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Seaside Annual Meeting to take place Nov. 19 Five congregants run for Board seats; Candidate Forum Oct. 29

Seaside Jewish Community members will have the opportunity to make their voices heard at the 2023 annual meeting which will take place at the synagogue on Holland Glade Road on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. The board will be reviewing the past year and the proposed 2024 budget. Member comments and questions are welcome and encouraged.

During the meeting, candidates will also be elected to three open positions on the 2024 Board. Members will be receiving

meeting packets this month that include details about the annual meeting, and biographies of the five congregants running for the three seats.

Members, even if they plan to attend the annual meeting, are encouraged to send in their ballots ahead of the meeting date to ensure a quorum and to help make the voting process run smoothly. A Candidates' Forum will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 where members will get the opportunity to learn more about the candidates and to

ask them questions.

Seaside's Board is responsible for overall management of the congregation. It adopts necessary regulations and policies and approves the annual budget.

Members are required to register through the website to attend both the annual meeting and the Candidates' Forum. Registration links are also found in Seaside's weekly eblast.

See candidate biographical information and their photographs, pages 6-9.

THE SEASIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY STANDS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ISRAEL!

Below are among the nonprofit organizations requesting donations:

Jewish Federation of Delaware

- Operation Swords of Iron Israel Crisis 2023 fund

Friends of the Israel
Defense Fund
https://www.fidf.org/

Magan David Adom https://afmda.org/

Strategic Planning: What Should Seaside Look Like As It "Grows Up?"

What are the issues facing Seaside as we look at the next three to five years? How do we find the right balance in trying to resolve them?

Some of the questions raised at a recent Board workshop included:

- What can reasonably be accomplished by volunteers?
 Where do we need professional help?
- What level of dues is acceptable in a community where some come to be fully engaged, while others are seasonal visitors who wish only to support a Jewish

voice at the beach?

- What can Seaside manage in the way of pastoral support to our older community? Where might we need to partner with other organizations?
- What happens when new suggestions bump up against original values?
- Who will pick the weeds?
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We Stand With Israel

By Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan

"This column is a reprint of the Rabbi's blog that she published Oct. 7, the day Hammas attacked Israel."

Some say that October 7, 2023, was the most horrific day in Israel's history, Israel's own 9/11. Many of us are reeling from the news and feeling sad or helpless.

Fifty years and one day after the surprise attack of the Yom Kippur War, Israel was once again attacked on a holy day, and once again caught unprepared. But this time the attack came from Hamas, the militant organization controlling Gaza, and most of the victims were civilians. As of last count, about 600 Israelis have been killed, 2,000 injured, and an unknown number, including elders and children taken hostage into Gaza. (For news updates, check out The Times of Israel and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.)

Terrorists brutally murdered Israelis in numerous communities in southern Israel, killing innocent people at home, on the street, or in places like an outdoor nature festival for young people at a kibbutz. Israelis as far as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem spent much of the day in bomb shelters as thousands of rockets rained down from Gaza.

I am dedicated to peace, dialogue, and a comprehensive solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that will provide dignity and fairness to both peoples. However, nothing can justify these cruel and brutal attacks on civilians. The violent ways of Hamas will only draw more violence and deaths in their wake, including of their own civilians. In the end, everyone loses out when militant extremists are in control.

From Israel's side, there will doubtless be a reckoning about leadership, preparedness, and the toll of ongoing civil conflict. But that is down the road.

How can we support Israel at this time?

- At our Shabbat and Yom Tov Service, we offered several prayers for Israel. Please continue to pray, to give tzedakah to worthy organizations in Israel, and to contact friends and loved ones in Israel to express your support.
- The Jewish Federation of Delaware, with which we partner, will hold a Rally in support of Israel at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 11 at the Siegel JCC's Shalom Pavilion in Wilmington. They have also opened a fund to support rebuilding in Israel.
- Thank President Biden for expressing his support of Israel, and contact elected officials to ask for their support of Israel in this crisis.

Israelis are resilient, and Israel will pull through. But the trauma and scars will remain, just as they do half a century after the Yom Kippur War. As time goes by there will be more ways to help, and we will share those with the community. I know these are tough times, but together we can prevail.

Am Yisrael Chai - the People of Israel Live.

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Seaside gets a new committee: Youth and Family Engagement Committee

The SJC Board of Directors recently approved the formation of the Youth and Family Engagement Committee which replaces the previous Youth Education Committee. With the new name and revised mission statement, the committee will provide activities and programs for children, from birth through college-age, and their families to enhance their connection to SJC in keeping with the goals of relational Judaism. The committee will also support the Religious School's programs and strive to provide activities for post B'nai Mitzvah students.

