

# AM CHAI UPDATE

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## From The Pulpit

As we enter everybody's favorite time of the year – the summer – we open the season with the celebration of *Shavuot*. It is that very holiday that is arguably neglected by our community the most. Needless to say, who wants to sit through a long service on a beautiful summer evening/morning? Yet *Shavuot* symbolically reminds us that while we immerse ourselves in the mood of vacations, beach trips etc. these precious experiences cannot come without our work to create them.

*Shavuot* celebrates the giving of the *Torah*, i.e. the acceptance of the covenant by the people of Israel. It means that the sacred Land of Israel was given under the condition that the people will follow the Law, that they will treat each other justly; they will be working hard on the Land.

So it is with our summer experiences. In order for them to be beautiful we must work hard to save for it, to plan it etc. The same is true on the community level: the Jewish community will continue to prosper only through enthusiastic contribution of each of its members.

So it is on the national level: America will remain the best country in the world only if every American will take responsibility into his/her own hands and make an effort to keep this country great. The beauty of life (on all levels) does not come through government programs. It only comes through our consistent, conscientious and hard work for our own good and for the good of the society. So let us enjoy the fruits of our labor *after* we make our contribution. Have a fantastic summer.

**RABBI MICHAEL TILLMAN**

## SERVICES

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

Friday night, **June 13** 8 PM

Friday night, **June 27** 8 PM

Saturday morning, **June 28** 9:30 AM

**(No services in July)**

Friday night, **August 8** 8 PM

Saturday morning, **August 16** 9:30 AM

Friday night, **August 22** 8PM

## BAGELS & LOX WITH THE RABBI

Sunday morning, **June 22** 10 AM

**(No discussions in July or August)**

**PRIOR TO EACH BAGELS & LOX  
DISCUSSION MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE  
DETAILS & FURTHER INFO BY E-MAIL**

# Birthdays

Jun 3	Gail Duberchin
Jun 4	Steve Wagner
Jun 5	Kathy Os
Jun 6	Martha Felsher
Jun 6	Esther Zepin
Jun 7	Myra Trush
Jun 10	Sarah Rotstein
Jun 12	Charlotte Sherey
Jun 15	Jerry Weisberg
Jun 18	Joe Remack
Jun 21	Leonard Plotzker
Jun 23	Alexis Stone
Jun 24	Martin Alter
Jun 24	Robert Miller
Jun 25	Barry Duberchin
Jun 25	Jonathan Gasser
Jun 28	Jim Langerman
Jul 1	Bernard Apple
Jul 2	Sharon Goldberg
Jul 6	Richard Stallman
Jul 7	Britt Cohen-Podunavac
Jul 7	Judith Goldstein
Jul 7	Roberta Silvers
Jul 8	Donald Arnet
Jul 8	Faith Bass
Jul 8	Jeffrey Zider
Jul 9	Brian Saucier
Jul 13	Molly Zider
Jul 15	Neil Henry
Jul 18	Supriya Kliionsky
Jul 21	David Bass
Jul 21	Jodi Ginsburg
Jul 24	Arlene Weisberg
Jul 26	William Os
Jul 29	Shelley Rubin
Aug 4	Cameron Goldberg
Aug 7	Nancy Stallman
Aug 12	Cyndi Ginsburg
Aug 12	Arlene Patrasso
Aug 16	Eileen Ginsburg
Aug 22	Ellen Karpel
Aug 26	Edward Levin
Aug 27	Aaron Ginsburg
Aug 27	Jane Michnik
Aug 27	Ben Tishler
Aug 30	David Apple

## GET WELL WISHES

To **Averil Reisman** who had surgery performed and is recuperating from her operation.

To **Ellen Karpel** on her recent cataract surgery.

