



Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam

Gates of the Sea

THE BULLETIN

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Items to Note:

- October 7: Erev Yom Kippur
- October 8: Yom Kippur - Yizkor
- October 13: Sukkot
- October 20: Shemini Atzeret—Yizkor
- October 21: Simchat Torah

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Message From the Rabbi:

Dear Friends,

You should receive this message between the two High Holy Days – Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. At that time, we will be in the midst of our annual period of intense self-scrutiny, and, hopefully, repair and rejuvenation as well. This year, as in the past two years, I have invited three members of our congregation to speak at our Yom Kippur Afternoon Service. Previously we heard the words of Cyndy Friedland, Philip Altland, Rosalie Donadio, Philip Miller and Aaron Shapiro. This year our speakers will be Hal Polon, Mark Kreisler and Wendi Higgins. When I invite people to speak, I say to them, “Tell us about your Jewish journey.” I want to take the opportunity in this bulletin message to explain a little bit more of what I mean by a “Jewish journey.”

One of the great privileges and delights of being a rabbi is listening to people’s stories about their lives. Regularly, I find myself fascinated when I hear about early religious experiences (Jewish and otherwise), relationships with grandparents and memorable teachers, moves and travels, doubt and certainty, loss and renewal. Each one of these stories is like a snowflake – beautiful, multifaceted and entirely unique. A Jewish journey story is not just an autobiography, although autobiographical events may play a role. Rather, a Jewish journey is the story of how and, more importantly, why you got to be here – in this congregation, in your distinctive relationship to Judaism, at this particular time in your life. It’s an opportunity for the speaker to look back and find answers to such questions as – How did I get here? Who influenced me and how? How have my views grown or changed? What was missing? What have I found? What do I still want to explore? And it’s a chance for those of us listening to gain insights from the journeys of our friends and fellow congregants and to benefit from the wisdom they found along their way. What better way to spend part of the Day of Atonement than deeply engaged in our own journeys?

I hope to see you there when Mark and Hal and Wendi honor us with the stories of their journeys.

Wishing you a healthy, peaceful and joy-filled New Year.

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer

Message from the President:

May you all have a HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. We are looking to the future as we progress into the New Year. The Board is attempting to develop a more involved membership in our Temple. To do this, we are looking into the development of new programs. The school has moved, under the guidance of Cyndy, to a more professional status. The most recent development was the hiring of a new school teacher, who came from Israel,

and is fluent in Hebrew. We are working to develop an adult education group in the coming year. There may be two curriculums available. The first is learning Hebrew and the second is to learning about Jewish culture. We are planning for a one to two hour session per week with the cost dependent upon the number of members interested in these studies. The fund raising committee, under the chairmanship of Dayna Otto, has planned some exciting events and are looking into ways to enhance our growth. This committee needs your help and is seeking volunteers. Call Dayna at 597-3239 to become a member of this vital arm of our Temple. Our music director, Philip Altland, has introduced our membership to our new choir which will enhance our religious services. The Ritual Committee under Lenny Feather has done an exemplary job of setting up the Bimah, organizing the services, with the guidance of Rabbi Geringer, and assigning the *aliyahs* for the High Holidays. If anyone has a secure storage area available, we are seeking a safe location to store our Torahs. If you have such a place, please call Lenny at 978-5500.

We are now preparing an up to date membership list which will be emailed to the current membership. Please inform me if you have changed any information including your address, telephone number, email address and any other information concerning your family. This includes *yahrzeits*, birthdays, and anniversaries. For ease of gathering this information, please email it to me at shap1010@comcast.net or mail the information to me at 17 Sea Girt Lane, Waretown, NJ 08758. In keeping with the policy of communication of information to our membership, I was asked to list the current officers and their respective areas of responsibility. As the year progresses, there will be additional areas for which the Board members may be responsible.

Officers for 2011-2012

PresidentAaron I. Shapiro Overseeing all areas
 First Vice President.....Philip Millerlegal advice, school
 Second Vice President.....Danya Ottofund raising
 Treasurer.....Ernie Bleiweis..... pay bills, keeps records
 Secretary.....Thelma Polonminutes of meetings, correspondence
 Financial Secretary.....Mark Kreislerbilling & financial assistance
 Trustee.....Philip Altlandmusic, web matters
 Trustee.....Lenny Feather ritual
 Trustee.....Rose Jacksongreeters, by-laws
 Immed. Past President....Cyndy Friedlandschool, membership

If you need to discuss your dues and/or school fees please feel free to call Mark Kreisler at 242-2284 or me at 242-2390.

Have a great new year.

