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Tuesday, April 11,

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SUNDAY MARCH 12

FAMILY

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PURIM CARNIVAL!

11 AM ENGLISH MEGILLAH READING -NOISEMAKERS, CHEERING + GENERAL RAUCOUSNESS!

11:30 AM CARNIVAL EXTRAVAGANZA -COSTUME PARADE + CONTEST, BOUNCY CASTLE,
MUSICAL CUPCAKES, GAMES + PRIZES!

12 PM POTLUCK LUNCH --BRING A VEGGIE/ DAIRY DISH TO SHARE!

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FROM THE RABBI



Todah Rabbah! Thank you very much!

Dear Friends,

These past few months have been an extraordinary experience for my husband Bob and me. This community's caring has supported us in very beautiful ways through

a very challenging time. The meals that so many of you brought to us were a delicious and nourishing form of love that we took in with much gratitude and satisfaction. Your cards, calls, letters, emails, flowers, rides and offers to help have been a healing balm. During the time that I was unable to take care of myself or our household, Bob was there to do both. He is the most wonderful partner, but I could see that it was a heavy burden for him to carry. Your love and support, prayers and wishes, and hands-on help helped to lighten his burden and ease its impact.

What a lesson in the value, meaning and importance of community! I can't imagine what it would have been like had we been completely on our own. We would have gotten through it, I am sure. But it would have been so much more physically and emotionally difficult. This was one of the many lessons I take away from this experience.

In the split second of falling on my knee, my life was changed. When I realized I was unable to move, I put my hand on my knee and I immediately knew that I was in trouble. But still, I kept imagining, wishing that it was a bad dream and it would be over in a moment. Of course, that was a wishful thinking fantasy, with a heavy dose of denial. I didn't want it to be so! Many of you have probably had similar experiences. Even in the first few days after the accident, I kept imagining that I would somehow be back at the synagogue in a few days, even while I couldn't move. It took a few days for me to accept that it would take a long time to recover, and that I would remain immobile for an extended period. Acceptance can be an emotional and spiritual challenge when we become injured or ill, or when we learn of a serious diagnosis. Support and caring help to make acceptance settle in. This is another lesson that resonates for me now.

Acceptance isn't a one-time change of heart. It requires continual renewal as we make our way through the dark shadows of a difficult time back toward the light. I quickly knew that I was enduring a life lesson in patience. No matter how much I wanted to get up and walk, or climb the stairs, or prepare dinner, or drive my car, my body could

not be simply willed into action. It takes time and sustained effort for physical ability to be reclaimed. Patience helps to facilitate healing and recovery. Through this, I have deeper empathy for all those who feel impatient for wellness after becoming disabled or ill. How much more so for those among us whose injuries, illnesses, or life challenges are permanent. There are too many of us who are suffering long term and becoming isolated. They need us to maintain our support and caring for them.

I have always had a very independent spirit. The experience of disability and dependency was especially difficult for me. I yearned to do things for myself. When I commented to a few people that I hated to burden people by asking for help, I repeatedly heard the same answer: "You are not burdening us. We are happy to help—please let us." Objectively, I could see it; people appreciated the chance to help me.

When members brought me food, came to visit, or gave me a ride, we had lovely visits, one-on-one time that wouldn't typically happen in the course of my busy days. They were precious opportunities that I deeply appreciated. I learned to let go of my need for independence. In the process, I learned how truly interdependent we are as a community.

We are all indebted to the dedicated help that some individuals provided. Each member of the OZ staff helped me in many ways—they could not have been more caring and supportive. We could not have functioned without their dedication and willingness to do what was needed in difficult circumstances. We are so lucky to have such a great staff! Roz Grossman managed the Lotsa Helping Hands and kept in regular touch with Bob and me to make sure we had the help we needed. Roz has also trained and is functioning as my assistant in making hospital visits, making calls and arranging care for our members in need. What a weight that took off my shoulders! John Blatt, who became OZ president a few days before my accident, was tremendously supportive, as was our board, who were very caring and patient as some of our projects had to go onto the back burner. I am grateful to Shimmy Cohen and Rabbi Glazier for taking care of a funeral when I was not able. And I am grateful to the b'nai mitzvah families who trekked to my home in South Burlington for their meetings to prepare for upcoming bar and bat mitzvah services—everyone was so gracious!

I am deeply grateful for the prayers, loving support and help that you, this wonderful Ohavi Zedek community

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



In my last message I talked about the importance of building relationships. The theme of relationship building continues; we are stronger as a whole, coming together to meet the needs of OZ and the community at large.

The board is now focusing on governance and on our goals for

the year and for the future, while also meeting our current needs. We have seen and are seeing communities come together, continuing to seek peace, justice, and mutual understanding regardless of our political affiliations. We will move forward with acts of compassion that are at our core, whether in good times or challenging times. This is at the heart of who we are as a Jewish community and it will continue to be an important part of the decisions we make together as a congregation. Our members have the opportunity to contribute their time, knowledge, experiences, and financial support.

The board began 2017 with the budgeting process and will continue to work on this over the next four months. This is not an easy task. With the help and support of our Treasurer, Executive Director and Finance Committee we make difficult decisions with the full understanding that we will not operate in a deficit over the long term. We need for us to look at where we are and where we want to be, with a plan to support our goals so we are ready to change and adapt to future needs. Is it daunting? YES. However, the support from our OZ family empowers us to move forward.

Many of our goals for this year are planned around preparing for these needs while ensuring good and proper governance, accountability, and implementation of systems and controls. These goals, many of which we have all ready begun to work on, include:

- Review of our by-laws
- A full review of our fair share system (what is working, what is not, how we ensure sustainability using a fair share system)
- Implementation of security updates in the building based upon recommendations from the Burlington Police department*
- One/three/five year plans for becoming financially solvent/sustainable

- Adoption of a documented process that provides internal financial controls and external oversight
- Engagement of members and creation of solutions that allow multiple entry points for new and current members that reflect the changing Jewish community

Let's not forget our Hebrew School! Long-term plans include assessment by a task force of different approaches to Jewish engagement and Jewish learning across the country.

We will update the congregation on where we are in regards to Tikvah 2020 and those goals.

One area often mentioned to the board is the need for more inter-generational activities, opportunities for members to engage with each other within an informal setting, and recognizing that we need to take a strong look at accessibility for our younger families. The latter could begin by providing childcare during congregational meetings, ensuring that we have efficient and structured meetings and being respectful of everyone's time. I have children and I know what it was like to try be in multiple places at the same time!

We are fortunate to have Rabbi Amy and Executive Director Grace, who understand and support the need to make changes and implement ideas that address both the present and the future. Ask yourself what works for you and where would you like to see changes at OZ. Share these thoughts with a Board member or contact me directly. In March, I will be implementing a "Meet the ..." event giving you the opportunity to casually sit and talk with me, a board member, our Executive Director or our Treasurer. My goal is to hold these meetings twice a month, before minyan and also during Hebrew School. I'm flexible about the schedule and want your feedback/input ... or just the opportunity to meet with you.

*I mentioned earlier that one item currently being worked on is implementation of security updates at OZ. There are both short and long term goals, depending on funding. Burlington Police Chief Brandon Del Pozo did an assessment of OZ and provided a detailed list. We recognize the need to update our building to meet today's standards: changing locks, updating classroom doors so they can be secure during a lockdown, adding a public announcement (PA) system, changing the process for entering the building (including locked doors during minyan and other meeting times). These are all necessary and overdue updates. We have a lot going on and are mindful of our finances, but

we cannot and should not ignore these security changes. We owe it to ourselves, our families, our members, and anyone visiting OZ to have a safe and secure space. Is there imminent danger? No. But it is important to be prepared and proactive. Our Development Committee led by Sharon Panitch will be reaching out to members for donations/gifts for this specific need. We are fortunate to have a security task force team that has done a tremendous job

Let me end by saying we are fortunate to have so many wonderful things to celebrate at OZ. It is an exciting time to be a part of planning for our future to meet an everchanging world and the needs of our Jewish community. Let us know what you are interested in doing, where you want to participate and any other thoughts you may have. Along the way, let's stop and celebrate what we have done and who we are.

Allow me to share this quote from Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, it is one of my favorites and it speaks to all of us: People of our time are losing the power of celebration. Instead of celebrating we seek to be amused or entertained. Celebration is an active state, an act of expressing reverence or appreciation. To be entertained is a passive state—it is to receive pleasure afforded by an amusing act or a spectacle....Celebration is a confrontation, giving attention to the transcendent meaning of one's actions.

