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Kol Kehilat

THE NEWSLETTER OF KEHILAT CHAVERIM

Kehilat Chaverim **Fall Membership Meeting** *Starting the New Year in Harmony*

Sunday morning, Sept. 15, 2019
10:00 - NOON
Mandell JCC, 1st floor Community Room

*Join us for a renewal of friendships, a delicious brunch,
and to learn new songs for our Rosh Hashanah service!*

We hope to see all of you there!

BRIDGE BAG COLLECTION

If you are planning to attend the Membership meeting and would like to bring donated items for The Bridge, we will be happy to accept them. We also will have bags available at the High Holiday services if this is more convenient.

See page 8 for complete list of helpful items.

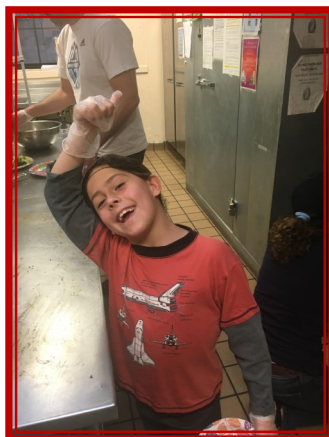
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Soup Kitchen

In April, KC members were especially efficient in serving 94 appreciative guests.

Photos by Clarissa Basch



Naches

FOR SECOND YEAR, WALDEN NAMED TO CCSU EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING HONOR ROLL

On Friday, April 26 Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) presented the 2018 Excellence in Teaching (EIT) Awards to one full-time and one part-time faculty member. Robert Kagan of Avon was the recipient of the Part-time award.

KC member and one of the group's co-founders, **Joan Walden** was one of 55 faculty members named to the EIT Honor Roll.

"In 2002 Bob Kagan hired me to teach a course at MCC," she recalled. It was the beginning of my second career as a college instructor, and I have found it to be a meaningful and stimulating occupation." Walden has taught writing, film studies, public speaking and other communication courses at the University of Hartford and Tunxis Community College. She has been an adjunct in CCSU's Communication Department since 2009. Presently, she is working there full-time as an "emergency hire."

The award reads in part, "In recognition of your dedication to the success and fulfillment of your students as lifelong learners and of your deep commitment to the primary academic mission of Central Connecticut State University." (Photo by Karen Ritzenhoff)



A New Grandchild for Karen and Leo Harrington



Meet Penelope Joyce, born June 18th. Pictured with big brother August Harrington. Daughter of David and Sarah Submitted by Nana **Karen** and Grandpa **Leo**.



Naches

Congratulations to Elaine and Bob Groundwater's son, Daniel, who was engaged to Danielle Klemonsky on July 2 in Deer Isle, Maine.



High Holidays

Rosh Hashanah

Evening Service—Sunday, September 29, 2019 - 7:15 PM

Day Service—Monday, September 30, 2019 - 9:45 AM

Tashlich Service—Monday, September 30, 2019 - 12:15 PM

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre Evening Service—Tuesday, October 8, 2019 - 7:15 PM

Yom Kippur Day Yizkor Service—Wednesday, October 9, 2019 - 9:45 AM

Followed by an afternoon communal walk (Directions will be available at the service.)

Yom Kippur Neilah Service (and Break Fast) Wednesday, October 9, 2019 - 5:15 PM

Contact Dorrie Hunt dorriegh@gmail.com if you would like to participate in leading a portion of a service and Sue Garten suegarten1@gmail.com if you have a memorial reading.

Annual Meeting

KC Annual Meeting

May 2019

After good food and animated conversations, the meeting was called to order at 10:35. There were 29 attendees who each offered a bit of personal news by way of introduction.

The Steering Committee announced that the group's annual charitable contributions were increased from \$3,600 in the previous year to \$5,000 this year with five recipients each getting \$1,000. (See accompanying article). Other acts of charity by our group include ongoing support of The Bridge with leadership from Robin Kreisberg, regular contributions to a local soup kitchen under the leadership of Linda Busch, and 25 years of donating Thanksgiving turkeys to a Hartford church group, initiated by Maggie Cohen.

