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Rabbi's Message

Dear Hevre,

I hope you've had an enjoyable fall season. By the time you read this article, we will be fast approaching the festival of Hanukkah, which begins on the evening of Wednesday, December 1st.

The holiday offers numerous layers of meaning. Many Jews focus on the universal theme of light in the season of darkness, around the time of the winter solstice. Some focus on the quest for religious freedom and the story of the Maccabean military victory. Some focus on the message of hope symbolized by the discovery—as the Talmud tells us—of a single unspoiled vial of olive oil within the ruins of the ancient Temple. Others may focus on the legendary miracle of the oil burning in the Temple lamp for eight days, far exceeding all expectations.

The timing of the holiday, however—beginning on the 25th of the Hebrew month of Kislev—emphasizes the importance of olive oil, the ancient staple itself. In his new book *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Food*, Rabbi Gil Marks explains that "Long before the advent of Hanukkah...the 25th day of Kislev was the traditional date for the end of the harvest of olives for oil." The Mishna (*Bikkurim* 1:6) similarly mentions Hanukkah as a pivotal agricultural date, surely referring to the olive harvest which is so ubiquitous in Israel.

Oseh Shalom's 14th Annual Retreat at Cacapon State Park Lodge

Dear Hevre,
This year's annual retreat will take place on January 15th – 17th on Martin Luther King's holiday weekend. Our theme this year will be, ***"It's a Party! Jewish pathways toward Social Healing."***

Please note that we have a ***deadline*** this year of ***December 12th*** for registration forms and full payment. Our rooms are guaranteed until that date, after that the rooms will be open for other party reservation. Please don't assume you can wait until the last week; we don't want to turn anyone away!

New registration forms will be sent to you very soon, so look out for them.

Please direct any registration questions to: Eric Metzman, 301-775-9559, wharfratdawg@yahoo.com

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Indeed, our ancestors in the Middle East and the Mediterranean counted olive oil among their key staples. Our Torah (*Deuteronomy* 8:8) refers to olives as one of seven species of agricultural bounty of the Land of Israel. Together with grain and wine, olive oil formed one of the three pillars of the economy and diet of ancient Israel.

Just as the flask of olive oil discovered by the Maccabees at Hanukkah burned miraculously long and bright, so too olive oil can help fuel a life of longevity and vigor in modern times. You've probably already read about some health benefits of this ancient and flavorful staple. However, the public is just starting to learn about one crucial, underlying advantage: as a substitute for other vegetable oils, olive oil can help people to achieve and maintain a healthy balance between omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids. It can help us to avoid the endemic, dangerous excess of omega-6 acids that we find in the modern Western food supply.

This balance of fatty acids significantly helps to combat the prevalant diseases of civilization. *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* (Vol. 70, No. 3) reported that a proper ratio is crucial “in the prevention and management of coronary heart disease, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, renal disease, rheumatoid arthritis, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.”

While both types of fatty acid are essential, most Americans consume vastly excessive quantities of omega-6 and not nearly enough omega-3. Our food supply inundates us with omega-6s especially from vegetable oils (corn, soy, cotton seed, peanut, rapeseed, etc).

Unlike most other common vegetable oils, however, olive oil contains very few omega-6 acids. By restoring olive oil as a central component of our diet—like in ancient Israel—and removing most modern vegetable oils, we can likely move toward greater health and longevity. While no dietary choices or lifestyle considerations can guarantee long life or a disease-free existence, this flavorful and versatile liquid offers a step in the right direction.

Hanukkah reminds us of the importance of this ancient dietary staple, which can help to restore a healthy balance. It's also a delicious ingredient, full of a variety of flavors and aromas depending on the source and the season.

This last year hundreds of chefs, restauranteurs, culinary critics, nutritional experts, and enthusiastic tourists converged in Jerusalem for the Terra Olivo Mediterranean International Olive Oil Competition. The judges awarded eighteen gold medals to Israeli olive oils, along with many other golds for products from other countries. It seems that Israel is abuzz with a revival of this key staple that we celebrate at Hanukkah. Some of these award-winning Israeli oils, like Halutza and LiveO, are available in the US by telephone or online order.

Hanukkah offers a perfect time to sample and taste a variety of olive oils, either raw or in uncooked dishes, which preserve the delicate flavors. And, of course, you can use it to cook your latkes and other Hanukkah treats as well.

Best wishes for a wonderful Hanukkah. May the miracle of the oil inspire us to seek lives of health, longevity and many rich flavors.

