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FROM THE RABBI



Dear Friends,

Last fall I was excited to be coming to a wonderful, strong community with an inspiring history. Being here is indeed a blessing, even amidst the changes that we are experiencing.

Organizations are organic and always changing – rather than fearing change, we can be invigorated by it.

Since I arrived, I began to help our leadership navigate many changes, including the Executive Director search, and addressing unexpected financial challenges. And now another change, as Rabbi Jan steps down from her position as Cantor/Assistant Rabbi. These changes have necessitated many planning meetings and tasks. But this has given me a chance to get to know many of our wonderful volunteers and congregational leaders very well in these four months, and I am grateful for that. We have a healthy, smart, compassionate, very hard-working board, and many committees managing the work of our synagogue so well—I am very proud to be part of this team. Yes—it's a lot of change, but all of these hours of planning our future have served to reinforce my view that this is a special community. We are writing the next chapter together.

Still, I know that these changes have generated some anxiety and concern within our community, and, along with our board leaders, I am concerned about this. It can be worrisome when you don't have all answers to important questions. What is happening with our finances? How will this impact us? When will we have a new director? Who will train my kids for bar/bat mitzvah? Will we have a cantor for holidays and Shabbat? These questions are all very real and important. They are being addressed with urgency, concern and intelligence by our synagogue leaders. I'm working with them, shaping the plans for the coming year that will keep Ohavi Zedek on a strong course for the future.

Priorities become clearer in a time of transition and change. It's reminiscent of our ancestors arriving in the wilderness after leaving Egypt. How would their basic needs for food, water and safety be met? Who would govern them? Fortunately, with Divine help, they found food and water. With Yitro's help, Moses formed a

governance system for the people. The wilderness was scary, but they learned to survive there. Then, after the spiritual heights of Sinai, they came to thrive.

I can understand how some OZ members may feel like we are in a wilderness. With all these changes, how will our needs be met? Our ancestors found their way to Sinai and to the Promised Land through faith and diligent leadership. They learned resilience, and through Torah they passed it to us. Our wilderness is much less frightening than theirs—and our community is much stronger.

As I sit with small groups of OZ members at our “meet and greet” gatherings, I am learning about the power of this community. In our diversity of age and origin, religious beliefs, knowledge and preferences, we are a community with a depth of heart, soul and mind. As I travel around the area, I hear of the respect for our congregation all around.

So much to enjoy, celebrate and continue to build together.

~ Rabbi Amy

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.

FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBI



We learn in Ecclesiastes that there is a time for everything, and everything happens in its time. Discerned through deep prayer and thought, I arrive at the hard and heartfelt decision that it is time for me to leave Ohavi Zedek and continue my rabbinic path in other forms and forums. My husband and

I will continue to live in Burlington, and I will take some time this summer to decide what my next steps will be. How can I express the profoundly deep sense of gratitude and affection that I feel, both from and for this amazing community? Being your rabbi and cantor has inexorably changed my life; I am humbly honored to have lived and laughed and wept and sung and learned with you these past six years. And, like our Torah teaches, it is time for a sabbatical, that important seventh year, to be a time of rest and rejuvenation and new learning and unexpected opportunities.

OZ is going through a deep and profound cycling of its own. We are blessed by the presence of Rabbi Amy Joy Small, our unbelievable Board of Directors, a tradition of facing difficult times with perseverance and of decisions carefully made. I will be working with the staff to ensure continuity to make this transition smooth and responsible, and will look forward to seeing you all at the Kiddush on June 4 and the semi-annual meeting on June 5, when we'll have an opportunity to say farewell. I look forward to this next phase with excitement and not a little trepidation!

As Garrison Keillor teaches, Be well, do good work, and keep in touch.

~ Rabbi Jan

Yom HaShoah

Intergenerational Community Commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day

Thursday, May 5 at 6:00 pm

Temple Sinai, 500 Swift
Street, South Burlington

Pizza will be served

Minyan at 7:00 pm
with readings by
members of the
community
of all ages



Shavuot

**Saturday, June 11: Tikkun Leil
Shavuot**

Evening Service & Study, 7:00 pm

Service followed by a series of study
sessions in the custom of celebrating
Shavuot through learning. Come join
us to study, learn and eat cheesecake!



**Sunday, June 12: Shavuot Service,
9:00 am**

Monday, June 13: Second Day Service 9:00 am, including
Yizkor

Dine & Discover

From time to time, the Events Committee presents an evening version of our Lunch & Learn series

Distinguished guest speakers over the years included Gov. **Madeleine Kunin**; author **Chris Bohjalian**, Professor of History **Mark Stoler**; attorney **Robert Rachlin**, who represented several Guantanamo detainees; **Haviland Smith**, former CIA Station Chief; Professor **Howard Ball**, Supreme Court scholar; and **Howard Coffin**, Civil War guru.

On May 2, D&D speaker is Professor **David Scrase**, former Director of the UVM Center for Holocaust Studies. His topic: "German Attitudes Toward the Holocaust, 1945-2015: Seventy Years of Change." First and second generation Holocaust survivors in the community also were invited to speak briefly, and OZ archival artifacts will be on display, including the Torah that was rescued on Kristallnacht in the 1930s.

Dinner reservations were accepted if received by April 25. Proceeds to benefit the OZ Mural Project.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Being President of Ohavi Zedek these days is a little bit like getting ready for the day's weather. You know what season it is and you have a pretty good idea about what to expect. Occasionally there are surprises and you have to adapt. Miriam and Gary Sturgis's daughter Talia puts it this way: "There is no bad weather, just bad clothing."

I said in my remarks at Rabbi Small's installation that we as a congregation will face any challenge and overcome every obstacle, now and in the years ahead. We are meeting the challenges and will continue to do so. It will take us some time to overcome some of the obstacles, but the leadership of Ohavi Zedek is committed to doing so.

That is where the "right clothing" comes in. We must take the steps that will get us to a position where everyone who is a member at OZ has the opportunity to thrive.

Some of you already are thriving, whether through religious observance, through adult education, special events, our family focused Hebrew School, or our strong emphasis on social action. There are many ways to grow as a Jew and as a person here at Ohavi Zedek. I encourage you to begin or continue to take advantage of each and every one of them.

The synagogue is functioning well. Our new rabbi is immersed in the "meet and greet" program that she initiated, which is being skillfully coordinated by Judy Danzig and Ducky Donath. Many of you have already met and interacted with Rabbi Small through these get-togethers in the homes of some of the members of the congregation. Others have come to know her through synagogue events and meetings. Sadly, some of your first exposure to our rabbi has been when a loved one has been ill, or at a funeral.

Whatever the occasion, you will notice how competent Rabbi Amy is and how adept she has been at acclimating to her new job. There are real advantages to having an experienced rabbi as our new Senior Rabbi. Especially when the rabbi wants to be at our synagogue and in Vermont. She has hit the ground running, and from what I observe being in close contact with her and in seeing her do her job, our new rabbi is skilled, committed and tireless as she gets to know us and allows us to get the opportunity to know her.

Our staff is committed and competent and takes each and every step to serve the synagogue efficiently and effectively. They always have my gratitude.

The backbone of Ohavi Zedek is and has always been our members. Most of our committees function very well. Many people are involved in making them successful. A few, such as our Human Resources Committee and our Development Committee, are being reconstituted. My hope is that they will be up and running very soon. If you would like to join either of these committees, please let me know.

