



Message from the Rabbi

Dear friends,

I shared the following at our wonderful 10th anniversary celebration on November 2:

"These words are excerpted from a poem by the late writer, Maya Angelou:

'Lying, thinking
Last night
How to find my soul a home
Where water is not thirsty
and bread loaf is not stone,
I came up with one thing
And I don't believe I'm wrong.
That nobody
But nobody
Can make it here alone.

There are some millionaires
With money they can't use.
They run around like banshees,
Their children sing the blues.
They've got expensive doctors
To cure their hearts of stone.
But nobody
No, nobody
Can make it here alone.

Now if you listen closely
I'll tell you what I know.
Storm clouds are gathering,
The wind is going to blow.
The human race is suffering,
And I can hear the moan.
Because nobody
But nobody
Can make it here alone.'

Cyndy, I suspect that 10 years ago you knew what Maya Angelou was talking about when she wrote that "nobody can make it here alone." You knew that we Jews are a hopelessly communal people. Our prayers reflect this. Almost all of them are in the first person plural. We say, "our," and "we." Very rarely do we say "my" or "me." And our actions reflect this too. For two thousand years, wherever Jews have lived, we have built the structures that support community – synagogues, mikvahs, religious schools, and residences for our seniors, hospitals for our sick, food banks and free loan societies for those going through hard times, and so many other communal programs and institutions. We have done this to care for our people but also to fulfill our part of the Covenant – to be a light and an example to the world of living justly and bringing decency, peace and harmony to the world. A decade or so ago you looked around and said, "There's no liberal Jewish presence between Toms River and Atlantic City. That's a big area." And then you said, "Well, then we have to build one." In that way, you and your founding partners were like our ancestors who stood at Sinai and, when they were commanded by Moses to accept a covenant with God, said "Na'aseh v'nishmah," "We will do and we will listen." Now, what's significant about that statement is the order of those two promises. You might logically expect that the people would first say, "We will listen," meaning –we will pay attention, we will understand. And then, only after that, would they say, "We will do." But they didn't do it that way. They committed first to action. It's as if they were saying, "We will jump right in. We may not always be sure of where we're going. But we'll start and then we'll figure it out as we go along." I can't think

of a better description of how this congregational community came to be. You jumped right in, and you've been figuring it out ever since.

Perhaps 10 years ago you could not have imagined yourself as a builder of this congregational family. And then again, maybe you could. With the help of Sam Lewis, Deanna Bovasso, Phyllis and Stan Blum, Madeline and Robert Dunn, Fran and Joe Breese, Harriet and Phil Cohen, Jack Crespy, Maralyn Ricciardi, Joyce and John Scranton, Marlene and Herb Feldhun, and Joan and Terry Silverman, here you – and we – are. You, the founding mothers and fathers, generously and lovingly had the vision and the generosity to give the gifts of your time, your energy, your commitment, your intelligence and your devotion, and they have become cornerstones in the construction of this holy community. Now, guided and inspired by you, the task for the rest of us is to live up to your example, to remain eyes wide open to the possibilities and opportunities that are all around us.

On a personal note, you know that I came here following 11 years in a 450-family congregation in north Jersey, a very affluent community with a large, beautiful building, a staff and many resources. Let me simply say that I have been happier here in this community of true mensches – people who are kind and considerate, thoughtful and smart, sincere and authentic – who make this little piece of the Jewish world down here in S. Ocean County a reality with every oneg they sponsor, every Mishebeirach card they send, every visit they make to someone in need, every visitor they greet, every prayer book they hand out, every microphone they set up, every menorah they light at town hall. I am deeply honored and grateful for the opportunity to have served as your rabbi. As I hope I teach and strengthen you, know that you most assuredly teach and strengthen me.

There's a declaration we use when we conclude reading a book of the Torah. We recited it together just a few weeks ago at Simchat Torah, and it's

equally fitting for a moment such as this. We say, Chazak, chazak v'nitchazek! Let us be strong and let us continue to strengthen each other, the Jewish people and all the world."

Have a very good month,

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer



**Message from Philip Altland
Vice-President**

It was a glorious although cold and windy day for our 10th Anniversary Celebration at Sea Oaks yesterday. About 42 people attended. During the cocktail hour Chris Kotwicki played soft classical guitar music. The Rabbi gave an opening and a wonderful statement about our Congregation.

Phil Miller was a terrific master of ceremonies. Cyndy gave a terrific run down of our history from nursing home services to the present. She was also presented with a gift from the Congregation. The founding members were presented with certificates acknowledging their work in establishing our congregation at a time when there was no Reform Jewish presence in Southern Ocean County. The lunch was delicious and the staff at Sea Oaks couldn't have been more welcoming and wonderful.

This coming Friday we will have a guest speaker, Jan Kulick, who will bring her dog Lilly with her and talk about the work she and Lilly do with people with special needs.

Mark your Calendars for our Chanukah dinner on December 19th!

Regards, Philip Altland

10 Anniversary Sea Oaks



Save the Date....Hanukkah Dinner Returns....to the Shabbat Dining Room: Friday, December 19th
Services will follow at 7:30PM in the Shabbat Dining Room Brisket, Chicken and Latkes for all....

Flyer with full details to follow

**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY
THANKSGIVING.**

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD.



