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A TIME TO REFLECT: THE MEANING OF SHELOSHIM

From Rabbi Mark B Greenspan

Dear Friends:

Last month as the period of *sheloshim* for my mother came to an end, I found myself reflecting on the meaning of this practice. I never quite understood the purpose of *sheloshim*. After all, we have *shiva*, a seven day period of intense mourning and sorrow which begins following the funeral. *Shiva* can be taxing – the constant flow of people in and out of one's home, sitting on low chairs, and trying to put on a good face while receiving comforters. But basically, *shiva* is a time of healing when one finds strength in the presence of loved ones. It is also a time to tell stories and share the life and legacy of a dear one with others.

I also understand the purpose of the year of mourning: it is how we express our filial responsibility to our parents. For one year we attend *minyán* each day to say *kaddish*, avoid music and other forms of public entertainment and live as an *avayl*, a mourner. But what sets *sheloshim* apart from the rest of the year – how is it unique? On the one hand, the rules of *sheloshim* are no different than the rules of mourning during the full year following the death of a parent. On the other hand, it is not as intense as the period of *shiva* and on the other hand we find ourselves engaged in our everyday activities rather than being confined to our homes as we are during the days following a funeral. *Sheloshim* is something less than *shiva* but something more than an *avayl*, a year-long mourner. So what exactly are we during this period of time? What sets this period of time apart?

I have learned, however, that *sheloshim* provides a much needed transition between private grief and one's encounter with the outside world. Of course, one remains a mourner for an entire year after the death of a parent, but *sheloshim* is a powerful opportunity for self reflection, and a reminder of just how meaningful Jewish ritual can be. The public ways in which we express grief become a powerful symbol to ourselves and to others. Most of all, throughout the days of *sheloshim* the reflection of my own face,

unshaven and unkempt, was a constant reminder to me and others that I was still in a state of deep mourning and that my life was not whole.

Generally speaking, I think we are in too much of a rush to move on with our lives; like fast food we want to experience things and then move on to the next experience. Society does not tolerate melancholy. *Sheloshim* is about slowing down; it is all about melancholy. It teaches us that it is OK to set aside a period of time simply to be sad. All the practices of *sheloshim* reminded me of this. Not sitting in my regular seat in synagogue felt odd – it was almost as if I didn't have a place of my own. Looking in the mirror and seeing my own reflection was strange – I didn't know the person looking back at me. My mother never cared for facial hair and I discovered that I didn't particularly care for it either, on myself at least. But I have to say that I am more appreciative of the fact that my beard allowed me to take the time to mourn and not to move on too quickly; it was a constant reminder to others that something was different and that my life was not the same.

Most of all over the last two months I learned how precious and important words of comfort can be. My job as a mourner was to allow people to comfort me. Hundreds of cards, e-mails and phone calls from concerned people have been deeply touching. The donations that were made in Mom's memory to the synagogue, Hadassah, the Jewish National Fund, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and to my discretionary fund have made me feel a sense of goodness that, in some way, her memory will serve to help others. The kind and gentle words of comfort, "May you know no more sorrow," or "May God comfort you among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem," came to mean a lot to me even if it was a bit embarrassing to be at the center of other people's attention. After all, I am used to being the comforter rather than the one in need of comfort.

The following story will illustrate what I mean. Several times a year a group of indigent Jews stop by the synagogue to ask for money. They come from Brooklyn, they speak English poorly and I suspect that they stop at dozens of synagogues all over Long Island looking for a hand out. They usually come around the holidays – Rosh Hashanah,

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Passover and Purim and at least one or two other times during the year. This group has been visiting me for several years and I have something of a love-hate relationship with them – sometimes I welcome them and other times I get annoyed by their ‘shnorring.’ Just before *Purim* they showed up at my office asking for *Matanot la’evyonim*, ‘gifts for the poor.’ This time as I wrote each one a check, the youngest member of the group asked me, “Rabbi I see you’re growing a beard. Did something happen?” When I told them that I had lost my mom three weeks before, the mood in the room suddenly changed. Instead of coming for a hand-out, they became my comforters, talking tenderly to me and asking me about Mom, where she was buried, if I had siblings and offering me words of comfort. I realized at that moment that there are times when I need to take off my rabbinic and communal leader mask and allow people in to offer comfort. It is just as important to accept comfort and care as it is to offer it.

