

THE CAS NEWSLETTER August 2017

Upcoming Services and Events

Saturday, August 5, 10:00 pm: Shabbat service followed by coffee, tea, pastry and conversation.

Sunday, August 6, 7 pm: Six13 - Live in Concert at the Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires.

Monday, August 7, 5:30 pm: Board Meeting. Congregants are welcome to attend. Please email Sandra Flannery at smflann@ix.netcom.com for more information.

Friday, August 11, 5:30 pm: Erev Shabbat service.

Sunday, August 20, 12:30 pm: Study Session at Tanglewood 12:30 pm (bring lunch and chair/blanket). Back-up location if bad weather: CAS in GB; please check your email for a location change in case of inclement weather.

Saturday, August 26, 10:00 am: Elul in the Pool. A Shabbat Service & Potluck Brunch hosted by the Flannerys. This is a special "kick off the High Holiday Season" service in the Pool. Please RSVP by Wed. Aug 23 to Sandra SMFlann@ix.netcom.com. Directions available when you RSVP. For more information call 413-528-4197.

Sunday, August 27, 10:15 am: Book Group: 'The Rabbi of Resurrection Bay' by Seth Goldsmith. Place to be announced. For further information, please contact Diana Richter (drpajama1@gmail.com)

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Study Session at Tanglewood

Spiritual Leader Barbara Cohen will lead a study session on the Tanglewood grounds on Sunday, August 20th at 12:30 p.m. Bring lunch and a chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at CAS in Great Barrington; please check your email for a possible location change.



Photo Credit: John Ferrillo

Elul in the Pool

Elul in the Pool has become an annual CAS tradition. This year's event, a Shabbat Service and a potluck brunch, is being hosted by Sandra and Bill Flannery. This is a special "kick off the High Holiday Season" service in the pool. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 23rd to Sandra SMFlann@ix.netcom.com. Directions will be available when you RSVP. For more information call 413-528-4197.

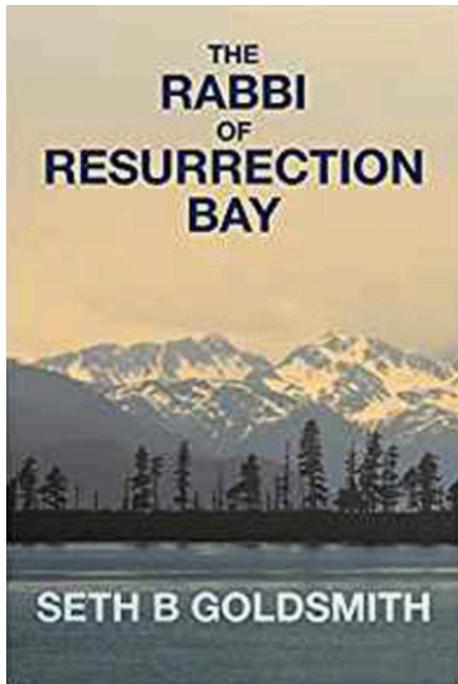


CAS Book Group: The Rabbi of Resurrection Bay

The CAS Book Group will meet on Sunday August 27th at 10:15 a.m. to discuss *The Rabbi of Resurrection Bay* by Seth Goldsmith.

An unexpected tragedy in the life of a selfish man leads to sweeping changes. Richard Richter will lead discussion. Please contact Diana Richter at drpajama1@gmail.com for location of this meeting or more information.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.



Milchidika with Marty: "Children Speak to God"

There is a web site called "Kids Talk to God" which contains some pretty funny and amazing conversations, such as:

Dear God:

Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you got now? - Michael

Dear God:

I read the Bible. What does beget mean? Nobody will tell me. – Love, Alison

Dear God:

Thank you for the baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up. - Joyce

Dear God:

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they each had their own rooms. It works out OK with me and my brother - Larry

Dear God:

My Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back do you go? – Love, Dennis

Dear God:

How come you did all those miracles in the old days and don't do any now? -AA Billy

Dear God:

Please send Dennis Clark to a different summer camp this year - Peter

Dear God:

Would you make me a little brother? I just want somebody to boss around. - Amy

Dear God:

You don't have to worry about me. I always look both ways - Dean

Dear God:

I want to be just like my daddy when I get big, but not with so much hair all over- Sam

Dear God:

Is Barbara Cohen a friend of yours, or do you just know her through the business? - Marty

Judith Schumer: A Family's Journey to Freedom

On July 31st, a large, appreciative audience heard Judith Schumer take us on an abbreviated and illustrated version of "Esther's Journey – A Holocaust Memoir." This was the story of her family's escape to Lithuania from Nazi-occupied Poland, the process of getting a special visa which enabled them to get out of Eastern Europe, and their travels to Japan and then to China. After spending the war under Japanese occupation in Shanghai, they were finally able to get visas to the United States in 1948.

The program that was presented was titled "A Family's Journey to Freedom" and was told with passion, grace and even a bit of humor by a master storyteller. One of the threads throughout the talk was the heroic work of the Japanese consul, Sugihara, without whom Judith's family and thousands of others would not have escaped the Nazi onslaught.

