

Dear Congregants,

As we all know, the New Year is a time for self-reflection and improvement. The Shaliyah has also decided to change. After the high holidays and Sukkot, RSNS will change the way it provides you with the information on our wonderful programming, special dates to remember, services and so much more. The Shaliyah (the messenger) will no longer be in print (in paper or electronically) after the October 2017 issue. Instead, we will focus on providing you with weekly announcements that will now include links to the monthly calendar on our RSNS website ([rsns.org](http://rsns.org)).

*On a personal note, thank you all for reading the Shaliyah. In January 2011, I took over editing this newsletter because my older son who graduated Gan Shalom was entering kindergarten and my younger son started the 3's here. I wanted to give back to the RSNS community that had so lovingly welcomed our family. I have enjoyed getting to know you all whether you submitted items for publication or gave me feedback on the newsletter.*

*Wishing you all a Shana Tova!*  
Sara Levine, Editor



## SHABBAT YOGA

**FRIDAY, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.**

Experience Shabbat through movement; connecting body, mind and soul. This Shabbat Yoga program is taught by Rabbi Jodie Siff. Good for all levels, adults and post b'nai mitzvah teens, non-members welcome. Bring your own mats and yoga props (we have a few if you forget yours). Wear comfortable work out attire.

If you have questions, please email Rabbi Jodie at [rabjodie@optonline.net](mailto:rabjodie@optonline.net) or call 516-627-6274.

**Sabeeha Rehman** author of *Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim* will speak at RSNS on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM**. This book received Honorable Mention in Spiritual by the San Francisco Book Festival Awards.

*See flyer included in this issue.*

### YIDDISH READING CIRCLE

We meet on average, every other week on a Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the RSNS Library. For more information and a schedule contact Jerry Bloom at 516-466-2519.

### SEPTEMBER SHALIYAH

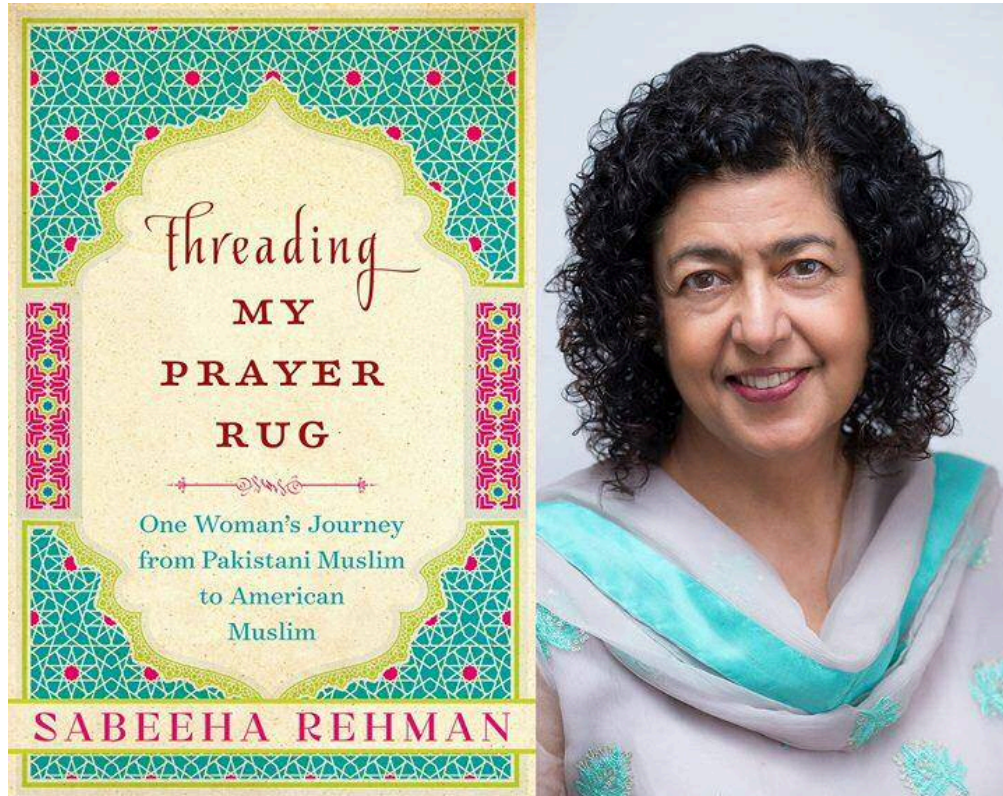
The deadline for the SEPTEMBER 2017 issue is August 15<sup>th</sup>.