Over the last months many of you have touched me with expressions of consolation and comfort. I know I have been slow in responding to all your good wishes and the kind gifts you made in memory of Mom. I’m writing this letter, therefore, to you to say thank you for the tender concern and the attention you have shown me and my family over these weeks. Thank you for the cards and notes. Thank you for stopping by during the week of *shiva* and for dropping off items of food and meals. Thank you for the phone calls and e-mails, or simply for stopping me in the hall and asking, “How are you doing?” I am sure you are aware that there is never an easy answer to that question – not one most people are prepared to listen to – but just the fact that you asked means a lot. Writing a letter like this may seem impersonal, but I want you to know how I feel. I wanted to share something more than a perfunctory thank you with you. Frankly, I’ve been overwhelmed by the number of notes that I need to write, but I want you to know how much your concern and wishes mean to me.

The truth is I have never been very attentive when it came to sending condolence cards and notes, even to colleagues and friends. I would rather call someone on the phone than sit down and right them a letter. I never realized how much these notes and wishes mean. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness of the many people who made their way to our house or who simply wrote a few lines in the days after Mom’ death – They have taught me not to take these words and sentiments for granted. I thank all of you and I pray – may we not experience any more sorrow.

For all your kindness,

Mark Greenspan



BAR/BAT MITZVAHS

LAUREN GOLDMAN.....MAY 3,2008

Lauren is the daughter of Barry and Sheryl Goldman and the sister of Jason. Lauren’s current hobbies are art, softball, cross country, and she is a member of the OMS Honor Roll Society. Her future goals are to become either a teacher or a doctor.

DANA MORGAN PEARL MAY 17,2008

Dana Morgan is the daughter of Alden and Sheryl Pearl, and the proud sister of her (sharing Bat Mitzvah) brother, Joshua, and her younger sister Alana. Dana enjoys cheerleading, drawing/clothing design, photography, water and snow skiing, and hanging out with her friends. Her future career goals are to become a Dentist and create and design a High Rope Adventure Camp.

JOSHUA GIDEON PEARL MAY 17,2008

Joshua Gideon is the son of Alden and Sheryl Pearl, and the proud brother of his (sharing Bar Mitzvah) sister Dana and her younger sister Alana. Joshua enjoys swimming, ice skating, computers and drawing. His future career goal is to become a cartoonist.

SAM ANHOUSE..... MAY 17,2008

Sam is the son of Mallory and Michael Anhouse and the younger brother of Max. Sam enjoys playing baseball, soccer, basketball, lacrosse and tennis. Max is highly motivated, loves all sports, and is an avid Yankee fan. Sam is also a member of the OMS Honor Roll Society. One of his future goals is to become an entrepreneur.

CARLY DANOWITZ.....JUNE 7,2008

Carly is the daughter of Bari and Marty Danowitz, and the sister of Melinda. Carly enjoys singing, dancing, acting, drama club, swing choir, singing lessons, NYSSMA, and All County. She is currently a member of the the OMS Honor Roll. Carly’s future career goals are to pursue a singing or acting career.

ELIZABETH COHEN JUNE 22,2008

Elizabeth is the daughter of Meryl and Richard Cohen and the older sister of Matthew. Elizabeth enjoys dancing, gymnastics, softball, singing (chorus), reading and art. Her future career goals are to be a writer or social worker.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

ISRAEL @ 60
by Jolene Boden

Israel is turning 60. This is a remarkable accomplishment and cause for celebration on many levels. We need to celebrate that we have had a Jewish homeland for 60 years. We need to celebrate that we have created a place where Jews of all colors and beliefs can come together as a people. We need to celebrate that despite our many enemies, our people have maintained the only democracy in that corner of the world, and that we have created hospitals and academic institutions to rival the best in the world.

