



Congregation Agudath Achim of Huntingdon

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CAMP MARSHMALLOW SWARTZ



From the Ba'alah T'filah....

I could have written many more than a thousand words, but let's let the pictures speak for themselves. Camp Marshmallow Swartz was more fun than ever!



The campers and "counselors" had a terrific game of slow pitch to start the day.



Matt and Noah Kaplan enjoy a game of volleyball.



There were *lots* of craft projects...



... as you can see from this bird's-eye view.



Since this was a Jewish-themed camp, when the campers went to the beach, they immediately began a Mt. Sinai sand sculpture...



... although the reenactment of the crossing of the Red Sea wasn't terribly accurate. 😊



The blindfolded taste test was one of the highlights of the day. Seth Weil, who became the head counselor by unanimous camper vote, had as much fun handing out the samples as the campers had tasting them (Maybe more. Some of those things were *really* sweet!)



A smorgasbord of summer's bounty was our elegant lunch



After a swim, more craft projects. The campers made a fun travel mug for Seth.



(L-R): Ben Kaplan poses as a surfer dude, while Ellie Hirsch eats a self-decorated cookie. Eva Hirsch smiles as Rachel Lembeck-Edens really gets into that cookie!

Thanks to **Seth Weil**, **Carolyn Lembeck**, **Bobbi Bronstein**, and **Alyssa Mollo** for their help in making the wonderful lunch and assisting the campers with their projects. Thanks also to **Stan Lembeck** for his barbecue expertise for the hot dog dinner, and to **Bernie Bronstein** and **Thom Mollo** for helping with all the schlepping! It was a beautiful day, probably best summed up by the note from **Ben Kaplan** that came a few days later:

"Thank you so much for camp. I had a really good time. I got to do arts and crafts, play volleyball, and go on the beach and eat ice cream. I almost forgot! I got to do the food tasting class blind folded. I think I really had my favorite day of my life.
Good Wishes, Ben"



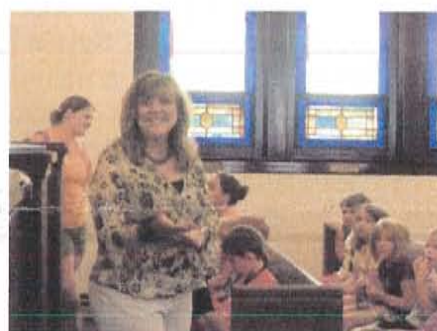
Camp Marshmallow Swartz wasn't the only camp experience at Agudath Achim this summer: at the request of **Pastor Suzanne Morelli** of Huntingdon's **St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church**, our congregation was pleased to host a visit of some 50+ K-6 grade summer campers with their counselors to learn about Judaism. The program was put together by **Carolyn and Stan Lembeck** to help the youngsters see the connections between Judaism and their religion. As the children watched intently, Stan emulated Rabbi Hillel when he defined Judaism's essence while standing on one foot: "That which is hateful to you, do not do unto your neighbor. This is the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary." They could easily relate to this basic teaching. The *Shema* was recited, affirming there is one G-d, and the children carefully followed Carolyn as she pointed out the mezuzahs in the sanctuary that carry out G-d's commandment to "inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your gates" The campers also saw seder plates, menorahs, played with dreidels, and did some coloring of Stars of David and other objects. The program finished up with everyone reciting together King David's familiar 23rd Psalm to underscore the linkage of our religious traditions. It was a great visit and we hope Agudath Achim will be asked to do it again next year!



The campers filled the sanctuary!



One of the wonderful displays arranged by Carolyn and Stan.



Pastor Suzanne Morelli

This has been quite a year for our congregation. Our membership rolls have increased again (13th straight year!), our new and improved sanctuary is a joy to behold, and it is always such a pleasure to welcome our Hillel students, old and new, past and present, when we come together at the High Holidays. Especially this year, since on Thursday, September 5th, weather permitting, this year's *tashlich* will include a picnic *yom tov* kiddush luncheon on the beach at Lake Raystown! I hope everyone who is near enough to attend will join us for this year's services. Thom and I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy, prosperous, peaceful New Year.

L'shanah tovah tiktevu!
~Holly Mollo



From the President

Rosh Hashanah begins this year at sundown on September 4, the earliest since 1899! That makes this year somewhat unique. One thing it won't be, though, is too hot for services since our new air conditioning system will keep us comfortable as we pray. And, at the same time, we can enjoy the restoration of our beautiful synagogue that was completed in March. This will be a very special Rosh Hashanah for Agudath Achim.

