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Shalom.

By the time you read this, we will be in October. I will only have nine months left as President and I am starting to realize how much there is left to do. I will end up leaving a little bit undone that your next President, Yale Silverman, will pick up and carry until he, too, must leave.

By October we will be well into Tishrei and moving rapidly toward Hanukkah. However, we need to remember that, no matter how fast life moves with us, we need to take the time to stop, play with our children or pets, spend quality time with our loved ones, and recognize the blessings we all have received.

During this month, we will get to celebrate Simchat Torah, the receiving of the Torah. We will finish reading the Torah for last year and then restart studying for this year. Like life, Torah study itself is a cycle and, through our application and study of Torah, we can learn how to better live this year of life in our life’s cycle.

As with all our celebrations this year, Simchat Torah will also be virtual. However, just like the High Holy Days, I believe you will be pleased at what the Rabbi and Cantor have planned, and what Joell and her team have been able to pull off. We have been truly blessed.

I hope you all stay safe and stay well.

Shalom.

At the end of Shabbat, Festivals and Holy Days we conclude with the blessing hamavdil bein kodesh l’chol, acknowledging the difference between the holy and the ordinary, the holiness of special days, and what we often refer to as “getting back to normal.” What makes one time holy and the other ordinary? How does the stillness of the haunting and quiet melodies of N’ilah, the sacred close of the Yom Kippur service differ from the joy and
dancing of *Simchat Torah*, or a seemingly ordinary weekday morning? How we face the sacred and the ordinary is equally important to the days themselves.

In the Torah we are commanded to celebrate the festivals at “set times” and instructed on the specifics of how to celebrate them. In the month of *Tishri* we are blessed with many holy days that give us the opportunity to be thankful for what we have and at the same time recall when as a people, we did not have anything. *Sukkot*, the fall harvest festival, is a holiday often compared to “Thanksgiving.” We build our *sukkah*, and celebrate being outside. We partake of newly harvested fruits and vegetables, including apples and pomegranates. We eat, rest, study and even sleep in the sukkah. At the conclusion of *Sukkot*, we celebrate another appointed festival, *Simchat Torah* rejoicing in the teachings of Torah continuing the cycle of learning by reading the end and the beginning all at the same time.

The next Hebrew month, *Cheshvan* contains no “appointed times.” It is the time for putting into action all the plans, hopes, prayers and promises that were made during the recent holy days. We return to a seemingly ordinary schedule and ask ourselves how can we relate to the ordinary? We are mindful of the desire to find meaning and purpose in this time of opportunity, to make choices about our relationship to the real world, the ordinary days and months to come, and reap the benefits of the spiritual growth of the preceding month of *Tishri*.

In transition from the High Holy Days to the Festivals of *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah* we contemplate the changes we have decided to make for the New Year. Change does not come all at once. New habits are created through intention and setting aside our own “sacred time.” When *Cheshvan* comes, we only have to remember the promises of *Tishri* and say, “NOW is the time.”

*Moadim l’simcha*, may your sacred time be joyous and may you always find holiness in the ordinary.

*B’shirah*,
Cantor Barbara R. Finn
Hello! Hope these behind the scenes pictures give you an idea as to how much technology went into bringing you the best possible Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in these crazy times.

I must thank my staff. They showed exceptional patience and grace in a very stressful time. They found humor in the chaos and kept working hard to make it all come together. I am so proud of their work ethic during not just the High Holy Days but the pandemic, as they have not skipped a beat the entire time.

THANK YOU!
Shana Tova
A Good Year

Join us for CASJS 5781
Engaging in Jewish life and exploring Jewish identity in a meaningful community of life-long learners

Rachel White Sternheim, M.A.Ed.
Education Director

We welcome our new and returning families for another year of Jewish learning and community. In the Jewish tradition, we pray, Somech Noflim v’Rofay Cholim— “Support the falling and heal the sick” Support can be given in many ways including our physical presence, or perhaps an online presence, a smile or by lending a hand to make sure a friend is cared for. Human beings cannot heal the sick, however we can promote healing though our friendships and by showing kindness to others. May this year be one of joy, friendship and good health!

