



**TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION**

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***Shabbat Bulletin***

October 5-7, 2017

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***Succot Shabbat Chol Hamoed***

Exodus 33:12-34:26 – p 1134; Stone p 504; Hertz p 362; Etz Hayim p 538

Special *Maftir* -Numbers 29:20-22—p 1155; Stone p 896; Hertz p 697; Etz Hayim p 935

*Haftarah* – Ezekiel 38:18-39:16 – p 1158; Stone p 1243; Hertz p 979; Etz Hayim p 1260

Dessert Kiddush in the Sukkah is sponsored by Sisterhood

***Talmud Class*—4:45 PM**

***Minchah*—6:00 PM**

***Seudah Sh'lishit***

***Shabbat Ends*—7:18 PM**

## **TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION**

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### **DAILY SERVICE TIMES**

Shabbat—9:00 AM & **6:00 PM** (10/7)

Sunday—9:00 AM (10/8)

Monday, Tuesday —7:00 AM & **6:15 PM** (10/9-10/10)

Wednesday—**6:30 AM & 6:05 PM** (10/11)

Thursday —**9:00 AM & 6:00 PM** (10/12)

Friday—**9:00 AM & 5:45 PM** (10/13)

### **Board of Directors:**

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*Traditional Congregation welcomes new members. If someone you know  
would like to receive membership information, please contact  
Membership VP Elaine Farkas at 954-558-1159.*

## On This Week's Torah Portion—Sukkot

Koren Publishers/Maggid Books has just come out with another volume of R. Jonathan Sacks' writings, this time on the holidays of the Jewish Year. It is called [\*Ceremony and Celebration\*](#), ISBN 978-1-59264-025-6, and like everything else R. Sacks has written, it is well worth reading. I will probably use it for several years, as one little drash of mine barely scratches the surface of what R. Sacks has to say.

R. Sacks points out that there are two major cycles of holidays in the Jewish year. The one we are more familiar with is the yearly cycle of the three pilgrimage festivals: Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot. These festivals commemorate the birth of the Jewish nation: Pesach commemorates the Exodus from Egypt, where we gained physical freedom; Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah, where we gained spiritual freedom; Sukkot commemorates the 40-year sojourn in the desert (the Sukkah is reminiscent of the Clouds of Glory that sheltered the nation during its wandering, and of the temporary structures in which they dwelt in between marches), where our relationship with Gd matured and came to fruition with our entry into the Land of Israel. This cycle of holidays is particularistic – it relates to the Jewish people specifically, to our national mission and to our particular relationship with Gd.

The other cycle is the cycle of holidays in Tishri – Rosh haShanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. These holidays are focused more on nature. Rosh haShanah is traditionally the day on which the world was created. Sukkot is the quintessential agricultural festival, where we celebrate the harvest. The Four Species ("lulav and etrog") are symbols of our connection with nature. In addition, this is the time when "the world is judged for rain" – that is, whether we will have abundant crops or famine. This is a universal aspect of Sukkot – nature is the same for all nations. In addition, the 70 bulls that are offered over the 7 days of Sukkot are taken to be an offering for the betterment of the "70 nations" of the world. In other words, they are an affirmation that our particular mission includes universal values – the betterment of all humankind.

Sukkot of course takes part in both cycles. It celebrates both universality and the individuality of the Jewish people. The Jewish people is a part of nature of course, but we also have, at least when we are at our best, an aspect that is "above Nature" in the expression of our Sages. It is clear that to some extent at least we must be "above Nature," for a people as small as we are would never have survived what we have gone through in the past 2500 years or so without some special Divine intervention. The Rabbis explain it this way: when Israel does Gd's Will, then Gd takes care of us. If we don't, then Gd lets nature take care of us. This makes sense – when our connection to Gd is strong and we are, by our actions, furthering the course of history in the direction Gd has chosen, then naturally the reaction is positive. Of course the opposite is also true.

This melding of individuality and universality is, ideally, reflected in our own lives. We are, of course, individuals, but we have a level of universality at our basis. We are a soul essentially – and the soul is a piece of Divinity – infinite, eternal, unbounded. It is the universal part of our individuality. Unfortunately, most of the time the incessant activity in which we are engaged clouds our experience of this unbounded aspect of our inner nature. We need to allow this activity to quiet down, so that we can become settled enough to perceive our universality. This is the process of *t'shuvah*, with which we have been quite busy since the beginning of Elul, but which really should be a regular, ongoing process. Every time we do *t'shuvah*, in the sense of returning to our Divine root, that universal Divinity gets more and more established in our awareness, even while we are acting in the world. *T'shuvah* is thus a process of progressively harmonizing the universal and the particular, the cosmic and the individual. Perhaps that is the message we are supposed to get from Sukkot.

