

Message From Rabbi Goldstein

If I could identify a key turning-point in my life, it would be my first year in Jerusalem. I was a college student experiencing the revolution that impacted the Jewish people a year after the 1967 Six Day War. Back then, one could walk from one end of Jerusalem to the other in 45 minutes. Back then, I would hitch-hike all over the country, often given rides by Israeli soldiers who treated me like a brother. Back then, I could take an Arab bus to Hebron in the West Bank and even befriend Palestinians without paranoia or fear. Back then, I would spend hours just watching life in Israel, listening in on conversations and eventually speaking Hebrew, wear a kippah without inhibition, and immerse fully in Zionism's realized vision.

The year changed me dramatically. But beyond that time in Jewish history, Israel has changed us all. Jewish peoplehood has been revived, replacing a Judaism reduced to ethical monotheism. Hebrew, mostly forgotten a century ago, has now replaced Yiddish as our Jewish language. And, we've experienced a Jewish return to the "stage of history," applying our own values to policies that affect the world.

One day, we will celebrate the story of modern Israel like we now celebrate the exodus from Egypt on Passover. Perhaps with even greater awe. I believe that the farther away we move from the founding of Israel, the more extraordinary the story will be. We will look back and wonder: How had they done it? How did they reclaim land, language and power? How did we replace skeleton heaps in the death camps with paratroopers at the Kotel? We will wonder and be filled with awe.

For now we can capture a measure of that wonder when we mark Israel's 69th anniversary on Friday night, May 5 at Sha'arey Ha-Yam. Join us when we celebrate this greatest story in our history.

Friday Nights in May at Sha'arey Ha-Yam

May 5	Yom Ha'atzmaut Shabbat Celebrating Israel's 69th Birthday	7:30PM
May 19	Rabbinic Reflections on Reaching 70 Years	7:30PM

President's Message

Our congregational year is coming to a close and with it my eight months of the acquired position of President. May I say the time whizzed by also. During my tenure, membership was slightly increased, a special funding letter was written to be mailed to influential donors, and participation in a special program from TD Bank to open accounts and thereby earning money for the Temple. We have updated our Facebook and Website to attract possible new members. A workshop was conducted by the Union for Reform Judaism for the executive board and committee chairmen. At the same time, the usual fundraisers were also conducted, but most definitely require the members support. Let's remember to purchase tribute cards and ShopRite cards which is a real easy way to raise funds.

I know we all have much to do each week, but with giving just a short amount of time and some ideas of how to earn money to keep Sha'arey Ha-Yam, now in its 13th year, moving along. Think of our Temple as our extended family.

Keep the following words in our thoughts:

support	partake	endorse
promote	contribute	bolster
donate	serve	encourage
participate	boost	strengthen
volunteer	assist	further
offer		

Dues Reminder

Notices for 2017 – 2018 membership dues will be emailed or mailed to each member. The dues structure has not changed: \$325.00 for singles and \$650.00 for families (meaning 2 or more). Note Well: If your dues are not paid in full, you will not be able to participate in the Annual Congregation Membership meeting on Sunday May 21st. Kindly speak to a member of the Finance Committee as to when you can complete payment.

Membership

Let's all pitch in and help to grow our membership....we need everyone's help to grow our congregation..we all are congregants with a mission. Reach out to your unaffiliated friends, neighbors, family members...ask them to join our spiritual community. This is of up-most importance for us to move forward as a Jewish Community and to be known in the community at large. Without our members we do not have a community..let's do this and get new members!!!

Adult Education

.....A new course listing and dates will be available soon.....

Tributes

This is a fabulous way to support our congregation..and also save yourself time and \$\$... These cards are sent for you...all you have to do is contact Joan Silverman phone; 609-698-0000 or email at Joan 341 @yahoo.com with your information...upon receipt of payment the card will be written, addressed, stamped and mailed for you....what could be easier?!!! Think of sending these cards for a Simcha, Life Cycle Event, Birthday, whatever needs to be celebrated. Your donation will be a tax deduction for you and income for our congregation!! Remember....time saving for you, assistance for our congregation!!!



June

Joan & Terry Silverman Celia & Robert Salzman 06/12 06/26



Birthdays are always something to celebrate

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Deanna Bovasso	06/03
Loretta Wallerstein	06/08
Phil Miller	06/10
Terry Silverman	06/12
Helen Cocuzza	06/15



YahrzeitsMay the memories of our loved ones be a blessing

09/20/2016

First Year Maralyn Ricciardi

Companion of Jack Crespy and Founding Member

May	

05/01	Albert Hanok	Uncle of Helen Cocuzza
05/01	Joseph Flum	Father of Charles Flum
05/02	Herb Feldhuhn	Husband of Marlene Feldhuhn
05/05	Ted Cohen	Father of Phil Cohen
05/07	Christine Kaplan	Sister of Dolly Weiss
05/17	Matthew Dunn	Father of Robert Dunn
05/24	Isadore Levy	Father of Allan Levy
05/24	Paulina Moss	Mother of Daniel Moss
05/25	David Crespy	Father of Jack Crespy
05/26	Shirley Levy	Mother of Allan Levy
05/28	Adele Berlin	Aunt of Syble Bleiweis
05/29	Eric Kriesler	Son of Mark and Rena Kriesler
May	Alice Breese	Mother of Joe Breese
May	Aaron Shapinsky	Uncle of Helen Cocuzza
	June	
06/05	Gussie Wallach	Mother of Sheldon Wallerstein
06/06	Charles Cocuzza	Father of John Cocuzza
06/07	Earl Wallerstein	Brother of Sheldon Wallerstein
06/07	Barbara Levine	Mother of Michael Levine
06/21	Harley Crespy	Wife of Jack Crespy
06/24	Ronald Ehrlich	Husband of Sheila Ehrlich

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 Madelyn Dunn at 609-660-1614 to reserve your date.

