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*From the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof,
the name of the Eternal One is to be praised.*

Worship Services (see calendar on p. 2 for details)

Fridays

- June 4 5:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat
7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
June 11 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
June 18 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
June 25 7:00 p.m. Pride Shabbat Evening Service

Saturdays

- June 5 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
Amelia Kane Bat Mitzvah
Celebration
June 12 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
June 19 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
June 26 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Riverdale Temple services and many events are offered in person and remotely via Zoom (see p. 2). Consult the e-blasts for the latest information, including Zoom links. To subscribe to our e-blasts, email: administrator@riverdaletemple.org



Special Adult Education Program: "A Shmek of Yiddish"

**A minicourse Tuesdays online, via Zoom,
with Mikhl Yashinsky (see p. 8)**

Class 1: June 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Class 2: June 15, at 7:30 p.m.

**June 13, 10:00 a.m.
Annual
Congregational
Meeting (in person
and on Zoom)**



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THE RABBI'S COLUMN

Last month we celebrated the holiday of Shavuot, and when I say "we," I mean, "some of us." When I was growing up, it was extremely rare to find a Reform Jew who celebrated Shavuot. Interestingly, while Reform Jews have learned to say "Sukkot" instead of "Succos," and "Simchat Torah" instead of "Simchas Torah," many of our congregants still say "Shavuos," using the pronunciation of their Ashkenazic ancestors. With the other holidays, we have all learned to use the Israeli, Sephardic pronunciation, but Shavuot was such a minor part of the Reform calendar that many people never really learned the Israeli version.

I was in touch with a rabbi friend of mine earlier in May, trying to get some information. He called me back with the information on the second day of Shavuot. I called him the next day and, a little embarrassed, I told him that I had not gotten back to him because of the holiday.

My friend was shocked. I kept Shavuot, which is not so strange for a rabbi, even a Reform rabbi. But to keep the *second day* of Shavuot? That was unusual. And even if my congregation had a tradition to do the second day (which we do), why would I keep the holiday to the extent of not answering the phone?

As we know, the tradition of keeping an extra day of a holiday arose because the Jewish month originally began when someone spotted the new moon in Jerusalem. If you lived a distance from Jerusalem, you might not know exactly when the new month began. A holiday on the 15th of the month could be one of two possible days, and so, to play it safe, they kept both.

By somewhere around the year 1000 CE, at the latest, all Jews had gone over to a calculated calendar. This calendar was available all over the Jewish world, and if that was true a thousand years ago, it is much truer today.

Thanks to the calendars from funeral homes, banks, and supermarkets, we have easy access to information as to when, on the secular calendar, each Jewish holiday will take place. If that is not good enough, we can look on the internet to see when a holiday will be next year, a *yahrzeit* will be in ten years, or any other piece of calendar minutia in which we might be interested. So why celebrate the second day of a holiday today?

As Tevye would say, tradition! That has been good enough for Orthodox Jews, but not for Reform Jews. In fact, Reform rabbis rejected the extra day of a holiday at one of their very first meetings, in Breslau in 1846.

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Nonetheless, there are two reasons why Reform Jews might observe a second day of a holiday.

First, we might ask ourselves if we see the holiday as a burden or as a joy. If the latter, why not celebrate it a bit longer? If we look forward to a day of rest, a day of holiness, with special prayers and songs, we might very well choose to keep it for an extra day. If we feel negative about the holiday, if we mainly think about the fact that we are not supposed to use our phones or watch TV, it might be a different story. Either we don't use our phones and resent it, or we do and feel guilty. In that case, a single day of the holiday would be more appropriate.

Secondly, we go back to Tevye's "tradition." There are certain things that Jews do, some of which are based on Jewish law and some of which are not. A Reform Jew may put on a yarmulke at a funeral, not because it is a Jewish law (it isn't), but it says, "I am a Jew at an important Jewish function." We are not obligated to break a fast with bagels and smoked salmon, but doing so puts us in the center of our New York Jewish community. Our behavior, our food choices, the names we give our children, the nicknames

we give our friends, all of these define us as who we are, and often define us as belonging to a Jewish community.

One might say then that we should keep only a single day of Shavuot, because that helps define us as Reform Jews. That is a valid position. On the other hand, we could say that we keep two days of the holiday because that makes us members of the world Jewish community. Because that is what Jews do. This, too, is a valid position.

