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AM YISRAEL CHAI!

We stand with Israel - today, tomorrow, always!



WEEKLY SERVICES

In-person and on Zoom unless otherwise noted

Friday Shabbat Service:

Conservative 5:30 PM Reform • 7:30 PM (6:30 PM, first Friday of the month)

Saturday Shabbat Service:

Conservative • 9:30 AM

Sunday Minyan: (Zoom only) Morning • 9 AM / Evening • 5:30 PM

Weekday Minyan (Zoom only) Morning • 7:30 AM Evening • 5:30 PM

ZOOMING WITH SHIRAT **HAYAM**



- Rabbi Kremer/Conservative Services, Meeting ID: 932 976 512, Audio Only: 646-558-8656 PW: 7116700
 - Cantor Menaker/Reform

Services, Meeting ID: 463 686 9470, PW: DBBSMJ

Words of Torah

D: An 1862 journal of a Jewish soldier in the Civil War described using a brick for charoset at a Pesach seder held in the field.

B: Torah permits to us certain animals for food, others are prohibited; the reason may be inscrutable. Violation leads to karet, being "cut off" from our people, a punishment almost as enigmatic. Perhaps the food restrictions teach us to respect limits, to temper our oh-sohuman desires.

There's something special about our Monday through Friday (7:30) morning minyan service (on Zoom): We learn Torah from a variety of clergy and layfolk.

About ten people currently share the rotation (see elsewhere in this Wave). Some teach each week, others once a month, yet others sporadically. Presentations vary from learned discourse to personal insight, biblical history to current events, textual curiosities to life lessons; they range in length from three to eight minutes.

Brief discussion often follows the teachings, so we get to learn with and from one another. We invite everyone, anyone — you! — to join us for minyan to help ensure ten for kaddish, or to learn a bit, or to take a turn at sharing a little of your own Torah.

Here are (edited) tastes of teachings over the last year or so.

J: The unwitting guilt of a kohein / priest in the worship service of Torah times. What do we do when we learn much later of a wrongdoing for which we're responsible?

B: Even today, our human desire for freedom, autonomy, is up against the primate's innate attraction to authoritarianism. We seek to escape what holds us back even as we might want to



be told what and how to do things.

G: Torah begins in the blush of new birth; by the time it's canonized, humanity (specifically Jews)

is in adolescence, which helps explain a growing awareness of good and evil.

K: In the 80's, a "vegetarian haggadah" was published. Other possibilities? the pescatarian haggadah, the libertarian haggadah, the contrarian haggadah, the arbitrarian haggadah....

R: Torah is about relationships between us, the people Israel, and our God, and with one another. It speaks to both.

K: We reside on an island, but we do not live alone. Torah reminds us of responsibility for others — the ger, the stranger, the other, in our midst. How well have we been doing with that mitzvah?

H: Mark Twain: "the clothes are the man..." How we look affects how we feel, and how we are perceived by others. The garb of the kohanim / priests is important, but it's not enough by itself.

D: Pretend to be, until you become.

R: The robe of the kohein gadol / high priest had bells on the hem. On Yom Kippur, when he entered the Holy of Holies, the bells' tingling indicated that he had not messed up and been struck down for it. If the sound of the bells ceased....

J: Which is the more lasting monument: Letters carved into stone that can erode, or words

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HELP! THANKS!WOW!

Our siddur (prayerbook) contains ancient and contemporary expressions of need, gratitude and appreciation. Join Rabbi Kremer for a six-session exploration of worship texts — prose, poem, psalm — that inspire and encourage, challenge and comfort.

Siddur SESSIONS

Thursdays at 7:00 pm
February 1, 8, 15, 29; March 7, 21.
In-person (private home) or on Zoom.
For more information or to register,
contact Cathy Kunkle, office manager:
office.manager@shirathayamnj.org
or 609-822-7116 x101.



WITH RABBI JONATHAN KREMER

Want to learn or refresh how to do ritual such as kiddush/hand washing/motzi, havdala?
Put up a sukka, shake a lulav?
Want to practice hagba (lifting a Torah)?
Review how to bless your children (or grands) on Friday nights?
Question about weddings?
Kashrut quandary?
What's the melody for _____?

Meet with Rabbi Kremer after kiddush lunch any Shabbat or chag (no reservation required!), or set up a time during the week for a one-on-one. 609-822-7116 x103 rabbi.kremer@shirathayamnj.org

Cantor Jacki's Message

Pain and Joy

Holding both pain and joy with gratitude may seem inconceivable if not impossible.

Yet, our tradition teaches that a funeral and a wedding may process toward the intersection of life at precisely the same time. And when that occurs, the heartache of loss makes room, at least for a moment, to celebrate with the bride and groom first.

Our news feeds contain joyful images of relieved families reunited following the horror of brutal abduction, along with images of orphaned children, and childless parents emerging from the darkness. The 24/7 news cycle shares updates of round the clock negotiations with untrustworthy foes that have yielded fruit.

And for this we must be grateful.

How do we as come together to hold both the pain and the joy and keep from losing ourselves in the process? How can we effectively help others while we are consumed with such heaviness?

Dr. Ora Horn Prouser, Bible Scholar and Academic Dean of the Academy for Jewish Religion writes in the Times of Israel:.

"The prophet Ezekiel anticipated our emotional turmoil. In Ezekiel **24:16** the prophet is told by God that "the delight of his eyes", his wife, is going to die as a symbolic act, and Ezekiel is forbidden from engaging in mourning customs. This is meant to symbolize what is going to happen when the Temple is destroyed, that no one will engage in any mourning customs. Rashi asks why they wouldn't be able to engage in mourning customs after the destruction of the Temple. (Ezekiel 24:22) His answer is that it's because at that point, everyone will be mourners, and mourning customs only work when there are non-mourners who



are consolers.
When there are no non-mourners, mourning customs just don't work."

