

CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL

Bulletin

Rabbi Eliezer Langer



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July - August 2015

14 Tammuz - 16 Elul 5775

Message From the Rabbi



Dear Friends,

Summertime gives us the opportunity to do many of the things that we can't during the rest of the year. We are able to take that vacation, the walk with time to notice the sites that we may overlooked in our normal rush, and maybe even time to pick up a good book. Speaking of which...

As the "People of the Book", we should take the opportunity to read a few good Jewish books. With so many, the question is always, where to start.

The proverbial "at the beginning" is a good place. If you haven't read through the entire Torah, the five books of Moses, why not start here? Ethics of the Fathers-Pirke Avot, found in every Siddur, is a wonderful next step. (It is also a marvelous text to review and practice Hebrew reading.) Herman Wouk, a best-selling author, wrote a wonderful book entitled "This Is My G-d", an introduction to the observant life. The Oral Law by Harry Schimmel is an engaging text for those looking to refine their understanding of the Written and Oral Law.

The summer addition of Jewish Action, the magazine of the Orthodox Union, available by subscription or in the office, has a number of articles about books and the Jews. These essays reflect the love of scholarship that has been our hallmark throughout the ages.

A number of years ago I had a conversation with an Israeli who was in the United States for a sabbatical. Out of curiosity, I asked him what books he brought from Israel. He answered, almost nothing; the entire world of Jewish literature is accessible on the internet. He jokingly said, in a few years the only printing that will be done will be Jewish texts; everything else is available online. When we'll want to study or read Shabbos afternoon, we'll still need the printed text.

Happy reading and an enjoyable Summer.

Rabbi Eliezer Langer

CALENDAR FOR JULY — AUGUST 2015
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DATE	<u>SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING</u>	<u>TORAH PORTION</u>	<u>SHABBAT ENDS</u>
July 03	8:15 PM	Balak	9:16 PM
July 10	8:13 PM	Pinchas	9:13 PM
July 17	8:09 PM	Matot - Masei	9:09 PM
July 24	8:03 PM	Devarim (Shabbat Chazon / Erev Tisha B'Av)	9:03 PM
July 31	7:56 PM	Va'etchanan (Shabbat Nachamu)	8:56 PM
Aug. 07	7:48 PM	Ekev	8:47 PM
Aug. 14	7:39 PM	Re'eh (Rosh Chodesh)	8:38 PM
Aug. 21	7:28 PM	Shoftim	8:27 PM
Aug. 28	7:17 PM	Ki Tetze	8:16 PM
Sept. 04	7:06 PM	Ki Tavo	8:05 PM
Sept. 11	6:54 PM	Nitzavim	7:53 PM
Sept. 18	6:42 PM	Vayelech (Shabbat Shuvah)	7:41 PM

Services Friday Evenings at 7:00 PM / Friday Evening September 28 at 6:45 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

July 5 Shivah Asar B'Tammuz (FAST 3:37AM – 9:07PM)

July 26 Tisha B'Av (FAST 7/25 8:21PM – 7/26 8:52PM)

July 31 15th of Av

September 05 Selichot

September 14 - 15 Rosh Hashanah

September 16 Fast of Gedaliah

September 23 Yom Kippur

September 28 - Oct. 6 Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Shemini Atzeret