As we enter the summer months, a lot of things slow down. There are people who take a break from the synagogue, either because they are away or because they find other things to do on a Friday night or a Saturday. I remind you of the two reasons to celebrate the second day of Shavuot—because it is delightful and because it defines you as a Jew. The reasons to come to Riverdale Temple in the summer are the same. Come because that is what Jews do. And come because it is delightful! I look forward to seeing everyone over the summer.

—Rabbi Tom Gardner

THE CANTOR'S COLUMN

Shalom Chaveirim,

I am writing to you brokenhearted with the recent events of war and terror in Israel, and the rise of anti-Semitism in New York City. Without getting into politics, or choosing sides, I feel that we can all make a decision to step up and do everything we can to help lessen this crisis. To me, there are several important things we can do:

1. Keep informed: it is important to read different newspapers, American and Israeli, so we can gain a more complete understanding of the situation.

2. Be committed to being kinder and more tolerant of other people all over.

3. Be careful: keep being alert and smart about our whereabouts.

I am sure you all know that I was born and raised in Israel. Most of my family and so many friends are in Israel. I served in the Israeli Defense Forces, in the Air Force (I did not fly a plane), for nearly two years. My family have been true Zionists for many generations, going back all the way to my great-grandfather, Moshe Sharett, who was Israel's first foreign minister, and second prime minister. My heart is always with Israel. But my home is also here in Riverdale, and the temple is also my family. And it is very hard sometimes having your heart split for two special homes, and this can be quite intense. There are days when I am glued to the news of America and there are days when I listen only to the radio in Israel. And sometimes I just go back and forth between the two. But regardless of what I read or listen to, my heart is open to my two families, and I pray for peace and health for all.

I find this quote from the Aleinu prayer (Mishkan Hanefesh, p. 591) very comforting and strengthening, "Loved, each of us, for the peace we bring to others. May our deeds exceed our speech, and may we never lift up our hand but to conquer fear and doubt and despair."

As I am preparing to take my summer vacation, I reflect on the amazing year we have shared together: how we worked as a team to tackle every aspect of reopening our temple safely. How we offered pastoral care, how we celebrated happy moments with music and joy, how we gathered together in a beautiful hybrid way. We have grown closer and stronger, and I am proud to belong to such a vibrant and committed congregation.

The next time that I will be writing my article will be during the High Holy Days, which are coming so soon this year. Please take a good look at the High Holy Days schedule, which is presented in this bulletin (p. 4), and save the dates. Please note that Rosh Hashanah comes early this year, as Erev Rosh Hashanah falls on Labor Day (September 6)! On my return, we will all be in "a time of returning": returning again to doing our *chesbon nefesh*—our soul search, when we look deeply into our souls and examine our deeds. I am looking forward to welcoming the new Jewish year and beginning my 11th year as your cantor.

May you have a safe, healthy, and joyful summer!

With friendship and L'Shalom,

—Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The end of this month marks the end of my first year as president of Riverdale Temple. As I took office last July 1, 2020, we were in the middle of recreating our High Holiday Services to meet the demands of COVID-19. Under normal circumstances, beginning my term in office would have been difficult. There were

speeches to write and a bazillion details to address. And under normal circumstances, the High Holidays would have almost run themselves, using our protocols from prior years. But last year the High Holidays had to be created anew. No choir or organist. No congregants in the pews. No people being called up for aliyot.

Our rabbi and cantor showed their dedication and love of Riverdale Temple by creating services that were beautiful and meaningful, even though we were forced to watch on Zoom from our homes. Although I always knew that our clergy were incredible, my appreciation for their commitment and professionalism grew even more.

Before I took office, I had decided that I wanted to spend my term in office working on strengthening our committees. Many of our committees were struggling with too few members, or no members at all. I hoped to reach out to new people and ask them to volunteer their time, and I wanted our committees to expand their scope.

My first focus was the Adult Education Committee, very ably chaired by Yvette Marrin. Yvette has created a special relationship between Riverdale Temple and YIVO, bringing many fascinating lectures to our members. Unfortunately, Yvette was the only person on the committee. We have been able to add some people, and Yvette has worked very hard to expand the committee's offerings. Thanks to Arline Davis, Fay Statsky, and Fred Schweitzer for stepping forward.