How do we function when we are all mourners - albeit on totally different levels?

"....it's ok to admit that we are all mourners. How many of the customs and societal norms that we take for granted get lost when we are all mourners? And while we celebrate the return of the first groups of hostages, our hearts are with all of those who are still in captivity. Since October 7, the world around us has changed. Alliances have shifted, viewpoints have moved. We find ourselves in uncharted territory. Some whom we thought we could count on as allies have not come through. Some people around us have stepped up in ways we never would have expected. We spend every day praying for the release of the hostages, passing heartbreaking hours making sure to read, watch videos, listen to the news and bear witness to all that is happening. We do all of this against the backdrop of a war in Israel where we have not yet seen a clear picture of what things will look like after the war. And we do all of this against the backdrop of a terrifying rise in antisemitism in the United States, a level of hatred and violent rhetoric that we never thought we would see in our own schools, communities, and backvards."

How will you lead?

As a leader and member of Jewish clergy and an ardent Zionist, I will strive to continue to create a culture of dialogue and openness with others. I will strive to lean into difficult conversations with partners who are open to dialogue.

I will continue to be an available resource, understanding that I may not have answers, but will commit to exploring every possible pathway.

I will try to lean deeply into my relationships with "another" - so that they do not become a disconnect from the "other".

I will not close off our shut down... no matter how deep the pain. I will focus on a hopeful future with love.

Baruch atah Adonai matir assurim

Blessed are You, Holy One, who frees the captives

B'ahavah (With Love),

Cantor Jacki Menaker, Reform Spiritual Leader

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jane and Marshall Kresman Minda Novek



Thank you for joining our Shirat Hayam family



Erev Shabbat and the second night of Hanukkah was celebrated with light, music, meaningful poetry and prayers by members and friends of Shirat Hayam on Friday, December 8 at 7:30 PM that remain as living text long after the stone into which they were inscribed are gone?

K: vaychulu hashamayyim...the labor of Creation is finished, yet the work of Creation is a perpetual unfolding of many physical, historical, covenantal, cosmic and human aspects.

B: There is a universal need for sacred spaces.

C: Dreams in Torah: that the dark of night can birth so many visions.

D: "vay'chi yaakov / and Jacob lived." The verb can be read as present and past, which is often true of us. We always have the power to change our legacy.

R: The dreidle, originally just a toy, a simple gambling game, was repurposed into a symbol of God's salvation in the Hanukka miracle. A classic case of Jews assimilating a non-Jewish practice into a decidedly Jewish one.

K: When Jacob asks God for protection from his brother Esau, he recognizes the dichotomy of being a sibling and an adversary (even if his perception is skewed).

C: Everyone wants to grow old, nobody wants to BE old. At a graveside service for a friend, a 91 year-old turned to the rabbi: "It hardly pays for me to go home."

K: Before Tish'a b'Av, three haftarot contain warning, admonition. Following are seven haftarot of consolation. It takes little effort to ignore rebuke; it takes a lot to recover from tragedy.

Come learn, come teach! Call me: 609-822-7116 x103.

Rabbi Jonathan Kremer

The 15th of Shevat is the New Year for Trees, known as *Tu B'Shevat*.

According to Biblical law, there is a seven year agricultural cycle, concluding with the Sabbatical year. When the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, on years one, two, four, and five of this cycle, farmers were required to separate a tenth of their produce and eat it in Jerusalem. This tithe is called Maaser Sheni, the Second Tithe, because it is in addition to the two percent, which must be given to the Kohain and the ten percent which is given to the Levite. On the third and sixth years of the cycle, instead of the owners eating the Maaser Sheni in Jerusalem, they gave this second tithe to the poor, who were permitted to consume it wherever they wished.

It takes approximately four months for the rains of the new year to saturate the soil and trees, and produce fruit. On the Sabbatical year, no tithes are separated. All produce which grows during this year is ownerless and free for anyone to take.

It was therefore of vital importance to ascertain when the new year started for produce. Our Rabbis established that a fruit which blossomed before the 15th of Shevat is produce of the previous year. If it blossomed

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afterwards, it is the produce of the "new year." (By comparison, grains, vegetables, and legumes have the same New Year as



humans, the 1st of Tishrei.) Why is this so? In the Mediterranean region, the rainy season begins with the festival of Sukkot. It takes approximately four months (from Sukkot, the 15th of Tishrei, until the 15th of Shevat) for the rains of the new year to saturate the soil and trees, and produce fruit. All fruit which blossom beforehand are a product of the rains of the previous year, and are tithed together with the crops of the previous year.

On this day it is customary to partake of the fruit with which the Holy Land is praised (Deuteronomy 8:8): olives, dates, grapes, figs and pomegranates. If tasting any of these fruit for the first time this season, remember to recite the *Shehecheyanu* blessing, thanking G-d for "sustaining us and enabling us to reach this occasion." This blessing is recited before the standard "Ha'etz" blessing recited on fruit.)

Happy Rosh Hashanah for trees!

B'shalom, Cantor Wolbransky

Shirat Hayam YouTube Channel!

Songs, talks, events, and more!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UC6xf0W-vgFiGOnJJFh9lrYw

(Or, search for Jonathan Kremer YouTube channel...)



THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP

Maintaining synagogue membership is crucial for several reasons.

