



Message from the Rabbi

"A man takes a wife and possesses her. She does not find favor in his eyes because he finds some unseemly thing in her, and he writes her a bill of divorcement (literally, 'a document of cutting off'), hands it to her, and sends her away from his house." (Deuteronomy 24:1-2)

"If the husband debar his wife from participating in certain joyous functions, or if he prevents her from wearing costly dresses and jewelry that he can afford to buy, she may sue for and be granted a divorce...If she says, 'My 'husband is distasteful to me, I cannot live with him,' the court should compel the husband to divorce her because a wife is not like a captive woman." (Mishneh Torah, 12th century)

Dear friends,

Summer is often a time for weddings, and these are certainly among our most joyous events. Yet we are all well aware that the divorce rate hovers around 50%, so that many of these marriages will, regrettably, come to an end. You may be interested to know that since earliest times, Judaism has provided for divorce when the relationship between two people who have been joined together in *kiddushin* (sacred matrimony) has broken down irrevocably. The decision to end a marriage is painful not only for the couple (and any children that they may have), but also for their

extended families and the entire community. Jewish tradition teaches that when a marriage is dissolved, "...even the altar sheds tears." (Talmud). Jews who wish to divorce their partners, of course, obtain civil divorces like everyone else. However, the mechanism by which a Jewish marriage is traditionally dissolved is called a *get*. In a Jewish wedding, it is *kiddushin*, the act of declaring this particular person and relationship to be separate and apart from all others, that creates a marriage. In Jewish terms, a *get* cancels *kiddushin*. A *get* is a no-fault document that makes no mention of the grounds for the divorce or the resolution of other issues. In Jewish law, only the man can issue the *get*. Each party must acknowledge that they understand what is happening and that they are acting freely and without coercion. The husband authorizes a scribe to write the document and witnesses sign it. Either the husband or his proxy presents the signed document to the wife. Once she accepts it, the divorce takes effect immediately. The problems that can be created when a Jewish man refuses to give his estranged wife a *get* have been well publicized in recent years. These women, known as *agunot* ("chained women") can be stuck in limbo indefinitely. With only a civil divorce and no *get*, some Conservative and virtually all Orthodox rabbis (including in the State of Israel) will not marry a Jewish woman since in the eyes of traditional Judaism she and her ex-spouse are still considered married. Should she

marry anyway, the children resulting from the new marriage may be considered illegitimate and in some parts of the Jewish community those children themselves will be limited as to whom they will be able to marry.

Why, you may be wondering, am I talking here in our bulletin about traditional Jewish divorce practices? Is this important to us? The answer is, more than you might think. I want to introduce you to an organization right near us in New York, an important resource for Jews who divorce.

Kayama, is a non-profit, non-denominational organization founded in 1985 whose purpose is to provide information regarding the ramifications and implications of a Jewish divorce and to provide technical and financial assistance to those who wish to obtain one. Since 1985 they have facilitated Jewish divorces for thousands of divorcing couples. What does this have to do with us as Reform Jews? Many rabbis, myself included, routinely refer all divorcing Jewish couples to Kayama for information, assistance, and support. From a religious standpoint, Jews ought not to limit their options for the future. Who knows whom or under what circumstances a person may wish to remarry in the future? A Jew who is divorced but has not obtained a *get* may have difficulty being married by rabbis who do require a *get*. Our views on the *get* process vary. But I have found that by referring couples to Kayama, I have helped them preserve their freedom to choose future spouses and wedding officiants. In addition, obtaining a Jewish divorce can also provide a sense of emotional closure, especially for those whose marriage began with a Jewish ceremony. Those who work with Kayama are thoughtful and sensitive individuals who interact very well with Reform rabbis and those whom we serve.

