



Message from the Rabbi

Dear friends,

I hope that you are enjoying these final days of summer and that the last few months have been restful and restorative for you and your loved ones.

I write today with the High Holy Days very much on my mind as I am deeply immersed in preparation—practical and spiritual. Both practically and spiritually speaking, my peerless partner, Philip Altland, and I have already had two long, in-person planning meetings in which we have reviewed all of our services. Always, our most important goal is the creation of worship experiences that engage your head, heart and soul. This is not as easy as it might seem; if you have been to even one of our services then you know that we go far beyond simply reading our way straight through the service. There are many challenges, just a few of which are the balance of Hebrew and English, the musical selections, the placement of supplemental material, and the integration of lay readers and speakers. No one service could possibly ever be the “perfect” service for every worshiper. So we try to make sure that there is, at least, something for everyone, and we ask for your patience and understanding of our challenge. If our services feel seamless (and I hope they do), that is only because of the great deal of thinking and planning that underlie them. Philip and I constantly look for ways to weave together music, liturgy, and secular poetry and prose into an experience that is not only beautiful but also prods us to grow into fuller, deeper, richer versions of ourselves. That is, after all, the point of these Days of Awe.

No discussion of these holidays would be complete with mentioning the melodious gifts of Stan Jackson whose soulful playing of clarinet and flute makes our music soar and for which I am immensely grateful.

In addition to myself, members of our community will speak during this year’s services: our President, Phil Miller, on erev Rosh Hashanah, and Hope Gardiner and Rhona Levy on Yom Kippur afternoon. Philip will also give an explanation about the special melodies used only on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Also, as I did last year, I will invite you to bring what I call “an object of memory” with you to our Yizkor service to put into the ark. Finally, as we have done in the past, I will invite all who wish to come up to the ark for a private moment during the concluding, Neilah, service.

I so look forward to sharing these awe-filled days with you. Until then,

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer

ROSH HASHANAH 5774	Wednesday evening, September 4	7:30pm
	Thursday morning, September 5	10:00am
KOL NIDRE	Friday evening, September 13	7:30pm
YOM KIPPUR	Saturday morning, September 14	10:00am

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President's Message

One of my duties as Temple President is to address our Congregation during the High Holy Days. As many of you having belonged to other synagogues in the past are aware, it is traditional to have a Yom Kippur appeal, wherein the President asks for money on that holiest of days. Naturally, our unique congregation does things a little differently. So, I will speak on Rosh Hashanah rather than Yom Kippur, and will not ask for donations. I think most would agree it takes something away from our service and diminishes it just a bit.

Yet for us the discussion must be had, so I will bring it up in this column. As a famous Rabbi (or someone) once said, "In the beginning God said let there be light. But it is up to us to pay the electric bill."

Studies have shown many Jews tend to affiliate with congregations because of a sense of community, more than the specifics of religion. We want our Temple to exist for the "necessities", such as Shabbat services, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, other life cycle events, and of course High Holiday services. But we cannot thrive as an "ala carte" institution, where we pay for items we need. We all want our Temple to be more than that. We are here to offer a sense of community, and this community needs financial assistance to survive, now more than ever. Our dues simply do not meet our expenses.

We strive continuously to increase our membership, and I am confident we will grow our numbers. But for now we have only each other. Please be as generous as you can this time of year so that our community can exist now and hopefully well into the future.

Happy New Year to all,

Philip Miller

High Holy Day Reminder

After Rosh Hashanah service, we invite our members and guests to join us for a "Bagel and Schmeer" Oneg, and then it's on to Tashlich. We will be going to the Manahawkin Lake area by the Gazebo which is south on Route 9. There is parking, so not a problem to get there.

However, do not forget to bring your bread to cast away the sins.....

CHOIR & MUSICIANS PRACTICING

The Sha'arey Hayam Singers met at Stan's house for their final pre-High Holiday rehearsal. This year's services are going to be better than ever. La Shana Tovah.



