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Wednesday, May 3, 2017

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Ohavi Zedek Synagogue 188 North Prospect Street Burlington, VT

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This event is celebrating freedom as a goal of the world's great religions!

Our Interfaith Seder will be a universalized version of the Passover Seder.

Passover is the Jewish festival which celebrates the liberation of the people of Israel more than three thousand years ago. At a Passover Seder, Jews share stories, historical and personal, of searching for and finding freedom from things that oppress us.

Please join us as we celebrate a Seder including stories of efforts for all peoples to achieve freedom.

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Please consider an additional \$25 to help ensure places at the table for New Americans. Profits, if any, will be donated to support the work of Vermont Interfaith Action.



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Please join us at 9:20 am for a bagel brunch.

Meeting will start promptly at 9:45 am.

*Updates, next steps,
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FROM THE RABBI



Lessons Learned and the Map Forward

This has been an interesting Jewish year at Ohavi Zedek. With interim plans for cantorial services in place, we enjoyed a year of praying, singing and learning with Kochava Krieger and Cantor Heather Batchelor.

Kochava davened beautifully on the High Holy Days and for some b'nai mitzvah services. Throughout the year Kochava was our b'nai mitzvah tutor, using technology to work with our kids, guiding each of them to be confidently prepared. Cantor Heather joined us for the other holidays and b'nai mitzvah services, bringing the joy of song and uplifting *chazzanut* (prayerful singing) to our community. Along with her husband Steve and son Benny, who became part of our community, Cantor Heather enhanced the joy of tradition at many significant moments.

We were blessed to find such great support during this interim year. Kochava and Cantor Heather were gifts to us. But we knew that this arrangement was a temporary solution for our greater need for a full-time, in-residence professional cantor. A full-time cantor can serve the needs of our diverse, active community as a teacher, service leader, spiritual resource, pastoral caregiver and clergy partner with me. So we embarked on the search for a full-time cantor during the winter placement season.

Our Cantor Search Committee, ably led by Marv Greenberg, spent many hours preparing our placement listing to articulate our needs and describe our community. They poured over a stack of resumes, listened to candidate recordings and discussed every application at length. Upon selecting suitable potential candidates, several Skype interviews were conducted, followed by in-person interviews with three promising candidates. Many of you came to hear the candidates and to weigh in. You know the outcome by now—only one candidate was considered the right fit for our community. That candidate wrestled for days over his choice, with much interest in our community, but he ultimately felt that a New York City position was better for his personal needs at this time. We understood, but were very disappointed.

We will soon announce a new interim plan. Next year, 5778, will be a new year of opportunity for us, as we continue to strengthen the ways we service our community.

I was warmed and encouraged by the hard-working, intelligent and open-hearted work of our volunteers during

this process. To the members of the search committee: You guys are awesome! Thank you for all you have done for us!

Let's realize that this was one chapter in our pursuit of the right cantor for our community. That we didn't conclude this search with a match does not mean that we failed. We did very well. I am gratified that we avoided any impulse to go with a candidate who would be just "good enough"—not quite right for our needs. With patience, the right cantor has yet to find us and be found. It just takes time.

We can be proud that this was a values-clarification process. Music, song, learning, and traditional and innovative worship are all important to us. We realized how important it is for us, as a Conservative synagogue, to be engaged in "tradition and change." We value the beauty of traditional prayer and melody while yearning for contemporary Jewish spiritual experiences, such as contemporary chants, new melodies and camp-style sing-alongs. This is how we remain vibrant and engaging. We need a cantor who will artfully bridge tradition and innovation to serve our diversity. We aspire to be a strong "*sacred community committed to a dynamic Judaism that is learned and passionate, authentic and pluralistic, joyful and accessible, egalitarian and traditional.*"* This is our path and our destination.

Thank you all for your input, your patience, and your voices. We are moving on to the next chapter together!

~ Rabbi Amy

*United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

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**Save the date:**

**Saturday June 17, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

***Walking Shabbat Service at the Intervale,  
followed by Picnic Potluck!***



This will be a creative interpretive Shabbat experience in appreciation of nature and the beauty of Creation.

Traditional Service begins at 9:00 am at OZ; attendees may wish to join the Walking Service at 11:00 am.

*Stay tuned for other alternative services  
as we create them.*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



When I started writing there was snow on the ground, when I revisited this message it was raining heavily, and now as I finish I see high temperatures of 75F in the forecast. Lots of changes and unknowns, but here in Vermont we're always excited to 'see' Spring even, though the calendar says it is already here!

There is always a bit of uncertainty as to when we will see the grass turn green and hear the songs of the returning birds, but we trust in the process and await the rewards. This transformation is wonderful, and in so many ways mirrors what is happening at OZ.

The board has been very busy with the budget process, painstakingly looking over the facts and figures and making difficult decisions. We are realistic: we know there are challenges but we remain excited about the many activities that are now in place or to be started. Grace Oedel, Bill Miller, and our entire Finance Committee have worked diligently and we are making great strides in streamlining the budget process. This past December the new board committed to building transparency into what we do. That is now part of what guides us, and we have already seen results with the external controls we have put in place with Kesef Accounting Services. The amount of work that Bill has put in as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee is staggering. We are so fortunate to have him in these roles! He stepped into a very delicate situation and has quietly and efficiently led us to a much better and stronger place. Thank you, Bill and Grace, for teaming up to make so many positive changes in this area. I also wish to thank Marv Greenberg, who has stepped down from the board. His service as board member and Secretary was incredibly helpful to OZ and greatly appreciated.

At the Congregational Meeting on June 11 we have a lot of information to cover. We will discuss the budget, how we are addressing the deficit and our financial planning for the future. We'll also highlight new initiatives and some of the great work underway to create growth. I recently launched an exercise with the board and committee chairs that I'm calling 'pause and reflect.' I've asked everyone to pause and reflect on the work of the past six months and how we are addressing important issues, such as growth of the synagogue, creating different entry points, and setting in place a strong foundation so we can move forward. Please let me know about anything that comes to mind when you

pause and reflect. A summary of the information will be shared at the meeting on June 11.

Recently we underwent an exhaustive and disappointing search for a cantor. The excellent candidate to whom we offered the job ultimately decided against moving to Vermont. Many thanks to the Cantor Search Committee and its chair, Marv Greenberg. It was great to hear the many positive, truly heartfelt things the candidates had to say about their visit to OZ. We have a very special community here with so much potential because we are forward-thinking and recognize the importance of creating opportunities, while at the same time trying to balance financial obligations. We will begin the fiscal year with a full-time cantorial intern, a wonderful opportunity for OZ, and then in the Fall we'll begin the cantor search process once again.

I've asked Wayne Senville to chair a subcommittee that will focus on our Fair Share system of dues collection. This effort is in the beginning stages of what is a delicate and overdue review of how we have handled Fair Share. Has it been successful? Do we have the data to support our assumptions? These are just a couple of the many questions to be asked. Last year I worked with a member of a group called Partners for Change who were working with United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism (USCJ) to examine the Fair Share option and its impact on synagogue finances. It is far too early to say how the dues structure at OZ may change. Our intention is not necessarily to replace the Fair Share system, but instead to make the necessary changes so that dues are a viable source of income for OZ. With Wayne's penchant for detail and level-headed leadership I'm confident we will see positive changes and I look forward to seeing this work progress. Please let Wayne know if you'd like to be part of the process.

