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UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

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Schedule for Tisha B'Av

This year, Tisha B'Av begins on Monday evening, July 19, 2010. You should finish your pre-fast meal no later than 8:05 pm. We will daven Mincha at 8:05 pm, and read Eicha at about 8:45 pm. We observe the chameshet inuyim, which are the same five prohibitions that are observed on Yom Kippur for the entire Tisha B'av. The prohibitions include: no eating or drinking, no anointing, no wearing leather shoes, no bathing or washing even part of your body, and no marital relations. As an additional sign of mourning, we do not exchange greetings, engage in levity or transact business. We also are not permitted to learn joyous passages of Torah. Instead we learn those passages from the Talmud in Gittin or Moed Kattan that deal with the destruction of the Temple or laws of mourning. We may also learn those sections from the Nach dealing with the destruction of the Temple provided that we skip those sections that speak of redemption.

JULY 19, 2010 Finish your pre-fast meal by 8:05 pm.

Mincha will be at 8:05 pm.

Maariv will begin at 8:42 pm. At this time we will remove the parochet from the Ark, dim the lights and sit on the ground or low stools or benches. Eicha will be read as will the evening Kinot.

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Shacharit will begin at 6:00 am. There is Torah reading and a Haftarah. As a sign of mourning, we do not don the Tallit or Tefillin until the afternoon. At the conclusion of davening, we recite the entire Kinot service. We do not get up to sit on regular chairs until after mid-day, which is at 12:56.

We hope to show the Chafetz Chaim Heritage Foundation Video at 3:00 pm.

Mincha will begin at 7:50 pm We put on the Tallit and Tefillin and recite those sections of the davening that were omitted in the morning. We also take out the Torah and read a Haftarah.

Maariv will begin at 8:37 pm and will be followed by Kiddush Levanah, the sanctification of the moon.

The fast will end at 9:03 pm.

On the merit of our sincere prayers and mourning for Jerusalem and for the destruction of the Bait Hamikdash, may the Almighty hear our prayers. May He have mercy on us and send the Mashiach to redeem us from the four corners of the earth to a rebuilt Eretz Yisrael and Bait Hamikdash.

High Holidays 5771

With Rosh Chodesh Av already upon us, the High Holidays are right around the corner! We will begin Selichot on Motzai Shabbat, September 4, 2010. Rosh Hashana will begin Wednesday night September 8, and Yom Kippur will be Friday evening and Shabbat September 17th and 18th. Membership information will follow soon.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting to discuss the past year and to vote on the new slate of officers and directors will take place on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 8:15 pm. We look forward to your attendance.

Kesser Maariv to Publish Manuscripts of Rabbi Meyer Juzint

At our Culminating Banquet on June 27, Rabbi Louis Lazovsky announced that Kesser Maariv will publish works and manuscripts of Rabbi Meyer Juzint. Rabbi Juzint was a student in the famed Slabodka Yeshiva before WWII, survived the Holocaust, and taught in Chicago for over 50 years. Rabbi Juzint left many memoirs about his experiences in the Holocaust, as well as many writings on Parsha, Talmud and Mussar. The first volumes will be published, G-d willing, to commemorate Rabbi Juzint's 10th yahrzeit, which is in October 2011.

Kesser Maariv shares a special bond with Rabbi Juzint, who, in 1994, endowed at Kesser Maariv a "Bait Hamussar," Institute for the Study of Ethics, in memory of his parents and siblings who were killed by the Nazis. Many members of Kesser Maariv, including Rabbi Louis Lazovsky, were students of Rabbi Juzint.

We are soliciting your participation in this sacred project. Various types of dedication opportunities are available. To be a part of this project, please contact Rabbi Louis Lazovsky.

Mezuzah Campaign

The Chicago Mezuzah Campaign will be checking Tefillin & Mezuzot at Kesser Maariv on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday July 27, 28 and 29 all day long. Call Rabbi Wolf at (866) MY-RABBI for an appointment, or for his assistance in removing Mezuzot for checking and then reinstalling them.