To submit content for the September Shaliyah, Email your copy as a word document to [rsnsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rsnsnewsletter@gmail.com)

Join us on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM to hear

## Sabeeha Rehman

Author of *Threading My Prayer Rug:*  
*One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim*



Warm, charming and interesting, Sabeeha Rehman will share her life experiences growing up in Pakistan and then leaving her family to come to the United States as a young newly married woman. She will tell us about how she met her husband, what it is like to raise Muslim children in the United States and what it is like to be a Muslim in the United States now. A Q&A will follow Sabeeha's talk.

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 4:00 PM**

Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore  
1001 Plandome Road, Manhasset, NY 11030

Questions and RSVP to

[RSNS@optonline.net](mailto:RSNS@optonline.net)

or call 516-627-6274

## S'lihot – Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

In anticipation of the beginning of the Jewish New Year, we will gather on Saturday, September 16 at 9:30 p.m. for half an hour of "getting to know you," "renewing acquaintances," and "catching up." It will be an opportunity for new members and members of long standing to meet one another.

This "social" time will be followed by an hour-long S'lihot service, which will begin at 10:00 p.m. S'lihot is the 'warm-up' for Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur. The service includes highlights from the High Holiday liturgy including the melodies that inspire the season.



## HIGH HOLIDAYS 5778

Watch your mail in August for your "official" packet of High Holiday information and a ticket request form. Meanwhile, put the following dates on your calendar.

<b>Erev Rosh HaShana</b>	Wednesday, September 20
<b>Rosh HaShana Day 1</b>	Thursday, September 21
<b>Rosh HaShana Day 2</b>	Friday, September 22
<b>Erev Yom Kippur <i>Kol Nidre</i></b>	Friday, September 29
<b>Yom Kippur</b>	Saturday, September 30

## REMEMBRANCES

### Yom Kippur Supplement Memorial Page

Yom Kippur begins the evening of September 29, 2017. The tradition of remembering people who have died has become integral to Yom Kippur. Once again we are affording you the opportunity to fulfill this tradition by including the names of your dear ones in our Yom Kippur Supplement. The suggested minimum contribution for each name listed is \$18.

### Return this form to RSNS by September 6, 2017

*If you had a listing in last year's supplement it will continue as is unless we hear different from you.*

Please **PRINT CLEARLY** all names:

Your name as it should be printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Names to be listed:

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

## ***Let's wish each other Shana Tova***

In keeping with our sense of green and watching everyone's budget, we invite you to add your name to our list of Rosh HaShana well-wishers.

Once again, everyone in the congregation will receive a Jewish New Year card from RSNS. In lieu of sending separate cards from your family to fellow congregants, you can add your name to the list of participants, imprinted inside each card, for as little as \$36. For less than a roll of stamps, you can wish all the members of our community a happy and healthy New Year.

Complete the requested information below and return this form by September 6, or send your information in an Email to Dinah Kramer at [dinahkramer@gmail.com](mailto:dinahkramer@gmail.com) and mail Dinah your check.

**Make checks payable to RSNS and mail forms and check to  
Dinah Kramer, 20 Chestnut Road, Manhasset, NY 11030.**

### **COMMUNITY-WIDE ROSH HASHANA CARD**

Enclosed is a check for a minimum of \$36 payable to RSNS.  
Please PRINT your family name below exactly as you would like it to appear on the card.

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Our Seven Week Summer Program is underway. Our 2, 3, and 4 year olds are having lots of fun splashing in the sprinkler, using the inflatable slide and making new friends.

