

Services

Weekday morning

7:30 am

July - Shirat Hayam

Aug. - Beth El

Evenings

Sunday through

Thursday

Shirat Hayam,

5:30 pm

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

Conservative,

6:00 pm

Reform, 7:30 pm

Saturday Shabbat Services,

Conservative,

9:30 am

Sundays, 9:00 am &

5:30 pm

Tisha b'Av Services

Saturday,

August 10,

8:45 pm

Sunday,

August 11,

9:00 am & 5:30 pm

Stockton Speaker Series

**Fridays, July 26,
August 2, 9,
and 23, 7:30 pm
Reform Service**

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Few issues...have been as

central to my career as

that of religious freedom,

and with it the universal

freedoms of thought,

conscience and belief....



Justice & Justices

**CHARLOTTE M. KULP
SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE**

Rabbi David Saperstein

Director Emeritus, Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism

Senior Advisor to the URJ for Policy and Strategy

**Friday & Saturday
July 12 & 13, 2019**

*For reservations, contact Karen McKinney at
karen.mckinney@shirathayamnj.org,
or call Karen at 609-822-7116 ext 101*

Friday, July 12

- 5:30 pm Patron Meet and Greet with
Rabbi David Saperstein
Reception at the Geller home
- 7:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
- 7:45 pm Rabbi David Saperstein
*Being the Hands of G-d
Jewish Social Justice at a
Time of Crisis and Opportunity*
- 8:30 pm Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, July 13

- 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
- 11:15 am Rabbi David Saperstein
*The Changing
Supreme Court
What It Means for
Jewish Concerns*
- Noon Luncheon

“Baynaynu – Between Us”

I don't assume I'm letting any rabbinic shop-talk out of the bag by comparing the normal sunny vacation lull of most American shuls with Shirat Hayam's overflowing cornucopia of summer programs. From socially entertaining Game Day (Mah Jongg, Canasta, etc.) amid the first days of June, up until Cantor Wolbransky's gala installation in the second week of September, almost every day offers a special event to satisfy your every Jewish taste and concern; right here, during our own shul's "seashore season." So be sure to pick up the colorful rectangular card entitled SUMMER on the literature ledge in Shirat Hayam's lobby directly in front of Karen's office window. (One Jewishly significant event, not included in this listing, was the "Meet and Greet" reception re-introducing the Atlantic City Holocaust Memorial to the general public. Our congregation was cordially invited on Wednesday, June 26, 6 pm in the Hamer Event Room at Stockton University's new AC Campus.)

Again, let me remind you about the don't-miss opportunity to hear and dialogue with Rabbi David Saperstein, this year's Kulp Scholar-In-Residence. (Save the date, July 12-13.) Please be assured that his justifiable public reputation as a captivating, dynamic teacher – named "America's most influential rabbi" – has no bearing whatsoever on his private religious status as a Reform instead of Conservative Jew. It would be hardly surprising if, during the usual wide-ranging Q & A following his address, Rabbi Saperstein was asked to comment about current Israeli headlines. I make this confident prediction dressed in my favorite Shuk – purchased 'Jerusalem' tee shirt, since today is "Yom Yerushalayim" marking the Six-Day War's momentous victory in 1967 which restored Jewish sovereignty over this historical capitol of the collective Jewish soul for the first time in 2000 years.

That monumental victorious battle obviously brings to mind our synagogue's monthly "Israel matters" discussion group meeting in various congregant homes. Doubtless, a prime topic will be Israel's second round of 2019 national elections, an unprecedented event necessitated by P.M. Netanyahu's inability to form a ruling coalition of 61 members in the 120 seat Knesset (Parliament). This political dilemma dramatically illustrates their fateful internal debate concerning the "Jewish" versus "democratic" character of Israel.

On a closing personal note, I have just finished editing this bulletin message on June 6, the 75th anniversary of D-Day's Normandy invasion. Its incredible goal was nothing less than saving Western Civilization. Likewise, this year's same date falls into the shadow of our Shavuot festival commemorating the salvation of humanity itself. For me, these two peak anniversaries are both embodied in the remarkable personage of Leonard Sandel (of blessed memory). Lenny was a true icon of the "Greatest Generation" as a multi-decorated American officer during WWII as well as Mayor of Rockville Centre, L.I., my very first rabbinic posting. He was also the patient guide and mentor of myself – as a new young and idealistic novice who had taken the path less traveled: from psychiatry to the rabbinate – which, in this my quite probable final year in the full-time pulpit, has made all the difference.

