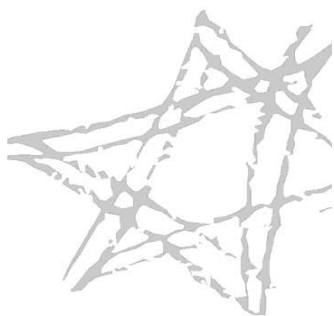




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Community Passover Seder

Friday, April 22, 6:30 PM
Watch for Passover Mailing

Hebrew School Annual Diaspora Community Passover Presentations and Tasting Shuk

Sunday, April 10, 10:30 AM



All Kasher for
Passover!

French macaroons, Greek
spanikopita,
Yemenite charoset,
Indian almond cake.
Come test out your
Hebrew skills and
'buy' some amazing

Pesach treats. Wait till you see
whose face is on the 'shekels'!

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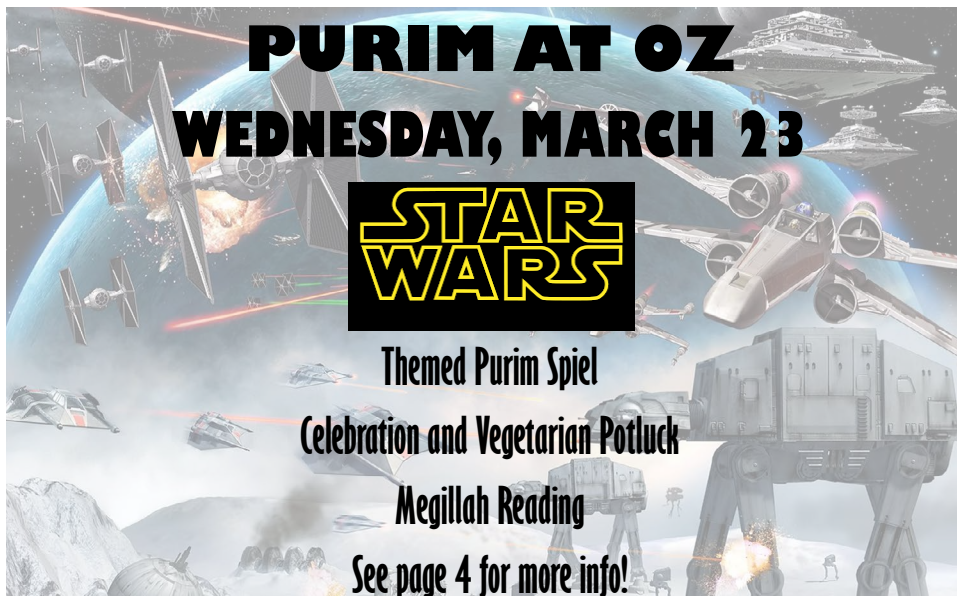


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PURIM AT OZ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

**STAR
WARS**

Themed Purim Spiel
Celebration and Vegetarian Potluck
Megillah Reading
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FROM THE RABBI



According to conventional wisdom in the synagogue world, a new rabbi should wait a year before changing communal customs – especially in a congregation with a long history. That seemed to me to be a good idea back in December when I was becoming oriented to Ohavi Zedek and the Burlington Jewish community.

Now I am realizing just how much change I already introduced just by being here. There is a natural shifting simply because I am a different rabbi than our beloved Rabbi Joshua Chasan. I notice some reactions to my different style, and that makes me smile because it means that Rabbi Joshua and I are each being appreciated on our own terms.

But I am also learning about issues and decisions that have been awaiting me in the minds of many congregants. I've heard a number of times, "We were waiting for you to decide – or – to figure this out – or – to change xyz."

What is the middle point between sustaining comfortable and dearly held communal practices and being attentive to a variety of needs and wishes for different approaches? I am listening as much as I can. It will take time to envision the future thoughtfully, especially given our diversity. So I start by listening.

I am working to make sure there will be many opportunities for me to hear you in the coming months. I suggested that we hold a series of "Meet and Greet" gatherings in members' homes so we can informally spend time together. This will be a main focus of the spring season. I look forward to hearing your hopes and dreams for Ohavi Zedek, as well as your needs as individuals and families. We are so fortunate that Ducky Donath and Judy Danzig have taken on the project of organizing these meetings, arranging them to include all OZ members.

But I also know that some short term needs require more than listening. I have been making tweaks to various systems and customs as seems helpful and important right now. These small changes are meant to improve, but not disrupt the life of our congregation, while we take time to thoughtfully chart our future vision. I welcome your feedback.

We will also revisit the Tikvah 2020 vision and goals that the community worked so hard to codify just a few years ago. We are now poised to renew that significant effort. With the Tikvah 2020 document and the congregational input collected during the rabbinic search, we have a very strong foundation. I am grateful in knowing that so much thought has already prepared us to launch the next chapter for OZ.

Is that enough for now? Some outstanding issues require decisions that can't or needn't be put on hold. When I suggested a few things to the Religious Committee recently, members rejoiced in being able to "check off the list" some issues that were long awaiting "the new rabbi." For example, we need portable *siddurim* (prayer books) for shiva houses; we need to plan for Shabbat kiddush lunches; we need to include bar/bat mitzvah kids in Shabbat morning services, etc. Bigger decisions like High Holiday prayer books (*machzorim*) and plans for alternative services will take more study and discussion. Likewise, other committees are working with me on short term needs while beginning to envision the longer term agenda.

Is that enough for now? I hear the question: "Rabbi, what is your vision?" This calls to mind the Psalmist's words: "I lift my eyes to the mountains, what is the Source of my help? My help comes from the Unseen One, maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121) Looking up and out, our evolving vision is of our vibrant Conservative congregation, enjoying and committed to Jewish learning and tradition while celebrating diversity with openness toward innovation. There are many ways we choose to connect as Jews – together we are shaping a future that honors many paths, in the context of Jewish tradition and values, with passionate pursuit of the prophetic call to justice.

Share your thoughts. I'm listening.

~ Rabbi Amy, Senior Rabbi

HOSTS WANTED FOR GATHERINGS WITH RABBI AMY

Rabbi Amy has asked Rabbi Transition Team members Ducky Donath and Judy Danzig to set up a series of informal gatherings of OZ congregants beginning in March. We are currently seeking homes and hosts for these events, planned for weekday evenings or Sunday afternoons in the 13 geographic communities in which our congregants live.

Volunteer hosts will be asked to invite 10 to 12 congregants to their home. A list of prospective guests will be provided by Ducky and Judy. Rabbi Amy wants to meet every member of the congregation and listen to our visions for OZ's future. She stresses the simplicity of these get-togethers: coffee and cake, wine and cheese, tea and cookies, fruit, etc.

Please consider this request for hosts. Questions or comments? Contact Ducky Donath at 862-6375 or email duckyyinv@gmail.com, or Judy Danzig at 881-3961 or email jdanzig118@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your consideration.

FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBI



In my life, I have cultivated my natural curiosity about meaning by trying to understand and experience it through the medium of Jewish ritual. For example, we are all familiar with many rituals that use candles as their medium: Shabbat candles, yartzeit/memorial candles, Chanukah candles, and so

forth. Through the lighting of a candle, through the ritual, we leave one state of consciousness and enter another; by definition, a ritual marks that moment of transformation, from one state of being to another. One of the rituals which has fallen out of the daily life of most Jews is the wrapping of *t'fillin* (from the word, *tefillah*/prayer) as part of weekday morning prayers. I have wanted for years to cultivate this ritual, but it has never gotten any traction. It's such a strange ritual; it looks weird to the modern Jew. Perhaps some of you had grandfathers or fathers who wrapped and prayed daily; most of us did not, and so it is a foreign practice to us. Yet, for millennia, our people (yes, women too) engaged in this morning practice. Might there be something here that still has a lot to teach us about bringing our Judaism into our daily lives?

The creation of *t'fillin* is one of the earliest examples of the brilliant evolution of Rabbinic Judaism. One of the challenges that the early sages faced was trying to figure out how to connect with their God in the absence of a cultic center; once the Temple was destroyed, they despaired at being unable to continue to live without that direct, ritualized connection that was the essence of their spiritual and God centered lives. So they looked to the received wisdom of Torah, and saw that one of the ways of connection was found in the instructions around the Shema. In Deuteronomy 6:8, we learn: *"And you shall bind them [the commandments] for a sign upon your hand and they shall be a frontlet between your eyes."*

A frontlet between the eyes; to bind the commandments on your hands: what was the Torah trying to say here? The Torah seemed to be implying that something material was needed in order to make physical the lofty aspirations of the mitzvot. So, how were they going to fulfill this instruction? The sages created *t'fillin* as a way to stay connected to God through something material, palpable, something they could lay their hands on and wrap themselves in, as if they were wrapping themselves in the words of God in a physical, visceral, real way. (The *tzitzit* work in this way, as well: something tangible to remind us of our connection to Torah and God)

And, so, I'm curious: what if I could wrap *t'fillin* every morning for the month of February. Would it become

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part of my daily practice? Was promising to do this a way to create a daily practice? Because if I am taking the time to wrap *t'fillin*, then I'm also carving out a little time every morning for prayer. Sometimes it's a full set of morning prayers; sometimes, just the *t'fillin* and a few words; sometimes the wrap and mindful silence. We read in the Torah the Israelites' response to being offered the covenant with God. They replied, *"Na'aseh v'nishma, we will do it and [then] we will hear/obey/understand it."* Maybe you too have a longing to create spiritual practice. If we listen to the words of Torah and the wisdom of our sages, then we know that all we have to do is DO IT, and something might grow in our spiritual life. Rabbi Amy and I are here to help you nurture this part of yourselves; let us know how we can help you to give voice to your spiritual longings. And, if some of you are 't'fillin-curious', let me know, and we can explore this powerful practice together!

