

Kol Kehillah

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JANUARY 2022

Shabbat Services

Saturday, January 1

Torah Portion: *Vaera*

Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM

Torah Study 10:00 AM

Friday, January 7

3rd/4th/5th Grade Family

Shabbat 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 8

Torah Portion: *Bo*

Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM

Torah Study 10:00 AM

Friday, January 14

Shabbat Worship 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 15

Torah Portion: *Beshalach*

Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM

Torah Study 10:00 AM

Friday, January 21

Children's Shabbat 6:00 PM

Shabbat Worship 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 22

Torah Portion: *Yitro*

Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM

Torah Study 10:00 AM

Friday, January 28

Youth Engagement Shabbat 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 29

Torah Portion: *Mishpatim*

Shabbat Morning Hike 10:00 AM

Join us for Shabbat



"On Shabbat something happens to the world - the world becomes infinite again."

~ Shlomo Carlebach

Family Shabbat - January 7, 7:00 PM

Shabbat Worship - January 14, 7:30 PM

Children's Shabbat - January 21, 6:00 PM

Shabbat Worship - January 21, 7:30 PM

Youth Engagement Shabbat - January 28, 7:30 PM

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A Note From the Rabbi

Jason Holtz



Is King David a Role Model?

For the last few months, a group of us have been learning about Kings Saul and David on Wednesday afternoon (feel free to join us online, info in weekly emails). And, with King David in particular, the question comes up, is he worthy of being a role model? On the one hand, he had lots of positive qualities: he was confident and brave, he was devout, he was a loyal friend, and he was never afraid to show emotion – he openly showed love, grief, and joy. At the same time, he was a voyeur, adulterer, possible rapist, and murderer. He impregnated a married woman, Batsheva, and then corruptly abused his power as king to have her husband sent to the front lines of a war so that he would be killed. Is this really the sort of person who deserved the throne, much less our admiration? For what it's worth, the Hebrew Bible isn't so sure. On the one hand, we preserve many things attributed to David, especially the Psalms, some of the most beautiful poetry ever written. On the other hand, the Hebrew Bible also preserves the prophet Nathan's rebuke of him – even God was furious at him. Long before David ever took the

throne, God and the prophet Samuel discussed whether there could ever be an incorruptible king. I think that the Bible's ambivalence about David invites us to openly discuss both the merits and flaws of public figures. It's true that plenty of Jewish spaces are named after him, to honor him. My rabbinic school in Jerusalem was on King David Street. At the same time, Nathan's rebuke opens the door for the rest of us to not be blind to the abuses of people in power, and the importance of holding people accountable – even people like David. Just because we may admire David's accomplishments, he doesn't get a free pass. Perhaps with people like David, the question isn't just was he a good person or a wicked person, but rather what qualities about him are worth admiring and what qualities shouldn't be tolerated?

For me, these discussions are part of what I love about studying Torah. It's an invitation to talk about big things – what does it mean to be a good person, what are our responsibilities to ourselves and others, what can we learn from other people, and more. If you're interested in joining in the conversation, please consider yourself invited. We're continuing to read the story of the Israelite royalty on Wednesdays and study the weekly Torah portion most Shabbat mornings. Feel free to drop in on Zoom!

L'shalom, to Peace,

Rabbi Jason Holtz



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January Highlights

Rabbi Holtz's The Crown (of Israel) Class
meets every Wednesday at 12:00 PM

- 1 **New Year's Day**
- 2 **NO Religious School - Winter Break**
- 7 **6:15 PM - Family Spaghetti Dinner**
8:00 PM - Family Board Games
- 8 **6:30 PM - Brotherhood & RAFTY at WhirlyBall**
- 9 **NO Religious School - Teacher Workday**
- 11 **6:45 PM - Executive Committee Meeting**
7:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting
- 12 **7:15 PM - Finance Committee Meeting**
- 16 **NO Religious School - Community Day of Service**
- 17 **Tu B'Shevat**
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed
- 18 **7:30 PM - Education Committee Meeting**
- 23 **9:00 AM - Religious School**
12:30 PM - JYG Event
- 30 **9:00 AM - Religious School**
6th Grade Family Education Day

Check our online calendar for all Temple programs & events at
www.kehillatchaim.org

Mazel Tov

January Milestone Birthdays



Steve Naman
Michael Rieman
Jeff Amsterdam
Erica Goodwin
Colleen Simon
Bob Rittenburg

Mazel Tov!



Congratulations to Erin Stieglitz for receiving a JEDI grant from the Atlanta Jewish Federation for her non-profit organization, Bagel Rescue, that collects bagels and distributes them to food pantries throughout the metro area to help with food insecurity and keeping bagels out of landfills.

Welcome New Members



Kenneth & Barbara Kushner
Mark Kunzman & Kristin Petersen
Sadie (8), Remy (6)

Congratulations!