The Caring Committee was also in need of strengthening. It had been primarily focused on calling members who were ill or bereaved. I wanted our caring to express itself in additional ways. Now, under the leadership of Beth Fertig Friedman and Muriel Adams, the committee has expanded in both numbers and activities. Rabbi Gardner has an active role on this committee, which meets once a week to review whom we need to reach out to. Other members are Sylvia Gottlieb, Shelley Ast, Rachel Radna, Barbara Ferber, and Sherrill Spatz. We have acknowledged birthdays with cards and marked milestone birthdays with flowers. We have even welcomed a new baby!

The Membership Committee had been without members for some time and, when it did have members, was solely focused on collecting dues in arrears. Dues collection has been moved from this committee to the Finance Committee, and the Membership Committee is now focused on ways we can both attract new members and support our current members through innovative

programming. This committee is chaired by Dorothy Kay and includes Nessa Levinson, Wendi Shulman, Bruce Schwartz, Amy Kaufmann, and our Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer. We are working on producing a flyer to hand out at the Sunday Market and on using social media to attract parents who may consider enrolling their children in our Religious School.

I have also been working actively with the Bylaws Committee, to make lines of authority and responsibility clearer and to bring the bylaws closer in line with our actual practices. This committee consists of Cristin Messinger, David Greenfield, Shelley Ast, Helen Krim, and me.

Although I have been a long-time member of Riverdale Temple and have served on committees and the Board for many years, there were many aspects of temple life with which I was not familiar. This included the Religious School, the Nursery School, and the Building and Grounds Committee. I have tried to remedy that by attending Nursery School Committee meetings, chaired by Judy Zucker, so I could learn about their concerns and processes. I also started attending the weekly meetings of the Building and Grounds Committee, chaired by Cristin Messinger and David Greenfield. The scope of work of the B&G Committee is daunting, covering security, preparing for events (including our religious services), seeing to building repairs (endless), and working with The Riverdale Minyan. Others on this committee are Rebecca Sherman, Barbara Ferber, and Shelley Ast. Eurides Osorio attends, as do Ali Abikzer, our Nursery School director, Rabbi Gardner, and Cantor Sharett-Singer.

I feel as if I have only begun to do the work of improving our committees and working to revitalize Riverdale Temple as we move out of pandemic mode. I thank all of you who have been so supportive and said "yes" when asked to serve. It is always risky to acknowledge people individually, since it is so easy to leave people out, inadvertently. Surely, I have done so here, so I beg your forgiveness. If you have an interest in participating on a committee, please reach out to me.

—Dr. Ronna Weber

Riverdale Temple

Schedule of High Holy Days Services 2021/5781-5782



Selichot: Sat., Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Erev Rosh Hashanah: Mon., Sept. 6, 8:00 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah Day I: Tues., Sept. 7, 10:00 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah Family Service: Tues., Sept. 7,
1:30 p.m. (open to nonmembers*)
Rosh Hashanah Day II: Wed., Sept. 8, 10:00 a.m.
(open to nonmembers*)
Kol Nidre: Wed., Sept. 15, 8:00 p.m.
Yom Kippur Morning: Thurs., Sept. 16, 10:00 a.m.
Yom Kippur Family Service, Thurs., Sept. 16,
1:30 p.m. (open to nonmembers*)

Yom Kippur Afternoon, Yizkor,
and Neilah: Thurs., Sept.
16, 4:00 p.m. (open to
nonmembers*)

All times are subject to change. Because of ongoing COVID-19 issues, the format(s) for each service will be determined and announced at a later date. *Nonmembers are invited to attend these services but must reserve tickets. Ticket information will be announced at a later date.

BULLETIN BOARD

Temple activities will take place via Zoom and in person unless noted otherwise. Please consult the calendar on p. 2 and the temple website at <https://riverdaletemple.org>, and also check e-blasts for updates.



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Riverdale Temple House Committee

Our mission is to ensure that the building and grounds of our synagogue best respond to the spiritual, educational, cultural, and social needs and activities of our congregation. We are concerned about safety, cleanliness, comfort, and appearance and maximizing the functionality of our facilities. The committee works closely with the maintenance staff to ensure that the facilities are well managed and meet the needs of our community efficiently and economically. The committee benefits from members with varied experience in facilities management, engineering, construction, and related fields.

