



# The Wave

**SHIRAT HAYAM**  
CONSERVATIVE & REFORM שינת הים

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**AM YISRAEL CHAI!**

We stand with Israel - today, tomorrow, always!

— SAVE THE DATE —



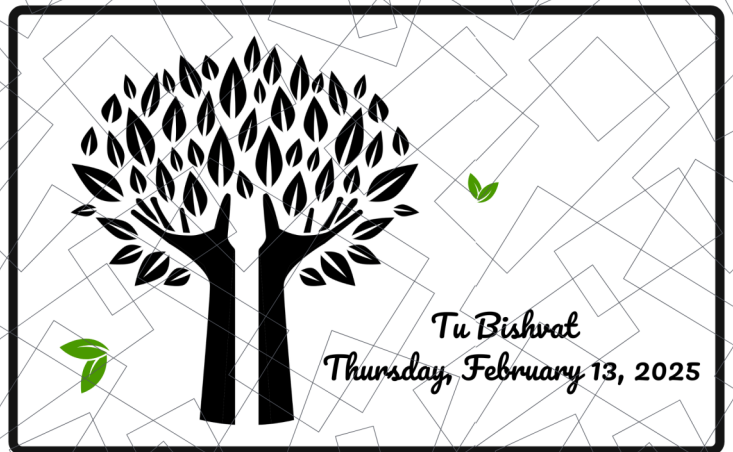
**Sunday**  
**March 9, 2025**

**PURIM**

*at Shirat Hayam*

**A WICKED, WICKED SPIEL**

*See page 13 for additional information*



SHIRAT HAYAM  
FLORIDA REUNION LUNCHEON

THURSDAY  
JAN. 30, 2025 • NOON  
SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE INFORMATION

## WEEKLY SERVICES

*In-person and on Zoom unless  
otherwise noted*

### Friday Shabbat Service:

Conservative 5:30 PM  
Reform • 7:30 PM

### (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

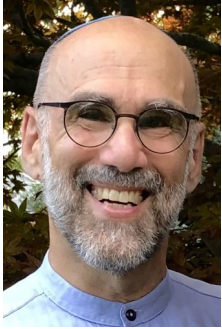
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**ISRAEL**



**The October 2023  
Shirat Hayam Israel  
trip has been rescheduled  
for October 2025! More  
information to come.**



For me, the second best part of teaching is learning from others. Might be the wisdom or whimsy of ancient or current

commentators on our sacred texts, different ways to appreciate our traditions and practices, questions and comments from our venerable sages, Shirat Hayam adults or Galeem children — there’s always something to learn!

The best part of teaching is sharing those ideas and insights with eager learners and discussing the whys and wherefores of what we do Jewishly and how we find meaning in our Jewish lives. I treasure learning with adults, whether one-on-one or in a group; I value learning with students in our Sunday school classrooms, and I cherish the individual interaction with our young people as they prepare for the service marking their coming of Jewish age as a bar/bat mitzvah.

These kids are in the process of changing their status in terms of Jewish responsibility and privilege. They’re thinking about a lot of things, not all specifically Jewish, as they shape their views of themselves and the worlds in which they live. In the context of my learning with them, most of their questions or comments

focus on something Jewish:

- The Israelites made a lot of mistakes in the wilderness, and made God angry. How did they make up for their mistakes?
- Was it okay for Joseph’s brothers to lie to him by telling Joseph that their father had said something that he hadn’t said?
- Are there sports that are considered “not kosher”?
- Why do people write notes and stick them in the cracks between the stones of the Kotel (Western Wall) in Jerusalem? And what happens to those notes?
- I have some thoughts about God....

Rich discussion sometimes results; other times we have to learn a bit more to begin to formulate a response. If you have attended a service at which a bat/bar mitzvah spoke, I hope that you learned from that student.

We are taught to not view learning Torah (or other Jewish texts/ideas) with an eye toward some kind of reward in this life or in the World to Come — which itself is worthy of a class or two! Rather, learning should be “*lishma*,” *for its own sake, i.e., for enrichment and enlightenment.*

Come learn with me and other teachers in our community;

you’ll also be enriched by sharing with the other learners. Like a smorgasbord, a variety of opportunities is before you; pick one or two to taste, then come back to the table as often as you wish.

What a great way to spend a little time during the chilly days of winter ... or any season of the year!

*Rabbi Jonathan Kremer*



**Keep up with the news from Israel**

**[The Jerusalem Post](#)**  
**[ynet news](#)**

**<https://www.i24news.tv/en>**  
**<http://www.dailyalert.org>**

**[todayisrael](#)**

**[Israel21C](#)**

**[Jewish National Fund](#)**  
**[Nefesh B’Nefesh](#)**



***Shirat Hayam YouTube Channel!***

Songs, talks, events, and more!

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6xf0W-vgFiGONJJFh9lrYw>**

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



## Cantor Jacki's Message



*It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it. (Pirkei Avot 2:15-16)*

When a young Jewish adult becomes bar mitzvah at 13 or bat mitzvah at 12, we affirm that they are now obligated to engage in mitzvot and make their own decisions about their Jewish lives. Although they may not be able to drive a car or rent an apartment, it is understood that, at least by means of their faith and tradition, they have a voice and make a difference in their community.