Rabbi's Suggested Reading List

Meditations, B. S. Jacobson	I was a Doctor in Auschwitz, G. Perl
The Oral Law, Harry Schimmel	Faith and Doubt, Rabbi Norman Lamm
Modern Jew Faces Eternal Problems, Arom Barth	Rabbi Jonathan Sacks books
The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet, Michael Munk	19 Letters, Rav Hirsch
To Dwell in the Palace, Tzvia Ehrlich-Klein	Jewish Meditation, Aryeh Kaplan
Jewish History Tapes, Rabbi Berel Wein	The Last of the Just, Andre' Schwarz-Bart
The Long Shorter Way, Adin Steinsaltz	The Rav, Aaron Rakeffet-Rothkoff
The Slave, Isaac Bashevis Singer	A Fire in His Soul, Irving Bunim
Man's Search for Meaning, Viktor Frankl	Fear No Evil, Natan Sharansky
Exclusiveness and Tolerance, Jacob Katz	Biblical Images, Adin Steinsaltz
The Devil and Jews, Joshua Trachtenberg	Reflections of the Rav, Abraham Besdin
Eli Wiesel books	Studies of the Parsha, Nechama Leibowitz
O Jerusalem, Dominique Lapierre and Larry Collins	Hassidic Tales of the Holocaust, Yaffa Eliach
Meditation on the Siddur, B.S. Jacobson	Woman and The Mitzvot, Rabbi G. Ellinson
Listen to Your Messages, Rabbi Y. Frand	The Sunflower, Simon Wiesenthal
Words that Hurt Words that Heal, Joseph Telushkin	
The Course of Modern Jewish History, Howard Sachar	
Bernard Revell: Builder of America Jewish Orthodoxy, Aaron Rakeffet-Rothkoff	

ADULT EDUCATION with David and Evelyn Horowitz

Every Monday, at 6 PM, May through September, a small group of dedicated men and women gather in the chapel to study and share ideas. Evelyn and David Horowitz will facilitate the discussion. Last year, we discussed the journey of the Israelites after the death of Moses through the reign of King David. This year, using various source material, the class will start with the period of Solomon.



At 7 PM, David will continue to teach conversational Hebrew (prerequisite - basic Hebrew reading);

Evelyn will teach "Improving Hebrew reading skills" using the prayer book.

Advanced Hebrew classes take place on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM.

Classes began on May 11 ... all classes are free and open to the Jewish community.

For additional information—

please call Dr. David Horowitz (845) 452-5969 after May 4.



**I Didn't Know That:
An Excursion In Little Known Torah Tidbits**

Please join Rabbi Langer on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM

- 07/14 - Travelers' Prayer**
- 07/21 - Nine Days in Av**
- 07/28 - Jewish Sadie Hawkins Day**
- 08/04 - What is Kaddish?**
- 08/11 - Duchening, The Kohen's Blessing**
- 08/18 - no class**
- 08/25 - Rules of War, Jewish Style**

*You are invited to attend Rabbi Langer's
classes - "Know Your Book - Ezra and Nechemiah"*

Thursday Nights at 7:00 pm

July 09, 16, 23 and 30

August 06, 13, and 27

Mazel tov to ...

Dr. Irving Baum on his induction into
The Dutchess County Dental Society
Hall of Fame!

Mazel tov to ...

Evelyn and Dave Horowitz on the
marriage of their grandson,
Eli, to Julie.

Mazel tov to ...

Hinda and Irving Baum on the Nursery School graduation of their
granddaughter Talia Bursztyn and the
Middleschool graduation of their grandson Eli Bursztyn.

Mazel tov to our High School Graduates...

Suzanne Knop graduated from Arlington High School and will attend
University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Victoria Spero graduated from Ramaz Upper School and will attend
Boston University in the fall.

Danielle Stoner graduated from Highland High School and will attend
CUNY Baruch College in the fall.

Mazel tov to our College Graduates...

Joshua Sullum received a BA in Chemistry and a Certificate in
Jewish Learning from Yeshiva University.

And to Evelyn and Dave Horowitz on the graduation of their
granddaughter, Ariel. Ariel received a Ph.D. in Chemical
Engineering from Tufts University.

We missed this... Ariel Sullum received a Master of Science in
Organizational Psychology from The Technion last summer.

Please join us

as we welcome

Rabbi Shalom Hammer

The Awakening of Jewish Identity in Israel
and Israel's Struggle for Survival
and Vision of Continuity

Sunday, July 19, 2015

at 7:00 PM



www.rabbihammer.com

Why are Secular Israelis beginning to identify more with their Judaism and what is being done to advance this trend? Where are the foundations of Jewish identity found in the Torah and how do they apply to Israeli society today? Amongst all the turmoil and hardship, the vision that allows Israel to maintain positive perspectives, envision a dream and perpetuate the future of the Jewish nation.

