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From the Rabbi's Desk

Seder in the Social Hall? When it comes to inviting others in, it's not *dayenu*.

Jam packed into the Dr. Arthur E. Cohen Community Hall (aka "The Social Hall") for our annual congregational Passover seder, the 70 or so attendees read the words: *Kol dichfin yeitei v'yeichol, kol ditzrich yeitei v'yifsach*. "All who are hungry, let them come and eat. All who are in need, let them come celebrate Passover with us." We recite these ancient words every year as we hear the "snap" of the matzah being broken around our seder tables.

There are two problems with reciting this familiar phrase, however. First, logistics. How many of us are actually prepared to feed the hungry around our seder tables each year, especially when those in need might be complete strangers? Too few, I am sad to say. Even if the will were there, we couldn't possibly host *all* who are hungry if we tried. How massive a space would we need to feed all the hungry people in the world? Where would we get enough gefilte fish for everyone, and how much waste would there be at the end. I mean, gefilte fish and all those non-Ashkenazic palates?

But let's imagine for a second that we *could* feed all the world's hungry. Let's imagine a miracle of biblical proportions that allows us to gather in one place the millions of people in the world who are starving or suffering from food insecurity. We welcome them. We feed them. And every piece of gefilte fish and dollop of horseradish gets eaten! No waste!

What's to stop us from creating that miracle? It's not the logistics. Apart from convincing the world to like gefilte fish, we'd find a way. The greater problem is

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May 2	Timely Topics at Covenant Living	11:00am
May 2	Friday Night Service	7:00pm
May 3	Shilichim B'Madim (lunch to follow)	10:30am
May 4	Religious School	9:30am
May 8	Shmooze & Brews at Modestman	6:00pm
May 9	Friday Night Service	7:00pm
May 10	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30am
May 11	Religious School	9:30am
May 11	River Mill Flute Spring Concert	3:00pm
May 14	Coffee Hour with Rabbi at Brewbakers	2:00pm
May 14	CAA Board of Directors Meeting	7:00pm
May 15	Community Kitchen	4:45pm
May 16	Friday Night Service	7:00pm
May 17	Torah Study	9:30am
May 18	Religious School	9:30am
May 19	Inside Israel with Ra'anah De Haas	1:00pm
May 23	Timely Topics at Covenant Living	11:00am
May 23	Friday Night Service	7:00pm
May 24	Torah Study	9:30am
May 27	Coffee Hour with Rabbi at Brewbakers	11:00am
May 30	Friday Night Service	7:00pm
May 31	Torah Study	9:30am
June 1	Tikkun Leyl Shavuot	7:00pm
June 2	Festival Morning Service	9:30am
June 6	Friday Night Service	7:00pm
June 7	Torah Study	9:30am
June 11	Coffee Hour with Rabbi at Brewbakers	2:00pm
June 11	CAA Board of Directors Meeting	7:00pm
June 12	Shmooze & Brews at Modestman	6:00pm
June 13	Friday Night Service	7:00pm
June 14	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30am
June 15	Cohen Lecture Series: Red Coats & Rebels	3:00pm
June 16	Inside Israel with Ra'anah De Haas	1:00pm
June 19	Community Kitchen	4:30pm
June 20	Bar Mitzvah - Caleb Davern	7:00pm
June 21	Bar Mitzvah - Caleb Davern	9:30am
June 24	Coffee Hour with Rabbi at Brewbakers	11:00am
June 27	Timely Topics at Covenant Living	11:00am
June 27	Friday Night Service	7:00pm
June 28	Torah Study	9:30am
July 4	Friday Night Service	7:00pm
July 5	Torah Study	9:30am

that we're downstairs in the social hall reciting these words to ourselves. We know we have good intentions, but if we're talking to ourselves, how will anyone outside our immediate universe know that we are prepared to welcome them and feed them at our seder table? They won't. That is, unless we get out of our seats, leave the comfort of our community, and go out to publicize what we are offering.



Rabbi Aronson

It's not that no one would come eat the Passover meal with us if we just sat around. A handful of souls would probably seek us out, despite not knowing for sure if they'll feel welcomed. But a handful of souls is not *dayenu*. It's not enough.