I first became aware of the work of the Religious's Action Center when I served as a Vice President for the American Conference of Cantors. Part of my portfolio was social justice and I have since served in various capacities on the Commission on Social Action. Not long before the Covid-19 pandemic began, I helped to coordinate cantorial colleagues from around the US attending the Consultation on Conscience. I even had the honor of welcoming then Congressman, and now AJC CEO, Ted Deutch before former Speaker Nancy Pelosi's keynote address.

For many years I had hoped to bring Jewish teens to experience a similar youth oriented L'taken Social Justice Seminar sponsored by the RAC that was well known for its powerful lasting impact on the Jewish teens who are fortunate enough to attend.

What is L'taken?

*L'Taken is a transformational 4-day weekend focused on Jewish values, tikkun olam and public policy. The program exposes high school students to a variety of public policy issues, guides them to explore the Jewish values surrounding these issues, and*

delegation to the L'taken Social Justice Seminar at the Religious Action Center in Washington, DC includes post B'nai Mitzvah students Asher Bell, Julia Koch, and Zachary Tafien along with Scarlett Wolk. Shirat Hayam teens will join hundreds of other Jewish teens from across North America during the weekend of



Shirat Hayam's 2025 teen delegation to the L'taken Social Justice Seminar at the Religious Action Center in Washington, DC includes post B'nai Mitzvah students Asher Bell, Julia Koch, and Zachary Tafien along with Scarlett Wolk. Shirat Hayam teens will join hundreds of other Jewish teens from across North America during the weekend of February 28-March 3, 2025.

*teaches them the skills to be an effective social justice advocate. The weekend culminates with meeting on Capitol Hill. Teens will have the opportunity to speak truth to power as they share their views on social justice topics with leaders on Capitol Hill. While exploring Washington, DC, teens build and strengthen their congregational community and experience their own individual capacity to create change. I am delighted to share that Shirat Hayam's 2025 teen*

February 28 - March 3, 2025. Watch for updates in a future issue of the WAVE as we learn about the impact of this opportunity directly from the participants.

In this divisive and polarized world, may we all be guided to live a life of purpose and may we make a difference, one person at a time.

*Bivracha (with blessing),*  
Cantor Jacki



**TU  
B'SHEVAT**

The 15th of Shevat is the New Year for Trees, known as Tu B'Shevat. It will be observed on

February 13, 2025.

According to Biblical law, there is a seven-year agricultural cycle, concluding with the Sabbatical year, a year of rest. When the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, on years one, two, four and five of this cycle, farmers had to separate a tenth of their produce and eat it in Jerusalem. This tithe defined as a tenth part of agriculture or other produce, personal income, or profits, contributed either voluntarily or as a tax called Maser Sheni, the Second Tithe, because it is in addition to the two percent which must be given to the Kohan, 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 Maser Sheni in Jerusalem, they gave this second tithe to the poor, who were allowed 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 afterwards, it is the product of the "new year." By comparison, grains, vegetables, and legumes have the same New Year as humans, the 1st of Tishrei 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 blossomed beforehand are a product of the rains of the previous year and are tithe 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 fruits for the first time this season, remember to recite the Shehchayanu blessing. This blessing is recited on joyous occasions, thanking G-d for sustaining us and enabling us to reach this occasion. This blessing is recited before the standard blessing recited on fruit. Due to the festive nature of the day, we omit the

Tachanun sections during prayers. Tachanun prayers petitions for forgiveness and confession.

B'Shalom,

*Cantor Wolbransky*

**MAZAL TOV!**

**Susie and Marty Lautman** on the birth of granddaughter **Beatrice Freda** to Sophie and Jeremy Lautman.

Have you signed on to be part of the Shirat Hayam Legacy Society?



Your (after-life) commitments will help sustain Shirat Hayam for future generations. A gift in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy will make a difference.

Leave a Jewish Legacy. Proudly add your name to the list of Shirat Hayam members who have signed on to the Legacy Society.

To learn more, please contact our clergy or Judy Galler to discuss your options.

Thank you!

***Our Condolences To:***

*Shirat Hayam mourns the passing of our member, Regina "Jean" Kohl.*

*Shirat Hayam mourns the passing of our member, Lisa Brezel.*

*Shirat Hayam mourns the passing of our member, Barbara Steinberg.*

**Nancy Kahane** on the loss of her mother, **Hannah Shapiro.**

**Mitchell Brezel** on the loss of his wife, **Lisa Brezel.**

**Toby Rosenthal** on the loss of her father, **Robert Rosenthal.**



I am proud to introduce you to our newly established Conservative Ritual Committee, chaired by Mike Barnett, Harry Chaikin, and

Alan Friedman. Members of the committee include Stella Ann Borenstein, Lauren Feldman, Sheila Friedman, Judy Galler, Jodi Handler, Joe Handler, Bruce Peskoe, Ari Rabinowitz, Nadine Winkelstein, Rabbi Jonathan Kremer, and Cantor Harvey Wolbransky.

