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*Saturday, November 23
7:00 pm*

Enjoy an evening of fun,
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OZ's CHANUKAH PARTY

*Sunday, December 22
11:00 am to 1:00 pm*

Latkes, live music,
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More info on these events on page 10

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FROM THE RABBI



The Compelling Jewish Case for Climate Action

When I grow up, I want to be Greta Thunberg. That girl is amazing. 16 year-old Greta, who hails from Sweden, has taken the world by storm, courageously and forcefully calling on world leaders to change course and prioritize the preservation of our planet over the pursuit of money.

Thunberg delivered an emotional speech at the United Nations Climate Action Summit in September, appealing to world leaders “about the grave need to stop the effects of climate change.” She said, “You all come to us young people for hope. How dare you? You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words, and yet, I’m one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing.”

Tearfully, Thunberg condemned the lack of action on part of world leaders to address climate change. “We are in the beginning of a mass extinction and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you?”

I thought of our ancient texts and generations of commentary that underscore the core Jewish idea that the earth belongs to God, who gave us the responsibility to care for it. Genesis 1:26 reads, “And God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, and they shall rule over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heaven and over the animals and over all the earth and over all the creeping things that creep upon the earth.’”

The revered Rav Avraham Kook, the early 20th century Chief Rabbi of Palestine, commented on this verse: “No intelligent, thinking person could suppose that when the Torah instructs humankind to dominate...it means the domination of a harsh ruler, who afflicts his people and servants merely to fulfill his personal whim and desire, according to the crookedness of his heart. It is unthinkable that the Torah would impose such a decree of servitude, sealed for all eternity, upon the world of God.”

Genesis 1:28 says, “God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the sky and over all the beasts that tread upon the earth.’” Rabbi Norman Lamm from Yeshiva University commented, “Man is not only an *oved*, a worker and fabricator, he is also a *shomer*, a trustee who, according to the Halakha, is obligated to keep

the world whole for its true Owner, and is responsible to return it in no worse condition than he found it.”

But as a human community, we have been neglecting our *shomer* job. Thunberg cited more than 30 years of scientific evidence showing the consequences of a perpetually warming globe. She called out politicians who have known of the science but have not acted, saying, “You say you hear us and that you understand the urgency. But no matter how sad and angry I am, I do not want to believe that,” she said. “Because if you really understood the situation and still kept on failing to act, then you would be evil, and that I refuse to believe.”

Now is the time to understand the urgency.

Thunberg may be the most well-known, but she is far from the only young person leading this fight for their future. Jamie Margolin is another, a high school senior in Seattle. She was profiled in *The Jewish Forward* recently. Jamie spends her time running **Zero Hour**, a climate activist group run by and for teenagers. “Margolin is one of several teens whose utter fed-up-ness with the world’s indifference to the climate crisis has given them a spotlight.” Margolin and other youth involved in this activism say they need the grown-ups to act. They can’t do it alone.

Jewish tradition is filled with teachings celebrating the earth as God’s creation. The Psalmist voiced awe, wonder and gratitude for the glory of creation. Later, these texts gave the rabbis of the Talmud and the mystical Zohar much to parse for meaning, declaring of our responsibility and accountability for caring for the earth.

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released its latest report in September. The report was prepared by 104 authors and reviewed by editors from 36 countries. This scientific report has a global imprimatur. The scientists reported that “global warming has already reached 1°C above the pre-industrial level... There is overwhelming evidence that this is resulting in profound consequences for ecosystems and people. If we reduce emissions sharply, consequences for people and their livelihoods will still be challenging, but potentially more manageable for those who are most vulnerable,” Hoesung Lee (chair of the IPCC) said.

While the news of dramatic effects of our changing climate may motivate us to action, we need more. What will make us actually change our behaviors and our priorities? The Hasidic master, the Ba’al Shem Tov, taught that the environment is not just something that surrounds us. “*We are the environment*, plain and simple. Destroy

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FROM THE CANTOR



It was an honor to meet so many of you and to *daven* (pray) with you during High Holy Days at OZ. With this behind us now, let's take stock of some of the recent developments in music and prayer at OZ and look ahead at what's to come for November and December:

Recent Developments

- Interfaith Pride Service on September 5: Rabbi Amy and I collaborated with Temple Sinai and with our interfaith partners in Vermont on a service commemorating 50 years since the Stonewall Uprising, acknowledging all that we have accomplished since then, as well as the work that lies ahead in creating an inclusive, supportive, loving community for all LGBTQ individuals.
- Friday Night Services: With our own master guitarist Eric Friedman accompanying the service twice per month, we have introduced several new melodies and are continuing to find ways to make this Friday night service both joyful and meaningful. Please consider joining us for at least one Friday night per month!
- Shabbat Morning Services: Rabbi Amy and I are proud to be leading a Shabbat morning service that blends tradition with modernity. We are providing space for all OZ members to have a meaningful and accessible prayer experience, highlighted by our Parallel Service offerings on the first Saturday morning of every month.
- High Holy Day Services: Much of Rabbi Amy's and my energy was poured into creating spiritually uplifting services for the High Holy Days. Thank you to Chris Howard who played the violin to usher us in to Kol Nidre, to Dan Rome, Jeremy Berger, Toby Hecht and Justin Shaffritz, our amazing shofar blowers, and to all of you who *leyned* Torah and Haftarah and served as *gabbaim*. We are proud to have created a spiritual container where everyone could find meaning and joy!
- High Holy Day Workshop: It was wonderful to sing with so many of you during our pre-High Holy Day singing sessions. For four Sundays leading up to High Holy Days, we got together to learn many melodies, both traditional and contemporary, thereby offering a gateway and primer for the services.
- Community-Wide Shabbat Morning: It was great to see such a large multigenerational community in the sanctuary on September 21. With our own board member Adam Bluestein on guitar, we created a learning

service that took children and families through the arc of the Shabbat morning service (using Camel's Hump as our visual metaphor)!

- Simchat Torah Band: Featuring our own Marty Fogel (sax, clarinet) and Dan Silverman (trombone) along with Keith Levenson (percussion), we created two joyous Simchat Torah celebrations of singing and dancing for the OZ community.

What's in Store

- OZ Singing Community (Sundays Nov 10 & 24, Dec 8 & 22, 5-6:30 pm): On the second and fourth Sundays of each month we'll gather to join our voices in song. We continue to be very open to input and look forward to having people share their favorite songs and *niggunim* (wordless melodies) with the group. Everyone is welcome!
- Class on Shabbat Morning Service (Tuesdays, Nov 5, 12, 19 & 26, Dec 3, 10 & 17): Are you interested in becoming more comfortable with the Shabbat morning service? If so, this is the perfect class for you! We will be learning more about the history, structure, core Hebrew language, and the music of the Shabbat morning service.

