



August 23 – August 29 2010

13 Elul – 19 Elul 5770

## Upcoming Services

- **Thursday, Sept 2**  
7 pm Community Healing Service  
**The following High Holy Days services will be held in the Allentown JCC Main Auditorium led by Rabba Nehama**
- **Saturday, Sept 4**  
Community Selichot Service
- **Wednesday, Sept 8**  
6 pm Erev Rosh HaShanah
- **Thursday, Sept 9**  
9:30 am Rosh HaShanah Day 1
- **Thursday, Sept 9**  
Approx. 1:30 pm Tashlich and picnic in the park at Cedar Beach Pavillion  
*map will be provided at services*
- **Friday, Sept 10**  
9:30 am Rosh HaShanah Day 2
- **Friday, Sept 17**  
6:30 pm Kol Nidre
- **Saturday, Sept 18**  
9:30 am Yom Kippur

## Upcoming Events

- **Friday, Aug 27**  
6:00 pm Pot-luck dinner hosted by Jeffrey Frank and Kristin Illick in honor of special guest: Cary Oshins, Beth Hyde and Sam.
- **Sunday, Sept 19**  
3:00 pm Book Club at the home of Anita Goldman

**For our calendar of services and events, please go to:**

<http://www.amhaskalah.org/calendar.html>

## Event this week...

**Friday, August 27, 6:00 p.m.**

**\*\* Please note: this is not a service**

Please join us 6:00 p.m. this Friday, August 27 for a pot luck dinner hosted by Kristin Illick and Jeffrey Frank in honor of special guests Cary Oshins, Beth Hyde and Sam.

Jeffrey Frank & Kristin Illick  
232 E. Wall St.  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
610-867-2002

Directions from Allentown:

Rt. 22 East to Rt. 378 South.

Exit Center City; Turn left onto 3rd Avenue.

Make next left onto Broad Street.

Follow through the downtown and 4 traffic lights.

Make right onto High Street (one block after Center).

Make 2nd left onto Wall St. We are on the right at 232 E. Wall St. (Brown row home).

## President's Message...

I recently returned from a 7 week trip around the country with my partner, Didi, and my children Joshua and Sarah. We were blessed with the opportunity to spend day after day immersing ourselves in the beauty of this country observing wildlife, beautiful scenery, blue skies with white puffy clouds and meeting interesting people. It was glorious!

What was also glorious was watching our Am Haskalah community come together to begin High Holiday preparations. During my absence, so many people stepped up to coordinate all of the details, both ritual and organizational to insure that everyone's expectations for High Holidays will be fulfilled. Without their efforts, we would not be able to offer

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High Holiday services to our members as well as to the community at large.

This huge effort, spearheaded by Maddie Langman and Julie Mackey, is a wonderful example of the power of the group AND the power of one. Without the "one" there can be no group effort. EveryONE makes a difference and a necessary contribution.

In the weeks to come I will be writing more about the volunteer efforts of members of our Am Haskalah community and how each of you can volunteer your time, effort and talents. Our Rabba Nehama has shared a beautiful message with all of us in her email signature which is a "loosely translated" version of Pirkei Avot 2:21.

ממנה להבטל חורין בן אתה ולא, לגמור המלאכה עליך לא

"You need not finish the work, but you are also not free to abandon your responsibility to it".

That's an important message for all of us in our lives in general and as members of Congregation Am Haskalah. Stay tuned for more thoughts on how to become a more active participant in *your* community and to more fully experience the joys and benefits of volunteering.

I want to thank the following people for their help in planning Am Haskalah's High Holiday services: Julie Mackey, Maddie Langman, Sharon Albert, Vicki Graff, Marsha Timmerman, Steve Shnell, Sondra Jacobs, Janet Glassman, Wendy Greenberg, Paula Tahler, Jenni Levy, Rebecca Metzger and Kristin Illick.

