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Friday, March 4

HIAS Refugee Shabbat Service (see Rabbi's message on page 2)

Parashat פקודי Pekudei (Exodus 38:21-40:38)

Haftarah (I Kings 7:51-8:21)

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service*

Leader: Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan

Speaker: Jewish Family Services of DE

Saturday, March 12

Shabbat Zachor-Deep Dive into Prayer (see article on page 5)

Shabbat Morning Service*

Parashat ויקרא Vayikra (Leviticus 1:1-5:26)

Haftarah (Isaiah 43:21-44:23)

10:00 a.m. Worship

Leader: Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan

Wednesday, March 16

7 p.m. Purim Celebration*

Friday, March 18

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service**

Leader: Member led

Saturday, March 19

Shabbat Morning Service*

Adult B'not Mitzvah – Anita Smulyan and Irene Holtz

Parashat תזב Tzav (Leviticus 6:1-8:36)

Haftarah (Jeremiah 7:21-8:3; 9:22-9:23)

10:00 a.m. Worship

Leaders: Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan, Rabbi Beth Cohen, and Rabbi Kevin Bernstein

Friday, March 25

Parashat שמיני Shmini (Leviticus 9:1-11:47)

Haftarah (II Samuel 6:1-7:17)

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service*

Leader: Member led

*This service will be conducted with congregants at SJC's building and live streamed virtually.

** This service will only be conducted via Zoom.

Instructions to join remotely are included in the weekly eBlast.

ZOOMI COSTOOMI!

Purim Celebration Mar. 16

The Worship Committee is delighted to host Seaside's Purim celebration on **Mar. 16**.

We will be celebrating the survival and growth of the Jewish community right here in "Shushan", Delaware. Celebrating the survival of the Jews will never be the same after March 16, "5782" in Shushan. Mark your calendar to be first in the room or on Zoom at **7 p.m.** (also, see the insert in this Newsletter).

There will be Seaside's first ZOOMI COSTOOMI, no-judgement costume recognition. So that "Zoomers" and "Roomers" are on an equal basis, costumes will be recognized from the chest up. You know, whatever fits in a Zoom box! Don't forget to appear in costume — at least from the chest up — so that in-person and Zoom attendees are on a level playing field.

As a warmup to the evening, you will be treated to John, Paul, George, Ringo.... and Larry? Yes, that's right. There will be Purim-themed Beatles songs, accompanied by our very own Larry Krevor on the keyboard.

We will read portions of the Megillah of Esther interspersed with movie parodies reflecting the events and characters of the Chapters. Bring your noisemakers so we can drown out Haman and his sons' names.

Other activities will include a hilarious Purim Schpiel and, of course, hamantaschen!

The Zoom link will be provided in an eBlast closer to the date of this celebration.

Religious School Purim Celebration

What holiday can you dress up and not get a cavity? Not Halloween – but Purim!

The Seaside Religious School will be holding its Purim Carnival on **Mar. 13**. This event is open only to Religious School families. We hope to recognize the students and their parents, as all are encouraged to dress up and celebrate this wonderful holiday.

As in the past, the school is coordinating with the Chesed and Community Service Committees to make Purim cards for those in our community who need some cheering up. In addition, our carnival will entail craft making, songs, and joyful reading of the Megillah.

Rabbi Julie Danan will be our special guest. Wonder what costume she will be wearing? Guess we'll just have to wait until mid-March to find out.



A plate of hamantaschen at one of Seaside's previous Purim celebrations. This year's events will be taking place on **Mar. 13 (Religious School celebration)** and **Mar. 16 (Zoomi Costoomi)** (photo by David Udoff).

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President's Message

– Joel Simon

This month, we mark the celebration of Purim, one of the most joyous and festive holidays on our calendar. While Purim follows the essential formula for Jewish celebration (we are threatened by an enemy or bad guy, their efforts are thwarted, we survive, we eat and be merry), Purim really is so much more. Purim, at its core, is about bravery and pride.

Our heroes Mordechai and Esther show us how we must stand up to oppression and bigotry. Haman was not the first to attempt destruction of our people, and we know he wasn't the last.

