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FROM THE DESK OF RABBI PEARL

June coincides partially with the Hebrew month of Tammuz, which is distinguished by the commencement, on June 27, with the Fast of the Seventeenth of Tammuz. This day, which commemorates the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem by the besieging Roman armies in the year 70 C.E., is the start of a period of time known as the "Three Weeks" ending with the Fast of the Ninth of Av on July 18. This period of time is a time of mourning for the tragedies of Jewish history, with an increasing degree of sadness marking this period as we get closer to the 9 of Av, which commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples. These three weeks are a mournful time period, in which our religious tradition precludes all celebrations, and which is deemed an unlucky time for new enterprises and personal decisions.

As I write these words, Israel is under attack, as missiles are launched from Gaza toward various targets, as Jews seek safety in bomb shelters, as the world unfairly and unreasonably indicts Israel once again for defending herself against terror and for asserting her rights to self-defense. The sanctity and safety of the holy places of Jerusalem are used as pretexts for attacks upon Jews. A member of our congregation, Jack Tabak, who with his wife Masha recently made aliyah, has had to seek safety with children living in the north of Israel, hopefully out of the range of the rockets. While the Israeli government is forthright and unwavering in determination to defend and protect, the risk and danger that Jews face every day is heartbreaking for all of us.

The observances of the Three Weeks are not just a history lesson. They are a warning that Jewish life remains risky and precarious. They are a reminder that, for reasons beyond our understanding, G-d tests our faith with adversity. They are a sign that we remain awaiting redemption and holy blessings, and must

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK (Continued)

elevate our conduct to be worthy of that redemption and those blessings. May Israel, and the entire Jewish people, remain safe. May we take the lessons of Jewish history to heart, and grow to be worthy of peace, safety, and blessings for all time. May G-d protect and defend all of us, and redeem us, speedily and in our days.

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FRIDAY CANDLE LIGHTING

6/04	-	8:05 pm	-	Sivan	24
6/11	-	8:09 pm	-	Tammuz	1
6/18	-	8:12 pm	-	Tammuz	8
6/25	-	8:13 pm	-	Tammuz	15

Hurray! We're Open!

Starting with the celebration of Shavous, our shul was open for in person services. Thank you to Laurie Raps, Janice Rappaport, and Susan Finkelstein for providing a delicious luncheon after services.

I would also like to thank all the people who showed up to allow us to have a complete service. Thank you all for your continued support and contributions that keep us going.

I hope to see you all soon at services and at other functions at the shul. It had been great seeing all the people on Zoom and now we can do it in person. I look forward to seeing you all.

Marty Eisenberg

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

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ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

Bette & Steve Goldstein in honor of the birth of their
grandson, Mason Eli
Francine & Ira Sklar for a Siddur in memory of
Miriam Boxer

DID YOU KNOW???

March 25 - Timothy Heard ·

A grandson of slaves, a boy was born in a poor neighborhood of New Orleans known as the "Back of Town." His father abandoned the family when the child was an infant. His mother became a prostitute and the boy and his sister had to live with their grandmother. Early in life he proved to be gifted for music and with three other kids he sang in the streets of New Orleans. His first gains were coins that were thrown to them.

A Jewish family, Karnofsky, who had emigrated from Lithuania to the USA, had pity for the 7-year-old boy and brought him into their home. Initially giving 'work' in the house, to feed this hungry child. There he remained and slept in this Jewish family's home where, for one of the first times in his life, he was treated with kindness and tenderness.

When he went to bed, Mrs. Karnovsky sang him a Russian lullaby that he would sing with her. Later, he learned to sing and play several Russian and Jewish songs. Over time, this boy became like an adopted son of this family.

The Karnofskys gave him money to buy his first musical instrument, as was the custom in the Jewish families. They sincerely admired his musical talent. Later, when he became a professional musician and composer, he used Jewish melodies in some of his compositions.

DID YOU KNOW (Continued)

The young black boy grew up and wrote a book about this Jewish family who had adopted him in 1907. In memory of this family, and until the end of his life, he wore a Star of David and said that in this family he had learned "how to live real life and determination."