Unfortunately, at our June 5 Congregational Meeting we will be presenting you with a budget that will have a deficit. None of us who are immersed in the process of creating the budget are happy about it. I don't expect anyone else to be either.

This has been an extraordinary year of transition for Ohavi Zedek. We are taking steps to bring the budget in line with the reality of our income and expenses. This is a year of investment into the future of Ohavi Zedek. Not every year will be like this one. Financially, the future will be brighter. We must be clear eyed, realistic and optimistic, all at the same time.

I will not indulge in spending my energy blaming others or obsessing about the past regarding our financial problems. For me the issue is how to focus on the future, with the goal of fulfilling our mission to continue to make OZ a thriving, vibrant and welcoming Jewish community.

Please do not attempt to read between the lines about Rabbi Jan's decision to leave the synagogue and the role that she has played for these past six years. There are no secrets. Ohavi Zedek needed her, or someone, to fulfill our cantorial responsibilities. Rabbi Jan wants to function as the rabbi that she trained to become, and is. It is time for Rabbi Jan to grow. We say goodbye to her with a combination of sadness and joy. We will miss her voice, her enormous energy and her heartfelt contribution as a Jewish leader. We are excited for her as she moves toward a future that will make her feel more fully alive and will allow her to continue to contribute to Jewish life, in her own unique and wonderful way.

We intend to have a new cantor in the near future, but probably not this year, because of budgetary considerations. Instead, Rabbi Amy and members of the congregation are arranging for all of the duties of a cantor, including the tutoring of b'nai mitzvah students, to be covered by people who will either be hired for specific pieces, or members of our congregation who will volunteer. If you wish to help, contact Rabbi Amy.

We will ensure that the job gets done competently, and in a way that will not only meet the needs of the membership, but will also offer you the opportunity for

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FROM THE TREASURER



It has been an interesting and challenging time to become the Treasurer of OZ. As the Finance Committee, board and I work to develop the budget for our '16-'17 fiscal year in preparation for the Congregational Meeting on June 5, I thought it might be helpful to let you know where things stand as *The Voice* goes to press.

We have some amazing strengths that make us poised to grow as a congregation. These include our dynamic and hardworking new rabbi, our wonderful staff, an incredible board that volunteers more hours of time out of their love for OZ than you can imagine, and many other congregants who do the same.

Our current financial situation is complicated. As we have addressed recent challenges and opportunities, they have caused stress to OZ's financial situation. During the current fiscal year, for instance, financial stressors include:

1. The Rabbinic Search
2. Paying two Senior Rabbis for three months
3. Not having an Executive Director – While this saved us some money, it put extra demands on staff and the board, and as such, our fundraising was down.
4. Building expenses, including the Mural. The Lost Shul Mural expenses have greatly exceeded income generated by fundraising to date. The mural is an important, invaluable asset for our synagogue and will be a treasure for generations to come. We must not forget that as we continue to work out our finances.

While these expenses have been difficult, they are one-time expenses and therefore have minimal impact on next year's budget (only to the extent that we create a repayment plan for what we have borrowed from our endowment). What does have more of an impact on our budget is the fact that our annual expenses have been increasing and our income has not increased proportionally. We have hired an outside bookkeeper and accountant to help answer some of our questions about how this deficit has occurred, and to help us put best-practice systems in place that will enable us to understand where we

stand financially and allow us to budget responsibly in the future.

We are looking very carefully at our budget for the next fiscal year and cutting costs in order to come closer to balancing the budget. We must use caution when making these difficult decisions because we want to grow our congregation under our new rabbinic leadership. We want to continue to offer interesting programming that excites our members. And we want to stay true to our values and continue to provide services reflective of those values.

We hope that you, as a community, will help us during this transition time. Please be as generous as you can when it comes time to make your membership pledge or donate to the Annual Appeal, and when you hear from our reinvigorated Development Committee. Also consider sponsoring *Kiddushim* for Shabbat services. Other areas where we could use your help include contributing towards repair and replacement of some of our *siddurim*, contributing to our Building Fund, volunteering in the kitchen, and donating to any programs you consider interesting and important.

I would be happy to talk with you at any time if you have questions, and I strongly encourage you to attend the Congregational Meeting in June. I welcome any and all suggestions regarding how we could cut expenses or increase income. And I hope that you will contribute what you can of your time and/or your money to help OZ to meet the needs of our most valuable asset, our members. Thank you.

~ Miriam Sturgis

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### HEBREW SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

**SUNDAY, MAY 15 10:30 am**

Commencement ceremony followed by dairy/parve pot luck lunch and Kitah Zayin car wash fundraiser

and...the final activity of the day...

Wanna Pie the Principal?  
This is your opportunity!



## Joint Fern Hill Report from Michael Schaal, President of the Ohavi Zedek Board of Directors, and Nancy Sugarman, President of the Fern Hill Board of Directors

Some of you were members of Ohavi Zedek in 1978 when Fern Hill, an independent living community located next door to the synagogue, was conceptualized. Many of you were not yet members back then, and some of you may not even have been born. In this article, we will provide background and information about the current situation regarding Fern Hill.

### Background

In 1978 the Ohavi Zedek congregation decided to use 3.2 acres of our land for the purpose of creating low-income housing, focusing on the elderly and those with disabilities who were having difficulty securing housing. As Rabbi Wall, our then long-serving rabbi, told a newspaper reporter, “it is a strong principle of the Jewish faith to care for the elderly and handicapped,” and “we want to provide high quality housing where people can live in dignity.” In recognition of this community need, and guided by the tenet of *tikkun olam*, Ohavi Zedek began the hard work of making Rabbi Wall’s vision a reality. *(Please see the following article for excerpts from a story in the January 3, 1980 Burlington Free Press quoting Rabbi Wall and congregation members on the occasion of the Fern Hill groundbreaking).*

The Synagogue Corporation was created in 1978 to oversee the creation, governance, and maintenance of The Fern Hill Apartments. (For the sake of clarity, we refer to “Synagogue Corporation” as “Fern Hill” throughout the rest of this article). Fern Hill commenced operations on May 23, 1980.

Fern Hill is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, with its own Board of Directors and bylaws. Fern Hill has ten board members, each of whom also must be a member of Ohavi Zedek. The Fern Hill bylaws also state that the Ohavi Zedek Rabbi is a member of the Fern Hill Board. Fern Hill’s bylaws provide that its members are the individuals serving on the Ohavi Zedek Board of Directors. The Fern Hill members (who are the current Ohavi Zedek Board members) elect the Fern Hill Directors.

At the time of Fern Hill’s creation, Ohavi Zedek raised \$10,000 in collateral through \$100 donations from Ohavi Zedek congregants. Fern Hill repaid the collateral to Ohavi Zedek at the end of two years. Currently Ohavi Zedek does not benefit financially from Fern Hill, nor does it cost Ohavi Zedek any money to run Fern Hill.

### The Fern Hill Property

The Fern Hill Property includes the 60-unit building, which is built on 3.2 acres. The land around Fern Hill (approximately seven acres) is owned by Ohavi Zedek.

