



Congregation Ahavath Sholom

The Creative Spirit Dwells Here

THE CAS NEWSLETTER

December 2023

Upcoming services and events

Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 AM: Shabbat Service at the synagogue

Wednesday, December 6 at 10:00 AM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

Friday, December 8 at 5:00 PM: Chanukah/Shabbat Service and Potluck at the synagogue

Monday, December 11 at 5:00 PM: CAS December Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 13 at 10:00 AM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

Monday, December 18 at noon: Memoir Writing Workshop via Zoom
at 7:00 PM: Photography Workshop via Zoom

Wednesday, December 20 at 10:00 AM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

Friday, December 22 at 5:00 PM: Erev Shabbat Service, TBD

Wednesday, December 27 at 10:00 AM: Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

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CAS / Jewish Museum series of Online Art Tours announced

Joan Burkhard's *Painting From Life and Beyond*, at the Stockbridge Library

Photography Workshop: photographs by Barbara Barron

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People's Pantry Update

To The Members of Ahavath Sholom, from The People's Pantry

Thank you very much for your recent donation to the People's Pantry. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Pantry is busier than ever with more people needing our services. By supplying our neighbors with healthy food, we help to relieve the stress felt by those who face food insecurity. Thank you for helping us do so!

All the Best,
Beth Moser, President



The pantry was happy to receive our recent donation of sixty-nine Thanksgiving grocery items, as well as a generous cash contribution from a CAS member family.

For our December donations please bring along cake mixes to sweeten holiday meals when you attend services and events at the synagogue.



Ahavath Sholom's Susan Weinstein at The People's Pantry

CAS / Jewish Museum series of Online Art Tours announced

Congregation Ahavath Sholom is pleased to announce 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, *Scenes from the Collection* 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.



Installation, Jewish Museum Gallery, NYC

Marta Minujín: Arte! Arte! Arte!, the Jewish Museum's current exhibit, includes nearly 100 works organized to reflect Minujín's bold experimentation over six decades. This program will take place on Sunday, February 25. The exhibition charts Minujín's influential career in Buenos Aires as well as time spent in Paris, New York, and Washington, DC, through a range of pioneering, mattress-based soft sculptures; fluorescent large-scale paintings; psychedelic drawings and performances; and vintage film footage.



Marta Minujín, Para hacer el amor inadvertidamente



Marta Minujín, El Partenón de libros (*The Parthenon of Books*)

The Jewish Museum's influential role in the early 1960s New York art scene is the jumping-off point for this presentation on Sunday, March 24th that explores a pivotal three-year period in the history of art and culture in New York City. *New York: 1962–1964* examines how artists living in the city responded to their rapidly changing world through more than 150 works of art. The exhibition includes works of art by Diane Arbus, Merce Cunningham, Jim Dine, Jasper Johns, Donald Judd, Roy Lichtenstein, Louise Nevelson, Isamu Noguchi, Claes Oldenburg, Robert Rauschenberg, Faith Ringgold, James Rosenquist, Marjorie Strider, and Andy Warhol, among many others.



Robert Rauschenberg, Talisman



Louise Nevelson, Sky Cathedral's Presence I



Marjorie Strider, Girl with Radish

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

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



"UNKEMPT" Acrylic on canvas, 25" x 21"

Paintings From Life and Beyond

In this complex, ever-changing world filled with challenges and deep tension, this exhibit of recent work hopes to lift your spirits, make you smile and, perhaps, evoke familiar memories. My oeuvre includes a wide range of subjects and embraces childhood experiences that exist playfully with wacky animal expressions.

With a background steeped in human services and social work, and with the intent to reveal our shared experiences, it remains important for me to connect with you, the viewer, and to offer you a warm and delightful visual experience.

Joan S Burkhard
www.joanburkhardartist.com

**Visit the exhibit during the month of
December at the Stockbridge Library**

CAS Photography Workshop: *photographs by Barbara Barron*

"These images were captured at Wakodahatchee wetlands in Delray Beach, Florida. The camera used was the iPhone 14Pro. It is my Favorite place. Always a delight to visit."

Barbara Barron



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December Creative Arts Workshops

The next Memoir Writing Workshop is scheduled for Monday, December 18th 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 Kateryna Hliznitsova on Unsplash

The next Photography Workshop will also take place on Monday, December 18th, 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.



Photograph by Maury Page on Unsplash

December 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
Barbara Joslyn	Kislev 18 5754	12/2/1993	12/1
Rosa Richard	Kislev 18 5774	11/21/2013	12/1
Monroe Lefkowitz	Kislev 20 5770	12/7/2009	12/3
Hilda Isaacs	Kislev 24 5758	12/23/1997	12/7
Vivian Scheinmann	Kislev 25 5783	12/19/2022	12/8
Sallie Slote	Kislev 27 5752	12/4/1991	12/10
Joy Dronge	Kislev 28 5783	11/5/2022	12/11
Louis Kassler	Tevet 02 5751	12/19/1990	12/14
Sylvia Barth	Tevet 02 5759	12/21/1998	12/14
Sonya Richter	Tevet 03 5751	12/20/1990	12/15
Fannie Radin	Tevet 06 5729	12/27/1968	12/18
Gertrude Schragar	Tevet 09 5758	1/7/1998	12/21
Burton Elliott	Tevet 09 5774	12/12/2013	12/21
Solomon Brook <i>Please use English date</i>	Tevet 13	12/25/2023	12/25

December Donations

Thank you to Rabbi Barbara Cohen for officiating at the unveiling of Richard Israel on November 12, 2023
Lana Israel

In memory of Vivian Scheinmann
Roberta Scheinmann

In honor of Café Kehillah
Deborah Slater

In support of the Creative Arts Workshops
Bill Barth (Photography)
Ross Bettinger (Memoir)
Laura Chekow (Memoir)
Bruce Frishkoff (Memoir)
Arthur Hillman (Memoir)
Louise Hillman (Photography)
Linda Josephs (Memoir)
Carol Killian (Memoir)

in honor of Genealogist Keren Weiner
Paul Graubard

In memory of Miriam Brecher
Stephanie Sloane

In support of The People's Pantry
Joan and Dan Burkhard

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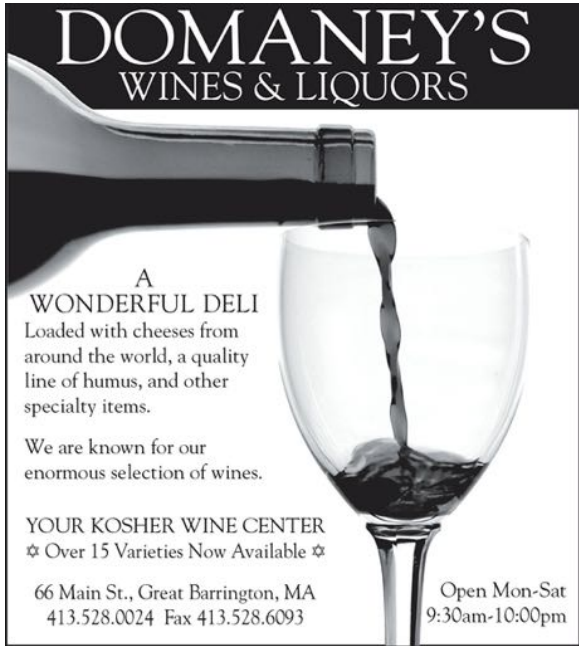


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