This series of one-hour classes, which will continue until March 2020, gives 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. Together we will examine how each prayer fits into the larger arc of the Shabbat morning service. In addition to deepening an understanding of the Hebrew prayers, each of the sessions will include an opportunity to learn and sing melodies (both traditional and contemporary) for each prayer.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER at least a week ahead with Tari in the OZ office: tari@ohavizedek.org. Because learning about the Shabbat morning service is cumulative, we hope you can commit to attend all sessions.

- Chanukah Party: (Sunday, Dec 22, 11:00 am): Featuring performances by our OZ in-house band as well as a return of the children's chorus ("OZ Glee")! Come for singing, dancing (and, of course, lots of latkes!) See page 10 for more information about the party.

I feel honored to serve as your *hazzan* and look forward to finding ways (alongside my wonderful clergy partner, Rabbi Amy) to engage all of you in music and prayer at Ohavi Zedek.

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT



How beautiful a day can be, when kindness touches it: the words of George Elliston, a female journalist who died in 1946. I'm thinking about this as I write this article. In my Kol Nidre address, I thanked a lot of people who make Ohavi Zedek the wonderful place that it is, but did not have the time to thank everyone who deserves

mention. I said that I'd express additional gratitude in this article in *The Voice*. Even here there is not enough room to mention the many, many of you who touch our community by volunteering your time, your skills, your talents and your kindness. Thanks to the following committees chairs and members and other individuals:

Adult Education Committee, chaired by Nancy Sugarman for the amazing programs they bring to us. Please see page 14 for the exciting classes coming up.

Aaron Goldberg and Jeff Potash for all their work on the Archives Committee, keeping our history alive.

The Cemetery Committee, chaired by Shimmy Cohen, who ensure respectful management of all issues related to remembrance of our loved ones.

The Development and Fundraising Committee, chaired by Sharon Panitch. As I said in my Kol Nidre address, fundraising is a marathon not a sprint, and we need some more folks to take different roles in keeping this important marathon running.

The Events Committee and the chair Judy Hershberg, for overseeing social events, speakers and other programs designed to enlighten and entertain.

Bill Miller, Treasurer, and the rest of the folks on the Finance Committee. And please remember that we do need a new Treasurer so that Bill can step down from that role. Luckily for us, he will continue on the board and working with this committee.

Eric and Karen Corbman, who chair our *G'mach* Committee. *G'mach* is an abbreviation for *gemilut chasadim*, meaning acts of kindness. This is what they do, reaching out to congregants in need with food, rides, visits and more.

The Hebrew School Committee, chaired by Marina Shpaner, which works closely with our Director of Youth Education, Naomi Barell, to ensure the highest quality Jewish education for the children of our community.

David Rome chairs both the House Committee and the Security Committee, and that is a lot! The House Committee

ensures that the physical plant and all parts of our property are well-maintained, and the Security Committee worked hard for our safety here at OZ.

Iris Banks and members of the Inclusion Committee, who work to make OZ accessible to all.

All members of the Interfaith/Social Action Committee, chaired by Michael Schaal, who explore social justice needs locally, nationally and internationally.

Judy Danzig & Louise Klein Hodin, who chair our Kiddush Committee, and all the volunteers who bring us delicious Kiddush luncheons after Shabbat services. Please read their article on page 17.

Suzi Wizowaty, chair of our Library Committee, who has done a wonderful job of reorganizing our library and overseeing book discussions.

Richard Finkelstein, chair of our Membership and Outreach Committee, which welcome potential and new members and help involve them in community life.

Rebecca Stern and the members of the Preschool Committee who work with our Full Circle staff to look after our Preschool children and families.

Members of the Religious Committee, chaired by Basha Brody & Navah Spero, who work with Rabbi Amy and Cantor Steve on religious policies at OZ.

And thank you to our minyan captains: Michael Gelin, Sarah Klionsky, Basha Brody, Marv Greenberg and Jeff Priest. Please read and respond to Marv's article on page 7 concerning minyanim at OZ.

We so appreciate the time and effort of Natalie Thanassi who runs our Sisterhood Gift Shop.

And there are so many other volunteers who deserve our heartfelt gratitude, including the hard working board members, kitchen volunteers, NADAV mentors, those who serve quietly and reverently at the Chevra Kadisha, and other who may have been inadvertently overlooked.

And to everyone at OZ: Want to make a difference? Use your skills and talents for good? Meet others in our community? Help others? We can use more volunteers on many committees and in so many other areas. Please contact a Committee Chair (see names and contact information on page 2) or contact me and we can talk.

To all past, current and future volunteers, please allow me to quote William Shakespeare who said, *I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks.*

~ Vivien Rabin Brown

FROM THE TREASURER



On the balance sheet as of September 30, 2019, OZ had \$118k in cash, down from \$218k at September 30 last year. The outstanding long-term loan balances were \$175k on the \$200k kitchen loan, and \$197k on the \$212k endowment loan, paid down from \$182k and \$204k, respectively, at the end of last June.

FY 2019-2020 First Quarter Results

OZ's 1st quarter 2019-20 was positive, as is normal for this time of year: our operating revenues exceeded our operating expenses by \$178K. That exceeded the initial projected surplus of \$144K by about \$35K, but was slightly down from the operating surplus of \$194k last year. What accounted for this result? Primarily, the following items:

- About \$18K in revenues were received in excess of the 1st quarter forecast, mostly dues
- About \$17k in budgeted expenses have not been incurred yet, but will be in the coming months (insurance, dues, contract labor)

Year-End Forecast So Far

There have been 256 families pledging \$333k in dues for the year, so we are at 89% of our goal of \$372k. These families have pledged slightly more (0.3%) than their 2018-19 pledges, plus \$17k in Facilities Fees and \$10k in Security Fees. (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, which they should receive based on the Human Resources Policies in our Employment Manual; that will cost \$10k this year (including all retroactive payment), 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!

If, having read the above, you wonder if OZ could use a new Treasurer, you are right – we are, indeed, actively searching! If you love and are competent in accounting entries (or know someone who fits the bill), please let us know. If you happen to only love accounting entries, but not speaking or writing about those numbers, we even have a congregant who can team up with you for the non-bookkeeping aspects, like meetings, budget presentations and these highly engaging articles in *The Voice*.

~ Bill Miller

From the Rabbi...cont'd from page 3

the world around us and we destroy ourselves. (Rabbi Burt Jacobson)

The earth is crying out, "Enough." We are obligated to keep the world whole for its true Owner, God.

Greta Thunberg and Jamie Margolin and thousands of other youth are showing us how to act. It takes courage to reprioritize how we use our resources and reorder our lives. But we can do it together. There are many resources available to help us figure out how to live energy-efficient lives. This is our charge on this Yom Kippur.