The building has been and is under a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) contract. The contract subsidizes

the rents and pays the expenses related to managing and maintaining the building. Any eligible community member may apply to live there, as space allows, and there is always a waiting list. You do not have to be Jewish to live there, though some of the residents of Fern Hill also are members of Ohavi Zedek. In addition to the apartments, the building has a common room and laundry room. A manager lives in the building as well. Nursing, social work, transportation and other services come to Fern Hill residents, as requested by them. Often residents enjoy shopping at the Shuk and hearing Robert Resnik when he comes to perform concerts at Fern Hill. The residents have formed their own association. The building has consistently received very high scores by HUD inspectors for the maintenance and management of the facilities.

### The Current Situation

For the last five years, the Fern Hill Board has actively worked with the Ohavi Zedek Board in anticipation of the end of the Fern Hill Deed, mortgage, and HUD contract in 2019-2020. A Transition Committee was formed with members of both boards, and presentations by that committee and by Fern Hill Board members have been made to the Ohavi Zedek Board. Fern Hill Board members have attended presentations, sought and gained expertise and reviewed documents in order to educate themselves about good management of a HUD low-income housing property and the options for the future. This information has been shared with the Ohavi Zedek Board.

As part of this work, the Ohavi Zedek Board hired an appraiser to complete a base-line appraisal of Fern Hill, which was done in early 2015. As we were aware, the appraiser noted that the original Deed included a clause written in September 1979, stating the Fern Hill Property would revert to Ohavi Zedek in 2019. He also found a document of which the current OZ and Fern Hill Boards were not aware – a Modification Agreement to the Deed, executed on October 16, 1979, that amended the Deed to remove the reversionary clause. This means the Fern Hill Property will *not* revert to Ohavi Zedek. We do not know exactly why this Modification Agreement was created, and we hypothesize it was for legal reasons, such as in response to a HUD requirement.

We wish to emphasize that the approximately seven acres of land around Fern Hill remains Ohavi Zedek property and is not impacted by Fern Hill in any way. Ohavi Zedek is free to do with this land whatever we wish, provided of course that we meet City and State regulations.

The Fern Hill Board is responsible for the Fern Hill Property, both its current operations and future disposition. In exercising this responsibility, the Fern Hill Board is



keenly aware of its obligations to the residents of Fern Hill. The board also knows it must meet its obligations under the HUD contract and other applicable laws, and it must act in accordance with Fern Hill's Articles of Association and Bylaws. The board also is committed to working with Ohavi Zedek and the larger community, as we know the need for housing for low-income elderly continues to grow in the Burlington area as our population ages. The Fern Hill Board also is exploring options for financial benefit for Ohavi Zedek, based on what the regulations under which it operates allow.



The Ohavi Zedek Board has tremendous confidence in the Fern Hill Board. The Fern Hill Board members are competent and responsible members of the Ohavi Zedek community. As Fern Hill Board members, they have a

mission to fulfill, and the Ohavi Zedek Board fully supports that mission.

The Fern Hill Board looks forward to continuing to work with the Ohavi Zedek Board and to sharing information with the Ohavi Zedek congregation at the June 5 Congregational Meeting.

**From Burlington Free Press, January 3, 1980**  
**'Daring' Project is Ahead of Schedule,**  
**by Maggie Maurice**

*With a boost from the weather and a break in things going right, Fern Hill Housing for the Elderly near Ohavi Zedek Synagogue is moving ahead of schedule. The \$2 million project is sponsored by Synagogue Inc., a non-profit corporation, and financed by the US Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD).*

*"We started two years ago. We have a marvelous board, the best operating team in the city of Burlington," said Rabbi Max Wall. "And we've had tremendous support and advice from the board of Cathedral Square (elderly housing). It's a remarkable interfaith spirit."*

*Both the Episcopal and Jewish congregations have formed non-profit organizations and operate under HUD guidelines. The two groups have been working closely. "It's wonderful to watch everybody's talent merge," [Fern Hill attorney Richard] Lang said. "It's a nice blend of caution, careful attention to detail – and daring."*

*It is daring.*

*The synagogue has owned 8 ½ acres next to its building for years. There have been many inquiries into the sale or rent of the land. Two years ago a committee was formed. "We met to explore the possibilities," [committee member] Larry Bagdan said. "Money was not the object. We were looking for land utilization. We met with developers, builders, groups of businessmen. It took us nine months of meetings to decide to go on our own."*

*At the annual synagogue meeting the committee presented its first architect's plan and the membership approved. They developed the plan, submitted it to HUD and received a subsidy of \$1.2 million. "We went back and forth for six months. In the end, we increased the size and improved the quality," Rabbi Wall said. The final amount was \$2 million. There are six apartments on the first floor for the handicapped. "It's wonderful to see it come up from just an idea," Wall said.*

*The Fern Hill estate runs from the corner of North Prospect Street to Riverside Avenue, stretching acres deep in from the street. In 1949, Ohavi Zedek purchased the entire estate from Mrs. Vaughn Burgess, sold the land near Riverside Avenue and built the synagogue on its present site.*

*Originally Ohavi Zedek wanted to remodel the house [on the property] for a home for the elderly but it was deemed too expensive. The house was sold to a fraternity and later abandoned. It was gutted by fire in April 1972.*

*The housing project has had unanimous acceptance from the committee, the congregation and the neighbors. Following HUD guidelines, the project is nonsectarian. "Mrs. Burgess would like Fern Hill," Rabbi Wall said. "When she sold the land to us, she said it was for the synagogue but not for commercial use. She wanted to serve people."*

*Every day the rabbi leaves his office and walks next door to see how the building is coming along. "I take a deep breath and smile," he said.*



## PROFILE: SHERRY STAR



Sherry Levin Star is one of the small number of Ohavi Zedek congregants whose ancestors were among the founders of the Jewish community in Burlington. Born and bred here, Sherry lives with her husband Frank in the New North End, where together they raised their children just a few miles from

Sherry's childhood home on South Willard Street.

Though she's lived here nearly all her life, there are causes dear to Sherry's heart that go far beyond local boundaries; indeed, they are statewide, national and even global in scope: As a teacher of English as a Second Language, she has concerns about the refugees and new Americans among us; and as an engaged citizen, she has stepped up to lend her voice to the issue of gun violence so prevalent throughout the nation today.

Her father, Isaac B. Levin (known affectionately as "IB" or "Bunny"), was a resident of Burlington, as was his father, Sherry's grandfather, who emigrated from Lithuania and served as president of Chai Adam, the former synagogue on Hyde Street that housed the Ben Zion mural. IB was a wholesaler of toys and novelties. Sherry's mother, Deborah Levinne Levin, originally from Toronto, was extremely unhappy to have been brought to Burlington after her marriage in 1936. "She grew to love it here," Sherry says, "and often said throughout the years that she couldn't think of any other place she'd want to live." Deb was very active in synagogue activities. In fact, Sherry adds, her parents' generation called the synagogue 'the center,' and it really was the center of life for Jews in Burlington at that time. "Our lives revolved around it. There was a very close-knit group of Jewish kids." Mindy Wall Evnin is the only one of her contemporaries still living here.

Sherry was born in 1944, four years after her brother, Joe. He, a New York attorney, graduated from UVM and continued his education at Cornell Law School. Sherry, in turn, also enrolled in UVM, but feeling the need to spread her wings, transferred as a junior to Boston University. She graduated with a major in French in 1966, and for the next two years taught French on the junior high and high school levels in Medford and Malden, MA.

Returning for Christmas vacation in 1967, she was introduced to Frank Star, a young man who had recently come back to Vermont from New York to take a job at IBM. The previous year, Frank's mother, Sadah, a gifted violinist who was working in the Music Department at

UVM, had married well-known Burlington merchant Alex Colodny.

