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FROM THE RABBI

For a variety of reasons, I have always admired Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook. Among other things, he was known to have said that "we must renew the old and sanctify the new." For today, I want to focus on renewing the old. A number of years ago, as part of a project born in our social hall, we began providing shelter for homeless people when the number of homeless individuals exceeded the available space in our community's shelters. This winter project is now entering, I believe, its eighth year. It involves several hundred volunteers from a dozen or so places of worship in and around the city, and is now housed at the YWCA. What do I mean by "renewing the old?" We need more volunteers to replenish our numbers, but also to help us learn and grow as individuals and as a congregation.

It is with some pride that I say that my own children have been a part of supporting homeless individuals at shelters since they were infants. Our kids are never too young to learn "up close and personal" what homelessness is about, and what our obligation is to help meet the need by providing shelter and restoring dignity. A night at the shelter with your child or grandchild will create a deeper bond for you. Over the years, congregants from different walks of life have found themselves volunteering on the same night and creating enduring friendships. There have been midnight yoga classes and all night bridge games. There are many ways and reasons to be involved. Please see more details inside this bulletin, and contact Marilyn Stein (marilynstein@aol.com) to volunteer.

Except for one year, we have

always done the week that includes Christmas. It meant that our Christian friends and neighbors were free to celebrate their holiday with their families. The one year that didn't happen was the year that Reverend Susan Minasian, serving as an interim pastor at the First Reformed Church, insisted that her congregation staff the shelter that week. Her reasoning was interesting. When their sacred day includes a story of there being "no room at the inn," how could they NOT open their doors, on that night of all nights, to people in need of shelter? (In Pirkei Avot, we learn that there was never a time when there was no lodging to be found in Jerusalem when people came on one of the pilgrimage holidays.)

Yes, it's time to renew the old. Look at the week of December 23-29. Pick a night that you can stay for all or part of the night. Talk to friends and family members. Bring high school and college kids, and younger kids too. The work is easy, but the need is great. We'll provide you with all the training you need. Help us develop a new cadre of shelter volunteers.

Looking ahead to the new year, there's a lot happening. Join us on January 5th to learn about our next congregational trip to Israel, explore our Adult Jewish Growth offerings, save the weekend of February 7-9 for our Miller Music Festival. Don't let winter keep you inside.

I hope you all enjoy the last days of Chanukah, and I want to wish you all a healthy and happy new year.

- Ad. A. M.

SERVICES & EVENTS

December 1

NO RS

December 2, 9, 16

Adult Jewish Growth
URJ Biennial See p. 4

December 4

Last candle of Chanukah

December 6

First Friday Shabbat service 6 p.m.

December 7

NO Torah study & Shabbat service

Movie night See back page

December 10-15

URJ Biennial in CA

December 13

Erev Shabbat service 7:30

December 14

NO Torah study & Shabbat service

December 19

Sisterhood paid-up member event
See insert

December 20

Tot Shabbat, 6:30

Erev Shabbat services 7:30
Music Shabbat, featuring Psalm 150.

December 21

Torah study & Shabbat service 9 a.m.

December 22

Crispus Attucks meal See p. 4

JYG/SSTY event

December 23-30

Winter Shelter See p. 5

December 25

NO Hebrew classes
The Temple office is closed

December 27

Erev Shabbat service 7:30

December 28

Torah study & Shabbat service 9 a.m.

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Shabbat Honors

The Ritual Committee members are tasked with assigning Shabbat service honors each Friday evening. We rotate that responsibility monthly among members.

The four honors include: lighting the Shabbat candles, blessings before and after the Torah reading, and a Torah holder. We try to contact congregants who may have a special occasion that particular week or month to see if they would like to commemorate that occasion. We are not always aware that an individual is celebrating, however.

So, if you would like to have an honor for any reason or for no reason, please let us know. Try to give us eight weeks since we begin our search around then, and since we typically give Bar and Bat Mitzvah families a preference on the Friday evening of their simcha weekend; or there may be some other reason. This way we can adjust your request to another service.

Contact Miriam Baumgartner at jimmimir@verizon.net or 392-1245 and she'll take care of the rest.

You can also ask any one us on the committee if you have any questions regarding an honor. We will be happy to guide you step by step through the process. It really IS an honor. The Ritual committee encourages you to accept it when asked.

Just the FAQs, ma'am

by Noah Lot

Each Bulletin, we will be posting a "word of the month" to define some words and terms and what they mean in the context of Shaarai Shomayim ritual.

Jew

Where to begin? What, who, how... do we define ourselves or are we defined by others? Affiliated or not, cultural or spiritual, patrilineal or matrilineal, born or choice, observant or couldn't care less — descriptions or definitions? Ask three people, you'll get four different answers (if they're Jewish, you'll get six!) There are even educated, scholarly people who will argue that belief in God is not necessarily a requisite of being a Jew.

My go-to source, Wikipedia, defines Jews, *also known as the Jewish people, as a nation and ethno-religious group originating from the Israelites (Hebrews) of the Ancient Near East.* It sounds so simple...

Judaism is a religion based on a shared history of over 5000 years. Each Jew tries to live the best life he can by understanding and performing commandments as set forth in the Torah as they pertain the time and place in which he finds himself. So, including—but not limited to—all of the above.

