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## FROM THE RABBI



## Listening, Healing, Organizing and Tikkun Olam

During the past month, many of our members have expressed concerns over how we can deal with the post-election reality. The divisive atmosphere in our country is weighing on our minds. In response

to a rise in hate speech and hate crimes, many of us are concerned for the safety of vulnerable populations—and even for the Jewish community. The Anti Defamation League has documented a dramatic rise in anti-Semitic incidents across the county. (http://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/ADL-Dramatic-rise-in-US-anti-Semetic-assaults-in-last-year-4574770) Many folks are asking me how we can help our community to respond to the challenges of this time.

A number of events and initiatives have already happened or begun to take shape. The Clergy Caucus of Vermont Interfaith Action has devoted conversation to our shared purpose in bringing people together for healing, peace and understanding. First, the VIA Clergy Caucus held a press conference on the steps of the Vermont statehouse shortly after the election to speak against hate and to speak for acceptance and tolerance. I was one of five speakers that day. I spoke of the need for patience—to listen to each other, to build mutual understanding, and to take the time to repair the divisions and misunderstandings among us.

Reverend Earl Kooperkamp, chairperson of the VIA board, passionately began, "This stops now. This hate stops here. And we will not be silent until it does. ... Southern Poverty Law Center reports 437 incidents of hate speech and other hate-filled actions throughout our nation. ...there [have been] racist threats from Bennington to Burlington, there were swastikas drawn on the doors of Havurah, the Addison County Jewish Congregation.... The President-elect has called for it to end and we stand here today in witness that we will not be silent until these unacceptable and intolerable actions cease...Our religious traditions teach us to respect the dignity of every human being..we deplore the racist, anti-Semitic, homophobic, sexist, Islamophobic and antiimmigrant actions... in our country. We urge all Vermonters to open their hearts and to find our true fundamental unity....We will not be silent. This hate stops now."

In addition, we are working on plans for the weekend of January 6 - 8 to be called Journeying Together: a Sabbath

of Listening and Movement toward Healing. It will be a time to encourage deep listening and to bear witness to one another's pain. The healing of the wounds and cracks within our broader civic community and within our faith communities can only begin if we first bear witness to one another and listen with love and respect to the pain we each carry."

In the midst of events being planned and the considerable mutual support among local clergy, I headed one Saturday night to Middlebury to stand in solidarity with the Jewish community there. The week after the election there were two swastikas painted on the Middlebury Havurah building. While I couldn't attend the interfaith Shabbat service that week (led by Rabbi David Edleson, who has been here at OZ to sing), I joined the Middlebury Hillel for a community vigil and havdalah service that night. There was a moving display of support for the Jewish community from Christian and Muslim communities of Middlebury.

In mid-November, I was invited to be part of a panel on VPR's Vermont Edition show to discuss women in our society today, following bruising election rhetoric regarding women. It was enlightening and empowering to gather with other women to further conversations about equality and respect for women. We posted the link to the show on the OZ Facebook page.

The day after the election I called Imam Hassan from the Islamic Society of Vermont to express my concern for his community and to offer my personal support to him. His community is feeling terribly vulnerable and worried. Imam Hassan has become a friend, and I look forward to opportunities for his community and ours to share friendship and learning. Soon after, I invited Imam Hassan and Reverend Ken White from the College Street Congregational Church to work with me to plan two important programs which I envisioned and they enthusiastically endorsed.

The first program will be a Jewish-Christian-Muslim learning program called "Children of Abraham." From February 19 through February 26, this week-long intensive will be devoted to learning about each other's faith, texts and culture; to build trust and relationships along with the ability to discuss difficult topics. The group will develop understanding by sharing meals and worshipping together. The program will open to seven members from each of our communities who can make a commitment for the entire

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



ow, what a difference a year makes! Having joined the Board of Directors in December 2015 while also chairing the Membership Committee, I found myself very busy, but it was a 'good' kind of busy. When we give back to something we love, nurture, and support we can watch it grow and thrive. This is

how I feel about my relationship with OZ and how I hope most of you feel. I'm honored and humbled to be the next President. There are so many things going on right now I hope you take the time to check out all that is happening.

Many thanks to my predecessor, Michael Schaal. Michael provided leadership, guidance and compassion as we worked through a year that included a new rabbi, a new executive director, a total analysis of our finances and financial practices, while never forgetting who we are and what we stand for. Rabbi Amy has revitalized not only the OZ community but the community at large. Her focus on building relationships is reflected in all she does. You can expect to see many more opportunities in the coming year for you to be involved in that process. Did you know OZ now has a wonderful new musical group that was formed by Rabbi Amy? This is yet another way for people to enrich themselves and give back.

As noted on page 10, we will start 2017 with a wonderful new siddur, *Siddur Lev Shalem*, an inclusive prayer book that features a four-column format, new translations, transliteration, commentaries and *kavanot*, poetry and prose that expand and enrich our relationship to the text. Many thanks to Marv Greenberg, Rabbi Amy, and the Religious Committee for their work on this, and to the generosity of donors who are providing us with books so that no funding comes from the operating budget.

In September, Grace Oedel, our new Executive Director, hit the ground running. Calm and steady, she settled in very quickly, and her inviting and open demeanor makes everyone feel at home. She has many exciting things already happening and planned!

We also have revitalized our Development Committee, chaired by Sharon Panitch, now working diligently both inside and outside of the OZ community to create an ongoing process that looks at funding models. Rick Hecht is leading the Human Resources Committee to ensure

that issues, concerns and input from an HR perspective are dealt with in a timely and accurate manner. Again, we are 'getting our ducks in a row' to position ourselves for growth, and the dedication I see is inspiring, exciting, and humbling.

One of our biggest goals in the coming months is hiring a new full-time cantor. Many of you have expressed support for this position and we recognize the benefit this will bring to all of us, in terms of our spiritual, educational and pastoral care needs. A cross sectional Cantorial Search Committee began the process in November, and generous donors have given their financial support. Our members are also needed to help support this effort. It's a wonderful way to contribute toward the future of OZ. I'm confident that as a community we can ensure both the spiritual and financial support of such an important role.

Now that I have gone through a 'short list' (yes, it is actually only a fraction of what we are doing) I need to explain how they all tie together. We have a goal to see OZ grow and meet the needs of Jewish people from all walks of life, and also to offer alternative ways to worship and define their Jewish life. These efforts begin with building relationships with current, new and prospective members. Each of us has something to share and we all learn from one another. Strike up a conversation with someone you don't know and the saying "everyone has a story" will be

confirmed. If you don't know a fellow congregant, no worries! In December we implemented the use of buttons with each member's name. Pin it, clip it, or use a lanyard, we will immediately be able to identify each other!