I thought all of those thoughts as I stood and walked around the JCC housed celebration for Israel @ 60 that took place on April 1, 2008. The JCC managed to get 18 local synagogues to participate in this community wide event. It appears to be hard work for the Jewish community to unify in the New York area. It was gratifying to me to see the success of this vision on April 1.

For the better part of my personal and professional life, I have been an active member of the Jewish Community. What does that mean to us though? Is the Jewish community our synagogue, our movement, our neighborhood? We speak of a community in which we are sensitive and caring of others- we strive to "repair the world- tikun olam". In order to do that we need to begin within ourselves- we need to allow ourselves to be a community. To accept that others have different philosophies and different customs, but we are the same people. We need to see the JCC as the institution that serves as a representative of the community. In other communities they are the coordinators of all aspects of the community. It saddened me to know that there were people that did not come to the celebration in early April because it was a JCC event. It was not!

The Oceanside community has changed. We have new challenges and new fears as demographics change and finances become tighter. We feel competitive with our neighbors for the young families or the young kids that they bring. It is human nature to want to see your own succeed and to be angered by the frustration of others possibly "taking away" your potential members. I recognize that and I admit that I am equally frustrated by some of the events that have taken place within our community.

As we continue to celebrate the birthday of Israel 60 years ago, we must remember that we are ONE PEOPLE and we need to always be one people to the outside world. We need to respect our neighbors and to support our Jewish Community and our Jewish Community Center.

I wish you a pleasant spring and hope to see you at the many celebrations we will be hosting in the next months. Come and join us on June 1 to march in celebration at the Israel @ 60 parade.



SISTERHOOD UPDATE

By Judy Kagan and Barbara Simon
Co-Presidents

Both Barbara and I hope everyone had a happy and joyous Passover.

From the beginning of our administration as Co-Presidents along with the Board of Directors we set the following goals:

- To increase our Sisterhood membership
- To reach out to all members of our Synagogue and to make Sisterhood a warm and welcoming organization.
- To provide innovative, exciting and varied programs
- To institute a program of Mitzvah Projects that would reflect our mission of Tikun Olam.
- To raise the funds necessary to support the Synagogue.

We have met these goals thanks to the wonderful, dedicated women who worked so well together to accomplish the task. Yasher Koach to one and all.

Our Esther's Harem party for Purim was a great evening. We had a belly dancer and Henna tattoos. It was a lot of fun and we had a great turnout.

We then had our Women's Seder, where we were joined by South Baldwin Jewish Center. The evening was just wonderful. We had a fantastic turnout for the evening. We would like to thank Jackie Schwartz who put the Haggadah together and who worked real hard on making the evening such a success. We would also like to thank Naomi Altschul, Paula Spector for their work on the Seder and a thank you to Marilyn Weiss for her hard work and creativity in putting together both our Purim Festival and our Women's Seder.

Just a reminder that our last big fund raiser for the year is our Bingo Supperette which is on May 28, 2008. The cost is \$25.00, which includes bingo and dinner. Please try to attend and our outgoing dinner is on June 7, 2008. Details will follow.

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September for another exciting year and an even bigger one with some more new and exciting programming for everyone.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

by Sheryl Glickman

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

There is only one word to describe the final weeks of our school year “whirlwind”. We return from Pesach recess in time to commemorate Yom HaShoa and Yom Ha’Atzmaout and then we move on to preparing for the many end-of year events. During the Passover break (in between cooking) I spend most of the week working on materials to take the school to its conclusion.

Our sixth grade Hay students are given the opportunity to study in a special Torah class led by Rabbi Greenspan. This is in conjunction with United Synagogue/METNY region and Rabbi Greenspan prepares the students for the Hidon Ha-Torah Bible Contest. This year eight students elected to participate. The following students had the opportunity to represent OJC at the finals: Emily Glickman, Austin Kaplan, Renee Russo, Rebecca Stark, Nicole Swerloff, and Adam Weinstein. Jacob Rickman and Joseph Woda also participated and served as our alternates. Our team joined with fifteen other synagogues throughout the metropolitan region on Sunday, May 4 to compete in the finals of this contest. For the first time this event was held at the Jewish Theological Seminary. The students who take part in this endeavor make a commitment to spend serious time studying Torah. We are proud of all of them for their participation and dedication.