Now, let's use the seder in the social hall as a metaphor for welcoming guests and prospective members. Providing hospitality to newcomers and having more of them decide to join CAA are two achievable goals that we frequently discuss. But it is not enough for us to *know* and *say* that we welcome new members and guests. We must actively announce to folks in the wider world that they belong here.

Thanks to the efforts of several leaders in our community, the news about CAA *is* getting out there, and *we are* growing.

For example, Becca Goldenberg and Sophie Carney-Brenner, co-chairs of our new Young Families Engagement Committee, are working diligently to introduce young Jewish families to CAA. Becca and Sophie have joined forces with Dinah Berch, program coordinator for the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, to identify unaffiliated young families who are looking for connection to Jewish community and inviting them to participate in activities that often take place downstairs in, you guessed it, the social hall. Their efforts are already bearing fruit as new families consider becoming members.

Also, this past year, Alyse Bettinger, chair of our Membership Committee, launched Shmooze and

Brews with Jews, a social event that takes place one evening a month in a local watering hole. Over cold beverages and a nosh, congregants are meeting one another and discovering that they share interests. At the same time, people are coming to Shmooze and Brews whom we've never seen before, and they are becoming members! This, too, is an example of reaching out beyond our walls and inviting people in.

There are many groups in our region who would respond enthusiastically to our invitation to join us if we invited them -- *and if they knew that we'd welcome them*. Young families, young adults, and retirees are three such groups of people. Others include actors, musicians and artists, the LGBTQ+ community, young professionals, people who had one negative experience years ago and are eager to be shown that Jewish life is better and bigger than that one fateful encounter. Lots of people are looking for connection, albeit in different measures, to Jewish community, culture, and friendships, Jewish learning, religious practice, and connection to the Divine.

Each of us at CAA has the responsibility to announce to the wider world that we are ready and waiting to embrace anyone who would come check us out. It's just not enough to *talk* about how welcoming we are over matzah and macaroons in the social hall.

Let's do this together!

Rabbi Dan

Cycle of Life

Our condolences to the families of:

Meritta Lowy Garbuny z"l
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Mother of Wendy Fulton



Mazel Tov to:

Alyse and Paul Bettinger and the Bettinger Family on the marriage of Tami Bettinger DuBrow and Adam DuBrow

A Letter from the President

Dear Congregation

This is the last article I am writing for *The Bulletin* as the president of the synagogue. I feel sentimental, thinking about the previous three years.



Roye Ginsberg

I remember Paul Bieber calling me up 3½ years ago asking me to be CAA's next president. I had no experience being a president! On the other hand, I felt responsible to give back to our community as it has given me so much support over many years. I anxiously thought about the proposal, and I finally told Paul "yes."

Paul was vice president during the first two years of my presidency. He allowed me to go to his house weekly to have "president lessons." It was fun visiting with Paul, Elaine, and Walter (Paul and Elaine's dog). Paul taught me about the system of how the synagogue runs, and he also encouraged me to make decisions independently. Walter gave me unconditional love.

I have been meeting weekly with the present VP Selena Katz during this past year. Besides learning about the day-to-day management of the synagogue, she has actively assisted me with arranging many of the activities of CAA. I am grateful for her assistance.

I have been meeting with Rabbi Dan and Daniella Yitzchak, our office manager, almost every week for the past three years. Running an organization as complex as CAA requires tremendous attention to details, and I believe our team has been successful in its leadership. We have sought to maintain open lines of communication, professionalism, and humility as we accomplish the many tasks involved. I have enjoyed having my personal relationships grow with the members of the leadership team. I'll miss these frequent meetings, and I plan to continue these personal relationships.

I deeply appreciate the dedication of the Board, the committee chairs, and the various committee members who work tirelessly on behalf of our shul. It has

been a pleasure to serve our community; and in very advanced preparation for the High Holy Days, I sincerely ask for forgiveness if I have wronged anyone inadvertently during my leadership.

Thank you.