Shannon Starr, daughter of Vernon and Kathy Starr, received an "Outstanding Student Award" for combined academic and clinical excellence at her graduation from AlbanyState/Darton College for Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Happy
New Year



Celebrate Shabbat

Family Spaghetti Dinner and 3rd/4th/5th Grade Family Shabbat Friday, January 7 6:15 PM - Dinner, 7:00 PM - Service



All religious school families are invited to join us for our complimentary family spaghetti dinner. The dinner will be followed by Family Shabbat featuring the 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades. After the service, we will play family board games in the Social Hall.

Youth Engagement Shabbat Friday, January 28, 7:30 PM



A night of youth participation, a night of Shabbat! Klub345, JYG and RAFTY will help lead the Shabbat service. This special Shabbat will draw on the energy of our TKC youth with selected readings and music. All families, young adults and teens are welcome.

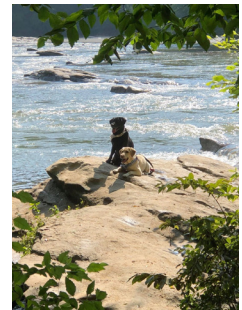
Children's Shabbat Friday, January 21, 6:00 PM



Join us for Tu B'Shevat Children's Shabbat with Caroline & Danny! This program is appropriate for kids age 2 through 2nd grade and their families. The service is followed by dinner and a craft. We will be making birdfeeders from recycled material. Please bring a small pet shelter donation for tzedakah. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP and pay \$8/per person for the "make your own bowl" dinner with protein, veggies and sauces.

Shabbat Morning Hike Saturday, January 29, 10:00 AM

For the last two months, hikers of all ages and their furry friends have enjoyed spirituality, nature's serenity, and great companionship outside of TKC's brick and mortar. Join us for another Spiritual Hiking Excursion. Please check TKC's Facebook page for location and weather updates as we get closer to the day.



SHABBAT WORSHIP with TORAH STUDY Saturdays 1/1, 1/8, 1/15 and 1/22 at 9:45 AM

Join Rabbi Holtz on Zoom for a Shabbat Morning service, followed by Torah Study. The Zoom link can be found in the TKC weekly email.



January Candlelighting Times Roswell, Georgia

January 7 / 5 Shevat	5:26 pm
January 14 / 12 Shevat	5:32 pm
January 21 / 19 Shevat	5:39 pm
January 28 / 26 Shevat	5:46 pm

News from TKC President Alan Abrams



I am now nearing the end of my second run as your president, and I continue to be honored and humbled by this amazing opportunity to help lead our wonderful kehillah once again.

Despite the challenges each of us has faced over the last two years, our temple has been strong and resilient. Even though the building isn't yet humming as it was pre-pandemic, I can feel warmth and vibrancy emanating from each of our gatherings.

Thanks in large part to the ongoing generosity of many of our members, our financial position has remained solid, as this year we once again exceeded the budget projections for both of our High Holy Day and Year-End Appeals, and we created and began to accumulate funds in TKC's new Endowment Fund.

I also want to thank each of you who continue to nourish TKC with your work in our religious school, board of directors, committees, and as volunteers and paid staff. I really look forward to the time when every corner of our building is overflowing with life once again. Meanwhile, I enjoy seeing many of you both in person and online, whether it is at Shabbat services, at religious school, at meetings or at a chance meeting in the parking lot.

I am very proud of how our kehillah continues to endure and prosper during these very challenging times.

Nevertheless, this month I have had a difficult time writing this article. Maybe COVID fatigue has set in! I am tired of writing about the pandemic and how it affects us. Our lives have changed, and yet time marches on.

So instead of writing more about TKC's ongoing pandemic response or what I believe should be the Jewish position on controversial issues and current events, this month I will simply wish each of you good health and happiness in the coming new year, and leave you with some inspiring song lyrics I love, written by the late Debbie Friedman:

*Childhood was for fantasies, for nursery rhymes and toys.
The world was much too busy to understand small girls and boys.*

*As I grew up, I came to learn that life was not a game,
That heroes were just people that we called another name.
And the old shall dream dreams, and the youth shall see visions,
And our hopes shall rise up to the sky.
We must live for today; we must build for tomorrow.
Give us time, give us strength, give us life.*

Now I'm grown, the years have passed, I've come to understand:

There are choices to be made and my life's at my command.

I cannot have a future 'til I embrace the past.

I promise to pursue the challenge, time is going fast.

*Today's the day I take my stand, the future's mine to hold.
Commitments that I make today are dreams from days of old.*

I have to make the way for generations come and go.

I'll have to teach them what I've learned so they will come to know.

HAPPY 2022!

