



Kol HaShalom

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September/October 2006

From the Rabbi *Doing what you can*

Last March, just before my father, of blessed memory, died, Karl and I were at an office supply store and struck up a conversation with a woman who was also waiting in line. One thing led to another and soon she was telling us that she was heading to New Orleans to register voters for the then upcoming mayoral race.

I was feeling absorbed at the time in attending to my Dad, but I was quite moved by this woman's dedication to her ideals: she was not a government official or getting paid to do this work – she was simply getting herself to where help was needed and doing what she could.

As is the custom, I gave her a blessing and a dollar of travel tzedaka to give away to someone she met on her trip. This transformed her into a shlichah mitzvah – an emissary of holy acts – and I asked in return, as I always do, that she send me the story of where she gave away the dollar in order to complete the spiritual “electrical circuit”.

I give away enough dollars – and my Dad died a day or so later – that I forgot about the encounter, until I opened my mail just this week, and found a letter and a photograph (at right) from Ms. Jackson, reading:

*Dear Rabbi Bahle:
Perhaps you remember meeting me in late March 2006 at the Staples store on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, Michigan. I was headed down to New Orleans on April 1 to help register citizens of that city to vote in Nola's primary election. You informed me of a tradition in your culture of passing*

along money to be placed in the hands of someone who had been victimized by the storm. I literally bumped into Harriet Burnett as I arrived and got off the motor coach. I gave her the funds. She was surprised and delighted. I left her my business card. I hope she keeps in touch because I had decided to send her something every month.

Blessings to you and yours.

We never know how or where our smallest, unremembered acts, will take root or how they will grow.

With the fighting in Lebanon and Gaza, a recently foiled terror plot in London, and the release of Al Gore's movie “An Inconvenient Truth”, we can start to feel pretty overwhelmed and ineffectual in this world of ours.

In the Days of Awe season, resolve to do what you can, from where you can: if you can get on a bus and do something, go. When you can give tzedakah, give. When all you have the strength to do is lift a hand to bless someone who can do something, lift it.

The world can seem so overpowering with negativity, but we are not without power. The power of love, tzedaka and action do make a difference and do grow beyond our expectations. HaShem will see to that.

Now, go and do.

May the new year be a time of peace, blessing and love, beginning here and now, from you and from me.

Love,
Rabbi Chava



“Now is the time to understand that all your ideas of right and wrong were just a child's training wheels to be laid aside when you can finally live with veracity and love.”

— Hafiz

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September Board Meeting

Thursday, September 7
5:30 pm at the CAS office.

October Board Meeting

Thursday, October 19
5:30 pm at the CAS office.

All are welcome to attend.

Kol HaShalom

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Letter from the President

It's truly amazing that a whole year has past and we are getting ready for the High Holidays. The amount of work that the Rabbi does in preparing the service and the time it takes to coordinate all the activities is quite a task. Yet each year she makes it look so easy that we forget that she started working on everything in June.

This year I'd like to make her life just a little easier. I need you, our members, to commit to help make this years Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services real CAS events. The areas where you can help are: set-up of the sanctuary, greeters, food preparation (preferably dairy or vegetarian) and kitchen help. We also need a volunteer to coordinate the break fast on Yom Kippur.

The beauty of the services will be so enhanced with your participation. Please call me and let me know what you'd like to do or just volunteer and we'll assign you a task. With everyone's participation, this year's services will not only go smoothly, but will be a little sweeter because you helped make them so.

This year's annual meeting will be very important for many reasons. It will be held at the Traverse City Library on November 19 at 1 pm. At this meeting we will be electing the next board of directors, discussing our dues structure and many more issues that will affect you and your family. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.

I will be calling some of you to become active board members for next year. We need additional people on the board and I want you to consider serving. It is very important that we add a few new faces (past board members are welcome back!) to our board this year. So if you have any interest in seeing CAS grow and prosper please let me know of your interest in serving on the board for next year.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next service and at High Holiday services.

—Fred L. Goldenberg
President



Administrator's Update

Although it seems as though summer just started, planning for fall events is already upon us. Please watch for mail (and email) as there will be many exciting activities to keep track of.

Thank you to everyone who supported CAS (and the diligent efforts of Abundance Committee Chair, Marlene Bevan) in this year's raffle. We fell just shy of our goal for tickets sales, but thanks to Marlene's hard work and the generosity of those members who did buy tickets; it was still a successful effort yielding just over \$1,000 for the congregation.