Please consider becoming a member of this committee whether you have young children, teens, or are young at heart! Your suggestions and ideas for activities and programs are welcome.

Contact Susan Aaronson at susanaaron@aol.com to volunteer, give your ideas, or for additional information.

Seaside Jewish Community Cemetery Plots

Plots are available at Sharon Hills Cemetery in Dover. Contact Barry Novich or Allan Slan. Their information is available in our directory or write to:

seasidejewishcommunity@gmail.com

Your Neighbors Faith Returns October 12

We are looking forward to beginning the fourth session of Your Neighbors Faith on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. Each session meets via Zoom on the second Thursday of each month from 7–8 p.m.

The scheduled dates for the next three months are:

- Thursday, Oct. 12 -- Imam Arqum Rashid of the Islamic Society of Central Delaware. He will speak about Spiritual Purification in Islam.
- Thursday, Nov. 9 Rabbi Beth Cohen, Rabbi Emerita of the Seaside Jewish Community. She will speak on Love Thy Neighbor.
- Thursday, Dec. 14 TBD.

If you are already registered for Your Neighbors Faith, you will receive an email in advance of the next monthly session.

If you are not already registered and would like to receive information about Your Neighbor's Faith programs, click on this link (https://forms.gle/gMP-FErMJmUZNWo8W8) to register. Looking forward to seeing you at the next session on October 12.

Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Simchat Torah

5:30 p.m. Light dinner for families 6:30 p.m. Evening Service*

Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Shemini Atzeret and Yizkor Shabbat Morning Service* (Deut. 14:22-16:17; Numbers 29:35-

Haftarah (I Kings 8:54-66) 10:00 a.m. Worship

Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Shabbat Morning Service*
Parashat Bereshit (Genesis 1:1-6:8)
Haftarah (Isaiah 42:5-43:10)

10:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Member-led

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Parashat Noach (Genesis 6:9-11:32) Haftarah (Isaiah 54:1-55:5) 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service* Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Shabbat Morning Service* Parashat Lech-Lecha

(Genesis 12:1-17:27) Haftarah (Isaiah 40:27-41:16)

10:00 a.m. Worship

Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Parashat Vayera (Genesis 18:1-22:24) Haftarah (II Kings 4:1-37) 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service* Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Shabbat Morning Service*
Parashat Chayei Sara (Genesis 23:1-25:18)

Haftarah (I Kings 1:1-31) 10:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Parashat Toldot (Genesis 25:19-28:9) Haftarah (Malachi 1:1-2:7) 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service* Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Shabbat Morning Service*
Parashat Vayetzei (Genesis 28:10-32:3)
Haftarah (Hosea 12:13-14:10)

10:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Member-led

^{*}This service will be conducted with congregants at SJC's building and live streamed virtually. Instructions to join remotely are included in the weekly eBlast.

Mazel Tov

A special monthly section in Seaside's new newsletter, The Scroll, is a place where we can share each other's special joys. Please send yours to SJC-newsletter@googlegroups.com

To the proud parents
David and Dena Taylor
Roberto and Dr. Alice Yan

On the wedding of their children Alex Taylor and Stephanie Yan on October 21, 2023

Welcome, New Members

Ellen Bridge

Allan Eytan & Barbara Holland-Eytan

David Kressler

Gayle & Daniel McLean

Victoria Olson

Sivan & Cory Perdue & their children Amaris & Calder

Michael Resnick

Regan & Alan Root & their children Mason, Lylah, Rennyn & Landon

Alan & Sara Rosenblatt

Jodye & Randall Russell

Michael Schreiber

Victor Steiger

Michelle Tauster

Ava Thaw

Burton Mark Waxman

Attention all Cooks! Leah Koenig is coming!

Leah Koenig, a nationally renowned Jewish cookbook author, is coming to Lewes on Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. at Lewes Library. This program is a collaboration between Seaside Jewish Community, Edible Delmarva, Lewes Public Library, and Browseabout Books and will be held at the Lewes Public Library as both an in-person and Zoom event. You must register in both instances and indicate whether you will attend in-person or via Zoom (the event is free). To register, go to: https://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/event/10530068.

Leah Koenig, who has published 7 cookbooks and whose recipes have appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and Epicurious, is coming to Lewes to give a cooking demonstration and talk about her newest book, PORTICO: Cooking and Feasting in Rome's Jewish Kitchen. The Roman Jewish kitchen is defined by its simple-but-elegant approach to vegetables, love of frying foods in olive oil, saucy braised meats, and beguiling desserts. Participants will have the opportunity to taste Roman Jewish dishes and purchase copies of the cookbook which Leah will sign after the event.

This event is open to the public and has limited seating; so please sign up as soon as you know you will be able to come. This is sure to be an informative and yummy program!