We used red, white and blue collage materials and ate red, white and blue treats to celebrate Independence Day. During the month of July we explored the world of fish and beach life. Long Island Children's Museum brought their traveling Bubbles Program to Gan Shalom. We celebrated Silly Sock Day, Crazy Hat Day and Pajama Day during Wacky Week.

Party Pets will bring their Barnyard Petting Zoo to delight the children the first week in August.

Super Soccer Stars for 2 and 3 year olds and Kick and Play for children 12-24 months continues on Wednesday mornings during the summer.

Our Outdoor Classroom continues to add pleasure to our curriculum during the summer months. The children are delighting in using our water pump and carrying water everywhere.

We are looking forward to picking and eating vegetables from our garden this summer.

Registration continues for our fall classes for 2's, 3's and 4's.

Don't delay - call the nursery school at 627-0257 to register your child.

*Laura*

## Community Corner

*A Place to share stories from every corner  
of the RSNS community.*

### Sacred Space

By Rachel Mankowitz

Last September, Cantor Eric gave a talk on Sacred Space as part of the Cantor's Dinner series. He talked about how most sanctuaries, Jewish and Christian at least, are set up with the congregation in rows of seats, all facing one way, with the clergy up on a riser. The congregation is like an audience watching actors on a stage. He showed us pictures of alternative lay-outs for Synagogues, where the congregation sat on two opposing sides, or even three sides of the sanctuary, and the clergy stood in the middle. The idea of those alternate configurations was to focus attention on the community, rather than on the clergy, who are there to lead the congregation, rather than to be the show itself.

The Cantor's class happened to take place the night before *S'lihot*. *S'lihot* is billed as a preview of all of the themes of the high holidays, with all of the atonement, forgiveness, and cleaning of old forgotten laundry squeezed into less than an hour, a week before Rosh Hashanah, late at night. For this one service of the year, the clergy members placed themselves with us in the congregation, and we had both rabbis and the

cantor for that night, sitting among us. The themes from the previous night's class must have stuck with me, because as soon as the Cantor began to sing from his seat among us, I felt the change in the shape of the space. I got it. He became one of us instead of separate, and he became a voice only, rather than a performer to be watched. It was a small group the night of Slichot (not a lot of people come out a week before the high holidays, at ten o'clock on a Saturday night, to pray), which meant that the Cantor didn't need a microphone to be heard, so that his unamplified voice, so intertwined with our own, made him seem even more a part of us.

Over the summers, at RSNS, we move from the formal sanctuary to the small sanctuary (AKA The Blue Room) for Friday night services. It saves on electricity, especially for the air-conditioning of the sanctuary and the social hall, and it saves us from seeing all of the empty seats from the families who spend the summers elsewhere. But the side effect of moving to the smaller, less formal room, is that our whole tone changes. The clergy stands at our level, and not above. We sit closer together, instead of spread out across the room. We can hear each other sing, and breathe. The space itself, usually just an ordinary room, becomes sacred space because of how we use it.

*If you have a story you would like to share with the RSNS community, contact Rachel Mankowitz at [rachelmank@earthlink.net](mailto:rachelmank@earthlink.net).*

## Todah . . . RSNS' Way of Saying Thanks

In honor of the birth of **Everett Samson Dobbs**,  
grandson of Sharon, born to Erika and Jacob  
Dobbs

Anita and Jerry Bloom

Susan and Tom Hicks

Eileen Rosendahl and Rick Zweig

Audrey and Andy Feiner

In honor of the birth of **Riley Blake Kovacs**,  
granddaughter of Viviane and Alan Kovacs born  
to Jenna and Josh Kovacs  
Susan and Tom Hicks

Mazel Tov to Barbara and Marvin Schaffer on  
the marriage of **Julia and Eric**.