~ Rabbi Amy

**Text of Rabbi Amy's sermon on Yom Kippur
Full and footnoted sermon is on the OZ website**

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:           WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?           :
:   WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SEAT ON          :
:   THE OZ BOARD OF DIRECTORS?                    :
:   There will be two openings to be voted on at the :
:   December 15 Congregational Meeting.           :
:   Please contact Vivien Rabin Brown or Wayne    :
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TO THE OHAVI ZEDEK SINGING COMMUNITY

We are delighted to be continuing our singing community, joined by Cantor Steve!

Come join us, please!

Song lifts us up and provides nourishment,
community
and joy to the heart

Second and fourth Sundays of the month, beginning
on November 10, 5 - 6:30 pm

If you want to invite a friend, go for it! Questions?
Email jdanzig118@gmail.com

Sisterhood of Salaam/Shalom



The Sisterhood of Salaam/Shalom is a national organization that builds strong relationships between Muslim and Jewish women based on developing trust and respect and ending anti-Muslim and anti-Jewish sentiment. Women at the Islamic Society of Vermont and Ohavi Zedek Synagogue have joined together to form the first Vermont chapter. Nausheen Azhar from the Islamic Society and Vivien Rabin Brown from OZ are the co-chairs. We look forward to continuing to work with Muslim and Jewish women.

MINYAN MAKERS WANTED!

As our New Year begins, it is a time of reflection for us, both as individuals and as a community.

I once again need to bring up the subject of our daily minyan (prayer services). As you know, we have a daily service on Sunday mornings and Monday through Thursday evenings. It is becoming increasingly more difficult for us to gather at least ten Jewish adults (post bar/bat mitzvah) on a regular basis. At this time the Religious Committee and Rabbi Amy remain committed to continuing our practice of having the daily service.

However, the Religious Committee and the board are reconsidering changing the scheduling of our daily service. There is a sense of frustration among the few people who are committed to attending minyan on a regular basis. The RC is considering having the daily service on an “as needed” basis. This will mean that the minyan captains will gather a minyan only when the office gets notice that someone needs to say Kaddish. There have been too many days when a congregant or a visitor comes to the service to say Kaddish (which requires the quorum of ten) only to find that we don’t have enough people in attendance. There are many congregations in the US that have had to give up on their daily minyan due to lack of community support. We hope that we will not fall into that category.

To be blunt, many of you have requested a minyan in the past in order to say Kaddish, but have not been willing to be part of the minyan community and volunteer to participate on a regular basis. A “regular basis” can mean once a week, once a month or anything inbetween. Thanks those of you who have already “answered the call.”

The services are on Sunday at 9:00 am (~ ½ hour) and Sunday through Thursday night at 7:00 pm (15 – 25 minutes). We are open for any suggestions to help increase attendance at these services.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss this further. I want to hear from you so I can report back to the Religious Committee with suggestions of where we will go with this moving forward. I can also help you get you in touch with the appropriate minyan captain to sign up for a certain night.

~ Marv Greenberg
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PROFILE: LILA SHAPERO



Wayne & Lila in Costa Rica

At the 141st mid-year meeting of the Vermont Bar Association in 2017, Lila Shapero was one of three Vermont attorneys to receive the association's Annual Pro Bono Service Award.

Burlington lawyer Judy Dickson, who nominated her, cited Lila's legal skills, her compassion and her ability to work collaboratively to further the legal rights and services for low-income Vermonters. Lila's dedication to the rights of low-income and disadvantaged citizens, refugees, immigrants and victims of domestic violence has been at the core of her life's work, both as a paid professional and as a pro bono advocate.

While her roots are in Ohio, Lila and her husband, Wayne Senville, have lived in Vermont for 31 years. Their circuitous journey took them from Minnesota to Pennsylvania, Maryland, Missouri and New Jersey before they landed in the Green Mountain State.

Lila, 69, was born to Ralph and Gisela Wolf Shapero in July of 1950. Her mother, a Holocaust survivor, grew up in a Carpathian Mountain village that was part of Czechoslovakia before World War II, later becoming part of Ukraine. As the Nazis advanced, their parents obtained false passports and sent Gisela and her sister Ethel, both teenagers, to Budapest. The family planned to follow, but the border closed, leaving the girls on their own. Already fluent in Czech, Yiddish and Ukrainian, they learned Hungarian and found jobs to support themselves in factories and restaurants through contacts in the Jewish community. They moved from place to place to avoid the roundups that were happening around them in Budapest. When the war ended and the sisters were able to return to their hometown, they discovered that no family had survived and no information was available.

Ethel married, went to Israel, then settled in Canada; relatives in Lorain, Ohio, a city in the Greater Cleveland metropolitan area, sponsored Gisela, enabling her to emigrate from war-torn Europe to America in 1947. She found an apartment and a job and met her future husband, Ralph Shapero, who lived in Elyria, not far from Lorain. As youngsters during the Depression years, Ralph and his brother worked to help support their family. Ralph fought in Europe with the US Army and held a series of union jobs when he returned to Ohio. Gisela and Ralph

married in 1949 and had three children. Lila is the eldest; her siblings Beverly and Neal still live Ohio with their families. Both Ralph and Gisela passed away, he in 2011 and she the following year.

Lila attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1972, and went on to enroll in the University of Minnesota Law School in Minneapolis. There she met her future husband, Wayne, an alumnus of Brown University, who grew up in Lawrence, Long Island. The two were drawn together by their mutual attraction to public interest law. As a senior, Lila was a student director of a legal aid clinic; Wayne, a year behind her, was a member of her group. "In those days there were very few women in law school, and she stood out," he recalls.

Lila graduated in 1975 and found a job in domestic relations law in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. When Wayne graduated the following year, the two were married. Their daughter Amelia was born in 1981.

In 1977 Wayne and Lila moved to the East Coast (Pennsylvania and Maryland), where they were closer to both of their families. As Wayne's focus shifted, he earned a Master's degree in City Planning at the University of Pennsylvania, enabling him to concentrate on the environment and to deal with energy, housing density, transportation, sprawl and the many other issues that affect our quality of life and wellbeing. Subsequently, they moved to Missouri and then to New Jersey. Throughout their relocations, Lila was able to follow her professional and personal interests as a legal services advocate, addressing a broad range of societal and individual ills in domestic relations, housing and homelessness, the welfare system, and the like.

In 1988 Wayne accepted a position of Director of Local and Regional Planning Assistance in the Vermont Department Housing and Community Affairs, bringing Lila and 7-year-old Amelia to the North Country. Four years later, he founded the *Planning Commissioners Journal*, which he published and edited until his retirement in 2014.

