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CANDLE LIGHTING

September 3 ~ 7:03 pm
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September 17 ~ 6:38 pm
September 24 ~ 6:26 pm

*Times shown are 18 minutes
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SPECIAL EVENTS

- September 2**
New and Prospective
Member Open House
- September 6**
Clean Up Morning
- September 7**
High Holiday Set Up
- September 19**
Sukkah Building
- September 22**
JCA School Open House
& Sukkot Celebration

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- September 2**
Board Meeting
- September 16**
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- September 28**
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5771
L'SHANA TOVA



**A Sweet, Healthy, and
Peaceful New Year to All!**
See pages 10-12 for a
schedule of High Holidays
services and other
information.

Message from Co-president

Lisa Perl binder, 230-3055, lperl binder@aol.com

Dear Friends, Our community is about to celebrate the Jewish New Year 5771. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the culmination of a period of introspection that began at the start of the month of Elul. During this period we review the thoughts and deeds of the last year to make ourselves ready for the real work of prayer and repentance.

Thanks to Rabbi Weiner, I've been much more reflective about my life and want to genuinely prepare myself for services as opposed to "just showing up." Honest self-assessment reveals that many acts of teshuva are necessary to establish balance and be and sealed in the book of life. Some acts may feel uncomfortable, but I think that is one of the messages of the holidays – In order to start with a clean slate, you need to act as opposed to "intend to act". Through taking action, you become closer to family, friends, community, and God, however the Holy One is defined for you.

It is customary to make amends with those you may have wronged so I apologized to everyone, especially my family, for not always being calm and rational when faced with a challenging situation. For the first time this year, I am repenting by also forgiving myself for all my own shortcomings. I constantly berate myself over every real or imagined infraction – impacting my attitude, and obscuring the presence of the Divine in my life. I now realize that only by accepting one's self can one make room to forgive others and appreciate the beauty around us. God is in the sunset, but if you don't forgive yourself for having an extra cookie, you won't see it. Because you hear a negative voice, you'll miss out on all the positive found in a single day. So apologize, forgive, and hear the positive instead of negative voices throughout the coming year.

Another common practice is the recita-

tion of Psalm 27. The comforting, beseeching words are intended to help each Jew develop their own relationship with God. Psalm 27:4 states, "One thing have I asked of God, one thing do I desire: that I may dwell in the house of God all the days of my life, to behold the graciousness of God, and to visit in His temple." While one looks to God as a source of divine protection, becoming closer to God provides peace and serenity. As one community with the Divine, we can come together in prayer and have those prayers elevate us into a New Year. If you can, review this psalm and let's talk about it in services.

In accordance with the teachings of Mordechai Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist movement who opined about the "civilization of Jews in America", I plan to watch the last 45 minutes of Star Wars Revenge of the Jedi. Although George Lucas, a self proclaimed Methodist/Buddhist, proffers the plot of Star Wars is derivative of Joseph Campbell's assessment of the elements of an epic, one can see the Akedah/Binding of Isaac as Darth Vader is about to sacrifice his son Luke by throwing him into the reactor. Instead he sees the Emperor and sacrifices him, the way Abraham sacrificed the ram as opposed to his beloved son. Then Darth Vader atones by asking Luke for forgiveness and Luke, through righteous actions and by forgiving his father, is at peace with himself, one with his community, and a part of the Force. This memorable American saga can be a teachable moment as my kids and I experience the holidays.

To wrap up, if we seek forgiveness, act righteously, and share in teshuva, our community becomes closer to each other, the Divine and ourselves – at the JCA, in America, and with Jews all over the world.

L'Shana Tovah.
Lisa

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Chesed Committee

The Chesed Committee assists JCA members in times of joy, sorrow and need, coordinating volunteers to help with meals, rides, errands, visits, shiva minyans, and other needs. We also welcome new members and babies! Please contact us if you would like to join the committee or be added to our list of volunteers.

Also, if you, someone in your family, or someone in the community is ill, hospitalized, or in need of assistance, please contact us right away. Even if visits or phone calls are not desired, it is important to us as a community to be aware of the health and well-being of our members and their families. We realize that providing this kind of information feels awkward to many people, but it is an important facet of being in community. We cannot help if we do not know.

Contact the Chesed Committee through the JCA office at 256-0160.

Beit Shalom Committee

The Beit Shalom Committee is available to members of the JCA congregation wishing assistance in addressing personal differences that have arisen between individuals, among committees, or with those in leadership positions within the JCA. Accordingly, if you have concerns or disagreements, or feel a desire to enhance communication with another member, a committee, or leader, please contact a Beit Shalom Committee member to facilitate this process. All such communications will be kept strictly confidential unless agreed upon differently by the participants.

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Devarim:
Words from Rabbi Benjamin Weiner



There was a time in my life when I was less interested in the liturgy of the High Holidays than I was in simply spending time in the intense convocation of Jews that the period represented. As the old saying goes, “Mr. Rosenberg goes to shul to talk to God, and I go to talk with Mr. Rosenberg.” I would sit in one of the seats habitually reserved for my family and absorb the service by osmosis—feeling the sway of the melodies though rarely singing them myself, interested in the emotional outpourings of others even as I maintained my own poker face. Though sometimes, to be truthful, I was just plain bored.