- Shirat Hayam provides a sense
 of belonging and community.
 Being a member of Shirat
 Hayam allows you to connect
 with like-minded people who
 share our faith, values, and
 traditions. We offer
 opportunities to build
 relationships, find support
 during challenging times,
 celebrate joyous occasions
 together, and create lifelong
 friendships.
- Shirat Hayam offers a space for spiritual growth and development. Attending services allows us to engage in prayer, study Torah, participate in meaningful rituals and deepen our understanding of Jewish teachings.
- Being part of a synagogue community provides access to knowledgeable clergy who can guide us on our spiritual journey. Shirat Hayam offers educational programs for people of all ages- from children's religious school to adult learning classes. Our programs help foster Jewish knowledge and identity by teaching Hebrew language skills, Jewish history, ethics, customs, and traditions.
- Membership ensures that you have access to the resources needed during significant lifecycle events such as weddings and funerals. The synagogue can provide guidance on rituals associated with these events while

offering emotional support during both joyous celebrations and times of mourning.



Shirat Hayam is involved in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) which involves social justice initiatives within our local community and globally through partnerships with other Jewish organizations and charities. By being an active member of Shirat Hayam, you can contribute towards making positive changes in society through volunteering or supporting various charitable causes.

In short, by maintaining membership, you contribute to our sustainability. It is our Jewish social responsibility to ensure that future generations will have access to the same vibrant Jewish community that has enriched our lives.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Joe Handler, President

WEEKDAY MORNING MINYAN

Many thanks to our past and current teachers:

Harry Chaikin
Barry Cohen
Roy Friedman
Cantor Ralph Goren
Donna Josephs
Gregg Lichtenstein
Leo Lieberman
Rabbi Cheryl Klein
Rabbi Jonathan Kremer
Joe Rodgers
Cantor Harvey Wolbransky

(You, too, can share Torah! See Rabbi Kremer's piece on page 2)

THANKS FROM JSHORE FAMILY

Thank you so much to everyone who donated supplies to lend a helping hand to the IDF. We were able to ship two large suitcases that arrived in Israel on December 15. They were collected by friends of Jane Lebowitz who run a house for lone soldiers. The supplies will be delivered to their respective bases, based upon need. Thank you all again for participating in this tremendous mitzvah! Am Yisrael Chai!

Book, Babka and Boureka Thanks



Thank you to Iris and Marc Needleman for hosting the recent Book, Babka, and Boureka Shabbat Morning Torah Discussion in November 2023. The lively discussion was well attended and the food was great! Please join us in January. For details, please contact Cantor Jacki

at cantor.jacki@shiratjayamnj.org

THE BOOK, BABKA & (HOMEMADE) BOUREKAS A Traveling Shabbat Morning Torah Discussion

With Cantor Jacki and Community

Saturday, January 20, 2024 @11AM

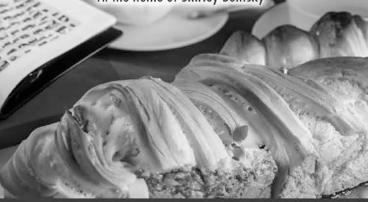
At the home of Raheli Ahavah and Nancy Shusterman

Saturday, February 17, 2024 @11AM

At the home of Jenny Wagner

Saturday, March 16, 2024 @11AM

At the home of Shirley Belitsky



For attendance and/or hosting future discussions! WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH

DISCUSSION TIME FOR US **ELAINE GELLER Facilitator**

RSVP to Cantor Jacki at cantor.jacki@shirathayamnj.org

January 11 February 9

9:30 AM at Shirat Hayam

RSVP to Elaine Geller at momgeller@aol.com

KIDNEY DONOR NEEDED

Share your spare. Save a life.

Dorothea and Barry Dunayer's niece needs a kidney transplant. Beth Lynn Pergament LaSerre is a loving mother and grandmother. A kindergarten teacher for 30 years, Beth is currently approaching Stage 5 Chronic Kidney Disease and is on dialysis.

For information, please call the Living Donor Institute at 973.322-5938. to discuss the living donation process and answer any questions.

REFORM EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

6:30-7:30PM

Friday, January 5, 2024 Friday, February 2, 2024 Friday, March 1, 2024

For children and families of all ages. Featuring exciting new Shabbat repertoire, traditional favorites, and



For further info please contact Cantor Jacki at cantor.jacki@shirathayamnj.org



JOIN US FOR A ZOOM TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

THURSDAY = JANUARY 27 = 7PM

For more information, please see page 9



Reform Shabbat Service Friday, January 19, 2024 • 7:30 PM featuring Joanne Fink Art for This Moment

ART FOR THIS MOMENT: In the aftermath of October 7th, artist, liturgist, and grief educator Joanne Fink put pen to paper daily, and has created a body of work that expresses our collective heartbreak. Join your Shirat Hayam family for a special Zoom D'var Torah when Joanne will share some of her recent work and talk about the creative process. Joanne will also share thoughts on the importance of grieving in community as well as honoring our personal feelings of loss.











Save the date!

COMMUNITY

SEDER

April 23

For more information, see page 9.





If you are interested in sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush, please contact Elaine Geller or Alice Melnick through the Shirat Hayam office 609-822-7116.



TORAH THURSDAYS with Rabbi Jonathan Kremer Close looks at weekly Torah text (in English), what it says and what it means to us. In-person and on Zoom. Zoom Information: Password: 7116700 Audio only, phone: 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 932976512 Register with the office: 609.822.7116 or office.manager@shirathayamnj.org
SIDDUR SESSIONS with Rabbi Jonathan Kremer. Explore worship texts from the Siddur – prose, poem, psalm – that inspire and encourage, challenge and comfort. In-person and on Zoom. For more information or to register, contact: office.manager@shirathayamnj.org or 609.822.7116 x 101.

