



from Student Rabbi Joseph Rosen...

At the threshold...

Imagine God writing in the Book of Life. Imagine inscribing every name. What would God's writing instrument be? Is it a pen, a quill, a big black sharpie? What I can tell you, is that if God is truly writing our names down, this is not something that gets erased or smudged over time. This writing instrument is permanent and it is not coming out. It can be crossed out or ripped out, but that page where our names are written will never be the same again.

We have come to the crux of the Jewish calendar. As our liturgy reflects, the Gates of Heaven are opening and we, a humble and proud people stand in front of God, that we may be inscribed in the Book of Life on Rosh HaShanah and then sealed on Yom Kippur.

During my year in Jerusalem, our service space overlooked the ancient walls of the Old City of Jerusalem. Through these windows, I saw a beautiful and hallowed place where three religions existed in one place. There was something unexplainable about seeing the three different faiths coming together. I get that same feeling every time I join a community for the High Holidays. Some of you maybe are here just for this time of the year and some every week. Some had a more traditional upbringing and some far from it. Yet, on in our most sacred days, we will all be together in one sacred space.

I have our Jewish tradition to thank for this. Our tradition requires that the prayer service, even private or silent prayer, be done in a community. This practice reflects the importance of a community no matter what the setting. It is important that we keep this community close to our hearts as we enter a time of Reflection, Repentance, and Renewal.

On the threshold of this most sacred time, we are immersed in a tradition that has connected the Jewish people since ancient times. We get to the point where we come to stand at the Gates of Heaven and when we get to that moment, we realize that we do not yet know how we are supposed to start. How do we present ourselves in the presence of God? Standing at this hallowed threshold we ask ourselves: How do we enter this sacred time? Whatever the answer may be, standing at this threshold is not an ideal place for us to realize that we do not know what to do. At this moment, we are caught in a liminal space, a limbo between the year that was and the year to come. While we are found confused at this pinnacle moment, we can approach it in a constructive way to ground ourselves for the New Year.

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from the Congregation President...

Israel's first-responders form kaleidoscope of cultures

Jewish, Muslim, Christian volunteers work side by side for United Hatzalah, Magen David Adom and ZAKA to aid victims of accident and illness.



Arab and Jewish ZAKA volunteers in the Negev prepare to rescue victims together

By Abigail Klein Leichman

<http://www.israel21c.org/israels-first-responders-form-kaleidoscope-of-cultures/>

An unusual hug caused thunderous applause at a recent Knesset ceremony saluting Israel's emergency medical first-responders and search-and-rescue personnel.

Parliamentarian Yehudah Glick, who survived an Arab shooting attack two years ago, spontaneously climbed onto the podium to embrace Kabahah Muawhiya, an Arab-Israeli volunteer EMT with national volunteer emergency medical services organization United Hatzalah of Israel.

"United Hatzalah is not just about emergency first response and medical rescuing, but it is literally uniting people from different walks of life and different religions," Muawhiya told Israeli lawmakers. "It is a uniting of peoples and a unity of hearts."

Many people are surprised to learn that Arab citizens volunteer and work for the Israeli emergency response organizations Magen David Adom (MDA); ZAKA and United Hatzalah.

For the first-responders, it's only natural that representatives of all Israel's population groups would cooperate to save lives.

"I am there to treat people who are hurt, and it doesn't matter if they are Jewish or Arab," United Hatzalah volunteer medic Khaled Rishek tells ISRAEL21c. "It gives me a feeling of satisfaction."

Rishek and Muawhiya are among about 300 Muslim, Druze and Christian United Hatzalah volunteer EMTs, paramedics and doctors out of a total of some 3,000 who race to calls in their own neighborhoods.

After 10 years in United Hatzalah, Rishek is friends with many of the Jewish volunteers in Jerusalem. He lives on a street with Arabs on one side and Jews on the other, along the former border between Jordan and Israel. He's a longtime employee of the Jerusalem International YMCA, "a place that is also one of coexistence."

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Mt. Zion Cemetery Update

If anyone would like updates on the Mt. Zion Temple Cemetery and its Cemetery Association (which is currently being re-organized), please contact: Susan Hurwitz susanhurwitz1@gmail.com. Susan, Nancy and Chuck Hurwitz are the children of the late Duke and Dorothy Hurwitz. They are in the process of setting up a perpetual fund for maintenance and ongoing administration of the cemetery. They very much want to hear from anyone/everyone with an interest in the Cemetery.