Our Temple Family

Rabbi Paskoff and other members of the Shaarai family wish to acknowledge good news and provide support in times of illness and grief. To let us know, please call 397-5575 or email paskoff@shaarai.org.



To Deb and Marty Herskowitz on the engagement of their son, William, to Lisa Kurtz.

To William Herskowitz on completing training, graduating, and becoming a firefighter for Anne Arundel County Fire Department.

To Ilene and John Schenkel on the birth of a grandson, Diego, in November. Diego is the son of Jared Schenkel and Ana Rodriguez.

To Toby and Paul Greco & Rosalind Goldman on the birth of a granddaughter/great granddaughter, Noa Grace Rosenberg, on November 16. Noa is the daughter of Sydney and Chip Rosenberg.

Todah Rabah!

To Sisterhood and so many Shaarai friends and family for the beautiful Uniongram honoring my 65th birthday! Next to getting my Medicare card, this Uniongram was the most outstanding piece of mail I received!!! Thanks to Miriam for all her care and work putting our Uniongrams together. It is wonderful to be part of a community that cares so much. With grateful affection, *Rosanne Selfon*

To everyone at Shaarai Shomayim who signed the beautiful Uniongram commemorating our wedding. Thanks also to Sisterhood for supporting youth and education with this program. Emily Z. and I were deeply touched by the outpouring of love and good wishes from everyone. Thanks so very much. *Alex Reusing*

To Bobby Dickman, Rick Lynch, Ed Reiner, Carol Kornhauser, Barry Kornhauser, Robert Jones, John Hoh, Anthony DePietro, Harvey Scolnick, Todd Scolnick, Rick Moran, Stu Levenson who helped out one early November morning with mulching at the cemetery. *Jim Baumgartner*

To the Kurland-Hill family for donating a printer to the Temple library.

To my crew for set up, baked goods, selling, gift wrapping, clean up, and advertising: Miriam Baumgartner, Rachel Brundage & Ellen Perry, Lisa Rohde, Lisa Miller, Sarah & Josh Deliver, Jack, Sophie, Courtney Savercool, Stacey & Natalie Freedman, Alice Yerman, Carol Woodman, Rhonda Kleiman, Ronnie Meyer, Rachel Rosenzweig, Nikki Wilson, Randi Jacobson, Colleen Stameshkin, Carol & Barry Kornhauser, Holli Viau, and Martha Rowley for making this year's Chanukah boutique a success. From everyone who spent \$.50 ~ \$100, I couldn't have done it without you! Great job in supporting Sisterhood! Most sincerely, *Beth Deliver*

To all of the participants, organizers and underwriters of the amazing Sisterhood Circle of Service evening. The dinner was wonderful, the entertainment was great ("they've got your number, Rach", as my brother commented) and the overall feel of the night was one of pure enjoyment. Thank you in particular to Randi Jacobson for organizing everything &

everyone to make it one of the most memorable nights of my life. I am so grateful to have you as my friends, along with so many of our wonderful Sisterhood women. *Rachel Rosenzweig*

Dear Shaarai friends, Thank you so much for placing an ad (actually the back cover) in the JFS journal that honored me as the 2013 Volunteer of the Year. I was delighted to learn that this year's journal income reached a record high. JFS touches peoples' lives everyday. Every dollar makes a difference. Thank you so much for supporting this honor. Warmly, *Rosanne Selfon*

Thank you, Amy Catalan, for the terrific job you do with scrip. Your efforts each month in keeping this program running smoothly do not go unnoticed! Thank you from Sisterhood and from me! *Emily Ritholz*



Condolences

Rabbi Paskoff, President Heller, and the Board of Trustees of Congregation Shaarai Shomayim extend their sympathy to Stu Levenson and family on the passing of Stu's mother, Annette Levenson on November 3.

Condolences go to Joyce Goldfarb, family, and friends on the passing of past president and benefactor of both our Temple and the JCC, Julius "Julie" Goldfarb on November 11.



The NEW 2014 Temple Directory and Yellow Pages are done! If you have not yet received yours, stay tuned.

We will mail one directory per household, but you are welcome to as many additional copies as you can carry out of the office! Just let me know ahead of time so I can print them. We are also planning to publish the directory on ShulCloud, for members only.

Adult Jewish Growth 5774 Programming

Mondays 7:30-9 p.m. at the Temple

December 2, 9--Resolutions to be presented at URJ biennial

December 16--Report from the Biennial

January 6, 13--Jews and disabilities--text study, law, tradition.

January 27, Feb 3, 10: Building better relationships through Judaism - Strengthening relationships in caregiving, with ourselves, and our relationship with God. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Richard Address.

February 24, March 3,10--Jews in the arts.

March 17, 24--prep for Scholar in Residence.

March 31--Wrap-up of weekend with Norman Cohen.

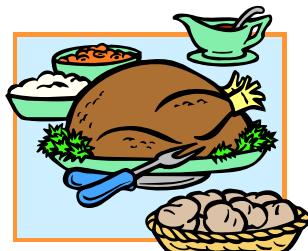
April 7--Ethiopian Jewry

April 28, May 5, 12, 19--Listening in.

Please contact Nicole Kaplan, 569-7781 or nurse94@comcast.net for more information.

