



# Congregation Ahavath Sholom

The Creative Spirit Dwells Here

## THE CAS NEWSLETTER

**July 2023**

### Upcoming services and events

**Wednesday, July 5 at 10:00 AM:** Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

**Friday, July 7 at 5:00 PM:** Erev Shabbat Service at the synagogue

**Wednesday, July 12 at 10:00 AM:** Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

**Saturday, July 15 at 10:00 AM:** Shabbat Study at the synagogue

**Wednesday, July 19 at 10:00 AM:** Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

**Saturday, July 22 at 10:00 AM:** Traditional Shabbat Service at the synagogue

**Monday, July 24 at 11:00 AM:** Memoir Writing Workshop via Zoom

**Monday, July 24 at 7:00 PM:** Photography Workshop via Zoom

**Wednesday, July 26 at 10:00 AM:** Café Kehillah with Rabbi Barbara Cohen via Zoom

**Wednesday, July 26 at 8:00 PM:** Erev Tisha B'Av Service at the synagogue

### This month's newsletter features:

**Jewish Museum Virtual Tour: *Florine Stettheimer***

**New Member Brunch**

**The CAS Annual Meeting**

**July Creative Arts Workshops**

**July Yahrzeits**

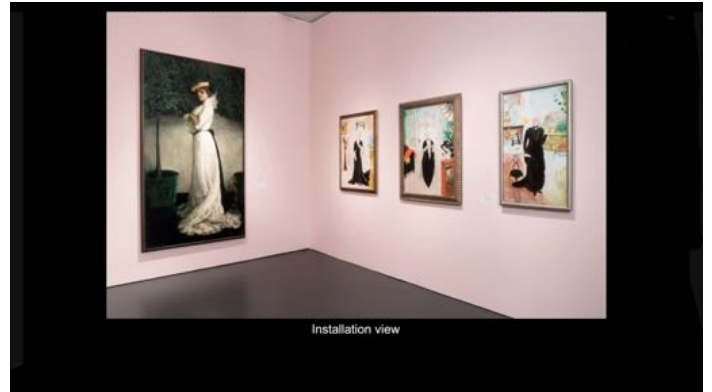
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# Jewish Museum Virtual Tour: *Florine Stettheimer Painting Poetry*


On Sunday, June 4th at 1:00 PM Congregation Ahavath Sholom presented “Florine Stettheimer Painting Poetry,” the fifth in their series of online museum tours conducted by educator/lecturer Rena Tobey.

Some of the screens that Rena used in her talk are presented here:



OCCASIONALLY

Occasionally  
A human being  
Saw my light  
Rushed in  
Got singed  
Got scared  
Rushed out  
Called fire  
Or it happened  
That he tried  
To subdue it  
Or it happened  
That he tried to  
extinguish it  
Never did a friend  
Enjoy it  
The way it was.  
So I learned to



Peter A. Juley & Son  
*Florine Stettheimer*  
(1871-1944)  
c1917-20  
Smithsonian American  
Art Museum Archives

Florine Stettheimer



Florine Stettheimer, *Studio Party (Soirée)*, 1917-19.  
Oil on canvas, Beinecke, Yale University.

Our Parties

Our Parties  
Our Picnics  
Our Banquets  
Our Friends  
Have at last  
A raison d'être  
Seen in color and  
Design  
It amuses me  
To recreate them  
To paint them

Poem, F.S.



## New Member Brunch

A crowd of 46 congregants enjoyed a wonderful brunch at the home of Steve and Alison Weinberg in Copake Falls, New York, as CAS welcomed our many new members. Many thanks to Debbie Slater for the great photos!









# CAS Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Congregation Ahavath Sholom was called to order by Alison Adams-Weinberg on Tuesday, June 27th at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. The theme of the meeting was that *We are back!* After Rabbi Barbara's opening remarks, Alison provided the commentary for a visual presentation, designed by Arthur Hillman, reviewing this year's many events. Linda Josephs then highlighted our building renovations, mentioning the repairs, the security additions, the improved cleaning service, and the new front garden. Dan Burkhard and Jane Stepman were thanked for their work on the building, and Gail Phillips was thanked for her design and work on revitalizing the garden. Harold Schragar then gave a report that detailed the work of our RSL (Religious and Spiritual Life Committee). Dan Burkhard gave the Treasurer's report and spoke of the transition process to enable Arthur Hillman to take over the position. He also announced that the Board had voted to hire an accountant to audit our books and provide advice. Irene Goldman-Price presented the report of the Nominating Committee and the nomination of Daniel Schenker, John Slote, and Keren Weiner to serve as members of the Board of Directors. These three nominees were elected; Alison Adams-Weinberg, Barbara Janoff and David Scribner were re-elected to the Board. Linda Josephs discussed the issue of fundraising and our upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the synagogue. It was announced that High Holy Day services would be held at the South Berkshire Community Center and that Naomi Alson has agreed to coordinate the break fast. The meeting was then adjourned.

These are a few of the year's highlights:



Creative Arts Panel



Autumn Spirits Reading



Jewish Community Day



Thinking Outside the Matzah Box: A Passover Tasting Event



A Concert for a Winter Afternoon



Café Kehillah Luncheon

## July Creative Arts Workshops

The next Memoir Writing Workshop is scheduled for Monday, July 24th at 11:00 a.m. Shared readings and short writing exercises. Each of these sessions is stand-alone. Please RSVP to Barbara Janoff at [bjanoff1@gmail.com](mailto: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.*



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The next Photography Workshop will take place on at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 24th. 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](mailto: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.*

## July 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	English date	This year's date
Dorothy Holiner Rosen	Tammuz 12 5727	7/20/1967	7/1
Paul Edelman	Tammuz 13 5778	6/26/2018	7/2
Donald Victor	Tammuz 14 2776	7/20/2016	7/3
John Armstrong	Tammuz 22 5763	7/22/2003	7/11
Esther K. Slater	Tammuz 22 5765	7/29/2005	7/11
Doris Soman	Av 06 5773	7/13/2013	7/24
Joan Sussman	Av 8 5766	8/12/2016	7/26
Rose Y. Beigh	Av 10 5773	7/13/2013	7/28
Meyer David Graubard	Av 13 5660	8/8/1900	7/31

## July Donations

### In support of the CAS garden

Linda Josephs

### General donation

John Slote and Nancy Cohen

### In support of the Creative Arts Workshops

Ross Bettinger (Memoir Workshop)

Caroline Forsman (Memoir and Photography Workshops)

Bruce Frishkoff (Memoir Workshop)

Arthur Hillman (Memoir Workshop)

Louise Hillman (Photography Workshop)

Carol Killian (Memoir Workshop)



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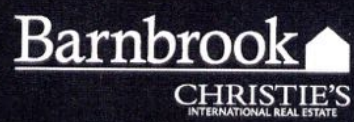
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