

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam
Newsletter for Month of September 2010

Message from the Rabbi:

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this message during the second week of the Hebrew month of *Elul*, the 30 days immediately preceding the High Holy days. The holidays are, as we like to say, "early" this year, that is, early in the secular calendar. With Labor Day "late," this year we have the unusual situation of *Rosh Hashanah* falling just two days after Labor Day. (In the Hebrew calendar, of course, the holidays are right where they always are with *Rosh Hashanah* beginning on the first of *Tishri*.) I'd like to tell you about our upcoming services and then end with some *Elul* thoughts and questions.

As you know, we hold services on *Erev Rosh Hashanah*, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, *Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei)* and then most of the following day, Yom Kippur proper. I will be offering a mix – sermons along with teachings connected to the Torah readings. The sermons will be on *Erev Rosh Hashanah* when I will speak about where we are today as a Jewish community, both locally and nationally; on *Rosh Hashanah morning* when I will share thoughts and experiences from my mission trips to Haiti this summer; and on *Kol Nidrei* when the topic will be shame. In addition, I'm thrilled to announce that on Yom Kippur afternoon we will be addressed by three members of our own congregation: Philip Miller, Debra Majewski and Aaron Shapiro. You might recall that last year Cyndy Friedland, Philip Altland and Rosalie Donadio spoke to us about what I call their Jewish journeys - their individual and unique stories of how they came to be here in this congregation at this particular time in their lives and why. Their remarks exceeded my greatest expectations, and the feedback was wonderful. So Cyndy and I asked Philip, Debbie and Aaron to be this year's speakers, and we're honored that they've agreed. We will once again be blessed with the music of Philip Altland on keyboard and Stan Jackson on clarinet and flute. They are already hard at work. It's a joy for me to work with them, and I am in their debt beyond words. Finally, we will be joined this year by a member of my former congregation, Mr. Danny Mayer. Danny is a retired engineer by training and Israeli by birth. He is a wonderful singer, and, of course, a fluent Torah reader! He will assist me with both, and I know that he will add immeasurably to our services.

In conclusion, here are some questions for *Elul*. I invite you to spend a few quiet moments considering them. They will yield valuable information about where you've been in the last year and where you would like to go in the future:

What was your greatest achievement in this last year?

What was your greatest disappointment?

What in this last year brought you the most joy? The most regret?

Where would you like to be five years from now?

If you had all the money you needed, would you live your life differently than you do now?

Who do you admire most and why?

Who did you fight with this last year?

Who do you wish you could make up with in this New Year? What do you need to do to make that happen?

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer. I look forward to seeing you on September 8.

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer

Message from the President:

Keep your eyes on our website; www.reformjewishcommunity.org. There will be additions, more pictures, more news, more about us as a Reform Congregation. Philip Altland is working diligently with our Webmaster, Lisa Gambino in capturing what and who we are in Southern Ocean County. We can download our Membership application; soon the Hebrew School application will also be available for families to use. Our High Holiday information is on the Web as well as descriptions of our Holidays and Services. Each week we hope to see something new until we are fully developed. We have already had inquiries for membership and High Holiday tickets via the Web, so we are reaching our unaffiliated community.

We have used different pictures of members on our site, without labeling or identifying individuals. If you would not like your picture to be displayed, kindly notify Philip Altland. You can email Philip at PALTLAND@elliman.com or call him at 609-492-2751.

If you have a business that you would like to have linked to our Website, we will link your website to ours. This is available to members at \$18. per year, non-members can also be linked for \$50. We would like to be supportive of our members and spreading the word of their business on the Web and this is a great way to do so.

L'Shanah tovah tikateivu u-t'chateimu! May you and your Family be blessed with a Healthy and Sweet New Year!

Cyndy Friedland, President

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATELINE: Jerusalem, August 2, 2010

For further information, contact:

Israel: Rabbi Michael Boyden - 011-972-9-7463447

USA: Rabbi David Kaufman - 515-274-4679

New Pro-Israel Advocacy Group Gains Wide Support

Rabbis from across the political and religious spectrum are putting their support behind a brand new international organization called ***Rabbis For Israel***. In less than three weeks, ***Rabbis for Israel*** has attracted **more than 200 rabbis** to sign onto its Mission Statement and more are signing on every day.