~Rabbi Jan, Asst. Rabbi

CELEBRATE PURIM AT OZ

Wednesday, March 23



May the force be with you!

5:00 pm

Star Wars themed Purim Spiel

5:30 pm

Costume Parade and Contest

Games Raffle Baskets Prizes
Raffle Mugs
Crafts

Vegetarian Potluck

7:00 pm

Ma'ariv/Minyan

Followed by Megillah Reading

**Kids and Adults of All Ages
Come in Costume, Have a Blast!**

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Since becoming President in early December, I have been immersing myself in the day to day details of how Ohavi Zedek functions. At the same time I am keeping in mind the long terms goals of our synagogue as outlined in Tikvah 2020, our Strategic Plan, and beyond.

I have been spending time meeting and planning with Rabbi Amy Small. As I said one Shabbat morning during announcements, the more that I see of our new rabbi, the more I like.

Rabbi Amy is committed to our community. She is confident, creative and personable. Our rabbi is a scholar, very engaged in Judaism in a way that deepens the awareness and practice of our members. Rabbi Amy navigates differences among individuals and denominations in the Jewish world with grace and aplomb. Make the effort to get to know her. You will find it to be worthwhile.

As you know, Rabbi Amy's installation will take place on March 11-12, with guest scholar Rabbi Irwin Kula. It will be an occasion for her to be introduced to Vermonters and be an opportunity for the Ohavi Zedek congregation to reintroduce ourselves as a vital, vibrant, welcoming Jewish community of the 21st century.

Allow me to fill you in on some of the challenges that confront us and our plans to overcome them.

1. Finances

As I write this we have contracted with an outside (not part of the OZ staff) bookkeeper who will be reviewing all of our financial records. She will provide us with a completely objective picture about what we have, where it is, and what we need. This information will be reviewed by an accounting professional who is not in any way affiliated with Ohavi Zedek. We will hire this expert to provide a Special Purpose Engagement. That is a term that I had never heard before I assumed the role of President.

The short version is that by the end of this process, the information that is gathered by the independent bookkeeper will be reviewed by the accountant. Recommendations will be implemented that will result in OZ functioning with "best financial practices." These standards come from accounting professionals and are appropriate for non-profit settings. We will also be sure to learn from other synagogues that manage finances successfully.

I wish to emphasize that there is no evidence of any illegal activity on the part of any present or past staff or any Ohavi

Zedek member.

As I have come to know our staff, I realize that each of them is competent and committed to the synagogue. We are lucky to have them.

We have assembled a highly qualified and responsible Finance Committee. The committee advises and assists the board in making necessary changes that will put the synagogue on a firm financial footing. Committee members are: Chair and Treasurer Miriam Sturgis, Diane Rippa, Rick Wolfish, Diana Carminati, Gary Visco and Judy Rosenstreich.

2. Mural

Preservation Burlington has awarded the the Lost Shul Mural Project at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue the 2015 Preservation Award for Institutional Property. The Mural Project was recognized for the "extensive and painstaking work that your synagogue and community has taken the time, energy and effort to complete."

On February 17, the award was accepted by Madeleine Kunin, Chair of the Fundraising Committee for the Mural Project on behalf of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue. Rabbi Amy and I attended the Awards Ceremony.

Many of you know that there were significant cost overruns in bringing the mural to OZ. That was unanticipated and frustrating to many who were closest to the project. Some would argue that due to the financial burdens incurred by Ohavi Zedek that it was not worth the cost of bringing the mural to us.

My point of view is quite different.

The mural, a priceless asset to our Jewish community, to Jews everywhere, and to Vermont, is a physical manifestation of the heritage of the Jews of Burlington, as well as of our history as a people. The mural represents an art form of Eastern European Judaica that was lost in the Holocaust. It is a symbol of our religious tradition as it has evolved for thousands of years.

In time, future generations of our congregation, when viewing the restored mural, will not think about the fundraising challenges that we faced to repay a debt. Instead they will be thankful for our efforts in bringing the mural to Ohavi Zedek and restoring it. Even if they do not know our names, they will appreciate the vision of those who worked so hard to bring this to them.

We are taking on the challenges of repaying our endowment for the borrowed funds to move and restore the mural. It may take some time, but we are going to get it done. Two consultants, each with a proven track record

with fundraising, will be working as a team in leading this effort. They will be presenting a plan that will get us to the objective of paying off the debt to OZ and restoring the mural. These are not mutually exclusive goals.

The first local fundraising event is currently being planned and will take place this spring. Chris Bohjalian will speak about the Armenian genocide. Madeleine Kunin will be very involved in planning and implementing the event.

Please bear in mind that we have borrowed money from ourselves in exchange for an asset. We have not thrown money away frivolously. The same is true for the kitchen. The money will be paid back for both, and in exchange we have assets that greatly benefit our Jewish community.

3. Executive Director

The Executive Director Search Committee, led by Wayne Senville, is conducting a national search for an Executive Director. The person who will be hired will function in a system of checks and balances that will allow effective leadership with appropriate supervision.

As an OZ member you may be able to help in our Search. Please take a minute to look at the Executive Director job announcement you'll find inserted in this issue -- and share it as soon as you can with anyone you know who might be a good candidate. The announcement is also posted on the OZ web site: <http://ohavizedek.org/about/director-search/>

Naomi Barell is now functioning as part-time Interim Director, in addition to her ongoing job as Principal of the Hebrew School. She will serve as Director until June 30 or when the new Executive Director is on site, whichever comes first. Because Naomi is working only 15 hours a week, she has no responsibility for financial management. That will be an important part of the job for the new Executive Director. I hope that the Executive Director will be on site by July 1, at the latest by September 1.

4. Brundibar

It is fitting that some of the performances of the children's opera *Brundibar*, offered by the Theatre Kavanah, will be performed on the same weekend as Rabbi Amy's installation, March 11-13. Other performances will be on

the weekend of March 18-20.



Brundibar is an opera with a joyful ending performed by children. During the Nazi era the opera was performed at Terezin (called Teresinstadt by the Germans), a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

Child inmates were enlisted to perform the opera without knowing that they would soon be shipped to death camps.

Terezin is very personal for me. The infirmary at Terezin was the last place that my great-grandmother was seen alive by someone who knew our family, the night before she was sent to her death at Treblinka.

Our history as Jews is replete with joy, wisdom, love, worship, and too often, tragedy.

The Rabbi's Installation will be an occasion for joy (incidentally, Joy is our new rabbi's middle name). *Brundibar*, the opera, is an affirmation of optimism that was sometimes performed in a context that evokes sadness and rage at what was perpetrated against the Jewish people.

We at Ohavi Zedek remember and embrace all of our history and tradition as Jews and in our own Jewish Community. At the same time we strive to define ourselves as Jews in the present moment.

Every action that is taken by the leadership team, your Board of Directors, is informed by our past, focused on the present, and always, with an eye toward the future.

~ Michael Schaal
President

Refuah Shleyma/Healing List



Please e-mail Tari@ohavizedek.org to add a name to Refuah Shleyma/Healing List. Please include your relationship, nature of illness and a projected time frame of remaining on the list. Please note that unless Rabbi Amy is aware of an ongoing illness the names will be removed each week. Thank you for helping us manage an updated list.

PROFILE: JOHN BLATT



Though John Blatt can trace his ancestry back to the late 1700s when his great-great grandfather, Rabbi Nathan Ashner, lived in the Austro-Hungarian Empire (now northern Ukraine), neither John's grandfather nor his father lived Jewish lives. Raised in an Orthodox Jewish household, his grandfather

respected but in his later years did not practice Judaism according to *halakha*, and John's father knew little of his Jewish heritage, but encouraged his children to embrace where they 'came from.' The only one of five siblings so inclined, John, now 52, has had an intense interest in Judaism for as long as he can remember.

Born in Burlington and raised in Jericho, he is the youngest in his family. His dad retired from IBM after 25 years as a benefits administrator, and both of his parents operated a greenhouse during the spring and summer months. He graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in 1982 and continued his education at Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island before joining IBM in 1986. Through IBM John earned his Bachelor's degree and a Master's in Managing Innovation and IT, and he also holds a Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University.

