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## Congregational Meeting



Sunday, November 22

9:30 - 11:30 am

Board elections

(Detailed letter will follow)



Scholar-in-Residence  
Shabbaton  
Nov 6 - 8  
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*OZ President Jeff Potash and Rabbi Amy Joy Small  
on contract signing day. Rabbi Amy's tenure at  
Ohavi Zedek begins January 1, 2016.*

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Please join us for our **FABULOUS**

## CHANUKAH PARTY!

Sunday, December 6

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Crafts & Games

Music by Gigi Weisman and Robert Resnik

Homemade Latkes & Applesauce

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## FROM THE RABBI



*Y'shar koh'khem.*

**R**ighteousness is your strength, members of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue and Rabbi Amy Small, on your decision that Rabbi Amy will be OZ's next senior rabbi. I have conveyed to Rabbi Small my availability for counsel as she begins her service at OZ, as well as my intent to allow her the space any new spiritual leader of a congregation needs as she or he begins to serve.

In fact, it is a rule of the Rabbinical Assembly, my rabbinical organization, that during such transitions the departing rabbi do what he or she can to allow for the new rabbi a full opportunity to develop her own special relationship with the members of the congregation. That is why, when it appeared that Rabbi Jonah was starting here in August, Kathy and I made plans to live in Portland, Maine, as well as keeping our home in Burlington. Looking forward, we knew that our children would be living in both Portland and Burlington. We're not quite sure how we will divide our time, but upon Rabbi Amy's beginning to serve I definitely will tend to be in Portland out of respect for her and OZ members as you get off to a good start in what I hope will be a long and fulfilling relationship.

Religious congregations have a variety of ways, formal and informal, of defining the separation of spiritual leader and congregation. The most poignant I have witnessed here in town was the religious service at which both local minister and congregation participated in a liturgy of separation, each affirming that their active relationship was ending. They verbally set each other free to enter into a new active relationship between the congregation and the retiring minister's successor. I was a little taken aback by the formality of it all; yet, as our relationship here at OZ moves towards major change, I've come to appreciate the value of both spiritual leader and congregation affirming their recognition that the nature of their relationship was changing. At this formal service, the congregation released the minister from her ministerial responsibilities and the minister affirmed her understanding that a new spiritual leader would be serving in her stead.

We are not as formal about such things here at OZ,

yet I think it important, in fairness to the congregation, to my successor, and to myself, that we be clear about what is changing and what is not changing. In a short while, Ohavi Zedek Synagogue will install a new senior rabbi as the congregation's spiritual leader in all the varied dimensions of such leadership, personal and communal. I delight in your choice of Rabbi Amy as my successor. I quickly felt a kinship with her and envision many ways in which she will build upon my service, as well as bring to OZ new ideas and new ways of leading this synagogue, an organized community which is precious to so many of us.

I ask you to recognize deeply her leadership. Knowing that there are some who still consider me "the new rabbi," I know that the bond of rabbi and congregation is very personal and spiritual leadership does not usually change "on a dime," as they say. Yet it is also true that such a transition can be facilitated by summoning the *kavanah*, the intention, the inclination of one's heart, towards letting go of the past and embracing the future.

When Rabbi Small arrives, I will begin what the Rabbinical Assembly calls a 'terminal Sabbatical' of the departing rabbi (January through March 31, 2016). In her kindness, which I very much appreciate, Vivien Rabin Brown prefers to call it a "culminating Sabbatical." I thank her for that, yet I recognize the message the RA wants to send with the word 'terminal'—something really is ending and something new beginning, and we need to remember that change can bring real growth.

What is not changing are the deep bonds that have grown between so many of you and myself over close to a quarter century. We have met at the saddest of times and at the most joyful of times. With many of you I am blessed to share a deep love. I consider many of you of my most dear friends. As Kathy and I plan to live in both Vermont and Maine, I hope that we will continue to see each other around town for many years, and over the years I would expect our love and friendship to continue to grow. Being human, God willing we will continue to share times of joy as well as times of sorrow and all those moments in between.

That does not change. What does change is that Rabbi Amy will be your senior rabbi, with full rabbinical responsibilities, particularly those life cycle events of great joy and immense sorrow. I will be in and out of

town and most definitely will endeavor to deepen our friendship, wherever I am.

And so, without any formal liturgy of release, I trust we will move forward in our lives, respecting the boundaries that need to be respected if we are to give each other and Ohavi Zedek Synagogue the greatest opportunity to continue to fulfill its unique potential as a thriving Jewish community.

As I prepare to say *l'hitra'ot*, I hope that each of you at Ohavi Zedek, members and staff, know how grateful I am for our shared life of the past quarter century. I am greatly blessed by the large measure of love and friendship I have shared and hope to continue to share as the months and years go by.

*L'hit'ra'ot,  
Rabbi Joshua Chasan*

## FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBI



As the leaves continue to fall from the trees and a quiet begins to deepen in the forest, the leaves forming a golden mat on which to tread, I reflect upon the vortex known as the High Holidays and the sound of quiet that settles upon us once all the hustle of the Holy Days

has come to a close. I write this during the week of the first of the new Torah, that of the Torah portion of *Bereshit*. I am thinking about the way that Rashi translates this first verse of our Torah: “in the beginning of God’s creating the heavens and the earth – when the earth was bewilderment and void, with darkness over the [primordial] waters, etc.” (Gen. 1:1-2). He is understanding that the Hebrew words, *to-hu v’vohu*, as ‘bewilderment, astonishment, and bafflement,’ and not as it is often translated as ‘empty and void’; inherent in the text is that the earth was already there, as were the canvas, the raw materials, from which creation could proceed. Not empty. Bewildered. Every year I am caught by that image, that creation begins in bewilderment. Do you see the word ‘wild’ within the word ‘bewilderment’? If we dissect the English

word, we reveal something quite deep about that first emergence of the verb of creation: that there was an inherent wildness to the materials out of which God began to form creation, a ‘be-wild-ness’ that is the core of our existence. How do we relate to wildness? If you look at how humans have tried to tame the wilderness (also a word created out of the word ‘wild’) we can see that we thought that we were taking something wild and taming it to fit our ability to survive. And that is very true, and not necessarily a dysfunctional way to engage with the wild, natural world. And we all know now about the limits of that perspective: that the wildness is only wild and unruly from our human perspective, that there is in fact an integrity to what looks to us like chaos.

But I want to go in a different direction here, and stick with the image of bewilderment. We often associate this word with the image of waking up, like when you are abruptly awakened in the middle of the night, and you cannot figure out where (or who) you are. It’s that eye-blinking, eye-rubbing moment when the coordinates have not yet aligned, and there’s that sense of floating, and even a sense of wonder, like when you open your eyes to the chaos of the forest or a blizzard and it takes a minute before you can begin to order the chaos into something which you can work, that you can re-cognize, with which you can engage and therefore begin to create order out of the swirling world around you.

I like to imagine a midrash that tells the story of God waking up and looking around and getting caught up in a bewilderment that slowly congeals into something which can be organized, cognized, and ultimately solemnized and sacred-ized. That moment of bewilderment is the moment before wonder; it’s the moment before we begin the inevitable and almost unavoidable process of organizing what we encounter into something that we can use/relate to/be in relationship with. If I had to create a bumper sticker out of this, I would write, ‘Bewilderment is the beginning of relationship’. Not too bad a way to begin this year! May we all be at ease with our moments of bewilderment, and be able to enter into our relationships with the sense of wonder that can linger, even as we put things in order.

~ Rabbi Jan Salzman



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



**T**radition AND Change. At this momentous time in OZ's history, I believe our future rests with our collective ability to understand and embrace the term 'AND.'

