



Message From Rabbi Goldstein

I nearly kept my promise to offer “nonpolitical” sermons over the High Holidays. But the truth is I couldn’t help myself. Not when Charlottesville was burning with bigotry, Jerusalem’s Western Wall was re-affirmed as being only an Ultra-Orthodox synagogue, and Houston and Florida were under water. So, yes, I spoke out on each of these events (reminding us that racism and anti-Semitism are very much alive in our society and that we need to fight the good fight for tolerance, that we must unconditionally love Israel even when we oppose some of her government’s policies, and that our “tsedakah” is so significant for helping south Texas and Florida rebuild.)

Still, I stand by my recent article in the Ocean County Jewish News where I wrote that my High Holiday themes would be focused on Judaism’s richness and resiliency. After all, I said, our most important project is to keep our heritage alive against the tide of assimilation. My approach is that when we allow our tradition to “sell itself” then everything else, from “tikkun olam” to “audacious hospitality” will fall in place.

The underlying message is that synagogues, like Sha’arey Ha-Yam, are the key to providing what Jews need to survive. We are the only institution that reinforces, through community prayer, study and mitzvot, that we are part of an eternal story that began before our births and will continue after our deaths. We offer meaning to life. So, as we move beyond the fall holidays, re-commit to our wonderful community by joining us on Shabbat, by studying with us every two weeks, and by resolving to do everything in our power to keep Sha’arey Ha-Yam as important as it truly is.

DECEMBER FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

December 8 Celebrating our Thirteenth Year 7:30 PM

December 22 The Story of the Jews: A Sermon Review 7:30 PM

President's Message

I don't know about you, but I can't believe it's almost Thanksgiving and we'll be writing "2018" in about 7 weeks! It's dark when I leave for work in the morning and it's dark when I get home at night (6 months of feeling like a vampire), but since there's nothing I can do about it, I'll hope for a mild winter and take it all in stride. It's also the time of year to be thankful for the opportunities we have and for the people in our lives. I am thankful for the opportunity to be your Executive Board President...thankful for the confidence you have in me that I will successfully manage the affairs of our Congregation, ensuring that we thrive and grow. I am also thankful for the fellowship we share at Shabbat services twice monthly and the friendships we have built.

I am also excited to be entering into the season of lights....the season of miracles. I always feel like a kid during Chanukah, lighting the menorah, playing dreidel, eating latkes, jelly doughnuts and chocolate gelt. It's a time when we commemorate the military success of our ancestors and celebrate one of God's many miracles.

This is also a good time to look back over 2017 and acknowledge those among us who do so much to make Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam a success. Thank you Rabbi Goldstein for providing the spiritual guidance we all need to navigate these unsettled times. Thank you Allan Levy for everything you do as our Ritual Chairperson – you ensure that our services run smoothly. Thank you Madelyn Dunn and Sheila Ehrlich for ensuring that our dinners and onegs are flawless. Thank you Ruth Schlyen for opening your home to the Fundraising Committee for meetings and event planning. Last, but certainly not least, THANK YOU to our Executive Board for your support, your assistance and your commitment to our Congregation and your commitment to each other – we may not always agree on an issue, but our hearts are always in the right place.

I would also like to acknowledge the members who have joined Sha'arey Ha-Yam during the past year: Linda & Daniel Moss, Celia & Robert Salzman, Ross & Diane Lambert, and Virginia Josephson.

In closing, I need each of you to take part in the day-to-day activities of the Congregation. In order for us to continue to grow and be successful, everyone must participate...your Congregational Family needs you! Below is a list of each of the standing committees for you to select from:

Music/Choir
Fundraising
Greeters
Hospital Visits
Membership
Newsletter
Tributes & Get Well
Yahrzeits

Please email me at shaareyhayam@gmail.com with your committee choice.

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Happy Chanukah, and all the best for 2018!

L'shalom,
Helen

Dues Reminder

Notices for 2017 – 2018 membership dues have been emailed to all members. The dues structure has not changed: \$325.00 for singles and \$650.00 for families (meaning 2 or more). Please make certain your dues are paid in full prior to the High Holidays, or you have made financial arrangements with the Finance Committee.

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

JEWISH LITERACY

An Intro to Judaism Class for those who want to add to their Jewish knowledge, for those who want to understand basic Jewish ideas, and for those interested in conversion to Judaism.

Led by Rabbi Josh Goldstein

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam

Place and Time: Tuesdays, 1 – 2 p.m. - Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Text: "Jewish Literacy" by Joseph Telushkin

2017

November 21	Late Medieval Period: Kabbalah, False Messiahs and Chasidism
December 5	Modern Period: Emancipation, Shtetl and Pogroms
December 19	Zionism and Israel

2018

January 23	The Holocaust
February 6	Jewish Texts: Bible, Haggadah and Siddur
February 20	Jewish Ethics and Basic Beliefs
March 6	Jewish Holidays
March 20	Life-Cycle: From Cradle to Grave
April 3	Synagogue and Prayers

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!!!

