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The Bulletin

Rabbi Amy Loewenthal

From the Rabbi's Desk

In her President's Letter in this issue of the *Bulletin*, Ronnie Brown vividly recaps the Annual Meeting. She mentions the delightful Year in Review slideshow which Dale Rosenberg put together. If you missed the showing, you can watch it on YouTube: https://youtu.be/MJ_SnSgyqQ.

One image that I keep seeing in my mind's eye is the *Aron ha Kodesh*, the open ark, containing our three Torah scrolls dressed in white, for the High Holy Days. It feels like a long time has passed since we changed the mantles for *Selichot* last year. In fact, so much time has passed, it's nearly time for High Holy Days again. Such is the spiral of time.

Accordingly, in this issue of the *Bulletin*, you will find a preliminary schedule for the High Holy Days, prepared with the Religious Practices Committee. And by request of the RPC, below is a guide to participating in High Holy Day services.

PLEASE BE COMFORTABLE:

-feel welcome to come for as much or as little of the services as you can

-follow along in the Hebrew or English or commentary, or simply listen or meditate

-stand during standing prayers if you easily can, otherwise remain seated without self-consciousness

-fast on Yom Kippur only if your health allows it, otherwise fasting is prohibited

PLEASE RESPECT THE SOLEMN
ATMOSPHERE:

-before you arrive, make sure you've turned off your cell phone completely

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July/August

July 6	Traditional Shabbat Service - Oneg hosted by Pam Weinrieb & Paul Bieber	7:00 PM
July 11	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
July 13	Short Shabbat Service - Oneg hosted by Sandy & David Kochman in memory of Norma Jean Holhut	7:00 PM
July 14	Sing Your Heart Out!	7:00 PM
July 20	Kavanah Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
July 21	Tisha B'Av Service	8:00 PM
	Fast Begins	8:21 PM
	Havdalah	9:12 PM
July 27	Shir Shabbat/Tu B'Av Service/ Oneg in honor of Roye Ginsberg's 60th birthday, hosted by Laine Ginsberg	7:00 PM
July 29	Be'er Sheva Mandolin Quartet Concert	4:00 PM
Aug. 3	Short Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
Aug. 8	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
Aug.10	Traditional Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
Aug.11	Torah Service and Prunier Grandbaby Naming/ Lunch to follow	10:00 AM
Aug.12	Annual Kosher-Q	11:30 AM
Aug.16	CAA Book Club: Summer Short Story Night	7:00 PM
Aug.17	Shir Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
Aug.24	Lay-led Shabbat Service	7:00 PM
Aug.30	Community Kitchen	4:45 PM
Aug.31	Shir Shabbat Service	7:00 PM

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-enter the sanctuary when the usher indicates it's OK to do so

-refrain from greeting others when entering mid-service

ATTIRE:

-you may wish to wear white clothing on Yom Kippur, and refrain from wearing leather shoes

-Jews over age 13 are encouraged to wear a *talit* (prayershawl) during daytime services and on Kol Nidre

-all people of any gender, whether Jewish or non-Jewish, are encouraged to wear a *kippah* or other head covering, as a sign of humility before G-d

ACCEPTING AN HONOR:

-if you are asked to lead a reading, open the ark, or perform any other ritual act, realize that you are being offered an honor, and accept if you can

-if you are unsure what to do, please ask

-anticipate when you will be called up, and find your way up to the front near the *bimah* ahead of time

May I be the first to wish all of us a happy healthy New Year full of learning, laughing, and loving!

Rabbi Loewenthal

A Letter from the President

Thirty-four members of our congregational community, ages 6 to 89, gathered together for the Annual Meeting on June 13th. Kudos go to Dale Rosenberg for producing a delightful year in review. Check it out on YouTube. You can find it by searching on YouTube for "Ahavas Achim Keene NH" or googling "Congregation Ahavas Achim year in review."

Rabbi Loewenthal led us in a discussion based on *Pirkei Avot* 2:5 about not separating oneself from community. Participants spoke about their experience in our CAA community and about some challenges to staying engaged in



Rabbi Loewenthal

community. The Rabbi then spoke about the past year from the life cycle perspective and highlighted the importance of life cycle ceremonies in community. She also reported on the robust Religious School year including the third year of "*Giborim: Jewish Life Through Jewish Heroes*" curriculum. This year the focus was on mystics and philosophers.