Early Shabbat

Throughout the summer, we will have "Early Shabbat." We will daven mincha every Friday at 7:00 pm through the summer. If you will be starting Shabbat early with us, you should light candles at about 7:20 pm, and repeat Kriat Sh'ma after nightfall.

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Aron Kodesh Restoration Update

Our unique Aron Kodesh has been undergoing restoration since early May. We are pleased to report that this project is proceeding as planned. The Aron is still on schedule to be back before Rosh Hashana.

Happy Day Cards

A new batch of Happy Day Cards are now available. The cards, designed by Rachel Grossman and Wendy Hartz, are available from the office for \$1.50 each, or packages of 13 for only \$18. If you would like us to send a card for you, please call Wendy at (708) 205-5109. The cost is only \$2.

Misheberach List

If you have names for a misheberach, please send them to the shul office or e-mail to bhhkmal@yahoo.com.

Weekday Minyanim

Please join us for daily minyanim. Shacharit is at 6:00 am Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am on Sunday. Mincha-Maariv on Sunday through Thursday is 15 minutes before sunset.

E-mail List

We occasionally send e-mails with important information. However, we do not have everyone's e-mail address. To put you on our e-mail list, please send an e-mail to bhhkmal@yahoo.com indicating that you wish to be placed on the e-mail list. We are happy to have more than one e-mail address per family.

Rent the Shul for Your Simcha

For information regarding renting the Social Hall for your event, please call Ben Zion Lazovsky at the Shul office at (847) 679-9800. Also, book you child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the Shul calendar!

Teen Mishnah Club

High school-age boys are invited to participate in a Mishnah Club, led by Rabbi Ben Zion Lazovsky. The boys meet Tuesday evenings before Mincha to learn Mishnayot.

Chesed Opportunity for Our Young Adults

Maot Chitim of Chicago will be delivering thousands of food packages for Rosh Hashana for those in need in the Chicagoland area. We have an outstanding chesed opportunity for our Kesser Maariv young adults and their friends, 18-29 years old. On Wednesday evening August 4th at 7 pm at a yet to be determined warehouse, we will be serving as volunteers to assemble boxes in preparation for Rosh Hashana. Do a mitzvah and have some fun. Call Saretta at 847-204-0556 if you are interested in helping.

Chesed Opportunity for our Kesser Maariv Kids

It's board game time again at the Robineau, 7550 Kostner, Skokie, on Monday August 16th at 10:25 am. Do a Mitzvah and have fun at the same time. Please contact Saretta Lazovsky if you are interested.

Public Service Announcement

Maot Chitim is looking for volunteers to help with the thousands of food packages that will be sent out to those in need in Chicago for Rosh Hashana. Packing will take place on Sunday, August 22 from 9:30 until mid afternoon at a still to be determined warehouse. If you are interested in helping with the packing, and are 12 and over, email Mike at volunteer@maotchitim.org. Perishable packing and delivery will take place on Sunday August 29. Packing begins at 6:00 am and delivering begins at 9 am. Again, please contact Mike to volunteer for packing and drivers can just show up.

PAST EVENTS

Shavuot Mishmar - Thanks to speakers Rebbetzin Saretta Lazovsky, Mindy Schiller and Eva Greenspan for the Women's Mishmar, to Rabbi Louis Lazovsky, Harvey Schiller, Rabbi Ben Zion Lazovsky and Rabbi Eli Lazovsky for speaking at the Mishmar, and to Rabbi Ben Zion Lazovsky for leading the Teen Mishmar. Yasher Koach to them as well as to everyone who studied with us on

Shavuot night.

On June 12 we had a lovely kiddush in honor of our graduates. Our graduates are: Joe Harris, JD, Ruti Soloveichik, David Landes, PhD, Shira Makowsky, Chaya Rena Rosenberg, BA, Yosef Rosenberg, Tziporah Tova Rosenberg, Rabbi Ben Zion Lazovsky, MS, Rabbi Eli Lazovsky, MPH, Dina Allswang, BSc, Yoni Allswang, Binny Allswang & Talia Allswang.