To get me through these dry spells I would often bring a book. Generally, it would be a book in keeping with the spirit and tenor of the holiday, though, once, in a more rebellious phase, I carried in a novel by Sholem Aleichem, trusting in the dense Hebraic characters of the Yiddish text to maintain my cover. (This worked until the elder sitting behind me leaned over and asked, “Nu, vos leynstu?”—“So, what are you reading?”)

One of my perennial, more appropriate favorites was a compendium by the great Hebrew writer Shmuel Yosef Agnon, called *The Days of Awe*. With the ear of a literary master who had grown up steeped in the traditions of Jewish Eastern Europe, Agnon combed through the scriptural and folkloric material of the *yamim noraim* (days of awe), organizing it into an encyclopedic journey through the texture of the sacred festival. By way of introduction, he explained that his impetus had been a question from a non-Jew about whether Judaism contained anything like the high drama of the Christian holy week. It occurred to him that yes, we do have a period of intense religious drama, in which, through ritualized behavior and speech, we perform our most sacred stories, allowing ourselves to be swept along into a mystery of soul-shattering transformation. It starts with the onset of the month of Elul, intensifies when we gather at midnight the week before Rosh Hashanah to recite the first of our selichot, our penitential poems, and lasts beyond the sounding of the

long shofar blast at the end of Neilah, until the raucousness of Hoshana Raba.

Agnon offered a vision of the High Holidays as the height of Jewish sacred drama, and the difference, as I see it, between sacred drama and a night at the theater lies in the strange duplicity of the synagogue as a playing space. On this stage we are both actors and ourselves, reciting a script (and a musical one at that) while hoping the words will dig into us and allow our real emotions to flow. The subject is both a highly contrived fairy tale—a king who sits on a throne with two open books before him—and our actual lives, which we strive to ennoble even as they remain all too short and vulnerable. The stage directions seem pretty hokey—“they face forward and beat their breasts with clenched right fists, while reciting al khet’, ‘for the sin I have committed’”—until you discover that your heart is crying.

We come to this stage from all kinds of backgrounds and with any number of orientations. Some are aficionados and others raw beginners. Some carry private pain, and hope the drama will bring them healing and the courage to do the more important work of making things right with the actual people in their lives. Some, thinking of the precarious state of our world, may be inspired to donate the food they gave up during the Yom Kippur fast to the JCA’s non-perishable food drive. Some may be looking for Mr. Rosenberg, and others wondering what kind of a year God had. A number of you may be bored, and wishing that John Grisham, or Toni Morrison, or Shakespeare had written more in Yiddish.

But, whether through the melody of our own voices or by osmosis, we will all play a part in this sacred drama. In the end, it may mean something different to each of us, though perhaps we may find some unity in a few of its most famous phrases: hashivenu vinashuva...turn us and we will return... kol nidrei...release us from what binds us...kadesh yamenu...renew our days...

b’shalom,

Rabbi Benjamin Weiner

Rabbi Liaison Committee

The purpose of the Rabbi Liaison Committee is to:

- Act as a channel between the rabbi and the congregation for the communication and processing of comments, issues, and complaints,
- Further increase the effectiveness of the rabbi-congregational relationship,
- Provide a way for people who are hesitant about contacting the rabbi directly to do so.

We encourage you to contact any member of the committee whenever you feel there is an issue that you would like them to consider with Rabbi Weiner.

Please be assured that all information is confidential.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Shabbat Nitzavim/Vayelekh *Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30*

September 3, Friday

5:30 PM

Intergenerational Family Service

Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

September 4, Saturday

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

D'var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

8:30 PM

Selichot program and service
 (see below for more information)



Rosh Hashanah

September 8, Wednesday- Erev Rosh Hashanah

September 9, Thursday- Rosh Hashanah Day 1

September 10, Friday- Rosh Hashanah Day 2

See page 11 for a schedule of services.



Shabbat Shuvah/Parashat Ha'azinu *Deuteronomy 32:1-52*

September 10, Friday

6:15 PM

Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

September 11, Saturday

10:00 AM

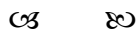
Service Leader: Gordon Freed

D'var Torah: Rabbi Weiner



September 12, Sunday- Fast of Gedaliah

The Fast of Gedaliah commemorates the climax of the disasters that befell the first Jewish Commonwealth in 586 B.C.E.



Yom Kippur

September 17, Friday- Kol Nidre

September 18, Yom Kippur

See page 11 for a schedule of services.



Sukkot

September 22, Wednesday- Erev Sukkot

September 23, Thursday- Sukkot

10:00 AM- Services



Shabbat Chol HaMo'ed Sukkot *Exodus 33:12-34:26, Numbers 29:17-25*

September 24, Friday

6:15 PM

Carlebach style service followed by potluck supper

Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

September 25, Saturday

10:00 AM

Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner

D'var Torah: Rabbi Weiner



Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

September 30, Thursday

10:00 AM- Shemini Atzeret Services (Yizkor)

7:00 PM- Simchat Torah Celebration



Shacharit (morning) Minyan

The weekday shacharit minyan continues to meet every Tuesday at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary.

