

# *Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam*

Newsletter for SEPTEMBER 2012

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## **Message from the Rabbi:**

Dear Friends,

The services of the High Holy Days, which are almost upon us, are both eternal and new. That is, they encompass some of our most ancient liturgical texts, melodies and rituals while also lending themselves to new ways of expressing the themes of self-reflection, atonement, memory and renewal.

*To that end, I want to share with you something new that we will be doing at Yizkoron Yom Kippur afternoon, a ritual that I hope you will find personally engaging and meaningful. We know that sense memories are very powerful; objects or even words we think through and write down sometimes help us “trigger” a depth of feeling and memory and assist us in our internal reflection and introspection. So this year, just before the start of the Yizkor service, we will place baskets on the altar table next to our ark. Just before the Yizkor prayer itself, we will invite anyone who would like to do so to come forward silently to place a note, an object, a photograph or letter, a stone, a piece of jewelry – that is, a memento, something that will trigger or help connect with the memory of a loved one. You can either leave the object there or retrieve them at the conclusion of Ne'ilah, before the break fast. If this ritual is something that you think you would like to do, please bring whatever item would mean something to you to the service.*

We will have some other new rituals too: enrobing our Torah scrolls in white at the start of the erev (evening) Rosh Hashanah service, the use of large black and white candles to represent repentance and return – and more. Our wonderful choir, under the peerless direction of Philip Altland, is preparing both new and familiar music, and we are blessed this year to have the beautiful voice of our own Karen Kolb as soloist. We are also thrilled once again to have the beautiful musicianship of Stan Jackson on the clarinet.

We will symbolically cast off our sins together on Rosh Hashanah morning at the lake and acknowledge our sins and errors through the writing of a personal “Vidui” or confessional on Kol Nidrei. All in all, I believe we will offer a Days of Repentance experience that will challenge, comfort, inspire and enrich you. I so look forward to spending these awe-filled days with you.

With best wishes for a healthy and peaceful 5773 to you and all your loved ones,

***Rabbi Kim S. Geringer***

## **President's Message:**

Well, here we are at the end of another summer, as we begin to plan for our High Holy days, our time for reflection and hope.

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam has made some exciting strides over this past year. Our educational program is growing and now includes adult education courses; our participation in services has grown – with more members attending and our newly formed choir partaking more often; we have more volunteers in every area

of our temple life – services, onegs, special activities, hospital visits; our fund raising committee continues to sponsor activities to help with our financial position.

These successes could not have happened without the active participation of our congregants. Our temple life is dependent on our membership growth – voluntary participation and financial support. I therefore encourage you to dig a little deeper for our holiday pledges – this is the only time we ask for your additional monetary support.

We look forward to our new year with special events being planned (Chanukah, Passover), our new ark, ark curtain and Torah covers on display for services – topics of interest being brought forth with Rabbi Geringer’s sermons – and continued feelings of being a part of a thriving Jewish community.

La Shana Tova.  
Aaron Shapiro

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***The month of September brings to mind the devastation of  
September 11th and we honor those who lost their lives that day.***

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### **Hebrew School**

Hebrew school will commence on Tuesday, October 2nd. Parents will be receiving registration via email within the next week. We are welcoming back Iris Harari and Mike Kossove to instruct the students and look forward to a great year.

We are planning a few field trips: visit the Holocaust Museum at Stockton College and then to Philadelphia to view the Dead Sea Scrolls on exhibit at the Franklin Museum. These trips are open to the congregation.

Alert: watch for more information about a great fundraiser for the school (collecting box tops). Start collecting them now!!

Cyndy Friedland, Director

## **FROM PHILIP ALTLAND**

I want to take this opportunity personally to thank all who participated in the wonderful two day event at the LBI Foundation for the Arts on August 7th and 8th. We ended up having 37 people come to help us create these beautiful new ritual objects. The first day we painted a large silk panel which will be used to create new covers for our Torah scrolls. The second day we created the design for the curtain which will be used for the new Ark and then painted it on silk. Both designs include ocean waves in honor of our Congregation's name - "Gates of the Sea." The Ark curtain also includes 10 spirals of light, the sun, a red heart, 18 groups of seedlings, doves and a rainbow colored ladder to heaven.

