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From The Pulpit

Last March I had an opportunity to visit Germany (yes – once again!). This time I have been to places that are well known but were entirely new to me. First, in Frankfurt I paid a visit to the Jewish Museum. It is located in the former *Rothschild* mansion. Then in Dresden I saw a synagogue and two Jewish cemeteries. Finally, in Berlin I witnessed a very impressive site – a flourishing Jewish life. My visit to the Jewish Museum in Berlin was the highlight of the trip. It represents the entire glorious and tragic history of the German Jewish community from the post-Roman times to the present. True, the Jewish community in Germany is not what it used to be. However, it is important to point out that it is the fastest growing Jewish community in the world. It is growing faster than the Jewish population of Israel and most certainly faster than the Jewish population of the United States (the latter is actually in decline).

Now let us juxtapose this fact with a very popular prejudice among our American Jewish community: don't go to Germany ("they are all Nazis"), don't buy German cars ("Nazi-mobiles") etc... Well, I shall not sink as low as trying to refute these detestable and nonsensical attitudes, but I feel morally obligated to point out one very significant fact.

One of the primary obligations of a Jew is to support other Jews; one of the primary obligations of any Jewish community is to support other Jewish communities. As the German Jewish community is going through the stage of revival and gaining strength we must extend our support to our people.

Therefore, my wish to all of you for the summer season is to skip Arizona, Florida or California and go to Germany instead. Go visit the Jewish sites! You will learn a lot! Pay the admission fee to their museums and exhibits, and that in itself will strengthen and support our brethren! It is a great *Mitzvah!* And the weather in Germany this time of the year is good...

Have a great and meaningful summer!

RABBI MICHAEL TILLMAN

SERVICES

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

Friday night, **June 12** 8 PM

Friday night, **June 26** 8 PM

Saturday morning, **June 6** 9:30 AM

Friday night, **July 17** 8 PM

Friday night, **July 31** 8 PM

(No Saturday or Sunday Services)

Friday night, **August 14** 8 PM

Saturday morning, **August 15** 9:30 AM

Friday night, **August 28** 8 PM

BAGELS & LOX WITH THE RABBI

Sunday morning, **June 14** 10 AM

(No discussions in July or August)

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

Birthdays

Jun 3	Gail Duberchin
Jun 5	Kathy Os
Jun 6	Martha Felsher
Jun 7	Myra Trush
Jun 9	Delaney Goldberg
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	Evelyn Miller
Jun 25	Barry Duberchin
Jun 25	Jonathan Gasser
Jun 28	Jim Langerman
Jul 1	Lisa Stampfer
Jul 2	Sharon Goldberg
Jul 3	Aaron Wanek
Jul 6	Steve Wagner
Jul 7	Britt Wanek
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 Klionsky
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 5	Jodi Rose
Aug 7	Nancy Stallman
Aug 12	Cyndi Ginsburg
Aug 12	Arlene Patrasso
Aug 14	Seth Rose
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

Anniversaries

Jun 7	Frances & Albert Silver
Jun 10	Sandy & Martin Alter
Jun 13	Dianna & Wayne Schneidman
Jun 14	Carrie & Seth Rose
Jun 20	Amy & Eric Goldberg
Jun 21	Kathy & William Os
Jun 22	Kathleen & Marc Henry
Jun 22	Dennis & Rita Zider
Jun 24	Angie & Dan Barnes
Jun 27	Jane & Marvin Michnik
Jun 30	Melanie & Steve Wagner
Jun 30	Britt & Aaron Wanek
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	Barbara & Neil Henry
Aug 24	Cyndi & Sanford Ginsburg
Aug 24	May & Ben Tishler
Aug 30	Roberta & Fred Weiner
Aug 31	Marlene & Jeffrey Zider

Sunday School Report

Mrs. Helen Isaac, Education Director, reports that the Sunday and Hebrew Schools are doing very well. There are three students that will celebrate *Bat Mitzvahs* in 2010. They are **Megan Placko, Alexandria Rabe and Breana Remack**. The participation of all our students at *Sabbath Services* has been outstanding. We do encourage our entire Congregation to join us in these *Services*.

JEWISH DAY SCHOOL TO OPEN IN BUFFALO GROVE

Registration is now open for the *Torah Academy of Buffalo Grove* for students of pre-school, kindergarten and first grade ages.

For details visit *Torah Academy of Buffalo Grove*, website <http://www.torahacademybg.com> or contact **Rabbi Shimon Zehnwirth**, the principal, at (773) 771-2613 to schedule a personal meeting.

A special introductory program offers a 10% credit on tuition for the first 30 families to register. Limited scholarships are available to qualified families, based on need.

The Prez Sez

Recently a few of our members took a Saturday morning drive to the south side of Chicago. Our purpose was to join an African-American congregation for their Saturday Shabbat service. A friend of mine had been there a few years ago and said it was the most meaningful service she had ever attended. Not knowing what to expect we were anxious to experience this for ourselves. The building they own is the former *Lawn Manor Congregation* on Kedzie Ave. currently the *Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation*. We were greeted and welcomed into their building as if we were their family.

Although they do separate the men from women in seating, the service is very conservative with a wonderful insertion of music with a choir, instruments and even a *shofar* being blown. They use a different prayer book than we do and it has a different interpretation to many of the prayers we read. The enthusiasm they have for our religion is such that you walk away with the same feeling that life is wonderful and you look forward to living your life to the fullest so that you can come back next week and do this again. They have a complete meal prepared by their members for the *Kiddush* afterwards and it is a fitting end to a wonderful experience.