Ask yourself what would you like to see at OZ. Where can your knowledge and skills support OZ and help set the foundation for the future? We are one synagogue with three houses: Beit Tefilah (House of Prayer), Beit Midrash (House of Learning) and Beit Knesset (Community Center), the core of our foundation, and your participation and support to keep them strong continues to be appreciated. We always have needs. This is a result of our goal to move ahead as we grow, focusing on in-reach and outreach, ensuring inclusiveness and compassion in our decisions. It's my goal as your President to continue to support these efforts and to also ensure we have processes, procedures,

and systems in place that allow OZ to improve on efficiency and transparency.

I welcome the opportunity to lead the Board of Directors and promote and improve their role of governance. This governance includes continual monitoring of proper implementation of our goals and building on accountability, which are essential to the primary duty of enhancing the prosperity and viability of any organization.

I want each of you to know that I'm available and open to meeting you, having an informal chat and listening to your feedback. Please don't hesitate to reach out: johnblatt@msn.com, (802) 310-6146.

~ John Blatt

#### From the Rabbi, cont'd from page 3

week. They will meet 6-9 pm Sunday-Thursday; then Friday midday prayers at the Mosque, Shabbat morning at OZ, and Sunday worship at the church. We hope to follow this with more for our whole communities. Reverend Laura Engelken, the new Director of the UVM Interfaith Center, will help us to plan the event and will host us.

Another idea in the works will be an interfaith program devoted to sharing our family or personal stories of immigration to America. The goal is to elevate the narrative of America as a nation of immigrants, recalling that this is a source of our strength. I have spoken with a few other clergy colleagues who are enthusiastic about partnering on this program. We have not yet set the date. Stay tuned.

In the flurry of interfaith and intrafaith gatherings, it is now clear that we need to move inward as well. I look forward to planning gatherings for the members of the Ohavi Zedek community to share hopes and concerns and fears with active listening. We all need to hear each other without judgment, reaction or argument. There is a science to active listening which will help us to achieve this goal. These conversations will help us as individuals, as a community, and as a model for others. I welcome your input.

We have a lot for which we can be grateful. In challenging times we sometimes lose track of that. Let's be sure to celebrate with gratitude the abundant gifts that sustain and nourish us. Ohavi Zedek is one of those gifts, and for that, I am most grateful.

~ Rabbi Amy

## FROM THE TREASURER



Shalom chaverim (members/friends),

Given Miriam Sturgis's ever busier family schedule, she has had to step away from chairing the Finance Committee – thanks, Miriam, for your very hard work over the past year! President Michael Schaal appointed me interim chair

of the committee, and the new board and president will decide whether to make that permanent or appoint someone else. I have also became aware of the immense amount of work that Peggy Munro did to get QuickBooks set up as a fully reconciled and accurate accounting system – many thanks also to Peggy.

We are presenting a full cash-based balance sheet and cash flow analysis along with the profit & loss at both board and congregational meetings, and I am willing to discuss any line items that anyone questions. We got the individual endowment fund balances brought up to date as of June 30, 2016 – thanks so much to everyone helping. We are also working on a document that will lay out the financial responsibilities of the board, the Executive Director, etc. And we are working on a three-year budget plan to reverse the current year's budgeted deficit.

We are very grateful for everyone's membership pledges and Annual Appeal contributions, for your support of our Hebrew School, and for all the ways that you support the great outreach and social justice activities in which the synagogue engages.

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

Thank you!

~ Bill Miller

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I've now been at OZ for a whirlwind four months, and I'm bit by bit coming to so appreciate this community. I'm also aware that I am getting to know you all during a time of immense turmoil for the country. However you may have voted in the national election, we likely all agree that the increase

in hate speech and crimes we are witnessing is painful and frightening. It's easy to feel overwhelmed with fear, unclear how to stand against the hate bubbling up. The amazing social activist and feminist Grace Lee Boggs (zt"l) wrote that "Love is based on the willingness to go to any lengths to restore or create community." Her words are guiding lights, reminding me that it is through the power of community that we can combat any hatred we may encounter. When we stand together with our families and neighbors, rooted in real relationships, trust, understanding and love, we can face anything. Now is clearly the time to strengthen our love through community engagement, both within OZ and with our neighbors. Luckily, we have already been reaching out to close neighbors, imagining exciting new ways we can grow stronger together.

We are developing some partner programs with the Intervale just down the road. We'll hold an alternative meditation walking service there when the weather gets nice, bring our Hebrew School kids and young professional group there for a community service day, and will be offering a Jewish food justice class as part of our Adult Education in the spring. The April Lunch & Learn program will feature a speaker from the Intervale Center.

In partnership with the College Street Congregational Church, the UVM Interfaith Center, and the Islamic Society of Vermont, OZ is offering a "Children of Abraham" intensive program for our three houses of faith to help develop understanding, respect, and friendship among our communities. Folks from each house of worship will study, pray, learn, and—most importantly—eat together, developing and strengthening our connections.

We are working to deepen and strengthen the bonds of spiritual community within OZ as well. Our new OZ "Young Professionals" group has over twenty-five people. Some of these folks are looking for more connection to religious services, some are interested in having Jewish

friends with whom they can celebrate Shabbat, go on hikes together, and eat bagels. The group has attended Shabbat services here at OZ and had a potluck dinner and discussion about Jewish identity in these challenging times.

We have also started a group for families with new babies, to build community and connection to their spiritual home from a young age. Jacob (my partner) and I recently hosted a havdallah potluck at our home and welcomed several new families. A Thursday morning playgroup has welcomed in a number of new families, one of whom just had their baby naming here at OZ. We have also recently convened a preschool working group to explore the potential for starting a preschool here at OZ, through which we hope to bring in new families, serve the needs of the wider community, and help raise kind humans.

We are in the process of re-forming multi-generational Rosh Hodesh groups. Women of all ages will draw on our tradition of gathering on the lunar calendar to form deep bonds.

All these projects make concrete the ways in which we are doing that holy work of love "based on [...] community." With this love and connection as our foundation, there is nothing the *kehilla* (beloved community) can't face. I'm so grateful to be part of this community, and am heartened by the life-giving warmth here at OZ.

~ Grace Oedel



ITALIAN NIGHT



## Coming this spring! Details forthcoming

Fun social event, delicious Italian dinner and Calcutta for cash prizes!! Win \$1,000!



Tickets \$100 per couple

## PROFILE: BILL MILLER



you can't help but notice Bill Miller if he's in the room. At 6'4" he's the tall, slim, nearly bald guy with the warm and engaging smile. His glasses are often perched high on his forehead. When he leans in to listen to what you have to say, you know you have his full attention. Bill is the newly appointed Treasurer of OZ and one of the newly

elected members of the Board of Directors.

In the short biographical paragraph he submitted when being considered as a candidate for board membership, he noted that until a year and a half ago he was active in the Christian Science church. I was eager to sit down with him to hear his story.