Rabbis For Israel calls its members "Centrist Advocates for Realistic Peace" and is concerned by the drift in much of world opinion that has made it legitimate to single out Israel for blame and censure in respect of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. ***Rabbis For Israel***'s supporters are generally troubled by the overt political partisanship of existing Israel advocacy organizations and have been looking to support a non-partisan Centrist organization seeking a Realistic two state solution with peace and security for Israel.

The signatories to this new organization's Mission Statement recognize that "Israel shares some responsibility for the current state of affairs." At the same time, they call for recognition of the fact

"that the roots of the conflict and its broader dimensions are much more complex than is generally presented." **Rabbis For Israel** strongly supports Israel's right to defend its citizenry while pursuing peace with the Palestinian people.

Rabbis For Israel was established by Rabbi Michael (Micky) Boyden of Hod Hasharon, Israel, whose son, Jonathan z"l, who served in an elite paratroop unit, was killed in 1993 while participating in a dangerous rescue mission deep in Lebanon.

Rabbi Boyden: "I am amazed that so many leading rabbis from all streams and from all over the world, including North America, Israel and Europe, should have chosen to identify with **Rabbis For Israel** in such a short space of time. The response shows the degree to which many Jewish leaders are thirsty for an advocacy group that represents the middle ground in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict."

The **Rabbis For Israel** Mission Statement can be viewed at www.rabbisforisrael.org

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PICTURES NEEDED!

I am meeting with our web design person to make our congregational website more attractive to prospective members. There will be sections that show how we celebrate the holidays at Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam. Anyone who has any pictures of anything that would be suitable for this purpose, please email them as an attachment directly to me at paltland@elliman.com. We're particularly hoping for pictures of the *succah*, menorah lighting, *Tashlich*, etc. And of course for you proud parents, grandparents and *mishpocha*, *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* photos would be most welcome. Thank you to all. I think you'll be proud and happy when you see the end results.

Philip Altland

Thought of the Month by Fran Breese:

"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'thank you', that would suffice." *Meister Eckhart*

Please forward ALL birthday and anniversary dates to Fran at nanny 1141@comcast.net as our files must be re-done. Thank you.

2010 Schedule (Services will commence promptly at 7:30 pm)

July 30	September 8	Erev Rosh Hashanah
August 13	September 9	Rosh Hashanah
August 27	September 17	Kol Nidre
	September 18	Yom Kippur, Break the Fast
	September 24	Sukkot

Yahrzeit September 2010

Ida Berlin	Mother of Syble Bleiweis	September 3
Max Sendach	Father of Joyce Scranton	September 8
Maxwell Halpert	Father of Marlene Feldhuhn	September 11
Edward Polon	Father of Hal Polon	September 11
Jack Preissman	Husband of Rhoda Priessman	September 13
Hutka Bailen	Grandmother of Rosalie Donadio	September 14
Hanna Sales	Mother of Maralyn Ricciardi	September 17
Robert Bowman	Son-in-Law of Rita Gold	September 18
Morris Grossman	Father of Fran Breese	September 29
Abraham Flaxman	Father of Joan Silverman	September 30
Sally Silverman	Mother of Terry Silverman	September 30

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>LAST NAME</i>	<i>FIRST NAME</i>	<i>DAY</i>
Majewski	Garrett	4
Bleiweis	Syble	6
Dubinsky	Alex	10
Dunn	Madelyn	14
Weiss	Mike	21
Jackson	Rose	21
Kreisler	Mark	29

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<i>LAST NAME</i>	<i>FIRST NAME</i>	<i>DAY/YR</i>
Getty	Desly/Alexander	23/89
Miller	Laura/Philip	28/96
Jonas	Filomena/Douglas	28/90
Levine	Inez/Michael	3/61

Book Corner:

97 Orchard by Jane Ziegelman: the author explores the culinary life that was the heart and soul of New York's Lower East Side around the turn of the twentieth century – a city within a city, where Germans, Irish, Italians and Eastern European Jews attempted to forge a new life. Through the experiences of five families, all residents of 97 Orchard Street, she takes readers on a tour of crowded tenements with dimly lit stairwells, the socialization of the stoops, and the “life” on the street. The collective impact of the culinary “revolution” of the many ethnicities forged a new way of looking at food and people. These were our grandparents, great grandparents and in some cases out great-great grandparents who were

adventuresome enough to leave the “old country” for a new beginning: not probable in 19th and early 20th century Europe.

September News from the Fundraising Committee

Five Below, an incredible variety store in the Staples shopping center in Manahawkin is hosting a shop-a-round for us for the entire month of August. Shop as usual using the enclosed voucher, make sure you tell all your friends too and Five Below will donate 10% of the sales to our congregation. So come on down, shop ‘til ya drop and you’ll be supporting our congregation too!

