

THE SHO- FAR שופר

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BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2025 5:30

RABBI PRAVER'S SHABBAT
July 12th and 26th.

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5 Tammuz-6 Av

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SHABBAT

Fri., July 4/8 Tammuz

Candle Lighting 8:13

Sat., July 5/ 9 Tammuz

CHUKAT

Fri., July 11/15 Tammuz

Candle Lighting 8:11

Sat., July 12/16 Tammuz

BALAK

Fri., July 18/22 Tammuz

Candle Lighting 8:06

Sat., July 19/23 Tammuz

PINECHAS

Birkat Hachodesh

Fri., July 25/29 Tammuz

Candle Lighting 8:01

Sat., July 26/1 Av

MATOT

ROSH CHODESH

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Whenever we think of July, we remember July 4th, our day of independence. This year, we decided to talk a little about the meaning of being independent in 2025. This relates to our country and our community.

For almost 250 years, we, who live in the United States, have been given the opportunity to reside in a country that offers many people a safe and rich life. Jews have been fairly safe and worshipped in any way that they felt right for them.

Where did this feeling go? What changed so much that anti-Semitism has shown itself openly, thus making us live in fear?

We believe that we must stand up for our beliefs. Although it's easier to denounce our heritage in order to feel more secure, we have to be more proud and stand up for ourselves.

One of the reasons that we have tried so hard to grow our congregation is to develop a community with strength and continuity. We need to protect each other and make sure that we don't show fear of being Jewish.

Please help us to reach these goals. At this time in our country and the world, we need to be strong and committed to attracting new members to our midst. There is strength in numbers and we are counting on our numbers to grow, one person at a time.

We are planning a program on Friday, August 15th at 6:00PM in Hudson County Park. We are hoping to attract more people. Its purpose is to let people know that we exist and that we are a welcoming congregation. Together we are strong.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

SHALOM AND BLESSINGS OF PEACE

Balancing Stoicism and Meaning

Shaul Marshall Praver Rabbi- Cantor-Chaplain- www.shaulpraver.com

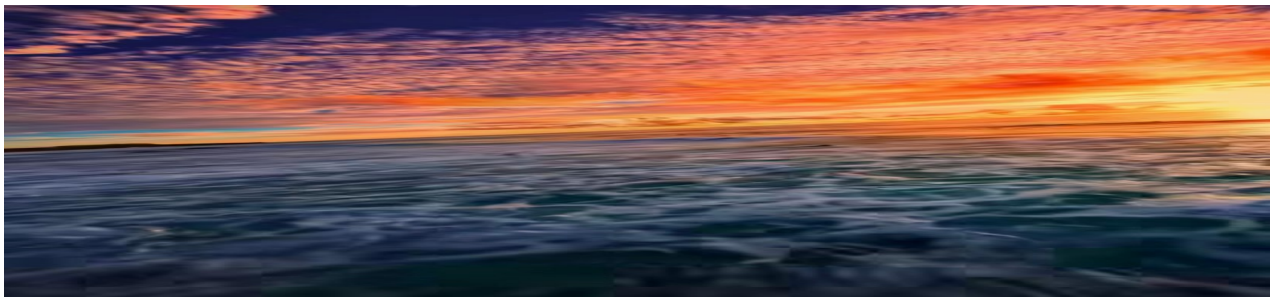
A recent social media post caught my attention, stating that in three or four generations, nobody will remember us, so why care about who likes us and who doesn't. This sentiment resonates deeply with Stoic philosophy, which emphasizes impermanence and the need to focus on what truly matters. Stoicism encourages individuals to prioritize their inner strength, wisdom, and resilience over external validation. It also advises us to stop obsessing over the things we cannot change.

This perspective is both liberating and humbling. It's liberating because it frees us from petty concerns that consume our precious time, and humbling because it teaches us to accept the things we cannot change including the ephemeral nature of our lives. We are but a fleeting moment in the vast expanse of time, a shooting star blazing briefly before fizzling out into the darkness.

Even though I adopt a lot of these thoughts in my daily life, stoicism alone feels incomplete for me. While Stoicism provides a valuable framework for navigating life's major challenges, it doesn't fully address the significance of our individual lives, our purpose and unique destiny. I do not believe existence is a "freak accident" and therefore I believe my thoughts, feelings and concerns are significant for my destiny. Each person comes into the world with unique potential, talents, and abilities. This perspective is found in Torah: Midrash Tanchuma (Vayetze 4): "Every person has a specific mission in life, and if they fulfill it, they are considered as if they have fulfilled the entire Torah." Midrash Tehillim (Psalms 103:4): "G-d gives each person a unique gift, and it is up to them to develop and use it."