*Chag Same'ach and Shabbat Shalom!*  
**Rafi Rabinoff**

# **Join us for Schmooze and Games!**

**When**  
**Wednesday, October 25, 2017**  
**7:15 PM**

**Where**  
**Traditional Congregation  
Social Hall**

**Open to all those looking to schmooze or play  
some board games, bridge, or mah jong, or  
work on needlecrafts.**

**Please bring cards and games, or your  
knitting/crocheting/needlework projects.**

**Light refreshments will be provided.**

**There is no charge,  
just come and bring your friends!**





# St Louis Community Israel Bonds Program

hosted by Traditional Congregation

Sunday, October 29, 2017 11:00 AM\*

Clayton Plaza Hotel 7750 Carondelet Avenue

*Guests of Honor*

**Rabbi Mike & Selina Rovinsky**



*Guest Speaker*

**Ari Zoldan**

CEO, Quantum Networks

**Sumptuous VAAD-supervised Hot & Cold Buffet**  
**Couvert \$55/person** (not tax-deductible)

Register online at [www.traditional-congregation.org](http://www.traditional-congregation.org)

or send payment of \$55/person by 10/16 to

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\*Registration opens at 10:15 AM

The purchase of an Israel Bond is encouraged

This is the *only* Israel Bonds program in Missouri -  
*thank you for your support!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Celebrate Sukkot!

Wednesday, Oct 4: *Minchah/Arvit* 6:10 PM; Candle lighting 6:20 PM

Thursday, Oct. 5: *Shacharit* 9:00 AM; *Minchah/Arvit* 6:10 PM;

Candle lighting after 7:20 PM

Friday, Oct. 6: *Shacharit* 9:00 AM; *Minchah/Arvit* 6:10 PM;

Candle lighting 6:18 PM

*Shabbat*, Oct 7: *Shacharit* with chanting of *Kohelet*: 9:00 AM;

*Minchah* 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 8      **"Grill & Chill in the Sukkah!"** Join us for great BBQ and a relaxing time with friends in our beautiful sukkah. 5:00 PM in our west parking lot sukkah, \$20/person. **Volunteers needed to help cook, set up**, etc. starting at 2:00 PM—please contact Elaine if you can help, [pick2far@gmail.com](mailto:pick2far@gmail.com)

Tuesday, October 10      **General Board Meeting**, 7:30 PM, all are welcome

### Celebrate Simchat Torah!

Wednesday, Oct 11: *Shacharit* **6:30 AM**; *Minchah/Arvit* 6:05 PM;

Candle lighting 6:11 PM

Thursday, Oct. 12: *Shacharit* 9:00 AM; *Yizkor*; *Minchah* 6:00 PM;

*Arvit & Hakafot* 7:00 PM; Candle lighting after 7:11 PM

Friday, Oct. 13: *Shacharit* 9:00 AM; *Minchah/Arvit* 5:45 PM;

Candle lighting 6:08 PM

Wednesday, October 25      **Schmooze & Games**, 7:15 PM. Board games, cards, mah jongg, refreshments and schmoozing with friends—join us! No charge, just bring your games and come for fun!

*Shabbat*, October 28      **Kiddush luncheon sponsored by the family of Maurice Goffstein** in honor of his 97th birthday.

Sunday, October 29      **Israel Bonds Program at the Clayton Plaza Hotel.** Join us to support Israel and honor our guests, Rabbi Mike & Selina Epstein Rovinsky. Featured speaker is media & tech expert Ari Zoldan. Just \$55/person, includes a lavish hot & cold brunch. **Paid RSVP's due by 10/16.** Doors open at 10:15 AM for registration, program begins at 11:00 AM.



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## PRAYER

Give thanks to God for his great wonders,  
His kindness endures forever.

*Sing unto the Creator with thanksgiving;  
Sing joyous praises unto God.*

The Almighty fills the heavens with clouds,  
The Creator provides rain for the earth,  
And makes the mountains green with grass.

*God makes your borders peaceful,  
And produces your fruitful harvest.*

The Creator is good to the earth, and irrigates it  
With the water of life-giving rivers.

*The Almighty makes the earth soft with showers,  
And blesses the growth of the field.*

God crowns the year with goodness,  
And showers the earth with rich bounties.

*The pastures of the wilderness overflow;  
And the hills are aglow with joy.*

The meadows filled with flocks;  
The valleys covered with grain;  
They shout for joy, indeed they sing.

*Blessed be God for the precious gifts of heaven.*

For the precious gifts of earth,  
And the fullness thereof; praise the Creator.

*May God continue to bless us abundantly,  
And prosper the work of our hands.*

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## THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT OF SILENCE

Enjoyment is not a goal; it is a feeling that accompanies important ongoing activity.

***Paul Goodman***