

THE CAS NEWSLETTER **September 2017**

Upcoming Services and Events

Thursday, September 7, 9am – 1pm:

People's Pantry at St. James Place.

Generally 2 hour shifts: contact Walter Orenstein at ptcpa@roadrunner.com to participate.

Friday, September 8, 5:30 pm: Erev Shabbat service.

Monday, September 11, 5:30pm: Board Meeting. Congregants are welcome to attend. Please email Sandra Flannery at smflann@ix.netcom.com for more information.

Wednesday, September 13, 7:30pm – 9:00pm: Study Session. “Entering the High Holidays: Finding Renewed Meaning in the Jewish New Year”. Followed by dessert.

Wednesday, September 20, 7:00 pm: Erev Rosh Hashanah Service*

Thursday, September 21, 10 am: Rosh Hashanah Service, Day 1*
followed by Tashlich

Friday, September 22, 10 am: Rosh Hashanah Service, Day 2*

Saturday, September 23, 10 am: Shabbat Shuvah Service

Friday, September 29: Yom Kippur Kol Nidre*

Doors open 6:30 pm, then close at 7 pm for Kol Nidre chanting

Saturday, September 30, 10 am: Yom Kippur Service, including Yizkor *

*Neilah: 5 pm, followed by Vegetarian Potluck Break Fast.

* Services held at Berkshire South Regional Community Center on Crissey Road in Great Barrington

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Elul in the Pool

The day dawned bright and sunny: one of those great August days when the nights are cool and the days are clear and dry. We gathered at the Flannery house to kick off the High Holy Day season with our annual “Elul in the Pool” event.

A lovely Shabbat service, led by Barbara, was followed by a varied brunch potluck. People ate and visited on the deck and around the pool. The big event followed with three dips in the pool and personal blessings from Barbara for the coming year. An added treat was having Barbara’s granddaughter, Charlotte, entertaining us all by her marvelous swimming. We all left refreshed and ready to begin a new year.



The High Holy Days

We invite you to join the Ahavath Sholom community during the High Holy Days. Services are held in the beautiful auditorium at the Berkshire South Regional Community Center on Crissey Road in Great Barrington.

The High Holy Days at CAS are a chance for self-examination, meditation and spiritual renewal. Our services are warm and inclusive, encouraging participation for all who wish. Poetry and contemplative silence are interspersed with traditional melodies and familiar prayer. All of this takes place in a welcoming environment.

Please see the [2017 High Holy Days Service Schedule](#) on our website for further information and details.

If you are not a congregation member or are members bringing guests, please fill out our [Reservation Form](#) and follow the instructions on the form.

If you would like to consider becoming a member of CAS (which includes High Holy Day seats for all services), please download the application form [here](#).



Milchidika with Marty: “VAS MAKHSTDU? VLADIMIR”

If only they spoke a little Yiddish in the White House, things would be much better.

Yiddish is a darkly comic language of complaint, a way to look at the dark side of life and still laugh at it.

If Anthony Scaramucci had only cursed the writer of the New Yorker Magazine in Yiddish instead of his profanity-laced comments, he would still be the White House Communications Director today.

"Abi gezunt dos leben ken men zikh ale mol nemen" sounds nice in Yiddish, right? Translated it means roughly, "Stay healthy because you can kill yourself later." I'll bet the writer at the New Yorker would have thought he was praising him.

Yiddish developed out of Hebrew and German, and became its own culture, with a unique mode of expression all of its own. Half of those expressions just happen to be insults.

If President Trump had spoken to the President of Mexico, Pena Nieto, in a little bit of Yiddish asking, "Vi iz di mishpukah?" "How is the family?" I bet Pena Nieto would then pay for at least half of the wall.

Or, if in speaking to Malcolm Turnbull, the prime minister of Australia, and had asked, "Ton Kanggerus makin gut pets?" "Do Kangaroos make good pets?" They probably now would be good friends.

Can you imagine the President tweeting in Yiddish? Much better and less offensive.

On the other hand, a good Yiddish curse can really cut an opponent down to size or deflate an overblown ego, and some of the curses are pretty funny. Such as:

"A groys gesheft zol er hobin mit shroyre: vus er hot, zol men bay im nit fregen, un vos men fregt zol nisht haben. Which is translated to: " He should have a large store, and whatever people ask for he shouldn't have, and what he does have shouldn't be requested."

Or "Es sol dir dunern in boykh, vestu meyen az s'iz a homon klaper. Which is translated to: "Your stomach will rumble so badly, you'll think it was a Purim noisemaker."

