



Message From Rabbi Goldstein

How can a new rabbi and his congregants really get to know each other? Well, perhaps a connection is made through an “oneg” conversation, or a meeting, or even a sermon. Or, you can look at my bio and discover some of my passions (family, Zionism, Jewish history, bookstores, Tar Hell basketball, Yankee baseball...and, yes gorillas!) Or, if you really want to get to know me, I can gladly offer you a collection of my writings entitled “Jewish Passions, Realities and Visions,” which encompass the sermons, brunch talks and bulletin articles that summarize my own beliefs. That collection’s topics range from finding insights through personal health challenges, to a sense of the future of the synagogue, to my unconditional love for Israel, to an affirmation of Jewish chosenness, and to other passions that have sustained me in my rabbinate. Though it may not be a page-turner for everyone, I’d love to get your reaction to that collection.

Still, the plain truth is, it takes time and, often, effort to discover that rabbi-congregant connection. And since I live more than an hour from most of Sha’arey Ha-Yam’s members, it’s even more challenging to come to know each other.

So, an idea: On designated off-weeks when I don’t share Shabbat with you, I’d like to come down to Manahawkin to offer a biweekly adult education series. Though we are still working on finding a venue, I hope to start after the High Holidays with a five session series entitled, “More Than One Way to be Jewish: An Exploration of the Diversity of Modern Jewish Identity.” Essentially, this will be a critical analysis of the challenges facing Reform, Conservative, Chasidic, Zionist and other movements within Judaism. I envision in each hour-long class, sharing my thoughts for the first half, followed by your reactions, questions and comments. And hopefully, in the Spring, I will offer a different series on wonderful books that challenge our Jewish identities in positive ways.

Once we know the dates, times and place (probably early afternoons, midweek, every two weeks,) I’ll immediately give you the information and you can put it on your calendar. Think of this as not only another way to enrich Temple Sha’arey Ha-Yam’s Jewish programming for our members, but also as a form of Jewish outreach to others, as well. And, yes, think of this as another way that we can come to know each other. From this idea, I know we can facilitate and enhance the rabbi-congregant relationship that can be so significant for our Jewish identities.

President’s Message

We have entered into the month of Elul. If you’re anything like me, you use this month to reflect on the past year contemplating on what you did right, what you did wrong, and maybe what you can

tweak in the upcoming year. There is a wonderful site to help start the thought process that I learned from Philip 4 years ago called Jewels of Elul. It's simple thought provoking paragraphs that you sign up for by email once a day, done by Craig Taubman. You can sign up for it at www.jewelsofelul.com. I personally love it because it really starts getting the mind right for the High Holidays.

Also, it's also not too late to sponsor a High Holiday book! Just like our siddurs we are doing the same with our new Machzors, but this time it only costs chai. Please forward the information of your dedication to include, the person's name, who they are in relation, the occasion of the memory, as well as you and/or your family's name to Sam (with your check of course)!

Our sister temple in Lakewood, Beth Am Shalom, will be hosting Selichot services on 9/24 in conjunction with three (3) conservative temples; B'nai Israel, Beth Or, and Ahavat Olam. Pat and I have attended these in the past and it is simply amazing. The voices of the Cantor(s) and Hazzanim are amazing (as you might expect). The service starts at 9:45pm and runs for about an hour.

Our next board meeting has been rescheduled for 9/22 at 7pm at Cyndy's home. If you would like to attend please speak to Cyndy.

L'Shalom,
Wendi Higgins

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. It is customary to have dues paid prior to High Holiday services.