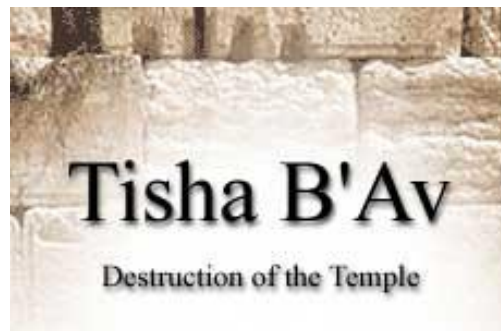
Rabbi Shalom Hammer served under the Rabbinate Division of the Israeli Defense Forces and currently lectures for the IDF to motivate troops and infuse Jewish Identity. He teaches throughout the country on the basics of Judaism to many Secular Kibbutzim and Moshavim. Having made aliyah 24 years ago, Rabbi Hammer also speaks for The Israel Government Fellows of the Menachem Begin Heritage Center and has authored four books; most recent Derash Yehonatan from Koren Press.

Rabbi Hammer is a contributing writer for the Jerusalem Post and is a renowned guest lecturer and has been invited to communities throughout the Diaspora including the United States, United Kingdom, South Africa and Australia.



"Rabbi Hammer is a brilliant dynamic Torah scholar, lecturer, author and teacher. His skills and knowledge have already gained for him an international reputation." Rabbi Berel Wein

Tisha B'Av 2015/5775 at Schomre Israel



Saturday, July 25th:

Fast begins: 8:21 pm

Maariv: 9:30 (including Megillat Eichah)

Sunday, July 26th:

Shacharit: 8:00 am

Mincha: 7:00 pm (please note: we wear tallit and tefillin)

Special video presentation at 7:30 pm - *Shanghai Miracle*

Fast ends: 8:52 pm

During the Three Weeks... *Yizkereim* REMEMBER THEM

We are the witnesses to the stories and memories of the last survivors of the Holocaust. It is critical that we accept their legacy, hear their voices now and vividly connect with their individual experiences .

Shanghai Miracle, is a poignant documentary that tells the inspirational story of the hundreds of Yeshiva students who escaped to Shanghai, China and lived to rebuild Torah throughout the world. The much acclaimed documentary will be shown on Sunday, July 26 at Schomre Israel and in community shuls across the globe during the Three Weeks period.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TISHA B'AV

The saddest day of the year, Tisha B'Av, commemorates several tragedies. These include:

- A. The destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem (586 B. C.E. and 70 C.E.).
- B. The fall of Bethar in the Bar-Kochba rebellion (135 C.E.). This disaster marked the end of all Jewish aspirations for freedom from Rome.
- C. In later centuries other sad occurrences were associated with this day. Among them the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

The severity of Tisha B'Av equals that of Yom Kippur in that both fast days commence on the previous evening. The atmosphere in Shul is gloomy, the lights are dimmed, the curtain is removed from the Ark and most worshipers sit on low stools or on the floor. The Book of Lamentations (Megillas Eichah) is read, and the special Kinos (prayers of lamentations) are recited.

Among other Halachic injunctions observed on Tisha B'Av are:

1. Complete fasting.
2. No bathing.
3. No conjugal relations.
4. No leather shoes are worn (rubber or canvas shoes are allowed).
5. It is even prohibited to study Torah on this day because Torah study is considered a very great joy and happiness. (There are certain texts that are permitted).
6. It is not customary to greet people with the usual greetings such as "hello" or "good morning". However, if you are greeted by someone who doesn't know the law, you should answer in a soft voice in order not to offend or hurt their feelings.
7. One should try to avoid business transactions or important decisions on this day if possible. Needless to say, in all cases where health is an issue the law is very lenient. The Rabbi should be consulted in all such cases.

