

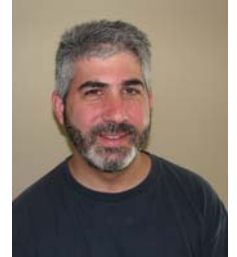
Congregation Kehilat Shalom NEWS

A Welcoming Jewish Reconstructionist Community

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Newsletter of the Congregation Kehilat Shalom of Belle Mead, NJ **September 2009** Elul 5769-- Tishrei 5770

President's Message



Hey....this is really "cool"

I'm not sure how many of you were aware, but this past winter the building sustained physical damage. A pipe burst under the left entrance doorway of the sanctuary and left the building without heat till repairs were made not to mention water stained carpeting. While we were able to repair the damage, it was proof that our buildings 40yr old piping system in the sanctuary was rotting out beneath us. If we didn't do something soon with a long term fix, we would face another burst pipe in yet another concrete buried section this coming winter.

With that in mind, at the annual meeting in May, the board approached the congregation and recommended spending money from our building fund to make capital improvements, two capital improvements actually. The first was to repair the pipes that feed the radiator in order to keep the heat working. The second was to fulfill the most oft asked request of congregants and that is to add air conditioning to the sanctuary. The attendees of the annual meeting almost unanimously agreed to spend up to thirty thousand dollars of the building fund in order to facilitate these improvements.

And if that wasn't enough, because of the burst pipe, the carpeting in the sanctuary was damaged. In a stroke of good luck, our insurance company has reimbursed us for the cost to replace the entire carpet in the sanctuary. Therefore, the board has moved ahead fulfilling this as well. Since the annual meeting so many people have worked so hard for our community spending time meeting contractors to learn the best approach to fix our heating system, learning about different air conditioning options and picking out new carpeting. I would like to personally thank Debbie Gartenberg, Amy Rosenthal, Jane Shapiro, Andy Sokel, Audrey Starkman, Joseph Weiss and Rhonda Wynston-Kraft who did all the "heavy lifting" investing their time and providing their opinions on the best course of action for the community with respect to all the work being done.

If everything works out as planned and on schedule, by the time this newsletter reaches you, the plumbing should be finished, new carpeting should be laid in the sanctuary and if the stars and the moon are aligned the air conditioning installed. What a summer it has been. Whew. If I don't say hello to you first, please say hello to me at the Welcome Back BBQ *Matt*

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2009 HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

S'lichot: Saturday, September 12, 7:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah:

Friday, September 18, 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 19

9:30 am - morning service

11:00 am - children's service

(concurrent with the morning service)

4:00 pm - Tashlich hike to Pike Creek

(dress for a hike)

Sunday, September 20, 9:30 am

Shabbat Shuvah Friday, September 25, 7:45 pm

Yom Kippur:

Sunday, September 27, Kol Nidre, 6:15 pm

Monday, September 28

9:30 am - morning service

10:00 am - meditative walk led by Peggy Fass

(Weather permitting

meet at the Laurel Avenue parking lot of the
Rocky Hill canal.)

11:00 am - children's service

(concurrent with the morning service)

1:00 pm - Yizkor service

5:00 pm - Avodah service (alternative service)

5:45 pm - Ne'ilah service

concluding with the final shofar blast

6:50 pm - Break the fast

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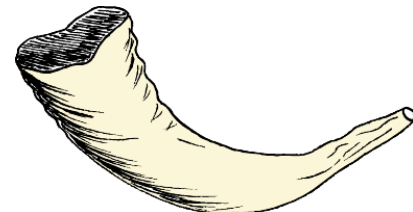
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WHAT'S NEW IN THE NEW YEAR?



Congregation Kehilat Shalom is our home. It is our spiritual home where we and our children learn and pray and socialize together. Home, of course, is about comfort, a place you always can go to, a place you always can rely on to welcome you in. On the other hand, every once in a while, it's necessary to renew and repair one's home – perhaps

rearrange the furniture, put up a new painting, or buy a new dishwasher – to make sure it not only stays comfortable, but also remains vibrant, efficient, and attractive, a place you want to return to every day. The leadership of CKS and I take this charge very seriously. So here are some of the things you will encounter when you cross the CKS threshold in the New Year.

- **Physical Plant:** New carpet in the sanctuary and a new heating and cooling system!

- **Hebrew School:** New Hebrew School Principal, Shari Rothstein, our former 3-4th grade teacher, who is brimming with ideas on how to make our Hebrew School program even more engaging for our students, and more integrated into the community as a whole.

