

**CSH Community Shabbat Dinner
Friday, July 23rd
Sponsored by
Joyce Silver and Carol Steinberg**

following Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:30pm
at the home of Rabbi Jan Uhrbach
258 Redwood Road (directions below)

RSVP by Tuesday, July 20

~~~~~  
**Tisha B'Av, Monday, July 20th  
Ma'ariv and the chanting of Eicha at 8:30 pm**  
Old Whalers Church -- Bring Flashlights

Tuesday Night -- Mincha / Ma'ariv 8:00 pm  
258 Redwood Road

Please help ensure a minyan both Monday and Tuesday

~~~~~  
We are pleased to announce that
Michlean Amir is returning to CSH for her 5th annual "literary seminar."

**Brunch and Discussion
Sunday, July 25 at 11:00 am
Lenore Weitzman's home**

If you would like to participate, please

R.S.V.P. to Lenore by Wed, July 21

Lenore.Weitzman@cox.net
(or 631-324-3343).

She will send you a map and directions.

This year, we will discuss three short stories representing:

- a traditional author -- Dvorah Baron's "Sunbeams";
- a best-selling modern author -- Ruth Almog's "Shrinking"; and
- the cutting edge of modern writing -- Orly Castel-Bloom's, "Umami Fi Shur"

A copy of these stories is attached. If for any reason you are unable to download or print the file, please let Lenore know and she will be sure you receive a hard copy of the texts.

The first reading did not scan very well but the next two should be easy to read

~~~~~  
**FINDING OUR WAY TO THE HIGH HOLY DAYS**

A Day of Learning about Our Tradition and Ourselves  
in Preparation for the Yamim Noraim  
**with Rabbi Edward Feld and author Merle Feld**

**Sunday August 8**

WHY WORDS?

Teaching and Discussion with Rabbi Edward Feld, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Monday August 9**

DISCOVERING TODAY'S VOICES, REDISCOVERING TRADITIONAL TEXTS

Study with Rabbi Edward Feld, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

PREPARING FOR AWE: HIGH HOLY DAY WARM-UPS AND STRETCHES

A Personal Writing Workshop with Merle Feld, 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

**Please RSVP as soon as possible, and no later than July 26**

Candle Lighting Friday, July 16 8:03 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm

Shabbat Morning, Services 9:30am

*Shabbat Chazon -- Shabbat before Tish'a B'Av (Shabbat of Prophecy/Shabbat of Vision)*

Old Whaler's Church

Kiddush sponsored by: **The Birnbaum Family**

Last week's Kiddush was sponsored by Lorraine and Herb Schottenfeld

**This week's Torah reading:** Parashat Devarim

**Annual (Deut. 1:1-3:22): Etz Hayim p. 981**

**Triennial (Deut. 2:31-3:22): Etz Hayim p. 994**

**Haftarah (Isaiah 1:1-27): Etz Hayim p. 1000**

**Musings on Parashat Devarim** -- In this week's parasha (Devarim), Moshe quotes the spies as saying (1:28), "We saw the Bnei Anakim"

Who or what are the Anakim mentioned here? Is it simply "giants" as the term means in Modern Hebrew?

Tigay, in the JPS Deuteronomy, writes:

The exact meaning of "Anakites" is uncertain. Some take it as an epithet meaning "long-necked ones," based on Hebrew 'anak, עֵנָק "necklace," and its Arabic cognate meaning "neck". Others relate it to names of people or places in Canaan or across the Mediterranean containing the element 'anak or to Greek anax, "nobleman".

Let's look at each of these two theories. Klein says that anak קֵנַע originally meant either a necklace for women, or a necklace for camels (Steinberg connects עֵנָק with " - להַנְק - to strangle, choke"). From this word we get the verb לְהַעֲנִיק, which first meant "put something on one's neck" and later became "he loaded with gifts, presented." This verb only appears in Devarim 15:14, and indeed, Rashi and Ibn Ezra connect it there with the meaning of necklace. In modern Hebrew, a ma'anak מְעַנֵּק is a grant.

As far as the Greekanax (or wanax), we find that Homer frequently used the term in the Iliad, for example in the name Astyanax - meaning "prince of the city".

<http://www.balashon.com/search/label/Parashat%20Devarim>

~~~~~

Meam Loez, (commentary on the Bible, originally written in the Ladino language in Constantinople by Rabbi Yaakov Culi, one of the greatest Sephardic sages) **enumerates the seven names for giants**:

Giants are called by seven names:

- 1) Eymim - Because anyone who looked at them would be filled with terror (Eymah)
- 2) Refaim - Because when one heard their voices, his heart would melt and become soft (Rafah) like wax.
- 3) Gibborim - Literally "the mighty ones" because of their strength and power
- 4) Zamzumim - Because they were always prepared for battle, constantly armed like warriors; this armor would rattle and scrape (zamzem)
- 5) Anakim - because they could eclipse (anak) the sun
- 6) Nefilim - because they were so tall that they appeared to be falling (nafal)/ [Additionally, aborted infants in Hebrew are called "nefalim", suggesting that to hide the shame of illegitimate children, a drug was used to abort the babies. And thus Genesis 6:4 could literally be read "the aborted infants were in the earth..." Meam Loez also suggests a play on words that normal women mated with the giants, but were not able to have their large children, and thus the children were aborted.]
- 7) Avim - They were experts in all types of soil, knowing which is best for figs, and which is best for olives. This they could discern both by tasting the soil and by smelling it. (Related to the Aramaic word "Aviyah" meaning snake - as a snake was cursed to "eat the dust").

