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Shalom.

For me November is always an interesting month filled with swings of emotion. The High Holy Days are over and successful thanks to the wonderful efforts of our clergy, staff and volunteers. This is followed for me personally by my father’s yahrzeit. He died four years ago. And the day after his yahrzeit is Kristallnacht. Like so many others, my dad fought in the war against the Nazis.

To me Kristallnacht is a time to remember our continuing fight against hatred and bigotry. I know that many people feel that Jews and minorities cannot be bigots, but I must admit I’ve seen it in person within our synagogue. Whether you’re liberal, conservative, gay, straight, Jew by birth, Jew by choice, Ashkenazi, Sephardic, Crypto-Jew, or Jew of color, please take the time to really look at yourself, your actions and reactions, and how you’ve dealt with others who don’t agree with you. We are an inclusive community. Discussion and disagreement are hallmarks of Judaism and our Rabbis and teachers, yet it must be done with respect and honor. At root, we need to understand that a different opinion does not make another person an “other”, one to be discarded, rejected, ignored or even hated. As one of my mentors always says, don’t be furious, be curious. In our community we have as many different opinions and approaches to living as there are members in our synagogue. There are so many ideas, opinions and differences among us and that diversity of thought is what makes us stronger and helps us to continue growing. That’s a lot to be curious about.

We then have Veterans Day. While I’m a veteran it is not a holiday I’ve ever celebrated personally. My family has a history of serving in every period of war or peace since shortly after the landing of the Pilgrims. My nephews, nieces and cousins continue to serve to this day. Yet we’re all quiet about our service except with each other. For us it has always been considered an honor and a duty to our country and our fellow citizens, so it catches us off guard when others say, “Thank you for your service”. For me, I try to respond positively about the honor of service. And from me to you, I thank all those in our community, past and present, who’ve served and are continuing to serve our country as well as all those family members who love and support their service men and women.

And then comes Thanksgiving. While this year has been very rough, there is always so much to be thankful for each year. From a personal standpoint, I’m very thankful for my son’s and my ex-wife’s cancer remissions. I also want to thank
Joell for joining us as our Administrator for this past year, and for the great improvements in communication and clergy/education support that she and her team have implemented and continue to implement. Across our synagogue, school, ECC, and community, we continue to try to improve. Please reach out to me or the office with any ideas, concerns, or complaints you may have so that we can continue to learn and improve together.

May you all have a joyous and safe Thanksgiving.

Shalom.

The other day I was at the hardware store. A car was pulling out of a prime parking space. I put on my signal to turn left into the space and waited. As soon as the car was gone, and before I could pull into the space, a red SUV drove toward me. As I prepared for a duel to the death for this prime piece of parking lot real estate. She was waving her arms and it took me a minute to realize that she was motioning me to take the space.

I waved at her in thanks and as I began to pull into the space I saw the sign: “Veteran Parking.” I stopped, pulled back and moved forward up to the red SUV. The driver looked at me like I was crazy. I pulled up next to her and yelled through both our closed windows, “veteran parking only” and drove to find another spot.

November 11, 2020 marks the 103rd anniversary of the cease fire that ended World War I. The next year, President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11 to be Armistice Day and in 1956, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all those who served in and survived WWI, WWII and Korea. When Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Martin Luther King Day and Labor Day were deemed to always be celebrated on a Monday, Veterans Day was deemed so important, remained on it’s actual date of November 11.

Keeping Veterans Day on November 11, however, seems to relegate it to a minor celebration. It rarely creates a three day weekend. Thankfully, Veterans Day sales are rare. It’s in November so few people picnic or Bar-B-Que. Some few people reach out to veterans in the families or to their friends who served in our military. How then do we best observe Veterans Day?

Reach out to any veterans you know. Instead of just saying “thank you for your service,” reflect with them on the importance of the freedoms and rights they fought to uphold: Free speech; Freedom of religion; Protection from warrantless
searches....

If you do not have a veteran to reach out to, reflect on those freedoms yourself.

Most importantly, 8 days before Veterans Day, VOTE! Honor our veterans by exercising our greatest freedom, our greatest right, our greatest privilege and participate in the democracy they helped preserve.

Our veterans stood up for us. We best honor them by standing up for and using our freedom, our rights by actively participating in our representative democracy. VOTE. VOTE in person, VOTE absentee and mail in or drop off you ballot.

Shalom uv’racha,

Rabbi Harry Rosenfeld

ADMINISTRATOR

With the High Holy Days over I have returned to actively working on numerous facility quotes for upgrades. Our custodial crew have continued with various improvements throughout the facility. Among those tasks are painting the ECC and CASJS rooms, fresh grouting in the foyer, shampooing the carpets, buffing the floors and currently they are sanding and staining the outside benches to give them new life.