THE NEXT MEAL FOR CRISPUS ATTUCKS

Shaarai Shomayim will be providing the community meal at Crispus Attucks Community Center on Sun., December 22. We are serving a holiday turkey dinner this time. We need cooked and carved turkeys, cakes/pies/desserts, gallons of water and milk and of course, VOLUNTEERS, to help prepare, transport and serve the meal at the Center. Prep work begins at 2 PM at the Temple. Servers should be at the Temple at 4 PM. This is a great family mitzvah project. We serve about 150 people who may not otherwise have a meal that night. Please email Randi Jacobson at RandiJ57@aol.com or leave a message at 560-6541. We will gratefully accept frozen turkeys in advance if you are not available that day. This meal is coordinated by the Temple Sisterhood



What is Justice?

For the victim?

For the offender?

For the community?

Is it punishment?

Whatever your perspective, you'll want to join us in the social hall on January 5, 2014, at 10 A.M., to hear representatives from the Center for Community Peacemaking speak about how Restorative Justice views these questions.

Jon Singer, Center Executive Director, and Deirdre Foley Citro, Circles Program Director will talk about its four programs that address issues affecting victims, offenders, and the community: Victim-Offender Conferencing, Making Peace (Strategies in Conflict Resolution for Youth), Peacemaking Circles (a restorative and holistic approach to peacemaking for the broader community), and Circles of Support and Accountability (keeping our children, and others safe by reducing recidivism of sexual offenders).

Come prepared to listen, and engage.



The Friday night
Oneg celebrates
Shabbat!

Make it extra special by
hosting an Oneg
Shabbat in honor of
family and friend special
occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries;
or pay a loving tribute in memory of a beloved
family member or friend. Your Oneg Shabbat
will be announced during Friday night services
as the congregation is invited to join your
observance. Oneg Shabbats can be hosted by
individuals or groups! Friday dates are
available February through December 2014.
Contact Jill Weisberg at bellallure1@aol.com or
717-917-3748 for details and to schedule your
special Oneg Shabbat.

Shomrim and Giborim

Thank you to the families who have chosen to participate in the dues upgrade initiative for this fiscal year. Your decision to upgrade to either Giborim (Heroes) or Shomrim (Guardians) has definitely made a difference!

In addition to the families who have made their dues selections anonymously, we thank:

Bill Bash	Linda Novosel
Jim & Miriam Baumgartner	Harriet Rosenbaum
Rob Bresler	George & Harriet Rosenstein
Matt and Stacey Freedman	Ian Ruzow
Craig & Shari Friedman	Harvey Scolnick
Damon & Stefanie Heller	David & Rosanne Selfon
Bill & Randi Jacobson	Judy Shenk
Howard Kelin	David & Jennifer Silbert
Jim Lemonick	David & Colleen Stameshkin
Alan & Linda Loss	Marilyn Stein
Rick Lynch	Bob Steinman
Burt & Betty Margolis	Alan & Judy Wolfers
Stephen & Fran Miller	Jim & Sharon Wolman



"Meditation" CDs Available

Ann Leisawitz is offering her CD with over 20 tracks of original music. These compositions come straight from Ann's heart, born from an effort to provide a meditative atmosphere for our congregation

as we pray silently. Whatever these pieces bring to you—thoughts, prayers, and/or innermost feelings—as you hear the music played is her goal. The CDs are available for purchase at the Temple office at \$10 apiece. All proceeds will go to the Temple fund of your choice.

Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed

As in past years, a winter shelter is being provided for homeless women and children; the YWCA will be providing space. We will still need five volunteers every night to stay over.

We will need our volunteers from Dec. 23 through the 30th. Please contact Marilyn Stein, marilynstein@aol.com or Phil Starr, philstarr@yahoo.com to sign up.

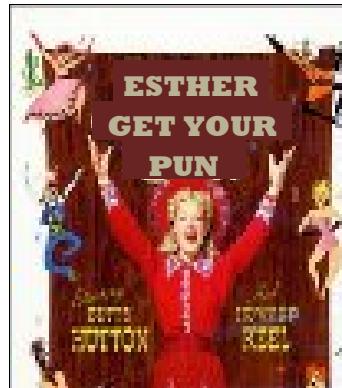
Please invite your friends who have not signed up to join you for an experience they will not forget.

A short orientation meeting will be held for new volunteers.

We looking for people who would be interested in participating in this year's Purimspiel,
Esther Get Your Pun.

(based "loosely" on *Annie Get Your Gun*)

We will have our first meeting in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 5. Please contact David Stameshkin if you are interested in participating in any capacity.
david.stameshkin@fandm.edu



Israel trip

December
2014

Please mark your calendar for a meeting on Sunday, January 5, 4:30 p.m., at the Paskoff's house to talk about the trip. Friends from outside the congregation are always welcome to join us, Jews and non-Jews have enjoyed our trips.

Listed below are the standing committees of Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, with each chair and the Board of Trustee member on the committee. If you have any questions about these committees please do not hesitate to contact the chair or member.