Let's continue to create reasons to celebrate at OZ, now and as we plan for our future.

~ John Blatt

From the Rabbi, cont'd from page 3

in this effort.

offered to me. Bob and I have been warmed and healed by your loving care.

From this experience, I renew my commitment to helping our community to animate the mitzvah of *gemilut chasadim/* acts of loving kindness for each other as much as we can. Even while schedules and commitments leave limited time for some of us to reach out to each other, the collective capacity and power of this community's caring can salve the pain of illness or the loneliness that comes with frailty for so many among us. May our hands and hearts help to spread the Divine blessing of healing.

FROM THE TREASURER



Shalom chaverim (members/friends),

It's been a busy couple of months. The board approved a proposal from the Finance Committee to outsource our bookkeeping operation to a New Jersey firm that does the bookkeeping for approximately 50

synagogues across the US. We are getting the final details in place after a February 1 cut-over, and the office staff is making the transition very effectively. The transition will help our internal controls because we will have an armslength (and more!) third party requiring that all payments be properly authorized by OZ staff. Otherwise, there will be very little change for members; you will still call the office and speak to Tari or Marguerite or Grace for questions on billing; only if they can't answer questions will you talk with the folks at Kesef in New Jersey. There will be a new address if you send checks to OZ; the office staff will let you know that address.

The Finance Committee will present a document laying out the financial responsibilities of OZ board and staff in April. And we have budget input from almost all committees and departments for next year's budget, and for a 3-year budget plan to reverse the current year's budgeted deficit. We look forward to presenting this to all members at the June Congregational Meeting.

It's been great to work with a new board and set of officers. John Blatt, Wayne Senville and Marv Greenberg are dedicated, knowledgeable, hard-working folks who have agreed to serve all of us in their respective positions, and it's great to work with Rabbi Amy again after her accident, with Grace Oedel as Executive Director, and with all OZ staff.

We are very grateful for everyone's support in member pledges, for Hebrew School, and for all the other ways that you support the great outreach and social justice activities of the synagogue.

And again, I am happy to talk with anyone if you have questions. I welcome any and all suggestions regarding how we can cut expenses or increase income, and we hope that you will contribute what you can to help OZ meet the needs of our most valuable asset, our members.

Thank you!

~ Rabbi Amy ~ Bill Miller

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Wearelivingthroughanenormous shift in how American Jews relate to Judaism, and by extension, the synagogue. Increasingly, people rely less on synagogue membership or movement affiliation to reflect their Jewish identity, and more on home practice, friendship groups (chavurot) and cyclical holiday

events to connect. In an oft-quoted recent Pew study, an increasing percentage of Jews identify not with one movement, but rather as "just Jewish." While at first these changes may seem worrying to synagogue life, they can provide helpful, informative questions that lead us to boldly explore how to keep our *kehillah* innovative, joyful, and deeply relevant. We at OZ have the exciting challenge to figure out how to nourish people's spiritual and cultural practices outside the synagogue to support a full flourishing of modern Jewish life, while also maintaining the synagogue as the anchor, the heart, that holds it all together.

While the national trend indicates that people are joining organizations less in traditional "membership" capacities, I don't believe that people are doing less or are any less committed to their Jewish identity—just that how they express that identity may be changing. Here at OZ, we are forming a working group to begin to explore different models of membership and engagement that work with these changes. (Anyone interested in participating in these conversations, please let me know!) We are also currently piloting programs like off-site Shabbat and havdallah dinners for young people, inter-generational Rosh Hodesh women's gatherings, play groups to support parents, interfaith programs that invite in a wider swath of the community. This external, innovative programming is essential for us to build connections and relationships that form and grow outside the synagogue walls.

But we also must cultivate the center, the synagogue as the trunk of the tree where all these thread-like roots of relationships unite, share resources and ultimately grow, bud, and flower together. If we only ever gather in people's homes or off-site, we lose the hub experience, the central gathering spot, the watering hole at which we can all bump into one another, witness each other through different life stages, feel challenged, pushed, nurtured, and surprised by our tradition and community. In *Relational Judaism* Ron Wolfson, Ph.D. writes that

we might ask, "Does my synagogue change my life? Strengthen my family? Give me a community of friends to celebrate the ups and downs of my life? Teach me how to use Jewish study and practice to enhance my life? Connect me to both a sacred and a civic Jewish community in a significant way? Give me a sense of belonging to a Jewish people? Deepen my relationship with the State of Israel? Lead me to do the work of repairing the world? Help me to build a relationship with G-d, however I define G-d?" His questions remind me that there is only so much I can build and cultivate for myself. There is only so much that I can know that I want or need. I need the synagogue and its community to nurture me, challenge me, inspire me, help me to grow.

As our home and personal practices develop, so too can the joy and richness of synagogue life. In my last article for *The Voice* I wrote about building community based on love and deep relationship, which feels increasingly needed in a time of national division and fear. More than ever we need public spaces to gather, learn, celebrate and mour, places to build connections and not feel siloed in our homes. Fed and added to by a community of people who are also engaged outside these walls, the synagogue has the potential and power to provide a rich community anchor for us all.

~ Grace Oedel

Annual Trip to the Yiddish Theatre in Montreal! Sunday, June 25, 2017

You are cordially invited...

This year's production, "It Shoulda Been You," is described by the Segal Theatre as an uproarious ode to wedding day insanity. When an unexpected ex-boyfriend crashes the ceremony, an event already on the edge gets tipped right over it. RSVP to this unblissfully charming musical celebration and find out if the wacky

wedding actually ends with an 'I do.'

\$100/person includes transportation, theatre ticket, dinner and taxes.

Please contact Judy Hershberg, 802-863-4214 jhersh@burlingtontelecom.net

for further details.

PROFILE: JUDY ROSENSTREICH



In the early fall, when some polls had the Clinton campaign ahead by as many as 12 points, Judy Rosenstreich asked me if I would like to join her in January for the inauguration of the first woman President of the United States. I jumped at the chance! Judy had already reserved a large,

well-appointed room with two queen-sized beds in a lovely section of Washington. We immediately purchased two non-refundable airline tickets. (Insurance in case we wouldn't be going? Why spend the extra money? This is a sure thing!) 'Hmm,' I said to myself when reflecting on this opportunity, 'this changes the meaning of the phrase 'friends with benefits' for me!'

For Judy has been my friend for many years, and on this occasion I would surely benefit from her knowledge of historical sites, museums, restaurants and the Metro system in our nation's capital. In addition to her many trips there, she had lived in DC for a year, having been appointed a White House Fellow by President Gerald Ford in 1976. (Every year, through this highly competitive and prestigious program founded by President Lyndon Johnson, gifted and highly motivated young Americans who exhibit potential in leadership and public service vie for the opportunity to gain first-hand experience working at the highest level of the federal government.) Each of the selected Fellows is given a yearlong, full-time paid job with top-ranking government officials in Washington. One of only 16 chosen that year from all over the country, Judy was special assistant to the head of the Department of Energy. The 700 alumni of the program include many notable Americans, Colin Powell, Pulitzer Prize-winning author/historian Doris Kearns Goodwin and Dr. Sanjay Gupta among them).

Born in the Washington Heights area of Manhattan in May of 1944, Judy grew up across the Hudson River in suburban Teaneck, NJ, where the family moved when she was 6. As the youngest of three siblings in her close and loving family, Judy remembers sitting with her father throughout her childhood, discussing issues of the day and exploring new ideas. Their modest home, filled with newspapers, books and classical music, was near a bus line so that her father could commute easily to his job in New York. A self-educated design engineer, he worked for AMF in the bowling division and was responsible for several innovations, including the design of the first automatic pin setter.

In 1962, after graduating from Teaneck High School where she excelled in advanced math and science, Judy enrolled in the University of Connecticut intent on becoming a math teacher, an occupation to which girls could aspire. Discovering political science and history early on, however, she veered in that direction. She married Stefan Rosenstreich, a UConn graduate student, and vividly remembers taking final exams in her eighth month of pregnancy, shortly before her daughter Lisa was born at the end of her junior year. Juggling motherhood and coursework, Judy managed to complete her studies with her class, earning a BA in political science in 1966. Years later, she earned an MSA in management and administration from St. Michael's College.

