



CONGREGATION

SHA'ARAY SHALOM

the lighthouse for Reform Judaism on Boston's South Shore

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Winter 2019

Kindness: The Gift for All Seasons

During the High Holidays, we heard Rabbi Joseph speak in depth about kindness, its impact and its significance to our community. She announced a Campaign for Intentional Kindness, in conjunction with Sha'aray Shalom's 60th Anniversary, in which the whole congregation could participate. She suggested these ways to elevate kindness in our daily lives:

- Honor lost loved ones by spreading a legacy of goodness in their memories
- Dedicate kind acts to someone with whom you'd like to reconnect (and send them a note about it!)
- Share with someone special how your life is better because of their presence or influence

"...Act with kindness in direct response to the heaviness of the hour." With these words, Rabbi Joseph directed the congregation to help each other realize the common wish at Rosh Hashanah: to have a Sweet New Year, throughout the entire year. How do we do that?

By striving to be respectful, to be polite, to be compassionate, and to be non-judgmental in our words, and in our deeds and even in our thoughts.

One goal for the Kindness Campaign is to celebrate the kindness that our congregants bestow upon others. Collecting these stories will provide more inspiration. We'll share our intentional acts of kindness at gatherings: board meetings, sisterhood and men's club events, choir rehearsals, religious school, adult education, SHASTY programs and at our annual meeting. When you see someone being kind, make a note, using the Kindness Cards available throughout the year, and let us know. When you have done a kind act and wish to share, write it down. We will compile these examples of kindness and next year, during the month of Elul, publish a

CHESED is the Hebrew word for lovingkindness, devotion



community annual of loving kindness deeds. For each one of these intentional acts — individual and collective — we are elevating the world in which we live.

Olam Hesed Yibaneh — "The Universe is built on kindness."

"Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together."

— Goethe

WORSHIP

Dec 13, 7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat service
Dec 14, 9:00 am	Chanukah Jamboree/KIDushat Shabbat
10:30 am	Shabbat service
Dec 20, 7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat service
Dec 21, 10:30 am	Shabbat service
Dec 27, 7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat service
Dec 28, 10:30 am	Shabbat service
Jan 3, 7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat service & Birthday Blessing
Jan 4, 9:00 am	KIDushat Shabbat service
10:30 am	Shabbat service
Jan 10, 7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat service
Jan 11, 9:00 am	7th Grade Shabbaton

CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dec 11, 6:30 pm	Men's Club meetup: Barrel House Z
Dec 15, 9:15 am	Brunch & Movie: "Heading Home"
Dec 16, 10:30 am	Linden Ponds Torah Study
Dec 17, 6:00 pm	NAMI Family Support Group
Dec 21, 4:00 pm	60th Anniversary concert w/ Noah Aronson Band
Dec 22, 5:30 pm	Annual Chanukah Party
Jan 1, 11:00 am	New Year's Day Family Brunch
Jan 7, 6:00 pm	NAMI Family Support Group
Jan 12, 9:00 am	60th Anniversary Brunch Series: Rabbi Stephen Karol
Jan 21, 6:00 pm	NAMI Family Support Group

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PHOTO ALBUM



LEFT: Josh Zieper and Rusty Preble unload full bags of groceries at the Hingham Food Pantry.
ABOVE: (L to R) Molly Bloomfield, Julia Preble, Debra Zieper and Ellie Zieper unpack and organize groceries.



The annual Yom Kippur Food Drive, organized by Naomi Preble and Ally Gall and the Social Justice committee, was once again a major success. The generosity of the congregation resulted in **more than 1,200 pounds** of food donated to Hingham and Scituate Food Pantries. As always, our tireless volunteers delivered and unpacked and organized the food to provide assistance to the amazing pantry workers who distribute food to underprivileged South Shore residents.

LEFT: (L to R) Peter Bloomfield, Ben Bloomfield and Mike Snyder help unload full bags of groceries at the Hingham Food Pantry.



Sha'aray Shalom has partnered with NAMI South Shore to host a new Family Support Group. These free meetings are for family, friends and caregivers of people diagnosed with mental illness.

TIME: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
6:00-7:30 pm

PLACE: Sha'aray Shalom's Yaschik Library
& Conference Center

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

1st Thursday of every month
7:30 pm in the Library



Community Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 22 at 5:30 pm

An Annual Tradition! Bring your Chanukiah and light the first candle with us. Dinner and family activities included.
Cost: \$8/adult, \$5/child; young families (kids under 13): \$18
RSVP to 781-749-8103

CONGREGATION



Congregation Sha'aray Shalom — 60th Anniversary Celebration

continues with

The Noah Aronson Band

Pre-Hanukkah Concert

The concert is free and open to the public.



Saturday, December 21, 2019 4:00pm
Congregation Sha'aray Shalom
1112 Main Street
Hingham, MA 02043

Please RSVP to:
execdir@shaaray.org
or
781-749-8103



Known for his unique, engaging, and deeply soulful approach, Noah Aronson is considered one of the most sought after Jewish musicians in North America, making over 65 community appearances each year.