I ask you to join us on June 11 for the Congregational Meeting to discuss our budget, to celebrate the wonderful work that has been done, and to hear about the opportunities and exciting activities that lie ahead. Rabbi Amy has been our pillar of strength throughout this period of transition. She has provided strong leadership and guidance and has shown the greater community why OZ is a special place, with opportunities for growth. While we are not short on positive attitudes, high energy and hard-working staff and volunteers, still we are no different from other Jewish communities in that we need to grow and adapt while not forgetting or sacrificing who we are. It's a delicate mix and one worth a greater conversation.



## FROM THE TREASURER



Shalom *chaverim* (members/friends),

The Board of Directors approved a proposal from the Finance Committee to repay the endowment for \$212,000 of funds that had been diverted from the Endowment Fund over the previous five years.

The Finance Committee used the work done by Miriam Sturgis and Alice Astarita for the June 2016 Congregational Meeting (adjusted for actual 2015/16 financial results and for the board's commitment to purchase the rooftop solar array at the end of the 5-year IRS recapture period) to arrive at the \$212,000 figure. The board wrestled long and hard over the issue and listened intently to one another; several members changed their positions as we heard each other's concerns. It was a demonstration of Jewish values – respect and integrity – in action.

The Finance Committee has nearly finished the document laying out the financial responsibilities of the OZ board and staff. The committee has also prepared a budget with input from all committees and departments for next year, along with projections 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 and it's great to work with Rabbi Amy, with Grace Oedel, and with all OZ staff.

We are very grateful for everyone's support in member pledges, in Hebrew School support, and 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 you 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!

~ Bill Miller

At the June meeting and in the coming months you will be hearing about some opportunities that have come to OZ and what we are doing to capture them, embrace them, remain positive and move forward, bearing in mind our financial responsibilities. As a community we should be excited about growing and meeting the needs of the ever-changing Jewish world. It's not a question of 'Can we do it and how?' It is a statement: 'We CAN do it, we will come together and make it happen.'

We'll continue to place an emphasis on the community as the primary organizing structure of Jewish life. This is what will pull us together to meet the challenges that arise as we plan for the future of OZ. On behalf of myself and the entire Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you as we start a new chapter.

~ John Blatt

## G'MACH COMMITTEE

G'mach (short for *gemilut chasadim*, acts of loving kindness) is Ohavi Zedek's caring committee. The volunteers of G'mach support members of the Ohavi Zedek community who are isolated due to mobility issues or illness, or who need help during challenging times. You can read more about the G'mach Committee on OZ's website at: <http://ohavizedek.org/community/gmach-caring-committee/>.

Please contact Rabbi Amy or G'mach Committee Chair Roz Grossman if you...

- Need help with rides, meals or would like someone to visit
- Can volunteer in any of these areas
- Know someone else who might benefit one or all of the services
- Would like to join the committee – we meet monthly

Many thanks to Luke Chandler, who is helping with the G'mach freezer located at the synagogue. He has cleaned out the freezer, labeled, made food and instruction signs as part of his community project for his upcoming bar mitzvah project. Thanks to Luke's mom, Zizi Zolten-Chandler, for helping him with this project.

~ Roz Grossman

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I've now been at OZ for a little over six months, and I'm beginning to come up for air and appreciate this beautiful home in which I was lucky enough to land. The first few months of my time here were spent learning systems, getting to know the faces of folks who keep this place running, and beginning to help create and streamline policies so that we have an easier time running our operations. But as we enter Spring, I'm noticing how we are not just more solid in our roots, but how we are growing and flourishing. We've had an incredibly busy couple of months, and I wanted to share some of the new initiatives that are taking off here at OZ.

I first want to share the joy I've experienced watching family engagement grow. Last Friday at our monthly Tot Shabbat service and potluck dinner, we were packed to the gills with 36 attendees! Tot Shabbat always proves a joyful, cacophonous evening, and outgrowing the room for our service is a great problem to have. We have a member family expecting a baby next month (*b'shaa tovah!*) who plan to have their baby naming during a Tot Shabbat service—a beautiful testament to the tight crew of families building connection with each other.



Our young professional group self-organized a Passover and created the space for over 20 Jewish young people to celebrate Passover as a community. Another group of young Jewish moms has self-organized into a regular Rosh Hodesh gathering, inspired after several of these women attended one of the Rosh Hodesh events that Rabbi Amy and I hosted here at OZ. The new moms are now meeting on the new moon, deepening relationships and offering support to one another. (Feel free to reach out if you are interested and I can connect you!) Other intergenerational Rosh Hodesh events have been warm and well-attended, and the women have asked that they become a regular part of the program offerings here at OZ. We will be holding those groups quarterly.

Our engagement with the wider community has been strengthening as well. We have been growing a partnership with our neighbors down the street, the Intervale Center, through a series of events and classes. First, we brought our Judaism and the Environment Hebrew School elective to the Intervale to learn about and help with their Spring propagation work. At Lunch & Learn in April, we welcomed Chelsea Frisbee, a brilliant Intervale educator who taught our community about native tree planting as a way to clean watersheds. In May, I will teach a Jewish Food Justice class as a part of the Adult Education series. We'll conclude over the summer with a combination of *tikkun olam* and fun social time, spending a day helping to glean food at the Intervale, which they will distribute to over 200 members of a completely free, gleaned CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program.



Finally, I want to highlight some new fundraising efforts. In light of the unfortunate recent rise in anti-Semitic incidents in the nation, our Security Fund was formed with the plan to implement much-needed security upgrades to the building. A few key donors saw our deep need for such a fund and made generous donations to help get us get the project off the ground. Using a combination of the Security Fund and the yearly facilities fee we implemented in last year's dues form, we have begun addressing some crucial safety upgrades to the building, making it a safer place to congregate, learn and pray. And in addition to our recent vacation raffle we will once again hold an online auction (see Development Committee column, page 11).

As we come together, deepen relationships, and connect more with the outside world, we build stronger, more meaningful community. If you feel inspired by these efforts, please reach out to me to see how you might get more involved with outreach, engagement or development here at OZ.

~ Grace Oedel

## PROFILE: SERGEY & MARINA SHPNER



Like most Purim spiels, the 2017 spiel at Ohavi Zedek conveyed a number of contemporary messages based on the ancient story of King Ahashverosh, Queen Esther, her uncle Mordechai and the evil Haman. Written by Sergey Shpaner, OZ member and Hebrew School parent, the piece featured Headmaster Mordechai Dorvador and aspiring

Professor Esther Potter at Hogwarts Hebrew School, along with wizards and magic and, of course, bad guy Haman (boo!) Voldemort. (Not to mention subtle references to the politics of the times: rallies at the palace, a call to vet all Muggles, fake news about the coronation, the fabulous service at Voldemort Tower). As always, Purim celebrates the triumph of the Jews over oppression. This year's script, lighthearted treatment notwithstanding, holds deep and personal significance for Sergey and his wife Marina.

