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FROM THE RABBI



The *Mishnah* is the first Jewish legal code following the codification of Torah itself. Scholars believe the *Mishnah* was published orally around 200, around the same time the *Haggadah shel Pesah* came together. I say published orally because it did not appear at first in manuscript form but was memorized and recited over and over, creating a foundation for the emerging rabbinical culture that filled the vacuum left by the destruction of the Holy Temple.

There is a passage in the *Mishnah* (an important one, for it found its way into the traditional siddur) which confounded me for awhile. According to the *Mishnah*, *Talmud Torah* (the study of sacred texts) is as important as the combination of honoring father and mother, deeds of loving kindness, and making peace between one another. I thought mistakenly that our sages were insulating themselves in private study at the expense of active efforts to make the world a better place.

I really did not understand that the *Mishnah* was pointing at the depth and breadth of the power of learning; the ways in which the act of learning underlies all of human culture. Indeed, without learning, we human beings could not face the ever-changing world in which we live. Of course, the plain meaning of *Talmud Torah* is learning from the collected wisdom of the Jewish people over thousands of years, enshrined in Hebrew Scriptures, the *Mishnah*, the *Talmud* and the full body of rabbinic literature. There was and continues to be much wisdom to be mined from study of such texts.

Yet I also have come to understand *Talmud Torah*, in the language of our own time, as life-long learning, the learning in which we human beings need to be engaged in order to fulfill the full potential of our humanity. In this sense, surely, *Talmud Torah* equals in importance the combination of honoring parents, doing deeds of loving kindness and seeking peace. Indeed, the way of living defined by the fulfillment of these core mitzvot (commandments) is not possible without continuous learning. Always learning provides the energy needed to be fully human.

Here at Ohavi Zedek we are committed to always

learning. Hebrew School is a major component of the synagogue. Just as well, the continued learning of our adult education programs is essential to our living full lives as Jews. I am very grateful to Roz Grossman for reviving these efforts, and to Judy Chalmer who has succeeded Roz, for continuing to bring into our congregation, through the Feen Lecture Series, teachers such as Rabbi Amy Eilberg and James Carroll. (Through the generosity of the family of A. Pearly and Edith Feen, we have had the privilege of hearing from our bimah speakers such as Chief Justice Rehnquist, Chaim Potok, Rabbi Gordon Tucker, Rabbi David Hartman, Rabbi Burt Vizotsky, Rabbi Neil Gillman, amongst others.)

Side by side with these efforts, through the generosity and leadership of Basha Brody, we have revived a Scholar-in-Residence program which each year, early in November, will ensure that our community continues to have the opportunity to learn with leading rabbis of our time. We recently had the privilege to learn with Rabbi Or Rose of Hebrew College. Please consider contacting Basha if you would like to help define next year's event.

In the coming years, my hope and trust is that members of Ohavi Zedek will become ever more conscious of the ways in which life-long learning is not an optional activity but rather the essence of who we are as human beings. The insight that learning is essential to living is at the very heart of Judaism. With the help of God, the courses sponsored by the Adult Education Committee will grow into a communal understanding of the significance of learning to the well being of Ohavi Zedek.

There is an immense storehouse of wisdom amongst the members of our congregation. For years, now, Champlain College's Dr. Robert Mayer has offered history courses which have attracted a good number of OZers. Much thanks to Bob. I hope other members, academics, physicians, attorneys, etc, will bring their learning/teaching to our Adult Ed program, so that its offerings may increase and more and more members will have the opportunity to attend their classes. *Talmud Torah* at OZ can fuel our respect for our elders, our deeds of loving kindness, and our continuous search for peace amongst ourselves and our neighbors.

~ Rabbi Joshua Chasan

FROM THE PRESIDENT



In her last message in the Voice, President Vivien Rabin Brown expressed her thanks to OZ's clergy, office and facilities staff, educators, Board members, committee chairs, and volunteers, for what she called their "amazing dedication."

Now it is time for me, on behalf of these same people, to express our deepest and most heartfelt thanks to Vivien. Over the past four years, Vivien has labored tirelessly on behalf of our community. With her warm smile and ready embrace, her breadth of acceptance and forgiving nature, she has served as a model for what is best in our community and for our aspirations to be righteous. We have all been truly blessed by her presidency. Vivien, thank you.

Needless to say, I have very large shoes to fill. For those who don't know me, the story I told in seeking reelection to the Board bears repeating. I am here, in part, because Isadore Kropsky, Rosie Pels' father, insisted that my 1953 *bris* be held at OZ, and that he would pay for it. To my financially-strapped parents, Milt and Ellie, he explained that in time, they could and would repay his generosity. They did so many times over, and in the process forged lasting and loving relationships within the OZ community. My siblings and I have created a social action fund in their names which will continue to build relationships within the OZ community and beyond, to challenge injustice and to foster human dignity.

The year ahead promises to be a momentous one. We are challenged, on one level, at the prospect of replacing our long-term rabbi. But we are buoyed in the knowledge that Rabbi Joshua has helped us understand who we are, as expressed in Tikvah 2020, "a vibrant, creative, egalitarian Conservative congregation, where everyone is welcome...[and where] righteousness of justice is grounded in our values of loving-kindness, self-respect and mutual support."

There is much for us to do, and you will be hearing regularly from our Rabbinic Search Committee, as you

will be hearing about a number of events planned to honor of Rabbi Joshua. Recognize, too, that you have an experienced and dedicated Board who will guide and assist me and all of you. My deepest thanks to Mindy Evnin for her extraordinary service on the Board during the past six years, and a warm welcome to Miriam Sturgis, who has newly joined us.

To close, I will keep you abreast of other initiatives, programs, and projects that, on a variety of fronts, will support and strengthen the bonds that bind us to OZ. Finally, taking a page from Vivien's presidency, I can and will always listen. And you have my assurance that I will strive to do my very best.

~ Jeff Potash



GEMILUT CHASADIM
Acts of Loving Kindness
We need you!

One of the most satisfying gifts you can give someone is your time. Join the G'Mach group and offer your help to OZ congregants in need.

Provide food, be a walking buddy, drive someone to the grocery store or to appointments, help with a move into a new apartment, etc.

We also need individually packaged vegetarian or dairy meals to stock our G'mach freezer at OZ.

Please contact me if you'd like to be involved.

Thank you!

~ Judy Danzig
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Safety and Security

The last six months have been very challenging for the Jewish people, from the war in Gaza to the rise of anti-Semitism around the world. For many of us younger Jews the wave of anti-Semitism circling the globe is unprecedented in our lifetimes. As attacks against Jews and Jewish institutions increase in the US and abroad we are taking the safety of our people and our congregational home very seriously.

Balancing safety and security with maintaining our sense of being an open and welcoming community is not always easy. While we know that Burlington is not New York City or Boston, and presumably the threat to Ohavi Zedek and Jews in the Burlington area is comparatively lower than in the major population centers, we also cannot afford to ignore the risk that we might be targeted because of our Jewishness. To that end, over the last several years we have taken many steps, both big and small, to improve the safety and security of our congregants and our buildings. In December that included taking the step of installing security cameras in and around OZ. The cameras are designed to monitor the exterior of OZ as well as sensitive points throughout the building. They will act as a deterrent to criminals and vandals and will aid law enforcement should there ever be a threat to people here at OZ (God forbid).

Taking common sense steps like this may not solve all our problems or eliminate all our risks. But no one makes a greater mistake than doing nothing because they can only do a little. We will continue to evaluate safety and security measures at OZ and improve however we can while striving to remain the open and friendly home away from home you all know and love. If you have questions or concerns about our security camera installation or security measures or would like to become more involved with making OZ safer, please contact me directly.