June and Alvin Pitkow

In honor of **Benjamin Hicks** becoming a Bar  
Mitzvah

Katie and Eric Derasse

The Guggenheimer Family

Anita and Jerry Bloom

Diane Acker Haber

Alice and Milt Leist

June and Alvin Pitkow

Harriet Feiner

Marion Schwartz

Terry and Bob Wolff

Dinah and Marc Kramer

Audrey and Andy Feiner

Diane Sharett-Globus and Gary Globus

In honor of **Drew Basulto** becoming a Bar  
Mitzvah

Sari and Vincent Basulto

In honor of **Harriet Feiner**

Marian Schwartz

In honor of **Bob Wolff's** birthday

Judy Levine

Diane Acker Haber

In honor of **Lee Parker's 90<sup>th</sup>** Birthday

Ellyn Sosin

Terry and Bob Wolff

In honor of **Ilse Sander's** birthday

Pearl and Nathan Freedman

Diane Acker Haber

Janet and Myron Susin

Myra and Leonard Zaremba

Judith and John Miodownik

Florence and David Martin

Wally Buchband

Eileen Rosendahl and Rick Zweig

Deborah Factor and Barry Birdoff

Susan and Paul Baumgarten

Lee and Myron Temares

Helen and Edward Berkun

Alice and Milt Leist

Terry and Bob Wolff

Sydelle Mirkin

Marian Schwartz

Dorothy Stracher

June and Alvin Pitkow

In honor of **Lauren Pulver**

Terry and Bob Wolff

Ellen Brown and Bob Schwartz

June and Alvin Pitkow

In honor of the birth of their great grandson,

**Leo**

Florence and David Martin

In honor of the birth of **Oliver Borg**, son of  
Lauren and Ryan, grandson of **Nathan Borg**

Terry and Bob Wolff

Anita and Jerry Bloom

In honor of our College graduates

Susan and Tom Hicks

In honor of our High School graduates

Susan and Tom Hicks

In appreciation of the boxes from the  
Diamond/Feldman family

Harriet Feiner

**Todah . . . RSNS' Way of Saying Thanks  
Continued . . .**

In honor of **Tal Schulmiller** becoming a Bar  
Mitzvah  
Dorothy Stracher  
Joelle and Geoffrey Serota  
Karen and Paul Stewart  
Angela and Philip Edelstein  
Eileen Rosendahl and Rick Zweig

In appreciation of our office staff  
The Yiddish Group

In honor of **Lisa Rafofsky and Dawn McKay**  
Eileen Rosendahl and Rick Zweig

In honor of **Aaron Siff-Scherr's** award  
June and Alvin Pitkow

Speedy recovery to **Marvin Silverman**  
Marty and Jack Budow

In memory of **Bill Barr**  
Terry and Bob Wolff

In memory of **Ben Kramer**, father of Marc  
Kramer  
Audrey and Andy Feiner

In memory of **Natalie Forman**  
Leslie and Larry Forman  
Florence and David Martin  
Harriet Feiner  
Anonymous

In memory of **Elton Strauss**  
Harriet Feiner

In memory of her mother, **Lillian B. Friedman**  
Marcia Mayer

In memory of **Betty Smith**  
Leslie and Larry Popkin  
Harriet Feiner  
Ellen Brown and Bob Schwartz  
Anonymous

In memory of **Leonda Fink**  
Harriet Feiner  
Dorothy Stracher

**MAZAL TOV**

Mazel tov to Nathan Borg on the birth of Oliver  
Borg born to Lauren and Ryan Borg

Mazel tov to Andy and Janet Meyers on the  
marriage of Alex Meyers and Sophia Dumaine

Mazel Tov to Nancy and Mark Farber on the  
marriage of Cara Farber and Stuart Rossen

Mazel tov to Barbara and Marvin Schaffer on  
the marriage of Julia and Eric Schaffer

Mazel tov to Janet and Andy Meyers on the  
marriage of their son Alex to Sophia Dumaine

Mazel tov to Nancy and Mark Farber on the  
marriage of their daughter Cara to Stuart  
Rossen

Mazel tov to Ellen and David Einhorn on the  
marriage of their son Jeremy to Amanda  
Rothstein

**CONDOLENCES**

Condolences to the family of Leonda Finke

Condolences to the family of Natalie Forman

Condolences to the family of Betty Smith

Condolences to Karen Strauss on the death of  
her husband, Elton.



