



Congregation Ahavath Sholom

The Creative Spirit Dwells Here

THE CAS NEWSLETTER

June 2019

Upcoming services and events

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm: Shabbat Morning Service led by Rabbi Cohen, followed by coffee, tea, sweets and conversation.

Sunday, June 9, 10:15 am: Book Group: *Einstein and the Rabbi* by Naomi Levy. Please contact Diana Richter at drpajama1@gmail.com for location and further information.

Monday, June 10, 9:00 am: Yizkor for Shavout at the synagogue.

Monday, June 10, 6:00 pm: CAS Board Meeting.

Friday, June 14, 6:00 pm: *Shabbat Across the Berkshires* hosted by Temple Anshe Amunim, Pittsfield.

Saturday, June 23, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm: People's Pantry at St. James Place, Great Barrington, MA. Generally 2 hour shifts: contact Walter Orenstein at ptcpa@roadrunner.com to participate.

Sunday, June 23, 5:00 pm: CAS Annual Meeting, followed by a Pot Luck dinner.

Friday, June 28, 5:30 pm: Shabbat Evening Service led by Rabbi Cohen.

Sunday, June 30, 4:00 pm: Ladies Night Fundraising Event – *The Marvelous Ms. Macher fun-Rai\$er*

This month's newsletter features:

- **A May Service, Pot Luck Dinner and Art Opening**
- **Marvelous Ms. Macher Fun-Rai\$ing Mixer!**
- **BiddingForGood: Our Upcoming Auction**
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- **Milchidika with Marty: *I Hate Turnips More Than I Hate Broccoli***
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A May Service, Pot Luck Dinner and Art Exhibition Opening

After an inspiring service led by Rabbi Cohen on Friday evening, May 10th, most of the gathered congregants and guests went upstairs to enjoy a sumptuous pot luck dinner. The occasion also featured the opening reception for our spring art exhibition, *The Language of Color*, beautifully arranged and hung, as always, by Ilene Spiewak. The exhibit featured works by CAS artists Lori Rothstein, Arthur Hillman, Paul Graubard, Karen Chase, Joan Burkhard, Ilene Spiewak, and Molly Pomerantz.



Marvelous Ms. Macher Fun-Rai\$ing Mixer!

please join us for the

Marvelous Ms. Macher Fun-Rai\$ing Mixer!

Sunday, June 30th 4 pm

hors d'oeuvres & cocktails

desserts & other delights

Dress Like You Mean It

minimum donation \$36 pp



Our Marvelous Ms. Macher Fun-Rai\$ing Mixer is a women-only event for our community, celebrating the power of women to support our congregation in every way imaginable.

The party will be held at the home of Ilene Spiewak and Brenda Butler.

The minimum donation is \$36 pp. Please help our congregation meet its fiscal year end goal by donating:

FIVE TIMES CHAI: \$90
TEN TIMES CHAI: \$180
TWENTY TIME CHAI: \$360
or MORE!

Invite your women friends to join us and support our synagogue!

We need an accurate headcount so please be sure to **RSVP soon**. Donations must be made in advance by check, cash, or credit card.

Can't come? Please donate to let us know you'll be there in spirit.
Men – don't be left out! Donate in honor or in memory of a woman in your life who's made a difference to you.

RSVP to Alison Adams-Weinberg adamsweinberg@gmail.com.

Location details to follow. We need an accurate headcount so please be sure to **RSVP soon**. Donations must be made in advance by check, cash or credit card.

If donating on the CAS website, please email Alison (at the above email address) to let us know it's for the party.

BiddingForGood: Our Upcoming Auction

The CAS Fundraising Committee is hard at work collecting items for our upcoming BiddingForGood benefit auction that will take place from August 4-August 18; this, along with the Ladies Night event, will be our major fundraisers for 2019.

We continue to need your donations of all sorts of items. You can contribute artwork, craft pieces, antiques, jewelry, special books, services, wine, household goods, etc. You can also solicit tickets for theatre and music events from a variety of venues, ask area restaurants to donate gift certificates, or obtain merchandise from local businesses and merchants.

Our annual fundraisers support the operating costs of our small Reconstructionist synagogue and allows us to continue to serve our Berkshire community and sponsor our educational and spiritual programs.

Remember that our auction website will be seen and bid on by members of CAS, the extended Berkshire community and the BiddingForGood national community of 450,000 bidders. The more items we can offer, the greater our fundraising success will be. Please contribute generously!

For further information, please contact Arthur Hillman (arthurhillman@roadrunner.com) Linda Josephs (tjosephs@roadrunner.com or 413-528-2309), or Alison Adams-Weinberg (casoffice15@gmail.com).

