

CHAI LIGHTS

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CONGREGATION AND K-STATE B'NAI BRITH HILLEL

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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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sunday, October 15th, was a busy day at MJC. Special thanks to Steve and Seth Galitzer for leading our Simchat Torah Service. As always, seeing the Torah open to nearly full length, spotting significant portions, seeing both *eytzim*, dancing with the scrolls and reading the end and the beginning portions was an exciting experience.

Then, thanks to Kim Reardon, Dolly Gudder and Dyan Marie for setting up preparing and organizing the clean up. It was delicious and well orchestrated. Also thanks to Jon Weiss and Sarah Reardon for doing dishes!

And then our annual meeting...my thanks to Dolly for providing last year's minutes, Dyan for the annual treasurer's report and those present for stepping forward to take on new responsibilities—you can see below! Families represented included, Arieli, Cox, Galitzer, Galitzer, Gudder, Jacoby, Levenson, Marie, McKinnon-Lange, Meyer, Reardon, Weiss. Although we did not have committee reports, we discussed the committees. We had lost our President-Elect during the year and the Board determined that it would not be fair to put someone directly into the President slot. So all of the Board members agreed to remain in their present post for an additional year - and elect a *NEW President-Elect* at this meeting. The Congregation elected Eileen Meyer to that post. The following is the new list of who's doing what? Please take note of people who have come forward to assume *new roles* (*) and THANK THEM!

MJC BOARD PRESIDENT: Jan Galitzer

President Elect: Eileen Meyer

PAST PRESIDENT: Charlotte Edelman

SECRETARY: Dolly Gudder

TREASURER: Dyan Marie

AT-LARGE: Seth Galitzer & Jill Jacoby

COMMITTEES:

A. BRUNCH:

1. Food: Charlotte Edelman
2. *Speakers: Betti Weiss **

B. BUILDING:

1. Inside: Steve Galitzer
2. *Outside: Rose Phillips **

C. COMMUNICATION:

1. Chai Lights: Steve Galitzer
2. Web site: Seth Galitzer
3. E-Mail: Dyan Marie
4. Calling: Char Edelman & Arnold Levenson
5. Calendar: Jan Galitzer

D. EDUCATION: Eileen Meyer & Jan Galitzer

E. GIFT SHOP: *Laurie McKinnon **

F. HOSPITALITY: Rosalind Center

G. LIBRARY: *Maria Cox **

H. RITUAL COMMITTEE: Steve & Seth Galitzer

I. SCRIP: Kim Reardon

J. SEDER: Charlotte Edelman & *Laurie McKinnon **

K. SOCIAL: Sheila Hochhauser & David Margolies

After my somewhat scathing sermon...many of you have really **DONE SOMETHING** and I am most grateful! If you have not yet found something you can do - look at the list above and consider joining someone on the list. **See how many names still appear more than once?** I know everyone above would welcome a *co-chair!* The more people involved in the processes - the less each one has to do!

Board meetings are held the 2nd Monday evening of each month at 7 pm.
All committee people are encouraged to attend.

WHO'S WHO...WHO'S WHO...WHO'S WHO...WHO'S WHO

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Library: Maria Cox
Ritual: Steve Galitzer, 539-9292
Scrip: Kim Reardon, 537-7403
Seder: Charlotte Edelman, Betti Weiss, 537-0401
Social: Sheila Hochhauser/David Margolies, 539-6177

AN INVITATION FROM RABBI STIEL

An invitation from Rabbi Debbi Stiel, Temple Beth Sholom, Topeka, for the following Jewish Summer Camp Presentations...

Shwayder Camp

A well-loved Reform Camp in Colorado
Brett Weinstein will be joining us from the camp to show us a DVD and tell us about the camp.
Parents and kids please join us!
Sunday November 19 at 11:00 am
At Temple Beth Sholom
(Come early for the Blintze Fest)

Goldman Union Camp Institute

Our regional Reform Camp in Zionsville, IN.
Rabbi Ron Klotz will be talking about the camp, showing a movie of it, and participating in havdalah.
Join us for snacks, schmoozing, and learning about the Jewish summer camping experience!
Parents and kids please come!

Saturday December 2 from 3:30-5:00 pm

Place: Susan Eymann's House

5659 SW 34th Terrace

RSVP required for this presentation.

Chanukah with Temple Beth Sholom

Rabbi Stiel and Temple Beth Sholom invite all on December 10, 2006 to a joint family education day at Temple Beth Sholom for a special Chanukah program. The Lawrence Jewish Community and the Temple Beth Sholom religious schools kids and their parents will be meeting in Topeka 9:30-noon.

If there is significant interesting attending these programs, perhaps we could organize a carpool or caravan.

Contact Jan (galitzer@kansas.net or 539-9292) to discuss the possibilities. Manhattan students and their families should be aware that there is the Phil & Nina Becker Scholarship Fund, specifically for helping young people attend Jewish summer camps.

THE LIBRARY

Maria Cox is the new volunteer for our library and she is very excited about it. We have an extensive collection of books for all ages. It is a wonderful collection of Jewish literature and each of you should browse the shelves. Each month she will present a book of interest in the Chai Lights.

The Review: The Golda Meir Story by Margaret Davidson. This book is written for junior high age

children, however, I enjoyed reading it. I learned much about Golda's life and the struggles of making a Jewish homeland. This book would be an excellent resource for a student who needs to write a paper for school, or who enjoys reading biographies. It focuses on Golda's early years, which younger readers can relate. CHECK US OUT!

If you would like to share a review of a book in our library, or donate any materials, contact Maria.

MARIA COX <Computerdope@hotmail.com>

CELEBRATION AND LEARNING BEGINS...

