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# Sunday December 17

9:30-11:30 am Board elections (Detailed letter will follow)

## **MUSICAL GUESTS AT OZ**

**NOVEMBER 3 & 4** 

BASHERT, A MUSICAL GROUP FROM
MASSACHUSETTS WILL LEAD US IN KABBALAT
SHABBAT SERVICES AT 5:30 PM ON NOV. 3, AND
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FOCUSING ON MUSIC OF AMERICAN JEWISH
COMPOSERS OR PERFORMERS, ISRAELI TUNES,
KLEZMER AND YIDDISH TUNES.

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# Please join us for OZ's Famous & Fabulous Chanukah Party!

Sunday, December 10 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Latkes, applesauce & delicious desserts
Added Attraction this year - MAGIC!

THE AMAZING MARKO
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between 11 am and noon
with his sensational
bag of tricks



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## FROM THE RABBI



Tempted as I am to write here on themes I addressed on the High Holy Days, I'd like to take a different turn now. Indeed, we have many weighty issues to discuss and no doubt we will continue those conversations over the months to come. I hope you will join me around our Shabbat dinner table

or Kiddush lunch table, or in one of our many classes and programs, or just over a cup of tea together.

Now I would like to reflect on Jewish community. We just gathered for our annual season of holy days, and Jewishness is on our minds. So, what might the future be for our corner of the world at this moment in time?

Perhaps the perspective of history can offer a snapshot of what is emerging from seeds we are planting together.

Over the holidays, our community was bursting with young families who enjoyed children's services, Rosh Hashanah by the Lake, waterfront Tashlich, a special Sukkot Celebration, and joyous singing and dancing on Simchat Torah. Our bustling Hebrew School needed to add a teacher after the first week of classes, and our new teen program, Nadav, is off to an enthusiastic start. Our new Full Circle Preschool, staffed by three wonderful teachers, has brought the joy of little ones into our classrooms and hallways. Every toddler or baby's smile or laugh is a ray of light illuminating our sacred spaces and warming our hearts.

In a world that feels upside-down in too many ways, we need to celebrate what is good and encouraging. I thought of this while reading a column in The Forward\* honoring Simchat Torah. The Forward, a former Yiddish language daily (The Forverts), is now an English language monthly magazine, with online columns on Jews and the world. Their piece, "What Elie Wiesel Wrote When He Went to Moscow for Simchat Torah in 1965," caught my attention. It harkens back to the awakening of the Jews of the Soviet Union to their Jewishness after two generations when Jewish practice was illegal. Introducing the reprint the editor wrote, "Elie Wiesel traveled to Russia as a reporter for The Forverts in 1965, choosing to spend the Simchat Torah holiday in Moscow, dancing with the young Russian Jews who were fearless enough to publicly celebrate a Jewish holiday under the watchful eye of the KGB." Wiesel wrote, "Jewish youth ... refuse to be robbed of their Jewishness..."

"What Elie Wiesel Wrote When He Went to Moscow for Simchat Torah in 1965," abridged from The Jews of Silence, Elie Wiesel, 10/11/17

Wiesel arrived to find tens of thousands of youth assembled, even as it remained risky to attend a public Jewish event. "I spent hours among them, dazed and excited, agitated by an ancient dream." Wiesel wondered how this amazing event happened. "Who told them that tens of thousands of boys and girls would gather here to sing and dance and rejoice in the joy of the Torah? They who barely know each other and know even less of Judaism—how did they know that?"

Simchat Torah had become a "festival of youth" four or five years earlier during a period of easing restrictions under Nikita Khrushchev. The huge crowd and the excited, joyous atmosphere was a demonstration that Jewish youth, unlearned in Judaism, "wish to live as Jews." Wiesel reflected, "I wanted to see young people, to measure the extent of their Jewishness and discover its means of expression... While traveling through Russia I had spoken mostly with the elderly or middle-aged. Many of them had expressed anxiety about the younger generation, its increasing estrangement and assimilation." Wiesel heard many in Europe, Russia and America who felt that Jewish life would cease in Russia "simply because Jewish youth is not interested in it." He observed the opposite, "... tonight we would discover the truth. Youth itself would take the witness stand." The Moscow synagogue was crammed with young people, including many children who "were to see that the Jews knew how to rejoice."

Their pessimism was reversed. "Men who had not sung for a year were raising their voices in song. Men who had not seen a Torah all year long were embracing and kissing it with a love bequeathed to them from generations past. Old men lifted their grandchildren onto their shoulders, saying, "Look, and remember." The children looked in wonder and laughed, uncertain what was happening. No matter; they would understand later, and they would remember."

Wiesel thought for a moment that he had been "transported to another world, somewhere in Israel or in Brooklyn. Angels and seraphim were serenading the night; King David played his harp. The city burst with gladness and joy."

A dozen years ago I traveled with a Jewish communal delegation to a region in Ukraine where Jewish community was coming back to life. I officiated at the b'nai mitzvah of 14 kids in a celebration that reflects how the garden is growing. The joy we felt as we celebrated Shabbat together was infectious. Even as many in the community suffered

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



The High Holy Days were wonderful at OZ, both reflective and inspirational. It is wonderful to be a part of a community that comes together to celebrate, support, contemplate, and make us feel part of a much larger family than our own. In my President's speech on Kol Nidre I stressed the importance

of everyone digging deeper to share their experiences, their time, and their vision of OZ moving forward. We are much stronger when we come together for a common goal. Many of you shared with me your surprise in hearing about the number of programs/events/happenings at OZ. My sharing them was great because it's you, our members, as individuals who play a role in all that is happening here.

The board has been looking ahead toward a busy year which will include work items such as controlling expenses, generating income, land and building use, and supporting and planning for future growth. I have said many times that a passed budget does not mean a balanced budget. In order to continue sustaining everything we offer and enjoy at OZ we need the support of every member. Our approach must be similar to the approach we take when evaluating our personal finances. What gets cut when there are not the funds available that we need? How do we weigh and decide what to eliminate without impacting the family—in this case, the OZ family? Are we at this point? No. But, we need to be planning ahead for our future and your support in our development and fundraising activities is critical. Even if you are unable to provide financial support, please take the time to let others know about the events and activities we offer that are part of our fundraising efforts. Do you have an idea for development/fundraising? Please let us know!

As we look at the work ahead of us, some of which has yet to be defined, let's come together to make sure our decisions and actions ensure sustainability and support our future. We can't view this as a daunting task. We need to look at it as a 'wonder' that hard work, faith, and an unconditional belief that our aspirations can become reality. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel says that "Wonder rather than doubt is the root of all knowledge." Let us stop and reflect on that. Moving forward we must have the faith and trust and belief that our 'wonder' will not only make us knowledgeable, it will also be an important part of believing we will attain our goals.

As I step down, you will be introduced to a new president early in 2018. Who that will be remains to be seen, but I would ask that you provide the support this person will need, as well as support for the entire board. We also will have six new board members (out of 13); clearly new ideas will emerge. It has been an honor serving as your President this past year as we continued to transition from some stormy times. I will also be stepping down from the board, a difficult but necessary decision. Rabbi Amy and Grace have been supportive of our growth and are always open to new ideas, recognizing the importance of maintaining and respecting our past, our traditions, and those things we hold so dearly in our hearts. Our members are our greatest assets. Your feedback, input, and service are so important.

