

**There is no Kabbalat Shabbat service this Friday, June 4th**

Rabbi Uhrbach is away this Shabbat, but will be back next week.

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**CSH Community Shabbat Dinner**  
**Friday, June 11**  
**Sponsored by Rana & David Silver**  
In honor of  
**ED GOTBETTER**

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

**RSVP by Monday, June 7 for dinner**

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**Looking for a few good people to sponsor Kiddush on Shabbat morning  
throughout the summer!**

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**Not to be missed!**  
**The Southampton Rose Garden**  
(adjacent to the Rogers Memorial Library)  
The roses are starting to bloom.

Friday June 4, 2010     **Candle Lighting 8:00pm**

**Shabbat Morning 9:30**  
Old Whalers Church  
Union Street, Sag Harbor

**This week's Torah reading: Shelach Lecha**  
Annual (Num. 13:1-15:41): Etz Hayim p. 840; Hertz p. 623  
Triennial (Num. 15:8-15:41): Etz Hayim p. 851; Hertz p. 631  
Haftarah (Joshua 2:1-24): Etz Hayim p. 856; Hertz p. 635

Birchat Hachodesh Tammuz

**Musings on Shelach Lecha** ... "*Shelach*" ["Send out"] contains the famous story of the spies sent out to scout the land of Israel and the aftermath, resulting in most Israelites doomed to death in the desert. It also includes the passage about wearing of fringes [tzitzit] (Bamidbar/Numbers 15:38), well-known as the final portion of the Shema reading in most siddurim.

There are some very subtle wordings in this week's portion that need to be parsed in order to understand the deeper meaning. A first hint is given in the word following "shelach." This word is "lecha." This literally means "for yourself." God gave Moses permission to send spies if Moses needed reassurance. The word used for the spies is "regelem." Regel is a foot. They are literally "walkers." The Hebrew used for "to spy" is "yeturu." It is from the root word "tur", to explore. It is used 12 times in this parasha alone, yet only ten times in the rest of the entire Torah. They are told to "look" (u'reitem ) at the land. One of the spies is Hosea bin Nun. He is later given the name Joshua by Moses by adding the letter Yud.

Note the Hebrew "bin" for "son of" instead of the usual "ben." Nachmanides of 13th century Spain said this is foreshadowing. Joshua's role by calling him "Binun" (wise one) which is from the root word Binah which means understanding. Joshua was one of the two positive spies. The Midrash says that Joshua's new Yud came from the Yud that God took from Sarai's name when he renamed her Sarah. Moses knew that Hosea would need God's help, Rashi says, in dealing with his fellow spies, so Moses renamed him with a name meaning "may God save you."

<http://www.zimbio.com/The+Torah/articles/6752557/RABBI+ARTHUR+SEGAL+JEWISH+SPIRITUALITY+JOY>

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According to the Talmud (Sotah 34b) and the midrashim, the scouts' greatest sin was the fact that they maligned the land, God's treasured possession.... According to Medieval Spanish exegete Moses Nachmanides, the sin committed by the scouts was the fact that they over-reacted to their own fear. As leaders of their clans they should have tried to encourage the people, rather than inspire fear.

According to the Chassidic masters the sin of the scouts was the fact that they were not prepared for real life, for a life of action, of doing good deeds and keeping the commandments once they had settled in the land. In the desert they lived an ideal life, in which they did not need to take responsibility. They were punished for their refusal to take responsibility for their lives, and to be full partners of God in the establishment of a better world.

[http://www.liberaljudaism.org/writtenword\\_thoughts\\_shelach\\_lecha\\_KdMM.htm](http://www.liberaljudaism.org/writtenword_thoughts_shelach_lecha_KdMM.htm)

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One of the ways in which the spies described Israel was "a land that devours its inhabitants" [Bamidbar 13:32]. The Talmud [Sotah 35a] tells us that this refers to the fact that as the spies passed through the land, going from place to place and from city to city, they saw huge funeral processions wherever they went. Having seen death everywhere, they came back with the conclusion, that this must be a land that devours its inhabitants.

The Steipler Rav, zt"l, in his work Birchas Peretz offers a beautiful insight: This incident illustrates a time-honored truth -- a person sees what he wants to see, he hears what he wants to hear, and he believes what he wants to believe. One person can see a certain incident and look at it objectively and come out with one conclusion and another person can see the same incident and come to a totally different conclusion. Our Sages tell us that the spies walked into the Land of Israel with a jaundiced eye. They had their own agenda.

The Ba'al HaTurim states they were worried that when they came into Israel there would be a new order and they would lose their positions of prominence. Therefore they went in with a negative approach to the whole idea of entering Eretz Yisroel. They should have looked at the funerals and said, "Look at this amazing Divine Providence. Look at how G-d is protecting us!

Here we are spies and spies are always worried about being detected, so G-d caused the people to be distracted and preoccupied with the funerals so that we won't be noticed. What Hashgocha protis!" They should have seen this and recognized that if G-d offers such protection to the expeditionary force, He would certainly offer Divine protection to the entire Jewish nation. That's how they should have seen it objectively, if they didn't have their own agenda. But because of their agenda they looked at these events and said "Amazing- everyone is dying -- it must be a country that devours its inhabitants."

<http://www.torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5758/shlach.html>

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**The poetess Chana Andler wrote in her poem "Shelach":**

"Twelve spies went out  
To view the Promised land.  
Only two returned.  
The rest were lost along the way,  
Prey to doubt and indecision,  
The certainty  
That they were little men,  
Too small to face the future  
God might ask.  
Their bones were left  
Behind in the desert  
To bleach away their fear.  
A stern reminder  
Of the consequences  
Of little faith.

How often do we  
Play out this drama,  
Measuring what can be  
By what has been before?  
We see the front  
That others wear,  
The illusion of perfection,  
And judge ourselves  
Inadequate to the task,  
Incapable of achieving  
Such heights of glory.  
They are giants  
To our children's eyes,  
Puffed with virtues  
We cannot possess.

But what in truth  
Was ever asked of us  
That we could not survive  
Were we only  
To hold our ground  
And let the Spirit  
Carry us along?  
It's folly to gauge our strength  
Against the gods and monsters  
We create to undermine our dreams.

To judge our soul's potential  
By the small amount  
We can perceive.

Twelve spies went out  
To view the Promised Land,  
But only two returned.  
May we find our way out  
And back again,  
Untouched  
By what we think  
We see."

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**On the Calendar -- June 19th**

We are invited to Temple Adas Israel for Mincha and Seudah Shlishit on Saturday, June 19 at 5:00 PM, to honor Rabbi Minna Bromberg on the occasion of her ordination.

**August 13th -14th**

Zvi Gitelman returns to CSH. Maybe he'll talk about the "Litvak-Galitsianer Wars" and/ or "the history of the Jews in Russia."

**End Quote**

"Bless us with the fruits of understanding." *Mishkan T'filah*.

The lesson which life constantly repeats is to 'look under your feet.' You are always nearer to the divine and the true sources of your power than you think.  
The lure of the distant and the difficult is deceptive.  
The great opportunity is where you are.  
Do not despise your own place and hour.  
Every place is under the stars.  
Every place is the center of the world.

John Burroughs -- American Author and Naturalist

**Shabbat shalom.**

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Directions to

Home of Rabbi Jan Uhrbach  
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*From East Hampton and points east (via Route 114)*

Take Route 114 north to Sag Harbor. Turn left on Union Street (there is a deli on the near left corner called Madison Market). 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.