

AM CHAI UPDATE

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FROM THE PULPIT

Here we are again! The High Holydays are coming! In Hebrew we call them *Yamim Noraim*. The most common translation into English is "Days of Awe". I must say that this interpretation is quite diplomatic. Russian language uses more exact translation which refers to this time of the year as the "Days of Trembling".

This "softened" English version is no accident. We live in a very egocentric and individualistic society. We simply refuse to accept that we need to fear God and we ought to tremble before the Almighty One. Instead we prefer to see God as a source of comfort and consolation. If you will, God is a Friend; a Friend whom we adore ("Awe"). God is all that, but it is a mistake to forget that we must tremble before Him. It is only now that it begins to dawn on us that we, human beings, are not omnipotent, that we do pay for our megalomania, for our national selfishness and our ecological indifference.

These High Holydays offer a good opportunity for us to reflect on our existence, to revise our approach towards the world and towards God. It is time to move beyond "feeling good"! It is time to find courage and strength to tremble! *Gut Yontif!*

RABBI MICHAEL TILLMAN

HIGH HOLIDAYS

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ROSH HASHANAH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008 @ 7:30PM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 @ 9:30AM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008 @ 9:30 AM

YOM KIPPUR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008 @ 6:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008 @ 9:30AM

SERVICES

**ALL SERVICES ARE HELD AT THE
DEVONSHIRE, 1515 BARRINGTON RD.
HOFFMAN ESTATES (847) 604-4060**

Friday night, September 5 8 PM
Friday night, September 19 8 PM
(Selichot Service)
Saturday, September 27 9:30 AM
Saturday, October 18 9:30 AM
Friday night, October 24 8 PM
(Simchat Torah)
Friday night, November 7 8 PM
Saturday, November 22 9:30 AM
Friday night, November 28 8PM

Birthdays

Sep 8	Jean Saucier
Sep 13	Frances Plotzker
Sep 15	Aaron Zider
Sep 17	Carol Tutt
Sep 21	Sandy Alter
Sep 21	Maureen More
Sep 22	Brendan Ginsburg
Sep 24	Rita Zider
Sep 29	Nancy Reich
Oct 1	Mary Jo Rotstein
Oct 2	Geraldine Apple
Oct 8	Jamie Rubin
Oct 16	Todd Isaac
Oct 17	Dorothy Bass
Oct 17	Elliot Simon
Oct 18	Angela Stone
Oct 23	Darren Wehrenberg
Oct 25	Donald Ami
Oct 27	Warren Goldberg
Oct 27	Rubin Rotstein
Oct 29	Eric Goldberg
Oct 30	Helen Isaac
Oct 31	Roberta Weiner
Nov 1	Irving Beekill
Nov 1	Mary Ecker
Nov 2	Michael Tillman
Nov 4	Rick Stone
Nov 6	Amanda Reich
Nov 7	Arlene Bass
Nov 8	Marc Zider
Nov 10	Karen Duberchin
Nov 11	Josh Byer
Nov 11	Rose Gebel
Nov 11	Amy Goldberg
Nov 16	Irv Schulwolf
Nov 17	Lala Fishman
Nov 18	Dylan James Byer
Nov 21	Evan Karpel
Nov 22	Clifford Kelman
Nov 23	Deborah Henning
Nov 26	Carolyn Goldberg
Nov 27	Wayne Schneidman

Anniversaries

Sep 4	Arlene & Ronald Bass
Sep 7	Sharon & Steve Stone
Sep 14	Ellen & Evan Karpel
Sep 18	Julie & Joe Remack
Sep 18	Johannah & Elliott Simon
Sep 22	Arlene & Jerry Weisberg
Oct 14	Kathy & Warren Goldberg
Oct 18	Eileen & Richard Ginsburg
Nov 3	Jean & Brian Saucier
Nov 6	Carol & Michael Tutt
Nov 12	Laura & Rick Rabe
Nov 17	Angela & Rick Stone
Nov 21	Sandra & Edwin Marcus
Nov 28	Supriya & Eugene Klionsky

Thanks for Sponsoring Kiddush

May 31	Sharon & Al Goldberg
Jun 21	Arlene & Ron Bass & Arlene & Jerry Weisberg
Aug 16	Laura Rabe