Aaron Shapiro, President

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HEBREW SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2011-2012

September	20		January 2012	3	
	27	Parents' meeting 6:30 pm		10	
October	4			17	
	11	Decorating the Sukkah		24	
	18			31	
	25		February	7	
November	1			14	
	15			21	
September	20			28	
	27	Parents' meeting 6:30 pm	March	6	
October	4			13	
	11	Decorating the Sukkah		21	
	18			27	
	25		April	3	
November	1			19	
	15			17	
	25			24	
	29		May	1	
December	6			8	
	13			15	
	20			22	
				29	
			June	5	

Yahrzeit October 2011

October 7 Barbara Lewis
 Wife of Samuel Hull Lewis
 October 8 Syd Applebaum
 Mother of Arlene Armstrong
 October 12 Walter Heineman
 Father of Syble Bleiweis
 October 14 Fannie Bleiweis
 Mother of Ernie Bleiweis
 October 22 Ruth Porter
 Mother of Rosalie Donadio

October 26 Israel Bailen
 Grandfather of Rosalie Donadio
 October 31 Paula Block
 Mother of Bernice Jachter

To have the name of your loved one
 listed in The Bulletin and announced at
 Services by the Rabbi on the anniver-
 sary of their Yahrzeit, contact Phyllis
 Feather at PO Box 624, Barnegat, NJ
 08005 or call **(609) 978-5500**

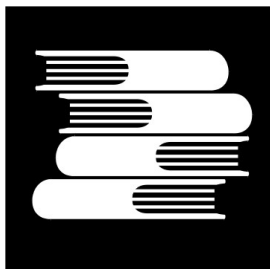
Please forward ALL birthday and anniversary dates to Fran at nanny1141@comcast.net as our files must be re-done. Thank you.

August Birthdays

Goldsborough Rich	7
Dunn Matthew	7
Jonas Filomena	12
Polter Sandra	18
Breese Joe	25
Lewis Sam	28
Feather Ben	31

August Anniversaries

Majewski Debbie & Alex	2/88
Dunn Nadelyn/Robert	24/81
Feather Phyllis & Leonard	29/67



BOOK CORNER:

by Rosalie Donadio

Jewish Heritage Travel:

A Guide to Central and Eastern

Europe by Ruth Ellen Gruber

Part travel guide, part history primer, Jewish Heritage Travel is the first work to unveil the rich cultural heritage of European Jewry. In stunning detail, this fascinating guide describes the physical and cultural significance of the buildings, towns, and cities from which this world sprang. Rather than focus on places where Jews have died—as books on the Holocaust already do—this guide focuses on the places they loved, uncovering a civilization that was virtually erased within living human memory.

This book is more than a list of addresses or detailed travel information and covers Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia, and Bulgaria. It contains the first comprehensive listing and description of remaining synagogue buildings, cemeteries, Jewish quarters and other surviving vestiges of a once-thriving community. Photographs taken by the author depict extraordinary centuries-old carvings and architecture scarcely known to the outside world. There are

moving personal anecdotes by the author, including a detailed description of her visit to the Romanian town of her grandparents.

This book is a brief history covering the territories once occupied by the ancestors of many of our congregants. Even if a trip is not planned, you will find this guide easy to read as well as connect with your “roots”.

Jewish Heroes

(not always American) The following is an Obituary from the London Telegraph 8/16/11 courtesy of my Mancunian friends (from Manchester, UK):

David Lewis died on August 9 aged 87. He was one of the founding fathers of River Island and Chelsea Girl, two of Britain's leading fashion retailers of the postwar era; he also played a key role in the development of the Red Sea port of Eilat as the crown jewel of the Israeli tourism industry.

Born David Pokrasse in Finsbury Park, London, on June 2 1924 (the family changed its name to Lewis in 1933), he left school aged 16 to work as an errand boy, also helping out in his father's struggling greengrocer's shop.



David Lewis being presented with a picture of a Lancaster bomber by the Prime Minister Lewis volunteered for the RAF in 1943, qualifying as a navigator in Wellington and Lancaster bombers. He was posted to No 75 New Zealand Squadron, based at RAF Mepal in Cambridgeshire, serving as a warrant officer. His squadron downed no fewer than 45 Luftwaffe fighters in a series of bitterly contested raids over Berlin and the Ruhr Val-

ley. The deaths of 55,000 of his fellow aviators of Bomber Command remained with him to the end of his days; and in 2010 he made the largest single contribution of any one veteran to the Bomber Command Association's appeal for the new memorial, to be erected next year at the Hyde Park Corner end of Green Park. After demobilisation in 1947, Lewis qualified as a chartered accountant. In 1952 he joined his brother, Bernard, and their two younger brothers in setting up a women's clothing store in Hackney; this grew into a chain of 70 stores called Lewis Separates.

