



Congregation Ahavath Sholom

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CAS Newsletter

January 2024

Upcoming services and events

Monday, January 8 at 5:00 PM: CAS January Board Meeting via Zoom

Saturday, January 13 at 10:00 AM: Lay-Led Shabbat Service at the synagogue

Monday, January 15 at noon: Memoir Writing Workshop via Zoom
at 7:00 PM: Photography Workshop via Zoom

Wednesday, January 17 at 10:00 AM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

Friday, January 19 from 2:00-4:00 PM: People's Pantry food collection at the synagogue

Wednesday, January 24 at 10:00 AM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

Friday, January 26 at 5:00 PM: Erev Shabbat Service and candle lighting via Zoom

Sunday, January 28 at 4:00 PM: Online Jewish Museum tour: *Scenes from the Collection*

Wednesday, January 31 at 10:00 AM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

This month's newsletter features:

Chanukah Party at the synagogue

January 13th Lay-Led Service

Winter Food Collection for the People's Pantry

January CAS/Jewish Museum Tour: *Scenes from the Collection*

Photography Workshop: *photographs by Caroline Forsman*

January Creative Arts Workshops

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Chanukah Party at the synagogue

A large gathering of forty-five people enjoyed our festive Chanukah Party, held this year at the synagogue. As usual, a wonderful potluck culinary celebration took place!



January 13th Lay-Led Service

The RSL lay-led service [led by Lisa Chamberlain and Harold Schrager] on January 13th at the synagogue will follow the traditional Shabbat morning service at a gentle pace with opportunities for prayer, chanting, liturgy, and poetry. We welcome everyone to join us and share in the warmth and fellowship that our shul and our congregation offers. Please keep your eye on Constant Contact should we have winter weather expected that morning. If not, we look forward to seeing you at 10:00 AM.

Winter food collection for the People's Pantry

This past year we have been successfully collecting food for our local pantry at the High Holy Days and Shabbat services. We want to continue these much needed and appreciated donations through the winter months when there is even more of a need!



Therefore, once a month, we will open the synagogue from 2:00-4:00 PM. Please drop in for a visit, a glass of warm cider, a chat with friends, and a donation to the Peoples Pantry.

Remember to visit the synagogue and drop off pantry items on Friday, January 19th; Friday, February 16th; and March 15th at 2:00-4:00 PM.

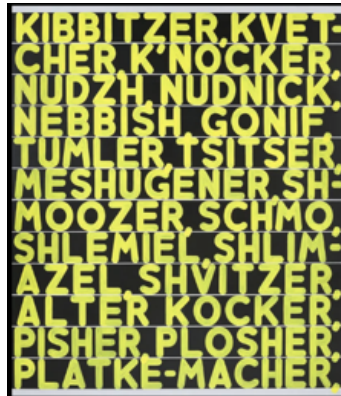
January CAS/Jewish Museum Tour: *Scenes from the Collection*

Congregation Ahavath Sholom is pleased to offer a series of virtual museum tours in conjunction with the Jewish Museum in New York City. Each of the three Zoom presentations will be led by distinguished art historian and educator Rena Tobey and will be held on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 PM.

On Sunday, January 28, on Zoom, we will offer the first of three online tours to be held this winter, *Scenes from the Collection*. This illustrated talk explores the Jewish Museum's rotating collection exhibition which features nearly 600 works from antiquities to contemporary art and addresses themes such as cultural identity, memory, immigration, and language.



Nicole Eisenman, *Seder*, 2010



Mel Bochner, *The Joys of Yiddish* 2012



Joan Snyder, *Hard Sweetness*, 1971



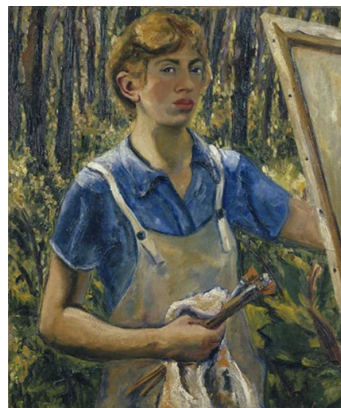
Jewish Museum installation view



Deborah Kass, *OY/YO*, 2016



Abraham Shulkin, *Torah Ark*, 1899



Lee Krasner, *Self-Portrait*, c. 1930



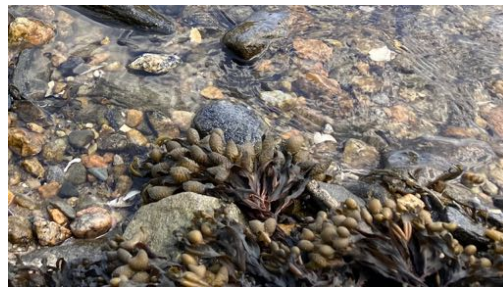
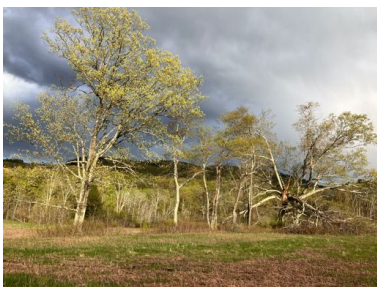
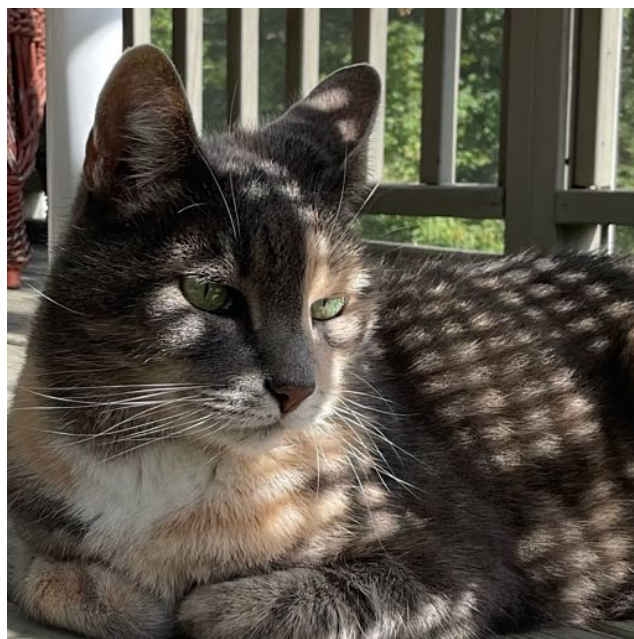
Artist unknown, *Torah case* c 1850-85