As they drove through Vermont after visiting Expo '67 in Montreal, the young couple marveled at the beauty of the state, and within the year Stefan had landed a job in Montpelier as the first business manager for the Department of Mental Health. The family moved into a duplex in Barre just before Christmas. Judy will celebrate 50 years as a proud Vermonter-by-choice in December 2017.

"I was fascinated by Vermont," she says, and as she asked questions, got to know her neighbors and met people in state and local government, her long commitment to the public interest blossomed. In every job she has held throughout the ensuing decades, both as a professional and as a volunteer, Judy has made her mark, often serving in a position of leadership, and always reflecting the family values she had absorbed during her childhood: dedication to social justice, education, and equality for all.

While in Barre she joined the local branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women) and was elected president after one year. She also organized a chapter of ASPA (American Society for Public Administration), and was an advisory committee member to the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. Two years later, the family, now including baby son Erich, moved to Waterbury where Stefan, at age 29, was hired as the administrator of the Vermont State Hospital, a facility that served over 1000 patients. Judy set about to familiarize herself with her new community, as well as with the workings of the hospital. Years later, when illness struck within her own family, she was able to navigate the system as a strong, knowledgeable, compassionate advocate.

In 1972 she decided to run for the House of Representatives, challenging a well-known lawyer in the

primary. Her entry into politics was inspired by her coming of age when Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique* was published, the impetus for women to run for office, and her love of Vermont. She conducted a door-to-door campaign, standard practice now but unheard of then, and won in an upset. At 28, Judy was the youngest woman ever to be elected to the Vermont Legislature and the first to represent Waterbury since its founding. She recalls that she experienced both subtle and overt sexism, due to her age and gender.

After her first term she was re-elected with the highest vote count in all four of the towns she represented. She did not run again in 1976, the year in which she was appointed a White House Fellow. As a member of the '76/77 Fellows class, Judy was the first Vermonter in the 11-year-old program; only one other Vermont resident has been awarded a White House Fellowship. The family's move to the DC area for a year gave the children, Lisa in 6th grade and Erich a 3rd grader, opportunities to attend White House events, Smithsonian museums, and the inauguration of President Jimmy Carter.

"Involvement in the Fellows program has been a life changing experience," Judy says. Its educational component continues year after year, offering personal interactions with national and world leaders, intellectually stimulating policy discussions, and opportunity for both foreign and domestic travel. Judy has gone on WHF trips to China, India, Afghanistan, Viet Nam and the Canadian Arctic, and on many domestic policy trips. Fellows alumni are currently visiting Presidential Libraries every year for in-depth study of the presidents for whom they worked during their stint in Washington. "It was a privilege to have served and I continue to help support the program," Judy says. In addition to forging lifelong WHF friendships, she mentors young Vermonters with leadership potential.

Back in Vermont in 1977, Judy applied her expertise in energy policy to Green Mountain Power as Assistant to the President and Director of Corporate Relations, where she set the utility in a new direction by changing the marketing program of electric use to energy conservation and environmental awareness. To her surprise and delight, she was elected to the Carnegie Corporation of New York Board of Trustees, a door that opened following the White House Fellowship. Again, she was the youngest of the trustees to have joined the Carnegie board.

In 1980 Judy became the first woman Executive Director of the Vermont State Employees Association, a union representing 8000 employees. That year, in the midst

of this bustling career, Judy gave birth to her third child, Aaron. Two years later she wrote a grant to establish The Children's Room, an early education resource center in Waterbury for parents and their children from birth to age 5. The center has been running successfully for 30+ years.

When Aaron was 18 months old, Judy decided to resign from her demanding job representing state workers at the bargaining table. She was 37, and, she says, beginning to view life from a different perspective. "I yearned to spend every moment I could with my little son, and I decided to drop out of every organization." Dropping out entirely is not in Judy's DNA, however. She landed a half-time position as Executive Director of the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges. Working from home as she represented the state's 17 independent institutions, she dealt with public policy issues and advocated on behalf of Vermont students at the Legislature. "I loved that job," she recalls. After six-and-a-half years, however, during which time Stefan and Judy divorced, she accepted a new offer, noting that as a single parent she needed a full-time salary.

In 1991, at a time of major changes in health care, she became director of the Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services. Four years later she joined state government in the Agency of Human Services as policy analyst in the Department for Children and Families, and in 2006, still with the Agency of Human Services, she became Senior Policy Advisor in the Department of Mental Health, a position she holds to this day.

All three of the adult Rosenstreich offspring are into the arts: Lisa is a tenured member of the art department at a California community college and has been married for 17 years; Erich's love is music, he lives in Montpelier where he plays and takes guitar lessons; and Aaron, who holds a Master of Fine Arts from the San Francisco Art Institute, works there as a photographer and installation expert of fine art. Judy was thrilled to have traveled to Florida for his wedding on Presidents Day weekend.

As a junior in high school, after his older siblings had left home, Aaron persuaded his mom that it would be a good time to leave their rural home in Waterbury Center and relocate to Burlington. And Judy concurred, since she was driving here as many as four times a week to doctors, dentists and hair appointments, as well as to services, religious school and youth group activities at Temple Sinai. Within two days, she had found and purchased her ideal "city home," a lovely brick house on Henry Street, built in 1899. Over the years she has been lovingly restoring both its exterior and interior, through exhaustive research

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



What are the trends in new approaches to Jewish education now? What is the best way to increase Jewish family engagement? What do parents want for their children's learning experience at OZHS? What role does a synagogue play in our lives today? How can OZ best serve the Jewish community?

These are challenging questions that come to mind often these days. There is no one answer, but they are important to keep in mind when planning for our future.

Rabbi Amy and I are bringing together a task force to explore these queries. We, together with a group of people that represent a wide spectrum of backgrounds – Hebrew School Committee members, parents of pre-schoolers, OZHS teachers, post b'nai mitzvah parents, *Makom L'Mispacha* parents, teens, synagogue board members and more – will examine a myriad of models around the country that have been established in response to these questions. Through investigation and research, we will cull from the experiences of other communities, both similar to and different from the Burlington area.

Our findings will guide us in making OZHS a continually vibrant and innovative program that can help respond to the questions above. I will keep you in the loop as to our progress.

March and April bring lots of activity to the OZHS community.

• Sunday, March 5, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm: Sugar on Sheleg/Snow in Charlotte Yes, the OZHS family is invited to MY house for tree tapping, nature walks, Jewish storytelling, a dairy/parve potluck brunch, outdoor scavenger hunt and more. Please bring your friends who are looking to connect to a Jewish community!



Purim follows soon after with two (2!) celebrations:

• Saturday, March 11, 6:30 pm

Traditional Megillah reading followed by the Purim spiel (you don't want to miss this one), appetizers, pizza, nosherei, drinks, dancing and dessert follow!

• Sunday, March 12, 11:00 am

Kids celebration, Megillah chanted in English (complete with groggers and all the usual raucousness), then costume parade and contest, dairy/parve potluck lunch, games, Musical Cupcakes, face painting, prizes, crafts and BOUNCY CASTLE! Come one, come all!

• March 24 - 26, Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton

Rabbi Hahn, the Kirtan Rabbi, is this year's scholar. Of special interest to OZHS families is the Saturday morning Shabbat Yoga service led by yoga instructor and OZHS parent Adam Bluestein and OZHS songleader Esther Rosen. Saturday night will feature a kirtan concert. Sunday morning, Rabbi Hahn will lead Junior Congregation with the Hebrew School followed by a Bagel Brunch. Please see the enclosed flyer or the OZ website for more details.

And then of course we have Passover coming in April!

• Sunday, April 9, Our grand Diaspora Communities presentations and Passover Tasting during Hebrew School I always look forward to this one. The food is amazing! Mark your calendars for this culinary treat. This will also be our spring OZHS Open House. Please let your friends know!

Strange to think of our spring events as snow falls outside my window, looks like Nature's snow globe. Ah, Vermont.

