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Purim Adult Party
March 16 at 7:30 pm

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March 20 at 5:15 pm

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March 20 at 7:00 pm

Purim Family Carnival
March 24 at 10:30 am



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FROM THE RABBI



Solving the Insidious Spread of Misunderstanding and Hate

If you have been fortunate enough to never have been personally subjected to anti-Semitism, it can be hard to know how that feels. But even more so, context matters. I grew up in a Philadelphia suburb, and while the Jewish population represented a small minority in our community, I was blissfully unaware of the continued existence of hatred toward Jews in America's northeast. In Hebrew School we learned about the history of anti-Semitism and were saturated in Holocaust education, but it all seemed far away—in the past, or someplace else.

Until it wasn't. While serving a Jewish community in SW Michigan, I was personally threatened by a hateful man who cornered me in the cloakroom after a Rotary Club meeting. Coincidentally and quite fortunately, my dear friend, a Lutheran pastor, was my guest at Rotary that day. His support and protection made all the difference in the world.

Years passed, and the community I was serving in NJ was viciously threatened when we entered into an agreement to rent space from the local Episcopal church. I had police protection at my office for two weeks after that, and once again the Christian clergy in town rallied to support and protect us.

Memories of those jarring and frightening experiences were suddenly filling my mind in recent weeks. Now we are living in a climate where hate has very sadly been unleashed in the public square and White Nationalists/fascists/neo-Nazis feel empowered and emboldened. At a press conference in the synagogue in Bennington in January, I stood between Vermont Attorney General T.J. Donovan and former VT Representative Kiah Morris and her husband as VT officials struggled to respond to the ugly, vicious hate that Kiah and her family had experienced at the hand of a self-described "troll." I felt jarred and threatened and sickened when that very "troll" entered the synagogue, taking advantage of his First Amendment right to free speech at a public event to rile the community.

Recently, I testified to the VT House and Senate Education Committees to seek their support for the inclusion of anti-Semitism in a proposed bill to address VT schools' culture and curricula. The bill had been written by a coalition representing many different groups to foster understanding and inclusion, and to provide redress for school-based

bias or bullying. Especially after the hate experienced by Kiah Morris, and the "othering" of minority/vulnerable groups, it is time we teach and model inclusion. Ignorance regarding differences of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and religion will be addressed by this bill.

At the very time that the merits of the language of that bill were being debated and negotiated in the Statehouse, our OZ community was forced to come face-to-face with hate; it is a close cousin to the ignorance we were working to correct. White Nationalist/neo-Nazis plastered hate posters on our synagogue welcome sign and on the doors to the Pride Center and Outright VT. It was sickening to see that poster. While waiting for the police, Grace and I asked each other if we were scared. Pittsburgh, Charlottesville, Charleston and others reverberated in our minds. We are living in difficult times.

I suppose that is how this recent experience was different for me than the two personal examples of anti-Semitism I recalled. The brokenness in our world right now is more present, apparent, and concerning. The security of schools, synagogues, and even private spaces (such as Kiah Morris experienced), seems more threatened. That is how hateful signs, words and symbols can leave some of us feeling. To use a Harry Potter image, it is as if Voldemort is once again gaining strength and power. In Jewish language it is a reminder that Haman and the sons of Amalek still live among us. And we wonder how sweet Dorothy in Oz can pour water on the Wicked Witch yet again. The battle of good vs. evil percolates through our imaginations and our most memorable stories because we need to see the path to overcoming evil in our midst—to remember what Amalek did to our people even as we blot out Amalek's name.

Ah, but remember, the Wicked Witch is dead. Haman was defeated, as was Voldemort. And that means that light will overcome darkness, love will overcome hate, and goodness will ultimately prevail. How do I know that? Faith. Hope. Love.

In the Pesach Haggadah, we find Judaism's most fundamental principle: in every generation, each individual should feel personally redeemed from Egypt. "The Torah is explicit: our experience in Egypt demands us to empathize with those who are in similar states of vulnerability. That's our contribution to redemption. In every generation, we experience both oppression and liberation, enabling us not just to survive, but to thrive." (Rav Shai Cherry)

On February 5, when I came home after meeting with Burlington Police on the day of the vandalism, I texted some local Christian clergy friends. They immediately began to

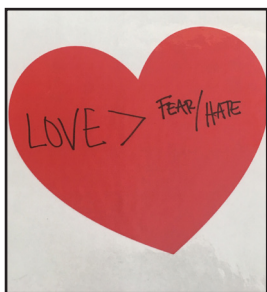
pray for us and mobilize for us, reaching out to ask how they can help us. Their communities shared our upset, and many reached out to me/us in the successive days. Just as happened in October after the Pittsburgh massacre, we received many cards and even gifts from local folks who wanted us to know how much they are concerned for us and stand in solidarity with us. Rev. Ken White preached on this the following Sunday, emphasizing how many groups over history have sought to destroy the Jews – and we Jews are still here, while they are not.

The VT law enforcement community, local and statewide, showed up for us, and made clear that they won't go away — they are here for us. I trust them and I feel very grateful for them.

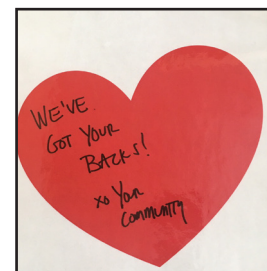
The hate that some feel in their hearts emanates

from their own sense of loss and pain. How else can we understand it? Human beings are born with the capacity for good and for evil—the *yetzer hatov* and *yetzer hara*. The challenge of life is to learn the good and suppress the bad. Sadly, some people haven't — yet. Now it is up to us to focus on the goodness within and among our community, our friends and colleagues. Together, we will speak and model the goodness and love that G-d has implanted within us — shutting out the darkness with abundant light. Our interfaith community is committed to this task along with us. We can — we will — overcome this dark time. This is the meaning and purpose of sacred community. We will get there, together.

~ Rabbi Amy



Cards and notes from some communities who have reached out to us



Sending light and love to your community

You are all in our thoughts and prayers

Know that we stand with you, and that you are not alone

Please feel the love of your community

May you and your community be protected, and may you thrive

We hope to affirm that you are beloved and integral in this community

Please know our outrage—we stand in solidarity

Our brave little state says no to hate



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello everyone,

By the time you receive this issue of *The Voice* it will be March—Spring is on its way!

My plan here is to catch you all up on just a few of the things we're working on.

Public Relations

Do you have public relations experience or ideas? We want the community to know what makes Ohavi Zedek special. What do you think of when you hear our name? If you're interested in working on this with us, please contact me.

Cantorial Search

We had a wonderful visit by Cantor Steve Zeidenberg on Feb 1-3. At this point, the Cantor Search Committee continues to review additional candidates to determine whether we want to have any others visit. We will keep you posted as soon as we have more information.

Legacy Society

Our Development Committee, chaired by Sharon Panitch, is focusing right now on legacy giving. Those of you of a certain age (like David and me!) got a letter about this. We've been invited to become members of OZ's Legacy Society, a group of forward-thinking members who, like our predecessors, will ensure Ohavi Zedek's future through planned gifts.

As the letter from Grace noted, "making a planned gift or bequest is easy, and you need not be a millionaire to make an impactful contribution. There are many flexible options for planned giving. You can make a donation of real estate, stocks, securities, or other assets, or name Ohavi Zedek in a life insurance policy. There are also gifting options that can offer you payouts over your lifetime... Planned giving can offer substantial tax benefits and can be tailored so that Ohavi Zedek is simply one of any number of beneficiaries."

