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Wednesday, March 4

5:30 PM - FROZEN SPIEL followed by carnival and potluck (*See p. 8 for more info*) **7:00 PM** - Minyan and Megilah Reading

Thursday, March 5 7:00 AM - Shacharit Service with Torah Reading (no megilah reading)



OZ SOCIAL HALL (WITH BAGEL BRUNCH)

Note that this event was postponed from February.

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Community Passover Seder Friday, April 3, 6:30 PM

Special Passover Mailing Coming Soon



SHABBATON WITH RABBINIC CANDIDATE RABBI JONAH GEFFEN

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Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15

Please join us as we welcome Rabbi Jonah Geffen and his family for a special Shabbaton

Friday, March 13

6:00 pm – Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm – Shabbat dinner at OZ

Saturday, March 14

8:30 am – Torah study session 9:00 am – Shabbat morning services 11:30 am – Kiddush lunch – Q&A 2:00 pm - Shiur study session

Sunday, March 15

11:30 am – Post-Hebrew School bagel brunch



Everyone is invited to all of these events. Your input is important! A survey will be distributed online to OZ members to provide feedback

To read more about Rabbi Geffen, see page 11.

Watch your mail for a full schedule with further details!

"Israeli Elections, American Jewry and the Road Ahead"

A Lecture by Professor Theodore Sasson

Sunday, April 26 at 3:30 pm Ohavi Zedek Synagogue For more info please see page 13

Sponsored by the Interfaith/Social Action Committee

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FROM THE RABBI



Every sentient human being today is shaken by the terror, the hatred, the violence which are defining the lives of so many around the world. Through the media, it is in our face every day. I was struck by the words of a

survivor of a recent massacre in Nigeria: "They killed people like mosquitoes."

We Jews know viscerally how it feels to be survivors of such hatred-inspired terror, violence, mass murder. Though our memories are long in this regard, they continue to be recent as well. We all felt the terror, hatred and violence in the murder of Jews shopping for Shabbat in Paris. And as I write in early February, I wonder when the next attack will occur. As Jews, we have particular concerns at this time. So do decent Muslim folk who face the blow back from the actions of their fellow Muslims for whom Islam is an excuse for their acts of evil.

We live thousands of miles away geographically from Europe and the Middle East, yet we know how quickly hatred can move from place to place. It is not coincidental that our synagogue now needs and has cameras monitoring our entrances and exits.

As Jews living in the Diaspora, we have to be vigilant in regard to the safety and security of our own community. We also have to remember that we are not alone. America is not Europe, and America today is not the America of the 1930s. We now have the presence in the world of an independent Jewish state. The year is 2015, not 1933. Local public school superintendents may be tempted to try to retreat from religious equity by keeping schools open on Yom Kippur and Eid, but taunts of anti-Semitic hatred in our neck of the woods are more the exception than the rule now. Those of you who lived here before World War II can remember when the situation was different.

Yet terror, violence, and hatred are in the saddle these days. We are called not only to protect ourselves and our neighbors from their murderous rage, but also, when we can get beneath the ways in which this rage seeps into our own souls and tempts us to our own rage, we have to collect ourselves and find our way to be part of the efforts of many in the community to resist this terror, put an end to this violence, and root

out the hatred wherever it manifests itself.

We must draw a line in the sand. We are besieged today. What brought so many into the streets of Paris a number of weeks back is the knowledge that human freedom is under assault, just as it was in the 1930s and 1940s. The founders of American democracy knew that freedom is founded in the right to free expression.

Are there limits to such freedom of expression? Justice Holmes famously wrote that one cannot falsely cry out "fire" in a crowded theater. What is happening in the world today must prompt us to discuss and debate the meaning of this standard; discuss and debate with words, not with high-powered automatic machine guns.

As a species, we are drowning in violence. The history of human violence goes way back, all the way to Cain and Abel. James Carroll points out that in the Bible, in both Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament, there are 600 passages of bloody killing and 1,000 passages of God's blazing anger. "The God of the Bible," Carroll writes, "is violent, willing not only the bloody deaths of helpless animals but those of enemies, sinners and innocent children."

We often are made uncomfortable by the violence in Torah. The fact is, as Carroll points out, that violence is exactly the problem that the Bible is addressing. And an understanding of the development of the Bible over time reveals an evolution from the warrior God of Torah to the God of Deutero-Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Jesus, who bear witness to a depth of compassion that is profound and transformational.

Of course not every reader of the Bible (and we might add the Koran) has made the journey from understanding his or her own truth as truer than any other, to recognizing that the integrity of each way depends upon its acceptance of itself as one of many ways to the truth. By the example of our own pluralistic thinking, we can encourage others to leave behind the triumphalism of fundamentalism, the thinking that my religion is truer than yours, my nation better than your nation.

The lines of battle in the struggle for freedom are not drawn between the religious and the secular, but rather between those whose self-respect, whether in

FROM THE PRESIDENT



In Martin Buber's work, I and Thou, he writes, "True community is where community happens." The elegance of that simple statement has always inspired me. Through active dialogue and the cultivation of meaningful relationships, and through our discovery of the

full meaning of reciprocity, we foster meaningful and righteous community.

Community has always "happened" at OZ. As one of OZ's archivists with Aaron Goldberg, I remain in awe of our synagogue founders, impoverished immigrants far from their Lithuanian homes and families. These itinerant peddlers scoured routes across northern NY and Vermont, and determinedly assembled in Burlington's Old North End weekly to make minyan on Shabbos. Upon settling, they were equally dedicated to living in community, not merely by physically reconstructing their old world shtetl with its requisite kosher stores and services. They also practiced Gemutlich Chasadim, paying passage for others to migrate, helped residents through the Hebrew Loan Society (which claimed never to have lost a penny!), through informal care of the community's aged, its poor and its vulnerable. Small wonder, in our many dozens of interviews with former residents, that they viewed this true community as a nurturing place.

The community was not without problems and, as an historian, I bear responsibility for acknowledging human foibles. A noteworthy illustration involves the founding of Burlington's second synagogue, Chai Adam, in 1889 when Burlington's fledgling Jewish community numbered fewer than 200. We explain to Lost Shul Mural viewers how Burlington's history evinces the verity of the old joke that even a tiny Jewish community needed two synagogues, "one that I belong to, and one I wouldn't go near."

I cite our past because I think that the duality of community cohesion and fragmentation inform the state of our current community. In early February, I joined our community celebration acknowledging the more than 150 OZ volunteers who have contributed during the past year in building and sustaining our community. Their efforts actively support a Jewish

community, described in Tikvah 2020, as grounded in the tradition of a synagogue being a house of prayer (beit tefilah), a house of learning (beit midrash) and a community center (beit knesset). Within these three houses, OZers are there to make minyan for those with Yahrzeits, care for our deceased (Chevra Kadisha), educate our youth, celebrate our holidays, visit, feed, and help our members and others in need (notably through the Shuk). It is with pride and admiration, when I come into our house, that I see the myriad ways in which we are present to and for one another.