Many thanks go to Dale Rosenberg, Malcolm Katz, David Kochman, Selena Katz, Jerry Kaufman and Gary Shapiro who gave reports about the state of our adult education programs, building, finances, membership, religious practices and the newly formed Rabbi Liaison Committee, respectively.

Outgoing Board Members Paul Bieber, Sarah Wendy Burman, Jeff Cohen, Scott Rodolitz, Judy Rubin and Roberta Visser were recognized for their collective forty years of service to Congregation Ahavas Achim!

Elaine Bieber was lauded as the Volunteer Extraordinaire. Elaine chairs the Caring Committee, is indispensable in the preparation and smooth implementation of our Community Seder and volunteers many hours at the Community Kitchen. Elaine was presented with a ceramic challah platter in appreciation for her many contributions to the community.

In my President's report I acknowledged the hard work of everyone involved in the successful negotiation of Rabbi Loewenthal's third contract. The five year contract begins on July 1, 2018. The Preamble to the contract reads as follows:

"The Torah describes the relationship between G-d and the Jewish people as a brit (covenant), which term is also used to signify a solemn pact between individuals. The term implies mutuality, and suggests that each party in a relationship has obligations toward the other. In addition to being a contractual record of promises, a brit is a combination of expectations, trust, loyalty and affection.

The relationship between Rabbi and Congregation should be understood as a



Ronnie Brown

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brit, in which each party enters into a covenant with the other in mutual devotion for a common sacred purpose.”

The contract calls for the creation of a Rabbinic Liaison Committee.

The Rabbi Liaison Committee (RLC) shall meet monthly with the Rabbi. The purpose of the Rabbi Liaison Committee is to support and enhance the Rabbi-Congregational relationship. It serves as a confidential channel to communicate comments, issues and/or complaints from congregants who would prefer not to contact the Rabbi directly. The RLC helps the Rabbi to think through issues or concerns that are raised either by congregants or by the Rabbi.

While congregants are always encouraged to communicate directly with the Rabbi, many congregations have found having an RLC beneficial. Our Committee has been meeting since March in a very thoughtful and supportive environment.

All congregants are encouraged to speak to members of the Rabbi Liaison Committee about any concerns they may have that they would like to be brought to the Rabbi’s attention. All information is shared only with the Rabbi and the Committee, and is held in strict confidence. RLC members can be contacted by email, phone, or in person:

Jennifer Cohen: (603) 355-6436 or jlc010862@gmail.com

Jerry Kaufman (603) 363-4481 or jerroldka@myfairpoint.net

Gary Shapiro (603) 352-0440 or gm_shapiro@yahoo.com

Ronnie Brown (240) 304-7803 or ronniembrown@gmail.com.

Entering my second year as your President, I look forward to working with you to continue our collaborations with the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. Check out the statewide events JFNH has planned to celebrate Israel at 70 at www.jewishnh.org.

CAA will be hosting one of those events. Purchase your tickets now (only \$15 online, \$18 at the door) to enjoy Jacob Reuven and the Be’er

Sheva Mandolin Quartet in Concert in our beautiful sanctuary on July 29th at 4:00 pm, followed by a reception catered by our own Daniella Yitzchak.

Enjoy your summer. I will see you at the Kosher-Q on August 12th!

L’shalom.

Ronnie Brown, President
ronniembrown@gmail.com

Join Us at Ahavas Achim's 51st Annual Kosher-Q

Sunday, August 12, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Congregation Ahavas Achim

Don’t miss this event! On the menu is kosher barbequed chicken with Charlotte’s famous secret sauce, fresh picked local corn steamed in the husk, rolls, cold drinks and juicy watermelon.

This celebration of community, tradition and delicious kosher BBQ is sure to delight all! Enjoy your meal under the trees with friends and family, or order your meals “to go” - \$15 per adult, \$10 per student, \$5 for children 12 and under. Purchase tickets from a member of the board or at the Kosher-Q. Take a chance on raffles for great prizes! Kosher-Q proceeds benefit synagogue projects.