Again, I thank you! G'mar chatimah tovah!

~ John Blatt

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from poverty, the passion for reclaiming Judaism was not diminished by the need for G'mach (gemilut chasadim/acts of lovingkindness.) In fact, the caring for each other was nourished by and nourishing toward engagement in Yiddishkeit.

We who are blessed to be living with relative abundance and plentiful opportunities for vibrant and meaningful Jewish experiences can sometimes worry about the Jewish community's future. But the anxiety that Wiesel encountered, predicting declining Jewish life, was disproven—just as it has been during so many unsettling times in our long history.

If we wonder about our Jewish community's future, this fall season was a reminder, as it was for Wiesel, that the gladness and joy of Jewish life continually beckons us. As the prophet Joel said, "The old shall dream dreams and the youth shall see visions." We are witnessing this, and there is much reason to rejoice!

~ Rabbi Amy Small

## FROM THE TREASURER



Shalom chaverim (members/ friends),

The Finance Committee has been hard at work generating policy statements for our Endowment Fund. We want clear, written instructions to our investment advisors as to how to invest the funds, instead of ad hoc verbal instructions at our quarterly

review meetings, and we want clear, written guidelines for how to "harvest" (it's fall, get it?) the income from the Endowment. We also want a clear directive that we should not borrow from the Endowment, except under very stringent circumstances, and whatever we borrow is to be paid back with interest in a reasonably short time. The board will respond to the Finance Committee's proposal and may not accept all its recommendations, but hey — that's what Finance Committees are for!

The financial performance of the synagogue has been strong these first three months of the year, as it typically is. Preschool is going well, we paid back our congregant's line of credit, and we still have a generous cushion in the bank account. We have new families in Hebrew School, and our plan for open seating instead of reserved seating for High Holy Days paid off — we surpassed our goal for the seating budget, and received comments from several members that they were so glad we were changing the seating method that they were going to pay additional for others to be seated. That was very generous, and we greatly appreciate it.

We are also negotiating with Fern Hill for the sale of some additional land to them, to accommodate an expansion in their facility. This will be a small, positive bump to one of our funds (yet to be determined).

I had a wonderful time over High Holidays seeing and getting to catch up with so many of you, and I was very grateful to be awarded the N'eilah honor, and for John Blatt's kind words during his speech at the Kol Nidre service.

We greatly appreciate 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 anyone who may 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

## G'MACH COMMITTEE

The G'mach (short for *Gemilut Chasadim* or Acts of Lovingkindness) Committee of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue supports its members to the extent that resources allow who may need assistance with:

- Meals provided for short-term needs and made available in the G'mach freezer
- Visits for seniors in residential housing or home, chronically ill, or hospitalized
- Rides to appointments with doctors or for other health-related needs

These acts of lovingkindness are a mitzvah, a commandment, especially visiting the sick, *Bikkur Cholim*. OZ wants to hear from you if you have a need or know someone who has a need. Please contact Rabbi Amy, Cantor Kochava, or Roz Grossman (rozvt@burlingtontelecom.net).

*G'mach* cards are in the lobby with more detailed information

~ Roz Grossman



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



While it's still fresh, I would like to reflect on our High Holy Days, which felt like a testament to our diverse, lively, ever-growing community. It was deeply nourishing to see so many of you here together singing, praying, reflecting on the year, and sharing joy and hope for the year to come. We had about 450 people

here for the *chaggim*. Thank you for being a part of this rich community.

I also wanted to share some insight about how our new seating processes went. We were experimenting with something new this year by shifting to unreserved seating—and it worked! We have received extensive feedback from members who said they felt welcomed and appreciative of this model. Those members who felt connection to their seats were able to sit in those same places and connect to their tradition, while others were able to choose where they would like to be. Thank you all for thinking this through with us and helping to ensure a smooth transition.

I also wanted to share some financial information about the changed seating price mode. Happily, we made the money that we needed to for our budget, and even generated a bit extra with the shift to a sliding scale financial model. We strengthened our revenue with increased savings by renting fewer chairs, removing the back section and reducing a few other costs. You all gave very generously, remained open-minded, and offered helpful ideas to ensure the easiest transition to our new system, for which we are deeply grateful.

While we were experimenting with new systems, we were also refining and improving existing ones. Our incredible team of educators offered family services every day of the *chaggim*, ranging from little toddlers singing, dancing, and pretending to blow the shofar to teenagers exploring the woods quietly on Yom Kippur and doing sit-spot meditations. We had 50 children and parents in the Sameulson-Saiger Sanctuary on the first day of Rosh Hashanah to celebrate, in addition to everyone in the main Sanctuary. Our family community is growing steadily, and It's wonderful to experience services happening for every stage of life, creating a culture of inclusion and diversity.

Another improvement of our systems was the addition

of an inclusion section at the front of the main Sanctuary, so that people who needed to be closer to hear, see, or be more physically comfortable for the service were able to have those needs honored and met. We will certainly carry this important practice forward.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who came together to make the High Holy Days possible. Core volunteers gave weeks of work to plan services, write speeches, coordinate honors, hammer out details for ushers, plan Rosh Hashanah by the Lake, and more. We could not have pulled off such a fantastic High Holy Days experience without you all showing up however you showed up to weave the tapestry of this community on our most Holy Days.

Thank you.

~ Grace Oedel

# OHAVI ZEDEK WINS SOLOMON SCHECHTER AWARD

The United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism (USCJ) announced the winners of its 2017 Solomon Schechter Awards, designed to recognize congregations for innovative initiatives that transform the dynamic experience of Conservative Judaism.

More than 185 programs were submitted for consideration. OZ's "Welcoming the Stranger" initiative was one of the 12 winning programs chosen by an international committee. The program was cited as an examplar of the Schechter goal in the Prophetic Voice-Tikkun Olam (Repair of the World) category.

Welcoming the Stranger is a combination of the Shalom Shuk's voucher "barn dollars" for new Americans, free use of space for ESL classes daily through Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, our Interfaith Seder and the Children of Abraham program.

In recognition of this honor, Rabbi Amy and Grace will present the OZ initiative during a workshop session at the 2017 USCJ Convention from December 1 - 5 in Atlanta, Georgia. This panel presentation will provide a forum for our congregation to share our initiative and to enable other congregations to model similar programs.

Rabbi Amy and Grace will also be recognized at a special reception for the 2017 Schechter Award winners.



## PROFILE: LOUISE KLEIN HODIN



It's hard to imagine how a new congregant – especially one who spends three months every year in Florida – can make a significant difference in the culture of a congregation. But Louise Klein Hodin has done just that. A full-time resident of Vermont only since 2013, Louise came to OZ with a legacy from her former shul in northern Virginia that she

was determined to perpetuate: a Kiddush luncheon after Shabbat services. At OZ, nearly every Shabbat service ended with a few minutes of wine-and-challah around a table in the social hall. "I suggested to Rabbi Amy (then recently arrived herself) that congregants could be asked to sponsor a sit-down Kiddush in recognition of significant events, such as special birthdays and anniversaries," Louise recalls. "It's so nice to be able to sit, socialize and share a meal when the service ends."

