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Schedule of Services

All services will convene virtually during the coronavirus crisis.

To join remotely email seasidejewishcommunity@gmail.com for instructions.

Friday, May 1

Parashat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim (Leviticus 16:1 - 18:30)
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
Via Zoom*
23rd day of the Omer
Leader: Reb Lisa

Friday, May 8

Parashat Emor (Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23)
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
Leaders: Worship Committee

Saturday, May 16

Shabbat Morning Service
Parashat Behar-Bechukotai (Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2)
Via Zoom*
37th day of the Omer
9:00 a.m. Torah study
10:00 a.m. Worship
Leader: Reb Lisa

Saturday, May 30

Shabbat Morning Service
Parashat Shavuot (Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17; Numbers 28:26-31)
10:00 a.m. Leaders: Worship Committee

*Zoom links are distributed to members in the weekly e-Blast.

Greetings from the Membership Committee

Seaside's Membership Committee has stayed active and busy during this period of forced distancing. Our mission is to develop programs and provide information for the recruitment and retention of SJC members.

Technology such as text messaging, video chat, and Zoom has made communication between members possible and has brought family and friends together. Member support and concern for one another is especially important at this time; a phone tree was recently set up, with volunteers making calls to the congregation.

All SJC committees are made up of volunteers from the membership, and your support is always appreciated to keep SJC programs and events running. Please call any committee chair to volunteer your time and talents.

We extend a big thank you to everyone who has sent in dues payments for 2020. Invoices were recently mailed to those who have not yet renewed membership, and payment instructions are included on the invoice. If you have any questions regarding your payments, please contact Howie Hochman, SJC Treasurer, at hhochm@gmail.com.

While we continue to plan activities for the year, please be aware that everything is subject to change. Be on the lookout for information regarding the Delmarva Shorebirds game on Sunday, **Aug. 2** (planned in partnership with the Social

Committee); Shabbat-BBQ on Friday, **Aug. 14**; and Pizza in the Hut, Sunday, **Oct. 4**.

Your membership at SJC is very important now and always. Our member volunteers are the backbone of Seaside. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Hochman, Chair, Membership Committee, at beachgirl.elaine@gmail.com.

Community Service Committee Donations

Traditionally, each December Seaside selects a variety of local non-profit organizations to support in our local community. But with so many people laid off locally and in need of assistance, the Community Service Committee and SJC Board decided it would be important to do something now.

Therefore, two \$500 donations were presented to Epworth United Methodist Church in April for programs in which Seaside plays a role — the Soup Kitchen and Good Samaritan program. The Soup Kitchen continues to provide weekly meals during these trying times, and Good Samaritan operates a food pantry (among other programs). We are grateful to be able to draw on the Cross Foundation Fund, which was set up by a private donor to assist our efforts to help feed needy people in our community.

Please remember to send in your membership dues so that we can continue to do the work for our community.

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President's Message

– Marsha Davis

Have you asked yourself when this pandemic is over, “What will I remember? What images will be stored in my memory? What have I learned? When I leave my home and re-enter the world, will I see myself as a changed member of society?”

In this post-pandemic world, what will really matter most — what will really be essential — is who we are on the inside.

In my Mussar studies, the soul trait of patience is one I have had to review again and again.

I have become impatient with the same daily at home activities. My desire to be able to move about as I please, to be in control of my independent movement, has changed. This impatience easily extends into much smaller details of my life. What have I learned?

Mussar teaching, found in the book *Everyday Holiness*, is a constant learning tool for me. What does my Mussar teaching have to say on patience? Being more present, being more aware of my feelings, and taking responsibility for my impatience are what I have learned. And I keep relearning it every day.

We have the power to decide what our new normal will be after this pandemic experience. We can be carriers of kindness, compassion, and empathy (all Mussar traits). Each one of us has the opportunity to create the new normal with our words and our presence. We can re-enter the world with a firm intention to be carriers of love instead of division and hate. This is an essential

behavior for us to continue to survive.

Consider which of these traits you will be able to include in your life in a post-pandemic world. At Seaside, I have enjoyed how we reach out to our community members, offering support and love. Each of us can build a new normal by committing ourselves to these behaviors. Be patient with yourself in developing new behaviors. Be safe.

Message from Reb Lisa

Between the celebration of Passover and Shavuot there are 49 days during which we count down from the barley to the wheat harvest, once critical to the sustenance of the land of Israel. Today, we are counting the days until we are free to move about without masks, free to congregate together to pray, free to meet and do the business of the day and go about our normal lives. The significance of counting each day becomes clear as we all measure the increments of what this pandemic means to us personally, communally, and globally.