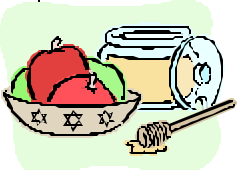

The winner of the \$500 cash prize was Rorie Lewis. And the top ticket salesperson was Marlene Bevan, who will dine at the home of Rabbi Chava and Karl and receive movie passes for The Bay Theatre.

Our Meijer rewards are up over 60% year to date! Keep up the good work, and don't forget to share the word with friends and family that they can support CAS in this manner, too. You/they can contact the office for details.

Happy end of Summer and a wonderful Fall to all!

Rose

Calendar/September 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>Birthday & Anniversary Key: 🎂 Birthday ❖ Anniversary</p> <p>All Jewish holidays begin at sundown the evening before</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Please see Sept 8 for Shabbat Service info</p> <p>❖ Marsha & Raymond Foresman ❖ David Kirby & Martha Topol</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Torah Portion Ki Tetze Deuteronomy 21.10-25.19</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rabbi ON Week</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Board Meeting CAS office 5:30 pm All are welcome to attend.</p>	<p>8 Mug Sale Begins!</p> <p>Shabbat Service UU 6:30 pm</p> <p>Congregation Shaarey Zedek Event (see page 6)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Torah Portion Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26.1-29.8</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Happy Special Occasion to You! Each month we will be posting birthdays and anniversaries of those members who have given us the dates of their "special occasions." If you would like to be listed, please call Rose at the CAS office.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>❖ Martha Topol</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Days of Awe Choir UU time to be Determined (please see page 5)</p>		<p>15</p> <p>Video & Discussion UU 7 pm (please see page 7 side bar)</p>	<p>16 Torah Portion</p> <p>Nitzavim-Vayelech Deut. 29.9-31.30 Shabbat Schlichot</p> <p>Selichot Fire Circle Rabbi Chava & Karl's home 8 pm (see pg 5 & 6)</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Rabbi ON Week</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>RSVP to Rose for Sept 24 event</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Days of Awe Choir UU time to be Determined (please see page 5)</p> <p>❖ Jim & Robin Bransky</p>		<p>22</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah Service UU 6:30 pm (see page 5)</p> <p>❖ Trevor Kuhn</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah Service UU 10 am Followed by lunch & tashlikh on the Boardman (see page 5)</p> <p>Autumn Begins</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Apples & Honey Family Rosh Hashana Program CAS Office 10:30 am (please RSVP by Sept 20)</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Feast of Gedalia</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>❖ Monya Bransky</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Torah Portion</p> <p>Ha'azinu Deuteronomy 32.1-52 Shabbat Shuva</p> <p>Rebbe's Tisch Rabbi Chava & Karl's home 10 am (see page 6 for details)</p>

The Congregation Ahavat Shalom (CAS) office is located at 413 N. Division, Traverse City. It is just south of Grandview Parkway on the west side of Division Street.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation (UU) is located at 6726 Center Road, Traverse City. It is on the peninsula, 2 miles north of Munson Avenue (Grandview Pkwy and Garfield) on the east side of Center Road.

Shabbat Service

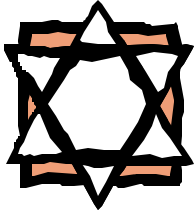
Friday, September 8, at 6:30 pm at the UU, marks the anniversary of Maple Kirby's becoming bat mitzvah! Parshat Ki Tavo is filled with opportunities for deep spiritual insight. Maple will join us that evening to offer her reflections on this anniversary and (if we are very fortunate) to grace us with singing some of the service. We invite families of past mitzvah students to help with the oneg. "Mitzvah Mugs" will be on sale prior to the service. Please join us for this special Shabbat celebration!

Rosh Hodesh

Watch for further information on Rosh Hodesh gatherings in your email.

"Mitzvah Mug" Sale Begins!

The "Mitzvah Mug" Sale will kick-off prior to the September 8 Shabbat Service. Please see page 7 for more information.



