

AM CHAI UPDATE

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From The Pulpit

Interfaith marriage is undoubtedly one of the most significant phenomena that emerged in the Jewish life in recent decades. While the Jewish establishment reacts to it with much less than enthusiasm our community of *Am Chai* found courage to face it with an open mind. Our discussion of interfaith family living has been very engaging and mutually enriching.

We open our summer season with celebration of *Shavuot* - the holyday marking the giving of the Torah. On that day we study the *Book of Ruth* which has a great deal to teach us about interfaith family life. *Ruth* was a Moabite woman. She chose to make the Israelite community her home, and our ancestors received her and accepted her. *Ruth* also respectfully accepted the laws and customs of her new home. While many consider *Ruth* as the “first convert” one must note that there was no process of conversion nor was their any declaration of conversion. Rather the book stresses the concept of mutual acceptance and respect.

This important lesson teaches us that we are on the right path. Let us continue to develop this important dialogue and make our interfaith couples a more active and involved part of our congregation!

RABBI MICHAEL TILLMAN

SERVICES

**ALL SERVICES ARE HELD AT THE
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Friday night, **June 11** 8 PM

Friday night, **June 25** 8 PM

Saturday morning **July 10** 9:30 AM

Friday night, **July 30** 8 PM

Friday night, **August 13** 8 PM

Friday night, **August 27** 8PM

BAGELS & LOX WITH THE RABBI

Sunday morning, **June 6** 10 AM

(No function in July or August)

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

Birthdays

Jun 3	Gail Duberchin
Jun 5	Kathy Os
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 24	Martin Alter
Jun 24	Evelyn Miller
Jun 25	Barry Duberchin
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 7	Britt Wanek
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 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

Anniversaries

Jun 7	Frances & Albert Silver
Jun 10	Sandy & Martin Alter
Jun 13	Dianna & Wayne Schneidman
Jun 14	Jodi & Seth Rose
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
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 30	Roberta & Fred Weiner
Aug 31	Marlene & Jeffrey Zider

Thanks For Sponsoring An O'neg Shabbat

Al & Sharon Goldberg & Ron & Arlene Bass on Feb 26

Thanks For Sponsoring A Brunch

*Evan & Ellen Karpel on Jan 17
Rich & Cindy Placko on Feb 21
Ron & Arlene Bass in Mar 21
Rich & Cindy Placko on Apr 25*

Thanks For Sponsoring a Kiddush

*Al & Sharon Goldberg & Ron & Arlene Bass on Feb 20
Al & Sharon Goldberg on Mar 20
Al & Sharon Goldberg & Ron & Arlene Bass on Apr 10
Al & Sharon Goldberg & Ron & Arlene Bass on May 15*

Get Well Wishes

Barb Henry & Sharon Goldberg

Condolences To:

*Ben Tishler on the passing of his wife, May
Alan Bass on the passing of his father*

The Prez Sez

Recently our small congregation had the wonderful opportunity to welcome families from Israel to celebrate *Bar/Bat Mitzvahs* with us. These were relatives of **Joe Rotstein** who made the suggestion. Many Jewish students in our country wish for the opportunity to have their *Bar Mitzvah's* in Israel, but these young people desired to come to our country and celebrate this wonderful *simcha*. Along with their parents and grandmother they enjoyed the wonderful history and attractions our country has to offer. The culmination of their forty day trip was the celebration of their *Bnai Mitzvah*. We were honored to be able to host this wonderful service and I know for many of us who were witness to the service it will be something we will always remember.

Although our congregation has and continues to struggle to maintain our existence we are able to say that we have held up long enough to see a new generation of children become *Bat Mitzvah*. **Breanna Remack** daughter of **Julie** and **Joe Remack** recently had her *Bat Mitzvah*. Congratulations to them on this happy occasion. We look forward to our next *Bnai Mitzvah* in July of **Alex Rabe** and **Megan Placko**. We give many thanks to **Cindy Placko** for all her hard work in preparing the girls. We offer a big welcome back to **Barb** and **Neil Henry**. We are glad to hear **Barb's** surgery went well and is back to a normal routine.

