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## ***Cantorial Installation Service & Concert***

***Save the Date - March 7, 2020***



*Cantor Steve Zeidenberg*

Family Friendly Minchah/Havdalah Service beginning that evening followed by concert featuring Cantor Steve Zeidenberg, Cantor Nancy Abramson, and many more performers to be announced in the weeks ahead!

Check weekly emails for updated information and list of performers!



*Cantor Nancy Abramson  
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**Save the dates - Feen lecture-see p. 13 Rabbi Wall lecture-see p. 4**

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## FROM THE RABBI



### Worth the Wait!

“Wow, it was great to meet Arabs!” One of our OZ Israel trip participants marveled at how wonderful it felt to enjoy two sumptuous dinners with very friendly, gracious hospitality in Jaffa. A few days later we found ourselves enjoying hospitality in **Rawabi**, a new and fascinating Arab town outside of Ramallah (recently featured on *60 Minutes*!) And then there was our lunch in a home in a Druze village, with more great food, warm hospitality and learning.

I have spent so much time in interfaith programs here in the US, in Israel, the West Bank and Jordan, that it didn't hit me as a unique experience at all. But it delighted me that members of our community, yearning for meaningful person-to-person, in-depth encounters on our Israel trip, found these evocative points of connection.

It's been over two dozen years since Ohavi Zedek Synagogue had a synagogue trip to Israel. There undoubtedly were several reasons for this, but one thing was clear to me: we needed to do this now. There is so much confusion, misinformation and biased reporting about Israel, along with a fair amount of angst – it was time we took a deep dive into what makes Israel tick and why. Lots of hugging along with the wrestling.

For the last 20 years, I have traveled to Israel at least once a year and often more – to learn at the Hartman Institute, and to engage with Israel and Israelis through educational and communal programs. It is a gift to be present for the joys and sorrows and challenges of our people in our homeland. It is not always easy; some aspects of today's Israel pain me. But still, I am filled with **pride and deep love for Israel**. I know that I cannot presume to know what it is like to live in the most dangerous neighborhood in the world. And I marvel at the miracles and glories and accomplishments of our people who have built the land. Israel conditions our humility.

Israel is our people's home, where our ancestors forged a nation in response to the Divine call.

Covenantal commitment was shaped there, where every hillside and valley speak our ancestors' stories. We pray that the land will continue to speak to us of reconciliation, coexistence and peace.

So off we went, 19 of us, two of whom were my own family members who had never been to Israel. We had planned the itinerary with great care for learning, understanding, and, we hoped, some fun too. We enjoyed rich learning and great food (did you know Israel is now a foodie heaven?) and we enjoyed building and strengthening our relationships together.

What is the takeaway? There are many – but I would sum it up as: **there is nothing like being there**. After we visited a Jewish West Bank settlement and an Arab town, learned reflections on Jewish history and biblical stories, it started to sink in that the West Bank is where our earliest formative Jewish experiences happened. No matter our politics or our opinions, this learning engendered a deeper understanding of Jewish religious settlers who refer to the West Bank as Judaea and Samaria. This is where our people was born.

But the complexities of the current political situation were not glossed over. We spent an hour with one of my beloved teachers at the Hartman Institute, Tal Becker, who has been part of every peace negotiation with the Palestinians since Oslo. A lawyer and a scholar, Tal has a unique gift of communicating the complexities of this process clearly and powerfully. Most of us were left speechless, taking in all that he taught us, and awed by the opportunity to learn from him. And being at the exquisite Jerusalem campus of the Hartman Institute was a treat – it is a kind of home for me after the many hours and weeks I have spent there. What a joy to share that with our group!

We encountered challenges and questions. That is what Israel is – beloved, enveloping, enriching; filling us with pride, and leaving us with deep questions – the questions that our friends in Israel carry with them all the time. We look forward to sharing what we have learned. Ask us questions!

Meantime, I am already imagining the next trip...let's talk!

~ Rabbi Amy

## FROM THE CANTOR



As we enter into the secular new year together, I am excited to share the momentum that is building in the musical and prayer life at OZ. I am buoyed by several recent developments, in particular:

- Our new 7-member OZ in-house band, who led us in a spectacular musical medley and sing-along at our December 22 Chanukah Party. It is exhilarating to be able to create music with this talented array of players, including two of our own talented teens, Ethan Hall (trombone) and Toby Hecht (trumpet). I believe these most recent band performances—for Simchat Torah and Chanukah—will act as a springboard for increased involvement of our musicians in joyous instrumental Friday Night services.
- The Singing Community that meets on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons of the month has seen an increase in participation, with upwards of 20 attendees for our past two song-circles. It is exciting to see so many new faces each week, as well as to welcome so many parents attending with their young children! This is just the tip of the iceberg with respect to the intergenerational musical programming that we can create together at OZ. I hope you'll join us for our first **Song-Circles** of 2020: **Jan 12 & 26, Feb 9 & 23, 5:00 - 6:30 pm.**
- My Tuesday evening class focusing on prayer, **Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service**, has seen a steady increase in attendance over recent weeks. It has been gratifying to share my passion for the liturgy and help participants feel a greater understanding of the historical roots, the underlying structure and the choreography of the morning service. And it is not too late to join us in 2020, as we continue our deep dive into the Shabbat morning service. The next set of Tuesdays are: **Jan 21 & 28, Feb 4, 18 & 25, 6:00 - 7:00 pm.**
- And finally, I am thrilled to announce the date of my **Installation as Cantor at Ohavi Zedek: the**

**evening of Saturday, March 7.** I hope you'll mark your calendars and bring your family and friends for a song-filled Mincha/Havdalah service, followed by a concert that will feature myself and some of my dearest cantorial colleagues, as well as our own talented OZ musicians! Watch for further details.

I feel as grateful as I did upon arriving six months ago for the opportunity of partnering with Rabbi Amy to lead this *kehillah kedoshah* (sacred community). I look forward to singing, praying and learning together in 2020 and beyond!

~ *B'shira (in song)*  
Cantor Steve

### Rabbi Max B. Wall Lecture

Wednesday, February 19 4:30 pm

Roy Room in the Dion Center  
St. Michael's College

#### **"IT COULDN'T HAPPEN HERE: AMERICAN ANTISEMITISM IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE"**

**Dr. Jonathan Sarna of Brandeis University**

Professor of American Jewish History and Director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis, Dr. Sarna is the author of a number of notable books on Jewish history. His best known work is *American Judaism: A History*.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



At our December Congregational Meeting, we spent a good amount of time discussing finances. We know that we face challenges in this area, as Bill Miller writes in his article on page 6. This must be resolved. If fundraising is not successful, we will be forced to face the difficult decision of some major budget cuts next fiscal year.

We must “right the ship.” Please keep in mind that our budget requires an average revenue of \$1,740 per family and we are not on track here. We are well aware that for some of you, this would be a major financial burden, which is why we have “fair-share” system—each family decides what they can comfortably afford to pay. We thank those of you who support OZ with more than \$1,740 to benefit our entire community. Again, I must stress that we understand that each family/member has their own financial situation, and we thank every one of you for whatever you are able to do.

**On that note, you should all have received a letter about our Annual Appeal. Please read it and join us in righting the ship!**

I’m pleased to announce that three new board members were elected by the congregation: Jeff Priest (who was appointed in July and officially elected at the meeting), Josh Kernoff and Rebecca Stern. All three have children in Full Circle Preschool or OZ Hebrew School.

Jeff and his wife, Nazly Guzman, settled in Vermont and have been members since 2014. For the past three years, Jeff has been Minyan Captain for Wednesday nights to help make it possible for those in mourning or observing yahrzeit to say Kaddish. Jeff is a research analyst in the Medical Biostatistics Unit at the University of Vermont. He earned a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Minnesota.

