



A WORD FROM RENÉE

Hello, my friends. Here we are in the final full month of summer. I hope you are enjoying the sunshine between all of the raindrops. Our plants are definitely being nourished by all of the water.

Unfortunately, we, as a congregation, created a lot of water when we shed many tears this past month for our beloved Rita Renee Rose. Her death was quite unexpected and it leaves a huge hole in our hearts and a huge void in the lives of Ron and their daughters, Marda and Shannon. She leaves behind her wonderful grandchildren, Hunter, Owen, and Quinlin. Thanks to all who donated towards a dinner for the family during the week of Shiva. As it turned out, the food sent was plentiful, so we gave the donations directly to the family to subsidize any additional expenses acquired during their time sitting Shiva. This congregation is so generous when it comes to helping our congregants in their times of need. Bless you all.

This month's Shabbat services will be on Friday, August 6th and 20th at 7:00 p.m. Our Hebrew classes will meet on Sunday, August 8th and 22nd. I hope to resume to in-person classes in September.

Remember to mark your calendars for Rosh Hashanah services which begin on Monday night, September 6th which is also Labor Day. More information about High Holiday services is included later on in the Kibbitzer. Hope to see you in Temple for the holidays.

We also decided to postpone our beach breakfast. It is our plan to reschedule a breakfast at a further date. Our Annual Temple Picnic at Andy's is scheduled for Sunday, August 8th. Please let Andy know if you will be attending so he can buy enough food for us. His number is 440-708-3112 or email to akenen@gmail.com. I am looking forward to having a great time with our Temple family.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

B'ahava, (with love)



**Shabbat Services 7:00
p.m. August 6th and 20th**

**Sisterhood Breakfast
Aug. 14th 10:00 a.m.
Sammy's Restaurant,
Grand River**

**Men's Breakfast Au-
gust 15th 8:00 a.m.
Mentor Family Res-
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**Andy's Picnic Sunday
Aug. 8th 4:00 p.m.**

**Adult Hebrew August 8th and
22nd 10:00 a.m. /youth 11:15 a.m.**

**Book Club August 17th 6:00 p.m.
BJ's Restaurant
A Most Beautiful Thing by Arshay
Cooper**

THE KIBBITZER

Our welcoming plant is a Great Mullein. The seeds purportedly improve lung health, relieve coughs, colds and is a sleep aid used in tea. Wonder how it worked its way through the concrete to become a part of our temple? Do your research and help yourself to some seeds.



Annual Meeting



Oneg and celebration of Renee's birthday party



Annual Meeting

THE KIBBITZER**Notes from your President**

To ZOOM or meeting, the question was raised about whether we would offer ZOOM as an option for the holidays. It is a lot of work to set up and monitor the ZOOM broadcasts. As the person working behind the scenes, I can tell you I must set up the iPad, so you see Renee, and monitor my computer to let you into the service, and keep you muted. For the holidays I'm planning on using a video camera, instead of the iPad. This way, congregants at home will be able to see everything going on during the service. I will be able to give a clear shot of the entire bema and then zoom in on the speakers. While Renee will be able to see you, I want to set it up, so you see only the camera shots, not the participants. The audio should be very clear, and you must be on mute.

Setting up the broadcast this way should alleviate something that has bothered me about how we've handled our services. I've noticed that congregants watching at home have gotten very casual about their viewing. Remember, we can watch you too. I know our services are informal. This is something I love about Am Shalom. I'm OK with that and love that I can wear shorts on a hot summer night, or jeans in the winter. Although, the holidays should be a little more formal. What I've seen on ZOOM is people treating our service like they're watching television. They kick back on their couches with their feet up, do other things and keep us in the background, eat snacks, or put-up pictures instead of being live. We want you to feel included, but you have to do your part. You have copies of the prayer books, so you should participate. When we rise, you should too. Don't worry, you're on mute so we won't hear you sing. For the holiday services most congregants have their own prayer books, but if you need one, we can loan you a prayer book. So now that you've heard me rant, please let me know if you want us to offer ZOOM services for the holidays.