Frank and Sherry were married in August of 1968. Their search for the perfect home in Burlington went nowhere, since Frank had his heart set on contemporary-style construction. So he put his vision on paper and took his design to contractors in town. No one would sign on to build it, one builder having told him that a "California house with a lot of windows wasn't suited to Vermont and wouldn't last in this climate." Undaunted, both Frank and Sherry oversaw the building of the house themselves. "We've been here 45 years," Sherry notes, "and not only is the house still standing, but it has held up very well during all this time. Frank would have made a great architect."

Sherry taught in Essex Junction High School for two years, until their daughter Bailee was born in 1970. Actually, she says, "I never really stopped teaching." During the early years of Bailee's life and after Josh's birth in 1973, she held a variety of part-time jobs, including tutoring at the Lund Home and teaching at Rock Point.

After twelve years as a technical writer and then as a plant photographer at IBM, Frank discovered that photography was something he really enjoyed, and something that the outside community also valued. He left his job in 1980 to establish his own photography business. Specializing in weddings, he and Sherry worked together, leaving their kids with their Levin grandparents. In time, Sherry would tackle assignments on her own, allowing the husband and wife team to cover multiple affairs on weekends during the height of the wedding season in Vermont.

In the later '80s, while still working with Frank, Sherry took on part-time positions as a French teacher on the middle school level in several locations, including St. Albans and Colchester. In 1995 she accepted a full-time job at St. Albans Town Educational Center, where she taught both French and life skills, retiring at age 59 in 2003.

While Josh went on to Harvard and entered the financial world, Bailee followed in her mother's footsteps by enrolling in UVM, where she majored in English, then spent three years in the Teach for America program in Baltimore. After earning a Master's in Education, she attended Northeastern Law School, where she met her future husband, Dan Fein.

Bailee and Dan married in 1998, just after they graduated. They are the parents of two children, Ben, 16, and Talia, at 13 preparing for her bat mitzvah, to

be celebrated later in May. Living in the Boston area, the family became involved in Temple Shir Tikvah in Winchester, where Bailee, now 45, is serving in her fifth year as educational director. She is in the process of earning another Master's degree in Jewish education from Hebrew Union College.

Josh, 43, works in Manhattan as an equity trader at Millenium Partners, a global investment management firm. He and his wife Kasama live in Westchester with their children, Saydee, 10, Daisy, 8, and Dylan, 6.

While still working in St. Albans, Sherry had furthered her interest in languages by taking a course in the teaching of English as a Second Language. She found teaching English to non-English speakers very similar to teaching French to American students, and when she had the chance to substitute in an ESL class, she jumped at it. That led to a visit to the Refugee Resettlement Program in Colchester once she retired, and to her current position as a teacher of two ESL classes on Mondays and Wednesdays. She also subs at other times when called upon.

Having missed the days when Russian and Bosnian groups were being resettled here, Sherry says her students hail mostly from Africa: Somalia, Sudan, Congo and Burundi, and from Asia: Bhutan/Nepal and Iraq. There are also a few families in the program from Syria. As a whole, she notes – as one might expect – children and young adults learn quicker than their elders.

Asked to relate one of the many success stories she has witnessed, Sherry tells of a woman who arrived here from Congo at the age of 23, having seen both of her parents murdered. She did well in English classes and wanted to enroll in high school to broaden her education, but was denied by the program because of her age. She needed to get a job and support herself, she was told. Believing that she could do both – go to school full-time and work – she brought her problem to Sherry, who then served as her advocate. The young woman is currently completing her junior year at Winooski High School, where she is in class from 7:30am until 3pm, when she starts her 3:15pm – 1:45am shift at Twincraft, a soap and skincare manufacturing company within walking distance of her school. She is in a Homeshare situation and is currently preparing to take the test for her driver's license. "She is determined to improve her future employment prospects by earning her diploma," Sherry says. "I'm very proud of her."

It's a small step from absorbing the horror stories the refugees tell to wishing to do one's part to make the world – at least one's little corner of the world – safer. Gun-related tragedies in Vermont, due mostly to our

high suicide rate and to domestic abuse, have made Sherry an ardent supporter of gun violence research. She was a representative of the Jewish community, one of seventeen faith communities that met last summer to discuss an interfaith approach to the gun problem. Their talks have continued throughout the year.

In March, Sherry and fellow OZ member Elizabeth Bernstein put together a panel of Vermonterers, including a gun owner, a legislator, a representative from the Vermont Department of Health, and a friend of a recent victim of violence to share their differing views. Similar conversations are happening on the city, state and national scene.

Aside from her community activities, Sherry enjoys cooking, baking, crafting, and especially gardening. She walks five miles through neighborhoods in the North End nearly every day, rain or shine, with a longtime friend and walking partner, and in winter she likes to cross-country ski. But it's the coming seasons that she really looks forward to. She has a garden plot at Starr Farm in the summer, and she rides her bike there several times a week. She also gardens around the house and tends to her many house plants year round.

During the week of Purim Sherry and I talked at her kitchen table while noshing on hamantaschen, a sure sign that spring was just around the corner. Packets of flower and vegetable seeds lay waiting on the counter; hibiscus and other plants she has nurtured through the winter months stood waiting in the family room; and some were enjoying the weak March sunlight in those tall "California-style" windows. And, best of all, every year during the summer the grandkids come to visit.

~ Judy Hershberg

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an uplifting and fulfilling experience. Stay tuned. As the plans are finalized, you will be informed.

As I write this, Passover is rapidly approaching. It brings with it a reminder of our proud history, our commitment as a people to liberation, both within ourselves, and in the world. Among other things, our festival cycle teaches us over and over again that we as Jews are a resilient people.

For me, it is an opportunity for perspective. Any challenges that we face as members of this congregation are not nearly as great as those that our ancestors faced in the long history of our people. Patience and persistence must be our path. Responsibility with hope are the guideposts of our journey. Taking strength in each other, with the musical sound of each other's laughter, will offer the satisfaction of being part of the congregation of Ohavi Zedek. Take very good care.

~ Michael P. Schaal

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



Can it be? Hebrew School Commencement coming up already? How is it possible that this school year has gone by so quickly?

It's been a time of great transition at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue. For the congregation—Rabbi Joshua retiring, Rabbi Amy arriving, and Rabbi Jan leaving. For the Hebrew School—new preschool and middle school programming and a new approach to our curriculum with Hebrew taught by level and the addition of SUPER Electives. Change is good, and we are rock solid at OZHS!

Teaching and learning Hebrew by level has been a great success. It has given teachers the ability to really move the class along as a group and identify students' needs. Students have also had the incentive to work just a little harder to move up a level or move down a level for more confidence building. The Language Learning Lab has been a key player in this process; Nina Beck and Hannah Handloff gave individualized attention to students when needed, either because of absences or just to provide an extra helping hand.

So much has happened in our SUPER Electives this year! Painting windows, making drip irrigation models, snacking on Israeli foods, adorning *tzedakah* boxes, singing at a Friday night service, raising kosher compost worms, baking challah, building sculptures, playing Zionist Squares, decorating an Israel cake, making recycled groggers, cooking lentil stew, writing and directing a movie—to name just a few of the many hands-on activities we've had. Thank you to all the volunteers from our OZ community who helped enrich our electives. I can't wait until next year's offerings.