ELUL SHOFAR BLOWING



Harold Warren will begin blowing the Shofar on behalf of the congregation during the month of Elul on Sunday morning, August 16, 2015.



SAVE THE DATE...

Sunday, August 30, 2015

for

Rabbi Eliezer Langer's

Installation

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW

PLEASE INFORM THE RABBI

Congregants are urged to call Rabbi Langer (454.2890) if you hear, Heaven forbid, of any member who is ill. It is a great Mitzvah to visit the sick and very often we just don't get to hear of a member's indisposition. Your help in this endeavor is much appreciated.

jewish heritage night



Please join us as the Renegades
host the Tri-City Valleycats
Sunday, August 23 at 5:05 PM



\$12.00 Package includes:

**RG Ticket
Gades Group Gift**

**Purchase online at
www.gadesgroups.com
Password: schomre
or
Contact the Shul office
schomre1@aol.com
845-454-2890**

Questions? Call the ticket office at 845-838-0094

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Torah Studies Survey Fall 2015

Looking For Interesting Classes for the Fall? Thanks to the Committee of Keren Ritz, Irwin Lifshay and Rabbi Langer we present a menu of delectable Torah Treats for your enjoyment.

Please circle the class(es) you would like to attend, indicate your preferred time slot and return the form to the office by July 15.

1) The Seven Prophetesses - Famous Women of Tanach

Eve, Sarah, Miriam, Devora, Chana, Avigail, Chulda and Esther - The Historical Period and Their Unique Message

2) Topics in Jewish Law 5776 - one topic per session

Custody of Children in Halacha: Jewish Time Keeping in Remote Places; Reconciling Secular and Jewish History, Taxation and "Law of the Land", Aliya- Is it a Mitzva?, Gambling, Hunting and Skerplunking, New Holidays of the Jewish Community - Yom HaShoah and Yom HaAtzmaut, What is a Jewish Ethical Will?, Copyright and Halacha, etc., Organ Donations, Euthanasia

3) Jewish Medical Ethics - one per session

Medical Emergencies on Shabbat, Birth Control and Abortion, End of Life Issues, Cloning, In Vitro Fertilization, Genetic Screening, Medical Malpractice, How to Respond to DNR, To Give or Not to Give - Organ Donation,

4) Prayer Book Blues: how to follow and lead the davening

5) Current events in Israel: six sessions first semester

Israeli Political Parties and Structure; Gush Katif -Where are they now, First the Saturday Observers and Next The Sunday Observers; Jonathan Pollard- Hero or Traitor?; Neturay Karta- Religious Anti-Zionism; Jabotinsky-The Man and the Legacy; Religious Zionism - From Mizrahi to MaFDaL to Ichud Leumi to the Jewish Home; The Chief Rabbis and Chief Rabbinate- Will It Last?

6) Single Topic Classes - six sessions first semester

To Give or not to Give -Tzedaka and the Jewish Tradition; The Fifth Commandment in Action; Praying With Fire; Bible Stories for Adults; Chumash in Depth

7) Tanach Advanced: The Books of Ezra and Nechemiah - An In Depth Study-What was it like to return to Israel and rebuild the Land - How does this compare to modern Israel?

8) Home Improvement Jewish Style: Cooking class at Schomre: In house Culinary Institute presentation of Jewish culinary cuisine, Kedem presentation of wine and cheese, Sisterhood cooking series: members share their culinary specialties in a 5-6 week course for Shabbat or Yom tov. (i.e., challah baking/kiddush menus/desserts etc.)

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9) **Relationship/family issues with a Jewish twist:** How does Judaism approach forgiveness, multi-generational parenting styles, marital discord, caregiving etc. issues within a family, Grandparenting 101 When To Talk and When Not, How To Write a Jewish Ethical Will

10) **Ask the Rebbetzin:** Q&A session where you can ask questions about Judaism that you always wanted to explore in greater depth.