~ Naomi Barell



INTERFAITH/SOCIAL ACTION



Gleaners Project

Members of our Vermont Interfaith Action (VIA) gleaners team (Eric and Karen Corbman of OZ and Richard and Virginia Munkelwitz of CCP) met with Bob Conlon of Leunig's and Sarah Bhimani at City Market to discuss the Restaurant Roundup pilot

at Leunig's. Bob Conlon and his Leunig's partner have graciously agreed to begin a six-month to one-year pilot project at their restaurant to test the Restaurant Roundup concept in which customers will be given the option to round up their bills to the next higher dollar to help feed the hungry. Leunig's will use their design consultant to help prepare a logo for the program, as well as inserts that can be presented to customers with their bills. Meals on Wheels will probably be one of the recipient organizations chosen by Leunig's. We asked City Market to share any Rally for Change materials that would be helpful to Leunig's.

When the pilot is underway, we shall try to find a second location; this is already being pursued.

We discussed the possibility of VIA leveraging its member congregations to spread the concept once it has been shown to be viable. The Chittenden County Hunger Council will be updated at the next meeting.

It was a meeting full of energy and optimism, and we

cannot thank City Market and Leunig's enough. If you are looking for a great restaurant to celebrate that special occasion... you know where to go.

OZ Statement on Immigration Ban

The Social Action Committee fully endorsed and signed the Ohavi Zedek statement on the immigration ban. The committee deeply appreciates the contribution of committee member Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst and others, who collaborated with Rabbi Amy on crafting the powerful statement that is printed on page 11.

Small Potatoes

The next OZ Small Potatoes commitment to feed the hungry is on Friday April 28 at 10:00 am at the Burlington Friends Meeting House at 173 N. Prospect Street.

OZ Biennial Interfaith Seder

The OZ Biennial Interfaith Seder will take place on Wednesday May 3. Rabbi Amy and Rabbi Joshua will work jointly on updating the 2015 Haggadah that Joshua created, entitled "A Celebration of Freedom."

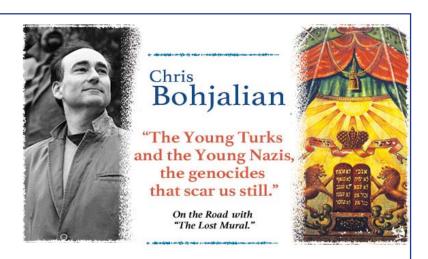
Rabbi Amy also wants to assemble a bunch of musical folks for the event. More information will be available once more detailed planning begins.

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee will take place on Sunday, March 5 at 10:00 am in the library.

~ Eric and Karen Corbman

The Honorable Madeleine Kunin cordially invites you to attend a talk by renowned Vermont author
Chris Bohjalian to celebrate the successful move of the Lost Mural to its permanent home.

Sunday, March 5, 2017, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Ohavi Zedek Synagogue
Tickets \$30 at the door
Students free with ID
Limited seating



Proceeds to support continued restoration of the Lost Mural

STATEMENT ON IMMIGRATION BAN

We Stand for American, Jewish and Abrahamic Values

Judaism, from our earliest texts, teaches us to welcome strangers, to see ourselves in the stranger, and to remember that we, too, are strangers.

We are taught that upon seeing strangers, parched, tired, and hungry, Abraham ran to offer them water, Sarah made them bread, and Abraham prepared them a meal to eat in the shade of a tree. (Genesis 18:1-8)

We are taught that strangers among us ought to be loved as we love our own community, because we were once strangers, too. (Leviticus 19:34 and Exodus 22:20)

We are taught to remember that we, too, remain strangers in this world: "Hear my prayer, God. Give ear to my cry, do not disregard my tears. For I am a stranger with you, a temporary dweller, like all my ancestors." (Psalm 39:13)

We are also taught that we must welcome the most vulnerable among us: "You shall not deliver to their master slaves who have escaped from their master to you; they shall dwell with you, in your midst in whatever place they shall choose within your gates, where they feel best; you shall not oppress them." (Deuteronomy 23:16-17).

We have been blessed with America's freedom and opportunity. Our families who immigrated to this great land of opportunity bequeathed this privilege to us. Generations of Americans have sought to make our nation a beacon of light to the world. Most Americans descend from immigrants, owing our lives to the open door through which generations have passed. As inscribed on the Statue of Liberty:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!
Emma Lazarus, 1883, from "The New Colossus"

America was established on the principle of equality. The US Declaration of Independence proudly proclaims, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness...whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter to abolish it." There is no place for discrimination based on skin color, religion, language or

country of origin.

We are stronger when we come together. Certainly, we need to protect our families and neighbors against real threats, but when we act out of fear, we betray our values and weaken our nation. "We don't shut our doors, we open our arms!" (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) As Jews, we know too well what happens when the US turns its back on refugees. Our history instructs us to remember that Jews, like those on board the MS St. Louis who were fleeing Nazis, were turned away under suspicion that they were themselves dangerous; our history bears witness to the human cost of turning away asylum seekers, like Anne Frank's family and so many others who perished in the Holocaust.

We are a community steeped in the Jewish tradition of *tikkum olam*, repair of the world, based on principles of justice and equality. We are a community that strives to see and treat strangers—refugees, immigrants, citizens of all colors, religions, ethnicities, and nationalities—as we see and treat ourselves. We are part of a long tradition of Jews that cherishes American values and ideals. We stand with strangers and we stand for American, Jewish and Abrahamic values.

Rabbi Amy J. Small Co-Authored with Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, Ph.D. Representing the Board, Social Action Committee and Staff of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue Naomi Barell, Hebrew School Principal Grace Oedell, Executive Director

January 31, 2017



G'MACH COMMITTEE

What does *G'Mach* Mean? What is the *G'mach* Committee? Can I help? Do you need help?

G'mach means Gemilut Chasadim, often translated as Acts of Lovingkindness. Here at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, we have a tradition of supporting one another, especially in times of illness or other times of need. Roz Grossman is taking over as chair of the G'Mach Committee from Judy Danzig, who has provided years of service in this capacity. We offer heartfelt thanks to Judy for her dedication to meeting needs of OZ congregants.

These are some things we already do for our members:

• Arrange for visits to people who are elderly or ill as often as possible.

(Rabbi Amy visits those who are in the hospital.)

- Maintain a freezer stocked with meals primarily for those with a temporary need.
- Endeavor to provide rides to appointments and/or the synagogue when requested.

We need to know:

- Would you consider helping us? We have an organizational and planning meeting once a month. We need new members, so please consider joining.
- Would you like to volunteer to visit, prepare meals or provide rides or other needs? Please be in touch and let us know how you would like to help.
- Do you have needs that we can help you fulfill? We will try to match you with someone who can be of help.

As we move forward with this new committee, Rabbi Amy will help us to further explore the meaning of *Gemilut Chasadim*. Watch for information and/or conversations about this important part of our Jewish heritage. We look forward to hearing from you.

~ Roz Grossman



CANTOR SEARCH

The Cantor Search Committee has been very busy trying to find the best "fit" for us. We have been doing Skype interviews and continue to review resumes of prospective applicants, moving as quickly as possible since it seems that other congregations are starting to offer some of our applicants job opportunities.

We are planning to bring prospective cantors to Burlington to meet congregants, Hebrew School staff and parents, and to daven and sing for us. We had hoped to invite them for Shabbat weekend visits but as our weekend schedule is quite full until April, we decided to invite them to join us mid-week when Hebrew School is in session. We will ask cantors to "audition" and daven for us to see if they are the right fit for our congregation and for Burlington. We hope many of you will be available to meet and hear Cantor Ben Kintisch on March 8-9. The office will send e-mail updates and post flyers at shul when we have definite plans for other candidate visits.

B'shalom, ~ Marv Greenberg

The Shuk received over 50 huge bags of clothing, thanks to our Facebook page. Richmond Community Outreach found us on Facebook and did a clothing



drive! Another individual also saw the page and brought leftover clothing from a recent fundraiser. Thanks to Tari for doing an amazing job managing the Shalom Shuk Facebook page.

~ Karen Robair, Shalom Shuk Manager

LIBRARY NEWS



I have been finding donations of books in the library. In order for me to effectively manage our collection, please contact me before leaving your donations.

If you are looking for picture books, remember these are housed on the stage; chapter books and early reader materials are in the main library.

To search our collection, go to the OZ website, click on Education and OZ Library.

~ Sally Hand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refuah Shlema

To Shirley Rutstein on her recent injury.