Shalom,

Rabbi Doug Heifetz

President's Report

Shalom,

October came and went quickly. Much work has been in progress to find a Facilities and Office Manager. We formed a task force to search for candidates, interview them, and then, work with the contracts committee to give an offer to the best candidate. Thank you to all the members of the task force for giving up their time in this importance endeavor, Buddy Roogow (chair), Jackie Land, David Argue, and Michael Becker. I am pleased to announce that the Executive Committee, working on behalf of the entire Board, approved the contract to hire Barry Nove. An introduction to Barry is elsewhere in the Shalom. Please make some time to stop by and say hi and welcome him into our community.

Y'asher Koachem to the Fun Committee, led by Debbie Lavine, for organizing the Fall Festival. The event was attended by more than 100 people. The day was filled with high energy and family-fun activities.

All of our committees welcome new members. I encourage you to contact the chair of the committee and let them know that you want to get involved. We are still looking for people that can help with these activities below. Let me know via email at LKSOLOMON@comcast.net if you are interested or if you know someone that is the perfect candidate.

Shabbat Dinner organizer and Shabbat Dinner chefs (for one or more dinners),

Events Coordinator,

Rentals Coordinator,

Shalom Ad Coordinator/Designer.

Don't forget that distributing publicity for your event can be accomplished with one email address. When you have an article to share or a flyer to distribute, email the material to osehpublicity@yahoogroups.com . With this one email address, you will reach the Shalom editor, list serve manager, Oseh Facebook manager, office staff for Bima announcements, web site manager, and the Marketing and Publicity chair.

Also, I want to remind you that any member may come to talk to the Executive Board at the beginning of our Executive Board meetings. We meet at 7 PM on the second Wednesday evening of each month.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Saturday, November 13, 2010 attend a concert to hear the music of Joe Jencks and Lui Collins at Oseh Shalom

Sunday, December 5, 2010 – community concert organized by the Jewish Federation of Howard County.

I will be out of town Nov 11 through 15 attending the JRF Conference with my mom (Renee Firtag) and enjoying sunny California. I need you to attend our November 13th concert at Oseh Shalom for me and tell me all about it when I return.

L'hitraot,

Linda

Linda Solomon,
President

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lksolomon@comcast.net

Lunch & Learn

Lunch and Learn

Join us on Saturday, November 20 for our next Shabbat Lunch and Learn. Cantor Charlie and Marilyn Bernhardt will lead a presentation on their 2009 summer trip to Trochenbrod, Ukraine, where Marilyn's family lived before coming to America. They gave this presentation once before and it is back by popular demand. In keeping with our tradition, there will be a dairy/ vegetarian pot luck lunch immediately after Shabbat morning services and kiddush. If you have any questions about what you can bring, call Sue Robbins or Lou Spevack at (301)260-0088 or email us at suestar@verizon.net or loustar@verizon.net.

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Email to the Shalom Editors

Note to all submitters of material to the Shalom:

Please send anything for Carolyn Makovi to oseh.shalom.editor@gmail.com Do ***not*** send it to ***any*** other email address you have on file for her. She does not promise to see it on time if you send it to any address other than the one above. Thank you!

Submissions for The Shalom must be made to this email address by the 10th of the preceding month.

Thank you.

Erratum

Leah Young's name was inadvertently misspelled in the October Shalom. Your editor apologizes for her error.

Community News

Baruch Dayan Ha'emet

The congregation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Lior Golan, one of our Religious School upper grade teachers, on the death of his mother, Leezet bat Sima.

Your News Here!

What news do you have to share with the Oseh community? Feel free to write a story, share your thoughts and feelings, start a new group or thank someone publicly.

All submissions go to Carolyn Makovi first, as Editor. Her email address is listed just above this article. Then, Carolyn sends everything to Marlene Newman, who edits for layout and puts it into a publication format.

We welcome your input!

Carolyn & Marlene

Welcome Barry Nove

Message from our Facilities and Office Manager

As the new Facilities and Office Manager at Oseh Shalom, I'd like to introduce myself. I have served the Jewish community all across the country for over 20 years, including serving as the executive director of a small Jewish community in a two-person office early in my career, and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF), of which Oseh Shalom is an affiliate.

Now a little bit about other parts of who I am. I am a member of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington, DC and have presented programs and talks for over fifteen years about "how we got saddled with our last names" and the Ellis Island Experience. I've worked for the Jewish Publication Society, the oldest publisher in Jewish books in English in North America, and know the world of Jewish nonfiction publishing and the stories behind quite a few of them. I'm also a story teller, having performed original and traditional Jewish stories to children and families for years and have recently become a published author – albeit of a couple of short stories.