Faithfully Yours,

Rabbi Gordon Geller



The Book of JEREMIAH

by Julie Zuckerman

There will be a book discussion led by the author on Sunday morning at 9:30 am, July 28 at Shirat Hayam.

Elaine Geller and Linda Kulp are chairing this very special event. We will be serving coffee, bagels, and "shmeers." Book sales and signing are available. Call Karen at 609-822-7116 ext 101 to RSVP for this event.



????? Ask the Rabbi

Join Rabbi Geller's discussions on
"Current Controversies: Seeing the World Thru Jewish Eyes."

Mondays: July 8, 15, & 22, 1:30-3 pm
August 5, 12, & 19, 1:30-3 pm

Open to all our congregation family as well as the general public.
refreshments served

Thank you

Shirat Hayam thanks

Donna Josephs

for sponsoring a Shabbat Kiddush

in honor of the 93rd birthday of her mother,

Charlotte Josephs.

Lunch and Learn

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Rabbi Geller will offer "Lunch and Learn"

Wednesdays, July 31 & August 21

at Petro Cohen, 2111 New Road, #202, Northfield, NJ

RSVP a must to JoAnn at 609-822-7116 ext 105

Rabbi's Ruminations



House Rules

Snowbirds. Summerfolk. Relatives. Friends. Friends of relatives. Grandkids. Friends of grandkids. Another summer in paradise!

Welcoming guests/visitors is an ancient Jewish tradition; our biblical patriarch Abraham greeted three apparent travelers to his tent in the wilderness. When you get the call asking about a weekend, or a week, try to say "Yes!" even if it's a qualified "yes." You may (and should) set limits for the visit, spell out your house rules and details — towels, parking, meals, beach tags, etc. Plan a day off or away for longer visits. Stock up on sunscreen and do what you need to do to make the summer as good as it can be for you and your guests.

It's busy season for Shirat Hayam, too. While most synagogues are on relaxed mode this time of year, we're just warming up for a full summer! New leadership is testing the water or, more accurately, just jumping right in! Programs, events, entertainment, Galeem (religious school) reunion, game days, speakers, and more.

And, of course, we have to include summer services.

Summer services are not very different from the rest of the year, though we're more likely to see shorts and flip-flops in shul during July than during January. Not very different, yet it has felt to me that the mood is more relaxed than over the winter. More people attend and participate, and that leads to greater *ruach* (spirit) that enhances our prayer experience.

We are welcoming back our snowbirds and we're greeting people who may be new to the shore or simply hadn't yet checked us out. We love being "warm and welcoming" and are always happy to see fresh faces.

Help others come to appreciate the value of our Jewish community. When you run across someone new to the shore, someone looking for community, someone who loves to play mah jongg, someone seeking solace in a minyan, someone who enjoys chanting *haftara* (could happen), someone interested in Jewish doing or learning, don't just tell them about Shirat Hayam, BRING THEM!

Rabbi Jonathan Kremer

Garden Update

The spring of 2019 marks the 4th year for the Shirat Hayam community garden. We have already donated 20 lbs. of produce to the Community Food Bank of NJ from our spring harvest. Early in the spring, we harvested kale and turnips, which were planted last fall and successfully survived the winter. This spring, we also harvested a bumper crop of radishes. Carrots and beets will be harvested shortly, and tomato, pepper, and cucumber plants are in the ground.

Many thanks to my volunteers: The "oldies" **Bruce Kamis, Elliott Kraus, Phil Hollander, and Rhonda Aronovitz**, and the "newbies" **Joe Singer, Rich Pachler, Jay Weinberg, and Caren Karp**. Please get in touch with me if you would like to volunteer.

Once again, we appreciate the donation from Bob's Garden Center of tomato, pepper, and cucumber plants for the garden. Check out their progress whenever you come by the synagogue.