Fundraising News FEATURED FUNDRAISING EVENTS

SHOPRITE....GIFT CARDS

SO, LET'S DISCUSS WHAT GOES ON WITH THE SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS....OUR CONGREGATION SELLS THESE GIFT CARDS AS A FUNDRAISER....IT'S A VERY PAINLESS **PROCESS!! ANYONE CAN PURCHASE THESE CARDS...THEY ARE IN INCREMENTS OF** \$25, \$50, OR \$100. THE PLUS TO THIS FUNDRAISER IS..... *#1..YOU WRITE YOUR CHECK TO THE CONGREGATION* **#2..THIS IS THE SAME AS USING CASH AT SHOPRITE, NOTHING DIFFERENT** #3..YOU ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR DISCOUNTS, USE COUPONS, QUALIFY FOR SALE PRICES, ETC. IF YOU USE THE GIFT CARD #4..YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP DONATE TO THE CONGREGATION.....WE EARN 5% ON EVERY \$100 WE SELL... **#5..IT DOES NOT COST YOU ANYTHING OUT OF POCKET...YOUR PURCHASE OF THE** SHOPRITE GIFT CARD IS THE TOTAL VALUE YOU GET TO SPEND IN SHOPRITE... #6..CURRENTLY, APPROXIMATELY 12 MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNDRAISER...IF **EVERYONE PARTICIPATES, WOW...SUCCESS!!!** HELEN COCUZZA (609-978-8653), LAURA MILLER (609-713-1771), AND MADELYN DUNN (609-660-1614) ARE THE KEEPERS OF THESE CARDS....REACH OUT TO THEM AND BE A SUPPORTER !! THEY HAVE CARDS AT EVERY SERVICE ...

TRIBUTE CARDS

TRIBUTE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM JOAN SILVERMAN 609-698-0000. THIS IS A

GREAT WAY TO DONATE TO OUR CONGREGATION WHILE CELEBRATING SIMCHAS, ACKNOWLEDGING BIRTHS, WEDDINGS, GET WELL WISHES, ETC. NON-JEWISH INDIVIDUALS CAN ALSO RECEIVE THESE CARDS!! TRIBUTE CARDS WILL BE MAILED AS SOON AS RECEIPT OF PAYMENT IS MADE.

Amazon Smile

When shopping at **www.SMILE.Amazon.com** you can designate REFORM JEWISH COMMUNITY of BARNEGAT (there are no additional fees, the congregation makes a percentage).

TD Bank Affinity Program

TD Bank will make an annual contribution to our Congregation simply based on the activity of our member's TD bank accounts. All you need to do is go into your local TD Bank OR visit Dorothy Lassik in the Manahawkin branch (609-978-1112). Tell her (or your local branch) you are a member of "The Reform Jewish Community of Barnegat" and that you want to participate in the Affinity Program. At the end of the year, TD Bank will make a contribution of \$10.00 per enrolled checking account to us – <u>no funds come from your accounts</u>. For every new checking account, TD Bank will make a 1-time contribution of \$50.00 to our congregation.

Board of Trustees

There next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Stafford Community Center. If you would like to attend, please contact Syble at (609)978-4240.

2017 (5777) Shabbat & Holiday Services Dates/Times

May 2017

Friday, May 5, 7:30 PM Friday, May 19, 7:30 PM Sunday, May 21, 7:00 PM (**Annual Congregation Meeting**)

> **June 2017** Friday, June 2, 7:30 PM Friday, June 16, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times and Holiday Calendar						
May 2017/5777						
SUNDAY	MONDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	THURSDAY 4	FRIDAY 5	SATURDAY 6
	5 Iyar Yom Hazikaron	6 Iyar Yom Ha'atzma'ut	7 Iyar	8 Iyar	9 Iyar Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:38 PM	10 Iyar
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7 11 Iyar	8 12 Iyar	9 13 Iyar	10 14 Iyar	11 15 Iyar	12 16 Iyar Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:46 PM	13 17 Iyar
14 18 Iyar Lag B'Omer Mother's Day	15 19 Iyar	16 20 Iyar	17 21 Iyar	18 22 Iyar	19 23 Iyar Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:52 PM	20 24 Iyar
21 25 Iyar	22 26 Iyar	23 27 Iyar	24 28 Iyar Yom Yerushalayim	25 29 Iyar	26 1 Sivan Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:58 PM	27 2 Sivan
28 3 Sivan	29 4 Sivan Memorial Day	30 5 Sivan	31 6 Sivan First Day of Shavuot			

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Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam Board of Trustees

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	Schlyen, Helen Cocuzza	
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Syble Bleiweis, Joan Silverman, Helen Co		
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	Filomina Jonas	
Education	Phil Miller, Helen Cocuzza	
Ritual	Allan Levy	
Jack Crespy, Charles Flum, Mike Weiss,		
	Helen Cocuzza	
Tributes & Get Well	Joan Silverman	
Yahrzeits	Helen Cocuzza	

Kibbitz Corner

General Announcements

Congregation Events:

Sunday May 21 – 7 PM Annual Membership Meeting, Stafford Community Center, 775 East Bay Avenue, Manahawkin

Local Events:

American Cancer Society, Relay For Life

Saturday May 20*– 2 PM to Midnight, Southern Regional High School, Manahawkin, NJ. *There will be a luncheon for survivors (meaning anyone with cancer who is 1 day from diagnosis – doesn't matter if you are still in treatment or have successfully achieved remission or are CURED!) plus 1 caregiver, from 1 to 3. If you would like to participate in the Southern Ocean Relay and/or attend the Survivor's Luncheon on 5/20, please contact Helen Cocuzza (201-370-8927) to make arrangements.