Now a Senior IT Specialist-Project Manager for a global software development team, John has been employed by IBM for all 29 years of his working life. He is also responsible for his organization's business controls and compliance. For the past eight years he has worked from home, thankful that he's an early riser, since the rest of his team is in India, and the 9 ½ hour time difference makes it mid-afternoon there when he begins work at 6:00 AM here. "I've always been grateful to IBM for my education and for an interesting and rewarding career," he says.

He has lived in Milton since 1992. Married 26 years, he has fathered five children, two of whom, his first-born twins, did not survive infancy. His 23-year old daughter Julia is a graduate of UVM who recently accepted a position in Cambridge, MA; his son Jonah, 21, is a junior at UNH in Durham, New Hampshire; and his daughter Emma, 13, is a seventh grader in Milton.

John's lifelong interest in education led him to become a member and subsequent chair of the Milton School Board, where, he says, among his proudest accomplishments were the establishment of full-time kindergarten and the passage of several budgets on the first try.

His family has always supported and encouraged his interest in Judaism. John visited Temple Sinai and Ohavi Zedek in the early 1990s, but couldn't find a niche for himself in either congregation. Dejected, he continued to explore on his own, to build an extensive library of Judaica, and to enroll in classes at both Sinai and OZ. At this point, his Hebrew is good enough to enable him to follow along during services and find the place again if he loses it; John calls this 'a work in progress' and an important connection for him.

Meanwhile, other interests have kept him busy: cooking (mostly vegetarian; he's always been the cook in the family and his kids think he should be a contestant on the Food Network TV show "Chopped"); reading (favorite authors Daniel Silva, Steve Berry, Dan Brown, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks); rooting for the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots; a twice-a-month mah jongg game; photography (an outlet that he finds relaxing; having taken a course at a local college and learned from others, he was tapped by his kids to take their high school graduation photos); international travel, to Prague, Munich, Stockholm, London, Singapore, Taipei, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seoul and elsewhere (most of his trips courtesy of IBM); mindfulness (we all have intuition, he says, though in most of us it is not well developed. "I've always had the ability to sense the energy that surrounds each of us," he adds, and he teaches others to raise their awareness and sensitivity levels). And finally, there's his strong interest in genealogy, through which he continues to research both his great-great grandfather and his alleged relationship to Thomas (Tomasz) Blatt, a survivor of the escape from Sobibor, the notorious Nazi extermination camp in occupied Poland in 1943.

In addition, John helps care for his father, who suffers from Alzheimer's, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and other life-threatening illnesses. His flexible schedule allows him to assist his parents, who live around the corner from his home in Milton. He views this as a mitzvah and an honor.

Several years ago, John's wife Carmen applied for an office manager's job at Ohavi Zedek, and while the position did not meet her needs, she was impressed by Rabbi Joshua's warmth and sense of inclusiveness, and she urged John to give OZ another shot. He has been attending services, classes and other events ever since.

In 2011 John began to study with Rabbi Jan for formal conversion. "I found John to be such a *mensch*!," Rabbi Jan says. "Eager, thoughtful, thorough in his curiosity about who he had been and who he was becoming, and able to integrate the disparate parts of himself into a living whole." It may sound funny, John reflects, but

because he'd felt like a Jew for so many years, conversion seemed less of a milestone for him than just the 'next step' in his long journey. Indeed, he adds, his friends were surprised when he mentioned it to them, because they'd always thought he was Jewish! Now able to be counted in the minyan, John drives in from Milton several times a week to fulfill that mitzvah.

Last year he spoke to then-OZ President Jeff Potash about revitalizing the Membership and Outreach Committee, and offered to serve as its new chair. In citing his experience in committee work, he also referenced his personal story in searching for a congregation. He has put forth ideas about how to improve welcoming new members into OZ, and the committee is working on implementing not only his suggestions, but also soliciting suggestions from congregants, including other new members.

And in December, when John was asked to fill a vacancy on the synagogue's Board of Directors, he accepted readily. "I'm wired to be able to juggle multiple responsibilities," he says, "and I like working that way." He is eager to learn and to understand and engage in the workings of OZ.

While he is optimistic and often smiling, John seems happiest when talking about Emma, the last of his children still living at home. "Emma keeps me busy shuttling her around," he says cheerfully. In addition to her various school activities and Tae Kwon Do, she is involved in the Vermont Musical Theater Academy through Spotlight Dance in South Burlington, and is currently working on a science project on the effect of music on people diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Her grandfather is the subject for her project, and she and her dad spend time discussing the disease and its effect on both patients and caregivers.

In support of John's quest to find himself in Judaism, his kids have always diligently checked labels for kosher certification when shopping, and Julia is enthusiastically lining up a list of Jewish restaurants and shops in the Cambridge area for when her dad comes to visit. Jonah often asks John to teach him a word or two of Hebrew, making his own connection to the family history. And Emma enjoys accompanying her dad to OZ, where she feels included and welcome.

John Blatt is defined by his steadfast pursuit of his goals and his passionate approach to what he believes in, and there's no doubt that he is, at long last, firmly woven into the fabric of our congregation.

~ Judy Hershberg

New Membership & Outreach

Mission Statement

As Chair of the Membership & Outreach Committee, John Blatt wishes to share the committee's new mission statement, which seeks to:

Implement a membership process that welcomes prospective members and shows OZ's diverse and inclusive community, programs, and activities. An emphasis is placed on ensuring a welcoming environment supported and dependent upon the OZ family; as a congregation we will reach out to prospective members. By attending OZ services, programs, and functions we will show we are a supportive, diverse, and inclusive community. No process is perfect but the goal is to make welcoming strangers and prospective members the responsibility of every member, every day.

SCHEDULE FOR

RABBI AMY INSTALLATION WEEKEND

Friday, March 11 - Saturday, March 12

Friday, March 11

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| 6:00 pm | Musical Shabbat Service
with local musicians |
| 7:00 pm | Festive meal |

Saturday, March 12

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| 9:00 am | Shabbat Morning Service
Installation led by Rabbi Irwin Kula
Hebrew School student-led prayers
Educator Honors |
| 12:00 PM | Festive Kiddush Luncheon
Choral Performance
Lecture by Rabbi Irwin Kula |
| 7:00 PM | Havdalah
Vegetarian Potluck Dinner |

Rabbi Amy's installation Shabbaton will be a great celebration here at OZ. Please plan on attending.

RSVP for all events to tari@ohavizedek.org.

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



Can it be almost spring already? Well, you never know what the weather might bring here in Vermont, but I do know what the Jewish calendar says – it's time for **Purim** and **Pesach**!

We are gearing up for another great Purim celebration on March 23 (see page 4). I hear Yoda, Princess Leia and Darth Vader will be making an appearance. Maybe even Chewbacca. Hebrew School parents, students, teachers and madrichim will all be a part of the Purim spiel and it promises to be "stellar"! A costume parade and contest will follow along with games, raffle baskets, musical cupcakes and a vegetarian potluck dinner. New this year will be raffle mugs! I hope you'll join in the festivities.

Remember last year's amazing OZHS community seder? We're not ready to repeat that effort again this year but we will be having our **Annual Diaspora Jewish Communities Passover Food Tasting on April 10**. This is one of my favorite days of the year. Where else do you get a chance to eat kosher for Passover food from Ethiopia, Morocco, Persia, Mexico, Belarus, India and many other places far afield? This year we will try something new to use everyone's honed Hebrew skills. We will create a shuk, or market, for students to 'buy' their food. Parents can join in on the learning and fun as well. In addition, our two year family based learning program, *Makom L'Mishpacha* will be spotlighted. Students in the program will be sharing some of their learning experiences with everyone.

Because this is such a special day we've decided to make it an Open House for unaffiliated Jewish families in the area to come and get a taste of our offerings. This is an opportunity for your kids to bring a friend to Hebrew School and check out OZHS! If you're willing to post something in your local Front Porch Forum about the Open House let me know and I will be happy to provide you with text. Please be sure to spread the word!

Along with these festive holidays, we are lucky enough to have something else to celebrate this spring: Rabbi Amy's installation! March 11 - 12 promises to be a wonderful Shabbaton to officially welcome our new head rabbi and start a new chapter in OZ's rich history. Friday night we will have Shabbat evening services starting at 6:00 with local musicians, followed by dinner. Saturday morning we will have a special service with all our classes participating. Kitot Gan, Aleph and Bet will sing *Heveinu Shalom* and take part in the Torah processional; Kitot Gimmel, Dalet, Hey, Vav and Zayin will sing *Ein Keloheinu* and a special song dedicated to

our teachers and be part of the Torah processional; Kitah Zayin will end the service by singing *Adon Olam*.

To mark this as Educator Appreciation Shabbat, all of our OZ educators will receive the honor of an Aliya during the Torah service. In addition, during the kiddush luncheon, an OZHS chorus led by Rabbi Jan will entertain everyone with a few songs. Lastly, Rabbi Amy will lead Havdalah at 7:00 followed by a vegetarian potluck dinner.

