



Congregation Ahavath Sholom

The Creative Spirit Dwells Here

THE CAS NEWSLETTER September 2026

Upcoming services and events

Tuesday, September 8 at 5:00 PM: September Board Meeting

Friday, September 11 at 7:00 PM: Erev Rosh HaShanah
at Unitarian Universalist Meeting of South Berkshire (UUMSB)

Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 AM: Rosh HaShanah at UUMSB

Sunday, September 13 at 2:30 PM: Rosh HaShanah Family Service and Tashlich

Sunday, September 20 at 7:00 PM: Kol Nidre at UUMSB

Monday, September 21 at 10:00 AM: Yom Kippur at UUMSB
5:00 PM: Neilah
7:30 PM: Break Fast

Friday, September 25 at 5:00 PM: Erev Sukkot and Kabbalat Shabbat
followed by Potluck Dinner at UUMSB

Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 AM: Sukkot and Shabbat Service followed by Kiddush
in the Sukkah at UUMSB

Monday, September 28 at 7:00 PM: Photography Workshop with Arthur Hillman via Zoom

Wednesday, September 30 at 3:00 PM: "Sharing Memories: Words and Images"

*The Unitarian Universalist Meeting of South Berkshire (UUMSB)
is located at 1089 Main Street, Housatonic*

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High Holy Days at CAS are open to everyone!

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High Holidays at CAS

By the High Holiday Committee, Congregation Ahavath Sholom

You know what they say about silver linings and turning lemons into lemonade. This year at Congregation Ahavath Sholom, we had to live those sayings as we forged a path forward after water damage to our building in Great Barrington forced us to find another space to gather. At CAS, we like to say, "The Creative Spirit Lives Here." We used our creativity and, being the participatory community, we are, put our heads together and came up with a plan for how to move forward. We were so fortunate to find a temporary home at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting of Southern Berkshire in Housatonic. We have had the opportunity to come together over the last few months, not only with our own CAS family, but also with members of the very welcoming UUMSB community.

With the challenge of being displaced from our building, we saw opportunity. The larger space at UUMSB allows us, this High Holiday season, to invite our neighbors from across the Berkshires to join us for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services at no charge (donations will be greatly appreciated).



Rabbi Jennifer Rudin and Rabbi Jeff Eisenstat will lead services and Tashlich. After a short walk to the water, we will return to the building for apples & honey, songs, prayers, and shofar blowing.

Here is our schedule of services:

Erev Rosh HaShanah: Friday, September 11 at 7 pm

Rosh HaShanah: Saturday, September 12 at 10 am

Rosh HaShanah Family Service & Tashlich: Sunday, September 13 at 2:30 pm

Kol Nidre: Sunday, September 20 at 7 pm

Yom Kippur: Monday, September 21 at 10 am and at 5 pm for Neilah, followed by a **Potluck Break-fast**

Erev Sukkot & Kabbalat Shabbat: September 25 at 5 pm, followed by a **Potluck Dinner**

Sukkot & Shabbat: September 26 at 10 am, followed by Kiddush in the Sukkah

Shemini Atzeret & Kabbalat Shabbat: October 2 at 5 pm

Simchat Torah & Shabbat: October 3 at 10 am

Pre-registration required; please email casoffice15@gmail.com.

Call Rabbi Jennifer Rudin at 508-333-1991 with any questions. Security will be provided. Visit us on the Web at <https://www.ahavathsholom.com/> to learn more about our congregation.

High Holy Days at CAS are open to everyone!

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Join us for a full High Holiday experience led by

Rabbi Jennifer Rudin and Rabbi Jeffrey Eisenstat

Fri. Sept. 11, Erev Rosh HaShanah 7:00 PM

Sat. Sept. 12 Rosh HaShanah 10:00 AM

Family Service Sun., Sept. 13 Rosh HaShanah 2:30 PM

Sun. Sept. 20 Kol Nidre 7:00 PM.

Mon. Sept. 21 Yom Kippur 10:00 AM

Mon. Sept. 21 Neilah 5:00 PM followed by a Pot Luck Break-Fast

Whoever you are. Wherever you're coming from. You're at home at CAS.

