



Message From Rabbi Goldstein

When you fracture your arm, like I managed to do in mid-June, you are faced with an extended period of imposed isolation. I was lucky that Sally was always near to help, but the overwhelming reality was that I needed to fill my days with some substance while I recovered. Now that I'm back to near normality, I can look back and recognize three areas that bolstered me.

First, I received so many phone calls, letters and contributions from the Sha'arey Ha-Yam community in honor of my recovery. I eventually gave up on writing thank-you notes to everyone, since I had limited mobility. So this will have to do: I am a lucky rabbi to lead such a warm and caring community in Sha'arey Ha-Yam. Every time I heard from you it made me feel missed and needed. I am grateful beyond words.

Second, I used much of my time by channeling my Judaism. In other words I studied and read a bit more. I started planning my adult education classes and my High Holyday sermons. One morning I prayed with "tefillin". And I was reminded of what I want all of us to know: In moments of isolation and trial, our tradition can bolster us with faith, passion and hope.

Finally, I recognized that my month of limited mobility could be understood as a metaphor for preparation for the Days of Awe, themselves. After all, we will soon be challenged, on Rosh Ha'Shanah and Yom Kippur, to be alone with our thoughts and our self-introspection. For me, when I fractured my arm, I reflected about aspects of my life and how I need to reach for higher standards, often writing out my thoughts long-hand. It was an exercise in self-awareness that our tradition calls for in each of us as we approach the High Holydays. That willingness to evaluate our lives is truly the best preparation for 5778.

May all of us be written and inscribed for a year of sweetness, health...and mobility!

High Holyday Notes

1. We will again honor groups of members with "group aliyot" to the Torah on Rosh Ha'Shanah. Please be ready to come up to the Torah when we call forward the following groups:
 - Founders of Sha'arey Ha-Yam
 - Past and current Presidents of Sha'arey Ha-Yam
 - Any other Sha'arey Ha-Yam member who would like to accept this honor
2. Charles Flum will lead a Yom Kippur afternoon seminar at 1:45 PM on "Choosing Your God

Concept". Charles, we are deeply grateful to you!

3. Rabbi Goldstein will invite people to place family items in the "Ark" prior to Yom Kippur Yizkor (approx. 4PM). What a meaningful way to make our memorial service personal and tangible!

President's Message

We've reached the time of year when the leaves are changing color, the nights are cool, and the birds are flying in formation. The summer has come to an end.....no more barbeques or pool parties or watching sunsets on the beach after 8 PM for this year.

I am looking forward to the Fall holidays, starting with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. For me, the Days of Awe are an opportunity to take stock of my life – what have I done well and what do I need to work on in the coming year. Have I been generous with my time, giving back to my community, supporting family, friends and work colleagues? Have I given to charity? Have I been tolerant or short-tempered?

During this period, I take the words "*teshuva, tefilah and tzedakah.....repentance, prayer and good deeds*" more seriously than the rest of the year. That's not to say that I don't have an ongoing dialogue with God all year long; or that I let any difficulties with loved ones go on for days or months without resolution (I'm good about taking ownership of fault even when I'm not to blame.....Jewish guilt I guess); and I am as generous as possible with my time and finances within our Sha'arey Ha-Yam community and my larger community.

This is a time when I always ask myself if there's more I can do and somehow, somehow, the answer is always YES. This year, I am asking all of you to do the same. I'm asking you to consider a little extra *tzedakah* for Sha'arey Ha-Yam. I'm asking for your time to serve on a Committee. I'm also asking that each of you to make a special Rosh Hashanah contribution of whatever you can afford. We have work to do this year to build our Congregation and that takes all of us.....not just the Executive Board and our Committee Chairpeople. The work we need to do is going to take time and be moderately expensive but in the end, it will be well worth the time and money.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 5778..... *L'shanah tovah tikatev v'taihatemi, May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year!*

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

October 24	The Mishnah and Talmud: Post-Biblical Judaism
November 7	Early Medieval Period: Under Islam and Christianity
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!!!



