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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*. 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 Biegelsen at landerbiegel@comcast.net

Service leader for Shabbat Service May 7: Alice Weiss
Service leader for Shabbat/Shavuot Service May 21: Judi and Jay Bloom

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 is hard to believe that a year has passed since I was elected President of *Am HaYam*. It has been a rewarding year for me and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the *Havurah* who have helped us reach our goals.

I would like to invite all of you to attend our Annual meeting on Sunday, May 16 at 3PM. This meeting will be held at Chapel-in-the-Pines. There you will hear first hand about the many programs and projects the members of *Am HaYam* have participated in and supported this past year. Reports will be given by all our committee chairs. Our Treasurer will present a financial report and the budget for the upcoming year. Officers and members of the Board of Directors will be elected. Your input is an important part of who we are and where we are going in the coming year. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

This year *Am HaYam* was blessed with a gift of a *Sefer Torah*. On Friday, June 4, we will dedicate and welcome this *Torah* to our *Havurah*. I hope that you will be able to join us for a very special *Shabbat* Service at 7:30PM at Chapel-in-the-Pines.

Finally, I would like to pay a special tribute to two of the members of our Board of Directors. George Wasserman and Barry Worth will be leaving the Board this spring, having served to the maximum number of years allowed in our By-Laws. They have both been valuable members of the Board and have served *Am HaYam* in many other capacities. I could always count on them for sage advice. Their insight helped us understand and resolve many issues. Be forewarned, gentlemen, I intend to call on you in the future ☺

It has been said, "Time flies when you're having fun." This year has flown by and I really had a lot of fun.

Judy Keller

BAT MITZVAH INVITATION

On June 5, 2010 at 10:30 am at the Chapel in the Pines, Saskia Maxwell Keller will be called to the *Torah* as a *Bat Mitzvah*. Saskia and her parents welcome those from *AmHaYam* who would like to come and share in this happy event. If you are able to join them and Rabbi Deanna Douglas for this special Saturday *Shabbat* service, please RSVP by June 1st to David Keller and Mary Maxwell at [kelmaxx@msn.com](mailto:kemaxx@msn.com) or at 508 349 7395.

AM HAYAM ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will take place Sunday, May 16, 3-5 PM at the Chapel in the Pines, Samoset Road, Eastham. All members are urged to attend.

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.

ANNUAL BUDGET 2010-2011

The following budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting for your approval by Treasurer, Martin Jacobs:

Administration	\$2000.00
Adult Education	2000.00
Festivals	1000.00
High Holy Days	13,000.00
House Committee	200.00
Interfaith	1700.00
Newsletter	200.00
Ritual	1200.00
Rosh Chodesh	300.00
Social Action	2800.00
Social Activities	200.00
Torah Study	3750.00
Zamarei	120.00
TOTAL	\$28,470.00

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee which consisted of Florence Seldin, Chairperson; Deborah Jacobs and Carl Lipton is pleased to present the following slate of Officers and Board of Directors for 2011-12:

		Term Expires
President	Judy Keller	2011
Vice President	Paul Biegelsen	2011
Secretary	Jessica Dill	2011
Treasurer	Martin Jacobs	2011
Board Members	Marsha Dubeau	2012
	Elaine Lipton	2012
	Judy Underberg	2012

Nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

The following members will continue on the Board and complete their terms in 2011:

Elaine Biegelsen	Dick Bush
Steve Berrick	Sandy Chernick
Arlene Cohen	Rebecca Holmes
Alice Weiss	Ira Seldin
Judi Bloom	Florence Seldin
Jay Bloom ,Immediate Past President	

DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>Lag B'Omer</i>	Sunday, May 2	
<i>Shabbat Service</i>	Friday, May 7	7:30 PM
<i>Yom Yerushalayim</i>	Wednesday, May 12	
<i>Shabbat Dinners</i>	Friday, May 14	TBA
Torah Study w/Rabbi Ulman	Sunday, May 16	10:30 AM
Annual Meeting	Sunday, May 16	3:00 PM
<i>Erev Shavuot</i>	Tuesday, May 18	
<i>Shavuot I</i>	Wednesday, May 19	
<i>Shavuot II</i>	Thursday, May 20	
<i>Rosh Chodesh Women</i>	Thursday, May 20	7:30 PM
<i>Shabbat/Shavuot Service</i>	Friday, May 21	7:30 PM
Women's Torah Study	Tuesday, May 25	2:00 PM
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31	

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.

