

# THE CAS NEWSLETTER **December 2017**

## Upcoming Services and Events

**Friday, December 1, 5:30 pm:** Erev Shabbat service

**Sunday, December 3, 2pm:** CAS at the Movies - Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark. "Nazi Germany and the Occult" a brief talk by spiritual leader, Barbara Cohen preceding the showing of the film, Discussion to follow.

**Saturday, December 9, 10:00 am:** Shabbat service followed by program by "Abraham's Daughters". Four women of Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions are available to share their personal religious journeys, and what they cherish in their faiths. We offer this presentation both to clarify differences among the three faiths as we understand them, and to give others the courage and tools to share their tender desires regarding faith while also responding to others in an affirming way. An Oneg will follow and all are welcome.

**Tuesday, December 12:** First night of Chanukah

**Saturday, December 16, 5 pm:** CAS Chanukah Party - Joint party with Unitarian Universalists of Housatonic and Pittsfield. Bring a vegetarian dish or dessert to share. Parking is available on the street and behind the building. See Future events on CAS website for more info or [www.ahavathsholom.com](http://www.ahavathsholom.com) or [info@uumsb.org](mailto:info@uumsb.org)

**Thursday, December 21, 9am – 1pm:** People's Pantry at St. James Place. Generally 2 hour shifts: contact Walter Orenstein at [ptcpa@roadrunner.com](mailto:ptcpa@roadrunner.com) to participate.

## Articles/Information

- **Fidel Moreno and "Gathering Our Hearts at Standing Rock"**
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- **Fidel Moreno and "Gathering Our Hearts at Standing Rock"**

On Sunday afternoon, November 12th, an enthusiastic audience of 40 congregants and guests gathered in the sanctuary to hear a presentation by film director and activist, Fidel Moreno. After opening remarks by Mr. Moreno, his film "Gathering Our Hearts at Standing Rock," a documentary work-in-progress, was shown.

The film was culled from 18 hours of interviews with 33 people at Standing Rock, including youth, mothers, grandmothers, grandfathers, First Nation people and non-Indian supporters. It chronicles the story of the Water Protectors at Standing Rock and their connection to the history of the American Indian Movement on their treaty-given lands of the American West. Fidel Moreno identifies himself as Huichol, Chichimeca and Mexican American. He is an Oscar nominee in the Best Short Documentary category as co-producer and co-director of "Wiping the Tears of 7 Generations."



A question and answer period generated significant discussion, and Mr. Moreno conducted a water blessing ceremony at the conclusion of the program. Also in attendance at CAS was a group of young men and women, including members of the Water Protectors who have been protesting the gas pipeline here in the Berkshires at the Sandisfield site.

- **Shabbat Service followed by "Abraham's Daughters"**

**A Shabbat Service followed by an Interfaith Conversation presented by Abraham's Daughters:**

**Carol Ascher, Eileen Epperson, Nancy Latif, Vjosa Qerimi on December 9th, 10:00 a.m., at the synagogue**

Four women of Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions will share their personal religious journeys, and what they cherish in their faiths. They offer this presentation both to clarify differences among the three faiths as we understand them, and to give others the courage and tools to share their tender desires regarding faith while also responding to others in an affirming way.

This presentation grew out of a week-long interfaith intensive at Hartford Seminary, "Building Abrahamic Partnerships." Abraham's Daughters hope to inspire the interest and the desire for more people to engage in interfaith conversations.

The presentation takes approximately an hour-and-a-half, including Q&A. An oneg will follow, in which presenters and the audience can break bread together.



**Abraham's Daughters are:**

**Vjosa Qerimi**, an Albanian from Kosovo, has been in the US for four years. She is a sister, wife, student of Arabic, and public educator of Islam.

**Nancy Latif** is a mother, social activist and writer. She has been working on the resettlement of Syrian, Congolese, Afghan, Iraqi, Pakistani and S. Asian refugees, and is currently forming her own nonprofit, Refugee Advocate Services.

**Eileen Epperson** is a hospice chaplain for two hospices in Torrington and Salisbury, and a bereavement counselor. She is an Ambassador for the Parliament of the World's Religions, the largest interfaith organization in the world. Eileen is currently working on a doctorate of ministry at Hartford Seminary.

**Carol Ascher** has published seven books of fiction and nonfiction, and her essays, stories and columns have appeared widely. Her exhibit, *A Chance for Fresh Air: Russian Jewish Immigrants in Ellsworth and Amenia, 1907-1940*, which opened at the Sharon Historical Society and was turned into a book by the same name, has recently become a permanent installation at Congregation Beth David, the Amenia synagogue built by the Russian Jewish immigrants. Carol is now in the midst of a two-year course in spiritual direction, *Bekhol Levavkah*, at Hebrew Union College.

- **A Joint Celebration of Light and Friendship**

## A Celebration of Light and Friendship!

Congregation Ahavath Sholom, UUMSB, and the UU Church of Pittsfield are invited to join together for a fun night of community, light, and yummy food. Bring a vegetarian dish or dessert to share if you are able!

December 16, 2017 at 5 p.m.



Gather at:

Unitarian Universalist Meeting of South Berkshire  
1089 Main Street, Housatonic, Great Barrington, MA.

Parking is available on the street and behind the building, a ramp entrance is off the driveway.

