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# Calah Congregation



**September/October 2008 ~ Elul/Tishrei 5768/5769**

*Services Held at Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia*

**September 5, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service.**

**September 19, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service. September and October birthdays and anniversaries celebrated. Bring cake if you are celebrating a simchah.**

## **High Holiday Services**

**Rosh Hashanah**

**September 29, 7:30 p.m.**

**September 30, 10:00 a.m. Children's Service will begin at 11:00 a.m.**

**October 1, 10:00 a.m.**

## **Yom Kippur**

**October 8, Kol Nidre 7:30 p.m.**

**October 9, 10:00 a.m. Yizkor Service at 12 Noon**

**Mincha, N'ila and Children's Service at 5:00 p.m. followed by Calah's Famous and Delicious Dairy Break The Fast Pot Luck**

*(See page 4 for details about the Pot Luck)*

**October 24, 6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner** *(See page 4 for details about the Pot Luck)*  
**followed by Shabbat/Simchat Torah service at 7:30.**

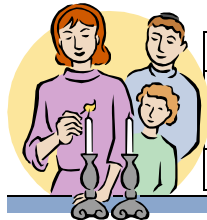


Have you sent your **Calah Membership Dues** to Calah Congregation at P.O. Box 6956 Columbia, MD 21045. Your membership includes your tickets to High Holiday Services.



*Calah services will not be held when Howard County Schools are closed due to inclement weather.  
Check local stations for updates, or visit [www.calahcongregation.com](http://www.calahcongregation.com)*

## Shabbat/Holiday Candle Lighting Times for September and October in Columbia, MD



Sept 5 – 7:13pm	Sept 29 – 6:35 pm	Oct 13 – 6:13 pm	
Sept 12 – 7:02pm	Oct 3 – 6:28 pm	Oct 17– 6:07 pm	
Sept 19 – 6:51 pm	Oct 8 – 6:21 pm	Oct 20 – 6:03 pm	
Sept 26 – 6:39pm	Oct 10 – 6:18 pm	Oct 24 – 5:58 pm	Oct 31 -5:49 pm



The congregation sends caring thoughts and prayers of healing to all our members who are ill, including Helen Alpert, Rebbetzin Berniece Kumin, Rabbi Herbert Kumin, and Andrea Paskin. . Prayers also for Richard Armon's mom, Phyllis Armon.



### Caring Cards

Need to send a card to someone to convey sympathy, a get well message or share the joy of a Simchah? Why not purchase a packet of 6 “caring cards” from Calah Congregation? You can see a sample of the cards at services and arrange to purchase them from Lynn Green. Give Lynn a call at 410 792-8029 and she will arrange to get you the cards.



### Kosher Recipe from Berniece Kumin

Potato and Vegetable Kugel – Makes 6 – 8 servings

2 tbs plus 1 tsp vegetable oil	1 large onion – chopped
1 lb yellow squash	2 large carrots – peeled
2 large baking potatoes	3 large eggs
1 tsp salt	¼ tsp ground pepper
1/3 C. chopped parsley, fresh	1 tsp paprika
¼ C. matzoh meal or bread crumbs	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat 2 tbs oil in a skillet. Add onions and sauté over medium low heat until softened (about 10 minutes). Coarsely grate squash and carrots. Transfer to a large bowl and add sautéed onion. Peel and coarsely grate potatoes. Put in large strainer and squeeze out excess liquid. Add this mixture to bowl of vegetables. Add eggs, salt, pepper, parsley, paprika and matzoh meal or bread crumbs.

Generously grease an 8-inch square pan or baking dish. Heat empty pan briefly in oven. Add vegetable mixture to pan. Sprinkle with 1 tsp oil, then shake a little paprika on top. Bake about 1 hour or until brown and set.

### Calah Adult Education

A small committee is beginning to plan some adult education programs. There will be more information about topics, meeting times, places, etc in the next newsletter.

## **Pastoral Thoughts by Rabbi Herbert Kumin**

First, let me and Berniece wish you a Happy New Year and good health to all of you!

Jochanan ben Nappaha said “on Rosh Hashanah three ledgers are opened in heaven; the Book of Life for the truly righteous people, the Book of Death for the unredeemably wicked, and a sort of in-between ledger. The fate of the in between names is held in abeyance until Yom Kippur.

Rosh Hashanah used to be called Yom Hazikaron, the Day of Remembrance, or Yom Hadin, the Day of Judgment, or Yom Teruah, the Day of the Shofar.