The fundraising committee is currently seeking volunteers for our Fancy Nancy/Dirty Joe the Pirate Party. This event will be held Sunday afternoon October 17 at the Barnegat Rec Center. Volunteers are needed for set-up 12-2, party help from 2-4 and clean-up 4-6. We will also need donations of baked goods, drinks and items to sell (children’s costume jewelry, etc. at our retail counter. Please call Bari (908) 216-8742 or Rhonda Daley (609) 513-2310 for more information.

Sahara Sam’s Oasis Indoor Water Park in West Berlin NJ (near Cherry Hill) is an awesome fun-filled day for the entire family any time of the year no matter the weather! Tickets are available for only \$20.00 apiece. That’s a huge savings on the regular park price. Sahara Sam’s Park tickets never expire. They also make excellent gifts for all occasions! Please call Dayna Otto (609) 597-3239 and get yours today!

Congregation Sha'arey HaYam has beautiful logo T-shirts available in all sizes for only \$10.00 apiece. “Recipes to Remember” our very own cookbook is a 3-ring binder with an included easel for free-standing on a countertop. Each cookbook is filled with over 180 recipes with lots of tips, hints and suggestions. The cookbook sells for \$18.00 and makes an excellent gift for friends or family, and is a wonderful keepsake as well. T-shirts and cookbooks are always available at services.

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 Maralyn Ricciardi at 609-660-0935 or Madelyn Dunn at 609-660-1614 to reserve your date.

PLEASE HELP US TO TEACH THE CHILDREN...

The children are learning about Tzedakah in Hebrew School. They have a box that they are supposed to drop some coins or bills in every Shabbat. Then we collect the money and decide on a Jewish charity to donate it to. Every year the children pool their money and buy a tree in Israel. We are asking that the congregation LEAD BY EXAMPLE and have some change/dollar bills in their pocket at services. This way when the children approach you with the Tzedakah box, you can participate. We appreciate your continued support, Hebrew School Staff

ADULT EDUCATION

Nancy Weisenfeld our Hebrew School teacher has offered to teach classes in Yiddish and Hebrew 101 this summer. We are looking to hold these classes every other week during July and August. The classes will be open to members and non-members at \$50. and \$60. respectively. We will need approximately 20 participants to cover the expenses of the classes. There may be an extra charge for books if required. Kindly contact **Cyndy at 609-698-4459** if interested in attending these classes. These classes will also be open to the community at large.

2010 / 2011 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

August 27

September 8, Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30 PM

September 9, Rosh Hashanah 10 AM
September 17, Kol Nidre 7:30 PM
September 18, Yom Kippur, Break the Fast 10 AM
September 24, Sukkot
October 15
October 16 Bar Mitzvah of Max Iaccovelli Saturday morning Service
October 29
November 12
November 13 Bar Mitzvah of Damian Majewski Saturday morning Service
November 19
December 3, Hanukkah
December 10

2011

January 7
January 21, Tu B'Shvat, Seder
February 4
February 18
March 4
March 18
April 1
April 18 Second night Seder, held at Captain's Inn
April 29
May 6
May 20
June 10
June 24

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TO JOIN US FOR OUR BREAK THE FAST DINNER
AFTER CONCLUDING SERVICES OF YOM KIPPUR*

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*MARALYN RICCIARDI
72 HIDDEN CIRCLE DRIVE
BARNEGAT, NJ 08005*

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

\$15. PER PERSON NON-MEMBER \$20. PER PERSON

NO CHARGE FOR CHILDREN UP TO AGE 13

Make Checks Payable to: Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam

WE ARE REQUESTING DONATIONS OF DESSERTS

RESERVATIONS Will be accepted through September 13th

Call Maralyn at 609-660-0935 for further information

Name(s) of Adults attending _____

Names of Children attending _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Adults _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Number of Non-Member Adults _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Number of Children attending _____

Dessert I am bringing _____

Congregation Sha'arey HaYam will be holding a FUNdRAISER event at



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Our event will be held on:

Date: August 1st – August 31st

Time: Monday – Saturday 9:30am-9:00pm Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm

Where: Five Below located at **The Commons at Manahawkin Village 609-597-0035**

And 10% of the dollars spent by our organization will be donated back to Congregation Sha'arey HaYam

Please don't forget to bring this flyer to the event so that we get credit for your purchase!

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