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### SHABBAT SERVICES

*Shabbat* Services are held on the first and third Fridays of the month, 7:30 PM, at the Federated Church, Main Street, Orleans, followed by an *Oneg Shabbat*. Please bring refreshments, such as baked goods and fruit, for the *Oneg Shabbat* which will follow the service. Wine, *challah*, and beverages are supplied by *Am HaYam*.

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 Judy Keller at [jkelle47@verizon.net](mailto:jkelle47@verizon.net).

Service leaders:

June 1 - Women's Torah Study

June 15 - Ruth Shapiro & Marsha DuBeau



If you see someone enter the service that you do not recognize, please introduce yourself and welcome him/her to services and to *Am HaYam*.

The Federated Church is fully handicap accessible with plenty of parking, with both regular and handicap spaces.

## **AM HAYAM ADULT EDUCATION FILM**

**Sunday, July 1, The Julie Harris Stage at WHAT, Wellfleet**

**7:30 PM Doors open at 7 PM, Tickets \$10**

*GI JEWS: JEWISH AMERICANS IN WORLD WAR II* tells the profound and unique story of the 550,000 Jewish men and women who served in World War II. Through the eyes of the servicemen and women, the film brings to life the little-known story of Jews in World War II – as active participants in the fight against Hitler, bigotry and intolerance. *GI JEWS* is directed and produced by Lisa Ades, who will be presenting the film.

Jewish men served in the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Marines, in every theater of war. 10,000 Jewish women volunteered as WACs, WAVES and WASPs, and as nurses overseas, defying their parents' warning that the military was "no life for a nice Jewish girl."

These men and women were religious and secular, Zionists, socialists, even pacifists. Some had been in America for generations; others were recent immigrants, with close family members left behind in Hitler's Europe. Their extraordinary experiences are at the heart of the film, telling the story of World War II from a uniquely Jewish perspective.

Jewish Americans fought on two fronts: for America and for Jews worldwide. Like all Americans, they fought against fascism, but they also fought a more personal fight – to save their brethren in Europe. In the midst of it all, they battled anti-Semitism within the ranks of the U.S. military – facing slurs and violence from their fellow servicemen. New York City mayor Ed Koch, who served in the infantry, wrote later, "it wasn't only Hitler, it was here in America."

Speaking on-camera are "the greatest generation" of Jewish Americans, both famous and unknown. Writer/directors Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner tell stories of being Jewish in training with humor and pathos. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and artist Si Lewen escaped Nazi Germany as teenagers, then returned to their homeland to fight as American soldiers. Ellan Levitsky nursed the wounded after D-Day, and Lt. Lester Tanner was saved by his Protestant commanding officer in a Nazi POW camp. The film also features the stories of Jewish veterans now deceased, including baseball star Hank Greenberg, and writers Norman Mailer, J.D. Salinger, Leon Uris and Joseph Heller, who transformed their war experiences into powerful literature.

Jewish soldiers, including Alan Moskin and Eliot Herman, were among the first to reach the concentration camps liberated by American troops. Many spoke Yiddish, so they could offer the survivors their first words of solace and comfort. In archival footage, we watch Rabbi Chaplain David Max Eichhorn arrive at Dachau, praise the survivors for their bravery and heroism, and lead them in a moving moment of prayer.

Jewish servicemen and women were changed forever by their military service and their encounter with Hitler's atrocities. Returning home, they continued to fight for the values for which they had risked their lives -- for religious freedom and civil rights in America.

In the end, the story of the Jewish GIs is the story of becoming American - the story of immigrants who earned their citizenship by shedding blood, and fought for democracy and tolerance abroad and at home.