She got the rabbi's immediate and enthusiastic support. The OZ Kiddush Committee was established with Judy Danzig as chair and Louise as co-chair, and a volunteer kitchen team assembled. Then Louise suggested that one Shabbat a month be designated to honor the birthdays of congregants during that month by inviting them to the *bimah* for an *aliyah* and encouraging them to make a contribution to the Kiddush Fund. Louise has taken it upon herself to contact everyone celebrating a birthday in any given month via email and/or telephone – even from Florida during January, February and March.

Jewish rituals are important to Louise, now 78, though she was not exposed to many of them early in life. Born to a salesman and a bookkeeper from Brooklyn, she and her sister Anne, 14 months younger, were raised in the Bronx, bordering Riverdale. "It was an upscale community," she says, and though she started Hebrew School in the Reform temple that the family joined, she never graduated or was confirmed. "I considered myself a Jew in name only."

Louise attended Walton High School in the Bronx, a very strict all-girls school with 4,000 students, Anne was a student at the Bronx High School of Science, and both went on to Cornell University. Louise majored in history and joined a sorority, Sigma Delta Tau, where she served as social chair vice president. "I really enjoyed it," she says. "The skills I developed became the basis for what

was to come." She met her best friend Linda there, and a group of sorority sisters still meet every summer.

Though she acknowledges that the goal of many college girls in those days was to meet marriageable men, she asserts that Cornell was rigorously academic, and getting a good education was the primary focus. Nevertheless, both she and Anne met their husbands there as pre-med undergraduates. Louise married Earl Hodin in 1961, one year after graduating. While he earned his medical degree at the NYU School of Medicine she worked as a history teacher.

"Earl's father was a religious Jew from Scranton, PA," Louise says. "He took me to a beautiful *Selichot* service and introduced me to Judaism." Though Earl has remained a secular Jew throughout his life, Louise began attending services, lighting candles and serving Shabbat dinners. Their son Stephen was born in Rochester, NY in 1967 while Earl was a resident, and Louise was pregnant with Jason, their second son, when Earl finished his surgical training two years later and moved the family to a US military base in Tachikawa, Japan. "It was a large air force base," Louise says, "not far by train from Tokyo." They lived there for three years.

Working part-time, she taught English to Japanese at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and American cooking in a large department store. She signed up for a course in flower arranging, which she found 'spiritual and relaxing.' Further, she enrolled in an extension program on the base through the University of Maryland and in 2 ½ years earned a Master's degree in counseling.

Upon their return to New York, Stephen and Jason attended a Montessori school for two years. When Earl went into private practice in northern Virginia in the early '70s, the family moved to McLean, a town bordering on Arlington. While continuing their Montessori education, the boys also went to Junior Congregation at Olam Tikvah, the Conservative synagogue the family joined in Fairfax, about a half-hour from their home, and Louise began to attend Saturday morning services.

It was in 1987 that she believes she really became a Jew. "My father died and I said Kaddish every day for 11 months at a Conservative synagogue in Arlington. The experience was moving and significant." At the same time, she stepped up her volunteer commitments at Olam Tikvah through their Sisterhood, initially by selling *kippot* to bar/bat mitzvah families, then becoming education

vice president, then president. "I loved the job," she says. She reorganized the group, built the board and created programming.

"In the early '90s, instead of hiring outside caterers, we started catering Kiddush luncheons after Shabbat services and for b'nai mitzvah and other celebrations. Ten women formed 'Simcha Catering' and set up a system requiring b'nai mitzvah families to come in and help, and to work on four other occasions to help other families with their celebrations." Sisterhood membership grew from 220 to 400 during Louise's time there, and the catering program grew with it. Before she moved to Vermont in 2013 her Simcha group was handling 20-30 events a year and turned over \$100,000 to help finance the addition the synagogue was planning. Four of the founding members, still active, spend a week with their dear friend every summer. Little wonder that Louise was eager to start a Kiddush program at OZ! "I wanted to get involved, and I found my niche," she says.

Thirteen years ago the Hodins bought a vacation home in North Hero. Spacious and beautiful, it sits on the shore of Lake Champlain, and the family enjoyed over a decade of wonderful summer months there. In 2013, after 52 years of marriage, Louise and Earl divorced, and she left Virginia to make Vermont her year-round residence. For nine months, from April through December, she is in North Hero with her aging Norfolk terrier mix, Trapper. Though her son Jason is on the West Coast, the move brought her closer to Stephen and his family, residents of Jamaica Plain in Massachusetts.

Stephen, who just turned 50, is a professor of writing and American studies at Boston University. Having attended Cornell and George Washington Universities, he holds a Master's in English from UVM and a PhD from BU. His wife Renee is a lawyer with the medical advocacy group Community Catalyst, and they are the parents of two children, Peninah, 17, a senior at Boston Latin High School and Saul, 14, an eighth grade student at Brimmer and May, a private school in Chestnut Hill. Peninah and Saul are summer campers at Hochelaga and Abenaki, just a stone's throw from their grandmother's home on West Shore Road.

Jason, 48, lives in Seattle with his wife Beatriz, a native of Paraguay who works as an interpreter. Having earned his undergraduate degree from Wesleyan and PhD from the University of Washington in evolutionary development, Jason works for Stanford University in a program for middle school and high school science

teachers. Their focus at present is on the carbon footprint. He is also on staff at the University of Washington and does research at the school's Friday Harbor Laboratories, a world-renowned center for marine biology and oceanography research.

Clearly, the family places a high value on education. While in Virginia, Louise herself earned a PhD from American University. Her research centered on Jewish Day Schools in America.

Though she bemoans the fact that she no longer has the energy she once had, others still marvel at Louise's lifestyle. She makes the 45-minute drive every morning to the Y in Burlington for classes in yoga, senior aerobics, water aerobics or weight training. Her yoga class begins at 7:45 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; on Shabbat she continues up the hill to OZ for services.

Jane Michaud, a former yoga instructor at the Y, says of Louise, "She's a fantastic example and a tribute to her generation – strong, disciplined and connected to her body, both physically and spiritually." Her silver hair, worn pageboy-style, makes her stand out in any crowd. "She has a great figure and is always well dressed," Jane adds, "while many of us – some much younger – are hunting for clothes with elastic waistbands!"

Jane also admires Louise's social skills. "She loves to entertain, and her parties have a 'Paris salon' atmosphere because she invites interesting people from all walks of life." Shabbat dinners, ladies' luncheons and a large community dinner gathering of her neighbors from South Hero, Grand Isle and North Hero are staples of her social agenda every summer. And, of course, her home is always open to friends and family who come for a meal or an extended stay.

Toward the end of December Louise will pack up, with Trapper in tow, and drive to Coconut Creek on the east coast of Florida, where she'll spend the next three months at her sister Anne's condo. "The Islands are deserted during the winter," she says. "It's too cold and desolate to live there." But she'll be looking forward to her return to Vermont in April. "I'm at home in North Hero and at Ohavi Zedek," she says. "I've made wonderful friends here."

If you have a birthday on the horizon, expect a call! Please pick up when you see a 703 (northern Virginia) area code. Louise Hodin will be on the line, inviting you to help sponsor a Kiddush at OZ.

~ Judy Hershberg

## HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



Hard to think that by the time you read this November will be here—as I'm writing it's 75 degrees and sunny. But arrive it will and along with it comes our 'settling in' time at OZHS. The High Holidays have passed, all our 'firsts' have occurred and our community of teachers, students and parents is coming together.

