SUMMER 2026

Congregation Shirat HaYam

Weekly Friday **Shabbat Services** at *6:00pm* at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House (11 Orange Street) **(**NEW LOCATION**)**, with oneg following *6:45 - 7:00 pm* (when there is no speaker), unless otherwise noted. All are welcome in peace.
Saturday Study Sessions are held when noted below at *9:30am* for coffee and "schmooze" and *10:00 - 11:00am* for study.

From *September 11 – 21*, ticket-free **High Holy Day Services** will be conducted by Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor & Cantorial Soloist Elliot Levine.

All programs and activities will gather in-person and require registration / RSVPs in advance (excluding weekly services). Some will also be available online.
Details will be provided in emails and on our website at **www.shirathayamnantucket.org**.

If you have any questions, please contact us at **admin@shirathayamnantucket.org** or **508-228-6588**.

ONGOING (details TBA)	
May 24 - Aug 30	**Bike Group** *meets at the beginning of Milestone Road at the picnic benches,* **every Sunday at 9:00am**
Jun 24 - Aug 26	**Mah Jongg** *meets at the Nantucket Hotel & Resort, 77 Easton St,* **every Wednesday, 2:00 - 4:00pm**
Jun 23 - Aug 25	**Pickleball** *meets at Nantucket Racquet Sports Association, 82 Hinsdale Road,* **every Tuesday morning, time TBA**
MAY	
Fri, May 22 Reception: 5:00pm Services: 6:00pm	**Welcome Back Pre-Services Reception**, *Unitarian Universalist Meeting House Garden, 11 Orange Street.* **Shabbat Services** *led by* **Ross Silverstein.**
Fri, May 29	**Shabbat Services** *led by* **Harry Mintz.**
JUNE	
Fri, Jun 5	**Shabbat Services** *led by* **Harry Mintz.**
Fri, Jun 12, 6:00pm	**Communal Shabbat Dinner** *open to all past, present and prospective members. Location: Private home TBA.* **Shabbat Services** *led by* **Darren Sukonick**.
Fri, Jun 19	**Challah Pick Up** *at Shabbat services (complimentary); sign-up info TBA.* **Shabbat Services** *led by* **Ross Silverstein.**
Fri, Jun 26	**Mark Oppenheimer** *will speak on: Jews and the Midterm Elections: The various ways that antisemitism, Judaism, and Israel are being used—and misused—by politicians in the run-up to the 2026 elections. Mark teaches at the Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University in St. Louis and is editor of their online journal Arc: Religion, Politics, Et Cetera. He recently published a critically acclaimed biography of Judy Blume.* **Shabbat Services** *led by* **Peter Kahn.**
Sat, Jun 27, 9:30-11:00am	**Morning Coffee and Conversation** *with* **Mark Oppenheimer**, *private home TBA.*
JULY	
Fri, Jul 3	**Shabbat Services** *led by* **Darren Sukonick.**
Fri, Jul 10	*Join us after services for a conversation with* **Niki Russ Federman** *and* **Josh Russ Tupper, co-owners** *of* **Russ & Daughters**, *led by Liz Weiss, followed by a special* **Oneg** *featuring Russ & Daughters goodies. We are also pleased to welcome visiting rabbinical candidate,* **Rabbi Amy Cohen**, *who will lead* **Shabbat Services**.
Sat, Jul 11 Reception: 5:00-7:00pm Havdalah: 7:00-7:15pm	**Russ & Daughters Food Festival: Reception, Culinary Demonstration and Tastings**, *followed by* **Havdalah** *led by* **Rabbi Amy Cohen.** *Private home TBA.*
Thu, Jul 16, 5:00-7:00pm	**Summer Book Club** *hosted by the Membership Engagement committee, where we will discuss* ***Heart of a Stranger*** *by* **Rabbi Angela Buchdahl**. *Location TBA.*
Fri, Jul 17 Coffee: 9:30am Services: 6:00pm	**Coffee with Clergy**, *with* **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor:** *Has the Golden Age of American Jewry Come to an End? Location TBA.* **Shabbat on Fisherman's Beach** *on Fisherman's Beach***, with Shabbat Services** *led by* **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor.**
Sat, Jul 18, 9:30am	**Shabbat Shmooze & Study,** *discussion led by* **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor**, *private home TBA.*
Fri, Jul 24	**Leonard Greenberg Scholar in Residence Program. Prof Deeana Klepper** *is a Professor in the Departments of Religion and History at Boston University with a focus on medieval identities, cultures, and interreligious encounters. Topic: A Secret Sephardi Diaspora: "Crypto-Jews" under Spanish & Portuguese Colonial Rule.* **Challah Pick Up** *at Shabbat services (complimentary); sign up info TBA.* **Shabbat Services** *led by* **Peter Kahn**.
Sat, Jul 25 - Sun, Jul 26 Coffee: 9:15am Program: 10:00am-12:00noon	**Scholar in Residence Program** *continues with* **Prof Deeana Klepper.** *Saturday's topic: Little Shuls on the Prairie: Jewish Homesteading on the US and Canadian Plains; Sunday's topic: Twentieth-Century Jewish Immigration: Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Mizrahi dynamics across the Americas. Locations and details TBA.*
Sat, Jul 25 Reception: 5:00pm - 7:00pm	**Cocktail Conversation with Nova Festival Survivor Lior Auvgang.** *Join Nova Music Festival survivor and former IDF combat paramedic* **Lior Auvgang** *for an evening of personal reflection, resilience, and hope. Private home TBA.*
Mon, Jul 27 Reception: 5:00pm Speaker: 6:00pm	**Michael Oren** *has had a long and distinguished career — as Israel's ambassador to the US, member of Israel's Knesset and spokesman for the IDF. Michael will speak on* ***Israel at a Crossroads: Innovation, Resilience and Global Leadership***. **Wine and Cheese** *in the Unitarian Meeting House garden followed by Michael Oren.*

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JULY (continued)

Fri, Jul 31 Coffee: 9:30am Services: 6:00pm	**Coffee with Clergy**, *with* **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor:** *The Art of the Argument- what Jewish sources teach about difficult discussions. Location TBA.* **Shabbat on the Beach** *on Jetties Beach, with* **Shabbat Services** *led by* **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor**.