Sundays were dedicated to students being amongst their peers and focused on prayer, Torah and holiday celebrations. The Tent Jamboree, Mitzvah Day and Diaspora Passover Tasting Shuk were great successes. Always good to get everyone in the school together for a celebration.

Our new alternative family-based *Makom L'Mishpacha* middle school program was inaugurated with a strong group of students and parents under

Melanie Kessler's direction. Their first year included apple picking and *tashlich* in Shelburne, some in-depth class discussions, a visit to Blackthorne Forge to learn about the importance of Judaica, parent study sessions, *Tu b'Shevat* snowshoeing at Sleepy Hollow and recently, a Holocaust seminar with Kitah Vav and Kitah Zayin. Their second year will focus on Jewish texts, and a new cycle of *Makom L'Mishpacha* will get underway for the incoming sixth graders.

Monthly programming for our youngest learners included Tot Shabbat with Sharon Panitch and Shalom Explorers with Alexandra Turner. Both provided a fun, warm and welcoming introduction to Judaism to our toddlers!

While it's good to look back and see all of our accomplishments, know that I am always looking forward as well. What can we improve? What can we tweak so that our students can have a better learning experience? What keeps what we do here at Ohavi Zedek Hebrew School relevant? I am committed to keeping OZ strong and enduring. With your input and the help of the Hebrew School Committee, skillfully chaired by Sarah Kleinman, we will continue to innovate. Know that your comments and ideas are always welcome.

Along with everyone mentioned above, Stella Mendelson, Deb Lashman, Sarah Glassman, Nate Wilde, Jessica Solodkin, Michael Rosenthal, Frances Lasday, Rabbi Jan and Rabbi Amy all deserve our thanks for the care, attention and effort they put in to teaching our students this year. A shout out to all the *madrichim* as well – Ethan, Kyle, Isa, Bo, Abby, Zaq, Yossi, Eli, Seth, Emily and Mari.

And thanks to you, parents, for supporting our efforts here by volunteering your time, schlepping your kids to Hebrew School and enriching your children's Jewish experience at home.

See you at Commencement on May 15!

~ Naomi Barell



Pie the Principal?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

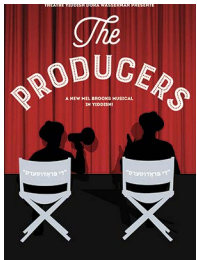
Condolences

- To Marcy Kass on the death of her mother, Jean Kass
- To Suzanne Brown on the death of her father, Jack Braun
- To Jane Pearl and the Pearl family on the death of Jane's husband, David S. Pearl
- To Cyndi Snyder and Lee Lichtenstein and their family on the death of Cyndi's father, Philip Snyder
- To the family of Cantor Jerry Held, who passed away on April 5 (See page 15)
- To Raul Guevara on the death of his mother, Maria Lemus

Welcome, New Members

- Saragail Benjamin
- Jed & Michelle Brody
- Ted Cohen
- Don & Mary Ann Horenstein
- Robin Perlah and Andy Hard

Yiddish Theatre Trip to Montreal, Sunday, June 26

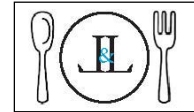


Still time to join us for our annual trip to the Yiddish Theatre in Montreal! Come with us to see the Yiddish version of Mel Brooks's "The Producers."

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

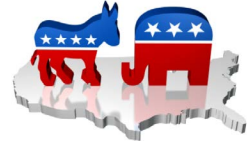
Hershberg, 863-4214 or jhersh@burlingtontelecom.net for further details or to sign on!

LUNCH & LEARN



In April, Penny Shtull kept our audience enthralled as she discussed various aspects of multicide, so prevalent throughout the nation over the years.

Thursday, May 19, final L&L of the regular 2015/16 season. Join us for an all-American program and luncheon featuring William Grover, PhD, Professor of Political Science, St. Michael's College. Topic:



The 2016 Election & the Future of the American Presidency.

You won't want to miss this one!

Luncheons are free

Donations welcome to help defray expenses \$5.00 suggested

As our regular season ends, we express our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful kitchen crew under the guidance of Kathy Guevara: Rose Pels, Barbara Silver, Bruce Cohen, Stella Bukanc and others who peel, chop, simmer and bake. We couldn't do it without you. Thanks to Stella Bukanc for her donation of much-needed sheet pans for the kitchen, as well as to the anonymous donors of the new table linens. And of course lots of love to Gary Coffey for providing Lake Champlain Chocolates.

It goes without saying that we are profoundly grateful for the loyalty of all of you who join us every month for the L&L series, and those who contribute to L&L.

We'll be working on 2016/17 programming over the summer. Stay tuned!

ADDITIONAL LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JUNE 16 ~ 12:00 pm



Advocating for a safe harbor for Vermont Seniors

Presentation by the Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)

with Gini Milkey, COVE Executive Director and Lois Whitmore, COVE Board Member

EDUCATION: What issues impacting elders does COVE address at the State House and through public forums?

ADVOCACY: What issues are COVE's lobbyist working on currently at the State House? What services are offered by boards/task forces/work groups and coalitions that directly impact Vermont elders?

COMMUNITY INPUT: What are your needs and priorities? Are you interested in assisting with COVE's work?

DEMOCRATIC GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES CONVERSATION

**Wednesday, June 15 at 6:00 pm
at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue
Sponsored by Vermont Interfaith Action (VIA)**



The Democratic gubernatorial candidates, Matt Dunne, Peter Galbraith and Sue Minter will hold a Candidates Conversation on the moral issues facing our world today.

Another Candidates Conversation among Republican candidates will be held in Barre. Date to be determined.

Hadassah Annual Luncheon

Governor Madeleine Kunin will speak at The Jewish Community of Greater Stowe on Tuesday, June 21 at 3:00 pm. Her topic will be 'Defining the Next



Revolution for Women, Work and Family.' \$18.00 per person.

Join us for our Annual Luncheon at Temple Sinai on August 21 at 12:30 pm with fabulous food by Rachel Jacobs of Vermont Kosher. We will be honoring Cathy and Joe Frank, longtime supporters of Hadassah. Our speaker

will be Detective Jeffrey Beerworth of the Burlington Police Department speaking about his book, 'Crime in Burlington' about famous crimes, including during the early days of Little Jerusalem.

For information contact Linda Kopper,
802-644-6650 ; snobunny@pshift.com

Inclusion Committee

The Inclusion Committee meets the third Monday of each month at 5:45 pm. Our goal is to remove barriers of architecture, communications and attitude that exclude people with disabilities from full and active participation in our community. We are looking for new members. The committee is open to everyone.

Please contact me if you are interested and would like more information.

~ Deb Lashman, Chair



Library News

Out and about in Burlington, I have often been asked if the library holds certain items. Here's how you may check for yourself:

Go to the OZ website, click on the Education column, click on OZ Library and then OZ Library catalogue, and search by author title or subject for whatever you are looking for.

Before bringing books to the library, please contact me. I need to know so that we can plan to process them. Donations must be processed before they can be catalogued.

There are a few library tasks that I can easily teach anyone who is interested in helping with processing. This will take just a few minutes of your time.

Many thanks to the family of Judy Cohen for her wonderful collection.

And thanks, everyone, for your support.