# Anniversaries

Jun 3	Debby & Terry Sandroff
Jun 7	Frances & Albert Silver
Jun 10	Sandy & Martin Alter
Jun 13	Dianna & Wayne Schneidman
Jun 20	Amy & Eric Goldberg
Jun 21	Kathy & William Os
Jun 22	Kathleen & Marc Henry
Jun 22	Dennis & Rita Zider
Jun 27	Jane & Marvin Michnik
Jul 17	Kris S. & Donald Ami
Jul 17	Gail & Barry Duberchin
Jul 23	Faith & Alan Bass
Aug 7	Averil & Art Reisman
Aug 8	Shelley & Stephen Rubin
Aug 13	Cindy & Richard Placko
Aug 17	Gabrielle & Josh Byer
Aug 17	Barbara & Neil Henry
Aug 24	Cyndi & Sanford Ginsburg
Aug 24	May & Ben Tishler
Aug 28	Judith & Barry Goldstein
Aug 30	Roberta & Fred Weiner
Aug 31	Marlene & Jeffrey Zider

## They Sent Tribute Cards!

January through March 2008

### Condolence

Al & Sharon Goldberg to Barbara Meyers  
 Al & Sharon Goldberg to Tony Moore Family  
 Helen Isaac to Scott Boucher Family  
 Helen Isaac to Michael Pignato Family  
 Helen Isaac to Willie Millan Family  
 Helen Isaac to Cindy Cordosi Family  
 Helen Isaac to Marilyn Omilinsky Family  
 Davina Day to Willie Millan Family  
 Davina Day to Scott Boucher Family  
 Davina Day to Michael Pignato Family  
 Davina Day to Marilyn Omilinsky Family  
 Davina Day to Cindy Cordosi Family

### Recovery

Albert & Sharon Goldberg to Eileen Ginsburg  
 Barb & Neil Henry to Meyer Kaplan  
 Barb & Neil Henry to Eileen Ginsburg  
 Barb & Neil Henry to Sharon Goldberg  
 Helen Isaac to Sharon Goldberg

### Greeting

Barb & Neil Henry to Dena Rothschild  
 Barb & Neil Henry to Jane Michnik  
 (Greeting/Get Well)

## ***The Prez Sez***

Recently I advised everyone about the discussion that was to take place regarding a possible merger with a smaller congregation in the area. Our thought was by having a larger membership we might be able to become more of a full service congregation. After some conversation it was mutually agreed that the talks should end.

There was very little response from our members as to why we would do this. I did receive one call from a member asking why we would want to change what we currently have. She thought that what we have now is like an extended family. And certainly we do tend to have that feel and hope to continue this feeling for many years to come.

But it would not hurt to add on to our family. If you have any friends or family that might be interested in joining *Am Chai* please pass their names on to **Dick Zittler**. Elsewhere in this news letter you will see information regarding two events planned for this summer. Both are geared as family outings and we encourage all members and their friends to attend. The baseball game at Alexian Field in Schaumburg is a fund raiser. The picnic in Glendale Heights is free and we encourage all to attend. 'Hope you all have a wonderful summer.

**AL GOLDBERG**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

I just wanted to pass on some happy news to the congregation. On April 14th we welcomed the newest addition to the **Byer** Family, **Chase Benny**. He is a healthy, happy baby boy and we are settling into being a family of four nicely!

Many Regards,

**Gabrielle Noble Byer**

**WE'RE GOING TO A BALL  
GAME!**

*The Schaumburg Flyers bring all the excitement of a major league baseball game to Schaumburg.*

*On Saturday, July 26 we will not only see the Flyers play Kansas City, but we will be there for a major FIREWORKS display.*

*Ticket prices are Adults - \$15.00,  
Children - \$13.00*

*We have reserved a limited number of tickets, so it would be wise to let us know ASAP if you would like to have us hold tickets for you.*

*Please respond by email to  
[amchai@comcast.net](mailto:amchai@comcast.net)  
or call (847) 604-4060 and leave your name with the number of tickets you would like.*

### **HOLD THAT DATE!**

*Am Chai will hold its third annual summer picnic on **August 3** this year! We're planning to provide kosher hot dogs and drinks for everyone and lots of fun activities. More information will be coming soon, but keep*

***Sunday, August 3** open on your calendar. Or better yet, mark it as "filled" and plan to attend the picnic.*

# Ritual Corner

Fortunately, our long winter days of cold weather and precipitation have finally waned, being replaced by warmer much more bearable days of spring which lead into the even more palatable days of summer. This change in weather brings the desire to get back with old friends and resume our schedule of meeting at Services and other Temple functions.