On June 27, one hundred people enjoyed the Shul Banquet and Ad Journal honoring Wendy Hartz, and bestowing the Friend of Kesser Maariv Award to Lester Farber. Thanks to Rabbi Ben Zion Lazovsky for serving as the Ad Journal Chairman and Dinner Chairman, and to everyone who helped on the day of the Banquet. The program was lovely; among the highlights were Wendy Hartz accepting her award for all the women of Kesser Maariv; Rabbi Moshe Soloveichik honoring us with words of Torah; and Larry Weinger's audio-visual presentation.

Hundreds of shiurim are available from our Tape Library – some on audio tape, and some digitally.

ADELE GOLDBLUM WOMEN'S COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday night July 18 at 6:45 – for women and men – Rabbi Louis Lazovsky will give a class on “Looking at Kinot in Depth” to prepare us for Tisha B’Av.

Monday night July 26 at 7:45 - for women – Bonfire at Emily Oaks Nature Center – 4650 Brummel, Skokie - Enjoy a traditional bonfire with stories and singing with Miriam Sufrin of Stereo Sinai - Marshmallows included! Come to enjoy this nice evening and bring a friend. Free. In case of bad weather, call Saretta.

On Tuesday & Wednesday nights July 27 & 28, Heather Busch & Milt Sabin will be performing with the Northwestern University Summer Orchestra & Band. Please see Saretta if you are interested in attending as a group.

The KMnitters have their own on-line bulletin board! Sign in to ravelry.com and to the group called...KMnitters. If you are on the KMnitter email list, you will receive more detailed information soon!

KMnitters continue to knit. New knitters are always welcome. The group usually meets every other Tuesday at the Shul at 7 pm. There will be a short summer break and class is expected to resume on August 10. Call Wendy Hartz at 708-205-5109.

August Women's Shalashudos – date to be announced.

Last call for recipes for the holiday cookbook. If you have a recipe that would make a tasty dish for the upcoming yomim tovim, please send them to Sandy Miretzky or Eleanor Greenspan. Thank you to all of the Kesser Maariv chefs who have already submitted delicious recipes.

Sunday September 5 – A fundraiser for the Adele Goldblum Women's Council- treat yourself and treat your friends to Rosh Hashana Gift Bags! The gift bags will include a challah, grape juice, apples, honey, dried fruit, store coupons, a mini-holiday cookbook and new year cards in a reusable canvas bag, all for only \$25. Delivery available in specific neighborhoods for \$5 additional per bag. Contact Sandy Miretzky at dogpurpleisrael@yahoo.com or Eleanor Greenspan at 847-675-7573 for more information. *An order form/flyer is enclosed with this newsletter.*

Wednesday October 20 – Chesed opportunity serving dinner at Café Ark at 4:45 p.m. Opportunity available for women and men. Please call Cookie Goldrich at 847-673-8149 to volunteer.

PAST EVENTS

We have continued to have women's shalashudos in May, June and July with guest speakers Kenny Goldblatt of Kibbutz Migdal Oz, Davida Siegal, RN, and Shana Greenstein Lipsky of Jerusalem. Thank you to all of the sponsors, to all of the people who gave divrei Torah and to all of the women who attended and made these shalashudos a success.

The Shavuot Plant Sale was a tremendous success. Many plants were delivered to the residents of the Robineau and Liberman. Many thanks to Brenda Kahn, Sheryl Greenstein and Wendy Hartz for delivering the plants and bringing cheer to so many residents. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the plants and made this chesed project an outstanding success!

Knitters for Charity continues to meet every other week. The group has some new knitters aboard. Classes continue under the leadership of Wendy Hartz and Sylvia Chartier.

Over thirty Kesser Maariv members and friends attended a lecture by the world renown, Rebetzin Esther Jungreis sponsored by Chicago Torah Network. Many thanks to Vicki Ross for assisting us to make this opportunity possible. Mazel Tov to the contest winners who received free tickets to the lecture: Iris Fagan, Miriam Schiller, Barbara Sachs and Lynda Rubinson.