Those who have volunteered in the past, please return to your previous post. As always, to volunteer, or for more information, contact Malcolm Katz at 352-1644.

Volunteer at The Community Kitchen

CAA will be volunteering at the Community Kitchen on Thursday, August 30th. Please arrive by 4:45 to wash hands, don apron, hat, gloves and assume positions in the serving line or in the kitchen, and let the meal begin! We usually are finished by 6:45 and out the door. All congregants are invited to come and help out for all or even just part of the evening. It is helpful to drop me a note or a call to let me know if you're coming (and how many).

Thanks, Gary Shapiro, 352-0440 or email:
gm_shapiro@yahoo.com

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Sing Your Heart Out!

Saturday, July 14 at 7:00 pm
Congregation Ahavas Achim

We're getting together to sing popular songs (and perhaps a few well-known Jewish tunes). We'll drink wine and eat snacks. What could be nicer? Feel free to bring song lyrics (with or without chords/sheet music).

Bring your joy of singing and some friends
Guitars, percussion, etc. are very welcome!

Questions: rabbi.ahavas.achim@gmail.com

Come to the Tisha B'Av Service

Saturday, July 21 at 8:00 pm
Congregation Ahavas Achim

On Tisha B'Av, we commemorate the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple as well as other tragedies the Jewish People faced throughout history. On the evening of July 21st and for 25 subsequent hours, Jews around the world will mark the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av with the Tisha b'Av fast and day of mourning. Our communal observance of Tisha B'Av will include the traditional opportunity to sit on the floor in the dimmed candle-lit sanctuary as the hauntingly beautiful chant from the Book of Lamentations fills our ears and hearts. We'll have some time for learning and reflection as well.

CAA Book Club: Summer Short Story Night

Thursday, August 16 at 7:00 pm

"Summertime and the reading is easy," as the song doesn't quite say. The CAA Book Club will meet once this summer, as we did last year, for an evening devoted to short stories. We'll read two or more Jewish-themed stories together and discuss them over summery snacks, like lemonade and watermelon. There's no reading ahead required!

Just come to CAA at 7:00 on Thursday, August 16, after a long day at work or out enjoying the New Hampshire summer, and we'll have a great time.

Simchas for July/August

Birthdays

Gerald Eichner.....	July 2
Martin Reisig	July 3
Robin Sylvern	July 4
Gary Shapiro.....	July 5
Paul Bieber	July 6
Jerry Kaufman	July 8
Irene Shamas.....	July 11
Margaret Katherine Vogel	July 21
Rhett Landers.....	July 23
Neko Bull-Cohen.....	July 24
Emma Bull-Cohen.....	July 24
Henry McDonald	July 24
Madeline Caplan.....	July 25
Rick Cohen.....	July 25
Debra Rosenzweig	July 25
Craig Sylvern	July 28
Roye Ginsberg	July 30
Will Johnson.....	August 11

Thomas Weller.....	August 16
Cynthia Lytle	August 26
Merritt Schnipper	August 26
Jeffrey Halper	August 27
Maggie Brush.....	August 28
Elaine Ginsberg	August 31
Christopher McDonald	August 31

Anniversaries

Roye & Elaine Ginsberg.....	July 17
Alex & Andrea Levin.....	July 20
Daniel Fox & Ronnie Brown	August 13
Clark & Sharon Johnson	August 15
Bruce & Wendy Platt	August 16
Jay & Cheryl Kahn.....	August 19
Stephen & Patricia Weiner.....	August 29
Jerry & Deborah Kaufman.....	August 31

36 and Counting . . .

How do you count? There is more than one way to answer that question. There is, for those who remember, the Sesame Street version with the Count, who counted with intimations of another Count. And, of course, we count years and months to mark anniversaries. In this regard, beginning in September 2018, we at the Cohen Center will be counting to 36 for the next 18 months to celebrate the 36th anniversary of the Cohen Center's presence and work at Keene State College. We will be joined by partners on campus and in the community as we offer special threaded programs to commemorate this milestone. But why 18 months? Why mark 36 years and not 35?