Though they met in the States at Cornell University, both are natives of the USSR, she from Moscow and he from Kishinev. The oppressive regime that ruled their early lives was especially harsh for those who identified as Jews. Jewish children suffered both overt and subtle anti-Semitism in school and on the playground, while adults were kept out of universities and held back in the workplace, with no recourse to combat hostility, express opinions, or disagree with official policy.

The fall of the Soviet Union brought relative freedom to practice religion. As a teen in post-Soviet Russia, Marina attended Sunday school, Jewish summer camp and a year-and-a-half of Jewish day school. She compares that to her father's teenage years: as a Jew, despite having earned perfect grades at his secondary school, he had been denied graduation honors and not admitted to university entrance exams. Marina and her parents immigrated to the Bay area in California in 1994, when Marina was 16. After graduating from high school, she enrolled in Cornell University, where her undergraduate studies focused on

molecular and cell biology. In her sophomore year, she recruited other Russian-speakers on campus to organize a Russian-language comedy competition team. Such prepared and impromptu comedy skit competitions were popular at Soviet colleges in the '60s and again from the '80s onwards, and imported by Russian-speaking immigrants into the US and Israel. Some of their shows in New York and Boston drew as many as 5,000 people, Marina notes. Among her recruits was Sergey, a first-year student at the Cornell Law School.

Sergey grew up in Moldova, a former Soviet republic bordered by Romania and Ukraine. The family lived a secular life, their Judaism well under the radar. Still, as a Jewish boy he was subjected to anti-Semitic taunts in school. "At 14, I was the first in my family to enter a synagogue," he says, and he later attended 'underground' Hebrew classes. Hoping to immigrate to America, his entire extended family (including both remarried parents) applied for exit visas. Finally, after months of uncertainty, delays and exorbitant fees, permission to leave was granted in late 1989. Sergey's father and stepmother settled in Cleveland, his mother and stepfather in Bradenton, on the west coast of Florida. Sergey was the only Russian speaker in his high school. He went on to earn a BA at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire in 1997.

Neither Marina nor Sergey have family left in Eastern Europe; both have relatives scattered around the US as well as in Israel, Germany, and Canada.

They were married in September of 2001. The young couple lived in Jersey City, an easy commute to the Battery Park area of lower Manhattan, where Sergey worked for Hughes, Hubbard & Reed practicing business and financial law, and Marina worked for JPMorgan Chase, the banking and financial services firm. They subsequently moved to Secaucus, NJ, another 'bedroom community' of New York City.

Marina worked for three years as a research assistant and lab manager at the Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research before entering graduate school. She would go on to earn a Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuroscience from City University of New York.

By the end of the decade, the Shpaners were looking to leave the Metropolitan area. "I'd fallen in love with New England when I was a student at Dartmouth," Sergey says. Leveraging his experience in transportation finance law, he took an aircraft finance position in the aerospace



division of Bombardier in Colchester, and the family moved to Vermont. They were at the time the parents of two young children, Naomi, born in 2007, and Benny in 2009. They bought a home near Sam Mazza's farm in Colchester. Marina finished her dissertation in 2010 and found work in the MindBody Medical Center at UVM's College of Medicine as a researcher. She is the author or co-author of numerous articles, and has recently added teaching to her responsibilities. Son Daniel joined the family in 2014.

A year ago, Bombardier closed its Vermont location, and while Sergey had the opportunity to move to Montreal and remain with the company, the family chose to stay here and gamble on finding new opportunities. Sergey renewed his license to practice law in New York and obtained his Vermont license. He is keeping busy, primarily consulting for Dealer.com. "I'm my own boss at the moment," he says. He also used his transition time to finish the science-fiction novel he'd started years ago in New Jersey, and is now looking to publish it.

When they lived in Jersey City, the Shpaners were members of a Conservative synagogue in the neighboring city of Hoboken with a dynamic and inspiring rabbi, Robert Scheinberg.\* They were pleased to find an engaging Conservative shul in Burlington as well, with a thriving Hebrew School. "Jewish education is important to us," Marina says. She has taken an active role on the Hebrew School Committee and is serving on the OZHS visioning task force, charged with investigating models of education in other congregations that might help us further improve our programming. In addition, she helps with the Sunday preschool play group, has trained to become a *marshgiach* to facilitate brunches and Hebrew School forays into the OZ kitchen, and served as director of the Purim spiel. According to Principal Naomi Barell (and to Sergey as well), Marina is the first to volunteer for anything and everything.

Outside of the synagogue, she is starting a Havdalah Book Club for 9 to 11-year-olds and their parents, in conjunction with the PJ Library. She hopes eventually to engage ten to fifteen families. At home Marina and Sergey oversee the myriad activities in which one or more of their kids are involved, including skiing, hockey, lacrosse, tennis, soccer, ballet and piano. They speak to the children in Russian. Like many native-born Europeans, Sergey is multilingual, fluent not only in Russian and English, but also proficient in French and Italian; Marina speaks Hebrew.

Sergey has contributed his creative talents to OZ by penning the two most recent Purim spiels. The 2016 Star Wars theme took us to a galaxy far, far away, and 2017 found us at Hogwarts; however, each year the characters and their roles remain the same: the dominance of Ahoshverosh, Haman's wickedness, Esther's bravery and Mordechai's wisdom. Again and again, we relive the ancient Purim tale that reinforces the necessity of strong, ethical leadership, the importance of a well-informed, open minded citizenry, and the triumph of good over evil.

And then, of course, we party. (See photos, p. 18.)

~ Judy Hershberg

\*Rabbi Robert Scheinberg served as a member of the editorial committee for *Lev Shalem*, OZ's new siddur.

### 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.

Knowledge of Yiddish not necessary  
Theatre provides supertitles in  
both English and French.

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## HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



I write this in the midst of Passover. How wonderful it was to recently celebrate the holiday with friends, family and co-workers to continue this millennia-long seder practice! We shared old family traditions of recipes, songs and jokes and sprinkled in some new ones I learned

at OZHS! Yes, even the principal can learn new tricks! Our highlight, besides dinner, was engaging in the Persian Passover custom of beating each other with scallions! Our table was adorned with old and new as well – an inherited silver hand washer, an orange and beet on the seder plate, Miriam's cup made by a dear friend filled with water and plastic jumping frogs. These practices, in turn, will become my children's traditions, and they too will add and revise for the next generation. Even with all this change, we still keep the essence of why we celebrate alive – to remember the story of the Exodus and rejoice in our freedom from slavery.