TORAH TALK with Cantor Jacqueline Menaker *Teachings for today from Jewish tradition, text, and TaNaCh* (*Hebrew Bible*). For additional information, contact Cantor Jacki...Zoom Information: **Passcode**: DBBSMJ **Meeting ID**: 463 686 9470

THE BOOK, BABKA, AND (HOMEMADE) BOUREKAS: A Traveling Shabbat Morning Torah Discussion with Cantor Jacki and Community

A HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENTS OF MODERN JUDAISM A focus on the development and expansion of the movements of Modern Judaism in the United States from the mid-20th century to the present day. Learn about emerging trends impacting Jewish community and identity. Zoom only. Passcode: DBBSMJ Meeting ID: 463 686 9470 For more details and registration: cantor.jacki@shirathayamnj.org

CURRENT CONTROVERSIES with Rabbi Emeritus Gordon Geller: See the World Through Jewish Eyes: Debating Current Controversies. In-person only.

Debat	Debating Current Controversies. In-person only.					
	JANUARY		FEBRUARY			
4 4 8	Noon • TORAH TALK Shemot: Beginning the Book of Exodus 1:30pm • TORAH THURSDAYS Shemot: We're leaving again? 1:30pm • CURRENT CONTROVERSIES	1 1 1	Noon • TORAH TALK Yitro: Good Advice! 1:30pm • TORAH THURSDAYS Yitro: It's not only ten 7pm • SIDDUR SESSIONS			
11	See the world through Jewish Eyes: Debating Current Controversies Noon - TORAH TALK	5	1:30pm - CURRENT CONTROVERSIES See the world through Jewish Eyes: Debating Current Controversies			
111	Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat: Parashat Vaera	8	Noon - TORAH TALK Rosh Chodesh Adar 1: Parashat Mishpatim			
11	1:30pm - TORAH THURSDAYS Vaera: Water becomes blood even in closed vessels	8	1:30pm • TORAH THURSDAYS Mishpatim: Sane rules for sane society			
17	7pm • A HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENTS OF MODERN JUDAISM	8 15	7pm • SIDDUR SESSIONS Noon • TORAH TALK Terumah: Dwelling place of the Devine			
18	Beyond Reform, Conservative, Orthodoxy, and Reconstructing Judaism Noon - TORAH TALK	15	1:30pm - TORAH THURSDAYS Terumah: Construction instruction			
18	Bo: Are you hardening your heart? 1:30pm • TORAH THURSDAYS	15 17	7pm • SIDDUR SESSIONS "Warm-ups" you may not know 11am • THE BOOK, BABKA, AND			
20	No Session 11am • THE BOOK, BABKA, AND (HOMEMADE) BOUREKAS	22.5	(HOMEMADE) BOUREKAS The Wagner home Noon • TORAH TALK			
25	The Ahavah and Shusterman Home Noon - TORAH TALK: Tu BiSh'vat Beshalach: Singing a New Song!	22	Tetzaveh: Contemplating Ordination 1:30pm - TORAH THURSDAYS			
25	1:30pm - TORAH THURSDAYS No Session	22	Tetzaveh: A frontlet, a diademfor whom? 7pm • A HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENTS OF MODERN JUDAISM			
NEW CLASS: LUNCH AND LEARN January 10 • Noon • Rabbi Gordon Geller			Current Trends in Modern Judaism – Community and Identity			
Israel - Right or Wrong. Bring yourself and your opinion. Lunch will be provided.		29	Noon • TORAH TALK Ki Tisa: Divine Radiance and Covenant at Sinai			
RSVP by January 8: 609.412.0162		29	1:30pm - TORAH THURSDAYS			
February 7 • Noon • Samantha Hammond		1554	Ki Tisa: Crafting articles (including a calf) for			
Decluttering Your Life. Lunch will be provided.		29	worship			
RSVP by February 5: 609.412.0162			7pm - SIDDUR SESSIONS			

WINTER PROGRAM NOTES

2024 Tu B'Shevat · Purim · Passover 5784

Please join us at 7:00 PM on January 25th as we celebrate an environmental event, **Tu B'Shvat**, the "New Year of Trees", with a Zoom *Tu B'Shevat Seder. Jews consider this day as a way to remind themselves of their duty to care for the natural world. We will enjoy beautiful Seder liturgy, inspiring messages of conservation, and, of course, the seven species, which represent symbols of God's creation. By eating the Seven Species mentioned in the Torah (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates), we give thanks and reaffirm our ties to the Land of Israel. This is truly a special and meaningful time.*

The Seven Species Food Packages, created by Elaine Geller, and the Zoom Seder program will be delivered by volunteers to our Absecon Island community. If you would like to receive a Tu B'Shevat Food Package and/or participate in our Zoom Seder, please RSVP to Elaine at momgeller@aol.com by Monday, January 15th.

Stay tuned for additional information including the Zoom link for this exciting event.

Stay Tuned for Upcoming Events...

Purim...Saturday night, March 23rd...

A special Havdalah Service followed by a Purim celebration when we will read the Book of Esther. After our Purim service we will taste some wonderful wine and have festive light fare.

Our family Purim Party will be held on Sunday morning, March 24th with our Galeem students and our JShore Family Group. All of our Shirat Hayam congregants are invited to participate.

• Our community Passover Seder is back...The 2nd night on April 23rd in our Shirat Hayam social hall. Join us as we have a delicious full course menu and a wonderful service, this year lead by Rabbi Kremer. More details to follow...

Thank you to all of our volunteers for our holiday programs.