That is not to say we can't do better. I have listened to many folks who've shared with me ideas for being more welcoming, for strengthening and broadening our educational and religious experiences, and for expanding opportunities for meaningful Jewish social interactions. Let's talk about these! Even better, volunteer!

As in the case of two synagogues, we at OZ know that our sub-communities often function with little knowledge or even interest in each other. Groups gather at different times in different places; as, for example, at Friday evening or Saturday services, in Hebrew School, while engaging in dialogue and reflection on Wednesday mornings, or now, in our newly forming Chavarot, in lay-led informal gatherings in homes throughout our area.

The presence of such diverse engagement is both a blessing and testament to the vitality and meaningfulness of modern Judaism and (as the old Jewish joke reminds us) a potential challenge. How, where, and when can these micro-communities come together to foster deeper connections, relationships, and reciprocity? We have much to learn from and about one another.

So, too, we are a community in flux. Changes are forthcoming as evidenced by our search for a new senior rabbi. As an aging congregation, we face challenges in caring for our elder members. We also realize the need to welcome younger members and newcomers. And we understand that in managing change, we must grapple with finding ways to preserve meaningful and shared traditions.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Mural Construction Set to Begin at OZ in March

Our efforts to save the Lost Shul Mural have been moving at full speed over the winter months. If you happen to drive down Hyde Street you can't have missed the new structure that has been built on the

exterior of the old Chai Adam Synagogue building to protect the mural as preparations to extract and relocate it continue. We are still planning to complete the move sometime in May, but preliminary work will be starting soon in the OZ lobby so we're ready to receive the mural. In mid-March the OZ lobby will be closed for several weeks for this construction. The lobby should reopen again in early April and remain open until May, at which time the lobby will again close for several weeks while we begin the final phase of work at OZ and complete the move.

Starting at the beginning of March all of our displays, donor appreciation signage, and the Tree of Life will be removed from the lobby and placed in storage until after the mural is installed to protect them while construction is on going. Access to the sanctuaries and front offices will be possible through the Social Hall while the lobby is closed, and signage will be up to help direct you while you are here. All services during these times will be held in the Main Sanctuary.

It's an exciting time to be sure! As dates solidify, keep an eye out for news of events in May and June to celebrate the successful relocation of the mural. While we have secured funding for the move of the mural we are still working to raise funds for the restoration and accompanying educational installations which will be completed at OZ after the move. If you have been waiting to make a gift, now is a great time! Visit www.lostshulmural.org/donate for information about how to make a gift.

Return to Tikvah 2020

It has been two years since we finalized our long range strategic planning document, Tikvah 2020. The danger with strategic plans is always that they sit dusty and unused on shelves (or in computer files) after they are written, but we're committed to making sure that doesn't happen here. We will be issuing an update on Tikvah 2020 this spring reviewing progress made so far on implementing the goals laid out for our congregation and highlighting where more work needs to be done. Look for more information soon.

Volunteers Make it Happen at OZ

Our Volunteer Appreciation event was a blast last month. An amazing 165 people were honored for giving more than 10 hours (some, way more!) of their time to OZ over the past year in a wide variety of ways, everything from attending minyan to teaching adult ed, serving on committees to helping out in the kitchen and more. Check out our insert this month for all of the names and once again, a great big *Todah Rabbah* (thank you) for everything you all have done to help OZ over the past year!

OZ depends on our committed cadre of volunteers to make everything happen here. We couldn't do it without you. We're always looking for more folks to get involved, whatever your interests might be. If you've been hanging back waiting for the right opportunity, to connect more with your community now is the time. If you're unsure where your skills might best be of help give me a call or stop by to chat. Right now we have need specifically for people in the following areas, but this list is by no means exhaustive:

- Development & Fundraising
- Membership & Outreach
- Cemetery
- Green Team (Environmental Activism and Projects)

And if there is something you think OZ can be doing that you'd like to be a part of or take the lead on, let us know. If you've got energy and enthusiasm we want to help you!

~ Peter Pelaia

PROFILE: GARY COFFEY & BARRIE SILVER



There's a reason why Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl's tale about a boy's adventures in Willy Wonka's magical place of business, has enchanted kids of all ages since 1964: Chocolate speaks to us! Who hasn't at one time or another dreamt of

being trapped overnight in a candy store? Or starting dinner with dessert (preferably something gooey and chocolatey)? Meet Gary Coffey, a 50-year-old chocolate lover who has been living the dream since he landed a job in the Lake Champlain Chocolates factory in 1990. His desire for the stuff was inherited from his mother. "I need chocolate on a daily basis," he says.

Gary's wife, Barrie Silver, on the other hand, is the daughter of gourmet cook and localvore Barbara Silver, who rarely offered sweets to her children. "I'm the savory to Gary's sweet," Barrie says. The two met in Israel in the summer of 1989 and made their circuitous way to Burlington by November of the following year.

Gary was raised in Elizabeth, NJ, the son of an accountant/college instructor, now retired, and a former ballerina with the Royal Ballet of London/ ballet teacher/nurse/and current producer of dance videos. His mom and stepfather still live in Metropolitan New Jersey, just a few blocks from where Gary grew up with his younger sister. Although they were Conservative Jews, Gary attended an Orthodox yeshiva, the Jewish Educational Center in Elizabeth, through elementary and high school. "It was challenging," he says of his formative training. "I managed, but I didn't enjoy it." After graduating in 1983 he took a gap year in Israel in a work-study program on a moshav. "It was in Israel that Judaism suddenly came to life for me," he says. "My appreciation for Jewish history and everything I learned at the yeshiva sprouted that year and stayed with me. I found my Jewish identity."

Back in the States, Gary enrolled in Kean University in Union, New Jersey, where he studied business and archaeology, earning a BS in business in 1987.

His new-found love for the Israeli landscape drew him back over his summer breaks for a series of archaeological digs at Tel Hadar in the Golan Heights, where he eventually became site supervisor. In 1989, two years after graduating from college, Gary made what he thought would be a life-changing decision: "I bought a one-way ticket to Israel and planned to make *aliyah*." He signed up for a semester-long program that included study of Jewish history and culture and a week-long archaeological dig. "I also hoped I'd find an Israeli woman to start a life there with."