I am just about to complete my seventh year as Principal at OZHS. Hard to believe. It still feels as fun and exciting as it did when I started. In looking over the years, I see how the program here has evolved. There has been quite a bit of change, but the essence of my goals has always remained the same: for our students to feel connected-to a greater Jewish community, to our history, to our rich customs and traditions and to our ethics. Our approach has changed over time to incorporate more hands-on, experiential learning, a keener focus on spoken Hebrew, exposing students to different social groupings, bringing the whole school together for holiday celebrations and more. All this change in the name of giving our kids a positive, relevant, Jewish learning environment.

OZHS is not where it was seven years ago, nor where it was 15, 30 or 50 years ago. I think that is a good thing. We must always adapt to our circumstances in order to respond to our community's needs and thrive. Our Jewish Family Engagement Task Force will be meeting over the next few months to continue our good work in looking at other models of learning throughout the country to consider new ideas for our school and congregation. I look forward to this with enthusiasm for our future.

Please join us for the following events:

• **May 3, 5:00 pm**—*Yom Haatzmaut*, Israel Independence Day Celebration, Israeli flag raising, the Kitah Vav Zionist Wax Museum and singing.

• **May 10**—SUPERelective Showcase, including a production written and produced by our Jewish Performance Series elective.

• **May 14, 10:30 am**—Celebrate our OZHS and *Makom L'Mispacha* graduates. Commencement ceremonies will be followed a *Lag b'Omer* BBQ potluck (parve dishes only please), carwash fundraiser, petting zoo and lawn games.

I close this article with a rap about the Jews of Cochin from our Passover Diaspora Communities event, written by two of our students.

~ Naomi Barell

### The Jews of Cochin, India

The Cochins were considered a lost tribe.

Over 3,000 years ago in India they arrived.

Their population grew in 1492.

They came from Portugal because they knew  
they would make a lot of moola  
from trading all their spices.

This would be so cool-a,  
their life would be the nicest!

Thank you for listening, you're too kind.  
But don't worry we'll be back for another rhyme!

~ Rae K. and Ella C.

## Kamp Kef!

Looking for a Jewish day camp for your kids during the month of August?

Ohavi Zedek Synagogue is exploring options to offer you!

Proposed Program:  
9 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday  
(early/late care available)  
For ages 6-10

- Cooking
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- Gardening and more!



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## INTERFAITH/SOCIAL ACTION



Rather than write an Interfaith/ Social Action article updating our committee's ongoing efforts, we have chosen to write about OZ's strong record on working for strong relations among all the faith communities. Ohavi Zedek's commitment to improving interfaith relations in the Greater Burlington area has been a major synagogue-wide effort, including the following initiatives:

- OZ joined many Christians in supporting the Islamic Society of Vermont at prayer after the Colchester mosque received hate mail.
- The Social Action Committee fully endorsed and signed the Ohavi Zedek statement against the immigration ban, co-authored by Rabbi Amy and Ilyse Morgenstern Fuerst, Grace Oedel and Naomi Barell.
- Members of the Social Action Committee attended the rally in Montpelier at which Rabbi Amy spoke against the ban.
- Rabbi Amy has created new deeper and stronger interfaith connections through the Children of Abraham program. This program was led by our rabbi in conjunction with Pastor Ken White of the College Street Congregational Church and Imam Islam Hassan of the Islamic Society of Vermont, and with the support of Rev. Laura Engelken of the UVM Interfaith Center. The seven people from each congregation who joined for a week of intensive study and prayer have been the root of many efforts to create events that allow the communities as a whole to learn more about each other and to join in social action.

One such effort was the Friday evening service/potluck dinner on April 7 to which the Imam and others from his congregation were invited. After eating, we discussed future actions, such as a joint service project to help people in need, for example feeding the homeless. In addition, there were discussions about how we can learn more about each other and get to know each other better. One possibility discussed was home-to-home visits. The Social Action Committee will consider facilitating some outreach programs along these lines.



*OZ members Rick Hecht, Naomi Barell, Michael Schaal, Judy Chalmer, Judy Danzig, Zelda Alpern, Michael Rosenthal, and Rabbi Amy with other members of the Children of Abraham program*

### Upcoming Events

- **May 3**—OZ will once again host the Interfaith Seder. Rabbi Amy and Rabbi Joshua revised the Haggadah written by Joshua wrote in 2015, and Jeff Potash located the excellent menu and the recipes used at the 2015 Seder. A flyer was created, posted at OZ, and sent to VIA to be disseminated to other faith communities.
- **May 5**—Shabbat potluck dinner with guest Lee Gordon, who will speak about Hand-in-Hand and discuss issues of Jewish-Arab relations and partnership-building in Israel.
- **May 12**—Shabbat potluck dinner with OZ member Marcy Kass speaking about climate change after her trip to Washington DC in April to march in support of a clean energy economy that works for all.

~ Eric and Karen Corbman

## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



As we close in on the end of our fiscal year, we have some serious thanks to dole out. We are grateful to everyone who made membership pledges this year, everyone who made additional gifts, everyone who remembered OZ in their will, and everyone who gave of their time, energy, and money to sustain this community

that we call home. Thank you for putting your money where your values are. There are many great things in store for us, and you are helping to make them happen.

In our top story, we are very pleased to report that we raised slightly more than \$3,500 through our Purim vacation raffle! A huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets. Lani Ravin was the lucky winner of the grand prize—a one-week stay virtually anywhere in the world. We are extremely grateful to our anonymous donor for the gift of this timeshare; to Gary Coffey and Lake Champlain Chocolates for furnishing a delicious runner-up prize; and to the anonymous donor of the third prize, a wine and cheese basket.

***Do you own a timeshare? A vacation home? A camp on Lake Champlain? A condo in Florida? A houseboat? Something else fabulous? Please consider making a donation for next year's raffle!***

In other news, under the guidance and with the generosity of several congregants, we have established a Security Fund. As with many communities, our security concerns have become more pressing in recent days. Fortunately, there are steps that we can take to help ensure the safety of every person who comes into our building. Donations to the Security Fund are already being put to good use: panic buttons that link directly to the Burlington Police Department have been installed in several locations, and work is underway to install locks on all classroom doors.

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: In the up-and-coming department, stay tuned for :  
: the **6th Annual OZ-Bay Online Auction**, going live in :  
: June! This year's focus will be on food, restaurants, :  
: culinary adventures, foodie experiences and other :  
: fun events! Got tingling tastebuds? A penchant for :  
: pastries? A fondness for fondue? This one's for you. :  
: **Stay tuned, and get ready to bid!** :  
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And we wouldn't be a Development Committee if we didn't include an appeal: **Have you included Ohavi**

**Zedek in your will? If so, we want to talk with you!** We don't need to know details, but we'd love to chat with you about what influenced your decision and what your hopes are for OZ's future. Please contact me at [sharon@theatrekavanah.org](mailto:sharon@theatrekavanah.org) or Grace at [grace@ohavizedek.org](mailto:grace@ohavizedek.org).

**Our next meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 pm.** Come join us! You bring your ideas, energy, and/or enthusiasm. We'll bring cookies. Seriously. **We have cookies.**

~ Sharon Panitch



### 2017 - A Season to Lift Up Our Eyes:

A series of three events, which started with a showing of ***Little Jerusalem***, the Vermont PBS documentary about Burlington's Jewish community at the turn of the 20th century, followed by a Q&A session with Jeff Potash, Aaron Goldberg and David Hershberg.