One of the key ideas that formed the impetus of writing and talking about this journey was *zachor*, to remember, the responsibility to remember, so that when the last Holocaust survivors are gone, when the next generation and the next and the next are gone, we don't ever forget what happened.





August Yahrzeits

David Maskowsky
Av 13 5731 8/5

Milton Diamond
Av 13 5758 8/5

Meyer David Graubard
Av 13 5660 8/5

Samuel Kalin
Av 15 5703 8/7

Ira Rogovin
Av 15 5763 8/7

Mitsue Mitsuda
Av 15 5768 8/7

Abraham Moskowitz
Av 18 5714 8/10

Ethel Rosen Shusterman
Av 20 5722 8/12

Betty Smith
Av 20 5749 8/12

Doris Deborah Kassler
Av 20 5730 8/12

Al Silverstein
Av 21 5767 8/13

Rebecca Isserson
Av 25 5757 8/17

Beatrice Alson
Av 27 5769 8/19

Alvin Ketay
Av 27 5717 8/19

Frances Bannon
Av 28 5751 8/20

Esther Altschuler Sydlosky
Av 29 5755 8/21

Henrietta Millimet
Elul 02 5741 8/24

Miriam Friedman Baron
Elul 04 5743 8/26

Bea Guralnick
Elul 6 5775 8/28

Miriam Hinda Gans
Elul 07 5701 8/29

Leo Kaplan
Elul 08 5754 8/30

Jacob Slaminsky
Elul 09 5688 8/31

Chaim Witkowski
Elul 10 5762 9/1

Summer Donations

In memory of Philip Schiffman

Stephen and Lisa Schiffman

In memory of Anna Cohen

Joan and Cathy Elkin Cohen

In memory of Mitsue Mitsuda

Louise and Arthur Hillman

In memory of Joan Sussman

Louise and Arthur Hillman

In memory of Don Victor

Louise and Arthur Hillman

In memory of Hilda Radin

Louise and Arthur Hillman

In honor of my grandson Eli Kanner's Bar Mitzvah and my sister Barbara Cohen's spiritual leadership

Ellen Kanner

In honor of Kaye Jaffe's 90th Birthday

Sandra and Bill Flannery

In honor of the birth of our new granddaughter, Sienna Rose Flannery

Sandra and Bill Flannery

For the People's Pantry

Ann Dorfman

In loving memory of Lynne Cutler, my wonderful sister who died ten years ago

Anita Bakst

Passover donation

Agnes Neiger

Other donations

Ellen Axelrod

Donald and Barbara Barron

Ann Dorfman

Estelle Miller

A note about using PayPal and credit cards for CAS payments

From the Treasurer:

As you may be aware, Congregation Ahavath Sholom offers the ability to pay your donations, High Holy Days charges, or membership dues online via a PayPal account or by using a MasterCard or Visa charge card, processed through PayPal. However, PayPal charges a fee of 3% of the monies that are processed online through their facility. Charge card payments that are received by CAS in the mail or by phone result in a 2% fee from a different processor.

To save us some any additional expenses, if you could just as easily make a payment with a check, it would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Marty Stransky

The B'Shalom Chorale of the Berkshires Concert

It's so much fun to listen to Jewish music—Yiddish, Hebrew, sacred, Klezmer, old, new—and it's just down the street! The B'Shalom Chorale of the Berkshires will give its fourth annual concert of Jewish choral music at 7 pm on Wednesday August 16, at Hevreh.

The Chorale is made up of local singers who have been practicing all summer under the direction of Jack Brown, Artistic Director of the Berkshire Lyric and choral director at Simon's Rock College and the Hotchkiss School. Several of our singers have had careers in music; many are familiar faces. Accompanist Joe Rose, a jazz pianist, is also a familiar figure around the area. The founder and coordinator of the B'Shalom Chorale is Cantor Emily Sleeper Mekler, Cantor Emerita of Sinai Temple in Springfield, MA.

Come have a good time and support Jewish music and professional and non-professional musicians in our midst.

Admission to the concert is \$15. All are welcome.

For more information contact Cantor Mekler at 413-418-1836 or email BShalomChorale@gmail.com.

The B'Shalom Chorale is a non-profit organization. It is sponsored, in part, by Robyn Newhouse, The Harold Grinspoon Foundation, The Edward Handelman Fund and many private contributors.

Six13 - Live in Concert! A Jewish Federation of the Berkshires community event

See Six13 - Live in Concert on August 6 at 7:00 pm at the Duffin Theater, Lenox Memorial High School. One night only! Award-winning Jewish A Capella artists, Six13, will present their intricate arrangements, uplifting beats, and soulful harmonies to create an unprecedented Jewish musical experience. Join the Berkshire Jewish Community for this annual summer concert, this year benefiting the Anti Defamation League (ADL). General Admission \$25, Young Adults under 30 are \$20. Children 10 and under are Free. Appropriate for children 5 and up. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires. Tickets at jewishberkshires.org or (413) 442-4360, ext. 10.

