



MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

OCTOBER 2015

Dear friends,

I write this month's message today one week after erev Yom Kippur and so very grateful for our wonderful temple community. There are many people to thank. While I am, for the most part, the "front of the house," there would *be* no services at all without a tremendous amount of "back of the house" effort.

First, as always, my wonderful worship colleague, Philip Altland. This is a true partnership. Philip and I collaborate not just on the selection of every piece of music but where and how to use it. There is music to be communally sung and music to be listened to, music to underlie readings and music to set a mood. Every year Philip brings us new, rich and beautiful selections, and this year was no exception. He also arranges music, transposes when needed, compiles the sheet music for the choir – really, the list is endless. It has been said that "the one who sings, prays twice," and I would alter that just slightly to read, "the one who experiences beautiful music is spiritually transported." I certainly was, and I hope you were too.

And speaking of music, how about our volunteer musicians? This intrepid group, led by their fearless leader, Philip, continues to tackle ever more challenging music, elevating us all. Cheers for Cyndy, Wendi, Pat, Syble, Madelyn, Rena and Robert – and this year, Rachel Miller and Helen Cocuzza, our beautiful soloists! What a wonderful addition they were.

Words are insufficient to thank Allan Levy who quietly but decisively manages every single detail that supports our beautiful services. Prayer books, song booklets, multiple handouts, microphones, set up of the ark, lay readings and honors and so much more – nothing escaped his attention. Things have never gone more smoothly. Allan, I can't thank you enough.

Deepest gratitude to our Yom Kippur afternoon speakers – Allan Levy, Dayna Otto and Helen Cocuzza. I loved listening to their stories and appreciating their insight, sensitivity and depth. There are so many gems in our community, and this tradition of ours is a wonderful way of bringing them to light. Thank you also to every one of you who read, chanted, opened ark doors or otherwise had a role in our services.

Last, but most certainly not least, an enormous shout-out to Robert Dunn, our fearless shofar blower. Where would we be without him?? If you think blowing the shofar at the conclusion of Ne'ilah – after a *very* long day and a lot of work – is easy...

Behind the scenes department. My father always says, "Nothing happens by itself." These holidays are enormously labor-intensive, and that labor doesn't just happen - tables to be set up, food to be ordered, delivered, arranged, heated up, served and cleaned up, copies of special readings to be made, batteries for the microphone purchased and the

microphone itself tested, our very heavy ark to be schlepped and hoisted, not to mention one of the heaviest Torah scrolls I have ever encountered... Deepest thanks for the *very* hard work and dedication of Madelyn Dunn, Robert Dunn, Cyndy Friedland, Pat Barndt, Wendi Higgins, Sheila Ehrlich and Filomena Jonas (and, in addition, for the beautiful flowers that surround our ark).

And with her eye always on the big picture – thank you so much to our President, Wendi Higgins, for her ever-present calm in the face of impending disaster (☺), not to mention her good cheer and sense of humor at just the right moment.

Next time you see any of these folks – please thank them yourself and tell them that you appreciate their devotion to our community.

As we continue into 5776, I look forward to our continuing to learn, pray, sing, and grow together.

With my deepest thanks,

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer

President's Message

Now that the High Holidays are over, and the cooler air is coming in, we can share a sigh of relief that we've made it through another year. Thank you Allan, Helen, and Philip for the tremendous amount of work and dedication you put into making our High Holiday services a wonderful experience!

Our Hebrew School will be starting up on October 19th, and we will have a couple of B'nai Mitzvahs coming up during this school year. This also means that we will have less students taking part in the Jewish education we offer. That being said; please let parents know about our Hebrew School

whenever you can. Our Jewish education can only continue when we have Jewish children learning about their heritage and our shared values.

Also, as many of you know, we became a Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) temple this year. During our December 4th service, we will be formally presented with a framed certificate recognizing Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam as such a temple by Don Leibowitz the URJ, North/Central NJ Community Chair. Please try to attend this special service.

The board will be meeting again on October 22nd at 7pm at the Dunn home. Since we do not have a permanent place to meet, please speak to the homeowner hosting the meeting if you would like to attend.

L'Shalom

Wendi Higgins

Membership

Welcome to our new member Jackie Jacobs!

We are looking for more new members....please help us build our community from the inside out...speak to your friends, neighbors, and those folks you meet in the Kosher food isle in Shoprite.... As small a congregation as we are, think of the camaraderie you have found and can share with fellow Jews. Help us with ideas on how we can reach out to fellow Jews and to welcome them into our community. We offer a unique atmosphere to worship in that we all enjoy twice a month....help us grow; it's a wonderful way to enrich your life as well as theirs!!