Archives.....	Ellen Pike, Chair Rhonda Kleiman
Building Utilization.....	Emily Ritholz
By-laws	David Stameshkin
Cemetery.....	Jim Baumgartner, Chair
Congregational Life	Rick Lynch, Chair Melissa DePietro
Finance	Stu Blumenthal, Chair
Hospitality.....	Jill Weisberg, Chair
Hineini.....	Alice Yerman, Chair
House.....	Matt Freedman, Chair
Investment.....	Alan Loss, Chair
Music Task Force.....	Sally Hart, Chair
Ritual.....	Judy Shenk, Chair
Technology.....	Brian Kresge, Chair
Tikkun Olam	Marilyn Stein, Chair Randi Jacobson
Youth Committee	Jen Finkelstein
For the Executive Board, Education Director, Youth Advisor, and auxiliary heads, see p. 2	

MITZVOT OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mitzvot Opportunities are activities that give us the chance to do something positive for our Jewish and non-Jewish neighbors. Whether it is a 13 year old's Bar/Bat Mitzvah project, a collection for Jewish Family Services, a meal for the homeless, or money for a disaster relief fund; whether you call it Tikkun Olam, gemilut chasadim, or Mitzvot, it's all good.

HINEINI

We're here for you

Can we help you?

With a ride? With a call? With a visit?

With something we haven't thought of yet?

Can you help us?

Be a driver. Be a caller. Be a visitor.

Be a mensch

Contact ALICE YERMAN, 569-5554 or
ayerm@juno.com

Don't forget the cancer support group meetings
at the Temple, the third Thursday of each month,

7 p.m.



Calling all shleppers and packers! Under the direction of the Tikkun Olam committee, we are now supporting the Power Packs Project at Central Manor Elementary School in Millersville. If you are not familiar with the fantastic organization:

Power Packs provides weekend food and nutritional information to families who are food insecure when the school's lunch program is not available to them. Families are taught how to stretch their limited food dollars using the food provided by PPP. The goal of the program is to empower families to regularly provide healthy meals and that children return to school, well-fed and ready to learn. Power Packs provides long-term solutions to end childhood hunger.

Franklin & Marshall College presents the Klehr Center for Jewish Life Reading Group 2013-14 Reading List and Discussion Dates

Each month we will discuss the selected reading. All discussion sessions are free and open to the public. Discounted copies of the works may be purchased at the F&M Bookstore.

All sessions meet from 7-8:30 pm in the Klehr Center for Jewish Life living room, 645 College Ave., at the corner of College & W. New Sts.

Dec. 12 *Legacy: A Genetic History of the Jewish People*

by Harry Ostrer

Jan. 23 *The Missing File* by D. A. Mishani

Feb. 20 *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok

Mar. 20 *The Middlesteins* by Jami Attenberg

May 15 *The Innocents* by Francesca Segal

Our responsibility is to pick up a two- week supply of weekend food items at the Power Packs downtown warehouse usually on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1 PM and deliver them to Central Manor Elementary School. At the school, you will work with the school social worker and 5th graders to make up boxes for families who have signed up for this program. Distribution is over by 3:45 PM. There are 28 families signed up at this point.

Because the school provides so much help on their end, this mitzvah can be done by one person with a van or small SUV. It can also be done with two volunteers with smaller vehicles, but both would not have to stay for distribution. There is some lifting involved, up to 25 lbs.

Our goal is to have a core group of volunteers sign up for dates beginning in January, so you may be volunteering once every month or two. Since I don't have the exact dates yet, at this point, I am looking for a general commitment and availability on Thursday afternoons. Please email me at RandiJ57@aol.com or call 560-6541 and leave a message and I'll call you back.

more Mitzvot Opportunities and Community Events



Once again, Shaarai will be participating in the Barnes and Noble Gift Wrap! Fortunately for us, we were able to get Christmas Eve (Tues., 12/24) 9

a.m.- 6 p.m., but that will be our only date this year so interested volunteers need to sign up quickly! We need two wrappers per shift. Shifts are 2 hrs. beginning at 9 a.m. Grab a friend and sign-up to wrap at Barnes and Noble Christmas Eve!!! Please contact Stacey Freedman, 898-2844, or stacfreedman@gmail.com. Proceeds from the gift wrap donations benefit Temple funds.

Volunteers needed for...

Preparing meals for those in need—contact Beth Jones at bsjones1024@gmail.com

Assistance preparing Bereavement Meals of Consolation — contact Linda Novosel at ShoreLT@aol.com



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE AND MATTHEW 25

Each year Jewish Family Service receives \$1000 or more from Matthew 25 Thrift Shop. Since August 2000, Matthew 25 has given \$18,000 to JFS and \$1.8 million to non-profits in our community.

Matthew 25 sells used clothing in good condition as well as books, household goods, pictures, and pre-school materials such as children's books and other appropriate items. If you have any of these items to donate, Matthew 25 is located at 48 E. Main Street in Lititz and their phone number is 626-4451. Mentioning JFS' name as having referred you will be appreciated.

FROM THE GREEN COMMITTEE

Unplug chargers.

Progress loves the wireless appliance: the cordless phone, hand-held vacuum, answering machine, and electric toothbrush, not to mention your cell, pager, and PDA. As these devices proliferate so do their chargers, the devices that provide the energy they need to run while out in the world. There are different types of chargers--some continue drawing 2 to 6 watts of power even after the appliance is fully charged; others will reduce their consumption to a trickle when the appliance is removed.

Switch off your electrical chargers when not in use, and look for the specification -dV, which indicates that the charger will reduce its energy use when it is not charging .