One of the good things to come out of it is that we have joined together in meaningful ways to help and support each other: making calls, delivering food, praying in Zoom rooms, and drawing close in ways we never even imagined were possible. As we know, it took 40 long years of wandering for our people to reach the promised land. For us, it will be a few more months, and we will make it through! When we do, we will rejoice and be stronger for having made the journey together. Sending blessings of hope and healing.

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Board/Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are convening virtually during the coronavirus crisis. Check with Committee Chairs to obtain the link to join a specific meeting.

Once the coronavirus crisis ends and in-person meetings will be able to resume, meetings will be held at various places during Seaside's construction. Check with the Committee Chairs regarding the location of specific committee meetings.

Board Meetings – Sunday, May 17 and Jun 21, 12:30 p.m.

Adult Education – Wednesday, May 6 and June 3, 4 p.m. (meets first Wednesday each month).

Membership – TBD

Multi-Faith – Thursday, May 7 and June 4, 4 p.m. (meets first Thursday each month).

Worship – Sunday, May 10 and June 14, 12:15 p.m.

Chesed – Friday, May 15 and June 19, 10 a.m. (meets third Friday each month).

Community Service – Friday May 15 and June 19, 10:30 a.m. (meets third Friday each month).



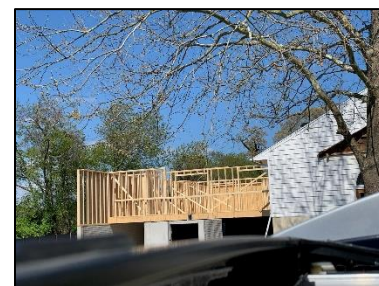
With the coronavirus relegating people to sheltering in place, Seaside congregants gathered virtually, on Zoom, for a live-streamed Shabbat service led by Reb Lisa Levine on Apr. 3.

Zoom Services Continue

April proved to be a busy month for the Worship Committee. To give our community another opportunity for worship and getting together over Zoom, a Friday night service was added for the second Friday of the month; this will continue during the time that we are unable to come together in person to worship. The transliterated *Mishkan T'filah*, the prayer book we use, is available for free online at www.ccarnet.org/publications/mishkan-tfilah-for-shabbat/.

May will also be a busy month with an array of activities to join. Lag B'Omer is on **May 10**. Shavuot, which marks the conclusion of the counting of the Omer and commemorates G-d's giving of the Torah to the Jewish people, will be celebrated on **May 28**. The fourth Saturday service will take place on **May 30** and will include Yizkor.

Be sure to watch for and read SJC's news e-blasts every week for lots of information about worship and everything else that is happening in the Seaside community. Please feel free to contact the Worship Committee Co-Chairs with any ideas you may have for services or holidays — Sara Rosen at boysies.rosen@gmail.com and Buddy Feldman at drirwin@verizon.net.



Expansion on the Seaside building continues. More photos on page 7.

Multi-Faith Programming During the Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has not limited engagement with Seaside's multi-faith partners — Epworth United Methodist Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and the Islamic Society of Central Delaware. At the May meetings of our committee (**May 7**) and the Partner's steering group (mid-May), we will be looking ahead to programming through the rest of 2020 and into 2021. The Partners' clergy — Jewish (Rabbi Beth), Christian (Epworth's Pastor Vicki Gordy-Stith and St. Peter's Reverend Mark Harris), and Muslim (Imam Arqum Rashid) — have already outlined their views and left the specifics to their lay teams.

While the pandemic has limited the Multi-Faith Committee's work, we have continued during this difficult time on several matters. One key matter is developing plans to address the challenges we all face (including the general community) regarding anti-Semitism and hate. Four SJC Committees have organized a working group to specifically address this issue as a collaborative initiative. In addition to Multi-Faith, they include the Community Service, Adult Education, and Youth Education Committees.

Regarding these plans, George Beckerman, Committee Chair, invites SJC members to share suggestions of specific issues or challenges the working group should consider and how best Seaside should address them. Contact George at george7505@verizon.net.

Mitzvah Opportunities

Helping Hands Volunteers:

The Chesed Committee is looking for additional volunteers to provide meals, run small errands, or visit with members who need temporary support. Contact Ellie Flanzraich at 561-504-7922 to sign up.

Food Rescue: Volunteer to collect food donations from area restaurants and businesses to deliver to the Epworth food pantry. If you would like to help, contact Hank Smith at 864-884-6603 or Reba Novich at 301-922-8415.

Epworth Soup Kitchen

(ongoing): The next dates are Sunday, **June 7**, with food prep on Friday, **June 5**; and Sunday, **July 19**, with food prep on Friday, **July 17**. Contact Dill Patz at dillpatz@msn.com or 302-537-4368.

Chant & Meditation

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Fridays at 4:30 p.m. **(NEW)**
via Zoom.

For those interested in a spiritual, contemplative, peace-filled start to their day. Meditation, chant, and prayer are included. Everyone, including folks wanting to learn the practice of meditation, is welcome.