#### ***Raise the Roof***

**Thursday, May 11, 7:00 pm**

**Main St. Landing, Film House, Burlington**

Over the course of ten years, artists Laura and Rick Brown set out to faithfully reconstruct the lost synagogue of Gwozdziec, Poland, destroyed by the Nazis. This undertaking is documented in *Raise the Roof*, a film that provides context for Burlington's own Lost Shul Mural. Q&A with filmmakers Yari and Cary Wolinsky to follow.

Tickets: \$12/\$10, plus applicable fees

#### ***Of the Better Kind***

**Sunday, May 21, 4:00 pm**

**Main St. Landing, Black Box Theater, Burlington**

**For additional showtimes contact**

**[www.theatrekavanah.org](http://www.theatrekavanah.org)**

Theatre Kavanah premieres a staged reading of a new play by Joy Cohen. In 1910, on the day before his work is to be unveiled, artist Ben Zion Black struggles to complete the interior mural for the Chai Adam Synagogue in Burlington. Will the mural be a cause for rejoicing...or something else?

Tickets: \$10-25, plus applicable fees

*For ticket information contact [www.theatrekavanah.org](http://www.theatrekavanah.org)*



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- Annette Zeff

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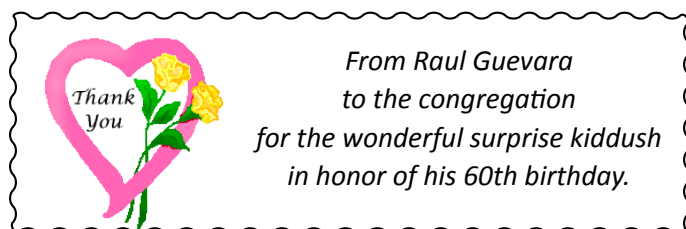
- To Marc Sarnow on the death of his mother, Monique Sarnow
- To Eileen Growald on the death of her father, David Rockefeller
- To Zelda Alpern on the death of her brother, Gary Harmatz
- To John Blatt on the death of his father, David C. Blatt Sr.

### Mazel Tov

- To Jeanne and Ed Adams on the birth of their grandson, Tyler Frederick Adams
- To Miriam and Gary Sturgis on the birth of their grandson, Aiden Aevi Manning
- To Herb and Barbara Kessel on the birth of their granddaughter, Helena Isabela Kessel

### Thank You

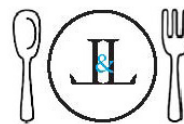
- To Suzanne Brown for hosting a discussion of *The Zookeeper's Wife* for the OZ member's who gathered at the Roxy to see the film on a Sunday afternoon in mid-April
- To Irene and Merrill Epstein for providing accommodations in Burlington for Cantor Heather and her family



The Shuk is pleased to announce that we have donated \$1,500 to the Burlington Boys and Girls Club, enabling 100 kids to go to summer camp.

~ Karen Robair, Shalom Shuk Manager

## LUNCH & LEARN



In **April** we welcomed Chelsea Frisbee, who spoke about the fascinating history of Burlington's Intervale and the Intervale Center's current project, planting trees to heal our waters.



### MAY 18 – Final Program in the 2016/17 L&L Series!

Please join us for our "picnic luncheon" and the return of St. Michael's College Professor of Political Science William Grover, author of several books and numerous articles and conference papers on American politics. His

presentation is entitled *"The 45th President of the United States...and Beyond."*

As the season ends, we once again applaud the talent, the dedication and the efforts of our amazing L&L kitchen crew, led by Kathy Guevara: Barbara Silver, Rose Pels, Stella Bukanc, Jeff Potash, Charles Elioseff and the many others who have stepped in to help with shopping, cooking, setting up and cleaning up.

Many thanks to Gary Coffey and Lake Champlain Chocolates for providing a delicious addition to the dessert table every month.

As always, our gratitude to Raul, the man who makes everything possible around here.

And to our attendees and loyal supporters of the Lunch & Learn series—we love and appreciate you!

*Watch the coming issues of The Voice for information about the 2017/18 season.*







## Adult Education

### ***May/June Events***

Join Grace Oedel in her workshop Introduction to Food Justice and Ethics, May 7. Lend us your wisdom and join us for Tikkun Leil, a night-time learning for Shavuot, May 30.

#### **Introduction to Food Justice and Ethics**

**May 7 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

**Grace Oedel**

Introduction to Food Justice and Ethics:

'Food justice,' 'sustainability,' and 'fair trade' food have all become buzzwords, especially here in Burlington. But what does 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, in terms of both 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! E-mail [tari@ohavizedek.org](mailto:tari@ohavizedek.org) to sign up!

#### **Shavuot - A Time for Study and Celebration of Shavuot**

**May 30 @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Tikkun Leil Shavuot (9:15 pm, Ma'ariv Service)**

Tikkun Leil Shavuot is a relaxed night of learning for Shavuot, led by Rabbi Amy and members of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue. Exciting workshops are being planned! Are you available to lead a learning in a topic that connects in a creative way to Torah? Are you interested in exploring Torah in creative ways and want to suggest a workshop? Last year's workshops included yoga, animal care, art appreciation, mindfulness, singing, Israeli dance, history, theater, text study, Judaism and medicine, and spiritual autobiography.

Cheesecake, coffee and nosh will be offered!

Contact Judy Chalmer [judy@vsavt.org](mailto:judy@vsavt.org) to be part of the evening. And stay tuned for the schedule. Everyone is welcome!

**On May 31 (Day One) and on June 1 (Day Two) Shacharit Services will be held at 9:00 am.**

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## YOUNG JUDAEA NEWS



I can't believe we are almost to the end of another year of Young Judaea. We have a great *mazkirut* (board) who have led us in activities throughout the year.

Bogrim will be ending this year with mini-golf and *asepha*, our annual election of the new *mazkirut*.

Young Judaea provides an amazing leadership opportunity for our youth, as it is based on a model of peer leadership. I see my role as guiding our young people while they get to make decisions about activities and take responsibility for leading at each event.

I know my experience as a teen in Young Judaea developing these leadership skills helped to shape who I am today. I went on to be part of student government at college and have been involved in a variety of leadership roles as an adult.

Even if your child has not been involved in Young Judaea this year, it is not too late. We are especially encouraging those from Kitah Zayin to get involved so they can maintain their connection with other Jewish youth once Hebrew School has ended for them.

Another important connection is Jewish summer camp. I am happy to report that 11 young people will be able to attend Jewish camp this summer thanks to our camp scholarships and our generous donors. There is still time to make a donation to help kids go to camp this summer. Please consider writing a check to Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, with Geenberg-Lopkin Camp Scholarship Fund written in the memo line to support youth attending Jewish camp this summer.

