



Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam

Gates of the Sea

THE BULLETIN

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Items to Note:

- July 18: Dine-A-Round
- July 22: Shabbat Services
- July 29: Shabbat Services

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Message From the Rabbi:

Dear Friends,

Thank you to so many of you who responded to my request for medical supplies for Haiti. You have responded with great generosity of heart and spirit. I wanted to bring you up to date with this project in which I'm involved.

As many of you know, last summer I volunteered with two different missions to Haiti. On the first, I traveled with an interfaith group which supports an orphanage in Port au Prince. The orphanage had sustained damage in the earthquake six months earlier, and our group went to make repairs on their buildings and to bring supplies, mostly educational material, for the school. We found bright-eyed, eager and loving children living in extremely difficult circumstances, housed in simple buildings with minimal running water, no electricity and no kitchens. Yet the adults taking care of them did so with great tenderness and attentiveness, and they were all buoyed by our visit and by the physical work we did together that week. The second mission was as a volunteer at the only critical care hospital in Port au Prince, an (by our standards) extremely substandard facility. It was at this hospital that I met another volunteer, Dr. Deborah Ottenheimer, an OB-GYN from Manhattan. Deborah and I met Fede, a young man employed by the hospital to drive volunteers to and from the Port au Prince airport. Fede told us that he had founded and was managing an orphanage in a remote village called Peligre several hours drive from Port au Prince. A church group from Kentucky had become involved with the orphanage, but, Fede told us, they needed so much more. Right then and there Deborah and I – two Jewish women from the greater New York area – decided to join forces with a group of Southern Christians, in effect forming our own interfaith coalition. Over the past months we've learned more about Peligre's needs. The village has no medical services at all so those who are in need of them either figure out how to get to Port au Prince, or...they don't. So Deborah's and my first project was to collect medical supplies. We also learned that the orphanage is desperately trying to find the means to pay their teachers whose salaries are \$1500 a year. Finally, the orphanage and the whole village need access to water purification treatments since the U.N. has stopped delivering potable water that far from Port au Prince. Deborah and I have been fundraising to help defray the cost of the salaries and the water treatment as well. In a few weeks, Deborah will be traveling to Peligre taking with her all the medical supplies donated by you and many other generous supporters. American Airlines kindly allows travelers to Haiti to bring humanitarian supplies free of charge which is lifesaving because it is, at this time, hopeless to ship anything directly to Haiti and plan to ever see it again. While at Peligre,

Deborah will be teaching basic first aid skills, assessing the village's needs and, hopefully, beginning a process of bringing together several neighboring villages to share medical services and resources. She told me that she's already had translated into Creole a pamphlet entitled, "What to Do When There's No Doctor." So, this will be quite a meaningful experience, I'm sure, and I only wish I could go with her. (My previously scheduled trip to Israel precludes it.) But we plan to go together again in the fall-early winter. Some people have asked me, "Why Haiti? There are so many places and people in the world that need help. Why not a Jewish cause?" To those very legitimate questions, I would say two things. First, sometimes we simply wind up involved in a situation just by happenstance. We find ourselves in a particular place at a particular time in our lives for any combination of unfathomable and unpredictable reasons. That, in part, describes how I wound up in Haiti last year. And second, I truly believe that the Peligre orphanage *is* a Jewish cause, that helping its children represents the clearest of Jewish values, among which is the belief that each human being is a cherished soul of inestimable worth. To illustrate that point, here's a link to a video produced by the Kentucky church that you might be interested in: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvwY7NgBaGA> Upon Deborah's return from Haiti, I'll share her report with you. Until then, have a good month and a good summer.

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer

Message from the President:

I have the distinct honor and privilege of being chosen to replace the irreplaceable, as your newly-elected President. It is difficult to find the words to express my gratitude and the gratitude of our congregation to Cyndy and the members of her Board, who have given their time and energy to forming our congregation and shaping it into the active and welcoming Jewish community it has become. My wife, Susan, and I have treasured the opportunity to become a part of this community and to share in the Shabbats, celebrations, holidays and life events that have occurred in the day-to-day life of our congregation.

While our past leaders have provided us with a strong foundation, it is now up to us to move forward to create our future. With the expert advice and assistance of our current Board and input from our members, we will continue to grow and come together as a strong community.

Let me take a moment to thank, welcome and introduce the new Board members who will be serving you this year, along with me:

Phil Miller: First Vice President; Dayna Otto: Second Vice President; Ernie Bleiweiss: Treasurer; Thelma Polon: Secretary; Mark Kreisler: Financial Secretary; Trustees: Philip Atland, Rose Jackson, and Lenny Feather; Past President: Cyndy Friedland.