Jodi Handler, Programming Chairperson

Shirat Hayam Florida Reunion Lunch

Thursday, January 25, 2024 Noon Ben's Deli 9942 Clint Moore Road Boca Raton, FL 33496

Choice of:
Fresh Fruit Salad or Soup:
Mushroom Barley, Matzo Ball, or
Chicken Noodle

Choice of:
Overstuffed Sandwich
Corned Beef, Pastrami, Brisket, Roast
Beef, Turkey,
Tongue, Chicken Salad, or Tuna Salad
Served with: pickles, coleslaw, and

Choice of one Beverage: Fountain soda, tea, coffee

fresh baked bread

\$28 (includes 18% gratuity)
Please mail check to Shirat Hayam
or register and submit payment
through
www.shirathayamnj.org

Questions? Contact Cathleen Kunkle 609.822.7116 x 101



Rabbi Kremer and Charles Kramer at the Hanukah Shop and Schmooze

GALEEM COSTANTAL Shirat Hayam Religious School

Where can you go to become certain that our Jewish future is in good hands? Where would you go to get instant pleasure in seeing the future generation involved in hands-on Jewish learning? Where could you spend time hearing angelic voices singing prayers and songs and enjoying it thoroughly? I know where and would be delighted to show you in person.

Every Sunday, our Galeem, which meets from 9:00 -12:00, is involved in learning, debating, thinking, mitzvah projects, and just enjoying being with one another. In addition to minvan and Havdallah, students participate in classes on Israel, ethics, T'fillah, holidays, and customs, not to mention learning to read Hebrew in preparation for their eventual B'nai Mitzvah. Galeem participated in a mini-mitzvah dav during the last class in December where, in addition to other projects, they made cookies and cards for the Ventnor Police Department who drop in often to check on the well - being of the students. Although we have security at every meeting, the extra involvement of the Ventnor Police Department means a great deal to the students and teachers.

We are delighted that we have Zachary Tafeen and Bradley Kahn, post Bar Mitzvah students, on Sundays as teacher helpers. They are invaluable as classroom aides, and we would not want to do without them.

Once a month, following Galeem, Jerzy plans a Youth Group event for the students which include arts and craft projects, bowling, making Shabbat in a Box, and arcade visits. We are going to add a bi-monthly program for the pre-K, K, and first graders who want their own "Youth Group." Sooooo exciting.

Please consider this a standing invitation to come visit the school, meet the teachers, see the clergy in a different way, and shep naches from our future generation.

Elaine Geller, Chairman Noar Committee





Fun at Galeem Morning T'filah (Morning Minyan) with K-2.



Rabbi Geller guides our youngest members as they recite the Hanukkah blessings at the Shirat Hayam Hanukkah party.

SPOTLIGHT ON

HERMAN (HY) SOLOF z'l

Hy Solof was 102 years young and a long-time member of Beth Judah/Shirat Hayam when he recently passed He was known by many names: Mr. King (a nod to being the popular owner of King Liquor Store for many years), dedicated family man, proud veteran, RV traveler, story-teller, joke master. Many who knew Hy fondly remember him by the most important title – mensch.

An inspiration to many Beth Judah/Shirat Hayam members, Hy was married to his wife Rose for 72 years. They were a team, Rose the "mistress of the Beth Judah kitchen" and Hy the manager of daily minyan. As Rabbi Kremer noted in his eulogy, Hy "got great pleasure from those services, which enhanced his regular practice of prayer.... After he retired, he became to the chapel what Rose was to the kitchen, inviting, cajoling, directing — being the heart of the daily minyan."

For many years Hy regularly attended programs at Beron JOAS, and he enjoyed the many friendships fostered there. His home computer gave him the ability to communicate with others - as well as zoom Shirat Hayam's daily and Shabbat services.

Hy is survived by his three children, Allen, Elayne Zelda, and Sandy Clott (Steve). His grandchildren, Stu Clott (Nicole) and Sharon Kantor (Jared) have wonderful memories of camping trips with Rose and Hy, memories which will, of course, be shared with Hy's great-grandchildren, Miles, Rosie, Brody, Hudson, and Robyn.

Hy's was a life well lived.





JENNY WAGNER

Jenny grew up in Plainfield, Vermont, a small town with more cows than people. She is an only child, her parents divorced when she was young. Plainfield was also the home of Goddard College, a small progressive (= hippy dippy) college. Her mother taught psychology at Goddard. It was a rather unique way to grow up, in such a small town her friends ranged from other Goddard "hippie" kids to farm kids who couldn't come to school until the morning milking was done.

She went to Williams College, in the fifth class that accepted women. She was a Chemistry major with a minor in Computer Science and was also very involved in theater and choral singing. One of her work study jobs through all four years at Williams was a costumer's assistant in the Theater department; when she has the right equipment, she's a fairly competent seamstress. After Williams, she went on to get a M.S. and Ph.D. from MIT in Operations Research.

At Williams, she met her husband, Ken Goodman --he also was also involved in theater usually doing
sets and lights. He was Jewish, and when they
decided to marry Jenny decided to become a
Jew-by-choice, so they could establish a Jewish
home. Jenny dawdled; she took the conversion
courses right as they got married, took to telling
people she was Jewish, but kept saying "I'll do the
formal conversion before I have kids". Five years
later, she made it just in time --- the final ceremony
was a month before her first daughter Lily was born.
Her second daughter, Abby, came along four years
later.

Step by step she got drawn into synagogue life, they were members of Temple Sinai in Brookline, MA for 25 or so years --- she was their newsletter editor for 15+ of those, became a board member, and was on track to be Vice President when she moved to South Jersey to become the Dean of Business at Stockton College. Once in NJ, it took her a few years to connect with Jewish life here, but she eventually found a home at Temple Emeth Shalom and now Shirat Hayam.