Please make every effort to attend Shabbat morning services on March 12. (There is no Hebrew School that Sunday.) Rabbis from all over Vermont, clergy from the Burlington area, state and local officials are invited, and your kids are an integral part of the service. We want everyone present to welcome Rabbi Amy!

I'm looking forward to spring, how 'bout you?

~ Naomi Barell, HS Principal

OZHS Open House April 10, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Have a Jewish friend who wonders what you're doing at OZHS? Bring them to Hebrew School on April 10. Our classrooms will be open and welcoming to anyone wanting a peek. Tell your friends and neighbors!

Looking for Hebrew School Teachers

If you love kids and want to share your Jewish experience with them please consider teaching at OZHS next year! *L'dor v'dor*—let's connect our generations. Please contact Naomi at naomi@ohavizedek.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences

- To Dr. David Cohen and the Cohen family on the death of Judy Cohen
- To Patricia Hoffman and the family on the death of Crow (Carol) Cohen
- To the Gould family on the death of Julia Gould.
- To the Hershlag family on the death of Irwin Hershlag

Mazel Tov

- To Victoria Tamas on her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 5 at 9:00 am

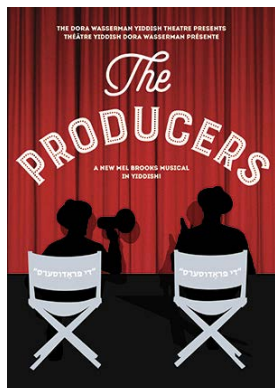
New Members

- Carolyn and Derek Roberts
- Victoria Tamas & Tom Parris
- Adam and Mary Bauer
- Zizi Zolten-Chandler and Nick Chandler

Pulpit Exchange

On Shabbat morning, April 9 the interim pastor at the First Congregational Church will address our congregation. Rabbi Amy will speak at the church at 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Sunday, April 10.

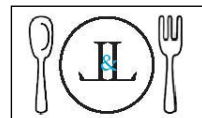
Yiddish Theatre Trip to Montreal, Sunday, June 26



Want to join us for our annual trip to the Yiddish Theatre in Montreal? Can't wait to see the Yiddish version of Mel Brooks's "The Producers?"

We have purchased 25 tickets and we are very close to our target number at present. First come, first served for the remaining reservations. If our number goes over 25, a wait list will be started. Contact Judy Hershberg, 863-4214 or jherish@burlingtontelecom.net for further details or to sign on!

LUNCH & LEARN



In keeping with Ohavi Zedek's focus on issues of inclusion and accessibility, our **February 18** presentation featured disability rights advocates who shared their inspiring stories of inclusion.

March 17



Dr. Anna Hajkova, Professor of Modern Continental History at the University of Warwick, UK, joins a distinguished group of scholars in connection with Theater Kavanah's

production of *Brundibar*, the concentration camp children's opera. Her talk for our L&L program is entitled "The Children of Terezin." Dr. Hajkova's visit is sponsored by the Leonard and Carolyn Miller Distinguished Professorship of Holocaust Studies at UVM.

April 14

As we struggle to understand the recent rash of multiple murders in theaters, schools, churches and elsewhere, Norwich Professor/criminologist Dr. Penny Shtull shares her insights in her talk, "Murder, She Taught: An Introduction to Multicide."



And be sure to be with us for our final regular program in the 2015/16 L&L series on **May 19** about the elections of 2016 and the future of the American Presidency.

Luncheons are free; donations welcome to help defray expenses, \$5.00 suggested.



DINE & DISCOVER

MONDAY, MAY 2

Watch for special mailing with information

LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Shalom, friends!

As we welcome Rabbi Amy to our rich and vibrant community, the Executive Committee of the Board would like to give a brief update on various pieces of synagogue business. All members will be receiving a more detailed version of this letter via email.

Changes on the Executive Committee

President:

•A great thank you to Jeff Potash for his devoted service as our Board president during a time of significant transition. Michael Schaal, an active, long-time member and Board member, stepped up immediately to fill the position of President.

Treasurer:

•Miriam Sturgis, another engaged, long-time member and Board member, volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer. She is working with an active Finance Committee which includes Gary Visco, Rick Wolfish, Judy Rosenstreich, Diana Carminati, and Diane Rippa.

Director Search and Interim Hire

- The Director Search Committee has been working diligently to find the right person to fill the position of Director and are looking to reach a larger pool of applicants.
- The Board has hired Hebrew School Principal Naomi Barell as our part-time Interim Director for 15 hours per week.

Finances

- OZ's treasurers have been working with our bookkeeper to clarify OZ's financial records as we make the move to different bookkeeping software. All financial records for this fiscal year have been verified and entered.
- The Board will engage an outside firm to review our books, which will give us a comprehensive, objective look at our financial status. These efforts will prepare us to hire a CPA to help institute best practice systems that will ensure checks and balances in the future.
- We know that our financial records have not been kept according to best practices, which we are working to rectify. We also know that we have incurred debts, mainly related to the mural, for which we will be creating repayment plans and schedules. We are doing our utmost to review all financial documents to make sure that our community is on solid footing.

The Board

The Board of Directors is firmly committed to overseeing the business of the Synagogue with integrity and

transparency. We are OZ members like any others; we love this community and are working extremely hard to ensure its well-being. We invite your questions, concerns, and input, but most of all we appreciate your willingness to help.

All Board and committee meetings are open to every member of the community with the exception of executive session, which generally is used to discuss personnel matters. Board meeting dates, as well as committees and their chairs, are listed in *The Voice*.

We also encourage you to contact any member of the Executive Committee with questions or ideas. Our contact information can also be found in every issue of *The Voice*, along with a full listing of Board members.

~ Kol Tuv (all the best),

Michael Schaal
Liz Kleinberg
Miriam Sturgis
Sharon Panitch



ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE



Start Calling. Start Writing. It's time for Jewish mothers and others interested in helping with this year's Feen Lecture, *You Never Call! You Never Write! The Historical Legacy of Jewish Mothers*, May 25, by Joyce Antler, to get organized. Here are some of the ways you can help: Post an announcement on your Front Porch Forum and Facebook pages; help distribute

posters and flyers; help with room set up on May 25 including seating, sound, lights and projection; help with refreshments; help greet audience members. Join the fun. To volunteer, write Judy Chalmer at judyburlington@gmail.com

Have you answered our survey? You're so smart! We need to figure out how to pick the best learning opportunities to offer. Your thoughts on a few quick questions will help us make smart choices. Watch for options on new topics around Jewish wisdom on relationships and family, around forms of spiritual engagement, and more. To fill out the survey follow this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OZAdultED2016>.

~ Judy Chalmer

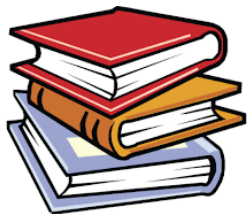
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Human Resources Committee is reorganizing. One of our goals is to complete updated job descriptions for staff; in addition, we will be creating evaluation forms that supervisors will complete for staff. There are other tasks for us to work on as well. As Chair, I am looking for some new members to join. If you're interested, please contact me at vivienrabin@gmail.com or 802-309-9046.



~ Vivien Rabin Brown

LIBRARY COMMITTEE



Many thanks to the Arts and Culture Chavurah for holding the book sale and to all the people who bought books in support of the library.

I have gone through all the gift boxes and am checking them against the online catalog.

Thanks to everyone who donated books. If you have books to donate, please call me at 802-862-2579, so I can be there when they arrive.

~ Sally Hand

YOUNG JUDAEA NEWS



Reminder:

Camp Scholarship applications are due March 16! Scholarship applications were enclosed in last month's issue of *The Voice*, can be picked up in the OZ office or by emailing Francine Pomerantz, kasperantz@gmavt.net

The times, they are a changing. There have been a lot of changes going on at OZ and also in Young Judaea. After many years of working with the youth of our community I've been feeling it is time for me to take a step back. I took over Amy May's position, as Miriam Sturgis's assistant when Amy and her husband moved from the area about eight years ago. They were big shoes to fill, but I tried my best and have enjoyed every minute of it. Amy is back in town for good and happened to be looking for a job! Youth directing and running YJ is a perfect fit. I'll be helping out for the year and will still see you around. For those of you who don't yet know Amy, she is warm, passionate about Young Judaea, and has a plethora of knowledge about Judaism and Israel. She grew up in Young Judaea, spending summers as a camper and then counselor in YJ camps, spent a year in Israel on YJ Year Course, has been a YJ advisor and OZ Hebrew School teacher. She'll bring new energy and new experiences to our club and we're so lucky and happy to have her back. I hope you'll all come to our Annual Young Judaea/community Hamantashen making event to lend a hand, say hello and welcome Amy back!

Which brings me to.....