## NOTES FROM THE INTERFAITH JUSTICE COMMITTEE: KEEP AN EYE ON SNAP (AND DACA)

Isaiah 58:6-7 *Is not this the fast that I choose:...Is it not to share your bread with the hungry...?*

Matthew 25:35 *...for I was hungry and you gave me food...*

SNAP = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Since 2008, SNAP, the name for what was formerly the Food Stamp program, is designed to provide adequate nutrition, based on income eligibility, for persons living in poverty. This year, the program is due to be re-authorized as part of the huge Farm Bill. The Justice Committee (a partnership between the Federated Church and *Am HaYam Havurah*) urges all to support legislation which *does not* diminish the effectiveness of this program for the poor. At this writing (May 19), the U.S. House just defeated a Farm Bill which included major cutbacks in funding and stricter work requirements for SNAP. Advocates such as Bread for the World cited the possibility that 2 million persons would lose their eligibility. Many of these are single mothers and children. Stricter work or work training requirements are *not* helpful in reducing poverty as long as decent wages and benefits are lacking. The Bill was defeated by maneuvering by conservative members who wanted to force a vote on punitive immigration measures first, along with those who opposed the changes to SNAP.

Justice Committee urges members of our congregations to be alert to: 1) Whether the Bill is returned for action by the House, and 2) The Senate version of a Farm Bill (with SNAP) which may be submitted soon. Encourage our legislators to oppose harsh changes to SNAP and maintain funding which truly supports women, children and families.

Also, if those from conservative and/or moderate factions of Congress succeed in forcing votes on immigration reform measures, *please* advocate for protections under DACA for all who have been living in the U.S. since brought by their parents.

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If you would like to join this committee contact Renate Wasserman at [renatewas@verizon.net](mailto:renatewas@verizon.net).

## **SUNDAY TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI DEANNA DOUGLAS**

Sunday Torah Study meets at the Brewster Ladies Library, 10:30 AM – 12 Noon:

June 3

Beverages are provided by *Am HaYam*. We appreciate your donations of pastries, fruit and baked goods. Please bring your Bible (not *Chumash*) and printed material sent by Rabbi Douglas.

### **MEN'S TORAH STUDY**

Tuesday, June 26 at 1:30 PM  
Home of Ira Wolfson  
32 Wadsworth Lane Yarmouthport  
RSVP 508-362-5508 or iraone@comcast.net

### **STUDY TORAH ON YOUR OWN**

Interested in more Torah Study? The following links to the Conservative and Reform Movements will take you to weekly Torah commentary and more:

<http://conservativejudaism.org/articlenav.php?id=7>

<https://reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study/va-ychi>

### **MISHKAN HANEFESH FOR PURCHASE**

A number of members have inquired about purchasing copies of the new *machzor* for their personal use. The easiest way to do that is to order on Amazon. It is the same price as ordering from the Reform movement's publishing division. The price is \$42.00 for regular size hard cover (two volumes), \$100 for large print paperback (three volumes\*) and \$9.99 per volume for the kindle editions (total 19.98 for both volumes). \*The Yom Kippur service is divided into two volumes.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monday, June 18, 7 PM  
Federated Church  
All are welcome.

## WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

The Women's Torah Study group meets monthly year-round on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 2-4 PM, at members' homes. We are currently studying *Exodus*. Our goal is to study with more depth, using additional sources from various commentaries to podcasts and internet research. Our main source is *The Jewish Study Bible*, but any Jewish Bible in English may be used. Many of our members also bring commentaries of one sort or another.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 26, 2-4 PM at the Federated Church. I will co-host with Marilyn Damon.

If you wish to be added to the WTS email list, contact me at [rebecabholmes@comcast.net](mailto:rebecabholmes@comcast.net).

*Rebecca B. Holmes, Facilitator*

## WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY SHABBAT SERVICE

Each year, the members of Women's Torah Study lead a Shabbat service. This year we will be leading the service on June 1. The theme of the service is "...and she persisted." We will feature women of the Jewish Bible, some familiar names and some whom you may never have heard of, who in one way or another "persisted" and became heroines in their time.

Please join us for this special service.

## **HOSTS NEEDED FOR REFUGEE VACATION WEEKENDS**

The Refugee Support Team of Nauset Interfaith will be sponsoring summer vacation weekends for refugee families from Worcester. The weekends are July 13-15 and August 10-12.

The Team is seeking persons who would like the opportunity to host a family for one of the weekends. These are special opportunities to provide a welcoming environment and an experience of the Cape for these new Americans. Last summer's hosts discovered how enriching this was for themselves as well.