Stepping Up for our Geshher students will take place on May 27. Mazal Tov to our Geshher class on completing the elementary portion of their Religious School education. Eight of these students were inducted into the Keter Torah Honor Society. They were Sarah Cohen, Carly Danowitz, Dylan Finkel, Daniel Gordon, Lauren Hisiger, Steven Teman, Benjamin Weiss, and Jacob Wertling. Congratulations to Lauren Goldman who was honored with the Akiva Award. This is given to someone who always strives to do their personal best and participates in all aspects of synagogue life. These students were honored at a special ceremony sponsored by United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism/METNY. This will take place on May 22 at Temple Israel of South Merrick.

Our Zimriyah/Moving-Up Ceremony for Bet, Gimel, Dalet and Hay was held on May 15. The theme was Israel’s 60th Birthday and under the direction of Amy Weinstein, our music teacher, students sang songs from the past 60 years of Israel’s history. We gave out a record number of awards and honors to our children for their many accomplishments.

On May 19 we held our Moving-Up Ceremony for K’tonton, Mechina and Aleph. Each class performed songs and students were presented with promotion certificates.

Of course the success of our school relies on the wonderful staff. Thanks to Gail Skall, our K’tonton teacher; Elyse Luks our Mechina and Geshher teacher; Yona Vishnia, our Aleph teacher; Anna Matathias, our Bet teacher; Merryl Katz, our Gimel teacher; Mira Steinberg, our Dalet teacher; Sarah Nadler, our Hay teacher; Paula Spector, our Librarian and Geshher teacher, Jordan Rosenfield, our Hebrew specialist and Amy Weinstein, our music instructor. As always I am indebted to Rabbi Greenspan. Besides teaching our special Hay Torah class he is always available to interact and participate in our school events. He serves as a

wonderful resource, advisor and mentor. I also offer my heartfelt thanks to our school secretary, Kathy Fink, who keeps the school running so efficiently and takes wonderful care of our students.

I wish all of you a wonderful summer!



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

by Anita Hoine

EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR

April proved to be a very busy month with all the Passover preparations. The children really became absorbed in the story and the festivities. All the classes had Model Seders and parents were invited. The songs, projects and food helped to make for happy faces.

We now prepare springtime; the flowers and butterflies will fill our playgrounds as the Yeladim will be outdoors each day. Physical exercise is one of the best pastimes for our Pre-Schoolers. Also in the spring our Pre-K children host “Desserts for Daddies. They get to show their fathers all the things they do in school each day. The fathers enjoy coming to see where their children spend their days. Daddies and children will make Sundaes together and have a real bonding evening!

My entire staff and I will be spending a conference day put together by the BJE. There will be conferences to choose form and an exchange of ideas between co-workers. We will need to get fueled up with new ideas, projects and information.

For Israel’s “Big Birthday”, we will once again pack our bags and fly off to Israel with Pilot Greenspan. Our imaginary flight has become a special event for the children. As we fly, we sing Jewish songs, eat Jewish snacks and have Rabbi Greenspan tell us all about the sights in Israel!! By the time we land the pita breads have been eaten, the falafel is already cold and the halavah is still sweet!!

The annual pajama party is almost here. The Pre-K children come to school from the late afternoon till 7:30. Chef Hoine prepares dinner and the children get into their pajamas before they leave school. There is roaring laughter as the parents come and take them home- bathrobes and all!

Our 2’s and 3’s will have Daddies morning in May. Daddies are invited for breakfast and playtime. Hopefully the weather will be good and we can use our wonderful playgrounds.

We’re coming close to Graduation for our four year olds. The yearbooks are getting done, the diplomas are going to be signed and the children we’ve watched grow up are going on to Kindergarten. I always have a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes as I say good-bye.

A special thank you to my fabulous staff that nurture and teach our children. They are always there for me as well as their students. To Kathy, my right hand, Paula the best librarian ever and Karen, Andrea and Len Lerner, I couldn’t have done it without you. The wonderful PTA ladies, School Board members and volunteers have been so supportive. Our day would not be possible without Jesse, Alex and Andre being around. They work hard for our Nursery School.