Alan Friedman



THURSDAYS 12:30-1:30

FOR

Explore the surface, probe the depths of Torah with Rabbi Kremer

- 7/11 *Invisible Impurities*
- 7/18 *The Seer Who Saw*
- 7/25 *Leadership & Succession*
- 8/1 *42 Stops*
- 8/8 *What Israel Owes God*
- 8/15 *Oh, So Close!*
- 8/22 *If You Obey... If You Don't...*
- 8/29 *Choose Blessing!*

President's Message

Moving Forward

It is my pleasure, honor, and privilege to serve as the new President of Shirat Hayam. My husband Joe and I have been members of the former Congregation Beth Judah and now Shirat Hayam for over 40 years. I am thrilled to be given this opportunity to lead the congregation into the next decade and to continue to nurture our young merger between Temple Emeth Shalom and Congregation Beth Judah. As we move forward into our 5th year as a combined Reform and Conservative congregation, I hope that you all will join me in celebrating our success, spirit, and rich history.

During my term as President, you will have my commitment to work tirelessly to ensure the future of Shirat Hayam. In order to make this happen, I will need the support of all our members by participating in our programs and committees, attending our Shabbat and holiday services and daily minyan, volunteering for activities and events, and continuing to contribute as your means allow to maintain a fiscally solvent congregation.

I am devoted to honoring the traditions of our heritage while we create a Jewish experience that is relevant to today's society. Shirat Hayam welcomes all who enter our humble place of worship, as we offer a myriad of opportunities for everyone to connect and join in.

B'Shalom,

Jodi Handler
President



Shirat Hayam mourns the loss of our member,
Erwin Markman.

Shirat Hayam mourns the loss of our member,
Jerome Krassenstein.

Shirat Hayam mourns the loss of our member,
Lillian Fishelberg.

Shirat Hayam mourns the loss of our member,
David Spitalnick.

Our Condolences To:

Bebe Markman, Howard Markman, Barry Markman and Families on the loss of their husband, father, and grandfather,
Erwin Markman.

Velma Krassenstein on the loss of her husband,
Jerome Krassenstein.

Stephen Collins on the loss of his brother, **Jay Collins.**

Sue Flyer on the loss of her husband, **Ronald Flyer.**

Elizabeth Lihn on the loss of her mother, **Shirley Levy.**

Mimi Spitalnick on the loss of her husband,
David Spitalnick.

Mazel
TOV *We celebrate with:*

Elaine & Rabbi Gordon Geller on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, **Talia Egnal**, daughter of **Claire Geller and Geoff Egnal.**

Michele and Noah Bronkesh on the birth of their granddaughter, **Dylan Paige Weinberg**, daughter of **Laura and Jeremy Weinberg.**

Rebecca Shurberg and Adam Barker and Leah and Michael Barker on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, **Athena Louise Barker.**

Susan and Rob Lang on the engagement of their son, **Philip David Lang**, to **Madeleine Gardner Brumi.**

Susan and Rob Lang on the birth of their grandson, **Maxwell Cooper Lang**, son of **Sabina and Jeffrey Lang.**

Patti and Leo Schoffer on the honor given to their daughter, **Rebecca Schoffer**, by the Jewish Education Project. Rebecca was one of five New York area educators to receive the Young Pioneers Award for creating transformative Jewish experiences.

Membership Packets

Please return your completed membership packets along with dues down payment as soon as possible to ensure reserved seating for High Holidays. The deadline for returning Memorial Book ads forms, with payment, is Tuesday, September 3. We greatly appreciate your prompt response to these items. It is a tremendous help as we prepare for High Holidays.

Thank you,
The Office Staff of Shirat Hayam




Shirat Hayam
Caring Network Committee
Blood Drive
August 15, 2019
8:30 am-1:30 pm
Shirat Hayam Pre-Function Room

We NEED at least 30 volunteers to donate blood of all types. Just sign up and show up – and the American Red Cross' group of certified volunteers will do the rest. It is easy to roll up your sleeve and help save lives.

Contact Jodi Handler to sign up, pick your time, and answer your questions about eligibility. Her phone number is 609-513-2512 or email her at Handlerjg@yahoo.com. See you at the Blood Drive.

