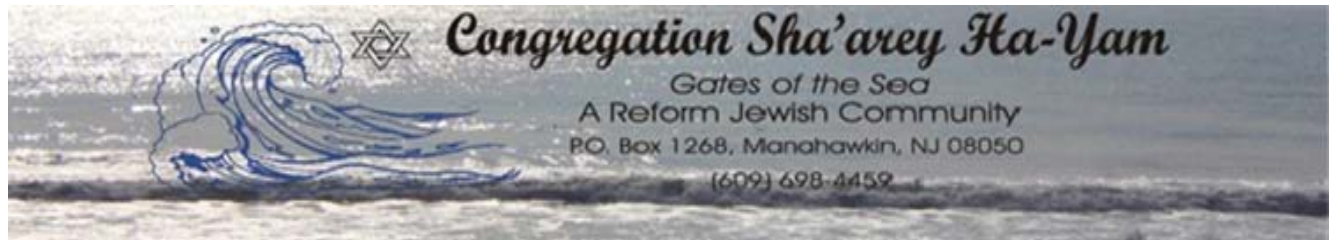


MAY-JUNE 2019



Attention

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY MAY 19, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

MANAHAWKIN COMMUNITY CENTER

775 EAST BAY AVE.

Message From Rabbi Goldstein

From the earliest times, we Jews have valued literacy. In fact, Hebrew invented the first vowel system, making reading and writing possible beyond the limited priestly elite. Over the centuries, pretty much nothing has been off-limits in the conversations that make up of our Jewish books including eating practices, sexual practices, and business law.

This summer, I will be sharing with you how we can listen in on the conversations that traverse time and space. My selections from the Talmud to contemporary Jewish Theology, may effect you like reading the minutes of a thousand Jewish conversations over time. My intention is to help renew our appreciation for the Jewish experience over time. Ultimately, we will try to join in exercising the mind, touching the heart, and stirring the soul. Join us on Friday nights for this conversation through the ages.

EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

May 10	Yom Haiatzmaut Shabbat (Israel's Anniversary)	7:30 PM
May 24	The Talmud (Transforming the Jewish Conversation)	7:30 PM
June 14	The Kuzari (The Conversation Broadens)	7:30 PM
June 28	Lay-Led service	7:30 PM
July 12	Report from Israel	7:30 PM
July 26	Tevye the Dairyman – The Conversation Explodes	7:30 PM
August 9	Stories by Y.L. Peretz- The Conversation Broadens	7:30 PM
August 23	Choices in Modern Jewish Thought- Conversation Continues	7:30 PM
Sept. 13	“Anticipating the Days of Awe”	7:30 PM

<u>HIGH HOLIDAY'S</u>		
<u>Sept. 29 (Sunday Evening)</u>	<u>ROSH HA'SHANAH EVE</u>	
<u>7:30 PM</u>		
<u>Sept. 30 (Monday)</u>	<u>ROSH HA'SHANAH</u>	<u>10:00</u>
<u>AM</u>		
<u>Oct. 8 (Tuesday Evening)</u>	<u>KOL NIDRE</u>	<u>7:30 PM</u>
<u>Oct. 9 (Wednesday)</u>	<u>YOM KIPPUR</u>	
<u>10:00 AM</u>		

**President's
Message**

Welcome Home! to all of our snowbirds.

A heartfelt *Refuah Shlema* to our members who are dealing with illness and loss.

The winter weather is behind us. The trees and flowers are in bloom (along with seasonal allergies!). Hockey season is almost over and the baseball season is in process (with God's help, the Yankees and Mets will continue to do well).