We encounter challenges that force us to grow and overcome, and our paths are shaped by our individual experiences. Unlike the detached stoic view, our purpose is not defined solely by external recognition or remembrance, but by the fulfillment of our potential. The Stoic approach appears to measure one's life value in the context of societal recognition, and for me this, falls short. Instead, I propose that our lives have meaning when we fulfill our potential. Our talents and abilities are, in essence, G-d's commandments. And when we practice our calling, we fulfill our purpose before G-d and humanity.

In conclusion, while Stoicism offers broad insight into the fleeting nature of human existence, and persuades us to think bigger thoughts, meaning based philosophies provide essential understanding of one's personal destiny. By focusing on our relationships, serving others, and fulfilling G-d's commandments, we discover the essence of our being. That is when we find joy and give joy to others. That is when we live a meaningful life undeterred by the fact we will be forgotten in two hundred years. Meaning needs no remembrance, it has intrinsic value and lives forever in every soul.



SCHMOOZE A LITTLE, EAT A LITTLE, LEARN ALOT

On April 26, 2025, Lee Smulen did a presentation entitled “Jews in Baseball.” He shared with us some information about the challenges that faced some of these players and he talked about their stories.

There have been some players who identified themselves as Jewish, including those who converted, who have had at least one Jewish parent, or simply identified as one by virtue of their parentage.

Lip Pike was the first Jewish Major League Baseball player and one of the first players in history. Cal Adams, one of the “Boys of Summer” players became famous for playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers during the 40’s and 50’s. Harry “The Horse” Danning, played for the New York Giants in the 30’s and 40’s. Other players include Sid Gordon, an All-Star, five-two outfielder for the Giants, Larry Sherry, relief pitcher and 1959 World Series MVP for the L.A. Dodgers, and others.

This project enlightens the audience about the richness that the Jewish players brought to the game of baseball.

On May 16th, Paloma, Kelvin and their sons gave us a history and cultural lesson about the Dominican Republic. They concentrated on “Being Jewish in the Dominican Republic.”

Jews arrived in that country after their expulsion from Spain in 1492. They practiced their faith in secret because of their negative experience. However, they explained that the organized and visible Jewish community was formed there in the 20th century.

The most important moment for Jews occurred in the 1930’s and 1940’s, when the dictator, Rafael Leonidas Trujillo, offered them refuge. He was one of the few leaders who agreed to accept them.

The Jews settled mainly in Sosua, in the northern coast of the D.R. The government gave them land and they worked in agriculture.

Today, there is a synagogue and a Jewish museum in Sosua/ Although small in numbers, they are active and proud to be Jews.

We thank the Martinez family for sharing their time in the Dominican Republic.

In June, Bennet Carlin will present a talk titled “Funny You Should Ask: Using Language of Comedy to Discuss Jewish Issues/ Seriously.”

TRIBUTES

Please send tributes and payments directly to the Temple or call 201.436.4499

CONDOLENCES...

TO: THE RIPPS FAMILY— IN MEMORY OF MARCIA RIPPS מ"ק, BELOVED MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND FRIEND.

FROM: ELLEN & BILL BRODERICK,

KATHLEEN MASSARELLI

TO: MR. & MRS. DANIEL BLATTNER- “WITH HEARTFELT SADNESS WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE AND DEEP CONDOLENCES AT THE PASSING OF ETTY BLATTNER מ"ק, BELOVED MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHER.”

FROM: RENEE & ALBERT BOUSSO

TO: M. JAMES BLATTNER ET FAMILLE— IN LOVING MEMORY OF ESTHER “ETTY” BLATTNER, DEAR AND BELOVED WIFE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, AUNT, AND SISTER-IN-LAW

FROM: ALBERT & RENEE BOUSSO

KIDDUSH:

FROM: PALOMA, KELVIN AND THEIR SONS— IN HONOR OF THEIR PRESENTATION.

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF JANE CANTER, FORMER MEMBER OF B'NAI JACOB AND TEMPLE EMANU-EL. WE WISH HER FAMILY PEACE AND MAY HER LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

YAHARZEIT DONATIONS...

FROM:

EvaLynn Hollander Greenberg

FOR:

**Goldie Grodberg
Harry Hollander**

BELOVED:

**Great Aunt
Grandfather**

SELIHOT: Sat. evening, Sept. 13th at 8:00 PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Mon, Sept. 22nd - 6:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah: Tues. & Wed., Sept. 23rd. & 24th

Shaharit	8:45 AM
Torah Reading	9:45 AM
Shofar	10:30 AM
Beginners' Service	10:30AM
Musaf & Shofar	11:10 AM

TASHLICH in the Park

Tuesday, September 23rd.