The office staff have continued to handle inquires daily, maintain and distribute the Ma Yesh, Eblist and various other office tasks. Most recently I have asked the staff to begin the process of documenting a comprehensive inventory of all the Art at Congregation Albert – both hung and stored.

As always we miss you all and wish you good health.

CARE COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee is seeking volunteers to make or buy and drop off soup and/or challah to those who are ill.

Please contact the office if you are interested.
“Said the Holy One to Israel:
I asked you to pray in the synagogue of your city
But if you cannot pray in the synagogue,
Pray outdoors in an open field;
And if you cannot pray in the field,
Pray in the shelter of your home,
And if you cannot pray in your home,
Pray in the dark on your bed;
And if you cannot pray on your bed,
Meditate in your heart without words.”
(Mishkan HaNefesh page 357 based on Midrash T’hillim on Psalm 4:9)
Meditation Shabbat group meets from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 11:10 a.m. once a month on Zoom. The link is sent to everyone who receives Congregation Albert email information about weekly services. The meditation group meditates at the same time as Shabbat services, but usually ends before the Torah reading. That way meditators may join with other worshippers for the 2nd half of traditional services if they wish. If you have questions call co-leaders Paula Schwartz and Paula Donahue.

Here is the new schedule through August 2021:

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**GREEN TEAM**

Congregation Albert Green Team
Co-Leads Paula Donahue and Judy Smith

![Buffalo Gourd Vine](image)

**INVITING YOU TO PARTICIPATE AND ASKING FOR YOUR IDEAS…**

As our Jewish New Year begins, the Green Team continues to review the goals in Congregation Albert’s adopted Sustainability Plan. We hope to continue work both within and beyond Congregation Albert. This Fall we will be talking with members of Congregation B’nai Israel to explore co-hosting a joint virtual Tu B’Shvat event. Both Rabbi Gartenberg and Rabbi Rosenfeld are already on board.

We would also like to participate with other groups who are already working to help people, animals and plants affected by air pollution, limited access to clean
water and food, and displacement from fires, floods and drought.

The photos you send remind us that we are part of the natural world. Please continue to send your photos, drawings and thoughts about nature to Paula Donahue at stevedonahue@q.com. We would love to get some photos showing your Fall observations.

If you are interested in joining the Congregation Albert Green Team, we are still looking for interested congregants who can help us serve both Congregation Albert and the larger community. We especially need gardeners to help maintain the Pollinator Meadow. Just call Paula Donahue at 266-3954 or Judy Smith at 249-3855.

I begin this month’s Ma Yesh with a sweet and uplifting poem that is a gentle reminder of how fortunate we are, even as we navigate running a successful early childhood program amid the constraints and safety regulations that COVID-19 has imposed on us.

The poem is from a book by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jonny Sun, called Gmorning, Gnight: Little Pep Talks for You and Me. Read these words of sweetness and encouragement for when you wake up and when you go to bed:

“Good morning.
Lead with gratitude.
The air in your lungs, the sky above you.”
Proceed from there.

Good night.
Curl up with gratitude.
For the ground beneath you, your beating heart.
Proceed from there.”

As I write, I continue to be filled with gratitude with the blessing of spending my days with the children at the Congregation Albert ECC. Being with them helps me STAY grateful for our gifts. Being with them opens my eyes to gratitude, and how simple it all is, just to be with friends and to be able to play together. I’d like to share what the children told me about school; why they are happy here and what makes our school so special.

“Playing outside is my favorite time. Superheroes is the best with my friend Qiao-rong.”

“It’s my classroom office with the computer and the phone. I like calling my mom. And the blocks – well, they help my imagination come true.”

“I like the ‘coda-pillar.” (This is a toy that teaches basic coding for children). “I watched a video – the bad news is that it didn’t work, but the good news is that the codapillar is cute.”

“We have blocks and lots of toys I like to play with.” When pressed, this child couldn’t single out specific toys… as he laughingly said, “this whole room is FILLED with toys and they are all my favorite!”

“Oh, the playground. I like to go on the slide, and I like that I can bring my ‘mimi.’” (a favorite blanket) “And you know those pattern blocks? We can build stuff with the colors and shapes together.”

“What’s my favorite? That I can play in the house and play with my friends. I like the playground – my favorite thing is to climb on the slide, up and down. Free choice is the best time.”

“That we go outside and have fun in the playground. And we have this house in the classroom. I have a lot of stuff in there today. It’s a restaurant today, and I have apples and gourds. Do you want to buy some?” (Of course I did)

“I just like playing with my friends. That’s it. My favorite game is hide and seek, and Kit is my favorite friend.”