Strategic Planning

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A Bit of Background

Six years ago, in 2017, our membership grew from 200 to 400. Rabbi Beth Cohen had announced her pending retirement, we were outgrowing our modest building (the sanctuary seated 40), there were concerns about Religious School needs, and there was a desire to play a more impactful role in the larger community. Seaside engaged a consultant, Sheila Bravo, who led a planning retreat and drafted a report.

Today, we've achieved the priorities listed in the 2017 report: we have full-time Rabbinical leadership, the building has been expanded and fully paid for, there is a plan in place

for the Religious School, and we are actively involved in the interfaith and local community. We even survived Covid. There are issues remaining from that report, such as understanding what Seaside should do on its own and when we should partner with other agencies, and we face new challenges as well.

Looking Forward

President Lawrence Krevor has named Leslie Newman and Marilyn Feldman to co-chair a new strategic planning initiative. Following the example of the Rabbi Search Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee includes members drawn from Seaside's many constituencies including both long-standing members and new,

younger members: Joel Simon, Laura Glenn, Mat Ash, Randi Cohen, Susan Aaronson, Jackie Land, Phyllis Bloom, Sam Solovey and Howie Hochman. The co-chairs are also more recently active and long-term members.

After the holidays we will begin to look at the process, engage a consultant, and better define the issues. At this point, we expect that this planning process will take about 12 months and we will solicit feedback from the congregation through surveys and focus groups and make use of available data to inform our planning. Our goal is to be as inclusive as possible. Now, as throughout the process, Leslie and Marilyn welcome comments from our Seaside community.

In The Community

Refuah Shleimah - Get Well Wishes

We send our prayers and healing energy to SJC members and loved ones of members who have been hospitalized or injured in recent weeks or who are facing or have had health challenges.

For security and privacy reasons, the names of those on the Mi Shebeirach list will no longer be included in the newsletter. Their names will be shared during services when the *Mi Shebeirach* blessing is said.

Please let Rabbi Danan know when you are ready to take someone off the *Mi Shebeirach* list as well. Names may be removed after a few weeks if we don't receive an update. Thank you for your understanding.



Nihum Avelim – Comforting the Mourners

Our heartfelt condolences go to Marjorie Kobrin and her family on the passing of Marjorie's sister, Marilyn Buchalter on August 14. Zichrona L'vracha, may Marilyn's memory be for a blessing.

Our deepest condolences go to **Dr. Sara Rubinow Simon** and her family on the passing of Sara's husband, **Rabbi Matthew Simon** on September 10. *Zichrono L'vracha*, may Rabbi Simon's memory be for a blessing.

Please contact SJC Religious Leader Rabbi Julie Danan at

sjc.rabbijuliedanan@gmail.com

(302-947-5282) if you would like to add the name of someone you love to the SJC healing prayer list, to the list of family members who have died or if there is a celebration or milestone in your life which you want to share with the SJC family.

Watch for our weekly Email blasts on Thursday each week. They will contain important reminders and highlight our events.

Seaside's Got Talent

On Nov. 11, 2023, Seaside's Social Committee is sponsoring "Seaside's Got Talent," – our first art and music celebration featuring the talents of Seaside members.

The evening event, to take place from 7-9:30 p.m., includes an art walk, and live rock-and-roll music by The Senatones. Refreshments will be served.

Eleven talented Seaside members will showcase their original artistic creations: Aida Waserstein, author; Alan Rich, artist; Ava Thaw, pottery; Eric Doroshow, painter and author; Jan Kriger, framed art; Marjorie Norris, acrylic and mixed media artist; Marilyn Feldman, pastel artist; Rabbi Julie Danan, nature photography; Robin Heit, paper creations; Susan Gladstone, pottery; Gale Deitch, Writer; and Yona Zucker, stained glass artist.

Most of the artists' original works will be for sale. With Hanukah right around the corner, you may find the perfect gift for that special family member or friend.

The Senatones are an eight-piece, Lewes-based classic rock-and-roll band featuring Seaside members Larry Krevor on keyboards and Bryan Silberman on

drums. They'll be playing the songs you grew up with and still love. Come to dance, sing along, tap your feet, or just enjoy!

Don't miss this special Seaside social event! Registration is required through the link on Seaside's web site or our weekly e-blasts.



Our local band the Senatones are preparing for the event.

~ ELECTION BIOS~

Shelley Grabel



I have been a member of Seaside since 2002. I came seeking a Jewish community similar to the one I had in Philadelphia at Beth Ahavah. Seaside

has been open, caring and warm to me and my wife, Brenda, who passed away in 2021.

The Board position interests me for various reasons, including my love for this community and what we have accomplished. I would like to help represent the LGBTQ community and expand the outreach that has already begun. I think we are at a critical phase in our development, and I would like to be a part of shaping our future.

