

CHAI LIGHTS

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Chai Lights is the newsletter of the Manhattan Jewish Congregation and K-State B'nai B'rith Hillel, the Jewish Student Organization. Contributions to this newsletter are always welcome. Send your articles, jokes, information, or just plain comments to: Steve Galitzer, Editor, <galitz@kansas.net> or call 539-9292. Thanks to the Chai Lights staff—Dolly Gudder and Seth Galitzer— for their help last month.

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Elul, the month of preparation, is complete. Tishri follows with Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur, the two most Holy days in the Jewish year. Rosh Hashannah is the New Year festival that begins the ten-days of penitence that ends with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. We begin October with Yom Kippur.

Memories of years past live within our minds. Although many of us are miles away from our families, we try to create our own traditions. Some of us have done this by developing special relationships and creating an "extended family" within the Manhattan Jewish community.

Rosh Hashanah begins with a joyful celebration, Yom Kippur ends with complete fasting and inner searching,

when we make amends with God. This Holy period begins with the blowing of the shofar and ends with a traditional Break-the-Fast. After services we all gather for a meal with our family and friends.

Following the Break-the-Fast, the Sukkah is built. We celebrate Sukkot four days after Yom Kippur. Sukkot is also called the Feast of Booths, the Feast of Tabernacles or the Feast of the Ingathering. This joyous holiday lasts for eight days and it starts October 7th. During which it is traditional to eat in the Sukkah.

The four symbols of Sukkot are the palm branch, etrog, myrtle and willow, these comprise the lulav, representing human brotherhood. The palm branch describes people of power and influence; the etrog, people of saintliness and learning; the myrtle, the average men and women; and the willow, the poor.

Each person is different, yet together they are

SHABBAT SERVICES

The MJC does not affiliate with the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, or any other Jewish theological organization. Therefore, we have no Rabbi and we are completely Lay lead. We are always looking for Leaders for Shabbat Services. If you want to volunteer, call Steve Galitzer, 539-9292 or email, <galitzer@kansas.net>. Shabbat Services every are held every Friday night, starting at 7:30 pm. We do not generally have Saturday morning services, except for very special occasions.

There will be a special Shabbat Service for Sukkot, Friday, October 6th. So be there to take part in waving the Lulav and Estrog, 7:30 pm.

And a very special celebration on 10:00 am, Sunday, October 15th for Simchat Torah. So join us when we take out the Torah and unwind it in its entirety, carefully learning about the Torah. We will read the ending and the beginning all the while dancing and singing praises to the Torah.

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HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

Rosh Hashannah

Friday evening, September 22nd, 7:30 pm

Saturday morning, September 23rd, 10:00 am

New Year Reception at the Galitzer's following services

Tashlich, September 23rd, 4:00 pm

Yom Kippur

Sunday evening, Kol Nidre, October 1st, 7:30 pm

Monday morning, October 2nd, 10:00 am

Monday afternoon, 4:30 pm

Yizkor (Memorial) Service, 5:30 pm

Closing Service, 6:15 pm

Havdalah Service, 7:00 pm

Break-the-Fast immediately following.

Sukkot Through Simchat Torah

Sukkot Shabbat Service, October 6th, 7:30 pm

Simchat Torah Service, October 15th, 10:00 am

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

First, thanks to everyone who came to brunch! I think the dialog with Mike Miller, our most local FBI agent, was interesting and enlightening. I think he is a person to whom we can refer with the utmost assurance that he will respond to our concerns as thoroughly as possible. His message—*be vigilant, aware and observant* is good advice. In light of the world that Mike reminds us we are living in, and during this season of reflection, I believe that we as Jews in Manhattan Kansas, must find ways to solidify as a community—ways to come together, work together and provide a strong unified and active presence. This will require action on the part of each community member. Each person must be willing to help provide the services that we have come to expect—to actually do things like:

- conduct services
- prepare meals
- help set up/clean up for events
- be present for services and activities—especially when *guests* are invited
- hold an office
- chair or serve on a committee
- represent the congregation to the public
- pay dues

Each of us must do our part. You cannot depend on the Board or the people who have *traditionally* done the work. **At this time—in 2006—each of us must contribute to the viability of our community.** Paying dues is VERY important. But right now, a personal commitment to do some of the WORK is sorely needed.