~ Sally Hand
sallyhand1959@gmail.com



YOUNG JUDAEA NEWS



This summer we once again have a large contingent of youth from our community going to numerous Jewish camps and programs. We wish to thank the Greenberg family and Annette Lazarus, whose generous contributions to the Greenberg-Lopkin and Howard “Richie” Lazarus Camp Scholarship

Funds and the Greenberg-Bratspis Israel Youth Trip Scholarship Fund make this possible year after year. Jewish summer camp and Israel programs play an important role in shaping the Jewish identity of our youth. If you are in a position to make a contribution to these scholarship funds, please do so. Checks can be written to OZ with Greenberg-Lopkin, Howard “Richie” Lazarus Jewish Summer Camp Scholarship Funds or Greenberg - Bratspis Israel Youth Trip Scholarship Fund written in the memo section. Any donations to these funds will be greatly appreciated.

Happy Spring! Thanks to everyone who helped make our Annual Young Judaea Hamentashen Baking and *Mishloach Manot* Making event on March 6 such an astounding success once again. We make all the hamentashen, traditional poppy seed, prune and apricot and also fig, raspberry and chocolate for OZ’s Purim Party and *mishloach manot* bags for homebound seniors, families and friends. Thank you to all our hamentashen makers, parents and community volunteers for your help. We couldn’t do it without you. Our Maz led an awesome scavenger hunt game that included Purim trivia, fun games and many other cool challenges, like saying the *shema* backwards. It was great fun.

On March 19, Young Judaea Bogrim met for a terrific dinner at Pizzeria Verita before watching the talented cast and magnificent showing of Theatre Kavanah’s rendition of *Brundibar: A Musical Tale*. They enjoyed the performance and learned about the history of this incredible show.

On April 3 a number of our Bogrim took part in the Jewish Communities of Vermont Summit, Mind Body and Soul, in Stowe at the Stoweflake Inn, representing Young Judaea and taking part in the numerous offerings and discussions held at the conference.

Upcoming Young Judaea Events

Ofarim and Tsofim (2nd -7th graders)

Sunday, May 1, 11:30 am, Bagel Brunch

Noon, Nature Walk through the Burlington Intervale.

Come explore Jewish values through the wonderment of nature after the Bagel Brunch. We’ll leave from OZ and

walk to the Intervale at noon. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable shoes. We’ll return to OZ by 2:30. RSVP to Melanie Needle, mneedle@gmail.com.

Also Sunday, May 1, 11:30 am, Bagel Brunch

1:00 pm, Lacrosse Clinic run by Noah Miller of Israel Lacrosse

Equipment will not be provided, so please bring your own. Noah will speak with parents briefly after the session for about 5 - 10 minutes. We’ll meet in OZ’s social hall at the Bagel Brunch.

RSVP to Frances Lasday, franceslasday@gmail.com.

Bogrim (8th-12th graders, 7th graders are invited to join us)

May 15, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

“Get Air Vermont”

Jump on over for Bogrim’s final event of the year at the new “Get Air Vermont” indoor trampoline Adventure Park, located at 25 Omega Drive in Williston, Vermont.

Join us for a fun filled afternoon! We will be voting for next years Maz members, hanging out and jumping around with old and new friends and having a blast! This is our last and final chance to participate in a Bogrim event this year! Please wear comfortable clothing and non-skid socks, which are required for jumping. If you do not have a pair, they can be purchased for \$3.00 at the park.

Cost is \$15.00 for trampoline activities, snacks and a great time!

Please click on this link to fill out the on-line waiver, which is needed for all jumpers and non-jumpers.

<https://vermont.getairmanagement.com/Waiver.html>

Please respond to isenberg748@gmail.com by May 5.

Advisor Needed for Young Judaea Tsofim(5th-7th grade group). This is a paid position that can work flexibly with your schedule. For more information or if you are interested, please contact Amy May at amyesthermay@gmail.com or (978) 995-5679.

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



In Memoriam Jerry Held, 1940 - 2016

On April 5 we learned of the death of OZ's beloved Cantor Emeritus, Jerrold Held.

Cantor Jerry and his wife and partner-in-music Chris Conrath arrived in Burlington from New Jersey in 1989 and quickly found a place in the heart of the community.

Jerry remained at OZ until his retirement in 2005. After Chris passed away he moved to Sleepy Hollow, New York to live with his sister. Together they would travel back to Burlington from time to time.

Musician, jokester, friend,
Cantor Jerry lives on in our hearts.



The artworks on the walls of Julian and Joy Jaffe's South Burlington apartment were painted by Joy; Julian, created the needlepoints.

The talented couple are longtime members of Ohavi Zedek, having moved to Florida in 2000 and returned in 2011. "As much as we loved our life in Florida, we love Vermont more," Joy says. The four Jaffe children were raised here.

Joy has always been drawn to the arts—cooking, singing and now painting, which she learned through private instruction just a few years ago, at age 81.

UVM OLLI presents a reception featuring Joy's paintings on May 6 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at UVM Continuing and Distance Education, 322 South Prospect Street. Proceeds from sales will go to OLLI of UVM program. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information about UVM OLLI, visit learn.uvm.edu/olli.



OZBay 5th Online Auction Fundraiser May 25 to June 5 ***Come and join us!***

Do you like to buy things online?
Then this is for you!

Do you like to bid in auctions?
Then this is for you!

Do you not like to buy things online but want to have fun while supporting Ohavi Zedek?
This is for you!

Whether or not you're an online purchaser, please plan to participate in this important fundraising opportunity! When the auction begins, we will send an e-mail with easy instructions on how to log onto the site.

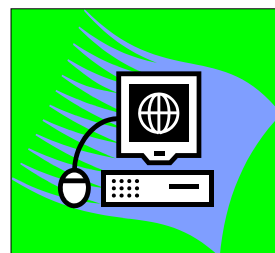
Don't usually log onto these sites?
Well this time, do it anyway!

You'll be able to see all the interesting and fun things for sale, including restaurant gift certificates, sporting and theatrical events, clothing, jewelry and much more.

And you can help OZ and hopefully end up with a great gift for yourself or for a friend or family member!

Join us!

OZ's Online Auction



B'NAI MITZVAH

The Davis Family invites the congregation to attend the Bar Mitzvah of Samuel York Davis



**Shabbat, May 21, 9:00 am
Kiddush following services**

Pam Reit and Ira Morris invite the congregation to attend the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Layla Jae Morris



**Shabbat, June 11, 9:00 am
Kiddush following services**

Roger Lebovitz and Rebecca Padnos invite the congregation to attend the Bar Mitzvah of their son Henry Padnos



**Shabbat, June 18, 9:00 am
Kiddush following services**

Lynan Moy and Mitchel Cypes invite the congregation to attend the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Jaden Cypes



**Shabbat, June 25, 9:00 am
Kiddush following services**

SHALOM SHUK HAPPENINGS



We were recently reminded by our Ohavi Zedek Board that while we serve the community, we do so as the Ohavi Zedek Thrift Shop. In the last "Happenings" I mistakenly called us a community shop. I appreciate the reminder and want to correct what was said in the last issue of *The Voice*.

We are an Ohavi Zedek Thrift Shop that is immersed in the community. Initially, the Shalom Shuk got its name, Marketplace of Peace, because we wanted to be a part of our total community. The Shuk's goal, as is the synagogue's, is to be a place for all members of our community to feel that they are not only welcome, but also included. In this, we have all succeeded beyond our original expectations.