Recent incidents such as the hostage situation at Beth Israel in Colleyville, Tex., and the bomb threats to historically Black colleges and universities (including our own Delaware State University) reminded me of the importance for us to stand up, be brave, be proud, and be heard. While we will not be able to comment on every issue, situations that significantly threaten our safety and the safety of our brothers and sisters warrant a response. Seaside has formed a media task force to develop protocol and advise me and Rabbi Julie on when and how to respond. Seaside has people with knowledge and passion leading committees in safety and security, social justice, multi-faith relationships, and communications.

Being able to keep our members safe in our building and with

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From Our Rabbi

– Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan

“Know the heart of the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Exodus 23:9).

The Torah's commandments and the Jewish historical experience have made Jews especially sensitive to the plight of refugees. I am proud that Seaside Jewish Community will participate in the HIAS Refugee Shabbat on Friday, **Mar. 4, 7:30 p.m.**

Today there are more than 84 million displaced people worldwide, and although the scale is vast, as Jews we know that “to save one life is to save a world (Talmud).”

HIAS is a global Jewish non-profit that aids refugees of all backgrounds. Together with Jews throughout the United States and around the world on that Shabbat, we will devote our Shabbat experience to the refugees and asylum seekers.

Now in its fourth year, with hundreds of congregations and thousands of individuals participating, Refugee Shabbat will be an opportunity to raise awareness once again in our communities, to recognize the work that has been done, and to learn ways that we can support and aid refugees.

For Refugee Shabbat, our speakers will be Rosi and Rich

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Committee Chairs

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Youth Education

Alyssa Simon

Board/Committee Meetings

Seaside's current policy requires masks for everyone and proof of vaccination (for those aged 12 and up) for all in-person events. Worship services are currently being conducted with congregants at SJC's building and live-streamed virtually via Zoom. If there are changes prior to next month, we will announce them in the weekly eBlast (subscribe by signing up [here](#)).

Check with Committee Chairs on how to join a specific meeting.

Board Meetings – Sunday,
Mar. 20, 12:30 p.m., and
Apr. 17, 10 a.m.

Board Workshop – Monday,
Mar. 7, and Apr. 4, 7 p.m.

Adult Education – Wednesday,
Mar. 2, and Apr. 6, 4:30 p.m.
(Meets first Wednesday each month)

Chesed – Friday, **Mar. 18, and Apr. 15, 10 a.m.** (Meets third Friday each month)

Community Service – Friday,
Mar. 18, and Apr. 15, 10:30 a.m.
(Meets third Friday each month)

Finance – TBD

Fundraising – Tuesday, **Mar. 8, and Apr. 12, 7:30 p.m.** (Meets second Tuesday each month)

Membership – Monday,
Mar. 21, and Apr. 18, 7 p.m.
(Meets third Monday each month)

Multi-Faith – Thursday, **Mar. 3, and Apr. 7, 4 p.m.** (Meets first Thursday each month)

Social – Wednesday, **Mar. 9, and Apr. 13, 7 p.m.**

Social Justice – Wednesday,
Mar. 24, 5:30 p.m., and **Apr. 28, 7 p.m.**

Worship – Sunday, **Mar. 13, and Apr. 10, 7 p.m.**

Youth Education – TBD

Two More Committees

Change Leadership Hands

Seaside's Community Service and Communications Committees now have new leadership.

At its February meeting, the Board approved the appointments of Donna Hoffman as chair of the Community Service Committee and Susan Towers as co-chair of the Communications Committee.

Donna replaces Emily Eider, who had served as chair of the Community Service Committee for the past couple of years. Before that, Emily was co-chair of the committee along with Anita Smulyan.

Susan succeeds longtime Communications Committee co-chair Jennifer Rubenstein, who had been leading Seaside's communications initiatives as far back as 2009. Susan will now share co-chair duties with David Udoff.

Donna, a member of Seaside since last year, has worked on the Soup Kitchen with Dill Patz and has made portions of meals for the Rehoboth Community Resource Center and the shelter at the American Inn in Rehoboth Beach. She also began to help make soup with Anita Smulyan as a fundraiser for Seaside, and she and her husband Stephen have made food deliveries for Beebe Hospital. Donna said she will be assisted by Anita Smulyan as well as Phyllis Bloom in her new

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Committee Leader Changes

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position, and Anita is working on appointing a co-chair for the committee.

Meanwhile, Susan's involvement in Seaside's communications initiatives has been steadily expanding. In January, the Board approved her appointment as chair of Seaside's new Media Task Force, and she has been writing and distributing press releases and other communiques to Seaside's membership and the community at large. She also co-writes a monthly "Mussar" column here in the Seaside Newsletter with Carole Ash.