Selichot

At Selichot this year Congregation B'nai Israel and Beit Ahavah will be our guests on Saturday, September 4 at 8:30 pm for a joint program and service to help us enter into the spirit of the High Holidays. Rabbi Weiner of the JCA will be co-leading the service with Rabbi Kosovske of Beit Ahavah and Rabbi David of Congregation B'nai Israel. The program will be a staged reading of Merle Feld's moving and provocative play *The Gates are Closing*, to be directed by B'nai Israel member Jane Trigere.

***Kiddush and Oneg
Sponsors***

August 7-

The JCA Board, in honor of Rabbi Weiner's arrival at the JCA.

August 20-

Oneg sponsored by Marvin & Lillian Weilerstein in honor of Kira becoming Bat Mltzvah

August 21-

Phil & Kathy Weilerstein, in honor of their daughter Kira becoming Bat Mitzvah

September 4-

Bob & Jeanne Potash

If you would like to help with or sponsor a kiddush, please contact Barbara Freed at: 256-0355

Simchat Torah

**Thursday,
September 30
at 7:00 pm**

Here's your once a year chance to dance with a Torah scroll! Plans for the evening are still in formation. Watch the community email for more information.

Meditation Minyan

The weekday meditation minyan continues to meet every Wednesday at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary

Sukkah Building

Please join us on Sunday, September 19 at 10:00 am to help us put up the JCA Sukkah. No experience necessary! If you have any tools (a hammer, screwdriver, cordless drill/screwdriver) you can bring them, but mostly, we need YOU. It takes about an hour, more or less, to put it up. Donuts, coffee and juice will be provided.

If you have any questions, and to let us know that you're coming, please contact: Aaron Bousel, abousel@comcast.net, 253-3544

Wanted: Torah Reading Co-ordinator

-- a person who is willing to take on the fulfilling task of calling members of the JCA who have stepped forward to read Torah, and to schedule Torah reading for weekly Shabbat services. The Ritual Life Committee will provide the list of readers. The RLC has funds for one paid reader a month; the remainder are volunteers. Mentoring, and much appreciation, provided for the new co-ordinator.

Call or email Randi Stein (549-0526, randistein@earthlink.net) or one of the Ritual Life Committee Chairs.

First Friday Night Service and Potluck Supper

Please join us on the first Friday of each month at 5:30 pm for a brief child oriented service followed by a potluck supper. Although the service is geared towards young children, it contains all the elements of a regular Friday evening service, including mourner's kaddish. People of all ages are encouraged to attend. It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Foot Stomping Melodies for Welcoming Shabbat

The next Carlebach-style services will be on September 24th at 6:15 pm.

The melodies are beautiful, the spirit/ruach is incredible.

There will be a potluck supper following the service.

Torah Reading

Can you chant Torah? And if you don't know how, would you like to learn? There is now a group of people who are meeting to support each other in developing our skills in this area. Members have a wide range of ability, from experienced to beginners. Our goal is to encourage as many JCA members as possible to learn this skill and participate in chanting Torah at services. For more information please call Randi Stein (549-0526) or Ruth Love Barer (253-4923)

Chemical Sensitivities

A number of our members have allergies to perfumes, colognes and other fragrances. Please try to minimize the use of these products when coming to the JCA. Thank you.

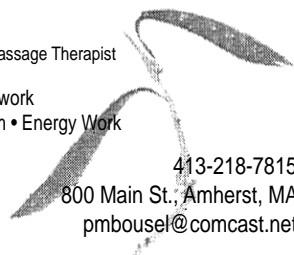
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Education News

Jody Rosenbloom, Director of Life Long Learning, 256-0160, ext. 203



L'Shana Tova – A Good Start to a New Year 5771

Programming will begin later than usual, after the High Holidays, with a festive open house and community celebration of Sukkot. Our yearlong theme is one of welcome. Congregants of all ages are invited to join the school as we share in the harvest, shake a lulav & etrog, cook together and get to know each other. The majority of our teachers are returning. Wednesday will continue to have a Hebrew focus; with ongoing student assessments, individual and small group independent study, review games, and recess. We have scheduled Shabbat dinners, coffee talk/tea time for parents, and a few family education programs. We look forward to seeing you and having your family join us this year. Watch the Thursday email for up to date announcements & opportunities.

The Five Year Plan: An Update of Priorities for Education

Continuing with priorities set in June 2008, we focus on 1) **Lilmod B'Yachad** (Learning Together): Building a strong community through learning and Shabbat, 2) **Kol H'Amim** (All Peoples): Linking with Reconstructionism and collaborating in the region, 3) **Shalom Bayit** (Peace/Wholeness in the Home): Achieving financial stability and appropriate staff and volunteer resources in education programs and initiatives and 4) **Gevurah** (Structure/Discipline/Focus): Building on the successes and unique strengths of the JCA community.

We have addressed three main issues: 1) Continuity (children developing relationships with teachers, classmates and Judaism), 2) Flexibility (options provided for students other than traditional classes, including more community learning activities) and 3) Quality of teachers/learning experience (incorporating a master teacher overseeing Hebrew, and community members sharing their expertise).