Some of the thinking that must have gone into making up the curses is really incredible. Here is a test. See how well you do. The answers are at the bottom of the page.

1. Trinken zoin im pyavkes.
 - a. Leeches should suck him dry.
 - b. Snakes should bite his big toe.
 - c. Scorpions should sting his knee.
 - d. Flies should buzz in his ear.
2. A heltserne tsung zolstu bakum.
 - a. You should grow a glass eye.
 - b. Your hair should fall out of your head.
 - c. You should grow a wooden tongue.
 - d. Your legs should turn to soup.
3. Zolst vern a blints un a kats zol dikh oyfesen.
 - a. You should become a tree and be cut down by a wood cutter.
 - b. You should be turned into a blintz and a cat should eat you.
 - c. You should have bells and whistles ringing in your ears all day.
 - d. You should lose all your shoes and wander barefoot for life.
4. Gey in dred un bak beygl.
 - a. Go to hell and bake bagels.
 - b. Go into the house and hide your face.

- c. Go cry to your mother and leave us alone.
- d. Go inside and never come out again.

5. Zol dayn leber aroyskumen in shtiker fun dayn noz.
- a. Your hair should fall out one strand at a time.
 - b. Your garden should turn brown leaf by leaf.
 - c. Your home should always smell of a wet dog.
 - d. Your liver should come out piece by piece through your nose.

The answers:

- 1. A
- 2. C
- 3. B
- 4. A
- 5. D

And while we're speaking in Yiddish, what's happening with glabale vorming (global warming), Abama zorgen (Obama Care), emagreyschan (you can guess this one), di svive (the environment), Medikare and Medikeid (you can guess these also).

AmazonSmile and CAS

CAS has recently registered with Amazon.com as a recognized charity. What this means is that anyone who purchases from Amazon using smile.amazon.com will be contributing to the synagogue! We've added an Amazon Smile button to the home page of the CAS website (under the Donate button) to make this even more convenient!

Here is some information from their website about this program:

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization (CAS) every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization (list Congregation Ahavath Sholom) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

Can I receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from my purchases on AmazonSmile?

Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you.

September Yahrzeits

“Much of our experience of divine goodness, grace and love has come to us through those whose lives have touched our own.”
Kol Haneshamah

Chaim Witkowski
Elul 10 5762 9/1

Esther Kaplan
Elul 12 5714 9/3

Sam Kaplan
Elul 13 5687 9/4

Gail Baron Kaplan
Elul 13 5741 9/4

Joseph Teich
Elul 15 9/6

Ruth Levi
Elul 15 5732 9/6

Miriam Reiss
Elul 16 5761 9/7

Benjamin Kipnis
Elul 17 5769 9/8

Bernard Karp
Elul 18 5686 9/9

Frances Goodman
Elul 18 5717 9/9

David Shocket
Elul 19 5733 9/10

Joseph Brickman
Elul 20 5724 9/11

Lilly Brill
Elul 23 9/14

Abraham Goodman
Elul 23 5722 9/14

Aranka Gellert
Elul 24 5740 9/15

Samuel Ketay
Elul 26 5706 9/17

Kenneth Swigost
Elul 27 5729 9/18

Tillie Kaplan
Elul 28 5694 9/19

Susan Moskowitz Grand
Elul 28 5743 9/19

David Liss
Elul 29 5719 9/20

Joseph Kaplan
Elul 29 5740 9/20

Sam Linder
Tishrei 01 5759 9/21

Masato Mitsuda
Tishrei 01 5768 9/21

Albert Chesanow
Tishrei 03 5661 9/23

Charlotte Shusterman
Tishrei 03 5688 9/23

Matilda Radin
Tishrei 03 5754 9/23

Abraham Weinstein
Tishrei 06 5741 9/26

Elayne Polly Bernstein
Tishrei 7 5772 9/27

Rose Steinberg
Tishrei 08 5726 9/28

Benjamin Shusterman
Tishrei 10 5747 9/30

Martin Fink
Tishrei 10 5743 9/30

Esther B. Cutler
Tishrei 10 5773 9/3

September Donations

In honor of Lisa's mother's 100th birthday

Lisa and Eric Chamberlain

In memory of Masato Mitsuda

Louise and Arthur Hillman

High Holy Days donations

Lillian Kipnis

Michele Waldman

Other donations

Naomi Alson

Martha Katz and Jason Foster Peck