For more information regarding the American Red Cross, visit www.redcrossblood.org



SAVE THE DATE

Gala Installation of
Cantor Harvey Wolbransky

Sunday, September 15, 2019
5-9 pm at Shirat Hayam



Installation Ceremony
Music and Dancing
Dinner by Barclay Caterers
Auction
Invitation to follow

*Ad Book and Sponsorships
Available*



SHIRAT
HAYAM
שירת חיים

Cantor's Message



The Torah Commands us to build relationships with people within the Jewish Community as well as those outside the Jewish Community. This year, along with your other clergy, I have tried to do just that. I participated in many interfaith events throughout the year and have visited many other institutions and made our presence known. I attended programs in recognition of tragedies that had occurred over the past year. I visited churches, mosques, and other houses of worship.

There have been numerous services, events, simchas, programs, classes, and other accomplishments over the past 12 months. Shabbat Services continue to inspire those who attend. Attendance at Kabbalat Shabbat services continues to grow week after week. We had two Bat Mitzvahs over the past year, and both Hillary and Brynne were exceptional. As their teacher, both made me proud. Last summer, our *Devotion by the Ocean* Friday evening services were highly successful. High Holiday services in the fall were once again inspiring and meaningful. My adult Bat Mitzvah class, which began last fall, will continue this June as our snowbirds return from Florida.

It is only through the many dedicated members of Shirat Hayam who devote their time, energy, and financial support, that we continue to be successful and grow. It is with this dedication and thanks that I have seen another year of growth, service, and joy.

As another year ends, I pray that *hazak hazak v'nihazek*; may we all continue to grow stronger and stronger through our understanding of Torah, love for our community, and the acceptance of diversity within the greater community.

Cantor Wolbransky

Tish'a b'Av: A Day of Lament

On the ninth day of the Hebrew month Av we commemorate the 70CE destruction of the sacred Temple in Jerusalem and the beginning of 2,000 years of yearning for return to our Holy Land. The fast day begins with an evening service and the public reading by candlelight of the biblical book "Lamentations." This year, we will include examples of lament from other cultures and from our day.

Saturday, August 10, 8:45PM

Caring Network Committee (CNC) 2019 Summer Report

Our Caring Network Committee was very productive and active from July 2018 to June 2019. Our activities and events benefitted our Shirat Hayam community as well as our Atlantic and Cape May County neighbors. Thank you to our generous members for their donations and support as we continue to provide assistance and a caring heart to those in need.

- *The Taste of Shabbat* and our *Meal Train* programs continue throughout the year. Special thanks to Nadine Winkelstein, Joyce Schwartz, and Natalyn Wolbransky
- *The Children's Books and Toy Drive* began May 1 and continued through June 30 to benefit Big Brothers and Sisters of Atlantic County. Our chairperson was Beth Katz Weinberg. New and gently used items were collected for our Atlantic County kids who need toys to play with and books to read. Thanks to those who donated to this worthy cause.
- Enjoy being outside and getting "down to earth?" *CNC's Gardening and Community Garden* is in full gear and is headed by Alan Friedman. E-mail Alan to participate at alansfmd@comcast.net.
- "*Let's do Brunch!*" is a new program at Shirat Hayam. Elaine Geller and members of the Caring Network Committee pay special visits to your residence. We will bring the bagels and cream cheese, and you provide the coffee and conversation. Contact Elaine Geller at momgeller@aol.com or Ethel in the synagogue office to schedule a visit.
- *Mitzvah Mavens* is another new program by a group of Shirat Hayam volunteers who will assist members of the congregation with small repair jobs, tech assistance, and household needs. Contact Joe Singer at joesinger22@gmail.com
- This August 15 from 8:30 to 1:30 is our annual *Red Cross Blood Drive* in our pre-function room. Contact Debbi Goldich at dkgrnmsn@aol.com or Jodi Handler at 609-513-2512 or handlerjg@yahoo.com to register to give blood. See the flyer in THE WAVE.
- Let's thank those *Caring Network Committee* members who have been the driving force in our efforts to support our congregation and the community.