Green Team

On a happier note, 2014 was an exciting year on many different levels. As the “Numbers Guy” here

I spend a lot of time crunching data. Working on fundraising, budgets, grants and looking at the dollars and cents to keep OZ’s finances humming along (and they are!). Tracking how many people attend events and programs (a lot!). Keeping an eye on our membership numbers (growing!). And so on. This year, though, I got a new favorite number: 64,613!

It’s not the size of a donation or a budget surplus. It’s the amount of carbon dioxide (as of mid-December 2014), 64,613 lbs., that we DIDN’T pump into the atmosphere as a community as a result of our solar panel installation.

In 2014 we spent a lot of energy (of the people variety) looking at how we as a community relate to the environment. We installed a solar array that generates about half of our electricity annually. Thanks to leadership from our b’nai mitzvah students we converted our *ner tamid* to run on solar power and began composting our kitchen scraps. Our new kitchen was built with modern energy efficient appliances across the board, replacing the outdated energy hogs from the old kitchen. The Hebrew School has been piloting zero waste brunches with compostable plates, cups, napkins, etc. And our Scholar-in-Residence weekend focused our community on the deep connection between Jewish values and environmental advocacy and protection.

As an outgrowth of November’s Scholar-in-Residence weekend we are forming a Green Team at Ohavi Zedek. The purpose of the Team will be to look both at ways to continue to reduce our OZ community’s impact on the environment (as individuals at home and as a Jewish community center at OZ), while also working on broader issues in the larger non-Jewish community. A number of projects are already under consideration or in the works for 2015, including plans to build a rain garden at OZ led by our Young Judea youth group (see page 14). We hope to achieve much more, but we need your help.

We’re looking for passionate, motivated individuals who care about environmental activism and will help us leverage the strength of our community for meaningful change. If this is you, please get in touch with me to join the Green Team.

~ Peter Pelaia

PROFILE: FRAN POMERANTZ



A year ago, when the Scholar-in-Residence Committee decided on *Judaism and the Environment* as the theme for its November 2014 Shabbaton, Fran Pomerantz jumped in with both feet, volunteering to oversee the purchase and preparation of the vegetarian,

organic, local-as-possible foods for the Friday evening dinner, the Saturday morning kiddush, the snacks after the Saturday evening program, and the Sunday brunch. A daunting task, as she soon discovered! Fran has been a vegetarian for more than four decades. She loves to cook, and her garden at Pomerantz Kasper home in Richmond feeds her family all summer and during the long Vermont winter as well. And although she found that cooking for hundreds is quite different from cooking for family and friends, her efforts made the weekend a culinary success and set the bar high for succeeding SIR programs.

Fran, 58, was not always the 'country girl' she is now: born in Irvington, an industrial town in New Jersey, she grew up in nearby Newark and suburban Maplewood and Short Hills, where her mother and younger sister still reside. Her mom, of Russian descent, was born in America. Jack Pomerantz, her dad, was a native of Radzyn, Poland, born in 1918, the youngest of nine in his family. Having failed to convince his parents and siblings to flee when German planes attacked in 1939, he took off by himself in the middle of the night and made his way to Russia. Twice incarcerated and twice escaped from forced-labor camps in Siberia, he served in the Polish brigade of the Russian army, fighting in eastern Russia, Poland and Germany. His unit liberated the Majdanek concentration camp. There is a copy of his book, *Run East: Flight from the Holocaust*, in the OZ library.

Two of his brothers and one sister also survived the war. The siblings immigrated to Israel, while Jack found his way to the New York area, working first in a matzo factory in Brooklyn and later in a furniture store in New Jersey. He also worked construction on weekends and eventually achieved the American

dream as the proprietor of a successful contracting and building company, from which he retired after 45 years. He died in 2000 at the age of 82.

Having attended Milburn High School, Fran went on to American University for two years before transferring to UVM, where she graduated in 1978 with a degree in Botany and Environmental Studies. She'd fallen in love with Vermont, and she stayed on. Her first jobs, while enrolled in graduate classes in the late '70s and early '80s, were as a research lab technician in UVM's Department of Zoology and as a server at the original Ben & Jerry's in the converted gas station across from City Hall Park. It was around this time that her roommate left to get married, and Fran, seeking a new living arrangement in a vegetarian household, was steered toward a place in Hinesburg where four housemates were looking for a fifth. Keith Kasper was among the four.

"We were just housemates and friends for quite a while," Fran says, "but we found that we had a lot in common." Keith, also a native of New Jersey and a UVM graduate, shared Fran's interests in gardening, hiking and camping. They were both committed gardeners and vegetarians. And one day, while they were in the house cooking together, something clicked, and their relationship moved to a new level.

Although their housing situation was a good one, Fran's father encouraged her to invest in her own place, and when she found property she liked in Richmond, he and a friend came up one weekend to help construct a 16'x20' cabin. Fran and Keith moved into the cabin, whose amenities included electricity, telephone, an outhouse and storage shed, but no running water.

Married in 1982, Fran held a job at 4Seasons and Keith worked at Siteworks building stone walls. After injuring his back, he decided to alter his career trajectory. He applied to law schools and was accepted at Rutgers in Camden, NJ. He and Fran relocated for the three-year duration of his schooling, and she worked as the manager of a garden center. Editor-in chief of the Rutgers Law Journal as a student, Keith graduated with honors in 1987 and received several job offers in New Jersey. "My parents were pressuring us to stay there,"

Fran says, “but we were committed to returning to Vermont.”

Pregnant with their first child when they moved back, she and Keith set to work overseeing and involving themselves in the construction of a bigger home on the 20-acre property. Fran served as general contractor, and they both worked on insulating and painting. “Alex was born in February, 1988, right after we moved into the house,” Fran says, recalling with a shiver that cold winter (and that outhouse) nearly twenty-seven years ago. Shaina, born in 1990, Hannah in 1994, their dog Rusty and six chickens complete the family.

The house stands tall at the end of a long pebbled driveway, surrounded by woods and dirt trails, and offering spectacular mountain views in every direction. There is a 100 x100 ft garden with fruit trees and flowers. “We grow more food than we can use,” says Fran. “Our neighbors come over to pick, and I put up a lot of food in canning jars. We have a full freezer.” Indoors, a wood fireplace heats the cozy kitchen, dining and living space, and a workspace with a couple of looms where Fran weaves beautiful blankets, wall hangings and other items she gives as gifts. Using silk thread, she has woven a *tallit* for each of her kids for their bar/bat mitzvah.

All three of the Pomerantz Kasper kids attended elementary and middle school in Richmond, Ohavi Zedek Hebrew School and Mount Mansfield High School. They all ski; Alex and Shaina are into fencing and were competitive fencers throughout their college careers. Shaina also played lacrosse and was a cross-country runner, and Hannah did cross-country and theater. Alex went on to Brandeis and to the American University in Cairo, Egypt. He is currently working as a media news analyst for a communications firm in DC. Shaina spent her senior year of high school and an additional year at the United World College-USA in Montezuma, New Mexico, before attending Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is employed in Montpelier as a community organizer with the Toxics Action Center, a group that works to reduce environmental pollution that is a threat to health. Hannah followed in Shaina’s footsteps at MMU and at UWC. She is enrolled in the nursing program at UPenn.

Keith’s first job in Vermont was as law clerk for Judge Ernest W. Gibson in the Vermont Supreme Court. Shortly after that he joined a Burlington firm, now named McCormick, Fitzpatrick, Kasper & Burchard, with a focus on defending employers in workplace injury litigation. He is now Managing Partner of the firm. Fran has worked part-time through the years doing home sewing and as a gardener and a garden designer. More recently, in addition to weaving and gardening, she serves as a substitute teacher in the Chittenden East School district.