She's incredibly grateful for her Shirat Hayam family, who literally carried her through when she was widowed a couple of years ago. We appreciate her work on the Wave, on the Board, and now as Treasurer.



MITZVAH MEALS

Shirat Hayam cooks! Shirat Hayam shares! Shirat Hayam makes a difference!



Once a month, we prepare 80-100 meals, served by an Atlantic City church to those in need. You can help with this mitzvah by cooking the food and/or delivering the meals and/or financially supporting this important endeavor.

Cooking (Thursdays at 2:30): January 25, 2024; February 22, 2024; March 28, 2024; May 23, 2024. Deliveries to the church are on the following Fridays.

Sponsor a complete Mitzvah Meal for \$225; sponsor one a year, or go in with a friend or two, or three ... or four!

We thank Cantor Jacki Menaker for sponsoring December's Mitzvah Meals.

Questions or to sign up, contact Ellie Kremer at erhkremer@gmail.com or 610-724-6612.

CARING NETWORK

Winter is here and the need for food, warm clothing, and personal care items continues among our less fortunate neighbors. The Caring Committee will collect all of these things starting in January and continuing throughout the next 3 months. I will deliver them to Jewish Family Service in Margate and Eastern Service Workers in Pleasantville. Your help is very much appreciated.

Iris Needleman, Chairperson Caring Network

FOOD & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS NEEDED

Stop by any weekday during office hours to drop off your donations.

cereal bars granola bars protein bars fruit snacks applesauce cups peanut butter or cheese crackers fast food gift certificates hand wipes Kleenex pads and tampons toothpaste and toothbrush nail clippers Bandaids Chapsticks combs/brushes mints cough drops gum socks

For more information, please call Iris Needleman 609-226-9840.





Happy, healthy New Year to all. Let's hope for peace throughout the land.

Sisterhood continues to keep busy.

- GAME DAYS continue throughout the winter meeting one day a month.
- BOOK CLUB continues to meet the first Monday of each month.
- January 10th meeting: we're planning a craft project- paper cutting cards to send to the soldiers in Israel.
- February 28th, Ellie Kremer will hold a challah baking workshop. What a delicious treat!

Please check your emails to keep up to date on all of our happenings.

Again, here's wishing you a happy, healthy new year.

Barbara Braunstein Sisterhood President

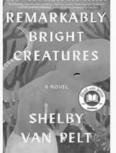
SISTERHOOD MEETING

Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 7:00 PM

We will make cards to mail to our brave IDF soldiers in Israel. All materials will be provided. Please RSVP to Ellen Cohen by January 5th. ekc409@aol.com



SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB Monday, January 8th 11:00 AM



Remarkably
Bright Creatures
by
Shelby Van Pelt

Book Club will meet at the home of Ruth Niesen

Please RSVP to me by texting/calling 610-513-8715 or e-mailing ruthcn@comcast.net



SISTERHOOD TRIP

to the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage of Stockton University

a living memorial for a unique slice of Jewish History.

TOUR led by Jane Stark, Executive Director

Wednesday, January 31st Leaving from Shirat Hayam • 12:15 PM Returning • 3:45 PM

Cost: \$20

check payable to Shirat Hayam Sisterhood mail or drop off at office

Call to RSVP:

Judy Zon 610-952-3953 or Carole Letzter 609-823-2763

GAME DAYS AT SHIRAT HAYAM

11:30AM - 3:30PM

Thursday January 18

Thursday February 15

\$20 per person Includes Delicious Lunch Snacks 2 Raffle Tickets On Premises Security

RSVP to Barbara Wolnerman: gameday@shirathayamnj.org

Include:

name (reservation contact person) names of players in your group (maximum 5 players per table)



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NEW CLASSES!

LUNCH AND LEARN



January 10 • Noon • Rabbi Gordon Geller

Israel - Right or Wrong. Bring yourself and your opinion.
Lunch will be provided.

RSVP by January 8: 609-412-0162

February 7 • Noon • Samantha Hammond

Decluttering Your Life. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP by February 5: 609-412-0162

Learning Opportunities



A HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENTS OF MODERN JUDAISM

A Two Session Introductory Course Taught by Cantor Jacqueline Menaker Reform Spiritual Leader, Shirat Hayam

Beyond Reform, Conservative, Reconstructing Judaism and Orthodoxy

January 17, 2024 • 7-8:30pm via Zoom

A continuation of the study of the development of the movements from the 1980s into the first quarter of the 21st century. We will explore the nuances of multi denominationalism, non-denominationalism, Jewish Renewal and other approaches to modern Jewish thought and practice in the United States.

Current Trends in Modern Judaism -Community and Identity in the 21st Century and Beyond.

February 22, 2024 • 7-8:30pm via Zoom

We will study the 2020 Pew Report and learn about emerging trends impacting Jewish community and identity.

Additionally, Cantor Jacki will offer some insights from some of her initial Jewish sociological research with the class.

Courses will be offered via Zoom. To register, please contact Cantor Jacki Menaker at cantor.jacki@shirathayamnj.org

Committee and Community Notes

Shirat Hayam mourns the loss of Herman (Hy) Solof.

Shirat Hayam mourns the loss of *June Schusterman Neustadter*.

Shirat Hayam mourns the loss of Betty Rimm.

Condolences to:

Douglas Stanger on the loss of his mother, Faye Stanger.

Linda Gordon on the loss of her sister, Susan Berman.

Alan Aronovitz on the loss of his sister, Sharon Aronovitz.