Mazel Tov

- To Raul and Kathy Guevara on the birth of their granddaughter, Alice Edna Aida Crawford, born to Katrina and Josh Crawford.
- To Navah Spero and Katie Taylor on the birth of a baby boy, Moshe William ben Navah Chaya v'Kathryn Elizabeth.
- To Jeff and Janie Potash on the birth of their grandson Reed Gabriel Krouner, born to Julia (Potash) and Jon Krouner.
- To Rabbi Amy and Bob Small on the birth of their granddaughter, Hazel Fern, born to Melissa Small (Bob's daughter) and Carl Conlee.
- To new members Philip Bieber and Meghan McFadden on the birth of their son, Sander Liel Bieber-McFadden.

Condolences

- To Gary Visco on the death of his mother, Alice Visco.
- To Beth Alpert on the death of her father, David Binch.
- To Irene Epstein on the death of her father, Bernie Abbott.

Sponsored Kiddush, March 11

 To honor Michael Schaal, Liz Kleinberg and Sharon Panitch, OZ's recent past President, Vice President and Secretary.

LUNCH & LEARN



Those of us who could dig out our cars, shovel out our driveways and navigate the roads during the massive **February** snowstorm were inspired by Patrick Standen to see 'ability' in 'disability' in his talk entitled "The Final Frontier: Disability and Discrimination."

March 16 - Boston writer Jennifer Brown discusses her novel, *Modern Girls*, set in New York City in 1935, in which an immigrant mother of five and her unmarried daughter find themselves pregnant at the same time. The title of her talk is "When Modern Times Weren't So Modern: Researching Jewish New York of the 1930s."



Books will be available for purchase at the luncheon.



April 20 - Welcome spring with Chelsea Frisbee of Burlington's Intervale Center with her timely talk, "Planting Trees to Heal our Waters."

Luncheons are free and open to the community Donations are appreciated, \$6.00 suggested

Join us for the final program in the 2016/17 series on May 18

Rabbi Max B. Wall Endowed Lecture Series

Wednesday, March 29, 2017....6:00 pm
The Roy Event Room, Dion Family Student Center, St. Michael's College

"The Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 Million Jews"

Father Patrick Desbois Roman Catholic French Priest and Professor at The Center for Jewish Civilization,

Georgetown University

Director of Yahad-In Unum ("together" in Hebrew and Latin)

Father Desbois, Director of the Episcopal Committee for Relations with Judaism, is one of the founders of Yahad-In Unum, an organization that works to further relations between Catholics and Jews. Its most ambitious initiative is to locate and commemorate the mass executions of Jewish and Roma victims of the Holocaust in Ukraine and Belarus during WW II.



Adult Education

The Ohavi Zedek Adult Education Committee is pleased to announce classes this winter and spring

Torah Study with Rabbi Amy

Wednesdays: 7:30 -8:30 p.m. February 1, 15, March 1

Rabbi Amy draws from both scholarly and experiential knowledge to bring meaning and depth to our understanding of Torah. No experience is necessary. Join us for reading, reflection and conversation.

Hebrew Language for Services, taught by Amy May

Wednesdays: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. March 1, 8, 15, 22

This 4-part class will introduce you to the Hebrew used in our services.

Antebellum America and the Doomed Experiment, taught by Dr. Robert Mayer

Mondays 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6

This course looks at the broad sweep of American history from the ratification of the Constitution to the Civil War. The Antebellum period saw the rise of what one could call the First American Republic, one built on slavery, decentralized power, and an increasingly fragile series of compromises between different communities that, in the end, could not truly become one.

The Art of Dying: Artistic Practice, Death & World Religions, taught by Heather Vittum Fuller. Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. February 28

From Egyptian tomb art to Chagall, this lecture with slides provides an overview of some of the art that has been created around death and dying in a variety of cultures and religions worldwide. Participants will see images of a variety of arts and learn about how these arts relate to the precepts of the religion that they belong to and how the artist or culture may have experienced their art.

End of Life Matters, taught by Rabbi Amy

Sundays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., March 12, April 2

Part 1: Learn how Jewish texts and teachings guide and inform life's most difficult questions. Part 2: Jewish views of the afrterlife: Jewish ideas, texts and beliefs regarding life after death.

OZ Reads: Being Mortal, by Atul Gawande, led by Lila Shapero

Sunday 4:00 p.m. March 19

Complementing Rabbi Amy's sessions on Aging, we will discuss *Being Mortal*, a book that raises questions and suggests ideas for families and loved ones dealing with the challenges of aging and dealing with facing death. Class members procure books on your own.

Introduction to Food Justice and Ethics, taught by Grace Oedel

Sunday 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. March 19

'Food justice,' 'sustainability,' and 'fair trade' food have all become buzzwords, especially here in Burlington. But what do these concepts mean to us as Jews, and how has our tradition wrestled with what a just food system looks like over thousands of years? These questions of how we should grow food and feed ourselves and our communities are not new. In this class, we will explore text to better understand a Jewish perspective on what just food looks like, both in terms of social and environmental justice. We will read text, wrestle with it, and begin to think about what food ethics we want to live by as Jews today. We'll also share some tasty local treats!

Tikkun Leil Shavuot, led by Rabbi Amy and members of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue Tuesday 7:00 p.m. May 30

Watch for details for a rich night-time experience of Jewish Learning on Shavuot.

Contact Tari Cote in the OZ office to register. tari@ohavizedek.org (802) 864-0218

YOUNG JUDAEA NEWS



Young Judaea hosted more great events in January and February. In **January** Bogrim held a great Slam Poetry Workshop with Muslim Girls Making Change. Participants were able to try their hand at Slam Poetry and got to know the members of Muslim Girls Making Change. In a time

that has been difficult for Jews and Muslims, Judaeans appreciated the opportunity to discuss issues they currently face and were able to find commonality with the Girls. In **February** we held our annual hamantaschen making event. As always, this event was a lot of fun and attended by members of all ages. It is an important Tikkun Olam opportunity for Young Judaea as we bake hamantschen for the OZ Purim Party and for Mishloach Manot baskets that go out to the elderly and infirm in our community.

The year will be over before we know it, but we still have a lot of great events to come and youth are invited to join us at any time of year. Please watch for the YJ and OZ email updates for the latest event updates and announcements.

Camp & Israel Scholarships

Applications for Camp and Israel Scholarships are due March 17. Application forms can be downloaded at https://sites.google.com/site/youngjudaeavermont/forms or email amyesthermay@gmail.com. Scholarships are available, thanks to the generosity of our donors and a commitment to helping families send their children to Jewish camps. If you can, please consider making a donation to the scholarship funds.

~ Amy May



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



security.

Ohavi Zedek's newly formed Development Committee has been hard at work to meet this year's budget and plan for financial sustainability moving forward. This isn't as dry as it sounds...we manage to have a pretty good time (sometimes there are cookies involved), and we've gotten to plan a number

of events and fundraisers for our community. In conjunction with several other committees, we'll also be looking at ways to ensure our long-term financial

First on our list of priorities is raising funds for some vital security upgrades. We've been talking with the Security Task Force, led by Liz Kleinberg, to discover our most pressing needs. The most immediate upgrades will be locks on all classroom doors, a public address system, and several necessary changes to Rabbi Amy's office. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated and will be put to use immediately. You can donate securely online at ohavizedek.org.

Additionally, we are spending some time talking with members who have chosen to remember OZ in their wills. If this describes you, we'd love to meet you for tea and have a chat. We want hear your stories and learn what motivated you to make this decision. If you're up for talking over a cup of tea, please get in touch with Sharon Panitch at 802-864-9774 or send an email.

Don't miss these...

VACATION RAFFLE DRAWING AT PURIM PARTY, MARCH 12

Thanks to a very generous donation from a member family, we are able to raffle off one week of accommodations nearly anywhere in the world! Choose from hundreds of locations with this 1-week Interval International/Marriott Vacation Club timeshare (travel not included), from Boston to Belize! From Miami Beach to Malaysia! From New York to New Zealand!

You decide!

Go to intervalworld.com, check out the destinations, then buy your tickets at OZ or from a board member.

One ticket for \$10 or three for \$25.

ANNUAL OZ-BAY ONLINE AUCTION! BIDDING OPENS IN JUNE

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This year our online auction is focusing on food, entertainment and local leisure. Details coming soon!