You might recognize his name. This little boy was called Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong. Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish and "Satchmo" is Yiddish for "big cheeks, a nickname some say was given to him by Mrs. Karnofsky!

I was listening to What a Wonderful World Song by Louis Armstrong and wanted to share the story.



TAX FORM DONATIONS

Thanks to all of you who participated in Sisterhood's novel Tax Form fundraiser. Hope you enjoyed this fun new way of raising much needed funds for our synagogue and special thanks to Rita Hauser for suggesting this to us. Check the next Shofar for tallys.

SOME TRIVIA FOR YOU

Thank you Shelly Lynn for passing this on!

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board..'



Yahrzeits FOR June 2021

Yahrzeits begin on the evening before the given date. If you need to say Kaddish for a Yahrzeit, please call the office two weeks before and we will try to have a Minyan. It would be helpful if you could have a few family members or friends attend the services to make sure there is a Minyan. For additions or corrections to this list, please contact Scott Diamond at 917-674-3317 or slzdiamond@hotmail.com

June	Day	Sivan	Yahrzeit Of	Relationship	Relative
1	Tues	21	Joseph Abramowitz	Father	Bernie Abramowitz
1	Tues	21	Joseph Grossman	Father	Karen Saks
1	Tues	21	Allen Perner	Relative	Shelly Harwayne
1	Tues	21	Raisa Krasner	Sister	Klavdiya Boginsky
3	Thurs	23	Anna Wolf	Grandmother	Naomi Kirsch
4	Fri	24	Raisa Vernovskaya	Mother-In-Law	Barry Miltz
6	Sun	26	Leonard Brosnick	Husband	Lillian Brosnick
6	Sun	26	Leonard Brosnick	Father	Kevin Brosnick
7	Mon	27	Lucille Rosenbach	Mother	Janet Rocco
10	Thurs	30	Gertrude Gordon	Mother	Gary Gordon
		Tammuz			
11	Fri	1	Gertrude Berger	Mother	Dr. Sandy Berger
12	Sat	2	Evelyn Gruschka	Mother-In-Law	Norman Smith
12	Sat	2	Jennie Poris	Mother	Steven Poris
13	Sun	3	Charles Landwehr	Father	Eleanor Dovdavany
13	Sun	3	Mendel Mayzlin	Husband	Mira Mayzlin
16	Wed	6	Hyman Hoffnung	Grandfather	Diane Schwartz
16	Wed	6	Benjamin Kalifowitz	Grandfather	Eileen Cooper
17	Thurs	7	Joseph Levine	Father	Norman Levine
18	Fri	8	Miriam Cooper	Mother	Marvin Cooper
19	Sat	9	Lev Shoikhetbrod	Father In Law	Gretta Kovler
20	Sun	10	Heinz Moddel	Father	Susan Finkelstein
20	Sun	10	Herb Sohn	Father	Rita Eisenberg
22	Tues	12	Kenneth Zolotsky	Father	Traci Frey
23	Wed	13	Maizie Klug	Relative	Mayle Family
24	Thurs	14	Gertrude Springer	Mother	Sandy Levy
25	Fri	15	Zelda Cramer	Mother-In-Law	Ana Cramer
25	Fri	15	George Eisenberg	Father	Martin Eisenberg
26	Sat	16	Manya Gitelman	Mother	Mikhail Gitelman
27	Sun	17	Harry Goldstein	Father	Dr. Steven Goldstein
27	Sun	17	Harry Nathanson	Father	Lenny Nathanson
27	Sun	17	Edith Levy	Mother-In-Law	Sandy Levy
27	Sun	17	Morris Finkelstein	Father	Richie Finkelstein
27	Sun	17	Morris Finkelstein	Father	Gail Kashubo
27	Sun	17	Harvey Phillips	Husband	Lillian Phillips
29	Tues	19	Sol Eldlin	Father	Doris Wasser
30	Wed	20	Sydelle Smolowitz	Mother	Larry Smolowitz

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