GOOD & WELFARE

Mazel Tov to: Our Graduates (complete list above), Iris & Joe Fagan on the marriage of their son Jeff to Francie Rissman...Shirley & Milt Sabin on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson...Evelyne Sternfeld on the marriage of her granddaughter, Leah Rosenberg...Joan and David Ushkow on marriage of their grandson Adam Aronson.

Refua Shlaima to: Joan Ushkow

Welcome to our Neighborhood: Bonnie & Rick Hernandez.

Rabbi Louis Lazovsky was named one of the 10 Jewish Chicagoans of the Year by the Chicago Jewish News!
See <http://bit.ly/dnrVR4>

Celebrate your simcha on the Ety Rubinow Tree of Life! Leaves are \$100, Acorns are \$500 and Foundation Stones are \$1,000. Call Ben Zion at (847) 679-9800 to order, or just print the order form off of our website.

Thank you to our recent Kiddush Sponsors: the Hartz & Harris families, Joe & Iris Fagan, Shlomo & Gila Walny, Alan & Sandi Slodki, Bob & Sheryl Greenstein, and the sponsors of the Blackhawks Luncheon: the Brill, Cagan, Elovic, Fagan, Goldrich, Greenstein and Miretzky families. Thank you to our recent Seudat Shlisheet Sponsors: Walter Wolf, Joe & Iris Fagan, Gilda Allswang, Dan & Faith Harris, Levi Asher Sidel, Rabbi Louis & Saretta Lazovsky, and Dr. Joel & Rita Feder.

To sponsor a Kiddush or Seudat Shlisheet, please call the office, or Judy Whisler at (847) 677-2281.

Thank you to the following families who have donated books, Siddurim, Chumashim or Machzorim to the Shul: Boaz & Miriam Ben-Ari, Steve & Diane Dubey, Bob & Sheryl Greenstein, Michael & Wendy Hartz, Edmond & Miriam Namordi, Barbara & Howard Pomper, Rabbi & Mrs. Don Rubinoff, and Rabbi Ed Winter.

Do you have a new neighbor who might enjoy davening at Kesser Maariv? Please call the office so we can welcome them, or call Anne Elovic, Chesed Fund Chair, at (847) 673-2904.

DVAR TORAH

Tisha B'av begins at sundown on Monday evening, July 19, and concludes 42 minutes after sundown on Tuesday evening, July 20. The Fast of The 9th of Av, or Tisha B'av, was originally to be the day of greatest joy for the Jewish people. It was on that day that the Jewish people were to enter Israel after their exodus from Egypt. However, when the spies that Moses had sent to explore Israel returned on the night of Tisha B'av, they brought back a false report so evil that the people rejected the land and G-d. As a result of this sin, the Almighty issued a decree against the Jewish people: they would wander 40 years in the desert and all males age 20 and over would die in the wilderness, never to enter the promised land. The Almighty further decreed that as a result of the false tears shed by the Jewish People, the day would permanently be one of travail. Indeed, both Temples were destroyed on the 9th of Av with the subsequent exiles of the Jewish people; the Spanish Inquisition began on this day in 1492, and approximately 425 years later, World War I was declared on Tisha B'av. Five years ago, the expulsion of Jews living in Gaza began the day after Tisha B'av.

The solemnity of Tisha B'av requires that a major fast begin the evening before and last approximately 25 hours. During evening services we read the Book of Eicha – Lamentations, which deals with the misery of our people during the time of Churban – destruction of the Temples.

In the morning we read the Kinot services, which recount the sorrow and suffering of the Jewish people throughout the ages. It is a day of reflection; the Jewish people repent their past misdeeds to bring themselves closer to the Almighty and prepare for the Days of Awe. It is also a day of hope; tradition teaches us that the Mashiach – Messiah – will be born or will arrive on this day with Elijah the prophet informing us of our redemption.