Athel (Bill) Miller, 68, is the eldest of four siblings. His given name, he says, derives from the German "edel", as does eidelweiss, the well-known mountain flower. (Wiktionary cites the Middle English "athel" as relating to nobility; the associated attributes, "eminent, valuable, excellent, congenial and suitable," hit the nail on the head in describing Bill). Whatever the derivation, for the first five years of his life Athel Miller was nicknamed "Happy"; he chose to be called Bill, after a favorite uncle, when he started kindergarten.

Shortly after his birth in 1948 in Chicago, his family moved to Los Angeles, where his father, a member of the post-World War II defense industry, had joined Hughes Aircraft. The Millers attended the Christian Science church. After high school in the San Fernando Valley, Bill continued his education for two years at Cal State Northridge and two years at UCLA, from which he graduated with a degree in psychology. He worked the following year in a biochemistry lab at UCLA before heading to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for graduate school.

There he remained for seven years, from 1972 to 1979, while earning Master's and Ph.D. degrees in physiology, through which he learned computer modeling as a tool for examining systems of the human body. He also returned to the Christian Science church, which he'd abandoned for a while during his high school years. Moving then to Boston, Bill worked for the church in a number of capacities throughout the '80s. Having completed a computer programming course, he joined the finance department of the church's publishing society. "The magazine economy is also based on computer modeling," he notes. He remained in the department

from 1981 to 1989, eventually becoming CFO. He subsequently served for two years as Vice President of Finance at Endicott College.

During his decade in Boston, Bill married a Christian Science nurse. They adopted two children from Korea, Jenny in 1985 and Paul in 1989. Jenny, now 31, lives in Austin, Texas and works in the gaming/software field; Paul, 28, is a dancer and actor in New York, having appeared in the recent revival of *The King and I* on Broadway.

In the early '90s, Bill contacted the former publisher of the Christian Science Monitor, who was then running the National Gardening Association in South Burlington, Vermont, a non-profit leader in plant-based education, whose principal drawing card was a gardening magazine. Bill drove up from Boston, looked around and said, "I would pay you to be able to work here!" The family moved to South Burlington and Bill served the association as CFO from 1992-2000, when the magazine was sold to an internet entity.

Over the next decade he worked as a consulting CFO for a number of small businesses, including Superior Technical Ceramics in St. Albans, the Vermont Humanities Council, and WallGoldfinger, a Montpelier-based maker of high end conference tables and cabinetry for large corporations around the country.

Bill and his wife divorced in 1994. A year later, at Kids Day at the Burlington Waterfront Bill met Sandy Chizinsky, the divorced mother of Zoe Leas, one of his son Paul's closest friends. Bill and Sandy married in 1997.

Sandy is an independent book editor working primarily in the fields of urban planning, public policy, environmental issues and international development. Sandy's daughter Zoe, now 28, lives in Boston and works for Children's Services of Roxbury as a school clinician; Eliza-Eve, Sandy's younger daughter, 24, is employed by a medical software company based in Madison, Wisconsin.

Throughout the '90s Bill was teaching Sunday School at the local Christian Science church and serving on their board as Treasurer. "The church encourages its members to study and look up words and phrases that appear in the New Testament," he says. "Every source I checked pointed back to Hebrew.....so I began to study Hebrew through the National Jewish Outreach program at Temple Sinai." He was becoming familiar as well with Ohavi Zedek: both of Sandy's daughters went to Hebrew School here, and he occasionally attended OZ events.

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With his wife's encouragement, Bill learned a great deal about Judaism by enrolling in many courses over the years. He also joined Rick Wolfish's Downtown Jewish Study Group. Rick ran the group from 1993 to 2000, having gotten the rabbis of Temple Sinai, Chabad and OZ to attend meetings on a rotating basis. They met over bagels in Rick's office, and each rabbi chose the topic to be discussed. "All three were terrific," Rick says, "but very different, and it gave us a chance to learn from different perspectives." Bill, a regular attendee, was most impressed with Rabbi Joshua. He said Rick's project provided "a wonderful, eye-opening environment."

From 2008 to 2010 Bill studied the psalms and attended Torah Study classes with Rabbi Jan. Finally, he says, I asked myself, "Why am I not converting?" After meeting with Rabbi Jan for a year and completing his studies in the summer of 2015, he embraced his new identity as a Jew by choice, rarely missing a Shabbat morning service. "I'm a services kind of guy," he notes.

In the meantime, in 2011 a colleague of his started a solar company, Green Lantern Development, and asked Bill to be its Chief Financial Officer. GLD finances, develops and builds large solar arrays around the state...NOT, he hastens to say, those that can be seen from the road as one drives by. "The purpose of solar is mainly to offset the peak demands of air conditioning," he explains. "Our clients are hospitals and businesses that occupy big buildings, and our arrays are always built out of sight." Both Bill and his partner work from home.

When Miriam Sturgis needed to cut back on the number of hours she was devoting to the synagogue, Bill was asked to step in as co-Treasurer. He accepted readily, and currently serves as Treasurer, bringing to OZ not only a wealth of experience, but also his calm, professional demeanor and his openness and warmth. [According to our By-Laws, the Treasurer need not be an elected member of the Board of Directors; however, it soon became obvious that Bill would be a valuable addition to the board, and he was asked to submit his name as a candidate]. No stranger to board operations, he also serves as chair of the Development Review Board in South Burlington. He and Sandy are familiar figures on the bike path and roads in and around South Burlington: to unwind, they take long walks every evening all over town.

In his statement to the board Bill wrote, "I am confident that the leadership of Rabbi Amy and Grace Oedel will get us through this transitional period into

renewed growth and relevance for both Jews and the broader community." Without a doubt, the presence of Bill Miller among us will play a major role in helping our synagogue achieve those goals.

~Judy Hershberg

## LIBRARY NEWS



Book repair is now being streamlined. Many of our chumashim, Etz Hayim, are torn apart and require many steps to repair.

We are working on cataloguing about 2,000 titles.

OZ no longer has a PJ library subscription, but we hope to resubscribe in the next year.

A collection development policy is being formulated. This will help us weed the collection.

If you would like to search our collection, go to the OZ website, click on Education and OZ Library.

Please contact me before you bring in any donations.

~ Sally Hand sallyhand1959@gmail.com

# SAVE THE WEEKEND!!! SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE March 24-26

"Making the Ordinary Extraordinary: Living Jewishly through Head, Heart and Soul" with Rabbi Andrew Hahn, Ph.D

Rabbi Hahn brings energy, passion, insight and music to OZ.

Plan to join us for services, food and teaching sessions with adults and students.

Details to follow.

### KIDDUSH COMMITTEE

Since July, a group of volunteers has been involved in preparing Kiddush luncheons once or twice a month after Shabbat services. The project was initiated by Rabbi Amy this past spring as a way of offering our community the chance to share a Shabbat meal, connect with one another, relax after services, and slow down from our busy lives.

