Emanuel Synagogue

Bulletin

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October 2026 Tishre - Cheshvan 5787

SERVICE TIMES

Fri: Erev-Shabbat Evening Services is via Zoom only at 6:00 PM.
Saturday: Shabbat Service is in-person and via Zoom at 9:30 AM.
Monday Morning Minyan is in-person and via Zoom at 8:30 AM .
Join us via Zoom (only) for Evening Minyan and Jewish Learning
Sun-Thu at 8:00 pm.

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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

2 Hoshana Raba
3 Shmini Atzeret
4 Simchat Torah
11 Erev Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

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ATTENTION PLEASE

In our efforts to organize, starting this month members can begin using the below email addresses. Cox accounts will no longer be available starting May 2025.

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October

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					Hoshana Raba 6:54 PM Candlelighting	Shmini Atzeret 9:30 AM Shabbat Service 7:53 PM Havdalah
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Simchat Torah					6:44 PM Candlelighting	9:30 AM Shabbat Service 7:43 PM Havdalah
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan				6:35 PM Candlelighting	9:30 AM Shabbat Service 7:34 PM Havdalah
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					6:26 PM Candlelighting	9:30 AM Shabbat Service 7:25 PM Havdalah
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					6:18 PM Candlelighting	9:30 AM Shabbat Service 7:18 PM Havdalah
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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QUARTERLY WORKSHOPS & VOLUNTEERING DAY

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- Catalog library books
- Photograph a Torah scroll
- Make candles
- Bake rugelach
- Prepare craft materials for children's crafts
- Put together gifts for the homebound

AND MORE!

Rabbi's Rostrum

A Few Brief Words of Wisdom from Our Ancestors

A brief passage from the *Ethics of the Fathers*:

"Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai received [the oral tradition] from Hillel and Shammai. He used to say: if you have learned much Torah, do not claim credit for yourself, because for such a purpose were you created.

"Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai had five disciples and they were these: Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrcanus, Rabbi Joshua ben Hananiah, Rabbi Yose, the Cohen, Rabbi Shimon ben Nethaniel, and Rabbi Elazar ben Arach.

"He [Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai] used to list their outstanding virtues:

- Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrcanus is a plastered cistern which loses not a drop;
- Rabbi Yehoshuah ben Hananiah - happy is the woman who gave birth to him;
- Rabbi Yose, the Cohen, is a pious man;
- Rabbi Shim'on ben Nethaniel is one who fears sin; and
- Rabbi Elazar ben Arach is like a spring that [ever] gathers force.

"He [Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai] used to say: If all the sages of Israel were on one scale of the balance and Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrcanus on the other scale, he would outweigh them all. Abba Shaul said in his own name: If all the sages of Israel were on one scale of the balance, and Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrcanus also with them, and Rabbi Elazar ben Arach on the other scale, he would outweigh them all." (Ethics of the Fathers 2:8)

The story of Rabbi Elazar ben Arach is a tragedy from beginning to end. Although he seems to be widely considered one of the most brilliant sages of the Mishnah, there are *not any* teachings in his name. He left *zero* insights, reflections, or lessons in all of the textual history of the Jewish people. How is that possible for someone so brilliant? His name should be oft-quoted, and he legal reasoning should appear in the Talmud. Nevertheless, the Talmud only names him once – when he asks whether he may clarify a point that Rabbi Yochanah (his teacher) once taught him about Ezekiel's vision of the Divine chariot. The point he clarifies is not even mentioned! Rabbi Yochanan starts a discussions about when it is appropriate to even discuss the Ezekiel's vision of the Divine chariot, which cannot be taught to groups of people because it is so difficult to

understand.

How did such a brilliant sage merit only to appear in the Talmud as part of a procedural discussion about how to discuss a passage in Ezekiel?

According to one midrash, Rabbi Elazar ben Arach told his wife repeatedly how frustrated he was that he knew more than everyone else, and that all of this study partners knew less than he did. She convinced him to stop wasting his time with them, and they moved away. After a few years, two rabbis went to the remote cabin in the woods where he and his wife were living. There, they discovered that Rabbi Elazar ben Arach had forgotten all of the Torah (and other Jewish texts) he had ever learned.

Two different places in the Talmud teach the following, in the name of two different rabbis: "Students increase their teacher's wisdom and broaden his horizons. Our Sages declared: "I learned much wisdom from my teachers and even more from my colleagues. However, from my students [I learned] most of all." Just as a small twig is used to light a large branch [when making a fire], so a small student sharpens his teacher's [thinking processes], until, through his questions, he brings forth brilliant wisdom." (Babylonian Talmud Ta'anit 7a and Makkot 10a)

May we all remember this teaching, and remember with it the cautionary tale of Rabbi Elazar ben Arach, whose knowledge and wisdom drained away when he felt it was beneath him to use it on a daily basis.

