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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019



Cantor Steve teaching songs  
to our preschool students

## *High Holy Days at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue 5780* *Shanah Tovah!*

**Women's Mikveh**

Sept. 1

**Selichot**

Sept. 21

**Memorial Service**

Sept. 22 10:00 am

At Hebrew Holy Society Cemetery

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Sept. 29

**Rosh Hashanah**

Sept. 30 + Oct. 1

**Rosh Hashanah by the Lake**

Sept. 30

**Erev Yom Kippur**

(Kol Nidre)

Oct. 8

**Yom Kippur**

Oct. 9



## *High Holy Days Study and Reflection*

**Spiritual preparation with Rabbi Amy**

September 11, 18 & 25 at 6:00 pm

**Music Workshop with Cantor Steve in the Yurt**

September 8, 15, 22 & October 6

See page 15 for more information

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## FROM THE RABBI



Recently I was walking my dogs in my neighborhood and stopped to talk with two neighbors who were outside chatting. Both of them are community leaders, each in different fields. It had been several weeks of summertime schedules since I had seen either of them. But as I approached and we hugged “hello,” I knew we weren’t having fun. I felt it; the air was heavy with sadness and worry. “The world is such a mess. It just keeps getting worse!” one exclaimed. The other complained, “I am usually able to get past it and stay upbeat. Even when facing painful events, I remain optimistic. But I can’t find my optimism now. It’s that bad. I don’t know what to do.”

Our polarized political environment is deeply distressing. As a result, I believe it is not helpful, for the sake of community, to unpack the views that my neighbors shared. This is about the heaviness in the air that is sapping our breath.

Our people have weathered disagreement and division many times in the past. The Jewish people have honed the skill of resilience over many challenging times. We have created new communities out of old ones when world events have been in flux. Change, uncertainty and disruption have led us to newfound ideas and creative adaptation. But the times leading up to creative breakthrough and renewal of community have sometimes been difficult and confusing.

That’s where we are right now. Many people tell me they are worried that we will not be able to heal our divisions and reunite. Almost daily I hear from someone of their worries about our country and the world. Everyone is seeking reassurance.

Many people are seeking affirmation for their views on the days’ issues and our political situation. Given the strong views often underlying this, this can be fraught. We are all struggling with these challenges — and we are stuck in our divided corners.

Now, as we are preparing for the High Holy Days and the promise of new beginnings on Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, we have an opportunity to pivot toward a new direction. There is a roadmap toward this new direction, even if it may seem distant and blurry. Community, faith and prayer map out the way and renew hope.

My favorite line from “Fiddler on the Roof” keeps running in my mind. A character asks: “Rabbi, is there a blessing for

the Czar?” The rabbi answers: “May Gd keep the Czar far away from us!” I always found this both amusing as well as revealing. If only there were easy answers! The rabbi of Anatevka, with perfect irony, reminded us that it just isn’t that simple.

But the debates of the rabbis of the Talmud take us on a path of discovery through our values. Our texts lead us toward deeper insight, coming from periods in history when our people have felt lost, and have found resilience and strength in community, faith and spiritual practice.

That is one more reason why I am so relieved and delighted that Cantor Steve Zeidenberg has begun his tenure as my clergy partner at Ohavi Zedek. He offers us uplifting music for prayer, meditation and joy. We may not be able to easily solve the problems that plague our nation and our world, but we can nourish our souls in sacred community. Prayer gives our heart and soul expression while redirecting our minds from our worries and concerns. We need this now more than ever!

From prayer to action—for some of us, action means living our values. For others it involves actions to address issues in our world. This is one reason why I am so grateful to Sarah Glassman, our Executive Director. Sarah represents us with community groups engaged with issues that reflect the priorities of the national Jewish community and us. We are, as Rabbi Heschel said, “praying with our feet,” with the help of our leadership.

We won’t all agree on the hot-button issues. Regardless of the environment, individually we can decide not to give in to despair. We can trust in the tools that we have inherited from our tradition, and the community we cherish. Together, we will strengthen each other and renew our souls in the New Year.

Early wishes for a Happy New Year, *Leshanah Tovah!*

~ Rabbi Amy



The OZ singing community, held on Sundays on 4-5:30 pm will return in mid-October. Specific dates will be announced.



## FROM THE CANTOR



*"Shiru L'adonai Shir Chadash!"*: Sing a new song to God! (Psalm 96). These words that we sing during Kabbalat Shabbat are an invitation to seek out new musical expressions to reach the Divine. I could not be more thrilled for the opportunity to serve as cantor here at Ohavi Zedek, and to help members of all ages find their voice

in song and prayer.

I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish in the first two months since I arrived, and I am excited about all that we will do in the months to come. Rabbi Amy and I are working together to breathe new life into all of OZ's services for Shabbat, High Holy Days and Festivals. We're happy to report that our Shabbat at the Lake service (thanks to the Sklars), featuring many new melodies and accompanied by the wonderful guitarist Eric Friedman, was attended by 45 people. The response to Friday night services (as well as Shabbat morning services) this summer has been very positive, as we explore new ways to empower the congregation in communal singing, finding joyous new melodies from around the Jewish world, and utilizing the timeless power of the *niggun* (wordless melody).

Partnering with Rabbi Amy, I'm committed to finding ways to make prayer more accessible in all of our Shabbat services. We invite you to explore the prayers in greater depth during our **Community Shabbat Service: Pray, Sing Learn, Saturday, September 21**. (See page 11 for more info) Additionally, I'm excited to be offering a more extended opportunity to deepen into the Shabbat morning service as part of the **Adult Education Series, Tuesday evenings beginning September 10, 7:30-8:30 pm**, wherein we will study the structure and flow, as well as the music of the Shabbat morning service.

With High Holy Days fast approaching, Rabbi Amy and I are planning a prayer experience that we hope will touch your hearts and souls. We will complement some of the most beloved melodies with contemporary musical selections and poetry that we hope will offer a gateway into this ancient liturgy. As we prepare for the *Yamim Nora'im* (Days of Awe), I hope you will join me for a special 4-session workshop in the Yurt on **Music of the High Holy Days, Sunday September 8, 15, 22, October 6, 5:00-6:30 pm** that will introduce and deepen the community's connection to the melodies we will be using this year for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. See Adult Education, page 14 for more information. Whether you consider yourself a "singer" or not, this will be a great opportunity to prepare

spiritually and musically for the High Holy Day 5780 experience.

With a goal of engaging and inspiring learners of all ages and backgrounds at Ohavi Zedek, I am thrilled to be leading prayer and Jewish music for the Hebrew School on Wednesdays and Sundays, as well as musical programming twice a week for the Full Circle Preschool program.

I feel incredibly blessed to serve as cantor at this moment in the life of this *kehillah kedoshah* (holy congregation) and I look forward to shaping the future of the synagogue with Rabbi Amy, with the OZ staff, the lay-leadership, and with all of you. In this coming year, may all our voices be heard, both individually and collectively, as we learn to "sing a new song."

Shanah Tovah!!

~ Cantor Steve

**In addition to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, please join us also for Selichot, Sukkot, Hoshanah Rabbah, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah**

### **Selichot, Saturday, Sept 21**

8:00 pm: Selichot Program begins with Havdalah and a healing service to honor the body, mind and heart.

### **Erev Sukkot, Sunday, Oct 13**

5:00 pm: Come to our Sukkah for an *Ushpizin* - a very special occasion to welcome the festival of Sukkot.

6:00 pm: Sukkot services and potluck dinner in the Sukkah

### **Sukkot, Monday, Oct 14 & Tuesday, Oct 15**

Services at 9:00 am

### **Hoshanah Rabbah, Sunday, Oct 20**

9:00 am: Service with Lulav processionalists. It's a lot of fun to wave the palms from the Lulav!

### **Simchat Torah Family Celebration, Sunday, Oct 20**

4:00 pm: Intergenerational celebration with instrumental music and puppet show: sing, dance your feet off, have fun, play 'Stump the Rabbi'!

