

Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam

Newsletter for OCTOBER 2012

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Message from the Rabbi:

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this message two days after Yom Kippur – definitely tired in body but full in spirit. I hope that our holiday worship inspired, comforted, challenged and fulfilled you. It is meant to do all of that and more. I also hope that whatever messages you took from this year's High Holiday period will stay with you throughout the upcoming year.

While I am deeply grateful for so many of your expressions of appreciation to me, most sincere thanks also must go to quite a few other people. First and foremost, my extraordinary worship partners, Philip Altland and Sam Jackson. At one point during Yom Kippur afternoon, Philip and Stan were playing a beautiful melody – *Adonai Li*, “God is with me” – while the congregation sat quietly reading. At that moment, it occurred to me that what our beautiful music does is this: it transforms prose into poetry. With music, everything is experienced more richly, more deeply and more soul-stirring. With their peerless musicianship, tremendous hard work and devotion, Philip and Stan take our worship to new heights – and depths - of meaning. Our choir, too, now in its second year adds immeasurably to the beauty of our holy days. They too spent many hours in recent weeks learning new music and rehearsing. Special mention and thanks are due to our new soloist, Karen Kolb. I must also mention all those more behind the scenes, but no less valued, who greeted old and new friends alike, put out (and later put away) prayer books and song sheets, took attendance, decorated the altar, gave out tickets, and set up our ark. A very heartfelt thank you to the Dunn family, Cyndy Friedland, Wendi Higgins and Pat Barndt, who worked so hard to so beautifully set up our break the fast meal. Our President, Aaron Shapiro, oversaw all the logistical arrangements including the distribution of honors at all the services. This was truly a team effort. I had the opportunity to chat with two new members of our congregation during the break on Wednesday afternoon and both commented that they were very impressed with the level of volunteer activity and engagement, so obvious to all.

Finally – but not really finally – those who were there are indebted to Madelyn Dunn, Dolly Weiss and Stan Jackson for sharing their Jewish journeys and speaking so beautifully at our Yom Kippur Afternoon Service. Their stories were funny, touching, familiar, inspiring, heartfelt and surprising all wrapped up in one. Each of them took the time to reflect on their lives and then to craft a narrative that so beautifully reflected the themes of these holy days. Their talks will soon be posted on our web site, so look for them there.

So – it seems that we are off to a wonderful start to the new Jewish year 5773. We continue to grow together, to create, to reach higher and to go deeper. It is my pleasure and honor to be your rabbi, and I look forward to many more meaningful times together.

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer

President's Message:

Now that we have celebrated the New Year, I want to reflect on this past year in the life of our congregation. It has been one of continued growth and improvement. The décor of our services will now be enhanced by our new painted torah covers and our community generated ark curtain. Our high holidays will be embellished with our newly acquired white torah covers.

Our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were moving and spiritually fulfilling under the able leadership of Rabbi Geringer and the musical accompaniment of Phillip Altland and Stan Jackson. The newly formed choir added a great deal and the musical solos of Karen Kolb were inspiring. Board members provided needed help in setting up the sanctuary so that services could begin on time- the newly formed "greeters", under the supervision of Rose Jackson, provided prayer books, song books, and other necessary handouts for congregants as well as welcoming all who attended services. Volunteer members helped with *aliyah* assignments, gathering information for our Book of Remembrance, and planning and serving our congregational break fast. All of this led to effective services for our growing membership and guests. I want to thank all those who volunteered in these capacities. Our congregation is as strong as our volunteers make it.

As we continue to move forward (our membership increases) we have in our future plans a Chanukah dinner and service at Lefty's Restaurant on December 14, the building of our Sukkah on October 2, and Succoth services on October 5. Of course, our twice monthly Friday night services continue and are enjoyed by all who regularly attend.

May this New Year be one of joy and good health to all.

Aaron Shapiro, President

Our deepest sympathy to Gerry Seiler with the passing of her husband Dr. Arthur Seiler.

We wish a speedy recovery to Gerry Seiler as she recuperates from double by-pass surgery at Deborah Hospital.

Donations:

Madelyn and Robert Dunn in memory of Rita Gold.

Following is a list of the committees and the names of the volunteers for each one:

Committee	Chair/Members
MEMBERSHIP	Cyndy Friedland

RITUAL	Hal Polon, (Music: Philip Altland, Stan Jackson) (Greeter: Rose Jackson)
FUNDRAISING	Dayna Otto, Syble Bleiweis, Madelyn Dunn, Bari Cohen, Gina Cohen, Rena Kreisler, Cyndy Friedland, Rhonda Daley
SUNSHINE	Syble Bleiweis, Arlene Armstrong, Harriet Cohen, Ruth Schlyen
HOSPITALITY	Volunteers needed, Arlene Armstrong, Ruth Schlyen
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Cyndy Friedland, Phil Miller
PUBLICITY	Aaron Shapiro
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES	Susan Shapiro
YAHREZEITS	Sandy Polter
NEWSLETTER	Rosalie Donadio, Hope Gardiner, Susan Shapiro
ONEG & DINNERS	Madelyn Dunn, Philomena Jonas, Sheila Erlich, Pat Barndt, Wendi Higgins

Contact Aaron at 242-2390 or email at shap1010@comcast.net if you wish to become a member of one of these committees. We need your expertise to keep our congregation moving forward. All our committees need volunteers.

