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Items to Note:

Nov. 4 Shabbat Services

**Nov. 5 Bar Mitzvah of
Ethan Arrowood**

**Nov. 6 Daylight Savings
Time Ends**

Nov 8 Election Day

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day

Message From The Rabbi:

Dear Friends,

I write this just a few weeks after Yom Kippur and another wonderful High Holy day season at Congregation Sha'arey Ha Yam. We had a number of guests join us this year, many for the first time. There were lots of nice comments about our community and our services, but one that I heard over and over was, "You make the most of everything you've got here." I couldn't have put it better myself. As you know, with the exception of myself and our two Religious School teachers, everything we are able to offer is due to the generosity of volunteers. At the top of the list, of course, is our peerless Music Director, Philip Altland, followed by the wonderful Stan Jackson. Imagine for a moment what our services would be like without the beautiful piano, clarinet and flute accompaniment. Still thinking musically, this year we saw the debut of the Sha'arey Ha Yam Singers – fearless members of our own congregation who stepped forward to make joyful music together, inspire the rest of us, and help us lift our own voices in prayer. Then there were all of you who pitched in as greeters, Torah and ark transporters, ticket handlers, food and flowers providers, service readers, ark openers and dramatic readers of the Jonah story. The list goes on. Not one of these wonderful – and critical! – things would have happened without one of you.

In this message I also want to note in particular a member of our congregation who works tirelessly and ceaselessly on all of our behalf but who operates quietly, modestly, and mostly in the background. I think it's time to bring her into the limelight. I'm speaking, of course, of the incomparable Madelyn Dunn. In thinking about this message, I asked Cyndy Friedland to give me a list of what Madelyn does for us so that I'd be sure not to miss anything. I can't say it better than Cyndy did so here it is:

"Madelyn donated her mother's avocado green coffee pot for our first service and it's been with us ever since...the pot was a good 25 yrs. old when we started! She coordinates the Onegs, picks up challahs, food, cake, etc. and don't forget the trail mix!! She donates her time doing all mailings with me for 7 years, coordinates High Holiday tickets, coordinates the second night Seder, oversees all Shabbat dinner and now sings in the choir. And fundraising – she spearheads the clothing drive, worked on garage sales at Phyllis Feather's house and solicits and wraps for the gift auction."

What else is there to say but, "Wow!" and, of course, "Thank you."

So to Madelyn and all of you, from the bottom of my heart – thank you for inspiring me and making it such a pleasure for me to be your rabbi.

Have a good month.

Rabbi Kim Geringer

Message From The President:

Now that the High Holiday days have occurred, I believe that there are many that should receive a well deserved "thank you". These members did an excellent job of preparing our temple for a well organized and delightful religious experience. Some of the committees and groups involved were the Ritual Committee led by Lenny Feather, the Oneg group led by Madelyn Dunn, the choir led by Philip Altland and the Greeters led by Rose Jackson. Some individuals made significant contributions as well – Philip Altland genuinely enhanced our services with his music, Stan Jackson sounded the Shofar as well as adding to the service with his clarinet, Gary Daley's installation of the Sukkah, Robert Dunn's setup of the Bima and numerous others who made our services spiritually and emotionally satisfying. Naturally I must give accolades to Rabbi Geringer for her conducting of our services.

To complete the holidays, the Bar Mitzvah of Alex Dubinsky was held. This was the first one that I attended as a member of this temple. My advice to all the members would be to attend the next one and enjoy the ceremony in action. It was a delight to hear and watch Alex as he chanted his Torah section on his Bar Mitzvah day.

