What’s New at CSH for High Holy Days 5780

From a new family service to world class musicians at a special Musaf, celebrating the High Holidays at Shirat Hayam promises to be special for everyone. On the administrative side, there are also changes to the ways tickets and security will be handled.

Tickets will be required for ALL attendees over the age of 14 for ALL services. Tickets are available to members who have returned their Membership Commitment forms. Children of members who are over age 26 are invited to become new members with any voluntary commitment. All members receive complimentary HHD tickets for themselves and their dependent children or children on SSDI. NAMES MUST BE PROVIDED as per the Ticket Request forms you received in your HHD packet. For security purposes, these names will be printed on your tickets.

Because attendance is expected to be higher this year, it may be more difficult for large families to sit together unless they all arrive together. Individuals will be discouraged from saving seats and the tiered seating arrangement of prior years will no longer be in effect.

Ticket request forms are due in the office by September 16 and tickets will be available for pickup between September 19 and 27 during business hours. Watch for an email with more information.

Security will be augmented this year with a visible team of volunteers to interact with congregants as they arrive for prayer as well as throughout services. Please arrive a few minutes early and have your tickets in hand before you enter the doors.

On the prayer front, there are two exciting offerings this year. CJE Director Janis Knight will lead a Family Service on the first afternoon of Rosh Hashanah (Monday, September 30). With music, prayer, stories and family conversation, this short service is geared to families with children 6-years-old and older.

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR HHD TICKETS TO ATTEND THIS SERVICE.

Last but hardly least, Cantor Alty plans “traditional and progressive” Musaf services that will span the canon of Ashkenazi and Sephardic song. He promises it will be “uplifting, introspective, heartfelt, melodic, accessible and joyous.” The international musicians will include: Czech Jiri Nedoman on piano; Colombian Lautaro Mantilla on guitar; Greek George Lernis on percussion, and Americans Abigale Reisman on violin and Ariel Friedman on cello. YOUR HHD TICKETS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS SERVICE.

Summer Calendar

| MONDAY, SEPT. 2 |
| 9:00 am | Minyan at Temple Sinai |
| FRIDAY, SEPT. 6 |
| 6:00 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat |
| SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 |
| Shabbat Synaplex and CJE resumes |
| Bar Mitzvah of Nathaniel Rosen |
| TUESDAY, SEPT. 10 |
| 11:00 am | Shir Chessed Knitting Group Meeting |
| 4-6:00 pm | CJE resumes (Lab starts 9/11) |
| FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 |
| 5:00 pm | Young Families Shabbat at JCCNS |
| 6:00 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat |
| SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 |
| Shabbat Synaplex and CJE Bar Mitzvah of Jared Kaplowitch (PM) |
| MONDAY, SEPT. 16 |
| 7:30 pm | Becky’s Book Club, Pachinko by Min Jin Lee |
| FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 |
| 6:00 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat |
| SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 |
| Shabbat Synaplex with CJE 8:00 pm Holy Happy Hour S’lichot |
| SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 |
| 11:00 am | Farm Day |
| FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 |
| 6:00 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat |
| SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 |
| Shabbat Services (No CJE) |

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RABBI’S CORNER

Seasons Change

There’s a slight sadness that accompanies the children starting the new school year. It’s a sign that summer — warm sand and bonfires, late sunsets and ocean swims — are coming to an end.

As children return to school, adults return to work in earnest. The fall rains replace summer sunshine, encouraging labor and helping us forget the easy playfulness of summer.

Israel operates with different seasons, just two. Winter, the rainy season, begins after Sukkot and continues until Pesach. Summer, the dry season runs from Pesach through Sukkot.

My yeshiva, Pardes, adds a short third season, Elul, the month before the High Holy Days. After summer break, students return to Yeshiva, for a special Elul learning program, to prepare for the High Holy Days.

Here at home on the North Shore, we have our own Elul program to prepare for the High Holy Days.

• Holy Happy Hour Slichot, Sept. 21 at 8 PM — an evening of music and introspection at Shirat Hayam
• Jonah and the Meaning of Our Lives, Sept. 16 at 7 PM at Temple Emanu-El
• Lunch and Learn, Sept. 5, 12, 19 at 11:30 AM at Temple Sinai

In addition to these community programs, the best self-guided preparation is Simon Jacobson’s, “60 Days: A Spiritual Guide to the High Holidays.” Jacobson not only offers deep insights into the holidays, but he also offers guiding question to encourage reflection, introspection, and transformation.