Wayne and Lila have been OZ congregants for many years. Amelia, now 38, went to Hebrew School and celebrated her bat mitzvah here. An artist, she lived for a while in Chicago, but has since moved back east. Her parents live on North Prospect Street, having left their large home on Bayview Street twenty years ago. Downsizing to 'what one truly needs' in terms of living

space made sense for their lifestyle, Lila notes.

Lila served as staff attorney for Vermont Legal Aid for 13 years beginning in 1988, representing clients as well as lobbying with state agencies, drafting legislation, and designing and delivering trainings on domestic violence, family law, housing law and welfare law. She spent the next five years as a consultant and then served as a hearing officer for the Vermont Human Services Board. Having left that position in 2012, she too retired officially in 2014, though she is still involved in pro bono work, helping refugees to adjust, deal with paperwork, and earn their green cards.

Among other things, retirement allows the couple to spend more time traveling. “Wayne is a good trip planner,” Lila says. They’ve taken trips sponsored by Road Scholars (formerly Elderhostel) to Costa Rica and Ireland and traveled to Georgia and Alabama on an intense, emotional civil rights tour. They’ve taken a Jewish Heritage tour to Prague, Theresienstadt, Budapest, Krakow and Warsaw, and just this spring, spent two weeks in Florence and Venice. They visit relatives in Ohio, New York and Rhode Island and make ‘cultural visits’ to theaters and museums in New York once or twice a year.

And more free time has enabled them to make invaluable contributions to OZ, bringing their sensibilities to bear on many committees and projects. Wayne and Lila have been involved in social action issues with both Rabbi Joshua and Rabbi Amy. They are among our minyan makers and are willing volunteers. As members of OZ’s Arts and Culture Chavurah, a small group of like-minded OZers, they gather for meals, to see films with Jewish themes and exhibits of Jewish interest, and have traveled together to the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA for Yidstock, a Yiddish music festival. In October, Richard Finkelstein, a native of Montreal and another member of the Chavurah, led the group on a tour of ‘his’ city, including the synagogue in which he grew up.

Currently, Wayne is Vice President of the congregation and in his fifth year on the Board of Directors; Lila serves on the Adult Education Committee and leads the library’s literary discussions. Fellow AE committee member Nancy Sugarman praises her friend’s long-term dedication and contributions to OZ: “Lila has written articles, led and participated in meetings, and steered committees through rough waters and transitions,” she says.

Lila joined the Board of the Synagogue Corporation in 2015 and has been President for the past three years. The Synagogue Corporation owns Fern Hill, the non-profit senior residence adjacent to the synagogue, which is now managed by Maloney Properties. The impetus for Fern Hill came from the late Rabbi Max Wall and fellow congregants more than 40 years ago. The Articles of

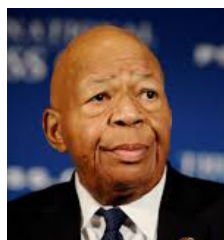
Incorporation for Synagogue Corporation specify that the Board of Directors must be made up of OZ members or significant others of OZ members. In addition, the Articles affirm the Board’s purpose to maintaining the commitment to house senior low-income and handicapped residents. “I look at Fern Hill through the prism of *tikkun olam*,” Lila says, “providing a necessity – housing – to those without the resources to do so on their own.” (You can read the full history of Fern Hill on the OZ website).

Kathy Luce, Vice President of the management company says, “Lila’s leadership as the President of the Synagogue Corporation Board has been steadfast and focused. She was involved in every step of the planning and implementation of the recent improvements and renovations at Fern Hill. We are grateful for her unwavering commitment to ensure that the residents are happy and satisfied in their homes. The leadership during the entire process has resulted in a beautiful new space for the Fern Hill residents to live, socialize and thrive.”

Nancy Sugarman sums up Lila’s dedication to *tikkun olam* – repairing the world – in every walk of life: “She brings a legal perspective, a cool head, deep reflection, great ideas and a clear commitment to social justice,” she says. “If Lila is involved, you know her heart is in it and she is fully engaged.”

~ Judy Hershberg

Rep. Elijah Cummings & the Jewish Community



American Jews are mourning the death of 68 year old Elijah Cummings. In order to bridge ties between the African-American and Jewish communities, the longtime Baltimore congressman founded the Elijah Cummings Youth Leadership Program in Israel, now in its 20th year.

As part of the program’s prestigious fellowship, African-American teens from his district spend two years taking leadership seminars and learning about the local Jewish community, including studying Black-Jewish relations and the Holocaust.

The program also includes a nearly month-long trip to Israel, where the teens stay at a youth village near Haifa, work with Israeli teens from diverse backgrounds, volunteer, and tour the country. More than 200 youths have participated in the fellowship.

“I want to send a message that we cannot as African-Americans progress without coalitions, and our greatest coalition partner has been the Jewish people in America,” Rep. Cummings said in a recent interview.

JOIN US FOR



IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

**CALCUTTA
FUNDRAISING EVENT**

***Saturday, November 23
7:00 pm***

Enjoy an evening of fun, chance and a wonderful Italian dinner.

This will be a great opportunity to support OZ and enjoy an evening with friends. The Calcutta is a game of chance with an opportunity to win \$1,000!

The grand prize is just one of many gifts. Your chance to win a prize will be 1 in 10.



Tickets for two will be sold for \$100 and will include dinner. Half tickets are available and matched with others so that everyone is included. Purchase insurance

for \$25 for a second chance to win.

Please save November 23 for this incredible event. Make plans today with friends to join us. Tickets will be available soon, but you can call the office today, 864-0218, to make your reservation.

A maximum of 100 tickets will be sold.

**OZ's
FAMOUS &
FABULOUS
CHANUKAH
PARTY!**



***Sunday, December 22
11:00 am to 1:00 pm***

Latkes, live music, children's performance, dreidls, chocolate gelt, face painting, games, crafts and more!

