



## Message From Rabbi Goldstein

*December 2016*

This month I will be with you for 2 consecutive Friday evenings, December 2 and 9 (as opposed to our normal schedule of every other week.) And that means that we will have a full 2 weeks to prepare for Chanukah, which starts on December 24. Part of that preparation means re-visiting the story and traditions of the Festival of Lights.

I am always amazed that his most popular of Jewish holidays holds so many undiscovered meanings that we would do well to share with family and friends by the light of the chanukiyah. For, instance, we might speak of how the “shammos” candle is to be used for only kindling the other candles, not for kindling anything else, nor even reading by its light (a metaphor for Judaism’s value of doing mitzvot, or studying, or showing kindness, not for some ulterior motive, but for the sole value of the act itself.) We might speak about how Hillel and Shammai debated whether to increase or decrease the candles by one on each night of Chanukah, and how our people ultimately resonated to increasing the candles because that tradition would add light in the darkest time of the year. We might speak about how the word “Maccabee” is an acronym for the Mee Chamochah Ba’aylim Adonai prayer, and that Maccabee means hammer (as in God is our hammer that strikes for goodness in the world.) And we might speak of how Chanukah has evolved from a human-centered substitute for Sukkot, to a God-centered holiday of miracles, to a Jewish compensation for Christmas, to now standing on its own as a celebration of Jewish independence.

On Friday night, December 9, I will share eight other Chanukah insights that many of us have yet to discover, but each will enrich your pride in our heritage. For now, may we all have a Chanukah filled with light, with dreidels, with latkes and a deeper appreciation for those remarkable eight nights and days in our Jewish calendar.

*January 2017*

The single most iconic singer-songwriter of the past half-century, Bob Dylan, turned 75 years old last year. That fact alone (along with his Nobel Prize in Literature no-show) is enough to turn his fans (among them myself, and especially my wife Sally) a bit reflective. We might even gain a greater appreciation for the Jewish applications of his music (yes, I am fully aware that there were times in Dylan’s life when he lived as a Christian.) Consider three of his greatest Jewish hits:

“Highway 61”: A retelling of the story of the binding of Isaac.

“Neighborhood Bully”: A love song to Israel, doing what it must do to survive in a hostile neighborhood

“Forever Young”: A beautiful song/blessing with biblical overtones (“May you build a ladder to the stars and climb on every rung”). I have used this song for a number of Jewish high school graduations.

I share this modest tribute to Dylan and his Jewish applications because he helped make protest respectable in challenging times. Some of us are now experiencing those times with the recent election. In particular, so many of my own colleagues seem to be immobilized by mourning because this month Donald Trump will become our 45<sup>th</sup> president. One well-known rabbi, a dear friend, was reduced to sobbing at his first Shabbat service following the election. Another close-friend shared that he feels as if he is in non-stop mourning.

My own not-so-gentle advice to those who are still reeling from the election is this: Stop mourning and put on your big-boy pants! In other words, if the thought of a President Trump disturbs you, take a cue from Bob Dylan and protest constructively. Join an advocacy group for the cause or causes for which you are passionate. Engage with the issues you care about. And dry your tears. As Dylan sang, “The Times, They Are A-Changin.” So find your voice, fight the good fight and make an impact. That’s the Jewish way of dealing with life’s challenges.

Rabbi Goldstein

Lay-Led Friday Night Services This Month:

January 6 7:30PM

January 20 7:30PM

**President’s Message**

*December 2016*

Here we are at the beginning of a month with another notable holiday to observe. During the month of December, Kislev, we commemorate the festival of Hanukkah. Perhaps this year as the candles are lit, we can think of “eight ways “(one each night) to support and assist Sha’arey Ha-yam expand. We could: 1. invite someone to attend a Friday evening service; 2. send a tribute card; 3. buy Shop Rite cards; 4. sponsor an oneg for a special occasion; 5. enjoy dinner at a dine around when possible; 6. attend special programs at the temple; 7. offer to assist on a committee, and 8. think of new ways to boost revenue.