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"Khaled is one of our most active volunteers," says United Hatzalah founder Eli Beer, who shared a \$10,000 peace prize with his Arab coordinator, Murad Alyan, in 2013.

"Our [Arab] volunteers are dealing with saving lives of their neighbors who have heart attacks and car accidents," Beer tells ISRAEL21c. "They feel comfortable with what they're doing and they feel privileged to do it. When you're wearing our jacket, you're a hero and people look to you for help."

Like brothers

During a spate of terror attacks last fall, an MDA crew consisting of the ultra-Orthodox men Yisrael Arbus and Haggai Bar-Tov and Fadi Dikdik from Shuafat, an Arab neighborhood of Jerusalem, told a Yedioth Ahrenoth reporter, "We are like brothers."

Dikdik is responsible for the whole East Jerusalem area for MDA and speaks Arabic, Hebrew, English, Yiddish and Russian. He has worked with MDA for 12 years and recruits teens from Shuafat to take MDA's first-aid course.

In August 2015, MDA senior paramedic Ziad Dawiyat, an Arab-Israeli, went to assist a laboring mother in Jerusalem – the same woman whose fatally injured infant he had transported to the hospital the previous October following a terror attack.

ZAKA, which retrieves bodily remains following accidents and violent crimes, and mounts search-and-rescue missions in Israel and worldwide, trains Bedouin, Muslim and Druze volunteers to serve their own communities.

"It gives me faith and pride that they depend on me," Sheikh Jaffal Abu Sabet, leader of ZAKA's Muslim unit in the Negev, told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporter. "In the end we are all people — Jews, Muslims, Christians — and we all must be taken care of the same way."

Yossi Fraenkel, ZAKA's deputy commander for greater Jerusalem and operations officer for the ZAKA International Rescue Unit – as well as a volunteer MDA paramedic, volunteer Israel Police officer and former New York City Police chaplain – says it is "an amazing honor to be part of an organization that's so diverse. We don't see color or race; we see human beings. We are there for everyone, no matter who and no matter where."

Last April, ZAKA held a three-day disaster preparedness training course in the Dead Sea region for Israeli and Palestinian volunteers under the auspices of the Ministry for Regional Cooperation, in partnership with the Palestinian volunteer organization Green Land Society for Health Development (GLSHD).

"Natural disasters do not differentiate between peoples; they affect everyone," said GLSHD Director Dr. Akram Amro. "Therefore, we too, as residents in this region, must unite in order to be able to help each other, regardless of religion or nationality."

"More than the Jewish people has kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jewish people."

– Ahad Ha-am (Asher Zvi Hirsch Ginsberg, 1856 –1927)

And, celebrating Shabbat has kept the Jewish community together. Shabbat is a time we can connect with fellow Jews to pray, celebrate, comfort, heal, relax, and connect in our own individual way with G-d. Shabbat helps us identify as a community also. We connect with fellow Jews all over the world on Shabbat. "Observe the Sabbath," Deuteronomy 5:12. One of the ways to observe is to attend a Friday night service.

In order for services to happen when the Student Rabbi isn't with us, lay leaders are needed. Any Jew is considered a lay leader. One wonderful thing about the Siddur we use for services is that there are 10 services to choose from, along with reflections and added readings. Leading a service doesn't need to be the responsibility of a single person. If leading a "whole" service doesn't work for you, ask a friend to co-lead with you. A service can also be led by a family, each member taking a part that is meaningful to them.

If you need help putting a service together, all you have to do is ask. There are plenty of people who would be glad to help. BUT what we really need now is for people to sign up to lead the services on the Fridays when the Student Rabbi isn't here.

Service Leaders are needed for the following Fridays during the first half of the new academic year:

October 14

November 11 & 25

December 16, 23 & 30

Please pick a Friday that you would like to lead and let me know either by email, phone or text. Again, if you would like to learn how to lead or need help putting service together, please don't hesitate to ask.

Shalom,

Jan Forstein, Ritual Chairperson (bityah01@aol.com)

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Egg Cartons needed!