Hosts will house their guests from Friday afternoon-Sunday afternoon, and help families enjoy their favorite beaches, sightseeing, or other activities. Each host will have a partner volunteer to assist with activities. Each weekend closes with a Sunday afternoon celebration meal for all guests, hosts and partners.

Guests may be families with children, or possibly couples or singles. There will be an orientation meeting for hosts and partners, probably during June. We will have a better idea then of who is planning to come.

If you would like to be a host or partner, or would like more information, please contact Ken Campbell at [ksbcampbell@verizon.net](mailto:ksbcampbell@verizon.net) or 413-478-5719, or Rod MacDonald at [rod-mac.ret@gmail.com](mailto:rod-mac.ret@gmail.com) or 774-323-3989.

## **RITUAL COMMITTEE - HELP WANTED**

*Am HaYam* needs you! The Ritual Committee is looking for more members to lead *Shabbat* Services. Members of the committee will assist you with planning. We have guidelines for *Shabbat* services and ideas for alternative creative services to share with you. Services can be led by individuals or by groups. We have services in 2018 in need of leaders. Please email Judy Keller at [jkelle47@verizon.net](mailto:jkelle47@verizon.net) and reserve your date!!!

## **ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS**

The Annual Meeting Reports are available at our website: [www.ahycc.org](http://www.ahycc.org). From the home page menu, click on "Reports." Thanks to Jeff Tash, our webmaster, for always keeping the website up-to-date and user-friendly.

## ***ROSH CHODESH WOMEN***

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 21, 6:00 PM at the CLUBHOUSE of Anne Katz Jacobson, 300 Buck Island Road, West Yarmouth.

We will have an end of season social which will be a POT LUCK, SALAD BAR SUPPER. This is how it works: Two or three people will bring HUGE bowls of greens. Everyone else will bring the ingredients to add to the greens. You can bring pieces of cut up cooked chicken, tuna or cubed, hard cheeses. To complete the salad we need veggies of all kinds like avocado, cucumber, tomato, peppers, onions, carrots, all kinds of olives, etc. etc. and fruit. Added to this will be different kinds of salad dressings.

We also need cold drinks like seltzer and iced tea and SIMPLE finger food desserts. I will bring breads, croutons, margarine, butter and paper goods.

I know that this will be a very DELICIOUS and CREATIVE ENDEAVOR!!

In order to organize this properly I need to know what you are bringing. Please get back to me on or before June 14.

In order to get a head start for our September planning meeting, I will ask you to suggest one or more books for summer reading and then perhaps use them for our discussion for the following year. Please bring the names of the books and their authors in writing.

RSVP to Bernice Simon-Wolfson at 508-362-5508 or [bsimwolf@comcast.net](mailto:bsimwolf@comcast.net) by June 14.

As usual, carpool if you can. Thank you.

*Bernice Simon-Wolfson, Chair*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday, June 1	<i>Shabbat Service</i>	7:30 PM
Sunday, June 3	Torah Study w/Rabbi Douglas	10:30 AM
Monday, June 4	Ritual Committee	9:00 AM
	Play Reading Group	12:30 PM
Friday, June 8	<i>Shabbat in P-Town</i>	6:30 PM
Friday, June 15	<i>Shabbat Service</i>	7:30 PM
Sunday, June 17	FATHER'S DAY	
Monday, June 18	Board of Directors	7:00 PM
Thursday, June 21	<i>Rosh Chodesh Women</i>	6:00 PM
Friday, June 22	<i>Shabbat in P-Town</i>	6:30 PM
Tuesday, June 26	Men's Torah Study	1:30 PM
	Women's Torah Study	2:00 PM



## THE PLAY READING GROUP

Our next meeting of The Play Reading Group will be on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. at the home of Shira and David Sands, 45 Capt. Bellamy Road, Wellfleet. We will meet at 12:30 to *Nosh* and *Schmooze*. The official start of the reading of the play will be at 1:00 and will run until 4:00 (spring hours).