Please volunteer to serve on this committee by writing to: administrator@riverdaletemple.org or president@riverdaletemple.org

Registry of Holocaust Survivors

If you are a Holocaust survivor or a family member of a survivor, you can register to be included in the Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Holocaust Survivors, at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. For more information, go to ushmm.org/resourcecenter.

Contact information: Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center, Registry of Holocaust Survivors, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126

Riverdale Temple is now part of the organics/compost pilot program in the Bronx. We can now recycle our food scraps. Please observe the different signs on the garbage receptacles and put throwaways in the proper container. We are pioneers in a wonderful program—please join the effort in caring for our environment. Thank you!



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SIMCHA LEARNING CENTER

It's hard to believe that this will be the last bulletin article of the academic year. What a year it has been! This past year we have had remote classes as well as classes in person. We have had hybrid classes and celebrations at Riverdale Temple.

Our students have participated in performances by a ventriloquist in honor of Chanukah and a magician in honor of Purim. We have come together to participate in Mitzvah Day with many members of the community, and our school joined the communal Lag BaOmer festivities, which included a bonfire, s'mores, and a session on Krav Maga. Our older students were engaged in learning how to read and to decode letters and vowels.

We had a festive minicarnival and grand Israel Day with our annual shuk (Jewish market) and visit to the Kotel (the Western Wall). And we ended our year with a beautiful montage created by our teacher Hillary, and an ice cream party.

I want to thank our amazing teachers: the rabbi, the cantor, Michelle, Michael, Hillary, and Hanita. And the amazing custodians, and Cristin for her endless help.

Thank-you to the wonderful parents and our spectacular students.

Have a terrific summer. I look forward to greeting everyone in September.

— Judy Weinberg, Education and Engagement Specialist



Bat Mitzvah Celebration

Amelia Kane will celebrate her bat mitzvah on Saturday, June 5. Amelia was born and raised in Riverdale and lives with her mom, Sara, and her brother, Ethan. She is a 7th grader at MS 141/Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy and has a strong network in the community. She is a serious athlete and plays softball for the local travel team. Riverdale Temple has been a part of her life since her baby-naming, and she has been part of the Simcha Learning Center since she was 6 years old. Her family is so very proud of her accomplishments during this unprecedented year, and extremely impressed by her dedication as she prepared to become a bat mitzvah. Please join us in celebrating. Mazel tov, Amelia!



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. The children are very busy with end-of-year projects and preparing for many of our upcoming in-person events.

On May 11 we were so happy to have our annual truck day in the parking lot. We had visits from the fire truck, the police car, ambulance, Hatzalah, a bus and everyone's favorite, the ice cream truck!!! It was such a special day, and so good for the children to have a sense of normalcy during this very difficult year.

We had our "Special Person Day," which was an in-person event, on May 25 and 26, under the tent in front of the temple. This event is a day when one special person visits with each child, looks at the art show that is displayed, plays games, does art together, and enjoys a treat with us from our bake sale.

Each child has been busy creating a special piece of art to contribute to the art show. We have abstract art, sculptures, still-life art based on Van Gogh's sunflower painting, and more.

The 2s and 3s will be ending school on June 10 and 11 with an in-person end-of-the-year party. The children will sing songs, enjoy a special snack, and take home all of their final projects and gifts from their teachers. Pre-K will celebrate their graduation on June 18 in a similar fashion. The parents are all looking forward to sharing these celebrations with their children in person, once again.

During the week of June 6th, the construction on our new playground will begin, and we are so excited to watch all of it take place and be able to see a new playground put in from start to finish. The children can't wait!!! Once it is complete, we will have a playground opening event for our children, our donors, and the Riverdale Temple community.

As the school year comes to a close, we are gearing up for camp, which begins June 28 and runs until July 31.

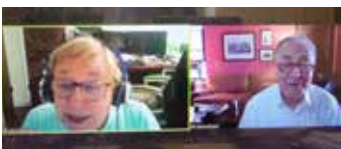
— Alexandra Abikzer, Director

WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM (SISTERHOOD)

Dear Friends!

Welcome June! May was a very exciting month for WRJ. We started with our annual lay-led service on May 1. I think it was very fitting that this was also the first service in the sanctuary since the start of the pandemic, with WRJ leading the way! I may sound like a broken record, but this service has always been my favorite. To be able to share and truly celebrate together, everyone is needed to complete the service. As always, I want to thank all who volunteered to make this service possible. There are too many people to name.