### **Shemini Atzeret, Sunday, Oct 20 & Monday Oct 21**

Sunday, 10/20 9:00 am: We recite the prayer for rain and learn about Jewish values for protecting the environment

Monday, 10/22 9:00 am, Shacharit

### **Simchat Torah, Monday, Oct 21 & Tuesday, Oct 22**

Monday, 10/21 7:00 pm & Tuesday, 10/22 9:00 am Service, dancing and singing

**All services and times are on our website**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



I have to say that my smile in this photo is really capturing how I'm feeling about Ohavi Zedek Synagogue these days!

Cantor Steve and Executive Director Sarah have been here for two months! Their presence is making me excited to come to work. (And don't worry, I do realize that I don't actually work here!)

The board is busy with a lot of things, including:

- Outreach to members: Expect a call from a board member before Rosh Hashanah. We want to reach out to all of you to wish you Happy New Year and find out how you're doing. And I promise that we won't be asking for donations this time!
- Security: We continue to focus on how best to make OZ a safe and secure place at all times, including on Shabbat and High Holy Days.
- OZ mission statement: We have spent some time updating our mission statement. The new statement reads as follows: *Ohavi Zedek's mission is to provide a welcoming home for a diverse Jewish community, offering both traditional and innovative spiritual practice, learning for all ages, and a commitment to social action.* We believe that this statement fulfills the primary tasks of a mission statement—to express our purpose for existing and to help shape our growth and guide our development.
- Financial issues: Please read Bill Miller's column on the next page.

But speaking of financial issues, I promise myself, and I promise the congregation that as president, fundraising will be a major focus for me. And please allow me a few moments to rant about something that I've ranted about before: OZ's General Fund. As you know, general funds/overhead are budget items that include administration costs, salaries and money required in order to operate.

As I've said before, I spent my entire career in the nonprofit sector and know that these funds are not exciting and not something folks get passionate about. But without General Fund support, nothing gets done—it is the secret behind our success. It complements everything we do, and allows our Jewish community to grow and thrive.

Do you want to keep our building warm in winter and cool in summer? To keep the lights on? To ensure that our roof doesn't leak? To pay our phone bill? To keep our

computers running? To get the snow removed from our entrances? (Okay, maybe we have a few months leeway here.) Do you want to pay our employees a fair, livable wage? You know where I'm going – General Fund!

Of course we couldn't do the exciting things we do without those of you who are generous enough to support special projects and events. But I ask you to keep in mind the importance of general funds as well.

Finally, we have opened a Cantor Steve Discretionary Fund into which OZ members and others may contribute. Like the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, the monies are to be used solely at the discretion of the clergy member to assist individual, educational and communal needs as deemed appropriate.

We are a strong, loving and supportive community. The board and I continue to work and we welcome your input as we welcome the New Year!

~ Vivien Rabin Brown

### ***ROSH HASHANAH by the Lake WITH TEMPLE SINAI***



***September 30 at 3:00 pm***

We will meet at the Echo Center for our annual Rosh Hashanah by the Lake program for children and adults of all ages, featuring Jewish storytelling and songs, apples and honey. Hear the Shofar!

***Tashlich at 4:30 pm***

## FROM THE TREASURER



On the balance sheet as of June 30, 2019, OZ had \$67K in cash, down from \$151K at June 30 last year. The outstanding long-term loan balances were \$176K on the \$200K kitchen loan, and \$198K on the \$212K endowment loan, paid down from \$198K and \$205K, respectively, at the end of last June.

### **FY 2018-2019 Final Results – the Bad News**

OZ's fiscal year 2018-19 ended on a disappointing note: our operating expenses exceeded our operating revenues by \$111K. The final operating deficit exceeded the initial projected deficit of \$77K by about \$34K, as well as the projected deficit of \$59K reported at the congregational meeting in June by \$52K. What accounted for this unexpected \$52K downward revision? Primarily, the following items:

- About \$20K in anticipated revenues were never received (from fundraising events which were still expected to take place as of early June, but ultimately got postponed beyond the end of the fiscal year or cancelled).
- About \$10K in unplanned repairs to mitigate mold damage at the OZ offices
- About \$10K in unplanned, but critical IT expenses
- About \$10K to reflect an actual insurance expense which had been unintentionally omitted from the budget

### **Bigger Picture – the Better News**

Unplanned events and other surprises do happen, even with well-vetted budgets. Over the preceding three years, the OZ budgets projected a cumulative deficit of a staggering \$270K, but ended up with approximately zero (!) operating deficit, much of it due to positive surprises. The current year reminds us that surprises can come in both flavors. More importantly, the current year's negative surprises are generally not of the kind that affect our fiscal sustainability going forward.

More good news on the non-operating side: the endowment outperformed by \$120K due to favorable market fluctuations. That money is not ours to use immediately due to the OZ endowment rules, but it grows the endowment and its future income, a portion of which (around \$80K) we do get to use annually.

### **Looking Ahead – Glass Half... Full?**

As you may recall, the 2019-2020 budget approved at the June congregational meeting projects a \$42K operating deficit, unless we can up our fundraising by that amount. Add to that a trailing deficit of \$111K from the year just ended, and we are facing a formidable \$153K challenge to achieve full fiscal balance. However, for a “glass half-full” view, consider that the loss-reduction goals set for the board when I took over as Treasurer aspired to bring OZ gradually toward a balanced budget by this time, but with a trailing cumulative deficit of \$300K (\$120K in 2015-16, \$90K in 2016-17, \$60K in 2017-18, \$30K in 2018-19). If we had expected to eventually tackle a \$300K deficit, surely we can overcome one half that size!

### **Tackling the Deficit**

OZ cannot print money, so to make ends meet, we must borrow. At this time, we have borrowed \$80K from a generous congregant (thanks so much!) as a short-term loan at the lowest allowable “Federal Applicable Rate” (2.49%). It will be repaid from the incoming membership money for the current 2019-2020 year. Not all nonprofits can borrow. OZ's strong assets (land, buildings, endowment) make us a good credit risk. However, long-term fiscal sustainability requires spending within our means (or fundraising to fully cover our expenses).

If we cannot raise enough funds, eventually that may mean making cuts, including staff cuts. However, such “solutions” can be tricky – our staff add value, and if a staff cut scuttles a better-than-breakeven program, OZ will have lost that program yet won nothing for its budget. Accordingly, part of the board's goal this year is to review the revenue and expense allocations between OZ's many programs. This cannot be all about the numbers, but knowing how much more we need to raise in order to sustain a particular cherished (but costly) program will give us clearer targets. The board is very focused on major fundraising this year. Clergy and staff also have an important role to play in achieving those targets, and we are thankful to Rabbi Amy, Cantor Steve and our new Executive Director Sarah who are marshalling their experience, energy and focus to help lead OZ's redoubled fundraising efforts.

### **What You Can Do**

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

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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I've been serving as the Executive Director for about a two months and I can certainly say I'm learning a lot! I am really enjoying meeting so many community members and hearing your stories, memories and hopes for OZ. I began in this role the same day as our new Cantor, Steve Zeidenberg, and know that with

these changes in staff, there will be so many opportunities to innovate, create and explore traditions together. Our community has such a rich history and I am very excited to see how we all grow together in the coming months and years. Our hallways are filled with laughter and excitement of our next generation of leaders every day and I am so grateful that we have the opportunity to nourish young minds here!

Things are beginning to buzz at the synagogue: we've already begun to count down to the High Holy Days and the pace of activity seems to grow with each passing day. Our team of staff and volunteers are working hard to make sure that all of the members of our community will be able to take full advantage of the meaningful activities and rituals offered. We have been preparing our building to have some of the largest crowds we will see all year and finding ways to meet the various needs of our members. Our clergy have been busy putting the final touches on the various services and programs that we offer during the High Holy Days, while still being there for the many daily things that continue while we are preparing. This is all in the midst of a new school year beginning for our preschool and Hebrew School students!