365 Ways to Save the Earth
by Phillippe Bourseiller

PLEASE NOTE: TEMPLE FUND DONATIONS are being handled by **Carole D'Ettorre, 962 Buckwalter Rd, Lititz PA 17543.** If you wish to make a donation to ANY Temple fund, please send a note to Carole. A complete listing of ALL funds--Temple, Sisterhood, and Brotherhood--is listed on p. 11 and in your Temple Directory, p. 7

PLEASE DO NOT SEND DONATIONS TO SHIRLEY GITOMER

Temple Contributions

Mitzvah Fund

In memory of Miriam Willer
 Bob Steinman
 Ann and Pete Leisawitz
 Carole and Al Gore
 Sandy Hoover
 Ellyse and Larry Selfon

In memory of Bob Fenichel
 Bob Steinman
 Ann and Pete Leisawitz

In honor of the birth of Lyla Grace O'Melia
 Bob Steinman
 Carole and Al Gore
 Sandy Hoover

In memory of Lore Homburger
 Frank Homburger

In memory of Ida Jaspan
 Diane Librach

In memory of Alyce Soffer's brother
 Ellyse and Larry Selfon

In honor of Rosanne Selfon named JFS Volunteer of the year
 Ellyse and Larry Selfon
 Carole and Peter D'Ettorre

Speedy recovery for Iris and Irv Moss
 Paula and Dave Abrahams

In memory of Ami Sear Opat
 Carole and Al Gore

With appreciation to Rabbi Paskoff for his many kindnesses to our family during the illness and loss of Robert Fenichel.
 Sandy and Harvey Asher

In memory of Blanda May
 Nadine Lyon

In memory of Ruth Sharpless
 Steve Barnett

In memory of Abram Busansky
 Goldye Stiefel

In memory of Irwin A. Stiefel
 Goldye Stiefel

In memory of Annette Levenson
 Bob Steinman

In memory of Mary Baker
 Eleanor Jacobs

In honor of the marriage of Alex Reusing and Emily Zilber
 Debi and Larry Oxenberg

In memory of Julius Goldfarb
 Ann and Pete Leisawitz

In memory of Frank Stalfa
 Rachel Rosenzweig and Yuri Reingold

In honor of David Wolfers becoming a Bar Mitzvah
 Alan and Judith Wolfers

Speedy recovery of Tamara Newton Weaver
 Rachel Rosenzweig and Yuri Reingold

In memory of Miriam Willer
 Rachel Rosenzweig and Yuri Reingold

Paskoff Camper Fund

In memory of Julius Goldfarb
 Marjorie and Bob Ruder

In honor of the birth of Diego Schenkel
 Amir and Adrienne Friedman

In memory of Julius Goldfarb
 Rosalind Geisenberger

Tikkun Olam Fund

To honor our father's name and memory
 Roger L. Bacharach
 William H. Bacharach

In memory of Miriam Willer
 Lisa Rhode

In memory of Bob Fenichel
 Lisa Rhode

In honor of the birth of Lyla Grace O'Melia
 Shirley Gitomer
 Miriam and Jim Baumgartner

In honor of the birth of Ilene and John Schenkel's grandson,
 Diego
 Shirley Gitomer

In honor of the conversion of Deb and Rich Moran
 Rachel Rosenzweig and Yuri Reingold

Speedy recovery of Brian Moran
 Rachel Rosenzweig and Yuri Reingold

Sha'ar L'Atid

Speedy recoveries of Lou and Marilyn Apostolico
 Rachel Rosenzweig and Yuri Reingold

Speedy recovery of Sharon Wolman
 Rachel Rosenzweig and Yuri Reingold

Speedy recovery of Jill Greenstein Weisberg
 Rachel Rosenzweig and Yuri Reingold

Peitzman Technology Fund

In memory of Julius Goldfarb
 Judy and Syd Shenk

Klezmer Band

(correction)
 In memory of Marvin C. Wunderlich
 Ruth Wunderlich

Sisterhood Contributions

Children's Library Fund

A donation was received as thanks for using our library for genealogical research.

YAHRZEIT

These names are perpetual memorial plaques displayed on the appropriate week of their Yahrzeits in our Sanctuary:

<u>December 6</u>	<u>December 13</u>	<u>December 20</u>	<u>December 27</u>
Caroline Eckstein	Fannie Davis	Marks Kessler	Harriet S. Heineman
Israel Goldberg	Charles S. Albert	Dr. Wilhelm F. Danziger	Gerda Bassist
Rebecca Levin	Frank P. Levy	Ralph Robbins	Harry Caesar
Esther Goldman	Clara Ostheim Underwood	Jacob Goldman	Scott D. Brener
Kathryn Brener	Dee P. Caplan	Joseph Greenberg	Irwin Stiefel
Bella Greenstein	Nellie Mitchell	Carolyn J. Rachstein	Benjamin Mostovoy
Arnold Yerman	Fannie Loeb	Dr. Carl Klein	Esther Malbin
Beatrice Weill	Gertrude Stiefel	Philip Silverman	Harry Yablonovitz
Dr. Milton A. Feifer	Carrie Hoffman Levy	Margaret K. Margolis	Sara E. Lyons
Rudy G. Bassist	Sara G. Giltman	Clarence J. Stein	Blanda G. May
Joseph Eichhorn	Cecelia G. Lapkin	Harry J. Bash	
Robert Leonard Miller	Mary Rosen	Dr. Arnold Millstein	
Joseph Ostheim	Hirsh Klavansky	Toby Seidel Comer	
Jacob Aaron Firestone	Rebecca Levy	Isaac Samler	
Helen B. Wolf		Augusta Hirsh	
George Baer		Louis Henry Golden	
		Bernard K. Bash	