The fund raising committee just completed a profitable raffle and the garage of Madelyn Dunn is full of clothing to be picked up. The Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 19th at the Ocean Acres Community Center on Nautilus Road. Come in and select your Chanukah gifts and any other gifts that are needed. Support our vendors as they support our temple. Just to give you a heads up concerning next year. The second Seder will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at the Captain's Inn. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR.**

The first 6 months of my term has been a learning experience for me. The many facets that must be coordinated and the many little problems that occur have kept me hopping (if I could still hop). As a group, our life blood for the future is our membership. Many of our guests have responded very favorably to our services and the friendliness of our members. Keep it up. If you know friends in the area, invite them to services, invite them to join and expand our influence. My best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

Aaron Shapiro, President

CANCELLATION:

Our scheduled November 19th Holiday Boutique, at the Ocean Acres Community Center, has been cancelled. A rescheduled date will be announced.

Thank You:

Our thanks to Gary Daley for once again reconstructing our Sukkah for Sukkot. The Hebrew School students assisted with the building and decorating. Mother Nature had her hand in our holiday by sending gusts of wind to challenge our Sukkah, and she won. However, Aaron Shapiro and his buddies were able to save our Sukkah so we were able to hold our Oneg in the Sukkah in celebration of the holiday and Alex Dubinsky's Bar Mitzvah! Once again we were a strong force! Thank you all that participated in our Sukkah building.

Congratulations to:

Mazel Tov to Alex Dubinsky on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on October 15th. We are all very proud of Alex and his accomplishments. Honorable mention goes to Sheri as she drilled Alex with his Torah portion;udos to Paul and their families for their support of Alex as he prepared for this joyous occasion.

From Philip Altland

As everyone who attended High Holiday services discovered, our new choir is a great asset to the Congregation and really enhances our services. We will be performing periodically at Shabbat services throughout the year. Only membership requirement is a desire to sing and ability to attend an occasional Thursday night rehearsal. Anyone interested, please feel free to email or call me or see me at services.

Adult Education

Iris Harari our new Hebrew Teacher is available to start Adult Education Classes for us. We need to know what you are interested in; Hebrew 101, basics and some conversational Hebrew, Life in Israel, What it was like to be in the Yom Kippur War, and whatever you would like to learn about! Please email Cyndy Friedland at Cfriedland119@comcast.net with your wish list. There will be a fee for the course, and we will also open these classes to non-members.

Family News

November Yahrzeit

November 1	Beulah Sagman Mother of Dolly Weiss
November 3	Benjamin Chasanoff Father of Diana Bovasso
November 12	Samuel Bailen Uncle of Rosalie Donadio
November 16	Miriam Rebo Mother of Rita Fleischmajer
November 16	Blaize Bovasso Husband of Diana Bovasso
November 21	Marvin Lewis Taub Father of Cyndy Friedland
November 22	Meyer Chordock Father of Judie Levin
November 24	Leo Miller Father of Phil Miller

To have the name of your loved one listed in The Bulletin and announced at Services by the Rabbi on the anniversary of their Yahrzeit, contact Phyllis Feather at PO Box 624, Barnegat, NJ 08005 or call (609) 978-5500.

For Additional Information
Visit us on The Web at
shaareyhayam.org

November Birthdays

Please forward ALL birthday and anniversary dates to Fran at:

nanny1141@comcast.net

As our files must be re-done.

Thank you

November Birthdays

Schwartzman Sammy	2
Polon Hal	3
Majewski Damian	9
Newman Richard	19
Breese Fran	27
Bleiweis Ernest	26

November Anniversaries

Kreisler Mark/Rena	13/71
Wallerstein Loretta (Ret)/ Sheldon (Shelly)	24

Anti - Semitism - Canada

Canada Gets Tough on Anti-Semitism

(courtesy of Inez Levine)

The government of Canada took an historic step yesterday by signing the Ottawa Protocol to Combat Anti-Semitism. By doing so, it recognized anti-Semitism as a pernicious evil and a global threat against the Jewish people, the State of Israel and free, democratic countries everywhere. As Prime Minister Stephen Harper has noted, "Those who would hate and destroy the Jewish people would ultimately hate and destroy the rest of us as well."