In the Hebrew language, as in Latin, numbers are designated by letters; and the number 18 can be read as the Hebrew word for life – *chai*. The number 36, a multiple of 18, is associated in Kabbalistic, Jewish legend with a story about 36 individuals (*Lamed Vavniks*) whose moral integrity and righteous action ensures the survival of the world. They are hidden in the world, from themselves, and from others. And most importantly according to this legend, the world literally depends upon their action for

its survival. They count in the most significant ways possible assuring the world of its present and its future. The leavening presence of these persons insures life and hope for others. They count for everyone.

And of course, one of the reasons we mark time as significant is to say that *we matter. We count.* That what we do makes a difference. That message is vital to the Cohen Center's identity and mission. As Chuck Hildebrandt captured it, the Cohen Center's purpose is to *remember... and to teach* for the sake of a world wounded by the Holocaust. Our task is to bear witness to the importance of remembering the Holocaust; and, since 2009, we have expanded our mission to include the traumatic impact of genocidal violence wherever it may happen, teaching and acting in ways that we hope and believe matter. We believe that what we do counts; and counts big time. We hope you do as well.

In this spirit, we invite you to join us in counting as we count the years for the next 18 months and count on you to make a difference with us.

Hank Knight, Director of Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

What's Doing at the CAA Library: Summer Reading

Are you looking for some great books to take with you on vacation, or to sit outside on your porch and read during the extended daylight hours? The CAA Library acquires multiple copies of the books we read in Book Club, and they are available for borrowing. If you missed reading any of the following excellent Book Club books, consider borrowing one of them this summer. Or drop by the library and see what else is there that you are dying to read!

Milton Steinberg: *As a Driven Leaf*. This historical novel of early Rabbinic Judaism focuses on the life of Elisha ben Abuyah, known in the Talmud as "Acher" – the other one. Once a great Talmudic scholar, Elisha ben Abuyah lost his faith in G-d and was excommunicated for heresy.

Little is known about his life, but Steinberg expertly fills in the holes in our knowledge with a beautifully drawn portrait of a man trying to reconcile traditional Jewish teaching and the intellectual and cultural splendor of the outside world. Steinberg, who was a Conservative rabbi, paints a vivid picture of Jewish Palestine in the Second Century, under Roman rule and with the influences of Greek philosophy, literature, and science. Steinberg was a close associate of Mordechai Kaplan and worked with him in the development of what would become Reconstructionist Judaism. His moving and dramatic depiction of the early rabbinic period has great resonances for contemporary Judaism. *The Chicago Daily News* called it "A windswept novel of a turbulent age strangely like our own."

Herbert Tarr: *Heaven Help Us*. A comedic novel

about a year in the life of a suburban New England synagogue in the late 1960s. Told in first person from the point of view of newly minted Rabbi Gideon Abel, the novel will be hilariously familiar territory to those who remember that time in Jewish American history and a laugh out loud introduction to that period for the younger crowd. Gideon stumbles through all manner of issues, realizing his rabbinical training has ill-prepared him for older female congregants who want to match him up with their daughters, a synagogue president who wants the shul run "like a business," the synagogue musical (*My Fair Sadie*) that overshadows all religious activities, and much more. The backdrop is the huge changes of the Civil Rights Era and the experience of American Jews in the move to suburbia. Gideon's struggles, his successes and setbacks, are painted with a knowledgeable brush and the people in his life (congregants, friends, his family) are both really funny and very real.

Michael Chabon: *Gentlemen of the Road*. Set in the Caucasus Mountains during the 10th Century, this novel tells the story of two adventurers who attempt to restore a deposed prince of the Khazar Empire. Zelikman and Amram, the book's heroes, have little in common other than their Jewish heritage and their nihilistic view of life. They live as "gentlemen of the road" – thieves and conmen who make their living by their wits and never stay in one place long enough to get caught. In spite of their unsavory occupation and against their worse impulses they find themselves defending and escorting a young prince whose father was killed by a usurper.

This quick read is a real page-turner in the tradition of Dumas and Sabatini, but with a Jewish focus. In this swashbuckling tale the reader

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feels plunged into a long gone life and learns something about medieval Jewry in passing, with vivid line drawing illustrations by Gary Gianni.

How Did We Do in Adult Education?