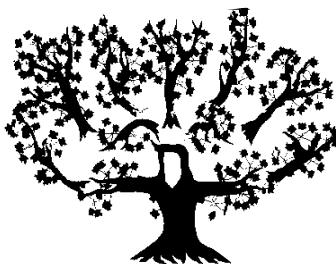


If you would like to have any names added to the Kaddish list, please notify the Temple office, 397-5575 or office@shaarai.org by Wednesday of the week you would like those additions read.

more Contributions**TREE OF LIFE (Ilene Schenkel)**

MAZEL TOV ON THE BAT MITZVAH
OF REGHAN LIEBERMAN
AUGUST 24, 2013
FROM YOUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASS

MAZEL TOV ON THE BAR MITZVAH
OF DAVID S. WOLFERS
SEPTEMBER 28, 2013
FROM YOUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASS

**Brotherhood Israel Scholarship Fund**

(Correction)
In appreciation of the Shaarai Shomayim Community
Ruth Wunderlich

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

THE INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMORIAL TABLETS
IN THE SANCTUARY THIS FALL
WILL PROVIDE CONGREGANTS WITH THE
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Ladies Luncheon

will be held on January 9
in the Temple Wise Memorial Hall
at noon. Please respond to Miriam
Baumgartner at 392-1245; also let her
know if you are able to give a ride
or need a ride. Cost for lunch is \$7.



December 7

Shaarai Shomayim Movie Night presents

"Inheritance"

(rescheduled from November)

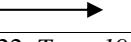
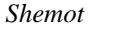
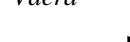
The story of Monika Hertwig and her journey to accept the truth
about her father, Nazi commander, Amon Goeth, who was
portrayed by actor Ralph Fiennes in "Schindler's List"

2006♦not rated♦75 minutes

Begins with Havdalah at 7 p.m.

Movie refreshments

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Kislev 28</i> NO Religious School	2 <i>Kislev 29</i> Adult Jewish Growth See p. 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Deadline for all material for the Dec. midmonth flyers</div> 	3 <i>Kislev 30</i> Executive board meets 	4 <i>Tevet 1</i> Hebrew classes for 3rd-7th grade 4:30-6 p.m. Adult beginning Hebrew 5-6 p.m.  <i>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</i> 	5 <i>Tevet 2</i> Sisterhood Board meets at the Temple 	6 <i>Tevet 3</i> First Friday Shabbat service 6 p.m.  <i>Jr. Youth Retreat</i>	7 <i>Tevet 4</i> NO Torah study & Shabbat morning service Movie night See back page  Vayigash
8 <i>Tevet 5</i> Religious School 9:15-noon 	9 <i>Tevet 6</i> Adult Jewish Growth See p. 4 NO Book club	10 <i>Tevet 7</i> NO Temple Board Committees meet. NO Talmud study URJ Biennial	11 <i>Tevet 8</i> Hebrew classes for 3rd-7th grades 4:30-6 p.m. Adult beginning Hebrew 5-6 p.m. NO minyan	12 <i>Tevet 9</i>	13 <i>Tevet 10</i> Erev Shabbat service 7:30	14 <i>Tevet 11</i> NO Torah study & Shabbat morning service  Vayehi
15 <i>Tevet 12</i> Religious School 9:15-noon 	16 <i>Tevet 13</i> Adult Jewish Growth See p. 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Deadline for all material for the January Bulletin</div>	17 <i>Tevet 14</i> Temple Board meets at the Temple, 6:30 p.m.	18 <i>Tevet 15</i> Hebrew classes for 3rd-7th grades 4:30-6 p.m. Adult beginning Hebrew 5-6 p.m.	19 <i>Tevet 16</i> Sisterhood paid-up member event	20 <i>Tevet 17</i> Tot Shabbat 6:30 Erev Shabbat & music service 7:30	21 <i>Tevet 18</i> Torah study & Shabbat morning service 9:00  Shemot
22 <i>Tevet 19</i> Religious School 9:15-noon 11-12th grades meet Crispus Attucks meal See p. 4 	23 <i>Tevet 20</i>	24 <i>Tevet 21</i>	25 <i>Tevet 22</i> NO Hebrew class Office closed	26 <i>Tevet 23</i>	27 <i>Tevet 24</i> Erev Shabbat service 7:30	28 <i>Tevet 25</i> Torah study & Shabbat morning service 9:00  Vaera
29 <i>Tevet 26</i> NO Religious School 	30 <i>Tevet 27</i>	31 <i>Tevet 28</i>				



SISTERHOOD NEWS



Kislev/Tevet 5774 December 2013

Temple Sisterhood Retreat
April 4-6, 2014
Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center,
Reisterstown, MD

FUN, FUN, FUN!!!
...and an Extra Special Invite to 1st-timers!

The Sisterhood Retreat gives us a time to relax, make new friends, enjoy our "old friends" and bond in a very special way with each other.

