

AM CHAI UPDATE

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From The Pulpit

Interfaith marriage is undoubtedly one of the most significant phenomena that emerged in 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 the celebration of *Shavuot* - the holiday 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 there 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

NOTE: Corrected Dates

All Am Chai events and services are viewable online at <http://www.amchai.org/>

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

Friday night, **June 10** 8 PM

Friday night, **June 24** 8 PM

Friday night, **July 8** 8 PM

Friday night, **August 12** 8 PM

BAGELS & LOX WITH THE RABBI

Sunday morning, **June 12** 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 15	Jerry Weisberg
Jun 18	Joe Remack
Jun 21	Leonard Plotzker
Jun 24	Martin Alter
Jun 24	Evelyn Miller
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 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 2	Pamela Budrow
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	Jane Michnik

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 22	Pamela & Jack Budrow
Jun 27	Jane & Marvin Michnik
Jun 30	Melanie & Steve Wagner
Jun 30	Britt & Aaron Wanek
Jul 17	Kris S. & Donald Ami
Jul 23	Faith & Alan Bass
Aug 7	Averill & 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

*Mona Morrison on Feb 18th
Ron & Arlene Bass on Mar 18
Al & Sharon Goldberg on Mar 18
Jim & Adrian Wanek on Apr 8
Britt & Aaron Wanek on Apr 18
Cindy & Rich Placko on May 8*

Thanks For Sponsoring A Brunch

*Rich & Cindy Placko on Feb 20
Ron & Arlene Bass in Mar 13
Ron & Arlene Bass on Apr 10*

Get Well Wishes

Jane Michnik & Sharon Goldberg

The Prez Sez

I am glad to welcome **Cindy Placko** and **Diane Schneidman** to the executive board of *Am Chai*. Both women stepped forward to offer to work with the existing board members to offer new ideas and hopefully have success in helping our congregation grow. What we need is the input of members with ideas to help bring new members into our family. **Cindy** will be Membership Vice President and **Diana**, Recording Secretary. My thanks to **Dick Zittler** for his hard work these many years as Membership Vice President, and I'm sure he will support **Cindy** in any way possible. **Diana** will be replacing **Barry Duberchin** whose memory will always be with us. **Dick Zittler** will now assume the position of bulletin chairman, replacing **Evan** and **Ellen Karpel** who have served so admirably for so many years. **Bob Miller** set up a great fund-raiser at the *California Pizza Kitchen* last month. For everyone who supported *Am Chai* that day we say thank you. Every bit of money raised helps lower our deficit.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the members for your cards, emails and calls after my recent surgery. Everything went well.

Al Goldberg

Membership Musings

Hi,

By now the election of officers is over. You now have a new V.P. of Membership. I have held that position for many years and it has been a lot of fun. It is time to collect my Volunteer pension and move on to other things. My new venture will include our Webmaster **Mike Reich**. He has agreed to help in my new project. Membership is very important and I hope that we can increase our Congregation size. Please remind your friends and family to support our Congregation.

Good luck to **Cindy** and I am sure that she will do a great job. The *Am Chai* Board has a great group of people on it. Take care and I will see you soon in my new capacity.

Shalom,

Dick Zittler

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.

Ritual Corner

Finally the long harsh winter we have experienced this past season has begun to ebb away. The time of year when we so aptly tend to stay away from attending services due to inclement weather of one sort or another has left us. With Spring approaching and Summer surely to follow, we are able to get out more regularly to attend functions we had been avoiding and to meet with old friends and *Am Chai* members. The doors to our House of Worship are always open to welcome you back for our Friday Night Services to mingle with friends through prayer and conversation, with the **Rabbi** or other members.

Let's think about sponsoring an *O'neg Shabbat* for any number of reasons and that way attendance becomes a more meaningful experience for all who are there. We have missed you and look forward to seeing many of you again.

Our Purim service was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The Pesach service, although not well attended, was beautiful, as well.

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 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?

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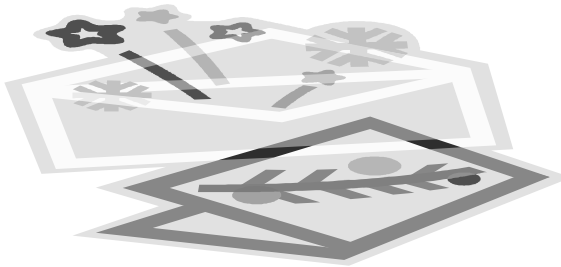
INFO@AMCHAI.ORG TO NOTIFY RITUAL OF THE DATE & NAME OF THE PERSON TO BE REMEMBERED SO THAT YOU CAN BE ADVISED OF THE SERVICE. (YAHRZEIT WILL BE SAID FOR YOU, IN THE EVENT YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SERVICE.)

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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February through April, 2011

RECOVERY

Ron & Arlene Bass to Sharon Goldberg
Richard & Eileen Ginsberg to Al Goldberg
Richard & Eileen Ginsberg to Sharon Goldberg
Barb Henry to Al Goldberg
Barb Henry to Sharon Goldberg
Barb Henry to Jane Michnik
Ellen & Evan Karpel to Al Goldberg
Ed & Sandi Marcus to Al Goldberg
Marvin & Jane Michnik to Al Goldberg
Mary Jo & Joe Rotstein to Al Goldberg
Mary Jo & Joe Rotstein to Sharon Goldberg
Richard & Sharon Zittler to Sharon Goldberg

CONDOLENCES

Mrs. George Day & family to Mr. & Mrs.
Kevin Ball & family
Mrs. George Day & family to Joe & Mary Jo
Rotstein
Barb Henry to Mr. & Mrs. Eric Rosenfeld
Helen Isaac to Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Ball & family
Helen Isaac to Mr. & Mrs. Joey Rotstein
Helen Isaac to Gail Duberchin
Ellen & Evan Karpel to Gail Duberchin
Ellen & Evan Karpel to Joe & Mary Jo
Rotstein
Ellen & Evan Karpel to Mr. Steve Tishler
Mona Morrison to Gail Duberchin
Mona Morrison to Joe & Mary Jo Rotstein
Fred & Roberta Weiner to Gail Duberchin

CONGRATULATIONS

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