For many years the Pomerantz Kaspers enjoyed summer vacations with Fran’s parents at the Jersey shore; now they meet with family in Kennebunkport, Maine. They also like camping trips and have camped here and out West. Not surprisingly, there have been several trips to Israel, once with just Hannah and Fran’s parents to a cousin’s wedding, and once with the entire family several weeks. (It was on her first trip there, at the age of 15, when Fran discovered that, contrary to her mother’s insistence that meat is absolutely essential to a healthy diet, one could live healthily and happily as a vegetarian!) Tragically, one of her cousins, 20-year-old Daniel Pomerantz, a sergeant in the Golani Brigade, was killed in the recent battle in Gaza. Fran is a close observer of the situation in Israel, and her hopes for peace include the possibility that a two-state solution can still be reached.

Although they came from different religious backgrounds, Fran and Keith made the decision to maintain a Jewish household. It was when Alex was a toddler in a playgroup with other new moms and kids that Fran began to feel the loneliness of being one of few Jews in Richmond. “I wanted to reach out to other Jewish families, for myself and for our kids,” she recalls. She and Keith investigated several synagogues, including ‘pre-Joshua’ Ohavi Zedek, Temple Sinai and Beth Jacob in Montpelier, before finding their spiritual home back at OZ in the early ‘90s. The open and welcoming environment has strengthened the relationship over the years. “Rabbi Josh will always be my rabbi,” Fran says.

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HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



Welcome to 2015 and the second half of OZHS!

We recently finished up our fall semester focus on the *shmita* and now I'm really looking forward to our spring focus on Pesach!

Our students will be writing and putting together our very own OZHS *haggadah* and making seder plates, Elijah and Miriam cups and matzo covers. Together we will all celebrate at a **Mock Seder on Sunday, March 29**. This celebration will also include our annual **Diaspora Passover Tasting**, can't miss that! Studies leading up to the seder will include themes on freedom, equality and justice.

But I'm jumping ahead of myself. First, a peek at January and February! Our second **Family Friendly Shabbat** service of the year will be led by Kitah Gimmel and Kitah Hey on **Saturday, January 17**. *Parshat Vaera* will give us an opportunity to start talking about Pesach as we read in the Torah about the first seven plagues.

This year's **Hebrew School Mitzvah Day** in honor of Martin Luther King will be celebrated with Temple Sinai on **January 25**. Our theme will be *tsar baalei chaim*, or treatment of animals. Our Kitah Zayin students will present their mitzvah projects and a representative from the Humane Society will come and speak about their work. We will make goodie bags for the shelter and have a 'Pet Hall of Fame'. Should be a great opportunity for kids to learn and do a mitzvah.

January 31 brings an OZHS fundraiser – **Kids Kabaret Night!** Many of our students and staff will be sharing their talents on stage. We'll start with Havdalah and share a potluck meal during the show.

Our **Tu b'Shevat Celebration** will be on **Wednesday, February 4**. Always good to remember how important trees are in our lives.

I know it's only the beginning of the year but probably time to start thinking about the summer! Jewish camps are a great choice for your kids. The Camp and Summer Program Fair is February 8 after Hebrew School. See YJ, page 16 for more information. Come check out all the options!

Friday, February 13, we'll be trying something new, a **Friday Night Family Friendly Shabbat Service**. This will be lead by Kitah Bet and Kitah Vav, followed by a potluck dinner. Stay tuned for more details.

In addition, we will continue to have our monthly Bagel Brunch, Parent Group, Family Educator session, all-school events, Sunday Stories, Israeli Dance and weekly music, Junior Congregation and classes!

Look at all that's happening here at OZHS! You know what a great program we have here! You know what a great community we have here! Now it's time to let your friends know too! All of our all-school events and Family Friendly Shabbat services are open for them to attend. They can come any time they want to check out our classes. Remind them that they don't need to become members for their kids to attend Hebrew School and that scholarships are available. I want to share all that we have to offer with the greater Jewish community!

~ Naomi Barell



Young Judea Ofarim spent a wonderful afternoon in November making terrariums at Expressive Arts Burlington and learning about the *shmita* (sabbatical) year, recycling, and *tikkun olam* (caring for our planet). For more about YJ, see page 14.

CHAVURAH PROGRAM



As *The Voice* goes to press, the dark Kislev moon wanes and we return to months of increasing light. The Chavurah program thrives in the winter when our souls yearn for company and our bodies enter the slower Vermont hibernating season. The fall has

been a wonderful season of building community and developing the lasting bonds of new chavurot and we look forward to a winter of programming, friendship and connection.

An Autumn's Work

The **PreSchool Chavurah** created gift baskets for Thanksgiving and donated gifts during Chanukah to the King Street Youth Center.

The **Renewal Chavurah** welcomed new arrivals to town with a great Shabbat dinner and has plans for their yearly meeting to envision the year's calendar of holidays and dinners of meaningful conversation, heart-warmed holidays and singing.

In addition, the new **Arts and Culture Chavurah** had their first planning meeting around the menorahs in December. Both of these groups are inviting new members and will be publicizing their monthly events on the OZ calendar. If you would like to be on their listserv or have questions about their gatherings, please email chavurah@ohavizedek.org.

New Chavurot, Neighborhood Dinners, and Snowshoe Adventures

Sunday January 4, 2:00 pm

New Families with Babies and Toddlers Meet and Greet at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue

Do you have children under the age of two? Are you starting to think about the community rhythm of your new Jewish family? Let's meet and imagine a year of activities for our new families. Snacks provided. There are a lot of toddler and baby-friendly toys to entertain the kids while we chat! All are welcome, so please spread the word.

Saturday February 21 10:00 am

Contemplative Shabbat Ski or Snowshoe at Sleepy Hollow Cross-Country Ski Area in Hinesburg

In conjunction with UVM Hillel, this multigenerational event invites you to enjoy a day of beauty, spirit, community and invigoration. We'll meet at the lodge and travel by ski or snowshoe to a cozy cabin overlooking Camel's Hump. Warmed by woodfire, we'll sing together, break bread and raise our cups in gratitude. Since it is Shabbos, rental skis available via prearrangement. Space limited to 20. RSVP or questions, please let me know.

Do you live in Richmond or Charlotte?

Can you host a Neighborhood Shabbat Dinner?

Don't let the winter commute get you down! Stay local and meet your neighbors for a cozy Shabbat dinner.

I am looking for hosts during the snowy months to try to get at least two dinners scheduled per location between January and the end of April. As a host, you can expect some or all of the following support: reimbursement for food or materials purchased for dinner, Shabbat prayer and song sheets, staff support if requested, contact list of guests and NEW connections in your area!

Contact me if interested.

~Melanie Kessler
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RABBINICAL SUCCESSION



On December 7, at the Congregational Meeting, I updated everyone about the status of our rabbinic search.

Last year, we surveyed each congregant by phone, written survey and meetings to discern the rabbinic qualities, knowledge and experience that are most important to you. The Rabbinic Search committee took that information and developed criteria for our next rabbi. This information, as well as details about our next steps, a timeline and more will be available on our website in the near future. If you do not have access to the internet, copies will be available in the office, or let us know if you would like a copy mailed to your home.

We are currently reviewing resumes. We have received seven applications thus far, and have culled that group down to three viable candidates whom we will interview via Skype.

At this time we await additional candidates. The United Synagogue Rabbinic Assembly Placement Office has assured me that “the low number of applicants is perfectly normal at this point, as we are still early in the process and should soon see a substantially larger flow of candidates.”

As you may have heard, Rabbi Jan has withdrawn her application for candidacy for the Senior Rabbi position. Her current contract expires on June 30, and negotiations for her next contract as Assistant Rabbi are beginning soon.

At our last meeting, we discussed procedures, questions and committee member roles for the first series of Skype interviews that will take place in the next week or two.

~ Lee Lichtenstein, Search Committee Chair

Profile, Fran Pomerantz, continued from page 7

Her service to the synagogue began with a one-year fill-in position on the Board of Directors, and continued with her leadership of the Young Judeaea Tsofim and Bogrim groups, and eventual co-leadership of YJ with Miriam Sturgis. Fran is excited by the prospect of helping the YJ kids develop a rain garden as a follow-up project to the Scholar-in-Residence environmental Shabbaton. At the end of last year Miriam stepped back and Fran assumed sole leadership of the youth group. Miriam says, “I could not imagine a better colleague than Fran. Working closely with her on YJ has been such a pleasure. She is so responsible, hardworking, warm and thoughtful. These qualities also make her a wonderful friend.”