We've already done so much at OZHS in the first two months — opening day with Bagel Brunch, Kitah Zayin Shabbaton, class mini-retreats, school Sukkot celebration, Simchat Torah and consecration and, of course, our all-school Desert Tent Jamboree!

It is so wonderful to see our school grow! Twelve new students from seven new families, plus returning students from years past. Because of our larger enrollment, we recently added another Hebrew level to meet everyone's language needs. Our classrooms are full of kids and teachers learning together!

We are putting our building and resources to good use! With the addition of the Full Circle Preschool at OZ and the establishment of the NADAV Teen Internship program, it really feels like we have created opportunities for Jewish learning for kids from birth to college. How nice to be able to offer such a wide spectrum of engagement! During the week it is such a pleasure to pop my head into the preschool classrooms, say hi to the kids and visit with them to read a book, do an art project or teach them about a new holiday. Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons are full of activity with OZHS in session – Hebrew language, SUPER Electives including Jewish Storytelling, Jewish Arts

and Crafts, Sing It Loud – Jewish Music and Chorus and U Do That 2?! (a study of other faiths), Junior Congregation, Torah Time and more. On any given day, NADAV Interns are working in the Shalom Shuk, cooking in the kitchen, taking photographs, helping in the preschool, assisting with music and building projects to support our synagogue community.

OZ is a hopping place!

Coming up:

November 3—First Friday Night Class Shabbat. In addition to our Kitah Vav students leading some of the prayers, singing and sharing an original poem, we will have a guest musical group, Bashert, accompanying us. Our service will start at 5:30, as will Tot Shabbat with a vegetarian potluck dinner for all afterwards. Please plan on attending!

**December 10—Our Grand OZ Chanukah Party**—great food, entertainment, games and more for everyone. Magic this year, too!

Finally, OZHS is taking on a home-grown fundraiser from now until the Chanukah party. With original artwork from OZHS students and Full Circle Preschool young 'uns, we will be creating greeting/holiday cards for the synagogue community to purchase. Please help support our school by buying a few 10 packs. Look for purchasing information on the OZ website. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

May you find light as the darker days approach.

~ Naomi Barell

# Greeting and Holiday Cards For Sale



Original student artwork by OZHS and Full Circle Preschool

Customized 10-pack for \$18

Orders due by November 19

Check out OZ website or email

naomi@ohavizedek.org for ordering information





# FUN IN THE SUKKAH AND TENT JAMBOREE



## INTERFAITH/SOCIAL ACTION



## First Night of Chanukah Climate Change Event

On **December 12 at 6:00 pm**, OZ will host a VIA event that will combine the first day's lighting of candles with an action to motivate people to become part of Vermont's effort to fight climate change. Rabbi Amy and possibly some of her peers

in the religious community will speak of how our religious traditions call on us to protect the environment.

We are still in the early stages of planning this event, but the goals of the action will be to inform people about the bipartisan Vermont decision to join the United States Climate Alliance, led by California, New York, and Washington State, which plans to use state, city, and business initiatives to help the US meet the Paris Climate Accord goals made in 2015. This alliance was formed in response to President Trump's decision to remove the US from the agreement.

Last June, Governor Scott and Mayor Weinberger, along with many other mayors, business and NGO leaders announced that they would have a summit in November where the state, municipalities, businesses, and NGOs

could set goals that will then be tracked. That summit will take place on November 8 at Champlain College. The tool developed to record goals also can track goals and actions by individuals, where people can use a checklist that includes many things people can do.

While our event is not yet planned, we have been speaking of several things we would like to do:

- Inform people about Vermont's effort and provide an update based on the November 8th summit
- Demonstrate what the synagogue itself, and maybe our religious institutions, have done or are already committed to doing
- Explain what individuals can do and provide the information on the state's tool

We will be working with VIA to identify how we can best motivate people to make and keep commitments.

As serious as all this is, the event will also feature the lighting of the candles and some light refreshments. Please join us for what we hope will be a positive, uplifting event where we will affirm that we have the power to make a difference in one of the most important challenges we face.

~ Eric and Karen Corbman

## MAZON/ A Jewish Response to Hunger

Join the food fight! Congressional budget proposals are threatening \$150 billion in cuts to food assistance over ten years, cuts that will be devastating to American families already struggling to put food on the table, cuts that charities just can't fill.

MAZON is looking for 100 motivated people to each launch a campaign to raise \$1,642 -- the amount the average food stamp participant receives annually. We will be with you every step of the way, to provide resources and support to make your campaign compelling and successful. Together we can make a difference in the lives of people across the country.

We'd love to have you on the team!



~ Naama Haviv Director of Development & Community Relations, MAZON

## FULL CIRCLE PRESCHOOL

OZ Full Circle Preschool has become an integral part of the Ohavi Zedek community. The children, families, and early educators continue to collaborate to strengthen and grow this Jewish learning community for our synagogue's youngest members. Our school hours are 7:45 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday, and we enroll children from two months to five years of age.

Every Tuesday morning the children join Kochava, OZ's cantorial intern, in song and dance. Kochava teaches them about Jewish holidays and values through music and movement.

On Wednesday afternoons, they join Naomi for arts and crafts, where the children examine Jewish traditions through a creative lens. Last month they began to learn about the Jewish alphabet and the Torah. Using large scale canvas, the children and Naomi took turns rolling into human torahs!

Each Friday morning, the school joins together for an early Shabbat celebration in the Social Hall with challah, grape juice, and a snack provided by parents. Families are welcome to join the celebration each week. Kochava plays guitar and sings Shabbat songs as the children sing and play along with their own instruments. After music with Kochava, a blessing is said over the challah and grape juice before the children share a morning Shabbat snack. Rabbi Amy, Naomi, and Grace have all been a part of our Shabbat

celebrations. Through this weekly experience, we instill tradition and bring the young community together to share the joy of Shabbat. All are welcome to join us each Friday morning at 10:00 for our preschool Shabbat celebration.

In the coming months, we hope to work with Grace and Naomi on making challah with the children to shape and braid each Friday morning. At the end of the school day, the children will be able to bring their challah home to share at their own family Shabbat dinners.

Rosh Hashanah was the first holiday that they celebrated as a preschool community. The children prepared for Rosh Hashanah by reading stories about the holiday, engaging in dramatic play with our wooden Rosh Hashanah play set, learning songs about the holiday with Kochava, picking and tasting apples from the OZ apple tree, making apple prints with Naomi, listening to the shofar, and enjoying a Rosh Hashanah themed Shabbat celebration with apples and honey to welcome a sweet new year.

At OZ Full Circle Preschool, we wish for each child to make a deeper connection to the OZ community. Through these partnerships, our goal is to strengthen relationships and establish an environment of inclusion and acceptance. We strive to educate the children on the many happenings within the OZ building so that they may recognize and cherish that they are a part of something much larger.

