewish Tradition: How to Forgive When You Can't Forget." I hope you will be there to engage in this very interesting and insightful topic as we approach our holiest days of the year. Just in case you can't be there, I'll forgive you nonetheless.

Lech L'shalom – May you go in peace,  
Rabbi Kenneth Milhandler

# Sisterhood

Sisterhood met July 21 at the Sun Lakes Atrium and enjoyed our lunch though not with as many as we usually see. Several ladies were out of town cruising or doing other interesting activities for the summer. Our meetings are quite short and efficient so we had plenty of time to schmooze and eat. Although our Sisterhood year officially starts September 1, our Temple year starts anew July 1. We look forward to new members but we also are hopeful existing lady Temple members will try to join us for our lunch meetings on the Tuesday after Friday night services each month. Last month we sold a number of leaves for the Tree of Life: 4 honors and 4 memorials. Honors: Rabbi Ken by Cathy Colt & Jeff Silver; Lindsay Frank, Rachel Frank and Bruce & Tracy Frank by Kay Ross. Memorials: William Ross, Ira Kaner, Marion Kaner and Joel Frank all by Kay Ross. Come to the next lunch August 25 and hear all about our members' vacations. Look at the Tree of Life next time you're at services or havdallah.



## Yahrzeits

|                    |                  |                   |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Alexander Minky    | Father of        | Robin Adams       |
| Richard Altheimer  | Father of        | Nancy Darling     |
| Erica Feigenbaum   | Daughter of      | Lauree Feigenbaum |
| Janice Wulfe       | Sister of        | Lauree Feigenbaum |
| Sarah Globe        | Aunt of          | Ilene Kaplan      |
| Harry Kaplan       | Grandfasher of   | Ilene Kaplan      |
| Mimmie Kaplan      | Grandmother of   | Ilene Kaplan      |
| Louis Smith        | Grandfather of   | Ilene Kaplan      |
| Charles Smith      | Uncle of         | Ilene Kaplan      |
| Sam Smith          | Uncle of         | Ilene Kaplan      |
| Samuel Krupsaw     | Father of        | Ken Krupsaw       |
| Morris (Lou) Glass | Father-in-law of | Ken Krupsaw       |
| Sara Glass         | Mother-in-law of | Ken Krupsaw       |
| Mary Bobrowa       | Mother of        | Doreen Levin      |
| Bernard Levin      | Husband of       | Doreen Levin      |
| Eleanor Schwartz   | Mother of        | Barry Schwartz    |

## Birthdays

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Sandra Shulkin | Aug. 19 |
| Sandy Zwick    | Aug. 26 |

## Anniversaries

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Hal & Shirley Barsh   | Aug. 8  |
| Steve & Martha Benoff | Aug. 29 |

# *Oneg and Havdalah Sponsorship*

## *Havdalah*

September Hannah Riceberg/Carol Sherman  
 October Rachel Axelrad in memory of Ruth Axelrad  
 November Kay Ross (party at her home; details to follow)  
 December Judi & Lloyd Margolis/Fran Rayner  
 January ???

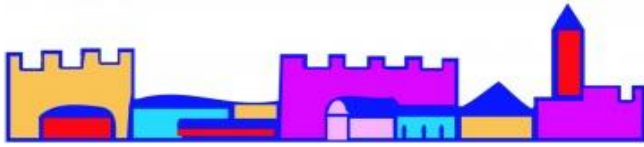
## *Oneg*

September No Oneg; High Holidays  
 October Claudia & Barry Schwartz  
 November Kay Ross/Ken Krupsaw  
 December Sandy & Marty Hoffman  
 January ???

## August 2015

| MONDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY                     | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                      | SATURDAY                     |
|--------|--------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|        |        |                             |           |          |                             | 1<br><br>5:30 –<br>Havdallah |
| 2      | 3      | 4                           | 5         | 6        | 7                           | 8                            |
| 9      | 10     | 11                          | 12        | 13       | 14<br>10:30 –<br>Board Mtg. | 15                           |
| 16     | 17     | 18                          | 19        | 20       | 21                          | 22                           |
| 23     | 24     | 25<br>11:30 –<br>Sisterhood | 26        | 27       | 28<br>7:00 –<br>Shabbat     | 29                           |
| 30     | 31     |                             |           |          |                             |                              |





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