Drop in for tea and a chat with Rabbi Jacobson!

Office Hours are
Mondays - 9:30-12:30 pm
Wednesdays - 12:30 pm-3:30 pm
Thursdays - 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Feel free to drop in, or schedule a meeting time that is more convenient for you.

(Hours subject to change to accommodate an emergency in the congregation, and Rabbi Jacobson will not hold office hours on Jewish holidays, federal holidays, or any other time when the Synagogue offices are closed.)

Do you know someone who is sick, or who could use some cheering up? One way to help someone who is sick or feeling down is to let Rabbi Jacobson know to contact him/her/them. Another great way is to add someone to the Misheberach list, for the congregation to pray for their health. However, please remember to ask that person's permission first! *Please note: We read the names on the Misheberach (sick prayer) list out loud during Shabbat services and Evening Minyan. For the sake of their privacy, we read people's Hebrew names, or if they do not have a Hebrew name, we only read their first name in English. We want to comfort people with our prayers, not to invade their privacy.

Youth

Hello Everyone,

It was great seeing everyone come together for the Burger Bar this year. A huge "thank you" to all who volunteered and made the event happen! We had a lot of fun racing boats and munching on goodies!

The original plan for October had to be shifted to November, so keep an eye out for the event that will be done in before the end of the month! We do have a Groupme where you can get updates, so feel free to join with our QR code that is attached and on the bulletin board in the synagogue. In November we will be having an archery lesson with a former Olympian here in Oklahoma! This will be on November 9th at 5:30 at 3104 Epperly Dr, Del City, at Arrowhead Archery. This is an 8 and up event, adults are welcome and encouraged to participate!

To highlight some community events that are happening in the area:

There will be a Sukkot Pajama Party on the 29th at 6pm, come dressed in PJs! This is at the Jewish Federation building, 710 West Wilshire Blvd, Suite 103.

Join us for "take a bite out if hunger" with the Jewish Federation on Sunday, October 11th at 9:30 at the regional food bank of Oklahoma!

Thank you so much for your participation!

Ma'ayan

THE PJ Library
Sukkot
PAJAMA PARTY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH @ 6PM
REGISTER NOW!
Email
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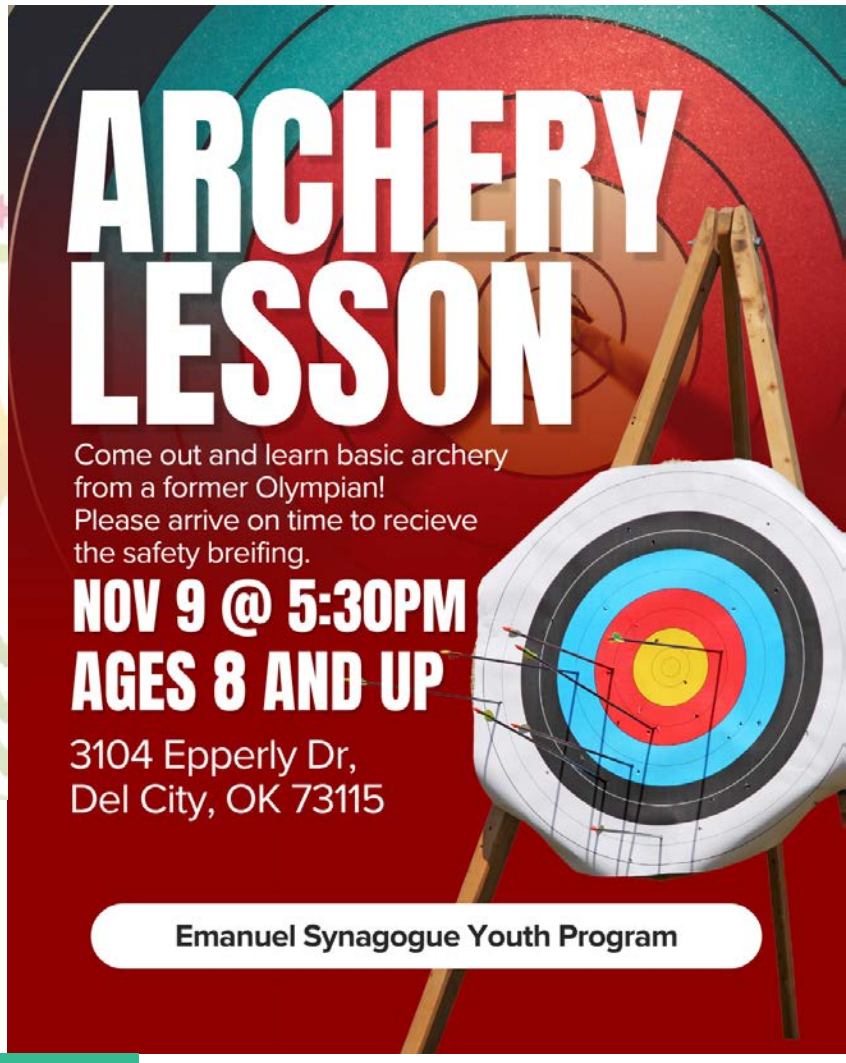
Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City