~ Erika Geremia



Erika Geremia Preschool Director and Toddler Teacher



Racheal Ouellette Mixed Ages Preschool Teacher



Caley Gervais Infant Teacher

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **New Members**

- David & Lila Gottlieb
- Georgia Powell
- · Emily Digiulio
- Carolyn Shaw
- Mike & Rebecca Abbott
- Ben & Rebecca Traverse
- Jennifer & Bradely Patnaude

## **Condolences**

- To Allan and Elsie Paul and their family on the death of Allan's sister, Betty Paul Rothkopf
- To David and Judy Hershberg and their family on the death of David's brother, Bernard "Bucky" Hershberg
- To Lou Garbo and family on the death of their wife and mother, Dorothy Garbo

## **Mazel Tov**

 To Eric and Karen Corbman on the marriage of their daughter Marjorie to Meg Linehan

## **OZ Gift Shop News**



OZ's Chanukah Gift Shop Display in the lounge opens on Friday, December 8

\* Candles \* Menorahs \* Gelt \* Dreidels \* Books\*
 \* Games \* Cards \* Toys \* Novelties \* Gifts \*
 \*Jewelry \* Wrapping Paper \* Decorations \*

Everything you need to make the holiday lights shine even brighter

Come visit us!

## LUNCH & LEARN

Our 2017/18 season opened on **October 19** as a large, lively crowd greeted Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger. The Mayor discussed the city's newest projects and initiatives and responded to interesting questions and comments following his talk.

Please join us on **November 16** as we welcome Ashraf Alamatouri, Coordinator of English Language Learning for the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, whose talk is entitled *The Importance of Learning English for the Integration and Self-Sufficiency of Refugees in their New Home in America*.



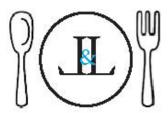
**December 21**—*Cuba: Its People, Colors, Sights & Sounds.* Naomi Barell, OZ Hebrew School Principal and photographer *extraordinaire*, shares her experiences and some of the 2,000 photos she took during her 8-day visit to Cuba in April.



Lunch & Learn is a series of talks on eclectic, relevant topics and a delicious luncheon on the third Thursday of the month. The program is free and open to the community; donations are appreciated to help defray expenses (\$6.00 suggested)

Dates of upcoming programs: Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17

Schedules are available at the synagogue.





## Adult Education

Email tari@ohavizedek.org to sign up for classes below.

Be sure to check your calendars for **important scheduling updates**, especially to Rabbi Amy's **Engaging Israel** classes **Sundays 1:00 – 3:00 pm starting October 29**. Check specific dates for that and other classes below.

You won't want to miss these wonderful opportunities to learn at OZ this fall and winter, including:

## Foundational and other Jewish learning:

**Weekly Torah Study** with **Rabbi Amy**: Come explore with depth and creativity what the sages have taught us about the weekly Torah portion and how those insights can offer guideposts and lessons for life. No experience is necessary. Join us for reading and reflection. **Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm** 

Hebrew Prayers: Learning Recitation, Exploring Meaning, and Deepening Spiritual Understanding, a 5-part series with Cantorial Intern, Kochava Krieger: Would you like to learn the Hebrew words and melodies of well-known Jewish prayers, explore their meaning, and come away with a deeper spiritual understanding of how these prayers apply to our lives? The goal of the class is for people to feel comfortable reciting the prayers and also to learn their meaning. Some prayers we will study: Shema/V'ahavta, the Amidah, the Kaddish, excerpts from the Torah Service, and Kabbalat Shabbat prayers. Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:00 pm Oct 24, November 7, 14, 28, December 5

**Bima Choreography with Kochava Krieger**: Have you ever felt shy or awkward about approaching the bima? This is a chance to learn proper bima choreography and explore why these customs exist. Some choreography examples include: How to do an Aliyah, how to lift and dress the Torah, when to bow, and when to open and close the ark. The goal of the class is for people to feel comfortable when they attend services and be motivated to participate. **Monday, October 30, 7:30 – 9:00 pm** 

Explore and Create an Ethical Will or Legacy Letter, a 2-part series with Rabbi Amy, Kochava Krieger and Roz Grossman: An ethical will, or legacy letter, is a way to share your beliefs, values, and life lessons with your family, friends, and community. It is not a legal document. In this 2-part workshop, participants will explore and write their own Ethical Will/Legacy Letter that can be shared with loved ones now or in the future. Sundays 12:00-2:00 pm, November 12 and 19.

**Parenting, a 2-part series** with **Rabbi Amy**: based on The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Traditions to Raise Self-Reliant Children, with Rabbi Amy. **Wednesdays, 7:30 – 8:30 pm, November 8 and 15** 

# Learning within our congregational theme of interfaith and intercultural collaborations and understanding:

Engaging Israel, Israel's Milestones and their meanings: The legacy of the Past and the Challenge of the Future, a 12-part series with Rabbi Amy: Memory is a central element in defining modern Jewish identity. As we look to Israel's future, we need to engage anew with our past and explore its meaning and consequences. Through consideration of major historic moments, this series grapples with the different ideas and values that shape the meaning of modern Israel, Zionism and Jewish identity today. Each session will include a topic introduction by Rabbi Amy, chavruta-style partnered discussion and a 20-25-minute video lecture by a scholar. There will be an option to stay for an additional 20-minute video. Download the sourcebook or order from OZ for \$20. Sundays 1:00 – 3:00 pm October 29, November 5, December 10 and 17, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25

Healing Practices through Art, a multi-cultural perspective, a 3-part series with Linda Finkelstein: Making art has the potential to incorporate spiritual energy. Different cultures have approached creating to bring about healing, good

fortune and sustenance. We will discover Native American traditions as well as Buddhist, Hindu, Hebraic, and Muslim. Mandala, Sand Painting and Hamsa forms. **Sundays 2:00- 3:30 pm, October 22, November 12 and November 19.** 

Lodestone: Empire, Jihad and Crusade in the making of the Middle East, a 7-part series with Bob Mayer: The social, political, and cultural environment of the modern Middle East rests on a long history of encounters between diverse groups, forces, and ideas. Two of the most important yet least understood ideas that have engaged the imagination of people for centuries are jihad and crusade. This seven-week class looks at the overall history of outside intervention, resistance to invasion, and internal conflict in the regions of Palestine, the Levant, and Arabia, with the intent of clarifying and reaching a better understanding of how centuries of internal and external struggle have shaped today's Middle East. Mondays 5:45-6:45 pm, October 2 – November 13.

Join in!

## YOGA AT OHAVI ZEDEK

# TORAH YOGA...FIRST SHABBAT OF EVERY MONTH

in parallel with the Torah Service! 10:30-11:30 am Adam Bluestein will teach yoga,

accompanied by Esther Rosen on guitar.

Next class Saturday November 4, Classroom

1 or 2 Sliding scale, suggested donations







## YOGA WEDNESDAYS

We are excited to launch a new partnership with the Iyengar Yoga studio, run by new OZ member and Full Circle preschool parent, Rebecca Weisman.

At the suggestion of the Hebrew School Committee, we are offering yoga right here during Hebrew School & Preschool hours, so that parents -- and any other interested community members-- can exercise, build community, and enjoy some time together.

If this is something that interests you, please join Chaya Thanhauser for an Introduction to Iyengar Yoga series at OZ!

We need to have enough folks sign up to make this happen, so for more info or to register, write Grace soon at grace@ohavizedek.org.

Logistics: \$96 for the full series or \$15 for a drop-in class. 4:15-5:15 pm in small sanctuary.

