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SHABBAT SERVICES



Shabbat Services are held at the Chapel-in-the-Pines (Samoset Road, Eastham) usually on the first Friday of the month beginning at 7:30 PM and are followed by an *Oneg Shabbat*. Please bring treats for the *Oneg*. The *Oneg Shabbat* Committee provides *challah* and beverages. Services are led by members of the *Havurah* and each service is different depending on the leader's orientation. If you wish to lead *Shabbat* services, please contact Paul Biegelsen at landerbiegel@comcast.net

Service leaders for March 5: Esther, Mordecai, Haman and King Ahasuerus

The *Oneg Shabbat* Committee needs volunteers to help with set up and clean up at *Shabbat* services. Each volunteer serves just 2-3 times per calendar year. It is a great way to help the *Havurah*. If interested please call Marilyn Greenberg or Paula Feinstein at 508-255-9283. Thank you.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Growing up in the Bronx, you didn't have to look at a calendar to know when Passover was coming. All you had to do was go to the grocery store and look for the white paper doilies on the shelves. Once they appeared, you knew the Passover food would soon be on the shelves and the holiday was just around the corner.

Of all the Jewish holidays, Passover is my favorite. Could it be the *matzo* ball soup or perhaps Aunt Sarah's *tzimmes*? A few years ago, we shared our favorite recipes at a *Rosh Chodesh* meeting. Oh the memories that evening stirred in me. But it isn't just the food that makes this holiday special. It is the people I share it with. My family gathers from far and wide to celebrate together. I have a large family, so having 20-25 people at *Seder* was not unusual. I think I was in my 30's before I was able to sit at the "adult" table. Actually, the "kids" table was more fun!!

This year I will be with my family in Florida for Passover. We will get out the wine-stained Maxwell House *Haggadahs* and once again tell the story of our exodus from Egypt. We will sing and laugh and reminisce. We will think about the people who are no longer with us to celebrate the holiday. We'll shed tears of joy and tears of sorrow.

May each of you celebrate a Passover that is extra special this year.

Judy Keller

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

The *Am HaYam* Board meets at 7 PM on the fourth Sunday of each month (except for the Annual Meeting in May) at the home of Judy Keller, 96 Tonset Road, Orleans. All members of the *Havurah* are welcome to attend Board meetings. The next Board Meeting will be Sunday, April 18. There will be no Board meeting in March.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Shabbat Service/Purim Shpiel	Friday, March 5	7:30 PM
Ira Wolfson, Palestine, Part II	Sunday, March 7	10:00 AM
Shabbat Dinners	Friday, March 12	TBA
Film: Gefilte Fish Chronicles	Sunday, March 14	12 Noon
Rosh Chodesh Women	Thursday, March 18	7:30 PM
Women's Torah Study	Tuesday, March 23	2:00 PM
Bar Mitzvah of Robby Ostrer	Saturday, March 27	10:00 AM
Passover/Pesach	March 29-April 6	
Erev Pesach/First Seder	Monday, March 29	
Am HaYam Community Seder	Tuesday, March 30	6:00 PM

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee is pleased to welcome back Ira Wolfson who will continue his presentation, "Palestine from the Birth of Jesus to the Destruction of the Second Temple, Part II." We invite you to participate in this stimulating lecture and discussion during which Ira will add more depth to his overview of the primary social institutions of first-century Palestine as well as an overview of the economic, political and religious responses to the pressures of Greek and Roman cultural influence and control. The destruction of the Second Temple at the climax of the Great Revolt (66 C.E- 72 C.E.) transformed Jewish religious practice and affected the interpretation of the teachings of Jesus helping to form Christianity into a new and separate religion. Learn how Christianity and Judaism coexisted during this period. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion.

The program will take place at the Brewster Ladies Library, Sunday, March 7, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM and will include a lunch break. Please bring your own lunch and *Am HaYam* will provide drinks and dessert.

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The Winter Jewish Film series continues at the Wellfleet Library, Sunday, March 14, Noon-2 PM with the *Gefilte Fish Chronicles* facilitated by Rebecca Holmes. This amusing and heartwarming film chronicles four sisters who have kept the traditions of their family in preparing Passover for their ever growing family over many years. It will be followed by a discussion of personal Passover experiences and a Passover recipe exchange.

The final film in the series, *Hiding and Seeking* will be shown April 25, 1 PM at the Wellfleet Library. Films are free and open to the public. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for the LCOC food pantries.