No membership required. All are welcome. Donations appreciated.

**Pre-registration required, casoffice15@gmail.com. For more information call Rabbi Rudin,
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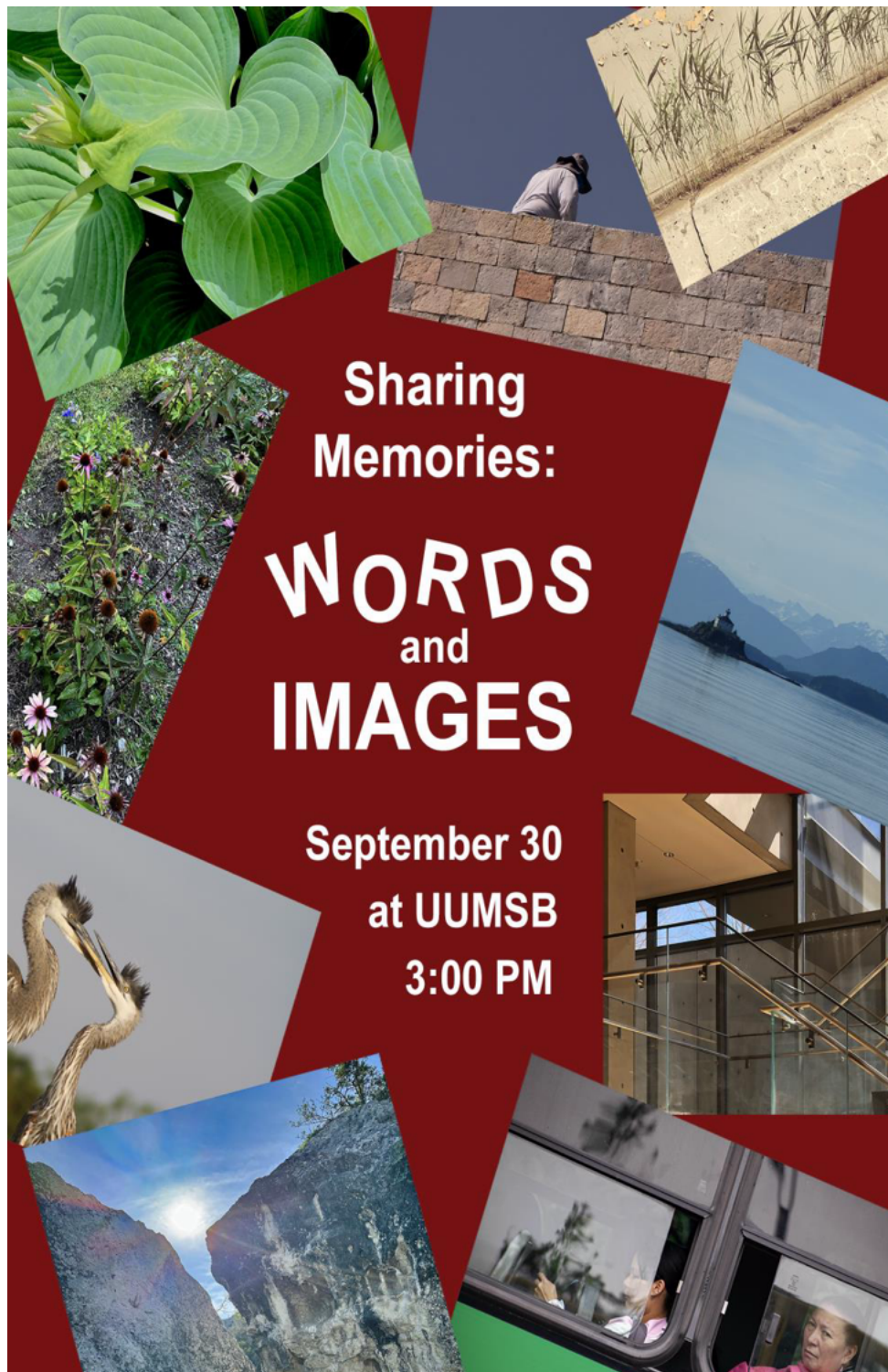


Sharing Memories: Words and Images

Join us on Wednesday, September 30th, 3:00 PM, at UUMSB for "Sharing Memories: Words and Images," hosted by the Creative Arts Team of Congregation Ahavath Sholom. This special afternoon will feature heartfelt memoirs written by members of our memoir-writing group, brought to life by three talented local actors. Additionally, we will showcase a beautiful collection of photos from our photography group.