A huge thank you goes out to **Bob Miller** who arranged a synagogue fund-raiser last month at *Gino's East* restaurant. Thanks to his idea and hard work we were able to

earn extra money for our Congregation. For those of you who supported our Congregation we say thank you and for those who missed out please try to join us next time for a fun-filled evening.

Also thanks to our young students for participating in the Shabbat service at the *Lieberman Center* in Skokie. **Breanna, Megan, Alex and Macie** did a real *Mitzvah* in joining the residents at the service.

Al Goldberg

Membership Musings

Hello Again,

I was thinking about taking a vacation, but then I realized that membership never rests. I have looked high and low, far and near, inside and out looking for new members. I checked the clearance aisles at department stores, hardware stores, and food stores. I need your help in getting new members. This is a job for everyone.

You have heard about *bring your child to work day*, how about bring a friend to Temple or a Temple function. Check us out at www.amchai.org.

Shalom,

Dick Zittler

Condolences to NANCY STALLMAN on the death of her husband, RICHARD STALLMAN, who passed away in May 2009

Ritual Corner

The dog days of winter with cold and snow that seemed to keep many of our members away from SERVICES have finally left us. Spring is now upon us and hopefully the warmer weather will induce members to attend our many SERVICES!

Service for *Purim* was well attended and very enjoyable. Service for *Passover* was attended by very few but yet was still enjoyable for the few who attended. Let's try and remember how important it is to attend our services, especially Saturday morning where we desperately need a *MINYAN* in order for the Rabbi to complete an entire Service including the *TORAH* portion. It is essential that our Hebrew School students hear the *TORAH* portion.

Our Sunday function in March was called Breakfast with the Rabbi Brunch/Discussion. Topic was INTERFAITH MARRIAGES. We had a very good turnout with excellent participation. This subject will be our topic at more of our Brunch/Discussion events and hopefully even more will attend.

On April 21st we held a Social/Fundraiser at *Gino's East*. **Bob Miller** chaired this very successful event. There were 45 people in attendance. Hopefully we can have more of this type of function in the future.

On Saturday May 2nd some of our members attended a Sabbath Service at a *Shul* on the South side of Chicago. It was very well attended. Please read **Al Goldberg's** article on page 3 *THE PREZ SEZ* to learn about the Service.

Cliff Kelman

THANKS

O'NEG SHABBAT SPONSORS

Feb 27-Mona Morrison

Mar 28-Ron & Arlene Bass/Al & Sharon
Goldberg

BAGELS 'n LOX WITH THE RABBI

Feb 22-Helen & Alan Isaac

Mar 29-Rich & Cindy Placko

Apr 19-Sharon & Al Goldberg

GET WELL WISHES... Jane

Michnik's surgery was successful. Am Chai prays she recovers fully from her physical ordeal and regains her strength quickly. We miss her very much.

ANYONE WISHING TO SPONSOR AN O'NEG SHABBAT

PLEASE CONTACT

THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

1-847-604-4060 or info@amchai.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 EMAIL 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

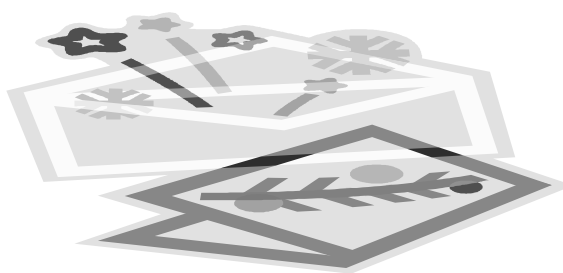
Due to increased membership, Am Chai purchased 12 new prayer books. A donation of \$30.00 will put your name inside the front cover along with anyone's name that you want to honor. For further info, call (847) 604-4060 or email info@amchai.org

YIZKOR LIST

Please call (847) 604-4060 or email 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.

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Sheila & Selwyn Schwartz
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Shiller
- Evan & Ellen Karpel to Larry
Shiller
- Evan & Ellen Karpel to Gail &
Barry Duberchin
- Evan & Ellen Karpel to Sheila &
Selwyn Schwartz
- Jim Langerman/Arlene Patrasso to
Perry & Ellen Rose
- Jim Langerman/Arlene Patrasso to
Brian & Elissa Langerman
- Jim Langerman & Arlene Patrasso
to Mrs. Shirley Nimerov
- Jim Langerman/Arlene Patrasso to
Gail & Barry Duberchin
- Jim Langerman/Arlene Patrasso to
Joel & Bonnie Shapiro
- ### **GET WELL**
- Evan & Ellen Karpel to Sharon
Goldberg
- Barb Henry to Sharon Goldberg

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June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>31</u>	<u>June 1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 9:30 AM Sabbath Morning Service
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> 8 PM Sabbath Services	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u>  Flag Day 10 AM - 12 PM Sunday Morning Bagels 'n Lox with the Rabbi	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u>  Father's Day	<u>22</u> Rosh Chodesh (Sivan & Tammuz)	<u>23</u> Rosh Chodesh (Tammuz)	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 8 PM Sabbath Services	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>  Independence Day
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July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	July 1	2	3	4  Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9 Tzom Tammuz	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 8 PM Sabbath Services	18
19	20	21	22 Rosh Chodesh (Av)	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Tisha B'av	31 8 PM Sabbath Services	1
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August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Tisha B'av	<u>31</u> 8 PM Sabbath Services	<u>August 1</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> 8 PM Sabbath Services	<u>15</u> 9:30 AM Sabbath Morning Service
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Rosh Chodesh (Av & Elul)	<u>21</u> Rosh Chodesh (Elul)	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> 8 PM Sabbath Services	<u>29</u>
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