



**NEWSLETTER**

**April 2009**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>COMMUNITY SEDER</b>	<b>April 9</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>SHABBAT SERVICES</b>	<b>April 17</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>TORAH STUDY</b>	<b>April 19</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY</b>	<b>April 21</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	<b>April 26</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>HOLOCAUST PROGRAM</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

See inside for details of all these events!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – PLAN AHEAD**

**SAVE THE DATE: Adult Education, Kabbalah, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 17, 2009**

Check the website where changes in dates of events and the Newsletter are posted:

[www.ahycc.org](http://www.ahycc.org)

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## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Rebecca Holmes will be the editor of the Newsletter beginning in July of this year. To save paper, mailing costs and resources the AHY newsletter will be distributed electronically other than a few printed copies which will be available at services starting with the July issue.

**Please Note:** For all those who have been receiving the newsletter by mail, if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter you must send us your email address

## PASSOVER SEDER

This year's second night Community Seder will be held on Thurs., April 9 at 6 PM. at the Methodist Church, corner of Main Street and Route 28 in Orleans.

There is no parking at the church but there are a great many nearby parking lots as always it is a potluck. You may drop off your dishes at the side of the church.

To make reservations and discuss what you can bring to the Seder, please call Florence Seldin at 508-945-4464 after March 15<sup>th</sup>. Reservations will be accepted until Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## SHABBAT SERVICES

Services will take place, at the Chapel - in the- Pines on the *first and third Friday of the month*, except in April. 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](mailto:landerbiegel@comcast.net). Written and verbal assistance is available.

April 3 – NO SERVICES

April 17 – Social Action Tzedakah Comm.

May 1 – Paula Feinstein & Marilyn Greenberg

May 15 – Arlene Cohen

June 5, July and August: open

**Purim Schpiel:** Thanks to Judy Keller lyricist, *Par Excellence*, and all the cast for an ecstatic party for Esther and Mordecai.

## TORAH STUDY

The next Torah Study will be held on Sunday, April 19, with Rabbi Deanna Douglas.

*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 Ullman – May 10.

Rabbi Douglas - June 7.

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

Rabbis: Alan Ullman: August 30;

November 22; January 31, 2010; May

16. and Deanna Douglas: October 18;

December 13; February 21, 2010;

April 11

**WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY**

**WHEN:** April 28 at 2 PM

**WHERE:** Judy Underberg - 35 Mallard Lane, Eastham; 240-7094

Schedule:

May 26 – Joan Saklad, Orleans

June 23 – Carol Roth, Orleans

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for consideration by members at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

**OFFICERS;**

President Judy Keller

Vice President Paul Biegelsen

Treasurer Martin Jacobs

Secretary Jessica Dill

**RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS:**

Steve Berrick

Elaine Biegelsen

Arlene Cohen

Paula Feinstein

Marilyn Greenberg

Florence Seldin

George Wasserman

Alice Weiss

Barry Worth

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

Judi Bloom

Dick Bush

Sandy Chernick

Rebecca Holmes

Ira Seldin

**PAST PRESIDENT**

Jay Bloom

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Judy Underberg

Dick Bush

David Sands

Renate Wasserman

Ira Seldin, Chair

Nominations will be accepted from the floor as well.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Rebecca and Michael Holmes--Mazel tov to Judy and Steve Underberg on their 50th wedding anniversary.

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

**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; relationship of each honoree to contributor(s), name, e-mail address (if any) and telephone number of contact if any questions arise.

**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.

Editors' note: if you have not visited the website of the National Yiddish Book Center, do so! Lots of great information about all things Yiddish.

## **LEARN HEBREW**

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

### **Holocaust Memorial Presentation Wednesday April 29, 2009 - 6-8 p.m. Nauset Middle School, 70 Rte.28. Orleans**

The Interfaith Group on the Holocaust-Genocide-Human Rights announces that the Sixth Annual Program. Students from the Nauset Regional High School, the Nauset Middle School and Harwich High School will participate in the musical selections and will provide part of the refreshments.

The main speaker will be Ryan Cooper, a member of the Planning Committee and a friend of Miep Gies who helped Ann Frank's family survive and preserved Ann's diary. Cooper will talk about his recent trip to visit the Frank hiding place in Amsterdam. He will have artifacts and photos to augment his talk.

