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### SHABBAT SERVICES



*Shabbat* Services are held at the Chapel-in-the-Pines (Samoset Road, Eastham) usually on the **first and third Fridays** (April-October) of the month beginning at 7:30 PM and are followed by an *Oneg Shabbat*. However, there will be no service on April 2 due to Passover. Please bring treats for the *Oneg* on April 16. The *Oneg Shabbat* Committee provides *challah* and beverages. Services are led by members of the *Havurah* and each service is different depending on the leader's orientation. If you wish to lead *Shabbat* services, please contact Paul Biegelson at [landerbiegel@comcast.net](mailto:landerbiegel@comcast.net)

**Service leader for April 16: Carl Lipton**

The *Oneg Shabbat* Committee needs volunteers to help with set up and clean up at *Shabbat* services. Each volunteer serves just 2-3 times per calendar year. It is a great way to help the *Havurah*. If interested call Paul Biegelson, Chair, Ritual Committee.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It will come as no surprise to many of you that I love Purim. I was thrilled when more than 40 people attended our *Shpiel* last month. The costumes, the songs, the *hamen-tashen* made it a magical celebration for me. I am often asked, "How do you come up with those songs year after year?" I don't really know...its part of the magic!

But what can we learn from the *Megillah* of Esther? I have always admired Vashti. She must have known the consequences of disobeying the King. Yet, she stood up for her rights and did so anyway. Zeresh, Haman's wife, had a sixth sense and tried to get Haman to stay home with her. Had he listened to this wise woman and not gone to dinner with the King and Esther how different the ending of the story would have been. And Esther approached the King knowing that she was putting her life at risk. Her plan to save the Jews was both clever and simple. Three women with different backgrounds, yet each play an integral part in the *Megillah*.

People with different backgrounds, yet each plays an integral part...sounds a lot like *Am HaYam*. We may come from different traditions but each and every member of our *Havurah* is an important part of who we are and what we can accomplish here on Cape Cod.

So mark your calendar now. *Am HaYam* will celebrate Purim on the first Friday in March, 2011. Yes, I know that's 11 months away, but...hum...I better get busy on those songs for next year.

Judy Keller

## DATES TO REMEMBER

NO SHABBAT SERVICE	Friday, April 2	7:30 PM
Passover 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> days	Monday/Tuesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup>	
Yom Hashoah	Sunday, April 11	
Holocaust Memorial Service	Thursday, April 15	7:00 PM
Shabbat Service	Friday, April 16	7:30 PM
Torah Study w/Rabbi Douglas	Sunday, April 18	10:30 AM
Yom Hazikaron	Monday, April 19	
Yom Ha'atzmaut	Tuesday, April 20	
Rosh Chodesh Women	Thursday, April 22*	7:30 PM
Shabbat Dinner	Friday, April 23	TBA
Film: Hiding and Seeking	Sunday, April 25	1:00 PM
Board of Directors	Sunday, April 25	1:00 PM
Women's Torah Study	Tuesday, April 27	2:00 PM

\*Note change of date due to Holocaust Memorial Service on April 15.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS**

The *Am HaYam* Board meets at 7 PM on the fourth Sunday of each month (except for the Annual Meeting in May) at the home of Judy Keller, 96 Tonset Road, Orleans. All members of the *Havurah* are welcome to attend Board meetings. The next Board Meeting will be Sunday, April 25.

## **BY-LAWS AMENDMENT**

In accordance with the By-Laws of *Am HaYam*, the following amendment will be discussed and voted upon at the *Am HaYam* Annual Meeting, May 16, 2010.

### Article VII: Committees

Section 7.32 The Finance Committee shall meet in the winter of each year and develop the budget for *Am HaYam* for the next fiscal year. The budget shall be approved by the Board of Directors no later than 60 days before the annual meeting.

Rationale: This section of the By-Laws needs to be altered due to the change in the budgeting process from the calendar year to a fiscal year. The current fiscal year, approved by the Board in 2009, is from September 1-August 31.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

The final film in this year's series, *Hiding and Seeking* will be shown April 25, 1 PM at the Wellfleet Library. Films are free and open to the public. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for the LCOC food pantries.

