

Kol Ma'arav *Voice of the West*



*The Newsletter of Congregation Sof Ma'arav,
the Westernmost Member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism*

Autumn 2005

Sof Ma'arav High Holiday Schedule 5766

ROSH HASHANAH:

Monday	Oct. 3, 2005	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah evening service (candle lighting 6:00 p.m.), followed by dessert pot luck
Tuesday	Oct. 4, 2005	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Morning service (for afternoon Tashlich, check with Temple Emanuel for time and location)
Wednesday	Oct. 5, 2005	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Morning service

Shabbat Shuvah:

Saturday	Oct. 8, 2005	10:00 am - 12:00 noon	Service followed by oneg
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YOM KIPPUR:

Wednesday	Oct. 12, 2005	6:15 pm – 9:15 pm	Kol Nidre evening service begins (candle lighting 5:52 p.m.)
Thursday	Oct. 13, 2005	10:00 am - 2:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Morning service Afternoon service (fast ends at 6:42 p.m.), followed by Havdalah and pot luck break-the-fast

Babysitting available.

YIZKOR MEMORIAL LIST

During the Yizkor memorial service on Yom Kippur, a list of those to be remembered is read aloud. The Yizkor List includes the names in the Book of Memory (see below) plus names added by members and others who attend High Holy Day services.

If the name you wish to recall was included last year, you don't have to submit it again.

TO ADD A NAME TO THE YIZKOR LIST,

please submit

by Friday, October 7, 2005:

1. THE NAME TO BE INCLUDED
2. YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

BOOK OF MEMORY

The Congregation Sof Ma'arav Book of Memory is a permanent record for congregation members of an immediate family member (parent, sibling, child, spouse) who has died. The names are read at services on the Shabbat preceding the yahrzeit and during the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur.

TO ADD A NAME TO THE BOOK OF MEMORY

before the High Holy Days, please submit

by Monday, September 27, 2005

1. NAME OF PERSON TO BE RECALLED
2. THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO YOU
3. THE DATE OF DEATH
4. YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

Send information (NOT CHECKS) by mail, fax, or e-mail to:

Judy Goldman, P. O. Box 10755, Honolulu, HI 96816 Tel./FAX: 735-5877 E-mail: jgoldman@hawaii.rr.com

According to tradition, it is appropriate to give tzedakah in memory of a loved one. A contribution to Congregation Sof Ma'arav is appreciated. Checks should be made out and mailed to :

Congregation Sof Ma'arav, P.O. Box 10850, Honolulu, HI 96816, with the notation that it is given for the Yizkor list.

CANTOR-IN-RESIDENCE, September 6 - 12

Linda Hirschhorn, nationally known cantor, composer, performer, and inspirational Jewish leader, will help us prepare our *havurah*-style High Holiday services this year. We are absolutely thrilled at the opportunity this presents for our growth and maturity as a congregation. Linda will be working mostly with our service leaders and our choir, but there will be a one day workshop after Shabbat services on Sept 10 for the whole congregation. PLEASE plan to attend!

SPECIAL ALL CONGREGATION SOF MA'ARAV SINGING PRACTICE WITH LINDA HIRSCHHORN Saturday, September 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, after services.

All members are invited. No RSVP - or polished singing voice - is required. Just come!!!!
Child Care Will Be Available for the Entire Afternoon (1 - 4 pm)

SO F KANIKAPILA ~ Singing practice to lead us into the High Holidays ~ Sunday, August 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the home of Fran Margulies.

RSVP 373-2561 fayge@hawaii.rr.com

Do you remember the Rosh Hashanah Sh'ma?

We Sofers do fine on Shabbat, but how well do we do on the High Holidays when the melodies are different?
We've set our sights a few notches higher this year by inviting a singing coach, Linda Hirschhorn.

So let's get together BEFORE she comes and warm up. Plan on coming.

Havdalah – Saturday, October 1

Keep the date open! Tentatively scheduled is a Havdalah to be hosted by Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong and Michael Leong at their home at which they will show a video of the Hadassah Emergency Center opening.



Shaaroni in saree in India

LOST IN TRANSLATION. Last year, she volunteered to be a hospital clown in Russia for two weeks with Dr. Patch Adams (made famous by the movie starring Robin Williams). This year, **Shaaroni Wong** is on a six-month break in Tamil Nadu, India, before heading back to the U.S. to plan her next adventure. Her parents, Alvin and Trudy Wong, gave her strict instructions: "Don't come back without learning how to cook." They had a shock when a Tamil magazine reported that Shaaroni "likes the Tamil tradition of parents choosing their children's life partners. 'I think it's very meaningful and responsible,' she said. 'In the future, I'm going to leave it to my parents to choose my husband.'" Well, Al and Trudy need not start soliciting resumés – Shaaroni has assured them it was a mistranslation. A more accurate article on Shaaroni in India can be found in the online edition of *The Hindu*, an English-language national newspaper of India, at <http://www.hindu.com/2005/07/05/stories/2005070513850300.htm>.