We had a good showing at our Annual meeting, but not a quorum. This means we met but could not vote. Luckily, we had no pressing issues to decide. To conduct business, we must have one more than 50% of adult members, in good standing, present or with proxies. When we can't vote the Temple Board remains the same. At the Board meeting, August 4, the Board will elect officers. You are welcome to attend the meeting, but only Board members can vote.

Finally, a good-bye to our dear friend Rita Rose. When I first came to Am Shalom, which wasn't that long ago, two of the people who greeted me and made me feel welcomed were Ron and Rita. They helped me realize that this is a caring congregation and that it would be a good place to "help out". They led by example by handling the treasurer's tasks, serving on the Board, and organizing the bus trips to Toronto. While Renee is our spiritual leader, Rita was the matriarch of Temple Am Shalom. She organized the Sisterhood and Book Club. More important, I learned early on that if I was going to try to change something, I better have Rita's approval. Sometimes I half-think out an idea before I express it. Rita was never shy about letting me know if she agreed with me. Usually, I got words of encouragement from her, but sometimes I'd just get a school-teacher stare from Rita that meant I should re-think my plans. She had an uncanny knack of being right. I will miss Rita Rose's wisdom.



THE KIBBITZER

This recipe is brought to us by Rita Rose from her beautiful collection of recipes.

Crockpot Broccoli Cheddar Soup

32 oz frozen broccoli
 1-16 oz can of cream of chicken soup
 1-16 oz can of cream of mushroom
 1 small sliced yellow onion
 2 cloves minced garlic
 1-14 oz can chicken broth
 1/4 stick butter
 1 small block velveta cheese
 1 tsp flour
 Salt and pepper to taste

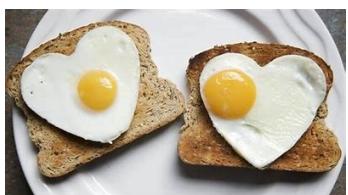
Mince garlic, slice onion finely and throw it all in crock pot along with everything else. Velveta breaks up best if cut in small blocks. Cook on high for 4-5 hours... Think of Rita and enjoy!!

**Men's Breakfast**

The men will meet at Mentor Family Restaurant on Sunday August 15th at 8:00 a.m.

Sisterhood Breakfast

August 14th 10:00 a.m.
 Sammy's Restaurant
 625 River St

**Healing Prayers**

Joel & Arlene Everly
 Bud Sudar
 Mary Guttman
 Marilyn Fowler
 Marie Vidmar
 Bill Romig
 Nancy Hall
 Jane Wolewodka
 Marc Steindler
 Helen Cooper
 Lila O'Loughlin
 Michael O'Loughlin
 Ron Rose
 Pat O'Malley
 Dave & Tammy Cooper
 Kathy Pearlman
 Jaye Call

A note about Healing Prayers:
 If you place a name on the list it is your responsibility to update it. If healing prayers are no longer needed, please request a removal.

**ACTIVITIES MEETING
& TEMPLE BOARD**

Wednesday
August 4th
 6:30 & 7 p.m. at the Temple
 We need your ideas and your help

ONEG SIGN-UP

**A big thank you to Andy Kenen
for providing the oneg and
birthday celebration for Renee.**

Jane Rosenberg is now in charge of our onegs. We need the help of anyone who commit to a shabbat service and provide the challah and dessert. Drinks are provided by the temple. In lieu of purchasing the food, a \$25.00 contribution can be made.

If you can sign up for an oneg, please call the temple office at 440-255-1544.



What's Cooking Around Town

If you like Asian cuisine Kikos Kitchen, a Japanese American fusion restaurant is coming to 9179 Mentor Ave in Mentor

The franchise, Rascal House, is coming to 7593 Mentor Ave. If you aren't familiar, it specializes in pizza, wings, burgers and milkshakes.