## **MAKE YOUR OWN TALLIT**

Several years ago, when she lived on Cape Cod, Shira Singer facilitated a *tallit*-making workshop. The creations that resulted are dazzling. Shira assures us that it is not talent but enthusiasm that is required for success. At our request, Shira has agreed to travel from Maine to Cape Cod for a repeat workshop sometime in the fall, when we would need approximately twelve to fifteen hours over two-and-a-half days to complete the *tallitot*. The participants would share the cost of Shira's leadership and travel, which would probably total \$900, and there would be an additional individual cost of \$15 to \$20 apiece for materials. We hope that about ten men and women will participate. If you are interested in creating a unique piece of Judaica--that will perhaps become a treasured heirloom--please call Sue Marcus at 508-896-8228.

## SHABBAT DINNER IN MEMBERS' HOMES - NEW

You asked for it and here it is. At the *Am HaYam* planning meeting, "Shaping Our Future," held on November 15, 2009, a majority of participants said they would like smaller, more intimate gatherings as a way of getting to know others better and building a stronger Jewish community. The *Am HaYam* Social Committee has taken on the challenge and now offers you Home *Shabbat* Dinners.

Here's how it works. We have scheduled four dates to start and hope to continue next fall: April 23, May 14, and June 11. Of course, we need people willing to host, and people wanting to participate. Please complete the attached form below and mail or email it to Esther Elkin. The first dinners, on March 12, were quite successful.

The *Shabbat* Dinner Subcommittee (Judi Bloom, Jessica Dill, Esther Elkin, and Rebecca Holmes) will assign four to six people to each host based upon your responses on the form. The host and guests will then determine what each person might contribute to the meal. One option is that the host provides the entrée while the guests would bring a salad, side dish, or dessert, but, of course, that would be decided by each *Shabbat* dinner group.

Here's an opportunity to light candles, say the *Sabbath* blessings, and have a warm, intimate, Jewish experience on a Friday night when there are no *Am HaYam* services. Please join us and help make this new venture a successful one. See attached signup form.

## BOOKPLATE DONATION

You may not realize that many of our prayer books are still available for dedicatory bookplates, and that virtually your entire donation for that purpose is a contribution to the wonderful programs and services provided by our committed Board and imaginative creative committees. Please don't overlook this opportunity for performing a true bargain *mitzvah*.

To mark a celebratory event, honor or remember a loved one or friend with a bookplate in a prayer book, please send a check for \$18 payable to Am HaYam to: Gene Saklad, 51 Pochet Road, Orleans, MA 02653-3624. Please include name(s) of contributor(s), event being celebrated or memorialized, individual(s) being honored or memorialized, relationship of each honoree to contributor, name, e-mail address and telephone number of contact in case any questions arise. Thanks.

*Gene Saklad*

## **BOOK CLUB, ANYONE ???**

If you are interested in organizing and/or participating in a book club devoted to fiction and non-fiction works by Jewish writers and related to Jewish experience, please call or e-mail Joyce or Dick Bush at 508-430-5444, or e-mail to [arbu02645@yahoo.com](mailto:arbu02645@yahoo.com) or [bujoyce2000@yahoo.com](mailto:bujoyce2000@yahoo.com).

## **YIDDISH CLUB**

The Yiddish Club will begin meeting again this Spring. Most of the members have left for warmer climates. However, if you are still on Cape and have an interest in *Yiddish* language or culture, let's talk! It will be an opportunity to study and prepare for when the "snowbirds" return. Call me at 508-255-5419.

*Sandy Chernick*

## **THE AM HAYAM "SHMOOZE LIST"**

The "Shmooze List" is an informal group of people who wish to share information, via email, not necessarily related to *Am HaYam*. To join, send an e-mail to [shmoozer@ahycc.org](mailto:shmoozer@ahycc.org). Include your name, address, phone and email address.