This year, we are assessing our progress over the last three years:

- As part of family education, we again received a generous grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to enhance our family education programs: 1) Twice this year, attendance and participation at a designated Shabbat morning family service will take the place of Sunday classes, 2) Support for parents with children with special needs will continue and we will include grade level curriculum addressing B'Tzelem Elohim/how we are created in God's image and 3) host a winter gathering for the Havurah Ketanah/Families with Young Children.
- The committees that develop Adult Education program-

ming have met and are working on offerings for the year including a scholar in residence weekend.

- JCA School evaluation of Hebrew retention shifts since implementing individual Hebrew goals and homework monitoring, quiet and active learning opportunities and a snack/recess time.
- Our JCA Teen Programming has also received a grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. In addition to our basic JCA Teens program, we facilitate JTOV – a regional collaboration with the other synagogues. In addition to grant funded programming, Rabbi Weiner will teach a Confirmation class.
- Teacher education has included joint workshops with other synagogues, bringing in specialists from the congregation, and a more extensive teacher orientation.

The Sooner The Better

New Shalom Sunday Group Starting September 26

If your children or grandchildren are 4-6 years old, have them come to our Shalom Sunday morning play & learn group. Shalom Sunday meets once a month from 10:30am-12 noon and is led by veteran teacher, Melissa Zeitz. We facilitate a concurrent parent/grandparent discussion group every other month. This group is open to members and non-members for a small fee. Pre-registration is required. Contact Eric at 256-0160 or edassist@j-c-a.org.

Remember Our Easy Fundraisers (To Help Subsidize Tuition)

1. Bring in Box Tops for Education. We will be redeeming them soon.
2. Support your coffee buzz & order Deans Bean's Fair Trade Coffee.
3. Volunteer to help with our winter Bingo event or Purim Carnival. .

Calendar

Fri, Sept. 3	Family Shabbat Service
Wed, Sept. 22	Open House/Sukkot Family Activities & Potluck 4-6:30pm
Sat, Sept. 25	First Day for 7th Grade w/Parents (Time TBA)
Sun, Sept. 26	First Day for Grades 1-6 w/Parents, 10-12:15 Shalom Sunday (for 4-6 year olds) begins 10:30 am-12 pm

Mornings Go Better with Dean's Beans

The JCA's Dean's Beans Organic Coffee Fundraiser is now in its 5th Season! Get superior quality coffee at a great price while doing a mitzvah for the JCA and indigenous coffee growers around the globe. Over \$7,800 has been raised in profits to date.



Get on the e-list for monthly reminders (contact Sue Cinner: susanwein-stein1@yahoo.com) or download an order form on the JCA website.

Let's make this season stronger than a dark roast-- order by September 24th for the October 1st pick up date.

**Help make this season a big one! Order Dean's Beans Organic Coffee...
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Adult Education Committee:

A great book for your reading list

This fall, the Jewish Community of Amherst will be hosting award-winning author Joan Leegant, who will be speaking about her gripping new novel set in Israel, *Wherever You Go*, published this July by W.W. Norton.

Readers are raving about the book with comments like, *What a beautiful book! I just loved it and couldn't put it down. and I couldn't stop reading; the story is compelling. and I could not pull myself away. You've done a brilliant job.* The director of a large Jewish library who specializes in Jewish American fiction, wrote, *I just this minute finished reading your novel, and I am in awe. It is a masterpiece.*

A review in the Forward, North America's national Jewish newspaper, stated, *Finally, a novel about Israel by an American Jew that's written well and without sentimentality... There have been many important novels in English about Israel; Leegant's is certainly among them.*

Leegant's novel is a great read, an engrossing story of three young Jewish Americans in Israel caught in the vortex of radical political and religious extremism. It's being sold on Amazon.com at a steep 33% discount – only \$16. Reading it now is the perfect way to prepare for Joan's visit to our community. For her story collection, *An Hour In Paradise*, Joan Leegant won the PEN New England Book Award, the Wallant Award for Jewish Fiction, and was named a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award. A Newton, MA resident and former lawyer, for eight years she taught writing at Harvard University. Since 2007 she has lived half the year in Tel Aviv, where she has been the visiting writer at Bar-Ilan University, and a frequent lecture for the U.S. State Department. For more information, visit her website at www.joanleegant.com

Joan's visit to the JCA, on **Wednesday, October 6**, is being co-sponsored by Congregation B'nai Israel, the Northampton-Amherst chapter of Hadassah, and both the English Department and Judaic and Near Eastern Studies Department at UMass/Amherst. Her talk will begin at **7:30 PM** and will include opportunities to speak with the author. Books will be available for purchase, and light refreshments will be served.

Tikkun Olam Committee

The Tikkun Olam (Social Action) Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 28th 9:00 a.m. at the JCA (room will be posted). New members and new ideas are always welcome.