Jewish Community Services seeks volunteers to assist the elderly in the Jewish community

Initial training and education will be provided by Project Dana from professional resource people and Project staff. Project Dana is a statewide interfaith volunteer caregivers program sponsored by Moillili Hongwanji Mission to provide support services for the frail and vulnerable elderly and disabled persons. Volunteers, the heart of Project Dana, provide friendly visits; transportation to religious services, medical appointments, grocery shopping, etc.; friendly telephone calls; hospital and nursing home visits; and caregivers' respite relief. If you're interested in volunteering or want further information, please e-mail Morris Rabinko at mrabinko@yahoo.com, or call Sue Alden-Rudin at JCS, 258-7121.

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SALLY'S BOOK CORNER

With the High Holy Days coming, I'd like to bring these books to your attention that seem to suit not only this time of year, but provide study the whole year around.

THE BOOK OF CUSTOMS: A Complete Handbook for the Jewish Year by Scott-Martin Kosofsky. While a student at Harvard, Kosofsky stumbled upon a Minhogimbukh (The Customs Book). These books were popular in Europe from the 16th to the 19th centuries. Written in Yiddish, they dealt with holidays, life-cycle rituals, weekly, Sabbath and daily prayers and they were illustrated with woodcuts that showed how to observe the rituals and liturgies that composed day-to-day Judaism and were brought down to the level of the everyday Jew. Kosofsky, inspired by the Yiddish Minhogimbukh, Venice, 1593, used it as a model and added to the original to bring it up to date, as many customs and holidays observed today were not mentioned or didn't exist in 1593.

THE JEWISH STUDY BIBLE:TANAKH TRANSLATION, TORAH, NEVI'IM, KETHUVIM by Adele Berlin (Editor), Marc Zvi Brettler (Editor) and Michael Fishbane (Editor). The winner of the Jewish Book Awards 2004 in Scholarship Category, this volume offers readers the fruits of various schools of Jewish traditions of Biblical study from nearly forty contributors who represent the cream of Jewish Biblical Scholarship from the world over.

Entirely in English, this provides a far ranging gateway into the study of the Tanakh.

And because I like folk tales, I want to include:

TREASURES OF THE HEART; HOLIDAY STORIES THAT REVEAL THE SOUL OF JUDAISM by Diane Wolkstein. The book is a product of 8 years of study with folk tales, sacred texts, Biblical and Kabbalistic studies. Wolkstein chose the legends that best illuminate the text and reveal its hidden wisdom. Structured according to the Jewish calendar, and each story is placed in an historical and religious context.

For the little ones, there is

A SWEET YEAR; A TASTE OF THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS by Mark Podwal. Poetry and illustrations by the famed Mark Podwal that delightfully delineate the holidays of the Jewish year. The emphasis is on the special foods for each holiday. And what is a Jewish holiday if it didn't have its special food? Here is a beautiful introduction for our young readers.

I hope these books provide you with feasts for the mind and soul throughout the year. May you all be inscribed for a good year!

- Sally Morgan

Sof Ma'arav Book Club

Thank you to those who attended Sunday's gathering at Sally and Joe Morgan's house. We had a thoughtful and sometimes passionate discussion about "An Interrupted Life" - the diaries of Ety Hillesum.

Our next book will be lighter fare, "Three Daughters" by Letty Cottin Pogrebin. The story is an engaging character study, each daughter representing a corner of the triangle of Judaism (community, Torah, and family).

Next meeting time and place: **Sunday, November 6, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Sally and Joe Morgan's.** Library Copies: 9
With aloha, Carolann Biederman

Discover Your Roots

Michael Karsen, noted genealogist and board member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois, will be visiting Honolulu **Nov. 18-28, 2005**. His speaking arrangements (times, places and topics) during his visit are currently in process of being determined.

Michael teaches Jewish genealogy for the Community Foundation for Jewish Education in Chicago. He recently made a very well received presentation on Genealogists' Higher Calling – Reaching Out to Family" at the 25th IAJGS Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Las Vegas July 10-25.

If you are interested in hearing Michael Karsen, or in joining a Jewish Genealogical Society of Hawaii, or in discovering your roots, please contact:

- Harriet Hoffman at 395-2405, Hart4specs@aol.com, or

- Anne Feder Lee, President, International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies at 395-0115 or FederLee@msn.com

CALL TO ARTISTS

Hadassah is seeking slides of works by Jewish Artists living and working in Hawaii for an exhibition planned for the Spring of 2008.