Questions? Email [info@uumsb.org](mailto:info@uumsb.org)

- **Milchidika with Marty: Thoughts for a Successful Marriage from Socrates to Shelly Silverstein**

"My advice to you is to get married. If you find a good wife, you'll be happy, if not, you'll become a philosopher." - Socrates

"To keep your marriage brimming,  
With love in the loving cup,  
Whenever you're wrong admit it.  
Whenever you're right shut up." - Ogden Nash

"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person." - Mignon McLaughlin

"When a man opens the car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife." - Prince Phillip

"A happy home is one in which each spouse grants the possibility that the other might be right, though neither believe it." - Don Fraser

"Never shout at each other unless the house is on fire." - Unknown

"A happy man marries the girl he loves, a happier man loves the girl he marries." Anonymous

"My husband and I divorced over religious differences-he thought he was God and I didn't." - Unknown

"Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candle light, dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes Tuesday and I go Friday." - Henry Youngman

"A man who says his wife can't take a joke, forgot that she took him." Oscar Wilde

"Love at first sight is easy to understand, it's when two people have been looking at each other for a lifetime that it becomes a miracle." - Sam Levenson

"No man was ever shot by his wife while doing the dishes." - Unknown

"In my home I'm the boss, my wife is just the decision maker." - Woody Allen

"A wedding anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance, and tenacity. The order varies for any given year." Paul Sweeny

"My wife and I were happy for 20 years. Then we met." Rodney Dangerfield

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." Theodore Hesburgh

"If you want to marry me, here's what you'll have to do:  
You must learn how to make a perfect chicken-dumpling stew,  
And you must sew my holey socks,  
And soothe my troubled mind,  
And develop the knack for scratching my back,  
And keep my shoes spotlessly shined,  
And while I rest you must rake up the leaves,  
And when it is hailing and snowing,  
You must shovel the walk.... and be still when I talk,  
And- hey- Where are you going?" - Shelly Silverstein

- **The CAS Book Group**

## The 2018 CAS Book Group Reading List

- JAN 7: The Little Disturbances of Man by Grace Paley led by Gail & Walter Orenstein
- FEB 25: The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish led by Paul Graubard
- APR 22: An Odyssey by Daniel Mendelsohn led by Kay Jaffe
- JUN 3: East West Street by Phillipe Sands led by Richard Richter
- JUL 22: The Two Family House by Lynda Cohen Loigman led by Helen Radin
- SEP 16: The Mind Body Problem by Rebecca Goldstein led by Robin Berson
- OCT 21: Crossing the Borders of Time by Leslie Maitland led by Diana Richter
- NOV 18: Annual book selection and calendar

The CAS Book Group meetings are always on a Sunday, but the time varies. Make sure to check the newsletter each month. The Book Group usually meets at a member's home. Contact Diana Richter for venue - and you should always check for changes as this group occasionally changes date/time.

For further information, contact Diana Richter at [drpajama1@gmail.com](mailto:drpajama1@gmail.com)

- **December 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

Bella Slaminsky  
Kislev 13 5706 12/1

Freya Maier  
Kislev 16 5764 12/4

Sarah Feldblum  
Kislev 18 5728 12/6

Barbara Joslyn  
Kislev 18 5754 12/6

Susan Parker Kislev 18 5760	12/6
Harry Smith Kislev 20 5739	12/8
Arthur Fastenberg Kislev 21 5760	12/9
Hilda Isaacs Kislev 24 5758	12/12
Isaac Broverman Kislev 26 5704	12/14
Sallie Slote Kislev 27 5752	12/15
Philip J. Maron Kislev 27 5754	12/15
Golda Kropkof Kislev 28 5727	12/16
Katherine Tukel Kislev 28 5719	12/16
Abraham R. Diamond Tevet 01 5720	12/19
Herman Jaffe Tevet 01	12/19
Louis Kassler Tevet 02 5751	12/20
Sonya Richter Tevet 03 5751	12/21
Mary Moskowitz Tevet 04 5729	12/22
Joseph Steinberg Tevet 06 5725	12/24
Fannie Radin Tevet 06 5729	12/24
Joel Nova Tevet 06 5744	12/24

Gertrude Schragger  
Tevet 09 5758 12/27

Burton Elliott  
Tevet 09 5774 12/27

Jennie Stein  
Tevet 09 5718 12/27

Freda Schoket  
Tevet 12 5734 12/30

- **December Donations**

**In memory of Diana Berkowitz and Mark Cohen**  
Vivian Scheinmann

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Myla Blum

**In memory of Dr. Mark Cohen**  
Carol Burt

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Ann and Raymond Callahan

**In loving memory of Mark Cohen**  
Jolene Caresio and Christopher Peterson

**In memory of Dr. Mark Cohen**  
Patricia Curry

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Laura and Jonathan Finnerty

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Leslie Fishbein

**In memory of Dr. Mark Cohen**  
Judith Gitelson

**In memory of Dr. Mark Cohen**  
Sandra Herliczek

**In memory of Mark Cohen**

Dona Kahn

**In loving memory of my brother-in-law, Mark Cohen  
and in honor of my sister, Barbara Cohen, and her family**  
Ellen Kanner

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Dr. Russell and Gail Kaphan

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Clark and Candace Mahony

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Charles and Gail Mazursky

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Margery Metzger

**In memory of Dr. Mark Cohen**  
Martin and Shiffra Perlmutter

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Pittsfield Cooperative Bank

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Linda Roberto

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Nancy Shulman

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Joseph Silverstein

**In memory of Mark Cohen**  
Gail Zinberg