

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR JULY-AUGUST 2020

*Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>* Candle Lighting 8:12pm ZOOM Service 7:30pm

Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> ZOOM Service 10:30am Weekly Portion: <u>H</u>UKKAT+BALAK Triennial Reading Numbers 19:1-21:20 HAFTARAH Micah 5:6-6:8 D'VAR TORAH Presenter: Dennies Gajadhar

> *Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>* Candle Lighting 8:10pm ZOOM Service 7:30pm

Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> ZOOM Service 10:30am Weekly Portion: *PIN<u>H</u>AS* Triennial Reading Numbers 25:10-26:51 *HAFTARAH* Jeremiah 1-1:2:3 *D'VAR TORAH* PRESENTER: Alison Buturla

Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> Candle Lighting 8:06pm ZOOM Service 7:30pm BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY *SHABBAT*  Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> ZOOM Service 10:30am BIRKAT ha<u>H</u>ODESH Weekly Portion: MATTOT+MAS'EI Triennial Reading Numbers 30:2-31:54 HAFTARAH Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4 D'VAR TORAH PRESENTER: Bruce Herman

> *Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>* Candle Lighting 8:00pm ZOOM Service 7:30pm

Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> ZOOM Service 10:30am SHABBAT <u>H</u>AZON Weekly Portion: D'VARIM Triennial Reading Deuteronomy 1:1-2:1 HAFTARAH Isaiah 1:1-27 D'VAR TORAH PRESENTER: Matt Hesse

> WEDNESDAY JULY 29<sup>th</sup> FAST OF *TISH'AH B'AV* BEGINS AT SUNSET

Friday July 31stCandle Lighting7:54pmZOOM Service7:30pm

Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> Services 10:30am SHABBAT NA<u>H</u>AMU Weekly Portion: VA'ET<u>H</u>ANAN Triennial Reading Deuteronomy 3:23-5:17 HAFTARAH Isaiah 40:1-26 D'VAR TORAH PRESENTER: Marlene Podell

> *Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>* Candle Lighting 7:45pm ZOOM Service 7:30pm

Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> Services 10:30am Weekly Portion: *EIKEV* Triennial Reading Deuteronomy 7:02-9:3 *HAFTARAH* Isaiah 49:14-51:3 *D'VAR TORAH* PRESENTER: Mady Kiner

> Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> Candle Lighting 7:36pm ZOOM Service 7:30pm BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT

Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> ZOOM Service 10:30am BIRKAT haHODESH Weekly Portion: *R'EIH* Triennial Reading Deuteronomy 11:26-12:28 *HAFTARAH* Isaiah 51:12-52:12 *D'VAR TORAH* PRESENTER: Marla Hesse

> *Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>* Candle Lighting 7:26pm ZOOM Service 7:30pm

Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> Services 10:30am Weekly Portion: SHOFETIM Triennial Reading Deuteronomy 11:26-12:28 HAFTARAH Isaiah 51:12-52:12 D'VAR TORAH PRESENTER: Coming soon

> Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> Candle Lighting 7:15pm *ZOOM Service* 7:30pm

Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> ZOOM Service 10:30am Weekly Portion: KI TEITZEI Triennial Reading Deuteronomy 21:10-23:7 AFTARAH Isaiah 54:1-10 D'VAR TORAH PRESENTER: Randi Herman

#### MESSAGE ARTICLE – JULY-AUGUST 2020 Rabbi Shae J. Kane D.D.

As food for thought, I share with you a sermon written by my colleague Rabbi Elliot Dorf. He is the current Chair of the Conservative Movement's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards. The sermon is entitled "Taking Care of Yourself in the New Year". Although Rabbi Dorf wrote this about 6 months ago, I believe it still rings true for us at this time of pandemic and social unrest.