Many thanks to our wonderful youth education teachers:

Sophie Asher          Elie Shaw          Jason Krosinsky
Robin Sena            Rabbi Rosenfeld    Max Powders
Elizabeth Botnick     Hannah Kesner      Avital Neistat
Adina Sternheim       Gabe Meek         Cantor Finn
Danny Kesner

For more information and to register contact
education@congregationalbert.org
or call: (505) 883-1818
Green team

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

This month, Susie Citrin shares a butterfly picture from her garden. Perhaps the valerian (Jupiter’s Beard) flower pollen is calming this beautiful butterfly.

This hot, dry summer was hard on the Congregation Albert Pollinator Meadow and the pre-school kids were not there to report their insect, bird and animal sightings to us, but the meadow flowers continue to spread and we will be planting more this fall.

Please continue to send your photos, drawings and nature thoughts to Paula Donahue at stevedonahue@q.com. They remind us of our place in nature on this earth whether or not there is a pandemic.

If you are interested in joining the Congregation Albert Green Team, we are still looking for interested congregants who can help us broaden our mission to serve the larger community. Just call Paula Donahue at 266-3954 or Judy Smith at 249-3855.

SHABBAT MORNING MEDITATION

The High Holidays have come and gone and hopefully we all found ways to go deep within ourselves so that we could re-enter the everyday world with new insights about ourselves, our relationships to others and to the Divine. Meditation is a practice that helps us to do that. A meditative state can be achieved whether you have done it many
years or are just trying it out now. Join us via Zoom to see if you like it. If you are interested in getting an electronic copy of the monthly meditation service and reminders to join by Zoom, just send an email to stevedonahue@q.com so we can add you to the list.

We meet from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 11:10 a.m. once a month. 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 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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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**LOOP SYSTEM—THANK YOU MIKE!**

We would like to thank Mike Langner who has so generously and graciously donated his time and expertise to equip our Sanctuary and Chapel with a loop system that ensures congregants with hearing impairments have full access to services. Mike is not a member of Congregation Albert and yet he has gone above and beyond to support our community. Thank you Mike!
HEBREW FOR ADULTS

The Beginners’ class will introduce students to the Aleph-Bet, vowel system, and basic vocabulary and grammar concepts. Students will learn to read and de-code Hebrew text, write in script and print, recognize patterns and identify the root of words. Students will be presented to common prayers in the siddur. The goal at the end of this class is to be able to read/de-code with confidence, and to be able to follow a religious service.

The Intermediate class is for students who read and de-code well. The class will concentrate on building vocabulary, using everyday Hebrew to communicate, and developing further print and script writing. We will start identifying and using roots to learn the meaning of new and known words. Students will learn grammar and converse in Hebrew.

The Advanced course requires good reading and decoding skills to focus on Hebrew conversation, building and expanding everyday vocabulary and grammar concepts. Students will identify words’ roots (shorashim), learn conjugation tenses, read without vowels, and practice writing.

Cost of the class is $200

Minimum of 4 students needed to hold a class

Classes Begin October 18, 2020

Beginners Hebrew, Sundays 9:30 am
Intermediate Hebrew, Sundays 10:45 am
Advanced Hebrew, Sundays 11:45 am

Location: Congregation Albert
Teacher: Debora Brener
For info and sign-up contact Debora at debbrener@comcast.net or call 505-331-8205.

 Debora Brener has been teaching all levels of Hebrew and Jewish Studies for the past 14 years in Albuquerque. Prior to moving to New Mexico, she taught five years at Temple Emmanuel, the largest Reform Congregation in New Jersey, where she worked with students of all ages and organized cultural exchange programs between American and Israeli students/communities.
It was a dark and stormy night... well, not really. However, our first day back at the ECC WAS cold and stormy! It was winter in September, and it will be a day we always remember.

After months of standing silent and empty, our ECC opened on Wednesday September 9, with joy AND some quasi apprehensive families and teachers. We made the decision to start small, and learn and practice the new guidance from our governmental agencies. We put the majority of our energy toward creating a learning environment that is responsive to and reflects the needs of very young children in this new reality.

The ECC faculty got creative with our space to allow for distancing, and we are mastering the logistics of curbside drop-off and pick-up. I created safety plans, protocols, daily checklists and procedures, addendums to our Family Handbook and tried to anticipate every scenario – both good and not-so-good.