Our Reform Ritual Committee is chaired by Marlyn Rose. Members of the committee include Meryl Baer, Steve Baer, Debbie Borowsky, Mark Borowsky, Lauren Feldman, Linda Gordon, Mitch Gordon, Linda Goukler, Joe Handler, Candace Martin, Cathy Miskiv, Lisa Naegele, Marc Needleman, Jacquie Sirota, Jillian Tafeen, Jenny Wagner, Judy Zon, and Cantor Jacki Menaker.

Ritual Committees play a crucial role in maintaining the integrity and vibrancy of a synagogue's religious life. Here's why:

• **Preservation of Tradition:**

The committee helps ensure that traditional Jewish customs and practices are upheld and passed on to future generations. This includes overseeing life cycle events like Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, and funerals, as well as daily and Shabbat prayers.

• **Adapting to Evolving Needs:**

Conservative and Reform Judaism values both tradition and modernity. A

Ritual Committee helps bridge this gap by adapting traditional practices to meet the needs of contemporary congregants. This might involve incorporating new music, prayer styles, or language into services.

• **Creating Meaningful Worship:**

The committee works to make worship services engaging and relevant for all congregants, regardless of their level of religious knowledge or experience. This could involve creating educational programs, providing opportunities for participation, or introducing new prayer books.

• **Building Community:** By fostering a sense of community and belonging through meaningful worship experiences, the Ritual Committee strengthens the bonds between congregants and their synagogue.

• **Collaboration with Clergy:**

The committee works closely with Clergy to ensure that the synagogue's religious life aligns with Jewish values and practices. This collaboration helps maintain consistency and continuity in the synagogue's spiritual direction.

In essence, a working Conservative and Reform Ritual Committee is essential for maintaining a vibrant and meaningful religious life within a synagogue. It helps preserve tradition, adapt to modern needs, and create a welcoming and inclusive community for all.

B'Shalom,  
Joe Handler  
*President*

**SHIRAT HAYAM  
FLORIDA REUNION  
LUNCHEON**

**Thursday  
Jan. 30, 2025 - Noon**

Carmela's Oak and Ember  
7600 West Camino Real  
Boca Raton, Florida 33433

**Menu Options:**

**Big Papa Sandwich**

Schnitzel, LTO, Pickle, BBQ Sauce, Baguette, served with French Fries

**Truffled Chicken Caesar Salad**

Romaine, Red Onion, Grilled Chicken Cubes, Brioche Croutons, Caesar Dressing, Truffle Oil

**Classic Burger**

Ground Beef Burger, LTO, Pickle, Smiley Sauce, served with French Fries

**South Beach Sandwich**

Grilled Chicken, Avocado, LTO, Pesto Aioli, Baguette, served with Sweet Potato Fries

Price: \$30/person all inclusive (includes water and soft drinks)

**Dessert Option (Additional \$7):**

Choice of Sorbet or Bubbe's Chocolate Babka (Best ever!)

*50 guest minimum with a \$600 non-refundable deposit to reserve room*

Please mail check to Shirat Hayam  
700 N. Swarthmore Avenue ■ Ventnor  
NJ 08406

or register and submit payment through  
[www.shirathayamnj.org](http://www.shirathayamnj.org)

Questions: Contact Cathleen Kunkle  
609.822.7116 x 101

# THE SHABBAT JOY JAM AT SHIRAT HAYAM! NOT JUST FOR KIDS!



## FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

will feature a  
7:30-8:30PM  
Reform Erev  
Shabbat service.

For children and  
families of all ages.

Featuring exciting  
new Shabbat repertoire,  
traditional favorites,  
and Torah Time  
learning for all!

In Person  
and On Zoom



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

# SECOND ANNUAL SHABBAT B'YACHAD! JOINT REFORM SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

followed by a kiddush luncheon

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025  
SHIRAT HAYAM • 700 N. SWARTHMORE AVE, VENTNOR, NJ  
9AM TORAH STUDY  
10AM SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Service Led by  
CANTOR JACQUELINE MENAKER  
Reform Spiritual Leader • Shirat Hayam  
RABBI MICHAEL FESHBACH - Beth Israel



LIVESTREAM AND ZOOM AVAILABLE  
RSVP for Kiddush Luncheon to  
Elaine Geller by March 11, 2025  
at momgeller@aol.com



## CONSERVATIVE CONGREGANT SURVEY

Many Shirat Hayam congregants would like to get more involved with leading our religious services. Such involvement would include leading prayers, giving divrei Torah, reading Torah, and chanting Haftorah.

We would like to learn more about our congregants' current skills, and their interest in learning new skills. We believe that everyone has something valuable to offer. Your input will help us understand your interests, skills, and willingness to lead services. Your responses will be invaluable in helping us create more opportunities for engagement and leadership development within our congregation.

Shirat Hayam Conservative  
Congregant Survey



Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and let us know your thoughts. Your participation will help us build a more vibrant and inclusive community. Thank you for your time and consideration!

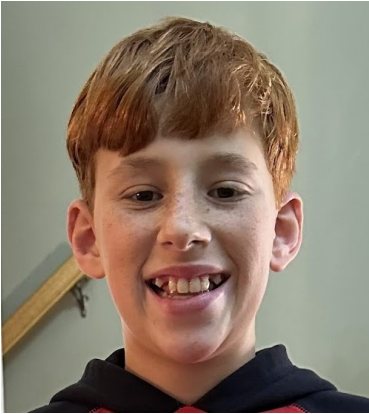


help our galeem students



When making  
donations  
or tributes to  
Shirat Hayam,  
dedicate your  
funds to  
The Religious  
School Fund  
or  
Youth Group Fund.