BAR MITZVAH

On March 27, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the Chapel in the Pines, Robby Ostrer will be called to the *Torah* as a *Bar Mitzvah*. Robby and his family wish to invite those from *Am HaYam* who would like to come and share this joyous event. The congregation is invited to a *Kiddush* following the service.. Please RSVP to 508-348-1435. Thank you.

Marsha Ostrer

COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

The Ritual Committee is looking for volunteers to coordinate the annual Passover Community Seder and handle the logistical arrangements. It will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at the Methodist Church in Orleans. Please email Paul Biegelsen at landerbiegel@comcast.net if you are interested in being a volunteer or want more information.

SHABBAT DINNER IN MEMBERS' HOMES - NEW

You asked for it and here it is. At the *Am HaYam* planning meeting, "Shaping Our Future," held on November 15, 2009, a majority of participants said they would like smaller, more intimate gatherings as a way of getting to know others better and building a stronger Jewish community. The *Am HaYam* Social Committee has taken on the challenge and now offers you Home *Shabbat* Dinners.

Here's how it works. We have scheduled four dates to start and hope to continue next fall: March 12, April 23, May 14, and June 11. Of course, we need people willing to host, and people wanting to participate. Please complete the attached form below and mail or email it to Esther Elkin.

The *Shabbat* Dinner Subcommittee (Judi Bloom, Jessica Dill, Esther Elkin, and Rebecca Holmes) will assign four to six people to each host based upon your responses on the form. The host and guests will then determine what each person might contribute to the meal. One option is that the host provides the entrée while the guests would bring a salad, side dish, or dessert, but, of course, that would be decided by each *Shabbat* dinner group.

Here's an opportunity to light candles, say the *Sabbath* blessings, and have a warm, intimate, Jewish experience on a Friday night when there are no *Am HaYam* services. Please join us and help make this new venture a successful one. See attached signup form.

BOOKPLATE DONATIONS

To mark a celebratory event, honor or remember a loved one or friend with a bookplate in a prayer book, please send a check for \$18 payable to Am HaYam to: Gene Saklad, 51 Pochet Road, Orleans, MA 02653-3624. Please include name(s) of contributor(s), event being

celebrated or memorialized, individual(s) being honored or memorialized, relationship of each honoree to contributor, name, e-mail address and telephone number of contact in case any questions arise. Thanks.

Gene Saklad

YIDDISH CLUB

The Yiddish Club will not be meeting again until Spring. Most of the members have left for warmer climates. However, if you are still on Cape and have an interest in *Yiddish* language or culture, let's talk! It will be an opportunity to study and prepare for when the "snowbirds" return. Call me at 508-255-5419.

Sandy Chernick

THE AM HAYAM "SHMOOZE LIST"

The "Shmooze List" is an informal group of people who wish to share information via email not necessarily related to *Am HaYam*. To join, send an e-mail to shmoozer@ahycc.org. Include your name, address, phone and email address.

MEMBERSHIP

A member is anyone who participates in *Am HaYam* religious services, programs, and events or who wishes to be on the email mailing list. There are no membership dues. *Am HaYam* is solely dependent on the generous donations of those who attend our events, especially during the High Holy Days, or who make donations to mark special occasions or to remember loved ones and dear friends. Mail donations to: *Am HaYam*, Box 1235, Brewster, MA 02631. **If you wish to have a card sent announcing your donation, please include the name and address of the person for whom you are making the donation. Thank you.**

DONATIONS

In honor of

Alice Weiss receiving her MFA in poetry

Jay and Judi Bloom
Martin and Deborah Jacobs

In Support of the Am HaYam Community

Linda Albin and Sarah Lento

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

A new National Museum of American Jewish History will be opening in Philadelphia in the Fall. Look at these websites for more information:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBmg1A-yCCk>

<http://www.nmajh.org/>

ROSH CHODESH

Rosh Chodesh is an *Am HaYam* women's group which meets once a month in observance of the beginning of the Hebrew month. The next meeting of *Rosh Chodesh* will be at the home of Judy Underberg in Eastham, Thursday, March 18, 7:30 PM. We will be discussing the book, *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana de Rosnay. It is a novel written in 2007 that was on the N.Y. Times Bestseller's List. It takes place in Paris, July 1942, during the Nazi occupation of France. The main character, Sarah, is a ten year old girl who is arrested with her family and rounded up with other Jews. Please read the book in order to be able to participate in the discussion. Thanks! The April program will be April 22nd, not 15th.