ARCHERY LESSON
Come out and learn basic archery from a former Olympian!
Please arrive on time to recieve the safety breifing.
NOV 9 @ 5:30PM
AGES 8 AND UP
3104 Epperly Dr,
Del City, OK 73115
Emanuel Synagogue Youth Program

JEWISH FEDERATION JCRC MITZVAH CORPS
TAKE A BITE OUT OF HUNGER
DATE: SUNDAY, OCT. 11TH, 2026
TIME: 10:00AM - 12:30PM
LOCATION: REGIONAL FOOD BANK
CHECK-IN @ 9:30AM
The program is FREE to attend, but pre-registration is required.
To PRE-REGISTER please email: DAN@JFEDOKC.ORG
and include the FIRST AND LAST NAME of all volunteers!
REGIONAL FOOD BANK OF OKLAHOMA

Men's Club

Some plans for future Men's club activities include:

Catch a Thunder game
Go to a semi-pro baseball and/or hockey game (yes we have ice-hockey here apparently)

Fix up the basketball area in the patio (where the Sukkah is) with a kids-involved mosaic.

Lower the basketball net so its somewhat more kid friendly.

Kayaking/canoeing/biking outings

Sweat lodge

Like any of those?
Have suggestions, conflations, redactions?
Let me know:
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October Anniversaries

8 Jerry & Jackie Bendorf

15 Jennifer & Davis Dennis

21 Harry & Hedra Merson

October Birthdays

1 Jennifer Goldberg
Amy Settles
7 Dr. Ira Targoff
9 Ann Kennett
10 Brooklyn Ann Green
Robert Seelig
11 Dr. Robert H. Epstein
Gracia Hannah Mejia
13 Louise Fritz
Alex Hamilton
14 Dr. Peter Armendariz
17 Sherri Jacobson
Aliza Nechtow
22 Phineas Hodge
23 Judy Silverstein
26 Michelle Goss
Ezra Logsdon
27 Tierney Eden
28 Dr. Amalia Miranda
29 Ma'Ayan Williams

In Memory Of Our Loved Ones

HENRY BLACK
Linda Gardner

BILLY BOCK
Gail Meltzner
Jeff & Debbie Trachtenberg

ARNOLD FAGIN
Barry Fagin

LOUIS KOWALOFF
Dr. Mark & Debra Wolraich

PAPA MAX
Stacy Coe

SYLVIA MELNICK
Stacy Coe

NATHALIA SCHAEFER
Shira Michael

BEN SHANKER
Robin Shanker & Joseph Anzelmo

MIMI SHANKER
Robin Shanker & Joseph Anzelmo

CHARLES SINGER
Singer Foundation, Charles & Nikki

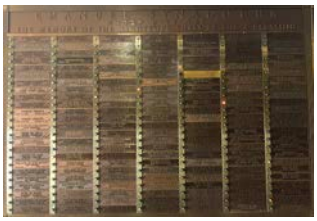
CHARLES STACKHOUSE JR.
Richard & Louise Fritz

ROSEMARY STACKHOUSE
Richard & Louise Fritz

THOMAS STACKHOUSE
Richard & Louise Fritz

SAMUEL WASSERMAN
Dr. Mark & Debra Wolraich

With Affection We Recall...



Thursday, October 1,
20 Tishrei
Rose Goldstein
Esther Wasserman

Friday, October 2,
21 Tishrei
Max Melnick

Saturday, October 3,
22 Tishrei
Samuel Orenstein

Sunday, October 4,
23 Tishrei
Meyer Emmer
Isaac Miller
Charles Robinson

Monday, October 5,
24 Tishrei
Edward Mendelson
Janet Orenstein
Henry Sureck

Wednesday, October 7,
26 Tishrei
Pearl Kushner
Simha Oiknine
Tillie Ring

Thursday, October 8,
27 Tishrei
Reuben Finkelstein
Charles Stackhouse Sr.
Lawrence Stackhouse