Hope to see you at the last two lectures of Rabbi Josh Goldstein’s lecture series, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful learning experience! Also, make a reservation for our Pre Hanukkah dinner on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

*January 2017*

So it goes, the year of 2016 has drawn to a close. It is hard to believe that another calendar year has passed. As the United States enters 2017, we will be swearing in a new President on January 20<sup>th</sup>. We are a people of many thoughts, feelings, beliefs and understandings. At this time we are asked to back and support our new President elect, so that our country will be a UNITED States. These reflections turn me to our small but remarkable Temple. We need continued support to assist our Temple to build and grow. Ideas and suggestions have come to light for Sha'arey Ha-Yam to consider and make a difference.

Now the second half of our year commences. We will have Tu B'shvat (Jewish Arbor Day) activities, a second night seder, a Miriam seder and a new series by Rabbi Goldstein involving discussions of four Jewish books, which will begin in February.

Just to say once again, it is important to support activities our Temple promotes in order to raise funds so that we may continue to move ahead and successfully achieve goals. If anyone has ideas to boost our funds and/or membership, please feel free to get in touch with me.

My wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year to you and your family.

Syble

**Dues Reminder**

Notices for 2016 – 2017 membership dues have been emailed or mailed to each member. The dues structure has not changed for several years; \$325.00 for singles and \$650.00 for families. If your dues are not paid in full kindly speak to a member of the Finance Committee as to when you can complete payment.

**Membership**

Being a member of our congregation is a privilege and an honor that we share in our spiritual community. We are reaching out to unaffiliated Jews in our community to help keep us alive and visible for our future! It's not about luring someone from another congregation but to find individuals that are looking for a warm, caring and supportive community. Where do we find these individuals....good question!! Look around in your living community..perhaps there are singles that are looking for their spiritual home..check the members that belong to your clubs and affiliations...there just might be someone there looking! We all need to be on the membership team....help us grow and keep our community alive! We have strength in numbers so will everyone pitch in and assist finding new members?!! A few cannot do this..we all need to be a part of our growth! Let's Do It!!!

**Adult Education**

As with the Fall classes, the Spring classes are free of charge and are open to the public, so bring a friend! Also, there is no requirement to read the books prior to the class.

**Four Books that will challenge our Jewish Identity:**  
**(In Good Ways)**

**Tuesdays - 1:00 PM-2:00 PM**

**At the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit**

**333 N. Main Street, Manahawkin**

**Led by Rabbi Josh Goldstein, Congregation Sha'arey Ha-yam**

- February 28 “Letters to an American Jewish Friend” (Hillel Halkin)  
Challenging Us to Re-Open the Discussion on “Aliyah”
- March 14 “There Once Was A World” (Yaffa Eliach)  
Reflecting on the World of the Pre-Holocaust Shtetl and It’s Challenge to our Lives
- March 28 “A Different Night”: A Passover Haggadah  
Raising the Bar on the Seder Experience
- April 4 “Mishkan Ha’Nefesh”  
The New Reform High Holyday Mahzor  
Inclusive Judaism and Its Challenge to Jewish Uniqueness

**Tributes**

Tribute cards are available from Joan Silverman 609-698-0000. This is great way to donate to our congregation while celebrating simchas, acknowledging births, wedding, get well wishes, etc. Non-Jewish individuals may also receive these cards!! Tribute cards will be mailed as soon as receipt of payment is made.

*Congratulations...*

To: Helen and John Cocuzza on the occasion of their daughter’s marriage

Mazel Tov!