Josh grew up in Burlington and attended Hebrew School at OZ. Our synagogue is a special place for him and his family, who have been members for several generations. Currently the Director of Business Development for Keurig Dr Pepper, his career has been in business and general management. Josh and his wife Kathryn have hosted several multigenerational Trivia Nights at OZ. Kathryn has volunteered as a service

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Winter is here, and as the days are growing shorter and darker the light is shining bright at Ohavi Zedek. Someone recently remarked to me that OZ seems busy each day with more events and programs than anyone can imagine. They’re right. One of the things I like about my office location is that I get to see every person as they enter. People come in and out all day, as our spaces are used for preschool education, English language classes, community meetings, minyan, Hebrew School, adult education and so much more. Everyone who enters is sharing in our community and values, which is exactly what makes OZ such an incredible place.

Looking back over the past year, it is clear that the American Jewish community is faced with unprecedented challenges. Anti-Semitic words and actions are a part of our everyday political culture. For some this spurs fear; for others, action. Our community is and will be proactive in our approaches. As many of you know, in order for us to feel more secure, last spring Grace Oedel and our Security Committee embarked on the process of applying for a Department of Homeland Security grant. I’m glad to report that we have been selected for funding! The funds are able to go only to specific places and, in the coming weeks and months we will begin upgrading our facilities to include: a doorbell locking buzzer system with keycard access, additional panic buttons on the bima and in the Samuelson-Saiger sanctuary and shatter-proofing our glass windows. I know it is hard for many of us to think that our world is such that these changes are necessary, but we do them out of an abundance of caution, hoping never to need them. I will keep you updated as the projects progress and would love your input.

As we enter this new decade, I hope you’ll dream of OZ’s future with me. We are a community that makes a difference. We don’t *have* to, we *get* to. We impact children and adults each and every day and we get to do this because of people like you. You help OZ when you actively engage in our programs, invest financially in our mission and build community with us. Your support keeps us strong. I can’t wait to see what this new decade brings for OZ!

*~ Sarah Glassman*



# FROM THE TREASURER



On the balance sheet as of October 31, 2019, OZ had \$92k in cash, down from \$211k at October 31 last year. This is due to the \$110,000 deficit as of June 30, 2019. The outstanding long-term loan balances were \$173k on the \$200k kitchen loan, and \$196k on the \$212k endowment loan, paid down from \$181k and \$203k, respectively, at the end of last June.

### FY 2019-2020 First Quarter Results

OZ's first four months in 2019-20 were positive, as is normal for this time of year: our operating revenues exceeded our operating expenses by \$164K. That exceeded the initial projected surplus of \$162K by about \$2K, but was down from the operating surplus of \$188k this time last year. What accounted for this result? Primarily, the following items:

- About \$17K less in revenues were received than the first quarter forecast, mostly dues
- About \$20k in budgeted expenses have not been incurred yet, but will be in the coming months (insurance, dues, contract labor)

### Year-End Forecast So Far

Two hundred sixty-five families have pledged \$337k in dues for the year, so we are at 91% of our goal of \$372k. Those 265 families have pledged slightly more (0.3%) than their 2018-19 pledges, plus \$18k in Facilities Fees (vs. a \$20k budget) and \$10k in Security Fees (unbudgeted). (Thanks to everyone who has pledged so far! You keep us going!) In addition, we know that we will be slightly over budget in Preschool as we discovered that we had failed to offer Preschool faculty retirement benefits; that will cost \$10k this year, and about \$4k per year going forward. Offsetting that will be some salary and benefit savings of around \$20k. So assuming we meet our pledge goal, we anticipate saving around \$10k in expense towards our \$42k "additional fundraising goal," meaning we still need to raise \$32k to break even for the year.

### Repaid the Line of Credit

We have paid back the \$80k borrowed from a

generous congregant (thanks so much!) as a short-term loan at the lowest allowable Federal Applicable Rate (2.49%).

### What You Can Do

The board welcomes any and all suggestions regarding how we can reduce expenses or increase revenues. Also, please remember to return that membership pledge. Thank you for all your support!

We will shortly have news about some reorganization of the Treasurer position, but are still looking for someone to work with us on accounting entries. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, please contact me and we can discuss.

~ Bill Miller

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leader at Tot Shabbat, substitute teacher at Hebrew School and Hebrew School Committee member.

Rebecca and her husband Seth have been involved with OZ since moving here in 2014. She is very interested in the ways that OZ can continue to act as a community center as well as a religious institution. Rebecca is Chair of the Preschool Committee and teaches Tot Shabbat here. It's a priority of hers that OZ continues to be an increasingly inclusive community that feels welcoming. She completed a PhD in Natural Resources at UVM.

Please contact me if you have any questions or anything you'd like to discuss.

Stay warm!

~ Vivien Rabin Brown



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## PROFILE: BECKY WASSERMAN



“Happy New Year!”: three little words that hold special meaning for OZ member Rebecca Wasserman. As an attorney who works full-time in the Office of Legislative Council for the Vermont General Assembly, more commonly known as the State Legislature, Becky’s job virtually

begins anew every January.

Lawmakers in Vermont rely on the Office of Legislative Council to advise and support them, since they don’t have individual staff offices. The legal division of the Council provides non-partisan support to every member of both the Senate and the House, helping draft bills, resolutions and amendments; providing research and analysis of policy and legal issues; and overseeing the editing and publication of the Vermont Statutes Annotated. As a result, between January and early May, when the Legislature is in session, the lawyers’ lives get particularly busy.... especially when juggled with personal and family pursuits. It takes organization and planning, Becky acknowledges, “but we make it work.”

Becky, who recently turned 40, was raised in Westchester County, NY, with an older brother and a younger sister. Her parents and all four of her grandparents are a New Yorkers, though her paternal grandparents met in San Francisco when he was in the Navy and she was visiting family members who for a short time ran a restaurant there. Her mom grew up in Brooklyn and her dad in the Bronx.

Becky’s parents operated a video store together. When Becky was in elementary school her mother started working in performing arts theaters and went back to school to earn an MBA, with a focus on arts management. She is currently the Executive Director of the Modlin Center for the Arts at the University of Richmond. Her dad’s business morphed into a digital transfer business, rather than movie rentals. Her parents are now divorced, and when her mother remarried when Becky was in high school she gained a stepfather, who passed away in 2015, and four stepsiblings. Most of her family still live in the New York area.

Becky attended the University of Pennsylvania, where she majored in international relations and economics. Her interest in Eastern European and Russian history had taken her abroad to Prague during her junior year. In 2002, a year after graduating from college, she earned a Master’s degree at the London School of Economics. Moving back to New York, she worked for four years in two different banks doing compliance work before attending Brooklyn Law School.

“It’s funny,” she says. “Our parents were in film and the arts, but all three of us are lawyers.” Her brother is an immigration lawyer with his own firm in New York City; her sister a criminal defense attorney with Legal Aid in Westchester. Moreover, their mother jumped on the bandwagon, attending Pace University’s law school at night. “She deals with a lot of contracts at work,” Becky says, “and a legal background is helpful.” (Coincidentally, she notes, her dad and his mother also went to college at the same time.)

In 2009 Becky met Ben Traverse, a fellow law student who lived in the apartment above hers, when she knocked on his door to complain that he was too noisy. Two years later they were married. Ben, a graduate of George Washington University, was two years behind Becky in law school. After earning her degree she had internships in Hawaii and Hong Kong, then worked in the New York office of a London-based law firm. When Ben graduated in 2011 he took a job with the City of New York, where he spent three years as an assistant corporation counsel in the Labor and Employment Law Division, defending against claims of discrimination, retaliation and wrongful termination. Meanwhile, Becky was sent to London by her firm several times, “often for two to three months at a time,” she said. “Once was just after we moved in together.” The young couple decided to change their lifestyle and find jobs that would allow them to leave New York and live together full time.

They’d made a list of about ten places to relocate. Since Ben’s family had a house in the Adirondacks and he was familiar with the North Country, Vermont beckoned, and Becky applied to the Office of

Legislative Council. She moved to Montpelier when she was offered the position, but Ben kept his job in New York while continuing to search for a job that was the right fit for him in Vermont. They commuted for 15 months, living together only on weekends. At that point, relocation had not resolved their professional/personal dilemma. Finally, after a stint as a judicial law clerk for the Vermont Superior Court, Ben joined Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC in Burlington as a labor and employment attorney. The year was 2015, also the year their first child was born.