HEBREW 101 STUDENTS SURVIVED!!!

Iris Hariri instructed 4 members and 3 non-members through 5 weeks of classes of Hebrew 101, and everyone would like to continue!! This is great, as we knew once everyone got familiar with their alphabet, it would be repeating the letters, learning the vowels, then the prayers! The students enjoyed their time with Iris and are looking to continue in the fall. If there are others who would like to start a second Hebrew 101 class, please email me at Cfriedland119@comcast.net or call me at 609-698-4459. We will see how we can coordinate timing for a second class.

Classes begin on Tuesday, October 2nd at 5 PM. The students will be having a shorter class period so they can work with Gary Daley as he constructs our Sukkah. Iris Hariri and Mike Kossove are returning to instruct the classes; a hearty welcome back to them. Please check the web site for a schedule of classes for this year.

Cyndy Friedland, Hebrew School Director

Membership:

We are pleased to welcome into our membership the following landsmen to our congregation:

Mr. Charles Flum of Beachwood

Ms. Sandra Koser of Redbank

Dr. Benjamin and Celeste Lessig and their son Noah Ethan

URGENT NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE: To have the name of your loved one listed in *The Bulletin* and announced at Services by the Rabbi on the anniversary of their Yahrzeit, **contact Sandye Polter at 36 Rumson Ct, Waretown, NJ 08758 or call (609)242-7525.** Even if you have sent in a name/names before, your response is necessary in order to insure that this process is up to date and that your Yahrzeit will be announced.

Yahrzeit October 2012

06	Peter G. Miller	Brother-in-law of Patricia Brandt
07	Barbara Lewis	Wife of Samuel Hull Lewis
08	Syd Applebaum	Mother of Arlene Armstrong
12	Walter Heineman	Father of Syble Bleiweis
14	Fannie Bleiweis	Mother of Ernie Bleiweis
22	Ruth Porter	Mother of Rosalie Donadio
22	Solomon Wallerstein	Father of Sheldon Wallerstein
23	Beulah Sagman	Mother of Dolly Weiss
26	Israel Bailen	Grandfather of Rosalie Donadio
31	Paula Block	Mother of Bernice Jachtner

OCTOBER

Birthdays	07	Goldsborough Rich
	07	Dunn Matthew
	12	Jonas Filomena
	16	Lessig Celeste
	18	Polter Sandra
	25	Breese Joe
	28	Lewis Sam
	31	Feather Ben

Anniversaries	02/1988	Majewski Debbie/Alex
	24/1981	Dunn Madelyn/Robert
	27/2002	Kolb Daniel/ Karen
	31/1967	Feather Phyllis/M. Leonard

(Please email Sue Shapiro at shap1010@comcast.net with birthday and anniversary update information.)

CORRECTION:

Mazel Tov to Sheila Ehrlich on the engagement of her grandson **Eric Lilling** to Kim Ward; should read **Alex Lilling**. Mazel Tov again!

Stockton College presents: Tom Dugan's "SIMON WISENTHAL"

Saturday December 1, 2012 at 2 PM IN THE Stockton Performing Arts Center

For further information, call (609) 652-9000

OCTOBER NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

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.

2012 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 7:30 PM (DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE). PLEASE NOTE THAT SERVICE DATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

October 2 (erect Sukkah on Tuesday)	November 2
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October 5	November 16
October 19	December 7
	December 21

Book Review

The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer*
By Anne-Marie O'Connor

This is a tale of talent, history, horror and suspense woven deftly by Ms. O'Connor with expertise, care and love. Vienna, by the turn of the 20th century, was home to a community of prominent physicians and psychiatrists, spellbinding writers of important literature, innovators in the world of music, artists who "thought outside the box", creative entrepreneurial successes melded in an environment where ideas flowed and mixed and turned into swirling philosophies of self discovery – an outpouring of amazing talents in an atmosphere of synchronicity. The majority of these quintessential Viennese were Jews, destined for an unforeseen future to die in the camps.

I was well aware of the part that the Austrian Gustav Klimt played in the art world of the time and the struggles he endured to present this "new" movement and, of course, the surreptitious affair he allegedly consummated with Adele Bauer-Bloch, wife to one of the wealthiest businessmen in Austria, but the story unraveled reveals the unlayering of that society and its illumination of Austria, allowing insight into the creation of the music (Gustav Mahler), art (Oskar Kokoschka), literature (Arthur Schnitzler).

Some of the more well known artists who managed to get out in time: Billy Wilder who became an interpreter of American style in film (both parents perished in Auschwitz); members of the Bloch and Bauer families, wealthy supporters of women's rights, literary salons, artists (many died in Theresienstadt and Auschwitz) and Sigmund Freud (whose four sisters died in Auschwitz). Survivors reported histories of subjection to heinous forms of degradation, torture, and murder; unable to be helped though efforts were vigorously attempted. And though distanced by their wealth, professional standing within the community, their scientific endeavors and discoveries, and education from their Eastern European cousins, they met the same fate at the hands of the Nazis.