I served on Seaside's Education Committee for several years and have developed several good programs, including "Music of the Holocaust" and one on "Jews in the Catskills." I had to pull away for a while due to health concerns regarding my wife.

I have recently retired from several careers, the last being 17 years at Del Tech where I managed Workforce Programs, developing curriculum, designing new courses, and teaching. Previously, I worked as project manager and consultant in computer systems development for several large companies, including IBM and Cigna.

Since retiring, I have been trying to determine where I wanted to put my energy. I am a writer and a poet who has published two books. Writing is my main focus and has become more of a full-time vocation. I have worked with local writing groups and have facilitated some workshops, and have begun to mentor several emerging writers. I believe my writing colors

my vision when it comes to developing and expanding community ties.

So, I ask myself, "Why do I want to do this?" I am an intermittently practicing Jew, totally in love with diverse Jewish culture. I am slowly finding my way back into the core of my Jewish spirituality. Becoming a part of Seaside leadership would be an important growth step for me in my journey to be connected to this Jewish Community.

Here's what I have to offer:

- I have experience as a member of the Board of Beth Ahavah.
- I am experienced at facilitating meetings and getting results.
- I am a strong supporter of our social justice involvement.
- My background in technology helps me organize information and expedite processes.
- I have had a decent early Jewish education and now want to understand and help others understand how it fits into our lives today. I am an active lifelong learner and teacher.
- I think it is important to have good representation of the LB-GTQ community.
- I love Seaside and what we do.

David Herschler



Since moving to Delaware in 2014, I have found that Seaside is a wonderful extended family, welcoming of all, diverse and egalitarian.

I love being engaged in Seaside organizational, social, educational, and spiritual life. For the past three years I have served on the Board of Directors and currently serve as Exec-

utive Vice-President. I also currently serve on the Finance Committee and the Fundraising Committee, which I helped establish and co-chaired, and which raised funds to pay off the mortgage on the building expansion in less than two years as well as organized and sponsored summer concerts in 2022 and 2023. I also serve on the Worship Committee and the Social Committee. In 2019 and again in 2022, I chaired the committee that revised the Seaside organizational Bylaws. In 2023 I served on a 3-person Executive panel to assess the status of the Seaside Religious School, recommend the appointment of interim co-directors, and plan for the hiring of a new Director. All this experience has given me an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the operations of the organization and the mission, values, and goals of our Seaside community.

Beyond Seaside, I served for more than 15 years on the Board of Mishkan Torah Congregation in Greenbelt, Maryland, including as president, as well as chair of the Finance and Ways and Means Committees. I have also served on the Board of The Musical Theater Center in Maryland, including as president at a time when the organization's growth more than doubled and involved a move and buildout into more extensive facilities.

As a second-term Seaside Board member, I would continue to dedicate my efforts to the collective best interests of the organization. I try to see the big picture when it comes to leadership, and my experience as a volunteer leader and professional manager throughout my life has given me sound judgment. I believe the difficult time in which we live, dealing with the extended effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, systemic antisemitism and racism, and other societal and politically generated issues, not only present special challenges but also offer important opportunities for our Seaside community.

Barry Novich



I have been a member of Seaside since 2017, and have been very involved on committees and congregational activities for several years. In the last

three years, I have served as co-chair of Seaside's High Holy Days Logistics Committee, which is responsible for coordinating the planning and implementation of securing the facility, arranging for security, and managing the move of our materials from Seaside to Epworth. Our committee also prepared all mailings and materials for the High Holy Days, working closely with the Rabbi, the printer, and Epworth.

I co-chair the "Kitchen Kabinet," our Kitchen Committee. We oversee the upkeep and maintenance of the kitchen. We oversee both sponsored and unsponsored kiddishes and onegs, and also work with other committees when they are planning events that will use the kitchen. We established a catering service for members who choose to sponsor an event but would like the committee to purchase and prepare the food on their behalf.

Originally, the House Committee was responsible for the kitchen. As Seaside increased its membership and programming, I became involved in the development of the Kitchen Kabinet as a separate freestanding committee. As a House Committee member, I was involved in Seaside's expansion project, and continue to help maintain the building.

I am a member of the Worship Committee, and have led, or participated in, various services and other events. As co-chair of the Cemetery/Memorial Plaques subcommittee, I secured a new cemetery location for Seaside. In addition, I prepare, order, and install

all the memorial plaques, and make sure that the Yahrzeit lights are lit for the individual plaques each appropriate month.

As a member of the Fundraising Committee, I assisted in the Nefesh Mountain Concert planning, including securing the facility and sponsoring the pre-concert reception. I also was involved with restarting Seaside's tradition of holding a Passover Seder.