They bought their home in the South End of Burlington after renting for a year. Now the parents of two children, 4-year-old Lola and 2-year-old Jack, both Full Circle Preschoolers, they are settled in a neighborhood that they love, a preschool where their kids are well-cared for and happy, a synagogue where they contribute time and effort, and jobs at which they excel. "We love living in Vermont," Becky says. "It's a great place to raise kids and we have a wonderful community of friends."

That community includes OZers, especially other Full Circle families. "Becky and her family have been a part of the Full Circle community since we opened our doors in August 2017," says Preschool Director Erika Geremia. "Lola, now a pre-kindergartener, started out with us as a young toddler, but most of us have known her since she was born. And Jack, now in the young toddler room, started in the infant room as a 3-month old. Both children bring so much joy and light to our program." Becky is a member of the Preschool Committee in addition to serving on the synagogue's Board of Directors.

OZ President Vivien Brown says of Becky, "She is kind, smart, hardworking, thoughtful and not afraid to speak her mind. OZ is incredibly lucky to have Becky and her family here. They are a wonderful family." While she seldom makes the 5:30 pm start of the monthly meetings when driving in from Montpelier, Becky rarely misses a board meeting in its entirety.

Ben was one of five members of his firm recently named a Rising Star among attorneys in Vermont, in recognition of his outstanding work and commitment to the spirit of the legal profession. (Only 2.5% of lawyers in the state are selected for this honor every year). Becky is well respected by her peers, as well

as by lawmakers during the legislative session. Both have a strong sense of *tikkun olam*, making the world a better place.

Though she is still busy with legal work in June through December, Becky's job in the off-legislative season affords her a more flexible schedule... .."sometimes I can even work from home," she says, and during those months she also has the opportunity to do volunteer or pro bono work with vulnerable populations and for people who wouldn't otherwise have access to legal advice. For the past two Octobers she has spent a week in a detention center in Texas helping detained migrant women prepare for their 'credible fear' interviews with the government, (a process that allows a person who can demonstrate credible fear not to be deported before they can go through the asylum process). Last year approximately 90% of women received positive grants of credible fear; this year 90% were denied, Becky notes.

There's also more time for vacation and other pursuits – running, attending dance class, interviewing student applicants to UPenn, and spending time with her Rosh Chodesh friends. And Ben is into everything, Becky says: he's a member of the steering committee of the Ward 5 NPA (Neighborhood Planning Assembly), Vice Chair of Leadership Champlain, Chair of the Young Lawyers Division of the Vermont Bar Association, a Burlington Parks Commissioner, and co-captain of his hockey team.

Gearing up for the next five months, Becky will be ceding some parenting duties to Ben once again, as she faces long days, daily commutes in the dark on snowy roads, and an unforeseen legislative narrative. While we in the general public think about personal New Year's resolutions, Becky continues to aid with Vermont lawmakers' resolutions....and bills and amendments....as the 2020 session gets underway. Her job over the coming months won't be easy, she acknowledges, "But I love it!"

~ Judy Hershberg



# HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



Welcome to 2020 and the second semester of OZHS!

## Mitzvah Day, January 26

January brings my favorite day of the whole school year – Mitzvah Day. We will have some very special guests for our interfaith focus. Imam Islam will be coming from the mosque in Colchester with a few of his school-aged students. Together with him and our amazing volunteer librarian, Suzi Wizowaty, we will read a book written in English, Arabic and Hebrew about two boys, Palestinian and Israeli, getting to know each other through their mutual love of soccer. Our day will begin with Kitah Zayin and Makom l'Mishpacha students presenting about their mitzvah projects and end with a soccer clinic run by UVM soccer players. We'll be collecting used sports equipment to support the many needy communities in Israel. Please set aside those items for collection and mark your calendar for Mitzvah Day!

## Tot Shabbat led by Kitah Bet/Gimmel, January 10

### Tot Havdalah and Potluck, January 25

### Full Circle Workshop on Racism, January 12 & 19

Of course many other things will be happening earlier in the month. For our youngest learners, we'll have Tot Shabbat co-led by our Kitah Bet/Gimmel students on the 10th and then a Tot Havdalah and potluck dinner on the 25th. As part of their new curriculum, Kitah Zayin students will be traveling to Stowe to meet tweens from that Jewish community and that of the Upper Valley. Havdalah, dinner and get-to-know-you games await them. Lastly, the Full Circle Preschool is bringing in a

speaker to run two workshops on talking with children about racism on January 12 and 19.

## Annual Camp Fair, February 2

### Tu b'Shevat Celebration, February 9

### Tot Shabbat led by Kitah Gan/Aleph, February 14

February brings our Annual Camp Fair on the 2nd. Sending your children to Jewish summer camp makes a HUGE impact. There they are completely immersed in an environment that helps mold their Jewish identity and connect with the greater Jewish world while having way too much fun! While we'll be covered in snow, the Birthday of the Trees, Tu b'Shevat, will be celebrated with food, song and activities on the 9th. February's Tot Shabbat will be co-led by Kitah Gan/Aleph on the 14th and a second Tot Havdalah will come up right at the end of the month. Kitah Zayin students will have the opportunity to meet with youth from yet another community, this time the tweens of the Good Shepherd Church in Jericho. Our students will attend a short service and then share refreshments and activities. In return, their students will attend the Kitah Zayin Class Shabbat scheduled for April 4th.

NADAV interns will continue their good work in the kitchen, Shalom Shuk, Preschool and OZHS classes, taking pictures, videos, providing entertainment and helping around the building. And, of course, our students will carry on their learning during the second semester— Hebrew language, the weekly parsha, Shabbat prayers, holidays, Jewish customs and traditions, history, music, Israeli dance, SUPER Electives and so much more!

~ Naomi Barell



## OZ Wins Award for NADAV Program

*Naomi proudly received the USCJ Solomon Schechter Artisan Award on behalf of our synagogue at the recent USCJ Conference in Boston.*

*This award recognizes congregations for innovative initiatives that transform the dynamic experience of Conservative Judaism. Our NADAV Teen Internship Program was chosen by an international committee from over 150 applications as an exemplar of this goal in the category of Prophetic Voice.*

## FULL CIRCLE PRESCHOOL



OZ Full Circle Preschool has been embracing the cold weather on our newly licensed nature playground. With easier access to the woods, the children have spent hours examining animal tracks in the snow. During Thanksgiving, the children learned how to

say thank you in Hebrew and thought about the people and things in their lives that inspire them to say thank you every day. Naomi spends time in most classrooms every month implementing Jewish and interest-based activities with the children. Some classrooms wrote out the word *'todah'* in Hebrew letters using natural materials as they shared their thanks. The theme of family naturally emerged, which inspired the children to make family trees and portraits. Through studying *'mishpacha,'* the children celebrated their families and learned how to say the names of different family members in Hebrew.

Our OZ Full Circle family continues to grow! We would like to send a hearty *mazel tov* to Joyce Cellars, Anthony Grudin, and big sister Jasmine (Jazzy) on the birth of their twin girls, Clio and Daphne. Jazzy is a 4-year old in the Preschool Room and is ecstatic to become a big sister.

We would also like to send a warm *mazel tov* to Alexa, Jack and big brother Zahavi Visco on the birth of their baby girl, Xenia Gabrielle Visco born December 12, 2019! Zahavi is also in our Preschool classroom and is excited to be a big brother!

Each time a family grows, or loses a loved one, the OZ Full Circle Kindness Committee creates a meal train to help families through their transitions. We are so thankful for our OZ mishpacha.

Every Friday the entire preschool joins to celebrate Shabbat with music by Cantor Steve and a snack that always includes challah and grape juice. Members of the Preschool Committee have helped us change our Shabbat tradition by making community Shabbat soup with the children each week. Each child brings in a soup ingredient and takes turns prepping the meal early on Friday morning. After a very informative kitchen training with Rabbi Amy, the preschool will

now get to use the kitchen to help prep Shabbat snack each week. We will experiment with new healthy recipes while teaching the children about the food they eat and how it impacts their bodies. This will help promote healthier eating habits, while also bringing us together in a new way to share the joy of Shabbat. We would like to extend a big thank you to Rabbi Amy, Richard Witting, and the Kiddush Committee for so warmly welcoming us into the kitchen!