As our interview concluded and I was leaving for the grocery store, Fran noted that she hardly ever goes grocery shopping, except to pick up lettuce, a few other fresh vegetables and dairy products. Heading to her well-stocked freezer to choose something for dinner, she noted that since this is a *shmita* year, when the land is supposed to lie fallow, she and Keith have discussed holding back on their gardening this summer. “But we’ll have to see if we can control our urge to plant when the seed catalogs begin to arrive,” she sighed.

~ Judy Hershberg

DEVELOPMENT/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Over the next month I plan to revitalize Ohavi Zedek’s development/fundraising activities, and am looking for volunteers to join the committee.

This does not involve making phone calls and asking for money--it involves developing events and other programs that will be fun and help us to raise funds.

If you’re interested, please contact me at vivienrabin@gmail.com, or 802-524-5507.

Thank you,

~ Vivien Rabin Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazel Tov

- Rabbi Jan and Loreda Sola on the birth of their grandson, Tanner Ward Sola.

Condolences

- To Laura Merit on the death of her husband, Don Merit
- To Lisa Gibbons on the death of her sister, Marty Gibbons
- To Gale Golden Hartstein on the death of her husband, Gabe Hartstein
- To Jason Lorber on the death of his father, Morris Lorber

Welcome New Member

- Esther Haldene

Tree of Life

- A leaf was purchased for the Tree of Life by the OZ Board members in honor of Vivien Brown's dedicated service as OZ president

LIVING WITH THE ENEMY ISRAEL IN A CHAOTIC MIDDLE EAST

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WE STAND WITH ISRAEL



LUNCH & LEARN

In December we were reminded that international understanding among nations may indeed begin with the young! Fr. Josh Thomas, executive director of Kids4Peace, brought us up to date with the K4P program, which brings together Jewish, Christian and Muslim youth from the US and Israel.



We travel to Israel on **January 15** when **Sue Schein** reports back from the Temple Mount Sifting Project in Jerusalem. On an archaeological dig that was part treasure hunt

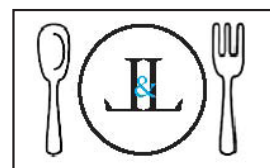
and part detective story, Sue shares with us some of the project's remarkable finds, including several pieces that corroborate actual people and places mentioned in the Torah, and together we'll explore how archaeology can play a role in establishing, or defending, notions of national identity.

Be sure to come on **February 19** for a fascinating presentation by **Paul Growald**, a dedicated pollinator conservationist. His topic: *To Bee or Not to Be: How Bees Help Produce Two of Every Three Foods We Eat!* Accompanying his talk will be clips from his Disney-produced documentary, *Wings of Life*, narrated by Meryl Streep.

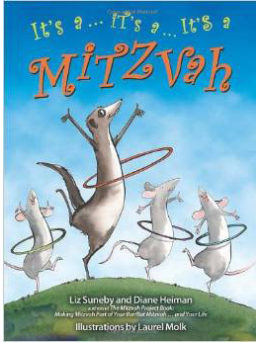


As usual, our luncheons, which are free and open to the community, feature delicious choices of salads, main dishes and desserts, topped off by Lake Champlain Chocolates, courtesy of Gary Coffey and the LCC chocolatiers. We welcome donations (\$5.00 suggested) to help defray expenses.

Upcoming L&L dates: March 19, April 16 and May 21



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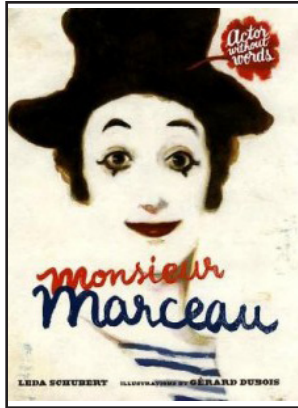
Preschoolers, Kitah Gan and Alef will be participating in Sunday Stories based on the Hebrew School theme of Martin Luther King and Mitzvot on **Sunday, January 11, 10:00-11:00 am**, in the New Children's Library in the cozy space on the stage next the Language Lab.

Please treat yourself to this wonderful book by Vermont author Leda Schubert, beautiful illustrated by Gerard DuBois.

Booklist review from Amazon.com:

This handsome picture book tells the story of Marcel Marceau, the maestro of mime. Born in France, he was 16 when WWII broke out and shifted his life. He changed his last name to hide his Jewish identity and worked with the French underground. After the war, he studied mime and created his signature character, Bip. Quotes from Marceau connect the silence of those who returned from concentration camps (where his father had died) with his own choice of silence on stage. Schubert distills his complex life story into a short, pithy text that reads aloud well. While she discusses his art and his worldwide fame, a series of images bring Marceau's movements and emotions to life on the page. Well thought out and varied in composition, DuBois' paintings illustrate the text literally while expanding it visually and emotionally, particularly in the haunting sequence of narrative scenes during the war. An afterword offers a somewhat more detailed account of Marceau's life and suggests activities for children who would like to try mime. Even readers with an unfavorable view of mime as a medium will find plenty to admire in this picture-book biography of the man behind the whiteface makeup. Grades 2-4.
~ Carolyn Phelan

I purchased a signed copy (to donate to the OZ Library, of course) of *Monsieur Marceau* from the



author at the Theatre Kavanah-sponsored event on remembering Marcel Marceau, with an entertaining and informative presentation by Circus Smirkus founder Rob Mermin, a former student and longtime friend of the famous mime.

Donations: Recently published, gently used, non-duplicate, books, DVDs and CDs with a Jewish theme are worth bringing to the library. Click wish list titles to send a book/media title to the library. The library also happily accepts financial contributions allowing specific titles that will be used by the Hebrew School, Adult Education Classes and greater Ohavi Zedek community to be purchased for the library. Please contact me for further information.

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I look forward to seeing you in the library.

~ Ellen Gittelsohn
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SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

“Inspirational,” “spiritual,” “moving,” “delicious”: just a few of the adjectives heard at OZ to describe the 2014 Scholar-in-Residence program, *Judaism and the Environment*. The Shabbaton in November featured Rabbi Or N. Rose, Founding Director of the Center for Global Judaism, and environmental activist and performer Kathryn Blume, with musical presentations by Rabbi Jan, fellow musicians Gabriel Shapiro and Colin Henkel, and singers Aaron Goldberg and Julia Walsh. Heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the tremendous success of the weekend!



The Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton Committee would like to thank all those who donated to this event. Committee members are: Basha Brody Chair; Naomi Barell, Rabbi Joshua Chasan, Judy Danzig, Kathy Guevara, Judy Hershberg, Miriam Mayer, Peter Pelaia, Fran Pomerantz, Judy Rosenstreich and Rabbi Jan Salzman

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to Fran Pomerantz, Keith Kasper, Judy Danzig, Ducky Donath, Jeff Potash, Rose Pels and Kathy Guevara and her staff for their tireless hours in the kitchen preparing, cooking, serving and cleaning up. Others who helped with this weekend are the following vendors: Jack Lazor, Butterworks Farm; Bob and Betsy Lesnikoski, Vermont Cranberry Company; Jim and Cory Giroux; Eric Andrus; David Zuckerman, Full Moon Farm; Gary Coffey, Lake Champlain Chocolates; Cold Hollow Cider; Eugenie Doyle, Last Resort Farm; Greg Soll, Sol Fresh Farm; Steve Colangeli, Paradiso Farm; Ken and Gail Albert, Shelburne Vineyards.