From: Madelyn and Robert Dunn

Syble and Ernie Bleiweis

Joan and Terry Silverman



**November**

Mark & Rena Kreisler	11/13
Sam Lewis & Deanna Bovasso	11/20
Sheldon & Loretta Wallerstein	11/24

**December**

Syble and Ernest Bleiweis	12/21
Dolly and Mike Weiss	12/31



*Birthdays are always something to celebrate*

**November**

Ernie Bleiweis	11/26
Fran Breese	11/27

**December**

Myles Levy	12/6
Cyndy Friedland	12/8
Rosalie Donadio	12/9
Ruth Schlyen	12/10
Dolly Weiss	12/12
Inez Levine	12/12
Shelly Wallerstein	12/17

**January**

Cary Belitz	1/30
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**Yahrzeits**

יתגדל בראבא

*May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing*

	<b>First Year</b>	
05/01/2016	Joseph Flum	Father of Charles Flum
09/20/2016	Maralyn Ricciardi	Companion of Jack Crespy and Founding Member
	<b>November</b>	
11/01	Beulah Sagman	Mother of Dolly Weiss
11/03	Benjamin Chasanoff	Father of Deanna Bovasso
11/10	Susan Baron	Cousin of Cyndy Friedland
11/12	Samuel Bailen	Uncle of Rosalie Donadio
11/15	David Smithline	Father of Linda Moss
11/16	Blaize Bovasso	Husband of Deanna Bovasso
11/21	Frances Myles	Mother of Loretta Wallerstein
11/21	Barnett Jacobs	Husband of Jackie Jacobs, Father of Helen Cocuzza
11/22	Marvin L. Taub	Father of Cyndy Friedland
11/24	Leo Miller	Father of Phil Miller
11/29	Donald P. Fisher, Jr	Father of Laura Miller
	<b>December</b>	
12/6/87	Minnie Krupnick	Mother of Madelyn Dunn & Sheila Ehrlich
12/12/98	Billy Krupnick	Brother of Madelyn Dunn & Sheila Ehrlich
12/14/1995	Paul Ronald Donadio	Husband of Rosalie Donadio
12/18/1964	Emanuel Berlin	Grandfather of Syble Bleiweis
12/30	Dr. Marvin J. Taub	Brother of Cyndi Friedland
12/31/1997	Cecelia Topper	Mother-in-Law Samuel Lewis
	<b>January</b>	
01/13	Mary Taub	Mother of Cyndy Friedland
01/20	Esther Dunn	Mother of Robert Dunn
01/21/2009	Alan Gardiner	Father of Hope Gardiner
01/22/1994	George Harmon	Father of Inez Levine
01/26/1981	Donald P. Fisher, Sr.	Father of Laura Miller
01/27/1985	Edith Rosen	Mother of Rhona Levy

01/30/2001

Ceila Miller

Mother of Phil Miller

**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.

**Fundraising News**

**FEATURED FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

*A special "Thanks" from the Fund Raising committee to all who came out to support our Dine A Round At Serpico's!! It was a fun evening for those who attended! A special thanks to Harriet Cohen and Laurie Jo Blitz for making reminder phone calls for this event! It's always nice to receive a personal phone call and hear a cheery voice with an invitation to one of our events!!*

**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...**

**#6..CURRENTLY, APPROXIMATELY 12 MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNDRAISER...IF EVERYONE PARTICIPATES, WOW...SUCCESS!!!**

**HELEN COCUZZA (609-978-8653), LAURA MILLER (609-713-1771), AND MADELYN DUNN (609-660-1614) ARE THE KEEPERS OF THESE CARDS....REACH OUT TO THEM AND BE A SUPPORTER!! THEY HAVE CARDS AT EVERY SERVICE...**



**TRIBUTE CARDS**

**TRIBUTE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM JOAN SILVERMAN 609-698-0000. THIS IS**



**GREAT WAY TO DONATE TO OUR CONGREGATION WHILE CELEBRATING SIMCHAS, ACKNOWLEDGING BIRTHS, WEDDING, GET WELL WISHES, ETC. NON-JEWISH INDIVIDUALS CAN ALSO RECEIVE THESE CARDS!! TRIBUTE CARDS WILL BE MAILED AS SOON AS RECEIPT OF PAYMENT IS MADE.**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**CONGREGATION SHA'AREY HA-YAM WILL HOST ITS FIRST MIRIAM'S SEDER ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 5, 2017...ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON...**

**Amazon Smile**

When shopping at [www.SMILE.Amazon.com](http://www.SMILE.Amazon.com) you can designate REFORM JEWISH COMMUNITY of BARNEGAT (there are no additional fees, the congregation makes a percentage).

