

SUMMER 2015 NEWS

Laurie's Letter

Laurie Franklin is on summer break.
She will return July 14th.



Laurie Franklin

President Holly Kingsford's Column: Two strategies for life

Life has many situations where we are expected to trust G-d, but difficult circumstances often cause us to be fearful or revert to our comfort zone. Spirituality can be confusing. We can view the positive as negative, and vice versa. Sometimes the seemingly "spiritual" thing to do is actually not the moral thing to do. Sometimes the more "spiritual" path ahead of us is not the challenge that will cause us more growth, but part of our comfort zone.



Holly Kingsford

If you are mad at your friend, should you meditate to calm yourself down, or should you confront your friend with her wrongdoing? Which path is easier? Which will cause you more growth? Should you do both?

Is this a time for rebuke or a time for forgiveness? A time for war or a time for peace?

Once you are on a spiritual path, it's very difficult for the *yetzer ha-ra* (the evil impulse) to test you with outright transgressions. You are already avoiding the obvious transgressions. Sure, once in a while the *yetzer ha-ra* can convince you, trick you into a real transgression, but usually you're on your guard. The *yetzer ha-ra* is the part of you that steers you away from G-d and spirituality. It is not the real you; it is a foreign element inside you. So the *yetzer ha-ra* has no choice but to come to you in disguise.

The *yetzer ha-ra* has two types of strategies: straight on, or in disguise. We need to be on the lookout for both. That's why in the evening prayer service, we ask the Almighty to protect us from the "Satan in front and behind". Satan "in front" is when it comes straight on trying to entice you to do what you know is wrong; "from behind" is when it comes disguised as a mitzvah.

We all have a choice to make in different situations. At times we need to confront the opposition, and at times we need to go with the flow until we can safely oppose. Right is right, but there is a time and a place to express it. We see from here that the same two strategies the *yetzer ha-ra* uses on us are strategies for life! Through trial and error, you will gain a sense of what type of strategy will work best for different situations.

So here's your homework: Find one small spiritual challenge to face head-on and find one test to be sneaky with. Let us know what you learn!

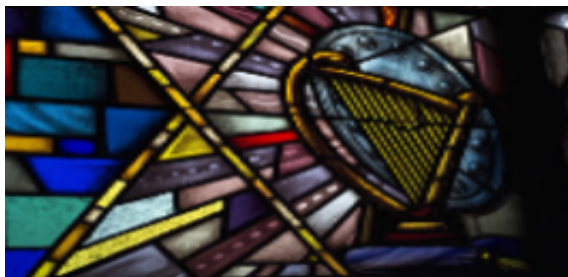
This excerpt has been modified from a longer text written by Rabbi Max Weiman.



Atidaynu News

Atidaynu means "Our Future"

We are off for the summer. Enjoy the heat, stay cool!



Har Shalom Hosts Shoah Workshop for Fifth Year

Har Shalom will once again be part of the Worlds Apart But Not Strangers workshop for

teachers this July. The workshop concentrates on the Shoah and the Native American genocide. It trains teachers to understand and to educate their students about these two holocausts of world history. On Wednesday, July 22, the class will be at Har Shalom all day and shul members are welcome to participate. The day begins around 9 am and goes through dinner. The service Friday night will also reflect the themes of the workshop. Here is a video of about the 2011 workshop: <https://youtu.be/5MrEtIc2fHI>
Please watch the weekly for more details.

Shul Cloud is coming Har Shalom by Holly Kingsford

If there is a much maligned word in the English language per my creative advertising husband, it would be *introducing*. He thinks it is overused and tired. So to this end, I would like to INTRODUCE to you a new software program that Har Shalom will soon be implementing entitled SHUL CLOUD. (Sorry Paul! ;-)

Ari, our Har Shalom office manager, was hard at work getting the Yartzheit letters together one day and wanted a better way to complete a tedious task. He did a search and located the Shul Cloud web-based software. After two demos, we are ready to take the plunge. There are so many advantages to using this program to organize our office functions. I will detail them below. Best of all, it will not be an additional expense because it will replace our current email contact system at the same monthly cost while providing the additional function of office management.

