



MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI
JUNE 2015

Dear friends,

When you're a rabbi, people tend to send you Jewish stories, cartoons and jokes that they think you'll like. And I almost always do! I have so many now that I made a special computer file for them; I was amazed to discover that the contents date back to 2001 – and going strong. In the spirit of the start of summer (and the end of a *l-o-n-g* cold winter), the beautiful blooming flowers, sunny days - and the restorative power of humor - I turn this month's column over to a few of your contributions – with many thanks. Is anything more wonderful than laughter?

Have a wonderful month!

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ball-point pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat the problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$1.2 billion to develop a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, underwater, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to 300 Celsius.

Confronted with the same problem, the Israelis used a pencil.

(Sent by Stan Jackson)

In a United States convention of neurologists from all over the world, one of the main topics was the phenomenon of people fainting upon getting up from bed. One of the speakers was Professor Linda McMaron of Great Britain and she gave a lengthy speech regarding her study on this issue. She elaborated that after many years of study and investigation on this subject, she came to the conclusion that the fainting is caused by the sharp transfer between laying down and standing up. Professor McMaron said that it takes 12 seconds for the blood to flow from the feet to the brain. But when a person quickly stands up upon waking up, the blood gets 'thrown' to the brain too quickly and the result is fainting. She suggested that each person, even one that does not have a tendency to faint, upon waking up should sit on the bed, and count slowly till 12 to avoid dizziness, weakness, and/or fainting. Her speech was rewarded with loud applause and enthusiastic feedbacks.

Another Professor, a Jewish man, asked permission to speak. He said: "By us, the Jews, there is an old tradition, thousands of years old, to say a prayer of thanks to the Creator of the World for meriting us to wake up healthy and whole. The prayer is said immediately upon waking up, while one is still on the bed and sitting down. There are 12 words in this prayer and if one regulates himself to say it slowly with concentration, it takes exactly 12 seconds to say it... 12 words in 12 seconds. He said the prayer slowly in Hebrew:

Modeh Ani Lefanecha Melech Chai VeKayam,

*Shehechezarta Bi Nishmati Bechemla Raba
Emunatecha*

"I thank You, O living and eternal Creator, because You have graciously restored my soul to me; great is Your faithfulness."

The auditorium burst into a standing applause that roared throughout the auditorium. This time, it was for the Creator of the World.

(Sent by Dolly Weiss)

A man walks into a synagogue with a dog

The Rabbi comes up to him and says, 'Pardon me, this is a house of worship, you can't bring your dog in here.' 'What do you mean,' says the man 'This is a Jewish dog. Look.'

The Rabbi looks carefully and sees, that in the same way that a St. Bernard carries a brandy barrel round its neck, this dog has a "tallis" bag round its neck.

'Rover,' says the man, 'Yarmakah!'. 'Woof!' says the dog, stands on his hind legs, opens the tallis bag, takes out a silk skull cap and puts it on his head.

'Rover,' says the man, 'Tallis!'

'Woof!' says the dog, stands on his hind legs, opens the tallis bag, takes out a prayer shawl and puts it round his neck.

'Rover,' says the man, 'Daven!'

'Woof!' says the dog, stands on his hind legs, opens the tallis bag, takes out a bible and starts to pray.

'That's fantastic,' says the Rabbi, 'Absolutely amazing, incredible! You should take him to Hollywood, get him on television, get him in the movies, he could make millions of dollars!!'

'You speak to him,' says the man, 'He wants to be a doctor.'

(Sent by my husband, Colin Dunn)

When young David was asked by his father to say the evening prayer, he realized he didn't have his head covered, so he asked his little brother, Henry, to rest a hand on his head until prayers were over. Henry grew impatient. After a few minutes and removed his hand. The father said, "This is important. Put your hand back on his head!" To which Henry exclaimed, "What, am I my brother's kipah?"

(One more from Stan Jackson)

President's Message

Dear Congregants,

It is an honor to serve as this congregation's fourth President. I would like to thank the outgoing President, Phil Miller and the Executive Board for all of their dedication and hard work over their term. The dedication of our members is inspiring and I'm looking forward to working with everyone over the next two years.

Like many other congregations we have our challenges. In the past we've met these challenges head on, and I am confident we will continue to do so in the future. However, these challenges can't be met as an Executive Board or as a President. The only way these challenges can be met is as a community. Our community has been here for 11 years this year, which is quite a feat! You can help turn those 11 years into 15, 20, or more by telling your friends about us, bringing a friend or neighbor to one of our amazing services, or inviting them to one of our dinners!