The first month of the Hebrew calendar is Nisan which comes in March or April and commemorates the Exodus from Egypt. Yet, the Jewish New Year is the first of Tishrei, the seventh month. This suggests a close relationship to the Babylonian Day of Judgment when their Chief Deity passed judgment on all mankind.

The Rabbis would not permit Jews to use an ox horn as a Shofar because the Hebrews hurt G-d when they took up the worship of the Golden Calf. A Shofar was used in Palestine to announce holidays, to signal danger, to signal peace, to usher in the new moon, and to call together convocations. Today, the Shofar is also used on Friday eve to herald the Sabbath. The Bible enjoins the Shofar only for Rosh Hashanah in the Book of Numbers 29:1 and nowhere describes the nature or sequence of meaning of the blasts. The Rabbis developed complex rules for the sounds and sequence; Tekiah, Shevarim, and Teruah as the sounds for each of these.

In the Law of Repentance 3:4, Maimonides wrote that the Shofar message is, “Awake ye sleepers from your sleep and ye that slumber, rouse yourselves. Consider your ways remember G-d, turn unto Him.”

Note that Yom Kippur forgives man and women of sins toward G-d only. Sins toward people must be forgiven by those who were hurt by you and tell you so.

After the Temple was destroyed, a sacrificial rite called Kapparrah was introduced for Yom Kippur. It involves swinging a live chicken over your head and reciting a prayer that says that the chicken’s blood will atone for a person’s sins. Other members of the family use money and say “this money that I give to charity will atone for my sins” This practice was condemned by Nahmanides and others. Today only very orthodox Jews practice it.

And now, to end with some humor –

Teacher – Joseph do you pray before each meal?

Joseph – No Sir.

Teacher – What! You don’t prayer?

Joseph – I don’t have to. My mother’s a good cook!

To Everyone once again ...A Happy New Year – L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu which means may you be inscribed for a good year in the book of life.

~ *Rabbi Kumin*

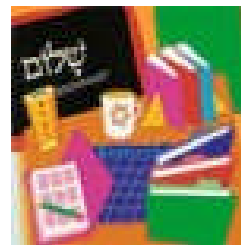


## Schedule of Calah Friday Night Services at Owen Brown Interfaith Center

November 7	March 20
November 21	April 3
December 5	April 17
December 19 (Hanukkah)	May 1
January 9	May 15
January 23	June 12
February 6 (Tu B'shvat)	June 26
February 20	July 17
March 6	August 14

## Sunday School Schedule for 2008–2009 School Year

September 7 and 21	January 11 and 25
October 5 and 26	February 8 and 22
November 9 and 23	March 8 and 22
December 7 and 21	April 5 and 19
May 3 and 17	



### CiCi's Pizza Day

Following Sunday School on **September 7<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday School students, teachers, parents and congregation members are invited to CiCi's All-You-Can-Eat Pizza, Pasta, Salad, and Dessert bar on 6473 Baltimore National Pike (Route 40) in Catonsville for a Pizza Party. Sunday School students are free; adults \$5. If you are interested in attending, call Lynn Green 410-792-8029 to make a reservation.

### Join Us For Pot Luck Dinners

In October there will be 2 Pot Luck dinners at Calah. Marilyn Singer and Sara Markowitz will be coordinating the Break The Fast Pot Luck on October 9th at the conclusion of the Yom Kippur service. This is one of the best meals that you can imagine! All food is dairy. Think about what you want to bring and sign up at the Rosh Hashanah Welcome Table.

To celebrate Sukkot and Simchat Torah, we will have another Pot Luck dinner prior to the October 24th service. This time, Calah will provide a chicken main dish and members of the congregation are asked to bring the delicious side dishes and desserts. There will be a sign up sheet for the Sukkot/Simchat Torah Pot Luck at one of the services or at the Yom Kippur Pot Luck.

## Congregational News

Lynn and Neal Green traveled to Europe during May and June. They went to Disneyland Paris, Paris, Venice, took a cruise from Venice to Rome which went to Croatia, Turkey, Italy, and Greece. They also stayed in Rome and went to Valencia Spain to visit the Lladro Family.

Spencer Lean's blog about Baltimore development and transit has drawn attention from city planners and is now sponsored by WJZ-TV. Spencer also blogs about the future of Columbia. You can visit the sites at <http://baltimorefuture.blogspot.com> and <http://columbiafuture.blogspot.com>

Virgilio (Azriel) and Joan Blanco announce that selected works from their collection will be on exhibit for the first time August 28th through October 6<sup>th</sup> (Monday through Saturday) at Howard Community College. A special reception will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm. The exhibit is titled "Artful Revolución – Mexican Lithographs". Read more about this on the web at <http://blancoartcollection.org>

Congratulations to Tim and Ellen Sosinski on the engagement of their daughter Jenny. We wish Jenny and her fiancé every happiness.