Turkey does contain the essential amino acid tryptophan, which is a natural sedative, but so do a lot of other foods, including chicken, beef, pork, beans and cheese. Though many people believe turkey's tryptophan content is what makes many people feel sleepy after a big Thanksgiving meal, it is more likely the combination of fats and carbohydrates most people eat with the turkey, as well as the large amount of food (not to mention alcohol, in some cases) consumed, that makes most people feel like following their meal up with a nap.

Yahrzeits

בראבא יתגדל

November 1	Beulah Sagman, Mother of Dolly Weiss
November 3	Benjamin Chasanoff, Father of Dianna Bovasso
November 12	Samuel Bailen, Uncle of Rosalie Donadio
November 16	Blaize Bovasso, Husband of Dianna Bovasso
November 21	Frances Myles, Mother of Loretta Wallerstein
November 21	Marvin Lewis Taub, Father of Cyndy Friedland
November 23	Frances Kaplan, Mother of Michael Kaplan
November 24	Leo Miller, Father of Philip Miller
November 29	Donald P. Fisher, Jr., Father of Laura Miller

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing.

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**To: Eric Gardiner****From: Hope Gardiner**

To: Sharlene Barr in memory of mother, Sylvia Barr
 From: Hope Gardiner

NEW Fundraisers... 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](tel:609.709.9410)) or Syble ([609.978.4240](tel:609.978.4240))

Tribute Cards can be sent to anyone for any reason with a *minimum* donation of \$5. Contact Syble ([609.978.4240](tel:609.978.4240))

November Dine-A-Round - TBA

Next Fund Raising meeting at Madelyn Dunn's home at 7pm on November 18th. Anyone wanting to join us is welcome to! Please RSVP [609-709-9410](tel:609-709-9410).

Hebrew School News

Our students started their classes this month...a bit late due to the High Holidays and scheduling, but alas, class is in session! Iris Harari has Emily Miller as her assistant this year with a full schedule! The students started singing our Shabbat melodies under the direction of our Musical Director and First Vice President Philip Altland, and loved every minute of the new addition to their class! They will be doing music with Philip once a month. Here's to a very productive year for the students... Rumor has it there will be a new Purim play in the works!! Stay tuned.....



- ♥ November 13/1971 Mark & Rena Kreisler
- ♥ November 24 Loretta & Sheldon Wallerstein



- November 09 Damian Majewski
- November 27 Fran Breese
- November 26 Ernest Bleiweis



October Weddings

Mazel Tov !

To: Madelyn and Robert Dunn for son Michael's wedding to Cortney From: Syble and Ernie Bleiweis, Cyndy Friedland, Ruth and Gary Schlyen, Joan and Terry Silverman, Rosalie Donadio and Hope Gardiner

To: Ruth and Gary Schlyen's for son Larry's wedding to Shelly
From: Syble and Ernie Bleiweis, Cyndy Friedland, Joan and Terry Silverman

To: Rabbi Geringer and Colin Dunn for son Adam's wedding to Erica
From: Syble and Ernie Bleiweis, Cyndy Friedland, Hope Gardiner, Joan and Terry Silverman

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
Finance	Treasurer, Financial Secretary, President
Fundraising	<u>Dayna Otto</u> Pat Barndt, Syble Bleiweis, Bari Cohen, Madelyn Dunn, Cyndy Friedland, Wendi Higgins, Joan Silverman, Blanche Spiegel
Greeters	<u>Hope Gardiner</u> Pat Barndt, Syble Bleiweis, Wendi Higgins, Rhona Levy, Myles Levy
Hospital Visits	<u>Jack Crespy</u>
Membership	<u>Cyndy Friedland</u> Syble Bleiweis, Joan Silverman
Music	<u>Philip Altland</u>
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
Sunshine	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u> Ruth Schlyen, Phyllis Blum, Harriet Cohen
Tributes	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u>
Yahrzeits	<u>Harriet Cohen</u>

The "Night of Broken Glass"



As the synagogue in Oberramstadt burns during Kristallnacht (the "Night of Broken Glass"), firefighters instead save a nearby house. Local residents watch as the synagogue is destroyed. Oberramstadt, Germany, November 9-10, 1938. Shattered storefront of a Jewish-owned shop destroyed during Kristallnacht (the "Night of Broken Glass"). Berlin, Germany, November 10, 1938.

— *US Holocaust Memorial Museum*

On the night of November 9, 1938, violence against Jews broke out across the Reich. It appeared to be unplanned, set off by Germans' anger over the assassination of a German official in Paris at the hands of a Jewish teenager. In fact, German propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels and other Nazis carefully organized the pogroms. In two days, over 250 synagogues were burned, over 7,000 Jewish businesses were trashed and looted, dozens of Jewish people were killed, and Jewish cemeteries, hospitals, schools, and homes were looted while police and fire brigades stood by. The pogroms became known as Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass," for the shattered glass from the store windows that littered the streets.

The morning after the pogroms, 30,000 German Jewish men were arrested for the "crime" of being Jewish and sent to concentration camps, where hundreds of them perished. Some Jewish women were also arrested and sent to local jails. Businesses owned by Jews were not allowed to reopen unless they were managed by non-Jews. Curfews were placed on Jews, limiting the hours of the day they could leave their homes.

After the "Night of Broken Glass," life was even more difficult for German and Austrian Jewish children and teenagers. Already barred from entering museums, public playgrounds, and swimming pools, now they were expelled from the public schools. Jewish youngsters, like their parents, were totally segregated in Germany. In despair, many Jewish adults committed suicide. Most families tried desperately to leave.