We wrapped up our Adult Education year in June, although a few classes continue for the summer. It's a good time to summarize the 5778 Adult Education Year at CAA. We had:

2 Weekly Text Study Classes: Parasha of the Week, and the Wednesday Study Group, which is focusing on the connection between Science and Religion this year and continuing through the summer.

2 Levels of Weekly Hebrew Classes: *Alef-Bet* and Prayerbook Hebrew

10 Monthly Movie Club Screenings: Including comedies, dramas, and documentaries; films from the U.S., Israel, and Germany.

5 Book Club Meetings: Including biblical fiction, fantasy, non-fiction, contemporary literary fiction, and short stories.

4 Holiday-related Educational Events: *Ushpizim* Night in the Sukkah, an Historical View of Hanukkah, Seder 101, and our all night *Tikkun Leyl* Shavuot

3 Nathan E. Cohen Lectures: An introduction to Klezmer music, an educational choral presentation, and a living history presentation

2 Scholar-in-Residence Weekends: With Rabbi Maurice Harris and Shlichah Noam Wolf

3 Special Educational Events: Introduction to *Piyyutim* with Rabbi Loewenthal, Jewish Artists and Abstract Expressionism with Jennifer

Jacob Reuven & The Be'er Sheva Mandolin Quartet in Concert!

Sunday, July 29 at 4:00 pm

Proceeds benefit the Be'er Sheva Music Conservatory

Location: Congregation Ahavas Achim

Join us for an afternoon of mandolin quartet music performed by Jacob Reuven, director of the Be'er Sheva Music Conservatory and three of his outstanding mandolin graduates. Learn about the incredible development of this conservatory attended by over 600 Israeli, Arab, and Bedouin students who learn music theory, appreciation, and instrument musicianship. The performance program will consist of Classical, Israeli, and Andalusian music.

Special Guests: New Hampshire's own August Watters (founder of the New England Mandolin Ensemble and former professor at Berklee College of Music) and Noam Wolf, NH Shlichah will also perform!

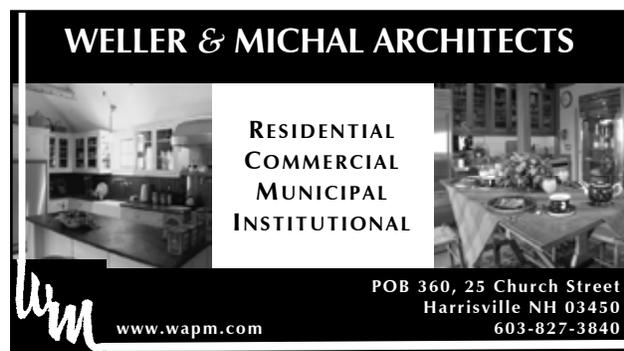
Tickets: \$15 online/\$18 at the door or call 603-627-7679.

This event is part of the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire's state-wide program in celebration of 70 years of Israeli independence!

Cohen, and a field trip to the Yiddish Book Center.

There's something for everyone to learn at CAA. If you missed out in 5778, join us in 5779 – as a learner, a teacher, or both!

Dale Rosenberg

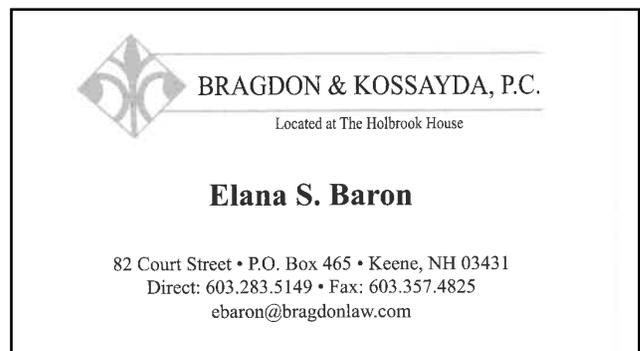


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HIGH HOLY DAYS 5779 – PRELIMINARY 2018 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 1

At CAA in Keene 7:30 PM

ROSH HA SHANAH

Erev Rosh ha Shanah

Sunday, September 9

Evening Service 6:45 PM

Day One:

Monday, September 10

Morning Service 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Children's Service 10:00 AM

Torah service 11:00 AM (approximately)

Tashlich at 1:30 PM at Black Brook (0.7 mile from CAA)