Enter Barrie Silver. Barrie, the daughter of two New Yorkers who had moved to Massachusetts for business, had a strong interest in languages and travel. Born in 1967, she'd grown up in Framingham with her parents, Lee and Barbara Silver, and her older brother. Skiing occupied a good deal of the family's time every winter at their second home in Stratton, Vermont and at various mountain resorts in Europe. Barrie, who had attended Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, MA, went on to McGill University in Montreal. Having spent a year in France as a high school junior, she had planned to major in French, but shifted to philosophy. "I'm inquisitive and spiritual, and I felt that I was ready to explore philosophical questions," she says. Given the gift of travel by her parents at graduation in 1989, Barrie surprised them by not returning to Europe, but choosing to go to Israel, a place she had never been. She found a unique semester-long program that included an ulpan, work, study of Jewish history and culture, and (you knew this was coming) an archaeological dig.

At the kibbutz near Haifa where the program enrollees gathered, Barrie spotted Gary, a native Israeli, she thought, based on his tan, his 'Mediterranean look' and his command of Hebrew. "When we were introduced, I expected to hear him speak English with an Israeli accent," she says. Their immediate mutual attraction led to a deeper connection, and the program allowed them to be together 24/7 for four-and-a-half months. While in Israel, they traveled throughout the country and in Egypt.

Gary remained in Israel, but the Silvers lured Barrie to Europe with a ski trip to the French Alps. After a month or two, Gary and Barrie reconnected in London. Traveling together through Europe – often camping out and preparing local foods in the one pot they carried with them – they visited synagogues, ghettos and shtetls wherever they went. "And we knew then that we wanted to continue our journey through life together," Barrie says.

But where? Although she loved her time in Israel, Barrie didn't want to live there. They narrowed their choices to New Jersey, Gary's home state; Massachusetts, where Barrie grew up; or Vermont, at the Silvers' place near Stratton. Choosing Vermont, they moved to the southern part of the state in the early fall of 1989. A few months later, having relocated to Burlington, they rented a place on King Street, where they lived for the next four years.

Barrie found work, but Gary was struggling. "Desperate," he recalls. Having exhausted every possibility in the want ads, he tried to think strategically, taking an objective look at his background – yeshiva, Zionist, business – to see what connections he might make. As he thumbed through a resource guide book, it seemed logical to start by seeking out a business whose owner had a Jewish-sounding name. And there it was: Jim Lampman, proprietor of – of all things – Lake Champlain Chocolates!

Jim (who, it turned out, is *not* Jewish) called Gary in after receiving his cover letter and, although he hadn't been looking to fill a vacancy, offered him a job in the chocolate factory, located then in the Maltex Building on Pine Street. Before long, Gary was named retail sales manager. Then, as summer approached, he was asked to return to Israel to oversee a five-week archaeological dig. As a new employee, could he do it? Jim advised him to go, and promised that his job would be waiting when he returned.

Gary and Barrie were married in southern Vermont by Rabbi Michael Cohen in 1992. Two years later they bought their home at the far end of Huntington, near Mad River Valley. Daughter Mira, born in 1998 and son Jacob, in 2000, attend Mt. Mansfield Union High School in Jericho and are graduates of Ohavi Zedek Hebrew School. A 4-year-old dog named Sofia completes their household, the second Italian Spinone they have owned. "She's affectionate and talented," Barrie says of their four-legged family member. "She sings on command when I chant 'tekiah.' I have it on video," she adds, sensing, perhaps, a whiff of skepticism on the part of the interviewer.

Lee and Barbara sold their homes in Massachusetts and Stratton and now live in Colchester, closer to their children and grandchildren. Though Lee is retired, he still finds time to ski and to work as a 'headhunter' for software executives. Mainly, he serves as the muse for and beneficiary of Barbara's cooking exploits. Mira and Jacob are carrying the tradition forward. "They're great eaters who enjoy ethnic foods and trying new things," Gary says. Everyone in the food-centric family appreciates the fresh, local food trend in Vermont.

As he and Barrie look forward to celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary, Gary also reflects on the growth of Champlain Chocolates over the 24 years of his employment there. Having moved several blocks south on Pine Street, LCC has enlarged its chocolate making facility, which now offers factory tours; opened three year-round retail stores (one on the premises, one on Church Street and one in Waterbury); and early last year purchased the property next door and opened the South End Kitchen, a café and education center. In addition to overseeing retail sales, Gary also oversees this latest venture, where fresh, seasonal fare and cooking and chocolate-making classes are offered.

Barrie characterizes her professional life as mission-driven. After spending 17 years at Planned Parenthood, she moved on to marketing positions at Jvillage Network and, most recently, HMC Advertising, where she works on issues relating to tobacco use and health care. Theatre Kavanah, the fledgling Jewish theater project spearheaded by Wendi Stein, also benefits from Barrie's marketing skills. Because being a mom is her key job, she says, she values professional flexibility and the opportunities she has to freelance.

Mira continues her post-bat mitzvah Jewish learning by participating in Kids4Peace and attending

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



Purim opens the month of March for us at OZHS with a 'Frozen' spiel (how appropriate), costume parade and contest, games, crafts and potluck dinner. Then we quickly move on to preparations for Pesach, our Spring semester focus, which will culminate with

a Family Seder for all on March 29.

We will celebrate "Passover Around the World and Back" with a haggadah written by our students; eat horseradish, charoset and matzo prepared by our students; use Kiddush cups, seder plates, matzo plates and covers, Miriam and Elijah cups, all crafted by our students; and eat parsley grown by our students. Our festive meal will include traditional Pesach foods from Cuba, Ethiopia, Persia, India and more. While eating, we will have an opportunity to learn about these Diaspora communities from our classes. It promises to be a grand celebration and a learning opportunity for all. Everyone is welcome!

Spring also brings our Hebrew Language Intensive, a chance for students to immerse themselves in Hebrew through the use of videos, books, games and participating in an ulpan-type setting. We piloted this program last year and it was great to see how excited the kids were when they realized how much Hebrew they really knew. I'm looking forward to running this program again.

The first of this year's b'nai mitzvah comes in April and then we'll be looking towards our last Family Friendly Shabbat service, Educator Appreciation Shabbat and graduation in May!

But as I look outside at all the snow, I realize I'm getting ahead of myself.

There is always so much going on here at OZHS! Like the Ohavi Zedek Hebrew School Facebook page to see pictures and get updates. Come and check it out for yourself and then tell your friends! Get the word out!

~ Naomi Barell

Purim Celebration FROZEN SPIEL Wednesday, March 4 5:30 pm

Come in costume - dress up as your favorite Frozen character and enjoy a potluck dinner! We'll be having a costume parade and prizes. Games, crafts, face painting, food, music and once again we'll have raffle baskets!

