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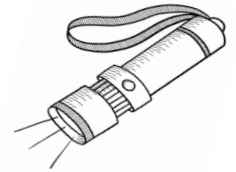
New Light Congregation

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New Light News August 2024

The Flashlight

July was a month of Biblical proportions! How many events occurred that you could reflect upon through a religious and moral lens? Politically, our world has become more and more polarized. Let's examine it using the flashlight.



For instance, what kind of conversation Donald Trump and Joe Biden might have had if they truly understood the Biblical injunction that you shall “walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8) – which we incidentally read as a Haftarah during the month of July? What if they arranged a Zoom call shortly after President Biden got sick with Covid-19?

Trump: I am sorry to hear that you got sick. How are you feeling?

Biden: Better. The symptoms are wearing off. I hope to be back to my regular self soon. Thanks for the call.

Trump: Just checking in. You are in our prayers.

Biden: How are you doing? I realize that almost getting yourself killed is not what you signed up for when you went on the campaign trail.

Trump: Yeah. Nearly getting my head blown off has made me think differently about my own mortality.

Biden: My thoughts exactly. We should do something about the Secret Service. We can definitely find some fault with those guys. You deserve better. I hope you heal soon.

Trump: Hey. I was worried about you during the debate. You okay?

Biden: Yeah. It was an off night.

Trump: I take back all the mean things I said about you.

Biden: I am sorry I lost my temper. We can be more civil to one another.

Trump: I agree. When you are feeling better, we can play a few rounds at Mar-a-lago.

Biden: I look forward to it.

Wouldn't it be amazing if humility was our default when it came to our relationships? What if it were easier for us to forgive? What if we could moderate our anger sometimes? Forgiveness and repentance should always be on our minds. If great politicians like King David can do it, so can we!

Rabbi

BREAKING NEWS

The JCC 2025 Maccabi Games will be held in Pittsburgh! In partnership with the University of Pittsburgh, the JCC will host the largest in-person Jewish youth sporting event next summer. More information to follow.

Presidents' Report

There is no Presidents' message this month. Barbara melted due to the extreme heat; Steve (and Carol) had cataract surgery and so cannot see properly.

Please see the details for our Annual Picnic scheduled for August 25 at 5:00 PM in the ballroom elsewhere in the newsletter. We look forward to (slightly) cooler weather and getting together to enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers.

Barbara & Stephen

August Board Meeting

The next board meeting is Sunday, August 4, 10:30 AM, in Helfant and on Zoom. Use the same Zoom connection as for Shabbat.

Why We Do What We Do

The class will be held immediately after the board meeting. Topics include "Why and When Do We Fast." Please let Barbara know if you plan to attend in person.

Annual Picnic

Enjoy good food and good company on Sunday, August 25, at 5:00 PM in the ballroom (no bugs, sand or heat). \$12 per person. Please RSVP to Barbara (barbara.caplan@comcast.net or 412-421-1017) by August 19.



August Birthday

Jason Manne

August Anniversaries

Barbara & Harold Caplan

Janet & Stephen Cohen

Carol & Larry Kanterman

Ethel & Howard Kubitz

Debi & Don Salvin

Reminders

- To purchase Memorial Plaques, Simcha Tree Leaves or Stones contact Ileen Portnoy.
- To purchase bricks for our "Garden of Freedom" contact Barbara Caplan.
- To purchase Giant Eagle gift cards contact Karen Coburn.
- For information on our cemetery contact Stephen Cohen.

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Monday, August 12 | 8:00 p.m.

**Congregation Beth Shalom
Samuel & Minnie Hyman Ballroom**

The ninth day of the the month of Av is the most mournful day of the Jewish year, a container for virtually every tragedy that has occurred in our history. The whole community is invited to join us at Beth Shalom for Minḥah, Ma'ariv, the soulful chanting of Megillat Eikhah (the book of Lamentations), melancholy melodies, and "Kinot Addresses" - brief commentaries on classical laments. We will also mark the great tragedy which has befallen our people in 5784.



New Light Calendar August 2024 26 Tammuz 5784 - 27 Av 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 29 TAMMUZ Board Meeting, 10:30 AM Why We Do What We Do	5 1 AV Rosh Chodesh Av	6 2 AV	7 3 AV	8 4 AV	9 5 AV 8:05 Services, 6:00 PM	10 6 AV Services, 9:45 AM
11 7 AV	12 8 AV	13 9 AV Tisha B'Av	14 10 AV	15 11 AV	16 12 AV 7:55 Services, 6:00 PM	17 13 AV Services, 9:45 AM
18 14 AV	19 15 AV Tu B'Av	20 16 AV	21 17 AV	22 18 AV	23 19 AV 7:45 Services, 6:00 PM	24 20 AV Services, 9:45 AM
25 21 AV Picnic, 5:00 PM	26 22 AV	27 23 AV	28 24 AV	29 25 AV	30 26 AV 7:34 Services, 6:00 PM	31 27 AV Services, 9:45 AM