Take Rabbi Amy Small's forthcoming arrival. It is with great excitement, 135 years after our congregation's founding, that we will have our first woman senior rabbi. It is fitting that our new rabbi is a feminist trailblazer, who, at the time of her ordination, was not welcome in the Conservative movement. The rules, along with societal norms, have changed, AND we now have the opportunity to invite a leader into our Conservative community who joins us in celebrating tradition. At the same time, Rabbi Amy offers us her experience and her wisdom to contemplate changes that will help us reach out to unaffiliated Jews.

As an historian, I'd describe this as the fourth major era in OZ Rabbinic history. With our congregation's inception in 1885, the first six decades – the so-called "Little Jerusalem" era – saw Ohavi Zedek as an Orthodox congregation, with rabbis who, with rare exception, stayed for relatively short periods. Rabbi Max Wall's tenure, beginning in 1947, ushered in a second era of wide-ranging and dramatic change. During his more than four decades as OZ's rabbi, this congregation embraced modernity guided by the Conservative movement. OZ moved from the "shtetl" to a prominent position on Burlington's "hill," an area that earlier sported protective covenants outlawing Jewish settlement. So too, Rabbi Wall reached out to form long and deep friendships with Bishop Robert Joyce (Catholic) and Bishop Vedder Van Dyke (Episcopal), as well as state leaders including several governors, to build pathways to foster tolerance and collaboration on social justice. It is interesting how today many recall Rabbi Wall as a staunch traditionalist. He was, AND he was an agent of change as was Rabbi Joshua Chasan. In leading OZ over the past quarter century, Rabbi Joshua has strengthened our tradition in making the larger community aware of the role of OZ's rabbi as an agent of social justice. He has continued OZ's affiliation with the Conservative movement. AND internally, long before the larger society and Conservative movement

did so, he has quietly yet powerfully embraced change by welcoming those who felt societal norms and prejudices precluded their participation in this community.

So here we are, in what will be a fourth era. My hope and expectation is that Rabbi Amy's role will also be one in which she celebrates the 'AND' that connects tradition with change. Our traditions are many, in areas of religious practice, in community outreach and education, and in honoring the substance of our congregation's name as "Lovers of Justice." I am excited to see where we can protect the traditions so many of our congregants cherish AND offer new opportunities for others to join our meaningful community.

The 'AND' is very much a personal part of how I experience OZ. I'm reminded of the many caring congregants who are no longer among us (my parents included). Those memories underscore my reverence for tradition AND at the same time, the different spirit of life that exists here today. In the boisterous laughter of our Hebrew School students, the dignity of the refugees who are educated here, the constant flow of shoppers to the Shuk, and the wondrous and ever-growing diversity of our congregation – all these changes and more still unfolding capture the relevance, vibrancy, and sustain OZ as a special place.

As my wife Jane (newly retired!) and I prepare to take leave of Burlington on December 1 to begin a 3-month snowbird phase of our lives in Florida, I promise to continue to work diligently, via email, Skype, and cell phone. And I am deeply grateful to Liz Kleinberg, our Vice President, for helping fill in for me while I'm away.

When we all come together, as have so many over the years, for prayer, for learning, and for friendship, we actively experience how our traditions sustain us. AND, as we move forward, in exploring and undertaking meaningful changes in the tradition of each of our rabbis, I am confident we can come together in actively participating in growing our community. Living with tradition AND change is a foundation upon which we can show ourselves and others how our Jewish values are as relevant and meaningful in today's world as they have been throughout the millennia.

~ Jeff Potash

## FROM THE TREASURER



As I prepare to pass the Treasurer's position on to my successor, I want to take a moment to relate to you the accomplishments we've achieved over the last several years, as well as the challenges we continue to face.

First, let's look at our massive achievements. The new kitchen and classrooms, the solar array on the roof, the Raul and Kathy Guevara Playground, a renovated cemetery on North Avenue, a growing Hebrew School and a very active adult education program, and last but not least, our hire of Rabbi Amy Small to be the senior rabbi of OZ starting January 1 are all tangible proofs that we are a vibrant community. And then we have the symbol of our extraordinary nature – the successful move of the Lost Shul Mural. Each of these items is a monumental achievement; together, they show that there is nothing we can't accomplish together.

It is extraordinary that we've managed to tackle each of these projects while keeping the day-to-day running of the synagogue on an even keel. Our budgets have, for the most part, been balanced; in my five years as treasurer, four were surplus budgets, and the fifth year, last year, we produced a very small deficit. Our move from a fixed dues model to our current fair-share membership support system has been hugely successful, and has meant that we no longer need to meet our operating costs by applying to some of our better-positioned congregants. We have asked you to set your own level of financial support rather than impose an arbitrary measure from above, and you have met this challenge in tremendous fashion. With so many synagogues closing their doors due to lagging financial support, the fact that we are fully funding ours with what each of us chooses to give on an annual basis while increasing membership and programming is a positive sign that we are doing an awful lot right.

That said, not everything is always smooth sailing. Projects sometimes run over cost and/or over scope, and situations have arisen over which we have little or no control, but that we had to address nonetheless. That is the nature of this particular organization; we

are working with a 60+ year old building (does AARP have a section for aging buildings?) that has parts that fail, despite our best efforts to keep everything in pristine condition.

So let's look at some of our current and future challenges.

First, the Lost Shul Mural. Its move from Hyde St. to the OZ lobby was historic, unprecedented, and expensive, much more expensive than any of us thought it would be. But postponing the move was not an attractive option - the annual cost of renting the Hyde St. apartment, with all its ancillary costs, was approximately \$30,000. The longer we waited to move the mural, the higher the total cost, and the more likely that the mural would suffer additional damage. It became clear that, in order to minimize costs and damage, we had to move forward. Or we had to abandon the project. We chose the former, to stabilize the mural and complete the move to its new permanent home, the OZ lobby.

In the course of the mural's move, we discovered that there were significant structural deficiencies in our building. Since the OZ lobby was already open, we undertook the necessary repairs. In this respect, moving the mural actually saved us money on the foundation repairs, as the face of our building had already been removed.

We are now in the process of analyzing all the monies paid out, and assigning them to either the mural project or OZ building repair. We currently don't know by how much the cost of the project, to date, exceeds the amounts raised, but we are working hard at nailing this number down.

Once the cost analysis is complete, we may choose to deal with the excess mural costs the way we did for the kitchen and classrooms: create a promissory note for the amount that OZ has lent to the project which must be repaid by the project. The kitchen/classroom model is working very well – two years into the payback of the money we borrowed from our cash endowment the monies are being repaid on schedule, with interest, and there's no reason to assume that this will not continue. In the case of the mural, where active fundraising is ongoing, not just in the OZ community and in Vermont, but throughout

the US and Canada, using a similar model can pave a way forward to not only pay back what's owed to OZ, but also to provide ongoing funding for the restoration work and educational component of the project.

Another area where there has been financial stress is the rabbinic transition. It is true that, in this transition year, our expenses will be significantly higher than they would have been without the transition. But transitions happen, and we are fortunate that we have the financial resources to fund this one without having to approach any angels to help us make our monthly payroll. The transition costs are a one-time expense, and next year's budget (beginning 7/1/2016) should be clear sailing in terms of determining the cost of all of our salary and benefit obligations.

Finally, there will continue to be costs associated with our aging physical plant. Yes, renovations were undertaken several years ago that addressed many building issues, but there will always be systems that need repair or replacement. And, we lack a robust Building Fund or any real sort of reserve replacement fund. Roofs will fail, sewers will back up, floods will happen, electrical wiring will fray, and foundations will sink. We must take a serious look at all the OZ buildings and create a plan that allows us to address these repairs on our terms, rather than wait for disaster to strike. Planned repairs are almost always less costly than emergency repairs, and are usually less disruptive, too.