With the end of 2019, the children focused on the Festival of Lights and the miracle of Chanukah in their classrooms, which included acting out the story of Chanukah using our wooden Chanukah play sets, counting the candles on the menorah, playing spin the dreidel, and finding ways to be helpers just like the *shamash* candle! Some classrooms focused on making beeswax shamash candles to use at home in their own menorahs, while others explored light in a multitude of open-ended play activities. The Preschool and Pre-K classes embarked on a field trip to Burlington City Arts where they viewed an interactive light exhibit. During these dark winter months, the celebration of light reminds us of all the joys to come. As we are reminded that Chanukah means 'dedication,' we as a learning community continue to focus on our dedication to providing a quality Jewish education that upholds OZ's mission to be a space where all are welcome.

~ Erika Geremia



Full Circle Preschool visits Burlington City Arts

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Members

- Samantha Barr & Brad Ketover
- George Bennum & Carrie Alexander
- Stephen Cramer & Joanna Grossman
- Ahren Cohen & Dorothy Fishman

### Condolences

- To Miriam Samuelson on the death of her sister, Betsy Samuelson Greer
- To Wayne Senville & Lila Shapero on the death of Wayne's mother, Beverly
- To Michael & Cheryl Goldstein and family on the death of Michael's brother, Mark
- To Ben Bornstein and family on the death of Ben's mother, Clara

### Mazel Tov

- To Judy Danzig & Gary Visco on the birth of their granddaughter, Xenia Gabrielle

### ***Help Keep Kiddush Lunch Thriving Throughout the Year!***

We are experimenting with having Kiddush lunch after most Shabbat services; however, we have no budget; we operate solely on congregants' donations.

So this is a challenge that requires financial support for the long haul. We appreciate everyone who has donated to the Kiddush Fund. We hope you will join them in the coming year.

Checks may be made out to OZ and sent to the office. In the memo line of the check, please note *Kiddush Fund*.



With gratitude,

~ Judy Danzig and Louise Klein Hodin,  
Kiddush Committee Co-Chairs

## LUNCH & LEARN

In November Brattleboro legislators Sen. Becca Balint and Rep. Emilie Kornheiser inspired us to envision a more hopeful future through a different approach to political leadership.

December brought us Emerita Professor of Anthropology Barbara Johnson, who shared her research into an ancient community of Jews in Cochin, India and in Israel, with a focus on the music of the women in the community.



**Thursday, January 16 "Helping Homeless and At-Risk Youth in Burlington."** Join us as we look at this troubling societal issue with **Mark Redmond**, Executive Director of Spectrum Youth & Family Services. Mark will talk about what Spectrum does to help our youth.

**Thursday, February 20 "Organizing and Activism as Spiritual Practice."**

**Shaina Kasper**, graduate of OZ Hebrew School and currently VT and NH State Director of the Toxics Action Center, will discuss how the movement toward social, racial and environmental justice is grounded in our Judaism.



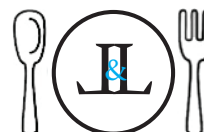
*\$6 donation suggested*

### Upcoming L&L Dates, Speakers and Programs

**Mar 19** Kiara Day, *"Clandestine Resisters: Jewish Women as Couriers during the Holocaust in Poland"*

**Apr 23** Natalie Neuert, *"Five Pioneering Jewish Emigre Artists of the Weimar Republic (1919-1933)"*

**May 14** Vivian Peters, *"OOPS: Tales from a Sexpert"*







The Adult Education Committee is offering eight courses—some individual and some series—from January to May 2020. Over 30 class sessions in total! Highlights include the Feen Lecture in March, a new Hartman Institute Engaging Israel series, a Jewish film series at Main Street Landing Film House, a two-part class on talking to children about race, and a new Bob Mayer history course. Two current class series continue into the winter and spring: Beit Midrash and Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service.

We are happy to welcome Lynda Siegel to our committee, and we're sad to say goodbye to Bob Mayer, though we're grateful that he will continue to offer classes through Adult Education.

You can find current information about Adult Education offerings in many places: the Ohavi Zedek email weekly announcements, online calendar, OZ website (especially the Adult Education page), OZ Face Book page, bimah announcements, and the bulletin boards in the lobby and next to the Ohavi Zedek library. The Adult Education Committee welcomes participation and ideas as we plan future classes. Please contact Nancy Sugarman: [vze20n9j@gmail.com](mailto:vze20n9j@gmail.com). And please remember to pre-register for classes with Tari at [tari@ohavizedek.org](mailto:tari@ohavizedek.org). (Classes are subject to change).

**Engaging Israel Study Series: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict** with Rabbi Amy

Sundays 1:00 -3:00 pm - Jan 5, 12, 19; Feb 2,9; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12

Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, participants are invited to explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values shape their own political understandings. Though a common political platform may not be attainable, this course strives to achieve a shared respect for our differences.

Learn more: [https://hartman.org.il/Programs\\_View.asp?Program\\_Id=163&Cat\\_Id=295&Cat\\_Type=Programs](https://hartman.org.il/Programs_View.asp?Program_Id=163&Cat_Id=295&Cat_Type=Programs)

**Talking to Children about Racism** with Full Circle Preschool , a two-part series

For preschool and Hebrew School parents and anyone who cares about kids

Sundays, 9:30 - 11:30 am - January 12 & 19

**Jewish Journeys: A Film Series from Around the World**, 3rd Sunday in Jan, Feb & March, 2:00 pm

- Sunday, January 19: **The Fig Tree** (2018) Set in war-torn Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 1989, this award-winning coming of age film is based on 16 year old Mina's memories of her Jewish family escaping to Israel. (English subtitles).
- Sunday, February 16: **Felix and Meira** (2014) Set in Montreal's Mile End District, an intimate connection is forged between two lost souls who inhabit the same neighborhood, but vastly different worlds.
- Sunday, March 15: **The Interpreter** (2018) Two old men weighed down by their unresolved conflicts during the Holocaust take a road trip. This award-winning film addresses a profound reality about our relationship to history (English subtitles).

Main Street Landing Film House (Lake Street, Burlington above Skinny Pancake) by donation, no registration needed. Facilitated discussion after each film. In partnership with Temple Sinai, UVM Hillel, and Jewish Communities of VT.

**Book Discussion: *Dear Zealots*, by Amos Oz**

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

In *Dear Zealots*, Oz's last book, he addresses zealotry, Jewish ethics and his advice for Israel. We can take his perspectives and consider what it means to live in a sharply divided country.

Led by Lila Shapero, co-hosted by the OZ library. Book available in the OZ library.

**Free, White, and Christian: Constructing the Ideology of American Citizenship** with Bob Mayer

Mondays 5:45-6:45 pm - Feb 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

This class series looks at the way American thinkers, from the Colonial period through the Civil War especially, shaped the concept of citizenship through the intersection of religion, slavery, and the construction of whiteness. We will explore how concepts like white and black, Christian and non-Christian, and free and slave shaped the ideology of early American thinkers and laid the foundation for today's fractured and polarized society. An important part of the class will be in examining how Jews fit into the evolving definition of citizenship over time.

**Feen Lecture with Award-Winning Journalist Dahlia Lithwick**

Sunday, March 22    Look for more information soon!

**Beit Midrash** with Rabbi Amy & Cantor Steve

2nd Saturday of the month - 12:30-2:00 - Jan 11, Feb 8, March 14, April 11

Are you looking to deepen your spiritual conversation? Join us in the time-honored practice of Torah learning in pairs, where our voices are welcomed and varying interpretations are part of the discussion. New to studying Torah? Come on in!

While our sages left us their own definitive conclusions, the practice they developed invites us in to the conversation first. That's the beauty of a "Beit Midrash," a "House of Learning," where classical Jewish texts (Torah, Prophets, Writings – Tanakh, and Talmud, for example) are studied along with rabbinic commentaries, including contemporary voices. A Beit Midrash is a "study hall" where students form pairs – *chevruta/chevrutot* – to learn text and explore meaning, followed by a teacher's presentation of their interpretation.

**Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service** with Cantor Steve

Most Tuesdays: 6:00 -7:00 pm - Jan 21, 28, Feb 4, 18, 25, March 3

The series continues, giving learners of all backgrounds a greater understanding of the Hebrew text and music of the Shabbat morning service. We will study specific prayers each week, learn about their origins and authors, utilizing the original Hebrew, as well as translation and transliteration. This course examines how each prayer fits into the larger arc of the Shabbat morning service. Each session will include an opportunity to learn and sing melodies, both traditional and contemporary, for each prayer. Because learning about the Shabbat morning service is cumulative, we hope you attend most sessions.

~ Lila Shapero & Nancy Sugarman



**Important Reminder!**

OZ has moved to electronic billing for most of our members. The billing emails come from "billing@ohavizedek.org." If you DO NOT see these emails, please be sure to check your junk folder for them. Many members seem to be missing them. Don't hesitate to call the office, 864-0218 if you have any questions. Thanks!

## LIBRARY



### New Books

Ronan Bergman, *Rise and Kill First: The Secret History of Israel's Targeted Assassinations*, Penguin Random House, 2018.

Dan Ephron, *Killing a King: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel*; Norton, 2015.

Juan Pablo Iglesias and Alex Peris, *Daniel and Ismail*; Restless Books, 2019 [Note: this tri-lingual picture book is translated from the Spanish into English by Ilan Stavans, into Hebrew by Eliezer Nowodworski and Frieda Press-Danieli, and into Arabic by Randa Sayegh. (See program note below.)

Rachel Kadish, *The Weight of Ink*; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017.

Blume Lempel, *Oedipus in Brooklyn and Other Stories*, translated by Ellen Cassedy and Yermiyahu Ahron Taub; Mandel Vilar Press, 2016.

Itamar Rabinovich, *Yitzhak Rabin: Soldier, Leader, Statesman*; Yale University Press, 2017.

Emily Sigalow, *American JewBu: Jews, Buddhists, and Religious Change*; Princeton University Press, 2019.

### Upcoming Programs

- Public reading of the trilingual (Hebrew-Arabic-English) picture book, *Daniel and Ismail*, about a Jewish and a Palestinian boy, soccer, a threatening mix-up, and... soccer. Part of the Hebrew School's **Mitzvah Day** celebration, **January 25, 10:00 - 11:30 am**. Imam Islam from the Islamic Center will read the Arabic; kids from the mosque will join Hebrew School kids in a brief soccer game in the social hall. All are welcome. (Two copies of the book will be available in the library afterward.)
- Monthly playreading group starting in February (probably). Still tentative, depending upon availability of plays—and interest. This could be your chance to channel your inner Tevye/Yente. Watch for details and a sign-up sheet on the library bulletin board.

- The launch of Judy Chalmer's new books of poems, *Minnow*, published by Kelsay Press. Mostly situated in public lands, the poems in *Minnow* begin with close observation of natural detail and move from there into explorations of love, purpose, mortality and awe. Many of the poems also celebrate same-sex love in the context of the life she shares with her wife. Coming to OZ in March!

### Current Needs

In order for OZ's library to be relevant and sustainable, we need input from readers. An informal advisory group of congregants willing to recommend acquisitions is forming, and all levels of participation are needed. Do you read Jewish books? (History? fiction? biography? cookbooks? social issues? scholarly, religious, or philosophical?) If so, please consider this: When you read something of Jewish interest that you think others would like, let me know. We will buy it. (Or happily accept your copy, should you no longer need it.) Just send me a brief email ([wizowaty@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:wizowaty@burlingtontelecom.net)). And if you include two or three lines about the book that I can post on an index card to promote it, all the better. The point is, if you liked it, someone else probably will, too, and this is the best way for us to build a collection that stays fresh.

And thanks to Judy Hershberg (Hadassah Book Club liaison), Deb Lashman, Richard Finkelstein, and Joy Livingston who have already contributed recommendations this way. Much appreciated!

~ Suzi Wizowaty





## OZ ISRAEL TRIP

### *OZ congregants share impressions of their amazing adventure in the next several issues*

#### **Bill Miller's reflections:**

- **Israel's foundational values** – family, friendships, free health care and low-cost higher education
- **Immigrant kids** – what a bunch of positive kids! They seem to love Israel, and join the IDF at a prodigious rate.
- **Spices** – hyssop makes zaatar, a strongly zesty flavoring for salads and various pita sandwich combinations – a heavenly spice! Sumac is also wonderful, so the salads and various pita sandwiches in Israel are unbelievable.
- **Archaeology informing bible study** – on the first day, we heard from a naturalist that when God asks Jeremiah (1:11), “What do you see?” and Jeremiah answers, “a rod of an almond tree,” and God replies, “I watch over my word to perform it.” The actual Hebrew says, “I ‘almond’ over my word to perform it” – and the meaning has to do with the way an almond tree grows and produces fruit – it blossoms early, but fruits late. So God is promising Jeremiah that although his word will appear soon, and although it may take a while to produce fruit, have faith, and it will happen. The lesson was that to an agrarian people, many statements in the bible made sense in a way that we can't conceive of now, and the archaeological and agricultural studies in Israel happening now can deepen our understanding – I love this experience.
- **Jewish Agency** divided on whether to form a state of Israel in 1948, given a high probability of losing a war with the surrounding Arab nations; initially a tied 5-5 vote, they finally agreed on a 6-4 vote.
- **Druze religion** is fascinating – all based on reincarnation, must marry a Druze or you are dead to your family, and because you will be reincarnated, it doesn't matter where you're buried or what happens to your remains. But they are loyal and effective IDF soldiers. AND they serve great food!
- **Olive oil** – who knew it had to be sooo fresh, and not stored in plastic? (I plan on completely revamping our home olive oil system!)
- **Labneh** – wow, what a great tasting goat cheese! And goes with various pita-like breads so beautifully!
- **Furniture factory at Kibbutz Lavi** uses only water-based finishes. The extremely high-end furniture maker for whom I was CFO struggled for decades to find suitable water-based finishes, but these guys seem to have done it – kudos!
- **Kabbalah** – real sweetness in Jewish spirituality.
- **Katzrin** – a synagogue from 500 CE, with a story from the Mishnah about a guy trying to steal dowry jewels from the lady of the house – doesn't quite work out!
- **Sign in Coffee Anan shop:** “No WiFi – we talk to each other!”
- **Rawabi** – a new city as a possible basis for Palestinian economic success and coexistence with Israel?
- **Iraqi lunch in Jerusalem** – more amazing spices!
- **Palestinians** – On-the-ground experience with Palestinians seems more positive than experience with top level diplomats – another hopeful sign?
- **Petra – OMG** – Yemeni desert pirates seeking a hiding spot – they find a canyon, become wealthy, start trading, and carve unbelievable images – and water systems – out of the limestone in the canyon. And they create extremely thin pottery, to reduce the load on their pack animals and increase the amount of valuable stuff they can carry.
- **New friends from OZ and beyond** – wow – getting to know really kind, interesting, accomplished members of OZ (plus Rabbi Amy's brother and future sister-in-law!) – that was an amazing addition to the programmed part of the journey.
- **PLUS** – I got to spend a few days before and a few days after with a guide touring archaeological dig sites – it's all about the topography, and lowest-energy trade routes from Egypt north to both Babylon/Iraq/Persia, and to Greece & Rome. That determined where the cities would be to control the trade routes, and that determined where the action happens in the bible – unbelievable deepening of my surface understanding of the bible!

