

AM CHAI UPDATE

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From The Pulpit

This year (and I do mean the Jewish year 5771) has not been a good one for our congregation so far. Our small community already lost three cherished members. This experience reminds all of us that we, human beings, are finite in time; that everything has a beginning and an end.

Yet, this is not a sad thought. It merely means that we should value every moment granted to us in this world. Moreover, it means that it is our spiritual duty to enrich our lives by each other's blessed presence. Only that way can life be meaningful and productive.

As we approach the spring season and prepare to celebrate *Pesach* let us think what to stress at this year's *Seder*. We can use the theme of being together and of sharing our historical, communal, and personal experiences. Let us rejoice in the inevitable rebirth of nature and in each other's company! Let us always remember who we are – *Am Chai* – PEOPLE LIVE! Let us live and celebrate!

Rabbi Michael Tillman

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Friday night, **March 4** 8 PM

Friday night, **March 18** 8 PM
(*Purim Service*)

Friday night **April 8** 8 PM

Friday night, **April 22** 8 PM
(*Pesach Service w/ Yizkor*)

Friday night, **May 6** 8 PM

Friday night, **May 20** 8 PM

BAGELS & LOX WITH THE RABBI

Sunday morning, **March 13** 10 AM

Sunday morning, **April 10** 10 AM

(None scheduled in May)

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

Birthdays

Mar 6	Barbara Henry
Mar 9	Frances Silver
Mar 10	Steven Schulwolf
Mar 14	Joshua Placko
Mar 18	Sharon Zittler
Mar 19	Jonathan Fox
Mar 19	Zach Zider
Mar 20	Richard Ginsburg
Mar 21	Jordan Rosenfeldt
Mar 23	Joseph Rotstein
Mar 25	Sandra Marcus
Mar 27	Stephanie Fox
Mar 29	Robert Miller
Apr 3	Scott Goldstein
Apr 3	Richard Placko
Apr 6	Jack Budrow
Apr 7	Lauren Rosenfeldt
Apr 17	Jeffrey Goldberg
Apr 17	Julie Remack
Apr 18	Sanford Ginsburg
Apr 18	Jacob Reich
Apr 21	Carrie Rose
Apr 26	Laura Rabe
Apr 28	Albert Silver
Apr 30	Dennis Zider
May 1	Ronald Bass
May 2	Leija Schulwolf
May 3	Michael Reich
May 3	Kadmiel Stampfer
May 4	Andrea Fox
May 6	Karen Arnet
May 9	Jacob Remack
May 17	Edwin Marcus
May 19	Hannah Fox
May 19	Mona Morrison
May 23	Dianna Schneidman
May 23	Marilyn Schwartz
May 25	Sandi Rotstein
May 26	Garry Rosenfeldt
May 28	Alan Isaac

Anniversaries

Apr 8	Sharon & Dick Zittler
Apr 9	Leija & Irv Schulwolf
Apr 10	Karen & Donald Arnet
Apr 17	Sandi & Rubin Rotstein
Apr 22	Denise & Darren Wehrenberg
May 1	Carolyn & Jeffrey Goldberg
May 1	Lisa & Kadmiel Stampfer
May 12	Helen & Alan Isaac
May 24	Mary & Howard Ecker
May 31	Sharon & Albert Goldberg

Thanks to O'neg Shabbat

Sponsors

Oct. 1	Al & Sharon Goldberg
Dec. 17	Mona Morrison
Feb. 4	Mary Jo & Joe Rotstein

Thanks to Bagel 'n Lox

Discussion Hosts

Jan 9	Cindy & Rich Placko
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A CONTINUED RECUPERATION

To Arlene Bass

CONGRATULATIONS

To Britt & Aaron Wanek on the birth of their daughter.
To Sharon & David Wille on the birth of their grandson.