FABULOUS PICK-A-PRIZE RAFFLE

**MARKO THE
MAGICIAN**
will go table to table
with his sensational
bag of tricks



Suggested donation:

\$7/ adult...\$5/child...\$18/family

Open to the Community

VISIT THE CHANUKAH GIFT SHOP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members

- Ron Hunt and Cara Feldman Hunt
- Kayla Silver and Trenton Endres
- Brett Smith and Elisa Freeman
- Juliet Dowling

Condolences

- To Rick Hecht, Sharon Panitch and family on the death of Rick's dad, Curtis Hecht
- To Jessica Schecter Kane and Michael Kane on the death of Jessica's mother, Barbara Schecter
- To Joy Jaffe on the death of her husband, Dr. Julian Jaffe
- To the family of Dr. Max Kahn. Max was the son of the late Harry and Irene Kahn, longtime OZ members

Mazel Tov

- To Herb and Barbara Kessel on the birth of their fifth grandchild, Mishe Dov Kessel
- To Jessica Schecter Kane and Michael Kane on the birth of Theodore's little brother, Benjamin George Yonah Kane
- To Jeff & Janie Potash on the birth of their second grandson, Lane Krouner. Lane's brother Reed is a Full Circle Preschooler

Thank You

- To all of our High Holy Day volunteers; special thanks to head ushers Sue Schein and Basha Brody and all who served as ushers and greeters, and to Sharon Panitch for coordinating Rosh Hashanah by the Lake
- To Bob Small for designing and constructing and donation of two Torah stands, two podia and a table to match, all made of beautiful maple

Chanukah Gift Shop Hours

Sun, 12/15	9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Mon, 12/16, Tues, 12/17	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wed, 12/18	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thurs, 12/19	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fri, 12/20	10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sun, 12/22	11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Volunteers are needed to fill 3-hour time slots.
Please call Natalie Thanasi at (802) 864-1169.

There are more items for sale for babies & toddlers than in previous years. Menorahs for all ages.

LUNCH & LEARN

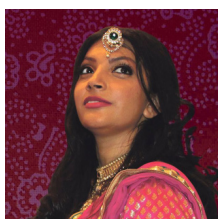
In September Aaron Goldberg and Mark Banks put on their Old World hats and 'became' their ancestors as they took us on their families' heritage journeys back to Lithuania. The presentation was filmed by Eric and Karen Corbman and shown several times on Channel 17. Many thanks to the Corbmans!

In October Bor Yang, the first woman of color serving as Commissioner of Human Rights in Vermont, enlightened us about the challenges facing our state in her well-articulated and insightful talk, entitled "Inequity in the State of Vermont."



Thursday, November 21 "Where Do We Go from Here?" Again this year Brattleboro legislators **Senator Becca Balint** and **Representative Emilie Kornheiser** bring their hopes, fears and predictions about the upcoming legislative

session in Vermont and the pre-election atmosphere throughout the country. They discuss how a different kind of leadership can guide us to a more hopeful political future.



Thursday, December 19 "Cochini Jewish Women's Songs in South India and Israel" Music ushers in the holiday season when **Emerita Professor Barbara Johnson** shares her research into the songs of an ancient community of Jews in Cochin

India and Israel. Come in from the cold and join us!

We hope you enjoy our eclectic series of presentations.

Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming L&L Dates, Speakers and Programs

Jan 16 Mark Redmond, "*Helping Homeless and At-Risk Youth in Burlington*"

Feb 20 Shaina Kasper, "*Organizing and Activism as Spiritual Practice*"

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*"

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



Ahhh, November! A time for things to settle in at OZHS after the start of the school year and after the High Holy Days. Now we can all get into a comfortable routine and jell as a learning community. Junior Congregation has started, Sunday music sessions with Cantor Steve are in full swing, teachers are getting

into their groove and Hebrew and SUPER Elective classes are running full steam. Always nice to see all the summer's planning in action!

November brings our first class Shabbat. **Saturday, November 9** Kitah Vav will help lead our Shabbat morning service. Cantor Steve will welcome their support since Rabbi Amy will be in Israel! All families are invited to join us for the service and potluck Kiddush following. The next day, **November 10**, we'll be sharing bagels and brownies at our second **OZHS Bagel Brunch** after Hebrew School. This is always a great time to sit and chat with other families and get to know each other.

Here comes the **Desert Tent Jamboree!** This event is always a highlight for the kids. Parents, please come and visit our biblical oasis on Sunday, **November 17, 10:45 - 11:30 am**. Our social hall, with your help, will be transformed into an ancient encampment where we will all learn about our matriarchs' and patriarchs' hospitality and about the stories from the book of Genesis. You don't want to miss this experience!

And then on to December when it will be Kitah Dalet/Hey's turn to help lead the Shabbat morning service. **Saturday, December 14**, also followed by a vegetarian potluck Kiddush. All families are invited to support our students as they take on this leadership role.

Chanukah? I know, it's not even Thanksgiving yet! But please mark down **December 22** for our **OZ Chanukah Party**. Latkes, live music, children's performance, dreidls, chocolate gelt, raffle prizes, games, MARKO THE AMAZING MAGICIAN. . . and more!

And in December I have the honor of receiving an award on behalf of OZ for our NADAV Teen Internship program at the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism (USCJ) Conference in Boston. I will have the opportunity to share the story of our very successful teen program with a large audience and I'm very excited. We currently have 11 interns in the program with the potential for four more! Our interns are cooking in the kitchen, working in the Shalom Shuk and Full Circle Preschool, producing videos and plays, taking photographs and supporting our Hebrew School teachers as *madrichim*. I truly enjoy meeting up with these teens each month to learn and have fun together. And it couldn't happen without the wonderful support of our mentors and generous donors!

This time of year can be chilly and dark, but OZHS is a warm and bright community. Please come to join us and share in that comfort.

~ Naomi Barell

NADAV teen internship program

AN ADDITIONAL NOTE ABOUT NADAV, OZ'S AWARD-WINNING YOUTH PROGRAM

Both student interns and the synagogue benefit from the NADAV program: kitchen interns provide Shabbat challah and food for G'mach and Kiddushim; photography and video interns document and share OZ stories and events; interns are valued additions to the Shuk, the Hebrew School, and the Preschool. Our interns also help clean the kitchen for Passover and assist Raul with facilities (mowing the lawn, painting, etc.). NADAV students also meet for monthly social/educational gatherings.

The NADAV program helps young people to see different aspects of synagogue life that they did not encounter as students and to maintain a connection with our community, both before and after b'nai mitzvah.

While our mentors volunteer their time, there are costs for materials, and each student who completes the 45 hour NADAV program earns a stipend.

THE PROGRAM IS FULLY FUNDED THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS.
PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AMAZING LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR KIDS!

Check out the NADAV students' video entitled "First Day of Hebrew School"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpjSXFHs0FU> (or go to YouTube and search Ohavi Zedek Hebrew School)

FULL CIRCLE PRESCHOOL



Shana Tova from the children and educators at Full Circle! With a new year comes the prospect of further growth in our learning community. Many of our families are excitedly beginning to share the news that their families will be growing in the coming year. As we help prepare children to become siblings, we are also working hard to meet the growing needs of each family.

