



Message from the Rabbi

Dear friends,

As I write, a so-called, “open-ended” ceasefire between Israel and Hamas has begun. It is also the start of the Hebrew month of Elul, the month immediately preceding the start of the High Holy Days. Perhaps – if we believe that, really, there are no coincidences - this confluence of events comes to teach us something.



What a summer this has been. Personally, I feel mentally and emotionally exhausted. Previously a consumer of both international and domestic news, I found myself solely obsessed with the news from Israel as I spent hours following the latest military and diplomatic updates. My tzevah adom, my alarm alerting me to rocket attacks in Israel, created the sometimes surreal experience of living in two places simultaneously.

My actual time in Israel in July was the most powerful I’ve ever spent there. The words my group of rabbis heard from members of the Israeli

government, military, diplomatic corps, rabbinate, media, clinicians – and so many more – at times overwhelmed us with their grief, fear, confusion and shock. They also lifted us up with their courage, humanity and integrity.

My purpose in going to Israel on my rabbinic solidarity mission was to offer support and to learn. Regarding the latter, I think I “learned” harder than I almost ever have. I listened very hard, I took copious notes whenever possible, and I thought a great deal about what I heard. We listened to a people shocked and angered at the world’s seeming inability to understand the difference between a defensive and an aggressive war and at its unwillingness to appreciate the terrible dilemma of an army trying to protect its own citizens from assault by an enemy deeply and deliberately lodged among its own civilian population. On top of that was the violent eruption of anti-Semitic incidents in Europe in which Israelis, Jews and Zionists were all lumped together and depicted as a genocidal force. Sometimes, all I could do is shake my head and ask, “Seriously?”

Then I went to Vienna on a short, planned vacation with my husband, and the intensity continued, just differently. Three images from our time there have particularly stayed with me. We walked through ornate and gorgeous cathedrals, treasuries and palaces built in the Baroque period by the Hapsburgs, now mostly memorials to a powerful dynasty long gone.

Then we walked the few blocks from our hotel to the very modest former apartment and office of Sigmund Freud, now a museum. In his final years, Freud, whose revolutionary ideas about the mind

essentially changed the way everyone understands what it means to be a human being, was just a Jew who barely escaped with his life as he and his family fled Vienna in 1938.

And, finally, everywhere we went, we saw an astonishing number of Muslim women in black chadors (full body cloaks) and burkas (full face coverings with only slits for the eyes). I was fascinated when I saw how many of these women were also sporting expensive watches, sunglasses, and, sometimes, eye makeup. I wondered if I was seeing something, getting some message, about the future, but I'm going to have to think about this some more before coming to any conclusions.

And that brings us to Elul. In this month, we are commanded to turn inward in order to prepare ourselves mentally, emotionally and physically for the work of repentance and return. By definition this must be a solitary task.

After the busyness and day-to-day-ness of the past 11 months, we re-group in order to make sense of the experiences of our lives and then set priorities for what we need to do going forward. Similarly, after this summer of extraordinary events in our Jewish world, I know I need to continue to think and assess, to turn down the "volume" of other people's opinions, op-ed essays and editorials and go deeply into my own mind and heart. Perhaps these two processes will reinforce one another; I hope so. I hope to come out at the other end of Elul clearer about myself and Israel and the world. And I look forward to sharing my thoughts with you in the weeks and months to come and listening to yours as well.
Have a very good month.



Sincerely,

Rabbi Kim S. Geringer



Message Philip Altman – VP Board of
Trustees & Music Director

As the High Holidays draw near, I have a lot to report.

The month of Elul begins today, Aug. 27th. If you've never tried it, sign up for Craig Taubman's Jewels of Elul. It's free and. You get a short daily message to help you prepare for the High Holidays. Go to www.craignco.com to sign up.

My dear friend, Pradeep Gupta has completed his paintings, inspired by the murder of the three Israeli boys by Hamas. He's donating them to the temple for us to sell as a fundraiser.



Pradeep's Message "Congregation Sha'arey Hayam, a religious organization from Southern Ocean County New Jersey, is on a peace mission to help those affected by the war as well as to spread the message of love and kindness around the world. I am honored as they have included my painting "Out pouring of Grief" for their fund raising drive. May this piece of art which is inspired with the message of promoting love and compassion on this earth, will serve its purpose best by becoming part of this noble mission. "

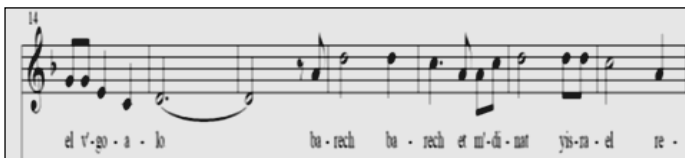
He's a Hindu of Indian descent, by the way.

The Ocean County Jewish Federation is dedicating a new building. Each Congregation was asked to donate a mezuzah for one doorpost. I have purchased one for our congregation which I will deliver to the Federation tomorrow. A picture is



attached. I believe the new building will be dedicated September 11.

Finally, the choir is preparing for the High Holidays. We will be adding two new pieces this year. Avinu Shebashamayim was composed as a prayer for the State of Israel.



It's hauntingly beautiful and will be a high point of the holiday services this year.

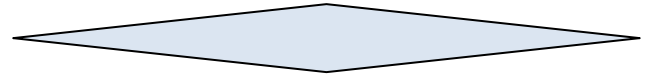
I look forward to seeing everyone at our next service on September 12th and for the Holidays.