PROFILE: GARY COFFEY & BARRIE SILVER

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Camp JORI, a non-affiliated Jewish summer camp in Rhode Island. Last year she spent the month of July in Israel on a BBYO program. "The trip began just as the conflict in Gaza was heating up," Barrie says, "but we were in regular contact and were assured that the kids in the group were insulated and safe." This year Mira will return to camp as a counselor. While Jacob tried camping as well, he prefers to spend his summers at the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center. A committed sailor, he loves being on the lake, sailing and racing.

We talk for a while about LCC's and Gary's involvement in community affairs. The company contributes annually to non-profit organizations and programs through sponsorships, scholarships and response to requests for donations, and Gary has served on the boards of SEABA (South End Arts and Business Association), the Sara Holbrook Center, and the Intervale. His generosity also has sweetened many luncheons, dinners and fundraising events at OZ .

As our interview comes to an end, Gary leaves the table and returns with a 'f'lata' (for later) bag of chocolates for me. One final question: after all these years, have you had your fill of chocolate? "No," Gary says. "I love it more than ever."

Music to this chocoholic interviewer's ears.

~ Judy Hershberg

A LEGACY OF FAITH AND HUMANITY CELEBRATING 25 YEARS WITH RABBI JOSHUA CHASAN

There are those, who by the grace of their own humanity, welcome us into the embrace of God. For nearly a quarter of a century, mentor, teacher, scholar, and friend, Rabbi Joshua Chasan has led the Ohavi Zedek Synagogue - and the greater Vermont community - on a journey of faith and action for the good of all. Wrapped in the light of his loving-kindness, we celebrate the difference Rabbi Joshua has made and take up his courageous call for a way of living that is both traditional and unequivocally inclusive of all people.

OZ will sponsor a series of public events on the theme of "A Legacy of Faith and Humanity," in honor of Rabbi Joshua and Kathy Chasan on the occasion of his retirement. Please mark your calendars and join us for these special events.

Sunday, March 8, 4:00 – 6:00 pm (Note time change!)

A Concert and Sing-along to Celebrate A Legacy of Faith and Humanity

Join Rabbi Joshua and some of his musical friends in OZ's Social Hall for a musical celebration honoring and featuring Rabbi Joshua himself. The program will feature some of his favorite music and favorite local musicians, including Rabbi Jan Salzman, Robert Resnik, Brian Yarwood, Rik Palieri, and Gigi Weisman. Come prepared to sing along to familiar songs of hope and freedom, and to hear rare performances of some of Rabbi Joshua's original compositions.

Monday, April 27, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Interfaith/Refugee Passover Seder, A Celebration of Freedom

Human freedom is the goal of all of the world's great religious traditions. Passover celebrates the liberation of the children of Israel from slavery more than 3,000 years ago. Please join us as we celebrate our own freedom and the liberation and freedom of our neighbors who have fled tyranny around the world.

Sunday, May 3, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hebrew School Bagel Brunch and Student Blessings for Rabbi Joshua.

OZ Hebrew School students will share their special ways of expressing what Rabbi Joshua means to them.

Friday, June 5: A Community Shabbat Dinner Honoring Kathy Chasan

Save the date. Details will follow.

June (Date TBA)

Congregational Meeting and the Naming of the Holocaust Garden in Honor of Rabbi Joshua and A Legacy of Faith and Humanity

In addition to having created the Rabbi Joshua Chasan Endowment Fund as a permanent endowment at Ohavi Zedek, we would like to surprise Rabbi Joshua at our June Congregational meeting with a heartfelt personal gift. As an expression of our love and gratitude, we are hoping to fund a one-of-a-kind gift at a cost of roughly \$3,000 with contributions from as many members of the congregation as possible. Contributions should be mailed to Ohavi Zedek with checks made out to "Rabbi Joshua gift" in the memo field. And thanks for all your support!

Rabbi Joshua Memory Book

We are collecting memories to include in a special Memory Book for Rabbi Joshua. The book will measure 14 inches square and each submission may be up to 1/2 page. Please submit, in final format, your memories and/or photos to Tari in the OZ office. We may need to edit for space.

CHAVURAH PROGRAM



WINNING EQUATIONS FOR PURPOSEFUL, HEART WARMING JEWISH COMMUNITY.

The Chavurah program knows the value of breaking bread, sharing a story from the heart around a cup of wine and suffusing it all with a good dose

of tradition. With each Shabbat table shared or holiday celebrated in community, we learn a bit more about humanity through others' stories.

FOOD + GOOD CONVERSATION + GOOD PEOPLE = MEMORABLE CHAVURAH CONNECTION

The Chavurah program hosted two community events this season both heartwarming during this cold spell.

Deb and Scott Lowe opened their home to Richmond residents for a lovely Shabbat dinner and through the experience met a nearby neighbor...hardly any driving, great conversation and great food...couldn't be better. We'll try for another Richmond gathering in the summer! LESS DRIVING + NEIGHBORS + SHARED MEAL AT THE END OF A LONG WEEK = A LOVELY SHABBAT!

Along with eight students from UVM Hillel, a 10 year old, three toddlers and a handful of others we enjoyed a gorgeous winter snowshoe to a wood heated cabin on top of a ridge overlooking Camel's Hump mountain. Over kiddush and Tu Bshvat songs we shared our seeded plants and gratitude for the spring.

A GORGEOUS WINTER'S SNOW SHOWER + A WARM CABIN + TRAIL MIX AND CHALLAH FOR WEARY TRAVELERS + SABBATH SPIRIT = AN AMAZING AND INVIGORATING DAY OF REST!

Chavurah Programs for the Spring

Please contact me if you would like to join any of the following groups or RSVP to an event to get a sense of the Chavurah experience. Chavurah@ohavizedek.org

March 29, 1:00 pm

Arts and Culture Chavurah Theatre Kavannah Play Reading

Theatre Kavannah will be doing a full length play reading in preparation for the Jewish Playwriting Contest on April 19 and 20. This is a great way to meet the Chavurah (a group interested in sharing Jewish and non-Jewish art and cultural events) at a great event. RSVP for Burlington address.

Second Weekend Chavurah will be celebrating Purim with some good old fashioned hamentashen and games. If you are interested in being part of a thoughtful, spiritual, interfaith community please contact chavurah@ohavizedek.org for directions.

March 22 and April 26

Tot Chavurah will meet for children's play and parent discussion over coffee. Possible subjects for new parent discussions are toddler discipline, creating the essence of Shabbat for the family, bedtime rituals and more. Locations vary, RSVP for address.

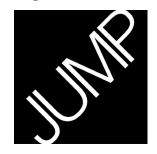
I am looking for a few more folks to start up a group focused on Jewish study and social connections. What do you want to learn about Judaism and how can you learn it with others in a joyous way...find out!

