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{Special MidSummer Edition}

**Rabbi Howard Herman will be
our guest Rabbi for August 25
and High Holiday services for
Rosh Hashanah and
Yom Kippur**

**Rabbi Herman retired last year after spending 36
years as Rabbi in Simsbury, CT**

Read more below in the full Search Committee report.

**Be sure to come to the July 28 Service
Rabbi Wolf's final service
Join us for a special Oneg sponsored by Iris
and Barry Weissman**



President's Message

Like our personal lives, organizational life is composed of ebbs and flows. We understand and accept that change, no matter how traumatic or beneficial.

Rabbi Wolf is retiring and conducts his last Shabbat service on July, 28. For those of us who have attended his services for a long period of time, his place on the bema that night is comforting. When we realize that this service will be the last as our Rabbi, we have to give pause.

The fact that Rabbi Wolf prefers the term “message” to “sermon” underscores his desire to intertwine the spiritual and the intellectual. The Rabbi is the teacher who poses questions which lead to clarity.

On behalf of Naples Jewish Congregation, we wish Rabbi and Sandy Wolf the best of everything and will honor them at a special Oneg after his last service on July 28.

To provide continuous services to our congregants, the Search Committee and NJC are fortunate to have Rabbi Howard Herman conduct our High Holy Days Services and a number of Shabbat Services.

The Board of Directors and the Rabbi’s Search Committee strive to maintain calm in this period of ebb and flow.

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August-September Happy Grams

Here's an easy way to send Birthday and Anniversary greetings to fellow NJC members. Recipients will receive an NJC note card "signed" with all the names of the well wishers. Please place a check mark next to the event you wish to acknowledge with a HAPPYGRAM.

Remember to enter your name the way you wish it to appear in the HAPPYGRAM.
[Return your requests by the 25th July.](#) HAPPYGRAMS are \$1.00 each.

A TIME OF TRANSITION

As we approach the Days of Awe in the next couple of months, we should reflect upon where we have been and where we are headed. Introspection is good for the soul. NJC has always prided itself on offering a warm and welcoming spiritual and social sanctuary at an affordable dues structure. While we remain warm and welcoming, our affordability advantage has been diminished by our competitor's adoption of its new dues structure. This change presents a formidable challenge.

Competition compels change. Change combats complacency. As we transition to new rabbinic leadership in the coming months, we must examine what we want out of our NJC membership and experience. Our new Rabbi, whomever he or she will be, will want to lead us into a new and exciting spiritual, educational and social future. We, in turn, must demonstrate to the new Rabbi that we will embrace his or her vision for NJC's future and will be active participants in making NJC a vibrant and caring congregation. This will require every NJC member to play some part in ensuring that NJC remains an integral part of the Naples Jewish community.

During our transition to finding a permanent Rabbi, we will be warmly welcoming Rabbi Howard Herman to our pulpit on an interim basis. He has met with a number of NJC members already and is sure to be inspirational, thoughtful and solicitous of our members and their needs. Please come to services on Friday, August 25 at 7:00 (NOT 7:30) pm to meet and welcome Rabbi Herman prior to the High Holy Days.

The future of NJC is in our hands. It is up to all of us whom are able to respond to these challenging times. We can make NJC even better by growing our NJC family and enhancing our congregational experience. When we find our permanent Rabbi in the coming months, he or she will undoubtedly bring enthusiasm and fresh ideas to enrich our NJC family.

Let us return that enthusiasm and demonstrate that we have a similar commitment to NJC's future.

**Steve McCloskey, Chair, Membership Committee
Call: (724) 747-3359 click to email: [Steve McCloskey](#)**

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DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS: Services will be held on
UPCOMING LAST FRIDAY August 25

Rosh Hashanah Eve is Wednesday, September 20, Day September 21, Yom Kippur Eve, Friday September 29, Day September 30

ANNUAL NJC SUNSET CRUISE

August 9 7:15 PM

following dinner at 5:15PM at Riverwalk restaurant

Meet at Riverwalk in Tin City at 5:15

The boat leaves from there at 7:15

The cruise name is Pure Naples

Cruise cost \$25 a person

Dinner cost on your own from the menu

Please send your check made out to Saundra Neiman to:

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9235 Troon Lakes Dr., Naples, FL 34109

Questions: call: (847) 651-5777 **email: Saundra**

(There are coupons in the Sunday paper the week prior to the cruise. It is buy one get one free. If you don't get the paper you can like it on Facebook.)

FROM THE SISTERHOOD

DON'T FORGET: Join NJC Sisterhood to participate in these interesting fun events planned for the new season.