We are off to a great start. For seven sponsored kiddushim since July, congregants have been preparing menus, shopping, cooking, setting up and cleaning up, while enjoying the camaraderie of working together.

The vision is for every congregant to participate in some way—by donating a minimum of a half hour to set tables to cooking in the kitchen for a few hours on a Friday morning. With everyone's participation, even in small ways, this program will become a permanent part of OZ life.

We have received comments from those who have stayed for lunch after Shabbat services about how enjoyable it is to shmooze and share a meal.

To cover costs of the ingredients purchased, a Kiddush Fund has been established. Many of you have contributed to the fund, and we are grateful.

Co-chair Louise Klein Hodin has been fully engaged working in the kitchen and bringing in sponsorships, including contacting congregants who are celebrating their birthdays in any given month. Thank you Louise.

In November, we planned an educator-themed kiddush in connection with the Learner's Service. Thirteen members participated in sponsorship and raised over \$250.

Kiddushim may also be prepared by a professional kosher caterer. For prices and further details, pick up a brochure at the synagogue or call Judy or Louise.

The real enjoyment in all of this is the human component and building community together!!!

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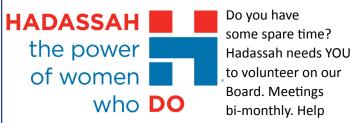


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## NEW SIDDUR



The board has approved the purchase of the a new prayerbook for our congregation: Siddur Lev Shalem for Shabbat and Festivals.

Three meetings were held for the congregation to consider this prayerbook. The meetings were well attended and the book well received. Some of its features are: new translations in contemporary language, Hebrew-

English transliteration to accommodate congregants at any level of Hebrew reading, commentary providing historical context and *kavanot*, poetry and prose enriching our relationship with the text.

Many people have donated funds to allow us to purchase the siddurim from the Rabbinical Assembly. No funds will be taken from the operating budget to make this purchase. You may want to donate a siddur or a number of siddurim in honor of a person or an event, or in memory of someone special. Please make sure to let the office know that your donation is for the purchase of the siddur(im) and what you would like to have written on the bookplate(s).

Having faced the challenge of missing siddurim, both borrowed and forgotten, we will be asking your help to make sure that the new prayerbooks do not leave the building. Therefore, we are offering to buy extra siddurim for members who would like a copy for their home library. If you wish to purchase one, please email Tari at tari@ohavizedek.org (payment will be needed in advance). We get a special price on as a United Synagogue member. The cost of each siddur is \$30.00.

B'shalom, ~ Marv Greenberg, Religious Committee Chair Shalom@gmavt.net 802-453-6128

## **CANTOR SEARCH**

To fill our cantorial void, the Board of Directors has directed me to form a Cantor Search Committee. We will be looking for a full time cantor to begin in July of 2017.

I want to share the list of responsibilities of the position so that everyone knows what it will entail:

- Daven and read Torah on Shabbat, holidays, Rosh Chodesh, etc.
- Coordinate the b'nai mitzvah program and tutor the students
- Teach in our Hebrew School and lead the student singing program
- Share pastoral care with Rabbi Amy
- Run the OZ music community
- Participate in adult education
- Provide coverage for Rabbi Amy when she is unavailable
- Lead the daily minyan twice weekly
- Add spirit, joy, and meaning through music to all our functions and services

We have had our first Search Committee meeting and have begun to get our ads in the various cantorial schools. We then will start Skype and in-house interviews in late January, February and March, with the hope of making a decision to hire by *Pesach* in April.

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

B'shalom, Marv Greenberg, Religious Committee Chair Shalom@gmavt.net 802-453-6128



Please consider participating in our daily minyan in 2017, on a Sunday morning (9:00 am) or a Monday through Thursday evening (7:00 pm). Those who come to say *kaddish* would appreciate your presence. Questions? Contact Marv.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Refuah Shlema

 To Rabbi Amy, who fractured her knee. We wish her a speedy recovery

#### **Mazel Tov**

 To David and Holly Pasackow on the birth of their first grandchild. Their son Noah and his wife Keely are the parents of baby girl, Landon Hinckley Pasackow, born November 20, 2016

#### **New Member**

Steve Kieselstein

#### Thank you

- To the family who donated their time share for OZ's exciting new raffle (See below)
- To the congregant who donated aprons for our kiddush luncheon volunteers
- To Dana and Michael Engel for their gift of a piano

#### INTERESTED IN A GREAT VACATION?

Imagine basking on a sunny beach in the middle of winter. Or skiing down a mountain in July. Or chatting with Mickey & Minnie in



Orlando with your kids on a school break.



Buy an OZ Raffle ticket or two or three—and win the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of holiday destinations in many parts of the world!

Second and third prizes as well.

Tickets on sale now Drawing on March 12 Watch for details!



## LUNCH & LEARN



In **November** our large audience learned about America's Orphan Train project from Dr. Daniel Bean, whose father was among the youngsters shipped from a foundling home in New York to Vermont in the early 1900s;

**December's** program gave us a peek at the 'ghosts' who have haunted many familiar homes and other buildings around Burlington throughout the decades. Thanks to Thea Lewis, paranormal historian and creator of Queen City Ghostwalk.

#### **Upcoming Programs**



January 19 - A visit from Burlington's Chief of Police, Brandon del Pozo, whose topic, "Connecting Communities with Police," resonates in our towns and cities today. Chief del Pozo speaks about accountability, transparency and communication and how his background has influenced his personal philosophy.

**February 16** - Join us in celebrating National Inclusion Education Month.

Patrick Standen, founder and board president of the Northeast Disabled Athletic Association, winner of sit-ski



biathlons and Vermont City Marathon races, speaks about "The Final Frontier: Disability and Discrimination."

Pick up your L&L schedule and mark your calendars for future L&L programs: March 16, April 20, May 18.

Luncheons are free and open to the community; donations welcome; \$6.00 suggested

## HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

#### Welcome to 2017!



This time of year is one of my favorites at OZHS. We are just about to finish up our first semester and have worked all the kinks out of our curriculum, schedule, etc. Classes have come together, teachers really know their kids and I

look at the coming months' celebrations and it is all good!

Our all-school event in January is always a special one. **Mitzvah Day**, on **January 29**, is an opportunity for our Kitah Zayin students to share their b'nai mitzvah projects with everyone. Each year I am so amazed at what they take on and the difference they can make in the world at the tender age of 12. This year I am especially looking forward to our program since it will include Muslim Girls Making Change, a group of young women speaking out for social justice through poetry. Staff and past campers from Kids4Peace will also be joining us for the day and all together we will do a school mitzvah project. In anticipation of Mitzvah Day, our Kitah Zayin students and their families will be preparing food for the **Kiddush luncheon** on **January 28**. Please join us for both events!