There are substantial differences between the Jewish denominations on many issues. The matter of Jewish divorce and *gittin* (plural of *get*) is one of them. The unequal position of husband and wife in the *get* process is troubling and even offensive to many liberal Jews. Reform rabbis have at their disposal an egalitarian “Ritual of Release” ceremony which some couples find comforting and meaningful. Nevertheless, despite their diverse views on the need for a *get*, the heads of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) have recently written to their membership regarding the practical importance of the *get* and the availability of Kayama as a trusted resource. I have spoken to a number of Jewish women who were issued *gittin* by divorcing spouses.

Overwhelmingly they have told me that their experiences were very difficult. Generally they did not understand the ceremonial process and no one explained it to them. Rather than feeling relief and closure as a result of the ritual, they felt awkward, uncomfortable, embarrassed, and diminished. For those who choose a traditional Jewish divorce, it doesn't have to be this way. If you know a Jewish couple planning to divorce, consider telling them about Kayama and at least giving them the option to learn more about what it can offer. Kayama can be reached at (800) 932-8589 or at www.Kayama.org. And please let me know if I can be of assistance in these matters.

Have a good month.

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer



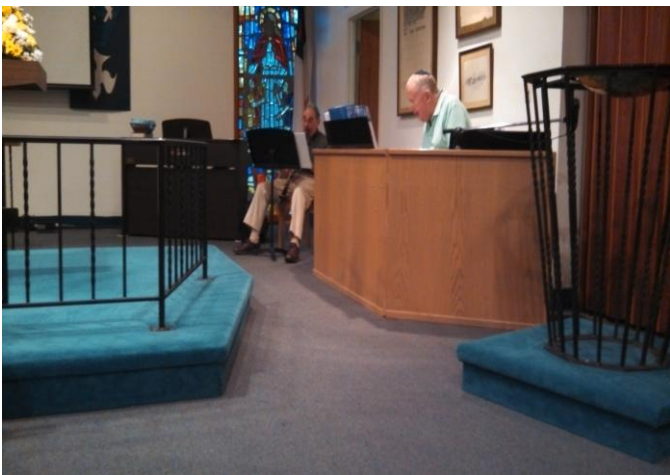
FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 28 CONGREGATION CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE



SACRED SPACE SERMON FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2013



PRAYER MUSIC



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This past Friday evening I had the pleasure of attending a beautiful Shabbat service amongst many members of our Congregation, as well as numerous guests. I would estimate there were nearly sixty people present. The energy seemed especially high, the singing was loud and enthusiastic, and the music provided by Philip and Stan was jamming. At the Oneg following, I discussed with one of our new congregants the fact that at his prior congregation, out of maybe 500 or more members, there might be ten at their Friday night service. Our Temple, on the other hand, often has about half of entire membership present and enjoying themselves.

If it has been awhile for you, please consider joining us for Shabbat. A great opportunity would be this coming July 19, our annual membership service. If you can, try to bring a guest. I have spoken with many congregants who have joined our Temple as the result of the positive feeling they received being with us on a Friday night.

Last month we discussed a milestone reach by our young Temple, the tenth anniversary of our founding. On July 20 we will be celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Garrett Majewski. If my calculations are correct, this will be the tenth B'nai Mitzvah conducted by Congregation Sha'aray Hayam. Through your work and support, we can continue building, and keep these milestones coming.

Philip M. Miller



Yahrzeit JULY 2013 – OF BLESSED MEMORY

According to the English Calendar

July	Yahrzeit	
1	Rose Lewis-Gross	Mother of Sam Lewis
1	Miriam Jackson	Mother of Stan Jackson
3	Sarah Platman	Mother of Thelma Polon
9	Sarah Halpert	Mother of Marlene Feldhuhn
9	Theodore Shapiro	Brother of Aaron Shapiro
16	Nathan Sales	Father of Maralyn Ricciardi
19	Dorothy Heineman	Mother of Syble Bleiweis
27	Gladys Cohen	Mother of Phil Cohen
	Phil Lessig	Father of Ben Lessig



July	Date	Congregant
	04	Rachel Miller
	04	Thelma Polon
	07	Craig Cohen
	24	Alex Majewski