Last month I had the opportunity to participate in a rally with many of you. (see page 16) The Never Again rally, on the issue of immigration rights, to me, felt like an act of bridge building. Our community can easily isolate and insulate ourselves during these divisive times and instead, we choose to build coalitions and bridges. This is who we are as OZ: we build bridges. Bridge building outside of our community serves as a reminder to reach out, not only beyond our OZ community but within it as well. As the pace of our daily tasks quickens, I can see how my role serves as an important bridge across all of our many communities. For those who come to *daven*, for those who come to see friends or for social events and for those who engage with our educational programs, whether you are 7 months, 7 years, 70 or beyond - OZ has space for you. We may not always be in the building at the same time, but we are all part of what makes our community so special. As we enter

the *Yamim Nora'im* (Days of Awe), and more of us come together than during most other times in the year, consider reaching out to someone you don't yet know, say hello and ask what brings them to OZ. The stories I've learned from meeting many of you in the last month or so have served as great reminders of just how much we can learn from one another. We can create meaningful connections within and beyond our shul walls as we find ways to live Judaism both together and in our own unique ways.


Shana Tova!

~ Sarah Glassman

*From the Treasurer, continued from page 6*

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

~ Bill Miller



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*November 23, 2019*

**Calcutta at OZ**

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## PROFILE: MATT & PEGGY PRICE



Matt and Peggy Price, born just weeks apart – he in New York and she in Texas – met as college students at SUNY Binghamton. As undergraduate psychology majors, they worked together

as research assistants in a marriage research lab. (*B'shert*, one might say). Married over a decade, they now have two young children.

Matt's parents came from Brooklyn but moved to Queens to raise him. His dad, an engineer, is with the City of New York's Department of Environmental Protection, and his mom, currently retired, was a kindergarten and third grade teacher. They are still in the family home there.

Peggy's parents were living in Fort Worth, Texas. (Also college sweethearts, they had met at the University of Texas at Austin, Peggy notes). They moved to Ferndale, NY, a rural town in the Catskills not far from Monticello, when Peggy was 5 ½. Her father was a contractor, master woodworker and cabinet maker, with experience in all the building trades, and her mother worked in publishing as an indexer. She has a younger brother, now a surgical resident in New York City. The area (aka the *Borscht Belt*) was well known for the many hotels and bungalow colonies that attracted Jewish tourists. It was an active Jewish community for year-round residents as well, who had the opportunity to send their children to the Hebrew Day School of Sullivan and Ulster Counties.

Binghamton University had a huge Jewish population, and as students, she and Matt were involved in both Chabad and Hillel. They earned their Bachelor's degrees in psychology and moved to Georgia State University for graduate school. Matt earned a PhD in clinical psychology and Peggy holds a Master's in early childhood special education.

They were married in Atlanta at Congregation Shearith Israel, a Conservative synagogue. "We had a National Public Radio-themed wedding!" Peggy says, "complete with an NPR producer in attendance who recorded audio segments of our guests. Each table was named for one of our favorite NPR shows and had a list of trivia questions about the show. NPR swag was sent to us by the station's Washington office and our local station featured our wedding in three different pledge drive audio clips. Matt and I were interviewed twice at the local station, and one

interview has been played nationally."

The couple later moved to South Carolina, where Matt completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina National Crime Victims Center and served as an adjunct professor for a year at the College of Charleston. Peggy worked at a private school for children with language-based learning disabilities.

"We loved both Atlanta and Charleston. Matt had multiple job offers when he applied for faculty positions, and there were opportunities to stay in Charleston, as well." That was tempting, they say, but the position at UVM held the most appeal. "The size of the university – not too small, not too large – allows for a collegial, collaborative environment," Matt says. Further, as Peggy noted in a magazine interview last year, "we wanted to live somewhere aligned with our values, including valuing education, family and community and environmental stewardship. After living away from my parents for eight years, they planned to relocate wherever we moved, so I considered where they would be happy, too." Vermont met all their criteria.

Burlington welcomed the couple with fireworks as they arrived on July 3, 2013. Peggy's parents came as well. Her mom found a full-time job and her dad, who is retired, has helped significantly with childcare. They have Friday night Shabbat dinner together every week (except for Tot Shabbat, held once a month at OZ) and spend time together on weekends.

While living in an apartment in town, Matt and Peggy looked for a place to buy and were elated when a house in their preferred neighborhood, very close to the synagogue, became available. "The house was structurally sound," Matt says, "and the former owners maintained it well. But it was built in 1934 and was in its original state – tiny kitchen and dining room, a garage that took up 1/3 of the first floor, and a large master bedroom with lots of wasted space over the garage." Before they moved in, he and his father-in-law undertook major renovations, which resulted in a 4-bedroom, 3-bath home with a modern kitchen and a new garage. "Friends, family, out-of-town colleagues and others have stayed in our new guest room," Peggy says, "including Cantor Steve when he visited OZ during the search process." "And the synagogue was installing the OZ playground just as we moved in," Matt notes. "Perfect timing."

Matt walks or bikes to campus. As Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology, Acting Director of the Clinical



Psychology Training Program and Director of CREST (the Center for Research on Emotion, Stress and Technology), he is the author and co-author of many papers on trauma, stress and anxiety. He has been recognized for excellence in teaching as well.

Peggy works at the Stern Center for Language and Learning as the Director of the Orton Gillingham Institute. Orton Gillingham is a multisensory approach designed to teach literacy when reading, writing and spelling do not come easily to individuals, such as those with dyslexia. "I consider myself first and foremost a teacher, only instead of my own classroom of children, my students are talented educators across New England," Peggy says. "Every child has the right to become a literate member of society and every teacher deserves the knowledge and training to make this happen."

The Prices' children, 5-year-old David and 8-month-old Leah, are Full Circle Preschoolers. Director Erika and teachers Racheal and Caley have watched David grow and develop through the years. "He is a highly imaginative child," Erika says. "He's witty; he has his father's sense of humor. He comes as a different animal every day, often challenging the synagogue staff to guess what that might be." "He's also a trickster," adds Racheal, his current teacher. "And he's into space and the Mars Rover. He likes to figure things out. Even as a 5-year-old, he thinks like an engineer!" Every teacher remarked about how tender David is toward his baby sister. "If he hears a child crying he always wants to check to see if Leah is OK."

At their Friday morning gathering in mid-August, as the children and Cantor Steve celebrated the arrival of Shabbat, David and two other graduating classmates were singled out to be song leaders and called to the stage to receive a parting gift. "Graduating preschool is a very special occasion," Racheal said to the three children. She thanked them for their creativity, their playfulness and their adventurous spirit and added, "you have brought so much light, love and laughter to our school."

Leah was a part-time preschooler this year; she has transitioned into full-time as David begins his new adventure in kindergarten. He will also be starting Hebrew School at OZ in mid-September.

Peggy can't say enough about the Price family's experience in the preschool. "We are truly blessed," she says. "Full Circle is an amazing school with amazing teachers." As a teacher herself, she has great admiration for the staff. "They are professionals who care deeply and are dedicated to the families they serve." The Prices are at every kids' event at OZ, including Tot Shabbat and Friday evening potlucks when they are not with Peggy's parents. "OZ's programming for young children is a big part of our lives," she says.

"Being part of a Jewish community is also important to us," she adds, "and we love the inclusive and progressive Jewish community in Burlington." She and Matt attend High Holy Day services at OZ and bring their children to family-friendly events, such as the Chanukah and Purim celebrations. Peggy has been involved with Tot Shabbat and Matt helped with the construction of the yurt.

Peggy has taught yoga and Pilates classes, including some at the YMCA. Though she's not as available as she was before Leah's birth, she fills in as a substitute instructor when time permits. Sometimes, like all parents with demanding jobs and young children, "life feels like a never-ending treadmill," she says. And despite her background in education, she finds being a parent a "humbling experience." But she and Matt are grateful for good health, the happiness and well-being of their parents and children, and the chance to work at jobs they love. Everything has come together. *B'shert!*

~ Judy Hershberg



After an "amazing" summer, OZ Shalom Shuk Manager Karen Robair and her staff are looking forward to a busy and exciting fall!

"We were able to help new immigrants during the summer months and have recently donated to the Here to Help program, run by UVM Medical Center students to benefit the homeless," Karen said. Once a month the items that are collected – clothing, towels, personal items, etc. – are available to be picked up at St. Francis Church in Winooski. "Our Shuk supplies all the clothing.....this year we donated 14 bags!"

She added, "We also try to fill the needs of homeless veterans. A counselor works with them every day, and he lets us know what is needed."

Early in September the Shuk will hold a BACK-TO-SCHOOL FALL SALE, featuring items that have recently come in.