In order to deal with these, and other, financial issues, the Finance Committee is being tasked with (a) corralling all the disparate pieces of the Ohavi Zedek endowment, including not only the money in the Endowment Fund, but also the property and buildings we own, and (b) finding ways to use our assets to further the mission of the larger community. One of the ways we have been able to undertake so many major projects in a very short space of time has been our creative use of the resources we have at hand; our success in this area should help us identify other ways in which our community can grow and evolve without breaking the bank.

This brings me to my final point: your continued support. This is not an "ask," but it is a request – a request that you understand that the Board is not spending frivolously or capriciously, but always putting what we deem to be in the best interest of the entire community in the forefront. You may not

always agree with some of their choices, but our Board members are thoughtful in their decision making, and always looking for ways to squeeze the most value out of every dollar you entrust us with. We cannot do what needs to be done – whether protecting and maintaining our physical plant, honoring and treating our employees the way we would want to be treated, and providing programming that adds value to all of our lives– without your financial support. If you have a question that you'd like answered, ask one of us. If you have an idea, share it. If you're troubled by something, let us know. Volunteer. Get involved. The best way for us to move forward in the future is for all of us to do it together.

*~ Peggy Munro*

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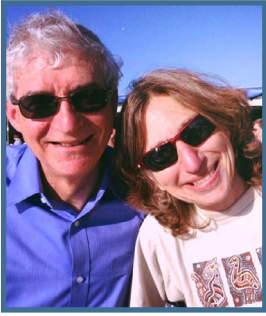
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## PROFILE: RICHARD & LINDA FINKELSTEIN



Richard and Linda Finkelstein, now in their mid-60s, met as 17-year-old college students while trying to cross Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. On that cold night in January, both were eating ice cream cones. “I struck up a conversation with him while cars, trucks and the T were whizzing by,” says Linda. The freshmen were friends for years before their relationship took a romantic turn.

Richard, from Montreal, was a serious student in the honors program in psychology at Boston University. Though nearly all his friends went to McGill after high school, he opted to leave Canada to continue his education, and he was thrilled to be in Boston. Linda, on the other hand, was born and raised in Brooklyn and loved its proximity to Manhattan, where as a teenager she would visit museums and galleries and watch foreign films in the Village. An art history major at BU, she enjoyed the cultural aspects of the Boston area, but “felt lost” there, and not very happy.

She grew up in a Jewish/Italian neighborhood in Flatbush, across the street from her paternal grandparents. Her grandfather, an immigrant from Austria who worked as a furrier, would stop by every day on his way to the Orthodox shul on the next block. Her grandmother, a traditional Jewish homemaker, died when Linda was 9, “leaving a hole in my heart,” she says. Linda notes that both her maternal and paternal grandparents placed a high value on education, and their influence was felt over the generations. Her father, who had worked very hard to put himself through college and medical school, had an office attached to their house, and her older brother is a retired psychiatrist in Portland, Oregon.

While Linda’s immediate family were not synagogue goers, they lived a cultural, spiritual Jewish life, with a deep appreciation for nature and outdoor activities. They took several summer cross-country trips to the mountains out West before building a country house in the Poconos in Pennsylvania when Linda was 16.

She remembers “competing like crazy” in school. Although she won medals in science and math, Linda developed an abiding love for art, classical music and

literature. As a junior in high school she was accepted into a summer program at Harvard, and she attended summer school at Stanford after her freshman year at BU. “I just loved California,” Linda says, “and I might have tried to transfer out there if I’d known how to do it.” Having returned to Boston in the fall, she dropped out during spring semester to go back to the West coast, giving in to her “rebellious streak.” Still, she came back East again and managed to earn her degree from BU in August of 1971, just a few months after her anticipated graduation date.

Richard’s childhood in Montreal was more traditionally Jewish. His maternal grandfather arrived at Ellis Island from Rumania, then joined relatives in Montreal, where he achieved success in the clothing business and was active in the Jewish community. Richard has only to close his eyes to recall the aroma and taste of his grandmother’s Rumanian delicacies: mun cookies, knishes ‘light as air,’ rossel (a heady, fermented beet soup) and mamaliga (Jewish polenta).

His father’s family came from Belarus, Russia. In Montreal, interestingly enough, his paternal grandfather, Harry Finkelstein, went into business in a men’s clothing manufacturing company with Sam ‘Cooney’ Samuelson, an accountant whose name will be familiar to old-timers here through Cooney’s relatives in Burlington. Richard’s father, Nat Finkelstein, went into the business and became president.

Theirs was a thriving Jewish community. Richard’s father was one of the founding members of Beth El, their Conservative synagogue, which Richard says was similar in many ways to Ohavi Zedek. His mother’s family built a country house in the Laurentians where Richard and his siblings, an older sister and brother, enjoyed skiing on weekends after their traditional Friday night dinners at home. Linda says Richard is an expert skier, having spent his formative years “up north” in Saint Agathe. He graduated from high school at 16, then spent an additional year there (required to go to college in the US), before venturing to Boston, a city he’d never seen.

He and Linda would meet periodically over the course of their college years. She would pick him up in her VW Beetle and get him to forsake his studies for a few hours to spend time with her in the countryside looking at leaves, in Gloucester near the ocean, or just hanging



out and talking. They shared a love of classical music and would often listen to music together.

After Richard graduated in 1971, prior to starting graduate school, he went to England, where he volunteered as a staff person at Delrow House, a halfway house just outside of London for handicapped people. A non-medical model in expressive therapy developed by Rudolf Steiner, the facility attracted volunteers from all over the world – including Linda, “Richard’s friend from America,” after her own August graduation from BU.

Linda worked in the paint shop there, overseeing painting projects. Rather than following prescribed patterns as requested, however, she opted for creativity (rebellious still, she acknowledges) and, as a result, was asked to leave in March, after just six months. Richard left with her, beginning what would be their life’s journey that would take them from London all through Europe, back to Canada, then to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and eventually to the Green Mountains of Vermont.

Having camped throughout Europe until the end of August 1972, Richard returned to Montreal to enter graduate school at McGill, much to his parents’ delight, and Linda found a job in Manhattan. By January, though, she had packed up and headed north to join Richard. Enrolling in the Fine Arts department at Concordia University (then Sir George Williams), she studied art education and also worked with handicapped children. “Through Richard’s family I learned about Jewish traditions and rituals in the home, such as lighting candles before dinner on Friday night,” Linda says. “I loved everything I learned, and we’ve carried on those rituals within our own family through the years.”

In 1975 she and Richard were married at the Plaza Hotel in New York, surrounded by family and close friends. By the time Linda earned her second Bachelor’s degree in 1979, she was pregnant with their son, Eric. The family moved to Pennsylvania when Richard accepted a position at Western Psychiatric at the University of Pittsburgh, and their second child, Rachel, was born there in 1983. Linda attended the University of Pittsburgh from 1981-1983 and taught art at The Pittsburgh Center for the Arts during the summers. She always sought part-time work, she says, because she enjoyed having time with her children.

After six years in Pittsburgh doing clinical research, Richard was ready for a change. He accepted a position at the Newton Memorial Hospital in Newton, New

Jersey, a small community facility where he was the coordinator of outpatient mental health services and for many years supervised and trained therapists and developed varied programs. Gradually, funding began to dry up, and in 1997 Richard left the hospital to become a partner in a private group practice.

The Finkelsteins lived in the nearby town of Sparta. Though not far from the Metropolitan area, Linda describes Sparta as a “culturally vacuous community, with little ethnic diversity.” They joined a temple a few miles away in Dover. Linda taught art at the Sparta Recreation Department and at Franklin Elementary School, but never felt ‘at home,’ she says, until she became the art teacher at Hebrew Academy in Randolph. (Coincidentally, Rabbi Amy’s children were in Linda’s classes!)