Our CNC members:

Ricki Cain	Ellie Kremer	Alice Melnick	Beth Weinberg
Alan Friedman	Steve Melnick	Joyce Schwartz	Barbara Wolnerman
Elaine Geller	Nadine Winkelstein	Debbi Goldich	Caren Karp
Joe Handler	Natalyn Wolbransky	Rhonda Aronowitz	Marsha Singer
Sheila Hollander	Phil Hollander	Joe Singer	Rabbi Geller
Rabbi Kremer	Sheila Friedman	Sherry Rosen	Linda Gordon
Shirley Belitsky	Karen Pollock	Ethel Levinson	

Jodi Handler, Chairperson

Email: Handlerjg@yahoo.com

Home: 609-484-0686, Cell: 609-513-2512



SHIRAT HAYAM DERBY

Tuesday, July 16 • 6:00 pm

*Enjoy the thrill of horse racing
in Ventnor, NJ!*

Choose your favorite horse and cheer it on!

**A fun evening including a light supper for
\$18 per person.**

Please RSVP to Ethel @ 609-822-7116 ext 121

**Only a few horses left to own...Call today to reserve,
dress, and name your own horse!**

Sponsorships available @ \$100

Shirat Hayam Caring Network Committee



MITZVAH MAVENS

Do you live alone?

**Is it difficult to keep up with minor home
maintenance?**

The Shirat Hayam Mitzvah Mavens are volunteers who will come to your home to help out with minor household repairs.



- Limited cleanup chores
- Minor general repairs
- Change light bulbs, washers and batteries
- Shovel snow (if accessible)



If you need help from the Mitzvah Mavens or want to become a volunteer, please call Joe Singer at 856-220-4055 or email him at joesinger22@gmail.com

Message from our Outgoing President

As I come to the end of my tenure as president of Shirat Hayam, I look back with pride at all that our leadership, the committee chairs and members, our volunteers, office staff, and maintenance personnel have accomplished. We've continued to build on the vitality of the newly formed Shirat Hayam, making strides in merging the congregations into one family, putting our finances on a firm footing, reversing the decline in religious school enrollment, reversing the decline in the condition of our building, improving our energy efficiency and our operational efficiency, and the list goes on. We've made three wonderful additions to our staff. Bob Barrett, our new bookkeeper has brought order to our accounting; Robert Young in maintenance has been steadily making up for years of deferred repairs; and Andrea Poetsch, our new religious school director, whose reputation alone increased our enrollment from seven returning students to 19 on the opening day. We closed the year with more than 25 students and typically 80-90 percent attendance. Nothing is more critical to the life of a synagogue than its spiritual base. Two years ago, Cantor Wolbransky joined our clergy, leading us in prayer with *ruach* and joy that fills the shul and all of us. We are all looking forward to his installation this September.

While I was honored with the title of president, the real work was done by our committee chairs and members, the volunteers, the clergy, and the staff. It has been humbling to see the dedication, the hours, and often hard physical labor that people give to the congregation, to all of us that care about Shirat Hayam. The viability of our congregation rests just as surely on their efforts as anything else.

Certainly we have had our challenges, and there is still work to be done. Perhaps our biggest challenge is the number of volunteers. Our volunteer corps is stretched mighty thin, with most people having more than one leadership role and volunteering in multiple other functions and events. I worry that people will eventually burn out, and we may lose the gains that we have made. There are things that are not accomplished for lack of manpower; things that should be done. I have appealed to our congregation to come and get involved, whether on a committee or for a single event. I cannot make that appeal strongly enough. There are also things that I wasn't able to accomplish. Chief among these was engagement of the young families that have joined recently. However, we are now beginning to make progress on this front, as well.

By the time you read this, we will have elected a new president, officers, and trustees. I am excited about the slate and look forward to great things in the coming years. Please come out to help our new leadership and to show them support. Please come out to learn about our committees and major events and see if you would like to become involved in the vitality of Shirat Hayam. I look forward to seeing you in the future.

Ed Weinstein

Thank you Cantor Wolbransky!!

As many of you are aware, we are inducting and honoring Cantor Harvey Wolbransky at a dinner-dance on Sunday evening, September 15, 2019. As part of the celebration and to thank him for his service to Shirat Hayam and the community, we are preparing a special tribute book in his honor. For as little as \$36, you can be part of those sending their best wishes.

We hope you will join in the celebration by attending the dinner. Please consider adding your name or purchasing a full-page, half-page, or quarter-page message to show your appreciation for Cantor Wolbransky.