If you choose to join the Legacy Society (as have David and I) you will be honored by:

- Recognition as a member of the Legacy Society in each issue of *The Voice*,
- Having a siddur donated in your honor by the Board of Ohavi Zedek,
- An annual kiddush luncheon at which all members of the Society will be honored.

The letter ended by saying, "The generations that came before us planned ahead so that we can enjoy the stability and vibrancy of Ohavi Zedek. Now it is up to us to do the same for future generations. We hope you will join the

Legacy Society by making a planned gift that will support the foundation of OZ for years to come and serve as an inspiration to others."

Please consider joining David and me in becoming members of the Ohavi Zedek Legacy Society.

Other Fundraising Ideas

This year for the first time, we are offering a **Mishloach Manot program**—a way to observe the mitzvah of giving treats to family and friends to celebrate Purim! You can choose whom to gift with a sweet treat—it's a great way to get in the spirit of the *chag*, build community, share sugar, and show your OZ crew some love! Here's the link with more information—<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=49YDoY>, or check our website. Orders must be submitted by March 15 at the very very latest.

This summer we'll have another fabulous **Jewish Food Fair**.

We also had a great time at last year's **Calcutta** and hope to do another one in October of this year.

Want to help with these events, or do you have other ideas to raise both fun and funds? Please let me know.

Security

Special ongoing thanks to David Rome for leading the Security Committee and helping us research next steps we can take to ensure that we all remain safe and can continue to feel at home here at OZ. We're submitting an application to the Department of Homeland Security which is offering grants to religious organizations to help improve synagogue and church security. Thank you to Grace for managing this complicated proposal.

Services

In addition to the regular Shabbat morning services each week, we have begun a monthly parallel service entitled *Lev Shalem*, "A Whole Heart."

This service is held the first Shabbat of every month, from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the yurt, weather permitting, or in the Samuelson Saiger Sanctuary. Next services are on March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 8.

These services are contemplative, meaning-seeking, poetic and participatory, and those who attend have raved about them. Rabbi Amy somehow manages to be at both services, which is a good trick! One way she accomplishes this is to deliver her sermon in the regular service earlier than normal. So if you're a regular service attendee, as am I, and want to hear our rabbi's excellent sermons on these days, please come early!

Happy holidays to all!

~ Vivien Rabin Brown
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FROM THE TREASURER



Hi all,

As I reported in January, we are still in the process of looking for a new Treasurer. Please give me a call if you'd like to get more information. We are starting to prepare the budget for next year, which begins on July 1.

The synagogue's financial performance through January, 2019 was an operating surplus of \$122k, as is typical at this time of year. We get lots of pledge payments up front, and that puts us way ahead of our revenue budget. The budget through January was an \$85k surplus, and last year, we had a \$127k surplus at this time. (In addition, we have a \$40k loss in non-operating income, due to market fluctuations in our Endowment Fund.)

Tari reports that as of January 31, we had received pledges for \$344k, which is 92% of our \$385k goal for the year, and that includes general increases of 2.4% over prior year. Similarly, we have pledges for about 85% of our \$20k Facilities Fee budget. A portion of the revenue for the funds received from Fern Hill for the sale of 1/3 of an acre has been moved, per the Board's decision, to fund legacy request materials for the Fundraising Committee, and the rest has been moved into a reserve for future facilities expenses (mainly the roof).

Expenses are \$20k over budget, but again, mostly due to timing. We are sending to the Endowment Fund both the loan payments for the kitchen and the endowment repayment, as well as the funds received that were restricted to the endowment fund. The Preschool is full with a long waiting list.

On the balance sheet, we have \$154k in cash, up from \$120k at January 31 last year. We took loans from our own endowment and the balances are \$179k out of the original \$200k for the kitchen, and \$201k out of the original \$212k for the General Fund, taken a few years ago, down from \$189k and \$208k at the end of last October.

We are very grateful for everyone's support for the great outreach and social justice activities of the synagogue. 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 members. Thank you!

~ Bill Miller

PURIM! PURIM! PURIM!

Adult Purim Party
Saturday, March 16

Starts at 7:30 pm with Havdallah

Costumes...Purim Shpiel...Karaoke

Prize for best costume!

Desserts...BYOB

Suggested donation \$10



Family Friendly Megillah Reading
& Evening Service
Wednesday, March 20

5:15 pm

Family Friendly Megillah Reading
in Hebrew and English



7:00 pm

Purim evening service with full Megillah reading



Family Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 24

10:30 am

Costume Contest
Games...Face Painting...Bouncy Castle



Raffle

Original skit written by NADAV Teen Intern
Hamentaschen making...and more!

Raffle Prizes

For Kids:

Drone- young adult version

Race car set

Discovery science kits

Star Trek items

Charlie Brown items

For Grownups:

Headphones

Restaurant gift certificate

Desk lamp with charging station

IPad mounting bracket for car

And More!



Fun! Fun! Fun!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Want to get the most out of life as a member? Bring your full self to this place!

I am in a joyful position to connect with people as they are considering joining, or have recently joined OZ. Folks often ask me what “they get” by joining as members, or what “membership” really means.

I could simply list the many programs that OZ offers: education for Jewish life for people, babies to elders; spiritual community and religious services; pastoral care; holiday celebration; community and *chevre* (friendship group) for every life stage; community cultural events; social justice organizing; a shared Jewish home; so much more. But the reality is that the synagogue is ultimately by and for its members. Membership is ultimately what you make it rather than one set outcome, and the places where OZ feels most fully alive (and, relatedly, the spaces in which it seems most fully enjoyed by members) are those in which people are making OZ their own—by bringing their full selves to synagogue.

As we come to this place with our burning questions, our deep need for real community, and our passion for the world, we are understood more fully for who we are. In turn, as we bring our passion and our questions, we help to create the community we long for, and receive that which we long for. In time, we together build a lively community, fired up with the projects we all collectively hold dear.

I’d like to offer a few examples of folks bringing their full selves to this place, and how in sharing their spark they have ignited more depth and connection for everyone. Recently, parents with children in our preschool have been saying they want to build more connections with other parents in order to share struggles and joys of parenting as a *chevre*. In service to this goal, they convened a monthly “parent night” (thanks Rebecca Fredman for spearheading this!)—nights that were to be built around one parenting question. One such meeting last month was designed to be about nutrition, the struggle of nightly lunch-packing, and ideas of how to build table community with our kids. As parents gathered and talked through the evening, however, the conversation expanded to more deep sharing—exploring the question of how we can foster table fellowship, introduce sacred space, find ways of connecting more as families, and foster healthy relationships to food. Real connection forms and deepens as we honestly share and show up for each other.

In another example, lay leaders have convened a community sing circle. We loved harmonizing with Joey Weisenberg during Scholar-in-Residence Weekend and didn’t want the music to end, so we formed a community-led group and began to meet every other week (second and fourth Sundays, 4-5:30 pm, if you want to join!) The group has a core of about a dozen to 20 folks, with more people popping in as they can. We started with a hope that the group would become self-directed and we would share leadership, but knew we would have to build trust and understanding before singers who had never led before would feel comfortable stepping up. Last week I was delighted and humbled that we had four different people teaching song—including one who had written a special *niggun* just for our group! The harmonies are growing richer over time and the sense of close community growing.

Even a social event, like the wonderful Trivia Night put on by a young member family (thanks Josh and Kathryn!), illustrates this point. The Kernoffs were excited to share trivia with their OZ community—which they used to host professionally. We had never run such an event at OZ and didn’t know what to expect—but they assured us it would be fun and folks would show up. They bought the pizza, everyone was invited, and indeed, folks showed up. We had around 70 people playing trivia in truly intergenerational groups, sharing stories and laughing uproariously at the weird facts they produced as teams spanning generations. Folks ate, talked, and built community in delightful ways—and it never would have happened without the couple’s leadership and passion.