I have been involved in helping create a full and varied schedule of activities including music, art, religious studies and services, physical activities, games, "free time," and group discussions to help us learn more about ourselves and our environment.

Our theme this year is "Renewal." Think about what this means to you - and JOIN US!

Thanks!

Ileen Herdeman

Paid Up Membership Dinner

December 19 at 6 pm.

at the Bolger Center (University Room)
Millersville University.

Diane Umble,
Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences
will speak about the
Amish Woman's Experience.

Please reply to Stacey Kapushy 717-468-2950
or skapusky@hotmail.com if you plan to come.

If you are not yet a member of Sisterhood, please call Stacey to discuss!

Congregation Shaarai Shomayim and Sisterhood
present



Swanky Bubbles Casino Night

**Saturday, February 1, at the JCC
Food, Adult Beverages, Games! Auctions!
Win (just to name a few)—
A Day of Golf Airplane Flying Lesson
Scuba Lesson
Fine Jewelry ...and lots more!**

**Join the fun early—the next Casino meeting is Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in Wise Hall
Please join the committee to help plan this gala event!!**

Brotherhood

AARON ZINNER IS FIRST RECIPIENT OF ANDY YERMAN MITZVAH AWARD



After much deliberation, a special Brotherhood sponsored committee, in conjunction with Alice Yerman, chose Aaron Zinner as the first recipient of the newly created Andy Yerman Mitzvah Award. This annual award has been established to honor the selfless service to congregation and community of a Brotherhood member, our dear departed friend and true mensch, Andy Yerman. Andy and Alice devoted many hours to help our congregants in need with home visits, meals, transportation, as participants in the foster grandparent Bubbe and Zayda program, and ever-reliable supporters of Shaarai Shomayim Mitzvah activities. Together, Andy and Alice served the Lancaster community as LGH service volunteers, helpers to prepare community meals for homeless people, and in any way that they were able. Andy was a cheerful doer of good deeds and charitable acts. Alice continues her service to our congregation and community as the new leader of the Temple's Hineini Committee.

Aaron is an active person and a familiar face at our synagogue. He attends Minyan, Talmud Study, and the Book Club. He currently is serving as Brotherhood secretary. Aaron has made three Mitzvah trips to Kentucky and one to Mississippi along with Rabbi Paskoff and other congregants; he contributed to the group's effort's with planning, technical advice, and hands-on help to support victims of poverty and disaster. He personally helps with Temple maintenance and is actively involved with both the House and Cemetery Committees. He controls and maintains the sanctuary sound system and can be seen frequently as stage manager (and bit part player) at Purimshpiel and sound technician for Friday Night Live, Pop Shabbat, and other events. Aaron teaches adult Hebrew and is active on the Adult Jewish Growth Committee. He also is a board member of the Jewish Community Alliance of Lancaster (JCAL).

Aaron is happily married to Tama Etra, who offers the following personal observations:

He has always been such a giving person and he keeps no secrets from his friends and family. He is the type of guy who people call at any hour and know he will come to help them with almost anything they need. He owns almost every tool known to man and usually carries it with him, either on his belt or in his car. Aaron is your go-to Mitzvah Guy! Most people know he will take on any engineering challenge.

Aaron is very proud of his Eagle Scout Award and has worn that meritorious award his whole adult life. He worked for 18 years teaching shop to Special Ed kids and another four years teaching small engine mechanics. He has a college degree in Agriculture Education. Aaron was also the first Aqua culture teacher in the nation, successfully raising a Tilapia farm. Aaron is a techno guy as well. He spent many years at his school as Yearbook advisor and of course on the Safety Committee. Aaron is also a CDL school bus driver, limo driver, and let's not forget A Hebrew School Teacher. He has amazing patience and will spend many extra hours working with people who have trouble saying Cha. It's the Cha challenge!

Along those lines, Aaron loves all things Jewish. He is comfortable with all kinds of classes and Jewish events including a Chasidic wedding we attended. He is a regular at Torah Study and is usually the sound guy for most of Shaarai's events.

Some little known facts about Aaron are, he knows most of the lyrics to Broadway shows, has a large collection of awful jokes and can mix with all different kinds of people. Aaron loves to take photographs and can be enticed to go on any road trip or hiking trail as long as we take the camera.

Aaron is currently on the mend after a long recuperation from two shoulder surgeries and is eager to get back to all the things he loves to do!

The Summer Experience Extra 2013

Mitzvah Trip to McRoberts KY from the adult participants

My trip to Kentucky with Shaarai Shomayim this summer makes me think of all the things I take for granted living in Lancaster. For example, when I am downtown I see people in the streets going about their business, stores open, and people going in and out. In McRoberts, I did not see this. What I saw was so sad. The town was empty. No people on the street and stores closed. It was like a Sunday. My visits to town were in the middle of the week. How sad. What we take for granted is not happening on the Main Street of McRoberts Kentucky.

It was a wonderful experience. Going down with acquaintances and coming back friends. It is a great feeling of satisfaction that when repairing their homes it brought happiness to their lives if only for three days.

Ron Spitzer

McRoberts, a town of nine hundred as of the 2000 census nestled in the Appalachian coal fields of Kentucky both geographically and economically is typical. The scenic views of the countryside are breathtaking. The economy can easily lead one to despair as either a resident or a visitor.