My favorite, in a frank and honest response: “You know, sometimes I just like to be at home with my mom. And then when I am at school, I love the playground and I love my friends. They are the best part.”

I’m sensing a pattern in their responses. Friends are key, as is the ability to be outside. Children need to be together, and our ECC is fortunate to be able to provide
that safe space where they can be.

And, what about the faculty and me? We are happy to be around the children. We are grateful to be here. And we are grateful to our families, who support us every day in sustaining this sweet, safe and joyful space for our young learners.

BLUE WATER BLUEGRASS
The Ferry Boat Musicians
A Zoom Event with Author Al Levy

NOVEMBER 8TH, 2020
6:00pm via Zoom

Join Al Levy for a lively discussion on Sunday, November 8th via Zoom about his book, Blue Water Bluegrass: The Ferryboat Musicians.

"Ferryboat Music is mindset: a mindset of giving, of sharing, of letting go of pretense and just being in the moment"
"THE CONVERSERO ROMANCE"

November 15th at 6pm
via Zoom with Dr. Joshua Holo

Exploring real life stories of forced baptism
and debunking any "romance"

Dr. Joshua Holo is the Dean of the HUC-JIR Jack H. Skirball
Campus in Los Angeles Campus and Associate Professor of
Jewish History. He co-founded HUC’s digital learning
platform called the College Commons, and hosts a regular
podcast called “College Commons Podcast.” Together with
religious leaders in the Los Angeles neighborhood of HUC,
he co-founded the Neighborhood Religious Leadership
Coalition. He is the editor for the Brill Series on Jewish
Studies; was a regular contributor of Torah commentary to
the Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles; and penned an
article on liberal Zionism titled “Peering into the Nationalist

The Congregation Albert (CA) Rabbi Search Committee (RSC) is very excited
about the seven rabbi applicants we have received as of this writing – three women
and four men! We may receive more resumes over the coming weeks in response
to the official job posting on the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR)
national rabbi recruitment website.

You can find the job description narrative the RSC submitted as our job descrip-
tion on the CA Journey to a New Rabbi website which can be accessed at https://
www.congregationalalbert.org/rabbi-search. The narrative is based on the feed-
back we received from the survey, stakeholder group meetings and all-congregational meetings we held this summer. Also on this site are the official reports from the survey, and our all-congregational and stakeholder group meetings. We want to give a special shout out to the RSC Advisory Group for their work facilitating the stakeholder groups and combining their input into a single report.

We appreciate the valuable feedback congregants have provided during this process. We are confident we will find a fantastic successor for Rabbi Rosenfeld. As with most jobs, rabbi recruitment is a two way street; rabbis will do background research on us just as we will do on them. This is a time for us to be positive and excited about the future of our congregation.

It is also worth mentioning that the process of reviewing resumes, and interviewing and evaluating rabbi applicants is highly confidential. The CA RSC will not share specific information on the candidates nor our interactions with them in order to ensure the process is discreet and equitable for all applicants.

Below is our tentative timeline moving forward:
   Early September – Job Posted (completed)
   Starting in late September – Applications sent to the RSC
   October – early December – The RSC reviews resumes and conducts preliminary interviews
   January – Final interviews conducted
   February/March – Potential opportunity for the CA Board of Trustees to meet finalists (depending on the pandemic travel restrictions). We are hoping there will be an opportunity for the finalists to present an adult education or other program for members during this time period, though we cannot guarantee it.
   April – The RSC makes a recommendation the the Board of Trustees. If the Board approves the recommendation, the top candidate is brought before the congregation for a vote.

This timeline is somewhat flexible depending on the number of candidates who ultimately apply and other administrative factors.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to let us know at carabbisearch@gmail.com.
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Kislev Drive-Thru & Drop-off

you are invited!

November 17th, 2020
5:30pm–7pm

In celebration of the New Moon for Rosh Chodesh Kislev you are invited to drive by and say the blessings for the new month with Rabbi Rosenfeld & Cantor Finn. Please bring non-perishable food items for donation to the Food Bank. Plus, we have a special gift for everyone!

Let’s ZOOM some Trivia!

Join us for **Havdalah Saturday evening, November 21 at 7 pm** followed by an amazing trivia game. You can join for Havdalah on Facebook but you have to be on Zoom to play Quizzia!! Simple and fun, Quizzia is pub-less pub trivia played via Zoom in the comfort of your own home. It's general knowledge trivia across a wide range of categories - history, science, pop culture, sports, geography, and more - but with an element of strategy to keep everyone in the game right to the end. Quizzia is fun and engaging. Plus, you can't beat the location.