Thanks also to Raul Guevara, Peter Pelaia, Tari Santor and the office staff, Rabbi Joshua Chasan, Rabbi Jan Salzman, Religious Committee, Social Action Committee, especially Eric and Karen Corbman, and the entire Scholar-In-Residence Committee.

YOUNG JUDAEA NEWS



We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Chanukah holiday.

BOGRIM (8th - 12th grade)

In November, we took part in the wonderful Scholar-in- Residence program here at OZ with Rabbi Or Rose and presented our idea

of creating a rain garden to help keep the run-off from the roof of our synagogue out of the Winooski River. Plans are underway! We hope to finish this project on **OZ's Mitzvah/J Serve Day on May 17**. We'll be looking for volunteers interested in learning about rain gardens to prevent polluting storm water from entering into our beautiful Vermont waterways. We will also be looking for friends to help us plant.

In December we held a "Whodunnit?" Chanukah mystery dinner. We also took part in a Shabbat morning service honoring Miriam Sturgis and YJ. After initiating and running Young Judaea here at OZ for over 17 years, Miriam stepped down from that position last spring. She's not gone far though, as she has taken a new role on the OZ Board, continuing her support for our youth and our entire community. It was a wonderful event with many old and new MAZ (youth leaders) coming and sharing how Miriam, YJ and the OZ community have impacted and affected their lives.

January 25, 1:00 - 3:30 pm. Bowling at Spare Time, 21 Lower Mountain Drive, Colchester. Cost \$10 for unlimited bowling, shoes and pizza. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Food Shelf.

February 8, 11:30 am. Annual Hamantaschen Baking

We'll have lunch and do a mitzvah by baking all the hamantaschen for Purim and putting together *mishloach manot* (Purim gift) bags. Once we're done, we'll walk around our OZ neighborhood and deliver them to the homebound in our community.

Gail Issenberg - gaili@sover.net or 985-4157

TSOFIM (5th - 7th grade)

January 11, 12:30 pm, Climbing at Petra Cliffs

See you after carpooling from the Bagel Brunch and Hebrew School, or alternately, we'll meet there. Pick up time will be 2:30 PM at Petra Cliffs, 105 Briggs Street, Burlington. Cost: \$12. Please contact me to

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RSVP and for a copy of the mandatory consent form.

February 8, 11:30 am. Annual Hamantaschen Baking (See *Bogrim*, above) With the help of parents, we can deliver to a friend or neighbor in our home community and get to take some home.

Edorah Rubin - edorah@gmavt.net or 425-4937

OFARIM (2nd - 4th grade)

In November, we spent a wonderful afternoon making terrariums and learning about the *shmita* year. (See page 8 for photo.) In December we slid into the Chanukah season with a super fun slippery skate party at Cairns Arena and celebrated with cider and Chanukah donuts.

February 8, 11:30 am. Annual Hamantaschen Baking (See *Tsofim*, above.)

Topaz Weis - topazweis@gmx.net or 862-5302

JEWISH SUMMER CAMPS AND ISRAEL PROGRAMS

WHY ISRAEL OR JEWISH SUMMER CAMP?

What's better than the activities, friendships, and communal life of traditional camps? At Jewish summer camps, Jewish values, role models, culture, traditions and heritage help campers connect to their own identity and the larger Jewish community. Jewish summer camp, or Israel programs, lay the groundwork for strong Jewish communities and can be a critical element in a young person's education. As an added benefit, Jewish summer camps are fun!

How do I pay for these programs?

There are many scholarships available locally. Do not assume you don't qualify. We don't want cost to be the reason you don't go to camp or Israel. A camp scholarship application for local scholarships is available at www.ohavizedek.org/campscholarships. Additionally, if your child has never been to Jewish camp, the Foundation for Jewish Camps (FJC), One Happy Camper Program offers need-blind grants of \$1,000 to first time campers. Learn more at <http://www.jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper/>. Additionally, BunkConnect is open to campers attending nonprofit Jewish overnight camps for the first time whose families meet income criteria. <http://www.jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper-2>. There are other need based scholarships for many camp and Israel programs.

CAMP

There are many options for Jewish summer camp. Here are a few examples: For a local Vermont Jewish summer camp experience Roots and Trails offers two Eco-Jewish camp options for girls: Tiferet Trails Wilderness Camp for girls aged 11-14 and Women Within the Wild for ages 14 and up. Young Judaea summer camps including Camp YJ Sprout Lake, NY, Camp Tel Yehudah; JCC Camp Kingswood; Eden Village Camp; Brandeis Summer High School Programs for Jewish Teens; Camp Jori; Tivnu service summer or gap year programs for older youth; and many others. When looking at summer camps, be sure to check out the camp's philosophy, activities offered, length of sessions, location, and who else you know going or alumni. Attending a camp fair is a good place to start.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! CAMP FAIR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 11:00 AM

OZ SOCIAL HALL (WITH BAGEL BRUNCH)

Here is a flavor of some of the camps which were attended by local kids over the past few summers:

6 Points Jewish Sports Academy

6 Points is a great Jewish sports camp in Greensboro, North Carolina. It's on the campus of American Hebrew Academy, which is a Jewish boarding school during the year. The camp requires that you choose a major and a minor. You do your sport major and two electives each day except Saturday. Shabbat is celebrated starting on Friday night with a nice dinner and hour long service. All the food is kosher. The thing that stands out for me in this camp is the amount of sports we play each day.

~ Louis Berlind

Camp Ramah

I am grateful for the opportunity to go to Camp Ramah. Each summer I've gained many things, friends, vocabulary, stories, skills, and so much more. The sense of community is everywhere throughout the camp, whether its singing and dancing in the cafeteria or Friday night services in the grove. Everybody gets dressed in our fancy clothes for Shabbos, we have a big camp wide service under the trees, and proceed to a wonderful dinner. We light the candles, say the prayers and are *Shomer Shabbos* (follow all the rules of Shabbat). I met my best friend there, I keep in touch with my Israeli friends and I can't wait for next summer and all it brings.

~ Abby Rosenthal

Camp Eisner

It was great to have three weeks of being with Jewish people, and learning different ways that people do different things in Judaism. I felt a big connection with all of the people around me. At camp, we would say a prayer before we ate and after we ate, and of course we would celebrate Shabbat every Friday evening. We would have the Shabbat services in an outdoor sanctuary, and each week, a different unit (age group) would lead services. On Shabbat, everyone at Eisner camp would wear a white shirt or top. Shabbat was so wonderful and peaceful.

I love the activities at Eisner camp, especially maccabiah. Maccabiah is basically color war. It was super fun! My experience at Eisner Camp was great!

~ Rae Kanarick

Camp Pembroke

At this Jewish girls camp, we have campers from all over the country and some from Israel. For me, one of the coolest parts of camp is getting to know people from all different places. The activities at camp are awesome too. Every Friday night we have Shabbat services which include songs and a delicious Shabbat dinner. On Saturday morning we get to wake up late and have services later that day. I love camp and think it's a great way to make your summer AMAZING!

~ Violet Bluestein

Young Judaea Camp Tel Yehudah

I didn't think I would ever enjoy myself as much as I did the first time I went to Camp TY but I was wrong because my second summer was even more wonderful than the first. Camp TY will always and forever be one of the most significant things in my life. I can't wait to go back in a few years as a counselor.

~ Eliana Cohen

Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake in Verbank, NY is the regional camp for 2nd-8th graders. This camp is a place where kids connect to Judaism and Israel in a very supportive and nurturing atmosphere. Of course there are sports, arts and crafts, music, dance and drama. And because it's a Young Judaea Camp, kids can re-connect with their camp friends during the year at regional Young Judaea conventions.

Camp tuition for all of these campers was partially covered by a generous scholarship from the Howard "Richie" Lazarus and Greenberg-Lopkin Jewish Camp Scholarship Funds.

