

KOL EZRAS ISRAEL

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Rabbi's Message

I was standing in line at the bank the other day—full disclosure, I do not have a smartphone(yet), and yes, I still actually walk into the bank—and the quiet was broken by a middle-aged woman standing in line behind me who was in a deep, intense conversation on her cell phone. Despite my best efforts not to listen in, I was being introduced to numerous names and personalities in this woman's life. I certainly had no interest in hearing the details of these people's lives; however, the line was not moving too quickly, so hear them I did. Whether you are in the supermarket, the bank, or waiting on line, you can find people engaged in conversations on their cell phones. When in Giant, I have even seen individuals wait in line, ring up all their items, and pay the cashier with barely a break in their conversation on their cell phone. Little notice was taken of those around them, the others in line, the cashier or the bagger. In the beginning, I was somewhat amused at these sights. Perhaps something very important came up that needed to be addressed immediately, or perhaps they actually forgot that they are not at home. However I think we all know and realize that is not the case.

The Gemara in Kedushin says that one who eats in a marketplace is compared to a dog. A dog has no boundaries. To a dog, what must be done, is done wherever, whenever, without thinking or waiting for the proper time or place. People however, have a sense of propriety as to what can and should be done, and when and where. Chazal are telling us that eating in the public domain is so out of place as to earn the transgressor the comparison to a dog. The marketplace belongs to the public and for one to use it for private activities is to breach those boundaries. Being in public means just that you are in the presence of others and must be aware of it. Perhaps we can carry this thought over to cell phone usage as well. Having a long and detailed conversation on the phone while in a public place suggests indifference to the presence of others. As cell phone use in public becomes more accepted, we must examine this practice, it's impact on those around us, and how it affects us as people. Yes, it is a reality that we often need to answer the phone when we are out and about. But it may be a good idea to stop and think how we use our phones. Where we are, what we are talking about, how loud, and to take notice of those around us. Are we taking too much of the "Public's Space" for our own private use.



President's Message

At Ezras Israel, we always remember the words of Elie Wiesel at the opening of the Holocaust Museum. "The opposite of good is not evil, it is indifference."

Repeatedly, the Torah teaches, and we learn, that the life we encounter is ever "our business." Whether it is called "Yiddishkeit" or "tradition," we at once live and function in three points of time.

We recite Yizkor at every sacred festival—not to indulge in nostalgia, but to celebrate our past and those whose endearing

labor endures and is projected into the present, where only moments later, preceding Musaph, we pray for the welfare of Midinat Yisroel—the beginnings of our people's redemption—the "geula."

To achieve this we build and enhance a home where Jews challenge indifference as we commit ourselves to lives that pursue tzedaka—justice. We continually dedicate ourselves to effect the mitzvot that generations of those builders who preceded us demonstrated. This offers us obligations—leads to responsibility and wonderfully to opportunity.

In this season of Mattan Torah we commit ourselves to sharpen the spearpoint of Torah infused Judaism as we extend our support of our home—Congregation Ezras Israel.

Jerry Roschwalb

became Ezras

Israel's newly elected president and started his duties shortly after Pessach 5776. This page of **Kol Ezras Israel** is dedicated to showing just how fortunate we are to have such a learned and accomplished member in this important role.

Jerry's education started with studies at Mesivta Torah Vodaath in Brooklyn, where he graduated in 1952. From there he graduated from Brooklyn College magna cum laude in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in English and comparative literature. He subsequently graduated from Columbia University in the same subject, also with high honors. He subsequently graduated from Georgetown University's Law Center in 1966 and became a member of the DC bar. During this time he also took classes in German and Russian, augmenting his childhood Yiddish.

During 1958–1961 he served as an instructor at Penn State's English department, after which he was inducted into the Army where he served in various editorial capacities. After discharge in 1963 he served in various capacities within government and non-profits. Starting in 1969 he started the fund-raising component of his career, working for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. In particular, in 1973 he started the Office of Governmental Relations within the National Associated of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. This office tends to all activities associated with representational work or lobbying for the nation's state universities. In this capacity, Jerry developed a wide range of communication systems to disseminate information to the constituent organizations, and served as liaison between congressional staff responsible for legislative and program changes. Much of his time has been

About Our New President

dedicated to preparing testimony for association witnesses prior to their appearances before Congressional committees.

His volunteer activity is as impressive as his "day jobs." He has served as president of the Foundation for Education and Research on Mental Illness (2004–present), as consultant for the American Pain Foundation (2007–2012), and read for the blind and dyslectic (2008), and as board member for the VA-MD-CC Crohn's and Colitis Foundation (2001–2006).

His participation in the Jewish community is just as significant. He has served as ba'al tefillah and ba'al tekiah in "overflow" services at various synagogues, including Agudath Achim (1967–1977), Temple Israel (1978–1982), Adas Israel (1983), Beth Israel in Easton, MD (1985–1993). He was a co-founder for Adat Ashrei Ha'am, a bi-weekly chavura (1967–2014). He was also co-founder of the SE Hebrew congregation, and served as its school principal (1964–1966). He has given lectures on the role of biblical women as well as the shofar's complex role in history. He has served as a board member of Keshet Israel (2000–2003), and has been a member of Ezras Israel since 2007.