November 1, 8, 15, 29, December 6, 13, 20

## Please bring your yoga mat.

**HADASSAH** 



Seeking interested members to join our Board. Please contact Linda 802-644-6650 or snobunny@pshift.com and help us continue the amazing work of Hadassah!

Plan on supporting Hadassah and giving meaningful gifts for Chanukah - plant a tree, buy a water certificate, give some "bling" and watch how happy your recipients are!

JOIN OUR LEGACY SOCIETY - purchase a perpetual Yahrzeit at the Abell Synagogue at Ein Kerem and Kaddish will be said every year for you. Or make a gift of a Perpetual Yahrzeit for someone you love. Make a legacy donation in your will. Have questions? Contact Linda 802-644-6650 or snobunny@pshift.com

## **CALCUTTA**

What's a Calcutta, you ask?

Calcutta: A city in India!

'Oh! Calcutta!': a 1970s Broadway play with lots of nudity!

And at OZ it's a fabulous fundraiser and game of chance with the opportunity to win a grand

prize of \$1,000!

On the evening of Saturday, October 21, seventy community members attended the OZ Calcutta. Each ticket included a delicious Italian dinner for two, along with wine, jokes, and good

times.

Many thanks to
Jeff Potash, who
prepared the
tasty dinner; Ducky Donath,

who made the desserts; Grace Oedel and Sharon Panitch, our terrific emcees; Suzanne Brown and Vivien Rabin Brown, who helped organize the event and donated consolation prizes; Tari, Raul and Gary, who made it all run smoothly; and Jacob

Rubman, NADAV Photography Intern, and his mentor, David M. Brown. Many additional heartfelt thank to our sponsors, the Kelliher-Samets family, the Goldstein family, and Shelburne Vineyards.

Thanks to all of you who make nights like this possible!

Everyone enjoyed the evening of good food and fun with friends. Cheryl Goldstein and Amy

Lighthill split the \$1,000 prize-- and OZ netted more than \$4,000!

Thanks to all who participated!



Calcutta Photos by Jacob Rubman



# MUSICAL GUESTS AT OHAVI ZEDEK Friday, November 3 5:30 pm

BASHERT, a musical group from
Congregation Beth Israel, a Conservative Congregation in Massachusetts,
will lead us in Kabbalat Shabbat.
Potluck dinner to follow.

# Saturday, November 4 6:30 pm Havdallah. 7:00 pm Concert

Bashert performance will focus on music of American Jewish composers and performers, Israeli tunes, klezmer and Yiddish tunes.



Bashert's melodies originate from various sources, such as synagogue and spiritual music, Jewish musical groups from this country and Israel, and even Bashert itself.



service needs at any time. Please call us and we will contact the Jewish Sacred Society. If an emergency arises when you are out of state, for the fastest most efficient service, call us first.

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## **Mayer Boyarsky Endowment**

*In Honor of* Eleyna Bayer's Bat Mitzvah by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bayer

## **Cemetery Perpetual Care**

In Honor of Shimmy Cohen by George & Miriam Saiger

### Chevra Kadisha

*In Loving Memory of* Harold Meyer Levin by H. Michael & Cheryl Goldstein

## Sam & Ida Epstein Fund

*In Loving Memory of* Samuel Robert Epstein by Ms. Judy Chance

## **Mark Evnin Endowment**

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

*In Memory of* Daniel Pomerantz by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

## **David S. Faigel Endowment**

*In Loving Memory of* David Faigel by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bayer

*In Memory of* David Sperber Faigel by Howard Faigel & Margaret Leshen

## **Edith & Pearley Feen Endowment**

*In Loving Memory of* Lena Yett Colodny by Edwin & Nancy Colodny

#### **Food Fair**

Dr. Steven & Mrs. Raquel Sobel, Rose Pels, Nancy & Gerald Pecor

## **Morris & Marion Garbo Endowment**

*In Loving Memory of* Sarah Ida Bayarsky and Labe Bayarsky by Howard Drobner & Maxine Garbo

## **General Fund**

Jeffrey & Sheila Hollender
In Gratitude for the Wednesday morning group by
Mr. & Mrs. Bingham
In Honor of Kochava Krieger by Linda Charkin
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Anne and Sidney Rabin by David Brown & Vivien Rabin Brown

Charles Levin by Dayle Levin-Feingold
Irene Gewirtz Cohen by Dr. Maxine & Arnold Cohen
Steven Bruce Candiotti, Abe Canditotti and Sylvia
Friedman by Ira & Jackie Candiotti
Phyllis Priest by Jeff Priest & Nazly Guzman
Murray Tulis by Jeff Salisbury & Dr. Michele Tulis
Arthur Datnoff by Julia Kamoroff
Jack Press by Lawrence Press
Karoline Bacharach Steinberg and Jean Steinberg by Paul

& Eileen Growald

Robert Farhi and Leah Farhi by Rosalie Brill Harry Goldberg by Sidney & Ruth Poger In Memory of

Joseph Wildholz, Rebecca Wildholz, Alexander Sohn, Paula Sohn, Dr. Siegmund Wildholz and Dr. Eugene Wildholz by Alexander & Barbara Wilde Dorothy Stein by Debby Stein Sharpe Benjamin Ricardo by Yitzak & Patricia Bezalel

## **Hyman & Yetta Harris Endowment**

In Loving Memory of Hyman Harris by Rosalie Harris

## **Hebrew School Donation**

*In Memory of* Sylvia Winner Grodzinsky and Edith Winner by Jean Mawiscalco

## **Hebrew School Scholarship Fund**

David & Jacklyn Maynard, Edward & Bernice Bayer, Jordan Maynard, Linda Kopper, Marvin & Betty Libson, Michael & Leah Rosenthal, Mike Strauss & Rebecca Sherlock, Miriam Mayer, Ph.D.. Nathaniel Lew & Jason Lorber, Rose Pels, Sam Press

## **Edwin & Barbara Hershberg Endowment**

*In Loving Memory of* Edwin Merrill Hershberg by Louis Hershberg

#### **Kiddush Fund**

Alexander & Barbara Wilde, Annie Brown, Barbara Brody & Martha Abbott, Bill Miller, Carolyn Shaw, Daniel & Deborah Waterman, Daniel Seeley & Adele Wolfson, David & Jacklyn Maynard, David & Judith Hershberg, David Borsykowsky & Sarah Klionsky, Dr. Mark Stoler & Ms. Diane Gabriel, Eric & Karen Corbman, Gary Visco & Judy Danzig, Harvey Klein & Debra Cohen Klein, Joe & Cathy Frank, Jordan Maynard, Joshua Bratt, Judith Chalmer, Julian & Joy Jaffe, Karen Solomon, Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz, Linda Kopper Mandell and Joan Chernoff, Marvin & Betty Libson, Marvin Glickstein, Ph.D & Barbara Rippa, Matthew & Peggy Price, Mike Strauss & Rebecca Sherlock, Miriam Mayer, Ph.D., John Vezina Jr. & Lynne Vezina, Natalie Thanassi, Nathaniel Lew & Jason Lorber, Robbie Pfeufer Kahn, Roz Grossman & Diana Carminati, Scott & Deb Lowe, Seth & Myra Barovick, Stanley Greenberg & Kay Stambler, Steven Ades & Wendy Libby, Wayne Senville & Lila Shapero, William Grass