## Matthew Tafeen Becomes Bar Mitzvah



Matthew Tafeen will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday, February 1, 2025**. His Torah portion is *Parashat Bo*.

Matthew has been actively engaged in Jewish learning since he was one year old and started attending the JCC early childhood program in Margate, NJ. He attended Hebrew school at Shirat Hayam, kindergarten through seventh grade. Matthew plans to continue his Jewish education and now attends Kulanu, a community Jewish school for teens. He has spent many of his Friday nights attending Shabbat services at Shirat Hayam with his family.

Matthew is the son of Jillian and Robert Tafeen and younger brother to Zachary, big brother Eli, and Samantha. His grandparents include Iris Kahn and the late Bruce Kahn and Marvin Tafeen

and the late Eileen Tafeen. Matthew is in the 7th grade at Northfield Community Middle School in Northfield. His hobbies include tennis, soccer, Fortnite, and going to Disney World. Matthew plays several instruments, including the trombone and tuba. He is a member of the Northfield Community Middle School Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and Advanced Band ensembles where he is the first trombone chair. He is also a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Matthew is passionate about dogs; his dream is to own a puppy.

For his Mitzvah Project, Matthew has been seeking out opportunities to help those in need by taking care of their pets when the owners are unable to do so. He recently took care of a neighbor's dog and three cats when they had to leave town. Doing this type of work helps Matthew fulfill some of his desire to have a dog while at the same time being a helpful member of the community.

SHIRAT HAYAM *presents*

**SUMMER  
CONCERT**

**2025** July 10  
Thursday  
7:30 pm

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

**cantor azi schwartz**  
**cantor mira davis**

*Dedicated to the memory of  
Milton, Shirlee, and Michael Neustadter.*

Tickets will go on sale in March.

### MEET SHIRAT HAYAM'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Joe Handler, President of Shirat Hayam in Ventnor, New Jersey is proud to announce the hiring of Lauren E. Feldman as our Executive Director.

Lauren Feldman is a results-driven sales and marketing professional with extensive expertise in communications and advertising. She has a proven track record of increasing revenue and streamlining operations by delivering innovative solutions. Lauren's career spans leadership roles managing diverse teams, training employees, and fostering strong relationships with stakeholders. She is skilled in strategic planning and contract negotiation, with a deep understanding of leveraging market insights to enhance success and organizational growth.

Lauren holds a deep commitment to Jewish life and values.

Welcome, Lauren!



**TORAH THURSDAYS with Rabbi Jonathan Kremer**

Close looks at 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**

**TORAH TALK with Cantor Jacqueline Menaker**

**January Theme: Social Responsibility – Acheinu Kol Beit Yisrael. February Theme: Maryam in the Midrash.** All are welcome. Please RSVP to [Cantor.jacki@shirathayamnj.org](mailto:Cantor.jacki@shirathayamnj.org) if you would like to participate.

**ART AS BIBLICAL COMMENTARY:** Torah learning at the intersection of art and sacred text with **Rabbi Jonathan Kremer.** All types of art, including books decorated or illustrated with biblical themes, can offer fresh perspectives and connections. Once a month, on the third Thursday, we will review an essay by Yael Maley, an Israeli scholar of Judaism and art. We will also have some fun with our own artistic endeavors, and contribute our own ideas to the ongoing conversation with Torah. Third Thursdays, 7pm in person at a private home in Ventnor (register for the address by contacting the office) and on Zoom.

**JANUARY**

**FEBRUARY**

- 2 Noon ▪ TORAH TALK  
Parashat Vayigash: *Social Responsibility*
- 2 1:30pm ▪ TORAH THURSDAYS  
Vayigash: *Joseph sustained the family, even the littlest ones*
- 9 Noon ▪ TORAH TALK  
Parashat Vayechi: *Social Responsibility*
- 9 1:30pm ▪ TORAH THURSDAYS  
Vayechi: *Putting words in a dead man's mouth.*
- 16 Noon ▪ TORAH TALK  
Parashat Shemot: *Social Responsibility*
- 16 1:30pm ▪ TORAH THURSDAYS  
Shemot: *Convincing the Israelites!*
- 16 7pm ▪ ART AS BIBLICAL COMMENTARY  
Noah: *To find meaning in catastrophe: Art by Michelangelo, Kandinski, Turner*
- 23 Noon ▪ TORAH TALK  
Parashat Vaera: *Social Responsibility*
- 23 1:30pm ▪ TORAH THURSDAYS  
Vaera: *Thunder, hail, and fire!*
- 30 TORAH TALK ▪ NO SESSION
- 30 1:30pm ▪ TORAH THURSDAYS  
Bo: *Reparations?*