Alan Abrams

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Sisterhood held an amazing jewelry party with Donna Bogatin from Ommyeah.com as our host. We enjoyed refreshments and Chanukkah treats together! Then we made a matching necklace/bracelet set. It was a great time! It was so wonderful to see 3 sets of Mothers/Daughters attend this event. We look forward to many more Sisterhood events in 2022!

Judy Singer and Debbie Lutchen
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



TKC's Racial Justice Task Force has received a JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) grant from the Atlanta Jewish Federation. We are most excited to announce that we will be able to fund a field trip with Billy Planer of Etgar 36 who will lead and explain points of interest in Atlanta's Civil Rights efforts and explain Jewish and Black history and relations. Please mark your calendars for April 24. Details will be provided as time grows closer.

Our task force is a non-partisan group of congregants who seek to help our *Kehillah* understand issues of race while also working to do good deeds in Roswell.

We have become regular volunteers at the Pleasant Hill food pantry every other Thursday night in prepping bags that are distributed to those in need in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood. The pantry and the church are just five minutes from TKC. This is the oldest African American church in Roswell, starting during slavery. All who have participated have had an enjoyable experience. If you would like to volunteer for a Thursday night, please contact Shari Naman at namanshari@aol.com.



Erin Steiglitz and Shari Naman, mother and daughter TKC members, have both received JEDI grants for their hard work and commitment to making a positive impact on their communities.



YOUTH HAVDALAH

On Saturday, December 4th, our youth groups gathered in the Green Street parking lot for a fun Chanukkah Havdalah service with Caroline and Danny, which was followed by a roasted hot dog dinner and a screening of the movie "Hook".



RAFTY/BROTHERHOOD WHIRLY BALL/LASER TAG NIGHT SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th at 6:30 pm

Join us as the teens take on their dads in head-to-head competitions!

RSVP required by January 6 to
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For more info, go to:

www.whirlyballatlanta.com

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Cost: \$20 per person for
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\$30 for non-members.

Includes pizza and wings!



Whirly Ball is a sport that combines basketball, lacrosse, jai-alai and bumper cars. Laser tag is a recreational shooting sport where participants use infrared-emitting light guns to tag designated targets.

Religious School Update



Thank you to all who "gelled together" with us this Chanukah!

An extra big thank you to our volunteers, our vendors, and to Rabbi Holtz for leading trivia.



You helped us raise funds for great programming and to support our teachers and students at the Mitzner Family Religious School.

Want to support MFRS but didn't attend? Donate anytime! www.kehillatchaim.org/make-a-payment and note that it's for MFRS.



We are hiring for the Spring semester!



This is a fun way to give back to your community by helping the next generation of students learn about Judaism. Curriculum and lesson plans provided!

We need the following teachers:

7th Grade Teacher

Little Mensches (Birth to PreK) Coordinator – once a month

Games Facilitator for Chug/Elective

Drawing or Technology Chug/Elective Teacher



Please consider joining our team so we can provide a fun and engaging IN PERSON religious school program!

We pay our teachers or you can volunteer on Sunday mornings. Thank you!


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Do you knit, crochet or do needlepoint? Come meet other crafters at TKC on Thursday nights from 5:00-8:00 pm in the Board Room for our TKC Yarn Circle. All experience levels welcome! Come to share your craft and get inspired by others. Bring your own dinner, a snack to share or a friend - or all of the above! Coffee and tea provided. Hope to see you there! If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Anna Shmukler at ashmukler56@gmail.com or 678-591-9206.



Zaban Paradies
Center for Homeless Couples

TKC provides dinner to the Zaban Paradies Center on the fourth Sunday of each month when the shelter is open. This center helps couples work to having more solid relationships, jobs, and their own homes. We usually have two families work together to provide the food. Due to the pandemic, we are allowed to just drop off the meals. If you are interested in doing this mitzvah on March 27, 2022, please contact Shari Naman at namanshari@aol.com.



Please join the
Fulton Community Remembrance Coalition
Quilt Project for

Lives Taken, Lives Remembered:

The Stories of Racial Terror told in Fabric Quilts for the 36 documented victims of lynching in Fulton County

Reception

Sunday, January 2, 2022

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Gallery 992

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Quilts will be on display in the gallery for the entire month of January. Five local quilters are using their craft to honor and pay respect to the known 36 African Americans who were lynched by white mobs in Fulton County during the period between 1877 and 1950. There are undoubtedly countless more victims murdered during that period. Their hope is that the quilts not only memorialize and humanize these victims, but also serve as vehicle for educating the public to the racial terror committed in the name of white supremacy.