The division of labour between the very different two older brothers was crucial to the long-term success of the Lewis family enterprises. "Mr. David" (as he continued to be known within the business throughout his life) managed the leases of retail properties and the legal and financial aspects; while "Mr. Bernard" did much of the buying, the retailing and the shopfitting. In the late 1950s "Mr. Bernard" hit upon the idea of "home production" – having concluded that he could produce better designs for new clothes rather more cheaply than the existing group of mediocre suppliers. The capacity to innovate bore greater fruit when the Lewis brothers spotted that the energy of the "boutique movement" of the 1960s (as embodied by such well-known independent London outlets as Biba) could be channelled into a new retail chain for the provinces. Lewis Separates duly became Chelsea Girl, with its first shop opening in Leeds in 1965. It was the first of 160 stores. By the late 1980s the Lewis brothers realised that the winning formula of the past two decades would soon run its course: demography had changed (there were fewer teenagers around) and older customers were tired of a "graphic" approach to shop designs based upon harsh colours and sharp angles. The brothers duly hit upon a "soft colonial" feel and Chelsea Girl became River Island. This chain now totals 300 high street stores and employs 10,000 people across Britain and Europe; in 2009 its turnover was £826.4 million, with pre-tax profits of £138.6 million.

Lewis wound down his day-to-day involvement with River Island in the 1990s to concentrate on Israeli tourism. He had been a keen Zionist since his early teens, but invested heavily in the Jewish State only relatively late in life, starting with the opening of King Solomon's Palace hotel in Eilat in 1984. This was the first of 15 hotels that now form part of the Isrotel chain, which had a turnover in 2010 of £143 million;

in 2009 the Israeli President Shimon Peres inaugurated the "David Lewis Promenade" in the Red Sea resort.

Lewis's generosity was famous: he regularly paid for disabled Israeli veterans to stay in his beach hotels and was a patron for many years of the Schneider Children's Medical Center near Tel Aviv. He was also a key supporter of the Israel Centre for Social and Economic Progress, the country's main free-market think tank, and of Conservative Friends of Israel — where David Cameron presented him with a picture of a Lancaster bomber at one of his last public appearances. Lewis's great love remained aviation; he piloted his own aircraft until well into his 80s and took great pleasure in defying the EU ban on flights to Turkish Northern Cyprus, where he was developing a marina. While visiting Nevada in 2010 — where he was undergoing a pilot's refresher course — it was discovered that he had an inoperable melanoma. With characteristic courage, he declared that he minded the treatments less than not being able to get into a cockpit for the first time since 1943. David Lewis was appointed CBE in 1995. He married, in 1951, Ruth Benjamin, with whom he had three sons and two daughters.

My friends pointed out just how dangerous his choice of service was in that any Jewish member of the RAF suffered serious consequence when captured by Nazi troops. Apparently, this did not daunt David Lewis nor other Jewish members of that service; a fact of which the UK's Jewish community is inordinately proud. (Thanks to Ethel and Ivor Savage of Whitefield, Manchester, UK.)

Jewish Tidbits

Fran Breese

The Meaning of Yom Kippur (If God were a GPS)

On Yom Kippur it is as if God were saying to us, "No one is perfect, everyone makes wrong turns. I want you to know that I believe in you. You are very, very important to me and what you do with your life is important to me. So I want you to take a day, reflect on your direction and your choices, and if need be, recalculate. Whatever you do, please take care. Take care of the small, almost invisible choices—those precious, precious details of character and life. Those little changes in direction which if left unaddressed can lead you to places you, and I, never wanted to see you go."

Only the magnificence of the space shuttle and the unencumbered dreams and vision out of which it grew

could make man an ever-frequent visitor to space. Yet all it takes is one overlooked piece of foam—a small detail—to bring our dreams crashing down to earth. Rosh Hashanah is about our mission in life. Yom Kippur is about the details that will get us where we want to go and ensure our success.

From *SimpleToRemember.com*
Author *Shimon Apisdorf*

Fundraising News

Holiday Boutique - Will happen this Fall (11/19) if you know of vendors wanting to sell their wares please contact Cyndy or Phyllis Feather.

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 - It's time to get you money and tickets in on time. Please mail to Dayna Otto, 306 Winding Oak Trail, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. The drawing will be on Oct. 8th (Break Fast). Sell, sell, sell!

Clothing/Shoe Drive - Please save your clothes and shoes to be donated, bag separately. Deadline - October 28th. Any questions please contact Madelyn Dunn. 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 please contact Dayna at 609-978-6581.

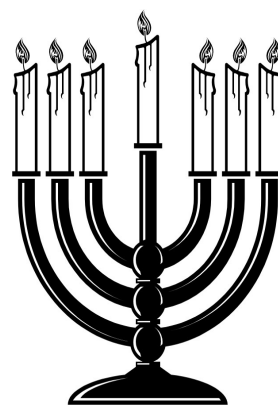
Oneg Sponsorship: Do you or your family have a simcha to share with our congregation? What better way to celebrate than sponsoring an Oneg! We offer several levels that can be sponsored. \$50, \$75, and \$100. Our Onegs include wine, juice, challah and other desserts. The upper levels include fruit and extras to enhance the Oneg. Kindly contact 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

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



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