



Message from the Rabbi

July 2014

On June 18, 1964, 50 years ago this week, during one of the most violent years of the civil rights struggle, 16 Reform rabbis spent the night in a jail in St. Augustine, FL. They had responded to an invitation from Martin Luther King Jr. to join him in a demonstration against segregation there.

The Reform rabbis were arrested for trying to integrate two restaurants and a motel swimming pool. They were thrown into a local jail run by a sheriff who was the head of the local Ku Klux Klan. On the floor, by the light of a single dangling bulb, they composed a letter that explained their motivations. They called it, "Why We Went." The letter's principal author was Rabbi Eugene Borowitz, who went on to become one of the 20th century's greatest Jewish theologians. He is now 90 years old – and still teaching.



I was privileged to be taught by Dr. Borowitz when I was in rabbinical school. Here is an excerpt from that letter:

"...We came to St. Augustine mainly because we could not stay away. We could not say no to Martin Luther King, whom we always respected and admired and whose loyal friends we hope we shall be in the days to come. We could not pass by the opportunity to achieve a moral goal by a moral means – a rare modern privilege – which has been the glory of the non-violent struggle for civil rights.

"We came because we could not stand silently by our brother's blood. We had done that too many

times before. We have been vocal in our exhortation of others but the idleness of our hands too often revealed an inner silence; silence at a time when silence has become the unpardonable sin of our time. We came in the hope that the God of us all would accept our small involvement as partial atonement for the many things we wish we had done before and often.

"We came as Jews who remember the millions of faceless people who stood quietly, watching the smoke rise from Hitler's crematoria. We came because we know that, second only to silence, the greatest danger to man is loss of faith in man's capacity to act...

"We shall not forget the people, with whom we drove,



prayed, marched, slept, ate, demonstrated and were arrested. How little we know of these people and their struggle. What we have learned has changed us and our attitudes. We are grateful for the rare experience of sharing with this courageous community in their life, their suffering, their effort. We pray that we may remain more sensitive and more alive as a result...

“...Each of us has in this experience become a little more the person, a bit more the rabbi he always hoped to be (but has not yet been able to become).

“We believe in man’s ability to fulfill God’s commands with God’s help. We make no messianic estimate of man’s power and certainly not of what we did here. But it has reaffirmed our faith in the significance of the deed. So we must confess in all humility that we did this as much in fulfillment of our faith and in response to inner need as in service to our Negro brothers. We came to stand with our brothers and in the process have learned more about ourselves and our God. In obeying Him, we become ourselves; in following His will we fulfill ourselves. He has guided, sustained and strengthened us in a way we could not manage on our own.”

One of the rabbis with this group was Rabbi Murray Saltzman – my childhood rabbi. My earliest memory of the organized Jewish community is of Rabbi Saltzman red-faced and roaring from the bimah about civil rights. I was very young, but my parents brought me to temple on Friday nights to hear Rabbi Saltzman preach with a fire and a passion I had never before encountered nor have I have seen since. Rabbi Saltzman traveled often to the South to march with Dr. King and other Jewish clergy; he was arrested frequently. I always knew when it happened. The phone in our home would ring and within a minute of answering, my mother would begin to speak in low, hushed tones. The word was spreading through the congregation: Rabbi Saltzman was in jail in the South, and the women of our temple were quickly arranging to go to his home and sit with his wife, Esther, and their three young children while Esther awaited word of his fate. In



that time before instant communication, these waits were agonizing and terrifying. For who knew if Rabbi Saltzman and the others had even survived their arrest?

All of this had a profound impact on me. From a very young age, Judaism became inexorably intertwined in my mind with the struggle for social justice; to me, to act as Rabbi Saltzman did *was* Judaism. This is a conviction that I have carried with me since those dark days of violent struggle.