Bar Mitzvah Celebration

This picture is from the Kiddush at Garrett Majewski's bar mitzvah. Garret did an amazing job and a large enthusiastic crowd of friends and family thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Temple Committees	Chair/Members
Birthdays & Anniversaries	<u>Susan Shapiro</u>
Choir	<u>Philip Altland</u> Cyndy Friedland, Wendi Higgins, Pat Barndt, Madelyn Dunn, Robert Dunn, Syble Bleiweis, Rena Kreisler
Finance	Treasurer, Financial Secretary, President
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Greeters	<u>Rose Jackson & Judie Levin</u> Pat Barndt, Syble Bleiweis, Hope Gardiner, Wendi Higgins, Thelma Polon, Susan Shapiro
Hospital Visits	<u>Rose Jackson</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	Cyndy Friedland
Religious School	<u>Cyndy Friedland/ Phil Miller</u>
Ritual	<u>Charles Flum</u> Philip Altland, Stan Jackson, Alan Levy
Sunshine	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u> Ruth Schlyen, Phyllis Blum, Harriet Cohen
Tributes	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u>
Yahrzeits	<u>Harriet Cohen</u>

THANK YOU GREETERS

for being there to welcome the congregation to services. We would like to say thank you to Judie Levin for co-chairing and covering during the winter. Her dedication is really appreciated.



September	Date	Congregant
	04	Garrett Majewski
	06	Syble Bleiweis
	10	Alex Dubinsky
	14	Madelyn Dunn
	21	Mike Weiss
	21	Rose Jackson
	29	Mark Kreisler

Tribute Cards Sent

To Fuchs In memory of husband, Arnie
from Joan and Terry Silverman and
family.

To Marie James Wishes for good health
from Syble and Ernie Bleiweis

Membership

*Please join us in welcoming Sharon and Michael
Kaplan of Barnegat as new members. They will
be joining us for our High Holiday Services.*

Membership in our spiritual family is a
wonderful way to meet new friends that have
moved or just moved to Southern Ocean
County. We are reaching out in different ways
to let folks know that we are here...it's hard to
believe that so many unaffiliated Jews do not
know that there is a Reform congregation right
here in Manahawkin!! Help us grow and spread
the word...who knows, your neighbor might
have grandchildren that are looking to find out
more about their Judaism, roots and heritage!

Syble Bleiweis, Joan Silverman and Cyndy
Friedland

Membership Committee



Happy Anniversary



September 3, 1961 Inez & Michael Levine



September 28, 1996 Laura & Philip Miller



September 28, 1990 Filomena & Douglas
Jonas

Yahrzeit September 2013 – OF BLESSED MEMORY

According to the English Calendar. Please note that Yahrzeit information will be handled by Harriet Cohen. If you have any changes that you would like to make regarding previously recorded documentation, you may reach Harriet via phone at 609-660-2530.

DATE	Yahrzeit	
3	Ida Berlin	Grandmother of Syble Bleiweis
3	Jack Zelk	Father of Deborah Dieckmann
11	Maxwell Halbert	Father of Marlene Feldhuhn
11	Edward Polon	Father of Hal Polon
14	Hutka Bailan	Grandmother of Rosalie Donadio
15	Anne Kanowith	Mother of Susan Shapiro
17	Hanna Sales	Mother of Maralyn Ricciardi
18	Jerome Shapiro	Brother of Aaron Shapiro
21	Miriam Cannella	Mother of Harriet Cohen
24	Richard Peare	Son of Deanna Bovasso
29	Morris Grossman	Father of Bran Breese
30	Sally Silverman	Mother of Terry Silverman
30	Abraham Flaxman	Father of Joan Silverman

VOLUNTEER JOIN A COMMITTEE OR BE PART OF THE MINYON GROUP TO HELP YOUR TEMPLE

“Volunteers are love in motion”

HELP WANTED

❖ HOSPITAL VISIT COMMITTEE

Do a MITZVAH JOIN NOW

We are looking for congregates to join the Hospital Visit Committee. Please contact Rose Jackson at 609-698-8803 or email her to add your name to the list of people who will visit congregates while in the hospital to brighten their day.

❖ MINYON TEAM

One of the great Mitzvoth we can do as Jews is to go to someone's house to be part of a minyon when a family member dies. We all lead busy lives and this is always at the last minute. I am asking if you or someone in your family is willing to be called to see if you or they are free to be part of a minyon when the need arises. Two qualifications: The person must be Jewish and over 12 for a girl or 13 for a boy. Please email (cflum1@comcast.net) or call ((732)773-7129) me to put you name on the list of potential minyon members.