On October 15th at 10:00 am we will have our Simchat Torah service, followed by the brunch and the annual meeting. THE topic of conversation at this annual meeting, will be *who will do what...*including the following jobs that need to be filled:

- **President Elect:** the position has been vacant for most of the past year—Board members have been willing to stay in place for an additional year—with the understanding that a Pres- Elect comes forward now.

- **Brunch Speaker Chair**—someone willing to contact and arrange speakers for brunches.
- **Brunch Food Manager**—People signed up to prepare food for the whole year—this person will be responsible for reminding them and filling in or getting someone to fill in an emergency.
- **Help** is needed for Shabbat dinners and any other time there is a food activity requiring set-up & clean-up
- **Volunteers** to conduct services for Shabbat and Holidays are needed—Most Fridays for the Fall are covered—but anyone not yet committed should call to take a turn.
- **Holiday Celebrations & Potlucks**—folks are needed to help when called upon by our Social Committee Chairs, David & Sheila (thank you for serving again!).

Many thanks to Marietta Ryba-White who has done such a wonderful job making our building's exterior beautiful for these last several years. And thanks to Rose Phillips for agreeing to take over this task for the coming year.

Next, I report with some sadness, that we will not have religious school on Sundays this year. It will be my privileged to be studying with Jamie Weiss for his Bar Mitzvah and Sarah Reardon for her Confirmation. If there are parents or others interest in teaching and students wanting to participate, we will certainly support reconvening the Sunday classes at any time.

In lieu of a school for the children, we have hatched a new, creative plan to have an intergenerational / educational experience for adults & kids—families of all kinds and ages...once a month. Look elsewhere in this news letter for the plan for *CELEBRATION & LEARNING...*

My hopes for the new year are for our collective energizing and coalescing, to stand together as Jews, as friends and as family—to secure the present and insure the future of MJC. MOST HUMBLBY, JAN GALITZER

WHEN DOES LIFE BEGIN?

A priest, a minister and a rabbi were discussing when life begins. "Life begins," said the priest, "at the moment of fertilization. That is when God instills the spark of life into the fetus." "We believe," said the minister, "that life begins at birth, because that is when the baby becomes an individual and is capable of making its own decisions and must learn about sin." "You've both got it wrong," said the rabbi. "Life begins when the children have graduated from college and moved out of the house."

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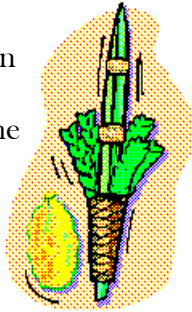
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mutually responsible for the welfare and good name of the whole. The lulav is held during the blessing of the Sukkah and dipped towards the North, South, East, and West.

The seventh day of Sukkot is Hoshana Rabba or Yom haShevii shel Aravah, the Seventh Day of the Willow.

Hoshana Rabba is an extension to Yom Kippur, it is when the gates of judgment finally close.

Willows are taken and beaten off their stems after seven circuits around the synagogue. This symbolizes the final beating off of our sins, a final supplication, as well as a hope for rain to water next year's willow, and our lives.



The last day of Sukkot is Shemini Atzeret. In traditional terms, it is the conclusion of Sukkot and Tefillat Geshem, Prayer for Rain, is recited. This then becomes the beginning of the season which determines the fertility of the year to come. Simchat Torah follows Sukkot on October 15th.

Simchat Torah, "Rejoicing with the Torah," is associated with Sukkot but is actually an independent holiday falling on the day after. In Israel, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah are combined. This is a grand *Simcha* involving the entire community, young and old. All the Torah scrolls are taken out and carried around the synagogue in a series of processions, *Hakkafot*, accompanied with singing and parading with flags and apples. Alphabetical verses are recited to start off but as these finish there is the opportunity for much singing

and dancing with the Torah and with each other. There are seven *Hakkafah*. When the seven circuits are completed, all but one of the Torah scrolls are returned to the ark. The last section Deuteronomy is then read out of the remaining Torah.

Here at the MJC we have a special Simchat Torah service where lay open the entire Torah for everyone to see. We read the end and the beginning of the Torah, each year closing the circle for all to see. Everyone, young and old alike, are invited to help dance with the Torah.