The protocol is a declaration that hatred of this nature will not be tolerated in this country. It sets out an action plan for supporting initiatives that combat anti-Semitism and provides a framework for other nations to follow. It also sets out a vibrant definition of anti-Semitism which, for the first time in history, links anti-Semitism to the denial of the right Jewish people have to their ances-

tral home land -- the State of Israel. This, in fact, is what sets post-World War Two anti-Semitism apart from its historic roots. Today's anti-Semitism is all about denial: denial of the legitimacy of Zionism as a Jewish movement to reclaim the land of Israel ; denial of a Jewish history in connection to the holy land and, in particular, the centrality of Jerusalem to the Jewish people; denial of the Holocaust (while at the same time accusing Jews of Nazism); and denial of Jews to live free of anti-Semitism, hate and intolerance.

In announcing the Protocols, Foreign Minister John Baird has expressed his government's unequivocal support for the State of Israel. In referring to this week's turmoil at the United Nations and the Palestinian threat to unilaterally declare a state, Baird said, "Canada will not stand behind Israel at the United Nations, we will stand right beside it. It is never a bad thing to do the right thing."

According to Baird, more and more countries are refusing to participate in the UN conference dubbed "Durban III" -- otherwise known as an anti-Semitic hate fest which began as a human rights forum in South Africa in 2001; the forum ultimately degenerated into an anti-Semitic slinging match in which repressive Arab and African countries blamed all the problems facing their own countries and the world on Israel. The governments of France , New Zealand and Poland (today) joined Canada and 10 other western nations this week by declaring they will not take part.

Unquestionably, the Government of Canada's stance on Israel is based on the principle of standing by your friends -- especially when they are democracies and advocates for human rights. Most Jewish leaders would agree that Israel is indeed Canada's greatest ally in the fight against hate and intolerance.

But the fight against hatred and anti-Semitism must be won here in Canada as well. The Ottawa Protocol is mostly the result of a report published this summer by a Canadian Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Anti-Semitism which was comprised of leading Canadian politicians who volun-

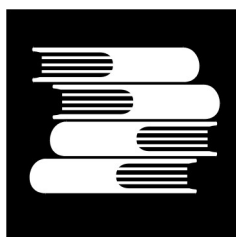
teered their time to probe the increasing and alarming tide of anti-Semitism in Canada.

In a letter accompanying the report, Chairs of the Inquiry Panel and the Steering Committee Mario Silva and Scott Reid wrote, "The Inquiry Panel's conclusion, unfortunately, is that the scourge of anti-Semitism is a growing threat in Canada, especially on the campuses of our universities." The report cites numerous examples of anti-Semitism on various campuses including the infamous incident in 2009 when Jewish students at York University were chased and barricaded themselves in the Hillel lounge while a mob outside taunted them with anti-Semitic slurs. The list of examples is quite long and disturbing.

Universities should take note of the report and the signing of the Ottawa Protocols. They should put an immediate end to hateful and fallacious events like Israeli Apartheid Week; they should state unequivocally that freedom of speech should not be abused to provide a cover for anti-Semitism; they should ensure that Jewish students feel welcome on campus and that their learning environment should be freed from anti-Israel occurrences and finally, universities must become accountable for allowing their private property to be venues for hateful conduct among students.

The Ottawa Protocol to Combat Anti-Semitism is a template for every Canadian to consider. But it is especially a document of significance for universities that have allowed themselves to become vehicles of hatred and complicit in its promotion. As my friend, Professor Irwin Cotler said last night at the Ottawa signing ceremony, anti-Semitism is not only the longest known form of hatred in the history of humanity -- it is the only form of hatred that is truly global.