GET WELL WISHES SENT IN JULY &
AUGUST FROM OUR CONGREGATION TO

- Aaron Shapiro
- Phil Cohen
- Deanna Bovasso



Jewels of Elul IX

the art of welcoming

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Elul 20

A Relational Judaism by Ron Wolfson

The art of welcoming rests on a central Jewish idea: every human being is created in the image of God. When we see each other as an embodiment of Godliness, welcoming someone becomes an act of profound spirituality. Welcoming is the first step in building a relationship with another. So when I see someone walk into a worship service or JCC, I have a choice to make. I can ignore the person or I can initiate a conversation with a simple greeting of welcome. Without that crucial move there is no possibility of relationship.

Abraham and Sarah practiced the art of welcoming strangers. In parashat Vayeira Abraham is sitting at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day, convalescing, when three strangers appear. The instant Abraham sees them he runs to welcome them, calls to Sarah and his servant to bring water and food and fulfills their needs.

Rav Dimi of Nehardea said: Hachnasat orchim - the welcoming of guests -
takes precedence over the beit midrash - the house of study.

Rav Judah said in Rav's name: Hachnasat orchim - the welcoming
of guests - takes precedence over welcoming the shechina, the divine presence
of God herself. (Shabbat 127a)

If we are to create Jewish institutions of relationships, we all must continually work on improving our ability to welcome others. It will not be enough to only have greeters at the front doors of our buildings. The upcoming High Holy Day period is our annual family reunion, the largest gathering of our people. This year, after greeting family and friends, spend three minutes welcoming someone you don't know. If we all did it, we would change the culture of our community from transactional to relational, from cold and aloof to warm and welcoming. Tap into the Godliness within you and connect to the Godliness in others.

*Dr. Ron Wolfson's most recent book is Relational Judaism, published by Jewish
Lights. www.facebook.com/relationaljudaism*

Article Submitted by Philip Altland

SEPTEMBER FUND RAISERS

Here is how YOU can show your support for your community:

September 10th Mark your calendar, **Dine A Round** at **Serpico's** in Barnegat, Eat –in ONLY, 5pm-closing. No voucher, just go. We will get 10% of the night's profits. You get Delicious Italian Food!!!

October – Kristy's – Date to follow. Let us know your favorite restaurant and we will check if they will do a dine-a-round.

Simcha Box & Tzedakah – will be at all services. Give a little or a lot.

ShopRite Gift Cards will continuously be sold for increments of \$25. Please contact Dayna or Syble. They are available at services. Or send a check and card(s) will be sent back.

Tribute Cards – for any reason/occasions, minimum of \$5 donation. Please contact Syble or Cyndi

September 29th – Route 70 Flea Market – Start saving the following for us to sell:

Children's Clothes, Handbags, Toys, Strollers, Household Items, Costume Jewelry, Sports Equipment.

We will have a 'Load the Cars' Day on the 27th at services and 28th at the Dunn's home.

If you have an idea you think would make a great fundraiser, feel free to the tell someone from the fund raising committee, all suggestions will be considered.

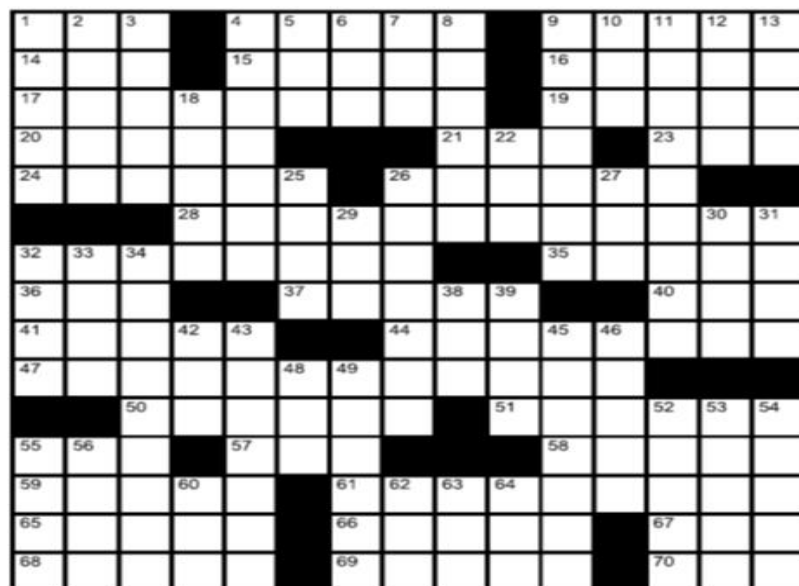
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High Time

