

Kosher Meals on Wheels

The Kosher Konnection

Word Power

JUMBLE

*unscramble each line to find a term about Autumn

1. SEAVEL _____
2. FALLTOOB _____
3. AHY _____
4. NIKMSPUP _____
5. CWORSCEAR _____
6. RGUOD _____
7. EZAIM _____
8. LEAB _____
9. ONRAC _____
10. EVHRAST _____

AUTUMN WISDOM

“Summer ends, and Autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have high tide always and a full moon every night.” *-- Hal Borland*

“Autumn’s the mellow time.” *-- William Allingham*

“If you look around, complacency is the great disease of your autumn years, and I work hard to prevent that.” *-- Nick Cave*

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***October 1st & 2nd/22 and 23 Tishrei Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah**

Kaddish: Linking the Living and the Dead

**excerpted from*

The Hebrew Free Burial Association newsletter Chesed

The mourner’s Kaddish—the prayer recited by the living for the deceased—is never said alone. It is meant to be recited as the mourner stands together with a quorum of Jews, surrounded and comforted by community. It is a responsive recitation; the mourner speaks, and the congregation responds.

Yet Kaddish is not about death and death is never mentioned. Proclaiming God’s sovereignty over the world, the prayer anticipates the moment when His kingship will be universally acknowledged. Kaddish concludes with the request that God grant peace to us and to all of Israel.

Unlike the rest of the prayer book, written mostly in Hebrew, Kaddish is written in Aramaic, the vernacular of the Jewish people through the Second temple period. And Kaddish is an ancient prayer.

In earlier centuries, only one person said the Kaddish on behalf of all mourners. However, this tended to cause friction among the congregants, as each mourner wanted to lead the prayer because of its emotional resonance.

To avoid conflict, it became the custom in many congregations for all mourners to recite the Kaddish together. In many Ashkenazic synagogues, the congregation stands in respect as the mourners recite Kaddish. In Sephardic synagogues, only the mourners stand. In all congregations, as the mourners recite the closing verse, they take three steps back and bow to the left, right, and forward. This is a sign of respect.

Even in our time, Kaddish is often the last Jewish rite to be observed, even when all others have been forgotten.

*Yizkor, the memorial service for the departed, which includes Kaddish, is scheduled on Shemini Atzeret—October 1st this year.

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This Month's Trivia

Test Your Torah Knowledge

1. The word "Torah" means--

- a. teaching/instruction b. wisdom c. exalted

2. Which is NOT one of the five books of the Torah?

- a. The Book of Esther b. Numbers c. Exodus

3. The person who actually writes the words on a Torah scroll is called a--

- a. cantor b. scribe c. prophet

4. The paper that the Torah scroll is written on is called--

- a. notecard b. tablet c. parchment

5. A typical Torah scroll weighs--

- a. 10 pounds b. 25 pounds c. 50 pounds

LAUGH A LITTLE

My Father the Rabbi

*excerpted from
Jewlarious.com

Three young boys were walking on the sidewalk, arguing over whose Daddy was the greatest.

Jeffrey said, "My Dad is the greatest because he is a rich stockbroker on Wall Street."

Michael said, "That's nothing. My Daddy is a politician, and he's the most powerful man in this City."

Saul said, "I can top that. My Dad is a Rabbi, and he owns hell!"

"How can you own hell?" asked the other boys.

"Well my Dad came home from his meeting last night and told my Mom that the Shul Board gave it to him!"

Answers to *JUMBLE* 1. LEAVES 2. FOOTBALL 3. HAY 4. PUMPKINS 5. SCARECROW 6. GOURD
7. MAIZE 8. BALE 9. ACORN 10. HARVEST

Answers to Test Your Torah Knowledge:

1. a 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. b

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FYI — KNOW If you always ask for the same type of menu change, you can request a "Standing Order" instead of calling the office each time. For example, if you don't wish to eat any hot meal of beef, you can request a "Standing Order" to substitute roast chicken any time beef comes up on the menu.

FYI - As a reminder, please call in all same-day requests for pick-up by 9 AM at the latest. Also, you must wait until 12 PM or later, after we have finished dispatching the meals, to pick up your order.