



MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI
AUGUST 2015

Dear friends,

I am about to begin my “vacation” – a considerable part of which will be devoted to preparing for the High Holy Days. As I said to some of you at our last Friday night service, “High Holy Day sermons don’t write themselves!” So over the next month I’ll be working and – I hope – relaxing a bit too.

For my bulletin message during this, my vacation month, I’m bringing in a guest author – Rabbi David Kaufman, who writes for the centrist blog, “WeAreForIsrael.”

First, to place Rabbi Kaufman’s remarks in context, this is from the “WeAreForIsrael” mission statement:

“We Are For Israel is a forum of people who support Israel, who are deeply 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. While we recognize that Israel shares some responsibility for the current state of affairs, we believe that the roots of the conflict and its broader dimensions are much more complex than is generally presented.

Attempts by Israel’s detractors to lay the blame for the lack of progress toward peace at her door while pressing her alone to make concessions are not only unjustified, but frequently motivated by political interests, naivety, ignorance, misinformation or even anti-Semitism.

We are particularly concerned by the manner in which some organizations within the Jewish community, which profess to care for Israel and her well-being, advocate that pressure be applied upon her to make unilateral concessions. Similar demands

are not made of the Palestinians to respond in kind if at all. We believe that such advocacy, which results in intransigence and increased demands from the Palestinians, does not advance the cause of peace. In discrediting Israel publicly, such organizations not only weaken support for her but also serve the interests of her detractors and enemies.

At a time when it has become fashionable to castigate Israel for unrest in the Middle East and elsewhere, we appeal to Jews everywhere to respond to criticism of Israel with support and to advocate on her behalf.”

Below is Rabbi Kaufman’s latest posting. WeAreForIsrael has several other, more detailed analyses of the Iran agreement. I encourage you to read them and many of the other entries on this blog which, in the often cacophonous babble of public voices on Israel, stands out as a beacon of reason, keen analysis, moderation and unwavering support for the State of Israel. Go to www.weareforisrael.org for more.

Until we see each other again in September, I wish you a wonderful, relaxing and restorative remainder of the summer. With all my best,

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer

Holocaust Imagery and the Iran Deal

Posted on [July 29, 2015](http://www.weareforisrael.org) by [Rabbi David Kaufman](http://www.weareforisrael.org)

I have been thinking of how many friends of mine, including Holocaust survivors - may their memories be for a blessing - would react to the debate concerning the agreement with Iran. I cannot help but feel that they would be distressed by what they would be hearing. Much of the debate is simply vile.

Friends, while the Iran Deal poses serious concerns for some of us, it is an attempt to keep the worst weapon out of the hands of the most dangerous nation. The use of Holocaust imagery and references to describe supporters of that agreement is inappropriate to its reality and to their advocacy, deeply offensive to the memory of the Holocaust, and does not promote the needed atmosphere of debate.

Good people who care about Israel and Jews can debate the effectiveness of the agreement and can discuss its merits and its failings. While some may be in great fear over the impact of this agreement on Israel and the region, certainly they must also fear what might happen should Iran acquire a nuclear weapon!

Let us not demonize each other. *Supporters of this deal are not [insert inappropriate Holocaust imagery here], and opponents who are showing concern about some of its provisions are not “warmongers.”*

The Holocaust was the greatest evil the world has yet seen. My friends, it is not 1939. It is 2015. Thankfully, there is a strong and vibrant Jewish state with a great ability to defend itself, something not remotely the case 76 years prior. The well-being of that Jewish state depends significantly on bipartisan support in America and the well-being of that Jewish state has been cited as and is a primary concern of many of those on both sides of the issue at hand in America.

Let us not do an injustice to the memory of the Holocaust—to those who died, to those who survived, to the heroes and martyrs—by evoking those images in this debate among those on both sides who very much wish to avoid another Holocaust.