But I did want to use this column to thank Shelley Ast for her help. Our members are so important to WRJ. I am very lucky and grateful that so many of our events have dedicated individuals who go above and beyond: Rachel Radna for Mishloach Manot; Susan Birnbaum for the Women's Seder and the Fair Trade and Artisan Craft Fair; Ronni Stolzenberg for the Book Club and the Fair Trade and Artisan Craft Fair; and Helen Krim for continuing



our involvement with many important political and social programs, for example, The New York Health Act.

And speaking of Helen Krim, Helen was kind enough to secure WRJ a "spot" as a

sponsor for the May 16 forum featuring Senator Chuck Schumer and Congressman Jamaal Bowman. Helen was the moderator for

this town hall meeting, and I asked questions of the senator! It was an amazing event, a great opportunity for the senator and congressman to communicate with their constituents, and WRJ was mentioned! Nothing wrong with that!

If you have an idea for an event, please let me know. Amazing things can happen when we work together.

Here's hoping that your summer is joyful and with low humidity. We're counting down the days for The Honey Project. If you want to help, please let me know.

Best Wishes As Always,

— Joanne Heyman, President

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, **June 9**, at 7:30 p.m., to discuss *Apeirogon*, by Colum McCann. The book concerns Bassam Aramin, a Palestinian, and Rami Elhanan, an Israeli, two fathers who meet after each loses a daughter to violence and try to use their grief as a weapon for peace. The book was a *New York Times* bestseller and finalist for the Dublin Literary Award.



MEN OF REFORM JUDAISM (MEN'S CLUB)

Best wishes from the Men's Club.

— Steven Rosenfeld, President

SOCIAL ACTION

In May, I returned to Wave Hill for the first time since 2019, and to the NY Botanical Garden and the Kusama Exhibits. When I started to look at the beautiful gardens and exhibits, I thought of the Shehecheyanu prayer. I really wanted to thank God for protecting me and letting me return to special places of nature and peace.

If you may be having some similar thoughts as you or your family return to favorite spots or try something new, or just are able to hug a friend, but are so grateful for this opportunity, please consider helping and joining the Riverdale Temple Social Action Committee, which does good work to help others.

Fall 2020–Spring 2021: A Year to Say Thank You and to Help Others

1. Warm Coats, Hats, Gloves, and Scarves Collection: In December 2020, the Social Action Committee spearheaded the collection of warm outer clothing. Since the 50th Precinct was not doing its coat collection, our wonderful collection went to the AAA in Yonkers. Thanks to David Greenfield and Jeff Sklar for bringing our donations there. The AAA was delighted with our collection. Thank you to everyone who donated warm outer clothing to keep needy people warm this past winter.

2. Purim Food Drive: At the request of Rabbi Gardner, the Social Action Committee connected with the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, which was happy to come and collect all the grocery donations Riverdale Temple collected for Purim for their Pantry.

3. Outdoor Mitzvah Day: Many thanks to Cristin Messinger for organizing the successful outdoor Mitzvah Day. For many of us,

it was a great first step in being able to do a social action activity with others since the start of the pandemic. In the May bulletin, we listed several volunteers, but we want to add the following people to thank: Sherrill Spatz, Rita Pochter Lowe, Craig Katz, Jennifer Sklar, Fanta Clarke, Jessica Gonzalez, the Messinger family, and Rabbi Gardner and family (the latter families helped to complete the flower-potting gifts). I hope we have listed everyone who came out, and we are most grateful for all the donations of diapers/wipes for the Women's Shelter, groceries for the Hearts and Homes refugee group, socks and soap, etc., for The Midnight Run, and 50+ bags of clothing for Big Brothers and Sisters. The Religious School students enjoyed making the flower cups (100 in all) that went to the women at the Concourse Shelter and the Refugees in lower Westchester.

4. KRMH Food & Hunger Project: working with Interfaith Clergy and their representatives, we have given out approximately 450 KRMH Grocery Gift cards of \$50 each to help people who lost jobs or were furloughed during the pandemic. Riverdale Temple has been one of the participants. This effort will continue through 2021, in addition to the ongoing Riverdale Y Kosher Grocery program to help permanently homebound seniors.