Sunday, October 22nd we had such a wonderful time. Four families were present: Betti Weiss, Laurie McKinnon and her daughter Leah Lang, Seth Galitzer and his three daughters: Emma, Molly and Sophie and Eileen Meyer.

The discussion topic was *SHABBAT*. We each shared how we observe Shabbat in our own homes. We spoke of the nature of Shabbat, the origin of the word (shin, bet, tav= to end, to cease, to rest). We talked about how Shabbat is *not* what we cannot do, but *what we can do*. We can remember God for creation, and commemorate our freedom from slavery.

We also discussed Havdallah, a beautiful way to end Shabbat and separate it from the rest of the week: Thank you again Jan Galitzer for preparing materials for each family to create their own Havdallah set! Jan Galitzer, though absent today, set us up marvelously, for a morning of fun and discussion with the art supplies, a Havdallah Service and for the hands that could not handle the art supplies...Shabbat coloring books. Betti Weiss thoughtfully brought a copy of a Havdallah service, which she received from Rabbi Mendi. Betti spoke of the connection between scents and memories....

Next *Celebration and Learning*

Date: Sunday, November 12th, 10:30 am
Discussion: Jewish Symbols
Craft: Stained glass window

This activity is designed to involve families - all of their members in a fun learning activity and provide a lasting piece of Judaica for their homes. Families who plan to attend the next session should

1. Make a reservation with Eileen;
2. Bring food for a pot-luck lunch; and
3. Be prepared to share thoughts and information in the discussion.

EILEEN MEYER

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.

November 3rd—Lynn Poole

November 10th—Seth Galitzer

November 17th—Peter Kulakow

November 24th—No Services, Sorry

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 on November 19th. See you there for fellowship and good food. Don't forget, though, call for a reservation!

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

CHESHYAN KISLEY SARZEITS

The origins of the Kaddish are mysterious; angels are said to have brought it down from heaven.... It possesses wonderful power. Truly, if there is any bond strong enough to chain heaven to earth, it is this prayer. It keeps the living together, and forms a bridge to the mysterious realm of the dead. One might almost say that this prayer is the ... guardian of the people by whom alone it is uttered; therein lies the warrant of its continuance. Can a people disappear and be annihilated so long as a child remembers its parents?

Because this prayer does not acknowledge death, because it permits the blossom, which has fallen from the tree of humankind, to flower and develop again in the human heart, therefore it possesses sanctifying power.

With that, let us remember...

Nina Becker,
mother of Andy Becker, November 24th.

SCRIP Have you bought *Scrip* lately? Buying *Scrip* helps MJC raise needed dollars -we get a percentage for every **\$1.00** of *Scrip* you buy—at no extra cost to you. You can buy Dillons or Rays Apple Market *Scrip* from Kim Reardon—call 537-7403 to place your order (she delivers).

That's right, she said Dillons *or* Rays Apple Market. Rays *Scrip* is something new, and it is not a gift certificate but a debit type card. And we get a higher percentage from Rays, sounds like a good deal. All you have to do is call Kim, she'll come right to your door!

THE GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is always open, so says Laurie McKinnon, chief sales person for the MJC. Chanukah is only a short month and a half away, so hurry up and place your orders to a happy hannukah! Call Laurie at 456-6909 or email at <lmckinnon@kpers.org> with your order or to visit the gift shop on off hours.

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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, ED.

We also have a lot to celebrate this month. The first is Linda Hall, recovering after another biopsy on her thyroid. We saw Linda and Steve the day of her biopsy, and she was looking good. Our good wishes are with her.

If you see Diane Mason and David Biller, wish them both happy birthday! Diane's birthday is November 3rd and David's birthday is November 15th.

Ellen Reynolds is recovering very

well after her hip surgery. She is moving well without her cane. Dyan reports after seeing Ellen, "She is looking plucky as ever!"

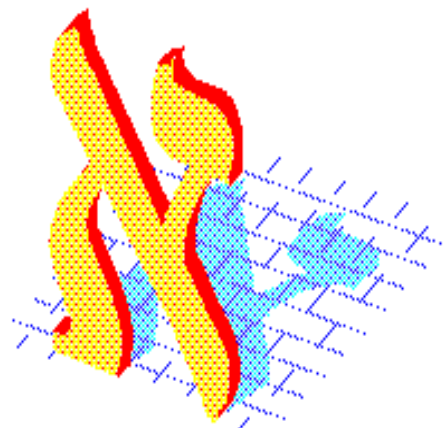
Andrea Blair is also celebrating this month, her birthday is November 17th. So, happy birthday Andrea!

We heard from Andy Becker after his knee surgery. It seems hard to keep Andy down, he has already gone back to work and is as busy as ever.

Most of you remember Norman (Doc Fedder) and Deborah Fedder who were here for many decades and who decided to retire to Boca Raton, Florida. Well, drop them a note because it is their anniversary, November 24th.

Fran Levenson recently was in the hospital with a little heart trouble. Our prayers are with her for a speedy recovery.

On a final note, Jan and Steve Galitzer are collecting frozen turkeys for donation from the MJC to the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Try to get them to the Galitzer's at 1504 Humboldt St anytime before November 20th. They will store them until delivery. Call 539-9292 before bringing them over.



DO NOT FORWARD - ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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November—December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 7:30 Shabbat Service	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 7:30 Shabbat Dinner / Service	11
12 10:30 -1 Celebration & Learning	13 7pm Board meeting Committee people WELCOME!	14	15	16	17 7:30 Shabbat Service	18
19 BRUNCH	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24 NO services	25
26	27	28	29	30	1 7:30 Shabbat Service	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 7:30 Shabbat Service	9