"Jews learn early in life that their Jewish heritage includes a strong focus on helping others. The *Torah* has multiple laws that require us to take care of the poor (e.g., Leviticus 19:9-10; Deuteronomy 15:7-15), and the Rabbis expanded on that to require that every Jewish community establish a soup kitchen to feed the poor and a charity fund to supply them with clothing and shelter (*Tosefta, Pe'ah* 4;9). Deuteronomy, the fifth book of the *Torah*, depicts God as caring for the widow, orphan, and stranger (10:18), and it bids us in several places to do so likewise (14:29; 16:11, 14; 24:19-21; 26:12-13; 27:19). The Prophets therefore regularly chastise the Jewish community of their time for failing to provide for the poor, the orphan, and the widow (e.g., Isaiah 1:17, 23; 3:14-15; Jeremiah 7:6; 22:3; Zekhariah 7:10; etc.)

The Rabbis (*Tosefta, Gittin* 3:18; B. Gittin 61a) insisted that we help the non-Jewish poor and sick as well as Jews; this is truly remarkable because the non-Jews the Rabbis were talking about were the Romans of that time, who were definitely not worrying about Jews who were poor or ill. The Rabbinic term for these acts of helping others is *g'millut <u>h</u>asadim*, acts of kindness, and a deservedly famous Mishnah (*Avot* 1:2) that many of us sing says that *Torah* (learning it and fulfilling its precepts), worship, and acts of civic virtue are the three pillars on which the world stands. The contemporary term that Jews often use for the same kinds of activity is *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, and although that is not the entirety of Judaism, it is a core value and focus of our tradition. Sometimes the way that I describe this aspect of the Jewish tradition is to say that "Judaism spells responsibility with a capital R." Aside from parties on New Year's Eve and parades and football games on the day itself, the one thing that characterizes the marking of the New Year in the American tradition is New Year's resolutions. The Jewish New Year celebration of *Rosh haSHannah* calls our attention to our relationships to other people and to God and bids us to evaluate how we have fared in those relationships, how we can make up for what we have done wrong, and how we can do better in the year to come. New Year's resolutions in the American setting, in contrast, focus on what we can and want to do for ourselves. This year I will lose weight, or I will spend more time with my family, or at least on *Shabbat* I will liberate myself from my electronics. Some even tie a string around their finger to remind them of their resolutions.

This does not violate the substance or spirit of Judaism in the least bit. In fact, the *Talmud* (B. *Bava M'tzi'a* 62a) asserts that in dire circumstances, one must save oneself first and only then seek to save others. In monetary matters as well, the *Talmud* (*Bava M'tzi'a* 71a; B. *N'darim* 80b) describes concentric circles: first one must support oneself, then one's immediate family, then one's extended family, then one's local Jewish community, then the larger Jewish community, and then the non-Jewish community.

Of course, as Jews we must also care for others, and Jews of all forms of affiliation are right in seeing that as a core Jewish value. You cannot help others, though, unless you yourself are in a position and condition to do so (a particularly important lesson for caregivers of sick or disabled people to learn). So in looking after our own welfare as we make New Year's resolutions we are carrying out an important Jewish value. Now may we only fulfill our resolutions!"

### President's Message

### Baruch HaTov v'HaMetiv.

Traditionally, that's how we respond to good news. You might be thinking, "What good news is there?" There's plenty of good news. We just have to focus our thinking a bit.

As your president this past year, I was faced with the unthinkable; we had to close the doors to our sanctuary. As I left that day, and the door was closed and locked for an undetermined length of time, my heart sank. What to do? How to keep everyone together and supported? How would we possibly continue to hold services? What about all our planned events? The whole situation was overwhelming. I couldn't envision a future without MJC in it.

And then suddenly, there was good news. We were able to set up a virtual remote receptionist to forward all the calls from MJC to our cell phones and a voice mailbox. We turned to Zoom to support us as we resumed our Shabbat and Holiday services and Monday & Thursday Minyanim. Zoom became our "go to" for meetings and events and we successfully executed the "heavy lifting" to master what, for most of us, was new technology. We coordinated with other congregations and enjoyed a wonderful concert last month. This month, Sisterhood held a fantastic virtual end of year dinner. So, let's take a moment to reflect on our success-and then move ahead to the next challenge: reopening Madison Jewish Center.