Sunday, March 6, 11:30 am

Join us at Young Judaea's community-wide annual hamantashen making event as we bake all the hamantashen for OZ's Purim party and make *Mishloach Manot* bags for the homebound in our community. Join us for a bagel brunch and fun, do a mitzvah, earn community service credits and take home some hamantashen to enjoy with your family and a friend or bring to a homebound senior in your community. We need all kinds of help, parent and community volunteers. RSVP if you can help. Please contact me at kasperantz@gmavt.net or 434-3443 or log in and sign up to volunteer at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4dada92fa75-bagel>.

Other YJ News

Young Judaea's Bogrim struck up some fun at Spare Time bowling this January; they had a fun afternoon with lots of laughs and shmoozing with friends. In February they made a wonderful lasagna dinner at the Ronald McDonald house, "a home away from home" for families with children

seeking treatment at the Vermont Children's Hospital at the University of Vermont Medical Center. In addition, they filled the *G'mach* freezer here at OZ with luscious vegetarian lasagnas for those in our community in need.

Fun events on the horizon:

**Saturday, March 19, 5:30 pm - Pizza
7:00 pm - Brundibar**

Bogrim, 8th - 12th graders are planning to take in Theatre Kavanah's rendition of *Brundibár: A Musical Tale*. This will be a contemporary staging of a children's opera written by the Jewish Czech composer Hans Krása just prior to the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia. Brundibár's heroes, the children Aninku and Pepicek, overcome their oppressor, the dastardly organ grinder Brundibár, by rallying the children of the town to sing loudly and beautifully. This simple narrative is sure to remind us that we cannot remain neutral in the face of oppression. We'll meet at Pizzeria Verita on St. Paul Street for Pizza at 5:30 before the show. Cost is \$8 for the show ticket, plus money for pizza before hand. We have a limited number of tickets so please contact Gail Issenberg at Issenberg748@gmail.com if you are interested.

April 1 through 3

Bogrim is hoping to take part in some of the festivities at the Jewish Communities of Vermont Conference in Stowe. Details coming soon.

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

Bogrim Advisor: *Gail Issenberg*
gaili@sover.net or 985-4157

Tsofim Advisor: *Sharon Behar*
sharon.behar@gmail.com or 862-3830

and *Frances Lasday*
franceslasday@gmail.com or (240) 855-6691

Ofarim Advisor: *Melanie Needle*
mneedle@gmail.com or 578-3509



SOCIAL ACTION EVENTS

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PANEL

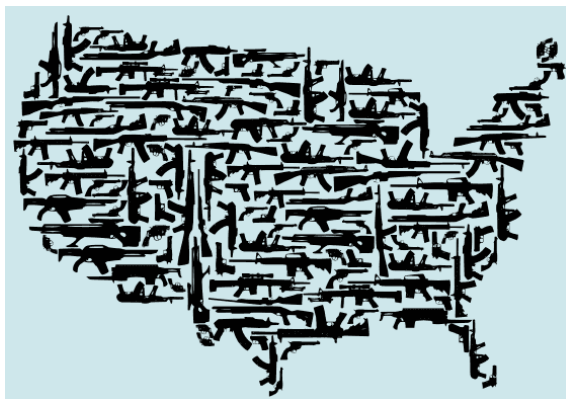
Sunday, March 20

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Is it a problem in Vermont?

How do you feel?

What do you know?



Come learn from a panel of experts
Discussion will follow

Light refreshments

Ohavi Zedek Synagogue
188 North Prospect St., Burlington

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### OZ Seniors Group Activity

Thursday, March 31

11:30 am

Please join us for fun, food, and film  
Transportation available.

Please contact Eric or Karen Corbman at 802.399.2602  
or by email [ecorbman@verizon.net](mailto:ecorbman@verizon.net).

We will meet for lunch at Zen Gardens Restaurant  
7 Fayette Drive #2 in South Burlington  
followed by a film (to be selected later) next door at  
The Palace 9 Cinema  
10 Fayette Drive  
The cost will be less than \$20.



## B'NAI MITZVAH

**Ila Abramson & Adam Bluestein  
invite the Congregation to attend  
the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter  
Violet Lake Bluestein**



**Shabbat, March 19, 9:00 am  
Kiddush following services**

**Judy Tam and Jeffrey Klein  
invite the Congregation to attend  
the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter  
Jessica Lauren Klein**



**Shabbat, March 26, 9:00 am  
Kiddush following services**

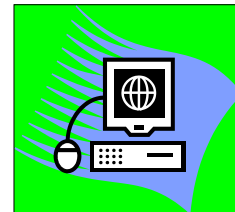
**The Bauer Family  
invite the Congregation to attend  
the Bar Mitzvah of their son  
Adam Bauer**



**Shabbat, April 9, 4:00 pm  
Kiddush following services**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
MAY 25 - JUNE 5**

**OZ's Online Auction**



Please plan to participate in this unique and important fundraising opportunity! From May 25 to June 5 we are hosting our 5th Annual Online Auction, OZBay, to benefit Ohavi Zedek Synagogue.

*If you have a new item/antique item you would like to donate for the auction or if you would like to help us solicit items, or purchase a gift certificate to donate, please contact Vivien ([vivienrabin@gmail.com](mailto:vivienrabin@gmail.com)) or Tari ([tari@ohavizedek.org](mailto:tari@ohavizedek.org)).*

## JUMP Food Bags

In honor of the upcoming holiday of Purim, let's take the opportunity to think of our hungry neighbors.



Shopping bags with a list of foods to purchase in the coat room at OZ from now until Purim on March 23 Every year, OZ participates in this worthy endeavor. It only takes a simple trip to the supermarket to fulfill this mitzvah.

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, 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. Any questions, please contact Ducky Donath, OZ liaison to JUMP, at 862-6375, duckyinvt@gmail.com.

*Food bags donated by Hannaford*

## CUBA, ANYONE?

### "Deli Man, The Movie"

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Hadassah presents "The Deli Man" a wonderful film, accompanied by a nostalgic deli meal.



Let's Revisit The Lower East Side of New York and savor those huge pastrami and corned beef sandwiches!



*Details to follow*

The Cuban-American Friendship Society in Burlington is in the process of designing a Jewish Heritage People-to-People Exchange

Trip to Cuba that would focus on the experience of the diaspora in this unique corner of the world stuck in a time warp for the past six decades.

CAFS is a Vermont non-profit formed in 1981 by a small group of individuals in the US and Cuba committed to building cultural bridges.

An OZ trip may be considered. We will keep you posted.



## SHALOM SHUK HAPPENINGS



There has been a major change in the thrift store behind the synagogue in recent years. It is no longer seen as only an Ohavi Zedek endeavor. It is now a community thrift shop, run by the community, for the community, in the community—sponsored by Ohavi Zedek.

The change came gradually. First, the shop's opening hours changed from 4-5 hours on Mondays in good weather to being open 6 days/week all year. With no insulation or heat, it was so cold in the winter that we sometimes had to bring merchandise into the social hall to sort. After the barn was renovated (at a cost of \$100,000), the income rose from \$3,000 to \$50,000, to \$60,000 to \$77,000. The cost of the renovation was paid for out of this increase.

During the first years of change, donations were given to new immigrants and then to many people who needed them. As the community saw the change—people in need receiving vouchers for merchandise—the community attitude toward the shop also changed. Ohavi Zedek was no longer the major donor of merchandise. Individuals and some shops joined us and donated. This giving has grown until now the community is the biggest donor of merchandise for the Shuk.

Financially, Ohavi Zedek is still benefiting. In addition to the barn, our kitchen was renovated with a commitment from the Shuk of \$12,870/year to pay off the cost of renovation. We are now in our third year of payment, meaning by June 30 the Shuk will have paid \$38,610 toward the kitchen renovation.



Where does the rest of the money go? We have three paid staff who work for above minimum wage, I am proud to say. (Although I am the manager, I am an unpaid volunteer.) We pay our facility's expenses for heat, cleaning, insurance, etc. The Shuk gives \$6,000 annually to organizations in the community. Last year, we gave \$3,500 to the Boys and Girls Club and \$2,500 to King Street. Vouchers have been given to COTS, JUMP, Howard Center, Turning Point Center, Spectrum, Lund Family Center, Ronald McDonald House, and many other agencies.

As Jews, one of our major aims is *Tikkun Olam*, to repair the world. One way we do this is through *tzedakah*/giving. Every day at the Shuk we see the importance of *tzedakah*. Our neighbors and many members of the community throughout the state see in the Shalom Shuk that these are not merely words. We are practicing what we preach.

We encourage you to come, visit, donate, volunteer, be a part of the Shalom Shuk. It is a joy to our customers and for those of us fortunate to work there. You are welcome to join us in whatever way you can. The invitation is always there and you are forever welcome.