Every year we try our hardest to be creative with staffing and enrollment models to accommodate our children and families, while remaining committed to small classroom size and quality care. You might wonder, what does that mean to us? At Full Circle, quality care means having five positive interactions for every negative interaction one might have with a child. It means taking the time to talk with each parent at drop off and pick up, scheduling meetings with parents beyond school hours, providing daily photos and write ups for each child on Brightwheel, a communication tool for parents and educators. Quality care means staying past designated work hours to make vision boards for our new playground, laminating each child's photo for safe keeping in the classroom, planning interest-based activities, offering support beyond the classroom walls. It means entering a partnership during the most important years of a child's development.

While I have always felt the magic of our community, our October Outdoor Work Day truly proved how devoted parents and teachers are to this program. In early October, we had 100 cubic yards of wood chips delivered to OZ for our new playground. When we were informed that the



current playground was not approved by state licensing for preschool-aged children, we knew we needed to act fast. We had a fence installed between the yurt and woods in the shape of a circle (very fitting). This space is large enough to accommodate all classrooms of children with a layout that makes it easier for teachers to safely watch them during their outdoor play. Our woodchips are splinter proof and provide a beautiful sensory experience for the children while creating extra cushion when children fall.

During our work day, parents, children and teachers joined together with their wheelbarrows, shovels, pitchforks, and positive energy to transport all 100 yards of woodchips to the new playground. Children climbed atop the woodchip pile and helped fill wheelbarrows while parents and teachers shoveled and schlepped. In just one day, an enormous mountain of woodchips became the natural carpet for children's outdoor play for years to come. Parents also helped move the beautiful benches and Star of David statue, which will all be relocated to a more accessible space for members.



We will have a second work day scheduled on Sunday, **November 10** from **9:00 AM-1:00 pm** to build a playhouse, outdoor play kitchen and natural climbers for the children, as we add to our playground and provide the children more access to our beautiful OZ forest. Please join us! Bagels and coffee will be served.

We look forward to finding more ways to come together in this exciting new year.

~ Erika Geremia

To read more about our exciting new playground, check out the Full Circle Preschool articles in the July/August and September/October issues of *The Voice*, available on our website.



Adult Education

The Adult Education Committee invites you to take part in our programs and classes. Programs range from history to film to a deeper look at Shabbat service and Beit Midrash. We welcome ideas as well as new committee members.

Please remember to register for classes with Tari at tari@ohavizedek.org.

Ongoing Series

Join Rabbi Amy/Cantor Steve in the OZ Beit Midrash (House of Learning)

Dec. 14, 2019 and Jan. 11, 2019; Feb. 8, Mar 14 and Apr 11, 2020

Second Shabbat after lunch, 12:30 - 2:00 pm, every month, October through April.

Are you looking to deepen your spiritual conversation? Try out a time-honored practice of Torah learning in pairs—where our voices are welcomed, and varying interpretations are part of the discussion. While our sages left us their own definitive conclusions, the practice they developed invites us into the conversation. 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 study pairs (*chevruta*) to learn text and explore meaning, followed by a teacher's presentation of their interpretation. Enjoy the pleasures of a delicious Shabbat Kiddush and satisfying study together on the second Shabbat of the month's listed above.

New Classes

In the Shadow of Empires: Jews in the Ancient World with Bob Mayer

Mondays from 5:45 - 6:45 pm - Oct. 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18, & 25; Dec. 2 & 9

In the centuries before the Roman destruction of the Temple and the great Diaspora, the ancient Jews lived a precarious existence between great empires and conquering armies. The class looks at the general history of this period from roughly 600 BCE through 70 CE, with a focus on the Hellenic period and the challenges the Jewish people faced as a small community in the midst of giants.

"Silence" the Movie

Sunday, November 17, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

This 1998 short animated film reflects the true story of 5-year-old Tana Ross, who learns to keep silent after surviving the concentration camps. Winner of a number of awards, including Best Short at the Oslo Animation Festival (1998), Grand Prix, Odense Film Festival (1999) and Gold Hugo at the Chicago International Film Festival (1998). We are privileged to have Orly Yadin, one of the filmmakers, join us to talk about her film. NOTE: a minimum of 10 people required. Please let Tari know if you plan to attend.

Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve

Tuesdays: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Oct 29; Nov 5, 12, 19 & 26; Dec 3, 10 & 17, 2019; Jan 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 25; March 3, 2020

This 14-session class gives 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 and learn about their origins and authors, utilizing the original Hebrew as well as translation and transliteration. We will examine how each prayer fits into the larger arc of the Shabbat morning service. Every class will include learning and singing melodies (both traditional and contemporary) for each prayer. NOTE: Because learning about the Shabbat morning service is cumulative, we hope you can commit to attend all sessions.

Coming in 2020

Talking to Children about Race with Full Circle Preschool

Two Sunday mornings: January 12 and 19 at 9:30 am

Discussion is open for Preschool families, Hebrew School families, and everyone who cares about children.

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

Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Jan. 5, 12, 19; Feb 2, 9; Mar 1, 8, 12, 22, 29; and Apr 5 and 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 towards the conflict and how these values shape their own political understandings. Though a common political platform may not be attainable, the course strives to achieve a shared respect for our differences. Purchase text from OZ office for \$15/person.

Also Coming

Feen Lecture, *Minnow*, poetry reading and book launch by Judy Chalmer, Book discussion of Amos Oz's *Dear Zealots*

~ Lila Shapero & Nancy Sugarman

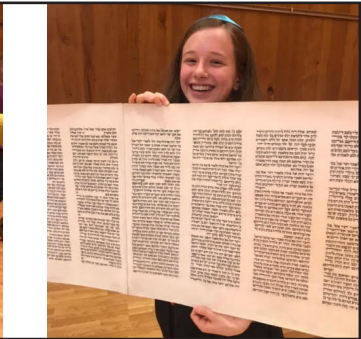
FALL HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS



Preparing for High Holy Days



Simchat Torah



Max Lorber-Lew wearing his OZ Hebrew School T-shirt in the world's largest sukkah in Jerusalem.



Edible Sukkah!

LIBRARY - EVENTS, NEW BOOKS, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS



Events

YID LIT is a **reading-discussion program** of short stories originally written in Yiddish and now available in translation-on-line through the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Stories from the Old Country

- Yenta Mash, “On the Landing”
- Micha Josef Berdyczewski, Three Stories [discussing only “Tainted”]
- Froyim Kaganovski: Two Sketches: “Goyish Affairs” and “In the Old Folks’ Home”

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Stories of Sholem Aleichem

- Selections TBD—look for announcement in the weekly emails or on the flyers around OZ
- And note: The Flynn Center will be present a Broadway touring production of “Fiddler on the Roof” (English version) on December 23.

Also, watch for an **exciting family-oriented event** (still in process) **around the important new picture book, *Daniel and Ismail*** (Restless Books, 2019). Written in Hebrew, Arabic, and English, it tells the story of two boys, one Israeli and one Palestinian,



who discover each other while playing soccer. How this book came to be published in the US is itself a remarkable story: Ilan Stavans, an American Jewish writer and scholar who teaches at Amherst, discovered it at a book fair in Chile.