I was mesmerized by the suspenseful process of the litigation process to have the paintings stolen by the Nazis (and refused return to its rightful owners) by the Austrians unfolds in detail. Villains abound (even in intermarried families) and surprising heroes given the circumstances. I found this more exciting and compelling than fiction. That such events could occur in a civilized Western country with such an illustrious past is haunting and while reading, I found myself continually looking for the answer to the question: "how could a people, a government, and a society commit such crimes of inhumanity" And even, after defeat, continue to wield their anti Semitic swords by maintaining innocence while entrenched into the perpetration of their wholesale theft of "Jewish" assets: I concluded, the simply because they could". Had it not been for the tenacious efforts of Randol Schoenberg (grandson of the famous composer Arnold Schoenberg who had escaped Nazi Austria), justice would not have succeeded.

The investigatory process was difficult as well as complicated. Most Austrians were related to the persecutors or the persecuted; in several cases to both.

CHANUKKAH SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE
JOIN US FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012,
AT LEFTY'S RESTAURANT,
547 NORTH MAIN ST., BARNEGAT, NJ, AT 5:00PM.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Kindly fill out the form and mail with your check to:

SYBLE BLEIWEIS @ 70 OAK RIDGE LANE, MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050

MENU CHOICES

Horseradish encrusted salmon
Roasted chicken
Brisket

NUMBER REQUESTED

CHILDREN'S MENU (under 12 years of age)

Hamburger or cheeseburger
Chicken fingers
Pasta with butter or marina sauce
Grilled cheese

Meals will include latkes with apple sauce and sour cream, vegetable, coffee/tea, soft drinks and dessert.
Challahs on each table.

COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON

CHILDREN: \$9.00 (CHILDREN'S MENU ONLY)

Make checks payable to: Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam

Call Syble at 609-978-4240 for any questions

Checks must be received by December 3, 2012

RESERVATIONS LIMITED TO 70 PEOPLE

Name(s) of Adults: _____
Name(s) of Children: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Number of Adults _____ x \$25.00= _____

JCC in Margate present their annual Jewish film Festival

Number of

Children _____ x \$9.00= _____

Ushpizin

A Special Sukkot Event at
The Ventnor Beach Pavillion



Ushpizin - Trailer

7:00pm
Wednesday October 3

Dolphin Boy

Discussion with producer Judith
Manassen Ramon to follow
screening.



Dolphin Boy-Trailer

At Home In Utopia

Discussion with Yok Ziebel,
featured in the film, to follow
screening

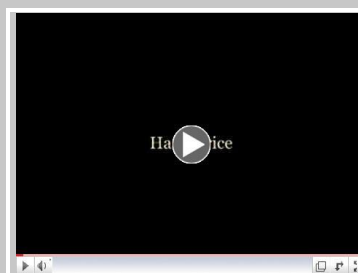


INDEPENDENT LENS | AT
HOME IN UTOPIA | Film Clip
#3 | PBS

2:00pm

Sunday October 7

Nowhere In Africa



Nowhere In Africa - Trailer

7:00pm
Wednesday October 10

The Infidel

The Infidel
"Dinner and a Movie"

Wednesday, October 17

In conjunction with the
Jewish Film Festival
at the JCC,
Enjoy a Special
Prix Fixe Menu** at
Steve and Cookie's By the Bay.

**Includes appetizer, entrée and
dessert.

**Beverages and gratuity not included.

2:00pm
Sunday October 14

Miranda Hart and Omid Djalili
in The Infidel

7:00pm
Wednesday October 17

2 PM Sunday Matinees	Member Pricing	Guest Pricing
At Home In Utopia October 7	\$5 x ____	\$7 x ____
Dolphin Boy October 14	\$5 x ____	\$7 x ____
7 PM Wednesdays	Member Pricing	Guest Pricing
Ushpizin October 3	\$5 x ____	\$7 x ____
Nowhere in Africa October 10	\$5 x ____	\$7 x ____
The Infidel October 17	\$5 x ____	\$7 x ____
The Infidel & Dinner October 17	\$35 x ____	\$40 x ____
Movie Packages	Member Pricing	Guest Pricing
Five Movie Package	\$20 x ____	\$30 x ____
Five Movie Package & Dinner (October 17)	\$55 x ____	\$70 x ____

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www.jccatlantic.org
or call 609-822-1167

(PS: I have seen "The Infidel" :... very, very funny! "Ushpizin": charming and reveals warmer aspects of the Haredim; "Nowhere in Africa": .. illuminating and thought provoking story of a Jewish family (a Judge) who left Germany in time but whose lives were totally disrupted by the total change in status and the guilt of losing so many loved ones.

However: Do not miss "The Infidel". A topsy turvy plot of an adopted English Muslim who learns he was born a Jew ... what a premise:) But it works due to a wonderful English/Muslim character Actor whose face may be familiar to you.