Within our Congregational community, we've begun counting the days of the Omer. In approximately 40 days we will celebrate Shavuot (June 9 &10)...the day God gave the Torah to Moses and our ancestors at Mount Sinai. We do not have Shabbat Services during Shavuot this year, however that should not stop any of you from studying Torah, or eating dairy, or decorating your homes with greenery, or reading the Book of Ruth (remembering legend tells us that King David was born and died on Shavuot). It's also when Reform Congregations celebrate Confirmations. I think back now and laugh to myself about how terrified my 6 Confirmation classmates and I were during the 49 days of Omer...afraid that we would not be able to finish our speeches or projects in time. Or that we would stand on the Bima in our pristine white robes and not remember anything (Bar/Bat Mitzvah terror all over again!). Of course everything worked out well as each of us faced the Congregation, recommitting to our faith, our community, and the Torah. It would be wonderful if the members of Sha'arey Ha-Yam who have not been confirmed chose to do so next year. It's a unique and spiritual service I would like to see you all experience.

The days of Omer also signal the end of this current Executive Board's term in office. As I mentioned at our Passover Seder, the annual membership meeting will be held on Sunday May 19th at the Bay Avenue Community Center in Manahawkin. Watch your email and "snail mail" for the meeting details.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the current Executive Board - Syble Bleiweis, Robert Dunn, Cyndy Friedland, Rhona Levy, Sam Lewis, Laura Miller, and our past

president Phil Miller - for their dedication to Judaism, their dedication to our community, and for their support over the last 2 years.

I would also like to thank our various committee chairs and members, especially our Ritual Chair Allan, our Oneg/Dinner Chair Madelyn, our Newsletter Chair Ernie, and the members of the Fundraising Committee - Cyndy, Madelyn, Syble, Rhona, Ruth, Celia, and Joan (apologies if I missed anyone!).

A special "Thank You" to our guardian angels who are there to help when finances are tight.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to our members who are always there to lend a hand - Myles, Harriet, Sheila, Hope, and Filomena.

L'shalom,
Helen

Dates to remember

May 2 - Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

May 8 - Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day)

May 9 - Yom HaAtzma'ut (Israeli Independence Day)

May 23 - Lag B'omer

June 2 - Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day)

June 9-10 - Shavuot

Community Events

May 16 - The Place to Be (Federation fundraiser/\$60 per ticket)

May 17 - Designer Bag Bingo (Interfaith Health & Support Services of Southern Ocean County fundraiser \$35 in advance \$40 at the door)

Membership

Let's all pitch in and help to grow our membership....we need everyone's help to grow our congregation..we all are congregants with a mission. Reach out to your unaffiliated friends, neighbors, family members...ask them to join our spiritual community. This is of up-most importance for us to move forward as a Jewish Community and to be known in the community at large. Without our members we do not have a community..let's do this and get new members!!!

For Information and Membership: 609-698-4459



Joan & Terry Silverman 06/12
Celia & Robert Salzman 06/26



*Birthdays are always something to
celebrate*

Deanna Bovasso 06/03
Loretta Wallerstein 06/08
Phil Miller 06/10
Terry Silverman 06/12
Helen Cocuzza 06/15

Yahrzeits

אבארב לדגתי

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing

05/01	Albert Hanok	Uncle of Helen Cocuzza
05/05	Ted Cohen	Father of Phil Cohen
05/07	Christine Kaplan	Sister of Dolly Weiss
05/17	Matthew Dunn	Father of Robert Dunn
05/24	Isadore Levy	Father of Allan Levy
05/24	Paulina Moss	Mother of Daniel Moss
05/25	David Crespy	Father of Jack Crespy
05/26	Shirley Levy	Mother of Allan Levy
05/28	Adele Berlin	Aunt of Syble Bleiweis
May	Alice Breese	Mother of Joe Breese

May Aaron Shapinsky

Uncle of Helen Cocuzza

June

06/05	Gussie Wallach	Mother of Sheldon Wallerstein
06/06	Charles Cocuzza	Father of John Cocuzza
06/07	Earl Wallerstein	Brother of Sheldon Wallerstein
06/07	Barbara Levine	Mother of Michael Levine
06/21	Harley Crespy	Wife of Jack Crespy
06/24	Ronald Ehrlich	Husband of Sheila Ehrlich

Tributes

This is a fabulous way to support our congregation, and also save yourself time and \$\$... These cards are sent for you...all you have to do is contact Joan Silverman phone; 609-698-0000 or email at Joan341@yahoo.com with your information...upon receipt of payment the card will be written, addressed, stamped and mailed for you....what could be easier?!!! Think of sending these cards for a Simcha, Life Cycle Event, Birthday, whatever needs to be celebrated. Your donation will be a tax deduction for you and income for our congregation!! Remember.....time saving for you, assistance for our congregation!!!