Summer camp will be upon us soon and I feel confident that the children will be happy and busy. I wish you all a healthy summer filled with much happiness.

LIBRARY DONATIONS Paula Spector, LIBRARIAN (764-4213) / Davey LeBoyer, COORDINATOR (766-3244)GENERAL FUND

Florence Shane in memory of Esther Greenspan, mother of Rabbi Mark Greenspan.
 Marvin & Michelle Dressler in memory of David Lefkowitz, father of Julie Finkel.
 Marvin & Michelle Dressler in memory of Marsha Penzer, sister of Laura Schneid.
 Lori & Glenn Berse in honor of the engagement of their son Corey to Sloane Levine.
 Eve Epstein in memory of Mel Epstein, yahrzeit of her husband.
 Novack-Flatow family in memory of Edith Schwartz, mother of Paul.

CHARLOTTE LeBOYER CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

David Zener in memory of Esther Greenspan.
 Davey & Jerry LeBoyer in memory of Esther Greenspan.
 Janet Taubin in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Melissa Sarah Chernet.
 Janet Taubin in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Elie Skolnick, grandson of Davey & Jerry LeBoyer.
 Janet Taubin in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Skolnick, granddaughter of Davey & Jerry LeBoyer.
 Janet Taubin in memory of Seymour Krasney, brother of Davey LeBoyer.
 Janet Taubin in memory of Doris Machles, sister of Jerry LeBoyer.
 Deena & Ben Lafazan in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Schiller, granddaughter of Natalie & Don.
 Davey & Jerry LeBoyer in memory of "Aunt Ruth," aunt of Sandy Tepper.
 Paula & Larry Spector in honor of the engagement of Nicole Flatow, daughter of Gay Novack & Carl Flatow.
 Evelyn & Jack Pessa in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Mickie and Marion Rosen's granddaughter.
 Harriet & Ben Yomtov in honor of the birth of their grandson, Jake Spencer, son of Jodi and Todd Yomtov.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUND

Peter & Evelyn Stone in memory of Esther Greenspan.
 Peter & Evelyn Stone in memory of Lillian Gralnick, yahrzeit of Evelyn's mother.
 Peter & Evelyn Stone in memory of Harriet Blank, yahrzeit of Evelyn's sister.
 Peter & Evelyn Stone in memory of Ilona Hollos, yahrzeit of Peter's aunt.
 Peter & Evelyn Stone in memory of Margaret Kovacs, yahrzeit of Peter's "second mother."
 Ruth & Eric Gewurz in memory of Isaac Klevan, yahrzeit of Ruth's father.

IDA & ISIDORE SCHNISEL FUND

Marilyn & Marvin Moelis in memory of Esther Greenspan.
 Marilyn & Marvin Moelis in memory of Ellie Krauss.

LAG B'OMER
33rd Day of the Omer
Friday, May 23rd

DEADLINE FOR
NEXT BULLETIN
August 18th

HERMAN TRACHTENBERG JEWISH HUMOR COLLECTION

Iris & Bernard Trachtenberg in memory of Herman and Goldie Trachtenberg, yahrzeit of Bernard's parents.
 Barbara & Ed Simon in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Schiller.
 Paula & Larry Spector in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Schiller.

MARTIN WEISS FUND FOR HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Harriet & Phil Brodsky and family in memory of Esther Greenspan.

ROSE WEISS KOSHER COOKBOOK COLLECTION

Harriet & Phil Brodsky and family in memory of "Aunt Ruth," aunt of Sandy Tepper.

***A special thank you to Ginger Friedman Berger for her gracious donation of *Chanting the Hebrew Bible: The Complete Guide to the Art of Cantillation*, by Joshua R. Jacobson. This book and companion CD belonged to Ginger's husband, Rabbi Philmore Berger of Temple Avodah; a bookplate will be inscribed as a lasting memorial in his name.