Membership

We have a very unique congregation...a variety of individuals that are from different backgrounds with one common thread. We all are Jewish in one form or another. We come together in our small congregation. It may not always be easy for us to get to services twice a month and life pulls us all in many different directions. Why are we here? To bond to our traditions, learn from our Rabbi and support one another. We reach out to our communities looking for ways to let other Jews know we are here. One person may have an idea, will share it and we do our best to share with one another to keep us alive. That's one of our main goals with membership. Keeping us connected...sharing and caring for each other...that's what being a member of our congregation is about! Can you reach out to a Jewish friend and bring them to a service? Invite them to a Shabbat dinner...let them know what we are about? That is what we have learned to do as Jews...to keep our tapestry alive. By being a member of our congregation lends support to our future...it's important to keep reaching out....spreading the word....about us...it's not just the Membership Committee's job, it's everyone's job to help us grow. Look around and see who you can invite for our High Holidays...if they are considering joining our spiritual family the price of their ticket is applied to membership. Perhaps folks do not realize that....it's not always about the money but what we can offer as a community that can help make a new member feel that they are a part of our family.

Adult Education

Details for Rabbi Goldstein's Adult Education Classes will be available in the October issue...stay tuned!

Tributes

Tribute cards are available from Syble Bleiweis 609-978-4240 or Joan Silverman 609-698-0000. This is a 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.

There are no tributes to post this month. Please keep those within our Congregation who are suffering and their loved ones in your hearts, thoughts and prayers.



September

Inez & Michael Levine	09/03
Dayna & Kurt Otto	09/09
Filomena & Douglas Jonas	09/28
Laura & Philip Miller	09/28

October

Mr & Mrs Charles Flum	10/8
Allan & Rhona Levy	10/09
Wendi Higgins & Pat Barndt-Higgins	10/13
Robert & Madelyn Dunn	10/24



Birthdays are always something to celebrate

August

Rhona Levy	14
Rena Kreisler	16
Allan Levy	16
Justin Friedland	28
Rhonda Daley	29

September

Garrett Majewski	4
Syble Bleiweis	6
Madelyn Dunn	14
Mike Weiss	21
Rose Jackson	21
Mark Kreisler	29

October

Jackie Jacobs	3
Matthew Dunn	7
Dayna Otto	9
Filomena Jonas	12
Joe Breese	25
Sam Lewis	28
Gary Schleyn	28



Yahrzeits

יתגדל בראבא

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing

First Year

05/01/2016

Joseph Flum

Father of Charles Flum

September

09/03	Ida Berlin	Grandmother of Syble Bleiweis
09/10	Maxwell Halpert	Father of Marlene Feldhuhn
09/14	Hutka Chait Bailen	Grandmother of Rosalie Donadio
09/17	Hanna Sales (Hasha)	Mother of Maralyn Ricciardi
09/20	Rose C. Liebowitz	Aunt of Sheldon Wallerstein
09/21	Miriam Cannella	Mother of Harriet Cohen
09/24	Richard Peare	Son of Deanna Bovasso
09/27	Morris Rosen	Father of Rhona Levy
09/29	Morris Grossman	Father of Fran Breese
09/29	Alice Breese	Mother of Joe Breese
09/30	Abraham Flaxman	Father of Joan Silverman
09/30	Sally Silverman	Mother of Terry Silverman

October

10/07	Barbara Lewis	Wife of Samuel Lewis
10/07	Charlotte Hanok	Sister of Jackie Jacobs; Aunt of Helen Cocuzza
10/08	Robert Nagorny	Cousin of Cyndy Friedland
10/12	MaryAnn Throup	Cousin of Cyndy Friedland
10/12	Walter Heineman	Father of Syble Bleiweis
10/14	Fannie Bleiweis	Mother of Ernie Bleiweis
10/22	Solomon Wallerstein	Father of Sheldon Wallerstein
10/22	Ruth Bailen Porter	Mother of Rosalie Donadio
10/26	Israel Isaac Bailen	Grandfather of Rosalie Donadio

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

DINE-A-ROUND

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH.....

WE ARE HOSTING A DINE A ROUND AT

SERPICO'S IN BARNEGAT....FROM 5:30 PM TILL CLOSING.

THIS WILL BE A GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR CONGREGATION...

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR DINNER.

NOTE..NOT INCLUDED ARE 2 FOR \$25 DINNER OR EATING IN THE PIZZA PARLOR.

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR DINNER!!