*Thanks – that trip was a huge joy!*

## BAR MITZVAH

Adam and Sarah Buchwald  
invite the Congregation to  
attend the Bar Mitzvah of their son  
Charlie Buchwald



Shabbat Minchah Service  
Feb. 22 at 3:00 pm  
Kiddush following services

## TORAH YOGA

with Adam Bluestein

Second Sunday of each month  
Learn yoga poses and connect with the  
weekly Torah portion

Jan 12, Feb 9,  
Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10

10:00 - 11:00 am

OZ Yurt or Fern Hill, depending on the weather

Please bring yoga mat

Suggested donation \$5



## BAT MITZVAH

Lynda Siegel invites you to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah Renewal  
Shabbat, February 1, 9:15 am  
Kiddush following services



Lynda at her Bat Mitzvah  
1970



Lynda today

# JEWISH SUMMER CAMPS AND ISRAEL PROGRAMS

## *An immersive, profound opportunity for our youth*

This past year OZ was able to help send 12 youngsters to Jewish Camps and two to Israel programs. We should be proud as a community that we are able to help so many families give their children these important Jewish experiences. Jewish summer camps and Israel programs have been shown to have a profound and lasting effect on the youth that participate in them. These youth carry these effects into their adult lives and are shown to be more likely to be engaged with the Jewish community and participate in Jewish rituals on a regular basis than their counterparts who did not participate in these types of programs. Thanks to generous donors, OZ has been able to support many youth in our community to attend Jewish Camps and Israel programs who would have not otherwise been able to attend. Please see details below if you would like to contribute to these important funds.

*"It was really fun to go to Eisner because you get to make a lot of great memories and still be able to have a great Jewish experience and learn more about Judaism. Shabbat at Eisner was also really fun! Everyone would wear a white shirt/dress and we would have a special dinner. After dinner we would go to Beit T'filah and sing prayers. After that we would go to universal, eat Shabbat brownies, and go to song session."*

*~ Camp participant, age 10*

With over 150 Jewish camps currently in the US, there are camps for a wide range of interests including sports, drama, the environment, science and the traditional all around camp experience. Programs can easily be researched at [Jewishcamp.org](http://Jewishcamp.org) which has a database of programs that can be searched or browsed. OZ also hosts a **Camp Fair** where you can talk with camp representatives and youth from our community who have attended the camps. This year it will be held **Sunday, February 2, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**.

*"To me camp Tevya is a very special place. It is a place where I am around other Jewish kids who also have the privilege to go to camp. It is also a place where you can make new friends every year. Some highlights from my times at camp are times when we can all just chill in our bunks and just talk about stuff. I also love our electives. It is a time when we get to choose*

*some special things that we want to do like paddle boarding, rocketry and ceramics."*

*~ Camp participant, age 12*

The Scholarship Committee is proud to be able to offer these scholarships and to have helped send so many kids to camp and to Israel over the past years. We invite you to help continue this wonderful legacy by making a donation in support of our youth. Donations to **The Greenberg - Lopkin Jewish Camping Scholarship Fund** and **The Greenberg - Bratspis Israel Youth Trip Scholarship Fund** are used in full each year in support of the scholarships. **The Howard Richie Lazarus Jewish Camping Scholarship Fund** is an endowment fund from which a percentage is used towards scholarships every year. When donating clearly notate the fund desired in the memo line of your check.

Applications for scholarships are available on the OZ website, or by contacting Amy May, [amyesthermay@gmail.com](mailto:amyesthermay@gmail.com). Questions about the scholarships should also be addressed to Amy. Applications are due March 1.

*"This trip reinforced that Judaism is more than a religion. It is a way of living and going through every day. There are so many parts of Judaism that I unconsciously weave into my day. In Israel this was even stronger. My Jewish lifestyle is only shared with a small portion of Vermont and the US as a whole. In Israel though it is something that the country is based on. My minority lifestyle is no longer a minority there. People dancing and celebrating Shabbat on the streets and all over the country is the norm. Israel is so many miles away from what I call home in Vermont, yet I can go into an Israeli's house or synagogue and feel like I can connect to the culture and everyday practices."*

*~ Israel program participant, age 16*

*~ Amy May*

**CAMP FAIR AT OZ**  
**Sunday, February 2**  
**11:00 am to 12:30 pm**



### **Adult Education**

*Jewish Film Series* - Frank & Ducky Donath, David & Judy Hershberg and Fred Childs & Barbara McGrew  
*In Loving Memory of Max Kahn* by Michael & Mical Schneider

### **Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

*In Appreciation of Cantor Steve* by Richard & Linda Finkelstein  
*In Honor of Toby Hecht* by Jory Hearst

### **Cemetery & Memorials Fund**

*In Loving Memory of Louis and Nathan Pasman* by Shirley Pyrtle  
*In Memory of Melvin Gold* by Phyllis Gold

### **Chevre Kadisha**

*In Loving Memory of Wallace Genser* by Ronelle Genser

### **Sam & Ida Epstein Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of Ida Saiger Epstein* by Judy Chance

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

*In Loving Memory of Rose Flax Epstein* by Allan & Elsie Paul

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

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

### **General Fund**

Bob & Roberta Kanarick, Idith Moskovits, Jenna Poplasky  
Mary D'Agostino and Steven Lee and Richard & Claire Raabe  
*In Appreciation of Lee Lichtenstein* by Fern Ellen & Larry Blood  
*In Honor of Conversion* by Kevin and Liz Weishaar  
*In Loving Memory of*  
Fanny Fleischman by Jack Kamins  
Roslyn Schwartz by Judi Schwartz  
Anita Novack by Leigh & Leslie Dolin  
Harvey Rosenfield by Michael Rosenfield  
Hermann Bacharach by Paul & Eileen Growald  
Robert and Leah Farhi by Rosalie Brill  
*In Memory of*  
David Sperger Faigel by Edward & Bernice Bayer and  
Howard Faigel & Margaret Leshen  
Paul Jaffe by Joy Jaffe

Beverly Senville by Mindy Evnin  
Frederick Hirsch, Charles & Doris Samuelson  
and Freda Joseph Hirsch by Rose Hirsch

### **Bailey Goldberg Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of Gladys Melnick* by Edie Goldberg  
*In Memory of Esther Melnick* by Edith Goldberg

### **Hebrew School**

*In Memory of Edith Winner, Judith Helen Grodzinsky, Sylvia Winner Grodzinsky* by Jean Maniscalco

### **Edwin & Barbara Hershberg Endowment**

*In Memory of Edwin Merrill Hershberg* by Louis Hershberg

### **Harry & Irene Kahn Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of*  
Max Kahn, Harry Kahn and Betsy Samuelson  
Greer  
by Hazel Keimowitz  
*In Memory of*  
Max Kahn by George & Miriam Saiger and Judy Auerieth

### **Kiddush Fund**

Basha Brody & Martha Abbott, David & Judy Hershberg, David Brown & Vivien Rabin Brown, Gary Dreiblatt and Nancy Sinkoff, Gerald Klempner & Mary Jean Egglefield, Jack & Viviane Levy, Judith Chalmer, Matthew & Peggy Price and Richard & Linda Finkelstein  
*In Memory of Joseph Bousso* by Jack & Viviane Levy

### **Mary Ann Pels + Sara Flax Rosenberg Kitchen Fund**

*In Memory of David Pels* by Anita Cohn, Judy Auerieth  
and Lee Silver

### **Mural Restoration Fund**

Lee Lichtenstein & Cynthia Snyder, Al & Nancy Mollitor, Andrew Siegel, Eric Siegel and Frank & Ducky Donath

**NADAV**

*In Memory of* Nina Pomerantz by Anita Cohn

**Rev Nadelson Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Miecele Kitayewitz by Annette Lazarus

**Simon & Esther Perlmutter Endowment Fund**

*In Memory of* Esther Moskovitz Perlmutter  
by Lawrence & Wendy Perlmutter

**Ellie and Milt Potash Endowment Fund**

*In Memory of* Klara Szucs Lomartire by Victoria Tamas

**Preschool**

Linda Krouner

*In Memory of* Arlene Snyder by Anita Cohn

**Rabbi Wall Endowment**

Hannah & David Wood

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Andrew & Leah Rowe

*In honor of*

Rabbi Amy Small and Cantor Steve by Daniel Seeley  
& Adele Wolfson

Toby Hecht by Bess Oland Wadler & Jeff Wadler

*In Loving Memory of*

Martin and Gloria Hirtz by Daniel & Deborah Waterman  
Harlene and Warren Horn, Louis & Celia Rugoff by  
Jeffrey Horn

Martha Carter by Leigh & Leslie Dolin

Ann Roemischer by Michael & Raisa Roemischer

Nathan S. Roemischer by Michael & Raisa Roemischer

Paula Speier by Paul & Eileen Growald

*In Memory of*

Irving Parker by Mallory & Marcia Parker

Jack Brown by Suzanne Brown

**Sally Hand Memorial Library Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Dr Arthur E Kahn by Robbie  
Pfeuffer Kahn