Tu B'av - The 15th day of Av - "Tu" meaning 15 in Gematria - is a minor holiday on which we do not fast, say eulogies or say Tachanun. Several reasons are given for the holiday. One is that by that day, the summer is half over, leaving us more time to learn Torah at night. Another reason has to do with drying wood to be used on the Mizbeiach (Altar) in the Temple. The Maharal says that while the Jews were in the desert, they only married members of their own tribe. After they entered the Land of Israel, they began to marry members of other tribes on the 15th of Av. Because these marriages strengthen ties between families in different tribes, it is a cause for a minor holiday. Contemporarily, this last reason is the most oft-cited, and therefore it is common to celebrate weddings on this day.

Rosh Chodesh Elul - Tuesday August 10th and Wednesday August 11th - When Moshe Rabbeinu ascended Mt. Sinai to receive the second set of Luchot (Tablets), he went up on this day. The month of Elul also initiates a 40-day period of repentance. Within those forty days are the Aseret Yemay Teshuva - Ten Days of Repentance that begin with Rosh Hashana and conclude with Yom Kippur. The Shofar is blown every morning during Elul to awaken our sleeping hearts to return to Hashem. We also recite the penitential Psalm L'Dovid Ohrie (Psalm 27). During the entire month of Elul in Sephardic communities, Selichot, prayers of forgiveness and atonement, are recited at midnight, while Ashkenazic Jews recite them for at least four days prior to Rosh Hashana – this year, we will begin Selichot on Motzai Shabbat, September 4, 2010. Today, because being up at midnight for so many nights is difficult, many only recite the first Selichot service in the middle of the night.

The focal point of Selichot prayers is the recitation of the 13 attributes of G-d. Tradition teaches us that reciting these attributes evokes Divine mercy. G-d Himself bestowed this tradition to Moshe Rabbeinu when he ascended to the heavens to receive the Ten Commandments, Torah and Oral traditions.

Rosh Hashana will begin Wednesday night September 8, and Yom Kippur will be Friday evening and Shabbat September 17th and 18th.

Kesser Maariv Pushkas (Tzedaka Boxes) Are Available. Call the Office to pick one up.

SHABBAT & HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please Note: For the next few months, we will be welcoming Shabbat early and will begin davening Mincha on Friday nights at **7:00 pm**. Therefore, for the next few months, it is important that you remember to: 1) light Shabbat candles early (at about 7:20 pm) and 2) repeat Kriat Sh'ma of Maariv after nightfall.

	Date	Candle Lighting	Friday Mincha	Shacharit	Pirkei Avot Shiur	Mincha
Devarim (Chazon)	7/16-7/17	8:04 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:55 pm	7:55 pm
Va'etchanan (Nachamu)	7/23-7/24	7:59 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:50 pm	7:50 pm
Eikev	7/30-7/31	7:52 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:40 pm	7:40 pm
Re'eh	8/6-8/7	7:44 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:30 pm	7:30 pm
Shoftim	8/13-8/14	7:34 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:25 pm	7:25 pm
Ki Teitzei	8/20-8/21	7:24 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:15 pm	7:15 pm
Ki Tavo	8/27-8/28	7:13 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:00 pm	7:00 pm
Nitzavim	9/3-9/4	7:01 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	5:50 pm	6:50 pm

If you have a chiyuv - obligation to daven or require an Aliya, please inform Rabbi Lazovsky in person or at (847) 676-0556 before Shabbat.

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WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Minyan Times

Minyanim meet in the Kaufman Bais Midrash

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00 am

Monday-Friday: 6:00 am

Mincha-Maariv

Sunday-Thursday: 15 minutes before sundown

Classes

Sunday Morning at 9:40 am: Parsha Class in the Weekly Sedra.

Given by Rabbi Moshe Soloveichik

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm: Teen Mishna Club

Given by Rabbi Ben Zion Lazovsky

Malamud Reference Library

Come and Learn from any of the hundreds of titles in our library.

Lending Library

Members may borrow books from our Lending Library, located on the south side of the Social Hall

Tape Lending Library

We have tapes and digital audio files on many topics including Chumash, Talmud and Mussar.