Debbie Lipschutz on the loss of her mother, E. Renee Flager.

Velma Krassenstein on the loss of her grandson, Bradley A. Niesen.

Henry Roth on the loss of his mother, Elizabeth Roth.



We celebrate with:



Sheila and Alan Friedman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Evie Singer, daughter of Rachel and Eric Singer.

Ellie and Rabbi Jonathan Kremer on the Bat Mitzvah celebration of their granddaughter Hadar Ori Fellman, daughter of Ari and Rabbi Aviva Fellman.

Judy and Len Galler on the birth of their grandson Tal Rafael Re'em, son of Shira and Yochai Re'em, brother of Aviv Re'em.

Anne Neustadter on the birth of her grandson James Michael DeSalle, son of Katie and Joe DeSalle.

7ributes

Please consider making tributes throughout the year to honor an occasion or a loved one, to express gratitude, to wish re'fuah shleima, or to memorialize a yahrzeit. You can make tributes through your online account (look for the "Member Login Instructions" at www.shirathayamnj.org), by sending a note and a check to the office (700 N. Swarthmore Ave., Ventnor, NJ 08406), by e-mailing office.manager@shirathayamnj.org, or by calling the office at (609-822-7116 x 101).

We gratefully acknowledge the following tributes received in October, November, and early December

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Wilma Dannenbaum, wife of Richard Dannenbaum, by *Joel and Susan Weiss*

In appreciation of

Alan Friedman, for coordinating High Holy Day services, leading Torah reading and much more, by *Ellie and Rabbi Jonathan Kremer*

Bruce Peskoe, for oiling the wheels of High Holy Day services, by *Ellie and Rabbi Jonathan Kremer*

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Ethan Rabinowitz, for introducing a haftara during High Holy Day services, by *Ellie and Rabbi Jonathan Kremer*

Michael Barnet, for reading Torah during High Holy Day services, by *Ellie* and Rabbi Jonathan Kremer

Philip Lang, for reading Torah during High Holy Day services, by *Ellie and* Rabbi Jonathan Kremer

Sheila Friedman, for introducing a haftara during High Holy Day services, by *Ellie and Rabbi Jonathan Kremer*

Susan Lang, for introducing a haftara during High Holy Day services, by *Ellie* and Rabbi Jonathan Kremer

In honor of

Beth and Ari Rabinowitz, wishing you a year of peace, health, and happiness, by *Marilyn and Phil Rabinowitz*

Samuel Borenstein

Tributes

Dori Giltman, for your kindness, by *Linda and Cantor Edmond Kulp*

Jodi and Joe Handler, on the birth of granddaughter Sadie, by *Sheila and Alan Friedman*

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Linda and Cantor Edmund Kulp, on the ordination of their son Rabbi Joshua Kulp, by *Sheila and Alan Friedman*

Sheila and Alan Friedman, on granddaughter Evie's Bat Mitzvah, by *Linda and Cantor Edmond Kulp*

Susan and Robert Lang, on the birth of granddaughter Poppy Parker Lang, by *Sheila and Alan Friedman*

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In appreciation of

Nadine Winkelstein, for all her efforts for MealTrain support, by *Gail Weiss*

Nadine Winkelstein, for her continued kindness, by *Miriam Spitalnick*

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In honor of

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Rabbi Jonathan Kremer, on his birthday, by *Carole Sue and Paul Letzter*

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In memory of

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In honor of

Bernice Matz, mother, with appreciation to Elaine Geller for her kindness and generosity by *Rae Fierro*

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Cantor Jaqueline Menaker, for my birthday blessing, by Jacqueline Sirota

Janet and Shy Kramer, for inviting us to Rosh Hashanah Services, by *Dot and Stanley Bilsky*

Larry Cutler, for his kindness and attention, by *Dorothea and Barry Dunayer*

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Phil Silverman, on the wedding of his granddaughter, by *Sheila and Alan Friedman*

Rabbi Jonathan Kremer, for his meaningful and uplifting sermons at the High Holidays, by *Charlotte Josephs*

Rabbi Jonathan Kremer, on his birthday, by *Ronnie and Barry Cohen*

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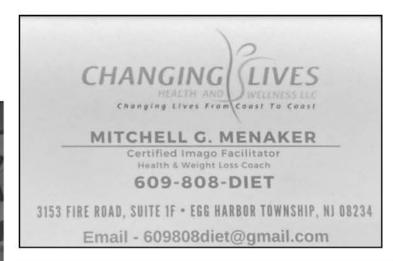






A Message from Todd M. Cohen

I participated in Shabbat morning services on August 19, 2023 and November 4, 2023. On August 19th I chanted Haftara Shoftim, presented the D'var Torah speech, and led Adon Olam. On November 4, 2023 I chanted Haftara Vayera, presented the D'var Torah speech, and led Adon Olam. My thanks to Rabbi Kremer, Cantor Wolbransky, Cantor Kulp, and Cathy Kunkle for their cooperation and encouragement. My thanks to everyone who attended these services, as I dedicated my participation in loving memory of my wonderful parents, Frank and Annell "Nancy" Cohen's 65th anniversary and my best friends, Carol and Jeff Rickel, and in loving memory of my Dad, Frank Cohen's 90th birthday, and in honor of my 64th birthday.