In Appreciation of the baby naming of Henry Benjamin Brooks by Bert Hoffman & Lillian Golovin In Honor of Miriam Granat's 70th Birthday by Gary Visco & Judith Danzig

In Memory of Haskell Rubman by Jeff & Carol Rubman

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## Kitah Zayin Class Fund

Todd McGowan & Hilary Neroni

## Mary Ann Pels Memorial Kitchen Fund

Gerald & Mary Jean Klempner

In Loving Memory of Abraham Krieger by Arnold Krieger

### **Mural Fund**

Henry Isaacs, Judith Manelis, Marian & Ralph Schwartz, Robert & Sue Reisberg, Sandra Dalton, Stephen Jay & Lisa Schiffman

In Honor of

Miriam Granat by Faye Plum

the birth of Cayden Berch by Gary & Miriam Sturgis Miriam Granat's 70th birthday by Leslie Wolf

The members of Ohavi Zedek for being so welcoming by Victoria & Elliot Brown

In Loving Memory of

Rita Abbot by Merrill & Irene Epstein

Abraham & Arthur Datnoff by Joseph Dalton

In Memory of

Gertrude M. Cohen & Harry S. Cohen by Harvey Klein & Debra Cohen Klein

Betty Paul Rothkoff and Samuel R. Epstein by Merrill & Irene Epstein

## **Reverend Nadelson Endowment**

In Loving Memory of Moses Kitayewitz by Annette Lazarus

## **Simon & Esther Perlmutter Endowment**

*In Loving Memory of* Esther Moskovitz Perlmutter by Dr. Lawrence & Ms. Wendy Perlmutter

## **Prayerbook & Chumash Fund**

Michael & Stella Bukanc

## **Preschool Donation**

In Memory of Nathan Pasman by Shirley Pyrtle

## **Rabbi Wall Endowment**

In Memory of David Pearl by Jane Pearl

## **Rabbinic Scholar in Residence**

In Loving Memory of Bernice Brody by Basha Brody & Martha Abbott

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Joanna May & Dan Weinstein

*In Appreciation For* an Aliyah and warm welcome on Shabbat by Carole Rocklin

In Appreciation of Rabbi Amy by Sasha Gillin

In Honor of Gary Harmatz by Leo Kline & Zelda Alpern

*In Loving Memory of* 

Anna Bramson by Bert Hoffman & Lillian Golovin Ian Samuel Kaminsky by Dr. David Kaminsky & Margaret Handler

Manuel Levinsky, Leah Berger Wohl and Andrei Wohl by

Drs. Peter Wohl & Mina Levinsky-Wohl

Allan Klein by Jeffrey Klein & Judy Tam

Salo Engel by Michael & Dana Engel

Schmuel Kudishevich by Michael & Raisa Roemischer Harlene Horn & Warren Horn, Louis Rugoff & Celia Rugoff

by Jeffrey Horn

Irwin A Agel & Sarah F. Agel by Robert & Carolyn Agel Harry Greenfield by Steven & Patricia Greenfield In Memory of

Gail Stoler by Dr. Mark Stoler & Diane Gabriel Henry Golovin by Bertram Hoffman & Lillian Golovin Betty Rothkoff by Phyllis Smith & Dina Smith Zeese

## **Samuel & Carrie Saiger Fund**

*In Memory of* Samuel Robert and Carrie Samuelson Saiger by George & Miriam Saiger

## Sally Hand Memorial Library Fund

Fran Cronin and Joe & Cathy Frank

In Loving Memory of

Olivia Brown by Annie Brown

Samuel H Rothman, Hyman Rothman, Lena Goldberg Rothman, and William Rothman and Fannie Rothman by Roberta Rothman Rossi

In Memory of Sally Hand by Connie & Alvin Pesachowitz, Jane Pearl, Peter Albin, Rachelle Garcia, Solomon & Joan Gibbon, Sue Gibbons, Susan Valentine

## Myron Samuelson Ne'ilah Fund

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

## **Sydney Samuelson Endowment**

In Loving Memory of Bertha Witt by Beatrice Samuelson

## **Shalom Shuk Fund**

In Loving Memory of Herbert Saul Bloomenthal by Melvin & Amy Bloomenthal

## **Nathan Stoler Endowment**

In Memory of Gail Stoler by Dr. Mark Stoler & Diane Gabriel

## **Talmud Torah**

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

## **Miriam Wall Education Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Josephine H Stein by Debby Stein Sharpe



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

## Wednesday 11/1/2017

Joseph Annas Sydney Barr Minnie E. Bornstein\* Lena Rosenberg Fine\* Anne Kershner Glazer Fannie Goldberg Goldman\* David Jacob Rosalsky\* Harry Rosenthal\* Saul Rubin\* Sylvia Solomon

## Thursday 11/2/2017

**Dorothy Sessler Bock** Benjamin Kropsky\*

## Friday 11/3/2017

Rose Fabricant\* Blanche Fivel Samuel Fruchter Irwin Gliserman Shaneh Hyman Howard (Richie) Lazarus\* Bertha Margulis Ethel Perelman\* Myer Rome\*

## Saturday 11/4/2017

Samuel W. Alpert\* Milton Aronson Joseph Beer\* Ida Saiger Epstein\* Marion Esterman\* Herbert A. Saba

#### Sunday 11/5/2017

Hermann Bacharach\* Harris Brown\* Rose Flax Epstein\* Morris Frank Kershner Tamar Gladstone O'Brien\* Sarah Feen Strathmore Linda Wald\* **Eric Wizowaty** 

## Monday 11/6/2017

Katherine B. Arkin\* Eleanor Zaretsky Bloomenthal Martha Buman Joseph Friedman Samuel Kaplan

## Tuesday 11/7/2017

Freda Baker Freeman\* Anne Gliserman Jennie Goodman Bessie Grodzinsky\* Herman Koplewitz\* Eva Rosenthal Levine\* Don Merit

### Wednesday 11/8/2017

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

## Thursday 11/9/2017

Adolph (Al) Cassler\* Jerome Ginsburg Anna Levin\*

Anita-Jo Peller Freda Smolovitz

## Friday 11/10/2017

Anna S. Block\* Tesse Ganz Lipson Gladys Melnick\* Adelle Prinz Celia Katz Rome Joan Stern\* Rebecca Samuelson Axelrod\* Sarah Nadelson Garbo\* Rose Leavitt Gladstone\* Jennifer Lynn Golden Jack Greenberg\* Esther L. Mverson Sarah (Arkin) Slayton\* Harlan Sturgis Donald Weisman

#### Sunday 11/12/2017

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

## Monday 11/13/2017

Rose Horewitz Baron\* Samuel Charles Brown\* Samuel Grossman\* Max Sobel

## Tuesday 11/14/2017

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

## Wednesday 11/15/2017

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

## Thursday 11/16/2017

Tina Malatsky Diatlove\* Carolyn Miller Harris Shulman Frank William Wool

### Friday 11/17/2017

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

## Saturday 11/18/2017

Dora Statsky Goldberg\* Goldie N Nelson

Louis Pasman\*

Bessie Fine Perelman Abraham Prinz Sara B. Rilev Samuel Cooney Samuelson\* Ronald D. Savin\* David Wool