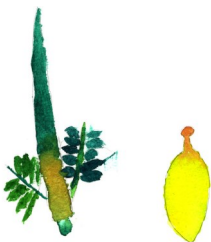
It was announced that by the end of the summer, we expect to have PayPal in place, making it easier for all to pay dues online as well as by check.

As is our custom, three people have rotated off the Steering Committee: Linda Carlson, Sharon Langer, and Wendy Swift. The new members are Sue Garten, Elaine Groundwater and Andrea Levy. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Thanks to Debby Szajnberg for taking the minutes on which this report is based. And special thanks to Sheila Moscolo. Her wonderful selection of food with contributions and support from nameless others, seamlessly handles the set-up and clean-up for many of our events.



Upcoming Event



Sukkot Pot luck Supper and Service

Friday October 18,

6 PM

at the Coffey residence.

Details to follow.

New Address

All the best to Maggie Cohen and Allan Kauders in his retirement and their relocation from Boston to New Hampshire. The rural mailbox is two miles from their house, so you are advised to consider that whatever you mail them needs to be worth a four mile walk. 449 Cobb Hill Road, Alstead NH 03602

Communications

Announcement

We have changed the KC Newsletter e-mail address to:

KCNewsletter1978@gmail.com

This e-mail address is only to send information for the newsletter.

Community Events

Community Events:

Sunday, September 8, Mandell JCC Innovation Center, 4:00 PM, Deborah Dash Moore to speak on “At Home in America? From 20th Century City to 21st Century Suburb.” Free/ticketed: 860-231-6316 or tickets@mandelljcc.org

Thursday, October 10, at Mandell JCC, 5:30 -8 pm. Reception-Art Exhibit, “Under One Roof: Welcoming the Stranger”

Havdalah at the Shore

We all enjoyed a wonderful Havdalah Service at Sharon Sklar's lovely beach house in Niantic on Saturday, June 15. For those who arrived in the afternoon, the nearby beach offered relaxation and ample sunshine before the potluck supper and service. A huge THANK YOU to Sharon for hosting us at her charming home.

Susan Doran



CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year the Steering Committee selects non-profit organizations to receive *tzedakah* (charity). In the spring we designated Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, Jewish Association for Community Living, CT Coalition Against Violence, ADL Connecticut and HIAS.

Excerpts from two of the letters we received appear below.

From Jewish Association for Community Living: "Imagine our surprise and delight when we received the thoughtful and generous donation from your congregation. ... It is an amazing gesture and we are so very grateful to all of you."

From ADL Connecticut: "For over 100 years ADL has been fighting hate building hope and safeguarding liberty for all, a mission that is critical for the future of our children and grandchildren. ... In 2018 our education programs reached more than 15,000 individuals across the state with a message of respect and strategies to address bias and bullying in schools."

Bridge Bags Reminder



The Bridge: An Update

By Robin Kriesberg

For over a decade Kehilat Chaverim has been assembling and delivering welcome bags to The Bridge for distribution to young girls who seek the organization's services when they need emergency shelter.

This past June, Harriet Winograd, Marcey Munoz, and I sorted items and packed a dozen bags. When we dropped them off, we were fortunate to meet the Bridge's Senior Program Director, Maiya Pierre. She expressed appreciation for our donations and asked that we check back with her concerning how many bags will be needed going forward. Our goal has been to make three or four deliveries a year.

We also met Doreen Tarascio, director of communications. She took pictures for their Facebook page.

This ongoing program was initiated by Maggie Cohen, who determined that it was an unfilled need that our group could meet on an ongoing basis. Grateful thanks to everyone who supports this effort every year, both at High Holiday services with contributions of items and funds, and throughout the year by helping supplement our supply of items and assisting in sorting and assembling the bags.

The need for supplies for the girls at the Bridge STAR Home in West Hartford is ongoing, and they count on us to provide welcome bags for their new residents.