JCA Adult Reading Group

The 1st meeting of the year of the ARG will be on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the JCA library. We will be discussing, *Daniel Deronda* by George Elliot. It is a classic work done by an outstanding writer, at the height of her career. Its mixture of social satire and moral searching, along with a sympathetic rendering of Jewish proto-Zionist and Kaballistic ideas made it a controversial final statement of one of the greatest of Victorian novelists. It is available in paperback. New participants are always welcome.

Any questions,
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Jewish Community of Amherst Regional Teen Programming

The JCA houses teen programming for Jewish teens in grades 6-12 all over the Pioneer Valley. We offer a wide variety of programming, including: informal education, community service, social programming and leadership opportunities. There is something for everyone. Come check us out for yourself and see how it feels to be part of the community.

Jewish Community of Amherst Teen Group

JCAT is opened to any interested teen in grades 7-9, and is focused on creating a JCA teen community. Teen leaders plan events.

Past programs have included sleepovers, white water rafting, Havdallah & Chinese food, & movie nights.



Teens in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend Kehila, a teen learning community that

meets twice a month on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm. The evening includes a dinner and schmooze time, core curriculum class, snack break, and choice of electives. Students in grades 10-12 will be in Confirmation Class led by the Rabbi. Students can choose from a number of electives, including (but not limited to): Hebrew, Jewish Values through

WORK Opportunities

Post B'nai Mitzvah teens are eligible to apply to become a TA in our JCA school or in the office. TAs are paid an honorarium and receive basic training and support as necessary. Contact Jody Rosenbloom at eddir@j-c-a.org.



JTOV is open to Jewish all teens in the Upper Valley.

This collective is funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation Teen Initiative, Jewish Community of Amherst, Congregation B'nai Israel, Beit Ahavah, and Temple Israel in order to bring together teens to create community. JTOV sponsors regional events, JVCorps, & Rosh Hodesh Groups.

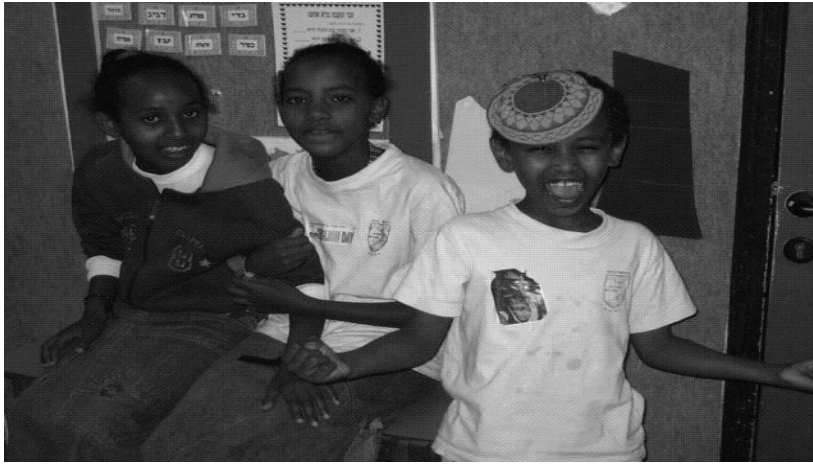
JVCorps is a community service learning for teens in grades 7 and up. Teens volunteer at the Amherst Survival Center helping to prepare, serve, and clean-up



Rosh Hodesh:
It's a girl thing!

These are values-based, experiential and trans-denominational monthly groups for teens in grades 6/7 and 8/9 that help strengthen self-esteem and explore Jewish identity.

Contact Rachael Goren-Watts at jcateens@gmail.com or jtovteens@gmail.com or 256-0160 x208 for more information.



TAG SALE FOR PROJECT REHOVOT

Date: Sunday, August 29th, 2010

Time: 8 AM TO 3 PM

In the yard of Jody Wax and Tom Butler
433 South Pleasant Street, Amherst (corner of Memorial Drive)

Since 1992, the Jewish Community of Amherst has sponsored a unique program in several elementary schools in Rehovot, Israel. Now we are focusing on one project designed to assist immigrant children, primarily Ethiopian, in their difficult integration into a new country. This tag sale is very important for the JCA. It will enable us to continue to support a part-time art teacher/therapist in Maalot Meshulam, an elementary school in Rehovot, Israel.



- Please bring any items you wish to donate for this event beginning on **Thursday, August 26**. Call Jody Wax @ 256-0250 in the evening to make arrangements.
- Furniture, clothes, children's stuff, small kitchen appliances, in reasonably good condition will be welcome.

Message from the High Holidays Committee

L'Shana Tova! We are pleased to welcome you to our celebration of the High Holidays 5771/2010. While there is always excitement about the approach of the Holidays, this year we have the special anticipation of worshipping with our new Rabbi, Benjamin Weiner. The new will be balanced with the familiar as we maintain the traditions we have been building over the past 5 years.

We are extremely pleased to continue our Open Door policy that has been received so enthusiastically in the past two years. While our services are free and open to the public with no tickets necessary, we do request that non-members help us plan by pre-registering and we of course encourage donations from both members and guests, as they are able, to help us support this very important policy that truly expresses the mitzvah of Hachnassat Orchim (welcoming guests).