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Events May/June

Coffee Hour with Rabbi Dan at Brewbakery

Wednesday, May 14 at 2:00pm

Tuesday, May 27 at 11:00am

Wednesday, June 11 at 2:00pm

Tuesday, June 24 at 11:00am



Shmooze & Brews with Jews at Modestman



Thursday, May 8 at 6:00pm

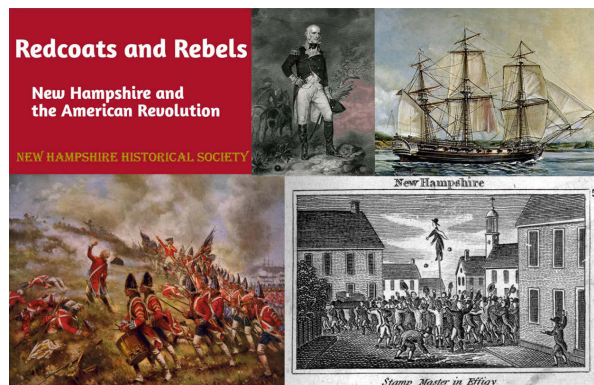
Thursday, June 12 at 6:00pm

Nathan E. Cohen Lecture Series

Redcoats & Rebels

Sunday, June 15 at 3:00pm

Presented by Mary Adams



New Hampshire often gets overlooked in the narrative of the American Revolution, overshadowed by its noisy neighbor to the south. Nowadays, few people know about Paul Revere's first ride, which was to Portsmouth in December 1774 to warn the patriots that the British were coming to reinforce Fort William and Mary, five months before the Redcoats marched on Concord and Lexington. Nor do they know that two-thirds of the troops at the Battle of Bunker Hill were from New Hampshire. Most people are also unaware that New Hampshire's Provincial Congress adopted the first state constitution in January 1776, making no mention of royal authority and essentially declaring independence from Great Britain six months before anyone else. And this is just the beginning of New Hampshire's revolutionary story.



Shalom, I'm Caleb Davern. I am 13 years old, and I live in Keene, New Hampshire with my parents, my brother, and two cats. I love to play soccer, rock climb, ski, and play drum kit. My favorite thing about our congregation is the community—everyone is one happy family. I'm very excited to become a Bar Mitzvah at CAA because everyone here is so welcoming. I have enjoyed working with Harry Reisig, Lainee, and Rabbi Dan to learn all sorts of prayers and my torah portion. My bar mitzvah is on June 20 and 21 of 2025, and I hope everybody reading this can come.

Sincerely,
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Lainee Ginsberg will sing our National Anthem, and during the 7th inning stretch, she will join with the MIP Pickup Chorus to sing God Bless America and Take Me Out To The Ballgame!!

Tickets are normally \$7.00. When you walk in, tell the ticket seller you are with the MIP Group. Your tickets will be ½ price, and under 10 is free.

Questions? Call Paul Bieber at 603-242-3521

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Sunday, July 20, 1-5pm

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Bring your friends who are interested in CAA.

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We have a bounce house for kids up to 12 years old, and a hot tub set at 102 degrees.

Purim 2025



Rabbi Dan Visits Seniors at Covenant Living of Keene



New Horizons Band Spring Concert at CAA on April 1



Talmud for Beginners



Join the CAA Book Discussion

DOINGS OF THE CAA BOOK CLUB

The CAA Book Club met on March 30, 2025, to discuss The Assistant by Bernard Malamud, a classic of 20th century American literature. Malamud, the son of immigrants from Ukraine, grew up in Brooklyn, where his father operated a modest grocery store. Malamud published his first short stories in the 1940's and *The Assistant* in 1957. Our group noted that *The Assistant* reflected the milieu of Malamud's childhood: Morris Bober, one of the main characters in the book, ran a struggling grocery in Brooklyn, as did Malamud's father. Eventually, Morris got help from Frank, the "assistant," who volunteered to work at the store to assuage his guilt for earlier robbing it, a fact unbeknownst to Morris. The story is one of struggle and redemption, and a conflicted tale of love between Frank and Morris' daughter, Helen. We found the novel, while bleak in some ways, to be rich in substance and allusions to Jewish liturgy and even film, with the central issue being what it means to be a Jew.