SCHOOLS AND HOLIDAYS

Early in September, a copy of the Jewish Holidays calendar with a cover letter was sent to the Superintendent and every principal of the elementary, middle and high school in USD 383 as well as Seven Dolores Catholic School and Flint Hills Christian School. The intent of the letter was to make administrators aware of the dates of the Jewish holidays and to avoid conflict for the Jewish students in the community. CHARLOTTE EDELMAN, PAST PRESIDENT.

SCRIP Have you bought *Scrip* lately? Buying *Scrip* helps MJC raise needed \$\$ -we get a percentage for every \$ of *Scrip* you buy—at no extra cost to you. You can buy Dillons *Scrip* from Kim Reardon—call 537-7403 to place your order (she delivers).

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Celebration & Learning

For individuals, couples, and families with children of all ages

Facilitated by Jan Galitzer & Eileen Meyer

One Sunday (10:00 am-1:00 pm) each month will be set aside to learn, play, create and be together. Each session will include discussion, an artistic project, cooking and lunch. Our goals are to provide:

- ☞ *a monthly learning experience that enhances our Jewish knowledge and ability to participate in Jewish celebrations*
- ☞ *a venue for families (of all configurations) to learn and participate together*
- ☞ *an inter-generational experience that inspires all of us to respect our heritage, our community history and be able to ACT knowledgeably in ways that honor our traditions.*

Who does what...?

1. Jan & Eileen will provide base discussion materials, art materials, and foods for cooking, and facilitate discussion.
2. Participants will be asked to come prepared to contribute information on the topic - *we'll teach each other!*
3. Talented MJC members will be asked to help with cooking techniques and art assistance
4. Activities - art and cooking - will be intergenerational - where necessary, children will be provided with separate story time or appropriate materials during discussions that appeal mainly to the adults.

FALL

October 22: Shabbat

1. What a radical idea? How can we bring Shabbat into our lives?
 2. What can we do if we don't celebrate the traditional way?
- ☞ Bake Challah - make some other traditional foods for lunch - what?

November 5 or 12: Symbols & Synagogue

1. Kephah, tallit, 6 pointed star, yod, menorah - symbols we are familiar with - where do they come from - what do they represent, why do we use/have them
 2. Hand, fish - others we are not so familiar with - that perhaps others have adopted - where do they come from - what do they represent?
- ☞ Decorate Tallit bags or kepot

December 3: Hanukah:

1. The blessings, the story, the lessons
 2. How can families help the kids understand the important lesson of Hanukah and not feel pressured by the media - their peers
- ☞ Create trays for Hanukiot - mozaics
 - ☞ Make potato Latkes, Sufganyot?

SPRING

January 14: Tu B'Shevat:

1. Ecology & Judaism
 2. Recycling - conservation - reclaiming the land - honoring and caring for the earth
- ☞ Tu B'Shevat Seder
 - ☞ Create a ceramic Tu B'Shevat Seder plate

February 28: Purim:

- The story, the lessons
- ☞ Make puppets or masks or groggers
 - ☞ Bake Hamantashen for MJC potluck and selves

March 11: Passover:

1. Let's examine Seder - the order, the prayers: what do the elements mean? How do we get ready?
 2. The lessons: Freedom - how can we appreciate it more? What responsibilities do we have to society at large because of the lessons of the Exodus? What can we do?
- Cook some of the symbolic and traditional foods - *charoset* (Ashkenazik & Sephardic), horseradish (fresh), matzah balls
 - Create ceramic goblets for Elijah & Miriam

April 22: Yom HaShoah, Yom Hatzmaut

1. Never forget...celebrate freedom - music, stories
- ☞ Make Israeli lunch

May 20 Shavuot:

1. Receiving, accepting and doing the commandments
 2. Final celebration of our learning together...
- ☞ Batik/hand painted table cloths with the symbols/holidays we have studied

Participants are encouraged to make suggestions and develop the "curriculum", keeping in mind both children & adults. This list is ONLY a suggested way to begin working on our collective experience.

Michael R. Miller, FBI Special Agent
785 368-1543
Feel free to call Mike with your concerns.

