



**NEWSLETTER**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| <b>Shabbat Services</b>    | <b>Friday, July 3</b>   | <b>No service</b> |
| <b>Shabbat Services</b>    | <b>Friday, July 17</b>  | <b>7:30 PM</b>    |
| <b>Board Meeting</b>       | <b>Sunday, July 26</b>  | <b>7:00 PM</b>    |
| <b>Women's Torah Study</b> | <b>Tuesday, July 28</b> | <b>2:00 PM</b>    |

***SHABBATSERVICES***

*Shabbat* Services are held at the Chapel-in-the-Pines (Samoset Road, Eastham) on the first and third Friday of the month beginning 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 service is different depending on the leader's orientation. Due to holiday events and traffic, there will be no *Shabbat* service on July 3. See you on July 17. If you are interested in leading Friday night *Shabbat* services, please contact Paul Biegelsen at [landerbiegel@comcast.net](mailto:landerbiegel@comcast.net). We need service leaders for July and August. Assistance is available.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **The Northernmost Synagogue**

When you live near or above the Arctic Circle in the land of the midnight sun, at what time do you light Shabbat candles? This was one of the questions I asked our guide at the Jewish Museum and Synagogue in Trondheim, Norway.

The Synagogue was established in 1905 and by the 1920's 325 Jews belonged to the congregation. When Norway was occupied by Germany in World War II, the Synagogue was confiscated by the Gestapo. Many of the Jewish families fled to Sweden. Those remaining were arrested and sent to concentration camps. At the end of the war, only four young men returned to Trondheim from the concentration camps. Most of the Jews who fled to Sweden and other countries returned to Trondheim in

1945. Today there are 140 members in the congregation. There are about 1100 Jews currently living in Norway.

In 1998 and 1999, the Norwegian government established the "Compensation Review after the Second World War." A substantial settlement was received by the Trondheim Jewish community. The monies were used to renovate and modernize the Synagogue building and created the Jewish Museum.

So when do they kindle Shabbat candles in northern Norway? The Jews of Trondheim welcome in Shabbat by lighting their candles at 5PM every Friday all year round.

*Judy Keller*

## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

A new feature of the newsletter is the "Milestones" column which will include listings of significant events in the lives of our members, such as births, *b'nai mitzvah*, weddings and engagements of your children and grandchildren; members' significant birthdays and wedding anniversaries, and special honors, such as college degrees of our members, book publications, gallery exhibitions, etc. We will include a condolences column of members and their immediate family

members (spouse, children, siblings and parents). Whether you are a year-rounder, a snowbird or a summer only member, we want to keep up with your important news and share it with the other readers. Deadline is July 15 for the August issue. Please email me this information. Put "newsletter" in the subject column. Since this is now an electronic newsletter, be sure to update me on any email address changes. Thanks.

*Rebecca B. Holmes*

## **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. with your name, address, phone and email address.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Who is a member? The term "member" is used loosely to describe 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. Thank you.

### **MILESTONES**

#### *Mazel tov*

Joan Rubin on the birth of her granddaughter, Mira Naomi Rubin, daughter of Melissa and Larry Rubin.

Elaine and Paul Biegelsen on the birth of their granddaughter, Avani Chava Singh, daughter of Annie (Biegelsen) and Saket Singh.

Judy Keller on becoming president of *Am HaYam* and to the officers and Board on their new positions.

### **DONATIONS**

#### *In memory of*

Judith Howard, beloved mother of Susan Howard

Rebecca and Michael Holmes

Beloved daughter and parents

Michael and Gail Andrews

Benjamin and Bella Sigel, beloved parents

Stan and Ruth Sigel

#### *In appreciation of Am HaYam*

David and Marjorie Becker  
Kuma and Elva Abrams

Florence Seldin and Alice Weiss for editing the newsletter

Jay and Judy Bloom

#### *Mazel tov to*

Judy Keller on becoming president of *Am HaYam*

Jay and Judy Bloom

## ***MISHKAN T'FILAH* BOOKPLATE DONATIONS**

### *In honor of*

Phyllis Beal, aunt of Steve Riemer, on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Steven and Dale Riemer

### *In memory of*

Benjamin and Bella Sigel, beloved parents  
Stan and Ruth Sigel

To mark a celebratory event, honor or remember a loved one or friend with a bookplate in our new *Shabbat* prayer book, please send a check for \$18 payable to Am HaYam to: Gene Saklad, 51 Pochet Road, Orleans, MA 02653-3624. Please include your name(s), detailed information for bookplate, and your contact information. Thanks.

## **TORAH STUDY**

Sunday Torah Study at the Brewster Ladies' Library will resume in August. 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).

August 30 (U)

October 18 (D)

November 22 (U)

January 31 (U)

February 21 (D)

April 11 (D)

May 16 (U)

June 6 (D)

## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS 2009/2010**

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 *Ha-vurah* are welcome to attend Board meetings. The next meeting is Sunday, July 26.

## ***ROSH CHODESH***

*Rosh Chodesh* is an *Am HaYam* women's group which meets once a month in observance of the beginning of the new Hebrew month with various programs including discussions, films, and sometimes just fun! The group takes a hiatus

during the summer. The annual planning meeting for *Rosh Chodesh* will be at the home of Bernice Simon-Wolfson on Thursday, October 15. Due to the High Holy Days, there will be no *Rosh Chodesh* meeting in September.