~ Amy May

## REFUGEE BENEFIT CONCERT

Celebrate *Lag b'Omer*, the holiday of gratitude, with the Central Vermont Jewish community at an amazing concert experience with the Nava Tehila



Ensemble from Jerusalem, Israel. Perfect for audiences of every age!

Ticket sales support HIAS, helping refugees worldwide resettle with dignity for over 100 years. A unique fundraising event for refugees, this concert promises to be an extraordinary, uplifting musical experience and a truly special way to end Mother's Day. After the concert, we'll join in solidarity and song around a traditional *Lag b'Omer* bonfire.

Nava Tehila has gained a reputation for its original and uplifting music, which is now heard and sung around the world. Rooted in Middle Eastern, Hasidic, contemporary Israeli and other "world" musics, Nava Tehila's original compositions connect to the soul.

**WHEN:** Sunday, May 14; 4-6:00 PM

**TICKETS:** \$18 adults, \$6 children (ages 6-18) Kids under 5 free. Additional donations to benefit HIAS welcome.

**LOCATION:** ZenBarn, 179 Guptil Rd., Waterbury, Vt.

Co-sponsored by Beth Jacob Synagogue and the Jewish Community of Greater Stowe, with generous support Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, RuachhaMaqom, Jewish Communities of Vermont and private sponsors.

## SPECIAL SHABBAT QUEST AT OZ - BOB YELLIN Friday evening, June 16



Please join us at OZ for potluck dinner after services with guest speaker Bob Yellin. Bob, a founding member of The Greenbriar Boys, a bluegrass group, was in the middle of the early 60's folk music scene in Greenwich Village.

He and his family later lived on an Israeli kibbutz for over a decade before returning to live in Vermont.

## **B'NAI MITZVAH**

**Megan & Adam Shafritz  
invite the Congregation to  
attend the Bar Mitzvah  
of their son  
Justin Shafritz**



**Shabbat, May 6, 9:00 am  
Kiddush following services**

**Sarah Pettitt & Tam Cristman  
invite the Congregation  
to attend the  
Bar Mitzvah of their son  
Noah Michael Cristman-Pettitt**



**Shabbat, June 24, 9:00 am  
Kiddush following services**

**Hilary Neroni & Todd McGowan  
invite the Congregation to  
attend the B'nai Mitzvah  
of their sons  
Theo & Dashiell Neroni**



**Shabbat, May 13, 9:00 am  
Kiddush following services**

## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Our thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of OZ's recent Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton. We greatly appreciate the support our OZ community has given to this weekend.

**Committee members:** Basha Brody, Chair; Naomi Barell, Judy Chalmer, Eric and Karen Corbman, Judy Danzig, Linda Finkelstein, Kathy Guevara, Raul Guevara, Judy Hershberg, Amy May, Grace Oedel, Rabbi Amy Small and Wendi Stein. Poster designed by Marcy Kass

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### Special thanks to:

Kathy Guevara and her helpers: John Blatt, Judy Danzig, Bryan Deyette, Ducky Donath, Charles Elioseff, Viviane Levy, Rebecca Goldberg, Jeff Potash, Rose Pels and Rebecca Sherlock for their tireless hours in the kitchen

preparing, serving and cleaning up. Others who helped are Raul Guevara, Grace Oedel, Tari Cote, Marguerite Bogle, Rabbi Amy Small, Cantor Heather and the entire Scholar-In-Residence Committee.

~ Basha Brody

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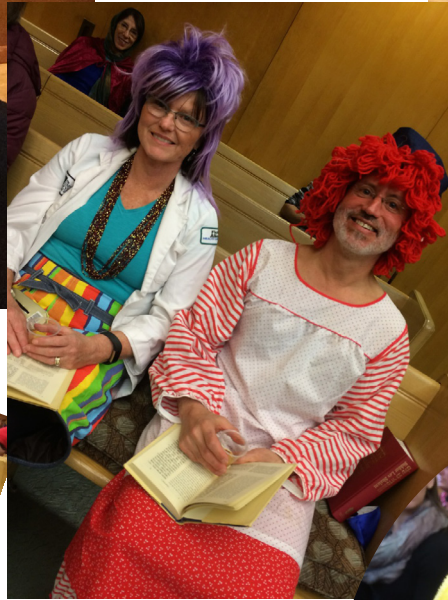
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## Monday 5/1/2017

Rose Cohen Abrams\*  
Herbert Daniel Cohen\*  
Dr. Stanford Isaacson  
Chaia Fage Samuelson\*  
Harold Seligman

## Tuesday 5/2/2017

Joseph Bramson\*  
Abraham Joseph Cohen\*  
Dr. Harris Cohen\*  
Carl Freitag\*  
Mildred G. Levine  
Edith Penchina  
Eva Samets  
Yaeseef E. Sussman\*  
Julius B. Thomas\*

## Wednesday 5/3/2017

Rochel R. Asner\*  
Isadore Curley Shapiro\*  
Carrye Glass\*  
Louis Gould\*  
Ronald Paul Held\*

## Thursday 5/4/2017

Sarah Lena Cannon\*  
Nathalie Goldberg  
Harry H. Tarshis\*

## Friday 5/5/2017

Victor M. Corman\*  
Tessie Donath Engel  
Stella Wolk Lazarus\*  
Man Labe Levin\*  
Arthur M. Lieberman  
Rosalind 'Roxy' Solomon\*  
Dr. Saul Yafa

## Saturday 5/6/2017

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

## Sunday 5/7/2017

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

## Monday 5/8/2017

Ethel Brown Glasston\*  
Nathan Leekoff\*  
Margaret Levine

Louis Michaelson\*  
Michael Charles Shafiroff

## Tuesday 5/9/2017

Max Alpert\*  
Nathan Gladstone\*  
Goldie Horn

Samuel Z. Melnick\*  
Ida Gertrude Sakowitz

## Wednesday 5/10/2017

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

## Thursday 5/11/2017

Clara Levinson  
Ethel Joyce Paul  
Phil Schonfeld

## Friday 5/12/2017

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

## Saturday 5/13/2017

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

## Sunday 5/14/2017

Mr. Richard L. Alpert  
Helen A. Yett Bayer\*  
Arthur Harley Goldfield  
Samuel Pizer  
Sara N. Rosenberg\*  
Fannie Rosenthal\*  
George Rutstein\*  
Walter Shockley  
Henry Lawrence Turner\*  
Rabbi Max B. Wall\*

## Monday 5/15/2017

Samuel Frank\*  
Louis Goldsmith\*

## Tuesday 5/16/2017

Rose Carr\*  
Abraham Cohen\*  
Lewis Colodny\*  
Diana Young Flur\*  
Judith Kay Lisman\*  
Israel Miller\*  
Zocia Stern Nowak

Lena Polov\*  
Alice Jewell Rothenberg  
Portnow\*  
Violet Shapiro\*  
Ruth Waldman\*

## Wednesday 5/17/2017

Esther Cohen Brown  
Joseph Freitag\*  
Alan Gittelsohn  
Anna Margolis  
Esther Scheinfeld

