



NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

SHABBAT SERVICES	March 6	7:30 PM
TORAH STUDY	March 15	10:30 AM
ROSH CHODESH	March 19	7:30 PM
WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY	March 24	2:00 PM

See inside for details of all these events!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – PLAN AHEAD

FYI – As of July 2009 we will no longer send a print version of the Newsletter. It will be sent by email and available online.

SAVE THE DATE: Community Seder, Thurs., April 9 at 6 PM. Place TBD.

Check the website where changes in dates of events and the Newsletter are posted:
www.ahycc.org

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

An Open Letter to Mayor Blumberg and Others

Mayor Blumberg, you and others like you are among the most vociferous advocates of a dis-proportional response by Israel to rockets aimed at southern Israeli cities.

While it shouldn't be necessary to say, I support the State of Israel. Likewise it shouldn't be necessary to say I support the right of self-defense.

The Torah tells us that justice requires an "eye-for-an eye" and "a tooth for a tooth." The rabbis interpreted this to mean that you cannot take more than an eye for an eye. They said if a one-eyed man took out the eye of a two-eyed man, the two-eyed man could not make the one-eyed man blind. Our sages wanted to make clear that a response has to be proportionate to the offense.

The rockets shot by Hamas over the last few years caused the death of one Israeli; of course it caused great psychological damage to many. The Israeli attack on Gaza killed 1300, many of whom were innocent women and children. Many Israeli leaders said that this was to demonstrate the wrong-headedness of the support for Hamas. They, in fact, knew that the attack on Gaza would not eliminate the rockets. In fact, the rockets have continued albeit at a much slower pace. A non-proportional response to rocket attacks of southern Israeli towns and cities is not the answer. Peaceful negotiations are the only solution to end the conflict. I believe that the only alternative is for Israel to talk to

all the Palestinians, which would include Hamas.

Jay Bloom

SHABBAT SERVICES

Services will take place at the Chapel -in the- Pines 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.

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

March 6 - Purim Shpiel Players

April 3 – NO SERVICES

April 17 – Social Action Tzedakah Comm.

May 1 – Paula Feinstein&Marilyn Greenberg

May 15 – Open

June 5 – Open

June 19 – Bat Mitzvah "sisters"

PURIM SHPIEL

The Shpiel is coming, the Shpiel is coming...

The annual Am HaYam Purim Shpiel will be held on Friday, March 6 at 7:30 PM at Chapel in the Pines. Come in costume if you wish and be prepared for a fun filled evening of songs. Zamerai is again preparing a musical interpretation of the Megillah for your enjoyment. Bring some hammentashen or fruit for the Oneg. We are in need of some readers. If you would like to participate,

please call Shira at 349-1784 or Judy K at 255-7564.

Purim Food Drive -Shelachmones

The custom of Shelachmones, sending gifts, is part of the tradition of Purim. The custom consists of sending gifts of food and money to friends and charity to the poor.

As part of our Purim celebration this year, the Social Action/Tzedakah Committee is holding a mini food drive to support the Lower Cape Outreach Council, LCOC. Please bring a bag of non-perishable foods to our Purim Shpiel. If you will not be able to attend the Shpiel, please drop off a donation at the LCOC office located on Brewster Crossings Road in Orleans or in the collection basket your local supermarket.

TORAH STUDY

The next Torah Study will be held on Sunday, March 15 with Rabbi Ullman. All are welcome!
Each session is independent of the previous ones so even if you have never attended before, do not hesitate to come. The discussions are lively and always interesting.

Please make a note of the following dates:

Rabbi Douglas - April 19; June 7.

Rabbi Ullman – May 10.

All sessions are at the Brewster Ladies' Library at 10:30 AM. Please bring fruit or pastry to share. Beverages are provided.

PLAN WAY AHEAD!

TORAH STUDY DATES: 2009-10

Alan Ullman: August 30; November 22;
January 31, 2010; May 16,
Deanna Douglas: October 18; February 21, 2010; April 11

ADULT EDUCATION

SAVE THE DATE – You don't want to miss this!

Our speaker: Rabbi Meir Sendor
His topic: Insight into the essential principles and vision of *Kabbalah*.

Sunday, May 3, 2009
11 AM - 1 PM - Wellfleet Library

ROSH CHODESH

WHEN: Thursday, March 19th at 7:30.

WHAT: Jessica Dill will be hosting and facilitating a cooking class.

Details will follow in an e-mail.

WHERE: 35 Sands Rd., Eastham

Please contact Jessica Dill by phone: 508-255-7771 or e-mail her at: jrdill1@comcast.net, if you intend to come.

Bernice Simon-Wolfson, chairperson

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

WHEN: March 24 at 2 PM

WHERE: Joyce Bush - 40 Kendrick Rd. Harwich; 430-5444

Schedule:

April 28 – Judy Underberg, Eastham

May 26 – Joan Saklad, Orleans

June 23 – Carol Roth, Orleans

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee is chaired by Ira Seldin and includes Dick Bush, Judy Underberg, Renate Wasserman and David Sands. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors please contact Ira @ 508-945-4464 or email: floira@comcast.net.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

* Grunebaum, David-In memory of my parents, Erich and Gaby Grunebaum and in appreciation for all Am HaYam does, especially the High Holy Day services.

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 Rd., Orleans, MA 02653-3624: Name(s) of contributor(s); event being celebrated or memorialized; relationship of honoree to contributor(s), name, email 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.

WANTED: Amateur thespians, three male and three female for a reading of a play, *The Gates are Closing* by Merle Feld on September 13. The play, to be performed in preparation for the High Holidays, deals with issues of meaning, repentance, and forgiveness. No

memorization is required. There will be some minimal singing of Yom Kippur prayers. We will probably have two rehearsals during the summer. Please contact Shira Sands at 508 -349-1784 or by email: shira77@bc.edu.

PASSOVER SEDER

This year's second Seder will be held on Thurs., April 9 at 6 PM. Place to be determined.

As always it is a potluck. To make reservations and discuss what you can bring to the Seder, please call Florence Seldin at 508-945-4464 after March 15th. Reservation will be accepted until April 3rd.

ALL THINGS YIDDISH

Sandy Chernick invites any AHY member who is interested in forming a Yiddish group to contact her at 508 255-5419 (she does not have email). Her interest is in learning more about the language, the music, the culture, and the writers. Those interested would set their own agenda. In Sandi's words; "It's meant to be a "hamische" group – not scholarly or academic. A knowledge of Yiddish is not required!

LEARN HEBREW

We've had some interest shown in adult learning of basic prayer book Hebrew. Anyone interested in teaching one or more persons, please contact Paul Biegelson, landerbiegel@comcast.net.

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

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*Bereavement: Paul Biegelsen, 255-
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*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
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*Torah Study: Alice Weiss 896-7355;
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*Zamarei HaYam: Shira Sands 349-
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