



# Carnegie Shul Chatter

## August 10, 2017



## The Big Bang?

As my favorite television show says, "It all started with a big bang!" Or did it?

We spent an enjoyable day at the Pittsburgh Zoo yesterday, and as we admired the giraffes, elephants, tigers, flamingo, rhinos, ostriches, and so many other animals, I wondered aloud how so many different species could possibly have evolved from one big bang.

I hate to argue with scientists and with Charles Darwin, but there are so many unique creatures on this Earth, that I can't imagine them all evolving from a big bang. Instead, call me old fashioned, but I see the hand of God in the creation of all of these incredible animals.

And I also believe each and every one was created for some purpose that will ultimately benefit mankind. It may be something as simple as food or clothing, but it may be that a medicine or cure for some disease may be found either directly in a species, or that species will help sustain another species that will provide the thing from which we humans will benefit, but I just can't believe that the "natural order" is a random by-product of some long ago explosion of gasses.

## The Electronic Age – and You

The world is becoming increasingly electronic, and the Carnegie Shul is joining the club. But we need information from you!

**#1** We are planning to introduce a new yearzeit notification system that will allow us to send yearzeit reminder notices via e-mail. **But we do not have e-mail addresses for many of those who receive notifications.** If you are currently receiving yearzeit notifications from the shul, please send me a message with your e-mail address and the person(s) whose yearzeits for whom you receive a reminder. You can send it to me at [mrmike7777@yahoo.com](mailto:mrmike7777@yahoo.com).

**#2** The subscriber list for the Chatter has e-mail addresses but, in many cases, not the name of the individual whose email address it is. Thus, I ask subscribers to please send me your name and e-mail address, so we might update our list.

## RSVP for Our Special Program

If you are planning to attend *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg* on August 30 (see flyer below) and have not yet done so, please RSVP, so we will have an accurate count – and plenty of free popcorn and soda ready. You can make your reservations online at [www.southhillsjewishpittsburgh.org](http://www.southhillsjewishpittsburgh.org). Or, if you prefer, email me with your name and the number of people, including yourself, who plan to attend.

Of course, when I look at an anteater with its long snout and tongue, or a giraffe with its long neck, or an elephant with its trunk and tusks, I often ask, "What was God thinking when he decided to create something that looks like that?"

But I am also sure that God knew exactly what he was doing and exactly what he had in mind for every creature that he created.

What do you think?



*What was God thinking?*

## Joys and Sorrows

Since I began editing the Chatter, I have wrestled with the issue of publishing the joys and sorrows experienced by the members of our Carnegie Shul family. I certainly do not want to omit anything significant, but I cannot possibly be aware of each joy or sorrow that occurs.

Today, I will again begin to report those events of which I am aware. Please let me know if there is anything, whether joyful or sad, that you would like me to share with our Carnegie Shul Family.

***Condolences to Dr. Evan Dreyer and his family on the passing of Mollie Marder Dreyer, Evan's mother.*** She died last Thursday at age 97. Evan is in New York sitting shiva with his father.

## Yahrzeit Plaques

Commemorate a loved one by dedicating a yahrzeit plaque in his or her memory at the Carnegie Shul. These beautiful plaques, mounted on the sanctuary walls, are lit on the loved one's yahrzeit, Yom Kippur, and days when Yizkor is recited. The names are also read aloud from the Bimah during services on the Sabbath of the yahrzeit and on Yom Kippur. To purchase a plaque, for only \$175, please email Mike Roteman at [mrmike7777@yahoo.com](mailto:mrmike7777@yahoo.com).



## Shabbat Kiddush



Each Shabbat, after services, we join together to make Kiddush and Hamotzi and to share a delicious repast. Please consider sponsoring a Kiddush as an honorarium or a memorial, for only \$36. Your sponsorship will be announced from the bimah and in the weekly Chatter. To sponsor a Kiddush, please email Mike Roteman at [mrmike7777@yahoo.com](mailto:mrmike7777@yahoo.com).



# The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg



**Wednesday, August 30**  
**7 pm**

Doors open 6:30

## The Hollywood Theater

1449 Potomac Avenue, Dormont  
Free on-street parking after 6 pm

**Free and open to the public**

Free popcorn and soda

**For tickets:**

Visit [www.southhillsjewishpittsburgh.org](http://www.southhillsjewishpittsburgh.org)

It's not just a baseball movie!

As Hitler invaded Europe, a young Jewish baseball player, Hammerin' Hank Greenberg, challenged Babe Ruth's homerun record and became an American hero.

The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg is a sometimes humorous and often nostalgic documentary about how this Detroit Tiger (and later Pittsburgh Pirate) became a beacon of hope to American Jews, who faced bigotry during the Depression and World War II, and how he became a genuine American hero.

***"You don't have to be Jewish to find it thoroughly engrossing and rewarding. You don't even have to know baseball"***  
— Jay Carr, Boston Globe



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