When I connect with folks joining OZ as new members, I suggest that while there are many reasons why joining a synagogue is important, it’s not an end or an answer. Instead, it’s really a beginning, a question, an invitation. By joining as members we have made a promise to be part of this sacred, living, changing community. What if we imagined that as we join, we are committing to bringing something of ourselves, some spark that made us unique or some question we wrestle with that makes us who we are?

It is only when we gather and grow all our sparks together that the warmth of our collective OZ hearth can burn bright.

~ Grace Oedel

Purim Treats!

A great way to observe the mitzvah of giving treats to family and friends on Purim is through **OZ’s Mishloach Manot** program. See Page 5 for details.

PROFILE: SUZI WIZOWATY



Joan (left) and Suzi

Good news! The OZ library is springing back to life, on its way to being redesigned to resemble a bookstore. Under the capable and innovative guidance of Suzi Wizowaty and the newly-formed Library Committee,

books will now be arranged not according to the old Dewey decimal system, but by categories such as Jewish history, Israel, Holocaust and OZ authors. Suzi has extensive work experience in both libraries and bookstores. As well, she has written countless articles, and several published (and three unpublished) novels. She's been a writer for as long as she can remember, she says.

Having celebrated her 65th birthday at Ohavi Zedek's January birthday kiddush, she also recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of two events that define her life: her partnership with Joan Robinson and her conversion to Judaism.

Suzi was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1954, the eldest of the three children of Jerold and Judy Wizowaty. "We had no religious background," she says. Her father was a first generation American whose family had emigrated from Poland; her mother was raised Episcopalian. Both abandoned religion early. Suzi describes her parents as intellectual, into art and literature, and decidedly atheistic. Her father's career in mergers and acquisitions, sales and advertising took the family to Dallas, Houston (twice), Europe (Lausanne, Paris and Madrid) and Connecticut before landing back in Houston for the third time, where Suzi attended grades 7 through 12. "I counted: at one point I'd been in 12 schools in three years," she says.

The frequent moves had no effect on her intellectual development, obviously: after graduating from high school in 1971 she was admitted to Princeton University to continue her education. Half-way through she decided to take some time off. Moving to San Francisco, she joined a Zen house, took voice lessons and as often as possible attended the San Francisco Opera, standing in the back of the hall. ("Opera is still one of my passions," she notes,

"both on film at Palace 9 in South Burlington and on stage whenever possible.")

Suzi returned to Princeton and earned her degree with honors in anthropology in 1977. In an attempt to scratch a spiritual itch, she subsequently enrolled in Meadville Lombard, a Unitarian Universalist seminary at the University of Chicago's Divinity School. She lasted just one semester, then took a job in a bookstore. Reading the works of such authors as Harold Kushner, a rabbi, and Thomas Merton, a writer who converted to Catholicism and became a Trappist monk, opened a door into Judaism for her. "When I was growing up my anti-religious family had a lot of Jewish friends, so early on I got the message that it was OK to be Jewish. I read a lot of Holocaust and other Jewish literature, and on top of that, I had a deep need for a 'tribe.'"

As is the custom among some rabbis, the Hillel rabbi at the University of Chicago to whom Suzi turned rejected her (gently) three times, always giving her material to read while turning her away. When she persisted, leading him to believe she was sufficiently motivated and committed, she studied with him for a year and converted in 1978. Suzi found the University of Chicago's progressive Upstairs Minyan, which she attended every week, fulfilling and nurturing.

While visiting a friend back in Princeton in January of 1979 she was re-introduced to Joan Robinson, whom she'd known casually. "We had an immediate connection," she says. "I'd never been with a woman before, and I'd pictured myself with a Jewish husband, so I was more concerned that she wasn't Jewish than with her being a woman." Though Joan was born in New Jersey, coincidentally she also grew up in Houston. After graduate school at Rutgers, she was working as a storyteller in the public library and in children's theater in Princeton.

Suzi moved back there to be with Joan six months later. She managed an academic bookstore, became active in the Jewish feminist movement, and earned a Master's in Jewish feminist studies and creative writing through Goddard College's long distance learning program. In the early 1980s she wrote a draft of her first novel (one of her unpublished

works) along with a feminist Purim spiel, a feminist Tu b'Shevat seder, and a feminist hagaddah. The book, a feminist retelling of the Exodus story, won the Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award from the Association of Jewish Libraries.

In 1985 Suzi and Joan left Princeton. "We knew we could never afford to buy a house there," Suzi says. "And though we each had a Master's degree, we felt both poor and undereducated." In their search for a place to which to relocate, they were drawn to Vermont, home of Bernie, Madeleine, a strong arts community and a visible women's community.

They lived on Maple Street for a year before finding a permanent home on Locust Terrace in Burlington's South End. As is typical of residents in the area, they say the neighborhood is welcoming and congenial, gathering regularly for soup nights and sharing lawn mowers and pet care. With some remodeling, refurbishing and repainting, their place is warm, cozy and gracious, housing Suzi, Joan, Tucker, their cat, and Nellie, their friendly rescue dog. They have a backyard garden, lovingly tended by Joan.

Suzi joined Ohavi Zedek in the 1990s and served on the Long Range Planning Committee and the Dues Committee, where she was an early advocate for the Fair Share dues plan. While under Rabbi Joshua's leadership the congregation was in the forefront in the areas of diversity and gender equality, it didn't go far enough for Suzi. She drifted away from the synagogue before Fair Share was implemented and directed her energy into the progressive New Jewish Agenda in Central Vermont. In 2000 she began attending Burlington's Shambhala Meditation Center. (She notes that many well-known American teachers of Buddhism are Jewish – "Jubus"). "I never stopped lighting candles on Friday night or keeping kosher (lightly), but I was circling around. Always searching and exploring, I guess." While Suzi still finds wisdom in Buddhist teachings and contemplative practices, "that community never felt like 'my people,'" she says.

Meanwhile, her professional life – working with people, books and ideas – was thriving. Over the course of her career she has run a bookstore, written countless articles for newspapers and magazines, edited college publications, worked as a program and outreach librarian, taught writing at Goddard, Trinity, Champlain, St. Michael's and Burlington

Colleges, and led hundreds of book discussions in public libraries under the auspices of the Vermont Humanities Council. One of her most satisfying experiences was teaching workshops in poetry, prose and short fiction in Vermont prisons. "Inmates range from barely literate to highly educated," she says. "But they all chose to meet with me and wrote some really moving pieces."

Suzi's published novels are *The Round Barn* (2002), *A Tour of Evil* (2005), and *The Return of Jason Green* (2014). In *A Tour of Evil*, written for kids ages 9 and older, Suzi drew on her experience of having grown up visiting the castles and gothic churches of Europe. The story centers around a large cathedral, a group of missing children, a scary tour leader, and the cathedral's dark, dank underground crypt. The book, described as a "delightfully creepy mystery," is dedicated to her mother, 'who loved cathedrals' and her father, 'who avoided tour guides.' He passed away the year the book was published.

At the age of 55 Suzi was ready for a career change, though she was uncertain about what might come next. "At a talk by Madeleine Kunin about her latest book, she mentioned the need for more women in public service. I'd always thought of politics as ugly, but I did a 180 after hearing it described as public service. 'I can do that!' I thought." In typical Suzi fashion, she threw herself into the primary in the fall of 2007 to have the chance to represent Burlington's South End in the Vermont House. She liked knocking on doors, hearing people's thoughts and sharing her own ideas. Of the three candidates for the two seats up for grabs in the Democratic party, Suzi was the top vote getter, unseating an incumbent. She headed for Montpelier along with Johannah (Joey) Donovan to serve the first of her three terms, from 2008 to 2014.