Equally important is welcoming our children. We have experienced staff for childcare at all major service times for a nominal fee (necessary to support the paid staff) and we encourage parents who are willing to help out for a period of time with the children. Children are of course welcome at all of the services according to the judgement of their parents/guardians and the library space is always available for those who need to step out of the service for a while. We have the audio from the main sanctuary piped in so you can still follow along, and on the first day of Rosh Hashanah we will have bagels ready for you to nosh.

This year's Family services will be led by Michelle Greenfield, a student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College who has extensive experience working with kids and promises to provide art, music and vibrant participatory services. By holding the services at 11:30 we try to accommodate various scenarios: parents who wish to attend the early Reconstructionist service and then be able to share the Family service with their kids as well as those who need some morning time with their kids before attending services. Children ages 9-12 are invited to the Shofarot program held the hour before the Family Service.

We will again offer two distinct service styles for you to choose from: the Reconstructionist services that present all aspects of the special Holiday liturgy compacted into a concise service running about 2 hours, and the Masorti services which have a more expansive presentation of the liturgy in the traditional order including a separate Musaf section after the Torah service (many of the distinctive Holiday elements are in this section). The Reconstructionist morning services are designed to finish in time to allow participants to join the larger Torah service in the main sanctuary (space permitting) where we traditionally honor committees and community leaders with group aliyot. Please see the list of scheduled aliyot in this

booklet to find any groups where you belong – we hope you will be able to be present to join with your fellow honorees.

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Ruhi Rubenstein, who led our Family services last year, will return to lead the popular Mountain Shofar Adventure Hike along with Michelle. She is engaged by another congregation for other services this year but she enjoyed the hike so much last year she was excited to return and do it again. If you go, remember to bring your shofar for a powerful tekiah from the mountaintop!

In addition to the group aliyot, there are additional honors at the Masorti services that are offered to individuals and couples such as opening the Ark, carrying a Torah scroll and lifting and dressing the scroll. These honors are open to any Jewish member of the community above the age of bar/bat mitzvah and we encourage you to step up and request an honor for yourself or someone you know will be at the services. New members are especially welcome – help us get to know you better! You might think there is heavy competition but the truth is most people are too humble to request for themselves and we've rarely had more than 4 people ask. These are your services and YOU ARE WORTHY of an honor. There are congregations where these honors always go to the big shots or people who bid large donations – not so at the JCA! (not that we're against donations to help support the services, mind you!). Please contact Paul Charette if you are interested (cyclone411@charter.net).

Please remember to send in advance payments to register for childcare and also submit any names you want included for remembrance on our Yizkor list – as in recent years we will read aloud the names of those persons deceased in the last year (A"H).

We are indebted to all the volunteers who help with the many tasks required to make our Holiday celebration a success. There is still time to join us as more help is needed as we get closer to the New Year. Some things that come to mind are: interior and exterior clean-up, setting up the seating in the social hall, help with our "honey cake Oneg" on Erev Rosh Hashanah and the many Greeters/Ushers we need at the services. Many hands make light work and there is a real joy and satisfaction you will feel in helping the community.

With blessings for a sweet New Year - l'shana tova tikateivu!

*Bob Solosko,
Paul Charette,
Guy Wood
Co-Chairs*



Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah- Wednesday, September 8

- 5:45 PM- Reconstructionist Service
- 5:45 PM- Teen Schmooze/Service
- 8:15 PM- Masorti Service

There will be an oneg following each service.



Rosh Hashanah, Day 1- Thursday, September 9

- 9:00 AM-11:00 AM- Reconstructionist Service
- 9:30 AM- Masorti Service (Shacharit)
- 12:00 PM (approx.)- Masorti Service (Musaf)

Youth Services and Activities

- 10:00 AM-11:15 AM- "Shofarot" for ages 10–12
- 11:30 AM-12:30 PM- Family Service
- 4:00 PM- Tashlich at Groff Park



Rosh Hashanah, Day 2- Friday, September 10

- 9:30 AM- Masorti Service (Shacharit)
- 11:00 AM (approx.)- Masorti Service (Musaf)
- 10:00 AM- Mountain Service

Meet at Notch Visitor's Center, Route 116



Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre- Friday, September 17

- 5:45 PM- Reconstructionist Service
- 8:15 PM- Masorti Service

Yom Kippur- Saturday, September 18

- 9:00 AM-11:00 AM- Reconstructionist Service
- 9:30 AM- Masorti Service (Yiskor at ~11:45 AM)
- 12:15 PM (approx.)- Masorti Service (Musaf)
- 4:30 PM- Minchah/Ne'ilah

Youth Services and Activities

- 10:00 AM-11:15 AM- "Shofarot" for ages 10–12
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- Help direct cars in the parking lots during the High Holidays. No experience needed, and adults and teens welcome! If you're able to help, please contact Ted Trobaugh at ftrobaugh@verizon.net to volunteer.
- Help set up the onegs on the first evening of Rosh Hashanah (September 8th), please contact Bob Solosko @ rbsolosko@verizon.net.
- Greeters and ushers needed. To volunteer, please contact Lisa Pack at beadgarden@hotmail.com.
- Home Hospitality for Break Fast: We will be offering a simple juice and bagels break fast at the JCA to tide you over on your trip home. If you are hosting a break fast at your home, please let us know if you could offer home hospitality to guests who have nowhere to go. Please call the office (256-0160) if you are able to host (and how many guests you could accommodate) or if you are looking for a break fast to join. We will match hosts with guests.
- Help Us Make the High Holidays Green: We are planning to create richly beautiful and prayerful bimah decorations for High Holidays services without any waste. Can you loan your big, hearty, indoor plants? We will water them and care for them for the duration. The congregation will enjoy the contemplative atmosphere on the bimah covered with your luscious potted plants! Contact Hadar Gabel at hgrabel@uhs.umass.edu or 413-253-0597 if you can help.