L'shana tovah

Philip Altland

2014 SERVICES SCHEDULE **Friday Night Services 7:30pm**

- September 12
- Erev Rosh Hashanah - September 24 at 7:30 PM
- Rosh Hashanah - September 25 at 10 AM
- October 3 - Kol Nidre Service at 7:30 PM
- October 4 - Yom Kippur at 10 AM
- October 17 - Sukkot
- November 2-Gala Ten Year Anniversary Celebration at Sea Oaks Country Club
- November 7
- November 21
- December 5
- December 19 - Chanukah



2015 SERVICES SCHEDULE **Friday Night Services 7:30pm**

- January 9
- January 23
- February 6 - Tu B'Shevat Seder
- February 20
- March 6 - Purim
- March 20
- April 4 - Second Night Seder
- April 17
- May 8
- May 22
- June 5
- June 26

Yahrzeits

בראבא יתגדל

September 3	Ida Berlin, Grandmother of Syble Bleiweis
September 10	Maxwell Halpert, Father of Marlene Feldhuhn
September 14	Hutka Bailen, Grandmother of Rosalie Donadio
September 17	Hanna Sales, Mother of Maralyn Ricciardi
September 21	Miriam Cannella, Mother of Harriet Cohen, Hebrew Date 22 Elul
September 24	Richard Peare, Son of Dianna Bovasso
September 27	Morris Rosen, Father of Rhona Levy
September 29	Morris Grossman, Father of Fran Breese
September 30	Abraham Flatman, Father of Joan Silverman
September 30	Sally Silverman, Mother of Terry Silverman, Hebrew Date Tishrei

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing.

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We NEED your support!

Don't forget about our ongoing fund raisers. We need your support!!!

September 13th - Stafford Wide Yard Sale - Any items you would like to get rid of household, kids items, etc. Please give to Madelyn at services on the 12th or drop off the week prior to her home.

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). 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) or Syble (609.978.4240)

Tribute Cards can be sent to anyone for any reason with a minimum donation of \$5.

Yizkor Books will be done by Wendi Higgins. Please contact her to get the names of your loved ones in it.

10 Year Celebration - Mark your calendars for November 2nd to celebrate the anniversary of our congregation! Aside from buying tickets, here's how you can help: we will be having an auction at the celebration, we are in need of themed gift baskets &/or new items for the gift baskets &/ gift certificates. Please give items to anyone on the fundraising committee.

September Dine-A-Round - TBA

Next Fund Raising meeting at Syble's 7pm on September 11th. Anyone wanting to join us is welcome to!



On Saturday, August 30th, Cyndy Friedland participated in the 5K Run, Walk & Stroll sponsored by the Barnegat Volunteer Fire Department. Cyndy finished in first place for the walkers in her age category.



- September 4 Garrett Majewski
- September 6 Syble Bleiweis
- September 10 Alex Dubinsky
- September 14 Madelyn Dunn
- September 21 Rose Jackson
- September 21 Mike Weiss
- September 29 Mark Kreisler



- ♥ September 3 Inez & Michael Levine
- ♥ September 28 Laura & Philip Miller
- ♥ September 28 Filomena & Douglas Jonas



Maralyn Ricciardi and Phil Cohen

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	Pat Barndt, Syble Bleiweis, Hope Gardiner, Wendi Higgins, Rhona Levy, Thelma Polon,
Hospital Visits	<u>Jack Crespy</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	<u>Cyndy Friedland</u>
Religious School	<u>Cyndy Friedland/ Phil Miller</u>
Ritual	<u>Allan Levy</u> Charles Flum Philip Altland , Stan Jackson
Sunshine	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u> Ruth Schlyen, Phyllis Blum, Harriet Cohen
Tributes	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u>
Yahrzeits	<u>Harriet Cohen</u>



THE JEWISH FILM SERIES of the JEWISH FEDERATION of OCEAN COUNTY



**When Comedy
Went To School**

Nov. 3rd
1:30 & 7pm



**The Sturgeon
Queens**

Nov. 10th
1:30pm



Hunting Elephants

Nov. 10th
7pm



Bethlehem

Nov. 24th
1:30 & 7pm

* Each film will include a discussion led by
the producers, writers and directors.

\$35 for all 4
or
\$10 per film

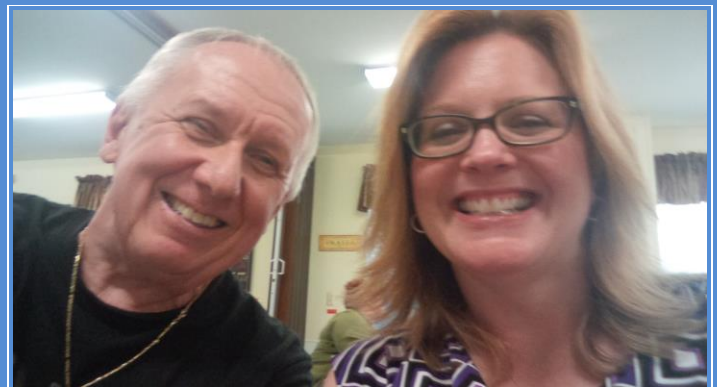
Sponsored by the **Jay & Linda Grunin Foundation**
All films will be shown at the
Arts Center theatre at Ocean County College

Bethlehem and Hunting Elephants are sponsored by the WZO.

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*We cordially invite you and your family
to join us for Break the Fast
After concluding services for
Yom Kippur
on Saturday, October 4th*

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

*Madelyn Dunn
148 Leeward Road
Manahawkin, NJ 08050*

Reservations are required

\$18.00 per member

\$23.00 per non-member per person

*no charge for children up to 13, but must be included in
reservations*

make checks payable to RJCB

Reservations will be accepted until September 29th

Call Madelyn for further information 609-660-1614

Reservation Form

Name of adult(s) attending: _____

Name (s) of Children attending: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Adults _____ X \$18.00 = _____

Number of Adults, Non-member _____ X \$23.00 = _____

Number of Children attending _____