We thank both Jennifer and Emily for their service as leaders of Seaside. Jennifer will remain on the Communications Committee, creating, editing, and distributing the eBlast as well as doing other activities. Emily has moved to Maryland and is no longer a member of Seaside Jewish Community.

From Our Rabbi

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Crosby, representing Jewish Family Services of Delaware — the only refugee resettlement agency in the state. They are currently resettling 70 refugees, mostly from Afghanistan. We will learn about the "Circles of Care" that help them integrate into their new home, and consider how we can help, whether as individuals or as a community.

President's Message

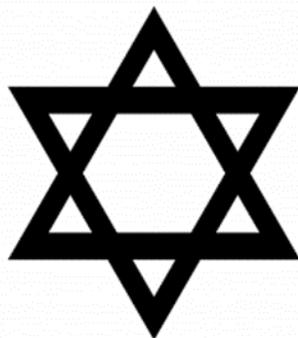
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our interactions in the community is vital. Coordinating efforts with our multi-faith alliances as well as Jewish organizations such as Jewish Federation is essential to our survival.

Just like our heroes from Shushan, we have an obligation to step forward and support our local Jewish community, Jewish communities in other locations, and our non-Jewish friends who need our support. As we dress up in costumes, eat hamantaschen, and grog out "whatever his name is," let's celebrate but also remember. Let's remember our heroes from the past who have protected our people and the rights of others. Let's be brave and proud like Mordechai and Esther.

Let's all try to be heroes this month. We can get involved in social justice initiatives at Seaside and within our community. Perhaps attend Your Neighbor's Faith, Chant and Mediation, a Shabbat service, and a Haftarah class. Live Jewishly and exude pride in our faith and find your voice.

We don't all have to be a Mordechai or an Esther, but we can use them as inspiration to make our lives impactful.



Haftarah Class Mar. 14

Seaside's next Haftarah class will take place on Monday, **Mar. 14 at 4 p.m.** The Haftarah to be discussed is Va-Era- Ezekiel 28:25-29:21.

We return to the ever-fascinating saga of Israel and Egypt. The Haftarah consists of oracles against Egypt and is paired with the Parshah, in which Moses initiates the plagues against Egypt. What is the linkage of the judgments against Egypt of Moses's time and Ezekiel's much later era? What is the underlying theology? What parallels does Ezekiel draw and for what purpose?

For more information, please [email Seaside](#) and ask for Jeffrey Rosen. A Zoom link will be provided in the weekly eBlast.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR OPENING

Seaside Jewish Community is looking for its next Religious School Director (see [job description here](#)). This is a part-time opportunity to oversee our Religious School program, which takes place on Sunday mornings at Seaside from September to May.

Seaside is looking for someone with a passion for teaching, a love of Judaism, a strong sense of creativity, and an eagerness to engage our youth and staff in Jewish learning.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please inquire [here](#) for full details and information on how to submit your cover letter and resume.

Seaside Reaches Deal for Plots at Dover Cemetery

Seaside has signed an agreement for a new cemetery at Sharon Hills Cemetery in Dover.

The current Seaside cemetery at St. Peters, in Lewes, had 100 plots available to Seaside members and nonmembers. It has been completely sold out with no more additional plots available.

The location at Sharon Hills currently has 50 plots available for Seaside immediately, and our section will be expanded to 200 plots on an as-needed basis. Each plot is currently selling for \$1,400. The price is set by Sharon Hills and will probably rise later this year.

The plots will be available for purchase by Seaside members, their family members, and nonmembers. At least one of the purchasers must meet Seaside's criteria of the Jewish faith; their spouse/partner and other immediate family members can be included regardless of faith.

Non-Jewish clergy will be allowed to officiate, but non-Jewish symbols will not be acceptable in the Seaside Jewish Community section at Sharon Hills. Sharon Hills only allows memorial plaques, and no monuments are allowed.

For more information, or to schedule a visit, please contact either Barry Novich or Allan Slan.

Our weekly **Email blasts** on Thursdays contain important reminders and highlight our events. To sign up, go to the SJC website and click on the Sign Up Here button.

Have You Logged in to Seaside's New Website Yet?

Last December, Seaside launched a new website and membership management program powered by ShulCloud. Many of our members have already logged on and have found it easy to update their personal information, pay their dues online, check the Seaside calendar for the latest updates in social programs and religious services, and register for events.