AUGUST

Sat, Aug 1, 9:30am	**Shabbat Shmooze & Study,** *discussion led by* **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor**, *private home TBA.*
Fri, Aug 7	**Shabbat Services** *led by the* **Women of Shirat HaYam.**
Fri, Aug 14	**Lorenzo Vidino** *writes on Islamism in Europe and North America, with a special focus on the Muslim Brotherhood. Since June 2015, he has been the Director of the Program on Extremism at The George Washington University.* **Shabbat Services** *led by* **Harry Mintz. Challah Pick Up** *at Shabbat services (complimentary); sign-up info TBA.*
Sat, Aug 15, 9:30-11:00am	**Morning Coffee & Conversation** *with* **Lorenzo Vidino**, *private home TBA.*
Mon, Aug 17, 5:00-7:00pm	**Summer Book Club** *hosted by the Membership Engagement committee. Book and Location TBA.*
Thu, Aug 20, 10:00am	**Family Beach Biology Field Trip** *led by* **Maria Mitchell Association**, *with ice cream following, meet at Low Beach parking lot.*
Fri, Aug 21 Coffee: 9:30am Services: 6:00pm	**Coffee with Clergy**, *with* **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor:** *Antisemitism, Anti-Judaism, Anti-Israel, Anti-Zionism: the meaning behind the expressions, and how to counter/respond to them. Location TBA.* **Shabbat on the Beach** *on Jetties Beach, with* **Shabbat Services** *led by* **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor.**
Sat, Aug 22, 10:00am	**Lyla Hudson's Bat Mitzvah** *at the Unitarian Meeting House*. **Light luncheon** *following, open to all members of the community at the Nantucket Culinary Centre.*
Fri, Aug 28 Meeting: 5:45 - 6:00pm Services: 6:00pm	**Annual General Meeting** *of Members of the Congregation.* **Rochelle Walensky**, *Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, will speak after services. Dr. Walensky is an infectious disease specialist who served as the Director of US Centers for Disease Control.* **Shabbat Services** *led by* **Elliott Pollack**.
Sat, Aug 29, 5:00-7:00pm	**Reception** *with* **Rochelle Walensky**, *private home TBA.*

SEPTEMBER

Fri, Sep 4, 5:30pm	**Tikkun Olam Shabbat on the Porch**, *with a* **Reception** *followed by* **Shabbat Services** *led by* **Peter Kahn**, *private home TBA. We will be packing bags at the event that will provide monthly personal hygiene products for one person; bags may be sponsored, with a suggested donation of $36 per bag.*
Fri, Sep 11, 7:30 - 9:00pm	**Erev Rosh Hashanah Services**
Sat, Sep 12 Services: 9:30 - 12:00 noon Lunch: 12:30pm Tashlik: 3:00pm	**Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Services** **Rosh Hashanah Lunch**, *Luncheon $50 for adults and $30 for children. Location TBA.* **Family Tashlik at Brant Point Lighthouse**
Sun, Sep 13 Services: 10am - 12noon	**Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Services**
Tues, Sep 15 4:00 - 6:00pm	**Shmooze & Study** *led by* **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor:** *Avinu Malkaynu: Our Father, Our King — What About No Kings? Private home, location TBA.*
Thu, Sep 17 Movie: 5:00pm Dinner following	**Movie Night** *presenting "The Road Between Us: The Ultimate Rescue" at the Dreamland Studio Theatre, 17 S. Water St. Details TBA.* *Followed by* **Movie Night Dinner**, *at Lemon Press, 41 Main St. Movie complimentary. Dinner $60 for members and their guests.*
Fri, Sep 18	**Shabbat Services** *led by* **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor**.
Sat, Sep 19 9:30am	**Shabbat Shmooze and Study Session** *led by* **Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor:** *Explore what the High Holy Day liturgy teaches us about seeking forgiveness, where forgiveness comes from, and what it means to be forgiven. Private home, location TBA.*
Sun, Sep 20, 7:30 - 9:30pm	**Kol Nidre Services**
Mon, Sept 21 Services: 9:30 - 12:30pm Study Session: 3:00 - 4:30pm Neilah: 5:30 - 6:30pm Break the Fast: 6:45pm	**Yom Kippur Services** **Study Session (including Jonah and the Whale)**, *Location TBA* **Neilah** **Break the Fast**, *The Westmoor Club, 10 Westmoor Lane*
Tue, Sep 22, 11:30am	**Seventh Annual Shirat HaYam Golf and Lunch Event**, *Lunch at 12:00 pm and 9 holes of golf following. Register & pay by August 29.*
Fri, Sept 25, 6:00pm	**Shabbat in the Sukkah,** *location TBA.* **Shabbat Services** *led by* **Harry Mintz.**