*The Gift Shoppe is always open. Get ready because Hannukah is just around the corner!
Call Eileen (313-5123).*

TISHRI GESHYAN Yahrzeits

When cherished ties are broken, and the chain of love is shattered, only trust and the strength of faith can lighten the heaviness of the heart. At times, the pain of separation seems more than we can bear, but if we dwell too long on our loss we embitter our hearts and harm ourselves and those about us. The Psalmist said that in his affliction he learned the law of God. And in truth, grief is a great teacher, when it sends us back to serve and bless the living. We learn how to counsel and comfort those who, like ourselves, are bowed with sorrow. We learn when to keep silence in their presence, and when a word will assure them of our love and concern. Thus, even when they are gone, the departed are with us, moving us to live as, in their higher moments, they themselves wished to live. We remember them now; they live in our hearts; they are an abiding blessing.

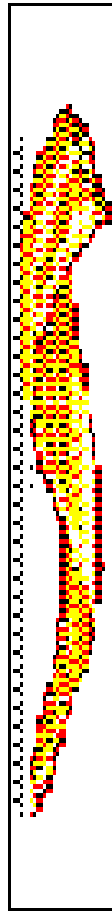
With that, let us remember...

Abraham Feibusch, October 3rd,
Grandfather of Jill Jacoby.

Joseph Zayas, October 22nd.

Charles Jensen, October 24th, husband of
Linda Jensen Hall.

Sally Schuckman Lewin, October 24th.



SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Sunday Brunch is a long standing tradition in the MJC. Sunday Brunch is a chance to eat a little, shmooz a little, and maybe, get in a little discussion about this or that. A Sunday Brunch is planned for once each month and it starts at 11:30 am. Food is prepared by several members of the Congregation. The charge is \$3.00 (or \$1.00 for students and children). If you bring a food donation for the Flinthills Bread Basket, you pay only \$2.00. Everyone is invited, but you must have a reservation to assure adequate quantities of food. Call Dyan Marie, 539-4576, or <dstar@ksu.edu> for reservations.

Brunch preparers are reminded that there is a budget for Sunday Brunch. Generally, the cap for food is \$35.00 unless, of course, there are more than the average number of people present. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer to be a brunch preparer. If you want to help, call Dyan for that also.

This Sunday Brunch is the Annual Congregation meeting, on October 15th. We actually have quite a bit to discuss. Don't forget, though, call for a reservation!

MISHPOOCHA

Okay, here is something new to the Chai Lights, something I am calling *Mishpoocha*. This will include what used to be listed in "Mazel Tov," "This N' That," and other sections that seem to get lost. Sometimes we just never hear about someone who has been ill or who has received some special award or recognition. The importance of this section is for everyone to find out the good news and the bad news in our lives. So if you have some special event going on in your life, let me know. If I miss something, don't be afraid to contact me and tell me about it. If I don't know about it, I can't pass it along to everyone else. It is also important that you send me birthdays, anniversaries, and other important dates in your family's life. I will try very hard to keep track of those dates and remind you of them in the Chai Lights. So here goes the first installment of *Mishpoocha*. Ed.

I just got the word from Rosalind Center that she and Melvin are in Savannah, Georgia visiting Melvin's Mom, who is not doing so well. So, they went to Savannah see her and to take care of a few things. Melvin, we will say a Mishaberach for her on Friday night.

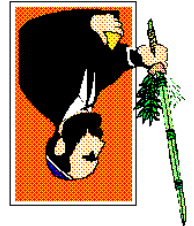
Past President, past Treasurer, and all around good guy, Andy Becker goes back to the surgeon on October 3rd to fix a problem with his knee. I am sure that Andy will be happier after the surgery. A blessing to Andy for a short visit to the hospital and a special blessing to the surgeon for steady hands and a good eye. A speedy recovery to Andy!

You know, email works great for a lot of things, but I don't learn about people until I pick up the phone. Bari Arieli is back at home but she is on crutches. She is recovering from some foot surgery she had while in Israel. Mishaberach and speedy recovery to Bari.

Now for something to celebrate. David Margolies and Sheila Hochhauser celebrate a wedding anniversary on October 20th. Much Mazel to both of you for this happy event.

DO NOT FORWARD - ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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October 2006

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17 bBRUNCH	18	19	20	21	22 Erev Rosh Hashanah 5767	23 Rosh Hashanah- Reception Galitzer's PM
24	25	26	7	28	29 7:30 Shabbat Service	30
1 RS Kol Nidre	2 Yom Kippur	3	4	5	6 7:30 Sukkot / Shabbat Service	7 Sukkot Potluck Sukkot
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