~ Kay Stambler



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### **Assistant Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

*In Appreciation of* Rabbi Jan by Patricia Hoffman  
*In Honor of* Oak Robert Dippen by Dustin Dippen  
*In Memory of* Crow Cohen by Frank & Ducky Donath

### **Blistein Endowment**

*In Loving Memory of* Belle Blistein and Edward Blistein by Mary Berger

### **Boyarsky Yett Memorial Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Rebecca Boyarsky by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bayer

### **Building Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Paul Dubin by Jim & Joy Grossman

### **Cemetery Perpetual Fund**

Lucy and Jeff Masters  
*In Loving Memory of* Pearl Halpern and Jack Gold and Philip Gould by Phyllis Gold

### **Rabbi Joshua Chasan Endowment**

*In Appreciation* for many years of service to our synagogue by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz  
*In Honor of*  
Rabbi Joshua's many years of service by David Coen & Sandra Berbeco Coen  
Rabbi Chasan's Birthday by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

### **Chevre Kadisha**

*In Loving Memory of* Frances Gluck by Leonard Gluck & Harriet Mace

### **Mark Evnin Endowment**

*In Memory of* Jeffrey Medlinsky by Dr. Nevin & Barbara Zablotsky

### **David S. Faigel Endowment Fund**

*In Honor of* Bunny Bayer's 90th birthday by Dr. Nevin & Barbara Zablotsky

### **Rose Flax & Louis Epstein Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Louis Morris Epstein and Sanford Epstein by Mr. & Mrs. Allan Paul

### **Morris & Marion Garbo Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Morris Ben Garbo by Dr. & Mrs. Charles Garbo  
Gertrude Shelansky, Sam Bayarsky, Morris Ben Garbo & Shirley Bayarsky by Howard Drobner & Maxine Garbo

### **General Fund**

Bonnie Andersen, Drs. Martin & Barbara LeWinter, Ken Feld & Barbara Leber, Beatrice Samuelson, Paul & Eileen Growald  
*In Honor of*  
Rabbi Amy Small and Bob Small by Arleen & Dennis Soldati  
Ruth Baskin by Cheryl & Barry Rosenbloom  
Vivien and David Brown who opened their home and their hearts on behalf of OZ by Arnold Krieger  
Jeff Potash for leadership and management skills for the benefit of our community by Arnold Krieger  
*In Loving Memory of*  
Laura Mann by David Baron & Ms. Pamela Mann  
Michael Margolis by Dr. Gary Margolis & Dr. Penny Shtull  
Peary Cohen by Dr. Maxine Cohen & Arnold Cohen & Family

Max Shapiro and Ree Simon Shapiro by Eugene & Elaine Shapiro

Edith Candiotti by Ira & Jackie Candiotti  
Mark Lee Cohen and Shirley Steirn by Marilyn Cohen  
Ruby Helfand by Elliot & Martha Helfand  
Marshal Weiner by James & Cori Giroux  
Max Frank by Joseph & Catherine Frank  
Nina Ricardo by Patricia Bezalel  
Benjamin Stein by Debby Stein Sharpe  
Myer Litsky by Ellen Litt  
Joan Sugarman by Nancy Sugarman  
Benjamin and Dora Brill by Rosalie Brill  
*In Memory of*  
Judy Cohen by Henry & Jackie Lampert  
Marian Munro by Colin & Margaret Munro  
Simon and Annie Hanson by Maureen Hanson  
Crow Cohen by Robert Ludgin  
Lee Hyman Cohen Kleiman, Stuart, Michael and Leila Hyman by Stuart Hyman

### **Nathan and Ruth Gladstone Endowment**

*In Memory of* Susan Gladstone Rapaport and Ruth & Nate Gladstone by Richard & Maxine Segal

### **Bailey Goldberg Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Florence I. Melnick Sockol by Edie Goldberg

### **Hyman & Yetta Harris Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Nathan Harris by Rosalie Harris

### **High Holy Day Donations**

*In Appreciation of* the honor of carrying the Torah Scroll on second day of Rosh Hashanah 2015 by Michael & Stella Bukanc

### **Rabbi Amy's Welcome Kiddush**

David & Judith Hershberg, Dr. Harvey Klein & Debra Cohen Klein, Dr. Marv & Diane Greenberg, John & Carmen Blatt, Judy Rosenstreich, Michael Kanarick & Elizabeth Kleinberg, Mark Dabelstein & Sarah Kleinman, Michael & Leah Rosenthal, Michael Schaal & Judy Breitmeyer, Richard & Linda Finkelstein and Wayne Senville & Lila Shapiro

### **Library**

*In Loving Memory of*  
Mimi Rothman Hahndel, Max Rothman, and Louis Rothman by Roberta Rothman Rossi  
Blanche Grossman by Rosalyn Grossman & Diana Carminati

### **Mary Ann Pels Memorial Kitchen Fund**

Frank & Ducky Donath  
*In Loving Memory of* Jacob Perelman by Dr. Arthur Kunin  
Phyllis and Jack Shulman by Dr. Jeffrey & Carol Rubman  
*In Memory of* Freida Schaal Jaffe and Lily Black Paschkes by Dr. Julian & Joy Jaffe

### **Mural Restoration Fund**

Alan Steinberg & Chris Steinberg, Amy Waterman, Andrew Siegel, Anne DiCarlo, Berne Greene, Betsy Samuelson Greer & Miriam Samuelson, Boucher & Pritchard Funeral Home, Dr. Max Kahn & Kathy Lampe,

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### *In Appreciation of*

the honor of an Aliyah by Mandell and Joan Chernoff  
Jeff's service as President of the Synagogue by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

### *In Honor of*

Carol & Jeff Rubman by Alan & Judith Litwack  
Rabbi Jan Salzman by Charlene Salzman  
Aaron Goldberg by Daniel London  
Joe Dalton by Elizabeth Gollub  
the life of Norman Yedwab by Hubert & Dorothy Davies  
Barbara McGrew by Ira & Ethel Levine  
Adam Bluestein, Ila Abramson, Violet & Sammy Bluestein and Violet's upcoming Bat Mitzvah by Lois and Seymour Siegel

Paula Blum by Michael Blum & Denise Sterchi  
Ann Marks and Albert Marks and Hilda and Jacob Perelman by Norman Marks

the marriage of Sarah Felt and Justin Faurer by Richard Felt  
*In Loving Memory of*

Harriet Libson West by Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Libson  
Frances Baker Frogel and S. Alexander Rippa by Barbara Rippa  
Samuel Lipton and Anna Lipton by Linda Kopper  
Judy Cohen by Mindy Evnin  
Harriet Hand on the 2nd anniversary of her death by Sally Hand

### *In Memory of*

Judy Cohen by Merrill & Irene Epstein, Alan Neustadter & Jane Levy, Margaret Hasler, Annie Voldman, Dr. Maxine & Arnold Cohen, Rose Pels, Gary Solow & Sharon Henry, Brian & Holly Reed, Richard & Shira Antonoff, Sherman Pincus & Joan Masket, Steven & Elaine Masket, Jacqueline & Mr. Stephen Barry

Roz Greenberg by Daniel Greenberg  
Dorothy and Benjamin Stein by Deborah Sakash  
Leonora Feldstein Furness by Gregory & Gladys Furness  
Rabbi Max Wall by Julian & Elsa Waller

Margie Dalton by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bayer  
Marshall London by Aaron & Rebecca Goldberg  
Marjorie Dalton by Joseph Dalton  
Daniel Fruel and Marnie Stambler by Patti Malone  
Natalie Ashkenazy Albin by Sally Hand  
*Refuah Shlaymah* to Aviva Rothman by Mandell and Joan Chernoff

### **Rev Nadelson Endowment**

*In Loving Memory of* Eugene Myer Lazarus, Eliezer Nadelson, Fannie M. Nadelson, and Sam Kitayewitz by Annette Lazarus

### **Ellie and Milt Potash Endowment**

*In Loving Memory of* Ann Corbman by Eric & Karen Corbman

### **Prayer book Purchase**

*In Memory of* Judy Cohen by Andrew & Adele Newman

### **Rabbi Wall Endowment**

*In Memory of* Mimi and Max Wall by Richard & Maxine Segal

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Jacob Sexton

*In Appreciation of* Rabbi Amy by Patricia Hoffman

### *In Honor of*

Marv Greenberg's Retirement by Lee & Barbara Silver  
Rabbi Amy Small by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz  
*In Loving Memory of*  
Isaac Brown by Abraham & Jean Brown  
Julia Gould by Bonnie Andersen  
Sylvia Klein by Dr. Jeffrey Klein & Dr. Judy Tam  
Myles Strasmich Brown by Dr. Stanley Brown  
Katherine and Raymond Comstock and Evelyn and Dr. William Chasan by Joshua & Katharine Chasan  
Nathan Bramson by Bertram Hoffman & Lillian Golovin  
Alan Gottesman by David Rome & Dr. Diane Rippa  
Sarah C. Rosenberg and Joseph Rosenberg by Mace Broide  
Mannie Cohen by Michael & Dr. Dana Engel  
Philip and Annie Cohen and Sarah Bick by Robert & Carol Bick  
Ben Harris by Rosalie Harris & Family  
*In Memory of*  
Judy Cohen by Mr. & Mrs. Allan Paul  
Esther Mintzer by Charles Mintzer