OZ VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED  
TO SORT THROUGH DONATIONS.

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IF YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS TO SPARE.

## HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



And so we come around the circle again. September is almost here and with it comes the new school year and the High Holidays. A time for beginnings, a time for clean slates, a time for fresh starts. It's also a time to finally implement all that I have been planning since OZHS commencement back in May.

Change is good and so we have a few new things coming at Hebrew School.

Our first new initiative comes on Shabbat, September 21 with our Community Shabbat Service, Pray, Sing Learn. Let's all come together again after the long summer to reconnect with each other and greet our new Cantor, Steve Zeidenberg. Cantor Steve is really looking forward to meeting and singing with everyone! Speaking of Shabbat, we've moved Family Class Shabbat to Saturday mornings now. Classes Dalet/Hey, Vav and Zayin will be learning some catchy tunes for prayers that they will help lead at these gatherings. Service will also include Storah telling and parsha plays. Those same catchy tunes will be introduced into our newly designed Junior Congregation. After all these years of learning traditional melodies, it's time to break out!

October 20, look for our grand Simchat Torah celebration including singing, puppet show and art project. We will give out mini-Torah scrolls to all of our new students and siddurim to our 7th graders and include dancing with the Torah and Stump the Rabbi. We'll conclude with a potluck dinner. Should be a great time for everyone. Festivities

start at 4 PM.

Our Kitah Zayin class will be piloting a brand new curriculum this year – Experiencing Different Approaches to Jewish Practice. Through a series of field trips with Temple Sinai – to Boston, Stowe, Montreal, UVM Hillel and more, our students will learn, first hand, about Jewish culture, history and religion in our region. Building a sukkah, visiting a kosher kitchen, making Shabbat dinner with college students, celebrating Havdalah with other tweens, running a scavenger hunt in Brookline and dipping their toes in a mikvah are all experiences they'll get to share. Zayin students will continue to be a part of the Hebrew School community by attending classes weekly on Wednesdays and monthly on Sundays and by participating in our all school events.

I am excited about creating more opportunities to bring all our OZ community members together this year. Let's show our support of our b'nai mitzvah kids by attending their service. Let's celebrate holidays together! Let's attend a Saturday morning service (or two, or three..) and then have kiddush lunch together! I believe that having Sarah Glassman, past OZHS teacher, now serving as OZ Executive Director, will go a long way towards bridging gaps. Our NADAV Teen Internship program has already gone a long way towards establishing new connections here. (see below!)

Let's find more ways to all get to know each other just a bit more.

Looking forward to welcoming you all when the new Hebrew School year begins!

~ Naomi Barell

**OZ Hebrew School  
Opening Day  
Sunday, September 15**



### **USCJ Solomon Schechter Award**

The NADAV program recently received a 2019 Solomon Schechter Artisan Award! This award "recognizes congregations for innovative initiatives that transform the dynamic experience of Conservative Judaism."

More information will be available after the USCJ Conference in Boston in December, when the award will be presented.

Kudos to Naomi and to the mentors and the students who have all contributed to the program's success.

*(FYI, OZ won this award in 2017 for our Welcoming the Stranger Initiative.)*

## LIBRARY



Events, New Books,  
and the Big Question:

### Events:

Yid Lit, in conjunction with Adult Ed.

Yid Lit #1: A discussion of Yiddish Literature in Translation  
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2:00 - 3:00 pm.

Rediscover the richness of this deeply expressive tradition. We will discuss three Yiddish short stories: "Reb Yudi Shlobomer" by Ayzek Meyer Dik, "Reyzele" by Avrom Reyzen, and "Daddy's Day" by Boris Sandler. These stories and others can be found at Yiddish in Translation at the Yiddish Book Center website, [www.yiddishbookcenter.org](http://www.yiddishbookcenter.org). If you read Yiddish, you can also find them there in the original language. Discussion will be led by Lila Shapero.

Yid Lit #2

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Discussion of more stories/excerpts will continue, if there's interest.

Yid Lit #3

Nov./Dec. date to be determined

If interest, discussion of Yiddish stories by Sholem Aleichem, including Tevye the Milkman, prior to the performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Flynn Center on December 23.

New Books . . . are announced periodically in the weekly emails from OZ. But worth noting again are the exceptional new biographies from Yale's Jewish Lives series on Martin Buber, Mark Rothko, Harvey Milk, Bernard Berenson, Alfred Steiglitz, Barbra Streisand, Rav Kook, Leonard Bernstein, Ben Hecht, Jabotinsky, and more. (While the subjects are mostly men, the renowned biographers are both men and women.)

Finally, the Big Question, radical but important: Should OZ continue to have a library? What if it's virtually never used? If picture books are what congregants borrow, should the library hold just picture books? What about the beautiful collections of art books and cookbooks, the strong history, biography, and fiction collections, the religious and scholarly material—is that all just for show? I know that many OZ members read constantly. So, readers: what's the role of the synagogue library? We'll be exploring this question over the next year, and I'd love to know your thoughts.

~ Suzi Wizowaty

Chair, Sally Hand Memorial Library Committee

## Community Shabbat Service

***Pray, Sing, Learn***  
***September 21, 2019***

*Welcome back and welcome to Cantor Steve!*

Joins us for bagels at 9:15 am in the social hall

Please be in main sanctuary by 9:45 am

Family learning, prayer and song session with  
Cantor Steve after Torah service followed by  
potluck kiddush

Please bring a vegetarian/dairy dish to share

## BAR MITZVAH

**Sharon Panitch and Rick Hecht invite  
our community to celebrate with us  
as Toby Asher Hecht becomes a  
Bar Mitzvah**



**Shabbat Minchah Service**  
**October 26, 3:00 pm**  
**Small Kiddush will follow**

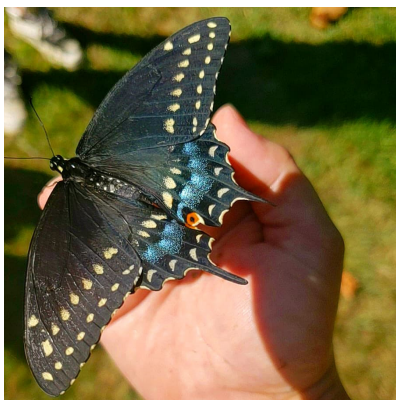


## FULL CIRCLE PRESCHOOL



August marks OZ Full Circle's second birthday! How fitting that the apple tree we planted last year to commemorate our first year is now fruiting.

This summer, we have invested in learning about the life cycle of swallowtail and monarch butterflies. The Older Toddler Room has been the host for several caterpillars thoughtfully taken care of by the children. As we learned about what these caterpillars eat, we embarked on several walks to our garden beds and forest area in search of milkweed, parsley, dill, and Queen Ann's lace. Our first transformation happened to Cottonball (named by the children), a beautiful black swallowtail with intricate colors throughout its wings. After weeks of care, the children arrived to school one morning to discover that Cottonball had fully transformed from its chrysalis right in our classroom! That morning, we walked along the front lawn of OZ and chose a beautiful space heavily populated by flowers. For a while, Cottonball did not fly away but instead sat on my hand in the grass as the children observed with wonder. We spent the rest of the morning following Cottonball's journey drinking nectar from the flowers. Even Raul paused from his work for a moment to witness this beautiful moment.



In the words of the late Maya Angelou (may she rest in peace), "We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty." The educators at Full Circle believe in focusing on the process, rather than simply the end result, as

this is where the true learning takes place. It is important to recognize and celebrate the process as we are all works in progress striving to make this world a little kinder.

In talking about transformation and change, we are sending out well wishes to our three Pre-K graduates as they prepare to enter kindergarten. David Price, Sasha Griffin and Una Hughes have become such valued members of our learning community. We celebrated them during a Friday morning Shabbat celebration with Cantor Steve, families, and other OZ members through song, food, a photo display, and special words from their teacher, Racheal. As we continue to grow, we hope to implement an alumni day each year to welcome back our graduates and remain connected.

We are thrilled to welcome several new children and their families to our community: Eliana Taylor-Spero, Ben Priest, Leah Price, Ari Edson, Reed Krouner, Louisa Katz, and Jasmine Cellars.

