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SHABBAT SERVICES

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 *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. In September, the third Friday is *Erev Rosh Hashanah*.

Service leaders for August 6: Shira Sands & Arlene Cohen
Service leaders for August 20: Judy Keller & Paul Biegelsen



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer..."

Hazy...not to mention hot and humid. What a difference a year makes. I don't know about your gardens, but mine are at least 3 weeks ahead of where they usually are at this time in July. Anybody want some cucumbers?

Crazy...and how much company have you had? Some weeks I feel like I'm running bed and breakfast and lunch and dinner. And when was the last time you were able to make a left turn?

But lazy...not a chance, not if you participate in the activities sponsored by *Am HaYam*. From Adult Ed programs to Torah study to *Shabbat* Services, there is something for everyone.

Our first annual "Campfire *Shabbat*" Service in July had perfect weather, boisterous singing and the largest marshmallows I have ever seen. Many thanks to Arlene Cohen for hosting the event at her beautiful home in East Orleans. And we couldn't have done it without our service and song leaders Rebecca and Mike Holmes.

Jessica Dill has arranged for three Adult Ed programs for the summer. It was wonderful to reconnect with some of our "summer" members at the first program held at the Wellfleet Library. The programs are thought provoking and always well attended. Jessica has done a fabulous job as the chair of the Adult Ed Committee. As she steps aside to assume the Chair of our new Membership Committee, we are in need of someone to take charge of Adult Ed. Please let me know if you are that person. Without a chair...

And if you hadn't noticed, the High Holidays are really early this year. Beginning on page 5 of this issue you will find all the *Am HaYam* High Holiday information you need.

Rabbi Alan Ullman will be leading a Torah study at the end of August (Please note this session ONLY will be on a Tuesday morning rather than a Sunday morning. For those of you who have never studied with Rabbi Ullman, you are in for a treat. There are no words to describe Rabbi Ullman, you just have to experience his session.

You can find more information about all these programs in the newsletter. I look forward to seeing many of you at our summer events.

Judy Keller

ADULT EDUCATION

"Jewish Soul American Beat" at Brewster Ladies Library, August 5 at 7:30 PM

Dr. Gerald Sorin will explore the fate of American Jewish identity -- will it face evaporation or reinvigoration as a result of intermarriage and assimilation? Or is there a return to Jewish identity and tradition among young people that portends a future of vitality and strength? Dr. Sorin will introduce the film, "Jewish Soul American Beat," which explores this new Jewish landscape in America, featuring interviews with Arthur Hertzberg, Tony Kushner, Cynthia Ozick, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Elizabeth Swados, John Zorn, and scenes of a synagogue service with standing room only, a *Yiddish* Cabaret, jazz club, feminist *Seder* and a gathering for intermarries and converts, and will then facilitate a discussion on the topic.

Gerald Sorin taught American and Jewish Studies at the State University of New York at New Paltz for 35 years from 1965 to 2000. He is the former Chairman of the History Department (1986-1996) at SUNY, New Paltz, and continues there, since 1989 as the founding director of the Louis and Mildred Resnick Institute for the Study of Modern Jewish Life. In 1994 he was awarded the State University's highest rank -- Distinguished University Professor. He is the author of nearly 200 articles and seven books, his latest, is Irving Howe: A Life of Passionate Dissent (2002), a biography that was awarded the Saul Wiener Prize by the American Jewish Historical Society for Best Book in American Jewish History.

"Israel and the Two State Solution" at Brewster Ladies Library, Thursday, August 26, 7:30 PM

Professor Stephen Van Evera will be leading a discussion on a diplomatic solution to the Israeli - Palestinian conflict. His remarks will focus on these questions:

- Is it possible?
- What are the obstacles?
- What would it take to achieve?
- What would it look like?

He will then facilitate a question-answer session on this very emotional and controversial issue.

Professor Van Evera teaches international relations at MIT, where he is a Ford international professor of political science and a member of the MIT Security Studies Program.

He teaches courses on the causes and prevention of war, and on American foreign policy. He has also taught classes on American intervention in the developing world, American national security policy, and the international relations of the Middle East. His current work and teaching deals in part with the question of religion and war, when and

why and how religions become hateful or aggressive.

