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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 *Kol Nidre*.

Service leader for September 3: George Wasserman



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the past 30 years, I have been attending the US Open tennis tournament in New York City. It was much easier to get there when I lived on Long Island. I have had tickets for Labor Day weekend, up in the nose bleed section of Arthur Ashe Stadium, so you won't see me on the television coverage. This year, I am running into a bit of a complication. Can anybody say the High Holidays are really early? Good thing I have a big freezer so I can do most of my cooking and baking before I head down to the "Big Apple."

I'm not sure who I will be cheering for at the Open this year. It seems that the field is wide open. But I know I will be cheering for the members of *Am HaYam* in the coming year. Each and every

member of our *Havurah* is very special and very important to our continued existence.

I am looking forward to sharing *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kipper* with my extended *Am HaYam* family. Every year Rabbi Deanna Douglas challenges us with her remarkable sermons. Cantor Liz Anker's beautiful voice fills our sanctuary with both familiar and new melodies. Seeing so many familiar faces at our services makes the holidays even more special. After seven years I am starting to feel like a "native" even if I will always be a "wash ashore." You will find information and the schedule for our High Holiday services just below my column. It will be my honor to greet you at the Federated Church.

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 *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.

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.

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.

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

BREAK-THE-FAST

Becca Taylor will be coordinating the community break-the-fast following the conclusion of *Yom Kippur* services (approximately 6:30 PM). If you plan to attend the break-the-fast, please bring finger foods that do not need refrigeration when you return for the afternoon service. Bagels, cream cheese and beverages will be provided by *Am HaYam*.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- *Erev Rosh Hashanah*, Wednesday, September 8, 7:30 PM
- *Rosh Hashanah*, Thursday, September 9, 10 AM
- *Tashlikh* 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.



SUKKOT AND SIMHAT TORAH

Cindy Fox and Steve Berrick invite you to join them at their home and in their *sukkah* for *Erev Sukkot* services, Wednesday, September 22, at 7 PM.



Cantor Bruce Malin will lead the *Shabbat/Simhat Torah* service on Friday, October 1, 7:30 PM at Chapel-in-the Pines, Samoset Road, Eastham.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Shabbat Service	Friday, September 3	7:30 PM
LABOR DAY	Monday, September 6	
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	Wednesday, September 8	7:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah Service	Thursday, September 9	10:00 AM
Rosh Hashanah - second day	Friday, September 10	
Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre	Friday, September 17	7:30 PM
Yom Kippur Service	Saturday, September 18	10:00 AM
Drama Group	Monday, September 20	2:00 PM
Erev Sukkot	Wednesday, September 22	7:00 PM
Sukkot I	Thursday, September 23	
Yiddush Club	Thursday, September 23	1:00 PM
Sukkot II	Friday, September 24	
Sunday, September 26	Adult Ed Program	7:30 PM
Tuesday, September 28	Women's Torah Study	2:00 PM
Friday, October 1	Shabbat/Simhat Torah	7:30 PM



ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee is thrilled to be hosting award-winning author, Joan Leegant, who will be speaking about the writing process and her new novel, *Wherever You Go* (W.W. Norton), on Sunday, September 26, 7:30 PM at Brewster Ladies Library.

What drives otherwise rational people to embrace radical religious and nationalist beliefs - and at what cost? How do we respond to our passions - for God, for art, for love, for a land - all in an effort to make a meaningful life?

These are the questions that run through Joan Leegant's beautiful and haunting novel which brings to life the story of three young Jewish Americans, all walking the steamy streets of Jerusalem one September. The *Forward*, the national Jewish newspaper of North America, had this to say about *Wherever You Go*: "Finally, a novel about Israel by an American Jew that's written well and without sentimentality. There have been many important novels in English about Israel; Leegant's is certainly among them."