Dayna Otto found us the perfect venue for the event. The room at the Foundation was absolutely perfect to accommodate our large and enthusiastic group of artists. I brought sandwiches, wraps and water and everyone had an amazing experience. Nancy Katz and her husband, Mark, are totally delightful people. I was honored to have them as guests at my place in Beach Haven for the duration of their stay. We ended up with \$41 in our Tzedakah box too.

The High Holiday period is my favorite time of the year. Our choir is busily preparing for the High Holidays. The music at this year's services will far surpass what we have done in the past. We will be introducing some new music this year, and we will be bringing back some of the great pieces we did last year. Karen Kolb will be singing some beautiful music, and Stan Jackson will be back with his amazing musical talents, and what would the Holidays be without his talents on the Shofar?

I look forward to seeing you at services on September 7th and, of course, on Rosh Hashanah. L'Shana Tovah!  
Philip

## **Tribute Cards**

Tribute cards are available to congregants and friends for making donations in memory of, in honor of, and/or to celebrate all life cycle events.

To make the donation kindly contact Syble Bleiweis at 609-978-4240 or via email at [sebleiweis@comcast.net](mailto:sebleiweis@comcast.net) or Cyndy Friedland at 609-698-4459 or [cfriedland119@comcast.net](mailto:cfriedland119@comcast.net).

As soon as your check for the donation is received the tribute card will be mailed to the recipient. Checks should be mailed to whomever you speak to or email the request to:

Syble Bleiweis  
70 Oak Ridge Lane  
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Cyndy Friedland  
16D Acorn Road  
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

## Donations

Donations to the congregation have been made by:

- Cyndy Friedland: In memory of Rita Gold  
In memory of Miriam Jackson, Mother of Stan Jackson, mother in law of Rose Jackson  
In memory of Raymond Goldkoph, Father of Debra Majewski
- Susan and Aaron Shapiro: In memory of Rita Gold  
In memory of Miriam Jackson, Mother of Stan Jackson
- Ms. Mueller (friend): In memory of Rita Gold
- Ms. Whelan (friend): In memory of Rita Gold

## Condolences

Our sincerest condolences to Deb, Alex, Damian and Garrett Majewski upon the loss of their father, father in law and grandfather, Raymond Goldkoph.

## Mazel Tov to:

Mazel Tov to Cyndy Friedland on having been asked to join the Jewish Federation of Ocean County as a Board Member.

Mazel Tov to Sheila Ehrlich on the engagement of her grandson Eric Lilling to Kim Ward.

Belated Mazel Tov to Syble and Ernie Bleiweis on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Alexa Bleweis.

## Get Well Wishes to:

Susan Shapiro, Stan Blum, Inez Levine, Bernice Jachter, Jerry and Arthur Sieler

**Following is a list of the committees and the names of the volunteers for each one:**

Committee	Chair/Members
MEMBERSHIP	Cyndy Friedland
RITUAL	Temporary Chair-Aaron Shapiro, Hal Polon, Joel Polter (Music: Philip Altland, Stan Jackson)
Greeters	Rose Jackson, Thelma Polon, Wendi Higgins, Pat Barndt
FUNDRAISING	Dayna Otto, Syble Bleiweis, Madelyn Dunn, Bari Cohen, Gina Cohen, Rena Kreisler, Cyndy Friedland, Rhonda Daley
SUNSHINE	Syble Bleiweis, Arlene Armstrong, Harriet Cohen, Ruth Schlyen
HOSPITAL VISITATION	Arlene Armstrong, Ruth Schlyen, Volunteers needed

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Cyndy Friedland, Phil Miller
PUBLICITY	Aaron Shapiro
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES	Susan Shapiro
Yahrzeits	Sandy Polter
NEWSLETTER	Rosalie Donadio, Hope Gardiner, Susan Shapiro
ONEG & DINNERS	Madelyn Dunn, Philomena Jonas, Sheila Ehrlich, Pat Barndt, Wendi Higgins

Contact Aaron at 242-2390 or email at [shap1010@comcast.net](mailto:shap1010@comcast.net) if you wish to become a member of one of these committees. We need your expertise to keep our congregation moving forward. All our committees need volunteers.