Our memoir workshop, directed by Barbara Janoff, and our photography workshop, led by Arthur Hillman, have been meeting monthly for eight years, and this presentation is a culmination of their creativity. We invite you to enjoy an afternoon of creativity and community.

Admission is free; donations are appreciated. Light refreshments will be served.



Notes from the August Board Meeting

- Barbara Janoff has resigned from the Board. The Executive Committee has begun the process of finding a replacement.
- Membership dues for the 2026-2027 year have been coming in steadily. Reminders will be sent out by mail to members who have not yet paid.
- Linda Geffin has undertaken a revision of our bylaws. The revision is intended to update and clarify language, and to bring the bylaws into line with those of other Reconstructing Judaism congregations. Board members will review them and consider their approval at an upcoming meeting.
- Preparations for the upcoming High Holidays have been going well. Rabbis Jennifer Rudin and Jeffrey Eisenstadt will be jointly presiding. Assignments for *aliyot*, Torah readers, poetry readers, and other honors have mostly been set. There will be enhanced security and members must register in advance. A Zoom option will also be available.
- John Slote has been monitoring the condition of our North Street building in the congregation's absence. A dead tree in the front yard will be removed.
- The Building Committee is continuing to gather information about possible renovation, and in particular, awaiting estimates from two contractors. The possibility of hiring a construction contracting consultant was discussed. The Board decided that further action on this issue should await the conclusion of the holidays in October.

September Yahrzeits

Much of our experience of divine goodness, grace and love has come to us through those whose lives have touched our own.

	Hebrew Date	Secular Date	This Year
Aranka Gellert	Elul 24 5740	9/10/1970	9/6
Adolph Horwitz	Elul 25 5754	9/24/2011	9/7
Masato Mitsuda	Tishrei 01 5768	9/13/2007	9/12
Diana Fisher Berkowitz	Tishrei 03 5778	9/23/2017	9/14
Bruce Budnick	Tishrei 04 5777	10/6/2016	9/15
Stanley Bloom	Tishrei 08 5764	10/4/2003	9/19
Sara Brook	Tishrei 10 5773	Yom Kippur	9/21
Anna Schwartz	Tishrei 10 5723	10/8/1962	9/21
Renee H. Yarmoff	Tishrei 17 5781	10/5/2020	9/28
Seymour Isserson	Tishrei 18 5747	10/21/1986	9/29

Donations

In memory of Muriel Goldman and David Goldman
Irene Goldman-Price

In memory of Judith K Clegern
Carol Killian

In memory of my mother, Beatrice Guralnick
Joan Burkhard

**In gratitude to the Board and the Building Committee
for their extraordinary service to the congregation**
Irene Goldman-Price

For the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
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On the occasion of Marie Rudden's birthday
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On the occasion of Lisa Thomas' birthday
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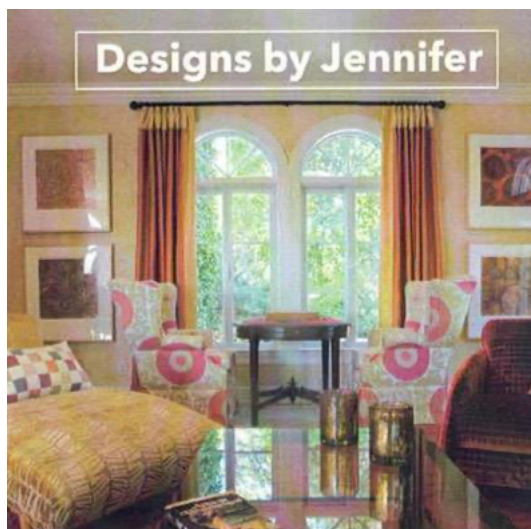
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