**(Bayonne Hudson County Pk. - 42nd St.
& Newark Bay)**

Kol Nidre: Wed., October 1st.

Minhah	6:00 PM
Kol Nidre:	6:30 PM

Yom Kippur: Thur., October 2nd.

Shaharit	9:00 AM
Yiskor	12:00PM
Minhah Honors (Aliyot)	4:30 PM
Neilah ends	7:10 PM
Shofar & Break-the-Fast	7:50 PM

Erev Sukkot: Monday, October 6th

Sukkot- Tuesday October 7th-13th.

CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT- Thur. Oct. 9th-12th

Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor)- Tuesday, October 14th

Simchat Torah- Wednesday, October 15th



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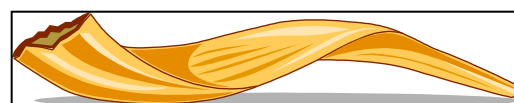
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**HIGH HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE**

AND

SANCTUARY SEATING

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**Ruler of the universe,
fulfill the worthy wishes of my heart;
grant me,**

**and my entire family the privilege
of doing Your will wholeheartedly.**

**Help us to overcome the evil impulse
and let Your Torah be our portion.**

Make us worthy of sensing Your presence.

**Touch our lives with the spirit of wisdom and
insight, of resolution and strength,
of knowing and revering You.**

**May it be Your will, *Adonai* our G d,
G d of our ancestors, that we have the privi-
lege**

**of doing deeds that are good in Your sight,
walking in paths of honesty.**

**Instill in us the holiness of Your mitzvot,
so that we may be worthy of
a long and happy life, as well as life eternal.**

**Guard us from evil deeds and evil times
that threaten the world.**

**May all who trust in *Adonai*
be embraced by loving kindness.**

Amen.

June 29-July 5/3-9 Tammuz

Yahrzeit

Harry Derechin, Dr. Herbert W. Weisman, David Louis Rogow, Sidney Greenberg,
Fern Mildred Kohn, Mildred Grodberg Wilkind, Jacob Golush, Yetta Schapiro,
Lauren Michelle Wendroff, Dr. Steven L. Goldberg, Lena Penchansky,
Dr. Charles Lifschutz, Jeffrey B. Epstein, Jerome Levy, Fanny H. Morgenstein,
Sophie Sachs, Lucy Seclow, Simon Dubowsky, Gertrude Lichtenfeld, Henry Schnitzer,
Max E. Lourie

July 6-12/10-16 Tammuz

Dr. David S. Steinbaum, Louis Perwin, Dr. Ben Lipschutz, Annette Levine Lang, Elaine Lapidus,
Miriam Ruth Poloway, Elaine Wexler, Ethel Rosenthal, Saul Strauss, Len Tonkelson, Louis Gordon,
Elissa Fernbach Popko, Murray Apfelbaum, Maurice Canter,

July 13-19/17-23 Tammuz

Joseph Shilling, Sol Zukosky, David Greenberg, Irving Cooper, Reuben Leventhal,
Betty Golipsky Tesser, Jennie Tucker, Goldberg, Rebecca Penchansky, Philip Schnitzer,,
Max Feigenbaum, Leonard Wasserman, Miriam Kaplan, Jack Preminger, Joseph C. Berger,
Morris Feinberg, Robert Rose, Mina Liebeskind Steiner, Milton Gordon, Jack Edelman,
Esther Pauline Kaye, Ethel Berkowitz

July 20-26/24 Tammuz-1 Av

Max Bayroff, Sylvia Bayroff, Henry Stevenson, Dr. Harold Grodberg, H. Benjamin Lazare,
Regina Kohn, Kajla Zynger, Murray Steiner, Samuel Berlin, Johiel Jacob, Harry Hollander,
Bernard Shimshak, Rose Meyer Epstein, Margaret Elowitch, Norman Hyman, Israel Penchansky,
Ella Leventhal, Max M. Weiss, Sarah Greenberg, William Rubin, Louis Schwartz, Bernard Gray

July 27-August 2/2-8 Av

Hon Gloria K. Koenig, Michael Mortman, Gertrude Hoffer, Harry Guterman, Ida Burg,
Dorothy Thompson, Esther Altchuler, Sarah Cooper, Yettie Singman, Bessie R. Schwartz,
Sadie Barowitz, David Louis Sturcz, Sol Golush

July 2025

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27	28	29	30	31		

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