- **New Fundraising Committee:** Every synagogue needs to raise money above and beyond membership dues in order to keep its doors open. All the more so in these times of financial stress. If you have ideas and skills in this area, please contact Lisa Kent, our new Fundraising Chair, at: (908) 281-9027 or lisa@luminationsgroup.com.

- **High Holiday Services:** Please take a look at our High Holiday schedule. There are several new and/or non-traditional services, including:

1. **S'lichot:** Offered for the first time at CKS, *S'lichot*, which always falls the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, is the final collective spiritual preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

2. **Rosh Hashanah Day 2:** On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, a new, non-traditional service will be offered that will include standard as well as alternative prayers, chants, and meditation; opportunities for questions, study, and discussion; and lots and lots of music! The service will be co-led by our Lay Cantor, Kate Fridkis, myself, and congregants, Peggy Fass and Sharon Underberg-Davis.

3. **Avodah Service:** Formerly part of the Yom Kippur morning service, *Avodah*, which means "worship" or "offerings", will be moved to the afternoon before the final Ne'ilah service. For the *Avodah* service this year, I am asking for *your* offerings, *your* participation and leadership. Please bring in to share with the group something that you read or wrote, something that you painted or sculpted, some artifact or project you undertook over the past year

that ties in with the High Holiday themes of renewal or forgiveness. Or, prepare something special for the occasion. Or, just come and listen and then stay for our beautiful Ne'ilah service, the final shofar blast, and our community break fast.

- **Friday Night Services:** In addition to our regular services and learner's minyan, the first Friday of every month will be transformed into a new, more musical Family Service. Please come and join me every month as we sing our way through Kabbalat Shabbat, accompanied by guitar, drums, tambourines, bells and maracas.

Of course, CKS will still be CKS, our warm and inclusive community with its hard-working Board of Directors, its innovative Hebrew High School, Kehi-Loft, and its regular services and holiday celebrations. Check out our website to get all the information and schedule. Come inside on Sunday mornings and have a bagel with friends, participate in an adult education class, or browse in our gift shop.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.
LeShana Tova! *Rabbi Susan*



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September 2009



Dear CKS Families,

Welcome to another exciting year at Congregation Kehilat Shalom! I am excited and thrilled to be named your Hebrew School principal. After being here last year I experienced what a warm and welcoming congregation CKS is and I am looking forward to sharing my love of Judaism with all the parents, students and teachers.

I have been teaching in Jewish Education for many years and I am also a parent of post Bar Mitzvah children who have attended religious school since pre-K. I understand the importance of ensuring that religious education is exciting and fulfilling. I know that I can't do this alone.

Your child's Jewish education is a partnership. We have in our hands the future of the Jewish people and I look forward to partnering with you in the awesome experience of helping your child grow and develop to their fullest.

All of us at CKS will share the treasures of our heritage and plant the roots of meaningful Jewish living. Together, we will nourish those roots and help them to grow and blossom, as your child learns more about themselves and the history of the Jewish people.

With the High Holidays approaching we look ahead to the New Year and a bright future at CKS Hebrew School.

L'shanah Tova,

Shari Rothstein

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Schedule of Fall Events at Congregation
Kehilat Shalom

Saturday, September 12 – S'lichot Service, 7 pm

Sunday, September 13 – First Day of Hebrews School, 9 am – 12 pm. New Member & Welcome Back BBQ (Open to All) at 12 pm. Blood Drive 9-2 pm & Car Wash 12 pm. Hebrew school registrations are still being accepted for 2009/2010. Contact Shari Rothstein at principal@ksnj.org

Friday - Sunday, September 18, 19, 20 – Rosh Hashanah services (7 pm and 9:30 am on 9/18 and 9/19, respectively; 9:30 am on 9/20, Children's service 11:00 am on 9/19) and Tashlikh hike (4:15 pm on 9/19). Rabbi Susan Falk, Lay Cantor Kate Fridkis, CKS Choir. High Holy Day Tickets may be reserved online at no charge on the synagogue website, www.ksnj.org

Friday, September 25 – 7:45 PM Shabbat Shuvah Services

Sunday and Monday, September 27-28 – Yom Kippur services (Kol Nidre, 6:15 pm on 9/27; Morning Service 9:30 am, Children's service 11:00 am, Yizkor 1 pm, Neilah 5:45 pm, Shofar blowing 6:45 pm on 9/28) and Break-fast gathering (after Shofar blowing on 9/28). Rabbi Susan Falk, Lay Cantor Kate Fridkis, CKS Choir. High Holy Day Tickets may be reserved online at no charge on the synagogue website, www.ksnj.org