To join, contact Carole Ash at Carole.ash18@gmail.com.

Delmarva Shorebirds Game

Sunday, **Aug. 2** at **5:05 p.m.**
(tentative)

Perdue Stadium, Salisbury, Md.
Sponsored by the Membership and Social Committees

New Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to deliver boxes of food to families from the Cape Henlopen School District. This activity does not involve client contact. If you would like to volunteer, contact Jackie Sullivan, Greater Lewes Community Village, at 302-703-2568. Indicate that you are affiliated with SJC.

Seaside is participating in the Cape Community Coordination for COVID-19, with Anita Smulyan as our representative. This request stems from our participation in that group. If you have questions, contact Anita at 302-703-2900.

Chant and Meditation:

New Erev Shabbat Session

The Wednesday morning Chant & Meditation group has requested an additional meeting to welcome Shabbat on Friday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. (see ad on left) The Friday session will include readings, chanting, and meditation, candle lighting, Motzi, kiddush, Kaddish, and Mishaberach.

Contact Carole Ash at carole.ash@gmail.com for information on how to join the Zoom session.

Member Directory

Supplemental pages for the 2020 Member Directory will be sent out in early June. Please submit any changes or corrections to your information **no later than May 15, 2020** to seasidejewishcommunity@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Hochman, Membership Chair, beachgirl.elaine@gmail.com.

In The Community

Refuah Shleimah - Get Well Wishes

We send our prayers and healing energy to SJC members and loved ones of members who have been hospitalized or injured in recent weeks or who are facing or have had health challenges.

Annette Annenberg
Laurie Bayer
Edward Barty
Ann Burton
Kendyl Davidson
Jackie Day
Allyn Fruman
Shelley Garfield
Joe Green
Bobby Harris
Julia Kaminsky
Pat Katz
Brina Krupp
Bonne and Barry Morrison
Edward Recht
Harvey Rodgville
Sam Smulyan
Alan Spiegelman
Miriam Sussman
Len Ullmann
Edward Varty
Blanche Vederman
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אבותינו ואמותינו, אברהם, יצחק,
וישקב, שרה, רבקה, רחל ולאה,
הוא יברך את החולים...

Nihum Avelim – Comforting the Mourners

Our heartfelt condolences go to **Monica Fleishmann (Lona Crist)** and their family on the passing of Monica's sister, Yvonne Marks, on April 7. *Zichrona L'vracha*, may Yvonne's memory be for a blessing.

Our deepest sympathies go to **Elizabeth (Bruce) Leshine** and their family on the passing of Elizabeth's mother, Judy Plotkin-Goldberg, on Apr. 3. *Zichrona L'vracha*, may Judy's memory be for a blessing.

Our heartfelt condolences go to **Deena (Carl) Newman** and their family on the passing of Deena's mother, Lillian Kessler, on Apr. 1. *Zichrona L'vracha*, may Lillian's memory be for a blessing.

Our deepest sympathies go to **Sue (Steve) Schaffer** and their family on the passing of Sue's mother, Bertie Chudnow Sweet, on Apr. 18. *Zichrona L'vracha*, may Sue's memory be for a blessing.

Our deepest sympathies go to **Karen Wexler** and her family on the passing of Karen's husband, Ira Wexler, on Apr. 1. *Zichrono L'vracha*, may Ira's memory be for a blessing.

Please contact SJC Religious Leader Reb Lisa Levine at seasidejewishcommunity@gmail.com or 302-226-8977 if you would like to add the name of someone you love to the SJC healing prayer list or to the list of family members who have died or if there is a celebration or milestone in your life that you want to share with the SJC family.

Happy Birthday to our Members



05/01 Susan Klein
05/01 Marsha Mark
05/01 Chase Resnick
05/01 Jared Schwartz
05/03 Paul Block
05/03 Ronni November
05/03 Rhona Rosenberg
05/03 Steve Schaffer
05/05 Carol Cohen
05/05 Beverly Gordon
05/05 Nathan Pickard
05/06 Sue Schaffer
05/07 Patricia Katz
05/08 Leslie Alter
05/08 Mitchell Resnick
05/09 Ariel Fox
05/09 Cindi Silverblatt
05/10 Leslie Gladstone
05/12 Karen Freid
05/12 Ron Vederman
05/13 Jeffrey Ward
05/16 Carole Bakst
05/17 Beatrice Horn
05/17 Marianne Katz
05/17 Ian Richman
05/17 Barbara White
05/18 Warren Gleckel
05/19 Mark Bicks
05/20 Jeff Hawtof
05/20 Louis Westreich
05/21 Nancy Fishel
05/23 Randi Agetstein
05/23 David Cohen
05/23 Larry Migdel
05/23 Edward Simon
05/24 Stuart Galkin
05/25 Neal Bien
05/26 Charlotte Sass
05/27 Linda Gleckel
05/28 Gilbert Berman
05/28 Robb Mapou
05/28 Rabbi Dick White
05/29 Connie Fazzio
05/29 Kristan Trugman
05/30 Larry Hobman
05/31 Stacey Fox
05/31 Sara Freid
05/31 Paul Pennock

Havdalah on the Beach

Saturday, July 18

Cape Henlopen State Park
Gordons Pond

Thank you

SJC gratefully acknowledges the following donations received as of Apr. 24.