About your Quizmaster

Corey Rittmaster has decades of experience as a host, improviser, actor, and corporate facilitator. He's appeared on several TV shows and numerous commercials. He toured with The Chicago Comedy Company and ComedySportz, as well The Second City out of Chicago, performing on Norwegian Cruise Lines. There, on the high seas, he often hosted fun game nights, both with the crew and passengers. An avid trivia fan himself, not only has Corey hosted in-person pub trivia, but he’s also competed on actual game shows (*Celebrity Name Game, Best Ever Trivia Show, 25 Words Or Less*) and even worked a little behind the scenes on *Master Minds* on Game Show Network. Not to mention, he’s become the go-to host for family and friend's game nights, especially during recent quarantine-life times.
### November 1 – 7

**14 Cheshvan-20 Cheshvan**
- Joan Allen
- Nissim Behar
- Phil Bubes
- Herbert Dannemann
- Rudolf Dreyer
- Frances Fleischman
- Irma Glazer
- Anne Leicher Goldman
- Francis Eldon Hawkins
- Carleigh Hoff
- John Hoffman
- Beatrice Hyman
- Felix Jaramillo
- Jacqueline Jensen
- Harry Kagan
- Lillian Kahn
- John M. Kinsella
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- Esther Reich
- Nathan Rosenfeld
- Marcia Ross
- Herman Shniderson
- Ellie Steinberg
- Sadie Swern
- Celia Berman Tessler
- Hella Yaniv
- Leo Zlotkin

#### November 15-21

**28 Cheshvan-5 Kislev**
- Phyllis Atkin
- John Bleicher
- Richard Block
- Morris Brodsky
- Maria De Cespedes
- Dora Einhorn
- Julia Enock
- Sally Feldman
- Esther Morgenstern Friedman
- Arlene Gabay
- Miriam Gaines
- Vera Ann Goldberg
- James Greenacre
- Irving Handleman
- Al Hershfield
- Pat Hirsch
- Sally Kokot Hoffer
- Mitchell Ketai
- Jack Krawll
- Aaron Lafer
- M. Kenneth Lamorder
- Meyer Lev
- Mel Leventhal
- David L. LeWinter
- Remy Bley Lichtenberg
- Clara Miller
- Will Myer
- Terry Myles
- Ethan G. Panter

#### November 22-28

**6 Kislev-12 Kislev**
- J. Albert Ballin
- Thelma "Teddi" Barlin
- Booker T.C. Cameron
- Norma Davis
- Harry Enock
- Kittie Atkins Epstein
- June Ettinger
- Lillian Goodman
- Paul Greenberg
- Laura Gruen
- Goldie Kaplan
- Ira Kapp
- Helen Fox Leidner
- Samuel Litwin
- Jack Moise
- Helen Morris
- Isidor Rothschild
- Daniel Schmerling
- Anna Shaps
- Harry Bird Shaw
- Sophie Stein-Kagan
- Rudolph Stern
- Rebeka Strauss
- Harold S. Volkin
- Albert Weiner
- Barney Wides
- Floyd Young

### November 8-14

**21 Cheshvan-27 Cheshvan**
- Arthur "Art" Atkinson
- Constance Cameron
- Frank Catz
- Max Cogen
- Rose Danoff
- Arthur Eric Duchen
- Stella Ettlinger
- Julie Finn
- Gail Glickman
- Miriam Greenbaum
- Joseph Kaufman
- Moe Kregstein
- Lee Lapin
- Robert David Lapkin
- Jules Pomerantz
- Daniel H. Rogers
- Arnold Rosenzweig
- Goldie Schwartz
- Rose Bernstein Siegal
- Ganina Singer
- Herbert Spielberg
- Jennie Spingarn
- Joseph Spitz
- Thomas "Tan" Stanley
- Esther Trott
- Spencer Weisman
- Beatrice Riger Wick
- Victor Wilks
- Alan Winsberg

### Nov 29 – December 5

**13 Kislev-19 Kislev**
- Helen M. Abel
- Elfda Baca
- Frances Shor Bernstein
- Bessie Braveman
- Henry Caplan
- Clare Dreyer
- Emy Lou Goldgar
- Phil Grey
- Moshe Drefkowitz
- Heldman
- Sylvia Kaufman
- Ruben Klein
- Jack Kranz
- Jean Kranz
- Rose Goodman Kranz
- Kenneth Mead
- Marvin Miller
- Ned A. Miller
- Phillip O'Callaghan
- Norma V. O'Conner
- Bion Pewitt
- Robert Priester
- Margaret Robinson
- Joseph Rosenberg
- Charles Rothschild
- Irving Satren
- Merrian Lang Silverman
- Carol Simon
- Martin Smith
- Sally Spielman
- Alice Helstein Spitz
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