Every person of conscience should take note of the Ottawa Protocols and never forget the lessons of the Holocaust when the world was silent. *(Arnie Forman)*



BOOK CORNER

by Rosalie Donadio

THE CROSS AND THE PEAR TREE:

A Sephardic Journey by Victor Perera

The author traces his family a 500 year old, distinguished Sephardic Jewish family and brilliantly re-creates the history not only of his own people but of an entire culture. The story begins in Spain in the fifteenth century, when the Sephardim are offered a choice of conversion, exile or death. It is the tale of a richly flourishing tradition—intellectual, religious, worldly and spiritual—interrupted by massively cruel events; a story of persecution, escape and renewal, carrying us from the Iberian Peninsula across Europe to the Holy Land and Central America. And the Pere(i)ras whose lives we enter are both fascinating in themselves and emblematic of the Sephardic Diaspora created by the Inquisition and the expulsion—some of them, under threat of torture and execution, capitulating to the Cross or becoming Marranos, crypto-Jews who practiced their ancestral religion in secret; other remaining loyal to the pear tree that became their symbol and crest.

Jewish Tidbits

Fran Breese

Jerusalem: 3,000 Years Young

Most people think that Jerusalem is a city, but that's not completely true. In many ways Jerusalem is a city like any other big city; it has a mayor and a city hall, it has shopping centers and office buildings, and it has schools, playgrounds, parks, museums and a zoo. To the Jewish people however, Jerusalem is much, much more than *just* a city. It's even more than the capital of Israel. In many ways, Jerusalem is the very heart and soul of Judaism, Jewish history, and the Jewish people.

Today, Jerusalem is constantly in the headlines, and for over 3,000 years it has been an ever-present feature in Jewish life, Jewish spirituality, Jewish prayer and Jewish dreams.

The Following is a Brief History of Jerusalem:

The following list of twenty-one dates is a summary of the 3,700-year-old relationship of the Jewish people to Jerusalem.

The author recounts his quest in this book that richly brings alive the too-little-known Sephardic culture in all its abundance, profundity, color and compelling particularity. (Available in the Ocean County Library System)

Fundraising News

Oneg Sponsorship: Do you or your family have a simcha to share with our congregation? What better way to celebrate than sponsoring an Oneg! We offer several levels that can be sponsored. \$50, \$75, and \$100. Our Onegs include wine, juice, challah and other desserts. The upper levels include fruit and extras to enhance the Oneg. Kindly contact Maralyn Ricciardi at 609-660-0935 or Madelyn Dunn at 609-660-1614 to reserve your date.

Help Wanted! Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam has beautiful logo T-shirts available in all sizes for only \$10.00 apiece. "Recipes to Remember" our very own cookbook is a 3-ring binder with an included easel for free-standing on a countertop. Each cookbook is filled with over 180 recipes with lots of tips, hints and suggestions. The cookbook sells for \$18.00 and makes an excellent gift for friends or family, and is a wonderful keepsake as well. T-shirts and cookbooks are always available at services.

1738 BCE The first Jew goes to Jerusalem

Abraham, the founding father of the Jewish people, was sent by God to Israel. After arriving in Israel, Abraham went to Jerusalem where he received a blessing from king Melchizedek.

1676 BCE The binding of Isaac

One of the most important events in early Jewish history was when Abraham almost sacrificed his son Isaac. This took place on Mt. Moriah in Jerusalem.

1590 BCE Jacob's dream

One of the most important experiences in the life of Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, was his mystical dream about a ladder that reached to heaven. This dream took place in Jerusalem.

866 BCE Jerusalem becomes the capital of Israel

King David established Jerusalem as the capitol city of Israel.

825 BCE The first Temple in Jerusalem

King Solomon built the first Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple stood for 400 years until being destroyed by the Babylonians.

423 BCE Destruction of first Temple

The Babylonians conquered Israel, destroyed the Temple and exiled the Jews

352 BCE The second Temple in Jerusalem

The Temple was rebuilt and stood for another 400 years.

70 CE The second Temple is destroyed

The Romans destroyed the second Temple.

312 Christianity expels Jews from Jerusalem

The Christians ruled Israel for 300 years and made it illegal for Jews to live in Jerusalem.

638 The Muslims conquered Jerusalem

The Muslims conquered Israel and Jerusalem. Though they allowed Jews to move back into Jerusalem, they also built their mosques atop Judaism's holiest site—the Temple Mount.