A published author, among his publications are *Causes of War: Power and the Roots of Conflict* (1999) "Public Diplomacy: Ideas for the War of Ideas," which describes and criticizes the U.S. gov-

ernment's generally inept efforts to shape foreign opinion, and a current manuscript, soon to appear, "Using U.S. Leverage to Abate Conflicts that Harm U.S. Security," which focuses on South Asian conflicts but mentions the Israel-Arab conflict.

Coming in September: *Wherever You Go: A Novel* about extremism in Israel by Joan Leegant.

(Jessica Dill has become the chair of the newly formed Membership Committee. Therefore the Board is now looking for volunteers to serve on the Adult Education Committee and for a Chair of that Committee. Please contact either Jessica or Judy Keller if you are interested.)

AM HAYAM BOOK CLUB

The new *Am HaYam* Book Club is up and running. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 18, 10 AM, at the home of Joyce and Dick Bush, 40 Kendrick Road, East Harwich. The book to be discussed is *Exile* by Richard North Patterson. To RSVP and for directions to the Bush's, please call them at (508) 430-5444 or e-mail to arbu02645@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP - new

The possibility of a Friday morning discussion group is being considered. It will commence after the High Holidays, either October 8 or 15, 10 AM - 11:30 AM. Martin and Deborah Jacobs will initially moderate and host the Discussion Group in their home. If you are interested, please call the Jacobs at 508-896-9456 to get your name on a list of interested people. Discussions will focus on Jewish related topics and will range from current events to history, world and local happenings, etc. The moderators will set the focus for the first session, and participants will be asked to suggest topics going forward. The Discussion Group will meet once a month.

YIDDISH CLUB - *Mamaloshen* (the mother tongue)

When you were a child, didn't you sit at the kitchen table with mama, papa, *bubbie* and *zadie* and hear *mamaloshen*? At the Yiddish Club - *mamaloshen* - some of us remember enough *Yiddish* and speak it, while others mostly listen. We enjoy the language, sharing our culture, history, song, poetry and reminiscing. The Yiddish Club will meet on August 12th and 26th at 1 PM. We would love to have you join us. Call Sandy at 508-255-5419 with any questions or for location and directions.

Sandy Chernick

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 *ali-yot* 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 Biegelsen 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.

PROTOCOL FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

The Ritual Committee has established the following guidelines for High Holy Day services: While the congregation is standing in prayer, no one will be permitted to enter the sanctuary. Ushers will be present at the rear of the sanctuary to implement this policy. No exceptions will be made. Because we are a diverse congregation, no one is required to wear a *tallit* or *kippah* while holding the Torah, reciting blessings or standing on the *bimah*. *Kippot* will be available in the foyer and *tallitot* will be available on the *bimah* for those who want them.

BREAK-THE-FAST

There will be a community break-the-fast following the conclusion of services (approximately 6:30 PM). Please bring finger foods that do not need refrigeration when you return for the afternoon service. Look for more details in the September newsletter.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- *Erev Rosh Hashanah*, Wednesday, September 8, 7:30 PM
- *Rosh Hashanah*, Thursday, September 9, 10 AM
- *Tashlich* immediately following services at Meeting House Pond on Barley Neck Road
- *Kol Nidre*, Friday, September 17, 7:30 PM
- *Yom Kippur*, Saturday, September 18
Morning service, 10 AM
Torah Discussion with Rabbi Douglas following morning service
Afternoon service, 4 PM,
Yizkor (memorial) service, 4:45 PM
Ne'ilah (concluding) service, 5:15 PM
Break-the Fast, immediately following the conclusion of services.



HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE

Each year, *Am Hayam* conducts a food drive between *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. This year, as in the past, we plan to explain the details of the food drive during *Rosh Hashanah* services, and then collect all the food just before and after *Yom Kippur* services.

The food is donated to Lower Cape Outreach which supports food pantries in lower and outer Cape communities. Many more families are coming to the local food pantries than ever before. Therefore the need for food is greater than in previous years. Please keep this in mind during these next weeks as you start to gather food for this drive.

Carol and Stephen Roth, Co-Chairs, High Holy Day Food Drive

In past years, some members have told us that they start to collect the non-perishable food items in the weeks prior to the High Holy Days. They set up a carton or large shopping bag, purchasing a few items each week for the food drive. That small amount of food each week is barely noticeable in their weekly food bill, but by *Yom Kippur* there is a significant amount of food to donate.