Check out our auction webpage www.biddingforgood.com/cas to see what we already have listed!

June Call for Art Upstairs at CAS

PORTRAITURE: The Artist's Gaze

Photographs, paintings, drawings, and mixed media portraits welcome. Subject matter can range from self-portraits to visual depictions of other people or pets and animals.

PORTRAITURE:
Social face.
Natural face.
Cerebral face.
Psychological face.
Performative face.
Face to face.

The exhibit opens on Sunday, June 23 and will run through July. If you are interested in submitting your work, please contact Ilene Spiewak at ilenespiewak@gmail.com

Milchidika with Marty: I HATE TURNIPS MORE THAN I HATE BROCCOLI

When I was a little boy, my mother made a concoction which consisted of boiled and mashed turnips, which were tasteless. I think she wanted to show me what life was like for her, when she was a little girl living in Hungary; and that all they had to eat one year were turnips. This, in some way, was to make me realize how lucky I was that we didn't eat this at every meal. I supposed that I learned something.; but when she wasn't looking, I would still sneak it into the garbage can.

So, I grew up hating turnips. Wasn't too fond of broccoli either.
I don't remember ever seeing turnips on a restaurant menu.
Nor do I remember ever having been served turnips at a dinner party.

And so, begins my story.

Years ago, I owned a sailboat and every summer a friend and I would sail from Long Island sound to Martha's Vineyard. The distance by boat is about 200 miles. My sailboat had two masts and was known as a "ketch". When fully rigged, it had three different sails flying. With all those sails, and when the wind was blowing furiously, it would only travel along at a little more than five miles per hour. At that point, the boat would be heeled over, with part of the toe railing under water, the sails spread tight as a drum, and me white knuckled at the steering wheel feeling like Captain Ahab.

Since we mainly depended on wind power, and the wind was sometimes calm, it would take us more than a week to get to Martha's Vineyard. But that was part of the adventure.

Each day as evening approached, we would either anchor out, or pull into a harbor and tie up to a dock. We sometimes walked into the local town for dinner, or if we anchored out in the harbor, would cook dinner on the boat.

But each evening after dinner we made a concoction called a "Fuzzy Navel" which was a combination of peach schnapps and orange juice.

Well, after many summers of sailing, I finally sold the boat, the friend moved away, and all I had left was a bottle of leftover peach schnapps.

Just about that time a gardening supply company known as "Smith and Hawkins" announced that they were planning to publish a cookbook; and were looking for family recipes that they were going to use in their new cookbook.

Their inducement to get you to submit a recipe was, " If your recipe was accepted, they would give you credit for it; and, in addition, publish a short story about you."

That sounded like something that I could come up with. I knew they would have thousands of recipes for tomatoes, zucchini, corn on the cob, and string beans. But no one would submit a recipe for turnips. Nobody ate turnips anyhow. So, I thought, if I could come up with a recipe for turnips combined with my leftover peach schnapps, I might make it into the cookbook.

This was my recipe and it was accepted:

Turnips Braised with Peach Schnapps and Raspberry Vinegar

The turnips that you need for this recipe are small, the size of tennis balls. Not the very large ungainly turnips, so here goes:

3 pounds of turnips peeled and sliced in 1/4 "thick rounds
4 tablespoons of olive oil
2 medium onions, halved and sliced 1/4" thick
3 medium bell peppers, stemmed, seeded and cut into 1/4 inch wide strips
3/4 cup of peach schnapps
3 tablespoons of Raspberry-Lemon infused vinegar
1/4 teaspoon of salt
1/4 teaspoon of black pepper

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil and blanch the turnip slices for 3 minutes. Drain and set aside to drip dry.
2. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large saute pan. Add the turnips and saute over medium high heat until tender but not collapsing, about six minutes. Transfer to a plate and set aside.
3. Heat the remaining two tablespoons of oil in the same pan. Add the onions and saute over medium high heat until wilted, about six minutes. Stir in the peppers and continue cooking until barely wilted, about six minutes more. Raise the heat to high, add the schnapps and vinegar and cook until the liquid is reduced to a thick syrup, about ten minutes.
4. Return the turnips to the pan and add the salt and pepper. Stir and cook two to three minutes more, until the turnips are heated through. Serve right away.

ENJOY

Annual Meeting of Members: A reminder!

