



Ahavath Israel Congregation  
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# Phavath Updates

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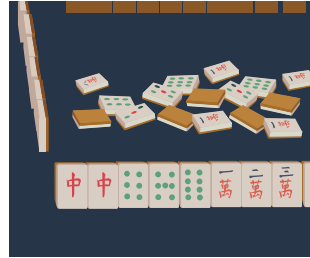
MAY—JUNE 2005

## Mah-Jongg, Cards, and Kosher Chinese Luncheon Planned for Sunday, May 15

Back by popular demand, Ahavath will sponsor an afternoon of Mah-Jongg, Cards, and a Kosher Chinese Luncheon on Sunday, May 15 from 12 Noon until 4:00 PM. This will mark the third time the event has been held, with a request from past participants that it be held even more often!

Food for the luncheon will

again be from Lin's Kosher Chinese Kitchen in Manville, NJ and will be served buffet-style. The luncheon will be served at noon, with games to follow. Participants may bring Mah-Jongg tiles, their favorite board games, or cards for after the luncheon, or may just stay to "shmooze" or chat with others. There will also be doorprizes and a "50-50" raf-



fle. Tickets are \$14, and reservations are required. Please call the synagogue office tape: (609) 882-3092 to make your reservation by May 11.

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## Ahavath Invited to Participate in Ewing 4th of July Parade

This year will mark the first time in many years that Ahavath Israel has been invited by the Ewing Patriotic Committee to participate in the township's annual 4th of July Parade. This invitation comes at a very apropos time, since Ahavath is celebrating its 40th

year in Ewing Township this year.

The theme of this year's parade will be A Salute to The Sunshine Foundation. Ahavath's own Sy Laskey has been an active supporter of the Sunshine Foundation for many years and can currently be seen

as "Fireman Freddie" on the organization's billboards throughout Mercer County.

Anyone interested in taking part in the parade as part of Ahavath's contingent should contact the office. (We will be riding, not walking.)

An inside 4th of July picnic is planned at the synagogue following the parade.

### Reminders:

- You are always needed and welcome for Services to help make a Minyan. Bring a friend.
- BINGO needs your help. Call to volunteer.
- Cards, Mah-Jongg, Luncheon on Sunday, May 15. Open to the public.
- Annual Congregation Meeting on Monday, May 23 at 7:30 PM.
- Donations needed for the Kosher Food Pantry. Drop off in lobby.

## New Ideas Sought to Attract New Members

With any organization, attracting new members is always a challenge, and Ahavath Israel is no exception! It is a matter of simple mathematics to understand that the more members we have paying dues, the easier it is for the synagogue to operate and to expand its offerings.

Every current member should see it as a challenge to try to encourage any non-affiliated Jews that they know to consider joining Ahavath Israel. Many special dues incentives are currently available for new members, including those for newlyweds and new parents and a newly added dual-

membership category.

We should be very proud of our shul and its history. This year marks our 40th year in Ewing Township and in 2009, we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary! We have a wonderful building in a safe, beautiful suburban location.

Please share your love for Ahavath Israel, by continuing to speak proudly of Ahavath in the community. New ideas for attracting new members are always welcome. If you have suggestions, please speak to one of the Officers or members of the Board of Trustees.



Keep bringing in your receipts from Marrazzo's in Ewing. This is an ongoing fundraiser. The funds raised will go toward offsetting the cost of having a guest Rabbi or Cantor at some of our Shabbat services during the year.



## Fundraising Ideas Considered for 2005-2006



Members of Ahavath Israel know that our Thursday night BINGO has always been one of our biggest and most consistent fund-raisers. Our members volunteer their time, but the income is derived from people outside of the Ahavath membership. In order for us to continue to move forward, we must look for additional fund-raisers which will appeal to the general public and increase the income we receive from outside of our own membership.

Providing a venue for performers will yield the most

profit for us, but most would require a substantial deposit up front. This is the point that has kept us from scheduling these events. If you would like to be an "angel" to help back one of our fund-raisers which features a performer, please let us know.

The following are ideas which have been discussed and considered in the past:

- Sunday Bus Trips to Atlantic City
- Comedy Night
- Klezmer Group

- Safam (Popular Jewish Musical Group)
- Cook Book featuring favorite recipes of our members
- Flea Market

Any of these ideas would increase our income, but all need volunteers to help put them together. If you would like to work on one of these ideas, become one of our "angels", or if you have another idea you would like to pursue, please contact any member of the Board.