I co-chair the Community Service's Food Rescue program that collects donations for Epworth's Food and Love Program. I am a member of Seaside's Soup Kitchen and ISOP (International Student Outreach Program) dinner teams at Epworth, and participate in Beebe Healthcare's Food Delivery program.

Prior to retiring, I worked as the Director of Operations of two nonprofit organizations. My responsibilities included maintaining the facility and handling all the financials of the organizations. This included handling and processing all the funds of the organizations, entering all financial information into QuickBooks, and preparing financial reports; handling all HR activities including the payroll; planning, preparing, and running small meetings, as well as large conferences of up to 500 people. I also coordinated the annual audits with outside auditors.

My education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. I am also a graduate of the Providence Hebrew Day School.

I have enjoyed being an active member of Seaside Jewish Community. I feel that my education and career experience would be an asset on the Board of Directors as Seaside moves on to the next phase in its development.

Ellen Rabinowitz LCSW



I am interested in pursuing the opportunity to serve on Seaside's Board. I believe that Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan and I are well suited to

work together to further the needs of Seaside. We are both conscious of the environment and enjoy providing meaningful activities to Seaside members.

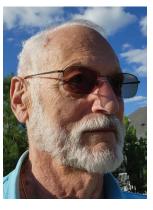
Currently, I am an active member of the Social Justice Committee. I facilitate a regular support group called, "Engaging in Aging." Recently, I met with a prospective member of Seaside to determine interests and needs. I did this in support of our Membership Committee. I also organized this year's Pride Shabbat.

I am dedicated to serving the Jewish Community, both within the synagogue and in the community at large. I am committed to attending as many services and shul functions as I am able, in addition to attending Board meetings and accepting Board responsibilities.

Professionally, I am an Asa Geriatric licensed Clinical Social Worker. I believe that my personal and professional Code of Ethics assist me with my judgment skills as they relate to sometimes difficult situations and conversations. In addition, maintaining confidentiality is both a personal and professional part of my life. I am an open and honest person, and I hope that this is a trait that the Board is seeking.

If I am elected, I will work with other Seaside members to complete events and to form groups. My background as a social worker allows me to be empathetic and resourceful to members of the community who may need support. Finally, I believe that members should vote for me as I believe that I will be able to balance the needs of the congregation, the needs of the Rabbi, and the needs of the Seaside Board.

Peter Zassenhaus Zoll



Seaside has become a large part of my post-retirement life. I joined the Congregation soon after relocating from the D.C. area in 2013. I was swept up in

the programming of activities shortly afterwards, joining the Building Committee, and later the Pre-Search Committee for a replacement rabbiearly in the process.

I became a member of the Adult Education Committee in 2018, and, after Hank Smith suffered a disability a year later, I became its Chair, a position I still hold. While I have been chair, the committee established several regular and special programs, among them:

- The Alfred Gross Memorial Weekends, during which leading writers and religious scholars participate in Seaside services and lead discussions of topics in which they specialize.
- Monthly presentations by our book group on titles chosen by participants and from the Yale

University Press "Jewish Lives". The Group also coordinates many presentations by authors in collaboration with the Lewes Public Library and local booksellers.

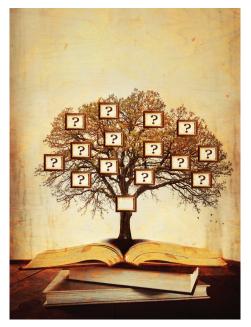
- Lively discussions of Haftarot, led by a member of the congregation, who also leads discussions of various themes taken from the Tanach.
- A fascinating four-part series on Yiddishkeit that included language, culture, cooking, the Bintl Brief, and outside discussants.
- A 10-part congregant presentation on the history of the Middle East conflict from the beginning of the 20th Century through the 1967 War.
- Recent sponsorship of a genealogy group.
- Special programs by members of the congregation on subjects like their recently published books and other topics of interest to the community. We have also invited various guest speakers.

In addition, I have been serving on the House Committee since 2017, through the period of conception, design and construction of the expansion of our synagogue. I have worked with Seaside in a variety of other activities including collecting food for the Food Rescue program, and helping to build and decorate our Sukkah.

Outside of our Seaside Community, I served for three years on the Board of Directors of Delaware Humanities, chairing the Grant-Making Committee and participating in the Finance and Membership committees. I am also now the Secretary of the Board of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, and a member of the Board of the History Book Festival.

I was raised in Washington, D.C., graduating from Woodrow Wilson High in 1960, from Brandeis University four years later, and earned an M.A. in economics from The George Washington University in 1966. I worked in development economics with the Inter-American Development Bank for a total of nearly 30 years, taking ten years off to lead investment-management bank subsidiaries in Frankfurt, London, and Geneva.