The Shuk's major donations come from Wake Robin, SCHIPS, Dress for Success, The Clothing Exchange, VRRP, and One More Time. We rely on these donators and many other shops from time to time for our inventory. They understand that while our income above expenses comes to Ohavi Zedek, a portion is used, as noted in the last *Voice*, for community organizations. It is because we give to these organizations, as well as giving out vouchers, that we are able to appeal to organizations and shops to give the merchandise they no longer need to our Shuk. This merchandise, when added to your donations and others from the community, makes the Shuk a financially successful shop.

Our customers are also from the entire community and beyond. One customer brought her sister for the

first time. When we said we looked forward to seeing her again, she said, "She won't be here again 'cause she's from Kansas. I brought her here because I love this store."

Another gentleman left saying that when he comes, "it is like Christmas. You and your magic reindeer brought Santa to me in the middle of March." And another woman who shops with us often said, "I'm glad you have modest bathing suits. Nobody has modest bathing suits any more, but I found mine here."

Still another customer said, "My sister really made out here. Her son is getting married next month and she came here from Plattsburgh and left with two large bags full! She got everything they need and more that they wanted."

When you are doing Spring cleaning, please think of the Shuk. We need not only clothing, but household items: all kitchen items, linens, knick-knacks, briefcases, umbrellas, and anything that makes a house a home. Your donations are a major part of the backbone of the Shalom Shuk. Thank you for being there, and do come in and visit.

~ Kay Stambler

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Assistant Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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In Gratitude to the congregation for the Installation by Bob & Amy Small

In Honor of

Rabbi Amy Small by Larry & Devra Golbe, Naomi Barell & Jade Kaplan, Rabbi Marion Lev Cohen

In Loving Memory of

Sylvia Klein by Dr. Jeffrey Klein & Dr. Judy Tam

David and Zelda Rothberg by Leo Kline & Zelda Alpern

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In Loving Memory of Dorothy Teacher Brody by Drs. Joseph & Susan Hasazi

Kiddush Fund

In Memory of David Pearl by Rose Pels

Lunch & Learn Program

Lee & Barbara Silver

Mary Ann Pels Memorial Kitchen Fund

In Celebration of the Silvers' 50th Anniversary by Rose Pels
In Loving Memory of

Marvin Krieger by Arnold Krieger

Barry Krikstone and Bernard Krikstone by Ellen Krikstone

In Memory of Larry Kost by Dr. Ben Kropsky & Yolanda Schaefer-Kropsky

Mechirat Chometz

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bayer

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George Howard Abrams*
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Tuesday 5/3/2016

Enid Weiser Bell
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Wednesday 5/4/2016

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

Thursday 5/5/2016

Jacob V. Silverman*
Max Barney*
Diane Berlin
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Friday 5/6/2016

Max Samuelson*
Anne Rachel Shelansky*
Idah Colodny Aronstam*

Saturday 5/7/2016

Mortimer Adler
Rosalsky*
Maurice R. Machanic*
Allan Lincoln Aronstam
Lewis K. Sussman*
Sara Bramson Frank*
Jacob Hartstein
Murray Libstag
Alfred I. Nathan

Sunday 5/8/2016

Estelle Goetz
Jed Picoff*
Sid Bergstein

Monday 5/9/2016

Max Wasserman*
Harold 'Heshie' Kushner*
Nancy Raizen
Michael D. Hyman

Tuesday 5/10/2016

Carrie Kramer Jacobs*
Morris Aber
Harold Cohen
Benjamin A. Rubel*
Ethel G. Samuelson
Tarshis*

Wednesday 5/11/2016

Louis Levine*
Dora Silverman Cannon*
Anna M. Saiger Cohen*
Ruth Abrams Davies*
Saul P. Zaetz
Melvin Senville
Candie Datnoff

Thursday 5/12/2016

Shirley Greenfield

Friday 5/13/2016

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Harold Seligman
Rose Cohen Abrams*
Herbert Daniel Cohen*
Dr. Stanford Isaacson

Saturday 5/14/2016

Dr. Harris Cohen*
Abraham Joseph Cohen*
Joseph Bramson*
Carl Freitag*
Julius B. Thomas*
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Edith Penchina
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Sunday 5/15/2016

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Ronald Paul Held*
Isadore Curley Shapiro*
Carrye Glass*

Monday 5/16/2016

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Harry H. Tarshis*
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Tuesday 5/17/2016

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Rosalind 'Roxy' Solomon*
Stella Wolk Lazarus*
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Wednesday 5/18/2016

Bessie Fine*

Freida Rachel Cohen*

Jacob Shapiro*
Bertha Mann Freitag*
Ruth Cohen Newman*
Hyman Cohen*
Gertrude Liner Brown*
Samuel J. Hershfang
Jessica Silverman Liebs
Martin Glassberg
Eleanor Hershfang

Thursday 5/19/2016

Morris J. Levin*
Joshua London
Max Fishman*
Gussie Friedman Messie*
Beth Judy Rosen

Friday 5/20/2016

Louis Michaelson*
Ethel Brown Glasston*
Nathan Leekoff*
Margaret Levine
Michael Charles Shafiroff

Saturday 5/21/2016

Max Alpert*
Goldie Horn
Ida Gertrude Sakowitz
Samuel Z. Melnick*
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Sunday 5/22/2016

Lena Feinberg Alpert*
Bernard Val Lapidow*
Sarah Lisman
Max Shapiro*
Tammy Goldfarb
Sara Roskin
Erwin Alexander Alpern
Louis Israel Grodzinsky*

Monday 5/23/2016

Clara Levinson
Ethel Joyce Paul
Phil Schonfeld

Tuesday 5/24/2016

Fanny Baker*
Rose Greenblott Rubel*
Isadore Goldfarb
Joyce Goldberg*
Stuart L. Hyman

Wednesday 5/25/2016

Fanny Turner*
William Arkin*
Harry M. Fine*
Nathan Greenfield*
Marion Garbo*
Harold Brody*
Sylvia Grodzinsky*

Thursday 5/26/2016

George Rutstein*

Helen A. Yett Bayer*

Sara N. Rosenberg*
Fannie Rosenthal*
Henry Lawrence Turner*
Samuel Pizer
Rabbi Max B. Wall*
Arthur Harley Goldfield
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Friday 5/27/2016

Louis Goldsmith*
Samuel Frank*

Saturday 5/28/2016

Israel Miller*
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Lewis Colodny*
Rose Carr*
Diana Young Flur*
Judith Kay Lisman*
Alice Jewell Rothenberg
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Ruth Waldman*
Lena Polov*
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Sunday 5/29/2016

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Esther Cohen Brown
Esther Scheinfeld
Anna Margolis
Alan Gittelsohn

Monday 5/30/2016

Rose Levin Machanic*
Joseph Ebenhart*
Irving Wolfe
Leonard Rosenthal

Tuesday 5/31/2016

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Rev. Samuel Saltzberg*
Hyman Louis Paikowsky
Harry Gold*
Boris Chazen
Walter Irwin Heimer
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Rosenstreich
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Mayer Zalman

Wednesday 6/1/2016

Fanny Chase*
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Roslynne Greenberg

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Joseph Elihu Frank*
Abraham C. Rosenberg*
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Pearl
Daisy Lapidow*

Saturday 6/4/2016

Ida Itskovitz Miller*
Julius Michael Bornstein*
Rose Milestone
Lapidow*
Sadah Schuhari Colodny*