Serious illness overtook her in 2000, when she was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor. After surgery and an 11-month recovery, during which she held private art classes in her home, she found an “amazing job” as an early intervention teacher. “Play therapy with children up to the age of three,” she says. “It was ‘on the floor work,’ and I loved it.” At the same time, she was beginning to develop stronger friendships with women in her area.

But Richard was burning out. “We’d been in Sparta for 28 years and raised our children there, but I didn’t want to spend the rest of my life there,” he says. He missed living in a university town and realized he had a powerful need: he wanted to be up north in snow country. Rachel and Eric were long gone from the family home. Rachel, having earned a Bachelor’s degree in psychology from McGill and a Master’s from the London School of Economics, had accepted a job in the organizational department of Investec in London, and Eric, a graduate of BU and Rutgers Law School, was living in Jersey City and working in Woodbridge, NJ in commercial real estate. “Let’s think about alternatives,” Richard suggested to Linda. “How about Vermont?”

They’d visited Burlington several times over the years, and had attended both Friday evening and Saturday morning services at Ohavi Zedek. The congregation had a familiar feel, and Richard was excited to see the Samuelson name on the synagogue time line, reminding him of the business association of the Samuelsons and Finkelsteins in Montreal. “We

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## HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



We recently had our annual Desert Tent Jamboree at OZHS. I usually describe this all-school event as 'controlled chaos.' This year's get-together did not fail to meet those expectations: kids running around dressed up in bathrobes with dish towels wrapped around their heads snacking on hummus, pita, dried fruit, lentil stew and even ice cream; Israeli music playing in the background; the Social Hall filled with decorated tents; mothers and fathers and grandparents chatting and milling about.



One parent approached me towards the end of the gathering and said her child hadn't learned a thing that day. One parent emailed me the next day to tell me that the jamboree was great. And I sit in between these polar reactions wondering which one of them is correct. I want to go with the latter.

Sometimes it is difficult to gauge the impact your child's experience at OZHS has on them in the here-and-now. We are trying to accomplish so much in so little time. How do we, as a school, teach all there is to teach about being Jewish in 2-4 hours a week? An impossible task, you might say. That is why we strive to give our students a taste of as many aspects of Judaism as possible and to plant seeds of interest. If we've done our job correctly, they will nurture those seeds until the time comes that they can seek out more learning on their own. To cultivate that interest, our kids need to have a positive experience. Yes, they will learn here, but they also need to 'experience,' to have an opportunity to make personal connections with their fellow students and have some fun.

It is a difficult balance to strike - 'sitting in your chairs' time versus 'getting up and doing' time. They

are both important. The OZHS staff is passionate about sharing their love and knowledge of Judaism with your kids, and it is up to me and each teacher to figure out which model works best for everyone. Our new approach to curriculum encourages more hands-on learning within the context of how it relates to Jewish tradition, culture, practice and history.



You can support our efforts – continue the conversation at home. Check in with your teachers and see what's going on in class and talk to your kids about what they did at Hebrew School. Celebrate Shabbat. Share a story about your Jewish ancestors. Learn a little Hebrew with your kids. Cook (and eat!) some Jewish food. Listen to some Israeli music. Put up a mezuzah. Get a family tzedakah box and decide together where to donate the money. Volunteer at Hebrew School. Participate in school events. Stay for bagel brunches. Attend Hebrew School Committee meetings. Your kids are watching and taking their cues from you.

There is so much good energy here at OZHS (our enrollment is up 30% from last year)! Take a little piece of it home with you each time you pick up your kids and continue the learning.

*~ Naomi Barell*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Condolences

- To Timothy Johnson and Evan and Chloe, on the death of his wife and their mother, Susan Weiss
- To Jeffrey Klein on the death of his father, Allan Klein
- To Kay Stambler and Stan Greenberg, on the death of their daughter, Marni Rachel Stambler

### New Members

- Keith Oppenheim and Susan Weinstein
- Rebecca and Seth Orman
- Adam and Meghan Staula
- Bill Miller and Sandra Chizinsky
- Navah Spero and Katie Taylor
- Scott and Lauren Friedman

### Thank You

- To Janice Nadworny for assisting Raul with landscaping

### Committee Help Needed

- Ohavi Zedek is reviving its Membership/ Outreach Committee and John Blatt has volunteered to serve as committee chair. Email John at johnblatt@msn.com for more info or to join the committee.

### Christina's Housekeeping Service

Weekly, Bi-weekly and Monthly Slots



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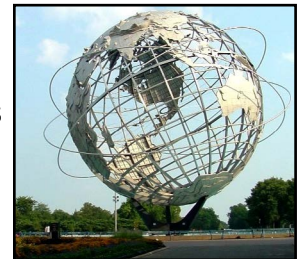
## LUNCH & LEARN

In **October** Shelagh Connor Shapiro entertained us by reading from her novel, *Shape of the Sky*, a story about a Phish-like concert on farmlands in Vermont, and speaking about her radio interview show, Write the Book.



**November 19** - Join us for a fascinating glimpse into Hasidic life when **Joe Davidson** looks back on his ten years as a Hasid in Israel. His talk is entitled *"From Outside to Inside Out: My Hasidic Journey."*

On **December 17** travel around the world with us as **Rick Wolfish and Friends** visit and revisit World's Fairs throughout the decades, exploring the architecture, inventions and ideas that emerged from these amazing expositions.

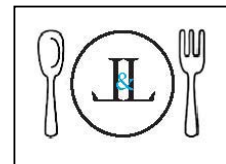


Luncheons are free and open to the community; donations to help defray expenses are welcome. As always, our dedicated kitchen crew provides a delicious mid-day meal, topped off by goodies from Lake Champlain Chocolates.

Schedules for the January through May regular L&L events will be available at the November luncheon. Watch for a special added luncheon in June.

### Upcoming luncheon dates

Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 17, Apr 14, May 19



~ Judy Hershberg

**If you would like to assist the kitchen crew for Lunch & Learn and other OZ events, please email Kathy Guevara at [guevark43@comcast.net](mailto:guevark43@comcast.net).**

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found the congregation friendly and welcoming, and felt positive energy from Rabbi Joshua and Rabbi Jan,” both Richard and Linda said.

Back in NJ, Richard obtained a license to practice in Vermont, and he and Linda decided to make a permanent move in 2014 – she less enthusiastic about leaving Sparta at that time than he. Although the housing market was poor, they put their home up for sale and within a very short time received a very good offer. Six weeks later they’d finalized the sale and prepared to move. Richard closed his practice and they found a condo in South Burlington. On May 22, with Linda’s car packed ‘to the gills’ with their belongings and their little dog, Jasper, her car was totaled in an accident and towed away. Along with a couple of close friends, Linda and Richard unpacked all the things in her car and distributed them among friends temporarily. An inauspicious beginning to their new chapter in life, to be sure.

But once here, both Richard and Linda jumped in with both feet. He found work three days a week with Otter Creek Associates on the Burlington Waterfront, obtained a season ski pass to Sugarbush, joined a French conversation group, and volunteered to take part in the Adult Education program at OZ. She was even more proactive, becoming involved as a ‘greeter’ at Shelburne Museum, at the UVM Medical Center, in the Art from the Heart program through BCA, at the Integrated Arts Academy, and on both the Adult Ed and Events Committees. Linda has had her art work exhibited during the South End Art Hop and signed up to participate in Dragonheart Vermont and in the Scholar-in-Residence program at OZ.