The Food Give Away will be giving away 12,000 eggs in October and we need egg cartons. If you can bring them to High Holy Day services, please leave them on the table in the library.



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TIDINGS DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10th

Remember to submit articles appropriate for the November *Tidings*.

To submit articles, email them to:
carol@theprintersinc.com

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Most Friday afternoons (3:30 pm - approx 5:30 pm), volunteers are needed to assist with Faith Temple Church's food distribution at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds. For more information about this experience, please contact Stephen Rosenthal, Jan Forstein, Royce Hansman, Judy Lampert, Tovia Forstein, Anita & Larry Bierman or Logan Hansman, all of whom have been there.

Beginning on September 16th and on the THIRD Friday of every month.... anyone interested in helping with the Food Giveaway is invited to meet in the Mt. Zion Temple parking lot at 2:30 pm to carpool over to the Fairgrounds. Please note that you are welcome to help with the Food Giveaway on any Friday that it is held and you are free to drive over on your own even on these third Fridays. But for those interested in driving over together, this option is being offered.

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Be it the Jewish New Year or the Gregorian New Year, many people go through a tradition of setting New Year's Resolutions for themselves so that they might improve their lives during this liminal period. Looking back and looking forward, its important to take this time to pause, to reflect and to figure out where we want our footing for the upcoming year. Taking this time to pause and ground ourselves is important for a healthy lifestyle. The Jewish calendar provides these moments weekly through the instrument of Shabbat.

But to separate this period from those other times, to truly make the most out of the High Holy Days and set them apart from the rest of the year, I ask that we go the extra mile in our reflections. Make that promise to spend time with family and friends even in the busiest times. Reach out to old friends that we have not seen in a while, write letters or E-Mails to them so that our relationships are strengthened and renewed. Begin to make amends to those we have hurt, and take in those who come to us for forgiveness.

It is at this time that we critically evaluate ourselves. What behaviors do we enjoy about ourselves? What behaviors do we need to change? While asking ourselves these questions, it is important that we take into considerations that everything that we write down or comes to mind is written in permanent fashion. Even if we do not fulfill them, our promises from the past do not fade away but leave an empty hole. As we begin the New Year, we must find ways to fill those holes meaningfully so that we can aspire to a state of holiness and wholeness.

When he was 14 years old, George Washington wrote down 110 rules for behaving in public. When I got his book, Rules of Civility and Decent Behaviour In Company and Conversation, and read it for the first time. The first thing that I thought to myself was that he was taking himself too seriously. After a second look, this is not about some kid being too big for his britches. Rather it is about a young man taking it upon himself to better his behavior. It is not written to just sugar coat it with simple things, but being meticulous in laying out every single behavior imaginable to him in order to have a complete self-awareness in company be it physical or mental.

As we begin this process as a community, we pray together so that we support each other during these intense days of Reflection, Repentance and Renewal. We also take the time to make those rules for ourselves so that we can have that self-awareness of ourselves. Then, when we stand in that hallowed threshold, between what was and what will be, we will know who we were, who we are, and who we strive to be.

L'hitraot
Until then...
Joseph

***Rosh Hashanah Greetings from
Aviv Ezra, Consul General of
Israel to the Midwest***



Dear Friends,

As the new Consul General of Israel to the Midwest, allow me to extend a heartfelt Shana Tova, and my warmest wishes to you and yours for a happy, healthy and joyous new year. On a personal note, I would like to thank the Jewish communities throughout the Midwest, as well as the consulate staff for their gracious and warm welcome. I am grateful to have found an exceptionally warm and supportive reception. I am confident that together we will collaborate to deepen the connection to our beloved State of Israel.

The High Holidays are a time for introspection and reflection. They also serve as an opportunity to assess what we have accomplished in the previous year and what we strive to achieve in the time ahead. For me this Rosh Hashana brings a new post as Consul General, with its unique set of challenges and opportunities.

Chicago and the Midwest are home to some of the strongest and most vibrant Jewish communities in the United States. You are among the most strategic partners to the State of Israel. As Consul General I will work tirelessly to help maintain and strengthen the inexorable and unshakable bond between the United States and the Jewish homeland. This will take place in the form of continued cooperation in several key areas: joint economic projects, cultural collaboration, as well as continued technological partnerships, especially in the realm of innovation.