Emotionally wrenching and unmistakably timely, written with deep honesty

(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 or co-Chairs of that Committee. Please contact either Jessica or Judy Keller if you are interested.)

and humanity, *Wherever You Go* illuminates one of the most divisive elements in Israeli society: Jewish extremist groups and their threat to the modern democratic state. Jonathan Wilson, author of *The Palestine Affair* and National Jewish Book Award finalist, writes of *Wherever You Go*: "Joan Leegant's remarkable and affecting novel, at once lucid and lyrical, deftly illuminates the darker confusions of contemporary Jewish life in Israel with a warm heart and a cold eye. Who says the novel has lost its relevance? This one should be required reading."

About the author: For her story collection, *An Hour in Paradise*, Joan Leegant won the PEN New England Book Award, the Wallant Award for Jewish Fiction and was named a Finalist for the National Jewish Book Award. Formerly a lawyer, for eight years she taught writing at Harvard University. Since 2007 she has lived half the year in Tel Aviv, where she has been the visiting writer at Bar-Ilan University and a lecturer on literature and pedagogy for the United States State Department. For more about Joan Leegant, visit:

www.joanleegant.com.

BOOK CLUB - new

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6, 10 AM - 11:30 AM at the home of Rebecca and Michael Holmes in Orleans. The book for this session is *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz. This book is available in paperback. To RSVP and for directions, please e-mail rebeccabolmes@comcast.net.

DRAMA GROUP - newer

The second meeting and first "reading" of our Drama Group will be held on Monday, September 20th from 2:00-4:00 at the home of Judy and Steve Underberg in Eastham.

We will be reading a comic one-act play called, "The Diary of Adam and Eve", by Mark Twain. It was adapted for the stage by Mark Bucci.

If you plan to attend please e-mail Judy and Steve Underberg: junderberg@comcast.net or call them at 508-240-7094.

Bernice Simon-Wolfson and Ruth Shapiro: Chair and Co-Chair of the Drama Group

FRIDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP - newest!

The Friday morning discussion group will hold its first session on Friday, October 8, 10 AM - 11:30 AM. Martin and Deborah Jacobs will moderate and host the Discussion Group in their home. The first topic is "The Meaning of Life" and no, the answer isn't 42. Rather than entertain a broad esoteric, philosophical discussion, the topic will be framed in a personal sense: What gives meaning to your life? Because of space constraints, the group will be limited to the first 12-15 Am HaYam members who call 508-896-9456 to reserve.

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 have set the focus for the first session (see above), 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 September 23rd 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

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. Donation envelopes will be available at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. 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.**

DONATION

In appreciation

Of Am HaYam

Arlene Cohen

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.

In appreciation

For the Adult Education Program, "Jewish Soul, American Beat," which they attended while visiting family here.

Chayim Mordechai & Bracha Ruth Zaklad of Tzfat, Israel

Of the variety and number of quality programs offered by *Am HaYam* and frequently led by members.

Joan & Gene Saklad

ROSH CHODESH

The first meeting of the new season for *Rosh Chodesh* will be on Thursday, October 21st. at 7:30. It will be a planning meeting for the months of November through June. All women of AHY are welcome. I am looking forward to your participation of new and exciting thoughts and ideas. This meeting will be held at the home of Bernice Simon-Wolfson in Yarmouth Port.

NOTE: We will not be meeting in September because of the Jewish holidays.

Bernice Simon-Wolfson, Chair, Rosh Chodesh

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 .

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.

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*.

TORAH STUDY

The next session will be Sunday, October 17, with Rabbi Deanna Douglas, 10:30 AM at the Brewster Ladies Library.

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 September 28th meeting will be 2-4 PM at the home of Judi Bloom.

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

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER:

- Friday, October 1: Shabbat/Simhat Torah Service
- Wednesday, October 6: Book Club
- Friday, October 8: Discussion Group
- Thursday, October 14: Yiddish Club
- Friday, October 15: Shabbat Service
- Sunday, October 17: Torah Study w/Rabbi Douglas
- Thursday, October 21: Rosh Chodesh Women
- Sunday, October 24: Board of Directors
- Tuesday, October 26: Women's Torah Study
- Thursday, October 28: Yiddish Club



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