“I love it here,” Richard says. Downhill and cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, biking, hiking, he does it all, and Linda joins him in most activities. “Last year was tough for me,” Linda admits. “I’d made few connections and the winter seemed so-o-o long! Now we’ve met wonderful people in this interesting, inclusive and diverse community.” To express their gratitude to new friends and neighbors who have welcomed and embraced them, the Finkelsteins hosted a party at their lovely new home during the summer. Yet even now, having settled in, made friends, and fully engaged in the community, Linda drives back to New Jersey now and then for a much needed ‘fix’. “If Burlington were three hours closer to New York City it would be perfect!” the ‘Flatlander from Flatbush’ declares.

~ Judy Hershberg

## LIBRARY

As you know, picture books and early readers collection are on the stage. All books are catalogued and ready to be checked out. All members have lending privileges. If you do not have an electronic card, please let me know and I can easily create one. Grandparents, why not borrow books from OZ the next time your grandchildren come for a visit.

Chapter books and young adult books are in the library, along with classics, newer titles, and teacher resources.


I am hoping to keep a collection of books by members. So far there are two. If you have written a book, please think of OZ like the Library of Congress and gift us a copy!

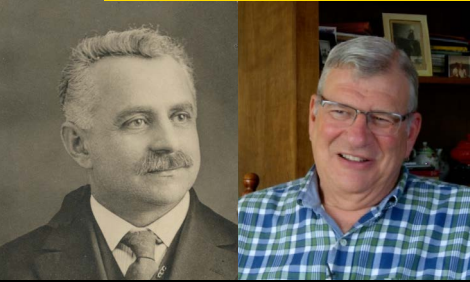
The adult collection is under construction. At present, I am heavily weeding, and looking for a committee to help me create a collection policy to present to the Board. Please let me know if you would like to help.

Thank you, Ellen Gittelsohn, for being the library caretaker for so long.

~ Sally Hand

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# YOUNG JUDAEA NEWS



**Y**oung Judaea Maz and our YJ advisors had a great time helping out at the Sukkot on the Farm event sponsored by Ohavi Zedek, Jewish Communities of Vermont and Living Tree Alliance. What a wonderful event! Young Judaea ran a vegetable-printing

booth making flags to decorate the sukkah. Kids used vegetables as stamps, using tempura paints to make flags out of upcycled clothing and sheets. It was great fun and the results were beautiful to behold. It was fun to see so many Young Judaeans and OZ families and to meet so many new young families. Special thanks to our Maz, Abby Rosenthal, Matt Ellison, Holly Issenberg and Rene Dauerman and YJ advisors Melanie Needle, Frances Lasday and Gail Issenberg for all their help at this special and fun event.

## **Bogrim (grades 8 - 12)**

Bogrim met the maz at the New Leaf Organic Farm for their October "Sukkot on the Farm" Event. They schmoozed over a picnic lunch and took part in a great game of Jeopardy that Maz created, with five categories incorporating Judaism, Israel facts, Sukkot and questions on Young Judaea. So much fun! They then participated in fun farm activities, ate local farm fresh ice cream and took part in a special workshop in the woods led by Jessica Rubin, of Roots & Trails Eco-Jewish Education and Mentoring, exploring the concept of our abundance as it manifests in our lives and how they can share it with the places it in the world where it is not.



Here's what they have coming up:

## **Sunday November 8, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Bogrim will take part in the Scholar-in-Residence Program at OZ. We'll meet with Jeff Potash for a discussion about the Ben Zion Black Mural, we'll schmooze and have a nosh at the Bagel Brunch at 11:30, and then participate in the arts and crafts workshops being offered. Be prepared to play with clay!

## **Saturday Dec 12 6:30 pm- Sunday Dec 13 8:30 am Chanukah Sleepover Celebration at Temple Sinai**

Havdalah, lighting the Chanukah menorah, latkes, dreidel and chocolate gelt, *sufganiyot* (Israeli jelly donuts) - What could be more fun! Bring a camping pad, sleeping bag and pillow and a re-gift item for gift swap and an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots and/or new hat mittens or scarf to be donated to the Shalom Shuk.

*RSVP to Gail Issenberg, Bogrim Advisor, isenberg748@gmail.com or 802-985-4157. Cost \$10.*

## **Tsofim (grades 5 - 7)**

### **Sunday, November 8, 12:30 - 2:30 pm Scavenger Hunt on Church Street**

Come look for evidence of Jewish Burlington on Church Street. Hang out with friends, walk around Church Street and end the afternoon with a warm treat! We'll meet at OZ at noon, and walk down town. Pick up will be at 2:30 on Church Street.

*RSVP to Frances Lasday, Tsofim Advisor franceslasday@gmail.com Cost \$5.*

## **Ofarim (grades 2 - 4)**

### **Sunday, December 13, 12:30 - 2:00 pm Gelt Making in the OZ Kitchen!**

After the Bagel Brunch the Ofarim club will tie on their aprons and make their own chocolate gelt. Parent assistant will be needed.

*RSVP to Melanie Needle, Ofarim Advisor mneedle@gmail.com or 802-578-3509. Cost \$5.*

~ Fran Pomerantz

Youth Director and Youth Committee Chair  
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**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**  
**Sunday, Nov 22, 2015, 7:30 pm**  
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**People of Faith Confronting the Tragedy of Gun Violence**  
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Sunday, December 13 at 3 PM  
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## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

**November 6 - 8**

*A Shabbaton exploring Judaism through art, dance, drama & music with Basya Schechter and Peter Pitzele*

### **Friday, November 6**

*Shabbat Service* - 6:00 pm led by Basya Schechter & Rabbi Jan

*Dinner following service.* \$10/person, \$25 max/family, under 12 and college students free.

**RSVP by October 30. After October 30:** \$15/person, \$35/family.

### **Saturday, November 7**

*Shabbat Service* - 9:00 am with D'var Torah by Peter Pitzele

Peter will address the role that the arts have played in the history of Judaism, specific to his work in Bibliodrama as it relates to Torah. Kiddush luncheon and discussion to follow, including Q&A and activity led by Peter. Free childcare provided during the service. Please call the office to reserve.

*Maariv & Havdallah* - 7:00 pm

*Performance* - 7:30 pm with Basya Schechter & musicians. Light refreshments

### **Sunday, November 8**

Arts & Crafts Fair and Workshops.

Workshops will include cartooning, improv, theatre, clay, poetry, Israeli dancing

11:30 am.....Brunch

12:15 pm.....First Workshop

1:15 pm.....Second Workshop

11:30 am-3:00 pm.....Arts & Crafts Fair

***Please call the Synagogue at 864-0218 for reservations for Friday night dinner, Shabbat morning childcare, and to request transportation (available for all events).***



The poster features a background of colorful autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. At the top, the title "Arts and Crafts Fair" is written in a large, elegant, orange cursive font. Below this, on the left, is a circular logo for "Judaism @ the Arts" which depicts a stylized tree with roots and branches. To the right of the logo, the text "Ohavi Zedek" is written in a large, bold, red serif font, followed by "188 North Prospect St" and "Burlington, Vt" in a smaller red serif font. Below this, the date "November 8" and time "11:30 - 3:00" are written in a red serif font. On the right side of the poster, a list of items is written in a red cursive font: "Gifts of Art", "jewelry", "ceramics", "prints", "unique cards", "photography", and "mixed media". A single large red maple leaf is positioned at the bottom right of the poster.