Childcare

Childcare, which is staffed by experienced college students and teen assistants, is available for children ages of 2-9 at these days/times:

Erev Rosh Hashanah,	9/8 5:35-7:30 PM
1st Day of Rosh Hashanah,	9/9 8:50 AM - 2:00 PM
2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah,	9/10 9:20 AM - 1:00 PM
Kol Nidre, 9/17	5:35 - 7:30 PM
Yom Kippur day,	9/18 8:50 AM - 2:00- PM
	4:20 PM - 7:30 PM

Please bring snacks (NO NUTS).

We require a fee for childcare (\$6-\$10 per child per service, based on what you feel you can afford).

Pre-register for childcare by Sept. 3 (return form in the High Holiday booklet OR pre-register on-line at <http://www.j-c-a.org>).

For more information, please contact Ariella Schwell at ariellachef@yahoo.com.



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5:30 to 7:00 PM

If you are new to the JCA or considering joining the JCA please join us. Please pass this on to anyone you know who might be interested or considering the JCA. This will be a great opportunity to meet our new Rabbi, Rabbi Benjamin Weiner, and to find out about all the exciting things happening at the JCA including plans for the High Holidays.

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Randi Stein



Randi moved to Amherst in 2005 and immediately joined the Jewish Community of Amherst. In fact, the JCA was one of the reasons she relocated to this area from New Hampshire.

Randi says she learned about the JCA from a member she met at the Rowe (MA) Conference Center at a time when she was looking for a connection to a strong Jewish community. She remembers thinking, "this might be my community." Randi's first impressions were that the JCA was lively and felt it was diverse and educated Jewishly. The JCA "felt like home after a very short time," comments Randi. Since joining, Randi has played an active role in the JCA – she's served on the board of directors and is currently part of the Ritual Life Committee and serves as a lay leader for Sabbath services.

When asked to give a gift to the Create a Jewish Legacy campaign, Randi agreed because she wanted to support the JCA. She says she "felt grateful the JCA was here when [she] needed it and wants to ensure that it will be there in the future for people in the area who need it." Also, as an active member, Randi sees the daily need for financial support and feels these [Legacy] gifts will help ensure the JCA's success in the future and allow there to be an ongoing Jewish institutional presence in Amherst.

Please join Randi and other Legacy donors in investing in our future. Make a gift to the Create a Jewish Legacy campaign.

To learn more, please contact David Sharken, chair of the JCA Ledor Vdor committee at 413-297-5500 or ledorvador@j-c-a.org or visit www.jewishlegacywesternmass.org

Kitchen Lost & Found

We have a bucket of items left by people who have brought food for potluck dinners. The bucket with the items is in the kitchen on the floor under the counter right after you enter through the door. Please check it out next time you are at the JCA.

Thanks. The Kitchen Committee

Open Rehearsal for Mak'hela:

The Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetts

If you think you might like to join us for our new season, come try it out at our open rehearsal on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at the Lander~Grinspoon Academy, 257 Prospect Street, Northampton. 7:30 - 9:15 pm. You would be welcome! We seek choral singers on all voice parts. Come join the fun!

For more information, contact Bonnie Mikesh at: bpmikesh@comcast.net or 413-567-3927 or visit us online at www.makhela.org

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September 2010

Dear Friends at JCA,

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This past year at JCA, 63 adult students were enrolled, 12 passed their GED test, and 10 students obtained a paying job.

Classes are held Monday through Friday between 9AM and 1PM. We welcome JCA members to stop by and say hello.

Please call me if you would like more information about The Literacy Project and check our website at www.literacyproject.org

On behalf of our adult students who are working hard to improve their lives, I want to thank-you so very much for sharing your wonderful facilities with The Literacy Project.

Happy New Year and Warm Wishes,

Judith Roberts, Ed.M.
 Executive Director

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The Deadline for the October Newsletter is September 12th

All submissions **MUST** be made either by e-mail or e-mail with a file attached.

If you do not have access to a computer or email, please contact the editor.

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Thank you, Aaron Bousel,
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of Rose Groman, sister of Peppy Barer
(Fran Saed)

If someone in your family, or someone you know in the community, is ill and/or in the hospital, please contact the Chesed Committee by calling the office (256-0160). Even if visits or phone calls are not desired, it is important for us as a community to be aware of the health and well being of our members and their families. We cannot help if we don't know.

Dear JCA Community,

On behalf of my mother, Peppy Barer, and myself, I want to acknowledge the support we have received around the death of my aunt, Rose Groman. We are deeply moved and comforted by the warm responses you have shown us. May our community go from strength to strength.

