

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Shabbat Services	Friday, August 7	7:30 PM
Yiddish/Klezmer Festival at Payomet Center	Sunday, August 9 – Wednesday August 12	www.payomet.org.
Yiddish Club	Thursday, August 13	1:00 PM
“Telling Our Stories”	Thursday, August 20	7:30 PM
Shabbat Services	Friday, August 21	7:30 PM
Board Meeting	Sunday, August 23	7:00 PM
Women’s Torah Study	Tuesday, August 25	2:00 PM
Yiddish Club	Thursday, August 27	1:00 PM
Torah Study	Sunday, August 30	10:30 AM

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 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 leaders: August 7 – OPEN
 August 21 – Judy Keller

The House 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 please call Marilyn Greenberg or Paula Feinstein at 508-255-9283. Thank you.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Inch by inch, row by row,
Gonna make this garden grow...”

I love gardening. I have cultivated day-lilies, dahlias, and iris. I have grown potatoes, squash, peppers, and of course tomatoes. Not bad for a kid who grew up in an apartment building in the Bronx.

As I am working in the gardens, I often think of the Torah portion from Leviticus that we read on *Yom Kippur* afternoon:

“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap the corners of your field, do not glean the fallen ears of your crop. Nor may you strip your vineyard bare, nor gather the overlooked grapes; you must leave them for the poor and the stranger.”

When I lived in Port Washington, NY, several of the local garden centers established a program called “Plant a Row.” Those of us who had home gardens were asked to plant an extra row of vegetables and to bring that produce to the centers. The local food pantries assisted with the distribution of the fresh produce to those in need. The program was very successful and is still in operation. I am wondering if a similar program might be possible here on the Cape.

So as the fruits and vegetables and flowers ripen and bloom this summer, may we all take the time and make the time to share in the goodness that the earth brings forth into our lives.

Judy Keller

HIGH HOLY DAYS WITH *AM HAYAM*

Rosh Hashanah and *Yom Kippur* services are held at The Federated Church of Orleans, 162 Main Street, East Orleans. Services will be conducted by Rabbi Deanna Douglas and Cantor Elizabeth Anker. All services are free and open to the public. The building is handicap accessible and there is plenty of parking.



GRANTING OF HONORS AND *ALIYOT* FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

The Ritual Committee has established the following policy for granting honors and *aliyot* for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*.

- All board members
- All committee chairs
- Very active members
- The past year's Bar/Bat Mitzvah teens and their families

In addition, a small number of honors will be offered to those who do not appear on the list above. If you would like to be considered for an honor, but are not on the list or if you have questions about *Am Hayam's* High Holy Day services, please contact Paul Bigelson at 508-255-2963.

HIGH HOLY DAY USHERS

Ira Seldin, Coordinator for HH Ushers, is looking for additional volunteers to help with ushering at *Rosh Hoshanah* and *Yom Kippur* services. Ushers will be assigned to 30 minute slots enabling them to participate in services. Please call Ira Seldin at 508-945-4464.

SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

Selichot, 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 Hashanah, Friday, September 18, 7:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah, Saturday, September 19, 10 AM

Tashlich immediately following services at Meeting House Pond
on Barley Neck Road

Kol Nidrei, Sunday, September 27, 7:30 PM

Yom Kippur and Break-the-Fast, Monday, September 28

Morning service, 10 AM

Afternoon service, 3 PM,

Yizkor (memorial) service, 4:30 PM

Ne'ilah (concluding) service, 5 PM,

Break-the-Fast immediately following

BREAK-THE-FAST WITH *AM HAYAM*

ALL ARE INVITED. If you plan to attend, please bring cold foods such as deviled eggs, *kugel*, pastry, *gefilte* fish, cheeses, small sandwiches, hummus and pita bread, etc. Please bring enough to serve 6-8 people and cut into serving sizes. Food should be delivered in the afternoon and should not require reheating. Bagels, cream cheese, juice, coffee and tea will be provided by AHY.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF CAPE COD