Contact the synagogue office or Dr. David Blecker, drsblecker@comcast.net to receive an advertisement request form. Thank you.

TAKE PART!

**LIFE &
LEGACY**
Assuring JEWISH TOMORROWS

A program of the HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION



Please remember Shirat Hayam with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance. Thank you!

Life & Legacy Testimonial

From **Ethel F Levinson**

Those of you who know me, know Judaism is very important to me, as is our future. Arnie and I raised our children in an atmosphere of observance and its importance. We have always been involved in our congregation and in the larger Jewish community. I have taught some of your children in Kulanu (formerly Hebrew High). This is why the success of LIFE & LEGACY is so very important to us. We feel very strongly that our legacy gift will be important in maintaining the quality of Jewish life, one in which we would like to see our grandchildren, and yours, involved. The beauty of LIFE & LEGACY is that it is an after lifetime gift, and everyone can participate, because our legacy gifts matter whatever our means while living. We are not asking for money now; your legacy gift comes after your lifetime and only if there are funds remaining to fulfill it. It is an important and necessary commitment. LIFE & LEGACY is for everyone who lives Jewishly, and who wants to ensure future generations will – and can do likewise. If you have not yet completed a Declaration of Intent, please contact me. I have blanks in my office at Shirat Hayam. It is very simple and straightforward, but I am more than willing to explain it to you, so that you can join Arnie and me to make your commitment to the future of Judaism and Shirat Hayam.

Fire Pit/Open Mic Night

Sunday, July 14, 7:30-9 pm

Live music, Munchies

Adult Education Committee

It is said, not by me, that *Patience is a Virtue*. Thank you all for being patient. WE HAVE A YIDDISH TEACHER. Expect more information soon in regard to specific classes.

Please watch your email for details of a very exciting program to take place on Sunday morning, July 31. A light brunch will be served as we listen to a book review and discussion by the author herself. Details are being worked out now and details will be available soon. Please save the morning for our program.

We are still in need of a conversational Hebrew teacher. If you are able and willing to meet and converse, contact Elaine Geller (momgeller@aol.com). There are many requests for this class, so it should be a lively and interesting one, as well as a productive one.

The fall schedule is being finalized with many programs being “cooperative” with another committee. We are looking forward to movies and dinners, speakers, Shabbat dinners with speakers, and maybe a field trip.

We hope to see you at all our events. Please participate; you make the program a success!

Elaine Geller

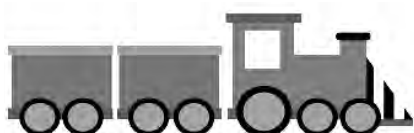
Thrift Sale Thanks

Our Thrift Sale was a success due to the efforts of Chair, Lois Shohen-Brown, and those of you who worked so hard for days. Listed below are the names that were given to me. If you also helped and are not listed, please let me know and we will thank you in the next WAVE. This is the challenge of listing names. Shirat Hayam appreciates your dedication, your giving of your time, and your efforts in making this a success.

Rayna Altschuler
Marilyn Casel
Alan Friedman
Ali Goode
Linda Goukler
Richard Goukler
Lisa Naegele
Iris Needleman

Marc Needleman
Amy Ojserkis
Cheryl Sandler
Lois Shohen-Brown
Jackie Sirota
Zelda Solof
Nadine Winkelstein
Bruce Weiss

Ethel F. Levinson
Director of Congregational Involvement



JOIN OUR MEAL TRAIN LIST OF POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS

On occasion, Shirat Hayam has a congregant in need of receiving meals on a short term basis (after giving birth or experiencing a medical issue, for example). Shirat Hayam’s Caring Network has initiated a program to help ease the burden for those in need. If you are interested in providing a meal to a congregant – in many cases, someone you may know – add your name to a list of potential volunteers we may contact. For more information, contact Nadine Winkelstein, 609-214-9954, nadinekwinkelstein@gmail.com or Natalyn Wolbransky, 215-880-5094, edu@wolbran.com.