Saying goodbye to summer and returning to the rains and labor of fall is a challenge. However, with a meaningful Elul and preparation for the High Holy Days, we can place our own spiritual and behavioral growth alongside the other meaningful work to which we return.

CANTOR’S NEWS

Registry of Deeds

I went to sleep early morning the other day, singing Rosh Hashanah tunes. A few hours later I wake up, groggy and thinking about Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year - “The Day of Judgment.” Still half asleep, I take a stroll in Salem and come across a building with a sign that reads: Registry of Deeds. Registry of Deeds?! What?! The State of Massachusetts has a record of all my deeds? How could this be? Who gave these people the right to an end.

Deeds. Registry of Deeds?! What?! The State of Massachusetts has a record of all my deeds? How could this be? Who gave these people the right to judge me?! Can they possibly have recordings of me trying to curry favor with Shirat members by telling them I’m a Red Sox fan? Does this extend to thought crimes? Like me doubting the veracity of the Torah’s “talking donkey story”?

Ouch! I shake my head and walk on, then stop at Jaho’s Coffee Shop for a large cup. I drink some and begin to wake up. I ponder for a moment, then decide to give myself permission to not worry about this. It’s an opportunity to reach deep inside myself, to quiet my mind and seek the Divine presence within. To seek honesty in my self-evaluation. For me to work on becoming a better person.

When love, rather than judgment fills my heart, I can forgive myself and others by seeing the fragility of life and the miraculous unity of every living creature.

I hope and pray that we’re all blessed with renewal of spirit and sweetness in the coming year. May we as a community ascend to new heights and may the New Year of 5780 bring more peace and justice to the world.

Shana Tova, U’Metukah,
Cantor Alty
A Free How-to Holiday Series

A collaboration between the JCCNS and Congregation Shirat Hayam

We have many interfaith and not-yet-engaged families here on the North Shore who want to build their family’s Jewish identity, want to raise Jewish children, and who want to engage with Judaism in a real and personally authentic way. While there are great programs offered through our Jewish pre-schools, once a child leaves one, there isn’t nearly as much support for these families.

This free program is designed to provide fun, interactive family learning opportunities around 4 holidays/services (October – Sukkot and Simchat Torah; November – Havdalah and Jewish Bedtime; February – Purim, and March – Pesach) with strong home components that can form the basis of enduring Jewish memories and identity for a whole family. We also hope to provide opportunities for interfaith and not-yet-connected families to connect with each other and with the Jewish community around us all.

Our program is geared toward families with children ages 6 – 8 who want to create or deepen their family’s Jewish identity and knowledge. For registration information: CJE@ShiratHayam.org or call Janis Knight at 781-599-8005.

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IN HER OWN WORDS

Beyond Kaddish — Minyans as Spiritual Practice

By Rita Swartz

I started going to minyans in the 12 months after the deaths of my father in 1996 and my mother in 2016, but have continued to go for benefits that accrue beyond the need to say Kaddish.

No matter what has gone down in my life, through the best and the worst of times, minyans have been there, a steady refuge. I’ve brought myself to minyans in all conditions, in many places, and they’ve never failed to embrace me with acceptance and love, those most precious of gifts.

I’ve found over time that the spiritual uplifts I get from minyans are fragile, that they can quickly fade in the face of life’s sharp elbows and pressures. Just reading the news can fray them almost beyond repair. Going to minyans on a regular basis, hitting the refresh button, is the only way I know to hold onto them.

The more I go, the easier it is to tap into the rhythm and flow of prayer, to move into a space that’s profound and beautiful. Prayer frees me, if only for a short while, from me. It reminds me that my soul needs as much care as my body; that to feel good and function well, I need to take care of all of me.

Minyans are at the heart of my spiritual practice. Prayer is the language, but minyans are the building blocks. The more I daven, the better I get at doing so, and the easier it gets to fully engage in prayer. My ability to concentrate on the words, letters, and chants has improved over time. If my mind wanders, I’m able to quickly refocus.

For me, prayer is an art and a discipline, a meditative practice. The more I daven, the more I show up, the more I know I’m in the right place, doing the right thing, at the right time. That alone is deeply comforting and uplifting, yet I continue to seek the promise of ever so much more. Minyans will help me find it.

Volunteer CSH Security Team Formed

Michael Smerka, who has participated in two levels of Community Security Service training, has organized a CSH group of volunteer security team members by Rabbi Michael and the CSH Board. CSS is a community-based group that originated in New York (for more information, visit thecss.org).