Even with the COVID precautions, Riverdale Temple and the Social Action Committee were able to make life a little better for others. Imagine what can be accomplished when we come to the “New Normal.”

Wishing everyone a healthy, safe, and happy summer!

—Frances Segan, Ph.D., Chairperson, Social Action Committee

ADULT EDUCATION



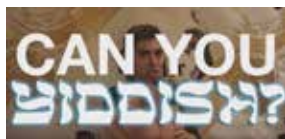
As the 2020–2021 study year draws to a close, we are pleased to inform you about two enjoyable programs that I think all of you will have fun participating in. We have added to this year's programming “A Shmek of Yiddish” and an online tour of the Yiddish Bronx.

Tuesday, **June 8**, and Tuesday, **June 15**, 7:30–8:30 p.m.

A Shmek of Yiddish (A Taste of Yiddish) with Mikhl Yashinsky.

This is a minicourse to provide you with an experience to determine whether we should host a Yiddish class at Riverdale Temple for the next study year. He will provide an introduction through bits of dialogue, Yiddish songs and film clips, and innovative material from a new textbook that he co-authored. You will be exposed to some elements of Yiddish grammar and conversation.

Mikhl Yashinsky taught Yiddish at the University of Michigan, the Yiddish Book Center, YIVO, and the Workers Circle and is the co-author of *In eynem*, an innovative new Yiddish textbook published in 2020. He is known to New York audiences for his performances in Joel Grey's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* and as the star of *The Sorceress*, both with the National



Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene. He was named to the Forward 50, the historic newspaper's annual list of influential, intriguing, and inspiring American Jews.

Remnants of the Jewish Bronx: Wednesday, **June 16**, 7:30 p.m.

Our guide will be our very own **Susan Birnbaum**, who conducts walking tours through her company, Susan Sez.

Join this remote tour (online) as we “walk” along “The Boulevard of Dreams.” Learn the history and discover the “remnants” of the Jewish Bronx.

Study with Rabbi Gardner

The rabbi's courses have concluded for this study year.

—Dr. Yvette Marrin, Chair, Adult Education Committee

The **Chavurah** will meet on **June 19** at 1:00 p.m., following our Shabbat service. The Torah portion for that day is *Chukat*. In this reading, both Miriam and Aaron die. Interestingly, Moses also commits an action that will affect his death: he strikes a rock with his staff instead of following Adonai's instruction to speak to the rock, resulting in his being denied the chance to enter the Promised Land. All are welcome to join the discussion, which should be fascinating. **Prior familiarity with the Torah is not needed.**

—Dr. Ronna Weber

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		Judith Zucker	Marla Hurban Walter Jaffe, beloved father