A candle lighting ceremony will be led

by the Rev. Wesley Williams of the Orleans United Methodist Church, Father Bob Powell of St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church in Orleans, the Rev. Sally Norris of the Federated Church in Orleans, the Rev. Bonnie Goodwin of the Christian Union Church in Truro, representatives of the Community of Jesus in Orleans, Am Ha Yam Havurah and the Barnstable Human Rights Commission.

Questions should be directed to: Madalyn Hillis-Dineen, Planning Committee Coordinator, [djcouple@comcast.net](mailto:djcouple@comcast.net).

## **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

## **Homeless Prevention Council and Shaw's Community Rewards Program**

Support the Homeless Prevention Council, formerly the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, by registering your Shaw's Reward Card in their neighborhood rewards program. To do this, go to the Shaw's Community Rewards website at:

[www.albertsons.com/cp/shaws/](http://www.albertsons.com/cp/shaws/)

You will be asked to enter your Shaw's reward card number, located on the back of the card/key tag and the phone number you gave when your card was activated. You will then be directed to a page where you need to enter the id number of the Homeless Prevention Council: 490001018479

Every time you shop at Shaw's market on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 1% of the amount of your purchase will be donated by Shaw's to the Homeless Prevention Council. This may not sound like a lot, but over the course of the year it really adds up.

The Social Action/Tzedakah Committee urges you to support this effort.

### **Letter from Payomet**

Dear Friends,

This is not a press release. It is meant simply as a heads up that Payomet is going to produce a Yiddish Theatre Festival for four days this summer, from Sunday-Wednesday, Aug 9-12. The festival will consist of staged readings of plays from the realm of Yiddish theatre, and will also include film, music, comedy and several talks on the

subject of Yiddish theatre.

I have long been interested in Yiddish theatre and have, over the last year, consulted with both Nahma Sandrow and Caraid O'Brien, two of the leading translators of Yiddish plays. On the local front, Denya LeVine has been a major pillar of support and, together, we are planning to produce several radio shows on WOMR that will publicize the festival (and inform the public of this cultural treasure trove). This past fall I have also visited the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst and the YIVO Center in New York City. I might add that there's also a wonderful exhibit now at the Jewish Museum in the city, all about Marc Chagall and the Russian Yiddish Theatre.

The festival will be entertaining and educational, important aspects of Payomet's mission. We will work out a detailed program over the next 6 weeks, in time for our season brochure in May, and in the meantime, welcome suggestions and input.

We will also be seeking extra volunteers for the festival.

Please feel free to call me with any questions or requests for more detailed information. And please forward this email to anyone that you think might be interested. Thanks.

Sincerely,  
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Artistic Director  
Payomet Performing Arts Center in  
Truro  
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Adult Education Committee of  
*Am HaYam*  
presents

**Rabbi Meir Sendor**

**The Mystical Meaning of the  
Counting of the *Omer***

Sunday, May 3, 2009  
11 AM – 1 PM at the Wellfleet  
Library

With Rabbi Sendor, we will explore the deep significance of the *mitzvah* to Count the *Omer* from *Pesach* to *Shavuot*, analyzing the sources and inner connections of this *mitzvah* in *Torah*, *Halakhah*, *Midrash* and *Kabbalah*. Our journey will offer insight into the essential principles and vision of *Kabbalah*, and

hopefully enrich our own spiritual awareness along the way.

Rabbi Dr. Meir Sendor has been the Rabbi of the Young Israel of Sharon, MA for over two decades. A student of the late Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, he received his ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. He received his Doctorate in Medieval Jewish History from Harvard University, department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, under the late Professor Isadore Twersky. Rabbi Sendor has served as a visiting professor at Brandeis University, and an instructor for the *Me'ah* Program of Hebrew College. He lectures on medieval Jewish history, medieval Jewish philosophy and *Kabbalah*, *Hasidism*, the philosophy of Jewish law, the history of Jews and medicine and Jewish medical ethics, and serves on Bioethics Advisory Boards. He has written on issues in Jewish spirituality, *Halakhah* and Jewish history.

Free and open to the public.  
Refreshments will be served.