

May 4th, 2018/19th of Iyyar, 5778

Shabbat Update: We will have Zimra services tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. We will have challah and wine/juice together afterwards, but we will not be having lunch.

Dear chevreh,

A month from today, June 4th, I will be taking a sabbatical for two months. Rabbis generally receive a sabbatical to learn and rest after or at seven years, and unbelievably, I have happily been at Kehilat HaNahar for seven years as of this August. A sabbatical gives rabbis opportunities for study, growth and reflection that would not otherwise be possible.

The idea of a rabbinical sabbatical is based on the sabbatical year decreed in the Torah in Leviticus 25. I will have more sabbatical time at a later date so as not to be away from the community too much at one time. It is my hope that I will return in August inspired and enthusiastic about what I have learned, and will be able to share it in different ways with you. I am planning to do some course of study. I cherish the opportunity to engage in focused learning.

Janine Jankovitz Pastor, our rabbinic intern, will be around while I am away to lead services, teach classes, and attend to pastoral needs.

Next year, our current Dalet teacher Miriam Geronimus will be our rabbinic intern so we will welcome her as rabbinic intern during the High Holidays.

***I would like to know if anybody would like to march in the New Hope/Lambertville Pride march as a synagogue on May 19th, or do some studying together that evening which is Erev Shavuot. It would be really nice to have a strong presence at the march and to let people know how welcoming we are as a community. Please email me with questions, or if you can come to either at: rabbidianamiller@gmail.com

Annual Meeting: You are encouraged and invited to attend the Annual Meeting this Sunday morning at 10:15, followed by a brunch provided by the Board. This is also an opportunity to thank Andy Kaufman and the current Board and to vote on and welcome the new Board. I especially welcome new members to come, as you will get to meet more people in the community.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Shabbat shalom,

Rabbi Diana