Sunday 6/5/2016

Alice Bloomfield*
Benjamin Leavitt
Emma Stargart Skoll
Gertrude Lazarus Rosen*
Sadie Zais
Harry Saltzman*
Jerome Jack Marcus
Harriet Krieger*
David Leber

Monday 6/6/2016

Myer Lipka*
Rachel Eva Beavin
William Gliserman
Katharine Moran
Comstock
Eve Alpert Magram*
Sol Weisman*
Florence Slotnick
Medlinsky*

Tuesday 6/7/2016

Max Ginsburg
Esther Boyarsky Gaffin*
Lillie (Levin) Goldberg*
Shirley Levitzky
Simon Perlmutter*
Rose E. Cohen

Wednesday 6/8/2016

Bessie Sacks Agel*
Joan Rea Levin Blumer*
Jacob Kaplan*
Benjamin Yett*

Thursday 6/9/2016

Zvi Yasef Tilser*
James A. Paul*

Friday 6/10/2016

Rose Agel*
Harold Levine*
Abraham Caplan
Dora Gerber Schwartz*
Selma Woronoff*

Margo Adler-Libstag
Nathan Finkelstein
Julius Stern
Alexander Sohn
Miriam Silverman

Saturday 6/11/2016

Hanna Michaelson
Fannie Levin Faint*
Annie Hanson
Morris Levin*
Yetta Weinstein
Judith Koplewitz*

Sunday 6/12/2016

Clayton Carr*
Lynda Towle Moss
Robert Warshawsky

Monday 6/13/2016

Gussie Zeskind*
Bessie Bayarsky*
Israel Yeankelwitz
Rabbi Harris William Sacks*
Bobby Harold Gibbons
Isadore Kaplan
Robert Samuel Levy*
Louis Moses Schreiber

Tuesday 6/14/2016

May Shur*
Seymour Smith*
Mamie Glasston Adler*
Ruth Pearl Kropsky*
Ethel Stroh Harris*
Barry Ted Miller
Glen Lee Weinberg

Wednesday 6/15/2016

Mary Fabricant*
Sidney Hyman Barovick
Philip Smilovitz*

Thursday 6/16/2016

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Julian J. Burnce
Rebecca Fine Agel*
Itzhok Michol
Eisenstadt*
Benjamin Skoll
Louis Samuelson*
Yusef Barcohana
Lillian Klein
Bernice Bayer*

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Harry Rothman
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Lena Cheris
Albert Chernoff
Rosie Kitayewitz*
Pauline Zablotsky*

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Tuesday 6/21/2016

John Epstein*
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Victor Rogove*
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Ellis Greenblott*
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Isaac Sirkin*
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Saturday 6/25/2016

Sheppard Saul Povlin*
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Myer Morris
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Samuel C. Hoffman
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Judy Gladstone Swade
Frances Hazel Black
Krinovitz*
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Flora Baron Hirschel*
Rose Stuhl Glass*
Samuel James Hirshon*
Elizabeth Betty Samuelson*
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Isaac Stekolchick
Abraham Morris
Louis Albaum

Tuesday 6/28/2016

Abraham Gould

Wednesday 6/29/2016

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Dora Ashkenazy*
Samuel Rose
Dorothy Lefkowitz
Marianne Greene Kory
Eleanor Bloom Potash*

Thursday 6/30/2016

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Sara Weinstock*
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Harry Fierverker*
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Reuben H. Frogel, M.D.

CALENDAR

MAY 2016

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | 15 |
| 7:45 AM Religious Committee and Hebrew School Committee Meeting | 9:30 AM Hebrew School |
| 9:45 AM Hebrew School Committee Meeting | 10:30 AM Hebrew School Commencement |
| 10:00 AM Social Action Committee Meeting | 1:00 PM YJ "Get Air" |
| 11:30 AM Hebrew School Bagel Brunch | 16 |
| 12:00 PM YJ Nature Walk | 5:30 PM Meditative Circle Dance Class |
| 12:00 PM YJ Lacrosse Clinic | 5:45 PM Inclusion Committee Meeting |
| 2 | 19 |
| 6:00 PM Dine & Discover | 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn |
| 4 | 20 |
| 4:00 PM Hebrew School | 6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at Rabbi Amy's after Services |
| 5 | 21 |
| 3:00 PM Events Committee Meeting | 9:00 AM Samuel Davis Bar Mitzvah |
| 6:00 PM Yom HaShoah Commemoration at Temple Sinai | 22 |
| 6 | 7:30 PM Israeli Dancing |
| 6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at OZ after Services | 23 |
| 8 | 5:30 PM Meditative Circle Dance Class |
| 9:30 AM Hebrew School | 25 |
| 7:30 PM Israeli Dancing | Day One - OZBay Online Auction |
| 9 | 7:30 PM Feen Lecture |
| 5:30 PM Meditative Circle Dance Class | 27 |
| 11 | 6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at Rabbi Jan's after Services |
| 4:00 PM Hebrew School | |
| 6:00 PM Adult Education Committee Meeting | |
| 7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting | |
| 12 | |
| 5:30 PM Board Meeting | |
| 13 | |
| 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat | |
| 6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at Rabbi Jan's after Services | |



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- *Services: Every Friday at 6 pm; every Saturday at 9 am (including Federal holidays)*
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- *Women's Torah Study: Every Tuesday at 2:00 pm (Tuesday class ends on May 31)*

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JUNE 2016

3

6:00 PM Tot Shabbat

6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at OZ after Services

4

11:30 AM Farewell to Rabbi Jan Kiddush Luncheon

5

Last Day - OZBay Online Auction

10:00 AM Congregational Meeting

7:30 PM Israeli Dancing

8

7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting

11

9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah Layla Morris

7:00 PM Shavuot Evening Service and Study

12

9:00 AM Shavuot Service

13

9:00 Second Day Shavuot Service including Yizkor

15

6:00 PM Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates
Conversation

16

12:00 PM L&L COVE Presentation

5:30 PM Board Meeting

17

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

18

9:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Henry Padnos

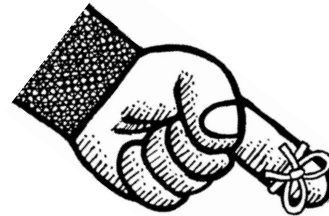
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9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah Jaden Cypes

26

10:00 AM Yiddish Theatre Trip to Montreal

7:30 PM Israeli Dancing



Starting this month join us for our
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1st Friday - at OZ
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June 5
Congregational
Meeting
10:00 am - noon

Friday	Candle Lighting	Ma'ariv	Saturday	Shacharit	Shabbat Ends
May 6	7:45 pm	6:00 pm	May 7	9:00 am	8:45 pm
May 13	7:53 pm	6:00 pm	May 14	9:00 am	8:53 pm
May 20	8:01 pm	6:00 pm	May 21	9:00 am	9:01 pm
May 27	8:08 pm	6:00 pm	May 28	9:00 am	9:08 pm
June 3	8:14 pm	6:00 pm	June 4	9:00 am	9:14 pm
June 10	8:19 pm	6:00 pm	June 11	9:00 am	9:19 pm
June 17	8:22 pm	6:00 pm	June 18	9:00 am	9:22 pm
June 24	8:24 pm	6:00 pm	June 25	9:00 am	9:24 pm