**Temple Am Shalom
Hebrew Classes for
Youth & Adults**

August 8 & 22

10:00 a.m. adults/11:15 a.m. youth



To Get the ZOOM Link
Email Andy Kenen
akenen@gmail.com

Cemetery Plots Available

Cemetery plots at Western Reserve Memorial Gardens (Rt 306 in Chesterland. Temple Am Shalom has their own section. Plots cost \$750.00 for members. Call Bob Weinberg if interested at 440-256-0835.

Book Club

The book for August is A Most Beautiful Thing by Arshay Cooper. We will meet on Aug. 17th at BJ's Restaurant

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Happy HappyBirthdays

Evan Weinberg	8/7
Milton Abrams	8/9
Justin Weinberg	8/14
Jonah Magid	8/21
Tyler Sherman	8/21
Paul Abbey	8/22
Hanna Magid	8/22
Mariann Rosen	8/22
Jaye Call	8/22
Rebecca Bittinger	8/24
Jane Rosenberg	8/30

Anniversaries

Milton & Ronnie Abrams	8/7
Bob & Laurel Weinberg	8/18
Don & Sharon Whitney	8/30
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Yahrzeits

Light Yahrzeit candles the evening before the date. These names will be read during services in the month of August

Temple Am Shalom

Yahrzeits for August 2021

Name	Date of Death	Hebrew Date	Yizkor Date
Eleanor Schon-Kretch	8/31/1989	30 Av 5781	8/8/2021
Frederick Boerner	8/20/2012	2 Elul 5781	8/10/2021
Doris Browdy	9/25/2005	21 Elul 5781	8/29/2021
Gustav Eric Carlson	9/2/1985	16 Elul 5781	8/24/2021
Regina Blau	8/19/1991	9 Elul 5781	8/17/2021
Sarah Chervin	8/13/1994	6 Elul 5781	8/14/2021
Rose Cohen	9/19/1978	17 Elul 5781	8/25/2021
Mary Crossen	9/7/2009	18 Elul 5781	8/26/2021
Glorea Deutchman	9/1/2009	12 Elul 5781	8/20/2021
Helene Kiner	8/20/1993	3 Elul 5781	8/11/2021
Rose Lettofsky	9/8/1965	11 Elul 5781	8/19/2021
Domenic Magri	8/13/1994	6 Elul 5781	8/14/2021
Janet Muntz	8/24/2009	4 Elul 5781	8/12/2021
Ida Plasco	8/21/1987	26 Av 5781	8/4/2021
Harry Rose	8/22/1979	29 Av 5781	8/7/2021
Pearl Rosen	9/12/1984	15 Elul 5781	8/23/2021
Ora Rosenberg	8/9/2002	1 Elul 5781	8/9/2021
Stanford Schoctel	8/6/1970	23 Av 5781	8/1/2021
Teddy Sherman	8/12/1994	5 Elul 5781	8/13/2021
Molly Weinberg	8/5/1980	23 Av 5781	8/1/2021

May their memory be a blessing

Zichronam liv'rachah

Torah Portions for JULY

- August 7 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
- August 14 Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
- August 21 Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
- August 28 Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

AUGUST 2021

Temple Am Shalom

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Shabbat service 7:00	7
8 Hebrew adults 10/youth 11:15 Andy's Picnic 4:00 p.m.	9	10	11	12	13	14 Sisterhood Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Sammy's Restaurant
15 Men's Break- fast 8:00 a.m. Men- tor Fami- ly Res- taurant	16	17 Book Club 6:00 p.m. BJ's Restaurant	18	19	20 Shabbat Services 7:00 p.m.	21
22 Hebrew Adults 10 a.m / youth 11:15 a.m.	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