## Volunteers Needed for Library Reorganization

Ahavath Israel Congregation is very fortunate to have a large collection of Jewish books, records, audio tapes, video tapes, CD's and DVD's. Through the generosity of the family of Dr. George I. Horowitz, a library was started shortly after the congregation moved to its current Ewing

location. At that time the Library was housed in bookcases in the Rabbi's Study. An additional memorial to Henry Sass allowed the refurbishing of the back room behind the kitchen, turning it into a Multi-Purpose Room, which includes a large classroom/meeting room and the

current location of the expanded Horowitz Library.

Over the past few years donations which have come in for the library collection have not been catalogued correctly. We are also in need of additional bookcases to adequately house recent donations.

If you have had any experi-

ence in cataloguing library books and could share this knowledge with others, perhaps we could form a committee to give our library collection some much-needed attention.

*"Seasoned bakers worked side-by-side with first-timers... measuring, mixing, rolling, cutting, filling, and crimping... masterfully making our most marvelous masterpieces."*



## Purim Activities Well-Attended

Purim festivities at Ahavath Israel kicked off with our annual Hamantaschen Bake-a-Thon. This year we had thirteen people come to help bake Hamantaschen. Members and non-members, family and friends, all worked wonderfully together to create our delightfully delicious Hamantaschen. Seasoned bakers worked side-by-side with first-timers... measuring, mixing,

rolling, cutting, filling, and crimping... masterfully making our most marvelous masterpieces. All bakers received samples of their efforts in a Shallach Manot bag.

Close to thirty people attended the Megillah Reading, set to the theme of a "Rock 'n' Roll Purim." Musical visits from the "Doo-wop Shushan Sisters" (Phyllis Stern and Mary Lou Byer) and "The



King of Rock 'n' Roll" (Len Epstein) charmed the audience, many of whom came in costume. Audience participation in the songs and Len's reading of the Megillah, complete with "voices", led to the culminating treat of the evening...enjoying the homemade Hamantaschen. Don't miss next year's Megillah reading, when Shushan Town just may be Broadway-bound!

## Special Thanks to...

...**Bob Pearson**, for donating a working computer for the synagogue's use

...**Len Epstein**, for filling in for the Cantor on short notice, for Yizkor service

...**Marcia Stern**, for the donation of wines for Kiddushim

...**Mary Lou and Rick Byer** for replanting and re-mulching the garden in front of the building and the flower boxes in the Meditation Garden.

## Congratulations to...

...**Rick Byer**, for his appointment by the Board of Trustees to finish the term of Recording Secretary, previously held by Eleanor Kreeley. Prior to his official appointment to the position, Rick had filled in for Eleanor for most of the 2004-2005 year.

## Get Well Wishes to...

- Miriam Goldberg
- Shirley Rosenberg
- Rose Goldberg
- Anne Palatt
- Charles "Chuck" Stern
- Dale Seifert (We just heard that Dale is in the hospital. Please send cards in care of Dale's parents, Ruth and Milt Seifert, 10-A Berkshire Court, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831)



## Condolences...

Our Condolences to the family of Arthur and Anita Lavinthal on the recent loss of Anita's father.



## Donations

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

**In Memory of Eleanor Kreeley:**

From:

Cheryl Sue Bruno

Paula and Sidney Deitz

Helen Esko

Beryl and David Fenton

Anne L. and Gerald H. Freedman

Frances and Sam Friedman

Sadie Jacobs

Frances and Seymore Laskey

Beverly Levenson

Ruth and Ed Olinsky

Sue and Fred N. Rothstein

Cyla Schall

Ruth and Milt Seifert

Phyllis Stern

Mildred Temkin

Herbert Young

**In Memory of Frances Applebaum:**

From Frances and Seymore Laskey

**In Memory of Aaron Pakman:**

From Frances and Seymore Laskey

### Yahrzeit Donations:

**In Memory of my husband, Charles L. Applebaum:**

From Estelle Applebaum

**In Memory of my mother, Lena Klotz:**

From Estelle Applebaum

**In Memory of my sister, Ruth Klotz:**

From Estelle Applebaum

**In Memory of Herman Esko:**

From Helen Esko

**In Memory of Morris Laskey:**

From Frances and Seymore Laskey

**In Memory of Faygele Liverovsky:**

From Rita Panasyuk

**In Memory of Helen Applebaum:**

From Cyla Schall

**In Memory of the Tashlik and Eisenberg Families:**

From Elaine and Herman Tashlik

### Yizkor Donations:

**In Memory of Samuel S. Stern, loving husband, father, and grandfather:**

From Marcia Stern

**In Memory of Max H. Siegel, my father:**

From Marcia Stern

**In Memory of Bessie Siegel, my mother:**

From Marcia Stern

**In Memory of Shirley Stone, my sister:**

From Marcia Stern

**In Memory of Barbara Stone Markowitz, my niece:**

From Marcia Stern

**In Memory of Herman Esko and our parents:**

From Helen Esko and Irven Esko

**For Yizkor Services:**

From David Caldwell

From Frances and Seymore Laskey

### HONORARIA

**In Honor of Len's Reading of the Megillah:**

From Sherry Epstein

**In Honor of Charles Stern's Twin Grandchildren:**

From Ruth and Seymour Blaustein

From Frances and Seymore Laskey

From Mildred Temkin

**In Honor of My Birthday:**

From Helen Esko

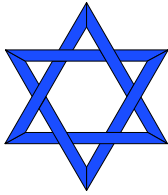
### GET WELL WISHES

**Get Well to Harold Goldmann:**

From Helen Esko

*Remember, there are many ways to memorialize or honor your loved ones. Seat Plaques, Leaves for the Tree of Life, Prayer Books, and Memorial Plaques are but a few examples. Call and we will gladly help with suggestions.*





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Additional positions on the Board are available and are currently shared by the Executive Board Officers. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Mary Lou Byer prior to the May 16th Board Meeting.

**Celebrating our 40th Year in  
Ewing Township!**

**Watch for a separate mailing with details about  
the June 5th Dinner.**



**Kosher Food Pantry in Need of Donations**

In the front corner of Ahavath's lobby sits a red shopping cart. Often the cart is empty. Its purpose? This is our collection site for the Kosher Food Pantry sponsored by the Jewish Children and Family Services. Each month throughout the year synagogues, religious schools, and Jewish organizations take turns providing the majority of the donations for the pantry. Food items collected are used to help Jewish families in our local communities

who are in need of assistance. Ahavath's two months happen to be back-to-back this year, with July and August as our responsibility. Donations are accepted and sent all year long, but it is especially critical that we fulfill our commitment during the summer months. Collection bags, marked with acceptable Hechsher symbols, are available in the synagogue lobby. Please help us make sure that the red shopping cart is over-flowing!

**Schedule of Services for May and June**

Sunday, May 1—Pesach—Yizkor Service—9 AM

**Saturday, May 7—Shabbat Services—9 AM, Followed by a Special Kiddush Luncheon**

Saturday, May 14—Shabbat Services—9 AM, Followed by Kiddush

Saturday, May 21—Shabbat Services—9 AM, Followed by Kiddush

Saturday, May 28—Shabbat Services—9 AM, Followed by Kiddush

Saturday, June 4—Shabbat Services—9 AM, Followed by Kiddush

Saturday, June 11—Shabbat Services—9AM, Followed by Kiddush

Monday, June 13—Shavuot Services—9 AM

Tuesday, June 14—Shavuot—Yizkor—9 AM

Saturday, June 18—Shabbat Services—9 AM, Followed by Kiddush

Saturday, June 25—Shabbat Services—9 AM, Followed by Kiddush

**Mark Your Calendar...**

Sunday, May 15 (12 Noon -4 PM) Mah-Jongg, Cards, & Kosher Chinese Luncheon (Reservations Needed by 5/11—\$14)

Monday, May 23—Annual Congregation Meeting—7:30 PM Please plan to attend.

Sunday, June 5—Dinner—Celebrating Ahavath's 40th Year in Ewing Township (Details will follow in a separate mailing.)

Monday, July 4—"Celebrating 40 Years in Ewing" Ahavath will participate in Ewing Township's Fourth of July Parade! Indoor 4th of July "Picnic" to follow, at the Synagogue.

Friday, July 22—Shabbat Under the Stars; Celebrate Shabbat with Dinner and Services in the Meditation Garden adjacent to the Synagogue.

Sunday, August—28—Annual End of Summer Picnic