If you are interested in stimulating conversation, come join us! The next meeting will be on May 18, 2025, starting at 10:15am (for bagels), with the discussion at 10:30am. We'll be discussing two short stories: "Act of Faith" by Irwin Shaw and another work by Malamud, "The Lady of the Lake." The stories can be accessed electronically at the following link:

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They can be printed out from the link or, if you wish, read online. Alternatively, several printouts are available at the CAA office. The stories can also be found at the Keene Public Library in Irwin Shaw Short Stories, Five Decades and The Magic Barrel by Bernard Malamud. Hope to see you on May 18!



Cohen Center Study Tour

By Jane Taylor

I, along with Randy Carmel, and a dozen or so others traveled to Nuremberg, Strasbourg, and Amsterdam/The Hague in March on a Study Tour sponsored by the Cohen Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. The focus of the trip was new approaches to preventing and prosecuting atrocities rights in the wake of the Holocaust and exploration of the institutions of international law, although there was also ample time to explore all 3 locations.

Nuremberg featured a visit to the Palace of Justice, where the Nuremberg trials were held (1945-1946). Of particular interest to me was our volunteer guide's discussion of the political decision-making process regarding which Nazis to prosecute and the Court's idealistic efforts to make the trials fair. We also visited the Documentation Center, which outlined the rise of the Nazi Party and its persecution of the Jewish population, and the Nazi Party Rally and Parade Grounds. While the sheer size of the buildings and grounds was intimidating, it was heartening to see that the Nuremberg government is recognizing its dark past, with the majority of the grounds now dedicated to recreational use by the public.

The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg interprets the European Convention of Human Rights, adopted in 1950, providing a mechanism for both countries and individuals of its 46 member states to allege violations of human rights. I found that while its record of convictions and acceptance of these results is admirable, I was very disappointed that there is no real enforcement mechanism. I found Strasbourg to be an extraordinarily beautiful city, well worth a return visit.

One of the most emotional days of the tour for me was a visit to the Struthof Concentration Camp, the only such camp in France. This was a so-called work-to-death camp, where primarily resistance fighters, Romas and others provided forced labor in granite quarries and to build structures. It was also a site of the Nazi's pseudo-medical procedures on Jewish prisoners.

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Volunteer at The Community Kitchen

Our next dates at TCK are Thursday, May 15th , and Thursday, June 19th.

CAA continues to be involved in The Community Kitchen, in a variety of ways. Several CAA members are involved weekly, packaging up food for community members to pick up, on Wednesdays (Malcolm Katz, Royce Ginsberg, Jeff Cohen, Sandy Kochman, Gary Shapiro), and Thursdays (Selena Katz). Elaine Bieber is a volunteer chef on a regular basis. CAA serves and cleans up after the evening meal once or twice a month. That cast of volunteers varies somewhat, and includes Malcolm, Selena, Barbara Green, Jane Taylor, Pam Weinrieb, Elaine and Paul Bieber, Gail Giesen, Gerry Eichner, Randy Carmel, and Gary.

Please contact Malcolm or me if you have interest in serving on this great community endeavor.

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Lauren Platt.....	5/5
Paul Bettinger.....	5/8
Jane Shapiro	5/12
Brooke Burman.....	5/13
Maureen Nebenzahl.....	5/15
Benjamin Aldrich.....	5/16
Norma Cohen.....	5/16
Tsipora Gil.....	5/17
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Rose Weinrieb	5/21
Michael Dias.....	5/22
Mark Mizel	5/22
Guy Burman.....	5/25
Deborah Galinski.....	5/26

Tami Bettinger DuBrow	5/29
Nancy Cahn	5/31
Olivia Schadick	5/31
Liav Moon.....	6/4
Selena Katz.....	6/5
Martin Gross.....	6/7
Paul Berch	6/8
Sophie Rose Carney-Brenner	6/10
Rebecca Vogel.....	6/10
Mark Wisan	6/10
Randall Carmel	6/12
Seth Blair	6/15
Joshua Bettinger	6/16
Nisa Dias	6/17
Thomas Giesen.....	6/18
Jacob Blair	6/20
Jason Bander	6/21
Jill Post	6/24
Elon Aviv Carbone	6/25
Amaris Weller	6/28