Weekly Torah Portions
Read for the week ending

September 2
Ki Tetze
Deuteronomy 21.10-25.19

September 9
Ki Tavo
Deuteronomy 26.1-29.8

September 16
Nitzavim-Vayelech
Deuteronomy 29.9-31.30
Shabbat Schlichot

September 23
Rosh HaShanah

September 30
Ha'azinu
Deuteronomy 32.1-52
Shabbat Shuva

October 7
Sukkot


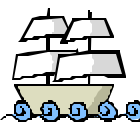


October 14
Shemini Atzeret

October 15
Simchat Torah
Deuteronomy 33.1-34.12

October 21
Bereshit
Genesis 1.1-6.8

October 28
Noach
Genesis 6.9-11.32

Calendar/October 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Kol Nidrei/Yom Kippur Service UU 7 pm (please note later time)	2 Rabbi ON Week Yom Kippur Service UU 10 am Day programming to be announced 4:30 pm Yizkor & Neilah Service Followed by break the fast	3	4	5	6 Shabbat Sukkot Service & Auf Ruf UU 6:30 pm Beth El Shabbat Service 7 pm	7 Sukkot (thru Oct 13) 
8 Sunday School CAS Office Hebrew 9:30 am Regular Class 10:30-12:30	9 Columbus Day 	10	11	12	13 Video & Discussion UU 7 pm (see page 7 side bar)	14 Simhat Torah & Prayer Book Roll Out UU 7 pm Torah Portion Shemini Atzeret
15 Torah Portion Simchat Torah Deuteronomy 33.1-34.12 † Wes Caughlan	16 Rabbi ON Week ❖ Marjie Rich & Roger Gerstle	17	18	19 Board Meeting CAS office 5:30 pm All are welcome to attend.	20	21 Torah Portion Bereshit Genesis 1.1-6.8
22 Sunday School CAS Office Hebrew 9:30 am Regular Class 10:30-12:30 † Robin Webb-Bransky	23 Rosh Hodesh (no gathering)	24 	25	26	27 Or Tzafon Fall Retreat thru Oct 29 Inn at Watervale (Please see back cover for more info)	28 Torah Portion Noach Genesis 6.9-11.32
29	30 Rabbi ON Week thru October 3	31 Halloween				

Save the Dates
Sunday, November 19
 CAS Annual Meeting at the TC Library at 1 pm.

Saturday, December 2
 Join us at the UU for a very special concert featuring Jeff Haas and Rabbi Chava Bahle.

Days of Awe Schedule — 5767

Days of Awe Choir

Wednesdays, September 13 and 20

UU

Time to be determined

Music of the Soul, with the soulful Rev. Kevin Tarsa and Rabbi Chava. Bring your voice (no matter what the sound quality), bring your heart to this great path to prepare for the holidays. All CAS and UU members and our friends are invited to create a special Days of Awe Multi-faith Intergenerational Choir. RSVP is REALLY SUPER DUPER HELPFUL 929-4330.

Shabbat Service

Friday, September 8 (*second Friday*)

UU

6:30 pm

Join us as Maple Kirby marks the anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah.

“Mitzvah Mugs” will be on sale prior to the service. (Please see page 7 for details.)

Selichot Fire Circle & Honey Cake

Saturday, September 16

Home of Rabbi Chava and Karl
8 pm

Join us for our annual fire side reflection as the week of Rosh HaShana begins. RSVP necessary 929-4330 so that Reb Chava can plan for honey cake needs.

Rosh HaShana Evening Service

Friday, September 22

UU

6:30 pm

Rosh HaShana Morning Service
Saturday, September 23

UU

10 am

Service followed by lunch at the UU and tashlikh on the Boardman River at Cass Street (behind the Chamber of Commerce building).

Apples & Honey Family Rosh HaShana Program

Sunday, September 24

CAS office

10:30 am

Kol Nidrei/Yom Kippur Evening Service

Sunday, October 1

UU

7 pm

Yom Kippur Morning Service

Monday, October 2

UU

10 am

Day programming (to be announced)

4:30 pm Yizkor (Memorial) Service
Neilah (Closing) Service

Shabbat Sukkot Service & Auf Ruf

Friday, October 6

UU

6:30 pm

Celebrate Sukkot and the Auf Ruf (marriage blessing) of David Goldenberg, son of Debbie and Fred, and Nami Doberson, daughter of Charles and Debbie.

Simhat Torah & Prayer Book Roll Out

Saturday, October 14

UU

7 pm

Childcare

Please call the CAS office prior to the event to get an update on childcare availability. Thank you.

If you have not yet received your High Holiday guide in the mail, please contact the CAS office.



Sunday School

How can we thank Pami Sprague enough for all she has done as Sunday School Coordinator? Her hard work and passion has been instrumental in creating the vibrant program we have today. Our sincere Todah Rabah! We have big shoes to fill and we are excited to get to work! We will be coordinating the program together – with Melody Ward as the Sunday School Curriculum Coordinator and Lisa Robitshek as the Sunday School Program Coordinator.