I am excited to be able to work with this fine group of people.

We are also extremely pleased that our Rabbi, Kim Geringer, had agreed to continue to serve our congregation for two more years. She has been and will continue to be a strong voice in the development of our congregation, in leading our religious services, and in helping to maintain the positive relationship we have with our membership.

It is with great enthusiasm that I take on the responsibility of leading our membership into the future.

Thank you for this honor.

Sincerely

Aaron Shapiro, President

Family News:

Yahrzeit July 2011

July 1 Rose Lewis-Gross,
Mother of Samuel Lewis

July 3 Sarah Platman,
Mother of Thelma Polon

July 9 Sarah Halpert,
Mother of Marlene Feldhuhn

July 16 Nathan Sales,
Father of Maralyn Ricciadi

July 19 Dorothy Heineman,
Mother of Syble Bleiweiss

July 27 Gladys Cohen,
Mother of Phil Cohen

*(Please forward any new Yahrzeit dates
for updating files to Phyllis at
bbbanner@aol.com. Thank you.)*

July Birthdays

4 Miller Rachel
4 Polon Thelma
7 Cohen Craig
24 Majewski Alex
27 Gold Rita

July Anniversaries

No Anniversaries on
record for July

*Please forward ALL birthday and anniversary dates
to Fran at nanny1141@comcast.net as our
files must be re-done. Thank you.*

***" The Congregation would like to thank the many
generous donations made in memory of
Eric Kreisler."***

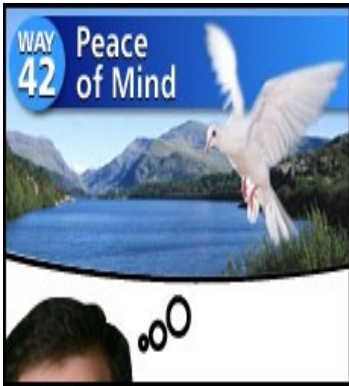
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Leon & Harriet Heller
Robert & Bette Silverman
Alfred & Mary Ann Pluskota
Michael & Catherine Decicco
Murray & Thelma Rosenthal
Elaine Brogowski
Paul & Sharon Chropuvka
Joel & Sandra Polter
Anton & Christina Wetter
Lester and Anne Walsh
Roger & Jane Zimany
Harold & Thelma Polon
Lorna Graham
Michael & Harriette Lichten
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Daniel & Margaret Balsamo
Fran & Joseph Breese
Warren & Irene Kreisler
Arlene Armstrong
Shelley Simon
Joyce & Joseph Locascio

Phyllis & Jack Doyle
Warren & Carol Schmitt
Michael & Janet Mahony
Maryann & Joseph Augusta
Phillip Altland
Mr/ Mrs Paul McGill
Ms Phyllis Berger
Mr William Betz
Susan Wainer
Mr & Mrs R Salberg
Robert & Doreen Konvit
Ms Noreen McGowan
Kenneth & Margo Gudaitis
Hannah & Ron Schmidt
Rosalie Donadio

Jewish Tidbits

Fran Breese



The world can be in turmoil, but a person can be at peace with himself. To attain internal equilibrium, focus on the needs of your soul.

Peace of Mind

WHY IS “PEACE OF MIND”

A WAY TO WISDOM?

- If someone doesn't know what he's living for, then he's at war with himself.
- You cannot have peace while being mediocre.
- When we think big, we become big. Look around the world and see how much you can accomplish.
- Greatness is achieved by leading with the soul, and harnessing the passionate power of the body.
- Real peace comes only when your body desires your soul's success.
- If we succeed in making others great, we become great ourselves.

***Join Us for
Shabbat Services ...***

***We Will All Benefit by
Your presence ...***

Jewish Heroes

(You don't have to be Jewish :)

(Contributions of information welcome)

Just in case you weren't aware of this hero!!!

Marcel Marceau

Very interesting facts about Marcel Marceau (the famous mime, Bip) served in the French Resistance to order to save Jews. Marcel Marceau Was a Holocaust Hero.

He was born Marcel Mangel on March 22, 1923, in Strasbourg, Alsace, to a kosher butcher, Charles (who loved the arts) and Anne (nee Werzberger). His mother brought him to see a Charlie Chaplin movie when he was five. He was entranced.

At the beginning of WWII, Marcel and his brother, Alain, hid their Jewish origins, changing their name from Mangel to Marceau. Marcel's father died in Auschwitz; his mother survived the war.

