



Am HaYam Cape Cod Havurah

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

CHANUKAH PARTY	December 28	3:00 PM
FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES	January 9	7:30 PM
ROSH CHODESH	January 15	7:30 PM
TORAH STUDY	January 18	10:30 AM
BOARD MEETING	January 25	7:00 PM
WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY	January 27	2:00 PM

See inside for details!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – PLAN AHEAD

Torah Study, February 15, 2009, Deanna Douglas, Brewster Ladies Library

Be sure to check the website where changes in dates of events and the Newsletter are posted: www.ahycc.org

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wonder why I get so upset when a Jew does something wrong. I refer specifically to the self-confessed scam artist, Bernie Madoff. Mr. Madoff has swindled institutions, individuals and charitable organizations. Some Jewish and some not. While I am concerned about the people and organizations that lost money, I feel more concerned that Mr. Madoff is Jewish. I do not expect Jews to be more moral or ethical than people of other ethnic backgrounds, but I know that it reflects badly on Jews when a Jew does something wrong. I do not believe that other ethnic groups or religions feel the same way. I was taught that whatever I did was always watched by others. I was taught by my parents, that what I did was viewed by non-Jews. Too bad Mr. Madoff didn't reflect those values.

Jay Bloom

ANNUAL CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Chanukah Oh Chanukah
Come Light the Menorah!!

With all of your family and friends at
Am HaYam

At Chapel in the Pines in Eastham
Sunday, December 28, 2008 3PM –
5PM



Bring your Menorah, candles, and favorite dreidles!

Am HaYam will provide the latkes, jelly donuts, and drinks.

We will celebrate Chanukah with lighting of the candles, songs and stories, and dreidle games.

Please RSVP!!! to Elaine and Paul Biegelsen at 508-255-2963 or e-mail to landerbiegel@comcast.net

No later than December 25, 2008

SHABBAT SERVICES

Services will take place at the Chapel -in the-Pines in January, February and March on the *first Friday of the month*. All services start at 7:30 PM and are followed by an Oneg Shabbat. Please bring treats for the Oneg. The House Committee will provide challah and beverages. All services are led by members of the Havurah and each is different depending on the leader's orientation.

Anyone interested in leading services please contact Paul Biegelsen at landerbiegel@comcast.net. Written and verbal assistance is available.

January 9 - Judi and Jay Bloom
 February 6 - Paul and Elaine Biegelsen
 March 6 - Arlene Cohen & Mim Selig -
 Purim Shpiel Players
 April 3 – Open
 May 1 – Paula Feinstein & Marilyn
 Greenberg
 May 15 – Open
 June 5 – Open
 June 19 – Bat Mitzvah sisters

JOB OPENING ! HELP NEEDED!

We, Florence and Alice, have been the co-editors of the AHY Newsletter for four years.

We will retire after the Annual Meeting in May 2009.

We are seeking someone to assume the editorship. We think it's easier if two people work together. At least one of the two should be comfortable with the computer.

The newsletter comes out every month so editing it requires a monthly

commitment of about one day. Every committee chairman is responsible for the texts of his or her own notices and notices have to be posted to the editors by the middle of the month. The work is simply in putting the text into the calendar by copy and paste and creating the front page summary calendar.

We have established the template that a new person can use. Those interested should call Alice (896-7355) or Florence (945-4464) who will work with you, if you want.

TORAH STUDY

WHEN: Jan. 18 at 10:30 AM

WHO: Rabbi Alan Ullman

Please make a note of the following dates:

Rabbi Douglas -; Feb. 15; April 19; June 7.

Rabbi Ullman – Jan. 18; March 29; May 10.

All sessions are at the Brewster Ladies' Library. Please bring fruit or pastry.

ROSH CHODESH

WHEN: Thursday, January 15th

WHERE: Home of Joyce Bush
 40 Kendrick Rd., East Harwich

WHAT: Read "On Women and Judaism", by Blu Greenberg

Topic: Feminism and Orthodox Judaism

A discussion will follow led by Joyce Bush.

Please contact Joyce Bush at : 508-430-5444 or send her an e-mail at: bujoyce2000@yahoo.com, if you intend to come. Please car-pool if you can.