Thanks to O'neg Shabbat Sponsors

Jun 27	Gabrielle & Joshua Byer
Aug 8	Marilyn Schwartz & Karen Arnet

CONGRATULATIONS

**To Britt Cohen on her marriage to
Aaron Wanek.**

**To Carrie & Jeff Goldberg on the
birth of their daughter, Delanie
Clair, and to the grandparents,
Sharon & Al Goldberg.**

Get Well Wishes

**To Cliff Kelman recuperating from
his recent surgery**

**To Mala Rotstein, recuperating
from her recent surgery.**

The Prez Sez

This past month **Sharon** and I had the wonderful opportunity to visit Israel. It certainly was something that we had hoped to do for many years. Our dream was always to see the history of our people in this historic area. What I never realized until visiting Israel is the tremendous growth of a country only sixty years old. We, in this country, seem to take so much for granted. But the people of Israel living under the fear of terrorism appreciate everyday for what they have and take nothing for granted. At no point in our lives have we felt more proud to be Jewish than after visiting our homeland. The warmth and hospitality afforded us by family we did not even know was heart-warming to the point of disbelief. As people ask us for the high point of our trip I really feel meeting our brothers and sisters and listening to their wonderful outlook on life is what is most memorable.

The High Holidays are quickly approaching. The choir under the direction of **Art Reisman** is busy preparing for their contribution to our services. Our services have been moved to a more central location in Schaumburg and certainly will be a most comfortable setting. If you are aware of any friends or family that would like to celebrate with us this year please have them contact the temple phone number. In order to maintain our low dues structure we need to bring in new members.

This year High Holidays will seem so much more meaningful for **Sharon** and me after our recent experience in Israel. We wish you a very Healthy, Happy New Year and may you have the opportunity to visit our wonderful homeland.

La Shana Tova,

Al Goldberg

Membership Musings

Hi,

I hope you had a great summer. A Congregation is always looking for new members. As a member of our congregation, you can attend Board Meetings, receive High Holiday tickets, and attend various events throughout the year. Our yearly dues are the lowest in the area. We offer Friday Night Services and now Saturday Morning Services to accommodate our members. We have everything a larger Congregation has to offer but on a smaller scale.

Talk about *Am Chai* to your friends. We might be the Congregation that they are looking for. If there are any questions please call **847-604-4060** or call me direct. Have a great fall.

Shalom,

Dick Zittler

MAZON=FOR THE HUNGRY

(Web Master Michael Reich writes that "this is a very good charity that I've donated to for many years...I'd like to suggest that we support MAZON and promote their efforts to address hunger".

MAZON supports essential Jewish domestic and international hunger response programs. The need has never been greater and the organization hopes to inspire enthusiastic participation by congregants such as members of *Am Chai*.

You can call MAZON at (310) 442-0020, or fax them at (310) 442-0030 or email them at www.mazon.org with your request for envelopes for your donation to this worthwhile charity.

Ritual Corner

The summer season is really beginning to wind down. Before we know it the Holidays will be upon us. Although they are a little later this year, still if you look at it September 29th is right around the corner. This actually gives us a little extra time in which to spend with one another at a Friday evening or Saturday morning Service. Then there is our Sunday *Bagels 'n Lox With The Rabbi* sessions as well. Thus we do not have to wait until *Rosh Hashanah* in order to spend some good quality time enjoying each other's company.

Our *Selichot* Service on September 19th begins the Holiday period. *Rosh Hashanah* will follow on September 29th with *Yom Kippur* on October 8th. Then there is *Sukkot* on October 19th with *Simcha Torah* on the 24th. Everyone looks forward to the Rabbi's stimulating fulfilling sermons with anticipation. We all get to enjoy **Art Reisman** and the wonderful choir he so eloquently leads. It really is a two-fold period. One filled with sorrow and a time to reflect but in the end is greeted by enjoyment and the hope of prosperity in the future. Again hopefully the Holidays are just the beginning of a year in which we can attend our different services and functions and congregate with many of our members whom we regard as our extended family.