A crossword puzzle for the month of Tishrei

BY ETHAN FRIEDMAN



ACROSS

1. Bro, for one
4. Billboard's Top 100 components
9. Milan's La ____ opera house
14. ____ rule (usually)
15. Scoring unit
16. The sun, in Seville
17. Solemn occasion
19. What troubled stars often check into
20. "Tiny Alice" playwright
21. Attorneys' org.
23. There's just over 42 of these in a marathon: Abbr.
24. Jewfro, for one
26. Paper clip alternative
28. It's 10 days from this to 17-Across
32. Red pasta topper
35. Ward (off)
36. Abel's mother
37. Passover meal
40. Buddhist sect

DOWN

1. Dentist's command
2. Capti, e.g., to a Capriote
3. Walt Disney's favorite Disney film
4. Watched in secret
5. Alley ____
6. Barely beat
7. Bearded antelope
8. Layers
9. They're described in Isaiah as being six- winged
10. The Indians, on scoreboards
11. Sephardic counterpart
12. Rich soil
13. Priests' vestments
18. Olympic gymnast Strug
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26. "Until the day break, and the ____ flee away": Song of Solomon 4:6
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Holiday Greetings

Gut Yontiff (GUT YAHN-tiff; gut rhymes with put) Yiddish. Literally, good holiday. This greeting can be used for any holiday, not necessarily a festival. **L'Shanah Tovah** (li-SHAH-nuh TOH-vuh; li-shah-NAH toh-VAH) Hebrew. Lit. for a good year. A common greeting during [Rosh Hashanah](#) and [Days of Awe](#). It is an abbreviation of L'shanah tovah tikatev v'taihatem (May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year). **Chag Sameach** (KHAHG sah-MEHY-ahkh) Hebrew. Literally, joyous festival. This is an appropriate greeting for just about any holiday, but it's especially appropriate for [Sukkot](#), [Shavu'ot](#) and [Pesach \(Passover\)](#), which are technically the only festivals (the other holidays are holidays, not festivals). **Have an easy fast** This is the proper way to wish someone well for [Yom Kippur](#). Please, don't wish people a Happy Yom Kippur; it's not a happy holiday.

HEBREW SCHOOL INFO

As our New Year begins our Hebrew school will be meeting on Thursdays this year. Our first class will be on Thursday, September 19th from 5 to 7 PM. We welcome back Iris Harari who will be teaching the students and enriching their Jewish lives. We are always looking for new students, so please mention us to your friends and neighbors if they have children that would be interested in learning about their Jewish heritage and becoming a part of our spiritual community.

Cyndy Friedland, Director



One God Clapping by Alan Lew

From Zen Buddhist practitioner to rabbi, East meets West in this firsthand account of a spiritual journey. Rabbi Alan Lew is known as the Zen Rabbi, a leader in the Jewish meditation movement who works to bring two ancient religious traditions into our everyday lives. One God Clapping is the story of his roundabout yet continuously provoking spiritual odyssey. It is also the story of the meeting between East and West in America, and the ways in which the encounter has transformed how all of us understand God and ourselves.

Winner of the PEN / Joseph E. Miles Award Like a Zen parable or a Jewish folk tale, One God Clapping unfolds as a series of stories, each containing a moment of revelation or instruction that, while often unexpected, is never simple or contrived. One God Clapping, like the life of the remarkable Alan Lew himself, is a bold experiment in the integration of Eastern and Western ways of looking at and living in the world. Alan Lew was the rabbi of Congregation Beth Sholom in San Francisco and who was at the forefront of the movement to develop new forms of Jewish spiritual expression. His work in the area of using Zen meditation to enhance Jewish spirituality has been highlighted on programs such as ABC News, The MacNeil-Lehrer Report, the PBS news magazine Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, and National Public Radio's All Things Considered..

Sherril Jaffe is the author of many books, including Ground Rules and House Tours. Jaffe is a professor of English at Sonoma State University where she teaches fiction writing. Sherril widow of Allan lives with their family in San Francisco.

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