Fill out the Chavurah survey online on OZ's website!

~ Melanie Kessler Chavurah@ohavizedek.org

JUMP Food Bags

Purim is almost here and JUMP (Joint Urban Ministry Project) needs food! JUMP is an interfaith organization which provides emergency assistance to folks in the Burlington area. It's a special mitzvah to give



charity at Purim, so please take a food bag from the coat room, purchase food items from the list attached and return the bag and food to the coat room. The food will be delivered to JUMP for distribution to clients in need. If all the bags have been taken, please bring food anyway. Regular grocery bags are fine to use and there are extra food lists in the coat room. Any questions, please contact Lise Bornstein-Malter, OZ liaison to JUMP, at 802-310-9727 or joblibdab@aol.com.

RABBINIC SUCCESSION



'm pleased to say that our rabbinic succession activities are going very well.

On March 13 through 15, we are holding a Shabbaton to introduce one of our candidates, Rabbi Jonah Geffen. A fifth generation rabbi, Rabbi Jonah

received his BA in History and Jewish Studies from Indiana University, earned an MS in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University, and received his MA in Jewish Studies and Rabbinic Ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary where he received the United Synagogue Award for Congregational Leadership. He served as Rabbinic Fellow at B'nai Jeshurun in New York City. Rabbi Jonah was a Kollel Fellow at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, a summer fellow at Yeshivat Hadar, and a CLAL Rabbis Without Borders Fellow. He has led pulpits at B'nai Jeshurun and at Fitzgerald Hebrew Congregation in Georgia, and is currently serving as Rabbinic Director for J Street. To read more about Rabbi Jonah, please go to his website: http://www. rabbijonah.com, and to listen to a sample of his Divrei Torah, you can link to http://www.rabbijonah.com/ what-are-we-doing/. More details about Rabbi Jonah and about our Shabbaton will be forthcoming shortly.

The Rabbinic Search Committee received 12 applications from the Rabbinical Assembly Placement Office. Of those, we selected four rabbis to interview via video conference. We then invited two applicants to come to Burlington and spend a day and a half with us. Rabbi Jonah easily rose to the top of this group.

Our large and diverse committee represents many different constituencies and points of view, but we were unanimous in our excitement about him, especially after spending time with him. We were impressed with his warmth, his intellect, his devotion to the State of Israel and his commitment to Conservative Judaism. We are excited to give the congregation an opportunity to meet him.

At the same time, we continue to reach out for additional candidates. To that end, we are expanding our search beyond the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism (USCJ) Placement Office. We

are now accepting applications from Hebrew College, a highly respected school in Boston. While Hebrew College is non-denominational, many graduates clearly consider themselves to be conservative rabbis, although they are not members of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Please go to http://ohavizedek.org/about/rabbinic-search/ to find more information about our search, including our list of criteria. We will continue to update this page.

As I say, we are very excited about Rabbi Jonah Geffen and hope you will be as well. As well, we remain committed to bringing the widest possible selection of appropriate candidates to the congregation. If you have questions or comments, please let me know.

~ Lee Lichtenstein, Search Committee Chair happymouse@aol.com

FROM THE RABBI

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their secularity or their religiosity, generates respect for those who think or live differently. "I disapprove of what you say," Voltaire famously wrote, "but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

As members of a synagogue, we must recognize that much of the terror, violence, and hatred is coming in the name of organized religion. As our Israeli sisters and brothers go to the polls, we Jews are at a watershed moment of our own history. We have to choose whether or not to hang onto a need for revenge for what happened to us in the 20th century, and the ways in which we continue to be attacked and treated unjustly. Letting go of even the temptation to seek revenge, we can appreciate the political and military power of the State of Israel and talk honestly about how that power can be exerted in the pursuit of a just peace. It is vitally important to us and to Judaism that, notwithstanding continued efforts to destroy Israel, we be part of efforts to lower the level of violence, reject hatred, and resist the terror which surrounds us.

~ Rabbi Joshua Chasan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members

- Hannah Zurofsky
- Joshua and Kathryn Kernoff
- Jordan Maynard
- Aaron Cohn and Sarah Newberger
- Bob Fishel

Mazel Tov

 To Aaron Cohn and Sarah Newberger on the birth of their son, Sam on Feb. 10, 2015.

Condolences

- To Barbara McGrew on the death of her father, Albert H. Weinstein.
- To Rosalie Harris on the death of her husband, Ben Harris.
- To Jeffrey Schulman on the death of his mother, Elizabeth Schulman.
- To Mavis Thomas on the death of her husband, Herman Thomas.
- To Robbie Pfeufer Kahn on the death of her mother, Anita Anna Kahn.

BAR MITZVAH

Our Whole Family invites the Congregation to attend the Bar Mitzvah of Isa Gershon Kaplan



Shabbat, April 18, 9:00 am Kiddush following services

LUNCH & LEARN

Sue Schein took us to Israel in January as she displayed photos of pottery shards, biblical era coins, and other artifacts gleaned through the remarkable Temple Mount Sifting Project. The luncheon featured Israeli salads and various Mediterranean style edibles.

In February's talk, "To Bee or Not to Bee," educator, journalist, legislator and beekeeper Bill Mares gave us a glimpse into the fascinating culture of bees and the delights and challenges of beekeeping as a hobby. Honey cake for dessert, naturally!



March 19 - Techie Amanda Levinson helps us navigate the digital world and asks, "Should you shvitz

and plotz on Facebook?" Join us and bring your comments and questions.

On April 16, Gail Rosenberg and Elise Guyette take us

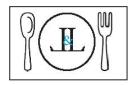
through bygone local ethnic neighborhoods and discuss "Our Edible Past: Food Traditions and Cultural History of Burlington."



Luncheons, on the third Thursday of the month, are free and open to the community. Donations are welcome, \$5.00 suggested.

The final program in the regular 2014/15 series will be held on **May 21.**

Please join us on **June 18** for an *added* program to kick off the Interfaith and Social Action Committee's series on the issues of aging.



Note: The Library column will resume in the May/ June issue

ADULT EDUCATION

OZ's winter Adult Education classes are sizzling. Check out the OZ website for details on American Jewish Poetry, Jewish Mindfulness, Reading Short Plays Aloud, Things That Mattered, Hebrew Reading, Israeli Dance, Tai Chi and more.

Just Added: Two great book discussions presented jointly by the Adult Education and Social Action Committees.