**Yahrzeit**

In observance of the yahrzeit of Mort Helbraun  
Marian Schwartz

In observance of the yahrzeit of Alfred Stracher  
Dorothy Stracher

In observance of the yahrzeit of his mother,  
Roselle Oyer  
Steve Oyer

In observance of the yahrzeitin Luella Catler and  
Joseph Schwartz  
Florence and David Martin

In observance of the yahrzeit of Irving Rahinsky  
Thelma Rahinsky

In observance of the yahrzeit of her mother,  
Gussie Altman  
Dorothy Stracher

In observance of the yahrzeit of Peter Buchband  
Wally Buchband

In observance of the yahrzeit of her husband  
Alfred Lehn  
Joan Lehn



**PARTNERS IN CARING (PIC)**

Sid Jacobson JCC’s Partners in Caring offers an array of specialized services including support groups, counseling, information and community referrals, workshops, autism and Alzheimer’s programs, as well as other social services. Together with UJA-Federation of New York and your synagogue, we are your partner in caring for you and your family.

PIC helps create a caring, responsive Jewish community by providing support for:

- Bereavement
- Parenting
- Life Cycle Issues
- Marital/ Family Concerns
- Divorce/ Separation
- Caregiving issues
- Respite programs and services

For assistance, contact us at 516-484-1545 ext. 196.

A licensed social worker will respond promptly to provide you with information and support.

Partners in Caring is funded by a grant from UJA-Federation of New York and partnering synagogues

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Complete all information and then click “review your donation.”

On the next page click “Special Instructions to Seller.” Indicate the purpose of your donation or payment. Call us if you have any questions, 516-627-6274



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## **AND NOW FOR SOMETHING NEW:**

Our Annual Dinner (formerly known as the Progressive Dinner then the Co-operative Dinner and this year The Dinner, along with our Fall Fundraiser in the year 5777 are in the past.

**Question:** How can we continue to build community with each other throughout the year.

**Answer:** Sign up for an event.

The cost for each event will be a 100% donation to RSNS.

Email all responses and questions to Barbara Schaffer at [BAYSmusic51@yahoo.com](mailto:BAYSmusic51@yahoo.com)

**Here are our upcoming events. Please note any rsvp dates.**

### **Southern Vermont Weekend or Midweek for Two**

Two day stay with Judie and John Miodownik.

Invitation is open for any season of the year! Dates to be agreed upon.

\*\*\* Home cooked meals included.

\*\*\*queen bed or 2 single beds available, with private bath.

\*\*\*We want to be your tour guide for sightseeing and activities of their choice: golf, canoeing, fishing, swimming, skiing shopping and more.

Come join us for laughs and a good time.

**Cost \$500 for 2 people.**

**Vermont Weekend for Two** - Be our guest! Sheri & Michael Lindner invite 2 people to spend a weekend with them at their Vermont house over the summer. Dates to be determined.

\*\*Weekend includes: Two home cooked dinners (1 Shabbat dinner), two great country breakfasts, one lunch; queen or king bed accommodations, private bath, hot tub; a 6 or 8 mile bike ride on a back country road passing corn fields, cow farms, and ending at a country cafe for lunch. Ride back to starting place; a plunge in an old marble quarry swimming hole to refresh after the bike ride; a late afternoon hang at a lovely swimming pond, where you can nap, swim, read; Sunday morning kayaking on a beautiful lake. Swim there if you want. Other activities offered include hiking in gorgeous woods, with your choice of difficulty and length for the hike, a leisurely walk, doing nothing, having time to explore on your own.

**Cost: \$500 for 2 people.**

OUR GOAL is to offer different ways to build community and FUNDRAISE for RSNS at the same time.

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT TO HOST?

Please email Barbara Schaffer at [Baysmusic51@yahoo.com](mailto:Baysmusic51@yahoo.com) or call or text her at 516-375-3559.