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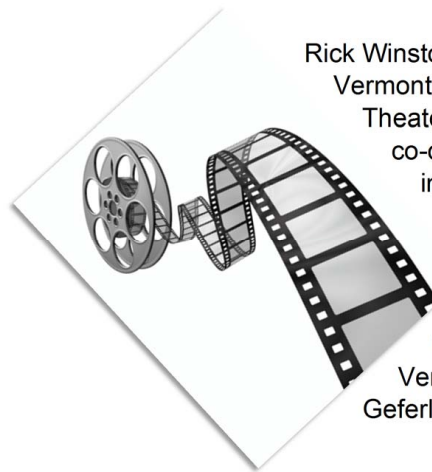
- *Jews, Art and Orientalism* with Bob Mayer 7 sessions, Oct 12 – Nov 23 at 5:30 pm
- *Women's Torah Study* with Rabbi Jan Salzman-Ongoing Tuesdays at 2:00 pm
- *Torah Study* with Rabbi Jan Salzman-Ongoing Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
- *American and Diasporic Judaism* with Lois Whitmore 8 sessions, Oct 12 – Nov 30 at 1:00 pm
- *Assembling Sculptures From Wood Scraps, Louise Nevelson Focus*, with Linda Finkelstein Dec 13 at noon
- *Israeli Dance* with Dan Stein, 4 sessions Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8 and Nov 22

## Jewish Identity in Film

With Rick Winston

Sunday, Nov. 1

4:30 pm



Rick Winston was one of the founders of Vermont's premier art cinema, the Savoy Theater in Montpelier, in 1981 and its co-owner till 2009. He is now an instructor and lecturer on various topics in film history. He programmed the 1985 Yiddish Culture Film Festival at the Savoy, and was a founding member of Vermont's first klezmer band, Nisht Geferlach, in 1981.

Hollywood underwent something of a "cultural shift" during the late 1960s in its attitude toward Jewish issues and identity. We will survey four of the best known, using clips from Allens' *Radio Days*, Lumet's *The Pawnbroker*, Brooks' *The Producers* and Mazursky's *Next Stop, Greenwich Village*.



## SHALOM SHUK HAPPENINGS



I don't know what has been happening at the Shalom Shuk the past two months. Usually, many folks come into my life there, and sharing what happens is a joy when I write you. This time, during the past two months, my precious daughter, Marni, took a turn for the worse, her cancer spread and she died surrounded by family and with Rabbi Joshua singing to her.

What I can tell you is that you have absolutely the most incredible, dedicated and caring staff at the Shalom Shuk. Dan Vaux, Sarah Toscano, Halima Sharif, and Nathan Wild ran the shop while I was with Marni, and I knew they were making it continue to sing and to be a place of community. Your Shuk is in very capable hands.

Dan is the functioning co-manager of the Shuk. With 30 years of successful experience working in the profit world, he shares it subtly, gracefully and fully with all who work there. I have learned so much from him - not only about how the world of profit runs, but also, and more importantly, how the world of decency and caring for and supporting of co-workers is possible without imposing. He is truly one of the finest employees at Ohavi Zedek.

Halima came to the Shuk two and a half years ago. Until she stopped working a month ago to become a stay-at-home mom, she was one of the most capable, talented, and dedicated employees of Ohavi Zedek. Working with Halima gave all a sense of joy and delight. She made all who shopped with us welcome and treated with respect. We wish her well and look

forward to seeing her when she visits the Shuk.

Sarah is new to the Shalom Shuk. In the month Sarah has been with us, she has become a strong and vital employee. She came to us with experience in the for-profit world, and her caring and positive manner daily imprint the goings-on at the Shuk. Covering the Monday - Friday shift, Sarah works with merchandise, welcomes customers and is part of the team as if she has been with us for years.

Nate is our Friday/Sunday worker and a student at UVM. He is young and ready to pitch in and do the heavy lifting when asked. Nate enthusiastically welcomes customers.

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~ Kay Stambler Greenberg



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Sylvia Danzig and Meyer Hillel Danzig by Gary Visco  
& Judith Danzig

Harlene Horn, Warren Horn, Celia Rugoff and Louis  
Rugoff by Jeffrey Horn

Harry Greenfield by Steven & Patricia Greenfield

Jack Press by Betty Press

Sarah F. Agel and Irwin A. Agel by Robert & Carolyn Agel

*In Memory of* Gail Stoler by Mark Stoler & Diane Gabriel

**Charles & Doris Samuelson Endowment Fund**

*In Memory of* Frederick Hirsch, Doris & Charles  
Samuelson, Freda & Joseph Hirsch by Rose Hirsch

**Shalom Shuk Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Jean Wise Harris and by Stanley  
Greenberg & Kay Stambler

*In Memory of* Marni Stambler by Stuart Weiss &  
Michelle Lefkowitz

**Talmud Torah**

*In Loving Memory of* Gail Dewitt Ades by Philip Ades  
& Deborah Rubin

**Miriam Wall Education Fund**

*In Honor of*

Carol and Jeff Rubman's grandson's Bar Mitzvah by  
Gary Visco & Judith Danzig

the birth of Barb and Nevin Zablotsky's grandchildren  
by Gary Visco & Ms. Judith Danzig

*In Loving Memory of*

Herb Gabriel by Diane Gabriel

Dorothy Stewart Stein and Josephine H. Stein by

Debby Stein Sharpe

*In Memory of* Irving Lerner by Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Libson

**Wool - Cohen Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Eva Yett Cohen by Sara Sussman

*In Memory of* Eva and Charles Cohen, Harriet and  
Jack Wool, and Robert L Wool by Edythe Wool

**YJ Program Support**

*In Memory of* Susan Weiss by Gary & Miriam Sturgis

*In Honor of* Sam Rubman and Felix Nadworny's B'nai  
Mitzvah by Rabbi Joshua Chasan

# Yahrzeits

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## Sunday 11/1/2015

Abraham Paikowsky  
Bernard Daitchman  
Esther Fay Siegel\*  
Louis Boyer  
Harry Cohen\*  
Robert Conot

## Monday 11/2/2015

Anna Levin\*  
Jerome Ginsburg  
Freda Smolovitz  
Anita-Jo Peller  
Adolph (Al) Cassler\*

## Tuesday 11/3/2015

Adelle Prinz  
Anna S. Block\*  
Celia Katz Rome  
Tesse Ganz Lipson  
Gladys Melnick\*

## Wednesday 11/4/2015

Esther L. Myerson  
Sarah (Arkin) Slayton\*  
Rose Boller  
Sarah Nadelson Garbo\*  
Rebecca Samuelson Axelrod\*  
Jennifer Lynn Golden  
Sidney Portnow\*  
Jack Greenberg\*  
Harlan Sturgis  
Rose Leavitt Gladstone\*  
Donald Weisman

## Thursday 11/5/2015

Barnet Medivetsky\*  
Abraham E. Arkin\*  
Alice Masters Rosenberg  
Osher Nison H. Ioffe  
Stephen Mark Orris  
Sarah (Shure) Gimbel\*  
Selma Bloomberg\*  
Gabe Hartstein\*

## Friday 11/6/2015

Samuel Charles Brown\*  
Samuel Grossman\*  
Gerald Paul Krasnow\*  
Max Sobel  
Rose Horewitz Baron\*

## Saturday 11/7/2015

Rose Rome  
Dr. Abraham Feitelberg\*  
Rose Grodzinsky Yett\*  
Nathan Goldman  
Louis Green  
Martha T. Needleman\*  
Bessie Garbo  
Jennie Goodman

## Sunday 11/8/2015

Jacob Morris Silverman  
Abraham Alpert  
Irving Krinovitz  
Bessie Sugarman\*  
Israel Jacob Poger\*  
Anne Rome Cohen\*  
Peter Stern

## Monday 11/9/2015

Tina Malatsky Diatlove\*  
Frank William Wool

Carolyn Miller

## Tuesday 11/10/2015

Dorothy Lillian Seder\*  
Rose Feitelberg\*  
Erna Schaal  
Ilana Ben-Arie  
Edith Candiotti\*

## Wednesday 11/11/2015

David Wool  
Louis Pasman\*  
Bessie Fine Perelman  
Abraham Prinz  
Samuel Cooney Samuelson\*  
Julia Krinovitz Winner  
Dora Statsky Goldberg\*  
Sara B. Riley  
Goldie N. Nelson  
Ronald D. Savin\*