As the name implies, this is a software program that was specifically designed for the unique needs of Synagogues. It was designed by a company in New York City for their own temple. They liked it so much that they now make it available worldwide. Small congregations like ours benefit from a lower price point.

Here is what Shul Cloud will do for us:

- * It has a secure cloud-based accounts receivable function.
- * It has a simple to use content management system with beautiful templates that are ready to use.
- * It comes with scheduling tools to automate the calendar, coordinating the Hebrew and secular calendars.
- * There is membership and donation tracking that will enable members to pay online and view their statements.
- * It has easy and smart email newsletter and announcements.
- * We can do billing reminders electronically to save postage.

There is an online member portal that each family can personalize with photos and reminders. Members can print their own tax and billing statements AND it exports to Quickbooks, saving us payroll expense due to the seamless processing of member contributions.

As with anything new, there will be a learning curve. I hope you will bear with us during the construction phase. I am excited to hear the feedback once we get up and running.

In the Garden by Joyce Latimer

*In the cool of the day, God walked in The Garden created for that purpose.
One day God said to God's Self "Could this be loneliness I am feeling in the
cool of the day when I walk in My Garden?"*

*And then God said to God's Self "What if Creation were to mold, from the
clay found right here, according to my specifications, two human beings, different
from each other, to be my new Best Friends? Why, we could even walk together
in The Garden in the cool of the day!*

*Creation began to fill God's order. While God was waiting for Creation to deliver
two human beings created according to his specifications, God decided to pass
the time by preparing instructions for the safekeeping of The Garden, and also
instructions for the proper behavior to be observed by those human beings who
would be living in The Garden.*

*Over time, God presented His instructions, which became known as the Torah,
to God's new Best Friends, expecting them to comply. But as time went by and
Creation diversified, the specifics of God's plans became less and less important.
After a while they were almost totally ignored. What was the result?*

Within the very recent "Encyclical on Climate Change," presented by Pope Francis, there are some examples of what human beings might expect if we continue to pay no attention to the instructions for the care of Creation according to God's plan. - j. latimer

Yahrzeits

SIVAN

- 18 (June 5) Gloria Belsky
Jill Belsky's mother
18 (June 5) Belle Zamosky
Roslyn Pinson's mother
19 (June 6) Al Rosenthal
Har Shalom community
member
22 (June 9) Dora Frankel
Gross
Barb Gross' mother

TAMMUZ

- 3 (June 20) Irimgard Blum
Sonja Lavitt's mother
9 (June 26) Flora Cohen
Jack Cohen's grandmother
16 (July 3) Samuel Nashel
Elizabeth Howard's
grandfather
22 (July 9) Irving I.
Schulberg
David Schulberg's father

AV

- 5 (July 21) Dorothy Cohen
Martin
Marilyn Dayries' mother
11 (July 27) Betty Ann
Schreibman
Sheryl Alexander's mother
16 (August 1) Barbara Goren
Carolyn Goren's sister
18 (August 3) Hank Butzel
Har Shalom community
member
19 (August 4) Dora Spector
Ellen Silverglat's mother
21 (August 6) Morris L. Goren
Carolyn Goren's father

ELUL

- 13 (August 28) George
Lorinczi
Kate Soukonnikov's father
14 (August 29) Nancy
Polishuk
Jackie Cohen's sister
17 (September 1) Ann
Goldberg
Richard Goldberg's mother
23 (September 7) Esther
Schagren
Holly Kingsford's
grandmother
26 (September 10) Jack
Witkowsky,
Kathleen Witkowsky's father

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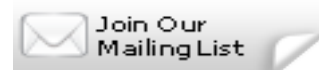
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