Please submit 10-15 labeled slides of work and/or work in progress.

Indicate title, media, dimensions, artist name and contact information on an additional sheet.

Submission deadline is June 2006.

This is a preliminary investigation of interest. Resumes & artist statements will be requested at a later date.

Send slides with stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Exhibit Committee
c/o Thelma Walenrod
6750 Hawaii Kai Drive # 1103
Honolulu, HI 96825.

For questions call 532-8705 and leave a message.

With joy we announce that Rabbi Natan Margalit's wife Ilana gave birth to a fine healthy son on Aug 5, 29 Tammuz 5765. He entered the covenant on Aug 12 as Nadav Tzvi ben Natan v'Ilana Michal. He was also given the Hawaiian name Kaponu. The family is living in Newton, Mass, near Hebrew College where Natan is on the faculty.

A BISSL UN A BISSL

From *Forward* May 13, 2005: The Grand Choral Synagogue in St. Petersburg, Russia was inaugurated on December 8, 1893 and, with its mixture of Moorish revival style and neo-Byzantine motifs, was recognized as one of the most sumptuous and imposing synagogues in the world. Over time, the building deteriorated making the building a fire hazard and unstable. Restorations began in August 1998, and this year, the Grand Hall was reopened. It fits 1,200 people, and if you're in St. Petersburg, you can go there for the weekly Sabbath services and holiday festivities along with visits to The Hermitage.

Also in *Forward*, May 13, 2005: Music Column by Raphael Mostel is a review of The Oxford History of Western Music. What makes this unique is that the entire 4,000 page, six-volume survey of everything there is to know about Western classical music was written by only one man, Richard Taruskin of UC Berkeley, albeit with help from many experts. Taking advantage of the latest research Taruskin challenges perceived ideas, marshaling evidence so that readers can follow his revisionism and discover the true story; in short, the why of music. Taruskin's core conception is that the entire field of music history from its very beginnings and up to now have been warped by anti-Semitism, whether deliberately or unwittingly.

***Forward*, June 3, 2005: Zachary Silver's A Look Back at a Different Book Burning** does not go back to Hitler's time, but to June 12, 1945 at New York City's Hotel McAlpin when the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada assembled to excommunicate from Judaism what they thought was the community's most heretical voice: Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. And so, with an audience of 200 rabbis, Israel Rosenberg, a member of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, gave a formal speech and then eight rabbis assembled a formal Jewish court and read the first Psalm, and then burned a copy of the prayer book. But in 20th century New York, Kaplan did not have the obligation to abide by the technical religious terms of the excommunication. The whole affair against Kaplan boomeranged largely because of a New York Times article that rallied both Jews and the greater American

public to Kaplan's support. No one in post WWII times could stomach the sight of books on fire...no matter who had lit the match.

From *Hadassah* magazine Web Sighting columns by Leah Finkelshteyn: www/kosherlog.net has sections such as "Product Discoveries", cheese and wine ratings and odd food news. "Mail-Order Kashrut" reviews online food sources while "Tastes like Treyf" has suggestions for satisfying non-kosher cravings with kosher alternatives. And for the hypochondriac in us, lindex.umdj.edu was launched in July 2004 at the International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Jerusalem. Both medical and lay people can search over 2,433 articles on 550 ailments to find everything from insurance reports to clinical studies, even graphs comparing incidence of a disorder in Jews versus non-Jews.

From *Heritage*, Fall 2004/Winter/2005: The Jewish American Heritage Society announces the publication of a set of 142 cards of the 142 Jews who played major league baseball between 1871 and 2003. On August 29, 2004, The Baseball Hall of Fame hosted a kosher dinner to celebrate the Jewish contributions to professional baseball. And so, let's all sing, in Yiddish, that famous baseball song:

Nem Mikh Mit Tsu Der Ball Geym
Tsum Oylem Lomir Dokh Geyn
Kayf Mir Di Nislekh un Krekerjek
Vilikh Keyn Mol Fun Dort Nit Avek
Git Zey Mut, Mut, Mut Di Ball Shpiler
Es Past Nit Az Men Farshpilt
Vayl S'iz Eyns, Tsvey, Dray Strikes, un Oys
Bay Der Beysball Shpil

Summer is almost over, and we turn our thoughts to the Days of Awe. And with that in mind, the Yiddish quotation for this issue is: A mentsh iz nebekh fort a mentsh-un amol dos oykh nisht (A person is, after all, only a human being - and sometimes not even that)

L'shoneh Toyveh Tikaseyvu!
Sally Morgan

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