Hebrew School

Due to our High Holidays and Columbus Day our first day of Hebrew school will be Monday, October 19th!! Iris will be joining us to instruct our students. We look forward to adding to our class, so please spread the word that we are looking for new students in our area!!

We are honored to present our next Bar Mitzvah, Casey Gill reading from the Torah on Saturday, November 21st. We hope to see all of our members showing their support of Casey on Saturday at 10 AM.

Temple Committees

| Temple Committees | <u>Chair/Members</u> |
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| Choir | <u>Philip Altland</u> Cyndy Friedland, Wendi Higgins, Pat Barndt-Higgins, Madelyn Dunn, Robert Dunn, Syble Bleiweis, Rena Kreisler, Helen Cocuzza |
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| Membership | <u>Cyndy Friedland</u> Syble Bleiweis, Joan Silverman |
| Music | Philip Altland |
| Newsletter | Helen Cocuzza |
| Oneg & Dinners | <u>Madelyn Dunn</u> Pat Barndt-Higgins, Wendi Higgins, Filomina Jonas |
| Religious School | Cyndy Friedland |
| Ritual | <u>Allan Levy</u> Philip Altland, Charles Flum |
| Tributes & Get Well | <u>Syble Bleiweis</u> Joan Silverman |
| Yahrzeits | Pat Barndt-Higgins |

Tributes Cards

Tribute cards can be sent for weddings, engagements, promotions, bat and bar mitzvahs, in memory, births and any reason you may choose.

The donation amount is \$5.00 and upwards in increments of \$5.00. It is a wonderful way to earn money for our temple. Just call Syble Bleiweis at [609-978-4240](tel:609-978-4240) or Joan Silverman at [609-698-0000](tel:609-698-0000) to send these cards.



Wishing you a complete recovery.....

To: Joan Silverman
From: Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam



May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing.....

To: Lisa Gambino, In Memory of your Mama, Caroline
From: Cyndy Friedland



Birthdays are always something to celebrate.....

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| Jackie Jacobs | October 3rd |
| Matthew Dunn | October 7th |
| Filomina Jonas | October 12th |
| Joe Breese | October 25th |
| Sam Lewis | October 28th |



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| Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flum | October 8th |
| Rhona and Allan Levy | October 9th |
| Wendi Higgins and Pat Barndt-Higgins | October 13th |
| Madelyn and Robert Dunn | October 24th |

Yahrzeits



בראבא יתגדל

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing.

- 10/07/2005 (4 Tishre) Barbara Lewis (Wife of Samuel Lewis)
- 10/08 Robert Nagorny (Cousin of Cyndy Friedland)
- 10/12 MaryAnn Throup (Cousin of Cyndy Friedland)
- 10/12/2000 Walter Heineman (Father of Syble Bleiweis)
- 10/14/1986 Fannie Bleiweis (Mother of Ernie Bleiweis)
- 10/22/1959 Solomon Wallerstein (Father of Sheldon Wallerstein)
- 10/26/2008 Ruth Bailen Porter (Mother of Rosalie Donadio)
- 10/25/1963 Israel Isaac Bailen (Grandfather of Rosalie Donadio)

Fundraisers... We need your support!!

*****Boscov's Fundraiser – "Friends Helping Friends" event Tuesday October 20. 25% off discount cards may be purchased for \$5.00 each by contacting Madelyn (609-660-1614) or 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).

Board of Trustees

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday October 22, 2015 at 7 PM. At present, the Board does not have a regular meeting location. The September Board meeting will be held at the home of Robert Dunn. If you are interested in attending, please contact Robert for directions (609-660-1614 or rdunn2960@aol.com).

**2015 Shabbat Services
Dates/Times**

October 2015

Friday, October 2, 7:30 pm
Friday October 23, 7:30 pm

November 2015

Friday, November 6, 7:30 pm
Friday November 20, 7:30 pm

December 2015

Friday, December 4, 7:30 pm
Friday December 18, 7:30 pm

Kibbitz Corner

Messages from the editor.....

Allan Levy would like to thank everyone who participated in our High Holiday services this year and looks forward to next year's services and even greater participation.

SAVE THE DATE..... Hanukkah is coming (okay, okay it's not Halloween yet) but plans are underway for our **pre-Hanukkah Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner and Service on Friday December 4th**. More information will be forthcoming.

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