LEADERS OF TWO AREA TEMPLES LEARN FROM RELATIONSHIP EXPERT

As he does at all his workshops, Dr. Ron Wolfson personally greeted every member of the Boards of Temples Concord and Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas (CBS-CS) with a handshake and a friendly word as they entered our social hall recently to gain insight on how to build better relationships within our synagogue walls.

Dr. Wolfson, a leading Jewish educator and motivational speaker, literally wrote the book – “Relational Judaism: Using the Power of Relationships to Transform the Jewish Community” – on how to build more meaningful relationships that strengthen congregations and Jewish communities. He visited Syracuse in June for a weekend scholar-in-residence program sponsored by the two temples. The weekend events included a Friday night Shabbat service and dinner at Temple Concord, a Saturday Shabbat service and luncheon at Temple Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas, and an informal group discussion Saturday night at the home of CBS-CS President Mickey Lebowitz. The weekend’s events wrapped up with the workshop for the clergy and lay leadership of the two congregations.

In that workshop, he demonstrated the importance of that initial greeting as one example of how temples can build better relationships. He then had attendees analyze a biblical story of Abraham welcoming strangers to his home to understand how Torah points the way toward a culture of welcoming and relating. He also shared with attendees his 12 principles of relational engagement.

The workshop was well received, and those present began to plan how to implement what they had learned.

FROM RABBI DANIEL FELLLMAN

Let Us Know If Someone is in the Hospital

One of the most sacred and enjoyable parts of being a rabbi is the privilege of being with people during important moments in life. Births and deaths are powerful times, and I am honored to mark both with you, and to help celebrate the good times and get through the more challenging times.

Those holy moments happen at other times too. Sometimes it’s a chance meeting at Wegman’s or the mall or at the Dome. Sometimes it’s a conversation before or after a class or service at the Temple. And sometimes those moments occur when I visit the hospitals.

In earlier times, rabbis would have their secretaries call the hospitals daily to find out who was currently a patient. But in the 1990s, Congress enacted the HIPPA laws, which protect patient privacy. These new laws have many benefits but also a few drawbacks. One such drawback is that rabbis now have very limited knowledge of who is in the hospital.

In fact, the only way Cantor Kari and I know that someone is in the hospital is if someone calls us. Thankfully we do have a Jewish chaplain at Upstate and Crouse, and Rabbi Biegel does his best to inform clergy of congregants who are hospitalized. But in reality, we rely on you.

So if you know of someone who is hospitalized, please call the Temple office and let us know. Both Cantor Kari and I treasure our relationships with each of you, and we want to be able to visit and offer prayers of healing. With your help, we can help each other heal and work to strengthen our community at the same time.

SHABBAT IN-THE-PARK SUMMER SERIES

Celebrate Shabbat, Have a Picnic

Shabbat services begin at 6:00 p.m.

August 14 - JCC BBQ
* Grilled Chicken Dinner
* $15 per person
* $54 family cap

August 28 - Temple BBQ
* Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
* $10 per person
* $36 family cap

Please call the Temple office to make your reservations.
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Brian Fay
Eleanor Feitler
Zachary Fellman
David Fixler
Judy Frumkin
Jonah Gadarian
Janet Jael Garcia
Barbara Goldberg
Jonathan Goodman
Amy Greenhouse
Brian Greenhouse
Abby Grossman
Gregory Grossman
Kira Hendricks
Izidora Herrera Hayman
Samuel Herwood
Marlene Holstein
Adeline Jasper
Joshua Johnson
Margie Johnson
Caryl Kalet
Michael Kalet
Susan Kaplan
Morris Kaufman
Maura Koenig
Elizabeth Kolodney
Noah Kotzin
Amanda Koval
Tracy Koval
Mady Kudisch
Carol Levine
Edmond Lonsky, Jr
Daniel Lowengard
Sali Lutwin
John Mathiason
Robin Merritt
Alan Messie
Michael Moss
Patrice Muller
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Benjamin Oppedisano
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Jon Reicher
David Roemer
Gregory Rosenthal
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Abraham Salomon
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Hali Seidberg
Elizabeth Sherman
Susan Silverstein
Lynn Smith
Stephen Smolen
Marsha Snyder
John Sonne
Joshua Sonnenfeld
Samuel Stoogenke
RECENT DEATHS

Nikki Koenig Goldberg
July 6, 2015
Cousin of Harvey and Carole Koenig.

Robert N. Fischer
July 10, 2015
Father of Deborah Fischer.

Eleanor “Ellie” Dutch
July 16, 2015
Mother of Cathy (Bill Redfield) Dutch, Bill (Susan) Dutch, and Chip Dutch; grandmother of Benjamin and Molly Redfield, Dr. William (Janie) Dutch, Jr., Katie (Rob) Martin, Jonathan (Emily) Dutch, Emily Dutch, Megan (John) Moore; great grandmother of Abby, Will, Michael, Lucas, Josie, Ruby, and Estil; and sister of Florence Lippman.