ISRAEL PROGRAMS

Summer trips are run by the Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform movements and Young Judea and more. YJ offers a variety of summer programs with different focuses and some combined with visits to other countries. YJ trips offer the opportunity to hike Israel, volunteer on a community service project, and make friends from all over the world!

Check out <http://www.yjsummer.org/>. Other programs include the Israel Scouts summer program, Tzofim Chetz V'Keshet (CVK), a month long Israel Summer Program for teens and the BBYO Passport program.

BBYO Journey to Israel

I knew this was going to be a life changing experience but there was no way I could have predicted how memorable it was going to be. For several weeks, we traveled all around Israel, moving from hotel to kibbutz each night. We explored the Old City of Jerusalem, where I visited the Kotel (the Western Wall) and had my first Israeli falafel.

Some of my fondest memories in Israel were the beautiful hikes we went on. We had a scenic, but incredibly hot bike ride around Gan Hashlosha National Park, visited Tzfat, and met a Kabbalistic artist, Avraham Lowenthal, whose art is coincidentally hanging in the lounge of our synagogue. I had so many memorable experiences, like rolling down giant sand dunes in the Negev, and spending a night in the Bedouin tents experiencing their hospitality and waking up the next day and riding camels. I hope to return to Israel one day and experience the magic all over again.

One of the other things that made my trip unforgettable was that it took place during this summer's conflict in Gaza. Visit www.ohavizedek.org/jewishcamping to read the rest of my story.

~ Mira Coffey

Semester Experiences

ALEXANDER MUSS HIGH SCHOOL IN ISRAEL is a non-denominational, co-educational English language study abroad program in Israel for high school students for part of the academic school year or summer in Israel during the sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school. For more information contact Dana Gerbie Klein, Northeast Director or Admissions, Dklein@amhsi.org, (617) 566-8166 or (617) 438-8775.

TRY is a semester of study at Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim, the Ramah Jerusalem High School, a fully accredited

international secondary school program. TRY offers 10th, 11th and 12th graders the opportunity to live and learn in the land of Israel.

Gap Year

YOUNG JUDAEA YEAR COURSE IN ISRAEL is the largest gap year program for recent high school graduates. Over the course of nine months, Year Course participants immerse themselves in all aspects of Israeli life culture.

NATIV is a similar excellent program through the Conservative movement. The Nativ year offers its participants two distinct components: studying in the heart of Jerusalem and volunteering in other areas of Israel.

MASA Israel Journey offers over 200 study, internship and volunteer opportunities in Israel.

BINA offers social action and study in Tel Aviv.

If you would like more information on camps, Israel programs or scholarships or have any questions please contact Francine Pomerantz at 434-3443 kasperantz@gmavt.net or Miriam Sturgis at 879-0463 mssdom@gmail.com.

Camp and Israel Scholarship Funds

The following scholarships are available:

The Howard "Richie" Lazarus Jewish Camping Scholarship Fund and the **The Greenberg - Lopkin Jewish Camping Scholarship Fund** provide money to allow local children to attend Jewish camps.

The Greenberg - Bratspis Israel Youth Trip Scholarship Fund helps Jewish youth in our area pay for educational trips and programs to Israel.

The Ludwig Lewisohn Scholarship Fund for Advanced Jewish Education is awarded for adults and teens who want to further their Jewish education at an advanced level, spend a summer infused with Yiddishkeit and experience Israel in-depth.

For more information and details about these scholarships, please go to www.ohavizedek.org/jewishcamping.

*~ Youth Director: Francine Pomerantz
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SHALOM SHUK HAPPENINGS



"It looks so much better from the outside and the inside too!"

These are only a few of the positive comments we hear daily with the centering of the barn door, added window, and reorganization of space inside the Shuk. The change was made to avoid anyone getting hurt when snow cascaded off the slate roof during the winter months. Taking advantage of the need for a change and being economical at the same time, Elizabeth Brody helped us design the outside and Dan Vaux redesigned the inside of the shop. Build Pro Construction did the work. We are all, customers and staff alike, delighted with the results.

In the fall, our Hebrew School students volunteered time to work in the Shuk. We benefitted greatly from their help: a cleaner and neater store awaited our customers. The students benefitted from learning about the Shuk and realizing that it is a part of Ohavi Zedek. One student expressed it proudly, "this is our store." When asked who shops at the Shuk, another said, "the people who shop here are all people--some people who need good prices and some people who like to shop at thrift stores, like my family." We want to continue this partnership in the years to come. Thank you, Naomi, and all of the students and teachers at Ohavi Zedek Hebrew School.

Recently, we added Women Helping Battered Women to the list of those helped by the Shuk. We now donate cell phones and vouchers to them. The phones can be used to make 911 calls even when they cannot be used to dial any other number. Regarding the vouchers, WHBW staff asked "what if the woman has children?" We explained that each person in the family could have a voucher, for as many children as there are. This response was greeted with a wide smile.

Another smile came from a gentleman who shared that he had bought his two-year-old granddaughter a pair of jeans with hearts on the back pocket at the Shuk and "she loves them so much she

"What a fine door!"
"You have really improved the shop!"
"I opened the door without any trouble!"

won't take them off." And then there was the lady who told my granddaughters that she shops at the Shuk because it allows her to buy treasures, like the Irish scarf she just purchased. She so appreciates being able to afford the treasures she finds in the Shuk.

These days, I am downsizing and cleaning out items I've had in my home for years. My children don't want most of my stuff, as they have their own. It is easier to part with something when I see someone else is taking it home to cherish and make it a part of their lives. If you have such items, we would very much appreciate your donating them to the Shuk. If you have holiday gifts to recycle, we would appreciate your giving them to the Shuk. And we still need sweaters, winter coats, boots, gloves and mittens. We can promise you that your Shalom Shuk will find a good home for all your donations.

~ Kay Stambler Greenberg
862-5220 or 238-4888

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Clothing from the Shalom Shuk will be featured, along with items from other local stores, at the

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held at

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Ishmael & Grace Ahmed and Jonathan Sternberg & Gretchen Farrar

In Appreciation of the Aliyah on Rosh Hashanah by Mr. & Mrs. Murray Edelstein

In Honor of the birth of Leonard Rose Fertman, grandson of Sandy Berbeco and David Coen by Annette Lazarus

In Loving Memory of Irving Parker by Mallory & Marcia Parker

Playgroup Donations

In Honor of Robert Sternberg's 3rd birthday by Shirley Rutstein

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In Memory of Gabe Hartstein by Barbara Brody & Martha Abbott

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In Honor of
Rabbi Joshua by Eileen Weiss
Warren, Mathew & Daniel Ellison chanting Torah on Yom Kippur by Julius & Elaine Ellison
In Loving Memory of
Paul Jaffe by Dr. Julian & Joy Jaffe
Goldie Horn by Irwin & Maria Horn
Gerald Walsh by Julia Walsh
Isaac Brown by Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Brown
Leah Roskein by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Donath
Ruth Mary Rosenberg & Rebecca Eve Green by Mace Broide
Salo Engel by Michael & Dr. Dana Engel
Wallace Genser by Ronelle Genser
Sam Grossman by Rosalyn Grossman & Diana Carminati
In Memory of
Don Merit by Alexander & Barbara Wilde, Lilian Lisman by Bruce Lisman, Morris Golovin, Gabe Hartstein and Don Merit by Bertram Hoffman & Lillian Golovin
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In Loving Memory of Kenton Harris & Florence Greenberg by Dr. Stanley & Kay Greenberg

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In Loving Memory of Vera Bigio Ades by Philip Ades & Deborah Rubin

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Herb Gabriel by Dr. Mark Stoler & Ms. Diane Gabriel
Eva Rosenthal Levine by Max & Inez Levine
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Yahrzeits