#### Annual Jewish Camp Fair, Sunday, Feb. 5, 11:00 am

Nothing has a greater impact on your children's Jewish experience than going to a Jewish summer camp. They don't even notice that they are using Hebrew, eating kosher food and celebrating Shabbat when they attend! I highly recommend looking into the many options available that will be represented at the camp fair.

#### Tu b'Shevat, February 11, Birthday of the Trees

Grace and I are looking into creating some programming with the Intervale that will get us outside to appreciate the beauty of our natural surroundings in a Jewish context.

Rabbi Joshua's Roots

#### **SCULPTURES FROM FOUND WOOD**

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Second semester brings new SUPER Elective options. Jewish Life Cycles, the Bear Essentials and Jewish SUPER Heroes will take a hiatus; Jewish Performance and Healthy Jew/Healthy Body/Healthy Soul will take their place. In the Performance elective kids will have the opportunity to learn about Jewish actors and playwrights, movies and plays with Jewish themes and then write and perform their own play. In Healthy Jew/Healthy Body/Healthy Soul students will learn about meditation, yoga, *krav maga*, Jewish medical ethics and the connection between Judaism and exercise. Judaism and the Environment will continue second semester with a focus on bringing the OZHS garden back to life and, as always, Judaism and Food will explore the importance of food in Jewish culture.

Over the years, my role as Hebrew School principal has expanded. We have added more preschool programming and we are looking into new teen options as well. I would love your input on these efforts. There is a strong desire on the part of the board to resurrect a preschool here and we are taking concrete steps towards making that a reality. I want OZ to be a home for your children's Jewish education from their earliest years until they go off to college. With your help and support we can make this happen.

~ Naomi Barell



Fun OZ Group Outing at UVM Men's Basketball Game UVM Patrick Gym Sunday, January 8......4:00 pm

Please join us! OZ members will receive discounted tickets at \$8. Tickets need to be ordered in advance.
Please email Orrin Schonfeld (orrinschonfeld@aol.com) to reserve your tickets. Send checks written to UVM Athletics to the OZ office by Wednesday, January 4 (NO CASH).

People coming to the game need to be at UVM Patrick Gym by 3 pm on the 8th to get their tickets from Orrin.

## INTERFAITH/SOCIAL ACTION



n response to the wave of hate actions and words that the United States has experienced in the last few months, never has *tikkun olam* (repair of the world) been more needed. This, along with other reasons, has prompted OZ to become an even more active participant for social justice in the Greater

Burlington area and in Vermont.

At a recent Vermont Interfaith Action (VIA) board meeting, no one was mentioned more or given greater credit than Rabbi Amy for leading various actions to support people experiencing fear created by the election and the anger and hate that it has generated. The Interfaith and Social Action Committee will follow that lead in outreach, to both refugees coming to Vermont and to others whose security, or perception of security, has been challenged.

As part of VIA, the OZ Interfaith and Social Action Committee has joined the Christ Church Presbyterian (CCP) gleaners group to focus on food insecurity. At this point, we are involved with their effort to copy City Market's Rally For Change project, which asks customers to round up their change to the nearest dollar and contribute that aggregated money to posted food-based charities. Our project is to replicate this idea at restaurants that are wiling to participate.

Our gleaners project group also visited Salvation Farms and came away very impressed with the quality and vision of the organization. Salvation Farms hires people without extensive job skills or credentials to process "gleaned food," food that otherwise would not have been harvested or would have been thrown out for not being "perfect enough" for the market. The mission of Salvation Farms is as much to develop the potential of the people they hire to work as to provide additional farm produce to food shelves and various government institutions.

In addition to these projects that are looking for a systemic solution, OZ's Interfaith and Social Action has committed to helping Small Potatoes four to five time per year to make sandwiches that are distributed to people who need them. We also will continue as ambassadors for the amazing Shalom Shuk.

~ Eric and Karen Corbman Co-chairs Interfaith and Social Action Committee ecorbman@verizon.net

## SHALOM SHUK



As the Shuk keeps evolving, from a rummage room with a dirt floor and no heat to the warm, well-stocked, inviting

shop it is today, so does its management. With thanks to Becky Dessell, Sarah Bloomenthal and especially Kay Stambler, Karen Robair stepped in as of December 1, when Kay retired as volunteer manager.

Karen is in the Shuk every day, Monday through Friday, and is assisted by three part-timers, Dan Vaux, who serves as Assistant Manager, Aviva Gottesman and Chantelle David.

Karen has worked at the Shuk since June. She and Kay met eight years ago after illness had left Karen very thin and without a wardrobe. Kay found appropriate clothing when Karen's husband brought her to the Shuk, and the two have remained friends through the years. Karen had expertise running a clothing store after she left her career in nursing.

The Shuk staff's mission is to continue the good work of their predecessors. They remain focused on reaching out to individuals and community entities that serve the most needy among us. This winter there are sales on blankets, hats and scarves. "We want to be sure that all of us, including the homeless, stay warm," Karen says.

"I love Karen and the staff here," said a customer. "They are super-fabulous great. I shop here, but I also stop in just to say hi."

Much of the credit for the Shuk's tremendous success is due to the hard work and devotion of Kay Stambler. Please join us on Sunday, January 15 at 11:30 am for our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, at which Kay will receive special recognition.

The Shalom Shuk is in need of winter clothing, especially children's boots and men's jackets, sizes small and medium.

Thanks and please spread the word!

Donations are accepted Sunday - Friday

11:00 am - 3:30 pm





#### What's New in Adult Ed for Late Winter and Spring

Here's a quick taste of Grace Oedel's Introduction to Jewish Food Justice and Ethics: 'Food justice,' 'sustainability,' and 'fair trade' food have all become buzzwords. But what does these concepts mean to us as Jews, and how has our tradition wrestled with what a just food system looks like over thousands of years? In this class, we will explore text to better understand a Jewish perspective on what just food looks like. We'll also share some tasty local treats!

Have you always wanted to be part of a Rosh Chodesh women's group? Rosh Chodesh, the start of every new month in the Jewish calendar, has traditionally been designated a holiday for women. Join Rabbi Amy to explore themes, formats and scheduling for a new Rosh Chodesh women's group.

**Stay tuned for another Feast of Learning at Shavuot,** with workshops, discussions, lectures and delicious dairy dishes to help us receive Torah into our lives. Let us know if you want to offer a workshop or discussion.

Want to understand the Hebrew of our liturgy better? Amy May will help you in a spring course on reading liturgical Hebrew.

Rabbi Amy will continue to lead Torah Study Wednesday evenings at 7:30, drawing from both scholarly and experiential knowledge to bring meaning and depth to our understanding of Torah. Join us for reading, reflection and conversation. No experience necessary.