Get Well Wishes Sent to

Rosalie Donadio
Recuperating from Surgery

Adult Hebrew 101

We would like to offer Hebrew 101 plus discussion with Iris Harrari this summer. The class will meet once a week at the Stafford Library. This will be an hour and a half class with a brush up on the Hebrew Alphabet and discussions of various topics relating to Israel. For further information, please contact Cyndy Friedland at 609-698-4459 or cfriedland119@comcast.net



TRIBUTE CARD SENT

To: Stephen and Val Perlman
"Congratulations on your Wedding"
From: Dayna, Kurt, Bailey, Reece and Bri.

ברוכים הבאים

We welcome Mr. Harold Markowitz of Barnegat to our congregational family.



DONATIONS

A donation has been made by Phyllis Albritton Webb in honor of her sister, Cyndy Friedland.

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Tributes	Syble Bleiweis
Yahrzeits	



The **Sunshine Committee** is responsible for sending Get Well and Sympathy cards from the congregation. They will also contact the Rabbi and the Temple President to let them know the situation.

If you hear of an illness of one of our members or of the death of a member of our congregation or a member of their family, then please contact one of the following so that a card can be sent. .

Syble Bleiweis 609-978-4240
Ruth Schlyen 609-971-8333
Phyllis Blum 609-597-5743
Harriet Cohen 609-660-2530

**VOLUNTEER JOIN A COMMITTEE AND
HELP YOUR TEMPLE**

“Volunteers are love in motion”

Contact Philip Miller if you wish to become a member of one of these committees or contact the Committee Chairperson.

Tisha B'Avט' באב or תשעה באב, "the Ninth of [Av](#)**Begins at sunset Monday, July 15, 2013 (in 16 days) and ends at nightfall Tuesday, July 16, 2013.**Destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem, by [Francesco Hayez](#)

Tisha B'Av is an annual [fast day](#) in [Judaism](#), named for the ninth day (*Tisha*) of the month of [Av](#) in the [Hebrew calendar](#). The fast commemorates the destruction of both the [First Temple](#) and [Second Temple](#) in [Jerusalem](#), which occurred about 655 years apart, but on the same [Hebrew calendar](#) date.

Although primarily meant to commemorate the destruction of the Temples, it is also considered appropriate to commemorate other Jewish tragedies that occurred on this day, most notably the [expulsion of the Jews from Spain](#) in 1492, one of the concluding events of the Iberian [Reconquista](#). Accordingly, the day has been called the "saddest day in Jewish history". Definition from Wikipedia.

More recent tragedies that occurred on or near this holiday - In 1290, Jews were expelled from England on Tisha B'Av. During the Holocaust, deportations from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Nazi Treblinka death camp began on Tisha B'Av (1942). More recently, the deadly bombing of the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires occurred on Tisha B'Av (1994). Jews debate whether the holiday should now include remembrance of September 11 tragedies.

NOTE: Interesting article about modern view of Tisha B'Av in the 21st Century by American Jews.
Posted on June 17, 2013 by [Binyamin Kagedan/JNS.org](#) and filed under [Features](#), [Jewish Life](#), and [Special Sections](#).

Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are available to congregants and friends for making donations in memory of, in honor of, to celebrate all life cycle events.

To make the donation kindly contact:

Syble Bleiweis at 609-978-4240 or sybern3539@comcast.net
or Cyndy Friedland at 609-698-4459 or cfriedland119@comcast.net.

As soon as your check for the donation is received the tribute card will be mailed to the recipient. Checks should be mailed to whomever you speak to or email the request to:

Syble Bleiweis, 70 Oak Ridge Lane, Manahawkin, NJ 08050
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Manahawkin



Tickets for Sale

\$6.50

These make great gifts!

Tribute Cards

Starting donation \$5 for any reason – contact Syble Bleiweis 978-4240
(birthday, graduation, special occasion, anniversary, in memory of,...)