CONDOLENCES

To Gail Duberchin & family on the passing of beloved husband & father, Barry.
To Joe Rotstein & family on the passing of beloved mother, Mala.
To Alex Raab on the passing of beloved wife, Anita

The Prez Sez

February 1, 2011 and twenty inches of snow fell. Seemed like a good day to write an article for the newsletter. Hopefully by the time this is published we will start to see an end to this winter and signs of warmer weather. Certainly we can look forward to the upcoming holidays of *Purim* and *Passover*. Our *Purim* service is one that both children and adults seem to enjoy. The sounds of the gregors when we read the Megillah are fun for people of all ages. Then being able to enjoy the *Hamentashen* afterwards finishes off a fun evening. Try to join us for this Friday night service. A month later we celebrate *Pesach* and read the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt. The joy of hearing the young ones recite the four questions and look for the *afikomen* is something to look forward to. These are times we at *Am Chai* look forward to enjoying together.

We here at *Am Chai* have always considered ourselves family. Recently we lost two members from our family. **Barry Duberchin** served as recording secretary for the last six years. He was devoted to his position and to our existence. **Barry** was a voice of reason and common sense. When **Barry** spoke, we all listened because there was thought behind his words. **Barry** will be missed, but his devotion to his work will always be remembered. We also remember fondly **Mala Rotstein** (**Joey's** mother) who passed away. If you ever wondered where **Joe** got his warm loving, caring personality look no further than his mother. Being a *Holocaust* survivor she expressed love and joy to all she came in touch with. The smiles and kisses she shared with everyone is a memory I will always remember. When visiting the **Rotstein** home in *Glendale Heights* the highlight of the visit besides **Joe's kugel** was seeing **Mala**.

Al Goldberg

NEW ONLINE SERVICE

Congregation Am Chai is considering establishment of an online *Yahrzeit-Yiskor memorial service*. The Board of Directors would like to know if you would be interested.

The service may include email reminders of upcoming *Yahrzeit* dates for you and/or an online memorial page that could approximate the kind of memorial plaques found in synagogues. If interested, please let us know what services you'd like. What if a fee is involved?

To respond, go to our website at the following, (<http://www.amchai.org>) and click the link for the *Yahrzeit Survey*.

As I See It

W-O-W! Way Out Winter! I have lived in suburban Chicago for thirty-nine years now and have never experienced a winter like this. Sure, we suffered huge snow storms but not before an Arctic Frigid Zone which dumped the temperature from the low 30's to high – or mid-20's to below 0 overnight.

Past winters I've experienced here have had frigid temperatures, but not following blizzard-like conditions like this one has.

Statistically, the winter months extend three months: December through the following February; although November can be a little nippy itself.

However, I understand the groundhog saw his shadow which means only six more weeks of winter remain.

I pray the little rodent is right!

Evan Karpel

Ritual Corner

So far it's been a long, cold, snowy, winter! And due to the date on the calendar there is still a long way to go. Unfortunately the outside weather conditions do, in fact, dictate the type of turnout we obtain for our Friday Night Services. To some extent, understandably so. Guess if we all move into the *Devonshire*, then we could very well pick up a decent turnout for the *Sabbath*. I'm not sure that is the alternative means by which we want to substantially increase our member attendance.

What hasn't changed is the substance of material that makes up our normal weekly *Sabbath* Service. Fundamentally, the religious format is primarily the same as it has been for centuries, being that no "new" editions have been written and published! As always we continue to strive to attain a *minyun* so that we all can enjoy a normal Friday night service.

TuB'Shevat Service was well attended and enjoyed by all. The Service menu never changes but everyone still looks forward to those "delicacies" each and every year. It doesn't take much to please some people. But again the main course is the Religious Service. Without that portion the menu would be minus the most important ingredient.