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!!!**

SYBLE BLEIWEIS AND DAYNA OTTO ARE THE KEEPERS OF THESE CARDS....REACH OUT TO THEM AND BE A SUPPORTER!! THEY HAVE CARDS AT EVERY SERVICE...



HIGH HOLIDAY SIDURIM DEDICATIONS

THIS YEAR FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WE HAVE A WONDERFUL WAY TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO'S MEMORIES ARE A BLESSING TO US. DEDICATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH DONATING A HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOK IN THEIR MEMORY.

ATTACHED IS A FORM TO DO THIS WITH. SAM LEWIS HAS GRACIOUSLY VOLUNTEERED TO UNDERTAKE THIS PROJECT FOR US. KINDLY SEND YOUR FORM FILLED OUT AND YOUR DONATION TO SAM. THE INFORMATION IS ON THE FORM.



TRIBUTE CARDS

TRIBUTE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM SYBLE BLEIWEIS 609-978-4240 OR 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.

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).

Clothing Drive

Fall Collection Drive – October 31 to November 4. Items may be dropped off at Madelyn Dunn's house, 148 Leeward Road, Manahawkin.

High Holidays

The High Holidays are fast approaching... Rabbi Goldstein is working on his sermon... the Ritual Committee is dusting off the prayer books... the choir is singing scales and reviewing the songs. To get you all prepared, here are the dates and service times so you may mark your calendars:

Sunday, October 2

7:30 PM – Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, October 3

10:00 AM - Rosh Hashanah

Immediately following the morning oneg – Tashlich

Tuesday, October 11

7:30 PM – Kol Nidrei

Wednesday, October 12

10:00 AM – Yom Kippur

1:45 PM – Study Session

3:00 PM – Afternoon Services

4:00 PM – Yizkor

5:00 PM – Ne'ilah

Immediately following Ne'ilah - Havdalah

Break the Fast

Break the Fast 2015 - \$18.00 members/\$23.00 non-members, deadline Friday 9/18/15. Please contact Madelyn Dunn at 609-660-1614 or via email at Justmemad@aol.com. See flyer at end of newsletter.

2016-2017 (5776-7) Shabbat & Holiday Services Dates/Times

September 2016

Friday, September 9, 7:30 PM

Friday, September 23, 7:30 PM

October 2016

Sunday, October 2, 7:30 PM – Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, October 3, 10:00 AM - Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 PM – Kol Nidrei

Wednesday, October 12, 10:00 AM – Yom Kippur

November 2016

Friday, November 4, 7:30 PM

Friday, November 18, 7:30 PM

December 2016

Friday, December 2, 7:30 PM

Friday, December 9, 7:30 PM

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

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						
September 2016/5776						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 28 Av	2 29 Av Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:08 PM	3 30 Av Rosh Chodesh Elul
4 1 Elul Rosh Chodesh Elul	5 2 Elul Labor Day	6 3 Elul	7 4 Elul	8 5 Elul	9 6 Elul Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:57 PM	10 7 Elul
11 8 Elul Patriot Day	12 9 Elul	13 10 Elul	14 11 Elul	15 12 Elul	16 15 Av Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:45 PM	17 16 Av
18 15 Elul	19 16 Elul	20 17 Elul	21 18 Elul	22 19 Elul Autumn Begins	23 20 Elul Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:34 PM	24 21 Elul Leil Selichot
25 22 Elul	26 23 Elul	27 24 Elul	28 25 Elul	29 26 Elul	30 27 Elul Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:22 PM	

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam Board of Trustees			
The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday September 22, 2016 at 7 PM at the home of Cyndy Friedland. If you are interested in attending, please contact Wendi Higgins (732-232-1861 or cbreezego@gmail.com) or Cyndy Friedland (609-698-4459 or cfriedland119@comcast.net).			
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Tributes & Get Well	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u> Joan Silverman
Yahrzeits	Helen Cocuzza

Kibbitz Corner

Notes from the Editor.....

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.