Dine-A-Rounds

June 17 – 20 from 1pm- 9pm Not Just Yogurt in Manahawkin
July Tan's Garden in Manahawkin, check July newsletter

ShopRite Cards

THE ONLY PLACE TO SHOP AROUND HERE!!!

Write a tax deductible check to RJCB and the congregation gets 5% of the
sale. Sold in \$25, \$50 & \$100 Use like cash!

Collecting Supplies for Our Troops

Any and all new toiletry products will be accepted.

Deadline is July 19th.

Jars of Honey for Rosh Hashanah

Deadline July 28th. \$10 each. They make wonderful gifts! Get your orders in
call Madelyn today! 609-660-1614

Simcha Box

At each service, make a donation for any reason at all!!!

Any questions or to make a purchase or donation, contact a member from
the Fundraising Committee

Temple Membership Service July 19, 2013

Are there unaffiliated Jews in your community, in your neighborhood, in the stores of services you utilize. Reach out; they may be seeking a spiritual home. You may be surprised.

Welcome them and we will be able to expand our community and share our heritage. Be proactive and invite them to our Services. Our Congregation is unique and our community warm and welcoming. It's time to share what we have developed. Invite a friend to visit our services and meet our spiritual community. Ask them "To try it; they might like it"!!



July



- *Friday July 19 Services 7:30pm Bring a Friend to Service*
- *Friday, July 19 Services 7:30pm Bar Mitzvah Celebration of Garrett Majewski*
- *Saturday, July 20 10am to 12 Noon Bar Mitzvah of Garrett Majewski*
- *Monday, July 29 Board of Trustees Meeting*

Membership Dues Information

At our congregational meeting on May 19th our dues for membership was increased and accepted to be \$295. per person. This year we are offering a few different ways that you can pay your dues.

1. Dues may be paid in one payment.
2. Dues may be paid in one payment using a credit card; go to our website www.shayareyhayam.org under **donate**. Fill in the information from your credit card and fill in amount, \$295.00 per single or \$590.00 per family **This can only be done by paying the full amount due.**
3. Dues may be paid in 4 payments; June1, July1, August1, September1. This would be at \$75. each month with the last payment being \$70. This amount would be doubled for family memberships.

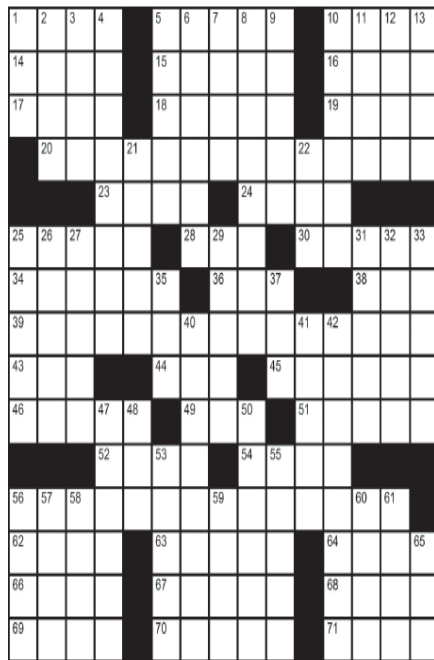
All dues must be paid in full by October unless an arrangement has been made with Cynthia Friedland (Financial Secretary) cfriedland119@comcast.net, 609-698-4459 or Ernie Bleiweis (Treasurer) sybern3539@comcast.net, 609-978-4240. If you have any questions kindly contact us.