If you haven't donated in a while, or if you are able to donate again, the list of items for the bags is below. Feel free to provide any of items from the list or a complete bag, or a financial contribution if you prefer that we do the shopping. All contributions are appreciated!

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| · Set of single sheets | · Towel and washcloth |
| · Shampoo | · Scented bath soap (bar or liquid) |
| · Small stuffed animal | · Pajama pants, large or medium |
| · Colorful socks | · Journal and pen |

The **Membership meeting** on **September 15th** and the **High Holiday Services** are great opportunities to bring in your contributions. Thank you for your support of this important community initiative! - Robin Kriesberg robin.kriesberg@gmail.com 914-588-7476

In Memoriam

Former KC Sunday School teacher and Education Director,
Harriet Joyce Kei, died on June 5 at the age of 92.

Lighting Yahrzeit Candle

A Yahrzeit Candle is lit traditionally on the following days:

- Each day during the week of Shiva (mourning) immediately following a death.
- Every year at sundown on the eve of the Yahrzeit (anniversary of the death).
- Every year at sundown preceding the start of [Yom Kippur](#) and at sundown preceding the last day of the holidays of [Sukkot](#), [Passover](#) and [Shavuot](#). These times are when the Yizkor Memorial Prayer Service is held.

There are those who say the following words while lighting the candle:

"I light this candle to bring peace to the soul of _____
(insert Jewish name) *ben/bat* (son of/daughter of)
_____ (insert father's Jewish name)."

If the Jewish name of the deceased (or the deceased's father) is not known, the secular name may be used.



HEALING THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

To Chip Neville who is recovering from a recent surgery.

Summer 2019

SUMMER 2019

As fall is in the air and winter isn't far ahead, it's not uncommon to hear the question, Where did the summer go? When I was a kid, I recall that summer used to drag on and on, perhaps because I never went to summer camp and so summer never took a definitive shape for me. Now that I am long past those years, summer seems to evaporate faster than the humidity. Here are some photos of summer taken by members over the past few months. - Joan Walden



Linda and Art Carlson on the bike path in Vermont with Jay Peak in the background.



Andrea Levy attended the Plainville Balloon Festival

Summer 2019

My glorious Summer in
Orkney and Shetland and
time with my family -Joan
Walden



August Shabbat Service

Dorrie and Kim Hunt hosted a lovely potluck Shabbat Service on August 2nd. Sixteen of us gathered together on their spacious and comfortable porch to enjoy companionship, delicious food, and the service. Except for missing Maggie's creative and delicious challah, we all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



Membership Support

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT CONTACT INFORMATION

“Healing wishes are sent to members who are ill or grieving. If we can help by providing food or sustenance, a ride, or a sympathetic ear, please reach out to one of us.”

If you become aware of a member in need please contact one of us. If you are comfortable please ask your friend/member if they mind having a person from membership support reach out. Some people prefer to keep their situation private or only among their inner circle. Thank you for caring.

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Kehilat Chaverim Calendar

Updated August 31, 2019

Day, Date	Time	Event & Location
2019		
September		
Sun. Sept. 15	10:00 am—noon	Fall Membership Meeting—Mandell JCC
Sun. Sept. 29	7:15 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah—Mandell JCC
Mon. Sept. 30	9:45 am	Rosh Hashanah Day Service—Mandell JCC
Mon. Sept. 30	After Service	Tashlich
October		
Tues. Oct. 8	7:15 pm	Kol Nidre Evening Service—Mandell JCC
Wed. Oct. 9	9:45 am	Yom Kippur Day Yizkor Service—Mandell JCC
Wed. Oct. 9	5:15 pm	Yom Kippur Neilah Service—Mandell JCC
Fri. Oct. 18	6:00 pm	Sukkot Potluck and Service—Coffey Residence

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For additional dates, see the KC Website at www.kehilatchaverim.org.

Please check the website calendar for conflicts before scheduling events.

Kehilat Chaverim Contact List

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Thank you to Joan Walden for proofreading this newsletter.

Kehilat Chaverim

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Featured this Month:

- Summer 2019
- Fall Membership Meeting
- High Holidays