CENTRAL HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

In *Pirkei Avot* we are taught to "Find yourself a teacher and make yourself a friend." At first glance this may seem a daunting task in our over-programmed world. Here in Oceanside, we have a way to accomplish that goal for our teens in the **CENTRAL HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL**.

Every Monday evening, from 7:00-9:00 P.M., our eighth through twelfth graders have a chance to study with local Rabbis and educators, in the company of their peers at Temple Avodah. The evening includes a chance to snack and schmooze with friends between classes. Students spend one period in a core curriculum class with others on their grade level and choose exciting electives for the second period.

Our students come to CHHS from all over the greater Oceanside community. Participating synagogues include Oceanside Jewish Center, Temple Avodah, and Bnai Shalom in Rockville Centre. In addition we welcome students with other affiliations from Long Beach, Oceanside, and surrounding communities.

The Central Hebrew High School for post Bar/Bat Mitzvah students is a dynamic program designed to give our teens an opportunity to stay involved in Jewish life. We recognize that there is a common ground for Conservative and Reform Jews that allows us to educate our teens together and to keep them involved in a dialogue on Jewish life.

As a committed Jewish community, we celebrate, commemorate, and engage in gemilut hasadim, acts of loving kindness together. We have special programs to mark holidays and observances and bring exciting guest speakers to address our students.

Please consider enrolling your teen today. For further information, please contact Karen Feit, CHHS principal at 458.8499 or Karenbfeit@aol.com

**Join OJC at the
ISRAEL DAY PARADE
Sunday, June 1st**



PARADE ASSEMBLY AREA

**United Synagogue/METNY group
Section B**

West 53rd street (between 5th & 6th Ave)

assembly time: 12:30pm

projected step off time: 1pm

There will be shirts for the USYers.

We will be marching behind the USY float.

SHAVUOT

Sunday Evening, June 8th

(Tikkun Leil Shavuot 8:00 PM)

Monday, June 9th

Tuesday, June 10th

(Yizkor on Tuesday -

**Early Service at 6:30 AM &
at Regular Service 9:00AM)**

**BETH SHALOM
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MISSION STATEMENT**

"Beth Shalom Oceanside Jewish Center affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is an egalitarian congregation and a nurturing community which provides opportunities for Jews of all ages and backgrounds to live in the presence of G-d through religious observance, Jewish learning and acts of social responsibility."

LAST CALL!

OJC JOURNAL DINNER-DANCE

Saturday Evening

May 31, 2008

The Journal Dinner-Dance Committee is proud to announce that we will be honoring Laura and Robert Steinberg as our Leadership Honorees and Peter Stone as our Outstanding Service Award recipient. The Journal Dinner-Dance is the highlight of the social calendar at Oceanside Jewish Center and we are fortunate to have such worthy honorees. Hopefully, you will celebrate with us on May 31st. The cost is \$180 per person on a give or get basis and ad blanks will be mailed and additional ad blanks will be available in the OJC office. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Sharon Kamens, 763-6783 or Ed Goldstein, 536-2317. Let's make this our most successful Journal Dinner-Dance.

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**Photos from the South Shore Friedberg JCC Community Celebration
in Honor of Israel's 60th Birthday**



**Thank you to Roberta Ir,
Sheila Lehrman, Roz Lieber,
Barbara Schwartz, Barbara Simon,
Marilyn Weiss and their team for the
creativity in preparing OJC's project.**



Sim Shalom Siddur

Sing a new song to the Lord!

HELP OJC INTRODUCE A NEW SIDDUR INTO OUR SANCTUARY



Or Chadash
Commentary

Four questions about *Project Sim Shalom*:

- 1. Why now?** For very practical reasons! We no longer have enough copies of *Siddur Sim Shalom* to meet our congregational needs. Many of our Siddurim are falling apart and are beyond repair.
- 2. Why the new edition of *Sim Shalom*?** This new edition of *Siddur Sim Shalom* has become a popular classic for thousands of Conservative Jews. It contains sections on Shabbat and holiday home rituals and an easy-to-follow format. Innovations include the optional Amidah text which includes the matriarchs, liturgical works celebrating the existence of the State of Israel, readings on Holocaust, and an expanded supplementary reading section featuring works by both rabbinic scholars and contemporary Jewish thinkers.
- 3. How can I participate?** It will cost \$36 to donate a copy of *Sim Shalom* to our synagogue. It can be donated in honor or in memory of someone – there will be an acknowledgement plate in the front cover of the Siddur. Anyone who donates five copies of *Siddur Sim Shalom* to the synagogue will receive a copy of *Or Chadash*, the ground breaking commentary on the prayer book by Rabbi Reuben Hammer. This commentary follows the same pagination as the new prayerbook but includes a commentary on the meaning and history of the Siddur.
- 4. When can I donate a new copy of *Sim Shalom*?** *Project Sim Shalom* will continue through the summer months. We hope to introduce the new Siddur after the High Holy Days.

Yes! I would like to be part of *Project Sim Shalom*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

_____ I would like to donate _____ Siddurim @\$36 each

_____ I would like to make a donation of \$180 to purchase five Siddurim and receive a copy of *Or Chadash* commentary on *Sim Shalom*

in honor of / in memory of _____

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Please make checks payable to OCJ and mail to: OJC, 2860 Brower Ave., Oceanside, NY 11572

For more information contact:

Jeff Rickman: 516 641-1698 or Paul Schwartz: 516 678-5307

OJC MINYAN SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING			SHABBAT		
	CANDLES	MINCHA-MA'ARIV		MORNING	MINCHA-MA'ARIV
May 2nd	7:35 PM	7:00 PM	May 3rd	9:00 AM	7:30 PM
May 9th	7:43 PM	7:00 PM	May 10th	9:00 AM	7:45 PM
May 16th	7:49 PM	7:00 PM	May 17th	9:00 AM	7:45 PM
May 23rd	7:56 PM	7:00 PM	May 24th	9:00 AM	8:00 PM
May 30th	8:02 PM	7:00 PM	May 31st	9:00 AM	8:00 PM
June 6th	8:07 PM	7:00 PM	June 7th	9:00 AM	8:00 PM
June 13th	8:10 PM	7:00 PM	June 14th	9:00 AM	8:00 PM
June 20th	8:13 PM	8:00 PM (Installation)	June 21st	9:00 AM	8:00 PM
June 27th	8:13 PM	7:00 PM	June 28th	9:00 AM	8:00 PM

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

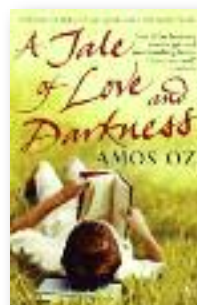
This month we celebrate Israel’s 60th birthday. American Jews who want to know more about what’s happening in Israel today have access to media reports of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Our library has subscriptions to magazines like *The Jerusalem Report*, *Moment*, *Commentary*, *Midstream*, *Hadassah*, and *Lilith* which regularly feature articles about Israeli politics, the arts, historical events and holiday observances. For a more intimate glimpse of everyday life, the literature of contemporary Israeli writers is readily available in this country. Congregants may be familiar with the works of Amos Oz, David Grossman, Aharon Appelfeld and A. B. Yehoshua. Quite a number of other respected authors are finding an audience here in the U.S. including Savyon Liebrecht, Etgar Keret, Ron Leshem and Michal Gavrin.

A recent addition to our collection is *A Pigeon and a Boy* by Meir Shalev, which won the 2007 National Jewish Book Award for fiction as well as other honors around the world. For our younger readers, a variety of books were recently published, including *It’s Israel’s Birthday!* by Ellen Dietrick, and *Keeping Israel Safe: Serving in the Israel Defense Forces*, by Barbara Sofer. *Homeland: The Illustrated History of the State of Israel*, published by Nachshon Press, was the winner of the 2007 National Jewish Book Award for Children and Young Adult Literature - a well deserved honor. These titles and many other worthy selections are all available in our library. Call Paula for more info and/or reserves.

A book discussion of *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz will take place on May 15th in the library. Our last selection of the year is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, scheduled for June 19th. Torah classes with Rabbi Greenspan continue on Thursday mornings.

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