

Repaired Torah returning to Congregation Am Haskalah
By Rena Fraade, Managing Director

Last winter, an anonymous donor contacted our Rabbinical Student to discuss the possibility of repairing one of our Torahs. This Torah has been part of our congregation for many years and needed repair of its parchment and ink. Fast forward to this summer and our Torah was given to sofer Neil Yermen in the suburbs of New York City to begin the process of repairing our Torah.

We are incredibly excited that Neil will be bringing the Torah back to us on May 15 and we will have the opportunity to learn with him and celebrate our Torah's return. All are invited to come celebrate with us on the 15th from 2-5pm. Neil and our Rabbinical Student, Shelley Goldman, will lead a Service of Rededication. In addition, they and some congregants will be leading workshops. Participants will be able to learn to write Hebrew Calligraphy, like in the Torah. We will explore Hebrew letters and what their meanings are, specifically, What's In Your Hebrew Name. Neil will lead an experience of Torah Cleaning so we can better understand some of the work he did to clean our Torah.

Congregation Am Haskalah is honored to own 3 Torahs that have each had its own special journey to becoming part of our family. We hope to explore options to repair our other two Torahs as well in the future.

RSVP to Rena Fraade – amhaskalahdirector@gmail.com While not required, we invite people to donate in celebration of Torah. Additional information can be found on our website – amhaskalah.org