- 6 Noon ▪ TORAH TALK  
Parashat Beshalach: *Maryam in the Midrash*
- 6 1:30pm ▪ TORAH THURSDAYS  
Beshalach: *Manna and the Shabbat miracle*
- 13 Noon ▪ TORAH TALK  
*Tu Bishvat Program*
- 13 1:30pm ▪ TORAH THURSDAYS  
Yitro: *Ten important things*
- 13 7pm ▪ ART AS BIBLICAL COMMENTARY  
*Lech Lecha: A Jew with a Suitcase: Art by Meir Pichhadze, Michael Sagan-Cohen, Avner bar Chama (all 20th c Israelis)*
- 20 Noon ▪ TORAH TALK  
Parashat Mishpatim: *Maryam in the Midrash*
- 20 1:30pm ▪ TORAH THURSDAYS  
Mishpatim: *Some of the remaining 603 rules*
- 27 Noon ▪ TORAH TALK  
Parashat Teruma: *Maryam in the Midrash*
- 27 1:30pm ▪ TORAH THURSDAYS  
Teruma: *Build it just so!*



**RABBI JONATHAN KREMER**



Learning is one of the great joys of Judaism. Share in the pleasure by attending some of the offerings here at Shirat Hayam. You're welcome to check out a class — come once or twice to see what piques your interest. All the sessions below are conducted in English. Looking forward to learning with you!

**Art as Biblical Commentary**

Can works of art illuminate Torah? Of course! All types of art, including books decorated or illustrated with biblical themes, can offer fresh perspectives and connections.


Once a month, on the third Thursday, we will review an essay by Yael Maly, an Israeli scholar of Judaism and art, who brings her expertise to bear on Torah. We will also have some fun with our own artistic endeavors, and contribute our own ideas to the ongoing conversation with Torah.

**Torah Thursdays**

Torah keeps giving as we keep delving into our sacred text. Join us to read the text in English, with

some commentaries and occasional insights from the Hebrew and spontaneous digressions to our lives and concerns.

**Every Thursday** afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30. In-person at Shirat Hayam (please register — contact the office) and on Zoom. Please check the synagogue calendar on our web site and the weekly E-tone emails for updates on scheduling and the Zoom link.

  
 a time for us  
 Women's Rosh Chodesh Gathering

**women's rosh chodesh discussion**  
 elaine geller - facilitator

9:30am  
 January 2  
 January 30

Watch for further information.

RSVP Elaine Geller - momgeller@aol.com



**Join us for Havdalah At Home:**



January 25, 2025 at 7:00PM - Reform planned

February - Conservative planned

March 29, 2025 at 7:00 PM - Reform planned

*Please contact the office for location and attendance. 609-822-7116 ext 101.*



Our next Sisterhood meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 at Shirat Hayam. We have a fun craft project planned: tie-dying a picture frame. All needed supplies will be provided!

Sisterhood will be taking a break in February, but the following planned events will finish out our year.

**MARCH: Woman's Seder**

**APRIL: Jewish Trivia**

**MAY: Torah Fund/YES Fund culminating event**

*Details to follow for all of the programs. Game Days and Book Club continue throughout the year.*

Here's wishing everyone a happy, healthy 2025!

*Barbara Braunstein*  
Sisterhood President

**SISTERHOOD MEETING**

7PM Wednesday January 22  
Shirat Hayam

**Join us for a fun craft project!**  
create a tie-dyed picture frame!

*All supplies will be provided!*

**WE ARE COLLECTING**

**PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS**

dental floss	cereal bars
toothbrush	granola bars
toothpaste	protein bars
shampoo	fruit snacks
conditioner	applesauce cups
soap	peanut butter crackers
deodorant	cheese crackers
combs/brushes	mints
feminine products	cough drops
lip balm	gum
aftershave lotion	fast food gift cards
razors	hand wipes
nail clippers	tissues
Band-aids	socks

sponsored by  
Shirat Hayam's Caring Network  
for more information:  
Lisa Naegele 609.338.9640

*Drop off at Shirat Hayam lobby during business hours.*

join sisterhood

**BOOK CLUB**

11am

Monday, January 6  
*Brooklyn* by Colm Tobin

Monday, February 3  
*Long Island* by Colm Tobin

for additional information:  
jerifeingold1669@comcast.net

SHIRAT HAYAM'S



## CHALLOT FOR ROSH HASHANA

Shirat Hayam volunteers baked challot for Rosh Hashana, with the proceeds going directly to the hostage families in Israel. Under the leadership of Jaime Epstein, the project raised \$1500.

Todah rabah to Jaime and the volunteer bakers.

The Caring Network wants to thank our Shirat Hayam family for their generosity in supporting our winter wear drives. We made several drop offs of dozens of coats and outerwear to The Atlantic City Rescue Mission and Eastern Service Workers. We also dropped bags filled with hats, gloves, socks, and underwear to JOAS and Covenant House.

Starting in January, we will be collecting personal items. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, travel size toiletries along with new socks and underwear. These items will be distributed to the local women's shelter and Covenant House. Covenant House, located in Atlantic City, provides housing and support for homeless and at-risk youth aged 18 to 21.

For further information or if you wish to become a member of our Caring Network, please contact Lisa Naegele at nudgemom@yahoo.com.