In the future, we will be creating a special section in the Shofar to call out those people who have helped to make a difference at Am Haskalah and in the community at large. I'm looking for a meaningful name for that special section. All suggestions are welcome. Please email me at [swolper@wolper.com](mailto:swolper@wolper.com) with your ideas or give me a call at 610. 217. 4879.

We will also be starting a new section in the Shofar which will showcase/highlight a member of the community so we can all get to know one another better. More details to come.

During this month of Elul when we consciously turn to introspection, inspiration, contemplation and blessings let us spend a little time thinking about the blessings of our community and how we all fit together to create a wonderful, warm place for worship, learning and togetherness. What we've created and will continue to create is –well- glorious!

B'shalom,

Sue

**Attention Am Haskalah men!**

We are forming a men's group at Am Haskalah... this is a great way for the men to get to know each other better. We're starting by forming a men's breakfast group to meet once a month.

Please contact Dave Teumim at [dave431@enter.net](mailto:dave431@enter.net) if you are interested. Hope you'll join us!

## Refuah Shelayma: Prayers for healing of Body and Spirit



... **Henry Achilles** son-in-law of **Ruth** and **Milt Mollick** and husband of **Helen Mollick**, **Bill Earnest**, **Wendy** and **Yale Edieken**, **Janet Glassman's** daughter **Amira**, **Harriet Karess** mother of **Marci Karess** and grandmother of **Ahren** and **Rhiannon Karess**, **Milt Mollick**, **Lowell Levant** uncle of **Adrian Shanker**, **Marian Rosenblum**, **Sylvia Sussman**, **Barbara Wurf** mother of **Elissa Wurf**, **Sharon Minick's** grandson **Liam** (see the family's blog for updates on Liam and ways we can help at <http://princeliambthebrave.blogspot.com>) .

Please let us know if you would like to add a name to our Refuah Sheleyma list.  
(Contact Yvette Hender at [adm.am\\_haskalah@yahoo.com](mailto:adm.am_haskalah@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 610-435-3775.)

## Board News

On August 18, the Am Haskalah Board met for the first time following the summer break. It was a meeting with non-stop presentation of information, ideas and action items.

Each Board member will be volunteering for one or more committees to act as liaisons between the Board and the various committees and to contribute their time and energy. The list of Board volunteers will be compiled by the next Board meeting. A contact list for Board members will also be distributed to the congregation as well as a list of committees with their respective current members and chairpersons.

Board member, Paula Tahler, has accepted the responsibility of Volunteer Coordinator for Am Haskalah and will be responsible for helping guide people to the various committees and will be a liaison between the volunteers, the committees and the Board. More about this important position to come...

The Finance Committee will be meeting shortly under the leadership of Dave Smith who will spearhead issues related to dues, grants, budget, expenses, etc.

The Fundraising Committee, under the leadership of Scott Berman, will be pursuing some fundraising ideas discussed during the Board meeting and will need volunteers to help plan and implement fundraising events and opportunities.

Both the Ritual and Events Committees need someone to chair those committees. Anyone interested, please contact Paula Tahler at [tahler@ptd.net](mailto:tahler@ptd.net)

Parlor meetings will be planned with the Events Committee to invite members of Am Haskalah to meet Rabba Nehama and Sue Wolper. This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas about Am Haskalah or to just stop by and say hello. More to come on this event as well.

There will be a collaboration of effort and ideas among Adult Education, Ritual and Rabba Nehama to help increase the opportunity for members to become service leaders and Torah readers.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2010.

## Pride In the Park re-cap



On Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Congregation Am Haskalah raised a small, blue pop-up tent, opened a folding table and chairs, hung our banner and displayed a rainbow flag all as part of the Lehigh Valley Pride Festival.

Despite the gray skies, drizzle and sometimes pouring rain, spirits ran high as Adrian Shanker, Wendy Greenberg, Janet Glassman, Paula Tahler, Didi Yunginger, Sue Wolper and Rabba Nehama took shifts meeting with attendees at the LGBT event.

We had the opportunity to meet several people interested in our Congregation and had the chance to talk about the wonderful, egalitarian, open community that we are.