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Thursday 1/1/2015

Isaac Morrison
Ida Koblenz*
Eva Yett Krinovitz*
Cantor Eugene Holzer*
Pearl Tabakin
Deborah E. Smith
Michael Kaplan
Sally Agel*
Gita Salat Wisgardisky*
Samuel L. Fein
Joseph Press*
Michael Hoffman
David Katzen
Carl Chafetz
Beatrice Weisberg
Helen Wilker Pepperman*
Rose Barell
Mathew Raynes

Friday 1/2/2015

Michael David Cohen*
Hy Abramson*
Hyman Litzky
Peter Rollin
Michael D.G. Zeltzman*
Arnold Aronoff*
Aleck Israel Bloomenthal
Cynthia Rae Hughes
Pauline Brown
Harold Stern
Marjorie R. Dalton*

Saturday 1/3/2015

Martha H. Schobel*
Samuel S. Levin*
Bessie Rosenberg
Barnett Glass
Simon Shulman*
Abraham Gardner
Ethel Aronstam
Sarah E. Ginsburg
Etka Wasserman
Marion Jarstik Grunberger
Raymond Bernstein
Barry Stephen Medivetsky*
Miriam Rachel Wainer

Sunday 1/4/2015

Molly Lecker Noble
Herbert Hyman*
Beatrice Appel Wexelblatt

Monday 1/5/2015

Myer Zemel
Philip A. Levin*
Samuel Weiss*
Rose L. Levine
Abraham Likosky*
Jack Miller
Erwin Markle
Anne E. Kozodoy
Leah Cassler
Aaron Faint*
Dora Slavin
Ruth Bellis
Aaron Fohnman
Alex Elioseff

Tuesday 1/6/2015

David Aber*
Benzion Joseph Black*

Zoltan Grunvald
Clarence Brown*
Lena Simon
Melvin Siris*
Emanuel Goldberg
Edgar May*

Wednesday 1/7/2015

Ezra Alpert
Isaac Rosenberg
Milton Kaye*
Emanuel Pasackow*
Eugene Myer Lazarus*
Martin Barell
Samuel B. Lipton
Dr. Hillel Panitch

Thursday 1/8/2015

Shayna Lister
Donald Meshorer
Anna Rosenthal Zeskind*
Sam M. Kitayewitz
Fannie M. Nadelson*
Abraham Sirkin*
Philip Gould*
Emil Growald*
Sandy Susman

Friday 1/9/2015

Geraldine Romm Carr*
Dora Palmet
Samuel Nathaniel Bogorad
Rose Fine Alfred*
Louis Morris Epstein*
Dorothy Mazel Spiro*
Florence Tepfer Schein*

Saturday 1/10/2015

Henry A. Berger*
Robert Klinkosteine*
Kosrell O. Cohen
Dorothy Nettie Agel*
Hedwig Levi

Sunday 1/11/2015

Morris Kutner
Sylvia Agel Goldman
Nina Ricardo
Moses Irwin Saiger*
Evelyn Goldfield
Esther Fabricant Mintzer*
Frederick William Greenberg*
Mark Lee Cohen*
Pearl Gold Halpern*
Phyllis Shulman*

Monday 1/12/2015

Ethel Warshavsky
Louis H. Baker*
Mason Cannon*
Lena Rachel Kershner*
Hyman Leventhal
Bradley Hill*
Theresa Saltzman*
Betty Bowman

Tuesday 1/13/2015

Rae Lecker
Mary E. Schlarman
Joseph Frank*
Philip Davis*
Rabbi Jacob Goodman*
Carrie Levin*

Jack Shulman*
Leah Zaetz Rafsky*
Carrie Wolk Fishman*
Abraham Kessel*
Peary Cohen*
Ethel Natter
Morris Behar*
Molly Shelton

Wednesday 1/14/2015

Dora Hershberg Rome*
Gertrude Shelansky*
Eunice Baron Rothman*
Frances Baker Frogel
Seymour Turner

Thursday 1/15/2015

Simon Gould*
Anna Cohen Harre*
Dr. Edward E. Friedman*
Dr. Michael Lee Kropsky*
Esther-leah Liebman
Dr. Arthur A. Gladstone*
Kate Cohen

Friday 1/16/2015

Jerome Hyman Wax*
Robert Reuben Carr*
Myer Litsky
Isadore B. Plovnick*
Marion Grace Munro
Bernice I. Lamden*
Mary Paschkes

Saturday 1/17/2015

Betty Hartstein
Johanna Kahn
Hildegard Zacharias

Sunday 1/18/2015

Sarah Ida Rome Kershner*
Nathan Bramson
Theodore 'Ted' Witkin*
Ethel Haberman Yett*
Shirley Steirn

Monday 1/19/2015

I. Sarah Weinstein*
Barnet Asner*
Shirley Gimbel*
Ralph Bellis
Sarah C. Rosenberg*
Daniel Kutzko*
Bernice Press Hirsch*
Bernard Halem
Alida White

Tuesday 1/20/2015

Morris Hanson*
Robert Weinstein*
Anna Sarah Baron*
Samuel Zeskind*
Irwin G. Zaetz*

Wednesday 1/21/2015

Israel Schobel*
Paul May, Sr.

Thursday 1/22/2015

Celia Gardner Glassman*
Rachel Mehl Cohen*
Charles David Hill*
Marshall Weiner*
Blanche Grossman*

Bernard Greenberg

Friday 1/23/2015

Kolman Zeskind*
Esther Heiligman Cohen*
Thea M. Weiss Johnson
Dr. William T. Fagan, Jr.

Saturday 1/24/2015

Norman Godfrey*
Dora Brill*
Leon Donner
Ben Lapidow*
Jeffrey Howard Medlinsky*
Benjamin C. Stein*

Sunday 1/25/2015

Samuel H. Miller*
Aaron Blistein*
Rebecca Levine Boyarsky*
Myron Samuelson*
Allen Machanic*
Joan Green Sugarman

Monday 1/26/2015

Moses Izaak Saiger*
Ida Lena Rome*
Sara Beatrice Levin*
Dr. Benjamin Singerman
Moses Bramson*
Myles Strasmich Brown
Mayer B. Cohen*
Shirley Bayarsky*
Jacob Perelman*
Anna Lipton

Tuesday 1/27/2015

Annie Cohen
Nathan Harris*
Estelle B. Goldman
Sam Packer
Berdie Schenkel Yafa
Barney Z Goldberg*
Sylvia Klein
Corinne Mazel*

Wednesday 1/28/2015

Aaron H. Weinstein*
Jack Wool*
Jack Gold*
Sara Schonfeld

Thursday 1/29/2015

Esther Adler*
Gerald Adler*
Joseph Lasker*
Ida Sugarman Samelson*
Stanton S. Lazarus*
Witka Stern Deutsch

Friday 1/30/2015

Isaac Perelman*
Sadie R. Barney*
Gladys E. Neiburg*
Anne Carr Levy*
Philip Cohen
Gussie Lipka Becker
Dr. S. Alexander Rippa*

Saturday 1/31/2015

Sophia Rutstein*
Louis M. Neiburg*
Leo M. Schaffer*
Lorraine Korson*

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Sunday 2/1/2015

Rose Edith London*
Florence I. Melnick Sockol*
Alexander Beck

Monday 2/2/2015

Frank Mazel*
Max Frank*
Esther Cohen*
Ethel Granat
Ann Corbman

Tuesday 2/3/2015

Sarah Bick
Charles Eli Baron*
Sarah Zaetz*
Daniel Fivel
Janet Kershner Baker*

Wednesday 2/4/2015

Samuel Aaron Silberman*
Sarah Segel Rothman*
Marjorie Horowitz
Lillian Bornstein Katz
Walter Siegel
Judy Ellen Thomas*
Louis Zaetz*
Robert Edlin
Sharonn Gittelsohn

Thursday 2/5/2015

Elchanan Gladstone*
Sam E. Bayarsky*
William J. Brown*
Fay Sussman Schwartz*
Joseph Arkin