## **ROSH CHODESH**

*Rosh Chodesh* is an *Am HaYam* women's group which meets once a month in observance of the beginning of the Hebrew month. The next meeting of *Rosh Chodesh* will be at the home of Arline Lowenthal, Thursday, April 22, 7:30 PM. Please note that the meeting has been moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday as to not conflict with the Holocaust Memorial Service on April 15. We will be enjoying a hands-on arts and crafts program led by Arline.

*Bernice Simon-Wolfson, Chair, Rosh Chodesh*

## **TORAH STUDY**

Sunday Torah Study continues at the Brewster Ladies Library on April 18 (note change of date) with Rabbi Deanna Douglas. Sessions begin at 10:30 AM. Please bring pastry or fruit. Sessions are led by either Rabbi Deanna Douglas (D) or Rabbi Alan Ullman (U). Last two sessions: May 16 (U), June 6 (D)

## **SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS**

*Am HaYam* helps the Interfaith Homeless Prevention Council by selling its Shaw's and Stop and Shop gift cards. *Am HaYam* sells the gift cards at face value and the Interfaith Homeless Prevention Council earns 5% of the value. You use them like cash at the supermarkets. It does not cost you anything. Sandy Chernick is the Chair for this project. She will have the gift cards at Board Meetings and *Rosh Chodesh* (which she usually attends) or you can call her and arrange to get the cards. Call Sandy at 508-255-5419.

## MEMBERSHIP

A member is anyone who participates in *Am HaYam* religious services, programs, and events or who wishes to be on the email mailing list. There are no membership dues. *Am HaYam* is solely dependent on the generous donations of those who attend our events, especially during the High Holy Days, or who make donations to mark special occasions or to remember loved ones and dear friends. Mail donations to: *Am HaYam*, Box 1235, Brewster, MA 02631. **If you wish to have a card sent announcing your donation, please include the name and address of the person for whom you are making the donation. Thank you.**

## MILESTONES

*Mazel tov to*

Robby Ostrer, son of Marsha Ostrer, on his recent *Bar Mitzvah*

*Condolences to*

Sandy Chernick on the loss of her beloved mother, Rose Chernick

## DONATIONS

*In honor of*

The *Bar Mitzvah* of the grandson of Renate and George Wasserman

Judi and Jay Bloom

Our daughter, Carol Shapiro

Arky & Janet Silverio

*In appreciation of*

Ira Wolfson's Adult Education programs

Judy Keller

Marilyn Greenberg and Paula Feinstein for their dedication to *Am HaYam* and to wish them well on their move

Judy Keller

*In memory of*

Rose Chernick, beloved mother of Sandy Chernick

Rebecca and Michael Holmes

*Yahrzeit of*

Beloved parents, Mildred and Sidney Holmes

Michael I. Holmes

## WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

The Women's Torah Study group meets monthly year round on the fourth Tuesday of each month at members' homes. Last September we began with Genesis 1:1 (the first book of the Torah) and continue reading in sequence. We read and study in English, using various versions of the Jewish Bible and a number of

commentaries. No experience necessary and you are welcome to join the group at any time. Email announcements will be sent a few days before each session by the host. If you would like to be added to that email list, please let me know. The April 27 meeting will be at the home of Rebecca Holmes, 2-4 PM.

*Rebecca B. Holmes*



## LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY:

- **Lag B'Omer, Sunday, May 2**
- **Shabbat Service, Friday, May 7**
- **Yom Yerushalayim, Wednesday, May 12**
- **Shabbat Dinner, Friday, May 14**
- **Torah Study w/Rabbi Ullman, Sunday, May 16**
- **Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 16**
- **Erev Shavuot, Tuesday, May 18**
- **Shavuot, Wednesday/Thursday, May 19/20**
- **Rosh Chodesh Women, Thursday, May 20**
- **Shabbat/Shavuot Service, Friday, May 21**
- **Memorial Day observed, Monday, May 24**
- **Women's Torah Study, Tuesday, May 25**

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