Possible lunch at hosts' homes*

Day Two:

Tuesday, September 11

Morning Service Service 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Torah service 11:00 AM (approximately)

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre:

Tuesday, September 18

Evening service 6:30 PM

Yom Kippur: **Wednesday, September 19**

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Children's Service 10:00 AM

Torah Service 11:00 AM (approximately)

Yizkor (Memorial Service) 1:30 PM

Discussion/Chanting/Meditation sessions 2:45 to 4:45 PM

Mincha Service with *Haftarah* Jonah 5:00 PM

Ne'ilah begins 6:30 PM

Havdallah begins 7:34 PM

Communal "break the fast" vegetarian potluck follows

*Hosts/Guests contact Office Manager secretary.ahavas.achim@gmail.com by September 4.

Rebranding and Reconstructing: the Reconstructionist Organization's New Name

President Ronnie Brown has been sharing updates on our Movement at board meetings, and would like to make sure the wider congregation is aware of this exciting news.

The Movement we are affiliated with underwent a rebranding initiative and launched its new name and logo this winter. The new name is Reconstructing Judaism. "Reconstructing Judaism" was chosen to emphasize action by putting an active verb right in the name. The focus is not merely on "being Jewish", but especially on "doing Jewish."

Jewish ritual practice and religious philosophy continues to evolve, from ancient times when the Great Temple stood, down to the present day. Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan, the father of Reconstructionist thought, keenly observed that Judaism had always been, and must remain responsive to the needs of the generations of Jews.

When the Movement's seminary, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, merged with the congregational union, Jewish Reconstructionist Communities, a new name was needed for the new structure. Hundreds of people from within and outside went through a process of identifying key characteristics to communicate about the Movement.

Gary Shapiro reported on the Rabbi Liaison Committee. Its mission is to support and enhance the rabbi-congregation relationship. It meets monthly and as needed. All information brought to the committee is held in the strictest confidence. The contact information for the committee members has been posted in emails and will be in the bulletin.

Finances, Membership, and the Building.

David Kochman presented the finance report. CAA is right on target with its budget. There are no dramatic unexpected expenses to report. In the building report, Malcolm Katz shared that we're in the process of switching to LED lights, and he shared information on the failure of an element of the heating and cooling system, which could be replaced under warranty, and the flooding of the library room. Quick reactions by Scott Rodolitz and the library volunteers saved the books. Selena Katz presented the membership report. The work of the Membership Working Group led to the creation of a Membership Committee to deal with issues concerning membership. CAA currently has 92 member units and 89 voting members. CAA has gained several new or returning members.

Religious/Ritual Practices Committee

(RPC). Jerry Kaufman presented the report for the Religious/Ritual Practices Committee (RPC). The RPC has been involved in the on-going process of planning the religious services that are offered at CAA. They are open to all ideas. This year there was a Shabbat unplugged and a poetry Shabbat. Jerry and Scott Rodolitz gave an update on the status of the Torah scroll repairs. One scroll is completely repaired. The second scroll is receiving a new pair of etzim. The third scroll will be going to the sofer soon. Scott has been handling the contacts, scheduling, and transportation for the Torah scroll repair project. The committee is still seeking donations because we are a couple of thousand dollars short. The board approved donation of profits from this summer's Kosher Q to Torah scroll fund. The RPC is currently discussing head-covering at CAA because we don't have a clearly articulated policy. This conversation involves questions of gender and head-covering, expectations for b'nai mitzvot, and consideration of sanctuary and non-sanctuary space. The eventual goal is to have written guidelines or a policy.

Jewish Education. Rabbi Loewenthal reported that the religious school finished its year of studying mystics and philosophers. This year students worked with a new individualized Hebrew curriculum. The religious school students and teachers observed many holidays together.