So, Presidential candidates, if you're reading this,

It is highly inappropriate, heinous and offensive, to call supporters of the agreement something that seeks to connect them with the Nazis, or portrays opponents of the agreement in the traditional anti-Semitic depiction of Jews as the promoters of warfare, calling them warmongers!

(Go to www.weareforisrael.org to read these recent postings: “What Better Deal? How?” and “Good Deal or Bad Deal with Iran?”)

President's Message

This is the last newsletter I get to tell you AGAIN, that the Art Auction is coming up quickly on August 29th. I hope to see everyone's smiling faces supporting our temple there, and also ask if any of you can spare some time to help with the set up or take down of the event, I cannot stress how incredibly helpful it would be.

I'm very excited about the holidays and opportunities coming up in the New Year. As a board, we are working on a lot of things. Some of the things we're working on is a membership mailing, a crowdfunding campaign, and working on updating our website. We have our newer Machzor, which we'll have the pleasure of using thanks to Rabbi Kim, Philip Altland, and Allan Levy. Your choir has already begun rehearsing (and has taken on some new voices), which as always, will increase the beauty of our High Holiday services. And even with all of this being said, we can still use your help and/or suggestions on many of our committees. If you don't know that you can volunteer on a permanent basis, that's ok! Reach out to a committee chair there's no obligation!

As we all begin our preparations for the High Holidays, and enjoy what's left of the summer, I hope everyone stays cool and well, and I look forward to seeing everyone at services and at the Art Auction!

L'Shalom,

Wendi Higgins

Membership

Membership dues invoices have been emailed to those of you that have email addresses. For those without, you should have received your invoices in the US mail. Dues have remained the same as last year, \$325.00 per person. If you have not received a membership invoice, please contact Cyndy (609-698-4459 or cfriedland119@comcast.net) and/or Robert (609-660-1614 or rdunn2960@aol.com) to obtain a copy of your invoice and make payment.

Please remember.....membership dues need to be paid before the High Holidays.

If additional tickets are required for High Holiday Services, they may be purchased by contacting Robert (609-660-1614 or rdunn2960@aol.com)tickets for extended family of members are \$75.00 each and tickets for non-members are \$150.00 each.

We are reaching out to our community in various ways to expand our membership. Please assist us in bringing a guest to our services...a relative, grandchild, neighbor or friend. Our services are spiritually enlightening and we do have the best Onegs!!

High Holidays

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to participate in the Services this year. The Ritual Committee will be distributing the assigned readings at Shabbat Services on August 21st. For those who are not present on the 21st, your assigned readings will be mailed to you.

Note: we cannot give out any parts to any members who have not paid their 2015-2016 dues.

If anyone requires a large print version of the holiday prayer book, please contact Allan Levy (732-642-9207) by Sunday September 6. We have a limited number of large print prayer books and will do our best to accommodate all requests.

High Holiday Dates and Service Times

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sunday, September 13	7:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah Morning	Monday, September 14	10:00 AM
Kol Nidrei	Tuesday, September 22	7:00 PM
Yom Kippur Morning	Wednesday, September 23	10:00 AM
Yom Kippur Afternoon	Wednesday, September 23	2:00 PM
Yizkor	Wednesday, September 23	4:00 PM
Ne'ilah	Wednesday, September 23	Immediately following Yizkor

Yizkor Books

If you would like to include your loved ones in the Yizkor Book, please fill out the form included at the end of this newsletter and send it to Pat Barndt-Higgins **no later than Sunday August 30, 2015** (pat.barndt@verizon.net). The original form and payment (\$9.00 per name) should be mailed to:

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam
P.O. Box 1268
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Forms will be available at Shabbat Services on Friday, August 21st.