September

Inez & Mike Levine	09/03
Filomena & Douglas Jonas	09/28
Laura & Phil Miller	09/28

October

Mr & Mrs Charles Flum	10/08
Rhona & Allan Levy	10/09
Madelyn & Robert Dunn	10/24



Birthdays are always something to celebrate

September

Syble Bleiweis	09/06
Madelyn Dunn	09/14
Mike Weiss	09/21

October

Jackie Jacobs	10/03
Filomena Jonas	10/12
Joe Breese	10/25

Sam Lewis
Gary Schley

10/28

10/28



Yahrzeits

יתגדל בראבא

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing

September

09/01	Lillian Schneider	Mother of Ruth Schlyen
09/03	Ida Berlin	Grandmother of Syble Bleiweis
09/09	Arthur Salzman	Father of Robert Salzman
09/10	Maxwell Halpert	Father of Marlene Feldhuhn
09/14	Hutka Chait Bailen	Grandmother of Rosalie Donadio
09/20	Maralyn Ricciardi	
09/20	Rose C. Leibowitz	Aunt of Sheldon Wallerstein
09/21	Miriam Cannella	Mother of Harriet Cohen
09/24	Richard Peare	Son of Deanna Bovasso
09/25	Rose Schlyen	Mother of Gary Schlyen
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

BREAK THE FAST

DATE: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH
TIME: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HAVDALAH SERVICE
PRICE: MEMBERS - \$18.00 PER PERSON
NON-MEMBERS - \$23.00 PER PERSON
CHILDREN 12 & UNDER - FREE
CONTACT MADELYN DUNN 609-660-1614 OR justmemad@aol.com

1ST ANNUAL MINI GOLF OUTING

DATE: SUNDAY OCTOBER 15 (RAIN DATE 10/22)
TIME: 1 PM TO 4 PM
LOCATION: CALLOWAY'S, 597 MAIN STREET (RT 9 SOUTH), WEST CREEK
\$30.00 ADULTS AND CHILDREN 10 AND OVER
\$15.00 CHILDREN UNDER 10
PRIZES FOR BEST SCORE, HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST
50/50

SAVE THE DATE.....SHABBAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

DATE: FRIDAY DECEMBER 8
DETAILS TO FOLLOW NEXT MONTH

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, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine Street, Manahawkin. If you would like to attend, please contact Helen at (201)370-8927.

September 2017

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For Information and Membership: 609-698-4459

High Holiday Services

All Congregation members who are in good standing (2017-18 dues are paid or you are on an agreed payment plan) are entitled to attend all High Holiday services. If you know of anyone who is interested

in attending any of the HHD services and they are not yet members or are guests of members, the ticket price is \$125.00 per person. Please contact Robert or Helen to make arrangements...tickets may be paid in advance or at the door prior to the beginning of the service.

Wednesday, September 20, 7:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 21, 10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah

Immediately following the morning oneg – Tashlich

Friday, September 29, 7:30 PM Kol Nidre

Saturday, September 30, 10:00 AM Yom Kippur

1:45 PM Study Session*

3:00 PM Afternoon

4:00 PM Yizkor

5:00 PM Ne'ilah & Havdalah

Break the Fast immediately following Havdalah

***The study session will be led by Charles Flum. His topic is, "To God, or not to God, that is the question"....should be an interesting discussion.**

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

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October 2017

Friday, October 13, 7:30 PM

Friday, October 27, 7:30 PM

November 2017

Friday, November 10, 7:30 PM

Friday, November 24, 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						
September 2017 5777/5778						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10 Elul Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:10 PM	2 11 Elul
3 12 Elul	4 13 Elul Labor Day	5 14 Elul	6 15 Elul	7 16 Elul	8 17 Elul Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:58 PM	9 18 Elul
10 19 Elul	11 20 Elul	12 21 Elul	13 22 Elul	14 23 Elul	15 24 Elul Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:46 PM	16 25 Elul Leil Selichot
17 26 Elul	18 27 Elul	19 28 Elul	20 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah	21 1 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah	22 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah First Day of Autumn Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:35 PM	23 3 Tishrei
24 4 Tishrei Fast of Gedaliah	25 5 Tishrei	26 6 Tishrei	27 7 Tishrei	28 8 Tishrei	29 9 Tishrei Kol Nidre Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:23 PM	30 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam Board of Trustees			
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Committee	Chair/Membership
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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*
- ❖ *Jewish Federation of Ocean County Film Festival – October 15 to October 29....Details to be sent in a separate email.*