We look forward to seeing you all to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year and to thank you in person for your generous contributions.

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Fatal Embrace: Christians, Jews and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land, is a new book by Mark Braverman, a psychologist living in Washington D.C. who is Jewish. It is a provocative book, challenging both Jews and Christians to rethink how we look at the moral dilemma that faces us in the Holy Land. It is widely held that solving this conflict is the key to world peace.

An ecumenical **and** interfaith study of this book will begin on Monday, September 13th. There will be six sessions from 1 pm to 2:30 pm on Mondays, the first three sessions will be at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Harwich (on route 137) and the final three will be at The Church of The Holy Spirit in Orleans (Rt. 28). Rabbi Brian Walt of Martha's Vineyard will attend one of the sessions. Fr. Adam, Fr. Ken and Pastor Christian of St. Peter's will be participants. We are presently working with Mark Braverman to arrange a time he can come to reflect with us at the end of the study.

If you are interested in participating please let Fr. Ken know. It is suggested that you register early as we may have to limit the number of participants. The book can be ordered (paperback) from amazon.com. You can reach Fr. Ken at 240-5169 or ksbcampbell@verizon.net .

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.

SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS

Am HaYam helps the Interfaith Homeless Prevention Council by selling its Shaw's and Stop and Shop gift cards at face value and the Council earns 5% of the value. You use them like cash at the supermarkets. It does not cost you anything. Sandy Chernick 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 except during the months of July and August. We will not meet in September this year due to the time of the High Holy Days. We will have our annual planning meeting at my home on Thursday, October 21, 7:30 PM.

Bernice Simon-Wolfson, Chair, Rosh Chodesh

TORAH STUDY

Please join us for the first session this season of Torah Study with Rabbi Ullman, Tuesday, August 31, 10:30 AM at the Brewster Ladies Library. Please note that this session is on a Tuesday, not a Sunday. The next session will be Sunday, October 17, with Rabbi Deanna Douglas.

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.

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

Milton Teichman on his 80th birthday.

Naomi and Michael Nadelberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Maya Gat, daughter of Sara and Oshi Gat.

DONATIONS

In honor of

What would have been Rose Chernick's 100th birthday on June 26th

Sandy Chernick and Sandi Herschel

Milton Teichman's 80th birthday

Ira & Bernice Simon-Wolfson

Lesley & Aaron Gordon

The birth of our granddaughter, Maya Gat

Naomi and Michael Nadelberg

DATES TO REMEMBER

Adult Education Program	Thursday, August 5	7:30 PM
Shabbat Service	Friday, August 6	7:30 PM
Yiddish Club	Thursday, August 11	1:00 PM
Book Club	Wednesday, August 18	10:00 AM
Shabbat Service	Friday, August 20	7:30 PM
Board of Directors	Sunday, August 22	7:00 PM
Women's Torah Study	Tuesday, August 24	2:00 PM
Yiddish Club	Thursday, August 26	1:00 PM
Adult Education Program	Thursday, August 26	7:30 PM
Torah Study w/Rabbi Ullman	Tuesday, August 31	10:30 AM

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

The Women's Torah Study group meets monthly year round on the fourth Tuesday of each month at members' homes. We recently completed Genesis (the first book of the *Torah*) and are currently reading Exodus. 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 with the location and directions. If you would like to be added to that email list, please let me know. The August 24th meeting will be 2-4 PM at the home of Marilyn Schlansky, East Harwich.

Rebecca B. Holmes



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*.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER:

- Shabbat Service, September 3
- Labor Day, Monday, September 6
- Erev Rosh Hashanah, September 8
- Rosh Hashanah, 1st Day, September 9
- Rosh Hashanah, 2nd Day, September 10
- Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre, September 17
- Yom Kippur, September 18
- Erev Sukkot, September 22
- Sukkot, September 23/24
- Hol Hamoed Sukkot, September 25-28
- Adult Education Program, September 26
- Women's Torah Study, September 28
- Hoshanah Rabbah/Erev Shemini Atzeret, September 29
- Shemini Atzeret/Erev Simhat Torah, September 30
- Simhat Torah, October 1



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