**Living to the fullness of a life: Explore End of Life Matters**, in thinking of your own life or those of family members in a variety of classes, including:

- a two-part learning with Rabbi Amy
- a congregational read and discussion of Atul Gawande's, Being Mortal, led by Lila Shapero
- a lecture, "The Art of Dying: Artistic Practice, Death and World Religions," by Heather Vittum Fuller. From Egyptian tomb art to Chagall, this lecture with slides provides an overview of some of the art that has been created around death and dying in a variety of cultures and religions worldwide. Participants will see images of a variety of arts and learn about how these arts relate to the precepts of the religion that they belong to and how the artist or culture may have experienced their art.

The ever-popular Bob Mayer will lead a 7-part class in Antebellum America. The Antebellum period saw the rise of what one could call the First American Republic, one built on slavery, decentralized power, and an increasingly fragile series of compromises among different communities that, in the end, could not truly become one.

Watch for dates, times and other details on our website and in the weekly e-news.

Don't miss these great learning opportunities and conversations!

## YOUNG JUDAEA NEWS



Bogrim had some great events, including a campfire in November and overnight in December. The overnight, always a highlight of the year, included learning about Chanukah in Israel, gift exchange, enjoying latkes and building friendships. I continue to

be impressed by the teens who are involved with Young Judaea. If your children are not yet involved, please seriously consider YJ in the new year. Kids can join at any time.

**Ofarim** had their second annual gelt making event in December. Everyone was able to bring some home for themselves and for gifts, and we were able to give thanks to our great staff by leaving some treats in their mail boxes.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **BOGRIM & TSOFIM**

Sunday, January 29, 2017, 11:30 am at OZ Poetry Slam Workshop with Muslim Girls Making Change We are excited for this event and to get to make connections with teens from the Muslim community.

RSVP to amyesthermay@gmail.com.

#### BOGRIM, TSOFIM & OFARIM Sunday, February 19, 11:30 am at OZ Annual Hamentaschen Making

Join us for this all-ages event to create hamantaschen for OZ and *mishloach manot* bags. Of course, there'll be some to take home. After the event, Bogrim will deliver the Purim gift bags. Parent help is needed to make this event a success. Please contact me if you can help.

There will be a light lunch for those staying after Hebrew School.

~ Amy May amyestermay@gmail.com

# CAMPS AND ISRAEL PROGRAMS Why Jewish Summer Camps?

This is the time of year to start thinking about what your children will do this summer. Imagine being able to provide an experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives and deepen their commitment to Jewish life. Make this possible by sending your child to a Jewish camp or Israel program. I was privileged to be able to participate in both as a teenager and I know that those experiences profoundly affected my commitment to Jewish life as an adult. I also have Jewish friends all

over the world as a result of these experiences, and connections to many Jewish communities.

#### How do I pay for these programs?

To make it possible for youth in our community to attend Jewish camp and Israel programs generous donors have established a number of scholarships that are available locally and open to all youth in our community.

The scholarship application form is available on the YJ and OZ websites (https://sites.google.com/site/youngjudaeavermont/camps and www.ohavizedek. org) and can be picked up in the OZ office. Applications must be received by March 16, 2017 to be considered.

If this is your child's first summer at Jewish camp, The Foundation for Jewish Camps (FJC), One Happy Camper program offers need-blind grants of \$1000. Learn more at http://www.jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper/. This site is a great resource for choosing the right camp for your child. Many camps and programs offer partial or total scholarships, financial assistance and payment programs. Don't automatically assume your income doesn't qualify – have a conversation about affordability with the camp director to explain your situation. The goal is to ensure every Jewish child has the opportunity to experience the magic of Jewish camp.

#### **Camp and Jewish summer programs:**

As a former camp director, I know the importance of finding the right camp for your child. The Jewish camp landscape has grown in recent years with a focus on all kinds of interests.

 Young Judaea summer camps include Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake in Verbank, NY, the regional camp for 2nd to 8th graders. This is a place where kids connect to Judaism and Israel in a very supportive and nurturing atmosphere. Of course there are sports, swimming, arts and crafts, music, dance and drama too. Camp Tel Yehudah in Barryville, NY for 9th to 12th graders is Young Judaea's national teen leadership camp/program, an engaging and dynamic Jewish community where teens will expand their mind and learn to become leaders and activists while having an unforgettable experience in one of numerous programs available for them to choose from. And because they are Young Judaea Camps, kids can reconnect with their camp friends during the year at regional Young Judaea conventions. Both are highly recommended.

•Traditional Jewish camps include JCC Camp Kingswood, Camp Jori, Camp Ramah, Camp Wingate and Gan Israel (day camp).

•Specialty camps include Eden Village (environment), Six Points Sports Academy, Six Points Scitech Academy and BIMA Arts. The American Jewish Society for Service, AJJS offers multiple service opportunities as well as URJ's Mitzvah Corps and Tivnu service summer programs.

Many youth attended Jewish camp this past summer. Some of them have shared their experiences. See next page for highlights, and read their comments in full at https://sites.google.com/site/youngjudaeavermont/camps. For more information about specific camps, help choosing a camp, or to be connected to families who have attended a specific camp please contact amyesthermay@gmail.com.

Attending a camp fair is also a good place to start.

OZ will host a Camp Fair and Bagel Brunch on Sunday, February 5 at 11:00 am.

#### CAMP AND ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

#### The Howard Richie Lazarus Jewish Camping Scholarship Fund

In 1985, Eugene (z"l) and Annette Lazarus generously established a perpetual endowment fund in memory of their son, Richie Lazarus (z"l). As an endowment the interest generated by the fund each year is used to help provide scholarship money to allow local children to attend Jewish camps (and will continue to do so for many years to come). Additional contributions help increase the amount available for distributions to our youth each year. To make a contribution to this fund, please send a check to OZ made out to Ohavi Zedek and write "Lazarus Camp Scholarship Endowment" on the memo line.

#### The Greenberg - Lopkin Jewish Camping Scholarship Fund

Created several years ago in honor of the wedding of Marv and Diane Greenberg's daughter Nicole and her husband Jon Lopkin (who met at Jewish Summer Camp!), The Greenberg-Lopkin Jewish Camping Scholarship Fund has been providing scholarship money to help local Vermont children attend Jewish summer camps around the country. To make a contribution to this fund, please send a check to OZ made out to Ohavi Zedek and write "Greenberg Camp Scholarship Fund" on the memo line.

#### The Greenberg - Bratspis Israel Youth Trip Scholarship Fund

Thanks to the generosity of Marv and Diane Greenberg, a scholarship fund was created in 2011 at Ohavi Zedek to help Jewish youth in our area pay for educational trips and programs to Israel. The Greenberg-Bratspis Israel Youth Trip Scholarship fund was established in honor of Marv and Diane's daughter Renee and her husband Jef Bratspis. To make a contribution to this fund please send a check to OZ made out to Ohavi Zedek and write "Israel Youth Trip Fund" on the memo line.