Please send your news to Kira at [openflower@verizon.net](mailto:openflower@verizon.net)!!

## Entertainment 2009 Books Are Available

Get a head start on your Chanukah or holiday shopping. Calah is selling the 2009 Entertainment Books again this year. The price is \$25 for either a Baltimore or Washington Book. They make super gifts. Calah makes \$5 per book (if we sell 10 or more) or \$2.50 (if we sell less than 10) which can be used as a donation. To order a book, call Lynn Green, 410 792-8029. She will bring them to services for you.

## Community Events in September and October

**Cultural Connections**, an active senior adult program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Howard County, is gearing up for a new season. The opening day brunch will be on **September 9th at 10:30 a.m.** at the Bain Center. Enjoy a wonderful brunch and listen to the music of "The Best of Times", musical duo, - a medley of Jewish songs and show tunes. The cost is \$18 for the year of Cultural Connections, or \$8 for the opening brunch. Cultural Connections meets twice a month on second and fourth Tuesdays from 10:30 to noon at the Bain Center.

**Film Series** sponsored by The Jewish Federation of Howard County and The Howard County Office of Aging offers their first program on **September 23 - 10:30 a.m.** at the Bain Center. The film is entitled "Left Luggage" and is a story of a young woman Chaja, whose parents are holocaust survivors.

The next film on **October 28 – 10:30 a.m** and is entitled "Arranged". It offers a look at two women, an Orthodox Jew and a Muslim, both dealing with arranged marriages.

**Lunch'n Learn** is a once a month program which meets at 11:30-1 p.m. every 3rd Wednesday of the month, at the Federation Community Room. The first program this season is a presentation by Dr. Barry Lever from the Jewish Museum of Maryland. Dr. Lever will speak about "Baltimore Ship Exodus, 1947". For more information, please contact: Sophie Novinsky at the Jewish Federation of Howard County 410-730-4976 x 103

**The Mother's Circle** is an evening out for non-Jewish moms raising Jewish families. They will read and discuss Living a Jewish Life and How to Be a Jewish Parent by Anita Diamant. Circle times are at 7pm on Tuesday evenings beginning in September. The course is free, but the books must be purchased for the class. The class will be held in the Jewish Federation of Howard County Community Room, 10630 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Ste 400. Please contact Helaine Brenner at 410-730-4976, or prp@jcsbaltimore.org for registration and more information.



**Tzedakah**

Please look for our beautiful, handmade *tzedakah* box with the butterfly plaque on the *oneg* table at every service. Calah's *tzedakah* recipients once again are Camp Sunshine, a camp in Maine for critically ill children and their families, and Magen David Adom, the Israeli emergency medical service.

Try this Word Search Puzzle. All the words are somewhere in the newsletter!

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### Next Board Meeting

The next Calah board meeting will be held Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at Bob Sacks's office, 7125 Thomas Edison Drive, Suite 105, in the Columbia Gateway Office Park. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



***Happy Birthday!***  
***Happy Anniversary!***

Calah Congregation members who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries in September and October are:

#### September Birthdays

Alayna Armon  
Joan Blanco  
David Caplan  
Kimberly Caplan  
Michele Estrin  
Rachel Fidel  
**Rabbi Kumin**  
Ian Lamiano  
Jonathan Lazar  
Spencer Lean  
Andrea Sacks  
Susan Horwitz  
Tom Lis  
Shari Jones

#### September Anniversaries

Jerome and Rosemarie Fleg  
Charles and Linda Richell  
Jerry and Hilary Scala

#### October Birthdays

Larry Adler  
Diane Adler  
Gary Baker  
Richard Bernstein  
Azriel Blanco  
Ed Horwitz  
Stephanie Estrin  
Michel Fleg  
David Green  
Kathryn Jaller  
Connie Kershbaum  
Allen Markson  
David McCracken

#### October Anniversaries

Gary and Rocky Baker  
Michael and Joanne Brazinski  
Stan and Karen Freedman  
David and Ulrike Jaller  
Ed and Susan Horwitz  
Jeffrey and Elinor Weisfeld  
John and Shari Jones

Join us at the September 19<sup>th</sup> service as we celebrate September and October birthdays and anniversaries!

Calah Congregation thanks Great Harvest for donating a most delicious Challah for our 'Ha Motzee' portion of our Sabbath services. Please patronize them!



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