**HEBREW 101 and 102 REMINDER**

Students of the class, please let Cyndy know so that the dates can be scheduled for Hebrew 102. If there are others who would like to start a new Hebrew 101 contact Cyndy at [Cfriedland119@comcast.net](mailto:Cfriedland119@comcast.net) or call her at 609-698-4459.

Cyndy Friedland, Hebrew School Director

**URGENT NOTICE**

**PLEASE NOTE:** To have the name of your loved one listed in *The Bulletin* and announced at Services by the Rabbi on the anniversary of their Yahrzeit, **contact Sandye Polter at 36 Rumson Ct, Waretown, NJ 08758 or call (609)242-7525.** Even if you have sent in a name/names before, your response is necessary in order to insure that this process is up to date and that your Yahrzeit will be announced.

**Yahrzeit September 2012**

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|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| September 3  | Ida Berlin      | Mother of Syble Bleiweis       |
| September 11 | Maxwell Halpert | Father of Marlene Feldhuhn     |
| September 11 | Edward Polon    | Father of Hal Polon            |
| September 13 | Jack Preissman  | Husband of Rhoda Priessman     |
| September 14 | Hutka Bailen    | Grandmother of Rosalie Donadio |
| September 17 | Hanna Sales     | Mother of Maralyn Ricciardi    |
| September 17 | Anne Kanowith   | Mother of Susan Shapiro        |
| September 18 | Robert Bowman   | Son-in-Law of Rita Gold        |
| September 20 | Jerome Shapiro  | Brother of Aaron Shapiro       |
| September 29 | Morris Grossman | Father of Fran Breese          |
| September 30 | Abraham Flaxman | Father of Joan Silverman       |
| September 30 | Sally Silverman | Mother of Terry Silverman      |

Birthdays	<b>September</b>	04 06 10 14 21 21 29	Majewski Garrett Bleiweis Syble Dubinsky Alex Dunn Madelyn Weiss Mike Jackson Rose Kreisler Mark
Anniversaries	<b>September</b>	03/1961 28/1996 28/1990	Levine Inez/Michael Miller Laura/Philip Jonas Filomena/Douglas

Please email Sue Shapiro at [shap1010@comcast.net](mailto:shap1010@comcast.net) with birthday and anniversary update information.

**SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:**

**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.

**2012 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 7:30 PM (DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE). PLEASE NOTE THAT SERVICE DATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.**

September 7	October 5
September 16 Erev Rosh Hashanah	October 19
September 17 Rosh Hashanah	November 2
September 25 Erev Yom Kippur	November 16
September 26 Yom Kippur; Break the Fast	December 7
October 2 (erect Sukkah on Tuesday)	December 21

**Book Review**

The Age of Insight: The Quest to Understand the Unconscious in Art, Mind, and Brain ... From Vienna 1900 to the Present by Eric R. Kandel

P. 307: “memory is the glue that binds out mental life together, whether in our response to art or to other events in our life. We are who we are in large part because of what we learn and what we remember.”

*The Age of Insight* takes us to Vienna 1900, where leaders in science, medicine, and art began a revolution that changed forever how we think about the human mind—our conscious and unconscious thoughts and emotions—and how mind and brain relate to art.

At the turn of the century, Vienna was the cultural capital of Europe. The nobility adored their horses, their wine and their women utilizing the talents of “Jewish” physicians to cure them of the syphilis contracted from forays to escape their ennui. The Kultur of Vienna was for the most part Jewish and the talent out of proportion from the general populace.

Artists and scientists met in glittering salons, where they freely exchanged ideas that led to revolutionary breakthroughs in psychology, brain science, literature, and art. Kandel demonstrates the world of 1900 Vienna to trace, in rich and rewarding detail, the ideas and advances made then, and their enduring influence today.