I will also work to promote Jewish identity and continuity throughout the Midwest vis-à-vis the state of Israel, and to support and strengthen these exemplary communities. Referred to as America's heartland, this region is truly the beating heart of America; its very core. It is, therefore, hardly surprising that the Jewish leadership therein represent some of the strongest and most vibrant individuals in the United States. Chicago alone, boasts a Jewish population of an estimated 300,000 – and while other Midwest Jewish communities may not be as large, they are equally as tenacious in maintaining their identity and creating a thriving communal life. We must continue to work together to maintain and enhance this passion for our shared roots and heritage, as well as our joint concern for the State of Israel, which serves as the very embodiment of Jewish continuity.

I seek your help as Israel faces a myriad of challenges, including security threats to its very existence. The Middle East is experiencing turbulent winds of change, with an as yet to be determined outcome. But this much is clear, the region's radical forces are not getting weaker: Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in Gaza and al-Qaida in Sinai are all working tirelessly to destroy the Jewish State. Iran continues to support terrorist organizations financially and militarily, causing havoc throughout the Muslim world. and in the United States, the BDS movement continues to undermine Israel's very legitimacy and tarnish its international standing.

We are only strong when we stand shoulder to shoulder. Together we can extend our deep roots, and continue to foster thriving communities. If there is something Israelis and Midwesterners share, it is a proud sense of tenacity and dogged determination. And the State of Israel is living proof that resolve and hard work will indeed get you far.

I wish you and your families good health, joy and happiness for the upcoming year and look forward to a productive year together ahead!

Shana Tova!

**STUDENT RABBI
JOSEPH ROSEN'S
SCHEDULE 2016**

September 30th - October 13th

November 4th - 6th

November 18th - 20th

December 2nd - 4th

December 9th - 11th

**Hosts for Student Rabbi
Joseph Rosen's Friday
and Saturday meals are needed.**

Please contact Marty Davidsohn at
martydavidsohn@gmail.com
or 254-8434 and get your favorite date.

Oneg Shabbat Hosts Needed: Please Volunteer
I would like to ask for volunteers for Onegs for this fall. Please let me know especially if you are willing to help out in November or December. I prefer email (Cathy. Ezrailson@usd.edu) but my cell is 281-773-5458.

*Thank you so much,
Cathy Ezrailson*

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and Judy Lampert (339-3170)*

**Visiting Groups
to the Temple**

Our congregation is served by a Student Rabbi who is available a limited number of weekends from September through May. We encourage your scheduling your Friday evening worship services visit only when the Student Rabbi is in residence. For Friday evening visits and/or in cases where other scheduling arrangements are needed, please call or email the President of the congregation who will assist you with scheduling.

Wishing you a
5777
 filled with blessings
 as numerous as
 the seeds of the
 pomegranate.



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Join Us at the Table!



Our potluck dinners have been a HUGE success. Everyone who comes says they are great and it's really wonderful to get together and share a Shabbat meal. **The next Shabbat potluck dinner is October 7th at 6:00 pm. Save November 4th for the one after this month's.** We hope to see even more of our community there. Just bring a dish and join us.

This dinner is open to all families of the congregation. This dinner will occur every first Friday of the month whether the Student Rabbi is in town or not. The dinner will conclude before services. Attendees are not required to go to services following the dinner but are certainly welcome to do so. Please put this on your calendar and join us.

For more information, contact Stephen Rosenthal at rosenthal.stephen@gmail.com or call 376-5189.



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Potluck Dinner

Friday, October 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Friday, November 4, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Friday, December 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Friday, January 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm



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Mt. Zion Congregation - October 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A reminder that proper attire should be worn when participating in services at Mt. Zion Temple. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.					30 (Elul 28)  6:51 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service <i>Student Rabbi Rosen</i> Torah: Nitzavim Deut 22:9-30:20 Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm	1 10 am Torah Study
2  6:47 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Services 7:30 pm Followed by Congregation Oneg in the Social Hall	3 Rosh Hashanah Services 10:00 am Tashlich 4:00 pm Rotary-Norlin Park Mel & Mary Magidson Anniv	4	5	6 Tovia Forstein Bday	7 (Tishri 6)  6:38 pm 6:00 Shabbat Potluck Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah Service <i>Student Rabbi Rosen</i> Torah: Va-yeilech Deut 31:1-30 Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm	8 10 am Torah Study TIDINGS deadline
9 Cemetery Services 10:00 am - Mt Zion Cemetery Sons of Israel following	10 Olivia Hubley Bday	11  6:31 pm Kol Nidre 7:30 pm Raleigh Hansman & Tom Woodworth Anniv	12 Yom Kippur Morning 10 am Afternoon 2 pm Yizkor 4 pm Concluding 5 pm Ashley & Ben Tallman Anniv	13	14 (Tishri 13)  6:26 pm 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Torah: Haazinu Deut. 32:1-52 Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm	15 10 am Torah Study
16 Diane Pecheny Bday, Julie Roth & Lewis Casson Anniv	17	18	19	20 Steve & Deb Hicks Anniv	21 (Tishri 20)  6:15 pm 7:30 pm SUCCOT/ Shabbat Service Torah: Exodus 33:12-34:26 Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18-39:7 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm (meet at 2:30 at Temple to carpool)	22 10 am Torah Study David Rosinsky Bday
23 Jay Rosenberg Bday	24	25	26	27	28 (Tishri 27)  6:04 pm 7:30 pm SIMCHAT TORAH Shabbat Service Torah: B'reishit, Gen. 1:1-6:8 Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10 Food Giveaway: 3:30 - 5 pm Marty Davidsohn Bday	29 10 am Torah Study
30 Ben Tallman, Sophia Drieske Bdays	31 Shane Hubley Bday		David Aronson Bday			



Yahrzeits

All Yahrzeits that are observed Sunday through Saturday are read the Friday of that same week. If a Yahrzeit is not listed or you need information concerning Yahrzeits, please call Jan Forstein at 332-3354. A Yahrzeit card and envelope will be sent to you to notify you of upcoming Yahrzeits. (If you do not receive your notification, please contact Jan.) Also included with the notification card is a donor envelope if you wish to make a donation to the Temple in memory of your loved one.

October 7th

Harlan Hiatt
Aaron Magasiner
Eli Hosen
Ruth Goldstein

October 14th

Helen Kopel
Bert L. Schotten
Harry Pitts
Jeanelle Wendte
Bernard Haar
Leopold Rosenstein

October 21st

Augusta Stern
Otto Schloss
Fannye Radin
Samuel Hymes
Ludwig "Lou" Wolf
Cera Brenner

October 28th

Tabitha Henkin
Rabbi Eugene Hibshman
Rosa Greenstein
Annie Wiener
Bertie Brown
Max Eisner
Janice Bressler
Sarah Remenson
Fannie Fوسفeld
Cele Eirinberg

November 4th

Augusta Livingston
Aaron L Kaminsky
Bernard "Barney" Gutnik
Walter May
Jack Fortein
Maurice Kopel



HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE



ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Evening Service, Sunday, October 2nd, 7:30 p.m.
Community Oneg in the Temple Social Hall following Services

Morning Service, Monday, October 3rd, 10:00 a.m.
Tashlich Service, Monday, October 3rd,
Rotary-Norlin Park (26th & Southeastern), 4:00 p.m.

A Tashlich service is held on the shore of a free flowing body of water and is a symbolic ceremony where we toss bread into the river, stream, etc.. as if we were casting off our sins for the previous year. It is a very informal ceremony and is often a highlight of the high holidays for children and families.

SHABBAT SHUVAH SERVICE

Friday, October 7th, 7:30 p.m. (following Potluck Shabbat Dinner at 6 p.m.)

CEMETERY SERVICES

Sunday, October 9th:
10:00 a.m. at Mt. Zion Cemetery (E. 12th St.)
Immediately following at Sons of Israel Cemetery (E. 12th St.)

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Kol Nidre, Tuesday, October 11th, 7:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur Day Services, Wednesday, October 12th:
Morning Service, 10:00 a.m.
Afternoon Service, 2:00 p.m.
Yizkor Memorial Service, 4:00 p.m.
Concluding Service, 5:00 p.m.

SUCCOT

Succot Service: Friday, October 21st, 7:30 p.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

Friday, October 28th, 7:30 p.m.



NOTE: There will not be babysitters provided this year, however, there will be a space available for parents to take their children and attend to them if they wish.