It's easy to sign in. Look for the email from Seaside that was sent to you on Dec. 26. Included in that email is your personal link to your Seaside account. Click on the link to get started. Once you are in, create and confirm your password.

For more information on how to update your family information, add a Yahrzeit, pay your dues, or make a donation, please follow the instructions in the "[Introduction to ShulCloud](#)" guide.

If you have any questions regarding ShulCloud, or if you cannot locate the email from Dec. 26, please [drop us a note](#).

Attention!

SJC members and friends: Please do not leave boxes or bags of food, clothing, or household goods outside of the SJC building for donation.

Although your intentions for donations are well appreciated, an unsolicited, unmarked, and unexpected box or bag will be considered a suspicious package and could draw an emergency response to protect persons in the building and SJC property.

Thank you for your understanding.

Deep Dive into Prayer Mar. 12 Shabbat Zachor

"Deep Dive into Prayer" is our new occasional service series led by Rabbi Julie Danan for learners of all levels (beginners to experienced daveners) to explore the history, meaning, and deeper experience of various prayers as part of our Shabbat service.

The first service in the series will be on Saturday, **Mar. 12** at **10 a.m.** Come to services and learn about our Shabbat service prayers.

- Please note that Seaside is changing its service calendar for March. Friday services will be **Mar. 4** and **25**; Saturday services will take place on **Mar. 12** and **19**. All of these services will be in-person and on Zoom.

- We wish Anita Smulyan and Irene Holtz a very hearty Mazel Tov as the community joins in celebrating their B'not Mitzvah on **Mar. 19**. On Friday evening, **Mar. 18** at **7:30 p.m.**, on Zoom only, there will be a member-led service.

Feedback Needed

The mission of the Worship Committee is to serve everyone. We get feedback in all kinds of ways. Please let Rabbi Julie Danan know if there are some things you would like included in services. Please be specific. Want a melody, specific piece of music, poem, or prayer? Not sure? Contact [Rabbi Danan](#), who is leading this charge and wants to hear from you.

Seaside Approves Funding To Restore Torahs

Two of Seaside's Torahs are nearing their 100th birthdays and are at the end of their useful lives.

Last month, the Seaside Board of Directors approved the Worship Committee's recommendation to spend \$2,000 to extend the useful life of this "go-to" Torah, which is used regularly for festivals and Shabbat services.

The original Seaside Torah was purchased around 2005. Sofer (scribe) and Rabbi Issac Leizerowski of Philadelphia has examined this Torah and concluded that it is Passul and unfit for reading.

Rabbi Leizerowski identified 15 to 17 panels where the chalk covering the parchment is flaking off, degrading the inked letters. He will be working to bring the Torah back to Kashrut status but has advised that these repairs can slow but not stop the deterioration.

Rabbi Leizerowski estimates that the Torah, once repaired, could be used for another five years.

Given the five-year time horizon, the Worship Committee and the Board have begun to consider options for acquiring a replacement Torah. Rabbi Leizerowski, who also sits on the Bet Din, or Jewish courts of law in Philadelphia, has offered to help Seaside find a suitable replacement Torah. A newer used Torah could be purchased for \$8,500–12,500. A commission to write a new Torah would start at \$30,000–\$35,000.

So, what should the priorities be for a newer Torah? First, it would

be best to acquire another Torah with 44 lines per column, versus the other variation, which packs 48 lines into each column. The less dense copy is easier to read, and the soon-to-be-retired original Torah is written that way. Second, portability is important for our membership. Finally, there is the issue of cost; we now have five years to ponder new versus used.

Seaside is lucky to have two other Torahs to use while the first one is being repaired this spring and summer. In 2013, a Seaside family generously donated a second Torah, most likely from Prague. This lighter Torah was specially chosen so that older or younger members could carry it and participate in rituals. The Prague Torah has many of the same chalk and ink problems as the first Torah and will be taken to Philadelphia soon for examination.

In 2018, Seaside acquired a third, relatively large and heavy Torah from a Wilmington synagogue that was downsizing. The Wilmington Torah seems to be in the best physical shape, but it too will be examined.



Seaside is looking to restore its three Torahs. Rabbi Julie Danan is pictured here with the original Torah, purchased in 2005 (photo by Susan Towers).