On a somber note the *Shul* experienced the passing of two of its members in the past couple of weeks. **Barry Duberchin** has long been a very active member and will be missed by many, not only for his work involvement but also as a human being! **Mala Rotstein** has been a member that helped bridge the time frame between a life in Europe prior to WW II and experienced the inhumane ravages of war up to the present time. Her life experiences will be with us forever. That

vibrant outgoing personality she had will be always imbedded in our memory.

Finally, as a reminder we will have *Purim* in March and *Pesach* in April so mark your calendars accordingly! I wish all a happy *Passover*

Cliff Kelman

ANYONE WISHING TO SPONSOR AN 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

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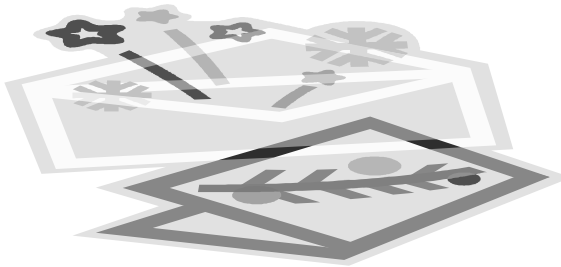
INFO@AMCHAI.ORG TO NOTIFY RITUAL OF THE DATE & NAME OF THE PERSON TO BE REMEMBERED SO THAT YOU CAN BE ADVISED OF THE SERVICE. (YAHRZEIT WILL BE SAID FOR YOU, IN THE EVENT YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SERVICE.)

FAMILY NEWS

IF THERE IS ANY NEWS REGARDING YOUR FAMILY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH OUR CONGREGATION, YOU WILL FIND A LINK AT OUR WEBSITE. JUST FILL OUT THE INFORMATION AND IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO OUR MEMBERS AND THE RABBI IF DESIRED.

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Barb & Neil Henry to Gail Duberchin
David & Sharon Wille to Joe & Mary Jo Rotstein
Marilyn Schwartz to Mr. & Mrs. Norman York
Mary Jo & Joe Rotstein to Leba Schwartz
Michael & Nancy Reich to Joe & Mary Jo Rotstein
Michael & Nancy Reich to Gail Duberchin
Richard & Eileen Ginsburg to Goldman Family
Richard & Eileen Ginsburg to Joe & Mary Jo Rotstein
Richard & Eileen Ginsburg to Gail Duberchin
Richard & Sharon Zittler to Joe & Mary Jo Rotstein
Richard & Sharon Zittler to Gail Duberchin

RECOVERY

Barb & Neil Henry to Arlene Bass
Alan & Helen Isaac to Arlene Bass
Jerry Weisberg to Arlene Bass
Marilyn Schwartz to Arlene Bass
Marvin & Jane Michnik to Arlene Bass
Mary Jo & Joe Rotstein to Arlene Bass
Mary Jo & Joe Rotstein to Dorothy Bass
Michael & Nancy Reich to Arlene Bass
Richard & Sharon Zittler to Arlene Bass

CONGRATULATIONS

Al & Sharon Goldberg to Britt & Aaron Wanek
Al & Sharon Goldberg to Sharon & David Wille
Alan & Helen Isaac to Dr. & Mrs. Leon Dragon
Alan & Helen Isaac to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hertz
Alan & Helen Isaac to Mr. Willie Millan
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Alan & Helen Isaac to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Bush & family
Mary Jo & Joe Rotstein to Mr. & Mrs. Art Reisman
Mary Jo & Joe Rotstein to Marv & Jane Michnik
Mary Jo & Joe Rotstein to Britt & Aaron Wanek
Mary Jo & Joe Rotstein to Sharon & David Wille
Richard & Sharon Zittler to Britt & Aaron Wanek
Richard & Sharon Zittler to Sharon & David Wille

THINKING OF YOU

Ron & Arlene Bass to Barry Duberchin
Al & Sharon Goldberg to Barry Duberchin
Barb & Neil Henry to Barry Duberchin
Alan & Helen Isaac to Barry Duberchin
Marilyn Schwartz to Barry Duberchin
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