**Shalom Shuk Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Herb Bloomenthal by Mel &  
Amy Bloomenthal

**Talmud Torah**

*In Memory of* Gail Dewitt Ades and Vera Bigio Ades  
by Philip Ades & Deborah Rubin

Thank  
you

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

## Y A H R Z E I T S

### Wednesday 1/1/2020

Dr. Yrech Pardo  
Max Waterman\*  
Morris Wool\*

### Thursday 1/2/2020

Estyr Bergstein Alpert\*  
Sarah Kaminkofsky  
Benjamin Lipman\*

### Friday 1/3/2020

Benjamin Brill\*  
Minnie S. Cohen\*  
Ms. Diane Gabriel\*  
Ben Harris\*

### Saturday 1/4/2020

Gerald Jay Holtz  
Amy Sara Naparstek  
Ellen D. Rothberg\*

### Sunday 1/5/2020

Minnie Lerner Davis  
Rachel Katz\*

### Monday 1/6/2020

Mayer H. Epstein\*  
Jacob Klinkosteim\*  
Joseph Rosenberg\*  
Della Lewis Wilensky\*

### Tuesday 1/7/2020

Sally Agel\*  
Rose Barell  
Cantor Eugene Holzer\*  
Ida Koblenz\*  
Eva Yett Krinovitz\*  
Helen Wilker Pepperman\*  
Beatrice Weisberg  
Gita Salat Wisgardisky\*  
Tema Wolfson

### Wednesday 1/8/2020

Hy Abramson\*  
Arnold Aronoff\*  
Aleck Bloomenthal  
Michael David Cohen\*  
Marjorie R. Dalton\*  
Lorraine Hulst  
Matthew Stein  
Harold Stern\*  
Michael D.G. Zeltzerman\*

### Thursday 1/9/2020

Samuel S. Levin\*  
Barry Stephen Medivetsky\*  
David Rothberg  
Martha H. Schobel\*  
Simon Shulman\*  
Miriam Rachel Wainer

### Friday 1/10/2020

Herbert Hyman\*

### Saturday 1/11/2020

Alex Elioseff  
Aaron Fraint\*  
Philip A. Levin\*  
Abraham Likosky\*  
Samuel Weiss\*

### Sunday 1/12/2020

David Aber\*  
Benzion Joseph Black\*  
Clarence Brown\*  
Emanuel Goldberg  
Edgar May\*  
Melvin Siris\*

### Monday 1/13/2020

Martin Barell  
Eugene Myer Lazarus\*  
Samuel B. Lipton  
Dr. Hillel Panitch  
Emanuel Pasackow\*  
Isaac Rosenberg

### Tuesday 1/14/2020

Philip Gould\*  
Emil Growald\*  
Sam M. Kitayewitz  
Fannie M. Nadelson\*  
Abraham Sirkin\*  
Sandy Susman  
Anna Rosenthal Zeskind\*

### Wednesday 1/15/2020

Rose Fine Alfred\*  
Geraldine Romm Carr\*  
Judith Cohen\*  
Louis Morris Epstein\*  
Florence Tepfer Schein\*  
Dorothy Mazel Spiro\*

### Thursday 1/16/2020

Dorothy Nettie Agel\*  
Henry A. Berger\*  
Robert Klinkosteim\*  
Hedwig Levi  
Elizabeth Schulman

### Friday 1/17/2020

Mark Lee Cohen\*  
Evelyn Goldfield  
Frederick William  
Greenberg\*  
Pearl Gold Halpern\*  
Esther Fabricant Mintzer\*  
Nina Ricardo  
Moses Irwin Saiger\*  
Phyllis Shulman\*

### Saturday 1/18/2020

Louis H. Baker\*  
Betty Bowman  
Mason Cannon\*  
Bradley Hill\*  
Lena Rachel Kershner\*  
Theresa Saltzman\*

### Sunday 1/19/2020

Morris Behar\*  
Peary Cohen\*  
Philip Davis\*  
Carrie Wolk Fishman\*  
Joseph Frank\*  
Rabbi Jacob Goodman\*  
Abraham Kessel\*  
Carrie Levin\*  
Leah Zaetz Rafsky\*  
Molly Shelton  
Jack Shulman\*

### Monday 1/20/2020

Frances Baker Frogel  
Dora Hershberg Rome\*  
Eunice Baron Rothman\*  
Gertrude Shelansky\*

### Tuesday 1/21/2020

Dr. Edward E. Friedman\*  
Dr. Arthur A. Gladstone\*  
Simon Gould\*  
Anna Cohen Harre\*  
Dr. Michael Lee Kropsky\*  
Esther-leah Liebman

### Wednesday 1/22/2020

Robert Reuben Carr\*  
Robert DiGiulio  
John Hennessey, Jr  
Bernice I. Lamden\*  
Myer Litsky  
Marion Grace Munro\*  
Mary Paschkes  
Jerome Hyman Wax\*

### Thursday 1/23/2020

Johanna Kahn  
Hildegard Zacharias

### Friday 1/24/2020

Sarah Ida Rome Kershner\*  
Shirley Steirn  
Theodore 'Ted' Witkin\*  
Ethel Haberman Yett\*

### Saturday 1/25/2020

Barnet Asner\*  
Shirley Gimbel\*  
Bernice Press Hirsch\*  
Daniel Kutzko\*

Sarah C. Rosenberg\*  
I.Sarah Weinstein\*

### Sunday 1/26/2020

Anna Sarah Baron\*  
Ronald Glassman  
Morris Hanson\*  
Robert Weinstein\*  
Irwin G. Zaetz\*  
Samuel Zeskind\*

### Monday 1/27/2020

Israel Schobel\*

### Tuesday 1/28/2020

Rachel Mehl Cohen\*  
Celia Gardner Glassman\*  
Bernard Greenberg  
Blanche Grossman\*  
Charles David Hill\*  
Marshall Weiner\*

### Wednesday 1/29/2020

Esther Heiligman Cohen\*  
Margarita Shtull  
Kolman Zeskind\*

### Thursday 1/30/2020

Dora Brill\*  
Norman Godfrey\*  
Ben Lapidow\*  
Jeffrey Howard Medlinsky\*  
Joseph Shaffer  
Benjamin C. Stein\*

### Friday 1/31/2020

Aaron Blistein\*  
Rebecca Levine Boyarsky\*  
Allen Machanic\*  
Samuel H. Miller\*  
Myron Samuelson\*  
Joan Green Sugarman



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

## Y A H R Z E I T S

### Saturday 2/1/2020

Shirley Bayarsky\*  
Moses Bramson\*  
Myles Strasmich Brown  
Mayer B. Cohen\*  
Sara Beatrice Levin\*  
Anna Lipton  
Jacob Perelman\*  
Ida Lena Rome\*  
Moses Izaak Saiger\*

### Sunday 2/2/2020

Annie Cohen  
Barney Z Goldberg\*  
Estelle B. Goldman  
Nathan Harris\*  
Sylvia Klein  
Corinne Mazel\*  
Sam Packer  
Berdie Schenkel Yafa

### Monday 2/3/2020

Jack Gold\*  
Sara Schonfeld  
Aaron H. Weinstein\*  
Esther Wolfson  
Jack Wool\*

### Tuesday 2/4/2020

Esther Adler\*  
Gerald Adler\*  
Leo Blau  
Joseph Lasker\*  
Stanton S. Lazarus\*  
Ida Sugarman Samuelson\*

### Wednesday 2/5/2020

Sadie R. Barney\*  
Philip Cohen  
Anne Carr Levy\*  
Gladys E. Neiburg\*  
Isaac Perelman\*  
Dr. S. Alexander Rippa\*  
Lilian Rouda

### Thursday 2/6/2020

Lorraine Korson\*  
Louis M. Neiburg\*  
Sophia Rutstein\*  
Leo M. Schaffer\*

### Friday 2/7/2020

Rose Edith London\*  
Florence I. Melnick Sockol\*

### Saturday 2/8/2020

Esther Cohen\*  
Ann Corbman  
Max Frank\*  
Frank Mazel\*  
Lynne Kosson Small

### Sunday 2/9/2020

Janet Kershner Baker\*  
Charles Eli Baron\*  
Sarah Bick  
Daniel Fivel  
Julius Fogel  
Sarah Zaetz\*