Influenced by her interaction with Vermont prisons and inmates, her focus was on criminal justice, and she served as clerk of the Judiciary Committee during her second two years in the Legislature. In her final year, dissatisfied with the pace of progress around criminal justice issues, she founded a small non-profit, Voters for Criminal Justice Reform, dedicated to raising awareness, making changes in the system, and reducing the prison population. The organization grew and achieved some success, acknowledged in 2016 with both the Vermont ACLU's Civil Liberties

Award and the Peace and Justice Center's Ed Everts Award. In 2017 Suzi stepped down to leave the work to new leadership.

She and Joan were officially married in 2013. The previous year Joan took her final bow as full-time staff in the education department at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, where she'd served for 18 years, and was immediately invited to serve as the first drama coach at the new Integrated Arts Academy (the former Wheeler School) in Burlington's Old North End. After four years, she returned to part-time teaching-artist work for the Flynn, sharing a lifetime of experience teaching, performing, and storytelling. "Now she's teaching the teachers," Suzi notes.

More free time has enabled the couple to continue to do the things they enjoy – working out at the Y, gardening, walking their dog, reading, and spending time with friends. Joan's recent diagnosis of Parkinson's disease has given them a new perspective on their future, but they travel as much as they can afford, visiting family and friends in this country and elsewhere, combined when possible with opera in Montreal, Glimmerglass, Seattle and DC. At home, they love hosting friends and family on both sides. While Suzi's parents moved to Burlington in 2004 and her mother is still in her New North End home, her sister Gigi lives with her husband in El Cerrito, California. Their daughter is at Berkeley and their son attends the San Francisco Art Institute. Sadly, Suzi and Gigi's brother Eric died at an early age in 1975.

And more free time has given Suzi an opportunity to focus on The Big Question: 'Where are my people?' which led her back to Ohavi Zedek. "When I stopped working full-time, my search for a community intensified. OZ has always been a welcoming place, but it's truly more diverse now. It's where I have the most friends and feel most at home." She joined the Fern Hill board and serves on the Adult Education Committee, in addition to having stepped up to chair the Library Committee. She's also been attending Shabbat services and Rabbi Amy's beit midrash and IEngage classes. "The more I go, the more I want to go," she says. "I love this community!" And we, Suzi's 'people,' are delighted to embrace her once again as a member of our synagogue family.

ANNUAL RABBI MAX B. WALL LECTURE

American Jews and Israel: The Dissolution of Consensus

Dov Waxman, PhD

Dr. Waxman will outline the major trends and developments shaping the American Jewish relationship with Israel now and into the future. He will argue that a major transformation is taking place in the American Jewish relationship with Israel—the age of unquestioning and uncritical support is over, and a new era of American Jewish conflict over Israel is replacing the old era of solidarity.

Thursday, March 14

7:00 pm

St. Michael's College

Roy Room/Dion Family Student Center



Summit 2019 Sunday, April 7 Killington Grand Hotel

JCVT invites the greater Vermont Jewish community for a day-long event, preceded by a Shabbaton on April 5 & 6. For more information, call 802-734-1911 www.jewishcommunitiesofvermont.org

HADASSAH



Save The Date!

Join us for a fascinating educational program co-sponsored by Hadassah and Ohavi Zedek Synagogue.

June 2 at 12 noon

Genzyme will present "Our Heritage, Our Health" about genetic diseases in Jews of Ashkenazi descent.

Lunch will be provided in the Ohavi Zedek Social Hall free of charge. RSVP in advance is a must. Contact Fern Blood, feblood@comcast.net or 802-241-4181.

Questions? Linda Kopper, snobunny@pshift.com or 802-644-6650.

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



They say that variety is the spice of life. If so, then OZHS is quite picante!

On any given day, as I peek into classrooms, I am amazed at the numerous ways our students are learning from their teachers, their *madrichim* and each other. We have kids learning the Aleph Bet by making letters

with shaving cream on their desks, others are enacting a series of motions with commands in Hebrew, some are designing priestly breastplates out of graham crackers, icing and (kosher!) jelly beans. In yet another classroom, kids are coloring vestments, building a mishkan, creating a mezuzah out of a tongue depressor and matchbox, or traveling to other places in Jewish history with their very own time machine.

And yes, in addition, we use some more traditional approaches like reading in workbooks, studying the Chumash, reciting prayers, writing Hebrew letters, singing holiday songs, discussion and debate.

So many approaches for so many students who each learn in their own way. Some of what we teach sparks interest now and some of it lies dormant, waiting to be tapped and further explored later in life. The important thing for our teaching staff is to show their enthusiasm and love for all that we share here at OZHS. And they do. Despite (minor) illness, family obligations, the weather or any other challenges, they are here for your kids and

you each week. Together with your support at home, this commitment to learning about being Jewish is strong and vibrant!

Thank you to everyone who makes this happen.

So here come March and April, always busy months in our calendar.

Friday, March 8, 5:30 pm, Kitah Zayin Shabbat service

Our most senior OZHS students will help lead this hour long service, followed by a vegetarian potluck.

Sunday, March 10, Rescheduled Artist in Residence visit with Alexandra Turner, who will lead us in a print making workshop.

Wednesday, March 20, Purim Megillah Reading

Sunday, March 24, Purim Family Carnival

Games, costume contest, face painting, bouncy castle, raffle, an original skit written by one of our NADAV Teen Interns, hamentaschen making and more.

In April, we shift our focus to Pesach.

Sunday, April 13, 9:15 am, OZHS Family Day

Dedicated to learning about Passover with activities including Pesach plays, Seder 101, Pesach Celebrations Around the World with our famous Passover tasting and singing. This special day is in place of OZHS classes on Sunday.

Please be sure and put these dates in your calendar.

I look forward to celebrating and learning with all of you.

~ Naomi Barell

Makom l'Mishpacha (MLM) students at Ronald McDonald House in Burlington preparing dinner in honor of Martin Luther King Service Day. MLM is our alternative education program for 6th-7th graders.



FULL CIRCLE PRESCHOOL



The children and educators at Full Circle are braving these winter months by honoring all the life around us, from new siblings being born, to the parsley and herb “newborn plants” sprouting under our classroom grow lights. Celebrating Tu B’Shevat amidst a bitter winter always

offers hope and the promise of growth as we honor the trees and plant life and all that they give to our earth.

It is magical to watch the children’s excitement as they germinate seeds and watch them sprout with a little soil, a little water, a little sunlight, and a lot of love! As an educator, it truly makes the experience come full circle (pun intended) as we watch these amazing children grow from infancy into kind and caring lovers of the earth.



Last semester, the Preschool worked with a UVM Community Partnership class on creating ecosystem maps and backwoods field guides as we continue to build a stronger nature education philosophy in our teaching approaches. This semester, we were lucky enough to be chosen again by a class that is committed to expanding upon these child-friendly field guides and ecosystem maps, while also creating trails and

plaques to easily identify the trees and other life within our woods. It is important to us that the children develop a sense of



place and ownership of our woods as we instill the value of *tikkun olam*.

This year, our Preschool classroom educators were inspired to ask the question: What does it mean to gather? What magical things take place when we gather together around a common interest? Can we find a common interest that promotes emotional and bodily resilience in all beings, and provides the opportunity to build upon both our personal and communal relationship with plants and the natural world? The idea of providing children and educators an opportunity to participate in this kind of reflective practice came to them in the form of tea leaves through regular tea gatherings.