<http://www.basicsofjudaism.com/midrash-secrets/giants>

Musing on Tisha B'Av

This Tuesday we will be commemorating Tisha B'Av (9th Av) by observing various mourning rituals. The following are nine examples of atrocities experienced by the Jewish people on the 9th Av.

- 1) The incident of the spies slandering the land of Israel with the subsequent decree to wander the desert for 40 years.
- 2) The destruction of the first Temple in Jerusalem by Nevuchadnetzar, King of Babylon.
- 3) The destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 CE.
- 4) The fall of Betar and the end of the Bar Kochba revolt against the Romans 65 years later, 135 CE.
- 5) The Jews of England expelled in 1290.
- 6) Pope Urban II declared the First Crusade. Tens of thousands of Jews were killed, and many Jewish communities obliterated.
- 7) The Jews of Spain were expelled in 1492.
- 8) World War One broke out on Tisha B'Av in 1914 when Russia declared war on Germany. German resentment from the war set the stage for the Holocaust.
- 9) On Tisha B'Av, deportation began of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto.

<http://www.limmud.org/publications/tasteoflimmud/5768/Devarim/>

~~~~~

**Yom Huledet Sameach** (belated)  
Harriett Benkov

**Donation**

Judge Selma Schindler made contribution in memory of Beverly Jablons

**End Quote**

**At any moment  
I could start being a better person...  
But, which moment should I choose?**

~ Ashleigh Brilliant - author, artist ~

**RSVP CHECK LIST**

- ✓ **CSH Shabbat Dinner / July 23**
- ✓ **A Day of Learning about Our Tradition and Ourselves  
in Preparation for the Yamim Noraim**

**Shabbat shalom.**

Stacy

Stacy Menzer  
President  
The Conservative Synagogue  
Of the Hamptons  
PO Box 1800  
East Hampton, NY 11937  
631 725 8188  
[www.synagoguehamptons.org](http://www.synagoguehamptons.org)

Directions to  
Home of Rabbi Jan Uhrbach  
258 Redwood Road

*From East Hampton and points east (via Route 114)*

Take Route 114 north to Sag Harbor. Turn left on Union Street (there is a restaurant on the near left corner called Cilantro's). Turn left onto Main Street. Turn right onto Glover Street (directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

*From Sagaponack or Wainscott (via Sagg-Main)*

Take either Sag Harbor Tpke or Sagg-Main Street into Sag Harbor. Turn left on Union Street. Take the first left onto Main Street. Turn right onto Glover Street (directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

*From Bridghampton (via Bridge-Sagg Pike)*

Take the Sag Harbor Tpke into Sag Harbor. Turn left onto Glover Street (just past Canio's Bookstore and directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

*From Watermill (via Scuttle Hole Road)*

From 27, turn left onto Scuttle Hole Road. Stay on Scuttle Hole Road until the end, then turn left onto the Sag Harbor Turnpike. Take the Sag Harbor Turnpike all the way into Sag Harbor, and turn left onto Glover Street (just past Canio's Bookstore and directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

*From Southampton, West Hampton, and points west*

Take 27 (Montauk Hwy) east. Turn left at the large green sign pointing toward Sag Harbor (just past East End Clambakes). This will be Sandy Hollow Road. Turn left at the first light onto North Sea Road. Take North Sea Road to Noyack Road – turn right onto Noyack Road, following the signs to Sag Harbor. Turn left onto Long Beach Hwy. Turn right onto South Ferry Road at the traffic circle (sign will say Route 114 South). Cross the bridge into Sag Harbor. Turn right onto Main Street (opposite the windmill and the wharf). Go straight along Main Street past the stores. Toward the end of the stores there is a fork in the road (at the monument and Allen Schneider realty); bear right to stay on Main Street. Turn right onto Glover Street (directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

*From Southampton, West Hampton, and points west - Alternate*

Take 27 (Montauk Hwy) east. Turn left at the large green sign pointing toward Sag Harbor (just past East End Clambakes). This will be Sandy Hollow Road. Turn left at the first light onto North Sea Road. Take North Sea Road for a very short distance, and make a right onto North Sea Mecox Road. Take that to the end, then turn left on Seven Ponds Road. At the end of Seven Ponds there is a stop sign, and fork in the road. Take the middle path (always a good idea anyway), onto Lower Seven Ponds Road. Make a left at the end of the road onto Head of the Pond Road, and bear right at the next fork, staying on Head of the Pond. Stay on Head of the Pond Road until the end (it will curve and turn a fair amount, then take a left turn on Scuttle Hole Road. Stay on Scuttle Hole Road until the end, and turn left onto the Sag Harbor Turnpike. Take the Sag Harbor Turnpike all the way into Sag Harbor, and turn left onto Glover Street (just past Canio's Bookstore and directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

**PARKING**

You may park in the driveway, or on the street, but please be particularly careful of the neighbors' driveways. There is also a small public parking area on the right side of Redwood Road, just past the marina and directly opposite the left turn onto Cove Road. It is then a very short walk to the house.