However, this town has been the hot vacation spot of a number of our congregants for three years. The draw is not any amusement park, historical sights, concert, or sports event with hundreds of people, but rather the blessing of being able to meet a few persons one on one.

Most of these people live in conditions that most of us from Lancaster do not understand or would wish to live in. The repairs we make to the houses are not major in a building sense. But for the residents, it makes a large difference.

One woman with a back problem was very grateful to have two rooms of her four room house painted. But what brought a beaming smile from her was having a ceiling fan installed. I believe a wider smile came from the installer who never knew he could do it.

Another house, we painted every room which took many hands and made a nice change. But outside we cut, primed, and painted the trim around a window. Most folks might look at trim as a finishing touch, however, it covers the "bones" of the house, keeping the weather out and preserving its structure.

Then there was an elderly woman in a mobile home with a hole in the floor. Through this hole I could see daylight and critters could and have climbed through. We patched the floor and made another friend.

The experience of vacationing in McRoberts is similar to the story of a man walking on a beach with hundreds of starfish that washed up. He and a friend are walking as the first man throws a starfish back into the

ocean. His friend points out he cannot throw back all the starfish, maybe a small percent at best. The first man only smiled and said "but it made a world of difference to that one."

Aaron Zinner

When I arrived in McRoberts, I couldn't imagine having to live in those conditions. I was emotionally affected by the squalor I found. I had seen blighted neighborhoods before, with boarded up windows and doors; houses probably condemned by the authorities, but I had never gone inside any of them. Now I found myself smack in the middle of homes with peeling paint, torn wallpaper, filthy floors, cobweb infested walls, and an occupant, Lois, perched on her hover-round while watching her favorite programs on her cable TV.

As soon as I was introduced to Lois, I recognized how much she appreciated us being there. She took an immediate liking to my son Ryan, who was working with me. I learned a lot from Lois about her family's history while living and working in this coal mining town, and how she and many of her neighbors came to be in this situation.

I was more than uncomfortable in Lois's home, but I kept thinking I don't have a choice but to be here. I am commanded to be here. That helped. Each morning and afternoon as I was headed for Lois's home, I reminded myself what Rabbi Paskoff has helped me to learn; that as Jews we are commanded to do this work, and each time that thought eased my anxiety.

In the evenings, when we got together for dinner, and at lunch time, when again we would relax together for an hour or so, I could see that there was a sense of satisfaction in all of us from Shaarai Shomayim.

We ranged in age from 13 to 79; twelve of us working tirelessly, determined to accomplish our designated tasks. And when we did, it was rejuvenating. The trip home felt like we needed to come back again next year because there is so much more to be done. I guess the thought for me was to keep working until I felt good about myself. And I did just that. You know the book "Chicken Soup for the Soul"? Well, this is McRoberts, Kentucky for the soul. I suggest you try it.

Harvey Scolnick.

How wonderful it is that no one need wait a single moment to start to improve the world.

Anne Frank

For me, this is the quintessential reason for our yearly sojourn to McRoberts, Kentucky. Yes, as Jews, we are obligated to perform Tikkun Olam, but it goes beyond being commanded. I see it as not just an opportunity to improve the world of McRoberts, but our own inter personal world as well.

The physical work is often hard, dirty and tiring, but not without reward. On the two trips I have made, I have deepened a friendship that has led to marriage. I have developed some very meaningful friendships, and met some people that exist right under my nose that I may not have had the same chance to get to know.

Each trip, the same scenario has played out. On the trip to Kentucky, those who know each other have soft conversations, exchange pleasantries, while those who don't know each other very well spend most of the trip in solitude and silence, especially the younger members of our group.

But as we work together during the week, share meals, experience the area's poverty together, and help rebuild a community, something changes. And the proof is in the ride back to our home. It is often much more lively, conversations abound and friendships have been built and strengthened.

As we improve the lives of those in McRoberts a household at a time, I find each year we also improve our own lives and our own community with those we live and worship with. For me, it is the greatest reward these trips provide.

John Perry

Each trip to McRoberts has had a special meaning to me. The first trip I had no idea what to expect. My assignment was to power wash a deck and stain it. My thoughts were not why aren't the

homeowners out here helping us, obviously there is a reason they aren't. But like most of us my thoughts were why is there a giant screen TV and computer in a home that is poverty stricken.

The next trip was not as labor intensive as the first year, we were running a summer camp for the kids. We were told we would have 12 kids, we ended up with six. But the six kids had a great time, it was more than just doing crafts and playing outside it was the commitment of total strangers listening and giving attention just to them that I think they needed.

This past trip we ran the camp expecting 12 kids, like last year, but were surprised that we needed to go get more supplies because we had 14. It was amazing, while we still did the crafts, went outside, etc., it was different, the kids and staff knew we were really there for them. When we said we would be back they knew we meant it. The first two trips were a lot of us asking questions about their lives, this one I felt like I was a part of their lives, having so much in common and just having a normal conversation.

Over the past three years our congregation gave the people of McRoberts, even for a few days, hope, pride, and just knowing that there really are people somewhere who care about them. I have been very proud of the support, both financially and physically that we have given.

Ellyn Perry

Save the date!

We are tentatively scheduled
for a return trip to
McRoberts, Kentucky
July 13-17, 2014.

Contact Rabbi Paskoff
397-5575 or Paskoff@shaarai.org
for more information