Sunday March 22, 10:00 am: *I Am Troy Davis,* coauthored by Jen Marlowe and Davis's sister Martina Davis-Correia, tells the intimate story of an ordinary man caught up in an inexorable tragedy. From his childhood in racially charged Savannah, to the confused events that led to the 1989 murder of a police officer, to Davis's sudden arrest, conviction, and two-decade fight to prove his innocence, *I Am Troy Davis* takes us inside a broken legal system where life and death hang in the balance. It is also an inspiring testament to the unbreakable bond of family, to the resilience of love. (GoodReads)

April 12, 10:00 am: The Return of Jason Green, by Suzi Wizowaty. This will be a reading by the author and a discussion. What happens when the best friend of a boy who died at age 11 comes back into the lives of the boy's parents and their next-door neighbor? How do adults, and children, deal with the death of a child? The Return of Jason Green, Suzi's third novel, explores the complexities of adult friendship under stress. Please join us for a discussion of responsibility and love, loyalty and betrayal, in The Return of Jason Green and in life. It is not necessary to have read the book in order to participate.

Both discussions are led by OZ member, author and social justice advocate, Suzi Wizowaty. Suzi served three terms in the Vermont Legislature. Getting to know some of the inmates when she worked in prisons made her question the workings of the criminal justice system. In 2013 she founded Vermonters for Criminal Justice. Suzi has had three novels published, and has led hundreds of book discussions through the Vermont Humanities Council in public libraries, "Literature & Medicine" program in several Vermont hospitals, and regular poetry workshops in Vermont prisons.

~ Judy Chalmer

SOCIAL ACTION

Israeli Elections, American Jewry & the Road Ahead A lecture by Professor Theodore Sasson Sunday, April 26, 3:30 pm Sponsored by the Interfaith/Social Action Committee



The March 2015 Israeli elections will address issues of profound concern to both Israeli society and American Jewry. In his lecture, Middlebury College Professor Theodore Sasson, author of *The New American Zionism*, will examine how the election will likely affect the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Israel's Jewish and democratic character, and the relationship between American Jewry and the Jewish state.

Professor Sasson will bring his considerable expertise on the relationship over time between Israel and the American Jewish Diaspora as informed by his research that is the foundation of his recent book.

American Jews have not abandoned their support for Israel, Sasson contends, but they now focus their philanthropy and lobbying in line with their own political viewpoints for the region and they reach out directly to players in Israel, rather than going through centralized institutions. As a result, American Jews may find Israel more personally meaningful than ever before. Yet, at the same time, their ability to impact policy will diminish as they no longer speak with a unified voice.

Theodore Sasson is Professor of International Studies at Middlebury College and Senior Research Scientist at the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies. He is also Visiting Research Professor of Sociology at Brandeis University and a consultant to the Mandel Foundation.

This is a great opportunity to get an up-to-date assessment of the likely impact of the Israeli election from an expert in the field. The OZ library has a copy of *The New American Zionism*.

~ Eric and Karen Corbman www.ohavizedek.org /March.April 2015 / 13

PASSOVER IS COMING!

Passover this year begins on the evening of April 3. We will be sending out a mailing with more details shortly. This year four seders will be celebrated throughout March and April!

Sunday, March 22, 2:00 - Women's Seder

Please join us to celebrate the 4th Annual Women's Seder! Women and girls of all ages and faith traditions are welcome to participate. This year, we will be focusing on the women in the texts: Miriam, Deborah, Yael and mother of Sisera, and we will be creating large puppets that will be used in our ritual 'dayennu' parade. While there is no meal served at this event, please let me know if you want to bring some vegetarian (Dairy/parve) finger food. If you have questions, or would like to assist in setting up, please contact Rabbi Jan Salzman at rabbijan@ohavizedek.org or call (802) 356-1668.

Sunday, March 29, 10:00 am - Family Seder (Pesach Around the World)

Everyone is invited to this event that the Hebrew School has been working towards all semester – crafting seder and matzo plates, Miriam and Elijah cups and matzo covers, baking matzo and making horseradish and writing Haggadah chapters for this seder of international Passover traditions and food.

Friday, April 3, 6:30 pm - Community Seder

Watch for our Passover mailing for details.

Monday, April 27, 6:00 - 9:00 pm - Interfaith Seder

Please join us as we celebrate our own freedom and the liberation and freedom of our neighbors who have fled tyranny around the world. We will be honoring Rabbi Joshua at this event.

FILM SCREENING: BENEATH THE HELMET Sunday, May 3, 3:00 pm

Ohavi Zedek Synagogue
Free and open to the public
Refreshments and discussion to follow



A coming of age story that highlights five young Israeli high school graduates, who are drafted into the army to defend their country. At the age of 18, away from their houses, family, and friends these young individuals undergo a demanding journey, revealing the core of who they are and who they want to be. The film Beneath the Helmet illustrates how these young men

and women are protecting not only their homes, but the shared values of peace, equality, opportunity, democracy, religious tolerance and women's rights. The lessons they learn along the way are lessons that can be adapted, understood and appreciated by everyone.

Sponsored by Hadassah, Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, Hillel, Jewish Communities of Vermont, Temple Sinai

YOUNG JUDAEA NEWS



appy Purim! Despite the cold and snowy weather, we all shared warm feeling as a community coming together and enjoying a fun-filled afternoon making hamentashen and *mishloach manot* (Purim gift bags) last month at OZ. It was wonderful to see siblings,

parents, and community members having fun and helping out, fulfilling mitzvot together. A huge thank you to all our volunteers. Special thanks to Marv Greenberg and his staff from Hinesburg Veterinary Medicine for coming out to lend us a hand and parent/ chef Bruce Cohen for acting as *mashgiach* (someone who oversees a kosher kitchen). We could not have done it without all of you! After a wonderful Tu B' Shevat inspired lunch, we folded and baked over 1,000 hamentashen, made *mishloach manot*, and with the help of our YJ Bogrim group and our entire community, distributed them to home bound seniors,

new members, family and friends in our communities. We got to take some home to enjoy for ourselves as well. The extras will happily be eaten at OZ's annual Purim party on March 4.



Mark your calendars for May 17! Young Judaeans are hard at work planning what we hope will be another wonderful community-wide mitzvah project this spring: A Rain Garden here at OZ to be installed on our annual Mitzvah Day/J Serve Day (a day of Jewish community service) on May 17. We'll be looking for a lot of volunteers to help with planting, and with monetary and plant donations as well. Any garden designers out there that would like to be of assistance in the design of this project, please contact Francine Pomerantz at kasperantz@gmavt.net or 434-3443.

What's a rain garden? A rain garden is a bowl-shaped garden designed to capture and absorb rainfall and snowmelt "storm water" that runs off impervious surfaces, such as the roof of OZ. When the water runs off the roof it makes a mess of our front walk,

accumulates pollutants and delivers them to the Winooski River and into Lake Champlain, both of which are located downhill from OZ. A properly placed rain garden will allow storm water to soak into the ground, recharge groundwater faster and help preserve the waterways that make Vermont so beautiful. Watch for more information about how you can help and learn more about rain gardens. "Gardening to Absorb the Storms."