Education director Dale Rosenberg presented the adult education report. There are two ongoing text study

Yahrzeits for July/August

<i>Date Observed</i>	<i>Yahrzeit</i>	<i>Jewish Date</i>	<i>Friday before Yahrzeit</i>
7/1	Betty Chorney	18 Tammuz	6/29
7/1	Isaac Hanan	18 Tammuz	6/29
7/1	Elizabeth Kaplan	18 Tammuz	6/29
7/1	Chari Komitzsky Siegal	18 Tammuz	6/29
7/3	Eva Tenofsky	20 Tammuz	6/29
7/5	Sara Rosen	22 Tammuz	6/29
7/10	Martin Bernstein	27 Tammuz	7/6
7/10	Myra Eichner	27 Tammuz	7/6
7/11	Kate Dweres	28 Tammuz	7/6
7/14	Leo Berkowitz	2 Av	7/13
7/14	Norma Jean Holhut	2 Av	7/13
7/15	Jane New	3 Av	7/13
7/17	Mervin Rosenberg	5 Av	7/13
7/18	Evelyn Gold	6 Av	7/13
7/18	Lottie (Almas) Kotleroff	6 Av	7/13
7/20	Richard Samuel Stone	8 Av	7/20
7/21	Harry Borden	9 Av	7/20
7/26	Madeline Bernice Komitzsky	14 Av	7/20
7/30	Alton Hastings	18 Av	7/27
8/4	Samuel Bernstein	23 Av	8/3
8/19	Abraham Weinrieb	8 Elul	8/17
8/22	Rebecca Dweres	11 Elul	8/17
8/22	Edward Kapiloff	11 Elul	8/17
8/23	Max Garbuny	12 Elul	8/17
8/27	Mark Lee	16 Elul	8/24

Yahrzeits are listed according to the Hebrew date, so the English date will vary from year to year. Kaddish may be recited on the Shabbat nearest the date of remembrance. Please notify the synagogue office at 352-6747 if you find an error, or would like to have the name of a loved one included in the future.

groups. One is a Torah study group that reads texts in Hebrew and in English. The other group reads books of its choosing. This year it has focused on books that explore the relationship between science and religion. There have been two levels of adult prayerbook Hebrew instruction offered. CAA continues to offer a monthly movie night and a bimonthly book club that offers a mix of fiction and nonfiction. There have been well-attended educational opportunities related to holidays, including educational sessions on the Passover Seder and the Tikun Leyl Shavuot all-night study session. There have been concerts and lectures on topics ranging from Klezmer music to Jewish abstract expressionist painters. We had two scholars in residence -- Maurice Harris from Reconstructing Judaism and Noam Wolf, the shlichah from JFNH. There was also a field trip to the Yiddish Book Center. Dale is always looking for potential teachers or lecturers and ideas about future offerings.

Andrea Levin, Recording Secretary

Cycle of Life

Our condolences to:

Deborah Kaufman on the death of her mother, Martha Ann Lloyd, who passed away on May 29, 2018. She was 90 and would have celebrated her 70th Anniversary with her husband, Donal B. Lloyd in August. Martha was an accomplished artist with an adventurous spirit.



Mazel Tov to:

Malcolm and Selena Katz on the marriage of their son, Zeke Katz, to Katie Droz, daughter of Marvin and Betsy Droz. The wedding was on April 21st in Chicago, where Zeke and Katie will continue to live.

Tom and Vivian Prunier on the birth of their beautiful granddaughter, born on April 29th

Rick and Jan Cohen on the birth of their grandson, Isaac Martin Kanter, son of Rachel Cohen Kanter and Dan Kanter. Isaac was born Tuesday, May 29th in Washington, DC. Little Isaac is the great grandson of CAA members Lester and Norma Cohen.

Sephira Bullard on her graduation from High Mowing School. She will be attending Goucher College in Baltimore, MD.

Sarah Wendy Burman on her graduation from the Monadnock Waldorf School. She will be attending Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA.

Sophia Cone on her graduation from Monadnock Regional High School. She will be

attending Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, NH.

Elias Elliott on his graduation from the Monadnock Waldorf School. He will be attending Ithaca College in New York.

Lauren Platt on her graduation from Keene High School. She will be attending Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH.

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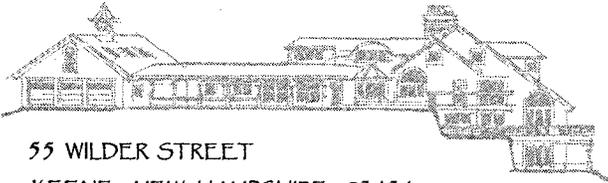
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