(The author and illustrator are Chilean.) Remarkably, Chile has the largest Palestinian community outside the Arab world (450,000-500,000), and only about 15,000 Jews. Stavans, who also publishes Restless Books, arranged to publish the book here. Restless Books is an independent non-profit distributed by Simon & Schuster.

New Award-Winning Books

The Natan Notable Books Fall 2019 Winners (Jewish Book Council):

- Susie Linfield, *The Lions’ Den: Zionism and the Left from Hannah Arendt to Noam Chomsky* (Yale, 2019)
- Bari Weiss, *How to Fight Anti-Semitism* (Crown, 2019)

Also note **other new books on the New Books shelf** (biographies from the Yale Jewish Lives series: Steven R. Weisman’s *The Chosen Wars: How Judaism Became an American Religion* and more).

A well written history of Judaism in the United States, The Chosen Wars describes how life in America redefined Judaism, how Judaism became an American religion, and how Jews rejected their identity as a separate nation within America. The development of the Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Renewal branches, along with personalities and disputes involved are succinctly laid out in this fascinating book.

~ Review by Deb Lashman

Essential Question

What do you like to read? Do you read Jewish-themed books? Do you buy Jewish books? We’re looking for NEW Jewish books, published in 2019, and more importantly, readers to share what they’re reading and what they think we should have. Hate meetings but like to read? Please get in touch!

~ Suzi Wizowaty
Wizowaty@burlingtontelecom.net



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KIDDUSH COMMITTEE

We are pleased to tell you that the Kiddush luncheons after Shabbat services have been so well received that we are moving toward providing lunch after as many Shabbat services for which we have funding and volunteers.

We are continuing to provide Kiddush luncheons for birthday celebrations, life cycle events (an anniversary, a bris or a baby naming, for example) and sponsored Kiddushim in honor or in memory of loved ones.

Birthday Kiddushim - November 16 and December 7

We are so very grateful to everyone who has contributed in various ways to the Kiddush program, which is run totally on contributions and volunteer support.

As we grow our program, we are looking for additional volunteers to help in the kitchen and with set up in the social hall.

If you are able to give anywhere from one hour to a few hours, please call or text us at:

Judy - 802-881-3961 or Louise - 703-304-8169

Warmly,

~ Judy Danzig and Louise Klein Hodin

INTERFAITH/SOCIAL ACTION



Recently, OZ members and staff met with members of the African-American community to discuss ways that we can proceed regarding the Stopping Stones project in Burlington. The meeting was co-facilitated by our own Jason Lorber and by former State Representative Kiah Morris from Bennington.

As some of you may already know, Stopping Stones is an attempt to recognize and memorialize slaves who lived in Vermont, two of whom lived at the current location of the Ski Rack in Burlington. It is also a program that supports education and advocacy regarding racism. We at Ohavi Zedek intend to partner with members of the African-American community to work on this important project.

On November 24 at noon the new Tikkun Action Group will meet in the social hall after Hebrew School. Children are welcome, and bagels and snacks will be available. This group welcomes all to participate, but is especially geared toward the parents of young families. The first meeting will focus on how we can help with the nationwide efforts regarding voter registration.

The Ohavi Zedek Interfaith/Social Action Committee is focused on issue oriented, non-partisan social action in the spirit of *tikkun olam*, while we honor our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizational status. We want to emphasize issues that are of concern to us as Jews particularly and which also impact the greater non-Jewish community.

Every week it seems that there are more and more opportunities that are emerging for OZ members to participate in Interfaith/Social Action projects. If one of them appeals to you, let me know.

I envision small groups working on specific projects. Committee meetings will be held every month or two. That is where the projects will be coordinated. If you only have time to work on a project that interests you and you do not wish to attend committee meetings, that will work.

Feel free to contact me at mpschaal@comcast.net.

~ Michael Schaal

TORAH YOGA
with Adam Bluestein

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


Nov 10, Dec 8, 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



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Adult Education

In Loving Memory of Paul Paresky by Mandell & Joan Chernoff

Archives Fund

Michael & Leah Rosenthal

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Sue Schein

In Honor of Jory Hearst by Gary Visco & Judy Danzig

Cemetery & Memorials Fund

David & Jacklyn Maynard

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

In Memory of George Solomon by Mandell & Joan Chernoff

Chevra Kadisha

In Loving Memory of Harold Meyer Levin, MD by Michael & Cheryl Goldstein

Sam & Ida Epstein Endowment Fund

In Memory of Samuel Robert Epstein by Judy Chance

Mark Evnin Endowment Fund

In Memory of Daniel Pomerantz by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

Rose Flax Epstein & Louis Epstein Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Betty Paul Rothkopf by Allan & Elsie Paul

Morris & Marion Garbo Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Labe Bayarsky by Howard Drobner & Maxine Garbo

General Fund

Kenneth & Ivy Liebman, Peter Wohl & Mina Levinsky-Wohl
Richard & Anne Bingham

In Honor of Ila Abramson's Bat Mitzvah by Mindy Evnin

In Loving Memory of

Irene Gewirtz Cohen by Arnold & Maxine Cohen

Charles Levin by Dayle Levin-Feingold

Abe Candiotti, Steven Bruce Candiotti and Sylvia Friedman
by Ira & Jackie Candiotti

Charles Kamins by Jack Kamins

Murray & Joyce Tulis by Jeff Salisbury & Michelle Tulis

Allan Klein by Jeffrey Klein & Judy Tam

Eva Yett Cohen and Edythe Wool by Sara Sussman

In Memory of

Nina Pomerantz by Michael Woltz, Mindy Evnin and David Rome & Diane Rippa

Tova Blum, Arlene Snyder and Julian Jaffe by David Rome & Diane Rippa

Phyllis Priest by Jeff Priest & Nazly Guzman

David Pels by Mindy Evnin

Arlene Snyder by Mindy Evnin

Ralph Sussman and Carrie Levin Sussman by Sara Sussman
Benjamin Ricardo by Yitzak & Patricia Bezalel

Bailey Goldberg Fund

In Loving Memory of Hyman Goldberg by Edie Goldberg

Hyman & Yetta Harris Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Hyman Harris by Rosalie Harris

Hebrew School Endowment Fund

Arthur Kunin & Mary Grass, Ben Traverse & Rebecca Wasserman, Joshua & Kathryn Kernoff

Hebrew School Scholarship Fund

David & Jacklyn Maynard, Michael & Leah Rosenthal, Mike Strauss & Rebecca Sherlock and Rob & Ingrid Pels

