



# Congregation Ahavath Sholom

The Creative Spirit Dwells Here

## THE CAS NEWSLETTER September 2019

### Upcoming services and events

**Saturday, September 7, 10:00 am:** *The Road to Ready: Getting in Gear for the New Year.* Shabbat Morning Service and High Holy Day study (at the synagogue).

**Sunday, September 8, 10:15 am:** Book Group will meet and discuss *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz. Helen Radin will lead the discussion. Please contact Steve Radin at [sradin1@gmail.com](mailto:sradin1@gmail.com) for further information.

**Friday, September 13, 5:30 pm:** Erev Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Cohen.

**Sunday, September 15, 2:00 pm:** *Self-Portrait Sunday*, a studio workshop with Ilene Spiewak. Space is limited; contact [casoffice15@gmail.com](mailto:casoffice15@gmail.com) for reservations. Studio fee: \$20.

**Monday, September 16, 6:00 pm:** CAS Board Meeting.

**Saturday, September 21, 7:00 pm:** *The Road to Ready: Getting in Gear for the New Year.* Study for Selichot led by Rabbi Cohen (at the synagogue). The study session will be followed by desserts.

**Sunday, September 29, 7:00 pm:** Erev Rosh HaShanah (at Berkshire South Community Center).

**Monday, September 30, 10:00 am:** Rosh HaShanah service (at Berkshire South Community Center).

### This month's newsletter features:

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## The Road to Ready: Getting In Gear for the New Year

On Saturday morning, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. and continuing with a second study session and dessert for Selichot, the gateway to the Days of Awe on Saturday evening, September 21 at 7 pm, Rabbi Barbara Cohen will offer a program entitled, "The Road to Ready: Getting in Gear for the New Year" at Congregation Ahavath Sholom. We will explore the liturgy, the themes and the spiritual entrances to experiencing Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur and the all-important days in between. We will also practice the traditional melodies and the texts specific to the High Holy Days so that participation becomes more accessible and more comfortable. Join us and make this year, 5780, a deeper and more meaningful experience.

## This Fall's Creative Arts Series Schedule

***Engage your mind and involve your senses this Fall season - and please save these dates!***

**September 15:** Ilene Spiewak, painter, therapist and educator, will offer, ***Self-Portrait Sunday*** a studio workshop. Art supplies, wine and snack provided. Please bring a small mirror or cell phone. Seating is limited. Reservations required; contact [casoffice15@gmail.com](mailto:casoffice15@gmail.com). Fee: \$20.

**October 27:** Arthur Hillman, Professor Emeritus of Photography, Printmaking and Design, Bard College at Simon's Rock, will be showing and discussing the art of ***Six Jewish Artists*** – Marc Chagall, Jacques Lipchitz, Roman Vishniac, Mark Rothko, David Aronson and Judy Chicago. Admission is free to CAS members; non-members \$10 at the door.

**November 3:** CAS will host a panel discussion ***Encounters with the Creative Process*** with photographer/printmaker Arthur Hillman, writer Barbara Janoff, director and playwright Linda Josephs and painter Ilene Spiewak. The panel will discuss the differences and similarities of the creative process within the various art forms. Admission is free to CAS members; non-members \$10 at the door.

**November 17: CAS Special Event: *Double Dutch*** a discussion about Immigration in the Berkshires, the U.S. and Europe presented by two Berkshires-based, renowned, Dutch journalists, Freke Vuijst and Reinout Wagtenonk. Admission is free to CAS members; non-members \$10 at the door.

**December 8:** Barbara Janoff, Associate Professor of Writing and Literature, Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York, will conduct a ***Poetry Writing Workshop***. "Writing poems is a process that begins by paying attention to our surroundings and the musings of our minds. This generative workshop will offer writing exercises designed to stimulate our imaginations and a variety of poems meant to inspire revisions. No formal writing experience necessary." Reservations required. Admission is free to CAS members; non-members \$10 at the door.

All programs are on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. at the synagogue on North Street, Great Barrington.

See our website and newsletter each month at [ahavathsholom.com](http://ahavathsholom.com) for further information.

## Self-Portrait Sunday, a studio workshop with Ilene Spiewak

Congregation Ahavath Sholom is pleased to announce the first program of our "Fall Creative Arts Series," a continuation of last season's very successful Spring series. Ilene Spiewak, painter, therapist and educator will offer "**Self-Portrait Sunday**," a studio workshop on Sunday, September 15, at 2:00 p.m.