I would like to serve on the board because I believe in Seaside as a place where members can find spiritual satisfaction, whatever their backgrounds, as well as being a center for community gathering and enlightenment. I believe I have a background and experience that can contribute to the important discussions and decisions that the Board will be making over the next few years.



SJC Genealogy Club

On **Oct. 17** at **1 p.m.**, the Genealogy Club will meet at Seaside and share our progress and insights. For those who are already members of the Genealogy Club, we hope that you've been making exciting discoveries in your research.

Everyone is encouraged to bring any new findings, questions, or challenges you've encountered in your research. Our club meetings are an excellent opportunity to learn from one another and exchange valuable tips and resources.

So, mark your calendars and come prepared to discuss your genealogical journey. Whether you're a seasoned researcher or just starting, your contributions are valued and appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you all on October 17th at 1 p.m. Let's continue our exploration of our family histories together!

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Epstein at 610-312-4447.

2nd Annual SJC "Souper" Hanukkah Party!

Saturday, December 9 from 6-9:30 p.m.

Join together to celebrate Hanukkah with a "souper" dinner, Havdalah, Hanukkah candle lighting, entertainment and more.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Bring your Hanukkah menorah and candles to participate in the communal candle lighting as we say the blessings.

SJC will provide a variety of soups and salad.

Let us know if you will bring latkes or a dessert when you sign up to attend.

Space is limited

Register by clicking on the SJC calendar for the event after you have signed into the website

Members can sign up to attend by Nov. 30

Non-members can sign up between Dec. 1-5 if space allows

Please contact Susan Agronson at susanaaron@aol.com with any questions

The Return of Terrible Tanach

It's b-a-a-a-ck in time for Halloween- Terrible Tanach! Maybe you do not agree that the Jews invented horror. But how can you compare Frankenstein to the divinely reanimated Golem? Did the Exorcist really out-possess the Dybbuk? And as for witches, how can you compare Macbeth's Three Weird Sisters or the Blair Witch to the Tanach's Mother of All Witches, the Witch of Endor?

On Monday, Oct. 30 at 4:15 p.m. the Terrible Tanach class will convene a coven to look at 1 Samuel 28.3-28.25 and have a seance with the Witch of Endor. Be prepared to consider some bewitching questions. What do other parts of the Tanach say about witches and witchcraft? Why of all spirits in the Underworld does the Witch summon the shade of the Prophet Samuel? What does the story say about Jewish views of life after death? How does the story fit into the dynastic struggle between the House of Saul and the House of David? Is the Witch of Endor really a witch within our meaning of the word?

You can Zoom the class or attend in person via broomstick! Go to Seaside's website calendar for the Zoom link.

Happy Birthday to our Members							
10 / 02	Samuel Kaplan	10 / 17	Louise Macks	10 / 29	Beth Cohen	11 / 16	Sheila Young
10 / 03	David Hawtof	10 / 17	David Herschler	10 / 29	Dana Lane	11 / 19	Joan Churchill
10 / 03	Robin Schwartz	10 / 19	Lawrence Zinar	10 / 29	Mark Waltzer	11 / 19	Joel Kaplan
10 / 03	Deborah Stern-Dotter	10 / 19	Zachary (Zack) Gelof	11/01	Jeffrey Boxer	11 / 20	Laura Glenn
10 / 04	Irene Holtz	10 / 19	Cory Perdue	11/01	Stanley Silverblatt	11 / 20	Michael Hartogs
10 / 04	Bonnie Quesenberry	10 / 20	Ziva Rubin	11/02	Deborah Lewis-Idema	11 / 20	Jason Herman
10 / 05	Patricia "Lynn" Davis	10 / 21	Lori Goodman	11/02	Roberta Woloshin	11 / 20	Eric R Schwartz
10 / 08	Barbara Lubar	10 / 21	Marc Samuels	-	Allen Flanzraich	11 / 21	PJ Facciolo
-	Sara Rosen	-	Brina Krupp	-	Paul McVinney	-	Jay Freid
	Suzie Numkin	-	Everett Silverman	-	Roberta Halle Bass		Lesley Rogan
-	Carol L. Cohen	-	Solomon Peltz	-	Maizi Bernard	-	Judith Rosin
-	Eric Doroshow	-	Jason Fruchtman	-	Jason Gould	-	Stephen Heit
-	Joan Hartogs	-	Aaliyah Fruchtman	•	Ted Kamen	-	Martin Falck
	Sandy Mintz	-	Calder Perdue		Robyn Cross	•	Alvin Katz
-	Louise Klipper	-	Mark Gersten	-	Allison Herman	-	Barry Denenberg
-	Spencer Schwartz	-	Todd Gersten	-	Narda Namrow	-	Isabella Romm
	Nancy Gideon		Sheila Weinberg	-	Bob Zadek	-	Lawrence Fishel
	David Rindler	-	Marissa Hawtof	-	Iris Gersten	-	Randall Russell
-	Rachel Namrow	-	Harry Kiefer	-	Lynne Myers	-	David Taylor
-	Stanley Newman	•	Carol Levin		Maria Luisa Koransky		Henry Alter
	Barbara Silberstein	10 / 27	Charlene Lawrence-	-	Ellen Macks	11 / 29	Sharon Stein
-	Carol Denenberg		Ryan	-	Joseph Moskowitz		
10 / 16	Karen Wexler	10 / 28	Teddy Parsons	11 / 14	Carol Zimmerman		