We had very nice Services for *Purim*, *Passover* and *Lag B'Omer*. Equally as enjoyable as our Friday night services have been the Saturday morning services and our Sunday morning Bagels 'n Lox Brunch & Discussion with the Rabbi. All three venues have been well received and well attended. Now that the weather is more conducive to members getting out and about we hope to see even more of you at our various *Shul* offerings.

Let's all make an effort to try and spend some time together at our various Temple gatherings on a Friday or Saturday or Sunday. Then in July we will have our Schaumburg Flyer fundraiser and our picnic in August. I look forward to seeing many of you in the next few months.

*Cliff Kelman*

## **O'NEG SHABBAT SPONSORS**

Feb 28-Melanie & Steve Wagner

Mar 3-Sharon & Al Goldberg

Apr-Sharon & Dick Zittler

Apr-Ellen & Evan Karpel

May 9-Melanie & Steve Wagner

May 31 Kiddush- Jerry Weisberg

## **BAGELS 'n LOX WITH THE RABBI**

Mar 16-Arlene & Ron Bass

Apr 13-Sharon & Al Goldberg

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Gail & Barry Duberchin on the marriage of their daughter Karen to Jerry Snitselaar

## **GET WELL**

*Jane Michnik*

## **ANYONE WISHING TO SPONSOR AN O'NEG SHABBAT**

### **PLEASE CONTACT THE RITUAL COMMITTEE**

1-847-604-4060 or [info@amchai.org](mailto:info@amchai.org)

***We're also looking for homes to "host and sponsor" 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 EMAIL**

**[INFO@AMCHAI.ORG](mailto: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](mailto:info@amchai.org)*

## **YIZKOR LIST**

*Please call (847) 604-4060 or email [info@amchai.org](mailto:info@amchai.org) any new names you would like included in our Yizkor List. All of the names on the list last year will be repeated again this year. These names will be displayed on boards at the Yom Kippur Yizkor Service as well as being read aloud during the Yizkor service.*

# 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**

You can order tribute cards 24/7 on our website [www.amchai.org](http://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](mailto:amchai_mr@yahoo.com)

## MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Summer is here, the flowers are in bloom, the leaves are on the trees, and it is warm enough now for you to start recruiting new members.

Along with our modest dues structure and summer activities *Am Chai* has a lot to offer. For those who like Saturday morning services or Friday evening services we have both to offer. We know that there are a lot of Jewish families in the area. We have to make them aware that we exist.

If people know we are a congregation that has been around for over thirty years they will join us. Your job is to make people aware that we are a very viable group. Tell them to check out our website ( [www.amchai.org](http://www.amchai.org) ), call membership or any Board member. Better yet tell them to drop us a line on the web.

Do your part; talk about us and make *Am Chai* known. Feel good about bringing in new members. If you do your part we will even let you sit next to them during the High Holidays. Now isn't that an incentive?

*Shalom*, and waiting for a new member call.

*Dick Zittler*

### **AUTHOR...AUTHOR**

*Gayle* (pen name) **Gail W. Duberchin** won first place for her flash fiction piece, *American Buddha* in the Jane's Stories' Press Foundation Bite Size contest. Read the story at the site: [www.janesstories.org](http://www.janesstories.org). Click on Latest Contest Winners and scroll down to the second page.

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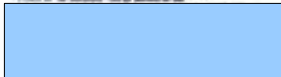
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