“I think everyone has an interest for increased security in light of recent events and the current anti-Semitic environment. We know the community and fellow congregants better than any outside hired service could. This gives us a distinct advantage in helping identify a potential situation before anyone else, thus reducing risk and/or shortening any response time needed,” Smerka explained.

To inquire about becoming involved, please email Michael at msmerka@yahoo.com.

Another Minyannaire Milestone Birthday

Herb Goldberg, that Miles Davis of shofar blowers, celebrated his 80th birthday with his fellow morning minyannaires and another spectacular creation by baker extraordinaire Doris Villa. And yes, those are chocolate dipped strawberries!
I was incredibly fortunate to spend 3.5 weeks in Jerusalem this summer studying at the Conservative Yeshiva. There were students from all over the world and from many different backgrounds and ages. We studied Hebrew in the mornings and took text classes in the afternoons. I am still buzzing with excitement about the courses I took in Zohar and Leadership in the Bible. We davened at the Kotel, visited museums and mikvaot (ritual baths), debated, learned, and taught one another. Best of all, we all enjoyed learning together so much that we have arranged to continue studying together online once or twice a month. Figuring out a common time when your fellow students are in 9 different time zones is a serious challenge.

Our Boston-Haifa Connection partner teacher, Yael, and I went to the Israel Museum together and took a lot of pictures of various items and art related to Jewish lifecycle celebrations from around the world and from different centuries. I look forward to sharing them with Morah Rachel’s Lifecycle class. I took away two important lessons. First, a quote from a Hebrew class colleague who said, “I now have a lot more empathy for my struggling Hebrew students!”; and second, the realization that the Conservative Movement (known as Masorti outside of the US) is stronger and more dynamic than I thought possible. Students from England and Australia, India and Sweden, Argentina and Germany all came together and shared stories of our communities. (I also ate a ton of wonderful food and sabikh has replaced falafel as my favorite street food!)

I am so grateful to the CSH congregation for making this possible and recommend it wholeheartedly to anyone who would like a unique learning and growth opportunity in Jerusalem. Students from ages 18 - 82 were there and background knowledge was not important. The Yeshiva is open, welcoming and non-judgmental - everyone is invited to come and learn.

Our hearts mourn the passing of our beloved Cantor Emeritus Emil Berkovits z”l
JULY 24, 2019

He was a mensch and a gentleman who tirelessly poured his heart and Yiddishkeit into our community. He led our children to b’nei mitzvah and married us. He taught us to read Torah and led us through Israel. He drove us home from the hospital and inspired us to sing. We lead richer Jewish lives because of him. He was a beacon of light, warmth, and love.

Our sincerest condolences to his wife, Lili, and his entire family.

Shirat Hayam will host a memorial service for Cantor Emil. Please watch for more information.

May we all be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion.
CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences to those who have passed away.

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Emil Berkovits
7/7/2019
Husband of Lili

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7/31/2019
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by Madeline Stark

In honor of Eli Talkow’s 90th birthday
by Beatrice Strome; Charles & Alice Leidner

In memory of Bertha Zeller, mother of Jane Zeller
by Eli and Muriel Talkow; Natalie White

In memory of
Father, Sidney Abramson
by Hope Abramson
Grandmother, Gertrude Barnett
by Jodie Barnett
Mother-in-law, Sara Bean
by Marjorie Bean
Father, Solomon Rosenberg
by Toby Bell
Mother, Natalie Belstock
by Gary Belstock
Father, George Cohn
by Amy Cohn
Mother, Esther Brand
by Jeff Brand
Wife, Anne Cashman
by Marvin Cashman
Brother, James Cohen
by Harold Cohen
Mother, Sylvia Collier
by Deborah Commins
Mother, Nora Kagan
by David Commins
Grandfather, David Zimmerman
by close friend, Janice Frisch
by Robin Cooper
Brother, Leslie Denbo, MD
by Sam Denbo
Sister, Elinor Persky
by Linda Dunn
Mother, Selma Rudolph
by Barbara Dusseault
Father, Samuel Ross
by Norman Ellin
Husband, Melvin Ellin
by Libby Ellin
Father, Louis Goldstein
by Marsha Feffer
Uncle, Alfred Feffer
by Larry Feffer
Wife, Janice Frisch
by Howard Frisch
Mother, Sylvia Weiner
by Leah Gallo
Husband, Saul Gilberg
All my loved ones
by Irene Gilberg
Mother, Sylvia Riboek
by Barbara Goldberg