We will read *Abie's Irish Rose* by Anne Nichols. The play is a comedy in three acts which was first produced by Anne Nichols at the Fulton Theater in New York City. This was a long running romantic family comedy, which set the template for many subsequent successes. Jewish Abe, "Abie" Levy brings home as his bride, Rosemary Murphy, whom he met in France during the war. To appease his father, Abie introduces Rosemary as "Rosie Murphyskia." Papa Levy is fooled until Rosie's father, Patrick Murphy, arrives. A comic war erupts. Abie and Rose, having been married by a Methodist minister, are married again by a Rabbi to please Papa, and a third time by a Catholic priest to satisfy the Irish contingent.



The subsequent birth of twins, a girl named Rebecca and a boy named Patrick , brings the warring factions to a peaceable cease fire.

A discussion will follow the reading of the play.

ALL MEN AND WOMEN ARE WELCOME! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Please check with the Clams Library System for the availability of the play or you can purchase the play inexpensively at: Amazon.com, abebooks.com or powell.com.

RSVP to Shira Sands at 508-349-1784 or [shira77@bc.edu](mailto:shira77@bc.edu).

Please carpool if possible. Thank you.

Bernice Simon-Wolfson, Chair



## **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 or who make donations to mark special occasions or to remember loved ones. 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.

## **DONATIONS**

Many of our *Shabbat* prayer books are still available for dedicatory bookplates, and virtually your entire donation supports the wonderful programs and services provided by *Am HaYam*. Please don't overlook this opportunity for performing a true *mitzvah*.

To mark celebratory events, honor or remember loved ones or friends with bookplates in our prayer books, please send a check for \$18 (per bookplate) payable to Am HaYam to: AHY, Box 1235, Brewster, MA 02631.

## **AM HAYAM DIRECTORY**

The *Am HaYam* Directory has been updated for 2018. If you do not think you are in the Directory or need to update any of your information (name(s), address, telephone, email), please send the new information to Jessica Dill, [jrdill1@comcast.net](mailto:jrdill1@comcast.net). The new Directories were emailed in early January. If you did not receive one, contact Jessica at the email above. The *Am HaYam* Directory is a convenience for members to locate people in your area and contact each other. It is not to be used for mass mailing or solicitations or any other commercial purposes.

## **HINENI OUTREACH GROUP**

The meaning of *Hineni* is "Here I Am." The members of our group are here to help during times of sickness and bereavement. We want to reach out when someone needs help and wants help. If you are in need of assistance please "reach in" for our help. If you know someone in you might benefit from our help, let us know and will ask them if they would like some assistance.

Ruth Shapiro and Margi Eckhouse are coordinating the *Hineni* efforts. Please don't hesitate to call Ruth at 508-896-3573 or Margi at 508-694-7996 if you have any questions, wish to be a *Hineni* volunteer, or need help. We are here...*HINENI!*

Often people are reluctant to ask for assistance. If you know of someone who may be in need, please call Ruth or Margi. We want to help.

## LOCAL (Lower Cape Lunch)

*Am HaYam*, as a member of the Nauset Interfaith Association, participates in LOCAL, which provides one free lunch and one free dinner weekly to neighbors in need of sustenance and social interaction. *AHY* provides volunteers on the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of the month, and we could use more help. Please consider volunteering or serving as backup for one of these shifts, just 1 1/2 to 2 hours a month.

No special cooking ability or heavy lifting is required. You work as part of a team with a coordinator on site. *Am HaYam* is the only Jewish organization in the Nauset Interfaith Association, and we are committed to participating fully. It's a *mitzvah* and each volunteer leaves with a good feeling for having given back to our wonderful community. Here are the options:

### Second Tuesday Lunch

Cooking and Prep 9:30-11:30; Serving and Clean-up 11:30-1:00

### Fourth Thursday Dinner

Cooking and Prep 3:30-5:30; Serving and Clean-up 5:30-7:00

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Jessica Dill at or 508-255-7771 or [jrdill1@comcast.net](mailto:jrdill1@comcast.net).

## LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY:

- Adult Education Film: *GI Jews*, July 1
- INDEPENDENCE DAY, July 4
- Pre-Neg and *Shabbat* Service, July 6
- *Shabbat* in P-Town, July 13
- *Shabbat* Service, July 20
- *Tisha B'Av*, July 22
- Women's Torah Study, July 24
- *Shabbat* in P-Town, July 27



*Haman (Greg Sands), Purim Shpiel*

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*Purim Shpiel Finale*

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