## Friday 11/13/2015

Esther Glasston Adler  
Fannie Baden  
William Adler\*  
Barney Bookstein  
Morris Golovin  
Rolf Buchdahl  
Samuel 'Tony' Gladstone\*  
Fanny Fleischman  
Isadore Rothman\*  
Esther Dinner Gladstone\*  
Arlene Rubin  
Martin E. Hirtz  
Gerald Walsh

## Saturday 11/14/2015

Moses Trotsky\*  
Lena Neuburg\*  
Anna Steirn  
Eli Greenfield\*  
Blanche Levy

## Sunday 11/15/2015

Samuel Wolotkin  
Ida Baskin  
Joseph Scharf\*  
Frieda Waller  
Lily Fischler\*  
Samuel Aronoff\*  
Florence Cohen

## Monday 11/16/2015

Isaac Fine\*  
Goldie Levin\*  
Rebecca Mazel\*  
Dora Kobel  
Max Marks  
Eva Lampert Kushner\*  
Rose Okin Davis\*  
Constance Colodny Gordon\*  
Irving Cohen

## Tuesday 11/17/2015

Jay Wulfson\*  
Morris Kaplan  
Sidney Zall\*  
Sam Rafsky\*  
Eunice Rothman Recco\*  
Rose Panitch  
Kenton Harris  
Joanne Hicken

## Wednesday 11/18/2015

Rebecca Skoll\*  
Dr. Joseph Lampert\*  
Victor Engles\*  
Shirley Faint Levin\*  
Ruth Kleinberg Heisler

## Thursday 11/19/2015

Jenny Levine Waterman\*  
Moses David Perelman  
Michael Morris  
Lillian Arkin Smith\*  
Harry Rieders  
Rebecca W. Colodny\*  
Paul Jaffe\*  
Thelma Isaacson Kaplan  
Erwin London  
William Klein  
Abe Selkin  
Lee Elioseff  
Meyer Hillel Danzig\*

## Friday 11/20/2015

Ida M. Shapiro  
Jack Levin\*  
Elizabeth Weisman\*  
Henry Joseph Leekoff\*  
Harry H. Kahn\*  
Fannie Levin\*  
Betty Boyer Marcus  
Paul Schirling

## Saturday 11/21/2015

Robert Esterman\*  
Ethel Toplitt Pearlberg\*  
Louis Sherr  
Israel Fleischmann  
Jacob Nathan  
Jennie Epstein Growald\*

## Sunday 11/22/2015

Hyman A. Levin\*  
Philip Grodzinsky\*  
Anna Perelman\*  
Fannie Wool\*  
Frances Wolf  
Annette Cohen Smith\*  
Sylvia Albaum Moskovitz\*  
Fanny Hoffman  
Dr. George Saiger\*  
Peter Rabow\*  
William John Carminati  
Ernie Henfeld

## Monday 11/23/2015

Edward Abraham Jung  
Minnie Trotsky  
Philip Kornreich  
Annie Merson Black  
Hinda Perelman\*  
Dr. Ernest Stark\*  
Leah Handel Roskein\*  
Ruth Trutt  
John Slavin

## Tuesday 11/24/2015

Bolya Genkina  
Eva Black Rieders  
Maurice Dessell\*  
Harry M. Kochman  
Tillie Katzen  
Rabbi Pinkas Kurlander\*  
Morris Lorber

## Wednesday 11/25/2015

Sylvia Bergman  
Barbara Glassman Scoggins\*  
Ruth Fenster  
Celia Modlinsky Goldberg\*  
Howard Zerden  
Annette S. Kamins  
Edan Raphael Wolf  
Mike Grossman

## Thursday 11/26/2015

Morris Z. Becker\*  
Ida Mae Drooz  
Mirrel Shubovitz  
Ida Fisher Palais\*  
Jean Weinstein Greenblott\*  
Wallace Harold Genser\*

## Friday 11/27/2015

Mary Frank Zwick\*  
Maurice George Lapides  
Shirley Carr\*  
Sydney Samuelson\*  
Rae Mehl Witepsky  
Miriam Feldman\*  
Robert Weiss  
Sylvia Stein

## Saturday 11/28/2015

Abraham Moses Krinovitz\*  
Ida Cohen Samuelson\*  
Ida Rose Cohen  
Hyman Segall  
Samuel Robinson  
Lillian Berger  
Jeffrey Stein

## Sunday 11/29/2015

William Brown\*  
Israel Machanic  
David M. Mangel  
Miriam Kutzko\*  
Cristina Garcia De Oropeza

## Monday 11/30/2015

Joseph Kabak  
Ida Eva Kabak  
Michael Gordon  
Frederick A. Romberg  
Ida Stargart Golden  
Miecle Kitayewitz  
Sylvia E. Zimmerman

## Tuesday 12/1/2015

Isaac Davis\*  
Bayleh Segal  
Sarah E. Baggish Agel\*  
Frieda M. Rosenberg  
Moses A. H. Glasston\*  
Selma Blumen  
Anne Press Sobel\*  
Merle Hicken

## Wednesday 12/2/2015

Rabbi Morris Friedman\*  
William Mintzer\*  
Mary Wolf  
David Edward Rotman  
Alexander Z. Bramson\*  
Harry Wachtel  
Rabbi Charles W. Siegel\*  
Martin Borsykowsky\*



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Morton Silverman  
Rachel Hannah Levin\*  
Esther Dingol Mallach  
Elizabeth Edelstein

## Thursday 12/3/2015

Harry Solomon  
Abraham H. Nirenberg  
Louis H. Rugoff\*  
Jacob Yett  
Bella Richman  
Natalie Ashkenazy-Albin\*  
Pearl Paula Sohn  
Masha Markowicz  
Dr. Merton Lamden\*  
Charles Adrian

## Friday 12/4/2015

Rose Leah London  
Edith Godfrey\*  
Lew Zeresky  
Harry P. Samuelson\*  
Bernard Rutstein\*  
Deborah Levinne Levin\*  
Samuel Borenstein

## Saturday 12/5/2015

Warren R. Horn\*  
Joseph Zelig Kershner\*  
Michael Margolis

## Sunday 12/6/2015

Edward B. Reiter\*  
Millie Levin  
Isaac Brown\*  
Abraham Greenblott\*  
Doris Zaetz Samuelson\*  
Evelyn S. Chasan

## Monday 12/7/2015

Sarah Baker\*  
Dora Kaufman Gittleson\*  
Fanny Alpert\*  
Mitchell Batavia  
Shimen Rosenberg\*  
Emery Tabor\*  
Helen Klein Breiner  
Rev. J. Louis Wall\*

## Tuesday 12/8/2015

Israel Colodny  
Louis Goldenheim  
George Goldstein  
Shirley Faigel Hirshberg  
Zalman Berdichevsky  
Louis A. Cannon\*  
Gussie Shelansky Everitz  
Anne Brown Berlin  
Goldie B. Sugarman  
David Stoller\*  
Max Rothman\*  
Joseph Bornstein\*

## Wednesday 12/9/2015

Chennie Goldman  
Jack Bernard Becker\*  
Morris Palais\*  
Simon J. Agel\*  
Rebecca Bramson\*  
Solomon Wolk\*  
Elizabeth Lisman  
Gertrude Levin Orenstein\*  
Robert Barr  
Arline Peterson\*

Robert L. Wool\*  
Ben Stern

## Thursday 12/10/2015

Mollie Rogove Lang\*  
Benjamin Fischler\*  
Benjamin D. Gould\*  
William Winner, M.D.  
Stephen Jay Reiter\*  
Mildred Cohen Aber  
Mimi Rothman Hahndel\*  
Annie Poger\*  
Sarah Bloomenthal  
Dr. Marshall G. London\*  
Rebeline Landsman  
Harriet Hand\*