To: Rita & Bob Victor
In memory of brother Charles
From: Ruth & Gary Schlyen

To: Pam Metzger
Get Well Wishes
From: Celia & Robert Salamanca

To: Dr. Jarrod & Rachel Kaufman
In memory of father-in-law Batty Kaufman



November

Deanna Bovasso & Sam Lewis	11/20
Sheldon & Loretta Wallerstein	11/24

December

Syble & Ernie Bleiweis	12/21
Dolly & Mike Weiss	12/31



Birthdays are always something to celebrate

November

Ernie Bleiweis	11/26
Fran Breese	11/27

December

Myles Levy	12/06
Cyndy Friedland	12/08
Rosalie Donadio	12/09
Ruth Schlyen	12/10
Dolly Weiss	12/12
Inez Levine	12/12
Shelly Wallerstein	12/17



Yahrzeits

יתגדל בראבא

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing

November

11/01	Beulah Sagman	Mother of Dolly Weiss
11/03	Benjamin Chasanoff	Father of Deanna Bovasso
11/08	Joseph Litt	Father of Celia Salzman
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 Philip Miller
11/29	Donald P. Fisher, Jr.	Father of Laura Miller

December		
12/06	Minnie Krupnick	Mother of Madelyn Dunn & Sheila Ehrlich
12/12	William Krupnick	Brother of Madelyn Dunn & Sheila Ehrlich
12/14	Paul Ronald Donadio	Husband of Rosalie Donadio
12/18	Emanuel Berlin	Grandfather of Syble Bleiweis
12/30	Dr. Marvin Taub	Brother of Cyndy Friedland
12/31	Cecelia Topper	Mother-In-Law of Sam Lewis

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

13TH ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

DATE: FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2017

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: LCHS

PRICE: \$18.00 PER PERSON FOR MEMBERS

\$25.00 PER PERSON FOR NON-MEMBERS

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 A GREAT WAY TO DONATE TO OUR CONGREGATION WHILE CELEBRATING SIMCHAS, ACKNOWLEDGING BIRTHS, WEDDINGS, 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.

Amazon Smile

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

TD Bank Affinity Program

TD Bank will make an annual contribution to our Congregation simply based on the activity of our member's TD bank accounts. All you need to do is go into your local TD Bank OR visit Dorothy Lassik in the Manahawkin branch (609-978-1112). Tell her (or your local branch) you are a member of "The Reform Jewish Community of Barnegat" and that you want to participate in the Affinity Program. At the end of the year, TD Bank will make a contribution of \$10.00 per enrolled checking account to us – **no funds come from your accounts.**

For every new checking account, TD Bank will make a 1-time contribution of \$50.00 to our congregation.

Manahawkin Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Manahawkin, NJ

The dealership will make a \$100 donation to the Congregation for every car purchased by a member. If you're looking for a new car or SUV, contact Justin Friedland (609-597-1045) for assistance.

Executive Board

There next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7:15 PM at the Stafford Community Center-Ocean Acres, 489 Nautilus Dr., Manahawkin. If you would like to attend, please contact Helen at (201)370-8927.

2017-18 (5778) Shabbat & Holiday Services Dates/Times

November 2017

Friday, November 10, 7:30 PM

December 2017

Friday, December 8, 7:30 PM

Friday, December 22, 7:30 PM

January 2018

Friday, January 12, 7:30 PM

Friday, January 26, 7:30 PM

February 2018

Friday, February 9, 7:30 PM

Friday, February 23, 7:30 PM

March 2018

Friday, March 9, 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 31, 5:00 PM 2nd Night Seder

April 2018

Friday, April 13, 7:30 PM

Friday, April 27, 7:30 PM

May 2018

Friday, May 11, 7:30 PM

Friday, May 25, 7:30 PM

June 2018

Friday, June 8, 7:30 PM

Friday, June 22, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times and Holiday Calendar						
November 2017/5778						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12 Cheshvan	2 13 Cheshvan	3 14 Cheshvan Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:31 PM	4 15 Cheshvan
5 16 Cheshvan	6 17 Cheshvan	7 18 Cheshvan	8 19 Cheshvan	9 20 Cheshvan Anniversary of Kristallnacht	10 21 Cheshvan Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:24 PM Anniversary of Kristallnacht Veteran's Day (Observed)	11 22 Cheshvan Veteran's Day
12 23 Cheshvan	13 24 Cheshvan	14 25 Cheshvan	15 26 Cheshvan	16 27 Cheshvan	17 28 Cheshvan Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:18 PM	18 29 Cheshvan
19 1 Kislev	20 2 Kislev	21 3 Kislev	22 4 Kislev	23 5 Kislev Thanksgiving Day	24 6 Kislev Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:14 PM	25 7 Kislev
26 8 Kislev	27 9 Kislev	28 10 Kislev	29 11 Kislev	30 12 Kislev		

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times and Holiday Calendar						
December 2017/5778						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 13 Kislev Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:11 PM	2 14 Kislev
3 15 Kislev	4 16 Kislev	5 17 Kislev	6 18 Kislev	7 19 Kislev	8 20 Kislev Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:10 PM	9 21 Kislev
10 22 Kislev	11 23 Kislev	12 24 Kislev First Night of Chanukah	13 25 Kislev Chanukah	14 26 Kislev Chanukah	15 27 Kislev Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:11 PM Chanukah	16 28 Kislev Chanukah
17 29 Kislev Chanukah	18 30 Kislev Chanukah	19 1 Tevet Chanukah	20 2 Tevet Chanukah	21 3 Tevet First Day of Winter	22 4 Tevet Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:14 PM	23 5 Tevet
24 6 Tevet	25 7 Tevet	26 8 Tevet	27 9 Tevet	28 10 Tevet Fast of Tevet	29 11 Tevet Shabbat Candle Lighting 4:19 PM	30 12 Tevet
31 13 Tevet New Year's Eve						

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam Board of Trustees			
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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> Financial Secretary, Justin Friedland President, Helen Cocuzza
Fundraising	<u>Cyndy Friedland</u> Syble Bleiweis, Madelyn Dunn, Joan Silverman, Ruth Schlyen, Rhona Levy, Helen Cocuzza
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
Oneg & Dinners	<u>Madelyn Dunn</u> Filomina Jonas
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

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Kibbitz Corner

General Announcements

- ❖ *It's time to confirm birthdays, anniversaries, yahrzeits, and spelling. Should you have any updates/corrections, please send them to Helen Cocuzza at shaareyhayam@gmail.com*