NEWS FROM EMILY MATZ

NOTORIOUS RBG: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG

The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Beachwood is currently hosting the exhibit Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The exhibit is based on the book of the same name by journalist Irin Carmon and attorney Shana Knizhnik. The exhibit walks guests through all aspects of Ginsburg's life: her childhood and her Jewish roots, her time at Harvard and Columbia law schools, her appointments to the faculty of both Rutgers and Columbia law schools, and of course her time in both the United States Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

Notorious RBG (both the exhibit and the book) highlights three facets of Ginsburg's identity that caused her hardship: she was a woman, she was a Jew, and she was a mother. I am sure that many of us know the discrimination that can come with just one of these identities, let alone all three. How do these identities change how we are perceived by others? How do they affect how we might be considered for jobs? What are the societal limitations that we face because of who we are? I'll let you ponder these questions for yourself because we all experience the world differently. But I know that I personally have been treated differently at work as an engineer because I am a woman. I have been the recipient of snide comments and subtle discrimination because I am Jew. And the truth is, even the most iconic and seemingly untouchable people (like RBG) have experienced these hardships as well. I can only describe the exhibit as profound.

On a personal note, I felt that the RBG exhibit really reaffirmed my identity as a Jew. As many of you know, I was not born a Jew; I am working on my conversion with Renee and I am hoping to be converted by the end of 2021. I have been thinking a lot about what this huge life transition means for me, including which Hebrew name I might choose to take during my conversion. A month or so ago I started seriously considering the name Ruth. Of course, Ruth is probably the most famous convert in the Hebrew Bible. When I was in high school, one of my choirs performed a piece called "Song of Ruth," which took text from Ruth 1:16 and 1:17. It was a beautiful piece and I have fond memories of singing it. And then I attended the RBG exhibit, and I was reminded that feminist icon and equal rights activist Ruth Bader Ginsburg was also a Jew. RBG is someone who I and many other women look up to, and to share a name with her would be such a privilege. I know that Ruth would be a great name for me to take, because it represents so much of who I am and who I want to become. I definitely encourage all of you to visit the RBG exhibit on view until August 29th.

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

Our matriarch, Rita Rose, has said her final goodbye. Rita was a part of our temple life for many years. She was the smiling face when you entered the lobby of the temple and when you got on the bus for our many trips to Toronto. She will hold a special place in all of our hearts and will be remembered for her kind words and calm personality. She worked hard for the temple, writing the Kibbitzer for many years and organizing the book club and sisterhood breakfasts. Most importantly, she was the love of Ron's life. When you think of Rita, celebrate the good memories you have of her and be reminded that life is fragile and short and should be lived to the fullest. Our life at the temple will have a missing piece without Rita.

May you rest in peace and know that you were loved by many.



Temple Am Shalom Summer Picnic &

Pool Party

Sunday, August 8

4 PM

(Rain Date August 15)

Andy Kenen's
18055 Kenston Lake Dr.
Chagrin Falls 444023

Please bring a side or dessert to share
RSVP by August 4 to Andy (440) 708-3112
or the Temple Office 440-255-1544

**BYOB - Soft drinks and
water provided**

**BYOBS - Bring Your Own
Bathing Suit**



Renée Blau, Spiritual Director & Cantorial Soloist
Elise Aitken, Asst. Spiritual Dir. & Cantorial Soloist

The Temple Board

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Stephanie Singer

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newsletter!**

Address your news, articles, suggestions or corrections to
Pene Obenour - amshalommentor@gmail.com
(be sure to include an identifying Subject line in your
email); or send mail to the temple (by the 21st of the
month **prior** to the issue you want your information to
appear):

7599 Center Street Mentor, Ohio 44060-6059.

A LOOK AHEAD

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Sept 6th
8:00 a.m.**

**Rosh Hashanah Sept 7th 10:00
a.m.**

Kol Nidre Sept 15th 8:00 p.m.

**Yom Kippur Sept 16th
10:00 and 4:00 p.m.**

Children's service 2:00 p.m.

**Sukkot Party Sat. Sept 25th
6:30 p.m.**

**Evangelista's
8231 Manor Gate Way
Mentor**

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