## Friday 12/11/2015

Anna Silverman Cannon\*  
Max Bergman  
Pauline Rosen  
Michael Goldfinger  
Martin Chester\*  
Merle J. Glasston\*  
Marshall Cohen

## Saturday 12/12/2015

Israel Katz  
Sarah Perelman\*  
Harry Barron\*  
Rose Pekarsky  
Charles Donath  
Samuel Gould  
Charlotte Stern  
Ralph Shapero

## Sunday 12/13/2015

Benjamin Aber\*  
Herman Walter Cohen  
Gladys Press Plovnick\*

## Monday 12/14/2015

Frieda Itskovitz  
Hyman Rabinovitz  
Abraham Witten\*  
Sarah Brown  
Oscar Diatlove  
Louis Rothman\*  
Flora Alpert  
Albert Weinstein

## Tuesday 12/15/2015

Hannie Shindel  
Arthur H. Bloomberg\*  
Samuel R. Bloomenthal\*  
Lillian Ivener  
Roderick Baldwin\*

## Wednesday 12/16/2015

Morris Wool\*  
Max Waterman\*  
Victor Bierzonski  
Eleanor Goldfarb

## Thursday 12/17/2015

Benjamin Lipman\*  
Estyr Bergstein Alpert\*  
Anne Mellin  
Sarah Kaminkofsky  
Etta May Friedman

## Friday 12/18/2015

Max Bailey  
Benjamin Brill\*  
Minnie S. Cohen\*

David Datnoff  
Manfred Hess  
Ben Harris\*

## Saturday 12/19/2015

Kay Berger  
Norbert Simon Bernheimer  
Ellen D. Rothberg\*  
Anne Green  
Charles Stroh  
Nettie Silverman  
Gerald Jay Holtz  
Norma Mann

## Sunday 12/20/2015

Rachel Katz\*  
Blanche Pavny  
Maurice Margolis  
Minnie Lerner Davis  
Amy Sara Naparstek

## Monday 12/21/2015

Harold Bergman  
Jacob Klinkosteim\*  
Abraham Simon  
Mayer H. Epstein\*  
Joseph Rosenberg\*  
Della Lewis Wilensky\*

## Tuesday 12/22/2015

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

## Wednesday 12/23/2015

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\*

## Thursday 12/24/2015

Martha H. Schobel\*  
Samuel S. Levin\*  
Bessie Rosenberg  
Barnett Glass  
Simon Shulman\*  
Abraham Gardner  
Ethel Aronstam  
Sarah E. Ginsburg  
Ettka Wasserman  
Marion J. Grunberger

Raymond Bernstein  
Barry Stephen Medivetsky\*  
Miriam Rachel Wainer

## Friday 12/25/2015

Molly Lecker Noble  
Herbert Hyman\*  
Beatrice Appel Wexelblatt

## Saturday 12/26/2015

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

## Sunday 12/27/2015

David Aber\*  
Benzion Joseph Black\*  
Zoltan Grunvald  
Clarence Brown\*  
Lena Simon  
Melvin Siris\*  
Emanuel Goldberg  
Edgar May\*

## Monday 12/28/2015

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

## Tuesday 12/29/2015

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

## Wednesday 12/30/2015

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

## Thursday 12/31/2015

Henry A. Berger\*  
Robert Klinkosteim\*  
Kosrell O. Cohen  
Dorothy Nettie Agel\*  
Hedwig Levi  
Elizabeth Schulman  
Marion Wolowitz

# CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2015

1	13
9:30 AM: Hebrew School	5:30 PM: Tot Shabbat
11:30 AM: Bagel Brunch	
4:30 PM: Jewish Identity in Film	14
	10:00 AM: Family Friendly Service
4	
4:00 PM: Hebrew School	18
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5	
2:00 PM: Events Committee Meeting	19
	12:00 PM: Lunch & Learn
6	5:30 PM: Board Meeting
Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton	
6:00 PM: Shabbat Service and Dinner	22
	9:30 AM: Congregational Meeting
7	9:30 AM: Hebrew School
Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton	7:30 PM: Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
9:00 AM: Shabbat Service	
7:00 PM: Maariv & Havdallah	26 - 27 Thanksgiving
7:30 PM: Performance	OFFICE CLOSED
8	
9:30 AM: Hebrew School	
Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton	
11:30 AM: Brunch	
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM: Arts & Crafts Fair	
12:15 PM: First Arts Workshop	
1:15: Second Arts Workshop	
12:30 PM: YJ Scavenger Hunt on Church Street	
11	
4:00 PM: Hebrew School	
7:15 PM: Religious Committee Meeting	
6:00 PM: Adult Ed Committee Meeting	



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- *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*
- *Women's Torah Study: Every Tuesday at 2:00 pm*

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DECEMBER 2015

2  
4:30 PM: Hebrew School

21-25  
OFFICE CLOSED

3  
2:00 PM: Events Committee Meeting

31  
OFFICE CLOSED

6  
9:30 AM: Hebrew School  
11:30 AM: Chanukah Party

9  
4:30 PM: Hebrew School  
6:00 PM: Adult Ed Committee Meeting  
7:15 PM: Religious Committee Meeting

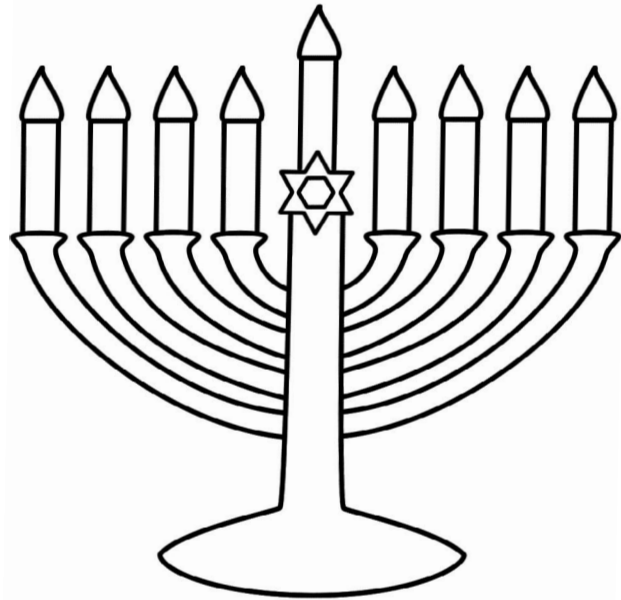
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5:30 PM: Tot Shabbat

12  
6:30 PM: YJ Chanukah Sleepover Celebration at  
Temple Sinai

13  
9:00 AM: Hebrew School  
11:30 AM: OZHS Bagel Brunch  
12:30 PM: YJ Gelt Making in the OZ Kitchen  
3:00 PM: Shalom Explorers  
3:00 PM: Interfaith Prayer Service Against Gun  
Violence at Universalist Unitarian Church

16  
4:00 PM: Hebrew School

17  
12:00 PM: Lunch & Learn  
5:30 PM: Board Meeting



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Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, November 22  
9:30 AM

Friday	Candle Lighting	Ma'ariv	Saturday	Shacharit	Shabbat Ends
Nov 6	4:19 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 7	9:00 am	5:19 pm
Nov 13	4:11 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 14	9:00 am	5:11 pm
Nov 20	4:04 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 21	9:00 am	5:04 pm
Nov 27	3:59 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 28	9:00 am	4:59 pm
Dec 4	3:56 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 5	9:00 am	4:56 pm
Dec 11	3:55 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 12	9:00 am	4:55 pm
Dec 18	3:56 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 19	9:00 am	4:56 pm
Dec 25	4:00 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 26	9:00 am	5:00 pm