The Vienna School of Medicine led the way with its realization that truth lies hidden beneath the surface. That principle infused Viennese culture and strongly influenced the other pioneers of Vienna 1900. Sigmund Freud shocked the world with his insights into how our everyday unconscious aggressive and erotic desires are repressed and disguised in symbols, dreams, and behavior. Arthur Schnitzler, a physician who became the most important playwright of his time revealed women’s unconscious sexuality in his novels through his innovative use of the interior monologue. Gustav Klimt, whose gilt painting of Adele Bauer was purchased a few years ago by Ronald Lauder and paid an exorbitant amount of money. He viewed it when he was 13 and never quite got over that. [I waited on the hottest day in August 1999 for 45 minutes outside the Neue Gallery in Manhattan (owned by Lauder) to view this magnificent larger than life portrait. It was worth it.]

Kandel tells the story of how these pioneers—Freud, Schnitzler, Klimt, Kokoschka, and Schiele—inspired by the Vienna School of Medicine, in turn influenced the founders of the Vienna School of Art History to ask pivotal questions such as: What does the viewer bring to a work of art? How does the beholder respond to it? These questions prompted new and ongoing discoveries in psychology and brain biology, leading to revelations about how we see and perceive, how we think and feel, and how we respond to and create works of art. Kandel, one of the leading scientific thinkers of our time, places these five innovators in the context of today’s cutting-edge science and gives us a new understanding of the modernist art of Klimt, Kokoschka, and Schiele, as well as the school of thought of Freud and Schnitzler [“La Ronde” is an adaptation of his play that was made into a film in the early 50’s; many of the actors and various contributors – who escaped the Nazi onslaught – were Jewish, half Jewish, married to a Jew etc. This was Vienna before the world went mad].

Eric R. Kandel is Kavli Professor and University Professor at Columbia University and senior investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. He received the Nobel Prize in Physiological Medicine in 2000 for his work on memory storage in the brain. He lives in New York City.

**La Shana Tova 5773**  
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Rabbi Kim Geringer Conducting

**COME JOIN US FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS**  
**ROSH HASHANAH – SEPTEMBER 16 & 17**  
**& YOM KIPPUR SERVICES – SEPTEMBER 25 & 26**

HELD AT THE

**Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit,**  
**333 NO. Main St. (Route 9), Manahawkin**

Evening services start at 7:00 PM

Morning services start at 10:00 AM

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**High Holiday Tickets Order Form 5773**

NAME .....

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PHONE ..... EMAIL .....

**Non-Member Tickets: \$ 125.00 per seat**

**Children Ages 6– 21: \$25.00**

**Children 5 & under: No Charge**

**Member & Children tickets: Included in Dues**

**Family of Members: \$ 75.00 per seat**

**Children of family members: \$ 15.00**

**NEED INFO.—CALL AARON @ (609) 242-2390**

**Mail form & make check payable to:**

**RJCB, PO Box 1268, Manahawkin, NJ 08050**



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Call Madelyn at 609-660-1614 for further information

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*Name(s) of Adults attending* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name(s) of Children attending* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Number of Non-Member Adults* \_\_\_\_\_ *x \$20.00 =* \_\_\_\_\_

*Number of Children attending* \_\_\_\_\_

*Dessert I am bringing* \_\_\_\_\_



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Dear Congregants and Friends,

There are times that we remember our loved ones and friends by sharing and honoring their memories. Our tradition is to honor these memories as we begin 5773. Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam invites you to publicly recall those dearly departed. Our Community will be offering the opportunity to remember our loved ones, family and friends by inscribing their names in our Book of Remembrance, which will be distributed for Yizkor Services during Yom Kippur. The names of Congregants, relatives and friends will be listed by family. The cost will be \$8.00 per name listed. Kindly return the attached form by September 1st to the address below. Your early response will be appreciated. We cannot guarantee inclusion of names received after September 5th.

## The Ritual Committee

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person to be remembered: (please print)

Name of Person	Relationship	Date of Passing
<i>(For Example) Jane Doe</i>	<i>Mother of John Doe</i>	<i>July 1, 2000</i>

**For additional names, please use a separate piece of paper.**

I have listed \_\_\_\_\_ names at \$8.00 each for a Total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed

Make check payable to: Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam

Please mail form and check to: Mrs. Sandye Polter (609)242-7525  
 36 Rumson Court  
 Waretown, NJ 08758

**NAMES MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**  
**TO GUARANTEE INCLUSION IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**