

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



*The congregation of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue in Amsterdam saved their precious artifacts from the Nazis during WWII by secreting them high on the meter-wide rafters of the ceiling. The Synagogue's somewhat austere appearance seems almost modern in design, but it remains today exactly as it was built in 1675, without heat or electric lights.*

**Sunday Service of Worship  
April 23, 2023 – A Holocaust Remembrance Service  
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

THE LIGHTING OF MEMORY CANDLES

Traditionally, the number is 12 million people who perished in the Holocaust, but we now believe that the number is closer to 18 million. Only God knows how many people we remember this morning.

This candle is lit in memory of 6 million Jews.

This candle is lit in memory of 5 million Soviet citizens.

This candle is lit in memory of 3.3 million Soviet POWs.

This candle is lit in memory of 2 million Polish citizens.

This candle is lit in memory of 1 million Romani, also called Gypsies.

This candle is lit in memory of 250,000 disabled persons.

This candle is lit in memory of 200,000 Freemasons.

This candle is lit in memory of 9,000 homosexuals.

This candle is lit in memory of 5,000 Jehovah's Witnesses.

This candle is lit in memory of 4,500 clergy.

This candle is lit in memory of thousands of political opponents.

This candle is lit in memory of thousands of "enemy" nationals.

This candle is lit in memory of hundreds of Africans and Asians.

This candle is lit in memory of the unnumbered and the unknown.

HYMN # 386  
AZMON

*O for a World*

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn – outcasts belong. Who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*

#### MORNING PRAYER

(Adapted from *Sidduhr Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals*)

***God, You create day and night. In the darkness, teach us to light candles. A candle is small. Not far from where it brightly flames, the darkness closes in. But candles light other candles, and light draws strength from light. Each night of life, let us add candles: the candle of hope, the candle of faith, the candle of brave deeds, the candle of freedom. We thank You for the darkness, even as we thank You for the light. Amen.***

#### GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

#### LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, You have touched us with Your healing power, and dulled the pain that may never go away by giving us hope when we felt hopeless.

***With truly grateful hearts, we thank You, O Lord.***

As we remember those who died so tragically, we also remember those who stepped forward to fight against the evil of the Holocaust, some of whom made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives.

***We remember with thanksgiving, O Lord.***

As we look forward, O God, we realize the stark reality that genocide still exists in this world. Help us, as a human race, to place our hope and our trust in You.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Guide and inspire us and our leaders to make wise decisions for our future, for the world, and for its people. Keep us from looking the other way when we see injustice, false righteousness, arrogant pride, and prejudice. Unite us to champion justice, peace, and freedom.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

You alone know what hurts remain among Your people. Send Your healing Spirit. Comfort those who still mourn. Bring us all to the fullness of health and joy that comes with Your love.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of All Creation, Author of All Good, Faithful Provider of All Our Needs, to You we give our praises, our prayers, and our thanksgiving on this day of remembrance. All honor and glory be Yours, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever,

***Amen.***

All this we pray in Jesus' name, saying, ***Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY      *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Adapted from *Sidduhr Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals*)

***How shall we thank You, O God, for our blessings? Let us share our bread with the hungry; let us not turn away from the needy: clothe the naked and shelter the homeless, help those who have no help. Let us not take our blessings for granted; let us share them with others, with thanks. We sing a new song for***

*You, Adonai. Where the faithful gather, let us praise You. Your love endures forever. Let us share that love with our life. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 46:1-11  
Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON

Rabbi Gadi Capela

HYMN

*When in Awe of God's Creation*

HYFRYDOL

*When in awe of God's creation, we view Earth from outer space.  
This mysterious, floating marble, strewn with clouds and bathed in grace.  
How can we not pause in wonder, seeing Earth as one and whole?  
As we heal our proud divisions, may earth's healing be our goal.*

*Blue and tan, with lace clouds swirling, flung in space and circling there,  
Habitat for myriad creatures meant for land and sea and air!  
Must we draw our lines of hatred marking nation, class, and race?  
God, forgive us, we entreat You, for all pride of self and place.*

*Living now, this is the picture we no longer can deny,  
For we see no angry boundaries when our view is from the sky.  
Rivers, deserts, forests, snowfields, oceans, lakes, and mountains too,  
But no fences built for barring you from me or me from you.*

*Now we face the unknown future, challenged by the work at hand.  
Still the God of all creation summons us with one command:  
"Love each other!" will we do it? "Love each other!" Wars might cease!  
"Love each other!" Justice follows. "Love each other!" There is peace!*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, we are family.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE**

### **Welcome Rabbi Gadi Capela**

Today, we honor the memory of the Children of God who perished in the Holocaust in the years leading up to and during World War II.