### Monday 2/10/2020

Marjorie Horowitz  
Lillian Bornstein Katz  
Sarah Segel Rothman\*  
Walter Siegel  
Samuel Aaron Silberman\*  
Judy Ellen Thomas\*  
Louis Zaetz\*

### Tuesday 2/11/2020

Joseph Arkin\*  
Sam E. Bayarsky\*  
William J. Brown\*  
Elchanan Gladstone\*  
Fay Sussman Schwartz\*

### Wednesday 2/12/2020

Harvey O. Corman\*  
Bert Growald\*  
Morris Pearl\*

### Friday 2/14/2020

Simon Kronberg  
Rose K. Kurlander\*  
Leo Schechter  
Irving Trutt  
Rachel Frait Wasserman\*  
Samuel Weisman\*  
Estelle Wolfish\*

### Saturday 2/15/2020

Bernie Abbot  
Elaine Alexander  
Lisa Cohen  
Claire Elioseff  
Anita Anna Kahn  
Louis Levine\*  
Alice Visco

### Sunday 2/16/2020

Israel Adler\*  
Paul Dubin  
Eric Jacobs  
Jacob Kershner\*  
Jane Nigon  
Louis Perlmutter  
Ree Simon Shapiro\*  
Betty Zolten

### Monday 2/17/2020

Erwin L. Adler\*  
Max Bercuvitz\*  
Alex A. Berger\*  
Leon Bick  
Sarah Fishman Gould\*  
Dr George (Jon) Ravit\*  
Jack Rosenthal\*  
Abraham H. Stroh\*

### Tuesday 2/18/2020

Aaron A. Agel\*  
George L. Agel\*  
David Bayarsky\*  
Elaine Greenfield\*  
Esther Shapiro\*

### Wednesday 2/19/2020

Annie Lamden Bornstein\*  
Rev. William Flax\*  
Max Glass\*  
Thomas McGrew  
Morris Moskovitz\*  
Dennis Steinmetz

### Thursday 2/20/2020

Merka Sarah Eisendrath\*  
Sanford Epstein  
Sarah Alberstat Frohlich  
Fannie Harris Greenblott\*  
David William Lashman\*  
Ilana Samets  
Edward Schorr

### Friday 2/21/2020

Shirley Dworsky Agel\*  
Gertrude Feldrais Patton  
Samuel Rome\*  
Hyman Weisberg

### Sunday 2/23/2020

Jack Blumer\*  
Herman Frait\*  
Jules Rouda

### Monday 2/24/2020

Lena Levin Glasston\*  
Lillian Golovin\*  
Ruby Helfand\*  
Diana Stavisky Lovitz\*  
Pauline Warshofsky Samuelson\*  
Pricilla Peyser Siev  
Benjamin Stein\*  
Samuel Sussman\*

### Tuesday 2/25/2020

Henry Hyman\*  
Grace Samuelson Miller  
Ted Schulman  
Joseph Wildholz  
Rebecca Wildholz

### Wednesday 2/26/2020

Michael Alpert\*  
Harry Bayer\*  
Lillian Esther Colodny\*  
Eva Epstein\*  
Fanny Stabinsky Hyman\*  
Harriet Libson West  
Arnold J Raynes  
Fannie Rubin  
Meier Shtull  
Henry Stoller\*  
Joseph Yett\*

### Thursday 2/27/2020

Sarah Brown Cunningham\*  
Abraham Katz\*  
Mary Koplewitz\*  
Myron S. Lash\*  
Jennie Wasserman Rosenberg\*  
Fred Meir Stern

### Friday 2/28/2020

Marianne Davidson  
Jacob H. Levin\*  
Clarice Mintzer Ravit\*

### Saturday 2/29/2020

Raymond Joseph Comstock  
Ruth Bockmann Freitag\*  
Gussie Greif\*  
Frederick L. Hirsch\*  
Frank Kling\*  
Dr. Morris J. Levin\*  
Blanche H. Rudolph\*  
Moses Abraham Shelansky\*  
Maria Zhodzhisky

## January 2020

1 - Office Closed

12:00 pm Israeli Dancing

2

3:00 pm Events Committee Meeting

5

9:30 am Hebrew School

9:45 am Hebrew School Committee Meeting

1:00 pm Engaging Israel Study Series

8

4:00 pm Hebrew School

10

5:45 pm Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm Potluck at OZ following Services

11

11:30 am Birthday Kiddush

12:30 pm Beit Midrash

12

9:30 am Hebrew School

9:30 am Talking with Children About Race Parent Workshop

10:00 am Torah Yoga

1:00 pm Engaging Israel Study Series

5:00 pm Community Singing Circle

14

5:45 pm Adult Ed Committee Meeting

15

4:00 pm Hebrew School

16

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn

5:30 pm Board Meeting

19

9:30 am Hebrew School

9:30 am Talking with Children About Race Parent Workshop

1:00 pm Engaging Israel Study Series

20 - Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed

21

7:15 pm Religious Committee Meeting

22

4:00 pm Hebrew School

24

7:30 pm Potluck at Rabbi Amy's home following Services

25

5:00 pm Tot Havdalah

26

9:30 am Hebrew School

5:00 pm Community Singing Circle

28

6:00 pm Intro to Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve

29

4:00 pm Hebrew School



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## February 2020

1  
9:15 am Lynda Siegel Bat Mitzvah Renewal

2  
9:30 am Hebrew School  
11:00 am Camp Fair  
1:00 pm Engaging Israel Study Series

4  
6:00 pm Intro to Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve

5  
4:00 pm Hebrew School

6  
3:00 pm Events Committee Meeting

8  
11:30 am Birthday Kiddush  
12:30 pm Beit Midrash

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9:30 am Hebrew School  
10:00 am Torah Yoga  
1:00 pm Engaging Israel Study Series  
5:00 pm Community Singing Circle

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5:45 pm Adult Ed Committee Meeting

12  
4:30 pm Hebrew School  
7:15 pm Religious Committee Meeting

14  
5:45 pm Tot Shabbat  
7:00 pm Potluck at OZ following services

16  
9:30 AM Hebrew School

17  
5:45 pm Free, White, and Christian: Constructing the Ideology of American Citizenship w/Bob Mayer

19  
4:00 pm Hebrew School  
4:30 pm Rabbi Wall Lecture at St. Michael's

20  
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn  
5:30 pm Board Meeting

22  
3:00 pm Charlie Buchwald Bar Mitzvah

23  
5:00 pm Community Singing Circle

24  
5:45 pm Free, White, and Christian: Constructing the Ideology of American Citizenship w/Bob Mayer

25  
6:00 pm Intro to Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve

28  
7:30 pm Potluck at Rabbi Amy's home following Services

29  
5:00 pm Tot Havdallah



**Tu b'Shevat, Birthday of the Trees,  
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**Save the Date:  
 Cantor Steve Installation  
 Saturday evening  
 March 7**

Friday	Candle Lighting	Ma'ariv	Saturday	Shacharit	Shabbat Ends
Jan 3	4:07 pm	6:00 pm	Jan 4	9:15 am	5:07 pm
Jan 10	4:15 pm	6:00 pm	Jan 11	9:15 am	5:15 pm
Jan 17	4:23 pm	6:00 pm	Jan 18	9:15 am	5:23 pm
Jan 24	4:33 pm	6:00 pm	Jan 25	9:15 am	5:33 pm
Jan 31	4:42 pm	6:00 pm	Feb 1	9:15 am	5:42 pm
Feb 7	4:52 pm	6:00 pm	Feb 8	9:15 am	5:52 pm
Feb 14	5:02 pm	6:00 pm	Feb 15	9:15 am	6:02 pm
Feb 21	5:12 pm	6:00 pm	Feb 22	9:15 am	6:12 pm
Feb 28	5:21 pm	6:00 pm	Feb 29	9:15 am	6:21 pm