Though we are still in the early stages of developing a curriculum for this practice, it is our hope that the “Daily Cup of Tea” project will become a permanent facet of the preschool curricula every year. We hope the tea project



provides children with more opportunities to connect to the natural world and draws forth their inquisitive spirits. Currently, the Preschool class is creating a design plan for a medicinal garden, where we will grow our own herbs to harvest and store for next winter, so that we may continue our work in learning about the healing modality of

plants. With spring around the corner, there is much to look forward to: building our garden beds, germinating seeds, and scouting the natural edible landscape that surrounds OZ.

~ Erika Geremia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members

- Jane Koplewitz
- Miriam Alpern

Condolences

- To Dan Stein on the death of his brother, Matthew Stein
- To Dana & Michael Engel on the death of Dana's mother, Marion Cohen
- To Linda Pardo on the death of her father, Dr. Yrech Pardo
- To Jonathan & Jennifer Cohen on the death of Jonathan's mother, Lisa Cohen
- To the Koplewitz family on the death of their family friend, Dr. Betty Boller

Mazel Tov

- To Judy Chalmer & Lisa Gibbons on the birth of their grandson, Theodore Karsif Chalmer
- To Nazly Guzman & Jeff Priest on the birth of their son, Benjamin Guzman Priest

Thank You

- To Josh & Kathryn Kernoff for organizing and leading the fabulous multigenerational Trivia Night in February (the first of many, we hope)!

OZ's Trip to Israel!

Join us on the journey of a lifetime, November 3 - 15, 2019.

Itinerary:

- Welcome, begin in Tel Aviv
- The shifting sands of Tel Aviv
- Galilee bound
- Northern exposures
- Towards Shabbat in Jerusalem
- Jerusalem Shabbat
- Jerusalem; one land—many narratives
- Sovereignty issues
- Israelis and Palestinians; Israeli Palestinians
- A Jerusalem mosaic

Please consider joining us. For more information, contact:

Robin Misgav (robin@igt.co.il) - registration info
Rabbi Amy Small (rabbiamy@ohavizedek.org)

To register for the journey:

makorjourneys.com/journey/ohavi-zedek-synagogue

LUNCH & LEARN

In **January** representatives of Pathways Vermont informed us about the services and support their organization offers to Vermonters experiencing life challenges.

The **February** program took us from Bialystock to America via Charles Zachariah Goldberg's memoir, shared with us by the book's Vermont publisher, Stephen McArthur, and the author's granddaughter, Rhoda Carroll.

MARCH 21

*Building a Downtown:
South Burlington's Emerging Town Center*



Presented by Paul Corbett,
Director of Planning & Zoning, City of South Burlington

APRIL 25



*How the 1903 Kishinev Pogrom
Shocked the World:*

*The Roles Played by a Rabid
Moldavian Anti-Semite, a Radical
Russian Zionist, a Renowned
Hebrew Poet, a Prominent Irish
Nationalist, and America's Most Celebrated Newspaper
Tycoon.*

Talk by history buff Wayne Senville.

Upcoming L&L: Thursday, May 16
**Please join us for these final three programs in our
2018/2019 series!**

Luncheons are free and open to the community
 Donations to help defray expenses are appreciated;
 \$6.00 recommended

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 1 - 5

Ohavi Zedek & Temple
Sinai commemorate Yom
Ha'Shoah on May 1



followed by an exciting series of events
 celebrating the Lost Shul Mural

INTERFAITH/SOCIAL ACTION



"So I guess I'll have to do it when I'm here," is a lyric from a song that resonated for me when I was a much younger man in the 1960s. It still does. I have recently been named Interim Chair of the Interfaith and Social Action Committee. I am interim at my own request because I believe that it will soon be time for a younger member of a different generation to lead the committee.

Ohavi Zedek has a long and proud tradition of our clergy manifesting *tikkun olam* through interfaith relationships and social justice actions. Rabbi Wall, Rabbi Joshua, and now Rabbi Amy have established relationships and led efforts to rectify what is wrong both in the Jewish world and in Vermont. They have been courageous models for all of us.

In early 2002, in the aftermath of 9/11, the founding members of this committee took the position that it is not enough for clergy to lead these efforts, but that the members of the congregation have an equal responsibility to be engaged in interfaith relationships and the quest for social justice.

We followed a tradition of others at OZ, who as individuals, fought for equality so that women had the same egalitarian status as men in all aspects of the congregation, including religious observance, and that the LGBTQ community would be fully welcomed and have the same rights as other Jews, including the right to marry.

These times are enormously challenging for our country and for the Jewish people. As a Jewish community it is imperative that we rise to the challenges that face us as Jews and as Americans. We cannot be partisan politically. We can and will rise to the moral challenges that we face locally and nationally. The particularity of our experience as Jews in Vermont and the universality of being human can and will inform our actions.

We are blessed to have a rabbi who is equally skillful and committed to forming interfaith relationships and leading us toward meaningful social action. **We will join her in those efforts and independently form relationships with our peers in other local cultural communities and other congregations in Chittenden County and throughout Vermont.**

We will also keep our focus on whatever actions we take on **influencing and implementing systems change whenever and wherever possible as it relates to the Jewish community, the Greater Burlington community,**

and Vermont. We will also lend our support to ongoing efforts and projects like the Stopping Stones memorial effort regarding racism and the Immigration and Sanctuary Group that has emerged within our synagogue.

Please remember that Ohavi Zedek translates to "Lovers of Justice." That is who we are and who we have been since our congregation was founded.

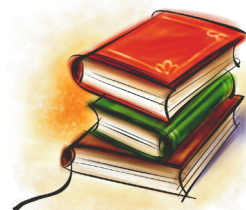
Please feel free to contact me at mpschaal@comcast.net.

~ Michael Schaal, Interim Chair

LIBRARY

Did you know that OZ acquired its library in 1952 when the Alpert family purchased an existing collection for \$2,000, in memory of Louis and Fanny Alpert? (Thanks, Aaron Goldberg, for this bit of history.)

We haven't found a record of what the library contained at that time, but it's likely it was largely reference material in support of traditional religious study. Since then, as OZ has evolved, so has the library, incorporating Jewish history, literature and memoir, Holocaust, Israel, arts, family life—and, for its size, a particularly strong collection of children's books.



So what's the best role for a small synagogue library in 2019? What will contribute most to Jewish life? How can we make the library most appealing, accessible, and useful?

Our current working group has made a good start addressing these questions. (Thanks to Naomi Barrell, Frank Donath, Mindy Evnin, Ellen Gittelsohn, Binky Goldberg, Sarah Klionsky, Deb Lashman, Beth Mintz, Grace Oedel, Rabbi Amy, Bob Small, Sherry Star, and Vicky Tamas—so far.)

In the next issue of *The Voice* we'll report more details, but for now, know that we're cleaning up and re-organizing for better access. Stop in anytime—and don't let evidence of work in progress (i.e. a little chaos) deter you from browsing or from borrowing a book. Just bring back what you borrow. It's your library.

Note: We cannot yet accept random donations. However, please check the "Weekly News from OZ" emails for titles we'd like to add, and drop them off if you're willing to donate them.

~ Suzi Wizowaty



Adult Education

Adult education continues through the winter.

Consider attending one of the following programs. Register with Tari at tari@ohavizedek.org.

Continuing Series

Torah Studies in Beit Midrash pairs with Rabbi Amy. After Kiddush on Shabbat, join the traditional system of pairs exploring classical Jewish texts from the Torah, Prophets, Talmud and commentaries followed by a teacher's presentation of their interpretation. March 16 and April 13, 12:30 - 2:00 pm. Samuelson-Saiger Sanctuary. No registration required.