First Terrible Tanach Class

Come join the first Terrible Tanach class on **Mar. 10 at 4 p.m.** The class will discuss Tamar and Judah, Genesis 38:1-30; Ruth 4:12-21.

Can a would-be woman of easy virtue be the mother of a divinely ordained dynasty? Why would a nice widow of two Israelites disguise herself as a lady of the night working by the side of the road? Why did the man she serviced happen to be her father-in-law? What were the underlying legal principles here? What does this somewhat sordid tale have to do with the only legitimate Hebrew dynasty, the House of David? And how does this tale of sexual trickery link into the ostensibly pastoral Book of Ruth centuries later?

The Zoom link will be provided in an eBlast closer to the date of the class.

Your Neighbor's Faith

Join us for conversation on important topics of faith led by clergy of different faiths within our community on **Mar. 10 at 7:30 p.m.** For this session, Father Mark Harris will be presenting.

Community members are invited to join via Zoom with a group of multi-faith clergy in Rehoboth Beach and Lewes to connect and explore important topics of the day and how we as communities of faith respond to them.

Please register [here](#) by completing the form. Registrants will be sent a notice prior to each session with the access information. We look forward to our multi-faceted conversations with participants from across a variety of faith communities.

Seaside 25th Anniversary Plans Announced

Come celebrate Seaside's milestone anniversary on the weekend of **July 23–24**, as we hold a special Shabbat morning service honoring our founders, followed by a lively Sunday evening concert by Six13, a fantastic group from New York.

You will also have an opportunity to share your Seaside memories in a commemorative ad book (reserve your space beginning later in March). In April, you will have a chance to become an extra in our anniversary video. In order to capture video footage of Havdalah at the Beach for the video, we will schedule an extra Havdalah at the Beach service.

There will also be a special bonus program in conjunction with Possum Point Players on Saturday evening, **June 25**. Watch the Newsletter and weekly eBlasts for details on upcoming events.

An ad in the *Cape Gazette* asking if anyone wished to attend a Passover Seder at Pierre's Pantry, a deli in Rehoboth Beach, was the beginning of Seaside Jewish Community in 1997. Today, we have a beautiful new building, a full-time rabbi, and 600+ members.



Ladles of Love: Corn Chowder

The Seaside March soup offering is Corn Chowder. This is a dairy soup: one quart for \$15 or two quarts for \$25. Challah is \$6, and this month's sweet, hamantaschen, is eight for \$8 (an assortment of apricot, raspberry, and prune).

Please place your orders by **Mar. 15**. Soup pickup will be on **Mar. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Look for the link in future eBlasts to place your order.

Matching Gift Challenge for Retire the Mortgage

Seaside is pleased to announce a new matching gift challenge to retire the mortgage. Make a gift now, and it will be matched by the Herschler and Rosen families, up to \$20,000.

This is a great opportunity for newer members to participate in this major fundraising effort. In less than a year, we have reduced the mortgage principal from \$300,000 to \$58,000.

The first week of the challenge brought \$2,300 in gifts. Let's keep the momentum going.

Please give from the heart and join our generous members in paying off this debt.

Sponsor an Oneg Or Kiddush

We invite you to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other milestone, or do it "just because". To reserve a date, please [email Seaside](mailto:Seaside@seasidejewishcommunity.org) and ask for Nina Glasner

Seaside Stands with DSU

On the morning of Jan. 31, Dr. Tony Allen, President of Delaware State University (DSU) in Dover, was awakened by a call from the Chief of Police, Chief Operating Officer, and Enterprise Risk Officer about an impending bomb threat to the DSU campus – what Dr. Allen labeled "a clear effort to confuse, intimidate, and bully our students, staff, and faculty." (Click [here](#) to read Dr. Allen's complete letter).

A few weeks earlier, bomb threats were received by at least 16 other historically Black colleges and universities across the U.S. In response to Dr. Allen's letter, Seth Katzen, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), spoke out in support of DSU on social media and to the JFD community, writing: "Our Jewish community knows all too well the threats of hate and harm... We stand in solidarity with the black community and we will continue to offer our support in denouncing hate in our collective efforts of building community."

Seaside also stands with the DSU community and all those who condemn the acts of hate and violence that are attempting to destroy our communities and the ideals on which our country was built: equality and justice for all. We offer our support to all who are threatened, intimidated, or bullied by hatemongers and to all who are working to build communities based on racial, religious, ethnic, and gender equity.