B'NAI MITZVAH

Sharon Panitch & Rick Hecht invite the Congregation to attend the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Zoe Rose Hecht



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

Hank & Joy Schekter invite the Congregation to attend the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Lily Rose Shekter



Shabbat, April 29, 9:00 am Kiddush following services

Basha Brody & Vivien Rabin Brown invite the Congregation to attend our celebration. Join us for Vivien's First Bat Mitzvah &



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and attention to materials, style, and historical accuracy. A plaque near her front door representing the 2008 Preservation Burlington award attests to the success of her efforts.

Lisa's painting and Aaron's photography adorn the walls of Judy's home, along with photos of family members and remembrances of her long career in government. Her colorful family includes a three- time Tony Award-winning choreographer of Broadway musicals, Ron Field, and her grandmother, Rose Hanlon, who performed as the first female clown in Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus.

A few years ago, Judy joined Ohavi Zedek. "I'm at a different stage of life," she says, "and OZ meets my needs at this point in time. It's a wonderful congregation where everyone feels welcome." She also recognizes that through her skills and life experience she has a lot to offer the synagogue. She attends services regularly, served on the Executive Director Search Committee and is a member of the Board of Directors, the Finance Committee and the Cantor Search Committee. Her intelligence, curiosity, enthusiasm, persistence, commitment, and attention to process and protocol inform and enhance her committee work.

At 72, Judy has just fleeting thoughts of retirement. She still commutes to Waterbury daily, and is proud of playing a role in planning and designing the new state psychiatric hospital in Berlin. She is a veteran member of the VSECU Board of Directors, a statewide financial cooperative credit union, and is a trustee of VSERS, the state employees' retirement system. In a bid to return to the House of Representatives she ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat in her Progressive ward last fall.

Back to Inauguration weekend:

Stunned and upset in the wake of the November election results, I made it clear to Judy that I would NOT be going to Washington after all, even though it meant forfeiting my plane fare. But she, a true student of history, government and politics, was still up for it. Our compromise: we'd fly together to DC on Thursday, January 19 as planned; I'd spend Friday (Inauguration Day) in the hotel with a book while Judy witnessed the transition of power; together we'd join the Women's March on Saturday; we'd visit several museums and see a play at the DC Jewish Community Center on Sunday; and return to Burlington on Monday.

All went according to plan, with the exception of our proposed museum jaunt (still exhausted on Sunday after the long trek, we opted to sleep late instead). Judy's kind invitation to accompany her to Inauguration weekend allowed me to experience the Women's March on Washington, a glorious, once-in-a-lifetime event in American history.

Thank you, my friend.

~ Judy Hershberg



Please Renew Your Membership

If you were gifted an annual membership to Hadassah, it is time for renewal!

Annual Membership is \$36.00, Life Membership is \$250.00. You can renew online at Hadassah.org or mail a check payable to Hadassah to Linda Kopper, 3763 VT Rte 109, Waterville, VT 05492.

Your membership really counts for our advocacy agenda supporting men and women's issues!!

If you are not receiving our emails, please send you current email address to snobunny@pshift.com.



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In Honor of David Rome's Birthday by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

In Loving Memory of Benjamin Stein by Debby Stein Sharpe

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In Loving Memory of Pearl Halpern and Philip Gould by Phyllis Gold

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Rabbi Joshua Chasan Endowment

In Honor of Rabbi Chasan's Birthday by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

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General Fund

Champlain Valley Rainbow Squares, Donald & Mary Ann Horenstein, Leo Kline & Zelda Alpern, Benjamin Gould, Michael & Dr. Dana Engel and Rabbi Amy and Bob Small In Loving Memory of

Irina Ukrainskiy by Alexander & Julie Zhivich

Peary Cohen by Arnold and Maxine Cohen and Family

Evelyn Goldfield by Jeffrey Goldfield

Ruth and Ralph Bellis by Jim & Karen Bellis

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Hebrew School Donation

In Celebration of the birth of Rabbi Amy & Bob's granddaughter and the birth of Jeff & Janie Potash's grandson by Frank & Ducky Donath

Harry & Irene Kahn Fund

In Loving Memory of Hedwig Levi and Johanna Kahn by Hazel Keimowitz

Kiddush Fund

Bill Miller, David & Holly Pasackow, Louise Klein Hodin, David Borsykowsky & Sarah Klionsky, David Brown & Vivien Rabin Brown, David Rome & Dr. Diane Rippa, Michael Schaal & Judy Breitmeyer, Mitchel Cypes & Lynan Moy, Linda Kopper, Mindy Evnin, Rosalyn Grossman & Diana Carminati

In Honor of

Annette Lazarus's 90th birthday by Barbara Brody & Martha Abbott, Frank & Joan Ducky Donath, Sally Hand and Richard & Linda Finkelstein

Jacob Munro and Kochava Krieger by Colin & Margaret Munro

Howard Lazarus Scholarship

In Honor of Annette Lazarus's Special Birthday by Howard Drobner & Maxine Garbo

Library Fund

Roger Lebovitz & Rebecca Padnos

In Honor of

Daniel Bailey's promotion to Master Sergeant by John Malter & Lise Bornstein Malter

Phiilip Ades' Endowed Professorship at UVM School of Medicine by Michael Healy & Debra Blumberg

In Loving Memory of Eunice Rothman by Roberta Rothman Rossi

In Memory of Joseph Bornstein and Mert and Bunny Lamden by John Malter & Lise Bornstein Malter

Lunch & Learn/Dine & Discover Fund

In Loving Memory of Della Lewis Wilensky by Mandell & Joan Chernoff

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Mary Ann Pels Memorial Kitchen Fund

In Loving Memory of

Phyllis and Jack Shulman by Dr. Jeffrey & Carol Rubman Samuel Aronoff by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Aronoff In Memory of Michael Kropsky by Rose Pels Refuah Shlaymah to Rabbi Amy by Rose Pels

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Barbara McGrew by Ira & Ethel Levine

Sally Hand, Sam and Harriet Hand by Michael & Mary Scollins

the birth of Jeff & Janie Potash's Granson by Rose Pels In Loving Memory of Judith Cohen by Dr. David Cohen & Mr. Alan Tetreault

Leah Roskein and Charles Donath by Frank & Ducky Donath Marjorie Dalton by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bayer Marshall London by Aaron & Rebecca Goldberg In Memory of

Edie Wool by Baird & Diana Nielson Marilyn Cohen by Henry & Jackie Lampert

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Rev Nadelson Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Eugene Myer Lazarus, Fannie Nadelson and Sam Kitayewitz by Annette Lazarus

Simon & Esther Perlmutter Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Morris Mokovitz by Dr. Gordon & Ms. Carol Perlmutter

Prayerbook Fund

David & Holly Pasackow, Dr. Harvey Klein & Ms. Debra Cohen Klein, Frank & Ducky Donath, John Blatt, Michael & Dr. Dana Engel, The Julius Stulman Foundation, William Grass

In Loving Memory of Marjorie Dalton by Joseph Dalton

Scholar in Residence

Dr. Jeffrey Berkowitz & Ms. Kristin Wright

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In Appreciation of Rabbi Amy by Ashley and Jon Berliner In Gratitude to Rabbi Amy by Steven Ades & Wendy Libby In Honor of

Rabbi Small for her kindness by Alexander & Barbara Wilde William Berkowitz's Bar Mitzvah by Gary Visco & Judith Danzig

In Loving Memory of

Isaac Brown by Abraham & Jean Brown

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William Carminati by Rosalyn Grossman & Diana Carminati In Memory of Esther Mintzer by Charles Mintzer Refuah Shlaymah to

Rabbi Amy by Dr. Nevin & Barbara Zablotsky, Frank & Ducky Donath, Mandell and Joan Chernoff, Sara Sussman and Mallory & Marcia Parker

Diana Carminati by Lennie & Karen Fox

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

YJ Program Support

In Honor of Miriam Sturgis' Birthday by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

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Rabbi Joshua's Roots

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YAHRZEITS

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

Wednesday 3/1/2017 Jacob H. Levin*

Clarice Mintzer Ravit*

Thursday 3/2/2017
Raymond Joseph Comstock
Jonathan Daitchman
Ruth Bockmann Freitag*
Gussie Greif*
Frederick L. Hirsch*
Frank Kling*
Dr. Morris J. Levin*
Blanche H. Rudolph*
Moses Abraham Shelansky*
Lilyan Singerman Fishman
Maria Zhodzhisky

Friday 3/3/2017
Paul Cohen*
Jacob Lapidow*
Robert M. Levine
Herbert Lourie
Sidney Zablotsky*