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Condolences



To

Linda Chokroverty and family
Gloria Karpas and family

On the Loss of

Dr. Srilekha Chakrabarty, beloved aunt
Hilda Stewart, beloved sister



The Departed Whom We Now Remember: June Yahrzeit Observances

1 Marcia Engelsher	9 Mitchell S. Nalitt	17 Martin J. Brenner	26 Edith Alin
1 Sidney Simon Holzman	9 Dr. Jordan Tobias	17 Dorothy Giserman	26 Ethel Bernstein
2 Rose R. Aronson	Rosenbaum	17 Phyllis Post Goodman	26 Elizabeth Herrup
2 Rose Burns	9 Lena Zwickel	17 Rose Hindlin Kurtz	26 Selma Genevive Miller
2 Lawrence Fox	10 Debra Evers	17 Dr. Mae Maskit Lord	26 Clara Propper
2 Renee Heyman	10 Nathan Sumner	17 Max Shankman, M.D.	26 Dr. Morton Spivack
2 Abraham J. Horowitz	11 Irving Bennett	17 Miriam Yohalem	27 Sidney Lyman
2 Isidor Rothstein	11 Alex Gottlieb	18 Murray Goldberg	27 Rose Poster
3 Philip Carlinger	11 Philip Hoffman-Levene	18 Bertha Lipshultz	27 George Rosenblum
3 Kathryn Grant Belleau	11 Julius Horowitz	18 Richard Neubauer	27 Dorothy Zwyer
3 Anne Kaiser	12 Hilda Bensley	18 Rose Noy	28 Mabel Adler
3 Max Kovitz	12 Dora Brill	19 Harriet Ivers	28 Senior Aronson
4 Charles J. Bensley	12 Dorothy Karsh	19 Ira Kleinman	28 Nathan Bernstein
4 Harry David Wachs	12 Melville C. Levene	19 William Shalof	28 Sylvia Denker
5 Sheila Brenner	12 William Sherit	20 Dr. Daniel Brown	28 Norman Kane
5 Max Handler	12 Betty Tager	20 Anna Kovar	28 Gilya Krutkovich
5 Pauline Kalinsky	13 Norma D. Haber	21 J. Edward Bennett	28 Ethel Regan
6 Dr. Hyman A. Elman	13 Rabbi Dr. Arnold Lazarus	21 Susan Fisher	28 Trude Stransky
6 Marcus Lessin	13 Rose Morris	21 Olive L. Rosenfield	29 Ruth Block
6 Max Levy	13 Steven Jay Ott	21 Irving Schneeweiss	29 Bertha Holzman
6 Morris J. Levy	13 Julia Schwartz	22 Maxine Fischel	29 Toni Rafkind
6 David Socolof	13 Yetta Weinberg	22 Yetta Rosner	29 David Ungar
6 Jacob Aaron Stam	14 Pauline Avedon	23 Esther Dubinsky	29 Gene Weissman
7 Francine Messinger	14 Lillian Benardo	23 Harriet Morse	29 Charlotte Wiener
8 Dr. Charles K. Jaeger	14 Lillian Fuhrman	23 Morton David Stein	30 Debendranath Chakrabarti
8 Alberto Mejcovsky	14 Bessie Solowey	24 Henry Groner	30 Marion Harriet Kaplan
8 Rose Poster	15 Helena Barcia	24 Louis J. Kovar	30 Ruth Richman
8 David Silverman	15 Dr. Reuben Gell	24 Joseph F. Loveman	30 Paul Sandler
8 Zona Silverstein	15 Judith Leber	25 Sophie K. Dancis	30 Vera Shatin
9 Ira Arnovich	15 Sidney Rogofsky	25 Marcelle Dubrow	
9 Frieda Blaustein	16 Albert Feit	25 Walter Jaffe	
9 Ettie Brandt	16 Abe Spirer	25 Julius Samuelson	
9 Rose Friedman	16 Eva Zelkowitz	25 Sara Sawyer	
9 Mary Goldman	16 Pearl Zolt	25 Lillian Waill	

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The Departed Whom We Now Remember: July Jahrzeit Observances

1 Annie Becker	9 Rose K. Fein	17 David Greenblatt	25 Hellen Tausk
2 Susan Dwork	10 Gilmore Bales	17 Fannie Haas	26 Esther Amols
2 Herman Fein	10 Mella Blumenstock	17 Philip Reaboy	26 Anna Kaminer
2 Helen Knopping	10 Cele Corn	17 Joan Resnik	26 Morris Semmel
2 Emily Felsenthal Loeser	10 Nathan E. Rosenthal	18 Walter F. Spiegel	27 Albert Barshatzky
2 Ida Loveman	10 Stanley Tenenbaum	19 Abraham Max Brown	27 Philip M. Dancis
2 Fred Rapp	11 Albert B. Avedon	19 Lola Friedman	28 Louis Crager
3 Abraham Cohen	11 Frances Selma Siegel	20 Joseph Benardo	28 Jack Frei
3 Rae Lillian Gillman	12 Philip Greenglass	20 Saly Haas	29 Samuel Bloustein
3 Herbert A. Lewis	12 Irene Kleinberg	20 Alfred E. Hochstein	29 Sophia Greenberg
4 Susan Gordon	12 Samuel R. Ripps	20 Harriet Landau	29 Jean Greisman
4 Eleanor R. Kern	12 Mary Robinson	20 Joseph Silverstein	29 Albert Pearlman
4 Joan Paula Resnik	12 Abraham Zolt	21 Alvin Bender	30 Tillie Binder
5 Harry Mendelson	13 Anna Dalick	21 Dr. Solomon M. Robinson	30 Rebecca Gluck
5 Jack Schwartz	14 Herbert Maier	21 Susan Angstreich	30 Frances Goldsmith
6 Frances Messing	15 Moe Elias Greisman	Rosenblum	30 Wallace Ott
6 Troy Theodoratos	15 Rhea Katz	21 Leo Segan	30 Louis Posin
6 Emanuel Traugott	15 Jacqueline Schweitzer	21 Edna Turteltaub	31 Leo Benardo
7 Julia Hartman	15 Roslie Small	22 Hannah Batkin	31 Annie Eisen
7 Rozalya Krutkovich	15 Julia Sundheim	22 Constance Gordon	31 Eric Alan Elias
8 Minnie Fass	16 Senior Aronson	23 Steven Wolfe Alpert	31 Jeanette Krein
8 Elaine Ruth Isenberg	16 Carrie Blumenthal	24 S. Robert Friedman	31 Charles Rapaport
8 Philip (Skitch) Ivers	16 Mildred Jaffe	24 Anny Ross	31 Nathan Turteltaub
8 Bernard L. Spanier	16 Ellen Mozlin	24 Louis Schwartz	
9 Ichel Blumenstock	16 Louis Solowey	25 Frances W. Aaron	
9 Leon Djivre	16 Dora (Devorah) Wachtel	25 Marsha Blum	