## WHERE TO DONATE FURNITURE

The following agencies will come to your home to pick up furniture that is in good condition for donations:

THE ARC OF ATLANTIC COUNTY ▪ 609-241-9333  
ON A MISSION THRIFT SHOP ▪ PLEASANTVILLE ▪ 609-646-4483  
SECOND CHANCE BOUTIQUE ▪ OCEAN CITY ▪ 609-938-1108  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE ▪ EHT ▪ 856-439-6717 (will pick up working appliances in good condition, also)

*A portion of the sales from these establishments goes back into the community.*





## MEALTRAIN



The Caring Network Committee MealTrain program continues to benefit those members of our Shirat Hayam family who are in need of support (for example, from hospital/rehab stay). Participating volunteers cook and deliver meals to recipients' homes or donate restaurant gift cards; we are able to provide kosher, kosher style, dairy, or pareve meals. Homebound members typically receive up to 6 meals over a 2-3 week period, with extensions as needed.

We, and the recipients, are truly grateful to the following "angels" who provided meals (often multiple meals) or gift cards to our most recent MealTrain families:

Andie Storey  
Barbara Perskie  
Beth Schlesinger  
Cantor Jacqueline Menaker  
Caren Karp  
Carole Letzter  
Donna Josephs  
Elaine Geller

Ellie Kremer  
Iris Needleman  
Jodi Handler  
Joyce Schwartz  
Judy Galler  
Linda Kulp  
Lisa Naegele  
Lois Fried

Meryl Baer  
Nadine Winkelstein  
Nancy Kahane  
Norma and David Blecker  
Shirley Belitsky  
Stella Ann Borenstein

Please contact me (609.214.9954 or [the5winks@comcast.net](mailto:the5winks@comcast.net)) if you or someone you know need help with meals on a short term basis, or if you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers who cook or donate gift cards.

Thank you.  
Nadine Winkelstein

## CONNECTIONS

CONNECTIONS is a new joint initiative by Men's Club and Caring Network that is geared to supporting Shirat Hayam's male members who are recuperating from a hospital stay or are housebound. In Judaism, visiting the sick (*bikur cholim*) is an important act of loving-kindness (*gemilut hasadim*) that requires one to provide physical or emotional support to someone who isn't feeling well. Home visits can be healing, and a visit from one male to another may be a welcome distraction.

Activities such as playing cards, watching sports, or talking about current events can be most appreciated. These visits are intended to make a person feel encouraged and cared about, and may put a smile on someone's face.

Some guidelines: please call first to see if, and when, visits are welcome. Keep in mind that mornings and evenings may be difficult for the person you are visiting. If you see the congregant tiring, it is time to leave. Of course, if you are ill, save your visit for another day.

If you are interested in volunteering for this incredibly important mitzvah, please contact Ben Mashioff at [bmashioff@hotmail.com](mailto:bmashioff@hotmail.com) or Lisa Naegele at [nudgemom@yahoo.com](mailto:nudgemom@yahoo.com).

**WINTER PROGRAM NOTES**

**PURIM** begins the evening of Thursday, March 13 through Friday, March 14, on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar. Services will be publicized as we get closer to the date.

**MARCH 9: Purim Spiel and Party will be** sponsored by JShore, Programming and, Galeem. The theme will be *Wicked*, which is the perfect follow up to last year’s Wizard of Oz spiel. We hope our adult congregants as well as our Galeem students will participate as members of the cast because we need our best/most enthusiastic singers to bring life to fantastic songs. Cantor Jacki will once again direct the spiel. Of course, there will be festive light fare. DJ Ken will emcee games (musical chairs, limbo, freeze dance, hula hoops, and a personal favorite, Coke and Pepsi) and dancing, as well as our annual Purim costume red carpet with prizes for the best costumes. Prizes will be given for all winners, young and old alike.

**MARCH 10:** Purim basket assembly and delivery. If you would like to volunteer with assembly and/or delivery, please contact Jodi Handler at [jodighandler@gmail.com](mailto:jodighandler@gmail.com) or me at [szaid729@hotmail.com](mailto:szaid729@hotmail.com)

Stephanie Zaid Shiekman  
Programming Chairperson

**A Message from**

**Todd M. Cohen . .**

Shalom. I’m Todd M. Cohen, life-long Shirat Hayam/Beth Judah member. Recently, on September 7, 2024 I had the honor of chanting haftarah, leading prayers and delivering dvar Torah at Shabbat services and sponsoring kiddush luncheon in loving memory of my wonderful parents, Frank and Anell “Nancy” Cohen. My thanks to Rabbi Kremer, Cantor Wolbransky, and Cantor Kulp for their cooperation and kind words of encouragement. My thanks also to Cathleen Kunkle and, caterers Elaine Geller and Alice Melnick for making this event extra special. Thanks to everyone who attended.

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Can't join us or want to contribute more? You can sponsor a meal or part of a meal by making a donation to Shirat Hayam and specify "Mitzvah Meals."

Let me know how you would like to help; I look forward to seeing you in the Shirat Hayam kitchen.

Ellie Kremer  
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# SPOTLIGHT ON

## STELLA ANN AND SAM BORENSTEIN



Although Stella Ann and Sam Borenstein both grew up in Atlantic City and graduated Atlantic City High School, they didn't meet until Sam

completed his army service and returned to the area. Set up on a blind date, the match a success, Stella Ann and Sam married five months later.