TRIBUTE CARDS

To: Fran Breese in memory of her beloved husband Joe.

From: Filomena Jonas
Sheila Ehrlich

To: Ingie Gilully in memory of her beloved sister-in-law Sandra Cole Hatchard

From: Congregation Sha Arey Ha-Yam

To: Cyndy Friedland wishing her a speedy recovery from her surgery.

From:
Celia & Robert Salzman
Joan & Terry Silverman
Syble & Ernie Bleiweis
Harriet & Phil Cohen
Sheila Ehrlich
Hope Gardiner

To: Stan Blum sending him get well wishes

From:
Cyndy Friedland

To: Bea Michelson sending her get well wishes and a very happy birthday.

From:
Madelyn & Robert Dunn

SHOPRITE....GIFT CARDS

SO, LET'S DISCUSS WHAT GOES ON WITH THE SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS....OUR CONGREGATION SELLS THESE GIFT CARDS AS A FUNDRAISER....IT'S A VERY PAINLESS PROCESS!! ANYONE CAN PURCHASE THESE CARDS...THEY ARE IN

INCREMENTS OF \$25,

\$50, OR \$100.

THE PLUS TO THIS FUNDRAISER IS.....

#1..YOU WRITE YOUR CHECK TO THE CONGREGATION

#2..THIS IS THE SAME AS USING CASH AT SHOPRITE, NOTHING DIFFERENT

#3..YOU ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR DISCOUNTS, USE COUPONS, QUALIFY FOR

SALE PRICES, ETC. IF YOU USE THE GIFT CARD

#4..YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP DONATE TO THE CONGREGATION.....WE EARN 5% ON EVERY

\$100 WE SELL...

#5..IT DOES NOT COST YOU ANYTHING OUT OF POCKET...YOUR PURCHASE OF THE SHOPRITE GIFT CARD IS THE TOTAL VALUE YOU GET TO SPEND IN SHOPRITE...

Oneg Sponsorship

Do you or your family have a Simcha to share with our congregation? What better way to celebrate than sponsoring an Oneg! We offer several levels that can be sponsored. \$50, \$75, and \$100. Our Onegs include wine, juice, challah and other desserts. The upper levels include fruit and extras to enhance the Oneg. Kindly contact Madelyn Dunn at 609-660-1614 to reserve

your date.

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam Board of Trustees			
The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on the 4 th Thursday every month. If you are interested in attending, please contact Helen Cocuzza (201-370-8927 or shaarehayam@gmail.com).			
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Committee	Chair/Membership
Music/Choir	Cyndy Friedland, Madelyn Dunn, Robert Dunn, Syble Bleiweis, Helen Cocuzza
Finance	<u>Treasurer, Robert Dunn</u> President, Helen Cocuzza
Fundraising	<u>Cyndy Friedland</u> Syble Bleiweis, Madelyn Dunn, Joan Silverman, Ruth Schlyen, Rhona Levy, Helen Cocuzza
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Membership	<u>Cyndy Friedland</u> Syble Bleiweis, Joan Silverman, Helen Cocuzza
Newsletter	Ernest Bleiweis
Oneg & Dinners	<u>Madelyn Dunn</u> Filomina Jonas
Education	Phil Miller, Helen Cocuzza
Ritual	<u>Allan Levy</u> Jack Crespy, Mike Weiss, Helen Cocuzza
Tributes & Get Well	Joan Silverman

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Special note

Thank you all for your support and get well wishes as I underwent my hip replacement surgery last month! Your thoughts and prayers worked as I started walking right after surgery. What a wonderful spiritual family I am blessed to have! Thank you all again,

With love to you all,

Cyndy