Anniversaries

Sue & Tom Weller	5/16
Jan & Rick Cohen.....	5/26
Sophie Carney-Brenner & Daniel Carney- Olmstead.....	6/6
Elaine & Paul Bieber	6/16

Shelley & Michael Amster	6/18
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5/2	Norman Fulton	Iyar 4	4/25
5/3	Sam Fox	Iyar 5	5/2
5/3	Shirley Ruth Shapiro	Iyar 5	5/2
5/4	Sharon Nadav	Iyar 6	5/2
5/5	Burton Sylvern	Iyar 7	5/2
5/8	Michael Forman	Iyar 10	5/2
5/10	Rose Hanan	Iyar 12	5/9
5/11	Barry Berk	Iyar 13	5/9
5/11	Oscar Crocker	Iyar 13	5/9
5/15	Eli Hanan	Iyar 17	5/9
5/19	Sophie Aliber Court	Iyar 21	5/16
5/20	Alexander Zalman	Iyar 22	5/16
5/21	Robert Feingold	Iyar 23	5/16
5/22	Elenore Butler	Iyar 24	5/16
5/22	Mae Shapiro	Iyar 24	5/16
5/23	Frances Gardner	Iyar 25	5/16
5/58	Stanley Bernstein	Iyar 27	5/23
5/28	Dorothy Vogel	Sivan 1	5/23
5/31	Nathan Goodman Zeskind	Sivan 4	5/30
6/9	Louis Brudnick	Sivan 12	6/6
6/9	Frances Iorio	Sivan 13	6/6
6/10	Robert Brudnick	Sivan 14	6/6
6/10	Yetta Popover	Sivan 14	6/6
6/10	Sophie Rosell	Sivan	6/6
6/10	Lillian Shapiro	Sivan 14	6/6
6/11	Martha Ann Lloyd	Sivan 15	6/6
6/17	Minnie Braverman	Sivan 21	6/13
6/18	Ann Warsh Small	Sivan 22	6/16
6/19	Celia Weinrieb	Sivan 23	6/13
6/20	Morris Tonofsky	Sivan 24	6/13
6/21	Michael Buckowsky	Sivan 25	6/20
6/21	Sidney Butler	Sivan 25	6/20
6/23	Saul Mariaschin	Sivan 27	6/20
6/24	Barbara Blankstein	Sivan 28	6/20
6/24	Jamila Kidary	Sivan 28	6/20
6/24	Stanley Schadick	Sivan 28	6/20
6/25	Burton Beiber	Sivan 29	6/20
6/27	Marilyn Dinerstein Eisner	Tammuz 1	6/20
6/29	Dorothy Estrin	Tammuz 3	6/27
7/1	Shirley Schnitzer Kaplan	Tammuz 5	6/27
7/1	Muriel Sylvern	Tammuz 5	6/27
7/3	Barbara Cooper Borden	Tammuz 7	6/27
7/3	Richard Cohen	Tammuz 7	6/27
7/4	Celia Lipsky	Tammuz 8	6/27

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.

Cohen Center Tour cont.

Our visits to the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at the Hague were disappointing, as the anticipated hearing at the ICC had been recessed and a “high security” meeting at the ICJ closed the Palace of Justice to all visitors for the day.

We spent the morning of the last day of our trip at the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. After an hour meeting with the director, we toured the House itself, with the Franks’ hiding place an old warehouse at the back of the main building. This has been purposefully left bare, as the Nazis had stripped the house of its contents after the arrest of the Frank family and others. I was glad to have the afternoon free to decompress.

While I have highlighted only the portions of the tour relevant to its purpose, along the way we were able to explore many historic areas and cultural sites, and enjoy a good deal of excellent food and drink. In many ways the tour was similar to a survey college course, but in person instead of being in a lecture hall. It expanded my understanding of the post WW II environment in Europe and answered some of my questions, but it also has given rise to many more.

Trial Courtroom at Nuremberg



Stolpersteine - Nuremberg



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