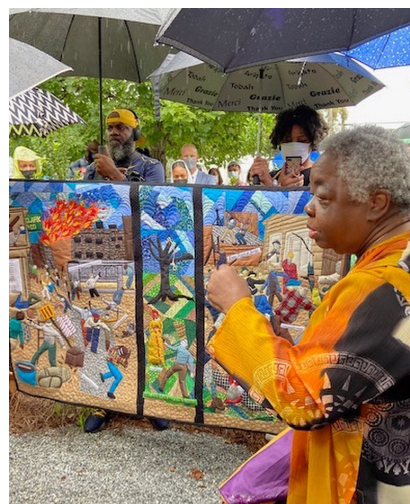
Members of the FCRC Quilt Project, pictured left to right: Janet Saboor, Kristi McDonough, Odessa Huff, TKC member Tanya Heldman and Robin Black



Mack Henry Brown Quilt made by TKC member Tanya Heldman, shown July 17, 2021 at the Mack Henry Brown Second Soil Collection Ceremony at Riverside Park, Roswell, Georgia.



Tanya Heldman's Mack Henry Brown Quilt in the Quilt Project display. Her quilt commemorates the lynching in Roswell.



1906 Atlanta Race Massacre Quilt made by Odessa Huff, shown September 22, 2021 during the "Honoring Resilience + Remembering Brownsville: A Silent Walk" Brownsville (now South Atlanta).

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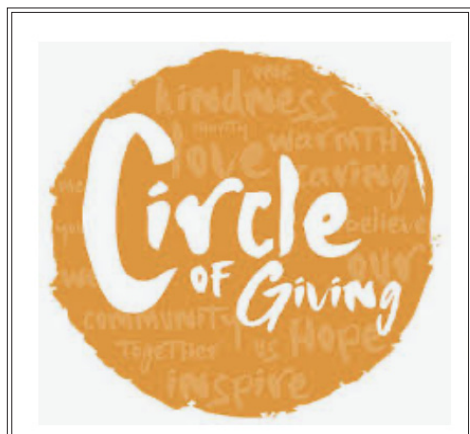
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Yahrzeits: May Their Memory Be For A Blessing

Date	Loved One	Remembered By
DEC 31/JAN 1	David Dannenman	Phil & Sue Danneman
	Amelia Figgatt	Keith Nash
	Gary Goldman	Steve & Sandra Goldman
	Henry Hirschland*	Richard & Amy Hirschland
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	Dave Feldman	Rosalyn Bush
	Mary Glen	Leslie Anderson & Joe Wilson
	Ralph Harris	Norm Rose
	Marcus N Bressler*	Kenneth & Karen Lee
	Ruth Manis Kahn*	Steve & Debbie Kahn
JAN 14/15	Stanley Joseph Gillman*	Jack & Karen Fishman
	Eli Goldstein	David & Robin Bledsoe
	Marvin Schoenberg*	Gary & Susan Goldsmith
	Curtis Glen	Leslie Anderson & Joe Wilson
	Fannie Sherman	Susan Taylor
	Fred Newman	Suesan Phillips & Dan Eifert
	Gary C. Butler	John B. Butler
	James Ross Hallmark	Jim & Joan Hallmark
	Carmen Monica Pereira	Tom Bryant & Ulysses Jimenez
	Bessie Karlan*	Tim & Hiedi Weiss
	Robert A. Lewit	Molly McQueen

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* indicates yahrzeit plaque

Yahrzeits continued from page 14

Date	Loved One	Remembered By
JAN 21/22	Jerry Anderson	Leslie Anderson & Joe Wilson
	Steven Wachs	Tim & Hiedi Weiss
	Betty Whiten	John B. Butler
	Edyth Plotkin*	David & Ilene Lakin
	Lucy Gold	Michael Garry & Ilene Strongin-Garry
	William Leitman*	David Kopel
JAN 28/29	Lydia Starr*	Vernon & Kathy Starr
	Ruth Feigelman*	Alan & Fran Dorfman
	Esther Wolotsky	Ari & Donna Waller
	Roger Bledsoe	Dave & Gabe Howard and David & Robin Bledsoe
	Riet de Rooij	Rich Newman & Mea de Rooij
	Lotte Sachs*	Jeanette Oppenheimer
JAN 28/29	Albert Comeau*	Jim & Lisa Haynor
	Al "Baboo" Okin	Michael & Robin Shafer
	Selma Sagman Sacks*	Tom & Amy Bowen
	Sare M. Abroahams*	Richard & Barbara Abroahams

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What to expect:

We are thrilled to be planning for an IN-PERSON experience for our volunteers and campers. However, we don't expect things to be back to how they were in 2019, nor are we ready to make any final commitments about exactly what's going to happen. Please [click here](#) to read our current vision for Camp Jenny 2022.

Check out the position descriptions, and the complete application FAQ online.



TU B'SHVAT



Tree Planting

Sunday, January 23, 2022
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Join JCAN-Georgia and Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL) to plant 130 trees in Hammond Park, help sustain our urban forest, and celebrate Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish "New Year of Trees."

LOCATION:

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