Growing up, Stella Ann belonged to Beth Israel, but when she was invited to a USY meeting at Beth Judah, she found her "home" and never left. Her experience as a leader in USY proved invaluable to Beth Judah. She served as Sisterhood president twice - 1979-1982 and again in 2000 with her term lasting 15 years! An active member of the ritual committee, she has been involved in hiring many of our clergy.

Sam belonged to Community Synagogue as a youth; he won a Torah at the age of 12 for creating a clay model of the sanctuary. Sam became active in BJ after he married, and throughout the years, worked on High Holiday committees.

Sam and Stella Ann opened "Borensteins Pharmacy" in 1967. When the store closed in 1980, Sam continued working as a pharmacist for 20 years, first for Ivans Pharmacy and then Shoprite. Stella Ann opened a Hallmark store, which she owned for 18 years. In addition to practicing Pharmacy, Sam has spent the last 30 years developing environmentally friendly products for use in Pathology and Mortuary Science.

Stella Ann and Sam have 2 sons, William (Shawn) and Steven (Allison), and five grandsons, Jayson, Zachary, Adam, Chandler, and Hunter. They are also considered Bubby and Zayde to Kyle and Blake, the children of nephew Sebastian (Katie).

## MERYL AND STEVE BAER



Both Meryl and Steve Baer are New Yorkers – Meryl, from Long Island, and Steve from the Bronx. Steve is a Chemical Engineering graduate from RPI, Meryl graduated from Russell Sage College. "Fixed up" by college

friends, they married 3 years later.

When Steve served in the Navy, the Baers lived in Charleston, SC. They moved to Blackwood, NJ and then to Lancaster, PA where Steve worked for Armstrong World Industries. Meryl, a financial geek, worked for a financial firm.

In 2010 Steve joined a consulting firm. They were looking for a change. They moved to Ventnor and joined Emeth Shalom. Active in their Lancaster synagogue (Steve was President and Meryl served on the board and Meryl was Sisterhood president, as well as a member of the Board of Directors), neither Meryl nor Steve became immediately involved in Emeth Shalom. After the merger of ES and BJ, Steve became a prominent board member of Shirat Hayam.

Meryl is an active board member of FELS (Friends of Encore Learning of Stockton), and both Baers are FELS presenters. Meryl is a writer; she once wrote for financial websites, but now just wants to have fun writing. She journals on line, has a blog (<https://merylbaer.net>), writes non-fiction, travel, and memoirs. In January she will present at a writer's residency in New Mexico.

The Baers love to travel but their extensive travel (enjoying many Road Scholar trips and travel experiences through a home exchange platform) has slowed since Steve was diagnosed with Parkinsons.

The Baers have two sons, Jason (Julie) and Matthew (Stephanie) and are the proud grandparents of Sydney, Lila, Hayden, Hailey, and Samantha.

## Yahrzeits

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1 Esther Aronson  
1 Betty Borowsky  
1 Ann Goldfarb  
1 Eva Rubin  
1 Richard Stulman  
2 Sylvia Burg  
2 Max Goldberg  
2 Anna Karp  
2 Sandra Rosenberg  
2 Celia Share  
3 Rose Atlas  
3 Rose Levitt Goldstein  
3 Louis Lester  
3 Albert Rubin  
3 Simon Steinberg  
4 Cele Blumberg  
4 Florence Braunstein  
4 Sean Michael Raynes

### *Week of January 5*

5 Rose Feiner  
5 Ida Masterman  
5 Albert Norman  
5 Samuel Rabinowitz  
6 Karol Drobny  
6 Bebe Markman  
7 Harry Jacobs  
7 Lilyan Krassenstein  
7 Rose Pollak  
7 Harold Shapiro  
8 Joseph Rosenberg  
8 Shirley Rubin  
8 Herman Wolovitz  
9 Ken Chalal  
9 Joseph Eplan  
9 Irving Lautman  
10 Murray Dinsfriend  
10 Richard Schulman  
10 Lynne Stuart  
10 Jerry Victor  
10 Sylvia Weiss  
11 Bradley Niesen

### *Week of January 12*

12 Chris Griggs  
12 Norman Hauser  
13 Martin Goldberg  
13 Leo Hershman

15 Saul Birnbaum  
15 Stanley Goldstein  
15 Manis Tannenbaum  
15 Anna Wolovitz  
16 Samuel Davis  
16 Abe Resnick  
16 Elizabeth Roth  
16 Charlotte Stark  
17 Ida Barg  
17 Rose Blank  
17 Shera Pooner  
17 Helen Slovak  
17 Jerry Winokur  
18 Thomas Abrams  
18 Abraham Stein  
18 Rabbi Joseph Sternstein

### *Week of January 19*

19 Thelma Cooper  
19 Rae Dunayer  
19 Magda Hafter  
19 Dennis Kay  
19 Eva Reiss  
19 Edythe Seigel  
20 Jacob Hernfeld  
20 Aaron Salkin  
21 Edwin Catanach  
21 Max Lipschutz  
21 Clara Shufman  
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21 William Werner  
22 Harry Brown  
22 Paul Kulp  
22 Cliff Rosenthal  
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23 Ruth Elkins  
23 Leona Kaplan  
23 Jacob Krasno  
23 Julia Meltzer  
23 Robert Strickler  
24 Nathan Decker  
24 Michael Neustadter  
24 Morton Winkelstein  
25 Erna Michael  
25 Solomon Targan