Another way to help let people know about us is through one of our best Jewish values, tikkun olam (repair of the world). By volunteering on a

committee, sponsoring an oneg, or visiting the sick, you can help us grow and let others in our community know we're here.

As one of our meditations state, "shall we draw back my brother, my sister, or cross over"? The only way forward is to join hands and cross over together.

Shalom,
Wendi Higgins

Membership

As we are in our new fiscal year, membership dues invoices will be emailed to those of you that have email addresses. For those without, we will have the invoices in the US mail. Dues have remained the same as last year, \$325.00 per person.

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!!

Hebrew School

Our students will have their last day of class on Monday, June 22nd! This year has really passed quickly. Our teacher Iris Harari has started two new students and continued on with five advanced students. We will have one Bar Mitzvah, Casey Gill who will be reading Torah for us in November. Brianna and Reece Otto are preparing for their B'nai Mitzvah in March... Plan to join us in their simchas with more information to follow for our Saturday services. It is truly an honor to watch our students grow through the years and then read Torah!! From our congregation we have seen such

progress in our students...a personal pleasure for me to be a part of this procedure...not as a teacher but as an observer. Each student has found their niche to learn and express their interest in Judaism. We are proud of each and every one of them..let their learning continue. We thank Iris for her leadership of our students and for continuing to share her love for Judaism and Israel with our children.

High Holidays

It is not too early to think about the High Holidays.....

As we did last year, we will once again ask you to fill out the attached form with your preference as to how you would like participate in the holiday services.

As a special holiday treat we will be using our new holiday prayer books which are the same as used by the rabbi.

We ask that you fill out the form included with the newsletter and return the form no later than August 1st (sooner if possible). It is important that you complete all of the items on the form as we will not be able to honor requests left on voicemail this year. The Ritual Committee will then work with the Rabbi to assign the necessary parts and readings.

PLEASE mail it to the address listed at the Bottom of the form. If you have any questions related to completion of the form, please contact Allan (609-549-6539).

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR FORMS.

The Ritual committee.

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Yahrzeits	<u>Harriet Cohen</u> Pat Barndt

2015 Services Dates

Friday, June 5, 7:30pm
 Friday, June 19, 7:30pm
 Friday, July 10, 7:30pm
 Friday, July 24, 7:30pm
 Friday, August 7, 7:30 pm
 Friday August 21, 7:30 pm



Yahrzeits

בראבא יתגדל

- JUNE 5 Gussie Wallach (mother of Sheldon Wallerstein)
- JUNE 7 Earl Wallerstein (brother of Sheldon Wallerstein)
- JUNE 7 Barbara Levine (mother of Michael Levine)
- JUNE 19 Harley Crespy (wife of Jack Crespy)
- JUNE 24 Ronald Ehrlich (husband of Sheila Ehrlich)

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing.









Easy recovery and return to good health
from surgery.
To: Allan Levy
From: Congregation

Easy recovery and return to good health
from illness.
To: Joe Breese
From: Congregation

Wishes for continuing to gain good health.
To: Dolly Weiss
Maralyn Ricciardi
Harriet Cohen
From: Congregation



-  June 3 Deanna Bovasso
-  June 8 Loretta Wallerstein
-  June 10 Phil Miller
-  June 12 Terry Silverman
-  June 15 Helen Cocuzza
-  June 30 Pat Barndt-Higgins



June 12
Joan and Terry Silverman
June 12
Rhonda and Gary Daley
June 28
Pat and Wendi Higgins

Fundraisers... We need your support!!!

**Save-the-Date - August 29th - Art Auction at the beautiful Perry's Lake Club House.
More info to follow.**

**DINE AROUND – The July Dine Around will be held at Villaggio Restaurant (100 McKinley Ave., Manahawkin...
www.villaggiomediterraneangrill.com) on Tuesday July 7 between 2 PM and 10 PM (includes “early bird”). You must bring a copy of the attached flyer for each dinner guest with you for the congregation to receive credit for the meals. The attached flyer will also be available at Shabbat Services.**

Rosh Hashana Honey Fundraiser – We are once again selling jars of honey for Rosh Hashana. The cost is \$10.00 per jar (includes shipping). Honey must be ordered by JULY 24. Contact Madelyn (609-660-1614). Order forms will be available at Shabbat Services.

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)

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