While it's true that we can't predict when I'll greet you at the door in person, we need to plan for the moment that we can say, "Beruchim Ha'Baim" -"welcome to our congregation". We know that things will be "different" but that could also mean "better!" Committees are forming now as the MJC 2020 Re-opening Task Force begins their work. Each one of us has a role to play in the design and implementation for the successful re-opening and continuous operation of MJC. The devil is in the details and we want to make sure that nothing is overlooked. We need you! When you receive an email from me with a committee assignment, I hope you'll accept. It's our responsibility to do everything we can to make MJC a vital part of the next generation.

L'Dor V'Dor Randi

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### The Latest from Sisterhood July-August 2020

The Sisterhood first ever End of the Year Virtual Meeting was held on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Marlene Podell and Teresa Gottesmann for organizing the event, and to everyone who participated in this virtual fundraiser. It was a fun and informative meeting. We honored three deserving women, and we appreciate what they have done for Sisterhood and MJC. Look for the honorees names in the September Message.

We also offer our thanks to Ilene Karpas for teaching the weekly Hebrew reading class on Zoom during the months of May and June. The class was very helpful, and Ilene put in a great deal of time instructing her students. Everyone attending the class benefited from the sessions and enjoyed the weekly comradery.

Have you been "cooking in seclusion?" That is the name of the digital cookbook Sisterhood is putting together for sale online. Sisterhood members are requested to submit two of your favorite recipes for inclusion. Photos are welcome as well. E-mail Judy Posniack or Sharon Goldberger by Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The other committee members are Fran Leibowitz and Ilene Shapiro. Thank you to all for undertaking this project.

We have been meeting to discuss what the Fall will look like for Sisterhood, and while no one can predict the future, we are planning events that can be done either in person or virtually. Sisterhood's Opening Brunch is such an event, and it is scheduled for Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 12PM. The guest speaker will be expert organizer Amy Schoenfeld.

And finally, if you are interested in playing Mah Jongg online, contact Eva Hirsch.

Have a safe and peaceful summer. Hopefully when we all meet again, it will be after successful visits to our hairdressers.

Mady Kiner for Sisterhood

### MJC SOCIAL CLUB HAPPENINGS

#### July-August 2020

I hope that everyone is staying well and trying to enjoy the good spring weather. We have been keeping in touch even though we cannot physically be with each other. It is wonderful to see so many members at our services on zoom. Rabbi Kane, Cantor Rimer, and Ellen Green have been working very hard to make these services successful. Joel Freilich is doing a great job reading the Torah. Thank you all.

The Social Club has been meeting monthly and discussing different possibilities for future events. We hope to have a Bingo night on Saturday evening, October 24<sup>th</sup>, either on zoom or hopefully in the shul. Vodka and Latka in conjunction with Sisterhood is scheduled for Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Tentatively there will either be crafts or ping pong on January 9, 2021. The educational trip to the Greek Synagogue will be rescheduled. The Social Club Shabbat will be held on a Friday night in May.

Please check your email for invitations or the Message for further information.

My thoughts and prayers are for everyone to be healthy and safe. These trying times are bringing us closer and making us stronger. I am looking forward to the time when we can be together again.

Ilene Karpas

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Madison Jewish Center



Shalom Parents and Hebrew school students,

Hope you are all doing well and keeping busy. Our Hebrew School has ended for this year but the teachers did a great job on Zoom, and in the classrooms before we could no longer be in the classroom. This was an unusual year but despite all of the challenges we had a pretty productive school year.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in the fall!

We hope you all have a happy and healthy summer!

Melanie Green for the Parents' Association

# **ZOOM Services Schedule**

Morning minyanim are at 7:30am on Mondays and Thursdays, Friday evenings at 7:30pm, and Saturday services is at 10:30am.