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Nina & Sol Glasner in memory of Marjorie Kobrin's sister • Iris Prager in honor of Marilyn Buchalter • Susan Towers



Thank you for being you

By Rabbi Julie H. Danan



Mountain Autumn on the Delaware River

Photo by Rabbi Julie H. Danan

Even as we celebrate Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, I am still glowing from the wonderful Days of Awe celebrations. Led by our amazing holiday mayvens, Reba and Barry Novich, a power team of people both on the Bima and off, made everything so smooth and professional that my job as rabbi was a pleasure!

From singers to speakers to Torah readers, shofar blowers, dramatic readers, meditation leaders and musicians on the bimah, to people behind the scenes packing and unpacking, greeting, making swag, publicizing, teaching and leading the children, scrolling the Torah, giving out honors, setting up break-the-fast, providing security, setting up and decorating the sukkah, and countless other sacred tasks (some of which I'm doubtless forgetting at the moment but also appreciate!), we have an amazing community that fills my heart with nachas and joy.

Thanks for being you and co-creating these holidays together. I look forward to many more wonderful moments in the community in 5784!

Moadim Le-Simcha (Happy Holidays) and Shanah Tovah.

HHD Logistics Committee Says Thank You

Seaside Jewish Community celebrated the High Holy Days this year with in-person services that were also live streamed on Seaside's YouTube channel. We are grateful this technology allows SJC to provide meaningful services while providing our congregants a choice when concerned about their health and safety.

We were pleased this year to be able to provide ASL interpreters to enhance the experience of our deaf congregants when attending HHD services.

First and foremost, we want to thank Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan and visiting Cantor Howard Kilik for their meaningful services. A special thank you to Bo Gordy-Stith, Pastor of Community and Communications at Epworth United Methodist Church, for providing the technical skills needed to live-stream our services.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make the High Holy Days celebration possible. More specifically, our thanks go to:

- Anita Smulyan for coordinating Break-the-Fast and the hospitality for visiting Cantor Howard Kilik.
- Neil Trugman for coordinating the ushers and registration table.
- All the volunteers who assisted with setting up for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at Epworth and packing up SJC's machzors and other materials to ready them for moving back to Seaside after the final Yom Kippur service.

Wishing all a sweet New Year and looking forward coming together to celebrate the High Holy Days next year.

September 27, 2023

Rabbi Julie H. Danan Seaside Jewish Community P.O. Box 1472 Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Dear Rabbi Julie:

Barbara and I wish to personally thank you, Cantor Howard Kilik, your dear husband and Torah reader, Abraham Danan, and others who collaborated with you so diligently in providing very meaningful and memorable High Holiday Services. It was spiritually uplifting and educationally enlightening. Todah Rabah!

As new congregants at Seaside Jewish Community, we were delighted by the "hamisha" welcome. We thought the subject of your sermon and theme for services ("If I am only for myself ...") was very apropos. The Silent Devotion introduced by your beautifully led meditation, with soft piano accompaniment, was one of the highlights of this year's services.

Cantor Kilik did a beautiful job leading the congregation throughout the High Holiday services. In addition, Abraham's Moroccan Hebrew chanting carried us back to Medieval Spain and Islamic Morocco. It was enchanting.

We are proud to become new members at Seaside. We look forward to participating in its activities and religious services.

Shalom,

Allan Eytan

Larry and I want to send our heartfelt gratitude to all our Seaside friends for their acts of kindness in sending spiritually uplifting cards, good wishes, phone calls and delicacies in helping me recover from my recent hip replacement surgery! It has meant so much to be part of such a caring community!

With love and appreciation, Meryl M. Migdel

Yom Kippur Food Collection Drive a Huge Success

Seaside's second annual High Holiday Food Collection Drive, benefitting The Good Samaritan Pantry at Epworth United Methodist Church, was a big success thanks to the generosity of our congregation.

On Rosh Hashanah, congregants picked up paper grocery bags with a flyer listing items that the pantry needs. On Yom Kippur, Seaside members dropped off their donations in the Epworth lobby when arriving to attend services. The donations came to a total of 850 lbs. of non-perishable food and/or grocery items.