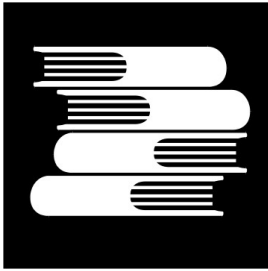
Marcel and Alain both joined the Resistance in Limoges; many Jews were actively involved in the Resistance movement. Jewish children had to be protected from both the French police and the Germans. Although he was trilingual, Marcel taught hundreds of Jewish children the art of communicating in mime because it was important for the children to converse silently. These children were brought to safety in Switzerland by Marceau.

In 1944, he joined the Free French Forces under General Charles de Gaulle, acting as liaison officer to General Patton's army. Marceau also entertained thousands of US troops after the liberation of Paris.

Note: Marceau was “discovered” by Laurel and Hardy. He spoke only once in a performance...in Mel Brooks' film “Silent Movie”. Marceau said the word, “Non.” His career lasted over 60 years as an actor, director, teacher, interpreter, and public multilingual speaker on five continents. He died on Yom Kippur in 2007.

“Do not the most moving moments of our lives find us without words?”

— Marcel Marceau



BOOK CORNER:

by Rosalie Donadio

Saving Israel:

How the Jewish People Can Win A War That May Never End

by Daniel Gordis

Attacked by terrorist, threatened by Arab states, and criticized by nearly everyone, Israel is the only country about which there is discussion as to whether it has a right to exist. Yet even its most ardent defenders cannot always articulate why Israel deserves to survive. In *Saving Israel*, Daniel Gordis admits that peace has never been farther off, but he also captures the wonder and vitality of this very special country, painting a picture of a nation well worth preserving. He provides a profound and persuasive argument, not just for how the Jewish homeland can survive, but how the enthusiasm so apparent at its founding can be cultivated today and for generations to come.

My opinion: 20th century history underscores the necessity for Israel's existence and coupled with the resurgence of anti-Semitism (in western Europe, intellectualized as anti Zionism), even in countries with a minimal Jewish population, provides a powerful impetus for support for Israel. History should not be allowed to repeat itself.

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." George Santayana, *The Life of Reason, Volume I, 1905*

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Information ...**

www.shaareyhayam.org

Fundraising News

Dine A Round – *Flyer on the last page.*

Holiday Boutique - Will happen this Fall, info to follow in the next newsletter.

Sahara Sam's - Tickets still available for the low rate of \$20 each. The indoor water park is a great way to spend time with family!

Raffle Tickets - Our hopes are that you will not only sell or buy the two books you receive, but you will be needing more to sell! 1st prize is \$500 Visa Cash card, 2nd is a \$250 Visa Cash card and 3rd \$150 Visa Cash card. The drawing will be on Oct. 8th (2nd Night Seder). This should give us plenty of time to sell, sell, sell!

Cookbooks and T-Shirts also available.

The Fund Raising Committee is committed to the future of our congregation. If you would like to be a part, have any questions or would like to come to our next meeting (7 pm, 7/11 @ The Otto's home), please contact Dayna at 609-978-6581.

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.

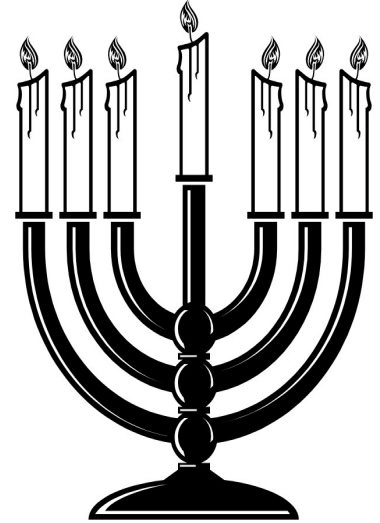
Help Wanted!

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.

2011 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

July 22	7:30 pm	Shabbat Services
July 29	7:30 pm	Shabbat Services
August 12	7:30 pm	Shabbat Services
August 19	7:30 pm	Shabbat Services
September 9	7:30 pm	Shabbat Services
September 28	7:30 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Services
September 29	10:00 am	Rosh Hashanah Services
October 7	7:30 pm	Erev Yom Kippur
October 8	10:00 am	Yom Kippur & Break the Fast
October 14		Sukkot
October 15	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Alex Dublinsky
November 4	7:30 pm	Shabbat Services
November 5	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Arrowood
November 18	7:30 pm	Shabbat Services
December 9	7:30 pm	Shabbat Services
December 23	7:30 pm	Shabbat Services



Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam's

Dine A Round

At

TAN'S GARDEN

(Chinese Cuisine)

The Shoprite Plaza
Route 72 East, Manahawkin

Dine On

Monday, July 18th

3 P. M. till closing

Please bring this flyer with you