### **Myron Samuelson Ne'ilah Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Myron Samuelson by Betsy Samuelson Greer & Miriam Samuelson  
*In Memory of* Judy Cohen by Betsy Samuelson Greer & Miriam Samuelson

### **Shalom Shuk Fund**

Frank & Ducky Donath

### *In Loving Memory of*

Sarah and Samuel Bloomenthal by Melvin & Amy Bloomenthal  
Frederick and Bernard Greenberg by Stanley Greenberg & Kay Stambler  
*In Memory of* Marni Rachel Stambler by Dr. Harvey Klein & Debra Cohen Klein and Nicholas Chandler & Jessica Zolten Chandler

### **Nathan Stoler Endowment**

*In Memory of* Nathan Stoler by Dr. Mark Stoler & Ms. Diane Gabriel

### **Wool-Cohen Fund**

### *In Loving Memory of*

Jack Wool and Robert Wool by Edythe Wool  
Gertrude Levin Orenstein by Sara Sussman

### **YJ Program Support**

### *In Memory of*

Alan Gottesman by Barbara Brody & Martha Abbott  
Judy Cohen by Frank & Ducky Donath  
Alida White by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz  
Alan Gottesman by Sally Hand

# YÄHRZEITS

*Yahrzeits marked with an asterisk (\*) have a plaque in the Samuelson-Saiger Sanctuary.*

## **Tuesday 3/1/2016**

Celia Silverman Rugoff\*  
Rose Zaetz Moskovitz\*  
Leonard Miller  
Annette Zweiback

## **Wednesday 3/2/2016**

Irina Ioffe Ukrainsky\*  
Arthur William Mandel\*  
Saul Izenberg\*  
Max J. Agel\*  
Anna Levine Lapidow\*  
Samuel J.L. Luria\*  
Estelle Dessell Genser\*

## **Thursday 3/3/2016**

Joav Zukerman\*  
Sylvia Glassman Raynes\*  
Philip Kaminsky

## **Friday 3/4/2016**

Elliot London  
Annie Levin\*  
Samuel Kobel  
Marvin Krieger  
Dorothy Marcus Drori

## **Saturday 3/5/2016**

Isaac Alpert  
Harry Seder\*  
Betty Sternberg Schoen  
Jone Wisgardisky\*  
Jacqueline Rose Hill\*  
Augusta Magerman Slawsky  
Gloria Fierverker\*  
Barbara Savin

## **Sunday 3/6/2016**

Menooskie Brown Buman\*  
Sidney Adler\*  
Louis Alpert\*  
Daniel Benjamin Brown\*  
Samuel W. Fishman  
Sylvia G. Melnick Greenfield\*  
Molly Klein  
Roslyn Rogove\*

## **Monday 3/7/2016**

Irvin M. London\*  
Meyer S. Walk\*  
Simon G. Hanson  
Freda Ruderman Hirsch\*  
Harry Press\*  
Harry R. Lazarus\*  
Louis Rosenthal\*

## **Tuesday 3/8/2016**

Harry Bagdan\*  
Dr. George Lewis Saiger\*  
Beth Pasackow Geier\*  
Israel Solomon\*  
Louis H. Kernoff  
Arthur Benjamin Harris

## **Wednesday 3/9/2016**

Mary Wolk Hirshberg\*  
Max Gersh\*  
Joseph Wasserman  
Joseph Phillips  
Minnie Suckno Katz  
Dr. Max Harris\*  
Louis Aronoff\*  
Anne Weintraub Davis\*

## **Thursday 3/10/2016**

Louis S. Boyarsky\*  
Ted Schulman  
Grace Samuelson Miller

## **Friday 3/11/2016**

Eva Epstein\*  
Lotta Feitelberg Chester

## **Saturday 3/12/2016**

Jennie Wasserman Rosenberg\*  
Mary Koplewitz\*  
Myron S. Lash\*

## **Sunday 3/13/2016**

Jacob H. Levin\*

## **Monday 3/14/2016**

Maria Zhodzhisky  
Lilyan Singerman Fishman  
Frederick L. Hirsch\*

## **Tuesday 3/15/2016**

Jacob Lapidow\*  
Carole Silon

## **Wednesday 3/16/2016**

Ann Roden  
Hilda Rosenberg  
Frank Goldstein\*

## **Thursday 3/17/2016**

Max Siegel\*  
Sylvia Alex Levin\*  
Dora L. Mendelson\*  
Celia Reiter Paul\*  
Delia Levine Rosenthal\*

## **Friday 3/18/2016**

Dr. Bernard Barney\*

## **Saturday 3/19/2016**

Nat Saul Friedman\*  
Molly Press Lapidow\*

## **Monday 3/21/2016**

Leo Zacharias

## **Tuesday 3/22/2016**

Sarah Krinovitz Litzky  
Rose Zaetz\*  
Irving Katz\*

## **Wednesday 3/23/2016**

Sophie Snider Saiger\*  
Rev. Morris J. Nadelson\*  
Donald Paritz  
Trudy Littenberg

## **Thursday 3/24/2016**

Hannah Rebecca Nadelson\*  
Harry Hershberg\*  
Irving Schoen  
Dorothy Novick Kaye\*

## **Friday 3/25/2016**

Celia Bayarsky\*  
Anna Wiedman\*  
Yudel Fine\*  
Reuben Goldberg\*  
Henry Stambler

## **Saturday 3/26/2016**

Lillian Batavia Gladstone\*  
Philip Corbman

## **Sunday 3/27/2016**

Alice Elsie Weinstein  
Donald Riley  
Elliot Levy

## **Tuesday 3/29/2016**

Minnie Stabinsky Gould\*  
Sophie S. Braude Cohen\*  
Morris Cohen

## **Wednesday 3/30/2016**

Esther Jean Rosenthal\*

## **Thursday 3/31/2016**

Jonathan Baron Lash\*

# Yahrzeits

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## Friday 4/1/2016

Jack Gladstone\*  
Edward Kofman  
Benjamin Levy

## Saturday 4/2/2016

Robert Greenfield\*  
Ruth Ruttenberg Tabakin\*  
Susan Hoffman Leman\*  
Joshua Salk Cohen

## Sunday 4/3/2016

Ida Levine Lapidow\*  
Samuel Bergman\*  
Jeannette Rosen Friedman\*

## Monday 4/4/2016

Max Kaufman\*  
George Bergman\*  
Natalie Lisman\*

## Tuesday 4/5/2016

Bessie H. Cannon\*  
Ida Dickstein Shapiro\*  
Richard Bernard Sures  
Louis Bernstein

## Wednesday 4/6/2016

Natalie Newman

## Thursday 4/7/2016

Claire Ruth Chemoff Schecter  
Jeanette Rose Levin\*  
Frank Herbert Lapidow\*  
Dorothy Teacher Brody\*  
Paul Dondes\*

## Friday 4/8/2016

Max C. Flur\*  
Samuel Berman  
Nettie Finger  
Martha Bamberger

## Saturday 4/9/2016

Joseph H. Boyarsky\*  
Nesbith Dorothy Feinberg  
Melvin Lane\*  
Hannah Press\*  
Louis Lash\*  
Jennie Brown Greenfield\*  
Shirley Tripp Baldwin  
Cpl. Mark Asher Evnin USMC\*  
Ceila Echt

## Sunday 4/10/2016

Belle Alpert  
Estelle Handler  
Richard Halem  
David Harry Levine  
Molly Green  
Gussie Sackin Morris

## Monday 4/11/2016

Barney Shapiro\*  
Leon Manheim\*  
Marija Zilberman  
Rachael Sokolove Arkin\*  
Rose Aronoff\*  
Samuel Goldstein  
Annette Rosenberg Silbert  
Joseph Levine\*  
Hyman Weinberg  
Maurice Lurensky

## Tuesday 4/12/2016

Max Ginsberg  
Sarah W. Silver  
Louis Peller  
Samuel Richman

## Wednesday 4/13/2016

Michael Benjamin Engles  
Dr. John Metz  
Charles David Cohen\*  
Lillian Finkelstein  
Matthew Zimet  
Rose Staniloff

## Thursday 4/14/2016

Max Bayarsky\*  
Ruth Anne Gould\*  
Jack Barry Mahoney  
Louis Mazel\*

## Friday 4/15/2016

Betty Zulof Aber\*  
Sarah Sally Ashman  
Dr. John Bloomenthal\*  
Cecelia Slater Cohen\*  
Abraham Frankel  
Isadore B. Kropfsky\*

## Saturday 4/16/2016

Sarah Margolis Gladstone\*  
Vladimir Shapiro  
Celia Cohen Skoll\*  
Susan Lois Lieber

## Sunday 4/17/2016

Abraham Moses Gladstone\*  
George H. Hoffstein\*  
Abraham Lovitz\*  
Anna Perelman Marks\*  
Carl Matthew Blumberg  
John Uckele