His beloved wife Susanne passed away on Adar 3 (February 22, 1996). He has two daughters Mila and Sara and four grandchildren who live in Bethesda.

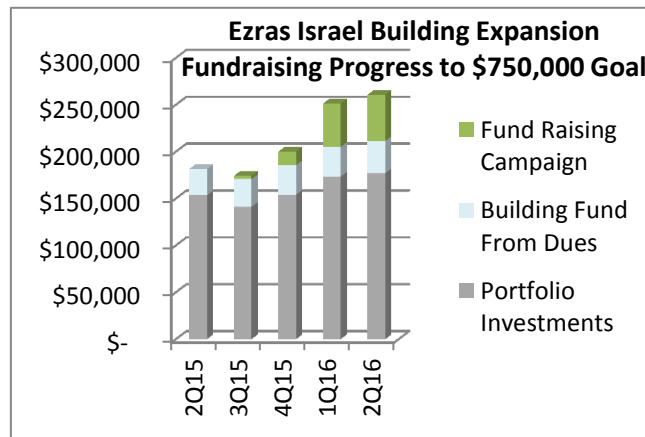
Jerry's cousin Abe Wolf donated the small sefer torah in 2007 in memory of Jerry's parents, Irene and Samuel. Irene and Abe's mother Sylvia Traub davened every Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at Ezras Israel's services at the Ring House. She spoke glowingly about these yomim noraim services.

We wish Jerry a wonderful and productive upcoming term!

Building Expansion Fundraising

fundraising progress we have made. In the last year we have received a total over \$53,000 in new building expansion pledges and contribution, of which over \$47,000 has been funded. We are grateful to the eight generous people and families who have contributed a thousand dollars or more towards our goal \$750,000. Together with regular building fund contributions that we collected with membership dues over the years, along with the growth in our investment portfolio, we now have over \$250,000. We would like to ask you to join the Simon & Yetti Sinnreich families, who donated in memory of their parents, Beril & Clara Sinnreich, Judge Groner, who donated in memory of Rabbi Oscar Groner, Jerry Roschwalb, Harvey Flaisher and the other eight major donors, who gave over \$1000 each, since our campaign began. Our largest donation was \$20,000 and the average donation size was slightly below \$5000. Some have spaced their donations over a number of months and some over two calendar years. While we are gratified by these generous early donors, as you can see in the adjoining chart, the current rate it will take us nearly ten years to reach our \$750,000 goal. To make this project more realistic we need to be able to achieve our goal in four years or less because permits, including all extensions, are granted for a maximum of four years. We therefore will seek to extend our reach beyond the immediate community of Ezras Israel supporters and solicit funds for expansion to the larger network of Ezras Israel friends and alumnae. We encourage our members and supporters to consider spacing their donations over two, three or four years, perhaps donating from a IRA or 401K accounts with required distributions to maximize tax deductibility advantage while minimizing the impact on your budget.

In the last twelve months, since we announced the updated design for our building expansion, we are very gratified and encouraged by the



Learning Schedule

Shabbat mornings—Rabbi's shiur on weekly parashah, 8:15 AM at the shul. Open to all.

Sunday mornings—Rabbi's talmud class, after shahris. Men only.

Wednesday evenings—Rabbi's shiur, 9:00 PM at the shul. Men only. Contact R. Kreiser for topic and to confirm learning is scheduled for a given week.

Are you receiving the weekly Ezras Israel email?

Keep current with davening times, upcoming events, and more. To subscribe, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ezrasisrael>.

From: Ezras Israel Yahoo Group [ezrasisrael]

Subject: [Ezras Israel] Shabbat Bo at Ezras Israel

Mazal Tov! מזל טוב!

Yoram & Shoshana Barnoy on the marriage of Eran to Tzvia in Israel.

Mark and Tamira Lautman on the upcoming marriage of Ronen to Avithal Elias in Israel.

Naomi & Ben Beroukhim on the high-school graduation of Mayan from JDS.

Rabbi and Tova Weiss on the recent marriage of their daughter Miriam and, a month later, their son Menachem.

Yisroel Bacharach on birth of a grandson, Ben Chai to his son Hershel.

Ben Nun family on the birth and brith of their son and baby brother Yagel Yaakov.

Rachmil & Agi Jacobovits on the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Tova to Jeremy Shein.

Michael & Nechama Fellner on the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of their Daughter Kayley.

Condolences תנחומים

Harvey Schwartz on the recent passing of his wife Elaine (ל"ה).

Naomi Beroukhim on the passing of her father Hodadad Chakakian (ל"ה) in Israel.



Yashar Koach!

יישר כוח!

the wonderful Ezras Israel Community.

- Leah Rosen and family in commemoration of the yahrzeits of her husband Moshe Ben Kalman, her mother Sarah bat Arie, and her father Yitzhak ben Arie.
- Zev & Shana Katz to express gratitude to the Ezras Israel community and as they say farewell.
- Jerry Roschwalb in commemoration of his wife's yahrzeit Susanne (Chana Liebe)
- Alex Kashlinsky and family in

commemoration of the first yahrzeit for his father Eliahu ben Moshe.