Friday, October 9,
28 Tishrei
Harry Stackhouse

Saturday, October 10,
29 Tishrei
Abe Shapiro

Sunday, October 11,
30 Tishrei
Mendel Kurlender

Monday, October 12,
1 Heshvan
Isadore Rozin

Tuesday, October 13,
2 Heshvan
Adell Alpern
Leah Rebecca Hardin
Helen Hirsh

Wednesday, October 14,
3 Heshvan
Anita Wachtel

Thursday, October 15,
4 Heshvan
Sylvia Melnick
Dr. Leon Unger

Friday, October 16,
5 Heshvan
Jeremy Altshuler
Hannah Magner

Sunday, October 18,
7 Heshvan
Lillian Muss
Dora Rodman

Monday, October 19,
8 Heshvan
Dr. William Shelton

Wednesday, October 21,
10 Heshvan
Molly Levick

Friday, October 23,
12 Heshvan
Dr. Reuben Schechter

Tuesday, October 27,
16 Heshvan
Tawnya Rozin

Thursday, October 29,
18 Heshvan
Jay Levy
Mel Marcus
Eric Rose
William Weise

Friday, October 30,
19 Heshvan
David Muss

Saturday, October 31,
20 Heshvan
Ethel Ginden
Hali Goss
Fannie Josephson
Linda Meyer

תודה רבה

TODA RABAH

Donation to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Dr. Robert B. Epstein
Ari Isenberg & Maurice Grzeda
Shelly Savage

In mid-June, I spent Shabbat morning with your congregation as I was traveling cross country on my sabbatical. To express my gratitude for you hospitality and especially to honor Helene Harpman for welcoming me so warmly, please accept this donation. Wishing the entire community a Happy and Sweet New Year Shanah Tovah u' Metukah!!

Rabbi Susan Schein

Congregants Assistance Fund Donation

Dr. Yona Rebbetzin Alter &
Dr. Rabbi Levi Alter
Bernard Backer
Meredith Willis

Cemetery Fund Donation

Dr. Robert B. Epstein

General Fund Donation

Bernard Backer

Israel Experience Youth Scholarship Fund

Kyleigh Ambriz
Davis & Jennifer Dennis
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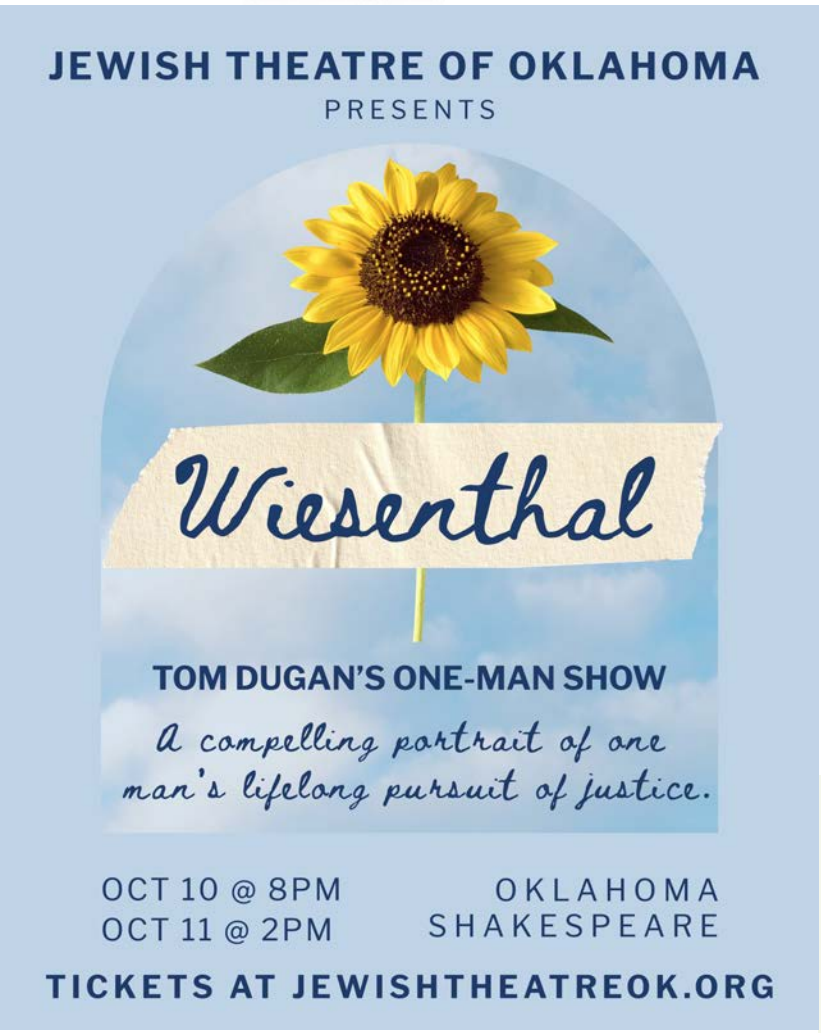
Youth Program

USCJ thanks for hosting USY on Wheels

Jewish Federation of
Greater Oklahoma City

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