

New Light News October, 2018

From the Rabbi's Desk

Help! You are well aware of the tremendous amount of suffering that has occurred in Eastern North Carolina towns in the wake of Hurricane Florence. Many of you know that I worked as a rabbi in Raleigh and witnessed first-hand the most impoverished area of the state in towns like Lumberton, Goldsboro, and New Bern. They are still waiting for state and federal assistance after many years. Now Florence has flooded their homes and their roads, making emergency assistance impossible. At this writing, the only way to get to the worst hurt areas is by helicopter. They have no electricity. They are running out of food. Water is in short supply.

Rev. Alton Mitchell from Rodman Street Baptist Church (our Sister Church) has family in these areas. For many African Americans in Pittsburgh, there is a direct line in the migration route from North Carolina to Pittsburgh. Developers pushed black families off their lands on the coast to create luxury beach front property in Myrtle Beach and Wilmington. Rev. Mitchell writes: "Their situations continue to present dire problems for them and for various other people in my home state. That said please keep in mind that more rivers are expected to crest tomorrow. That said, I am praying for a massive help effort. (9/19/18)" At least 37 people have died in drowning incidents. Nearly three feet of rain fell in places, and many had more than ten inches of rain.

Won't you help? Rodman will accept checks made out to the church and make sure your donation is directed to relief. You can also donate gift cards especially to Walmart and Lowes. Here is a list of items we are collected at New Light for the rescue effort:

Bottled Water	Cereal
New and gently used clothing	Trash bags
Disinfectant Wipes	Rags
Clorox	Towels
Lysol	Paper products
Non-perishable food items	Other paper goods
Canned goods	Toiletries
Gloves	Power supplies- drop cords
Masks	Blankets
General Cleanup Supplies	Bed sheets
Baby supplies (diapers, formula, etc)	

We prayed on Yom Kippur for a day when other nations will stream to Jerusalem and "God's house will be a house of prayer for all people." It is the animating feature of Sukkot where we welcome guests and when we widen the tents of our thinking. Sukkot is Judaism at its most universal. Let us widen our tents! Please give generously.

Hag Sameach!

Rabbi

Moses in the Midrash

Classes resume October 16th, 7:00 PM

Presidents' Message

This past month we celebrated the High Holy Days in the Pervin Chapel. Special thanks must go to Rabbi Perlman, Carol Black and Richard Gottfried, as well as choir members Dan Stein and Barry Werber, for their efforts at making the services so beautiful.

We heard many comments – both from those who liked the Chapel and from those who would have preferred to have held services in our New Light Chapel. Should we continue to use Pervin Chapel for the high holy days or should we use our own sanctuary? We would appreciate your thoughts and comments about the location for our services next year. Sometime in October we will mail a survey to all members. Please return it with your thoughts and comments.

New section signage and a map have been installed at the cemetery. Our next tasks are fixing the bathroom in the garage and preparing a grant application to the Snow Foundation to replace the front gate. They have indicated that they will consider providing funds for this effort.

The saga of the outside sign continues. After discussion with the Permit Office, we have been granted a re-hearing, scheduled for early October. Their objection was really simple: they had no context for the overall signage for the building. What they want is a “single” sign representing all three congregations. We have met several times with TOLOLS to discuss their desire to have a “single” sign. We definitely have their commitment to attend the hearing to support our efforts to get the sign approved.

Barbara Caplan & Stephen Cohen

Dinner in the Hut

We will have dinner and services in the Sukkah with TOLOLS on Friday, September 28th. Services at 6:00 P.M., potluck dinner at 6:30 P.M. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Simchat Torah Celebration

We will join TOLOLS for Simchat Torah in the pavilion on October 1st and 2nd. See the flyer for details. Please note the times and location differ from the September newsletter.

October Meetings

- Board Meeting, Sunday, October 7th, 10:30 A.M.
- Sisterhood Meeting, Sunday, October 14th, 1:00 P.M.

Last Movie Night

The last movie night is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 28th, 7:00 P.M. When more information is available it will be on the web site and announced at weekly services. The Sisterhood and Men's Club have decided not to continue the monthly movie night after October.

Sunday Morning Services

Sunday morning services resume on October 7th.

New Member Welcome

Please welcome our newest member, Bruce Bland.

TOLOLS Sisterhood Book Club Meeting

Tuesday, October 16th at 7:30 P.M., location TBD.

Book: *Where the Jews Aren't: The Sad and Absurd Story of Birobidzhan, Russia's Jewish Autonomous Region*, by Masha Gessen.

RSVP to Joyce Fienberg, joyce.fienberg@gmail.com, 412.683.5599.

October Birthdays

Carol Black
Michael Neft
Karen Shapiro

October Anniversaries

Peg & Richard Gottfried
Louise & William Hunt

October Onegs

Gottfried Anniversary, 10-13



Reminders

- To purchase Memorial Plaques, Simcha Tree Leaves or Stones contact Ileen Portnoy 412-683-7985
- To sponsor an Oneg in honor of that special person/event or for no reason at all call Barbara Caplan 412-521-4332
- To purchase bricks for our “Garden of Freedom” or sponsor a Kiddush luncheon contact Barbara Caplan 412-521-4332
- To purchase Giant Eagle gift cards contact Marilyn Honigsberg at 412-521-7174
- For information on our cemetery contact Myron Snider at 412-235-7085

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