With these donations, along with other ongoing Community Service committee activities, such as the Soup Kitchen and Food Rescue, Seaside members are continuing to make a positive impact on Sussex County by helping those in need. Thanks again to all who contributed for your amazing generosity!



Grocery donations collected by Seaside's second annual High Holiday Food Collection Drive.

Photo taken by Dotti Outland from Epworth

Seaside Focuses on Safety and Security

As many of you know, Seaside maintains an ongoing security program to safeguard our congregants and our building. We have been in contact with the Delaware State Police who are monitoring intelligence concerning Israel and possible local domestic reactions. The State Police are aware of no current concerns for our area and Delaware State Troopers are providing highly visible patrols around the Seaside area.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware Security Force (JFDSF) has also contacted Seaside and confirmed it has no indications of concerns for our region. Some of you attended JFDSF's recent meeting at Seaside to teach us about "situational awareness." JFDSF recommends we maintain the same level of elevated awareness that we do on a regular basis. The leadership of Seaside will do so, and we ask you to do the same – if you see something, bring it to the attention of law enforcement and, if at Seaside, our members on duty.

Rabbi's Blog

Rabbi Julie Danan's High Holiday sermons are all being posted on her blog, including links to people and organizations mentioned in the sermons:

https://www. seasidejewishcommunity.com/ rabbis-blog



Reminder to IRA owners: Qualified Charitable Distributions are great options for making tax-free year-end gifts to Seaside

If you have saved for your retirement with a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA), current rules call for you to start withdrawing some of the money by age 73, whether you feel you need it or not.

Because you haven't paid income taxes on that money yet, and the Internal Revenue Service is waiting for its cut, this Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) can boost your annual taxable income—sometimes into a higher tax bracket.

But there's a way that you can put these required distributions to good use and reduce your tax burden.

You can give up to \$100,000 a year (that's the legal max), directly from your IRA to charities like Seaside; and the amount of your gift will count toward fulfilling your RMD, but it will not count as income to you. These transfers are known as Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), and they offer retirees a great way to easily give to charity before the end of the year. They can even be used to pay your 2024 dues.

The money is a direct transfer and the funds do not pass through the hands of the IRA holder. Instead, your IRA custodian/plan manager makes the check or electronic transfer payable directly to the charity.

You don't have to itemize deductions on your tax return to deduct a QCD from your taxable income. And you can use one gift to satisfy a number of goals – paying your 2024 dues, adding a voluntary contribution, directing your funds to a particular project, and more – just let us know how to allocate your gift. (For 2024 dues, allow \$500/person, or \$1,000/couple.)

Make a major impact for good with your RMD:

- \$1,000 will reimburse us for one iPad for the religious school (We ordered 6).
- \$2,500 will help send our students on a meaningful field trip.
- \$3,000 will help reimburse our dedicated religious school teachers.
- \$1,000 to \$5,000 can help underwrite our next big concert or event, bringing the community together and raising funds for Seaside.
- \$10,000 can engage a guest cantor to enrich our next High Holiday services or install a third yahrzeit panel in our sanctuary to help members honor and memorialize loved ones, or help secure our building's future by contributing to our facilities infrastructure reserve account.
- Undesignated gifts of any amount let us direct your gift to where it is most needed.

Always speak with your tax advisor or financial consultant about this or other opportunities. For a QCD to count toward your minimum annual IRA distribution, it must be made by the same deadline as a normal distribution, which is usually Dec. 31 of the tax year. Be sure to give your plan administrator time to process your request. Other types of charitable gifts, such as gifts of appreciated stock held for a year or more, can also provide significant donor benefits.

Seaside is a 501(c)3 organization. Our Tax ID is 52-2060467. Checks should be mailed to Seaside at PO Box 1472, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. Contact Treasurer Howie Hochman with questions.

Baseball Game Outing

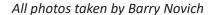
On Sunday, Sep. 10, a small but mighty group of Seaside members attended an afternoon baseball game when the Shorebirds played the Fredericksburg Nationals. A good time was had by all.

Photo taken by Barry Novich



Shabbat B'Que & New Member Shabbat

The Shabbat Barbeque (B'Que), and New Member Shabbat, held on Friday, August 4, 2023, was a great success. Thank you to the members of the Membership Committee and other members of Seaside who pitched in to help. There were over 100 people that attended. Rabbi Julie gave a lovely service for the New Member Shabbat portion of the evening, and approximately 21 new members participated in the service.









Tashlich

On Sunday, Sep 17 at 11 a.m., Rabbi Julie Danan lead a family friendly Second Day of Rosh Hashanah/Tashlich Program held at Grove Park in Rehoboth Beach.



All photos taken by Barry Novich



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