These ten Days of Awe, when we make amends for our failures to fulfill an obligation to another person or to G-d, gives us time to reflect and resolve to do better in the coming year. In our service the entire congregation recites the confessional collectively - and in the plural - emphasizing communal responsibilities for transgressions. It's important for all of us to be with each other at this time.

Following the morning service on the first day of Rosh Hashanah we will again go to a body of water - in our case Lake Raystown - for the traditional Tashlich ceremony in which we symbolically cast off our sins by emptying crumbs of bread into the water, fulfilling the words from Micah: "you will cast your sins into the depth of the water." It's a beautiful tradition that I hope you can be part of.

According to ancient rabbinic reckoning, the first day of the seventh month (Tishrei) is the date when the world was created, and the sounding of the shofar proclaims the commemoration. We lovingly continue our traditions of shofar, apples and honey, round challahs with raisins to symbolize the cycle of time and the sweetness of life, and the hope that the new year of 5774 will be a sweet one for you and your loved ones.

L'Shanah Tovah.
Stan Lembeck



Contributions

- from **Bernie Swartz and Joann Giles**, for the congregation.
- from **Rick and Rebecca Hirsch**, in honor of **Holly Mollo**,
for the "time, energy, and love she gave to help prepare Eva for her Bat Mitzvah."
- from **Rick and Rebecca Hirsch**, in honor of **Bernie Bronstein**,
" in recognition of his diligent preparation and beautiful chanting of the 'Beowulf of Torah portions!'"
- from **Thom and Holly Mollo**, for the congregation.
- from **Lynn Petnick**, for the congregation.
- from **Matt and Charlotte Rosenshine**, for the congregation.
- from **Anne Gilman**, for the congregation.
- from **Lesley Robinson**, for the congregation.
- from **Lesley Robinson**, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of **Elliot Samuel Halpern**,
great-grandson of **Sylvia Poser Halpern**.
- from **Lesley Robinson**, in memory of her father, **Ellis Robinson**.
- from **Bernie and Bobbi Bronstein**, in memory of their daughter, **Stacey Bronstein Pelna**.
- from **Bernie and Bobbi Bronstein**, in honor of **Alyssa Mollo** with best wishes for her career move.
- from **Thom and Holly Mollo**, in honor of **Alyssa Mollo's** new teaching position.
- from **Bernie Swartz and Joann Giles**, with wishes for a Happy New Year, for the congregation.



Dues reminder. Dues are due!!!

Thanks so much to everyone who responded so quickly – and generously – to our reminder that dues are due. Please note that we have reluctantly raised dues to \$45 per family per year, which means we are... *still* the best deal in the area!! Thanks again for your understanding and cooperation. Since there is no way for us to receive mail at the synagogue, please send your dues to:

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Holiday	2013/5774
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Wed 9/4
Kol Nidre	Fri 9/13
Erev Sukkot	Wed 9/18
Shemini Atzeret	Wed 9/25
Simchat Torah	Thu 9/26
Erev Chanukah	Wed 11/27
Holiday	2014/5774
Tu B'Shevat	Thu 1/16
Erev Purim	Sat 3/15
Erev Pesach	Mon 4/14
Yom Ha--Shoah	Sun 4/27
Yom Ha-Atzmaut	Mon 5/5
Erev Shavuot	Tue 6/3



Yahrzeits

August: Ellis Robinson, Joseph Serafini, Jim Holzman, Abe Ziff, Bonia Shur, and Lew Mermel.
September: Bill Welch, Virginia Dumm, Esther Rosenblum, Dick Dollinger, Karen Eisemann, Walt Gaby, Therese Dollinger Koval and Erwin S. Koval, Leonard Poser, Tobah Ruchel Cohen, Julia Wagner Miller



Mazel Tov!



to **Alyssa Mollo**, who has accepted a teaching position at the Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School's University Scholars Program. Alyssa will be teaching English to gifted and talented students. *Mazel tov!*

ROSH HASHANAH



YOM KIPPUR

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5774

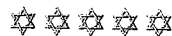
2013 Schedule of High Holiday Services

Wednesday, September 4

7:30 PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

An oneg yom tov will follow the service



Thursday, September 5

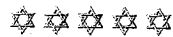
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Rosh Hashanah Shachrit Service

Shofar service

*Weather permitting, a Kiddush picnic luncheon and Tashlich
will follow the service at Lake Raystown;*

*in case of inclement weather,
a Kiddush luncheon will take place at the synagogue.*

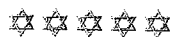


Friday, September 13

7:00 PM

Kol Nidre

Please note early time – Kol Nidre must be chanted before sundown.



Saturday, September 14

9:30 AM

Yom Kippur Shachrit Service

5:30 PM

Concluding Service and *havdalah*

A Kosher dairy Break-the-Fast will follow concluding services.