Bikur Cholim

Towards fulfilling the mitzvah of *Bikur Cholim* (Hebrew: ביקור חולים) (“visiting the sick” or providing aid to the sick), Seaside is starting a medical equipment lending program where wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, or other items can be lent to congregants in need. The items should be clean and in good working order.

Once we have an inventory of items, congregants will be able to reach out to us to arrange a loan. We hope to start this lending program soon.

If you have equipment that you would be willing to give (or lend) to the program, please let us know by [emailing Seaside](#) and asking for Ellen Rabinowitz. Please include your name, address and a description of the apparatus.

Pastoral Support:

Just a Phone Call Away

Pastoral support is available for visiting patients at local hospitals, nursing homes, and rehab facilities. We can also help families dealing with the death of a loved one.

Our Religious Leader is available to help families through the rituals and processes surrounding death, including funeral and burial, Shiva, and notifying the SJC community. Other SJC members take care of providing a Shiva tray, meal of comfort, or contribution.

Email [Rabbi Julie Danan](#) or call her at 302-947-5282, or [email us at Seaside](#) and ask for SJC’s Chessed and Community Service Chairs.

Mitzvah Opportunities

Helping Hands Volunteers:

The Chessed Committee is looking for additional volunteers to provide meals, run small errands, or visit with members who need temporary support.

Food Rescue: Volunteer to collect food donations from area restaurants and businesses to deliver to the Epworth food pantry.

Epworth Soup Kitchen

(ongoing): The next dates are Sunday, **Apr. 10**, with food prep on Thursday, **Apr. 7** and Sunday, **May 22**, with food prep on Thursday, **May 19**.

If you would like to help, please [email Seaside](#) and ask for Phyllis Bloom (Helping Hands), Reba Novich (Food Rescue), or Dill Patz (Epworth Soup Kitchen). If you are in need of meals or any help, please do not hesitate to contact the Chessed Committee.

Do you have an adult educational program idea? Would you like to see it become a reality? Share your idea! Please [email Seaside](#) and ask to speak with Peter Zoll

It’s not too late to join the Adult Education Committee!

Be on the lookout for more unique Adult Ed. Programs.

New Advertisers

One of the Fundraising Committee’s efforts this year is to expand our Newsletter advertising. Make it a point to patronize our new advertisers and thank them for their support!

Menasseh ben Israel Notable Jewish Lives

The second in Seaside’s 2022 series, Notable Jewish Lives, will be held via Zoom on Thursday, **Mar. 17** at **4 p.m.** Peter Zoll will lead this class and tell us the story of Menasseh ben Israel.

Menasseh (1604–1657), a pivotal intellectual figure in early modern Jewish history, was among the most accomplished and cosmopolitan rabbis of his time. After escaping from the Spanish Inquisition, Menasseh’s family settled in Amsterdam, where he became an influential publisher and worked to regain Jewish admission into England.

Peter’s talk will be based on the book from Yale University Press, *Menasseh ben Israel: Rabbi of Amsterdam*, by Steven Nadler. We will learn about how Christian-Jewish relations improved due to the efforts of one man in 17th-century Europe.

Please check the weekly eBlasts for the latest information and Zoom link.

Jewish Intellectual History

Looking for volunteers to present future Jewish Intellectual History programs. Please [email Seaside](#) and ask to speak with Peter Zoll if you can lead a session. Materials and background are provided.

Yiddishkeit: The Life of the Yiddish Language

Join us on Thursday, **Mar. 24** at **4 p.m.**, to hear Sunny Yudkoff give a Zoom presentation on the origins of the Yiddish language – how the language evolved in Eastern Europe and its travel as part of the Ashkenazi diaspora to North America, Israel, and throughout the world. While many mourn its demise as a forgotten language, Yiddish is in fact experiencing a renaissance.

Dr. Yudkoff holds a master's degree from Oxford University in Jewish Studies and a PhD from Harvard University in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and is presently on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison as director of the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture. She speaks regularly to community groups about Yiddish-related topics.

Our Yiddishkeit program got an enthusiastic start on Jan. 27, when we held a "Congregants Speak" program in which our members shared their memories of growing up in Yiddish speaking homes and communities. On Feb. 24, we were delighted to present the first half of the documentary "Sholem Aleichem, Laughing in the Darkness". Because of its length, the second half of this documentary will be presented on Thursday, **Mar. 3** at **5 p.m.**

Please check the weekly eBlasts for the latest information and Zoom link. There are still more programs to come, so be sure to mark your calendars.