Please remember if you have a different idea for a Service format or topic for the Discussions with the Rabbi please let me know. Also if you have thoughts on different types of fund raisers please advise us as well. We are always here and open to suggestions by everyone. Please keep in mind I am always looking for people to "sponsor" a Friday night *Oneg Shabbat* or Saturday morning *Kiddush*. Or "host" a Sunday *Bagels 'n Lox With The Rabbi*.

I want to express my gratitude for the help, assistance and participation of **Mike Reich** and **Ron Bass** on their team work in ordering, obtaining and actually doing the replacing of the damaged Spindles on the all tall Torah. On behalf of the Congregation we greatly appreciate your effort.

Wishing the entire Congregation a blessed La Shana Tova!

Cliff Kelman

YIZKOR LIST

Please call (847) 604-4060 or email info@amchai.org with any new names you would like included on our *Yizkor* List. All of the names on last year's list will be repeated this year. All names will be displayed on boards at the *Yom Kippur Yizkor* Service and they will be read aloud during the *Yizkor* service.

ANYONE WISHING TO HOST an O'NEG SHABBAT

PLEASE CONTACT

THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

(847) 604-4060 or info@amchail.org

We're also looking for homes to host a Bagels n' Lox Discussion with the Rabbi.

Yahrzeit Dates

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A LOVED ONE'S Yahrzeit RECALLED AT A FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE?

PLEASE CALL (847) 604-4060 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO

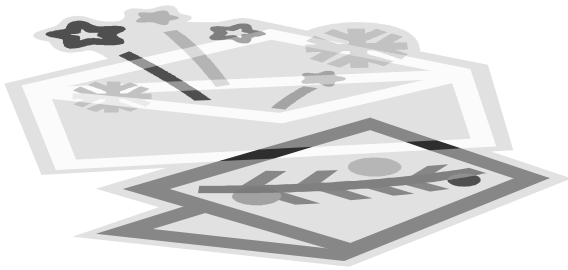
INFO@AMCHAI.ORG TO NOTIFY RITUAL OF THE DATE & NAME OF THE PERSON TO BE REMEMBERED SO THAT YOU CAN BE ADVISED OF THE SERVICE. (Yahrzeit WILL BE SAID FOR YOU, IN THE EVENT YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SERVICE.)

PRAYER BOOK DRIVE

Due to increased membership, Am Chai purchased 12 new prayer books. A donation of \$30.00 will put your name inside the front cover along with anyone's name that you want to honor. For further info, call (847) 604-4060 or email info@amchai.org

TRIBUTE CARDS

FROM AM CHAI



CARDS AVAILABLE FOR
BIRTHDAYS, CONDOLENCES, BAR
& BAT MITZVAHS, etc

YOU CAN PURCHASE A PACKAGE
OF FIVE CARDS WITH ENVELOPES
FOR A \$20.00 DONATION

OR WE WILL SEND A CARD FOR
YOU FOR A CONTRIBUTION OF
\$5.00

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website www.amchai.org – click on
Fundraiser & Tribute Cards and see the
various types of cards. Then fill out the
order form & send your order online)
or you may contact:

MICHAEL REICH

By phone ()

or by email at

amchai_mr@yahoo.com

They Sent Tribute Cards!

April through June 2008

Condolences

The Karpels to Sheldon Goodman
The Rotsteins to Brian Merfeld
The Bass's to Dwayne & Nancy Placko

Births

Barb Henry to Al & Sharon Goldberg
The Karpels to Tony & Jessica
Fernandez
The Karpels to David & Joyce Gordon
The Reich's to Al & Sharon Goldberg
The Ginsburgs to Al & Sharon Goldberg
The Ginsburgs to Jeff & Carolyn
Goldberg
The Zittlers to Al & Sharon Goldberg
The Zittlers to Jeff & Carolyn Goldberg

Anniversary

Sharon & Al Goldberg to Mike & Sharon
Kroopkin

Recovery

Barb Henry to Henry Neu
Barb Henry to Cliff Kelman
The Karpels to Jane Michnik
The Rotsteins to Averil Reisman
The Reich's to Jane Michnik

BAGELS 'N LOX WITH THE RABBI

Sunday, **September 14** 10 AM

Sunday, **October 19** 10AM

(Succoth)

Sunday, **November 16** 10 AM