- Manny and Nancy Zymelman Seudah Shlishit
- Zev and Shana Katz in honor of their children.
- Rachmil and Agi Jacobovits in honor of the Fellner's children and the Ezras Israel Community.
- Uri Fastovsky during the month of May.

Events

- Inbar Fridreich Ben-Nun for organizing a Rosh Hodesh women's night

Kiddushim

- Jacobovits family in honor of Rachmil's 52 bar mitzvah anniversary (Tazriah), and in honor of their daughter Tova's engagement to Jeremy Shein (Ki Tissah)
- Mordechai Yahodain commemorating the yahrzeit for his mother
- Jean Kelly in honor of Elisha's 8th birthday
- Nechama and Michael Fellner in honor of their wonderful kids and

Farewell להתראות

Zev & Shana Katz and their family to Aspen Hill. Mazel Tov to them on buying their first home. Dr. Ohad & Dr. Iris Etzion and family returning after a four year post-doc at NIH

Speedy Recovery רפואה שלמה

Norm Pollack
Laurence Abecassis

Memorialize a loved one with a Memorial Plaque or by donating a Machzor, Siddur or Chumash. Call Rachmil at 301-770-4342 or 301-461-4984 or e-mail milujaco@gmail.com.

Donate to the Ezras Israel Hachnosat Orchim Fund to support the hospitality the Rabbi extends to the community.

For the holidays and all your special occasions, send personalized Chesed Cards and Help Ezras Israel at the same time. Call June Graff 301.770.7129.

Celebrate a special occasion! Sponsor a Kiddush. Call Rachmil Jacobovits or by e-mail milujaco@gmail.com or reserve online at www.ezrasisrael.org.

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Date	Day	Parsha - Chag - Event	Candlelighting	Erev Mincha	Latest Shma	Shabbat Yom Tov Mincha	End Shabbat Yom Tov
Jul 01	Fri-Sat	Shelach - Mevorchim Tammuz	8:20 PM	7:00 PM	9:30 AM	8:05 PM	9:27 PM
Jul 08	Fri-Sat	Korach	8:18 PM	7:00 PM	9:32 AM	8:05 PM	9:24 PM
Jul 15	Fri-Sat	Hukat	8:15 PM	7:00 PM	9:34 AM	8:00 PM	9:21 PM
Jul 22	Fri-Sat	Balak	8:10 PM	7:00 PM	9:38 AM	7:55 PM	9:15 PM
Jul 23	Sat-Sun	Fast Day 17 Tammuz Fast starts 4:25 AM, fast ends 9:13 PM					
Jul 29	Fri-Sat	Pinchas - Mevorchim Menachem Av	8:04 PM	7:00 PM	9:41 AM	7:50 PM	9:07 PM
Aug 05	Fri-Sat	Matot-Masei	7:57 PM	7:00 PM	9:44 AM	7:45 PM	9:04 PM
Aug 12	Fri-Sat	Devarim - Shabbat Hazon	7:48 PM	7:00 PM	10:50 AM	06:00 PM	08:54 PM
Aug 19	Sat-Sun	Fast Day 9 Av Observed, fast starts 8:05 PM, fast ends 8:47 PM. Sat Eicha @ shul, 9:15PM, Sunday 8:30AM @RH, Mincha @RH 4PM, & @shul 7:30PM followed by Maariv					
Aug 19	Fri-Sat	Vaetchanan - Shabbat Nachamu	07:39 PM	7:00 PM	09:49 AM	07:35 PM	08:44 PM
Aug 26	Fri-Sat	Eikev - Mevorchim Eilul	07:29 PM	7:00 PM	09:51 AM	07:20 PM	08:33 PM
Sep 02	Fri-Sat	Re'eh - Rosh Chodesh Eilul	07:18 PM	7:00 PM	09:53 AM	07:05 PM	08:22 PM
Sep 09	Fri-Sat	Shoftim	07:07 PM	7:00 PM	09:55 AM	06:55 PM	08:10 PM
Sep 16	Fri-Sat	Ki Teitzei	06:56 PM	6:55 PM	09:57 AM	06:40 PM	07:47 PM
Sep 23	Fri-Sat	Ki Tavo	06:45 PM	6:45 PM	09:59 AM	06:30 PM	07:47 PM
Sep 30	Fri-Sat	Nitzavim	06:33 PM	6:35 PM	10:01 AM	06:20 PM	07:36 PM

Shabbat at Ezras Israel
Eruv status: Call 240-627-1661 or Twitter @RNBBERuv. Shachrit 9:00 am; Mincha/Maariv as above, followed by seudah Shlishit and Maariv.

Yom Chol at Ring House, Activity Room 3

Sunday 8:30 AM followed by rabbi's shiur (men only), Monday, Thursday, and other Torah reading days: 8:05 AM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and other non-Torah reading days: 8:15 AM.