### Sunday 11/19/2017

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

## Monday 11/20/2017

Eli Greenfield\* Lena Neiburg\* Anna Steirn Moses Trotsky\*

## Tuesday 11/21/2017

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

## Wednesday 11/22/2017

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

### Thursday 11/23/2017

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

## Friday 11/24/2017

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

## Saturday 11/25/2017

Rebecca Warshofsky Colodny\* Meyer Hillel Danzig\* Lee Elioseff Paul Jaffe\* Thelma Isaacson Kaplan William Klein Michael Morris Moses David Perelman

**Harry Rieders** Abe Selkin Lillian Arkin Smith\* Jenny Levine Waterman\*

## Sunday 11/26/2017

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

## Monday 11/27/2017

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

## Tuesday 11/28/2017

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

## Wednesday 11/29/2017

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

## Thursday 11/30/2017

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

## Friday 12/1/2017

Sylvia Bergman **Ruth Fenster** Celia Modlinsky Goldberg\* Mike Grossman Merle Hicken Barbara Glassman Scoggins\* Edan Raphael Wolf **Howard Zerden** 

### Saturday 12/2/2017

Morris Z. Becker\* Ida Mae Drooz Wallace Harold Genser\* Jean Weinstein Greenblott\*

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

Ida Fisher Palais\* Mirrel Shubovitz

Sunday 12/3/2017

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

## Monday 12/4/2017

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

## Tuesday 12/5/2017

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

## Wednesday 12/6/2017

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

## Thursday 12/7/2017

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

## Friday 12/8/2017

Martin Borsykowsky\*
Alexander Z. Bramson\*
Elizabeth Edelstein
Rabbi Morris Friedman\*
Rachel Hannah Levin\*
Esther Dingol Mallach
William Mintzer\*
David Edward Rotman
Rabbi Charles W. Siegel\*
Morton Silverman
Harry Wachtel
Mary Wolf

## Saturday 12/9/2017

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

## Sunday 12/10/2017

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

## Monday 12/11/2017

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

## Tuesday 12/12/2017

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

## Wednesday 12/13/2017

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

## Thursday 12/14/2017

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

### Friday 12/15/2017

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

## Saturday 12/16/2017

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

## Sunday 12/17/2017

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

## Monday 12/18/2017

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

## Tuesday 12/19/2017

Benjamin Aber\*
Herman Walter Cohen

### Wednesday 12/20/2017

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

## Thursday 12/21/2017

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

## Friday 12/22/2017

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

## Saturday 12/23/2017

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

## Sunday 12/24/2017

Max Bailey Benjamin Brill\* Minnie S. Cohen\* David Datnoff Ben Harris\* Manfred Hess

## Monday 12/25/2017

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

## Tuesday 12/26/2017

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

## Wednesday 12/27/2017

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

## Thursday 12/28/2017

Sally Agel\* Rose Barell Carl Chafetz Samuel L Fein Michael Hoffman Cantor Eugene Holzer\* Michael Kaplan David Katzen Ida Koblenz\* Eva Yett Krinovitz\* Isaac Morrison Helen Wilker Pepperman\* Mathew Raynes Deborah E. Smith Pearl Tabakin **Beatrice Weisberg** Gita Salat Wisgardisky\* Tema Wolfson

## Friday 12/29/2017

Hy Abramson\*
Arnold Aronoff\*
Aleck Israel Bloomenthal
Pauline Brown
Michael David Cohen\*
Marjorie R. Dalton\*
Cynthia Rae Hughes
Lorraine Hulst
Hyman Litzky
Peter Rollin
Harold Stern\*
Michael D.G. Zeltzerman\*

## Saturday 12/30/2017

Ethel Aronstam
Raymond Bernstein
Abraham Gardner
Sarah E. Ginsburg
Barnett Glass
Marion Jarstik Grunberger
Samuel S. Levin\*
Barry Stephen Medivetsky\*
Bessie Rosenberg
Martha H. Schobel\*
Simon Shulman\*
Miriam Rachel Wainer
Ettka Wasserman

## Sunday 12/31/2017

Herbert Hyman\*
Molly Lecker Noble
Beatrice Appel Wexelblatt



## **NOVEMBER 2017**

1 4:00 PM Hebrew School 6:00 PM Weekly Torah Study with Rabbi Amy 2 3:00 PM Events Committee Meeting 3 5:30 PM Kitah Vav Class Shabbat with Bashert music group 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 6:30 Potluck at OZ 4 10:30 AM Torah Yoga 6:30 PM Havdallah at OZ	13 5:45 PM Lodestone – Bob Mayer's class 14 6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Hebrew Prayers Class 15 4:00 PM Hebrew School 6:00 PM Weekly Torah Study with Rabbi Amy 7:30 PM Jewish Parenting Class 16 12:00 PM Lunch & Learn 5:30 PM Board Meeting
7:00 PM Musical Performance by Bashert	17 7:00 PM Potluck after services at Rabbi Amy's house
9:30 AM Hebrew School 9:45 AM HS Committee Meeting 11:30 AM Bagel Brunch 1:00 PM Engaging Israel Class 6 5:45 PM Lodestone – Bob Mayer's Class 7 7:30 PM Hebrew Prayers Class	18 11:30 AM Sponsored Birthday Kiddush 19 9:30 AM Hebrew School 12:00 PM Create an Ethical Will or Legacy Letter 7:30 PM Israeli Dancing 21 7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting
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5:30 PM Kitah Hey Class Shabbat 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM Potluck at OZ

10:30 AM Torah Yoga

3 9:30 AM Hebrew School

9:45 AM HS Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Israeli Dancing

7:30 PM Hebrew Prayers Class

6 4:00 PM Hebrew School

6:00 PM Weekly Torah Study with Rabbi Amy

3:00 PM Events Committee Meeting

11:30 AM Sponsored Birthday Kiddush

109:30 AM Hebrew School11:00 AM Chanukah Party1:00 PM Engaging Israel Class

12 6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Climate Event

134:00 PM Hebrew School6:00 PM Weekly Torah Study with Rabbi Amy

145:45 PM G'mach Committee Meeting7:30 PM Fern Hill Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Potluck after services at Rabbi Amy's house

179:30 AM Congregational Meeting

9:30 AM Hebrew School

12:00 PM Social Action Committee Meeting

1:00 PM Engaging Israel Class

7:00 PM Israeli Dancing

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7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting

20

4:00 PM Hebrew School

6:00 PM Weekly Torah Study with Rabbi Amy

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

24

1:00 PM Engaging Israel Class

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6:00 PM Weekly Torah Study with Rabbi Amy

25 - 29 Office Closed



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Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 21
9:30 to 11:30 am
9:30 to 21:30 am

Friday	Candle Lighting	Ma'ariv	Saturday	Shacharit	Shabbat Ends
Nov 3	5;20 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 4	9:00 am	6:20 pm
Nov 10	4:11 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 11	9:00 am	5:11 pm
Nov 17	4:04 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 18	9:00 am	5:04 pm
Nov 24	3:59 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 25	9:00 am	4:59 pm
Dec 1	3:56 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 2	9:00 am	4:56 pm
Dec 8	3:55 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 9	9:00 am	4:55 pm
Dec 15	3:56 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 16	9:00 am	4:56 pm
Dec 22	3:59 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 23	9:00 am	4:59 pm
Dec 29	4:03 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 30	9:00 am	5:03 pm