Bernice Simon-Wolfson, Chair, Rosh Chodesh

TORAH STUDY

Sunday Torah Study continues at the Brewster Ladies Library on April 18 with Rabbi Deanna Douglas. Sessions begin at 10:30 AM. Please bring pastry or fruit. Sessions are led by either Rabbi Deanna Douglas (D) or Rabbi Alan Ullman (U).

April 18 (D) - note change of date
May 16 (U)

June 6 (D)

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

The Women's Torah Study group meets monthly year round on the fourth Tuesday of each month at members' homes. Last September we began with Genesis 1:1 (the first book of the Torah) and continue reading in sequence. We read and study in English, using various versions of the Jewish Bible and a number of

commentaries. No experience necessary and you are welcome to join the group at any time. Email announcements will be sent a few days before each session by the host. If you would like to be added to that email list, please let me know. The March 23 meeting will be at the home of Marilyn Schlansky, 2-4 PM.

Rebecca B. Holmes



PURIM SHPIEL

“There’s no Purim like our Purim, Let’s get on with the show...”

The *Shpiel* is coming, the *Shpiel* is coming...The annual *Am HaYam Purim Shpiel* will be held on Friday, March 5, 2010 at 7:30 PM at Chapel in the Pines. Come in costume if you wish and be prepared for a fun filled evening of songs. *Zamerai* is again preparing a musical interpretation of the *Megillah* for your enjoyment. Bring some *hamantashen* or fruit for the *Oneg*. We are in need of some readers and some more beauty pageant contestants. If you would like to participate, please call Shira Sands at 349-1784 or Judy Keller at 255-7564.



MISHLO'AH MANOT- PURIM FOOD DRIVE

The custom of *Mishlo'ah Manot* (*she-lakhmones*) and Gifts to the Poor is part of the tradition of Purim. The custom consists of sending gifts of food to friends and charity to the poor.

As part of our Purim celebration this year, the Social Action/*Tzedakah* Committee is holding a mini food drive to

support the Lower Cape Outreach Council, LCOC. Please bring a bag of non-perishable foods to our Purim *Shpiel*. If you will not be able to attend the *Shpiel*, please drop off a donation at the LCOC office located on Brewster Crossings Road in Orleans or in the collection basket in your local supermarket.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Interfaith Group on the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights announces that the Seventh Annual *Yom Hashoah* Program will take place on Thursday, April 15, 2010 from 7-8:30 PM at the Nauset Regional Middle School in Orleans.

The main speaker will be Rabbi Baruch Goldstein, author of the memoir "For Decades I was Silent." Rabbi Goldstein, a survivor of Auschwitz, will share his experiences with an intergenerational audience. Students from Harwich High School and the Nauset Regional Middle and High Schools will be participating in the program.

Rabbi Goldstein will speak about the face-to-face violence individuals experienced at the hands of the Nazis and the insights he has gained from his experience.

A candle lighting ceremony will be conducted by members of the Nauset Interfaith Association, the Barnstable Human Rights Commission and participating students.

Questions about the program can be directed to Madalyn Hillis-Dineen, Planning Committee Coordinator, djcouple@comcast.net. See attached flyer.

SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS

Am HaYam helps the Interfaith Homeless Prevention Council by selling its Shaws and Stop and Shop gift cards. *Am HaYam* sells the gift cards at face value and the Interfaith Homeless Prevention Council earns 5% of the value. You use them like cash at the supermarkets. It does not cost you anything. Sandy Chernick is the Chair for this project. She will have the gift cards at Board Meetings and *Rosh Chodesh* (which she usually attends) or you can call her and arrange to get the cards. Call Sandy at 508-255-5419.

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

- **Shabbat Service, Friday, April 2**
- **Yom Hashoah, Sunday, April 11**
- **Holocaust Memorial Service, Thursday, April 15**
- **Shabbat Service, Friday, April 16**
- **Torah Study with Rabbi Deanna Douglas, Sunday, April 18**
- **Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day), Monday, April 19**
- **Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day), Tuesday, April 20**
- **Rosh Chodesh Women, Thursday, April 22 (note change of date)**
- **Shabbat Dinners, Friday, April 23**
- **Film: Hiding and Seeking, Sunday, April 25**
- **Board of Directors, Sunday, April 25**
- **Women's Torah Study, Tuesday, April 27**

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