Friday, October 2 – Sukkot "Pizza in the Hut", 6 pm; Shabbat Services, 7 pm

Sunday, October 4 – CKS Rummage Sale, 9:15 am – 1:30 pm. Kitchen, household, yard, furniture, kids' items, clothing, books and more! If it is in the way or in a box in the basement, and you don't know what to do with it - donate it to the CKS Rummage Sale!! Drop off dates will be the Tuesday and Thursday 4 – 7 pm prior to the sale. Questions? Call Debbie or Gary 908-428-7345.

Saturday, October 10 – Simchat Torah Service with Klezmer Band, 7:00 pm

Sunday October 18 – Apple Picking at Terhune Orchards, 1-2:30 pm to benefit Montgomery Food Bank

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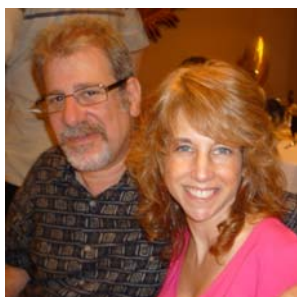
Jewish Community

GETTING TO KNOW....

Carrie and Steve Fishman

Family

Carrie and Steve have been married for 21 years. They met through a blind date set up by a mutual friend. They lived in a condo in Parlin, NJ until they built their house in South Brunswick. Joshua was born in 1991 and Jacob in 1997. If you have children in the Hebrew School, you know Josh as our cooking



teacher for the past 4 years. Josh has graduated from South Brunswick High School with honors and will be attending Ramapo College of New Jersey this fall. Josh enjoys computer gaming, watching and analyzing movies, political satire, and of course, cooking. For now, his mom has volunteered to take over his cooking position at the Hebrew School. Jacob, 11 ½, will be entering the 6th grade at Crossroads North Middle School. Jake enjoys being with friends, riding his bike, video games and computer technology. The Fishman family is completed by Sophie, their 3 year old Golden Retriever. Sophie enjoys going to the dog park every day, chasing tennis balls, swimming in the pond, and lots of attention.

Education and Occupation

Carrie was born in the Bronx, and spent her teens and twenties growing up in Rockland County, NY. She attended the State University of New York at Albany where she received a B.S. in Biology, and then spent a year at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch doing an internship to earn her certification in Medical Technology. After working for a couple of years as a Medical Technologist, she went on to a rewarding career as a sales representative for DIANON Systems, selling oncology diagnostics to physicians. In 1992, she retired to become a stay at home mom. After 18 years, she is now looking to return to the workforce part time (bad timing, huh?)

Steve was born and raised on Staten Island. He attended Farleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck where he earned a B.S. in Medical Technology. He worked as the Department Head of Toxicology at Mountainside Hospital in Montclair for 10 years, and then pursued career with Shimadzu Scientific Instruments where he presently holds the position of Northeast Regional Service Manager. He has been with them for the past 22 years.

Community Activities

Carrie has been a member of the Kehilat Shalom Education Committee for the past 6 years. In the South Brunswick School System, she has served as head room parent in her son's elementary school classes for the past 13 years. She has volunteered over the years in various programs in the kid's schools such as operation bookworm, baking for events, and classroom helper.

Steve has volunteered on the Kehilat Shalom Architectural Committee and helped build the Kehi "loft." Steve is known in his

neighborhood as the "handyman" to go to if you need your computer fixed, or you plumbing fixed, or have a general household repair.

Hobbies

Carrie- cooking, baking, sewing, camping

Steve,- photography, fishing, camping, home repair projects

Favorite Movies

Carrie- Terminator, Planet of the Apes, The Ten Commandments, Monty Python and the Holy Grail

Steve- Casablanca, Terminator, Sleepless in Seattle, It's a Wonderful Life, National Treasure

Favorite TV Shows

Carrie- Anything on Food Network, Law and Order (all of them), Two and a Half Men

Steve- Yankee Games, Star Trek, Two and a Half Men, The Colbert Report

Favorite Music

Carrie- James Taylor, Dido, anything Motown, Bruce Springsteen

Steve- James Taylor, Bruce Springsteen, Beatles, Santana , Billy Joel, 50's Rock & Roll

Favorite Foods

Carrie- chocolate, pasta, anything with spaghetti sauce on it, strawberries, Rita's ices

Steve- his mom's liver knishes, anything salty and crunchy, circus peanuts, red hots

Favorite Books

Carrie- in the good old days, when there was time to read, everything by Michael Crichton. Now, its magazines, and sometimes whatever my kids are reading.