Pursuant to the bylaws of Shirat Hayam, the Leadership Committee is pleased to announce the new Officers and Board of Trustees for the fiscal year 2019-2020

1 Year Term ending 6/30/2020

Michele Bronkesh	Liane Levenson
Dorothea Dunayer	Jennie Wagner
Sheila Friedman	Stuart Wisner

2 Year Term ending 6/30/2021

Steve Baer	Ari Rabinowitz
Judy Galler	Lois Shoen-Brown
Jodi Handler	Jacque Sirota
Carol Myerowitz	Natalyn Wolbransky
Karen Pollock	

3 Year Term ending 6/30/22

Linda Gordon	Alice Melnick
Mitch Gordon	Lisa Naegele
Joe Handler	Iris Needleman
Linda Kulp	Lori Scarpa
Diane Mashioff	

The new Officers of Shirat Hayam

President.....	Jodi Handler
Vice Presidents	Steve Baer
	Alice Melnick
	Karen Pollock
Secretary.....	Ari Rabinowitz
Treasurer.....	Lisa Naegele

Respectfully Submitted,
The Leadership Committee
Jacque Sirota, Chair

Torah Fund Thanks You

Yishar Co'ach! We did it! We women of Shirat Hayam met our fundraising goal for the 2018-2019 Torah Fund Campaign. We have contributed to all five Conservative Rabbinical Schools (two in the US and one each in Argentina, Germany, and Israel) toward scholarships, refurbishing the JTS sanctuary, and so much more. Thank you to Leah Barker for graciously hosting our Torah Fund event on May 23, Debbi Goldich for arranging and chaperoning our speaker, Womens' League Executive Director Rabbi Ellen S. Wolintz-Fields, Debbi and Ellie Kremer for the delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and Ethel Levinson and Judy Galler for completion of all the necessary paperwork. The 2019-2020 campaign begins July 1. Stay tuned!

Ellie Kremer

JUSTICE AND JUSTICES

*Charlotte Kulp Scholar-In-Residence Weekend 2019
with Rabbi David Saperstein*



JUSTICE and JUSTICES is the theme for the 17th Annual Charlotte M.Kulp Scholar-In-Residence Weekend featuring Rabbi David Saperstein. Scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 12-13 at Congregation Shirat Hayam in Ventnor, the program includes two lectures.

Being the Hands of G-d: Jewish Social Justice at a Time of Crisis and Opportunity is Friday night's topic. Rabbi Saperstein will speak following the Shabbat Service. **The Changing Supreme Court: What it Means for Jewish Concerns** is the topic on Saturday morning during the service.

Rabbi David Saperstein is Director Emeritus, Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism and a Senior Advisor to the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) for Policy and Strategy. Designated by Newsweek Magazine as the most influential rabbi in America and by the Washington Post as the "quintessential religious lobbyist on Capitol Hill," David Saperstein directed the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism for decades, representing the Jewish Reform movement to Congress and the Administration. From 2015-2017, Rabbi Saperstein served our nation as the U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom as the country's chief diplomat on religious freedom issues. Also an attorney, Rabbi Saperstein taught seminars on Church-State law and Jewish law for 35 years at Georgetown University Law Center.

During his career, Rabbi Saperstein has served on the boards or executive committees of national organizations including the NAACP, People for the American Way, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the National Religious Partnership on the Environment, and the World Faith Development Dialogue.

A prolific writer and speaker, Rabbi Saperstein has appeared on Oprah, Nightline, Lehrer News Hour, ABC's Sunday Morning, Crossfire, the Rachel Maddow Show, Hardball, Meet the Press, and the O'Reilly Factor. His articles have appeared in the Washington Post, New York Times, and Harvard Law Review.

His latest book is *Jewish Dimensions of Social Justice: Tough Moral Choices of Our Time*.

Rabbi Saperstein currently serves as a Senior Fellow at both the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service's Center for Jewish Civilization as well as the Senior Advisor for Strategy and Policy for the Union for Reform Judaism.

Event patrons are invited to a Meet and Greet reception with Rabbi Saperstein and attendees may register for a Shabbat luncheon. For reservations and information, contact Karen McKinney at karen.mckinney@shirathayam.org or call 609-822-7116, ext 101.



HAPPENINGS IN THE KITCHEN

Men are cooking – really – **Joe Wolnerman, Mitch Gordon, and Steve Melnick**. They all helped pull off the Lag B'Omer BBQ with great success, along with the help of **Eileen Daniels, Barbara Wolnerman, and Lois Shohen-Brown**. I would be remiss without profusely thanking **Elaine Geller** who put the menu together and organized all the prep and cooking.