The Sympathy of the Congregation is Extended to the family of those recently departed:

August 7
Bernard W Blaustein
Berthold Blum
Ida Goldberg Bodofsky
Lena Light Brown
Harry Burdman
Fannie Butansky
Dr Phillip Cooper
Isador Dinkin
Jessica E Gerber
Al Goldstuker
Mark Jacobs
Arnold Kauffman
Abe Koenig
Betty G Levinstein
Martha Bimberg
Levy
Ida Marquisee
Isadore Packard
Beulah F Rohrlich
Martha R Rosenthal
Vera Koppel Sachs
Isaac Saul
Fannie K Siegelman
Samuel Pat
Solomon
Rose E Thalheimer
Mabel T Weisberg
Isaiah Wolfson

August 14
Joseph Axenfeld
Morris Brenner
Myer Brodsky
Dr Daniel A Daniels
Ruth Davis
Devorsetz
Leona Weiss Dickstein
Ettarae K Fleischman
Ruth Kaletzky Gitlitz

August 21
Barbara M Aronson
Abram Bamberger
Simon Berger
Bella Blum
Rena Oberdorfer Bronner
Sheldon S Frank
Maxwell G Freeman
Fred Freimark
Richard H Gerber
Dorothy Rambar Gewirtz
Peter Goldberg
Milton M Herman
Agnes I Horn
Harry L Kallet
Daniel Kempner
Lester J Kenn
Antonia Koretz
Max H Lavine
Anna Lasner Liberman
Dr Norman Livshin
Alexander Magnier

August 28
Sylvia Gruskin Abramsky
David E Ackermann
M. Marvin Berson
Babbette Oberdorfer Ferguso

Sidney Freed
Sigmund Frensdorf
David Gersony
Byrd Ruth Silverman Goldber
Goldie Markson Goldberg
Martin J Liberman
Mildred W Livshin
Mayme M Manheim
Sara G Moskov
Hildegard Mylon
Molly Oppenheim
Alle Soppe
Jacob Steidlitz
Minnie Weber
Virginia T Weisberg
Harry Wilson
Samuel Wilson

The names published in the Bulletin and the weekly E-Bulletin are those for whom memorial plaques or Golden Book entries have been purchased. These names are read aloud at Friday night Shabbat services on the week preceding the anniversary of the death on the English calendar. If you would like the name of your loved one to be read aloud at a service please contact the Rabbi’s assistant. For information on purchasing perpetual memorials, contact Chief Administrative Officer, Cheri Lass.
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Concord Acres started as a religious school project many years ago. It has since become a thriving garden, producing fruits and vegetables for our well attended food pantry.

Our Temple garden is doing beautifully at this point in the season. We have been producing and providing peppers, lettuce, summer squash, cucumbers and collards to our food pantry. The tomato plants look great and have many green tomatoes on the vines. Very soon they should be turning red. We are hoping to grow some eggplant for an Israeli baba ganoush treat sometime. We have some acorn squash vines that are beginning to produce the squash that will be harvested in October.

The Garden Team of Ellyn Rolloff and Mike Fixler, affectionately called the K’Vutzat Gan* of Chana Meir, have been working hard caring for the garden. With the help of Ernie and Sue Wass, we make sure the “fruits of our labor” make it to the food pantry. The people who visit the food pantry really appreciate the fresh vegetables.

If anyone would like to join our gardening team, or just ask a question about it, give Mike a call at 315-246-3369, or send him an email at fixler44@gmail.com. If you join our team, we will provide training on what needs to be done. It’s not hard work, but it’s so important and valuable. Children are welcome to join us, with their parents. It is possible to work on the garden outside of Temple hours and take the veggies home to be brought in to the food pantry at another time. See you in the dirt!

*K’vutzat Gan means Garden Team in Hebrew

**CONCORD ACRES**

DOWNTOWN LUNCH GROUP

Rabbi Fellman and Rabbi Andrew Pepperstone, of Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas, host the Downtown Lunch Group at noon on Wednesday, August 19 at 12:00 p.m. at the Bousquet & Holstein Law office, One Lincoln Center.

To participate and get the optional reading, please call the Temple office.
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We are a Reform Jewish congregation actively committed to strengthening individual and shared connections to God and community. We are dedicated to meeting the spiritual, intellectual, social, and cultural needs of our members.

With respect for the diversity of our backgrounds, traditions, and practices, we join together in worship, study, celebration, and social action.

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**AUGUST CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

**Friday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m. - Shabbat Service**

**Saturday, August 8 at 9:00 a.m. - Group Discussion**
10:00 a.m. - Torah Study
11:00 a.m. - Shabbat Service

**Sunday, August 9 at 5:00 p.m. - Xcon Event**

**Monday, August 10 at 12:00 p.m. - High Holiday Prayer Book Workshop**

**Friday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. - JCC BBQ followed by Shabbat Service**

**Saturday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m. - Group Discussion**
10:00 a.m. - Torah Study
11:00 a.m. - Shabbat Service

**Wednesday, August 19 at 12:00 p.m. - Lunch & Learn**

**Friday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m. - Shabbat Service at Temple Adath Yeshurun**

**Saturday, August 22 at 9:00 a.m. - Group Discussion**
10:00 a.m. - Torah Study
11:00 a.m. - Shabbat Service

**Sunday, August 23 at 2:00 p.m. - Syracuse Combined Hebrew School Summer Kickoff at The JCC**

**Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. - High Holiday Prayer Book Workshop**

**Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. - Muslim-Jewish Story Telling**

**Friday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. - Temple BBQ, Welcome Back SU Shabbat Service**

**Saturday, August 29 at 9:00 a.m. - Group Discussion**
10:00 a.m. - Torah Study
11:00 a.m. - Shabbat Service