In the coming months, we will be working on designing and creating Full Circle's nature-based playground space situated between the yurt and our beautiful woods. Please contact me at [fullcircle@ohavizedek.org](mailto:fullcircle@ohavizedek.org) if you would like to make a contribution to helping us reach our vision in connecting children to nature and becoming stewards of the earth. We are in search of large tree stumps, wooden building materials, child-safe recycled materials for a music wall, an old sink to create a new mud kitchen, kitchen tools, legless chairs to design a large play vehicle, and plexiglass to build an outdoor art easel.

~ Erika Geremia

Preschool Director and Early Educator



*Preschool graduates, David, Sasha & Una  
with teachers Racheal & Morgan*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Members

- Jamie and Bill Lofy and their son Ben were involved with the Makom L'Mishpacha program the last year
- Adam and Sarah Buchwald have two children in OZ Hebrew School and their son Charlie's bar mitzvah is this coming February
- Steven and Michelle Barth have three children in OZ Hebrew School

### Condolences

- To Cyndi Snyder, Lee Lichtenstein and family on the death of Cyndi's mother, Arlene Snyder
- To Fran Pomerantz, Keith Kasper and their children, Alex, Shaina and Hannah Kasper on the death of Fran's mother, Nina Pomerantz
- To Rose Pels and Rob, Ingrid and Molly Pels on the death of Rose's son and Rob's brother, David Pels

### Mazel Tov

- To Michael Schaal and Judy Breitmeyer on the birth of their granddaughter, Evie Piper Mellion

### Thank You

- To Frank and Ducky Donath for the much-needed adjustments to the Preschool bathroom doors

### Kiddush Luncheon, October 12

Please join us immediately following services on Shabbat morning to celebrate September & October birthdays, anniversaries and other special events..



#### Can You Help?

If you have vases at home that you're not using, please bring them into OZ for us to give to Chappell's Florist. Chappell's donates flowers for all Kiddush luncheons.

Thank you,  
Louise K. Hodin & Judy Danzig  
Kiddush Committee

## LUNCH & LEARN

Another season of exciting, eclectic programming is about to begin....please join us whenever you can for stimulating talks and delicious luncheons!

**Thursday, September 19 at noon**

***Journeys to Lithuania: Echoes of the Past, Realities of the Present***



OZ members Mark Banks and Aaron Goldberg share historical perspective and experiences from family heritage trips to their ancestral home.

**Thursday, October 17 at noon**

***Inequity in the State of Vermont***

Bor Yang,  
Executive  
Director of



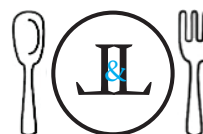
the Vermont Human Rights Commission, speaks about combatting discrimination in our state. She is the first person of color and the first person with a disability to lead the commission.

Lunch & Learn welcomes all community members. We request donations to help defray luncheon expenses \$6.00 to \$10.00 suggested.

### Upcoming L&L dates

Nov 21, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 23, May 14

For details about upcoming programs, please see the OZ website or pick up a Lunch & Learn brochure at the synagogue





OHAVI ZEDEK

## Adult Education

The Adult Education Committee welcomes the New Year by bringing a full slate of educational programs starting in September 2019. We are also planning spring 2020 offerings, including the Feen Lecture. We are happy to welcome Pat Doherty to our committee, and we're sad to say goodbye and thank you to Suzi Wizowaty.

Some classes are offered only once, some are a series, and some are offered in conjunction with the OZ library. You can find current information about Adult Education offerings in many places: the Ohavi Zedek email weekly announcements, online calendar, OZ website on the Adult Education page, on the bulletin board next to the Ohavi Zedek library and in the bimonthly issues of *The Voice*. Our committee welcomes participation and ideas as we look at programming suggestions and plan future classes.

Do consider attending one of the programs scheduled for the remainder of 2019. Please remember to pre-register with Tari for classes at [tari@ohavizedek.org](mailto:tari@ohavizedek.org). {Classes with limited enrollment may need to be cancelled.}

### IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OHAVI ZEDEK LIBRARY:

- **Yid Lit 1, 2 and 3**—discussions of Yiddish Literature in Translation on September 11, October 27 and in November or early December (date to be determined). See Library column, on page 11 for details.

### SERIES:

- **High Holy Day Music Workshop in the Yurt with Cantor Steve.** Calling all OZ singers, musicians, and music-lovers to a special High Holy Day music workshop, where we will have a chance to immerse ourselves in some of the most timeless traditional Jewish melodies, in addition to many new contemporary melodies and niggunim that will be introduced at High Holy Days this year. In addition to creating an "informal chorus" of congregants familiar with the High Holy Day musical repertoire, we will have an opportunity to learn a few pieces that we hope to lead together for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. 4 sessions on Sundays from 5:00 - 6:30 pm, Sept 8, 15, 22, Oct 6. Please email Cantor Steve if you have questions: [cantorsteve@ohavizedek.org](mailto:cantorsteve@ohavizedek.org)
- **Join Rabbi Amy in the OZ Beit Midrash (House of Learning)** on the second Shabbat of each month from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Join the time-honored practice of Torah learning in pairs where everyone's voice and interpretation is welcomed. Explore classical Jewish texts from the Torah, Prophets, Talmud and commentaries followed by a teacher's presentation of their interpretation. Next Beit Midrashim: 12:30-2:00 pm on Oct 12, Nov 9, and Dec 14. Classes will continue in 2020
- **In the Shadow of Empires: Jews in the Ancient World with Bob Mayer.** In the centuries before the Roman destruction of the Temple and the great Diaspora, the ancient Jews lived a precarious existence between great empires and conquering armies. The class looks at the general history of this period from roughly 600 BCE through 70 CE, with a focus on the Hellenic period and the challenges the Jewish people faced as a small community in the midst of giants. 7 sessions on Mondays from 5:45-6:45 pm starting October 14
- **Introduction to the Shabbat Morning Service.** This 12-session class (6 sessions in Fall, followed by 6 sessions in the Winter) aims to give learners of all backgrounds a greater understanding of the Hebrew text and music of the Shabbat morning service. We will study specific prayers each week, learn about their origins and authors, utilizing the original Hebrew, as well as translation and transliteration. This course will also examine how each prayer fits into the larger arc of the Shabbat morning service. In addition to deepening an understanding of the Hebrew prayers, each of the sessions will include an opportunity to learn and sing melodies, both traditional and contemporary for each prayer. Tuesdays: 7:30-8:30 pm. October 29, Nov 5, 12, 26, Dec 3, 10, Jan 14, 28, Feb 4, 11, 25, March 3



### Individual Classes:

- **“Silence” the Movie** This 1998 short animated film reflects the true story of 5 year old Tana Ross, who learns to keep silent after surviving the concentration camps. Winner of a number of awards, including Best Short at the Oslo Animation Festival (1998), Grand Prix, Odense Film Festival (1999) and Gold Hugo at the Chicago International Film Festival (1998). We are privileged to have Orly Yadin, one of the film makers join us to talk about her film. Sunday, November 17 2-3:00 PM. Minimum of 10 people to hold this class. PLEASE pre-register with Tari.
- **Liturgy and Music with Cantor Steve** We are pleased to offer our first class with Cantor Steve, on the Shabbat morning service liturgy and music. Check the OZ online calendar, weekly notices and website, as well as the bulletin board next to the library, for the date and time. This is just the first of many classes our Cantor Steve will offer.

### Coming in 2020:

- **Engaging Israel Study Series:** Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, with Rabbi Amy. Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, participants are invited to explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values shape their own political understandings. Though a common political platform may not be attainable, this course strives to achieve a shared respect for our differences. Purchase text from OZ office for \$15/person. This series will start in January.
- **Feen Lecture** coming in April or May
- **Implicit Bias and How it Affects Us and Our Community** to be scheduled
- **Rabbi Amy in the OZ Beit Midrash (House of Learning)** continues once a month  
....and much more!

Questions about the Ohavi Zedek Adult Education committee, contact Nancy Sugarman at [vze20n9j@gmail.com](mailto:vze20n9j@gmail.com)

~ Lila Shapero  
Committee member

## ***High Holy Days Study and Reflection***

### **Spiritual preparation with Rabbi Amy**

September 11, 18 & 25 at 6:00 pm

Stresses of this past year personally and communally, with so much pain and suffering in the world, are weighing on all of us. The New Year season offers us a gift; this is a time for sharing, reflection, learning, prayer and healing.