With gratitude,
Ruth Love Barer

Condolences

We offer our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who have recently died:

Elizabeth Monroe, grandmother of Chris Quatrone

Rose Groman, sister of Peppy Barer

and aunt of Ruth Love Barer

Pearl Sherman

New or Returning Members

We warmly welcome the following people to the JCA community:

Melinda Williams

Richard Alpert

Mazel Tov

On the birth of Mia Danielle Levy, daughter of Tim and Abigail, granddaughter of John and Karen Loeb.

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Community Announcements

Gan Keshet Preschool

Gan Keshet Preschool is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2010-11 school year! We offer a rich, nurturing, play-based Judaic/Secular environment where children, families and staff of diverse backgrounds together explore "being a community".

UMass Hillel's 4th Annual Ride to Provide,

Sunday, September 26, 2010

The Ride to Provide is a community Sukkot bike ride, to celebrate the season and help raise money to support UMass Hillel's community service programs and environmentally-friendly projects. This year's ride is on Sunday, September 26, 2010 with planned 9, 18 and 36 mile bike routes through the picturesque autumn foliage of Amherst, Hadley and Sunderland. Sponsorship and partici-

pation of groups from synagogues and other community organizations is encouraged!

The funds raised from the Ride to Provide allow UMass students to participate in life-changing community service projects sponsored by Hillel, taking them out of their comfort zones and across the globe. In January of last year, UMass Hillel sent nineteen students to Northern Israel, where they spent seven days working with an impoverished Ethiopian Israeli community. In April, UMass Hillel sent twenty-two students to New Orleans, where they spent spring break working to rebuild homes and lives destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. These opportunities lend a hand to our global community while enriching the lives and experience of UMass students.

For more information please visit our website: www.ridetoprovide2010.kintera.org

Meditation Group

Thursday Morning "Lecha Dumiyah Tehillah"* Meditation Group

Every Thursday in the CBI Library, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Led by Rabbis Nancy Flam and Sheila Peltz Weinberg

Please know that is not an instructional group. Rather, each of us comes with our own silent meditation or prayer practice and draws strength and affirmation for our deep, inner work by being together in community.

- Arrive & Settling In:
8:00 – 8:15 a.m.
- Setting of Kavvanah/Teaching:
8:15 – 8:25 a.m.
- Bell to begin silent meditation:
8:25 a.m.
- Bell to end silent meditation:
8:55 a.m.

* "To You silence is praise."
Psalm 65:2

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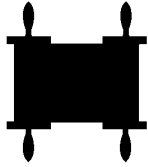
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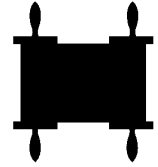
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			22 ELUL	23 ELUL	24 ELUL	25 ELUL
			1 7:30 pm Ritual Life Committee	2 5:30 pm New and Prospective Member Open House 7:00 pm Board Meeting	3 7:03 5:30 pm Intergenerational Family Service and potluck supper	4 Nitzavim - Vayelech 10:00 am Service 8:30 pm Selichot Program and Service (see page 4)
26 ELUL	27 ELUL	28 ELUL	29 ELUL	1 TISHRE	2 TISHRE	3 TISHRE
5 Selichot Begin	Labor Day 10:00 am Clean Up Morning	7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 7:30 pm Setting Up for High Holy Days	Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:54 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation See page 11 for High Holiday Service Information	Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 See page 11 for service information Office Closed	Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 6:51 See page 11 for service information 6:15 pm Service Office Closed	Ha'azinu 10:00 am Service
4 TISHRE	5 TISHRE	6 TISHRE	7 TISHRE	8 TISHRE	9 TISHRE	10 TISHRE
12 Fast of Gedaliah	13	7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 14	7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 15	4:00 pm JVCorp Orientation 7:30 pm Book Group 16	Erev Yom Kippur 6:38 See page 11 for service information 17	Yom Kippur See page 11 for service information 18
11 TISHRE	12 TISHRE	13 TISHRE	14 TISHRE	15 TISHRE	16 TISHRE	17 TISHRE
19 10:00 am Sukkah Building (see page 5)	20	7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 21	6:29 Erev Succot 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 4:00 pm JCA School Open House and Sukkot Celebration	Succot - Day 1 10:00 am Service Office Closed 23	6:26 Succot - First Intermediate Day 6:15 pm Carlebach stype service followed by potluck supper 24	Succot - Second Intermediate Day 10:00 am Service 10:00 am 7th Grade Opening Day
18 TISHRE	19 TISHRE	20 TISHRE	21 TISHRE	22 TISHRE		
Succot - Third Intermediate Day 10:00 am Opening Day JCA School and Shalom Sunday	Succot - Fourth Intermediate Day 27	Succot - Fifth Intermediate Day 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 9:00 am Tikkun Olam Committee 28	Hoshanah Rabbah 6:17 Succot - Sixth Intermediate Day 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 29	Shemini Atzeret 10:00 am Service 7:00 pm Simchat Torah Celebration Office Closed 30		

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(see page 13)**

September 4

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