Upcoming YJ Happenings:

Ofarim (2nd-4th grade)

Sunday, May 31, 1:00 pm, Expressive Arts, Burlington Ofarim plans to raise funds to help the animals at the Humane Society of Chittenden County in honor of Mary Greenberg and his staff and the help they gave us at our hamentaschen making event. Topaz Weis will send interested families a donation sheet and you can set out gathering donations. We'll meet at 1:00 pm to total our donations. Once we know how much money we have to spend, we'll head out to Pet Food Warehouse and purchase as much of the Humane's Society's wish list as we can, then head over to the Humane Society for a tour and frolic with some furry friends. Interested families, please contact Topaz at topazweis@gmx.net. (Anyone wanting to take the tour without collecting donations are asked to donate \$10 per family.)

Tsofim (5th-7th grade)

We're cooking up a a fun community service project to happen some time this spring. Details to follow.

Bogrim (8th-12th grade)

Sunday, March 15, 2:00 - 5:30 pm - Join us at the Dauermans for a matinee showing of Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front, a coming of age story which follows the journey of five Israeli high school graduates who are drafted into the army to defend their country. (See Hadassah, page 13 for more information about this film.) Followed by inspirational discussions, delicious snacks and an amazing fun group of kids!

Sunday, April 12, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm - Grab your bathing suit and a towel and come have some fun at the Pump House indoor Waterpark at Jay Peak Resort. Join us to surf, climb, enjoy the comforting warmth of the bubbling hot tubs, float down the lazy river and have fun. We will also be having our yearly Asepha

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elections to vote in our new Maz. This is always a really fun and a much anticipated event that you don't want to miss out on. We have a great group rate of \$20 per person. More parent volunteers are needed (free of charge for whoever is willing to help with the driving)!

> ~ Youth Director: Francine Pomerantz kasperantz@gmavt.net or 434-3443







FROM THE PRESIDENT

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In the past two months, since becoming president, I have reached out to talk with, learn from, and solicit congregant and staff ideas for strengthening community. A recent meeting with committee chairs generated wonderful ideas for bringing communities together, across interests and generations, to learn with and from one another. We discussed strengthening the bonds between our youth and elders by looking into surrogate grandparenting, a need for families who are distant from grandparents. We voiced an interest in our students preserving elders' stories, or using our new kitchen facilities to share and sustain cherished food and cultural traditions. Conversations are afoot for linking Jewish prayer and practice to environmental stewardship and we are brainstorming ways to both educate and engage congregants of all ages in rendering our North Avenue cemetery available for interfaith burials. These are but a few of the many ideas that are being explored.

As always, I invite each of you to join with me, with the Board, and with the congregation, in sharing ideas and, more importantly, in actively leading or participating in meaningful ways to make community happen.

While recognizing we are a diverse congregation who often find spiritual and cultural fulfillment in a variety of different places at different times, we also know that our shared love of Judaism is grounded in the actions that others have modeled for us. Our responsibility, in turn, is to model what we want others to see and embrace as authentic community.

Let's be positive, let's be active, and let's be open to finding ways to come together and make community happen. I look forward to actively engaging you in the upcoming year.

~ Jeff Potash



SHALOM SHUK HAPPENINGS



When the man with the voucher checked out, I noted that he had found an excellent

pair of flannel lined pants. I said, "they will be a big help for the winter we were having." He replied, "I know. This place never lets me down. Last year, I got an incredible winter coat. It was wool and had a fur lining. I bought it here for only \$8. It kept me warm the whole winter."

Then there was the woman who purchased very stylish items for her wardrobe. When I said, "you found some great buys." She smiled and said, "I come to this place when I want to add something elegant to my wardrobe. I always find great merchandise here."

Our Shalom Shuk is truly a community resource. We give vouchers to many organizations in the community: VRRP (Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program), JUMP (Joint Urban Ministry Project), COTS (Committee on Temporary Shelter), HCS (Howard Community Services), Pathways, Ronald McDonald House, Spectrum, and folks who are homeless or are in the midst of a crisis (such as a fire destroying possessions)...and the list is growing.

Last year, the OZ Shalom Shuk was able to give \$2500 to the Boys and Girls Club and \$2500 to King Street Youth Program. This year, we have already given \$1,000 to the Boys and Girls Club and will be featured in their 9th Annual ONE Fashion Event at the Burlington International Airport Mezzanine. As they say: "this show brings a whole new meaning to the word runway." The Shuk is one of "twenty local retailers and designers and hand-chosen local models. This show will sizzle like never before."

~ Kay Stambler Greenberg

VERMONT INTERFAITH ACTION

The Moral Economy

VIA Clergy have been continuing their "Movement Toward a Moral Economy," begun last November. This movement seeks to apply the values of justice, the dignity of all work, and the respect of all persons to legislation and budget priorities. The Clergy have supported two specific issues which fit under this rubric in the last couple of weeks:

Paid Earned Sick Days

The Paid Sick Days coalition staff did one-to-ones with 350 small business owners all over the state to alter last year's bill. VIA clergy support two big changes: 1) a probationary period before new hires begin earning sick days, and 2) 3 initial paid sick days, to be raised to 5 days after 2 years. The law would allow part-time hourly employees to take paid time off for personal illness, doctor's appointments, or to care for a sick child or relative, demonstrating that in our society, all workers and their children matter to us.

Community High School

This program provides a means for Vermont prison inmates to earn a high school diploma (not a GED) and technical certificates in job skills like culinary arts, construction, and mechanical repair. Last year 40 diplomas and 330 industrial certificates were awarded, helping ex-offenders to succeed after their release. The program is cost effective and impactful, but the Governor proposes to cut its budget in half. VIA Clergy Leaders testified before the Joint Appropriations Committee to support full funding.

Questions? Contact the VIA office, office@viavt.org or visit our website, www.viavt.org

Saturday, March 7...Fashion Show...Burlington International Airport...7:00 pm



Please join us and support the Shuk and the Club at the fashion show.