### *Week of January 26*

26 Louis Bloom  
26 Sally Collen

26 Audrey Goldstein  
26 Bessie Gordon  
26 Sylvia Lipschutz  
26 Leah Rayfield  
26 Dorothy Rodgers  
26 Sylvia Savoy  
27 Howard Wise  
28 Florence Binder  
28 Geraldine Cohen Sternstein  
28 Lillian Cohen Zimmerman  
28 Betty Seigel  
29 Maurice Collen  
29 Marc Feldman  
29 Lillian Kohl  
29 Jerry Salad  
30 Helen Abramson  
30 Alexander Goldstein  
30 Letha Kendall  
30 Elaine Peskoe  
30 Mark Salad  
30 Roslyn Silverman  
31 David Abrams  
31 Louis Dubis  
31 Raizel Lehrman  
31 Samuel Lewin  
31 Sarah Uman

### *Week of February 1*

1 Shirley Brook  
1 Martin Kane  
1 Abe Levine  
1 Ben Stern  
2 Alice Borowsky  
2 Merle Zena Dupuy  
2 Janet Lewin  
2 Murray Rosenberg  
2 Maurice Zimmermann  
3 Henry Dine  
3 Hyman Gordon  
3 Sam Klitzner  
3 Miriam Sanchez Bernari  
3 Jeffrey Keith Weiss  
4 Frances Frank  
4 Robert Goldman

### *Week of February 5*

5 Franklin Bishop  
5 Arnold Levinson

5 Julius Terris  
5 Jeannette Tomar  
6 Mark Josephs  
6 Martin Komitzky  
6 Edna Krasno  
6 Shirley Scholl  
6 Rose Schwartz  
6 Morton Silver  
6 Lillian Spitalnick  
6 Harry Steinberg  
7 Harry Singer  
8 Maurice Chouequet  
8 Nancy Gillett  
8 Maurice Nathanson  
9 Herbert Casel  
9 Anne Green  
9 Neal Wolovitz  
10 Marvin Levinson  
11 Marilyn Coleman  
11 Barry Norman

### *Week of February 12*

12 Henry Gartner  
12 Evelyn Moskovitz  
12 Nathan Winokur  
13 Claire Dinsfriend  
13 Joyce Fleischman  
13 Barry Jacobson  
13 Freda Moss  
13 Evelyn Vlin  
14 Eugene Brog  
14 Natalie Cohn  
14 Sarah Galler  
14 Hedy Roche  
15 Frederick Abrams  
15 Beatrice Barrish  
15 Harold Savoy  
15 Judith Stendig  
16 Bruce Kahn  
16 Doris Masterman  
17 Sylvia Abrams  
17 Michael Barak Drill  
18 Max Belchikoff  
18 Samuel Greenspan  
18 Jodee Henkin

### *Week of February 19*

19 Beatrice Perskie  
19 Albert Rubin  
19 Michael Soklove

*Yahrzeits*

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 20 Nihemiyah Engelsberg    | 23 Samuel Puder            |
| 20 Berthe Goldberg         | 23 Bess Stavitsky          |
| 20 Margaret Levine         | 23 Rose Stavitsky          |
| 20 Marion Shapiro          | 24 Fanny Geller            |
| 21 Amalia Hallman Bleiberg | 24 Nathan Lehrman          |
| 21 Helene Chernoff         | 24 Alvin Weiner            |
| 21 Theodore Spitalnick     | 25 Eugene Engelsberg       |
| 22 Erwin Lazarus           | 25 Ruven Kleiner           |
| 22 Alice Spechler          | <i>Week of February 26</i> |
| 23 Ted Buckner             | 26 Solomon Belchikoff      |
| 23 Hyman Holzman           | 26 Sue Kaminsky            |
| 23 Jack Klemow             | 27 Jan Barry Eisenberg     |
| 23 Pauline Levenberg       | 28 Anita Ojserkis          |
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<p>5 <i>5 Tevet</i></p> <p>Minyan 9am Minyan 5:30pm</p>	<p>6 <i>6 Tevet</i></p> <p>Minyan 7:30am Sisterhood Book Club 11:00am Minyan 5:30pm</p> <p>Executive Committee Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>7 <i>7 Tevet</i></p> <p>Election Day Minyan 7:30am Minyan 5:30pm</p>	<p>8 <i>8 Tevet</i></p> <p>Minyan 7:30am Minyan 5:30pm Intro to Prayer-book Hebrew w/ Cantor Jacki 6:15 pm</p>	<p>9 <i>9 Tevet</i></p> <p>Minyan 7:30am Torah Talk w/ Cantor Jacki 12pm Torah Thursday-Rabbi Kremer 1:30pm Minyan 5:30pm</p>	<p>10 <i>10 Tevet</i></p> <p>Minyan 7:30am Shabbat Services 5:30pm (C) 7:30pm (R)</p>	<p>11 <i>11 Tevet</i></p> <p>Shabbat Service 9:30am (C)</p>
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