## Thursday 5/18/2017

Joseph Ebenhart\*  
Rose Levin Machanic\*  
Leonard Rosenthal  
Irving Wolfe

## Friday 5/19/2017

Harry Gold\*  
Walter Irwin Heimer  
Harry Kaplan  
Hyman Louis Paikowsky  
Aaron Lieb Rosenstreich  
Rev. Samuel Saltzberg\*

## Saturday 5/20/2017

Fanny Chase\*  
Marion Foss  
Roslynne Greenberg  
Joseph L. Solomon

## Sunday 5/21/2017

Marion Tilley Berson\*  
Jacob Z. Fine\*  
Abraham E. Grodzinsky\*  
Ida S. Kofman  
Louis Milstone\*  
Barnet M. Rome  
Samuel A. Rosenberg\*

## Monday 5/22/2017

Edythe Cannon Daniels\*  
Joseph Elihu Frank\*  
Daisy Lapidow  
Claire Lorraine Paresky Pearl  
Abraham C. Rosenberg\*  
Clara Wax\*

## Tuesday 5/23/2017

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

## Wednesday 5/24/2017

Alice Bloomfield\*  
Harriet Krieger\*  
Benjamin Leavitt  
David Leber  
Jerome Jack Marcus  
Gertrude Lazarus Rosen\*  
Harry Saltzman\*

Emma Stargart Skoll  
Sadie Zais

## Thursday 5/25/2017

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

## Friday 5/26/2017

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

## Saturday 5/27/2017

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

## Sunday 5/28/2017

James A. Paul\*  
Zvi Yasef Tilser\*

## Monday 5/29/2017

Margo Adler-Libstag  
Rose Agel\*  
Abraham Caplan  
Nathan Finkelstein  
Harold Levine\*  
Dora Gerber Schwartz\*  
Miriam Silverman  
Alexander Sohn  
Julius Stern  
Selma Woronoff\*

## Tuesday 5/30/2017

Fannie Levin Frait\*  
Annie Hanson  
Dr. Judith Koplewitz\*  
Morris Levin\*  
Hanna Michaelson  
Yetta Weinstein

## Wednesday 5/31/2017

Clayton Carr\*  
Boris Chazen  
Lynda Towle Moss  
Robert Warshawsky



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## Thursday 6/1/2017

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

## Friday 6/2/2017

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

## Saturday 6/3/2017

Sidney Hyman Barovick  
Mary Fabricant\*  
Philip Smilovitz\*

## Sunday 6/4/2017

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

## Monday 6/5/2017

Lena Cheris  
Albert Chernoff  
Rosie Kitayewitz\*  
Dora Miller  
Harry Rothman  
Mordecai L. Sugarman  
Pauline Zablotsky\*

## Tuesday 6/6/2017

Gertrude G. Bick  
Irving C. Brown\*  
Sadie Cannon\*  
Hyman Krinovitz  
Frieda Colodny Maser  
Shacne Shure  
Louis Weiss\*

## Wednesday 6/7/2017

Max Bloom  
Jacob Bloomenthal\*  
Ida Rosenberg Broide\*  
Louis Charles Everitz  
Joseph Fishman  
Jacob Gershen\*  
Mayer Goldberg\*  
Gary Gordon\*  
Murray Weiner

## Thursday 6/8/2017

Bertha Stargart Brown\*  
Henry P. Cohen  
Harry Gardner\*  
Phyllis A. Yager Horgan  
Bessie Esther Levin\*  
Rebecca Levine\*  
Morris Markowicz  
Dr. Harold E. Medivetsky\*  
Phyllis F. Perelman

Dora Rachel Saltzberg\*  
Esther Weiss\*  
Abraham Winner

## Friday 6/9/2017

Mary Goldberg Bayarsky  
John Epstein\*  
Ellis Greenblott\*  
Myer Levin  
Alex Malter  
Libby Morrison  
Victor Rogove\*  
Nathan Warshawsky  
Edith Winner\*

## Saturday 6/10/2017

Freda Agel Corman\*  
Ethel Garbo\*  
Guttia Perlmutter\*  
Isaac Sirkin\*  
Florence Slavin

## Sunday 6/11/2017

Howard Lawrence Cohen  
Betty Fishman  
Dr. Meyer Levin\*  
Samuel Lisman  
Perry London  
Hyman Wasserman\*  
Iosiph Zilberman

## Monday 6/12/2017

Belle Blistein\*  
Fannie Green Cohen\*  
Rebecca Katz Dessell\*  
Ruth Weinberg Greenberg  
Dr. Herbert N. Lazarus\*  
Joseph Provost  
Louis Riven  
Harry Rudick  
Pesah Smarkowitz  
Rosa D. Wolk\*

## Tuesday 6/13/2017

Max Davis  
Rose Gewirtz\*  
Bessie London Goldman\*  
David Kershner  
Nettie Meyers-Rothman  
Myer Morris  
Soloman Perelman\*  
Sheppard Saul Povlin\*

## Wednesday 6/14/2017

Samuel C. Hoffman  
Irene Kahn\*  
Charles Kramer  
Frances Black Krinovitz\*  
Naomi Gail Lurie  
Judy Gladstone Swade  
Dr. Ernestine Wildholz\*  
Judith Albaum Zaetz\*

## Thursday 6/15/2017

Louis Albaum  
Rose Stuhl Glass\*  
Flora Baron Hirschel\*  
Samuel James Hirshon\*  
Abraham Morris  
Ruth Litzky Saiger  
Elizabeth Betty Samuelson\*  
Isaac Stekolchick  
Fannie Weinock  
Isaac Zirinsky\*

## Friday 6/16/2017

Abraham Gould

## Saturday 6/17/2017

Dora Ashkenazy\*  
Marianne Greene Kory  
Bertha Kremer  
Dorothy Lefkowitz  
Eleanor Bloom Potash\*  
Samuel Rose  
Tsvi Samuelson\*

## Sunday 6/18/2017

Lillian Rachel Balkan  
Harry Fierverker\*  
Ida Fohrman  
Reuben H. Frogel, M.D.  
A. Louis Hershberg\*  
David Maringer\*  
Angelo Sockol\*  
Sara Weinstock\*

## Monday 6/19/2017

Dr. Arnold Herbert  
Colodny\*  
Leonard Duckman  
Aaron M. Feen  
Tillie Fine\*  
Millie Flax\*  
Benjamin Frank\*  
William M. Goetz  
Julia Greifer  
Louis Lecker  
Alfred Levi  
Max Levine  
Sara Rose Reed  
Harold Richards  
Dora Sherr  
David Aaron Shur\*

## Tuesday 6/20/2017

Dorothy Bramson Burman\*  
Sarah Fishman  
Ursula Speier Growald\*  
Barbara Ruth Hershberg\*  
Adam Jeremy Kofman\*  
Irving Lisman  
Emma Claudia Peller  
Lee Stoller\*

## Wednesday 6/21/2017

Yetta Rosenbaum Harris\*  
Sadie Lampert\*  
Morris Levine  
Sholom Mendelson\*

## Thursday 6/22/2017

Rose Alpert  
William Alpert\*  
Florence Book  
Mini Chazen  
Max Glasston\*  
Irving D. Glickstein  
Maureen Horgan  
Udel Likovsky  
Louis Sakowitz  
Frank Schaal\*  
Harry George Zaetz