Please check your emails for the ZOOM invitations!

### R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH PRAYER

#### DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY PRAYERS

For Ellen Hamou By: Ellen Green Marlene & Paul Podell Bella Benders Irma & Roy Alexander Monique & Richard Ander Linda & Stephen Bell Bunny & Brian Bender

## Israel Update #4 Repeated

In consultation with Quentin travel I have officially postponed the October trip to Israel.

We hope that there will be a vaccine/cure in the not too distant future. We can then see a safer, healthy world in which our normal lives and travel will begin again. Until then stay safe and healthy .

Judy (Jposniack@aol.com or 718-377-0809)

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## SAVE THE DATE

Social ClubMeeting on July 217:30PM via ZOOMMeeting on August 187:30PM via ZOOM

#### **Sisterhood**

July 20	<b>7PM</b>	Meeting via ZOOM
August 17	<b>7PM</b>	Meeting via ZOOM

#### **Parents' Association**

<b><u>Congregation</u></b>					
Mondays and Thursdays, or	Services via ZOOM				
Fridays, ongoing	7:30PM	Services via ZOOM			
Saturdays, ongoing	10:30AM	Services via ZOOM			
Sunday, November 8, 2020	5:00pm	Journal Dinner Dance			

## FROM THE BIKKUR HOLIM COMMITTEE

Please contact us if you know of anyone who is ill, hospitalized, a shut-in, or in need of a phone call.We will get in touch with them and/or visit them.Irma: 718-375-9842 or Judy: 718-377-0809

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# January 2020 --- December 2020

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#### SERVICE SCHEDULE

Please look at the ZOOM Services Schedule on Page 8.

If you need a Minyan at any other time, please call the office and we will attempt to

#### **TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS**

The Synagogue office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Friday from 9:00am -12 noon We are closed on all Jewish and legal holidays. madisonjc.org

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#### MEMORIAL FUND

To: Robin Sutherland A donation has been made in memory of your beloved husband David Sutherland By: Ellen Green Marlene & Paul Podell Irma & Roy Alexander Monique & Richard Ander Linda & Stephen Bell Bunny & Brian Bender To: Lois Weintraub & Family A donation has been made in memory of your beloved Bea Schwartz By: Judy Posniack

To: Mr. & Mrs. Pollock A donation has been made in memory of your beloved "Delie" By: Judy Posniack

# **CONDOLENCES**

## **To: Robin Sutherland**

On the loss of her husband David Sutherland

# **IN MEMORIAM FOR JULY**

We record with sorrow the passing of our esteemed member

**David Sutherland** 

May his soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family.

# Honor Fund

To: Melanie & Steven Green A donation has been made in honor of your daughter Jordyn's engagement By: Ilene Shapiro

To: Fran Liebowitz A donation has been made in honor of your grandson Jacob Betterman's Graduation from high school By: Marlene & Paul Podell Ellen Green Linda & Stephen Bell Monique & Richard Ander Irma & Roy Alexander Bunny & Brian Bender To: Beverly & Seymour Hoffnung A donation has been made in honor of your 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary By: Marlene & Paul Podell Ellen Green Linda & Stephen Bell Monique & Richard Ander Irma & Roy Alexander Bunny & Brian Bender

To: Ellen Green A donation has been made in honor of your granddaughter Jordyn's engagement By: Ilene Shapiro

## <u>Torah Fund</u>

To: Linda Bell A donation has been made in honor of your special birthday By: Ira Goldfine & Sheila Rashal To: Jill Klock A donation has been made in memory of your beloved uncle Bert Goodman & your beloved aunt Sheila Goodman By: Cecile Kops

### JULY





If we have misspelled a name, left something out, or have failed in any way to properly acknowledge anyone who should have been acknowledged, please forgive us.

## AUGUST



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No gifts cards will be sent to us unless we send them a check first.







## JULY 2020

# TAMMUZ/AV 5780

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## AUGUST 2020

## AV/ELUL 5780

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