TEMPLE COMMITTEES

Temple Committees	Chair/Members
Choir	<u>Philip Altland</u> Cyndy Friedland, Wendi Higgins, Pat Barndt-Higgins, Madelyn Dunn, Robert Dunn, Syble Bleiweis, Rena Kreisler, Helen Cocuzza
Finance	<u>Treasurer, Robert Dunn</u> Financial Secretary, Cyndy Friedland President, Wendi Higgins
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Hospital Visits	Jack Crespy
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Oneg & Dinners	<u>Madelyn Dunn</u> Pat Barndt-Higgins, Wendi Higgins, Filomina Jonas
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Ritual	<u>Allan Levy</u> Philip Altland, Charles Flum
Tributes & Get Well	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u> Joan Silverman
Yahrzeits	Pat Barndt-Higgins

2015 Shabbat Services
Dates/Times
Friday, August 7, 7:30 pm
Friday August 21, 7:30 pm

Yahrzeits



בראבא יתגדל

8/8/09	Attie M. Fisher, (Grandmother of Laura Miller)	Av 7, 5749
8/18/96	Gussie Flaxman, (Mother of Joan Silverman)	Elul 3, 5756
8/18/13	Raymond Goldkopf, (Father of Debra Majewski)	Elul 12, 5773
8/19/09	Trudi Gardiner, (Mother of Hope Gardiner)	Av 29, 5769
8/19/09	Lillyan Harmon, (mother of Inez Levine)	Av 29, 5769
8/20/77	Howard Davenport, (Grandfather of Laura Miller)	Elul 6, 5737
8/20/96	Robert Bailen, (Uncle of Rosalie Donadio)	Elul 5, 5756
8/30/98	Rose Liebowitz, (Aunt of Sheldon Wallerstien)	Elul 8, 5758

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing.



Congratulations to Madelyn and Robert Dunn on the marriage of their son Matthew to Deana

From: Syble and Ernie Bleiweis
Cyndy Friedland
Ruthe and Gary Schlyen
Joan and Terry Silverman

Our good wishes for an easy and speedy recovery and return to continued good health.

To: Joe Breese
From: Madelyn and Robert Dunn
Syble and Ernie Bleiweis

Condolences on the loss of your loved one...may their memories be a blessing.

To: Carolyn Zucker, in memory of your beloved husband Paul

From: Rhona, Allan and Myles Levy

To: Cyndy Friedland, in memory of your brother-in-law Clark

From: The Congregation
Joan and Terry Silverman
Syble and Ernie Bleiweis

Fundraisers... We need your support!!!

Art Auction - August 29th, 8 PM (preview 7 PM) at the beautiful Perry's Lake Club House, 4 Princeton Drive, Manahawkin. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Looking for donations for gift baskets (gift certificates, new products, etc.....). Volunteers needed to help with set-up and break-down. Any questions contact Dayna (609-709-9410).

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).

ShopRite Cards are always sold at services, but can be purchased anytime by contacting Dayna (609-709-9410) or Syble (609-978-4240).

Tribute Cards can be sent to anyone for any reason with a *minimum* donation of \$5. Contact Syble (609-978-4240).

Membership New/Renewal - BJ's Wholesale - fundraiser for month of August - 3 extra months. Please see attached. Any questions contact Dayna (609-709-9410).

Barnegat Pirate's Day - September 12 - We will have a table. Volunteers welcome!

Kibbitz Corner

*Ways to help with the Art Auction from Madelyn
Dunn*

ART AUCTION

Saturday, August 29th 7:00 P.M.
Perry's Lake clubhouse

Top ten ways you can support this important fundraiser:

10. Distribute flyers
9. Donate baked goods, coffee, paper goods
8. Donate an item (new only), gift card or cash for gift baskets
7. Donate a complete gift basket to auction
6. Help with set-up and/or clean-up day of event
5. Make any amount cash donation to help defray costs of room rental, refreshments.
4. Make a specific donation for advertising which may include ads in APP, Sandpaper, Mailbag, or curb signs. Help us get the word out!
3. Bring yourself, bring a friend!
2. If you can't attend, buy a ticket for a friend/ loved one.
- #1 - Come and buy a painting! (or two)

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