11) **Contemporary Issues:** New Marriage Definitions, It Really Burns Me Up - Cremation and Judaism, Jewish Guilt, BDS, INS, and YOU

When do you prefer the class(es) to be given?

Sunday Morning

Monday

Morning
Afternoon
Evening

Tuesday

Morning
Afternoon
Evening

Wednesday

Morning
Afternoon

Thursday

Morning
Afternoon
Evening

Hebrew Crash Course

Beginning in November

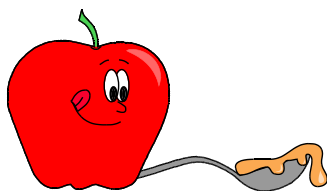
Hebrew speaking group: please contact Rabbi Langer

Contact Information:

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Name: _____

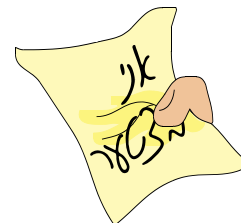
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ROSH HASHANAH 5776

AND

YOM KIPPUR



ARE

FAST APPROACHING

Rosh Hashanah - September 14 and 15
Yom Kippur - September 23



On April 16, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the following procedures regarding High Holiday services:

- 1 - There will be no charge to a non-member the first time he/she attends High Holiday Services.
- 2 - If the same person/family attends a second year, the charge will be \$100 per person. If the non-member decides to join Schomre Israel, the monies will be credited towards the membership fee.
- 3 - Immediate relatives (adult children/parents/siblings) of Schomre members who live within the greater Poughkeepsie area will be charged (see #1 & #2).
- 4 - Immediate relatives (adult children/parents/siblings) of Schomre members who live more than 25 miles from the greater Poughkeepsie area will not be charged.

We encourage members to invite non-affiliated relatives and friends who live in our area to become members of Schomre.
 Membership includes High Holiday privileges.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

THIS AND THAT -

♥Share a *simcha* with the Shul by sponsoring a Kiddush. A regular Kiddush of cake and punch is \$25.00. Please call Cassia for pricing and details, 452.8317.

♥If you wish to send a **Golden Book Card** (\$3.00 payable to: *Sisterhood*) or **Shrubbery Card** (\$5.00 payable to: *Congregation Schomre Israel*), please call Marcia Fishman, 471.1241 between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM week nights (requests should not be made during Shabbos). They can be used for any occasion, they are inexpensive and they are always appreciated by those who receive them.

♥Please remember to check out the new items in the Gift Shop. Do you need a wedding gift, hostess gift, or a graduation gift? We might have just what you are looking for or call Roberta Grosman, 471.5105, for special orders or questions. New items appropriate for the High Holidays are arriving daily.

Sisterhood Numbers:

Hinda Baum (Cemetery) - 227.5651

Cassia Brown (Calendar, Mikvah, Rummage, Kiddush Planning) - 452.8317

Marcia Fishman (Golden Book Cards, Shrubbery Cards) - 471.1241

Roberta Grosman (Bingo, Gift Shop, Kiddush Planning) - 471.5105

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Blueberry Crumb Pie (ECHOSPRINGBLUEBERRYFARM.COM)

Ingredients:

1 c Sugar	1 T Sugar
8 oz Commercial sour cream	1/4 c Dried breadcrumbs; fine
3 T All-purpose flour	1 T Sugar
1/8 t Salt	1 T Butter or margarine; melted
4 c Fresh blueberries	
1 Unbaked 9-inch pastry shell	

Instructions:

Combine first 4 ingredients; stir well. Place blueberries in unbaked pastry shell; sprinkle 1 tablespoon sugar over berries. Spread sour cream mixture over berries. Combine breadcrumbs, 1 tablespoon sugar, and butter; sprinkle over top.

Bake at 375 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until center is firm.

Yield: one 9-inch pie (8 servings). Preparation Time: 0:10

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO
CONTRIBUTED TO SCHOMRE ISRAEL:**

In honor of Irving Baum's award for Meritorious
and Distinguished Service presented to him by the
Dutchess County Dental Society
Dr. Lawrence and Joan Cohen.