## **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 Hebrew Bible and a number of commentaries. No experience necessary and you are welcome to join the group at any time.

Women's Torah Study continues through the summer, 2-4 PM on:

Tuesday, July 28 – Judi Bloom, Eastham

Tuesday, August 25 – Anne Katz-Jacobson, West Yarmouth

Tuesday, September 22 – Renate Wasserman, Orleans

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. *Rebecca B. Holmes*

## **ADULT EDUCATION – “TELLING OUR STORIES”**

Adult Education of *Am HaYam* presents “Telling Our Stories,” an evening with professional storyteller Cindy Rivka Marshall, on Thursday, August 20, 7:30-9:30 PM, at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 204 Monument Road, Orleans. (Monument Road is off Rt. 28 about half way between Eldredge Road and the Hess Station.) Ms. Marshall will speak about the art of storytelling, the oral tradition in Jewish culture, and the importance of honoring our own stories within this historical context. Throughout her talk she will perform stories from Jewish folklore and *midrash*, as well as personal stories based on her own family history. This will be followed by an interactive session with coaching and an opportunity for participants to share stories.

Cindy Rivka Marshall is a widely sought storyteller and teacher. She offers performances of Jewish and multicultural stories to all ages, and teaches workshops in storytelling skills to educators, clergy, parents and other adults. Ms. Marshall is noted for her strong characterizations conveyed by movement, vocal range and facial expressions.

Her recordings, “By the River: Women's Voices in Jewish Stories” and “*Challah* and *Latkes*. Stories for *Shabbat* and *Hannukkah*” garnered recognition from Parents' Choice Awards, National Parenting Publications Awards and Storytelling World. Her award winning CDs of Jewish stories will be available.

## **YIDDISH CONVERSATION GROUP**

Please join us for the third meeting if you speak Yiddish or you enjoy listening to Yiddish. July date TBA. Call Sandy Chernick at 508-255-5419.

## OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

As part of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town of Truro, the Payomet Performing Arts Center will present “The Yiddish Theatre and Klezmer Music Festival.” The festival will kick off with the



Alicia Svigals Klezmer Concert/Dance Party on Sunday, August 9. The four-day festival ends with a performance by renowned clarinetist and mandolin player Andy Statman on Wednesday, August 12. These two major concerts serve as bookends for four days of music, food, comedy, films, and professionally staged readings of classic Yiddish plays in English translation. Films and readings will be followed by panel discussions led by Yiddish Theatre luminaries. The festival takes place at Payomet Performing Arts Center in Truro, MA, located at Highlands Center in the Cape Cod National Seashore. For more information: [www.payomet.org](http://www.payomet.org).

(On occasion, the newsletter will make available information about events of particular interest to the Jewish community on the lower and outer Cape.)

## HOLOCAUST OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, Sharon Leder-Teichman

“The Holocaust and Genocide: A Call to Conscience”  
April 29, 2009, Nauset Regional Middle School

Approximately 200 people, mostly students from Nauset High School and Middle School and Harwich High School, gathered for this evening’s program. Students played a major role in presenting musical selections, introducing speakers and presenting literary readings written by survivors of the Holocaust and other genocides. Their effective presentations reflected the hard work of their teachers, Diane Keon, Karen Novacon, Anne Needel and Angelina Chilaka.

The guest speaker was Ryan Cooper, a resident of Yarmouth Port, who sustained a long-term correspondence and personal friendship with Otto Frank, the father of Anne Frank. His talk focused on the way in which one family, representing tens of thousands, experienced the Holocaust. Members of the clergy participated in the candle lighting ceremony including representatives of the Community of Jesus, The Federated Church of Orleans, the Orleans United Methodist Church, the Christian Union Church of Truro, and St. Joan of Arc Church. Jessica Dill represented *Am*

*HaYam*. Suzanne McInerney concluded the program with a moving account of her own family's experience in the Holocaust and the lasting impact upon her of that experience.

*Am HaYam* also assisted in securing insurance coverage for the evening of the program at the middle school. Various congregations belonging to the Nauset Interfaith Association contributed to the total cost of the program which included the speaker's honorarium, custodial fees, and refreshments.

The planning committee will hold its formal evaluation of the program in early July. *Am HaYam* members on the committee are: Brunetta Wolfman, Anne Needel, Suzanne McInerney, Milton

Teichman and Sharon Leder. Madalyn Hillis-Dineen of St. Joan of Arc Church served as committee coordinator this year. People who have comments and suggestions for future programs should email Sharon Leder or Milton Teichman (sharon@teichmangallery.com). Informal feedback already received indicates that a fine program was held, but that publicity in local media should be stronger and having more adults from the participating congregations in the audience would send a stronger message to the youngsters who participate and attend.

(This report was inadvertently omitted from the June newsletter which included the other annual reports.)

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 13, 10:30 AM, a staged reading by *Am HaYam* members of "The Gates are Closing" in preparation for High Holy Days, Wellfleet Library. Bagels and coffee.

*Erev Rosh Hashana*, September 18

*Rosh Hashana*, September 19

*Kol Nidrei*, September 27

*Yom Kippur* and Break Fast, September 28



**THE “YELLOW PAGES” OF AM HAYAM**

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