### **Music Workshop in the Yurt with Cantor Steve**

September 8, 15, 22 & October 6

See previous page for details



Please join us for these High Holy Day study and music sessions, an opportunity to get the most out of the New Year.

## INTERFAITH/SOCIAL ACTION

The Interfaith/Social Action Committee has embarked on an effort to strengthen our relationships with members of faith, cultural and LGBTQ communities who are vulnerable to hate speech, violence, racism and other forms of discrimination.

In June Ohavi Zedek hosted an Interfaith Dinner under the auspices of Vermont Interfaith Action to honor new Americans who have immigrated to our country in recent years. Thanks to the efforts of Rabbi Amy, Sherry Starr and several other members of the congregation, the dinner was very successful. At my table alone there were members of five different Christian congregations. Because of the current political climate of fear and intimidation regarding immigration, we understand that many members of the New American community did not come. The stories told by those who did attend were moving and inspiring for all who were present that night. Progress has been made in efforts to establish ongoing connections with the African-American community.

For those of you who do not know, OZ is a sponsor of Stopping Stones, a project begun and led by Paul Growald, a long time OZ member. As stated in the Stopping Stones website:

*Stopping Stones is committed to positively and permanently affecting the lives of descendants of enslaved Americans.*

*Our goal is to eliminate racism. We bring attention to the history of slavery in local communities in order to advance racial equity.*

One way that this is accomplished is through memorial plaques that are placed on sites where slavery existed. Right here in Burlington the daughter of Ethan Allen brought two slaves with her from Georgia when she returned to live in Vermont. They resided with her in the building that now houses the Ski Rack on lower Main Street. We hope this year to place Stopping Stones memorials with the names of these two enslaved individuals at the Ski Rack location and participate in a reception there. We hope to continue to support the Stopping Stones organization in its efforts to educate about and fight racism. We are establishing relationships with members of the African-American community to partner in these efforts and toward the goal of working together on future efforts that go beyond the Stopping Stones project.

Several members from Ohavi Zedek marched with the OZ banner at a demonstration in August that opposed the Federal immigration policy, specifically the role of ICE

here in Vermont. The protest was an event co-sponsored by many local organizations. Other congregations from Burlington and throughout Vermont also participated. As an American and as a Jew, I believe that we as Jews must be engaged in the current struggle regarding immigration.

I remind you as others have before me and will in the future: *Ohavi Zedek translates to Lovers of Justice.*

We need you in the congregation to participate in our efforts as an Interfaith/Social Action Committee. You can participate at any level that you are comfortable. You are welcome to attend our meetings, but that is not a requirement for your participation.

*Tikkun Olam* is not a philosophical abstract idea. It is a part of Judaism to be lived day to day. Please contact me if you wish to know how you can be involved at [mpschaal@comcast.net](mailto:mpschaal@comcast.net).

~ Michael P. Schaal





**Interfaith Pride Service**  
**Thursday September 5 at 7:00 pm**

UVM Interfaith Center (400 South Prospect, On UVM's Redstone Campus, next to the blue water tower)

In 1969, a diverse group of people banded together to proclaim their power and stand their ground at the Stonewall Inn. Vermont's greater LGBTQIA and allied communities will gather to remember, celebrate and empower dignity and liberation for all of us. The Planning Committee for the service includes clergy and members from: UVM Interfaith Center, Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, Temple Sinai, Vermont Zen Center, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Essex Center United Methodist Church, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, College Street Congregational Church, The Society of St. Edmund, and First Congregational Church of Essex Junction. For more info, email [interfaith@uvm.edu](mailto:interfaith@uvm.edu).



**Pride Parade**  
**Sunday, September 8 at 12:30 pm**

Join Ohavi Zedek Synagogue and Full Circle Preschool as we celebrate Pride! Each year we come together to celebrate and support Vermont's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community of all ages. Vermont Pride works to educate and to serve as a bridge to create alliances with each other and with the greater community as a whole. Ohavi Zedek and Full Circle Preschool will be marching in the parade on Sunday, September 8. Parade line-up & staging for groups who are marching will start at 11:30 am at the Hood Plant parking lot (on King St. between Church St. and S. Winooski). The parade will leave the staging area at 12:30 pm, move to the top of Church Street and then left on Pearl Street to Battery Park where the Festival will be held from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. OZ will have a table at the festival.



These tributes were made from  
**June 1 - July 31, 2019**

## TRIBUTES

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### **Cemetery & Memorials Fund**

*In Honor of* Shimmy Cohen by George & Miriam Saiger  
*In Loving Memory of* Tova Blum by Ann Higgins  
*In Memory of* Mimi Wall by George & Miriam Saiger

### **Chevra Kadisha**

*In Loving Memory of*  
Arlene Snyder by Daniel Seeley & Adele Wolfson  
Roberta Levin Goldstein by Michael & Cheryl Goldstein  
*In Memory of* George Solomon by Karen Solomon

### **Mark Evnin Endowment**

*In Loving Memory of* Morris Markowicz by Gary Margolis  
& Penny Shtull

### **General Fund**

Bob & Amy Small  
*In Honor of* Nevin & Barb's granddaughter by Gary &  
Miriam Sturgis  
*Bat Mitzvah Gratitude* by Jory Hearst  
*In Loving Memory of*  
Anna Litsky by Ellen Litt  
Max and Ree Shapiro by Eugene & Elaine Shapiro  
George Davis by Jane Pearl  
Edith Wallace Lurie by Joseph Lurie & Donna Rosenthal  
Nathan Finkelstein by Richard & Linda Finkelstein  
Philip Smilovitz by Rosalie Brill  
*In Memory of*  
Rebecca Wildholz, Dr. Ernestine Wildholz, Dr. Siegmund  
Wildholz, Paula Sohn, Alexander Sohn and Joseph Wildholz  
by Alex & Barbara Wilde  
Arlene Snyder by Gary & Miriam Sturgis  
Press/Plovnick Family by Josephine Salloway  
Sally and Paul Dondes by Michael Dondes  
Alan A. Brill by Rosalie Brill

### **Bailey Goldberg Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Mayer Goldberg and Lillie Goldberg  
by Edie Goldberg

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

*In Honor of* Stanley Brown by Andrew Brown

### **Hyman & Yetta Harris Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Yetta Rosenbaum Harris by Rosalie  
Harris

### **Nathan and Ethel Harris Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Ethel Stroh Harris by Judy Auderieth

### **Hebrew School Scholarship Fund**

Allan & Elsie Paul and Joe & Cathy Frank

### **Hebrew School Special Donation**

*In Loving Memory of* Arlene Snyder by Holly Lichtenstein

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

*In Loving Memory of* Barbara Hershberg by Louis Hershberg

### **Kiddush Fund**

David Borsykowsky & Sarah Klionsky, Matthew & Peggy  
Price, Rick & Linda Wolfish and Seth & Myra Barovick  
*In Honor of*  
Rabbi Amy Small by Jeff & Carol Rubman  
Carol & Jeff Rubman's anniversary by Karen Solomon,  
Marvin & Betty Libson and Mallory & Marcia Parker  
Barb & Nevin Zablotsky's anniversary by Mallory & Marcia  
Parker and Marvin & Betty Libson  
Kochava Munro by Marvin & Betty Libson  
Our 20th wedding anniversary by Rick Hecht & Sharon  
Panitch  
Cantor Steve Zeidenberg by Stephen Lipmann  
*In Loving Memory of*  
Esther Semos Levy by Jack & Viviane Levy  
Richelle Jacoby by Mike Strauss & Rebecca Sherlock  
*In Memory of*  
Pauline Bousso by Jack & Viviane Levy, Marvin & Betty  
Libson and Karen Solomon  
Sabina Lerner by Marvin & Betty Libson

### **Kitah Zayin B'nai Mitzvah Fund**

Eric Hall & Liz Greenberg, Nathaniel Lew & Jason Lorber  
and Robert Lew and Elizabeth Wright