## Friday 6/23/2017

William Block  
Jennie Carr\*  
Rachael Brown Gladstone\*  
Hyman Kaplan

Louis Stuhl\*  
Kate Cohen Weiner  
Herman L. Winer  
Ida Yett\*

## Saturday 6/24/2017

Ethel Barovick  
Rabbi Yechiel Hillel Gorelich\*  
Myer Katz  
Abraham Kobel  
Sydelle Newman  
Gertrude Heller Wall\*

## Sunday 6/25/2017

Jacob Albert\*  
Alan A. Brill\*  
Morris Cohen\*  
Jack Pomerantz  
Ida Agel Temko  
Morris Woronoff\*  
George Zeskind\*  
Rebecca Zimet

## Monday 6/26/2017

Albert Block\*  
Bryna D. Frank  
Alan Goldwyn  
Beilah Kobel  
Harry Miller\*  
Simon Jacob Neiburg\*

## Tuesday 6/27/2017

Sarah Cohen  
Bessie Schobel Klinkostein\*  
Beatrice Farkas Stone

## Wednesday 6/28/2017

Fanny Brodman\*  
Rivie Cohen\*  
Anne Medivetsky Glazier  
Betty Kaplan  
Sarah P. Milstone\*

## Thursday 6/29/2017

Minnie Brown Bearak\*  
Thomas B. Bennett\*  
Anna F. Sassnow Boyarsky\*  
Jack Bramson\*  
Julius George Cohen  
Sanford H. Cohen\*  
Harriet Dubin  
Lena Brown Friedman  
Sarah Grodzinsky\*  
Anna Katz  
A. Jacob Levin\*  
Samuel Levine\*  
Lena Levine Schwartz\*  
Moses Yett\*  
Mollie Zeskind\*

## Friday 6/30/2017

Simon Arkin\*  
Bess Weinstock Cohen\*  
Shirley Coyne  
Sophia Glasston Epstein\*  
Isadore Greenfield\*  
Joseph Kassel\*  
Mary Z. Kropsky\*  
Martha Katz Lash\*  
Bessie Kudan Leekoff\*  
Myer Levine  
Abraham Pearlberg  
Bessie Frank Waldstein\*  
Hajnalka Langer Winer

# CALENDAR

**MAY 2017**

|                                                      |                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3                                                    | 17                                                                                |
| 4:00 PM Hebrew School                                | 7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting                                               |
| 6:00 PM Interfaith Seder                             | 7:30 PM Square Dancing                                                            |
| 4                                                    | 18                                                                                |
| 9:30 AM Baby and Toddler Group                       | 9:30 AM Baby and Toddler Group                                                    |
| 3:00 PM Events Committee Meeting                     | 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn                                                            |
| 5                                                    | 5:30 PM Board Meeting                                                             |
| 7:00 PM Potluck at OZ with guest speaker Lee Gordon  | 19                                                                                |
| 6                                                    | 7:00 PM Pot Luck at Rabbi Amy's                                                   |
| 9:00 AM Justin Shafritz Bar Mitzvah                  | 24                                                                                |
| 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat                                 | 7:30 PM Square Dancing                                                            |
| 7                                                    | 25                                                                                |
| 9:30 AM Hebrew School                                | 9:30 AM Baby and Toddler Group                                                    |
| 9:30 AM Open Play                                    | 28                                                                                |
| 11:30 AM Social Action Committee Meeting             | 7:00 PM Israeli Dancing                                                           |
| 2:00 PM Food Justice Class                           | 29                                                                                |
| 9                                                    | Memorial Day – Office Closed                                                      |
| 6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee Meeting                   | 30                                                                                |
| 10                                                   | 7:00 PM Tikkun Leil Shavuot led by Rabbi Amy and members of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue |
| 4:00 PM Hebrew School                                | 31 - Shavuot – Office Closed                                                      |
| 7:30 PM Square Dancing                               | 9:00 AM Shacharit Services                                                        |
| 11                                                   |                                                                                   |
| 9:30 AM Baby and Toddler Group                       |                                                                                   |
| 12                                                   |                                                                                   |
| 7:00 PM Pot Luck at OZ with guest speaker Marcy Kass |                                                                                   |
| 13                                                   |                                                                                   |
| 9:00 AM Theo and Dashiell Neroni Bar Mitzvah         |                                                                                   |
| 14                                                   |                                                                                   |
| 9:30 AM Hebrew School                                |                                                                                   |
| 10:30 AM Hebrew School Commencement                  |                                                                                   |
| 7:00 PM Israeli Dance                                |                                                                                   |



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- *Baby & toddler playgroup: Every Thursday at 9:30 am*
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- *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*

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JUNE 2017

1 - Shavuot – Office Closed  
9:00 AM Shacharit Services

2  
7:00 PM Potluck at OZ

4  
7:00 PM Israeli Dancing

7  
7:30 PM Square Dancing

8  
9:30 AM Baby and Toddler Group

9  
5:30 Tot Shabbat

10  
11:30 AM Sponsored Kiddush in honor of Bea Samuleson's 100th Birthday

11  
9:30 AM Congregational Meeting

13  
6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee Meeting

14  
7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting  
7:30 PM Square Dancing

15  
9:30 AM Baby and Toddler Group  
5:30 PM Board Meeting

16  
7:00 PM Pot luck at OZ with guest Bob Yellin

17  
9:00 AM Traditional Service  
11:00 AM Alternative Service at Intervale

21  
7:30 PM Square Dancing

22  
9:30 AM Baby and Toddler Group

24  
9:00 AM Noah Christman-Pettit Bar Mitzvah

25  
Yiddish Theatre in Montreal  
7:00 PM Israeli Dance

28  
Square Dancing

29  
9:30 AM Baby and Toddler Group



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|---------|-----------------|---------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| May 5   | 7:43 pm         | 6:00 pm | May 6    | 9:00 am   | 8:43 pm      |
| May 12  | 7:52 pm         | 6:00 pm | May 13   | 9:00 am   | 8:52 pm      |
| May 19  | 7:59 pm         | 6:00 pm | May 20   | 9:00 am   | 8:59 pm      |
| May 26  | 8:07 pm         | 6:00 pm | May 27   | 9:00 am   | 9:07 pm      |
| June 2  | 8:13 pm         | 6:00 pm | June 3   | 9:00 am   | 9:13 pm      |
| June 9  | 8:14 pm         | 6:00 pm | June 10  | 9:00 am   | 9:14 pm      |
| June 16 | 8:22 pm         | 6:00 pm | June 17  | 9:00 am   | 9:22 pm      |
| June 23 | 8:23 pm         | 6:00 pm | June 24  | 9:00 am   | 9:23 pm      |
| June 30 | 8:24 pm         | 6:00 pm | July 1   | 9:00 am   | 9:24 pm      |