Kiddush Fund

Deborah Lashman, Eric & Karen Corbman, Gerald Klempner & Mary Jean Egglefield

In Loving Memory of Haskell Rubman by Jeff & Carol Rubman

Life Cycle Fund

Aaron & Binky Goldberg, Adam Walker & Rachel Jolly, Annette Lazarus, Arthur Kunin & Mary Grass, David & Jacklyn Maynard, Joshua & Kathryn Kernoff, Leo Kline & Zelda Alpern, Linda Pardo, Marvin & Betty Libson, Michael & Leah Rosenthal, Mike Strauss & Rebecca Sherlock

Lunch & Learn/Dine & Discover Fund

In Memory of Gladys Nan Parker by Mallory & Marcia Parker

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Mary Ann Pels/Sara Flax Rosenberg Kitchen Fund

In Loving Memory of

Ida Kropsky, Mary Ann Pels and David Pels by Rose Pels
David Pels by Jeff & Carol Rubman, Frank & Ducky Donath,
Gary & Miriam Sturgis, Gene & Sheila Aronoff, George &
Miriam Saiger, Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz, Mallory
& Marcia Parker and Manny & Joan Chernoff, Sharon
Rosenthal

Mural Restoration Fund

Joe Dalton, Paul and Rae Wallach and Sabina D. Weitzman
In Honor of Joseph Dalton's 96th Birthday by Sandy Dalton
In Loving Memory of

Larry Zaetz by Gary Zaetz

Arthur Datnoff and Myron L Datnoff by Joe Dalton

In Memory of

Betty Bergman by George & Miriam Saiger

Nina Pomerantz by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

Dr S.H. Lampert by Louise B. Kolvoord

Patricia, Marc and Donald Glickstein, Nina Pomerantz,

Julian Jaffe by Marvin Glickstein & Barbara Rippa

Reverend Nadelson Endowment

In Loving Memory of Moses Kitayewitz by Annette Lazarus

Ellie and Milt Potash Endowment

In Honor of the Potashes' new grandson by Daniel Seeley
& Adele Wolfson

Preschool Donation

Ben Traverse & Rebecca Wasserman, David & Jacklyn
Maynard, Joshua & Kathryn Kernoff and Mike Strauss &
Rebecca Sherlock

In Honor of

Grace Oedel's Bat Mitzvah by Gary Visco & Judy Danzig

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Rose Pels, Steven Metz and William & Debra Gottesman

In Gratitude to Rabbi Amy by Gilah Podell

In Honor of Bob Small by Anonymous

In Loving Memory of

Hal Zweiback and Leslie Zweiback by Bob & Amy Small

Schmuel Kudishevich by Michael & Raisa Roemischer

Sarah F. Agel and Irwin Agel by Robert & Carolyn Agel

In Memory of

Barbara Schechter by Daniel Seeley & Adele Wolfson

Dr. Yrech Pardo by Linda Pardo

Gail Stoler by Mark Stoler

Sally Hand Memorial Library Fund

In Memory of Julian Jaffe by Joy Jaffe

Sydney Samuelson Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Howard Samuelson, Leonard Witt
and Bertha Witt by Beatrice Samuelson

Scholar in Residence Donations

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November 2019

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9:30 am Hebrew School
2:00 pm Book Discussion/Yid Lit
7:30 pm Israeli Dancing

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5:45 pm In the Shadow of Empires: Jews in the Ancient World

5

6:00 pm Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve

6

4:00 pm Hebrew School

7

3:00 pm Events Committee Meeting

8

5:45 pm Tot Shabbat followed by Potluck
7:00 pm Potluck after Services

9

9:15 am Kitah Vav Class Shabbat followed by Potluck

10

9:00 am Outdoor Work Day
9:30 am Hebrew School
10:00 am Torah Yoga
11:30 am Bagel Brunch
5:00 pm Community Singing Circle

11

5:45 pm In the Shadow of Empires: Jews in the Ancient World

12

5:45 pm Adult ED Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve

13

4:00 pm Hebrew School

16

11:30 am Birthday Kiddush after Services

17

9:30 am Hebrew School
2:00 pm "Silence" the Movie
7:30 pm Israeli Dancing

18

5:45 pm In the Shadow of Empires: Jews in the Ancient World

19

6:00 pm Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve
7:15 pm Religious Committee Meeting

20

4:00 pm Hebrew School

21

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

22

7:30 pm Potluck after Services at Rabbi Amy's Home

23

7:00 pm Calcutta

24

9:30 am Hebrew School
12:00 pm Tikkun Action Group
5:00 pm Community Singing Circle

25

5:45 pm In the Shadow of Empires: Jews in the Ancient World

26

6:00 pm Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve

28 + 29 - Office Closed

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4:00 pm Hebrew School



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December 2019

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5:45 pm In the Shadow of Empires: Jews in the Ancient World

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2:00 pm Book Discussion/Yid Lit

6:00 pm Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve

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4:00 pm Hebrew School

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3:00 pm Events Committee Meeting

7

10:00 am Lev Shalem ('Full Heart') Shabbat Service

11:30 am Birthday Kiddush after Services

8

9:30 am Hebrew School

10:00 am Torah Yoga

5:00 pm Community Singing Circle

7:30 pm Israeli Dance

9

5:45 pm In the Shadow of Empires: Jews in the Ancient World

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6:00 pm Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve

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4:00 pm Hebrew School

7:15 pm Religious Committee Meeting

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5:45 pm Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm Potluck after Services

14

9:15 am Kitah Dalet/Hey Class Shabbat

12:30 pm Beit Midrash (House of Learning)

15

9:00 am Congregational Meeting

9:30 am Hebrew School

17

5:45 pm Adult Ed Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service with Cantor Steve

7:15 pm Religious Committee Meeting

18

4:00 pm Hebrew School

19

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn

5:30 pm Board Meeting

22

9:30 am Hebrew School

11:00 am Chanukah Party

5:00 pm Community Singing Circle

23- 27 - Office Closed

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7:30 pm Pot Luck after Services at Rabbi Amy's Home

29

7:30 pm Israeli Dance

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Nov 1	5:23 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 2	9:15 am	6:23 pm
Nov 8	4:14 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 9	9:15 am	5:14 pm
Nov 15	4:07 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 16	9:15 am	5:07 pm
Nov 22	4:01 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 23	9:15 am	5:01 pm
Nov 29	3:57 pm	6:00 pm	Nov 30	9:15 am	4:57 pm
Dec 6	3:55 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 7	9:15 am	4:55 pm
Dec 13	3:55 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 14	9:15 am	3:55 pm
Dec 20	3:57 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 21	9:15 am	4:57 pm
Dec 27	4:01 pm	6:00 pm	Dec 28	9:15 am	5:01 pm