Many thanks to Adrian Shanker who initiated the idea and arranged for our registration. And, thanks to Brandon, Adrian's boyfriend for lending a hand setting up the tent which required coordination of 4 people.

We all had a wonderful time representing our community and meeting potential new members.

## Order High Holiday Challah, Flowers, and Baked Goods and Support the Jewish Day School!

Once again the JDS is selling delicious round challahs and beautiful flower arrangements for the High Holidays. We are also bringing back baked goods!

**Challahs** from Wein's bakery are available for \$4: plain and raisin, or rolls; and from Zomicks for \$5, plain, raisin, whole wheat, and plain or raisin rolls.

Baked Goods include a variety of rugelach, babka, brownies, and fancy cookies. Rugelach & cookies also available sugar-free.

**Flowers** are again provided by RichMar Florists. Floral bouquets are available at \$10.50 for pick-up only. Centerpieces, \$40, and short arrangements, \$30, may either be picked up or, for a \$5 charge, delivered. Please contact Sharon Albert, [sharon.l.albert@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.l.albert@gmail.com), 610-776-0390, or Jessica Cooperman, [cooperman@muhlenberg.edu](mailto:cooperman@muhlenberg.edu), 610-351-6854, for more information or to receive an order form.

## High Holiday Volunteers needed

Am Haskalah needs you! We are in need of lots of helpers for the High Holiday services!

For each of the services, we need Greeters (those who sit at the table in the lobby, welcoming people and signing them in) and Ushers (those who stand inside the sanctuary doors, handing out prayer books and slips of paper with volunteer parts for the service. Greeters and Ushers at the start of services would need to be there 30 minutes before the start of the service; those for later in the services would be there for one-hour shifts.

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We also are in need of someone to assist with cleanup after each service – this would consist of getting all the prayer books back on the carts, getting the carts back in the closets, and cleaning up after the Kiddush on days that there is one.

We also need a **Tashlich Coordinator** which would involve bringing (or getting someone to bring) paper goods to the Pavillion (on Thursday, September 9) and staying until the end to make sure clean up happens.

Here's the list of services that we need assistants for.

Wednesday September 8th – Erev Rosh Hashanah - 6:00pm - 7:15pm

Thursday September 9th – Rosh Hashanah day 1 - 9:30am - 1:00pm

Friday September 10th – Rosh Hashanah day 2 - 9:30am - 1:00pm

Friday September 17th - Kol Nidre - 6:30pm – 9:00

Saturday September 18th - Yom Kippur - 9:00am - 2 pm

If you can help us by working a shift (or more!) as an **Usher** or a **Greeter**, or can work the cleanup shift after the service, please contact Steve Schnell ([schnell@kutztown.edu](mailto:schnell@kutztown.edu)) (for ushers and cleanup) or Maddie Langman ([mclangman@yahoo.com](mailto:mclangman@yahoo.com)) for greeters.

## Community News

### ***The Gallery at the JCC***

702 N. 22nd Street, Allentown, PA- Open Mon.-Thurs. 9am to 9pm, Fri. & Sun. 9am to 5pm  
610-435-3571 - Opening 9/2 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm Showing 9/2 until 10/15. Sculpture and pen and ink drawings by Bob Miller and poetry celebrating her husband's work by Joy Miller. Watercolors by Linda Kreithen and ceramic sculpture and forms by Lenore Scharf.

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### **Wednesday, Sept. 29: *Fabulous Birds of the Lehigh Valley***

Slide show and talk. Brunch at 9:45 a.m. Presentation at 10:00 a.m. Jewish Family Service, 2004 Allen Street, Allentown. A donation of \$3 per person is requested. Call 610-821-8722 by Sept. 27.

**Shofar submissions:**  
Don't forget — If you would like to share something with the congregation, please send it to Yvette Hendler at [admn.am\\_haskalah@yahoo.com](mailto:admn.am_haskalah@yahoo.com).