We are kicking off this year's Sunday School on Sunday, September 24 with an Apples & Honey Family Rosh Hashana Program, for the whole family to enjoy together – kids style! There will be stories and songs led by Rabbi Chava, activities for all ages, and of course yummy sweet treats. You'll also get a sneak peak at “all things CAS Sunday and Hebrew School” – our curriculum, mission statement, goals, texts we are using, and more! It will begin at 10:30 am at the CAS office. Please RSVP to Rose by September 20. The first official day of Sunday School is October 8. More information will be coming soon! We feel so blessed to be involved in the Jewish learning of our beautiful children. Please call us with any questions.

Melody Ward (995-0881)
Lisa Robitshek (941-1081)

p.s. Interested in teaching our kids Sunday School or Hebrew School, with lesson plans and materials all ready for you? Call us.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

—Maya Angelou

A Place at the Table

Holy Friends, it is important that CAS remain in touch with the qualities and values that built this schul: we are an extended family. We are encouraging our members to set an extra place at your holiday table, like dinner before Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur, and call Rose at the office to let her know you have a place. We are asking those who would like to share a meal to call Rose and she can make a match!

A Special Evening The Anti-Defamation League and Congregation Shaarey Zedek of Southfield are co-sponsoring a very special evening on **September 8** to commemorate the 5th anniversary of 9/11. There will be a short service, a Shabbat dinner and then a speaking engagement by Irshad Manji, an eloquent Muslim woman who has the courage to speak out against radical Islam. For more information please contact Shaarey Zedek at (248) 357-5544 or ADL at 646-2440.

Adult Education

The Power of Daily Study

According to tradition it takes 90 days to change a trait. Here is the Torah way: choose a path of manageable daily Torah study (Torah here in the broad sense of Jewish sacred text), make a blessing before that study to raise up your intention and invite the support of the divine into that which you wish to become. Through the merit of your study and diligence, you will find surprising, wondrous (sometimes subtle) shifts coming into your life.

Consider one of the many daily meditation books available like Kerry Olitzky's (great whether you are on recovery or not): *Renewed Each Day: Daily Twelve Step Recovery Meditations Based on the Bible: Genesis & Exodus; Sacred Intentions: Daily Inspiration to Strengthen the Spirit, Based on Jewish Wisdom, and 100 Blessings Every Day: Daily Twelve Step Recovery Affirmation, Exercises for Personal Growth & Renewal Reflecting Seasons of the Jewish Year.*

Visit <http://www.chabad.org/dailystudy> and find the option of subscribing to a short daily email.

For 'bite size' study of Talmud, you can visit www.ohr.edu (the Orthodox organization Ohr Somayach) and look under the 'Regular Columns' for the Daf Yomi (daily page) column.

The Union for Reform Judaism offers a '10 Minutes of Torah' option with a Reform focus at <http://urj.org/torah/ten>, as does the Conservative movement at www.uscj.org.

Consider also finding a study partner to reflect with once a week or once a month. You can each study the same thing, or teach each other something new!

Try it for 30 days, then take one day at a time ...

—Rabbi Chava

Rebbe's Tisch

Shabbat Study at Rabbi Chava's Home

The ever popular Shabbat (Saturday) feast – er, um, study session at the home

of Rabbi Chava and Hubetzin Karl resumes this Fall! Because of the busy Days of Awe Schedule, please note that the Rebbe's Tisch and these programs are sometimes combined!

Selichot Fire Circle & Honey Cake **Saturday, September 16, 8 pm** – NOTE EVENING MEETING TIME: Our fireside (weather permitting) gathering and havdallah on the week before Rosh



HaShana. This year we will explore the theme of teshuvah/return through beautiful Hasidic stories and song. RSVP necessary 929-4330 so Reb Chava can plan honey cake needs.

Shabbat Shuva Rebbe's Tisch **Saturday, September 30, 10 am**

This Sabbath influences every Sabbath for the rest of the year. Bring a dish to share. RSVP very helpful. Those who attend get a very, very special treat: you will be the first ones to see the new CAS prayer book.

Saturday, November 4, 10 am – topic to be announced.