We've made it through Pesach, Lag B'Omer, and Shavuot in addition to our normal once a month preparation of Kiddush lunch. We extend an invitation to all to come join us in the kitchen the third Friday of every month to prepare for Kiddush lunch. We are there from 9:30 am until noon. All volunteers are welcome!

Alice Melnick & Elaine Geller
Catering Committee

www.shirathayamnj.org

I am happy to report that our synagogue's website is up and running once again. We owe a great deal of appreciation to Logan Levenson and his team at ArgyleInteractive for volunteering many hours to design and input the content at shirathayamnj.org.

This was a month-long process spearheaded by the Marketing Committee. The goal of a congregation website is to provide "synagogue seekers" a feeling of who we are, what we offer, and what our priorities are. It can help them decide if we are a match with their desire to get involved with Jewish life in our community. Just as important, the website informs our congregants of upcoming events, programs, and ongoing opportunities at Shirat Hayam to learn and grow Jewishly. (Check out dates on the Calendar page).

Please be aware that the website will continue to develop. In the near future, we will add brief histories of Beth Judah and Emeth Shalom, as well as links to pay bills and make donations. We also plan to add additional content. The marketing committee welcomes your input and thoughts in having a website that truly reflects who we are.

Again, many thanks to Logan Levenson from ArgyleInteractive and to Bruce Kamis for their involvement on behalf of the marketing committee.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 4 TAMMUZ	8 5 TAMMUZ Ask the Rabbi, 1:30pm w/Rabbi Geller	9 6 TAMMUZ	10 7 TAMMUZ	11 8 TAMMUZ Torah Learning w/Rabbi Kremer 12:30pm Mah Jong Tournament, 9am	12 9 TAMMUZ Shabbat Service, C - 6pm, R - 7:30pm Kulp Scholar-in-Residence Weekend	13 10 TAMMUZ C - Shabbat Service, 9:30am Kulp Scholar-in-Residence Weekend
14 11 TAMMUZ Fire Pit/Open Mic Night, 7:30pm	15 12 TAMMUZ Ask the Rabbi, 1:30pm w/Rabbi Geller	16 13 TAMMUZ	17 14 TAMMUZ	18 15 TAMMUZ Torah Learning w/Rabbi Kremer 12:30pm	19 16 TAMMUZ Devotion by the Ocean, 7pm	20 17 TAMMUZ C - Shabbat Service, 9:30am
21 18 TAMMUZ	22 19 TAMMUZ Ask the Rabbi, 1:30pm w/Rabbi Geller	23 20 TAMMUZ	24 21 TAMMUZ	25 22 TAMMUZ Torah Learning w/Rabbi Kremer 12:30pm	26 23 TAMMUZ Shabbat Service, C - 6pm, R - 7:30pm Stockton Speaker Series, 7:30pm	27 24 TAMMUZ C - Shabbat Service, 9:30am
28 25 TAMMUZ Book of Jeremiah Discussion, 9:30am	29 26 TAMMUZ	30 27 TAMMUZ	31 28 TAMMUZ Lunch & Learn, 12pm			

August 2019

Tammuz/Av 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 29 TAMMUZ Torah Learning w/Rabbi Kremer 12:30pm	2 1 AV Shabbat Service, C - 6pm, R - 7:30pm Stockton Speaker Series, 7:30pm	3 2 AV C - Shabbat Service, 9:30am
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11 10 AV Tisha B'Av Service, 9am & 5:30PM	12 11 AV Ask the Rabbi, 1:30pm w/Rabbi Geller	13 12 AV	14 13 AV	15 14 AV Torah Learning w/Rabbi Kremer 12:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:30am-1:30pm	16 15 AV Devotion by the Ocean, 7pm	17 16 AV C - Shabbat Service, 9:30am
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25 24 AV	26 25 AV	27 26 AV	28 27 AV	29 28 AV Torah Learning w/Rabbi Kremer 12:30pm	30 29 AV Devotion by the Ocean, 7pm	31 C - Shabbat Service, 9:30am

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