



Message From Rabbi Goldstein

I'm planning this month's Friday night "divrei-Torah" (my sermons on February 3 & 17) to be somewhat youth-oriented. For though Sha'arey Ha-Yam's community leans towards a more senior membership, we are still youthful in spirit. Moreover, so much of my energy and passion as a rabbi has been focused on Jewish youth, from pre-school to college. What I recognize is that Judaism has so much to say to our children who, these days, are exposed to a variety of different messages.

In the days when I taught numerous bnai mitzvah and high school students, I often shared thoughts about what it means to be "cool" in a Jewish way. I'd speak of some of the great moments of Jewish cool: Abraham breaking his father's idols; Moses' confrontations with Pharaoh; David breaking into uninhibited dance; Spinoza publicly doubting that God revealed the Torah; Zionism as a way of thinking based on a refusal to be bullied. So, yes, our heritage is filled with cool James Dean-types (though unlike him, we are rebels with a cause...keeping our tradition alive and vibrant.)

The deeper truth, though, is that it takes courage to be "uncool." To admit that it's okay to be unpopular and vulnerable. To engage in counter-cultural activities like reading books, embracing those times when we are alone and, yes, spending Friday nights with your Jewish community. How cool is it to find other "uncool" kindred spirits with whom we can be real. Those we don't need to impress. To me, that approach to being cool is deeply liberating. And profoundly Jewish.

Friday Night Worship This Month

February 3	"Star Wars and Jewish Identity"	7:30PM
February 17	"A Sermon for the Teenagers in All of Us"	6:00PM

President's Message

As we continue into our new year, think of something you would like to do that will help Sha'arey Ha-Yam grow and make itself better known to the people in our surrounding area. I know you are all busy, but please find some time to be involved. The fundraising committee continues to come up with new ideas as well as continue previous activities that have been successful for us.

In February (Iyar), we will celebrate Tu Bi Shvat (Jewish Arbor Day) with a special treat. The Board will be attending an all day workshop presented by the Union for Reform Judaism to aid us in expanding, raising funds, and other area of need for our success in the future. Rabbi Goldstein will be having book reviews on four books, commencing at the end of February.

We continue to have ShopRite cards available from Laura Miller (609-713-1771), Madelyn Dunn (609-6601614), and Helen Cocuzza (201-370-8927). After purchasing the cards in the desired amount, you then use them to purchase your order. This process earns an amount of money for the Temple. Joan Silverman (609-698-0000) is ready to receive your call for Tribute cards which is a way for you to send a message to someone for varied reasons. The cards are available starting at \$5.00 with your message written and mailed for you. Nice, easy and another way for us to earn money. We are also having a clothing drive in April. Start saving clothing, shoes, bedding and hand bags.

You were missed at services in January. Looking forward to seeing everyone in February. Wishing you and your families good health.

"The perfect day - going to bed with a dream: waking up with a purpose." (Anonymous)

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

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!!!

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

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 Joan 341 @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!!!

To: Helen and John Cocuzza

Mazel Tov and Congratulations on the recent marriage of their daughter Maggie to Jeff Napoli

From: Cyndy Friedland

To: Robert Dunn

Happy Birthday

To: Madelyn and Robert Dunn
 Mazel Tov as they welcome their grandchildren
 Mikayla Rose (5 lbs/7 oz), and Matthew Jack (4 lbs/8 oz) on February 7th
 From: Cyndy Friedland
 Syble and Ernie Bleiweis
 Joan and Terry Silverman

To: Stacey and Scott Lo Dukka
 Sincerest Condolences on the passing of their mother, JoAnne
 May her memory be a blessing and source of comfort
 From: Cyndy Friedland

To: Sarah Taub Batcheldor
 Congratulations on completing the Publix Marathon in Melbourne, Florida
 placing 22nd in her category
 From: Cyndy Friedland



Birthdays are always something to celebrate

February

Robert Dunn	02/07
Laura Miller	02/25
Mike Levine	02/25

March

Jack Crespy	03/04
Marlene Feldhuhn	03/05
Emily Miller	03/05
Charles Flum	03/06
Joan Silverman	03/10
Danielle Jonas	03/30



Yahrzeits

יתגדל בראבא

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing

First Year

05/01/2016

Joseph Flum

Father of Charles Flum

09/20/2016

Maralyn Ricciardi

Companion of Jack Crespy and
Founding Member

February

02/01

Dr. Robert Taub

Cousin of Cyndy Friedland

02/03/61 (Shevat 17)