Learning and Singing Hebrew Prayers with Kochava Munro. Kochava, our Cantorial Intern, will join with students learning the prayers from Friday evening services. Students will sing melodies, practice Hebrew reading, and study texts. At the end of March, the class will lead a special Friday evening Shabbat service. Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 18, 26; April 2, 9, 23, 30, 7:15 pm.

Engaging Israel: The Tribes of Israel: A Shared Homeland for a Divided People with Rabbi Amy. What is the significance of the State of Israel as a Jewish public sphere? How to build a shared society given divisions shaped by religion, ideology and geography. Using the Shalom Hartman Institute course, examine unity and diversity within Jewish tradition and the "porous wall" of separation between "church and state". Sundays, March 17, 24, 31, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Samuelson-Saiger Sanctuary. (Information on acquiring class materials will be provided to registered participants.)

The Cold War: A Retrospective with Bob Mayer. Although the Cold War is fading in the memories of most Americans, reverberations continue through policy, assumptions and consciousness. Bob looks at the legacies of the Cold War 30 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Mondays, March 4, 11, 5:45 - 6:45 pm. Samuelson-Saiger Sanctuary.

Update/Share your Haggadah! with Joy Livingston. Want to update your haggadah? Create your own for the first time? Or just share your favorite material with others? Bring your ideas and your haggadot to this workshop where we will share our resources—e.g. poetry by Adrienne Rich, different versions of the Four Children, language for the Well of Miriam or the orange on the Seder plate, funny new words to well-known melodies, remembrance of the Warsaw ghetto, and more. You will leave this hands-on workshop with additional tools to enliven or deepen your Seder experience. Wednesday, March 27, 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

MINIMUM 3 participants for the class to run. PLEASE register with Tari in the office: tari@ohavizedek.org.

Book Discussion

Legacies of the Six-Day War with Lila Shapero. Fifty years after the Six-Day War choices continue to be made. Micah Goodman in *Catch 67: The Left, the Right and the Legacy of the Six-Day War* grapples with what appears to be mutually exclusive views and narratives leading to a lack of dialog among Israelis. He posits that the differing views each have validity. Sunday, March 10, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Classroom 1. MINIMUM 5 participants. Access book on your own.

Save the date—Coming in June: Tikkun Leil Shavuot: A Feast of Learning on June 18.

In the Community

Racism in America lecture series at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (273 VT Route 15, Jericho) 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning with a potluck.

- March 12: **Is Race a Social Construct and Why Does It Matter?**
- April 9: **What Did an African American President Reveal about American Racism?**
- May 7: **The Browning of America: Reconciliation or Retribution**

ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who contributed!

Ila Abramson & Adam Bluestein
 Zelda Alpern & Leo Kline
 Jeff Alpert
 Iris & Mark Banks
 John Blatt
 David Borsykowsky & Sarah Klionsky
 Annie Brown
 David & Vivien Brown
 Stanley & Barbara Brown
 Suzanne Brown
 Michael & Stella Bukanc
 Judith Chalmer
 Laura & Jason Cooper
 Eric & Karen Corbman
 Mitchel Cypes & Lynan Moy
 Marcia Dalton
 Pat Doherty
 Ducky & Frank Donath
 Dana & Michael Engel
 Mindy Evnin
 Linda & Richard Finkelstein
 Michael Gelin
 H. Michael & Cheryl Goldstein
 Marv & Diane Greenberg
 Paul & Eileen Growald
 Jory Hearst
 Sharon Panitch & Richard Hecht
 David & Judy Hershberg
 Michael Kanarick & Liz Kleinberg
 Matthew Katz
 Joshua & Kathryn Kernoff
 Herb & Barbara Kessel
 Louise Klein Hodin
 Debbe & Harvey Klein
 Sarah Kleinman & Mark Dabelstein
 Arnold Krieger
 Ellen Krikstone
 Henry & Jackie Lampert
 Deborah Lashman
 Barbara & Martin LeWinter
 Marvin & Betty Libson
 Lee Lichtenstein & Cyndi Snyder
 Steven Metz

Bill Miller
 Karen & Spencer Newman
 Marcia & Mallory Parker
 Jane Pearl
 Rose Pels
 Georgia Powell
 Lori Rippa
 Diane Rippa & David Rome
 Jeffrey & Carol Rubman
 Linda Kelliher & Yoram Samets
 Michael Schaal
 Lila Shapero & Wayne Senville
 Rebecca Sherlock & Michael Strauss
 Edwin Skolnick
 Karen Solomon
 Frank & Sherry Star
 Nancy Sugarman
 Natalie Thanassi
 Becky Wasserman and Ben Traverse
 Jessica & Alan Wagener
 Alexander & Barbara Wilde
 Peter Wohl & Mina Levinsky
 Rick & Linda Wolfish

March 6 - 12

***Rabbi Amy will be
 in Israel for the 30th
 Anniversary of Women
 of the Wall, where she
 has been asked to lead
 part of a service.***



***In case of emergency, please call Vivien
 Rabin Brown at 802-309-9046***

March 8 - 9

***Rabbi Lisa Grushcow from Temple
 Emanu-el Beth Sholom in Montreal will
 be the guest rabbi for Shabbat at OZ.***

JEWISH COOKING & HISTORY PROJECT



Hello everybody! I've got another wonderful recipe for you all to try for this edition of *The Voice*!

Purim is approaching and that means Purim parties! I want to introduce you to a tasty treat that comes from our Sephardic roots—the biscocho.

Biscocho means “twice baked,” just like biscotti or biscuit. A biscocho, or Sephardic cookie ring, is a Mediterranean cookie that appears in many different forms and names around Europe, North Africa, the Iberian peninsula, and the Middle East. There are Spanish anise-flavored rosquillas, Italian taralli dolci, Romaniote koulourakia, the Middle Eastern ka'ak, and many, many more. The story of Purim has included treats such as biscocho or hamentashen for centuries. Every variant has its own unique spin on the recipe, whether it's the flavoring in the dough, the topping, or the style of kneading and forming the cookie. Some cookies are tiny ropes woven together into a circle, while other resemble common shapes like hearts, or a biscuit-disc.

I had the time to experiment and test some different flavors of the biscocho, and they were spectacular! The recipe I have chosen this time is simple, but still allows for all of the variance that these cookies display around the world. In my variation, I added some citrus zest alongside the vanilla in the dough, and some salt to the toppings. I made both the sawblade-like ring cookie and the simpler disc cookie, and they had similar texture. The cookies were so flavorful that they were devoured wherever I took them.

One warning, however. This recipe produces a very large amount of dough. I recommend that you halve the recipe, otherwise you could spend hours carefully forming and placing the dough rings, ending up with almost 60 cookies. The recipe takes about an hour and 40 minutes total if you don't cut the recipe in half; overall, it was a fun experience for me to make these cookies. *Purim Sameach!*

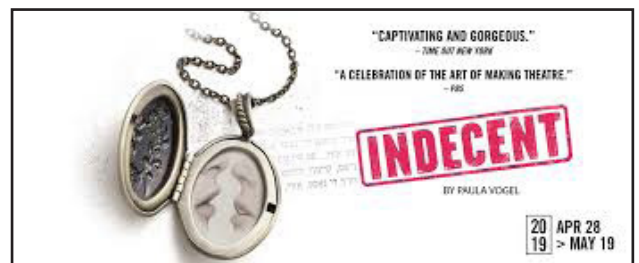
Recipe: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/jewish-and/sephardic-cookies-for-purim/>

~ Justin Schaaf



Annual Theatre trip to Montreal Sunday, May 19

PLAY: When Sholem Asch wrote *God of Vengeance*, hailed by some as an essential work of Jewish culture and by others as a work of traitorous libel, he never imagined how controversial the play would be. Inspired by true events, *Indecent* is described as “a riveting look at an explosive moment in theatrical and world history.” This deeply moving play charts the story of an incendiary drama and the artists who risked their careers and their lives to perform it.