Eventually, Rabbi Saltzman moved on to another community. But I never forgot him. In my application to rabbinical school, I wrote about the impact he had had on my life and my decision to become a rabbi myself. I entered the seminary, and one day, in my 3rd year there, walking through the lobby of my school, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, I saw Rabbi Saltzman. It had been at least 30 years, but I would have recognized him anywhere. With both hesitation and determination, I approached him and introduced myself. I was overjoyed that he remembered my parents, especially my mother who had, herself, been active in local social justice struggles. And then I told him what I have written here: that he had had a profound impact on a very young girl and that largely because of him that girl had grown up wanting to be a rabbi. Both of us had tears in our eyes. To have had this opportunity to thank Rabbi Saltzman for how he changed my life was a great privilege.

When he, too, marched in the South, the great theologian, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, used to say, “My feet were praying.” Isn’t that a wonderful image.

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feet were praying.” Isn’t that a wonderful image? How much we owe these great rabbis, and how honored we are to have been granted such a legacy. Have a very good month.

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer



WHO WAS PINCHAS IN THE TORAH AND WHY DO WE CARE?

In addition to being my Hebrew name, Pinchas is the name of the Torah portion for the Shabbat beginning on July 11th.



I will be conducting the service that evening and reading a few verses from the portion. I will also give a very short and, I hope, interesting d'var

Torah about who Pinchas was in the history of our people.

More excitingly, my long-time dear friend Sheldon hopefully will be taking my place at the piano. With our incomparable Stan on clarinet, the music will be truly wonderful.

When our wonderful Rabbi isn't at services, I think many people feel that it isn't worth attending that evening. I hope I can persuade you otherwise.

Those of you who weren't here for my bar mitzvah in March will get to see me assume a different role from my usual one at the piano. I really hope to see you all there. I will be sponsoring the Oneg that evening too, so we will have some extra tasty treats to enjoy after the service. Rabbi Geringer will be back on Friday, July 25th.

Regards,

Philip Altland



We wish **Maralyn Ricciardi** a speedy recovery from her surgery and looking forward to having you back in action soon.

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**Yahrzeits**

בראבא יתגדל

July 1	Rose Lewis Gross, Mother of Samuel Lewis, Hebrew date, 30 Sivan
July 3	Sarah Platman, Mother of Thelma Polon
July 9	Sarah Halpert, Mother of Marlene Feldhuhn
July 16	Nathan Sales, Father of Maralyn Ricciardi
July 19	Dorothy Heineman, Mother of Syble Bleiweis
July 22	Gladys Cohen, Mother of Phil Cohen, Hebrew Date 5 AV
July 30	Danny Alkon, Father of Sharon Kaplan
July	Philip Lessig, Grandfather of Dr. Benjamin Lessig

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing.



Our newsletter is a major communicator for our membership. For those who do not have email service, we will gladly forward a copy of the newsletter via US mail. We will have a few "hard copies" of the newsletter available at services on the coffee table.

We NEED your support!

Don't forget about our ongoing fund raisers. We need your support!!!

Amazon Smile - When shopping at www.SMILE.Amazon.com you can designate **REFORM JEWISH COMMUNITY of BARNEGAT** (there no additional fees, the congregation makes a percentage). We have already received a check from this fundraiser :)

ShopRite Cards are always sold at services, but can be purchased anytime by contacting Dayna (609.709.9410) or Syble (609.978.4240)

Tribute Cards can be sent to anyone for any reason with a *minimum* donation of \$5.

Dine-A-Round - July 22nd Lefty's, please bring flyer. We have new letters for you to print out & approach your favorite restaurant. See if they will host a Dine-A-Round. (attached). It doesn't hurt to ask ;)

Honey? Honey. - Please place your orders by 8/25/14 to ship on time. Easier than ever this year. You do it online! Go to FundraisingZoo.com, our id # 10041, fill out name & address. Questions? call Madelyn 660-1614.

Yizkor Books will be done by Wendi Higgins. Please contact her to get the names of your loved ones in it.

10 Year Celebration - Mark your calendars for November 2 to celebrate the anniversary of our congregation!



Patriotic Slogans

United We Stand

Sweet Land of Liberty

Salute a Veteran!