**Board of Trustees**

There next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7 PM at the home of our President, Syble Bleiweis. If you would like to attend, please contact Syble at (609)978-4240.

*The Board of Trustees would like to thank the following members and non-members of Sha'arey Ha-Yam for their special contributions to our Congregation in 2016:*

- Cary Belitz
- Syble & Ernie Bleiweis
- Deanna Bovasso
- Fran & Joe Breese
- Helen & John Cocuzza
- Jack Crespy
- Rosalie Donadio
- Robert & Madelyn Dunn
- Barry & Claire Edelstein
- Phyllis & Lenny Feather
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- Joan & Terry Silverman
- Donna & Victor Tauro
- Sheldon & Loretta Wallerstein



## **2017 (5777) Shabbat & Holiday Services Dates/Times**

### **January 2017**

Friday, January 6, 7:30 PM

Friday, January 20, 7:30 PM

### **February 2017**

Friday, February 3, 7:30 PM

Friday, February 17, 7:30 PM

### **March 2017**

Friday, March 10, 7:30 PM

Friday, March 24, 7:30 PM

### **April 2017**

Wednesday, April 5, Miriam's Seder

Tuesday, April 11, 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder

Friday, April 21, 7:30 PM

### **May 2017**

Friday, May 5, 7:30 PM

Friday, May 19, 7:30 PM

### **June 2017**

Friday, June 2, 7:30 PM

Friday, June 16, 7:30 PM

<b>Shabbat Candle Lighting Times and Holiday Calendar</b>						
December 2016-January 2017/5777						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 25 Kislev Chanukah	26 26 Kislev Chanukah	27 27 Kislev Chanukah	28 28 Kislev Chanukah	29 29 Kislev Chanukah	30 1 Tevet Chanukah Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:20 PM	31 2 Tevet Chanukah New Year's Eve
1 3 Tevet Fast of Tevet	2 4 Tevet	3 5 Tevet	4 6 Tevet	5 7 Tevet	6 8 Tevet Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:26 PM	7 9 Tevet
8 10 Tevet	9 11 Tevet	10 12 Tevet	11 13 Tevet	12 14 Tevet	13 15 Tevet Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:33 PM	14 16 Tevet
15 17 Tevet	16 18 Tevet Martin Luther King Day	17 19 Tevet	18 20 Tevet	19 21 Tevet	20 22 Tevet Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:41 PM	21 23 Tevet
22 24 Tevet	23 25 Tevet	24 26 Tevet	25 27 Tevet	26 28 Tevet	27 29 Tevet Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:50 PM International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28 1 Shevat
29 2 Shevat	30 3 Shevat	31 4 Shevat				

<b>Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam Board of Trustees</b>			
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<b>Yahrzeits</b>	Helen Cocuzza

## Kibbitz Corner

*Notes from the Editor.....*

*I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!*

### General Announcements

- ❖ *If any member or guest would like to wear a tallit during our Friday Shabbat Services, please feel free to do so.  
ALSO, If anyone has tallit hanging in a closet or folded in a drawer not being used and would like to donate it/them to the Congregation, please let Allan or Helen know. We would like to keep a few on-hand for the Holidays and special occasions for members and guests who would like to wear one but have either forgotten to bring theirs or don't own one.*
- ❖ *There will be a special guest at our Shabbat service on January 20<sup>th</sup> ....a representative from TD Bank will be joining us to discuss the Bank's Affinity Program and how it may benefit Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam.*

### Rabbi Goldstein & our Sha'arey Ha-Yam Board of Trustees