Cyndy Friedland and Ernie Bleiweis

JERUSALEM POST CROSSWORD PUZZLE

by David Benkof

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For the answers to this week's puzzle visit jewishjournal.com/crossword**ACROSS**

1. And others: Abbr.
5. Costumes for the TV-miniseries "Masada"
10. Hebrew zeydie
14. Damascus ____ (Popular way into the Old City)
15. Deuce follower in tennis
16. ____ Ha'am (pen name for Asher Ginzburg)
17. Seize
18. Brouhaha
19. ____ W (root beer brand)
20. New York Times foreign affairs columnist
23. Sinai Campaign and Lebanon
24. ____ B'rak (city near Tel Aviv)
25. Be ____ in the neck
28. Great-grandson of Solomon
30. Torah portion about Nazirites
34. Philosopher Buber
36. Prefix with terrorism
38. An official lang. of Israel
39. At age 27, she converted from Christian Science to Judaism

43. Where Mark Zuckerberg made his fortune
44. Modeh ____ (early morning prayer)
45. Actress Danes who appears in "Homeland," based on an Israeli series
46. Become decent?
49. Double helix
51. A hamentash has three
52. Torah ____ (textbook company)
54. Emulates Matisyahu, sometimes
56. Playwrights, "You Can't Take it With You"
62. Katz who played J.R.'s son on "Dallas"
63. Northern hemisphere?
64. Support Maccabi Tel Aviv
66. "Good Times" producer Norman
67. Works in a shuk
68. Artist Ticho
69. Car bar
70. Become worn down
71. Salomon of the American Revolution

DOWN

1. It's on a seder plate
2. Pucker-producing
3. Second word in a blessing
4. Author Fran
5. Judah's daughter-in-law
6. Site of a 1941 massacre of Jews
7. Monte Scheinblum's sport
8. Leading Orthodox Rabbi Shlomo Zalman who died in 1995
9. Author Gertrude
10. The first important rabbinic figure to write extensively in Arabic
11. "What ____!"
12. Eric ____ ("Munich" star)
13. Arith. process
21. "Fudge-a-____" (Judy Blume book)
22. Sunset time, in verse
25. Change, as a Knesset bill
26. Less tan
27. Bat Mitzvah is ____ of passage
29. Become permanent
31. Baseball commissioner from Milwaukee
32. Be a nuisance at night
33. Shrek and others
35. Casspi's org.
37. Available without an Rx
40. Imperil
41. "First of all," to some Jews
42. Largest volunteer organization in Israel
47. "On Language" columnist William
48. Easy math problem
50. Red Auerbach's real first name
53. Salary bump
55. Get ____ of one's own medicine
56. Caffeine-loaded nut
57. Alternative to Visa or MC
58. 1,500-mile Russian chain
59. "____! Can you hear me?"
60. Novelist Jaffe ("The Best of Everything")
61. "Lincoln" and "Munich" screenwrt Kushner
65. When doubled, a kosher cracker

See August Newsletter for the answers.

"People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks

In 1996, Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, is offered the job of a lifetime: analysis and conservation of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, which has been rescued from Serb shelling during the Bosnian war. Priceless and beautiful, the book is one of the earliest Jewish volumes ever to be illuminated with images. When Hanna, a caustic loner with a passion for her work, discovers a series of tiny artifacts in its ancient binding - an insect wing fragment, wine stains, salt crystals, a white hair - she begins to unlock the book's mysteries. The reader is ushered into an exquisitely detailed and atmospheric past, tracing the book's journey from its salvation back to its creation.

In Bosnia during World War II, a Muslim risks his life to protect it from the Nazis. In the hedonistic salons of fin-de-siècle Vienna, the book becomes a pawn in the struggle against the city's rising anti-Semitism. In inquisition-era Venice, a Catholic priest saves it from burning. In Barcelona in 1492, the scribe who wrote the text sees his family destroyed by the agonies of enforced exile. And in Seville in 1480, the reason for the Haggadah's extraordinary illuminations is finally disclosed. Hanna's investigation unexpectedly plunges her into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics. Her experiences will test her belief in herself and the man she has come to love.

Inspired by a true story, *People of the Book* is at once a novel of sweeping historical grandeur and intimate emotional intensity, an ambitious, electrifying work by an acclaimed and beloved author.

Review by Goodreads.com

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