URJ updates.....details and registration at Youth@URJ.org:

- For Teens Grade 9-12: NFTY Convention 2017 – February 17-20 – Chicago, IL Register by September 26 to save \$100*
- For Teens Grade 9-12: NFTY-EIE High School in Israel – Apply for Spring ‘17*
- For Young Adults 18-26: Birthright Israel (Free 10-day trip) – Registration opens Sept. 12 (Alumni of a teen trip, including NFTY in Israel and NFTY-EIE are eligible)*



The following story is from Chabad's website....thought provoking as we approach the Days of Awe....

In a small town somewhere in Eastern Europe lived a nice man with a nasty problem: he talked too much about other people. He could not help himself. Whenever he heard a story about somebody he knew, and sometimes about somebody he did not know, he just had to tell it to his friends. Since he was in business, he heard quite a lot of rumors and stories. He loved the attention he got, and was delighted when they laughed because of the way he told his “anecdotes,” which he sometimes embellished with little details he invented to make them funnier and juicier. Other than that, he was really a pleasant, goodhearted man.

He kind of knew it was wrong, but . . . it was too tempting, and in any case, most of what he told had really happened, didn't it? Many of his stories were just innocent and entertaining, weren't they?

One day he found out something really weird (but true) about another businessman in town. Of course he felt compelled to share what he knew with his colleagues, who told it to their friends, who told it to people they knew, who told it to their wives, who spoke with their friends and their neighbors. It went around town, till the unhappy businessman who was the main character in the story heard it. He ran to the rabbi of the town, and wailed and complained that he was ruined! Nobody would like to deal with him after this. His good name and his reputation were gone with the wind.

Now this rabbi knew his customers, so to speak, and he decided to summon the man who loved

to tell stories. If he was not the one who started them, he might at least know who did.

When the nice man with the nasty problem heard from the rabbi how devastated his colleague was, he felt truly sorry. He honestly had not considered it such a big deal to tell this story, because it was true; the rabbi could check it out if he wanted. The rabbi sighed.

“True, not true, that really makes no difference! You just cannot tell stories about people. This is all lashon hara, slander, and it’s like murder—you kill a person’s reputation.” He said a lot more, and the man who started the rumor now felt really bad and sorry. “What can I do to make it undone?” he sobbed. “I will do anything you say!”

The rabbi looked at him. “Do you have any feather pillows in your house?” “Rabbi, I am not poor; I have a whole bunch of them. But what do you want me to do, sell them?”

“No, just bring me one.”

The man was mystified, but he returned a bit later to the rabbi’s study with a nice fluffy pillow under his arm. The rabbi opened the window and handed him a knife. “Cut it open!”

“But Rabbi, here in your study? It will make a mess!”

“Do as I say!”

And the man cut the pillow. A cloud of feathers came out. They landed on the chairs and on the bookcase, on the clock, on the cat which jumped after them. They floated over the table and into the teacups, on the rabbi and on the man with the knife, and a lot of them flew out of the window in a big swirling, whirling trail.

The rabbi waited ten minutes. Then he ordered the man: “Now bring me back all the feathers, and stuff them back in your pillow. All of them, mind you. Not one may be missing!”

The man stared at the rabbi in disbelief. “That is impossible, Rabbi. The ones here in the room I might get, most of them, but the ones that flew out of the window are gone. Rabbi, I can’t do that, you know it!”

“Yes,” said the rabbi and nodded gravely, “that is how it is: once a rumor, a gossipy story, a ‘secret,’ leaves your mouth, you do not know where it ends up. It flies on the wings of the wind, and you can never get it back!”

He ordered the man to deeply apologize to the person about whom he had spread the rumor; that is difficult and painful, but it was the least he could do. He ordered him to apologize to the people to whom he had told the story, making them accomplices in the nasty lashon hara game, and he ordered him to diligently study the laws concerning lashon hara every day for a year, and then come back to him.

That is what the man did. And not only did he study about lashon hara, he talked about the importance of guarding your tongue to all his friends and colleagues. And in the end he became a nice man who overcame a nasty problem.