## Monday 4/18/2016

Anna Golden Schwartz\*  
Arthur Gould\*  
Anna Witten Datnoff\*

## Tuesday 4/19/2016

Louis Alfred\*  
Samuel Skoll\*  
Beilah Rokovsky Saiger\*  
Grete Kahn  
Jack Barry Levenson\*  
Blanche Kushner Schliefer  
Paul Katz  
Marilyn Katz

## Wednesday 4/20/2016

Myer Gardner\*  
Philip Reiter  
Isadore Levin\*  
Anne Altman  
Tanya Friedman  
Lillian Rosenbaum Levenson\*  
Celia Leopold

## Thursday 4/21/2016

Emanuel B. Peyser\*  
Selig Wilensky  
Rose Kaufman Cohen  
Joseph Shtull  
Milt Potash\*  
Ruth Kasper

## Saturday 4/23/2016

Max Wax\*  
Sam A. Cohen  
Simon Godfrey  
Louis Stepper  
Michael Gold\*  
Patricia Selznick  
Gertrude Krinovitz Boyer

## Sunday 4/24/2016

Rose Feldman  
Rose Kitzinger

## Monday 4/25/2016

Bessie Zenchepsky Mintzer\*  
Julius Shelansky\*  
Max Fisher  
Mabel Samuelson Bercuvitz\*  
Esther Pocher Bloomberg\*  
Sophie Kessler\*  
Beatrice Baker Gould\*  
Hilda Prisyon Frank\*  
Ivan Pels\*  
Alan M. Morrison  
Yaeseef E. Sussman

## Tuesday 4/26/2016

Dorothy Izenberg\*  
N. Henry Press\*  
Isadore Jacobs\*  
Edith Press\*  
Lessa Rosenbaum\*

Max David Levin\*

Bernard Lisman  
Lena Perelman Kunin\*  
Elaine W. Kardeman  
Mildred Sussman Raphaeli\*  
Abraham Scharf\*

## Wednesday 4/27/2016

Marcus Jacobson  
Alec J. Abrams\*  
Benjamin C. Held  
Louis Leon Lapidow\*  
Fannie Gardner\*  
Phyllis Hershfang\*  
Harris Lefkowitz

## Thursday 4/28/2016

Ida Abraham Cohen\*  
Myer Colodny\*  
Richard Barry Goldstein\*  
Benjamin Levy  
Berton Kirschbaum  
Jacqueline Streisinger  
Dr. Abraham Moskovitz

## Friday 4/29/2016

Samuel Weinstein\*  
Rose S. Mandel\*  
George Yett\*  
Myer H. Boyarsky, M.D.\*  
Louis I. Carr\*  
Robert Levin, M.D.\*  
Edward N. Needleman\*  
Bernard Lewis Glass  
Robert James Brown  
Rose Weisman Greenblott\*  
Erwin Streisinger

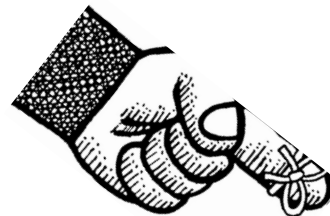
## Saturday 4/30/2016

Nettie D. Fine\*  
Isaac Bloomberg\*  
Oscar Skoll\*  
Ben Sklar

# CALENDAR

## MARCH 2016

|    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |    |                                                                                                                                    |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2  | 7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting                                                                                                                                                                            | 18 | 6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at Rabbi Amy's after services                                                                               |
| 3  | 3:00 PM Events Committee Meeting<br>5:45 PM Meaningful Living with Soulful Wisdom                                                                                                                              | 19 | 9:00 AM Violet Bluestein Bat Mitzvah                                                                                               |
| 4  | 6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at OZ after Services                                                                                                                                                                    | 20 | 9:30 AM Hebrew School<br>3:00 Gun Violence Panel                                                                                   |
| 5  | 9:00 AM Vicky Tamas Bat Mitzvah                                                                                                                                                                                | 23 | 4:00 PM Hebrew School<br>5:00 PM Purim Celebration<br>7:00 PM Ma'ariv/Minyan<br>followed by Megillah Reading                       |
| 6  | 9:45 AM Hebrew School Committee Meeting<br>9:45 AM Social Action Committee Meeting<br>11:30 AM Hebrew School Hamentashen Baking                                                                                | 24 | 5:45 PM Meaningful Living with Soulful Wisdom                                                                                      |
| 7  | 5:45 PM Ethics of Asymmetrical War                                                                                                                                                                             | 25 | 6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at Rabbi Jan's after services                                                                               |
| 8  | 5:45 PM Introduction to Jewish Mysticism                                                                                                                                                                       | 26 | 9:00 AM Jessica Klein Bat Mitzvah                                                                                                  |
| 9  | 4:00 PM Hebrew School<br>6:00 PM Adult Education Committee Meeting                                                                                                                                             | 27 | 9:30 AM Hebrew School<br>9:45 AM Hebrew School Committee Meeting<br>11:30 AM Hebrew School Bagel Brunch<br>7:30 PM Israeli Dancing |
| 10 | 5:45 PM Meaningful Living with Soulful Wisdom                                                                                                                                                                  | 30 | 4:00 PM Hebrew School                                                                                                              |
| 11 | 6:00 PM Friday Night Service - Rabbi Amy Weekend<br>7:00 PM Festive Meal                                                                                                                                       | 31 | 11:30 AM Seniors Group Lunch & Film<br>5:45 PM Meaningful Living with Soulful Wisdom                                               |
| 12 | 9:00 AM Rabbi Amy Installation Service<br>Hebrew School student-led prayers<br>Educator Honors<br>12:00 PM Festive Kiddush Luncheon<br>Choral Performance<br>7:00 PM Havdalah and Vegetarian Potluck<br>Dinner |    |                                                                                                                                    |
| 13 | 7:30 PM Israeli Dancing<br>5:45 PM Ethics of Asymmetrical War                                                                                                                                                  |    |                                                                                                                                    |
| 16 | 3:30 Winter Share Veggie Pick-up<br>4:00 Hebrew School                                                                                                                                                         |    |                                                                                                                                    |
| 17 | 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn<br>5:30 PM Board Meeting                                                                                                                                                                |    |                                                                                                                                    |



Don't forget to join us for our weekly veggie potlucks after services.  
1st Friday - at OZ  
2nd and 4th Friday - at Rabbi Jan's  
3rd Friday - at Rabbi Amy's  
***Check calendar for listings and cancellation!***

# CALENDAR

**APRIL 2016**

1  
6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at OZ after Services

3  
9:30 AM Hebrew School

4  
5:30 PM Meditative Circle Dance Class

6  
4:00 PM Hebrew School  
7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting

7  
2:00 PM Events Committee Meeting

8  
5:30 PM Tot Shabbat  
6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at Rabbi Jan's after Services

9  
4:00 PM Andrew Bauer Bar Mitzvah

10  
9:30 AM Hebrew School Passover Tasting and International Market  
7:30 PM Israeli Dancing

11  
5:30 PM Meditative Circle Dance School

13  
4:00 PM Hebrew School

14  
12:00 PM Lunch & Learn  
5:30 PM Board Meeting

15  
6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at Rabbi Amy's after Services

17  
7:30 PM Israeli Dancing

18  
5:30 PM Meditative Circle Dance Class

22  
6:30 PM First Night Seder

25  
5:30 PM Meditative Circle Dance Class

27  
4:00 PM Hebrew School



## MINYAN TIME CHANGE

Please note that starting March 20th Sunday morning minyan will start at 9:30 AM

*\*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 (with coffee) and Every Tuesday at 6:00 pm*
- *Women's Torah Study: Every Tuesday at 2:00 pm*

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**March 11 -12**  
**Rabbi Amy**  
**Installation Weekend**

| Friday   | Candle Lighting | Ma'ariv | Saturday | Shacharit | Shabbat Ends |
|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| March 4  | 5:26 pm         | 6:00 pm | March 5  | 9:00 am   | 6:26 pm      |
| March 11 | 5:35 pm         | 6:00 pm | March 12 | 9:00 am   | 6:35 pm      |
| March 18 | 6:44 pm         | 6:00 pm | March 19 | 9:00 am   | 7:44 pm      |
| March 25 | 6:53 pm         | 6:00 pm | March 26 | 9:00 am   | 7:53 pm      |
| April 1  | 7:02 pm         | 6:00 pm | April 2  | 9:00 am   | 8:02 pm      |
| April 8  | 7:10 pm         | 6:00 pm | April 9  | 9:00 am   | 8:10 pm      |
| April 15 | 7:19 pm         | 6:00 pm | April 16 | 9:00 am   | 8:19 pm      |
| April 22 | 7:28 pm         | 6:00 pm | April 23 | 9:00 am   | 8:28 pm      |
| April 29 | 7:36 pm         | 6:00 pm | Feb 27   | 9:00 am   | 8:36 pm      |