POTTERY PAINTING : Tuesday, August 29th
10am – 12 noon (Lunch after)

RSVP: Gusti Rosenauer (239) 529-1180 (Torregm323@yahoo.com)

LINE DANCING CLASS: Saturday, October 7 1-2 pm

Marcia's School of Dance
(behind Allison Craig Furniture on Rt. 41)
Followed by dessert at Cheesecake Factory

RSVP: Shelley McCloskey (724) 747-3585 (spmsbm@gmail.com)

OPENING LUNCHEON-SEE BELOW

Tuesday, October 24, 12 noon Seasons 52 (Mercado)

RSVP: Rochelle Pollens (rochelle17@gmail.com) 431-7353
Marilyn Goldenberg (marilyngoldenberg1@gmail.com) 566-1464

BOTANICAL GARDEN TOUR

Tuesday, January 23 – 10:15 am
Hedy Weinberger (hedylw@aol.com) - 593-0402

SISTERHOOD WEEKEND - January 26

Nancy Fogelson (mhfogelson@earthlink.net) 598-1451
Helen Blatt (helenfcb@me.com) 592-9205

GAME DAY – THIS EVENT IS AT RISK

3 more volunteers needed

March 5 – Cypress Woods Country Club
Saundra Neiman (illnut1@aol.com) 566-0674

CLOSING LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 17 – Quail Creek Country Club
Marcy Berenson (mzberenson@icloud.com) 596-4666
Nancy Greenberg (atzeret1@gmail.com) 325-8548

POTTERY PAINTING

Tuesday, August 29th
10am – 12 noon
3369 Pine Ridge Road
Suite 103
Naples 34109

Cost is for the bisque selected to paint - \$8.00 and up.
Includes paints, use of brushes, design tools, glazing
and firing.

96 Glass Fusing is also offered.

No time limit and may return another day to complete.
(We can do lunch afterward)

RSVP: Gusti Rosenauer (239) 529-1180
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NJC's TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY IS COMING
We are beginning to collect photos/videos/
soundtracks/flyers from the past.
If you have some,
please let us know by clicking: [NJC 20 years](#)

SISTERHOOD OPENING LUNCHEON

Date: Tuesday, October 24th

WHERE: Seasons 52 next to the Mercato

TIME: 12:00 noon

COST: \$30.00 includes tip

Entrée Selections:

#1 BBQ Chicken with spinach, pear/gorgonzola salad

#2 Cedar Plank Roasted Salmon seasoned
with dill mustard and grilled lemon

Crock roasted potatoes and vegetables

Nonalcoholic drinks included

Crisp bread with olive oil and cheese

Mini indulgences for dessert

Chef demonstration with recipe card

RSVP by October 18th

Any questions call or email Co-Chairs:

Rochelle Pollens (239) 431-7353, rochelle17@gmail.com

Marilyn Goldenberg (239) 566-1464, marilyngoldenberg1@gmail.com

Please cut and fill out the form and send your check to:

NJC, PO Box 111994, Naples, FL 34108

Sisterhood Luncheon

Name _____ Entrée _____

Phone _____

Email _____



Search Committee Update

Several months ago you received a survey asking you to rate your priorities for a rabbi as well as goals and issues facing Naples Jewish Congregation in the near future. The Board of Directors was very pleased to see that over 60% of you responded. The calculated results of this survey not only helped the Board prioritize goals for NJC, but it assisted the Search Committee in developing a job description for a rabbi who would best suit our needs.

The Search Committee began by submitting the job description to two online sites for rabbis looking for positions. In addition, several committee members began networking with rabbis known to them personally and we followed up on many leads. We received many more responses than we thought we would. However, most of the responders did not meet the criteria we had established. To those who did, we spoke to and did initial interviews.

Back in June, as you will recall, we invited Rabbi Katz to conduct a Shabbat service. After reviewing feedback from the congregation, the committee and the board agreed that Rabbi Katz was not a good fit for us.

At this point the committee recommended to the Board that NJC join the Union for Reform Judaism and utilize their placement service to assist in our search for a new rabbi. The board agreed and as of the end of June we are official members of the Union (URJ) and an application for a rabbi has been submitted to the CCAR (the Rabbi's union within the URJ) to be posted to their members. Based on the salary that we can afford, it will be obvious to any rabbi reading the application that we are basically interested

in a retired rabbi - someone closer to our age who has life experience and can relate on a personal level. We also stress in our job description and CCAR application that our rabbi shall have been educated and ordained by an accredited Jewish Seminary. While we all know that no one will compare to Rabbi Wolf's knowledge and wisdom, we want to come as close as we can to someone who will be intellectually stimulating and compassionate.

While we continue our search for a permanent Rabbi for NJC, we are fortunate to have had four very respected rabbis offer to come and conduct our High Holy Day services. We are pleased to tell you that Rabbi Howard Herman will be our guest Rabbi for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Herman retired last year after spending 36 years as the rabbi in Simsbury, Connecticut. He and his wife built a home in Venice, Florida where they are very happily enjoying their retirement. Rabbi Herman, who came to us through a personal contact, agrees with us that we really need a rabbi who will live in the greater Naples area - not a traveling rabbi if we can avoid that. However, in the mean time, Rabbi Herman has offered to help us for the next few months by also conducting one or two Shabbat services each month at least through December, or until we find a permanent rabbi.

We will be sending you updates on the status of our search as we move along. We hope that the response from the CCAR is positive and perhaps in the coming months we will be able to have several guest rabbis who are interested in "trying out" for the position of Rabbi to Naples Jewish Congregation.

Suzanne L. Paley. Search Committee [Email Chair Suzanne Paley](#)