7:00 Doors Open | 8:00 Show Starts | 10:00 dance party

Tickets are on sale at www.flynntix.org or at Flynn Theater Box Office,

802-86-FLYNN



These tributes were made from Dec. 1, 2014 - Jan. 31, 2015

Adult Education Donations

In Loving Memory of Blanche Grossman by Rosalyn Grossman & Diana Carminati

Annual Appeal

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Asst. Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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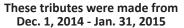
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Julius Harry Wax*
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Dorothy Novick Kaye*
Yvonne Ades

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Wednesday 3/11/2015

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Hyman Book
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Rose Zaetz Moskovitz*
Jonathan Baron Lash*
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Arthur William Mandel*
Saul Izenberg*
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Anna Levine Lapidow*
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Ruth Ruttenberg Tabakin*
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Sylvia Glassman Raynes*
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Augusta Magerman Slawsky
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Daniel Benjamin Brown*
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Wednesday 3/18/2015

Irvin M. London*
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Harry Press*
Harry R. Lazarus*
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Thursday 3/19/2015

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Friday 3/20/2015

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Joseph Wasserman
Nettie Finger
Joseph Phillips
Minnie Suckno Katz
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Louis Aronoff*
Anne Weintraub Davis*
Martha Bamberger

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Louis S. Boyarsky*
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Nesbith Dorothy Feinberg
Melvin Lane*
Hannah Press*
Louis Lash*
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Shirley Tripp Baldwin
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Rachael Sokolove Arkin*
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Max Ginsberg Sarah W. Silver Louis Peller Samuel Richman

Wednesday 3/25/2015

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Sunday 3/29/2015

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Monday 3/30/2015

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Grete Kahn
Jack Barry Levenson*
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Rose Feldman Rose Kitzinger

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Jacqueline Streisinger Dr. Abraham Moskovitz

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Gertrude Balkan Israel Chernyakov Gertrude Rosenthal Fine* Aubrey Mallach Max Granat Samuel Fivel

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Enid Weiser Bell Robert Berman Fannie Lapidow Levine* Nathaniel Robert Lash* Benjamin Kershner Arlene Hyman Marcia C. Tobak Cora Duckman

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Aaron I. Garbo* Ada Smith Rubman Morris Filler Goldie Filler

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MARCH 2015

3/1/15

9:30 AM Interfaith/Social Action Committee Meeting

10:00 AM Beginner Hebrew Reading

3/2/15

5:45 PM Things that Mattered

3/4/15

4:00 PM Hebrew School

5:30 PM Purim Celebration

7:00 PM Megillah Reading

3/5/15

7:00 AM Shacharit Service

2:00 PM Events Committee Meeting

3/6/15

9:30 AM Play Group

6:00 PM Folk Service

3/8/15

9:30 AM Hebrew School

9:45 AM OZHS Committee Meeting

11:30 AM Camp Fair

4:00 PM Concert Honoring Rabbi Joshua

3/9/15

3:00 PM Easy Ancient & Modern International Circle Dance

5:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

3/11/15

4:00 PM Hebrew School

3/12/15

2:00 PM American Jewish Poetry

7:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

7:15 PM Jewish Mindfulness

3/13/15 - Rabbinic Candidate Shabbaton

9:30 AM Play Group

3/14/15 - Rabbinic Candidate Shabbaton

3/15/15 - Rabbinic Candidate Shabbaton

9:30 AM Hebrew School

9:45 AM OZHS Parent Group

3/16/15

3:00 PM Easy Ancient & Modern International Circle Dance

5:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

5:45 PM Things that Mattered

3/18/15

2:00 PM Intermediate Hebrew Reading

3:30 PM Veggie Pick up

3/19/15

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn

2:00 PM American Jewish Poetry

5:30 PM Board Meeting

7:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

7:15 PM Jewish Mindfulness

3/20/15

9:30 AM Play Group

3/22/15

9:30 AM Hebrew School

10:00 AM Adult Ed Book Discussion

2:00 PM Women's Seder

7:30 PM Israeli Dance

3/23/15

3:00 PM Easy Ancient & Modern International Circle Dance

5:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

5:45 PM Things that Mattered

3/25/15

2:00 PM Intermediate Hebrew Reading

4:00 PM Hebrew School

3/26/15

2:00 PM American Jewish Poetry

7:15 PM Jewish Mindfulness

7:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

3/27/15

9:30 AM Play Group

3/29/15

10:00 AM OZHS Family Mock Seder

1:00 PM Arts and Culture Chavurah

7:30 PM Israeli Dance

3/30/15

3:00 PM Easy Ancient & Modern International Circle Dance

5:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

5:45 PM Things that Mattered



APRIL 2015

4/1/15

4:00 PM Hebrew School

4/2/15

2:00 PM Events Committee Meeting

7:15 PM Jewish Mindfulness

7:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

4/3/15

9:30 AM Play Group

6:30 PM Community Seder (Passover Begins-First Seder)

4/4/15

Second Seder

4/6/15

3:00 PM Easy Ancient & Modern International Circle Dance

5:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

4/8/15

4:00 PM Hebrew School

4/9/15

7:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

4/10/15 - Office Closed

4/12/15

9:30 AM Hebrew School

9:45 AM OZHS Parent Group

9:45 AM Hebrew School Committee Meeting

10:00 AM Adult Ed Book Discussion

10:00 AM Pulpit Exchange

11:30 AM Bagel Brunch

7:30 PM Israeli Dance

4/13/15

3:00 PM Easy Ancient & Modern International Circle Dance

5:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

4/15/15

4:00 PM Hebrew School

4:30 PM Balabusta in the Kitchen

7:30 PM Yom Hashoah Observance

4/16/15

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn

5:30 PM Board Meeting

7:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

4/17/15

9:30 AM Play Group

4/18/15

9:00 AM Isa Kaplan Bar Mitzvah

4/20/15

5:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

4/23/15

7:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance

4/24/15

9:30 AM Play Group

5:30 PM Tot Shabbat

4/26/15

3:30 PM Israeli Elections, American Jewry and the Road Ahead

7:30 PM Israeli Dance

4/27/15

6:00 PM Interfaith Seder

4/29/15

4:00 PM Hebrew School

4/30/15

7:15 PM Beginners Tai Chi for Health and Balance



*Please note the following ongoing activities:

- Daily Minyan: Every Sunday at 9 am and 7 pm; every Monday Thursday, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday morning group: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am
- Services: Every Friday at 6 pm; every Saturday at 9 am (including Federal holidays)
- Torah Study: Every Saturday at 8:30 am and Every Tuesday at 6:00 pm

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March 6	5:28 pm	6:00 pm	March 7	9:00 am	6:28 pm
March 13	6:37 pm	6:00 pm	March 14	9:00 am	7:37 pm
March 20	6:46 pm	6:00 pm	March 21	9:00 am	7:46 pm
March 27	6:55 pm	6:00 pm	March 28	9:00 am	7:55 pm
April 3	7:03 pm	6:00 pm	April 4	9:00 am	8:03 pm
April 10	7:12 pm	6:00 pm	April 11	9:00 am	8:12 pm
April 17	7:21 pm	6:00 pm	April 18	9:00 am	8:21 pm
April 24	7:29 pm	6:00 pm	April 25	9:00 am	8:29 pm