INTERFAITH COLLABORATIVE EVENT

The Nauset Interfaith Association will be holding an Evening of Reflection on the theme: **Is Torture A Moral & Religious Issue?**

This event will be held Wednesday, May 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Snow Library, 67 Main Street, Orleans. All are invited to attend and participate in this important event regardless of their position on torture. Both adults and older teens are most welcome. The evening will include a new 18-minute video produced by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, followed by facilitated small groups discussion. Any questions regarding this interfaith collaborative program may be directed to Gene Saklad <elsaklad@alumni.brandeis.edu> or (508) 240-1480.

LOCAL (Lower Cape Lunch)

This organization's goal is to help satisfy the physical, social and spiritual hunger of our neighbors in need on the Lower Cape. It is one of the organizations to which *Am HaYam* donates some of its funds through its Social Action Committee.

LOCAL is a relatively new outreach organization functioning under the auspices of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Lower Cape Cod. Its purpose is to meet the needs of those in the greater Orleans area who are hungry, whether for food, fellowship or both. LOCAL serves lunches on Tuesdays and suppers on Thursdays at St. Joan of Arc Parish Center, averaging 30-40 guests at each meal. Judi and Jay Bloom are the liaisons to LOCAL for *Am HaYam*. *Am HaYam* has committed to providing volunteers to assist each month on the 2nd Tuesday for lunch and 4th Thursday for supper. Judi and Jay need more volunteers for the program. Volunteers help at 9:30AM to set up and/or 11:30AM to serve lunch and 3:30PM to set up and/or 5:30 PM to serve supper.

Please call the Blooms at 508-255-0055 to volunteer for this *mitzvah*.

SHABBAT DINNERS 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 the following dates to start and hope to continue next fall: 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.

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 or bujoyce2000@yahoo.com.

YIDDISH GROUP

Our Yiddish Group is resuming. We're going to try to meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, starting May 27 at 12:30 PM at my home. Welcome back from Florida; from Arizona; *Meer Zehnen Tsurik*. Please RSVP to me at 508-255-5419 and to get directions.

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. Include your name, address, phone and email address.

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.**

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.

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 Rebecca Holmes, Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 PM. *Sisters in Resistance*, a documentary film about four non-Jewish French women who joined the resistance in France and lived to tell their tale, will be shown followed by discussion. For more detail, follow this link: <http://www.wmm.com/filmcatalog/pages/c563.shtml>. It is a fitting finale to *Sarah's Key* and *Hiding and Seeking*.

Bernice Simon-Wolfson, Chair, Rosh Chodesh

TORAH STUDY

Sunday Torah Study continues at the Brewster Ladies Library on May 16 with Rabbi Alan Ullman. 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). The last session will be June 6 with Rabbi Douglas.

TORAH STUDY 2010 /2011

(All sessions are at the Brewster Ladies Library at 10:30 AM unless otherwise noted.)

Rabbi Alan Ullman

- Tuesday, August 31
- Saturday, November 13, Havdalah, Study and Potluck Dinner (TBA)
- Sunday, December 26
- Sunday, January 30
- Sunday, February 27

Rabbi Deanna Douglas

- Sunday, October 17
- Sunday, March 27
- Sunday, April 24
- Sunday, May 15

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

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

Condolences to

Arlene Cohen on the loss of her beloved son, Jon Cohen

Mazel tov to

Steve Underberg on being elected president of the Lower Cape Outreach Center, and to Judy Underberg and Jessica Dill for being elected to the Board of Directors.

Elaine and Paul Biegelsen on the birth of their grandson, Maclan Jonah Ander-Biegelsen, son of Becky Biegelsen and Mark Anders.

DONATIONS

In memory of

Jon Cohen, beloved son of Arlene Cohen

Rebecca & Michael Holmes
Judy Keller

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 May 25 meeting will be at the home of Marsha Dubeau, 2-4 PM.

Rebecca B. Holmes



LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE:

- **Shabbat Service and Dedication of new Torah, Friday, June 4**
- **Bat Mitzvah of Saskia Maxwell Keller**
- **Torah Study with Rabbi Deanna Douglas, Sunday, June 6**
- **Shabbat Dinners, Friday, June 11**
- **Rosh Chodesh Women, Thursday, June 17**
- **Shabbat Service, Friday, June 18**
- **Women's Torah Study, Tuesday, June 22**
- **Board of Directors, Sunday, June 27**

THE "YELLOW PAGES" OF AM HAYAM

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