### **Life Cycle Events Fund**

Allan & Elsie Paul and Joe & Cathy Frank

### **Lunch & Learn/Dine & Discover Fund**

*In Honor of*  
the 50th Wedding anniversary of Carole & Jeff Rubman by  
Manny & Joan Chernoff

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### **Sara Flax Rosenberg/Mary Ann Pels Memorial Kitchen Fund**

Beverley Slocum

*In Loving Memory of* Jack Pomerantz by Keith Kasper &  
Fran Pomerantz

*In Memory of* Mary Kropsky by Gene & Sheila Aronoff

### **Mural Restoration Fund**

Jonathan & Elana Greenberg and Marcel & Harriet  
Grunvald

*In Honor of*

Jory's Bat Mitzvah by Amy Panitz

Becca Hall's Bat Mitzvah by Daniel Greenberg

*In Loving Memory of*

Ruth Cohen by David Cohen & Alan Tetreault

Francis Kasper by Keith Kasper & Fran Pomerantz

*In Memory of*

Dr. S. Henry Lampert by Beth and Stephen Le Vine

Irving Glickstein by Marvin Glickstein & Barbara Rippa

Henry Lampert by Seth & Myra Barovick

### **Rev Nadelson Endowment Fund**

*In Loving Memory of* Rosie Kitayewitz by Annette Lazarus

### **Simon & Esther Perlmutter Endowment Fund**

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**Thank You!**

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

## YAHREZEITS

### **Sunday 9/1/2019**

Simon Abrams  
\*Isaac A. Gould  
Harry Lincors

### **Monday 9/2/2019**

\*Morris Grodzinsky  
\*Anne Kaplan  
Theodore David Weiss  
\*Leonard Witt

### **Tuesday 9/3/2019**

Ian Samuel Kaminsky  
\*Arnold Resnik

### **Wednesday 9/4/2019**

\*Abraham I. Baker  
Sidney L. Cohn  
Ben Isaacson  
\*Charles Moses Samuelson  
\*Ella Kasden Weinstein

### **Thursday 9/5/2019**

\*Kay Robin Horn  
\*Bessie Kaufman  
\*Manuel Levinsky  
Peter Roskein  
Elga Kron Stulman

### **Friday 9/6/2019**

\*Herbert Saul Bloomenthal  
\*Gertrude Fishman Coen  
Melvin Pearlmutter  
\*Joshua Saul Stambler  
\*Max Weiss

### **Saturday 9/7/2019**

\*Karoline Bacharach Steinberg  
Isaac Bukanc  
Abraham Datnoff  
\*Sanford I. Gimbel  
\*Jennie Kassel  
\*Hyman Miller  
\*Edith Neiburg  
\*Samuel Robert Saiger  
\*Olga Zimmerman Stark  
\*Jean Steinberg

### **Sunday 9/8/2019**

\*Louis Carr  
\*Lena Yett Colodny  
\*Marilyn Stone Greenfield  
\*Carole Leah Hartstein  
Allen Jacobs

### **Monday 9/9/2019**

\*Miriam Kaplan LeWinter  
\*Frank Messie  
Joseph Rome

### **Tuesday 9/10/2019**

\*Elsie Goldsmith Gould  
Sally Schleifer Riven  
\*Bessie Rome

\*Dorothy Stewart Stein  
\*Blanche Greenfield Turner

### **Wednesday 9/11/2019**

\*Julius Laeb Brown  
Marc Glickstein  
Vicki Leff  
\*Leon Mendelson  
\*Rose Sacks Pasackow

### **Thursday 9/12/2019**

\*Paula V. Honet  
Jules Lindau III

### **Friday 9/13/2019**

Abe Ball  
\*P. Gregory Brown  
\*Robert Fabricant  
Benjamin Ricardo  
\*Harry Rogrove  
Susan Weiss

### **Saturday 9/14/2019**

\*Morris Samuel Goldman  
Betty Paul Rothkopf

### **Sunday 9/15/2019**

\*Sarah Schneider Bagdan  
Donald Glickstein  
\*Hyman Harris  
Lillian Rosenbloom  
\*Max Jacob Shafran  
Barbara Silver

### **Monday 9/16/2019**

\*Labe Bayarsky  
Merrill Corbman  
\*Sarah Solomon Medivetsky  
\*Gertrude Lapidow Sobel

### **Tuesday 9/17/2019**

Alice Berman  
\*Sarah Udas Eisenstadt  
\*Bessie Brown Hershberg  
Allan Klein  
\*Nellie Shapiro  
\*Gail Stoler

### **Wednesday 9/18/2019**

\*Aaron L. Cohen  
\*Harry Goldberg  
\*Roy Korson  
\*Edythe Wool  
Leslie Zweiback

### **Thursday 9/19/2019**

Olivia Brown  
\*Saul Cannon  
\*Herman M. Lash  
\*Molly Sakowitz Likosky  
\*William Mintzer  
Ana Packer  
Theodore Samets

### **Friday 9/20/2019**

\*Betty Bergman  
\*Nathan Grodzinsky  
Rae (Golden) Pasman  
\*Faye T. Saiger  
Rita Zacharias

### **Saturday 9/21/2019**

\*Harry Albert Agel  
\*Paul Bloomberg  
Eva Heimer  
\*Charles Levin  
John Stephen Lew  
Philip Shelton

### **Sunday 9/22/2019**

\*Rachel Saiger Black  
\*Benjamin Greenblott  
Alvin Rubin Asher

### **Monday 9/23/2019**

\*Sarah F. Agel  
\*Edward Blistein  
\*Celia Becker Brown  
\*Harry Greenfield  
\*Morris Kushner  
\*Frieda Lasker  
\*Fannie Levin  
Michael Tayvah  
\*Bertha Witt

### **Tuesday 9/24/2019**

\*Abraham Perelman  
\*Anne Rabin

### **Wednesday 9/25/2019**

\*Sylvia Arkin  
\*Aaron Bloomfield  
\*Irving Lerner

\*Elijah Richmond Mindich  
Al Mondroe  
\*Rebecca Spiller

### **Thursday 9/26/2019**

\*Eva Yett Cohen  
\*Samuel Faigel  
\*Rose L. Grossman  
\*Helen Kessel  
\*Sidney J. Mazel  
\*Aaron Perelman  
\*Sossil Perlmutter  
\*Helen Sirkin

### **Friday 9/27/2019**

\*Sylvia Fossaner Danzig  
\*William Gustave Frank  
Anna Lena Kaplan  
\*Joseph Pearlberg  
\*Rebecca Rosenberg Green

### **Saturday 9/28/2019**

Leighton Strauss

### **Sunday 9/29/2019**

\*Sidney Rabin  
\*Sylvia Gladstone Siegel

### **Monday 9/30/2019**

\*Julius Baggish  
\*Molly Perelman Bergman  
Oscar Dinkin  
\*Dr. Harold Meyer Levin  
\*Edward Turner  
\*Leah Berger Wohl  
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## Tuesday 10/1/2019

\*Gail Dewitt Ades  
\*Arthur Bockmann  
\*Martha Bockmann  
\*Morton Gordesky  
\*Beatrice Doris Quittner  
\*Haskell Rubman  
\*Samuel Jacob Stone

## Wednesday 10/2/2019

Joseph L. Edelstein  
\*Erving Furie  
\*Aaron Neiberg  
\*Isadore Paikowsky  
Klara Szucs Lomartire  
\*Edith Alice Yett

## Thursday 10/3/2019

\*Dr. Kenneth A. Brown  
\*Sophie Epstien  
\*Jacob Frank  
\*Morris Newton Hyman  
Kershner  
\*Rachel L. Sacks  
\*Molly Saiger

## Friday 10/4/2019

\*Isadore Alfred  
\*David Sperber Faigel  
William Lefkowitz  
\*Herbert Press  
Ethel Gottlieb Rogatz

## Saturday 10/5/2019

Richard Luppold

## Sunday 10/6/2019

\*Nathan Brown  
\*Helen Kessler Frait  
\*Willard Walter Goldman  
Harlene Horn  
Rose Maringer

## Monday 10/7/2019

\*Harold Bernstein  
\*David Bornstein  
Gerald Cantor  
\*Julius L. Goldberg  
\*Abraham N. Krieger  
\*Miriam Glasston Resnik  
\*Marni Rachel Stambler  
\*Harriet Boff Wool