TRAVEL PLANS: NO VANS THIS YEAR! Several individuals have offered to drive and take passengers.

DINNER: We are in the process of arranging to stop for dinner in a restaurant in Canada on our return trip to Vermont.

COST: Theatre ticket and dinner, \$85 per person.

RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE AND/ OR CONFIRM PLANS TO JOIN US, TO VOLUNTEER TO DRIVE OR ARRANGE FOR A RIDE, AND SO THAT TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT GROUP RATES AND WE CAN MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER.

**Call or email Judy Hershberg, 863-4214
jherish@burlingtontelecom.net**

Adult Education

In Loving Memory of Buddy Rosenberg by Gwen and Paul Orland

Cemetery & Memorials Fund

In Loving Memory of Pearl Halpern, Philip Gould and Jack Gold by Phyllis Gold

Cemetery Perpetual Care Endowment

In Loving Memory of Irina Ukrainsky by Alexander & Julie Zhivich

Chanukah Party

David & Judy Hershberg

Rabbi Joshua Chasan Endowment

In Honor of Rabbi Chasan's birthday by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

Mark Evnin Endowment Fund

In Memory of Diane Gabriel by Gigi Weisman & Jane Van Buren

Facilities Fund

In Honor of

Dave Rome's birthday by Aaron & Binky Goldberg
Rabbi Joshua & Kathy Chasan's grandson and Barbara Rippa's 85th birthday by David Rome & Diane Rippa
Dan Silverman & Mary Beth Bowman's granddaughter by David Rome & Diane Rippa
David Rome's birthday by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

In Memory of

Matthew Stein, S. Alexander Rippa and Marion Cohen by David Rome & Diane Rippa
Benjamin Stein by Debby Stein Sharpe

Rose Flax & Louis Epstein Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Sanford Epstein by Allan & Elsie Paul

Morris & Marion Garbo Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of

Morris Ben Garbo by Charles & Linda Garbo
Shirley Bayarsky, Sam E Bayarsky and Gertrude Shelansky by Howard Drobner & Maxine Garbo

General Fund

Allan & Elsie Paul, Benjamin Gould, Brett Smith & Elisa Freeman, Gigi Weisman & Jane Van Buren, Lawrence Press, Mark Senders, Michael & Stella Bukanc, Richard & Anne Bingham, Richard & Claire Raabe and Timothy Johnson
In Honor of
Kenneth's 50th birthday by Jim & Geralyn Gould
Miriam Sturgis's birthday by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

In Loving Memory of

Rachel Hannah Levin by Dayle Levin-Feingold
Peary Cohen by Dr. Maxine & Arnold Cohen
Myer Litsky by Ellen Litt
Buddy Rosenberg by Maura Jean and Philip Doherty, Risa Miller, Stacy Gorelick, Mark and Paulette Pitman, Allan & Elsie Paul, Mona Berch, Jonathan and Stefanie Goldblatt
Marilyn & Jerry Herman

Norman & Joan Sugarman by Nancy Sugarman

Benjamin & Dora Brill by Rosalie Brill

In Memory of

Matthew Stein by Gary & Miriam Sturgis
Diamond Nathaniel Wiseman by Gene & Sheila Aronoff
Isaac & Nana Elsie by Jim & Geralyn Gould
Shirley Rutstein by Roz & Matt Moskowitz

Arthur & Esther Gladstone Endowment Fund

In Memory of Arthur & Esther Gladstone by George & Miriam Saiger

Bailey Goldberg Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Florence Melnick Sockol by Edith Goldberg

Hyman & Yetta Harris Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Nathan Harris, Ben Harris and Amy Sara Naparstek by Rosalie Harris

Harry & Irene Kahn Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Johanna Kahn and Hedwig Levi by Hazel Keimowitz

Kiddush Fund

Fred Childs & Barbara McGrew, Gary & Miriam Sturgis, Harvey Klein & Debra Cohen Klein, Linda Kopper and Louise Klein Hodin

In Honor of Louise Klein Hodin's birthday by Catherine Wilcox, D.M and E.L Elsenon, Gerald and Beverly Sleph, Irvin and Leslie Varkonyi, Jane H. Michaud and Marvin & Betty Libson

Life Cycle Events

Leigh & Leslie Dolin

Lunch & Learn/Dine & Discover Fund

In Honor of Judy Hershberg by Mike Luce & Tari Cote
In Memory of
Barbara Silver and Dr. Michael Kropsky by Rose Pels

Mary Ann Pels Memorial Kitchen Fund

In Loving Memory of Barbara Silver by Gary Coffey & Barrie-Hope Silver

In Memory of Frieda Schall Jaffe and Lily Black Paschkes by Julian & Joy Jaffe

Mural Restoration Fund

Bill & Kate Schubart, Bob & Roberta Kanarick, Brianne Chase, David Werner, Edward Carroll, Ellen Oxfeld, Eric & Karen Corbman, Francis Nicosia, Gregory & Gladys Furness, Henry & Jackie Lampert, Howard Levine, Jane Ewing, Madeleine Kunin, Martin & Barbara LeWinter, Maxine Garfinkel, Michael Green & Sarah Muyskens, Patrick Robins & Lisa Schamberg, Richard Felt, Sheffee & Carol Lulkin, Sue Burton, William Truex & Jill Williams

In Honor of

Ryan Altman by Alida & John Dinklage

Barbara McGrew by Ira & Ethel Levine

Lisa Schamberg by Marc & Dana Vanderheyden

Noah's birthday by Rick Hubbard & Sally Howe

In Loving Memory of

Judith Cohen by Dr. David Cohen & Mr. Alan Tetreault

Marjorie Dalton by Joe Dalton

Anna & Samuel Lipton by Linda Kopper

Alexander Rippa and Frances Baker Frogel by Marvin Glickstein & Barbara Rippa

In Memory of

Judy Cohen by Brian & Hollace Reed

Martin Koplewitz by Julie Wasserman & Eric Strong

Rev Nadelson Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Eugene Myer Lazarus, Fannie M Nadelson and Sam M Kitayewitz by Annette Lazarus

Simon & Esther Perlmutter Endowment Fund

In Loving Memory of Morris Moskovitz and Rose Zaetz Moskovitz by Gordon & Carol Perlmutter

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Gigi Weisman & Jane Van Buren and Harvey Klein & Debra Cohen Klein

In Appreciation by Judy Rosenstreich

In Honor of

Rabbi Joshua & Kathy Chasan on the birth of their grandson by Gary Visco & Judith Danzig

Paula Blum by Michael Blum & Denise Sterchi

David Rome's milestone birthday by Michael Healy & Debra Blumberg

In Loving Memory of

Isaac Brown by Abraham & Jean Brown

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Annie Levin*
Elliot London

Saturday 3/2/2019

Gloria Fierverker*
Jacqueline Rose Hill*
Barbara Savin*
Harry Seder*
Augusta Magerman Slawsky
Jone Wisgardisky*

Sunday 3/3/2019

Sidney Adler*
Louis Alpert*
Daniel Benjamin Brown*
Menooskie Brown Buman*
Samuel W. Fishman*
Sylvia G. Melnick
Greenfield*
Molly Klein
Roslyn Rogove*