The Jewish Federation of Cape Cod is the only Jewish organization that *Am HaYam* supports directly through its annual distribution of funds to non-profits on the Cape. The Federation's mission is to "enhance the quality of Jewish Community life nationally, overseas, in Israel, and most importantly, right here on Cape Cod." By agreement, the funds distributed from *Am HaYam* are for programs on Cape Cod only. The Jewish Family Community Services, a division of the Federation, is a social service agency which provides outreach and counseling. There is also a Volunteer Program which includes the Friendly Visitor Program, Shopping Assistants, holiday visits and literacy tutoring. The Federation disseminates information regarding programs and services throughout Cape Cod. It is the policy of *Am HaYam* not to share its mailing list with any other organization. Therefore, if you would like to be on the Federation's mailing list and receive this information, please send your email and/or mailing address to Linda Kipnes at Jewish Federation, P. O. Box 2568, Hyannis, MA or email her at lin-kipnes@comcast.net.

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 10% of the value. You use them like cash at the supermarkets. It does not cost you anything.

Sandy Chernick is the new 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.

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 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 to

Mim and Peter Selig on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Condolences to

Martha Richman Carroll on the loss of her beloved mother, Florence Richman.
Rebecca Holmes on the loss of her beloved aunt, Theresa Wollison.

DONATIONS

In honor of

Rebecca Holmes assuming editorship of the newsletter

Alice and Marc Weiss

Mim and Peter Selig's 50th wedding anniversary

Judy Keller

Arlene Cohen

Rebecca & Michael Holmes

Our grandsons' birthdays (Zach, 17 and Elisha, 14) this August

Martin & Deborah Jacobs

In appreciation of

The friendship of the *Am HaYam* family and especially Carol & Stephen Roth

Sandi Herschel and Sandy Chernick

BOOKPLATE DONATIONS

In appreciation for

The use of the Torah when we celebrated the *Bat Mitzvah* of our daughter, Julia.

Joshua & Jennifer Lesnick

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.

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, August 23.

ADULT EDUCATION – “TELLING OUR STORIES”

The Adult Education Committee 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 **St. Joan of Arc Church, 61 Canal Road, Orleans**. (Note change of venue.)

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 *Hanukkah*” garnered recognition from Parents’ Choice Awards, National Parenting Publications Awards and Storytelling World. Her award winning CDs of Jewish stories will be available.

Note: The Adult Education Committee is looking for additional members. Please call or email Jessica Dill if you are interested: 508-255-7771 or jrdill1@comcast.net.

TORAH STUDY

Sunday Torah Study at the Brewster Ladies’ Library resumes August 30 with Rabbi Alan Ulman. 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)

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.

YIDDISH CLUB

If you speak Yiddish or you enjoy listening to Yiddish, please join us on August 13 and August 27. Call Sandi Vanderkar at 508-896-3899 for location or more information.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

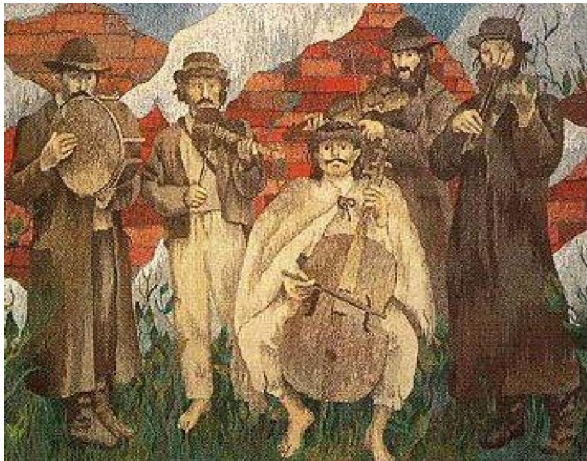
The Women's Torah Study group meets monthly year round on the fourth Tuesday of each month at members' homes. Last September we began with Genesis 1:1 (the first book of the Torah) and continue reading in sequence. We read and study in English, using various versions of the Jewish Bible and a number of commentaries. No experience necessary and you are welcome to join the group at any time.

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

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

As part of the 300th 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 and 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.

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

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