In Gratitude for Recent Contributions

Donations to the Or Tzafon scholarship fund in memory of Sander Schiff:

Gordie & Eileen Abel: *in honor of Barbara Seedman's 70th birthday and Judy Koss' Bat Mitzvah*
The Abel's and Larry & Sandra Schiff: *in honor of Dr. Ben Reder's 90th birthday*
Marcy Allen: *in memory of Judy Koss' mother, Nettie Sukenick*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Jerry & Connie Wolberg
Bob & Lolita Fisher: *in honor of Bob's mother's yartzeit*

General Fund:

Michael Pollard & Wendy Liscow
Michael Pollard & Wendy Liscow: *in honor of Talia Gerstle's Bat Mitzvah*

Newsletter Donations:

Robert & Cynthia Steinberg
Elise Weisbach
Jeffrey & Barbara Richardson
Robert Carstens

A Bat Mitzvah Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate Talia's Bat Mitzvah on August 19! We couldn't have done it without you – the cooks, the cleaners, the music makers, the readers, the supports. A great big thanks to Rabbi Chava for all her hard work and loving dedication to our daughter.

—Roger and Marjie Gerstle

Special Thanks Rabbi Chava wishes to thank...

Thanks to everyone who came to our annual Shabbat on the Beach Picnic Dinner at Boughy Park, and especially for the cake! What a joy to see everyone in such a place of beauty as we begin to turn our attention to the autumn season!

Thanks to the Rich Gerstle Family for creating a MOST joyous simcha in celebrating Talia's becoming Bat Mitzvah.

Thanks to Mary Jo Zazueta of To The Point Solutions for her design work on of our prayer book. You can visit her at <http://www.tothepointsolutions.com/>.

Thanks to the CAS Board for seeing the project through!

Thanks to Rabbi Al Lewis of Temple Beth El for his work in co-officiating the Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Krohn. What a complete simcha!

Thanks to everyone for the sweet birthday wishes. Even though my birthday fell – once again – on Tisha B'Av, I still had a great birthday!

Thanks to all who sold raffle tickets and top seller Marlene Bevan!

New "Mitzvah Mugs" on Sale

Finding it difficult to remember Mitzvah in your daily life? The Abundance Committee has a solution for this problem. We are offering "Mitzvah Mugs" to help you remember the importance of performing daily mitzvah. The white ceramic mugs feature the Congregation Ahavat Shalom logo on one side, and on the other, a smiling rebbi pointing to his hat... translation... Did I think about Mitzvah today? The cups are available for \$15 each or 2 for \$20. Available for the first time prior to Shabbat Services on September 8. Coffee, Morning think, and Mitzvah... it's a good thing.

Video and Discussion

Friday, Sept 15 at the UU at 7 pm. Please come to view "Wetback" and discuss the issue of immigration. Discussion leader is Gladys Muñoz, originally from Puerto Rico and involved in the migrant community of Traverse area.

"Wetback", a quietly commanding documentary video, follows the footsteps of immigrants traveling from Nicaragua to America.

The October video is about the hidden agenda of some mega churches, concerts and media. Please plan to come on October 13 at the UU at 7 pm.

For details contact Emmy Lou Cholak 231-943-7999.

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Copies of Tikkun Olam, the print commissioned in honor of Rabbi Chava's ordination can be seen, and are available for sale at the CAS Office.

Meijer rewards applications are available for those who have not yet signed up. Remember this is also available for friends and family who shop at Meijers.

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Mission Statement

We are an independent Jewish congregation open to all people of any cultural origin. Our purpose is to meet celebrational, spiritual, education and philosophical needs through exploration together; and to interact with the larger community by actively sponsoring and supporting diversity and inclusivity with harmony and peace-based programs.



Or Tzafon Fall Retreat

Entering the Mystical Garden of Kabbalah

October 27 - 29
Inn at Watervale

Join Or Tzafon for a magical, mystical journey into the heart of Kabbalah. Author and storyteller Reb Yitzhak Buxbaum and Rabbi Chava will lead a mellow, fun, joyous weekend at the Inn at Watervale, in Arcadia, Michigan.

Reb Yitzhak and his wife Carole Foreman, also a storyteller, will join Rabbi Chava in creating a fun, relaxed, true “retreat” weekend. We will enjoy the fall colors, rest, eat well and rejuvenate after the busy months in early autumn.

This retreat features two new offerings: a Thursday night arrival option for even more relaxation, and new room rates and styles for a range of experiences. Registration costs begin at just \$360 for two nights lodging, incredible meals, tuition and materials. Commuter rates are also available and there are some limited work study scholarships available.

Call 231 929 4330 to register and for more information.