Temperature checks and the daily health check-ins are becoming routine as we greet the children and families in the car line each morning. The faculty and custodians (Hooray for Vern and Ray!) are becoming pros at disinfecting EVERYTHING, and masks are no barrier to the love that is exchanged between children and their teachers. Our apprehension has taken a back seat to the extraordinary joy we feel back in this place so many of us call home.

In just the few days since we’ve opened, the children are laughing, playing, learning and connecting the way only young children can. Our teachers are washing hands, organizing their classrooms around distancing and helping each other through any challenge that comes their way.
Hearing the sound of children laughing, the sight of a child comforting a friend, and witnessing the pride when a child solves a problem has brought us joy, as well. This time has given us more clarity of our role, of what is really important in our work, and why we are here.

The core of our program is still guided by child-centered teaching, integrating Jewish values, and focusing on building a child’s disposition to be a joyful learner. Sustaining our connections and partnerships with families and community are still at the heart of our ECC. Beginning our first Friday morning with Shabbat Sing and Cantor Finn was a highlight of our short first week even though for the time being, we have 2 socially distanced celebrations happening simultaneously. I still read a weekly story, then hand it to the Cantor, who knows just how to make it all work.

I’m not sure when or if we will ever view mask wearing, curbside connections and temperature checks normal but I do know that for now, it is working and we are proud to continue our mission of providing a school where a love of learning begins.

With deepest gratitude to our clergy, Administrator, congregational leadership, most of all to the extraordinary faculty of our ECC, we are grateful to be back and look forward to creating memories for our children and families that will last a lifetime.
High Holidays were observed very differently this 2020- for me too. Texts and phone calls from Doug Johns provided information about the Michelle Goffe Memorial Garden. E-mailing of photographs from Jerry Goffe, were my lens to seeing the garden. I can identify and share the variety of the technology that have benefited me and bombarded me during the COVID Virus Pandemic and my currently living in Nampa, Idaho.

Seeing the metal arch and cascading Lady Banks Roses sort of defines this spiritual place. But now fewer of you are walking along the crusher fine paths and seeing the variety of rose colors. Less of you who embrace native and xeric plants are looking at these environmentally adapted plants and thinking, “I have that perennial,” or “what is the name of that yellow perennial?” or why is the xeric section looking so dry or void of color?”. All of your questions and observations are valuable.

Just like people, this garden still exists and needs some of your attention! Young children need extra attention to get them started to grow and thrive. Middle aged children need the help of others in order to becoming stronger and more rooted. Mature adults value your added attention as they become weaker or more vulnerable to diseases. These human needs are also animal and plant needs. Working in the Michelle Goffe Memorial garden is not possible right now, in the future this will change. If you can contribute money for the purchase of new plants or amendments to the soil, you are enabling the plants to grow, thrive and be cared before they cease to live.

By Sylvia Goffe with Photographs by Jerry Goffe
Jeff & Diana Paul - Albuquerque, NM

Being Jewish and having a Jewish community has always been important to Jeff and Diana Paul. The couple joined Temple Albert in 1991 after their daughter was born. Since then they have been active members, board members, and they have been very involved with the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Temple Albert gave them a Jewish place to raise their daughter, where she could have Jewish friends and a Jewish education. The Pauls are regulars at Cafe Shabbat and other services every month.

Jeff and Diana are leaving an after-lifetime gift to Temple Albert’s endowment because they understand how important having a Jewish community and religious community have been to their family. As Jeff said, “one of the best ways to keep Jewish history and culture alive is to keep synagogues and congregations alive.” The Pauls were excited to participate as LIFE & LEGACY donors because it’s a program anyone can participate in, it doesn’t matter how much you give, it matters that you are involved.

Jeff retired as the Director of Recreation Therapy at the VA Medical Center in 2007. Diana is an “almost” retired professional bookkeeper.

Aviva Maxon, JCF NM summer intern, interviewed Jeff & Diana, and worked with them to create this donor spotlight.

If you are interested in volunteering for the caring committee to call congregants during this time of Covid 19, please contact:

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Abe Stumer
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Sadie Weinreb
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Bernard Zlotkin

Oct 4 – 10
16 Tishrei – 22 Tishrei

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Isadore Danoff
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23 Tishrei – 29 Tishrei

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MariAnne D'Aminco
Jason William Dennehey
Frank Finney
Bonnie Victor Fried
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