General Fund - unrestricted

Rabbi Beth Cohen & Fran Sneider in memory of Yvonne Marks, sister of Monica Fleischmann and sister-in-law of Lona Crist

Harvey & Allyn Fruman in memory of Ira Wexler

Harvey & Allyn Fruman in memory of Lillian Kessler

Sharon & Paul Greenblath in memory of Lillian Kessler

Helaine Greenfeld & Richard Mintz
Daphne Kaplan & Steve Scheffer in memory of Ira Wexler

Peter Schott

Mona Schwartz in memory of Yvonne Marks

Adult Education

Joel & Alyssa Simon in memory of Ira Wexler

Hank Smith in memory of Debi Smith

B'nai Mitzvah Fund

Harvey & Allyn Fruman in honor of the deduction of all the volunteers and teachers in the Seaside Religious School

Marjorie & David Kobrin in memory of Ira Wexler

Marjorie & David Kobrin in memory of Lillian Kessler

Building Fund / Capital Campaign

Lori Bernstein

Lori Bernstein in memory of Lillian Kessler

Lori Bernstein in memory of Ira Wexler

Emily & Mark Eider in memory of Barton Safeer, brother of Ellie Flanzraich

Todd Hacker

Theda Levitt in honor of Fran Saltzman's newest granddaughter, Rory

Arthur & Karen Moss

Lee Mussoff in honor of Allyn Fruman's birthday

Rosenfeld's Jewish Delicatessen

Marty Rosensweig (2)

Fran Saltzman

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Dr. Charles Silberstein

Susan Silberstein

Edward & Patricia Simon

Allan & Leslie Slan in memory of Yvonne Marks, sister of Monica Fleischmann

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Susan L. Towers in memory of Ira Wexler

Susan L. Towers in memory of Lillian Kessler

David Udoff & Jennifer Kappeller

Community Services/Chesed

Phyllis & Martin Bloom in memory of David & Lillian Sosnick

Deena & Carl Newman with appreciation to Harvey Fruman

Myra Sachs, with thanks to all who have kept in touch and wished me well on my move to Wilmington. I miss you all and wish you health and happiness.

Fran Saltzman in memory of Lillian Kessler

Wendy Walker in memory of Yvonne Marks

Religious School

Hank Smith in memory of Debi Smith

Worship Programs

Deena & Carl Newman with appreciation to Sol Glasner

Religious Leader Discretionary Fund

Deena & Carl Newman with appreciation for Lisa Levine

Yahrzeit Plaque

Jocelyn Kaplan

New Member

David Moskowitz

Attention Science Fiction Lovers!

Interested in joining a discussion group to explore works by Jewish science fiction writers like Isaac Asimov, Robert Silverberg, or Harlan Ellison, to name a few? Contact Larry Koch at larry.koch.2008@comcast.net or 302-335-8344

Yahrzeit Plaques

Honor your departed loved one by having a plaque mounted on the wall in the sanctuary. It takes three months to receive them.

SJC Cemetery

Reserve your plot(s) today. Contact Barry Novich, 301-922-8414 barryfn@hotmail.com Allan Slan, 240-535-5240 agslan@comcast.net.

Helping Hands

SJC offers support to members who are ill, grieving, homebound, or just need a helping hand. Available support includes sending cards, visiting people at home, preparing and delivering meals, picking up groceries and prescriptions, small repairs around the house, and running errands. New Helping Hand team members are welcome. Contact Ellie Flanzraich at 561-504-7922 for more information.

SEASIDE'S EXPANSION CONTINUES



Construction on the new SJC building continues to move along. A look at the expansion project with photos taken on April 23.

Donation Form

(Please print clearly)



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Complete this form and mail it along with your check to the above address. You can also donate by clicking on the "donate" button on the home page at www.seasidejewishcommunity.com.

Enclosed is a donation in the amount of: \$ _____ for:

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 - Cemetery Program
 - Community Service Programs
 - Religious Leader Discretionary Fund
 - Religious School Programs
 - Ritual Object Fund
 - Worship Programs
 - Youth Education Fund

In Memory/Honor of (optional):

Please send notification of this donation to (Name/Address) (optional):

Donor Info:

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