Al Goldberg

Membership Musings

Hello Again,

Welcome to the warm weather. I hope that you read the letter that our *President* sent to you. We are in the same financial shape as other organizations in our area. With every problem there is a solution. We need more memberships to keep us afloat. With more members we have the possibility of a larger Hebrew School, a larger Choir, and a sound Jewish Congregation.

We have to get the word out to people that we know and don't know. If more people knew about our website our membership would increase. We all must be walking billboards to get the word out. Put on your selling hat and try to recruit new members.

As Always, Shalom,

Dick Zittler

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to BREANNA REMACK on her Bat Mitzvah on April 24, 2010. She is the first Mitzvah from congregation Am Chai in 24 years or when her mother JULIE was Bat Mitzvahed.

Ritual Corner

The long dog days of winter are finally behind us. Those harsh days of cold and wind which all too often keep our members home and away from spending time with us have faded away. Spring is here and summer will follow. The atmosphere begins to lighten our daily outlook. The need to get out amongst family and friends dramatically increases. An urge to mingle with *Am Chai's* extended family through prayer and kibitzing begins to surface. The desire to spend time with the Rabbi through prayer and conversation increases. The warm feeling one gets from a house of worship whether from prayer, sermon or discussion with the Rabbi and friends all create a level of dialog worth mentioning and participating.

We experienced a *Bat Mitzvah* in our *Shul* back in April from an *Am Chai* family member. This was our first *Mitzvah* in approximately twenty-odd years. The *Mitzvah's* mother was in the group having a *Mitzvah* herself, who I might add was in the first group *Am Chai* ever had in their existence. Simply put, we have begun to come around full circle. There will be two more *Bat Mitzvahs* this summer. All three easily reflect not only a good feeling but a level of accomplishment on the part of the *Am Chai* family.

I look forward to seeing many members at our up-and-coming services and functions.

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 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

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O'NEG SHABBAT

PLEASE CONTACT

THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

(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?**

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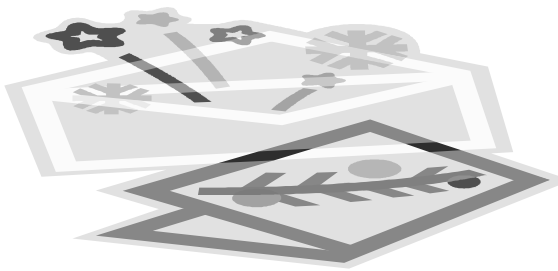
**INFO@AMCHAI.ORG TO NOTIFY RITUAL OF
THE DATE & NAME OF THE PERSON TO BE
REMEMBERED SO THAT YOU CAN BE
ADVISED OF THE SERVICE. (Yahrzeit WILL
BE SAID FOR YOU, IN THE EVENT YOU ARE
UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SERVICE.)**

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

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Feb, 2010 through April, 2010

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Al & Sharon Goldberg to Mr. &
Mrs. Wayne Schneidman

Al & Sharon Goldberg to Ben
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Faith Bass

Helen & Alan Isaac to Mr. & Mrs.
Andres Isaac

Michael & Nancy Reich to Sue
Beth

Michael & Nancy Reich to Jessica
Templeton

Richard & Eileen Ginsburg to Alan
& Faith Bass

Ellen & Evan Karpel to Ben Tishler

Ellen & Evan Karpel to Alice Karpel

Ellen & Evan Karpel to Susan Boitz

Ellen & Evan Karpel to Mr. & Mrs.
Wayne Schneidman

Ellen & Evan Karpel to Michael
Cohen

CONGRATULATIONS

Neil & Barb Henry to Al & Sharon
Goldberg on their granddaughter's
Bat Mitzvah

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Ellen & Evan Karpel to Al Goldberg

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