The cost for each presentation is \$25 for CAS members and \$30 for the general public. To subscribe to all three tours, the cost is \$65 for members and \$80 for non-members.

The second presentation is *Marta Minujin: Arte! Arte! Arte!*, the Jewish Museum's current exhibit, and takes place on February 25. The third tour, *New York: 1962-1964*, takes place on March 24. All three of the tours are on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 PM on Zoom.

All reservations and payment may be made through the CAS website at www.ahavathsholom.com

CAS Photography Workshop: *photographs by Caroline Forsman*



January Creative Arts Workshops

The next Memoir Writing Workshop is scheduled for Monday, January 15th at noon. Shared readings and short writing exercises. Each of these sessions is stand-alone. Please RSVP to Barbara Janoff at bjanoff1@gmail.com. Suggested donation to CAS is \$10 to support our Creative Arts Programs.

Barbara Janoff Ph.D. recently retired from the Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York in Manhattan, where she taught writing and literature. Her poetry and essays have appeared in a number of journals, including Communication Arts, Women's Work: The Journal of the Columbia College Women's Center and the Berkshire Review.



Photograph by Andrew Neel on Unsplash

The next Photography Workshop will also take place on Monday, January 15th, but at 7:00 PM. Participants in the workshop can submit any images they would like discussed, regardless of subject matter or content, using phone or camera. They can also share their screen with the group. These workshops are stand-alone sessions, open to all. Please RSVP to arthurhillman54@gmail.com. Suggested donation to CAS is \$10 to support our Creative Arts Programs.

Photographer and printmaker Arthur Hillman has been exhibiting his prints for more than 50 years. He has delivered a variety of lectures and presentations on photography and printmaking, juried many exhibits, and was a founding member of the Berkshire Photography Group. He is Professor Emeritus, Photography, Printmaking and Design, Bard College at Simon's Rock.



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January 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	Original Date	This Year
Rose London Orenstein	Tevet 23 5731	1/20/1971	1/4
Bella Axelrod	Tevet 25 5721	1/13/1961	1/6
Robert Scheinmann	Tevet 25 5729	1/15/1969	1/6
Louis C. Lasker	Tevet 25 5742	1/20/1982	1/6
Hy Radin	Tevet 27 5755	12/30/1994	1/8
Rhoda W. Lasker	Tevet 27 5747	1/28/1987	1/8
Rabbi Jacob Axelrod	Tevet 28 5746	1/9/1986	1/9
Arthur John Rothstein	Tevet 29 5752	1/5/1992	1/10
Herbert Budnick	Tevet 29 5774	1/1/2014	1/10
Arnold Kirshen	Tevet 29 5759	1/17	1/10
Al Alson	Shevat 3 5777	1/30/2017	1/13
Rosemary Edelman	Shevat 4 5773	1/15/2013	1/14
Frances Letofsky	Shevat 07 5769	2/1/2009	1/17
Larry Hillman	Shevat 09 5722	1/14/1963	1/19
Lawrence Cohen	Shevat 11 5765	1/21/2005	1/21
Dan Bongini	Shevat 12 5765	1/22/2005	1/22
Alice Slater Stahl	Shevat 12 5772	2/5/2012	1/22

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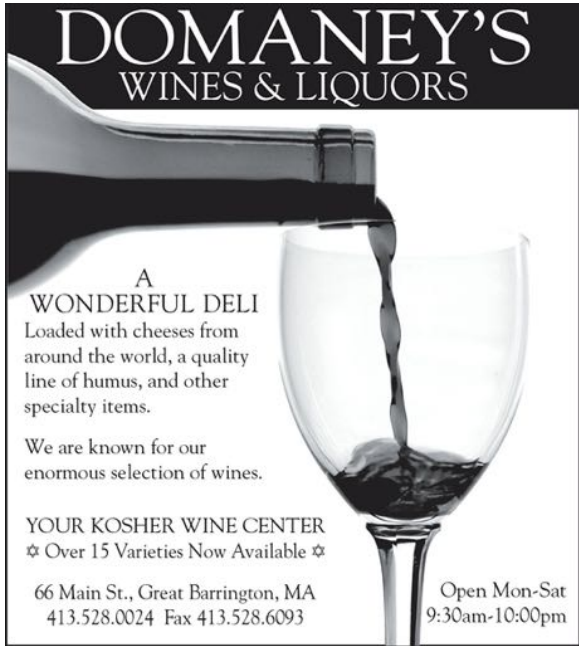
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