Saturday 3/4/2017 Sally Edlin Dr. Barnet Frank* Sanford Glassman* Frank Goldstein* Irving Lapidow* Ann Roden Hilda Rosenberg Malcolm Sanders

Sunday 3/5/2017
Louis Bick
Adolph Brodman*
Philip Datnoff*
Grace Friedman*
Vivian Klein Greenberg*
Sylvia Alex Levin*
Yetta Gladstone London*
Dora L. Mendelson*
Celia Reiter Paul*
Delia Levine Rosenthal*
Sol Shuckman
Max Siegel*
Susan Brenner Tabor*

Monday 3/6/2017 Lena Baggish* Bernard Barney, M.D.* Harris Cannon* Lillian Weiner Goldman* Frieda Fleischman Kamins* Martin Kazen Anne Mangel Anna E. Levine Yett*

Tuesday 3/7/2017
Braina S. Bramson*
Nat Saul Friedman*
Charlotte Abrams Galpert*
Frieda Schall Jaffe*
Jean Kass
Molly Press Lapidow*
Hertzel N. Pasackow*
Doris Harris Pearl*
Norman Sugarman
Geraldine Feen Wilensky*

Wednesday 3/8/2017
Fannie Silverman Abrams*
Merrill Edward Agel*
Jack Braun
Bernard Cohen*
Christina Conrath*
Leila A Hyman
Max Kahn
Faye Garbo Sadoff
Kurt Schaal
Jennie Peacard Zaetz*

Thursday 3/9/2017 Bernard Abrams* Lena Baron Becker* Hyman Gimbel* Elihu Kunin* Nathan Stoler* Rebecca Stuhl* Isaac Yett* Leo Zacharias

Friday 3/10/2017 Samuel Baker* Dina Kershner Goldman Irving Katz* Sarah Krinovitz Litzky Rose Zaetz*

Saturday 3/11/2017
Samuel Charles Ashkenazy*
Gertrude Charkin
Sadie Davis*
Aaron Holtz
Rev. Morris J. Nadelson*
Donald Paritz
Charles Pizer
Saul Prager
Sophie Snider Saiger*

Sunday 3/12/2017 Yvonne Ades Max Gurowski Harry Hershberg* Dorothy Novick Kaye* Hannah Rebecca Nadelson* Irving Schoen Julius Harry Wax*

Monday 3/13/2017 Victor Morris Ades* Celia Bayarsky* Yudel Fine* Mayer Joseph Gladstone* Reuben Goldberg* Dr. Robert Keimowitz Philip Eli Shapiro* Henry Stambler Anna Wiedman*

Tuesday 3/14/2017
Mannie Cohen
Philip Corbman
Helen Flax Furie*
Lillian Batavia Gladstone*
Benjamin London*
Lenore Mendelson
David S. Pearl

Wednesday 3/15/2017 Elizabeth Esther Braun Lily Black Paschkes* Zachariah Rubin* Missy Small Alice Elsie Weinstein

Thursday 3/16/2017
Esther G. Cannon*
Rachel Jacobs Frank*
Samuel Godfrey*
Esther Lipsky Goldblatt*
Rosalind Grass
Harry Grodzinsky*
Bernard Krikstone*
Kurt Lowe
Rose Rabow
Frooma H. Siegel*
Hyman Solomon

Friday 3/17/2017 Harold Aber* Morris Cohen Sophie S. Braude Cohen* Morris Ben Garbo* Minnie Stabinsky Gould* Anna Grodzinsky* Philip Snyder

Saturday 3/18/2017 Hyman Book Dr. Barry Krikstone* Gabriel Levin* Eliezer Nadelson* Esther Jean Rosenthal* Daniel Silverman Joseph Sockol*

Sunday 3/19/2017 Jonathan Baron Lash* Leonard Miller Rose Zaetz Moskovitz* Celia Silverman Rugoff* Annette Zweiback

Monday 3/20/2017
Max J. Agel*
Estelle Dessell Genser*
Jack Gladstone*
Saul Izenberg*
Edward Kofman
Anna Levine Lapidow*
Samuel J.L. Luria*
Arthur William Mandel*
Irina Ioffe Ukrainsky*

Tuesday 3/21/2017 Robert Greenfield* Philip Kaminsky Susan Hoffman Leman* Sylvia Glassman Raynes* Ruth Ruttenberg Tabakin* Joav Zukerman*

Wednesday 3/22/2017 Samuel Bergman* Dorothy Marcus Drori Jeannette Rosen Friedman* Samuel Kobel Marvin Krieger Ida Levine Lapidow* Annie Levin* Elliot London

Thursday 3/23/2017
Isaac Alpert
George Bergman*
Gloria Fierverker*
Jacqueline Rose Hill*
Max Kaufman*
Natalie Lisman*
Barbara Savin*
Betty Sternberg Schoen
Harry Seder*
Augusta Magerman Slawsky
Jone Wisgardisky*

Friday 3/24/2017
Sidney Adler*
Louis Alpert*
Louis Bernstein
Daniel Benjamin Brown*
Menooskie Brown Buman*
Bessie H. Cannon*
Samuel W. Fishman*
Sylvia G. Melnick Greenfield*
Jerrold Held*
Molly Klein
Roslyn Rogove*
Ida Dickstein Shapiro*
Richard Bernard Sures

Saturday 3/25/2017 Simon G. Hanson Freda Ruderman Hirsch* Harry R. Lazarus* Irvin M. London* Harry Press* Louis Rosenthal* Meyer S. Walk*

Sunday 3/26/2017
Harry Bagdan*
Dorothy Teacher Brody*
Paul Dondes*
Beth Pasackow Geier*
Arthur Benjamin Harris
Louis H. Kernoff
Frank Herbert Lapidow*
Jeanette Rose Levin*
Dr. George Lewis Saiger*
Claire Ruth Chemoff Schecter

Monday 3/27/2017
Louis Aronoff*
Martha Bamberger
Samuel Berman
Anne Weintraub Davis*
Nettie Finger
Max C. Flur*
Max Gersh*
Dr. Max Harris*
Mary Wolk Hirshberg*
Minnie Suckno Katz
Joseph Phillips
Joseph Wasserman

Tuesday 3/28/2017 Shirley Tripp Baldwin Joseph H. Boyarsky* Louis S. Boyarsky*

YAHRZEITS

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

Ceila Echt Cpl. Mark Asher Evnin **USMC* Nesbith Dorothy Feinberg** Jennie Brown Greenfield* Melvin Lane* Louis Lash* Hannah Press*

Wednesday 3/29/2017 Belle Alpert

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

Thursday 3/30/2017

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

Friday 3/31/2017 Max Ginsberg Louis Peller Samuel Richman Sarah W. Silver

Saturday 4/1/2017 Charles David Cohen* Michael Benjamin Engles Lillian Finkelstein Benjamin Levy Mr. Elliot Levy Dr. John Metz Rose Staniloff Matthew Zimet

Sunday 4/2/2017 Max Bayarsky* Ruth Anne Gould* Jack Barry Mahoney Louis Mazel*

Monday 4/3/2017 Betty Zulof Aber* Sarah Sally Ashman Dr. John Bloomenthal* Cecelia Slater Cohen* Abraham Frankel Isadore B. Kropsky* **Donald Riley**

Tuesday 4/4/2017

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

Wednesday 4/5/2017 Carl Matthew Blumberg Abraham Moses Gladstone* George H. Hoffstein* Abraham Lovitz* Anna Perelman Marks*

Thursday 4/6/2017 Anna Witten Datnoff* Arthur Gould* Anna Golden Schwartz*

Friday 4/7/2017 Louis Alfred* Grete Kahn Marilyn Katz Paul Katz Jack Barry Levenson* Beilah Rokovsky Saiger* Blanche Kushner Schliefer Samuel Skoll*

Saturday 4/8/2017 Anne Altman Tanya Friedman Myer Gardner* Celia Leopold Lillian Rosenbaum Levenson* Isadore Levin* Philip Reiter

Sunday 4/9/2017 Joshua Falk Cohen Rose Kaufman Cohen Ruth Kasper Emanuel B. Peyser* Milt Potash* Joseph Shtull Selig Wilensky

Tuesday 4/11/2017 Gertrude Krinovitz Boyer Sam A. Cohen Simon Godfrey Michael Gold³ Patricia Selznick **Louis Stepper** Max Wax*