Steve- In the Heart of the Sea by Nathaniel Philbrick , Tech magazines

Bad Habits

Carrie- checking the weather channel obsessively

Steve- misplacing his keys every day, being a perfectionist

Best Childhood Memories

Carrie- Sleeping over my grandmother's house and cooking with her and then watching the Ed Sullivan Show together, spending the whole summer in the country at a house my family rented, and going to Manhattan to museums and the ballet with my mom and grandparents.

Steve- staying with my cousins down in Miami Beach, Florida during the summer.

Things That Make Them Happy

Carrie- the sun, taking her Golden Retriever, Sophie, to the dog park every day, when her children are laughing, having holiday dinners at her house, game night with friends

Steve- his dog, resolving difficult problems

If I Had More Time

Carrie- projects in her house such as refinishing furniture and painting, sew, read

Steve- draw

SEPTEMBER 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 17 Elul 6:30AM/7:23PM	7 18 Elul 6:31AM/7:21PM	8 19 Elul 6:32AM/7:20PM 7:30 PM Board Meeting	9 20 Elul 6:33AM/7:18PM	10 21 Elul 6:34AM/7:16PM	11 22 Elul 6:35AM/7:15PM 7:45 PM Shabbat Services	12 23 Elul 6:36AM/7:13PM SELIHOT Nitzavim: Deut. 29.9-30.20. Vayelekh: Deut. 31.1-30. Isaiah 61.10-63.9. 7:00 PM - S'lichot Service
13 24 Elul 6:37AM/7:11PM 9 - Noon - Hebrew School 9:00 AM - Blood Drive and Car Wash 12:00 PM Welcome BBQ	14 25 Elul 6:38AM/7:10PM	15 26 Elul 6:39AM/7:08PM 7:30 PM - Membership Committee Meeting	16 27 Elul 6:40AM/7:06PM	17 28 Elul 6:41AM/7:05PM	18 29 Elul 6:42AM/7:03PM EREV ROSH HASHANAH 7:00 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Services	19 1 Tishri 6:43AM/7:01PM ROSH HASHANAH I Gen. 21.1-34, Num. 29.1-6. I Samuel 1.1-2.10. 9:30 AM - Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 11:00 AM - Family Rosh Hashanah Service 4:15 PM - Tashlich Hike to Pike Creek
20 2 Tishri 6:44AM/7:00PM ROSH HASHANAH II Gen. 22.1-24, Num. 29.1-6. Jeremiah 31.1-19. 9:30 AM - Rosh Hashanah Second Day (non-traditional, alternative service)	21 3 Tishri 6:45AM/6:58PM FAST OF GEDALIAH Morning: Exo. 32.11-14, 34.1-10. Afternoon: Exo. 32.11-14, 34.1-10. Afternoon: Isaiah 55.6-56.8.	22 4 Tishri 6:46AM/6:56PM 7:00 PM - Religion Committee Meeting	23 5 Tishri 6:47AM/6:55PM	24 6 Tishri 6:48AM/6:53PM	25 7 Tishri 6:49AM/6:51PM 7:45 PM - Shabbat Shuvah	26 8 Tishri 6:50AM/6:50PM Haazinu: Deut. 32.1-52. Shabbat Shuvah Hosea 14.2-10, Micah 7.18-20 or Hosea 14.2-10, Joel 2.15-27.
27 9 Tishri 6:51AM/6:48PM EREV YOM KIPPUR 9 - Noon - Hebrew School 6:15 PM - Kol Nidrey	28 10 Tishri 6:51AM/6:46PM YOM KIPPUR (YIZKOR) Morning: Levit. 16.1-34, Num. 29.7-11. Afternoon: Levit. 18.1-30. Morning: Isaiah 57.14-58.14. Afternoon: Jonah 1.1-4.11, Micah 7.18-20. 9:30 AM - Morning Service 10:00 AM - Meditative Walk 11:00 AM - Family Service 1:00 PM - Yizkor Service 5:00 PM - Avodah Service 5:45 PM - Ne'Ilah Service 6:50 PM Break the Fast	29 11 Tishri 6:52AM/6:45PM	30 12 Tishri 6:53AM/6:43PM 6:00 PM - Kehiloft (putting up Sukkah)			

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