Harold Sagman

Father of Dolly Weiss

02/11/15

Hugh Bleiweis

Brother of Ernest Bleiweis

02/12/91

Morris Bleiweis

Father of Ernest Bleiweis

02/12 (Adar 3)

Mortimer Krupnick

Father of Madelyn Dunn &
Sheila Ehrlich

02/13/86

Arthur Levine

Father of Michael Levine

02/19/91

Olive H Davenport

Grandmother of Laura Miller

02/25/77 (Adar 7)

Leah Crespy

Mother of Jack Crespy

March

03/01

Ken Schwitz

Cousin of Hope Gardiner

03/12/91

William Myles

Father of Loretta Wallerstein

03/17/92

Rose Rosenberg

Grandmother of Philip Miller

03/17/15

David Freshman

Nephew of Jack Crespy

03/21/82 (Adar 20)

Irving Topper

Father-In-Law of Deanna Bovasso

03/27/98 (Adar 29 5758)

Yetta Grossman

Mother of Fran Breese

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

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!

ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH OUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE WILL BE CO-HOSTING A MIRIAM'S SEDER WITH THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE OF CONGREGATION BETH AM SHALOM IN LAKEWOOD. THIS IS A WOMEN'S

EVENT WHICH WILL BE AN ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES. BRING YOUR DAUGHTERS, GRANDDAUGHTERS, AUNTS, GRANDMOTHERS, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS, AND ENJOY THE EVENING.

2017 (5777) Shabbat & Holiday Services Dates/Times

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, 2nd 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

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times and Holiday Calendar						
February 2017/5777						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5 Shevat	2 6 Shevat	3 7 Shevat Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:58 PM	4 8 Shevat
5 9 Shevat	6 10 Shevat	7 11 Shevat	8 12 Shevat	9 13 Shevat	10 14 Shevat Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:07 PM	11 15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat
12 16 Shevat	13 17 Shevat	14 18 Shevat Valentine's Day	15 19 Shevat	16 20 Shevat	17 21 Shevat Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:15 PM	18 22 Shevat
19 23 Shevat	20 24 Shevat President's Day	21 25 Shevat	22 26 Shevat	23 27 Shevat	24 28 Shevat Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:24 PM	25 29 Shevat
26 30 Shevat	27 1 Adar	28 2 Adar				

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam Board of Trustees			
The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday February 16, 2017 at 7 PM at the home of Laura and Phil Miller. If you are interested in attending, please contact Syble Bleiweis (609-978-4240 or sybern3539@comcast.net).			
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Temple Committees	
Committee	Chair/Membership
Music/Choir	Cyndy Friedland, Madelyn Dunn, Robert Dunn, Syble Bleiweis, Helen Cocuzza
Finance	<u>Treasurer, Robert Dunn</u> Financial Secretary, Cyndy Friedland President, Syble Bleiweis
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Greeters	Hope Gardiner, Rhona Levy, Myles Levy
Hospital Visits	Jack Crespy
Membership	<u>Cyndy Friedland</u> Syble Bleiweis, Joan Silverman, Helen Cocuzza
Newsletter	Helen Cocuzza
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Education	Phil Miller, Helen Cocuzza
Ritual	<u>Allan Levy</u> Jack Crespy, Charles Flum, Mike Weiss, Helen Cocuzza
Tributes & Get Well	Joan Silverman
Yahrzeits	Helen Cocuzza

Kibbitz Corner

General Announcements

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam did an outstanding job showing their support for National Wear Red Day!

National Wear Red Day is part of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign. The day is meant to raise awareness that cardiovascular diseases are women's top health threat and empower them to improve their heart health.



Red Cross Donation Request

It's always the right time to give blood. In the U.S., someone needs blood every two seconds — about 36,000 blood transfusions every day.

That said, this is the perfect time to give blood: come in to donate between now and February 26, and as a special thank you for making donation a priority, we'll send you a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card claim code^.*

Your donation will help patients in need, and in turn, you can use the Amazon.com Gift Card to shop from a huge selection of books, electronics, music, movies, software, apparel, toys, and more.

O positive blood donors like you are especially needed now. Your donation is always tremendously important. But now, more than ever, patients are counting on you.

<http://redcrossblood.org/rcbmobile/drive>