Freedom Is Not Free

**July 2014 Temple Sha'arey
Ha-Yam Schedule
Services 7:30pm**

Friday, July 11, 2014

Friday, July 28, 2014



Our Hebrew school and congregation wish the Daley family a hearty Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of their son and brother Matthew. May he be an asset to our community throughout his future years.



- July 4 Rachel Miller
- July 4 Thelma Polon
- July 7 Craig Cohen
- July 24 Alex Majewski
- July 24 Sharon Kaplan

TEMPLE COMMITTEES

New Members Welcome

Temple Committees	Chair/Members
Birthdays & Anniversaries	
Choir	<u>Philip Altland</u> Cyndy Friedland, Wendi Higgins, Pat Barndt, Madelyn Dunn, Robert Dunn, Syble Bleiweis, Rena Kreisler
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Hospital Visits	<u>Jack Crespy</u>
Membership	<u>Cyndy Friedland</u> Syble Bleiweis, Joan Silverman
Music	<u>Philip Altland</u> Stan Jackson
Newsletter	<u>Rose Jackson</u> Hope Gardiner
Oneg & Dinners	<u>Madelyn Dunn</u> Pat Barndt, Wendi Higgins
Publicity	<u>Cyndy Friedland</u>
Religious School	<u>Cyndy Friedland/ Phil Miller</u>
Ritual	<u>Allan Levy</u> Charles Flum Philip Altland, Stan Jackson
Sunshine	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u> Ruth Schlyen, Phyllis Blum, Harriet Cohen
Tributes	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u>
Yahrzeits	<u>Harriet Cohen</u>





Past



Future

The Key to the Future is Membership

As I attended services this past Friday evening there was a wonderful feeling of community within the walls of the sanctuary. Being a member of our community and knowing that there is comfort and warmth from everyone, it's our spiritual family...the glue that holds us together and supports each and every one of us, because we are Jews.

Knowing the area that we live in does not have a large Jewish population, we have found each other and are working to be a community with a purpose...to reach out to each other in celebration, for support, to keep our connection to our roots. We gather together twice a month for our Shabbat service, a tradition that has been passed on for generations...and why do we do this? For our spiritual connection is the main reason we belong. We all have personal reasons for attending, but think about what it truly means....to each of us. The prayers of our ancestors, melodies, some new and some old, touch us each in a different way: chanting and speaking, praying together as Jews...why do we do this?

The majority of members have come to our community from varied backgrounds and have previously devoted time, energy and financial support to other congregations "back home". Now that we are in this sparsely Jewish area why are we not more supportive with our time, energy and financial support? "Been there...done that...." is what is heard.

Our foundation needs more support in different ways. Donating a few hours a month to a committee, coming up with different ideas to gain new members, working together, and saying "yes" when asked to assist with a project is a great way to be supportive. Being a Jew and being supportive to our community is part of who we are.

As membership changes we do need to be more involved and find ways to "give it forward" so we will be a strong Jewish community in Southern Ocean County. Instead of leaving it to the others, we each need to find a way to be a part of our community. Socializing and celebrating together is also an important part of our culture. Let's do it together. Now is the time to be a member, not leave the fold... be a supportive congregant and help us grow. We need to keep our faith and membership strong... help us do this as a community.

The Three Weeks

- The Three Weeks begin on the 17th of Tammuz, which begins on the evening of **Monday July 14, 2014**.
- The Nine Days begin on the evening of **Sunday, July 27, 2014**.
- Tisha B'Av begins on the evening of **Monday, August 4, 2014** and ends **Tuesday, August 5, 2014**

The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem is commemorated with a period of mourning.

By **Matthue Roth**

The three-week period in summer that begins with the [fast](#) of the 17th of Tammuz and climaxes with [Tisha b'Av](#) is known simply as "The Three Weeks." It is a time of grieving for the destruction of both the [First](#) and [Second Temples](#) in [Jerusalem](#).

This mourning period was first mentioned in the biblical Book of Zechariah in the Prophets--and, since then, it has been observed as a period of sadness.