Jointly Sponsored Book Group Event: *Mahjong*

Join us on Wednesday, **Apr. 13** at **5 p.m.** when author Annelise Heinz will speak at a Zoom event co-sponsored by the Seaside Book Group, the Lewes Public Library, and Browseabout Books.

Dr. Heinz will present her informative book *Mahjong: A Chinese Game and the Making of Modern American Culture*. Susan Aaronson, Seaside's Vice-President for Programs, will interview Dr. Heinz in this one-hour session.

Many of us can remember our grandparents, aunts, and mothers playing Mahjong with apt dedication. But what is the history of this game that they enjoyed playing? And why did it become such a phenomenon among Jewish women? In fact, the game, which in its current form is celebrating 100 years as an American pastime, is enjoying a revitalization among younger and ethnically diverse players. Dr. Heinz has done the research to address these questions, and her book shows the various environments in which Mahjong flourished.

Dr. Heinz, currently a faculty member at the University of Oregon, earned her PhD at Stanford University. She lived in Southwest China in 2007–2008, teaching English to graduate students at Yunnan University, and then joined the faculty of the University of Texas at Dallas.

On her website, Dr. Heinz explains why the study of Mahjong fascinates her. "Understanding the complex history of Mahjong provides crucial insights into the formation of American ethnic identities, the role of women in transnational consumerism, and the significance of leisure as a source of cultural meaning and identity." And by the way, Dr. Heinz herself is a Mahjong player!

While the talk is free, you do need to register for it on the [Lewes Public Library site](#).

You can purchase an autographed copy of *Mahjong* from Browseabout Books. We also have a copy of the book to loan to Seaside members. To add your name to the list to borrow the copy, contact [Enid Zafran](#).

Book Group:

The Book of Lost Names

On Thursday, **Apr. 21** at **4 p.m.**, Seaside's Book Group will hold a Zoom discussion of *The Book of Lost Names*, by Kristin Harmel.

Inspired by real-life forgers who helped French Jewish children escape from the Nazis, this page-turner novel tells the story of Eva, a young Polish-French Jewish woman, who risks her own life to help Jewish children flee from France to neutral Switzerland.

Harmel's writing captures our attention and our hearts as her characters come alive and make us feel the dangers and passions they experience. Hopefulness and resilience make this Holocaust story different from many other novels in this genre. The extensive research done by the author does not bog down the narrative, but rather gives the places and people a credibility that adds to the plot.

It is no surprise that this novel was on the *New York Times* best seller list. If you liked *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*, then you will equally enjoy this book.

Evey Herschler will lead the discussion. For those interested in borrowing the loaner copy, contact [Enid Zafran](#). The Zoom link for this meeting will appear in the weekly eBlast.

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.



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Chant & Meditation

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Fridays at 4:30 p.m.

via Zoom

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Please [email us](#) at Seaside for more details

The Haggadah Man

On Saturday, **April 2** at **7 p.m.**, the Seaside Adult Education Committee will sponsor a special presentation by Professor Clifford S. Fishman – The Haggadah Man. This event will be followed by Havdalah and desert.

Professor Fishman is a man of many talents – prosecutor, professor, photographer, hiker, and scholar. On top of that, he loves spreading the ways of Yiddishkeit. As one who spent 42 years teaching at the Catholic University of America, Professor Fishman has a real-world appreciation of respect for other faiths while remaining ever true to his own. He is the author of 12 law books and co-author of eight more.

In his presentation, Professor Fishman will talk a bit about how he conducts his family Seder with an eye to meeting the challenge of engaging participants who have heard the same text and attended the same Seder year after year. Then there is the challenge of enticing first-timers to think in advance about the Seder and how to participate in it. By way of visuals, he will display several different Haggadahs from his extensive collection of historical and contemporary publications. Did you know that the United States Army once published a Haggadah? When, and why?

Professor Fishman will talk a bit about the history of Passover in the United States, including a discussion of how Jewish Civil War soldiers celebrated it. By way of more traditional approaches, he will also provide examples of how various Haggadahs treat the traditional parts of the Haggadah – the four sons, the four questions, Dayenu, and so on. Finally, Professor Fishman loves to take questions and comments, so treat yourselves to wit and wisdom. Join us!

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