In memory of their family and friends...

Leah Alweiss
Fannie Horowitz
Marge Robles
Gertrude Schreiberman

In appreciation of...

Rabbi Langer
Mark Pastreich
Evelyn and David Horowitz.

In memory of our beloved family and friends
(Yizkor)

Evelyn and Dave Horowitz.

Get well wishes to Irving Baum
Ellie and Marty Korfman.

In memory of his father, Julius Meier
Rita and Walter Meier.

In memory of her beloved mother, Pauline Klein
Edna Silber.

Just because...

Virginia and Leonard Geller.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Sharon & Hal Warren - Mazel Tov on their 35th
Anniversary

Congregation Schomre Israel
Sisterhood of Schomre Israel
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman
Roz Fox
Linda Skolnik.

Rabbi & Mrs. Langer - Mazel Tov on your
granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah
Congregation Schomre Israel
Sisterhood of Schomre Israel
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Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman
Ros Fox.

Rabbi & Mrs. Langer - Mazel Tov on your
grandson's Bar Mitzvah
Congregation Schomre Israel
Sisterhood of Schomre Israel
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman
Ros Fox.

Evelyn & Dave Horowitz - Mazel Tov on all of
your simchas, enjoy
Natalie & Ron Markowitz.

In memory of Betty Fishman
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Evelyn & Dave Horowitz - Mazel Tov on your
grandson's marriage
Congregation Schomre Israel
Sisterhood of Schomre Israel
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman
Holly Hummel
Ros Fox.

Irving Baum - Mazel Tov on being named
dentist of the year
Congregation Schomre Israel
Sisterhood of Schomre Israel
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman.

Yahrzeits**JULY 2015**

01 Gertrude Fuhrer
 04 Sarah Berman
 Joseph Levine
 Bessie Kessler
 05 Sidney Davis
 07 Morris Schreiber
 08 Clara Budman
 Sam Razon
 Samuel Robles
 09 William Kaplan
 Boris Moshkovich
 10 Edwin Ellis
 Jacob Sacks
 11 Louis Stich
 19 Israel Korfman
 Itta Silber
 21 Louis Feldman
 23 Ruth Basch
 Irving Golden
 25 Sophia Mollott
 Morris Spira
 28 Muriel Weingart

AUGUST 2015

06 Naomi Koffman
 07 Solomon Horn
 08 Henrietta Berkman
 10 Benjamin Levine
 12 Solomon Schneider
 13 Dorothy Diamond
 Frances Spira
 18 Harold Klein
 Jerome Pekarsky
 19 Harriette Goldstein
 20 Fay Kronberg
 Doris Wilfond Ruben
 21 Max Kantrowitz
 22 Jack Davis
 23 Benjamin Goldberg
 25 Harry Freedman
 27 Libby Jesse Rosenthal
 28 Jonah Gold
 Effroim Kessler
 30 Sophie Levine
 31 Jesse Effron

SEPTEMBER 2015

03 Clara Messinger
 04 Nathan Chernys
 William Levine
 05 Lena Kantrowitz
 07 Leah Chick
 08 Philip Cheeger
 10 Fanny May
 11 Gittel Burdman
 12 Becky Present
 14 Carl Kronberg
 Edith May
 Ida Stone
 16 Morris Siegel
 17 Michael Moskowitz
 Samson Schreiber
 18 Fay Nussbaum
 19 Sylvia Calef
 Hy Kessler
 20 Anna Schleiffer
 21 Daron Regunberg
 Jonathan Regunberg
 22 Yehuda Gleckman
 Saul Kronberg
 Sarah Leffel
 Ethel Schwartz
 23 Michael Kricheff
 Harry Wishinsky
 27 Grace Weiss
 28 Judith Effron
 Irving Wurtzel
 30 Henrietta Weisfelner
 Laurence Weiss