#### The Ludwig Lewisohn Scholarship

The Ludwig Lewisohn Scholarship is awarded annually by Ohavi Zedek Synagogue for adults and teens who want to further their Jewish education at an advanced level, spend a summer infused with Yiddishkeit and experience Israel indepth. To qualify, the applicant must:

- 1. Be a graduate of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue or its equivalent.
- 2. Be in high school or older
- 3. Submit in writing a proposal for Judaically-oriented learning for the academic year 2016-2017 before Passover 2016.
- 4. Agree to submit two written reports over the study period suitable for publication in *The Voice*. Applications will be reviewed by the Rabbi, our Hebrew School Principal and the scholarship donor.

Ludwig Lewisohn was an American-Jewish writer who lived in Burlington during the late 1930's. His own Jewish learning did not begin until he was 40 years old. He pursued it avidly for the rest of his life until his death in 1955. To honor his love of Jewish learning, this scholarship is donated each year by Miriam and George Saiger, lifelong OZ members who currently reside out of state.

Here are some highlights of memories from last summer's campers. To read more about what the kids had to say, go to https://sites.google.com/site/youngjudaeavermont/camps.

**Camp Eden Village** 

Part of the mission of Eden Village is creating a peaceful environment for everyone. There were guidelines about how to talk to people in a kind, respectful way. We had music all the time and that made camp peaceful. Most of the activities we did were connected to Judaism. I never thought about Judaism in the way I did when I was at camp.

~ Rebecca Hall

#### **Eisner Camp**

One of the fun activities we do at camp is when Tad Yani the DJ comes and we all party it out! One of the first session traditions is to have a super huge, fun 4th of July party! And one of the second session traditions is Maccabiah (color war)! We won't ever be able to forget the unforgettable memories we made with our awesome bunkmates, friends, and counselors! It's like our second home!

~ Neil and Rae Kanarick

#### **Camp Pembroke**

Because it is my 5th year as a camper, I already have tight bonds with girls who I stay in touch with throughout the year. But new campers always make new friends. (I have literally never seen a camper look lonely!) There are always a huge variety of elective choices, and some of my favorites are waterfront arena (windsurfing, water skiing, paddle boarding, canoeing, etc.), archery, and athletics.

~ Violet Bluestein

#### **Camp Ramah New England**

My camp experience is something I'd highly recommend. It's helped shape me into the person I am today and helped me to build my Jewish identity. One very important aspect of CRNE is discussing how past Jewish ideas are relevant in daily life.

~ Abby Rosenthal

#### **URJ Camp Crane Lake**

Being exposed to so many other Jews, and the many ways people my age express their Judaism has made me realize how special it is to be Jewish and forced me to think about what I personally believe in. My camp tied in many Jewish values such as the importance of community or

Tikkun Olam in our everyday lives which can be carried on back home.

~ Lia Rubel

#### **Six Points Sports Academy**

6 Points is a Jewish sports camp located in Greensboro, North Carolina on the campus of the American Hebrew Academy. It offers training in sports with professional coaches and state of the art sports facilities. We practice our sports major for 4 hours each day and also have 2 elective choices for cross-training and fun!

~ Louis Berlind

#### **Camp Gan Israel**

Josh, Grace, Shmuel and Sam, ages 6 - 10, shared memories of their field trips to Six Flags, New Village Farm, Get Air, Jay Peak and Park Safari, as well as fun things in Burlington like going to the Y and making challah.

## BAR MITZVAH

Leigh Samuels and Ric Schaaf invite the Congregation to attend the Bar Mitzvah of their son

Gavin Bennet Schaaf



Shabbat, January 21, 9:00 am Kiddush following services

#### **Adult Ed Fund**

In Honor of

Cindy Mayer for her design of the Adult Ed brochure by Judith Chalmer

Judy Chalmer by Darryl Bloom

#### **Cemetery & Memorials Fund**

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

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Champlain Valley Rainbow Squares Club, David & Hilary Silver, Joseph Brown and Richard Raab

*In Gratitude for* being welcomed into the community by Adele Wolfson

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In Loving Memory of

Mark Klein, Howard Lawrence Cohen and Rose and Leo Cohen by Jacqueline Klein

Steven Pearl by Jane Pearl

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*In Honor of* our three grandchildren by Michael Schaal & Judy Breitmeyer

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*In Loving Memory of* Ralph Bryant Lash by Peter Nordell & Rachel Lash-Nordell

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#### Sunday 1/8/2017

Sally Agel\*
Rose Barell
Carl Chafetz
Samuel L Fein
Michael Hoffman
Cantor Eugene Holzer\*
Michael Kaplan
David Katzen
Ida Koblenz\*

Eva Yett Krinovitz\*
Isaac Morrison
Helen Wilker Pepperman\*
Joseph Press\*
Mathew Raynes
Deborah E. Smith
Pearl Tabakin
Beatrice Weisberg
Gita Salat Wisgardisky\*

#### Monday 1/9/2017

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

#### Tuesday 1/10/2017

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

#### Wednesday 1/11/2017

Herbert Hyman\* Molly Lecker Noble Beatrice Appel Wexelblatt

#### Thursday 1/12/2017

Ruth Bellis
Leah Cassler
Alex Elioseff
Aaron Fohnman
Aaron Fraint\*
Anne E. Kozodoy
Philip A. Levin\*
Rose L. Levine
Abraham Likosky\*
Erwin Markle
Jack Miller
Dora Slavin
Samuel Weiss\*
Myer Zemel

#### Friday 1/13/2017

David Aber\*
Benzion Joseph Black\*
Clarence Brown\*
Emanuel Goldberg
Zoltan Grunvald
Edgar May\*
Lena Simon
Melvin Siris\*

#### Saturday 1/14/2017

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

#### Sunday 1/15/2017

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

#### Monday 1/16/2017

Rose Fine Alfred\*
Samuel Nathaniel
Bogorad
Geraldine Romm Carr\*
Judith Cohen
Louis Morris Epstein\*
Dora Palmet
Florence Tepfer Schein\*
Dorothy Mazel Spiro\*

#### Tuesday 1/17/2017

Dorothy Nettie Agel\* Henry A. Berger\* Kosrell O. Cohen Robert Klinkostein\* Hedwig Levi Elizabeth Schulman

#### Wednesday 1/18/2017

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

#### Thursday 1/19/2017

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

#### Friday 1/20/2017

Morris Behar\*
Peary Cohen\*
Philip Davis\*
Carrie Wolk Fishman\*
Joseph Frank\*
Rabbi Jacob Goodman\*
Abraham Kessel\*
Rae Lecker
Carrie Levin\*
Ethel Natter
Leah Zaetz Rafsky\*
Mary E. Schlarman
Molly Shelton
Jack Shulman\*