1099 Christians return to Jerusalem

The Christians defeat the Muslims and kill all the Jews in Jerusalem.

From the time of the destruction of the Temple, no foreign ruler paid much attention to Jerusalem and it became a poor, run down city that suffered from a lack of clean water, from disease, and from robbers. Despite this, Jews everywhere dreamed of returning to Jerusalem and many literally risked their lives to travel and settle there. The Western Wall, the last remnant of the Temple, was the holiest place in Jerusalem for prayer.

1267 A new synagogue in Jerusalem

The Ramban was a great rabbi who was forced to flee Christian persecution in Spain. He went to Jerusalem where he re-established the first synagogue in 150 years. That synagogue became the center of a small new Jewish community and was used for 300 years.

1500 Rabbi Ovadia of Bartenura

Though Jews were scattered all over the world, many made heroic efforts to move to Israel and settle in Jerusalem. Rabbi Ovadia of Bartenura was a great scholar who moved to Jerusalem.

1517 The Turks conquer Jerusalem

The Turkish empire conquered Israel and Jerusalem and ruled for 400 years until the end of World War I.

1699 Yehuda Hachassid

Rabbi Yehuda Hachassid led 1,000 Jews from Poland to Israel where they settled in Jerusalem. The Yehuda Hachassid synagogue was in use for over 200 years until it was destroyed in 1948 by the Jordanians. It is currently being rebuilt.

1742 Rabbi Chaim ibn Attar moves to Jerusalem

Rabbi Chaim Attar, a great scholar and mystic, moved with his family and many of his students from Morocco to Jerusalem.

1777 The Baal Shem Tov

The Baal Shem Tov, founder of the Chassidic movement, inspired many to emigrate to Israel. In 1777, Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Vitebsk led a group of 300 Russian Jews to Israel.

1809 The Vilna Gaon

Rabbi Eliyahu of Vilna (known as the Vilna Gaon) encouraged his students to move from Lithuania to Israel. From 1809 to the late 1830's approximately 200 people a year left Lithuania for Israel where most of them settled in Jerusalem. The Vilna Gaon himself tried twice to make the move but was unsuccessful.

1917 The British conquer Jerusalem

England defeated the Turks in World War I and conquered Israel and Jerusalem.

1850 - 1948 The great return to Jerusalem

Over the centuries the Jewish population slowly grew until there were 10,000 Jews living in the city in 1850. (There were also 6,000 Arabs and 4,000 Christians living in the city.) At the end of World War I, the British promised to help the Jewish people rebuild a homeland in Israel. By 1948 there were 650,000 Jews living in Israel and 100,000 in Jerusalem.

1948 The Jordanians destroy the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem

In 1948 Israel fought and won the War of Independence, but it lost Jerusalem to the Jordanian forces. All of the Jews who lived within the walls of the ancient city of Jerusalem were either killed or driven out by the Jordanians. The Jordanians destroyed all of the synagogues in the city and would not allow any Jews to live in Jerusalem or even visit the Western Wall to pray. Israel established its capitol in the new city of Jerusalem that was outside of the walls of the ancient city of Jerusalem.

1967 The Six-Day War and Jerusalem-Yom Yerushalayim

Though the modern state of Israel was born in 1948, for twenty years, Jews were cut off from the heart of Jerusalem. In the spring of 1967, the Arab countries that surround Israel were planning to attack and destroy the Jewish state. Instead of suffering defeat, Israel won the war in just six days. On June 7, 1967—after almost 2,000 years—Jerusalem was united and the Old City of Jerusalem was once again the capital of the Jewish homeland. The restoration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel 2,800 years after King David first made it the capital, and 2,000 years after its destruction by the Romans, just might be the most incredible event in all of world history.

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2011 Schedule of Services

November 4	7:30 PM	Sabbath Services
November 5	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Arrowood
December 9	7:30 PM	Sabbath Services
December 23	7:30 PM	Sabbath Services