The Departed Whom We Now Remember: August Jahrzeit Observances

1 Benjamin Michael Kurtz	8 Ben Rattner	14 Seymour Greisman	21 Joseph Eisen	27 Ruth Fox Blumenthal
1 Dorothy Raffkind	9 Mary Fisher	14 Larry Meisler	21 Frederick Kleinman	27 Helen Cytryn
2 Morris Cohn	9 Gregory Grinn	14 Leah M. Robinson	21 Matthew Rosen	27 Joan D. Leslese Halpern
2 Morton Kleinman	9 Paul Hirschl	14 Elias Rushfield	22 Pauline Fox	27 Richard Kasner
3 Joseph Arnowich	9 Stanley Roger	14 Ida Wilensky	22 Charles H. Goodman	27 Herman Kronman
3 Hazel Nalitt Kaplan	9 Morris Wachtel	16 Dr. Henry Horn	22 Howard Poblner	27 Otto Kucera
3 Betty R. Rosenberg	9 Abraham Wiener	16 Gary Lichtenstein	22 Esther G. Rosenberg	28 Meyer Cohen
3 Meta Rothschild	10 Max Fondiller	16 Minnie G. Traugott	23 David Fisher	28 Margaret Elkus
4 Anna Schulman	10 Nathan Horn	17 Jessie Glick	23 Bernard Kramer	28 Valeria Gerard
5 Irving Margulies	10 Irving C. Nachbar	17 Morris Kramer	23 Erwin A. Merson	28 Olle Schliftman
5 David Rosner	10 Samuel Wessler	18 Pauline Kalinowsky	23 Dr. David Stolzenberg	29 Rachel Leah Fritz
5 Andrew Sandler	11 Alexander Gordon	18 Alice Krim	24 Mac S. Albert	29 Hilda Stoll
6 Rita Fauer Franklin	11 Judith Saxe Kuvin	18 Ethel Wolf Miller	24 Philip Knopping	30 Harry Fuhrman
6 Louis Froehlich	11 Dr. Charles Mandel	18 Charles R. Seidner	24 Karin Joan Singer	30 David Lerman
6 Harry Schliftman	11 Karl F. Ross	18 Benjamin Silverman	25 Frederick David Bernstein	30 Esther Resnik
7 Freda Block	12 Larry Brockman	19 Fred Alwaise	25 Abraham Heisner	30 Mildred Rosenthal
7 Seymour Hirsch	13 Hyman Jaffe	19 Jack Bross	26 Martha Lazarus	30 Dr. Frederic Stern
7 Harry Kaplan	13 Caryl Klein	19 Ruth Fertig	26 Joseph Sawyer	30 Alma Weiler
7 Alexander Lessin	13 Stanley Popelsky	19 Marcel Kwal	27 Yetta Bennett	30 Samuel Young
7 Elliot Liskin	13 Julia Silberkleit	19 David Sadkin		31 Anne G. Aronson
7 Bea Rosberg	13 Jacob Strisik	19 Anna Tauber		31 Alexander Krausz
7 Samuel Schneeweiss	13 David Weiner	20 Warren Raynes		
	14 Ethel Parker Dubrov	20 Sam Snyder		

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