Bernice Simon-Wolfson, Chairperson

HINENI GROUP

The meaning of Hineni is "I am here". The members of our group want to help during times of sickness, recuperation from surgery, and bereavement. We want to reach out when someone needs help and wants help. If you are in need of assistance please reach in for our help. If you know someone in Am HaYam who might benefit from our help, let us know and one of us will ask the person if they would like some assistance. Ruth Shapiro and Judy Keller will be coordinating Hineni for the Social Action/Tzedakah Committee. Please don't hesitate to call Ruth at 508-896-3573 or Judy at 508-255-7564 if you have any questions or need help. Please let us know if you want to be a volunteer. We are here...HINENI

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

WHEN: Jan. 27 at 2 PM

WHERE: Home of Anne Katz-Jacobson
W. Yarmouth – 862-0535

Schedule:

Feb. 24 – Mim Selig, Chatham

March 24 – Joyce Bush, Harwich

April 28 – Judy Underberg, Eastham

May 26 – Joan Saklad, Orleans

June 23 – Carol Roth, Orleans

Human Rights Conference

Many are aware of *Am HaYam's* membership in Rabbis for Human Rights - North America's *K'vod Habriot* Human Rights Network. As our Liaison to that organization, Gene Saklad attended a Conference of theirs on Judaism and Human Rights. He filed a report on what he described as an outstanding

conference with our Board members, and, among others, he copied the *Am HaYam* Shmooze List. If you would like a copy of his report, you may request one directly from him: E. L. Saklad

<elsaklad@alumni.brandeis.edu>

BOARD MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 25 at 7:00 PM at home of the president, Jay Bloom. All members are welcome to attend. Call 255-0055 if you are planning to attend.

THANKS for YOUR SUPPORT!

- * Aronowitz, Richard & Soyt, Kevin
- * Hofheimer, Martha
- * Lichtstein, Sheila & Elliott - Thank you for welcoming us
- * Putnam, Jill & Roger - In honor of our wonderful Havurah
- * Taylor, Judy & Myron - Thanks to our friends in Am HaYam who have supported us in our times of grief and happiness
- * Lorraine & herb Ackerman
- * Jerry Epstein – In honor of the New Year
- * Bette & Marvin Friedman – In memory of Sam friedman
- * Carol green
- * G. Herman Burton
- * Anne-Katz Jacobson
- * Sandra & George Levey – In memory of Roz Avnet
- * Beth Silver – In honor of AHY
- * Michael Peretz & Gloria Grossman-Peretz – In honor of the beautiful High Holiday services
- * Lori & David Rome
- * Janet & Arky Silverio – In memory of Carol Shapiro

- * Hilda & Richard Zinner – A good and sweet year for all the AHYcommunity
- * Brehm, Ella & Harold
- * Holmes, Rebecca & Michael – Mazeltov to Judy and Steve Underberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their grand-daughter and Bar Mitzvah of their son-in-law;
- * Rebecca Holmes - On the occasion of the yahrzeits of my beloved parents, Beatrice & William Wollison.
- *Martin & Judith Bernstein

Bookplate Information

If you wish to mark a celebratory event or honor the memory of one or more individuals by having a bookplate affixed in a prayer book, please send a contribution of \$18 (*Chai*—>life) per bookplate payable to *Am HaYam*, together with the following information to Gene Saklad, 51 Pochet Road, Orleans, MA 02653-3624:

Name(s) of contributor(s); event being celebrated or memorialized; name(s) of individual(s) being honored or memorialized; name, e-mail address (if any) and telephone number of contact if any questions arise.

Other contributions should be sent to *Am HaYam*, Box 1235, Brewster, MA 02631

The *Am HaYam* "Shmooze List"

To join our informal family of people who wish to share via e-mail information not necessarily related to our *Havurah*, called the ***Am HaYam Shmooze List***, send an e-mail to shmoozer@ahycc.org giving name(s), address(es), telephone number(s), and e-mail address (if other than the one used for the request

SERVICES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

- *Adult Education, Jessica Dill 255-7771; Judy Underberg, 240-7094
- *Bereavement: Paul Biegelsen, 255-2963
- *Hineni: Ruth Shapiro 896-3573; Judy Keller 255-7564
- *House Committee: Paula Feinstein&Marilyn Greenberg 255-9283
- *Jewish Federation: 778-5589
- *Ritual Committee: Paul Biegelsen 255-2963
- *Rosh Chodesh: Bernice Simon-Wolfson 362-5508
- *Supermarket Coupons: Judy Keller 255-7564
- *Torah Study: Alice Weiss 896-7355; Joyce&Dick Bush
- *Treasurer: Dick Bush 430-5444
- *Zamarei HaYam: Shira Sands 349-1784