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6 Karen Green Erna Michael Solomon Targan Jascha Tofsky

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Herman Gottlieb
Leah Rayfield
Dorothy Rodgers
Sylvia Savoy
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Geraldine Cohen
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Maurice Collen
Marc Feldman
Lillian Kohl
Jerry Salad

11 Harry Gersh Alexander Goldstein Elaine Peskoe Mark Salad Roslyn Silverman

David Abrams
Louis Dubis
Raizel Lehrman
Samuel Lewin

Sarah Uman
Shirley Brook
Leo Hershman
Martin Kane
Abe Levine
Simon Reinheimer

Ben Stern

Week of January 14

14 Alice Borowsky
Sophie Eichner
Janet Lewin
Murray Rosenberg
Maurice
Zimmermann

5 Henry Dine Hyman Gordon Sam Klitzner Miriam Sanchez Bernari Jeffrey Keith Weiss

16 Frances Frank
Sol Ginsberg
Robert Goldman
Louis Rich
Joyce Stein

17 Franklin Bishop Arnold Levinson Daniel Reyner Julius Terris

18 Mark Josephs
Martin Komitzky
Edna Krasno
Shirley Scholl
Rose Schwartz
Morton Silver
Lillian Spitalnick
Harry Steinberg

19 Harry Fisher Alex Kershenblatt Richard Schulman Harry Singer

20 Maurice Chouequet Jay Finkler Mildred Grossman Maurice Nathanson

Week of January 21

21 Herbert Casel
Abe Gordon
Anne Green
Bella Waxman
Neal Wolovitz

22 Marvin Levinson23 Marilyn ColemanBarry Norman

Henry Gartner
 Evelyn Moskovitz
 Nathan Winokur
 Leonard Zakheim
 Claire Dinsfriend

Joyce Fleischman Freda Moss Evelyn Vlin

26 Eugene Brog Robert Brown Natalie Cohn Sarah Galler Hedy Roche

27 Frederick Abrams
Beatrice Barrish
Harriet Getzow
Jeanette Salkow
Harold Savoy
Anne Scheer
Judith Stendig

Week of January 28

28 Gilbert Adelman Doris Masterman Dorothy Uman

29 Sylvia Abrams Michael Barak Drill I. Edward Father Bea Trautenberg

30 Helen Abramson Max Belchikoff Samuel Greenspan Jodee Henkin

31 Beatrice Perskie Edith Rich Albert Rubin Michael Soklove Sarah Solof

Week of February 1
1 Lillian Abrams

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Engelsberg
Berthe Goldberg
Joseph Goode
Margaret Lavine
Marion Shapiro
Amalia Hallman

Bleiberg Helene Chernoff Irv Eidelson Theodore Spitalnick

3 Erwin Lazarus Alice Spechler

Week of February 4

Katie Brown
Ted Buckner
Samuel Cohen
Bella Herring
Hyman Holzman
Jack Klemow
Pauline Levenberg
Samuel Puder
Bess Stavitsky
Rose Stavitsky

Fanny Geller Yetta Lecuyer Nathan Lehrman Alvin Weiner

6 Eugene Engelsberg Ruven Kleiner

7 Solomon Belchikoff Sue Kaminsky

8 Samuel Deitch Jan Barry Eisenberg

9 Eugene Shapiro

10 Jennie Cohen Betty Goldstein Philip Herring Max Landsman Lillian Uretsky Sonia Weiss

Week of February 11

11 Samuel Brown William Rothman Israel Skaler

12 Steven Feuchtbaum David Levitan Esther Levitan Avram Pasmanter

13 George Blecker Adrian "Jay" Deitch Raymond Mondgock Allan Safran

14 Seymour Cohen Grace Spicehandler Fisher Hymen Hauser

Joseph Brown
Albert Fried
Myrna Teich
David Weiss
Lisa Werner
Helen Wingert

16 Bernice Cohen
Irving Isaacs
Betty Kane
Babette Kulp
Edith Rosenthal
Shirley Sitron

17 Nettie Isaacs Michael Kieserman Isadore Krasno Ethan Rosen

Week of February 18

18 Pauline Bloom Manasha Bronkesh Maurice Gelb Carole Lang Diana Rosen Jeanette Sandler Dora Steinberg Judith Sussman Ida Weinstein Leah Grossman

Isadore Heiffetz Bernard Kestenbaum Ida Stein

20 Ann Popowsky Chalfin Patricia Croll Sadie Rosenkrantz

21 Norris Biron
Fae Cento
Kenneth Byron
Elkins
Stanley Galler
Audrey Perskie
Herman Sandler
22 Miriam Fischer

Norman Foxman Catherine Renny Rabbi Seymour Rosen Leonard Sherman Estera Wapnik

23 Nathan W.
Bernstein
Michael Masterman
Laura Rosenfeld
Vogel

24 Marjean Buckner Elsie Levy

Week of February 25

25 Archie Abelson Pauline Mackler Sylvia Ruberg

26 Gerson Gordon Lynn Kramer Harry Sherman I. Edward Stein

27 Herman Eisenberg Charlotte Kulp Yetta Wenick

28 Helene Brown Avraham Galler Donna Halloran Bernice Zakheim

29 Boris Pincus Flisser Irving Wilson Harry Zakheim

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7 26 Tevet Minyan 9am Minyan 5:30pm	8 27 Tevet Minyan 7:30am Sisterhood Book Club 11:00am Current Controversies w/ Rabbi Geller 1:30pm	9 28 Tevet Minyan 7:30am Minyan 5:30pm	Minyan 7:30am Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Minyan 5:30pm Sisterhood Meeting 7:00pm	Minyan 7:30am Rosh Chodesh 9:30am Torah Talk— Cantor Jacki 12pm Torah Thursday— Rabbi Kremer 1:30pm	Minyan 7:30am Shabbat Services 5:30pm (C) Shabbat on the Rocks 6:15pm Shabbat	13 3 Shevat Shabbat Service 9:30am (C)
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