Brother-in-law, Jack Goldenberg
by Ruth Goldenberg
Father, Saul Gilberg
by Jayne Goldman
Mother, Ida Goodman
by Murray Goodman
Mother, Esther Gross
by Rosita Gross
Sister, Gilda Gold
by Pearl Greenbaum
Father, Bernard Greenbaum
Mother, Golda Greenbaum
Uncle, Avram Pearl
Grandmother, Sima Pearl
by Maury Greenbaum
Father, Max Cutter
by Diane Hart
Father, Jack Frank
by Lee Henson
Mother, Helen Kafker
by Ron Kafker
Mother, Rose Brooks
by close friend, Janice Frisch
by Andrea Kline
Grandmother, Esther Kline
by Louis Kline
Brother, Alvin Levy
by David Levy
Father, Boris Krentor
by Roz Levy
Sister, Reva Rose
by Sanford Levy
Uncle, Samuel Lewis
by Constance Lewis
Sister, Rita Toscher
by Frances Mendelsohn
Mother, Maria Greenblatt
by Galina Mirmelshtein
Father-in-law, Hyman Magowitz
by Bernice Mitchell
Mother, Laura Ravich
by Richard Ravich; Robert Ravich
Mother, Sylvia Sareutz
by Judy Rosenfeld
Cousin, Jerry Gilman
by Jackie Rosenfeld
Father, Max Hirschfeld
by Miriam Rosenthal
Sister, Marion Shanken
by Ruth Shanken
Mother, Ethel Shapiro
by Melvin Shapiro
Father, Philip Brenner
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by Toby Sloane
Father, Harry Bloom
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by Madeline Stark

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by Albert Stein
Father, Irving Streimish
by Robert Streimish
Mother, Martha Fincke
by Beatrice Strome
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by Reva Surotte
Mother, Jenny Kabatchnick
by Muriel Talkow
Nephew, Jonathan Greenbaum
by Dorothy Tidelman
Mother, Lucille Weiss
by Robert Weiss
Grandmother, Nessie Stoller
Grandmother, Sarah Berman
by Natalie White and family

In memory of
Father, Joseph Shain
by Ruth Rood

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In honor of Cantor Alty
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In memory of Cantor Emil Berkovits
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In memory of Ruth Schultz, sister of Arthur and Ralph Epstein
In memory of Mary Frangiamone, mother of Donna Katzman
In memory of Cantor Emil Berkovits
by Larry and Lori Groipen
In honor of Eleni Dhdha Zucker’s naming and her big brother, Jory
by Rick and Susan Zucker
To assist in funding of the outdoor classroom
by Elaine Groipen; Jonathan, Lisa, and Eljah Levin

CJE FUND
In memory of Robert Harwitz, father of Cheryl Lunder
by Neal and Lynn Mizner

FEFFER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In memory of
Grandmother, Bella Goldsmith
by Joyce Bornstein
Aunt, Marion Feffer
Brother, Howard Feffer
by Larry Feffer

GENERAL FUND
In memory of Cantor Emil Berkovits
by Barry and Caryn Cohen;
Eric and Ruth Kahn
To assist in various activities of Shirat Hayam’s operations
by Ava Hoppenstein-Addis

In memory of Ruth Schultz, sister of Arthur and Ralph Epstein
by Bobby and Lois Kaplan;
Harold and Judy Kramer;
Phyllis Sagan; Toby Sloat
In appreciation of the honor of chanting Hallel
by Daniel Goldberg
In honor of Eleni Zucker
by Sugar and Leon Firtel

In memory of
Uncle, Jack Long
by Lisa Breslin
Brother, Michael Brint
by Joel Brint
Father, William Cohen
by David Cohen
Husband, Saul Gold
by Enid Gold
Grandfather, Jerome Kaitz
by Jennifer Goldberg
Wife, Gladys Lillian
by Melvin Lillian
Mother, Ruth Goldberg
by Lois Miller
Father, Philip Waldman
by Karen Sorkin
Father, Iosob Vaisman
by Julian Vaisman