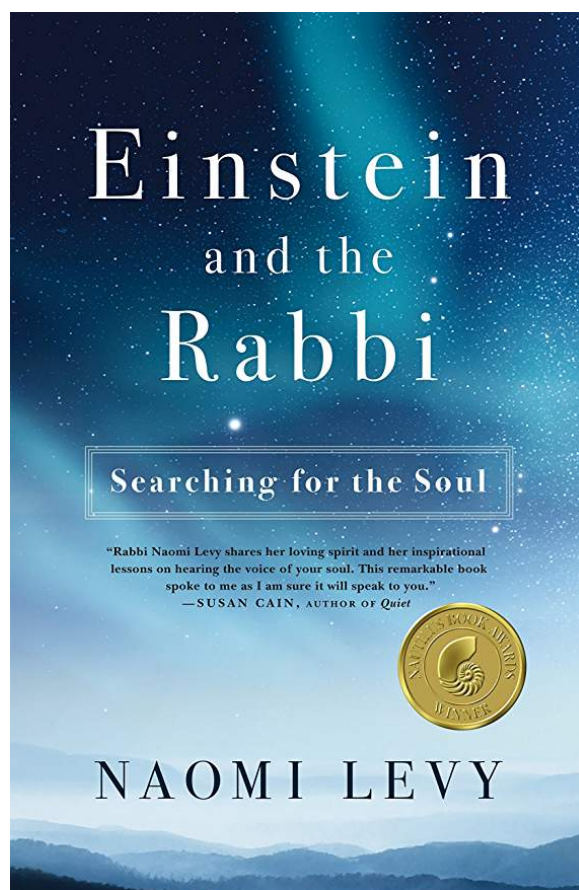
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CAS Book Group

On June 9th at 10:15 a.m., Walter Orenstein will lead the discussion of "Einstein and the Rabbi" by Naomi Levy.

When Naomi Levy came across a poignant letter by Einstein it shook her to her core. Levy wondered what had elicited such spiritual wisdom from a man of science? Thus began a three-year search into the mystery of Einstein's letter, and into the mystery of the human soul.

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June 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

Anna Gitta Maskowsky	Iyyar 28 5729	6/2
Hilda Krasner Radin	Sivan 01 5777	6/4
Henriette Waller	Sivan 04	6/7
Blanche Goodman	Sivan 4 5742	6/7
Jim Eder	Sivan 05 5765	6/8
Rebecca Broverman	Sivan 08 5678	6/11
Sarah Schattman	Sivan 09 5664	6/12
Harry Deykin	Sivan 09 5741	6/12
Joseph Reiss	Sivan 10 5737	6/13
Gussie Slaminsky	Sivan 11 5681	6/14
Howard Kanner	Sivan 11 5756	6/14
Irene Baron Moskowitz	Sivan 12 5775	6/15
Vivian Abrahams Braun	Sivan 13 5766	6/16
Anna Bissell Spivey	Sivan 14 5726	6/17
Robert Millimet	Sivan 14 5772	6/17
Regina Levine	Sivan 16 5712	6/19
Jack Brown	Sivan 16 5732	6/16
Rebecca Liss	Sivan 19 5713	6/22
Stephen Spiegelman	Sivan 21 5759	6/24
Harold Dinerman	Sivan 22 5736	6/25
Ernest A. Braun	Sivan 22 5763	6/25
Sara Felber	Sivan 23	6/26
William Bannon	Sivan 23 5764	6/26
David W. Goldman	Sivan 25	6/28
Jason Cohen	Sivan 25 5773	6/28
Dora Cohen	Sivan 26 5707	6/29
Maurice Innerfield	Sivan 27 5719	6/30

June Donations

In honor of Malvin Guralnick, my father, and Barbara Cohen who assisted us through a difficult time with her usual grace

Joan and Dan Burkhard

In memory of Joan Burkhard's father, Malvin Guralnick

William and Sandra Flannery

Arthur and Louise Hillman

Keren Weiner and Molly Troy

In memory of my brother, Clifford Greenside

Vivian Scheinmann

In memory of Vivian Scheinmann's brother, Clifford Greenside

William and Sandra Flannery
Arthur and Louise Hillman

In honor of Judy Rosley

Judith Dillon

In honor of our 50th Wedding Anniversary

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Sandra and Bill Flannery

Annual Fundraising Appeal Continuation

Carol Cirigliano
Peter Edelman
Irene Goldman-Price
Gordon and Susan Josephson
Janet and Martin Kaplan
Judith Lerner
Sharon and Martin Lewis
Robert Rausch
Donald and Arlene Shapiro
Al and Barbara Silverstein
Michael and Rachel Silverstein

Other Donations

Jill Schwartz