#### Saturday 1/21/2017

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

#### Sunday 1/22/2017

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

#### Monday 1/23/2017

Robert Reuben Carr\*
Bernice I. Lamden\*
Myer Litsky
Marion Grace Munro\*
Mary Paschkes
Isadore B. Plovnick\*
Jerome Hyman Wax\*

#### Tuesday 1/24/2017

Betty Hartstein Johanna Kahn Hildegard Zacharias

#### Wednesday 1/25/2017

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

## YAHRZEITS

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

#### Thursday 1/26/2017

Barnet Asner\*
Ralph Bellis
Shirley Gimbel\*
Bernard Halem
Bernice Press Hirsch\*
Daniel Kutzko\*
Sarah C. Rosenberg\*
I.Sarah Weinstein\*
Alida White

#### Friday 1/27/2017

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

#### Saturday 1/28/2017

Sarah Brody Paul May, Sr. Israel Schobel\*

#### Sunday 1/29/2017

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

#### Monday 1/30/2017

Esther Heiligman Cohen Dr. William T. Fagan, Jr. Margarita Shtull Thea M. Weiss Johnson Kolman Zeskind\*

#### Tuesday 1/31/2017

Dora Brill\*
Leon Donner
Norman Godfrey\*
Ben Lapidow\*
Jeffrey Howard Medlinsky\*
Benjamin C. Stein\*

#### Wednesday 2/1/2017

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

#### Thursday 2/2/2017

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

Dr. Benjamin Singerman

#### Friday 2/3/2017

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

#### Saturday 2/4/2017

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

#### Sunday 2/5/2017

Esther Adler\*
Gerald Adler\*
Witka Stern Deutsch
Joseph Lasker\*
Stanton S. Lazarus\*
Ida Sugarman Samuelson\*

#### Monday 2/6/2017

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

#### Tuesday 2/7/2017

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

#### Wednesday 2/8/2017

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

#### Thursday 2/9/2017

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

#### Friday 2/10/2017

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

#### Saturday 2/11/2017

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

#### Sunday 2/12/2017

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

#### Monday 2/13/2017

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

#### Wednesday 2/15/2017

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

#### Thursday 2/16/2017

Claire Elioseff Anita Anna Kahn Louis Levine\*

#### Friday 2/17/2017

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

#### Saturday 2/18/2017

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

#### Sunday 2/19/2017

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

#### Monday 2/20/2017

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

#### Tuesday 2/21/2017

Merka Sarah Eisendrath\* Sanford Epstein Fannie Harris Greenblott\* David William Lashman\* Ernest Iving Quittner\* Ilana Samets

#### Wednesday 2/22/2017

Shirley Dworsky Agel\* Gertrude Patton Samuel Rome\* Ida Nathan Silverman Hyman Weisberg

#### Friday 2/24/2017

Jack Blumer\*
Herman Fraint\*
Wilma Lublin

#### Saturday 2/25/2017

Lena Levin Glasston\*
William G. Hand\*
Ruby Helfand\*
Diana Stavisky Lovitz\*
Pauline Warshofsky
Samuelson\*
Pricilla Peyser Siev
Benjamin Stein\*
Samuel Sussman\*

#### Sunday 2/26/2017

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

#### Monday 2/27/2017

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

#### Tuesday 2/28/2017

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

## CALENDAR

#### **JANUARY 2017**

4 4:00 PM Hebrew School

7:30 PM Torah Class

5

3:00 PM Events Committee Meeting

6

6:00 PM Interfaith Shabbat begins

7:00 PM Pot Luck at OZ

7

10:00 AM Shalom Explorers

11:00 AM Tot Shabbat

8

9:30 AM Hebrew School

9:45 AM Hebrew School Committee Meeting

11:30 AM Hebrew School Bagel Brunch

9

7:15 PM HR Committee Meeting

10

6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee Meeting

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4:00 PM Hebrew School

7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting

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9:30 AM Hebrew School

10:00 AM Interfaith/Social Action Committee Mtg

11:30 AM Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

16 MLK Day

Office Closed

18

4:00 PM Hebrew School

7:30 PM Torah Class

19

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn

5:30 PM Board Meeting

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

21

9:00 AM Gavin Schaaf Bar Mitzvah

22

9:30 AM Hebrew School

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4:00 PM Hebrew School

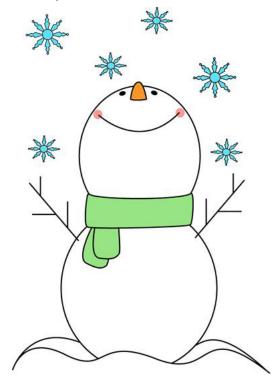
7:30 PM Torah Class

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12:00 PM Hebrew School Sponsored Kiddush

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Mitzvah Day



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- Baby & toddler playgroup: Every Thursday at 9:30 am
- Services: Every Friday at 6 pm; every Saturday at 9 am (including Federal holidays)
- Torah Study: Every Saturday at 8:30 am (with coffee)
- Open Play at OZ for children five and under: Every Sunday at 9:30 am FOR FULL CALENDAR INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE

## CALENDAR

#### **FEBRUARY 2017**

4:30 PM Hebrew School 7:30 PM Torah Class

3:00 PM Events Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Pot Luck at OZ

10:00 AM Shalom Explorers 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat

9:30 AM Hebrew School

9:45 AM Hebrew School Committee Meeting

11:00 AM Camp Fair

11:30 AM Hebrew School Bagel Brunch

8

4:00 PM Hebrew School

7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting

11 - Tu B'Shevat

12

12:00 PM Winter Playdate at the home of David & Vivien Brown

14

6:00 PM Adult Education Committee Meeting

15

4:00 PM Hebrew School

7:30 PM Torah Class

16

12:00 PM Lunch& Learn

5:30 PM Board Meeting

17

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

18

10:00 AM Shalom Explorers

19

9:30 AM Hebrew School

11:30 AM Hamentashen Making

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7:30 PM Torah Class

9:00 AM Children of Abraham Interfaith Service at OZ



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## **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Volunteer Appreciation
Brunch
Sunday, January 15
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Friday	Candle Lighting	Ma'ariv	Saturday	Shacharit	Shabbat Ends
Jan 6	4:10 pm	6:00 pm	Jan 7	9:00 am	5:10 pm
Jan 13	4:18 pm	6:00 pm	Jan 14	9:00 am	5:18 pm
Jan 20	4:27 pm	6:00 pm	Jan 21	9:00 am	5:27 pm
Jan 27	4:00 pm	6:00 pm	Jan 28	9:00 am	5:00 pm
Feb 3	4:46 pm	6:00 pm	Feb 4	9:00 am	5:46 pm
Feb 10	4:56 pm	6:00 pm	Feb 11	9:00 am	5:56 pm
Feb 17	5:06 pm	6:00 pm	Feb 18	9:00 am	6:06 pm
Feb 24	5:15 pm	6:00 pm	Feb 25	9:00 am	6:15 pm