KIDDUSH FUND
Congratulations and best wishes on the birth of James and Carol Goldmann’s grandson, Benjamin
by David and Arlene Addis
In memory of Cantor Emil Berkovits
by Jack and Ann Bailer; Audrey Helzner; Leeta Sinrich; Alvy Parker; Frances Mendelsohn
In memory of Robert Harwitz, father of Cheryl Lunder
In memory of Leonard Glaser, father of Caryn Cohen by Howard and Debra Brooks
In memory of Ira Rosenberg in memory of Ruth Schulz, sister of Arthur and Ralph Epstein in honor of Bea Strome's 90th birthday by Ed and Diana Caplan in honor of the birth of Robert and Roberta Soltz's granddaughter, Isla by Harry and Marilyn Epstein in honor of Bea Strome's 90th birthday in honor of Eli Talkow's 90th birthday by Bernie Forbush and Barbara Tobin-Forbush in celebration of the marriage of Brooke Patkin and Josh Kay in memory of Antonio Cid, grandfather of Scott Goldberg by Marty and Roz Goldberg in memory of Edward Lovins, father of Susan Weiner by Bobby and Lois Kaplan in honor of Eric Kahn's 90th birthday in honor of the birth of Leeta Sinrich's great-granddaughter, Mila Rose Senczcy by Harold and Judy Kramer in honor of George and Ali Freedman's 50th anniversary in memory of Edward Lovins, father of Susan Weiner in honor of Harriet Kaplan's 90th birthday in honor of the naming of Ruby Jane Urman, granddaughter of Anne and Bob Selby by Charles and Alice Leidner in memory of Ruth Schulz, sister of Arthur and Ralph Epstein in honor of the marriage of Michael and Susan Cohen's daughter Rachel, to Joe Kovel in memory of Leonard Glaser, father of Caryn Cohen by Herb and Arlene Leventhal Birthday wishes to Marcia Cohen in honor of Michael Zunick's 40th birthday Birthday wishes to Gladys Katcher Get well wishes for Ahron Solmont Mazel Tov, in honor of the marriage of Sam Zukoff, grandson of Martin Zukoff by Janice Levine in memory of Ruth Schulz, sister of Arthur and Ralph Epstein by Mickey and Sylvia Mizner in honor of Eric Kahn's 90th birthday by Murry and Joan Rich; Bob and Bery Sanford; Alvah Parker; Frances Mendelson
In honor of Harriet Kaplan's 90th birthday by Gloria Sax In memory of Leonard Glaser, father of Caryn Cohen In celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary by Lewis and Reggie Weinstein

LEV INITIATIVE
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Every issue, The New Wave spotlights a congregant as a way to help us get to know each other better by putting a face with a name. Those who attend Shabbat services will recognize Sherm as the familiar face who is on the bimah as gabbai (also known as the Shamash or “head”), helping to keep the service running smoothly.

**Where did you grow up? What was it like?**

I grew up in Lynn on Surfside Road in the 1930s with one sister who's 10 years younger. My mother used to go to shul with my grandmother (they were both born in “the old country” between Russia and Poland) and I used to go too. I started going to Hebrew School on Blossom Street when I was 8 or 9 until post Bar Mitzvah confirmation. The only thing that kept me there was that I promised my grandmother I would stay and finish.

**What is your history with Shirat Hayam?**

We joined Beth El when we (my wife Norma and three boys Bradley, Gary and Lee) moved to Swampscott from Worcester. The boys all had their Bar Mitzvah and we went to High Holiday services as a family. I always enjoyed coming to shul, but I had to work on Shabbos. (Sherm was manager of the shoe department at Sears Roebuck for 30 years). Whenever I had a Saturday off, I would come to temple. Change of scenery, change of heart. One day, I met Frank Levine, a ‘gentleman’s gentleman,’ who explained the service to Herb Goldberg and me. At the time, Herb and I were the only ones who could lift the Torah, so we were always the Hagbah.

In 1982, my parents passed away right after each other, and I went to minyan for 18 months and I met a lot of the regulars. When I retired in 1992, I started coming every Saturday. After a while, Sam Brody showed me other things I could help with, and that’s how I got involved and became gabbai.

**What do you most enjoy about Shirat Hayam?**

I come because I just enjoy being here. On Saturday mornings, after I open the Ark, before anyone gets here, I come into the back of the sanctuary and I sit. It gives me a sense of satisfaction to know there is someplace I can come if I feel I want something. What I get is what I put into it.

**Anything else you’d like to add?**

They used to rest the Torahs on the seats during services. One time it fell and the Rabbi said he had to fast for 40 days. I went home and I said to my son, “There must be a book that shows how to make a Torah holder.” So we went to the library and they had two books that showed where to buy them. I took a picture and wrote down the dimensions and I built it. It took me about three weeks to figure it out —there are no nails. It’s all pegged. I also made the kippur holder and book end on the shelf in the Bimah.