Wednesday 4/12/2017 Rose Feldman Rose Kitzinger

Thursday 4/13/2017 Mabel Samuelson Bercuvitz* Esther Pocher Bloomberg* Max Fisher Hilda Prisyon Frank* Beatrice Baker Gould* Sophie Kessler* Bessie Zenchepsky Mintzer* Alan M. Morrison Natalie Newman

Ivan Pels* Julius Shelansky*

Friday 4/14/2017 Dorothy Izenberg* Isadore Jacobs* Elaine W. Kardeman Lena Perelman Kunin* Max David Levin* Bernard Lisman Edith Press* N. Henry Press* Mildred Sussman Raphaeli* Lessa Rosenbaum* Abraham Scharf*

Saturday 4/15/2017 Alec J. Abrams Fannie Gardner* Benjamin C. Held Phyllis Hershfang* Marcus Jacobson Louis Leon Lapidow* Harris Lefkowitz

Sunday 4/16/2017 Ida Abraham Cohen* Myer Colodny* Richard Barry Goldstein* Sylvan David Grass Berton Kirschbaum Benjamin Levy Dr. Åbraham Moskovitz Jacqueline Streisinger

Monday 4/17/2017 Myer H. Boyarsky, M.D.* Robert James Brown Louis I. Carr* Bernard Lewis Glass Rose Weisman Greenblott* Robert Levin, M.D.* Rose S. Mandel' Edward N. Needleman* **Erwin Streisinger** Samuel Weinstein* George Yett*

Tuesday 4/18/2017 Isaac Bloomberg* Nettie D. Fine* Ben Sklar Oscar Skoll*

Wednesday 4/19/2017 George Howard Abrams* Bernard Hirsch Robert Baron Hirschel* Diana Jacoby Aaron Harris London* Ronald Picoff, M.D.* Jeanette Rich* Louis Rome Robert Rothman* Sharon Greenberg Schreiber* Michel Wiedman*

Thursday 4/20/2017 Gertrude Balkan Israel Chernyakov Gertrude Rosenthal Fine* Samuel Fivel Max Granat **Aubrey Mallach**

Friday 4/21/2017 Enid Weiser Bell Robert Berman Cora Duckman Arlene Hyman Benjamin Kershner Nathaniel Robert Lash* Fannie Lapidow Levine* Marcia C. Tobak

Saturday 4/22/2017 Goldie Filler Morris Filler Aaron I. Garbo* Ada Smith Rubman

Sunday 4/23/2017 Max Barnev* Diane Berlin Dora Gertrude Friedman* Jacob V. Silverman*

Monday 4/24/2017 Idah Colodny Aronstam* Max Samuelson* Anne Rachel Shelansky* John Uckele

Tuesday 4/25/2017 Allan Lincoln Aronstam Sara Bramson Frank* Jacob Hartstein Murray Libstag Maurice R. Machanic, D.D.S.* Alfred I. Nathan Mortimer Adler Rosalsky* Lewis K. Sussman*

Wednesday 4/26/2017 Sid Bergstein Estelle Goetz Jed Picoff*

Thursday 4/27/2017 Michael D Hyman Harold 'Heshie' Kushner* Nancy Raizen Max Wasserman*

Friday 4/28/2017 Morris Aber Harold Cohen Carrie Kramer Jacobs* Benjamin A. Rubel* Ethel G. Samuelson Tarshis*

Saturday 4/29/2017 Dora Silverman Cannon* Anna M. Saiger Cohen* Candie Datnoff Ruth Abrams Davies* Louis Levine* Melvin Senville Saul P. Zaetz

Sunday 4/30/2017 Shirley Greenfield

CALENDAR

MARCH 2017

1
6:00 PM Hebrew Language for Services
7:30 PM Torah Study
7:30 PM Square Dancing

2
7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

3
7:00 PM Pot Luck at OZ

5
10:00 AM Sugar on Snow/Home of Naomi Barell
10:00 AM Social Action Committee Meeting
2:00 PM Chris Bohjalian/Mural Event
7:00 PM Israeli Dance

6
5:45 PM Antebellum America Class

7:30 PM Square Dancing 8 - 9

Meet Cantor Candidate Ben Kintisch

6:00 PM Hebrew Language for Services

4:00 PM Hebrew School

11

12:00 PM Sponsored Kiddush 6:30 PM Purim Spiel & Saturday Night Party

12

9:30 AM Hebrew School 11:00 AM Family Purim Carnival 4:00 PM End of Life Matters Class

14

6:00 PM Adult Education Committee Meeting

15

4:00 PM Hebrew School 6:00 PM Hebrew Language

6:00 PM Hebrew Language for Services

7:30 PM Square Dancing

16

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

17

7:00 PM Pot Luck at Rabbi Amy's home

18

9:00 AM Zoe Hecht Bat Mitzvah

19

9:30 AM Hebrew School

9:45 AM Hebrew School Committee Meeting

2:00 PM Jewish Food Justice Class

4:00 PM Being Mortal Class

22

6:00 PM Hebrew Language for Services

7:30 PM Square Dancing

23

Religious Committee Meeting

24 - 26

Scholar-in-Residence Program

26

9:30 AM Hebrew School 7:00 PM Israeli Dance

29

4:00 PM Hebrew School

4:00 PM Rabbi Wall Lecture at Saint Michael's

7:30 PM Square dancing



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- Wednesday morning group: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am
- Baby & toddler playgroup: Every Thursday at 9:30 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)
- Open Play at OZ for children five and under: Every Sunday at 9:30 am FOR FULL CALENDAR INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE

CALENDAR

APRIL 2017

9:00 AM Basha Brody & Vivien Brown Bat Mitzvah 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat

2

9:30 AM Hebrew School

9:45 PM Hebrew School Committee Meeting

2:00 PM End of Life Matters Class

7:00 PM Israeli Dance

4

6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee Meeting

5

4:00 PM Hebrew School 7:30 PM Square Dancing

6

3:00 PM Events Committee Meeting

7

7:00 PM Pot Luck at OZ

9

9:30 AM Hebrew School-Open House 10:00 AM Social Action Committee Meeting

11 - Office Closed

9:00 AM Passover Service

6:00 PM Passover Community Seder

12 - Office Closed

9:00 AM Passover Service

7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting

16

9:30 AM Hebrew School

17 - Office Closed

9:00 AM Passover Service

18 - Office Closed

9:00 AM Passover Service and Yizkor

19

4:00 PM Hebrew School

20

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

21

7:00 PM Pot Luck at Rabbi Amy's home

22

9:30 AM Pulpit Swap at OZ

23

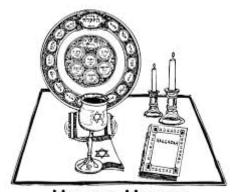
10:00 AM Pulpit Swap/First Congregational Church 7:00 PM Israeli Dance

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7:30 PM Square Dancing

29

9:00 AM Lily Rose Schekter Bat Mitzvah



Have a Happy Passover

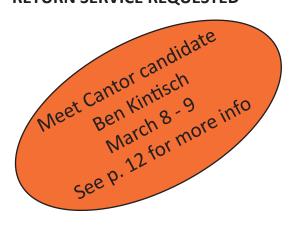
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| Friday | Candle Lighting | Ma'ariv | Saturday | Shacharit | Shabbat Ends |
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| March 3 | 5:26 pm | 6:00 pm | March 4 | 9:00 am | 6:26 pm |
| March 10 | 5:35 pm | 6:00 pm | March 11 | 9:00 am | 6:35 pm |
| March 17 | 6:44 pm | 6:00 pm | March 18 | 9:00 am | 7:44 pm |
| March 24 | 6:53 pm | 6:00 pm | March 25 | 9:00 am | 7:53 pm |
| March 31 | 7:01 pm | 6:00 pm | April 1 | 9:00 am | 8:01 pm |
| April 7 | 7:10 pm | 6:00 pm | April 8 | 9:00 am | 8:10 pm |
| April 14 | 7:19 pm | 6:00 pm | April 15 | 9:00 am | 8:19 pm |
| April 21 | 7:27 pm | 6:00 pm | April 22 | 9:00 am | 8:27 pm |
| April 28 | 7:36 pm | 6:00 pm | April 29 | 9:00 am | 8:36 pm |