Paint what matters.  
Self-portraits matter.  
Paint beyond your mere likeness.  
We are looking.  
We want to be looked at.  
How do you want to show yourself?  
Turn your gaze on yourself and paint!

Art Supplies, wine and snacks will be provided. Please bring a small mirror or cell phone to the workshop. The fee is \$20. Early reservations are strongly suggested, as seating is limited



## **Reminder: Call for Art - Presence, Nostalgia and Memory**

Here it is.  
I'm looking for photographs.  
Do you have images of your immigrant family from the past?  
Evoked by the stillness of photographic portraiture, clouds of memory and relationship will rise to our collective consciousness.  
We can share our existence with the perpetual presence of photographs from a †time already gone.  
Do you see it?

Please contact [ilenespiewak@gmail.com](mailto:ilenespiewak@gmail.com)

## **Milchidika with Marty: *Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, Act II***

In a previous column, I spoke of how my wife Isabelle enjoyed writing just as much as I do. In fact, for all the world to hear, I find that she has much more talent than I do. Now, you don't have to agree so readily to that.

Isabelle writes poetry and an occasional short story. Here is one of her earlier poems.

## A CHANGE

I've looked at fields  
I've looked at trees  
And distant mountain tops  
Mountain skies  
The lows and highs  
The fields filled with crops  
But now I long for city 'scapes  
For buildings small and tall  
And city sounds  
Most ordinaire  
Would me so much enthrall  
No grass no trees  
No country breeze  
Just brick, cement, and lots of noise  
Cause silence is the thing that cloys  
A visit to a country place  
No longer makes my heart race

## **Thank you for supporting the CAS Fundraising Auction**

We would like to thank everyone - area businesses, community supporters and congregational members - who donated a bounty of items for our successful BiddingForGood/CAS auction.

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And we, of course, would also like to thank those of you who bid on items!

Together, we all help make Congregation Ahavath Sholom a strong and effective spiritual and community presence in the Berkshires.

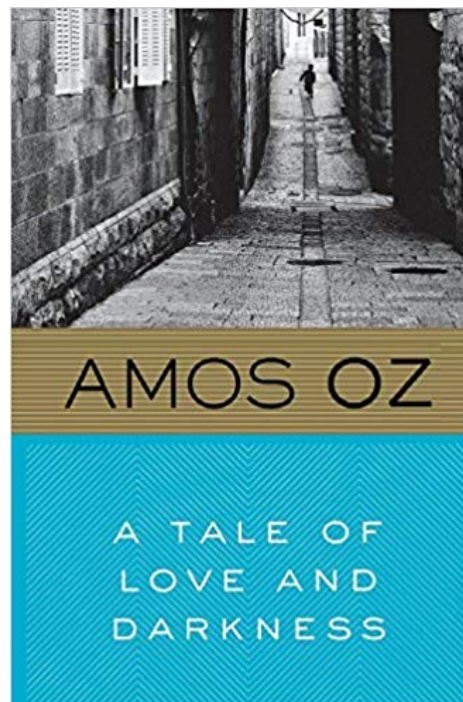
## The CAS Book Group

The CAS Book Group will meet on Sunday, September 8th at 10:15 a.m. to discuss *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz. Helen Radin will lead the discussion.

From Amazon's editorial review:

"A family saga and a magical self-portrait of a writer who witnessed the birth of a nation and lived through its turbulent history. *A Tale of Love and Darkness* is the story of a boy who grows up in war-torn Jerusalem, in a small apartment crowded with books in twelve languages and relatives speaking nearly as many. The story of an adolescent whose life has been changed forever by his mother's suicide. The story of a man who leaves the constraints of his family and community to join a kibbutz, change his name, marry, have children. The story of a writer who becomes an active participant in the political life of his nation."

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Please contact Steve Radin [sradin1@gmail.com](mailto:sradin1@gmail.com) for further information.

## September Jahrzeits

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

Kol Haneshamah

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|-----------------------|-----------------|------|
| Henrietta Millimet    | Elul 02 5741    | 9/2  |
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| Miriam Hinda Gans     | Elul 07 5701    | 9/7  |
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| Sam Linder            | Tishrei 01 5759 | 9/30 |
| Masato Mitsuda        | Tishrei 01 5768 | 9/30 |

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### Happiest wishes to Lillian (Lakie) Kipnis on her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday

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