We have invited Rabbi Gadi Capela to be our guest speaker this morning. He has been the Rabbi of Congregation Tifereth Israel in Greenport since his ordination by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2012. Rabbi Gadi is also Past President of the East End Jewish Community Council.



Rabbi Gadi was born and raised in Israel, and moved to New York in 1995, after completing a four-year military service as a Lieutenant in a rescue unit. In 2001, he graduated from Yeshiva University, where he studied business management as well as Jewish studies. For eight years, he worked as a business analyst and project manager in the banking and consulting industries. During that time, he also completed a Master's Degree in Jewish philosophy from Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Gadi is very interested in interfaith dialogue. In 2006, he created Project Genesis, a Jewish-Christian adult education program, now taught monthly by the Rabbi and Dr. Don Russo, a friend of our church. You may listen to past lectures by Googling Project-Genesis Interfaith.

One of the things that Rabbi Gadi is most passionate about is leading annual interfaith pilgrimages to Israel. He would be delighted to have members of our church join him on his next pilgrimage, scheduled for later this year.

### **Today's Scripture Lessons**

Psalm 46 is a song of peace, that God, who is the creator of all the earth, will bring an end to war, breaking the bow and shattering the spear, and burning the shields with fire. God calls us to be still and know who God is. While the world is in an uproar and nations are falling, God calls us to be still; to trust neither in weapons nor in might, but to trust in God, who brings peace.

Matthew 11:28-30 contains a saying from Jesus to give our burdens over to him, where we will find refuge and rest. There is much suffering in the world,

much that we have to carry, but we know that we are not alone. We can give our burdens over to Jesus, and find rest in our souls.

### **A Gift from Leonora Knight**

Leonora is grateful for the way our congregation has embraced her, and would like to show her appreciation by inviting you to a recital by her piano and voice students. It will take place today, April 23, at 12:30 p.m., following Coffee Hour.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to applaud the efforts of these young musicians, and to welcome them and their parents to the fellowship of our church.

### **Celebrating Earth Day: Churchyard Clean-up**

Even though our landscapers do a wonderful job on the church grounds, there are always some extra things that need to be done.

Next Sunday, April 30, those who are willing and able are invited to bring rakes, leaf blowers, clippers, and anything else you can think of to church. We will celebrate Earth Day by doing some work on the church grounds after Coffee Hour. In case of rain, we will do our clean-up on Sunday, May 7.

Oh, and wear your “grubbies” to church!

### **Becoming a Contagious Christian Class**

Session 3 of *Becoming a Contagious Christian* will be offered to Session members on Sunday, May 7 after Coffee Hour.

However, if it rains on April 30 and we have to move cleanup day to May 7, then the BCC class will meet on April 30 instead. We'll send out an e-mail blast confirming everything as the dates draw near.

This 6-session class will be offered to the congregation in the fall. Bill Becker is the instructor. Thank you, Bill!

### **Bell Choir**

Our Bell Choir had a terrific first rehearsal last Wednesday morning. Please see Marian Adams if you are interested in joining.

### **Women's Choir**

Our Women's Choir is preparing for Music Ministries Sunday on June 11. We rehearse every Sunday in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. New members are always welcome. The ability to read music, although helpful, is not necessary, but the ability to carry pitch is essential.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

On Saturday, May 20, we will be holding a Health Fair in our CE Hall. We have twelve health-related participants signed up. Please see Bill Becker if you have ideas or suggestions. Stay tuned – there's more information to come.

### **Many Thanks**

Thank you to those who assisted with our very successful Community Yard Sale yesterday. A big thank you goes to Larry Foray for organizing this event.

### **Looking Ahead:**

We have some wonderful worship experiences coming up!

April 30: Thanking God for the Gift of the Earth (Earth Day).

May 7: "Mix It Up Sunday." Everything will be different!

May 14: Mother's Day. Bring a photo of Mom for the Communion Table!

May 28: Pentecost and Memorial Day – a Blended Service.

June 11: Music Ministries Sunday

June 18: Father's Day. Bring a photo of Dad for the Communion Table!

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