The Multiple Tragedies

The 17th day of the Hebrew month of Tammuz is a date in which many tragedies and pitfalls happened, according to the [Mishnah](#) (Ta'anit 4:6). It is traditionally believed to be the date that Moses broke the original [Ten Commandments](#) after coming upon the Israelites as they worshiped the [Golden Calf](#). The Roman rulers forbade sacrifices to be made in the Second Temple on this date in 69 C.E., and, in the following year, the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem were breached. This attack led to the destruction of the Temple three weeks later.



In Hebrew, the period of the Three Weeks is known as "*bein hametzarim*," or, literally, "within the straits" or "within the borders." This name comes from a verse in the [Book of Lamentations](#), or *Eicha*, which is read on Tisha B'Av: "Judah has gone into exile because of affliction, and because of great servitude. She dwelt among the nations, she found no rest; all her pursuers overtook her within the borders." (1:3) This idea of borders--or "restrictions"--alludes to the additional restrictions of mourning which are traditionally taken on during this period.

Traditionally, Jews take on several [mourning customs](#) during the Three Weeks. Similar to the period of the [Omer](#), no weddings, parties, or public celebrations are held. Some people abstain from [getting haircuts and shaving](#). Some people also refrain from going to concerts or listening to music during this period.

The Nine Days

The last nine days of the period, starting with the first of the month of Av, occupy a special status. Foods traditionally associated with joy, such as wine and meat, are forbidden, except on Shabbat. Bathing, beyond what is absolutely necessary, is prohibited, as is doing laundry, and buying or wearing new clothes.

This culminates in the fast of Tisha B'Av, the Ninth of Av, a day that is spent entirely in mourning--by fasting, praying, sitting on stools instead of chairs, and reading the book of Lamentations. The Mishnah, in [Masekhet Taanit 29b](#), decrees that these additional restrictions are only valid in "shavua she-hal bo," or the week that Tisha B'av occurs. Many Sephardic Jews only observe the restrictions within this period.

"Decreasing...in Joy"

Even though the Three Weeks mark the time of the Temple's destruction, there are signs of hope throughout. The three haftarot read during this period, are full of admonitions and prophetic passages that warn about the consequences of sin. Yet each ends in a promise of eventual redemption.

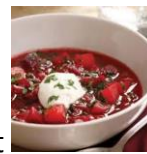
The Talmud says, "When the month of Av enters, one should decrease in joy." The Hasidic rebbe Rabbi Chaim Elazar Spira (1861-1937), said that, though the Talmud says to "decrease in joy," it should be read, "decrease...in joy." In other words, though it is proper to mourn, even in that mourning, we should do so joyously, knowing that better times are ahead.

Hebrew School

Our students met for the last class watching a great movie,



"The Story of David". We watched the first segment which gave validation to all the studying of how



Israel became Israel!! We ended with a lite dinner party; challah, borscht, surprising none of the students had ever tasted this, and some tried it with sour cream, cookies and cake.

We talked about a few new additions to our classes for next year; the possibility of music from our Friday night services to be taught once a month by our Musical Director, Philip Altland, maybe some cooking, and different art projects...who knows what we will be creating!

All in all the students had a great year, and we thank our teacher Iris Harari for her talents and devotion to our students. All of our students are reading Hebrew..how wonderful that when they travel to other cities and attend services, they will be able to follow and participate!! Thank you Iris for instilling within us such a love for Hebrew, history and ethics.

We look forward to our next year's classes!

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TEMPLE SHA'AREY HA-YAM

High Holiday Participation Survey/Request

☐ Yes I would like to participate in the High Holy Day Services.

☐ No, I am not interested in participating at this time.

If interested in participating, please check the ones below that interest you.

ROSH HASHANAH

- Wednesday, September 24, 2014 Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm
- Thursday, September 25, 2014 Rosh Hashanah 10:00am

☐ ENGLISH READING

☐ HEBREW READING

☐ NON – SPEAKING PART

YOM KIPPUR

- Friday, October 3, 2014 Kol Nidre, Erev Yom Kippur 7:30pm
- Saturday, October 4, 2014 Yom Kippur 10:00am (afternoon services also)

☐ ENGLISH READING

☐ HEBREW READING

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

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