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\*Bernard Hershberg  
Dorothy Helen Lurensky  
\*Janet Schwarzbart Pasackow  
\*Anita Abrams Stone

## Wednesday 10/9/2019

\*Moses Arkin  
\*Sam Grossman  
\*Leon Izenberg  
\*Ruth Alice Panoff  
\*Rose Rebecca Wolfe

## Thursday 10/10/2019

\*David Carr  
\*Ray Soroka Carr  
\*Fanny L. Gladstone  
\*Howard Ira Klinkostein  
Rena Packer Prepas  
\*Edith Rudolph

## Friday 10/11/2019

\*Irwin A. Agel  
David Weinstein

## Saturday 10/12/2019

Mildred Barr

## Sunday 10/13/2019

Deborah Barell  
Shirley Dinkin  
Shany Herschorn  
Morris Holtz  
Nathan S. Roemischer

## Monday 10/14/2019

\*Michael George Agel  
Dr. Walter Chizinsky  
\*Moshe Drori  
\*Joseph Hirsch  
\*Celia Solomon Krinovitz  
\*David Leekoff  
\*Sidney Medlinsky  
\*Ruth Cannon Reiter

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\*Naomi Dressler Keller  
\*Sophia Shelansky  
Helen Wertheimer

## Wednesday 10/16/2019

David Echt

## Thursday 10/17/2019

\*Philip Agel  
\*William Boff  
Dorothy Garbo  
\*A. Leonard Hershberg  
Ann Roemischer

## Friday 10/18/2019

\*Harry Buman  
\*Sondra Lovitz Corman  
\*Leah Farhi  
\*Milton Gretskey  
Bertha Holtz  
\*Sarah Sockol

## Saturday 10/19/2019

\*Marilyn Cohen  
Dr. Arthur E. Kahn  
\*Marian Kershner Kober  
\*Howard Samuelson

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Michael Mariani  
\*Sarah Ethel Trotsky

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\*Harry Philip Yett  
\*Jacob Yett

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Deborah Mary Lepler  
Issie Markowicz  
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\*Simon H. Saiger  
\*Max Silverblatt  
\*Charles Joseph Spiller

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\*Suzanne Sara Greif  
\*Edwin Merrill Hershberg  
\*Dr. Hyman Levine  
\*Ida Saiger Thomas

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\*Bailey Goldberg  
\*Esther Melnick  
\*Bessie Zaetz Miller  
Alfred Tolins

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Sarah Lois Dubin Chernoff  
\*Murray Horn  
\*Samuel Edward Levenson  
\*Myer Miller  
\*Minnie Seder  
\*Paula Speier

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\*Leonard Banks  
\*Eleazer Cohen  
\*Rosa Davis Izenberg  
\*Betty Goldberg Kling  
\*Ralph Bryant Lash

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\*Jack I. Levin  
\*Myron E. Luria  
Roslyn Shulman

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\*Samuel Cannon  
Roy Gelin  
\*Robert Harre  
Surah Skolnick

## Wednesday 10/30/2019

Rita Abbott  
\*Solomon Cohen  
\*Sally N. Gershen  
\*Moses Kitayewitz  
Dorothy Lincors  
\*Fannie Rothman  
Abraham Skolnick

## Thursday 10/31/2019

\*Robert Goldman  
\*Morris Mazel  
\*Max Shubert

## September 2019

**1**

2:00 pm Women's Mikveh - 559 West Shore Road,  
South Hero

**2 - Labor Day - Office Closed**

**5**

3:00 pm Events Committee Meeting  
7:30 pm Interfaith Pride Service

**8**

10:00 am Parenting through a Jewish Lens  
12:30 pm Pride Parade + Festival  
7:30 pm Israeli Dancing

**10**

5:30 pm Adult Ed Committee Meeting

**11**

2:00 pm Book Discussion in Library  
6:00 pm Spiritual Prep for HHDs  
7:30 pm Social Action Committee Meeting

**13**

5:45 pm Tot Shabbat  
6:30 pm Potluck at OZ after services

**15**

9:30 am Hebrew School (1st day)  
10:00 am Parenting through a Jewish Lens  
11:30 am HS Bagel Brunch

**17**

7:15 pm Religious Committee Meeting

**18**

4:00 pm Hebrew School  
6:00 pm Spiritual Prep for HHDs

**19**

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

**21**

9:15 am Hebrew School-Community Shabbat Service,  
Pray, Sing Learn  
8:00 pm Havdallah  
8:30 pm Healing Service  
9:00 pm Selichot Service

**22**

10:00 am Memorial Service at Hebrew Holy  
Cemetery  
10:00 am Parenting through a Jewish Lens  
7:30 pm Israeli Dancing

**25**

4:00 pm Hebrew School  
6:00 pm Spiritual Prep for HHDs

**27**

7:30 pm Potluck at Rabbi Amy's after services

**29**

9:30 AM Hebrew School  
6:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah

**30 - Rosh Hashanah - Office Closed**

9:00 am Shacharit  
3:00 pm Rosh Hashanah by the Lake  
4:30 pm Tashlich



## October 2019

### 1 - Rosh Hashanah - Office Closed

9:00 am Shacharit

2

4:00 pm Hebrew School

3

3:00 pm Events Committee Meeting

5:45 pm Adult Ed Committee Meeting

5

9:15 am Shacharit

6

9:30 AM Hebrew School

9:45 AM Hebrew School Committee Meeting

5:45 PM Adult Ed Committee Meeting

8

5:30 pm Kol Nidre on violin followed by Kol Nidre Service

### 9 - Yom Kippur - Office Closed

9:00 am Shacharit

2:00 pm Afternoon Learning: "Ask the Rabbi"

5:00 pm Mincha & Ne'ilah

7:00 pm Shofar Sounding

7:15 pm Break-the-Fast/Havdalah

11

5:45 pm Tot Shabbat

6:30 pm Potluck after services at OZ

13

9:30 am Hebrew School

7:00 pm Ma'ariv

### 14 - Sukkot - Office Closed

9:00 am Shacharit

### 15 - Sukkot Office Closed

9:00 am Shacharit

16

4:00 pm Hebrew School

5:00 pm Family Sukkot (with Hebrew School)

17

12:00 pm Lunch & Learn

5:30 pm Board Meeting

19

9:00 am Shabbat Chol Ha'Moed Shacharit

20

9:00 am Hoshana Rabba Shacharit

4:00 pm Simchat Torah Family Celebration & Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm Ma'ariv

### 21 - Shemini Atzeret - Office Closed

9:00 am Shacharit with Yizkor

7:00 pm Ma'ariv

### 22 - Simchat Torah - Office Closed

9:00 am Shacharit & Dancing

23

4:00 pm Hebrew School

25

7:30 pm Potluck after services at Rabbi Amy's home

27

9:30 am Hebrew School

10:00 am Parenting through a Jewish Lens

2:00 pm Book Discussion in Library

7:30 pm Israeli Dancing

30

4:00 pm Hebrew School

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- *Daily Minyan*: Every Sunday at 9 am and 7 pm; every Monday - Thursday, 7 pm
- *Wednesday group*: Every Wednesday at 12:00 pm
- *Services*: Every Friday at 6 pm
- *Torah Study*: Every Saturday at 8:30 am (**with coffee**)
- *Saturday morning Services*: at 9:15 am (*including Federal holidays*)-Parallel Shabbat Service, 10:00 am 1st Friday of the month





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Sept 6	7:02 pm	6:00 pm	Sept 7	9:15 am	8:02 pm
Sept 13	6:49 pm	6:00 pm	Sept 14	9:15 am	7:49 pm
Sept 20	6:35 pm	6:00 pm	Sept 21	9:15 am	7:35 pm
Sept 27	6:22 pm	6:00 pm	Sept 28	9:15 am	7:22 pm
Oct 4	6:09 pm	6:00 pm	Oct 5	9:15 am	7:09 pm
Oct 11	5:57 pm	6:00 pm	Oct 12	9:15 am	6:57 pm
Oct 18	5:45 pm	6:00 pm	Oct 19	9:15 am	6:45 pm
Oct 25	5:34 pm	6:00 pm	Oct 26	9:15 am	6:34 pm