Friday 2/6/2015

Harvey O. Corman*
Morris Pearl*
Bert Growald*

Sunday 2/8/2015

Rachel Faint Wasserman*
Simon Kronberg
Samuel Weisman*
Rose K. Kurlander*
Estelle Wolfish*
Irving Trutt
Leo Schecter

Monday 2/9/2015

Louis Levine*
Claire Elioseff

Tuesday 2/10/2015

Israel Adler*
Louis Perlmutter
Jacob Kershner*
Ree Simon Shapiro*
Jane Nigon
Paul Dubin

Wednesday 2/11/2015

Alex A. Berger*
Jack Rosenthal*
Leon Bick
Sarah Fishman Gould*
Erwin L. Adler*
Abraham H. Stroh*

Anne Glazier Zall*
Dr George (Jon) Ravit*
Max Bercuvitz*

Thursday 2/12/2015

Esther Shapiro*
George L. Agel*
Aaron A. Agel*
David Bayarsky*

Friday 2/13/2015

Rev. William Flax*
Annie Lamden Bornstein*
Louis Aron
Morris Moskovitz*
Max Glass*
Thomas McGrew
Dennis Steinmetz

Saturday 2/14/2015

Merka Sarah Eisendrath*
Fannie Harris Greenblatt*
Ernest Iving Quittner*
David William Lashman*
Ilana Samets
Sanford Epstein

Sunday 2/15/2015

Samuel Rome*
Ida Nathan Silverman
Shirley Dworsky Agel*
Hyman Weisberg
Gertrude Patton

Tuesday 2/17/2015

Wilma Lublin
Herman Faint*
Jack Blumer*

Wednesday 2/18/2015

Lena Levin Glasston*
Samuel Sussman*
Diana Stavisky Lovitz*
Pauline Warshofsky Samuelson*
William G. Hand*
Ruby Helfand*
Benjamin Stein*
Pricilla Peyser Siev

Thursday 2/19/2015

Henry Hyman*
Alfred Natter
Ted Schulman
Joseph Wildholz
Rebecca Wildholz
Grace Samuelson Miller

Friday 2/20/2015

Michael Alpert*
Eva Epstein*
Fannie Rubin
Lillian Esther Colodny*
Fanny Stabinsky Hyman*
Henry Stoller*
Joseph Yett*
Meier Shtull
Lotta Feitelberg Chester
Arnold J Raynes
Harriet Libson West
Harry Bayer*

Saturday 2/21/2015

Abraham Katz*
Sarah Brown Cunningham*
Jennie Wasserman Rosenberg*
Mary Koplewitz*
Myron S. Lash*
Fred Meir Stern

Sunday 2/22/2015

Jacob H. Levin*
Clarice Mintzer Ravit*

Monday 2/23/2015

Dr. Morris J. Levin*
Frank Kling*
Ruth Bockmann Freitag*
Moses Abraham Shelansky*
Gussie Greif*
Jonathan Daitchman
Maria Zhodzhisky
Blanche H. Rudolph*
Lilyan Singerman Fishman
Raymond Joseph Comstock
Frederick L. Hirsch*

Tuesday 2/24/2015

Paul Cohen*
Jacob Lapidow*
Robert M. Levine
Herbert Lourie
Sidney Zablotsky*
Carole Silon

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Irving Lapidow*
Sanford Glassman*
Ann Roden
Hilda Rosenberg
Frank Goldstein*
Dr. Barnet Frank*
Sally Edlin
Malcolm Sanders

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Adolph Brodman*
Max Siegel*
Louis Bick
Philip Datnoff*
Sylvia Alex Levin*
Susan Brenner Tabor*
Dora L. Mendelson*
Yetta Gladstone London*
Celia Reiter Paul*
Delia Levine Rosenthal*
Sol Shuckman
Vivian Klein Greenberg*

Friday 2/27/2015

Harris Cannon*
Anna E. Levine Yett*
Lena Baggish*
Anne Mangel
Martin Kazen
Frieda G. Fleischman Kamins*
Dr. Bernard Barney, M.D.*
Lillian Weiner Goldman*

Saturday 2/28/2015

Charlotte Abrams Galpert*
Geraldine Feen Wilensky*
Braina S. Bramson*
Frieda Schall Jaffe*
Hertzel N. Pasackow*
Doris Harris Pearl*
Nat Saul Friedman*
Norman Sugarman
Molly Press Lapidow*

CALENDAR

JANUARY 2015

1 - Office Closed

2

6:00 PM: Folk Service

7

4:00 PM: Hebrew School

9

5:30 PM: Tot Shabbat

11

9:30 AM: Hebrew School

9:30 AM: I/SA Committee Meeting

9:35 AM: Kitah Vav B'nai Mitzvah Meeting

14

4:00 PM: Hebrew School

7:15 PM: Religious Committee Meeting

15

12:00 PM: Lunch & Learn

5:30 PM: Board Meeting

16

9:30 AM: Play Group

17

10:30 AM: Family Friendly Shabbat

18

10:00 AM: Beginning Hebrew Reading

12:00 PM: Winter Playdate

19-Office Closed

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2:00 PM: Intermediate Hebrew Reading

3:30 PM: Veggie Pickup

4:00 PM: Hebrew School

23

9:30 AM: Play Group

25

9:30 AM: Hebrew School

10:00 AM: Beginning Hebrew Reading

10:00 AM: OZHS Animal Mitzvah Day

9:45 AM: OZHS Parent Group

26

12:00 PM: American Jewish Poetry

28

2:00 PM: Intermediate Hebrew Reading

4:00 PM: Hebrew School

30

9:30 AM: Play Group

31

6:00 PM: OZHS Kids Kabaret Night



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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2015

1

9:30 AM: Hebrew School
9:45 AM: Hebrew School Committee Meeting
10:00 AM: Beginning Hebrew Reading
11:30 AM: Volunteer Appreciation Event

4

2:00 PM: Intermediate Hebrew Reading
4:00 PM: Hebrew School
4:00 PM: OZHS Tu b'Shevat Celebration

5

2:00 PM: Events Committee Meeting

6

9:30 AM: Play Group
6:00 PM: Folk Service

8

9:30 AM: Hebrew School/Camp Fair
9:45 AM: OZHS Parent Group
10:00 AM: Beginning Hebrew Reading
11:00 AM: Camp Fair
11:30 AM: Hamatashen Baking (YJ)

9

5:45 PM: Things That Mattered

11

2:00 PM: Intermediate Hebrew Reading
4:00 PM: Hebrew School
7:15 PM: Religious Committee Meeting

13

9:30 AM: Play Group
5:30 PM: Tot Shabbat
6:00 PM: Family Friendly Shabbat

16

5:45 PM: Things That Mattered

18

3:30 PM: Veggie Pickup
4:00 PM: Hebrew School

19

12:00 PM: Lunch & Learn
5:30 PM: Board Meeting

20

9:30 AM: Play Group

22

3:00 PM: Reading Short Plays Aloud

23

5:45 PM: Things That Mattered

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9:30 AM: Play Group



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Jan. 2	4:06 pm	6:00 pm	Jan. 3	9:00 am	5:06 pm
Jan. 9	4:13 pm	6:00 pm	Jan. 10	9:00 am	5:13 pm
Jan. 16	4:21 pm	6:00 pm	Jan. 17	9:00 am	5:21 pm
Jan. 23	4:30 pm	6:00 pm	Jan. 24	9:00 am	5:30 pm
Jan. 30	4:40 pm	6:00 pm	Jan. 31	9:00 am	5:40 pm
Feb. 6	4:49 pm	6:00 pm	Feb. 7	9:00 am	5:49 pm
Feb. 13	4:59 pm	6:00 pm	Feb. 14	9:00 am	5:59 pm
Feb. 20	5:09 pm	6:00 pm	Feb. 21	9:00 am	6:09 pm
Feb. 27	5:19 pm	6:00 pm	Feb. 28	9:00 am	6: 19 pm