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Freda Ruderman Hirsch*
Harry R. Lazarus*
Irvin M. London*
Harry Press*
Louis Rosenthal*
Meyer S. Walk*
Henry Wolfson

Tuesday 3/5/2019

Harry Bagdan*
Beth Pasackow Geier*
Arthur Benjamin Harris
Louis H. Kernoff
Dr. George Lewis Saiger*
Israel Solomon*

Wednesday 3/6/2019

Louis Aronoff*
Max Gersh*
Ruth Gutman
Dr. Max Harris*
Mary Wolk Hirshberg*
Minnie Suckno Katz
Joseph Wasserman

Thursday 3/7/2019

Louis S. Boyarsky*
Jean Kass
Grace Samuelson Miller
Ted Schulman

Friday 3/8/2019

Eva Epstein*

Saturday 3/9/2019

Mary Koplewitz*
Myron S. Lash*
Jennie Wasserman
Rosenberg*

Sunday 3/10/2019

Jacob H. Levin*

Monday 3/11/2019

Frederick L. Hirsch*
Maria Zhodzhisky

Tuesday 3/12/2019

Jacob Lapidow*

Wednesday 3/13/2019

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Ann Roden
Hilda Rosenberg
Grace Friedman*
Sylvia Alex Levin*
Dora L. Mendelson*
Celia Reiter Paul*
Delia Levine Rosenthal*
Max Siegel*

Friday 3/15/2019

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Saturday 3/16/2019

Nat Saul Friedman*
Molly Press Lapidow*

Sunday 3/17/2019

Jack Braun

Monday 3/18/2019

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Tuesday 3/19/2019

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Saturday 3/23/2019

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Lillian Batavia Gladstone*
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Sophie S. Braude Cohen*
Minnie Stabinsky Gould*
Philip Snyder

Wednesday 3/27/2019

Esther Jean Rosenthal*

Thursday 3/28/2019

Jonathan Baron Lash*

Friday 3/29/2019

Jack Gladstone*

Saturday 3/30/2019

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Susan Hoffman Leman*
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MARCH 2019

2

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

3

10:30 AM Social Action Committee Meeting

1:00 PM Tribes of Israel Class

4

5:30 PM Class—The Cold War: A Retrospective

5

7:30 PM Learning and Singing Hebrew Prayers

6

12:00 PM Wednesday Afternoon Group

4:00 PM Hebrew School

7

3:00 PM Events Committee Meeting

8

5:30 PM Class led Kabbalat Shabbat Services and
Pulpit Swap

5:45 PM Tot Shabbat

6:45 PM Veggie Potluck at OZ

10

9:30 AM Hebrew School

9:45 AM Hebrew School Committee Meeting

3:00 PM Book Discussion/*Legacies from the Six Day
War*

4:00 PM Singing Community Meeting

5:30 PM Immigration Working Group

7:30 PM Israeli Dancing

11

5:30 PM Class—The Cold War: A Retrospective

12

5:45 pm Adult Ed Committee Meeting

7:30 PM Learning and Singing Hebrew Prayers

13

12:00 PM Wednesday Afternoon Group

4:00 PM Hebrew School

15

6:00 PM Festive Shabbat Services

16

11:30 AM Birthday Kiddush

12:30 PM Beit Midrash

7:30 PM Adult Purim Party

17

9:30 AM Hebrew School

1:00 PM Class—Tribes of Israel

18

7:30 PM Learning and Singing Hebrew Prayers

19

7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting

20

12:00 PM Wednesday Afternoon Group

4:00 PM Hebrew School

5:15 PM Family Friendly Megillah Reading

7:00 PM Purim Service & Full Megillah Reading

21

12:00 PM Lunch & Learn

5:30 PM Board Meeting

22

6:00 PM Kabbalat Service

7:30 PM Potluck at Rabbi Amy's House

24

9:30 AM Hebrew School

10:30 AM Family Purim Carnival

1:00 PM Class—Tribes of Israel

4:00 PM Singing Community Meeting

5:30 PM Immigration Working Group

26

7:30 PM Learning and Singing Hebrew Prayers

27

12:00 PM Wednesday Afternoon Group

4:00 PM Hebrew School

29

6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services led by Kochava
Munro's Hebrew Prayers Class

31

9:45 AM Hebrew School Committee Meeting

11:30 AM Hebrew School Bagel Brunch

1:00 PM Class: Class: Tribes of Israel

7:30 PM Israeli Dancing

APRIL 2019

2
7:30 PM Learning and Singing Hebrew Prayers

3
12:00 PM Wednesday Afternoon Group
4:00 PM Hebrew School

4
3:00 PM Events Committee Meeting

6
10:00 AM Lev Shalem ('Full Heart') Shabbat Service

7
9:30 AM Hebrew School
7:30 PM Israeli Dancing

9
5:45 PM Adult Ed Committee Meeting

10
12:00 PM Wednesday Afternoon Group
4:00 PM Hebrew School

12
5:45 PM Tot Shabbat
6:45 PM Veggie Potluck after Services

13
9:15 AM Hebrew School/Passover Celebration
12:30 PM Beit Midrash

14
10:30 AM Social Action Committee Meeting
4:00 PM Singing Community Meeting
5:30 PM Immigration Working Group

15
7:30 PM Learning and Singing Hebrew Prayers

16
7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting

17
12:00 PM Wednesday Afternoon Group
4:00 PM Hebrew School

19
5:45 PM Shabbat/Pesah Evening Service
6:15 PM Passover Seder

20
9:15 AM Pesah 1 Morning Service

21
9:15 AM Pesah 2 Morning Service
(No Evening Minyan)

23
7:30 PM Learning and Singing Hebrew Prayers

24
12:00 PM Wednesday Afternoon Group

25
12:00 PM Lunch & Learn
7:00 PM Minhah/Pesah 7 Evening Service

26
Office Closed
9:15 AM Pesah 7 Morning Service
7:00 Shabbat/Pesah 8 Evening Service

27
9:15 AM Shabbat/Pesah 8 Morning Service with
Yizkor

28
4:00 PM Singing Community Meeting
5:30 PM Immigration Working Group
7:30 PM Israeli Dancing

30
7:30 PM Learning and Singing Hebrew Prayers

Please note the following ongoing activities

- *Daily Minyan*: Every Sunday at 9 am and 7 pm; every Monday - Thursday, 7 pm
- *Wednesday group*: Every Wednesday at 12:00 pm
- *Services*: Second Friday of the month 5:30 pm, every other Friday 6 pm
- *Festive Service* on third Friday of the month
- *Torah Study*: Every Saturday at 8:30 am (*with coffee*)
- *Saturday morning Services*: at 9:15 am (*including Federal holidays*)

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Purim celebrations
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Friday	Candle Lighting	Ma'ariv	Saturday	Shacharit	Shabbat Ends
March 1	5:23 pm	6:00 pm	March 2	9:15 am	6:23 pm
March 8	5:32 pm	6:00 pm	March 9	9:15 am	6:32 pm
March 15	6:41 pm	6:00 pm	March 16	9:15 am	7:41 pm
March 22	6:50 pm	6:00 pm	March 23	9:15 am	7:50 pm
March 29	6:58 pm	6:00 pm	March 30	9:15 am	7:58 pm
April 5	7:07 pm	6:00 pm	April 6	9:15 am	8:07 pm
April 12	7:16 pm	6:00 pm	April 13	9:15 am	8:16 pm
April 19	7:24 pm	6:00 pm	April 20	9:15 am	8:24 pm
April 26	7:33 pm	6:00 pm	April 27	9:15 am	8:33 pm