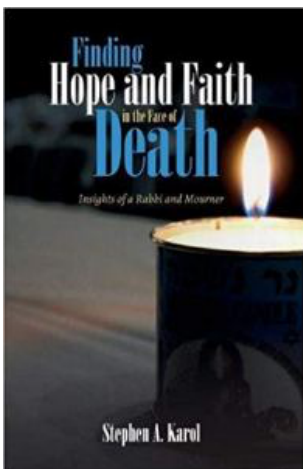
60th Anniversary Celebration Sunday Brunch Series

presents

RABBI STEPHEN KAROL

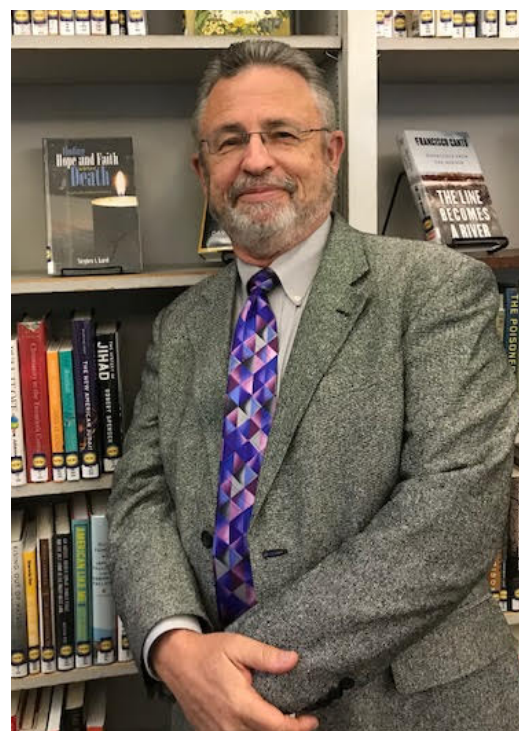
Sunday, January 12, 2020 9:00 am

Rabbi Emeritus Stephen Karol will return to Sha'aray Shalom in January as a featured speaker in the 60th Anniversary Sunday Brunch Series. Rabbi Karol will discuss his book, *Finding Hope and Faith in the face of Death*, during the event. Based on his rabbinical experiences helping congregants deal with the emotions that occur when a loved one dies, the book contains lessons relevant to the very real issues brought on by sorrow and regret.



Karol also shares his understanding and teachings around the importance of community when we are mourners, as well as the emotional and spiritual power of prayer. His book aims to convey a sense of faith and hope that can positively affect the transition from mourning to once again living our lives.

RSVP to reserve your seat:
781-749-8103



Rabbi Karol became Sha'aray Shalom's first full-time rabbi in 1981. He served as spiritual leader of the congregation and principal of the religious school for more than two decades.

ADULT EDUCATION
MOVIE SERIES



December 15, 9:15 am

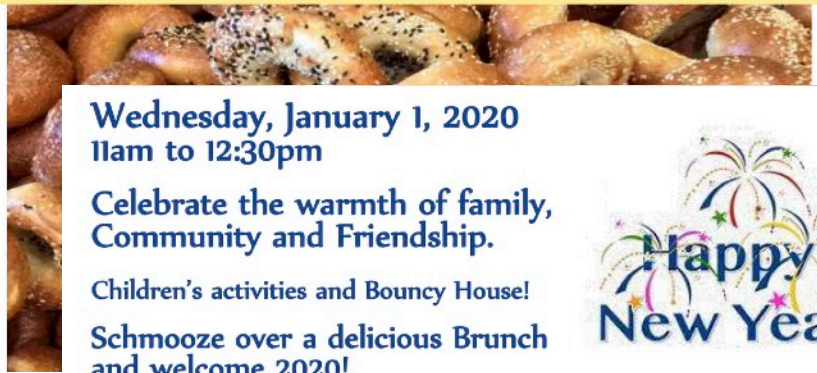


January 26, 3:00 pm



March 1, 3:00 pm

SOMETHING NEW FOR
CONGREGATION SHA'ARAY SHALOM
NEW YEAR'S DAY FAMILY BRUNCH
Sponsored by Cantor Steven Weiss & Stephanie Gertz



Wednesday, January 1, 2020
11am to 12:30pm

**Celebrate the warmth of family,
Community and Friendship.**

Children's activities and Bouncy House!
Schmooze over a delicious Brunch
and welcome 2020!



Please RSVP by December 24th – execdir@shaaray.org

Location: Congregation Sha'aray Shalom
1112 Main Street, Hingham



Chanukah Jamboree & KIDushat Shabbat

Saturday, December 14, 9:00 am



A Chanukah themed Shabbat
Celebration featuring:

- Chanukah stories
- A Chanukah treasure hunt
- Chanukah Arts & Crafts
- Dreidel spinning contests
- Chanukah treats
- And more....!

Men's Club Brewery Series

Sha'aray Shalom's Men's Club invites all CSS men
to attend FREE meetups at these popular South
Shore breweries. Cash bar; must be 21+.

Contact Josh Hoch for more details:
jhoch4us@gmail.com or 857-719-6642

Dec 11, 6:30 pm Barrel House Z, Weymouth
Jan 29, 6:30 pm Stellwagen Beer Co., Marshfield



"Acts of kindness never die. They linger in the memory, giving life to other acts in return."

— Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

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