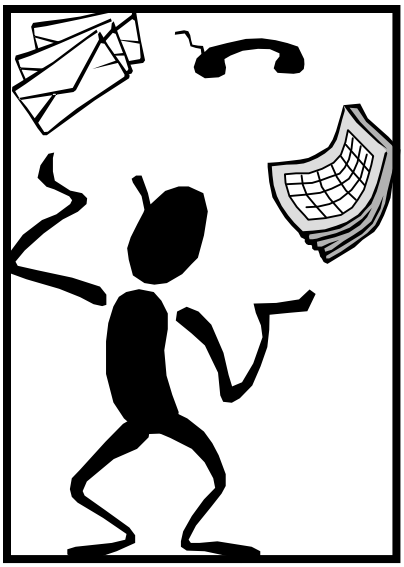
With regard to my role at Oseh Shalom, I am the go-to guy when it comes to organizing facility use, managing the office and a lot more. Although I am full-time, I will not be in the building around-the-clock, so I will need to rely on help from congregants, much as you provided help for my predecessors. The economic realities of running a congregation the size and nature of Oseh Shalom, especially in difficult financial times, means that we need volunteers. One of the things I've enjoyed about working with Reconstructionist congregations like Oseh Shalom across the country is the personal feeling that the congregation is truly an extension of one's home. So, I'm here to do a great deal, but together we can accomplish much more in making sure our synagogue family runs smoothly. For those who are volunteering or have offered to help, thank you!

Finally, I've an open door and am not shy. So please stop on by when you are here at Oseh Shalom or give me a call regarding scheduling your family events, synagogue programs, or about coordinating the calendar or newsletter. I am not afraid to admit, I've a lot to learn about Oseh Shalom; however, I am very good at what I do and am a quick study. So, I'm depending on the advice of those who have lived this building and the congregation as a whole to help me in the learning process.

I look forward to meeting all of you and am honored to be of service to you and Oseh Shalom.

Barry Nove

Facilities and Office Manager



OSEH SHALOM GIFT SHOP

HANUKKAH

GRAB BAGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2010

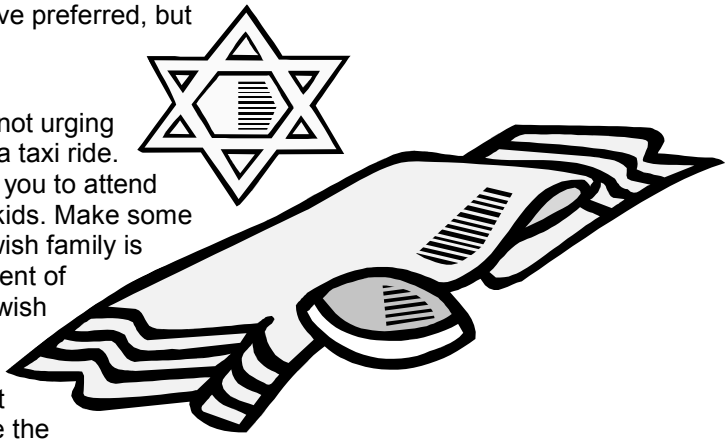
STOP BY AND PICK ONE UP
COST $5.00

Cantor's Corner

On this early October morning I am still catching my breath from this year's High Holiday services. One of the things I enjoy most every year is seeing our college students come back. They come to be with their family and friends and find a chance to say "Hi" to one of their teachers (or the occasional rabbi or cantor). But, mainly I think they come because Oseh Shalom is their home. Wherever their life's journeys take them, our synagogue will always be a special place. We can all be proud about that.

I have always been impressed with how well our Religious School prepares our students to take their part as Jews in their congregation, their community and the world. Our kids learn about Jewish history and Jewish culture in the broad range of facets. The teachers and administrators over the years have done wonderful work. But there is one part of their role as Jews where the school especially needs the help of the students' parents. That is participating in our religious services. One of the distinctive things we do as Jews is engage in our prayer services. This includes Shabbat evening and morning, and the holidays. But, also it includes participating in an evening service in a *shiva* home. All of that is part of what makes us Jews. Probably the best preparation for Bar/Bat Mitzvah is attending Shabbat services and becoming comfortable with the liturgy and the rhythm of our services. There is no way to learn about that other than doing. Comfort is very important. We ask so much of our kids at that stage and whatever we can do to lighten that burden is helpful.

Now let me see a symbolic show of hands from those parents of Religious School kids out there: How many of your kids have drivers' licenses? There shouldn't be any hands up. And that is my big point here. The kids can't get to be part of our services without you. The bus doesn't come to Oseh Shalom on Friday night or Saturday morning. You parents need to take on the responsibility of getting the kids to services. Believe me, I know all about the competition for our kids' time on Shabbat morning. I used to get up early and go line the soccer field and put up the goal nets at Supplee Field in West Laurel, and then come to the synagogue and change my clothes for services. Maybe it's not reasonable to expect that they will get there every week. But, with a little effort and planning, you can make it happen. My two boys did not get to services as often as I would have preferred, but they did get there.



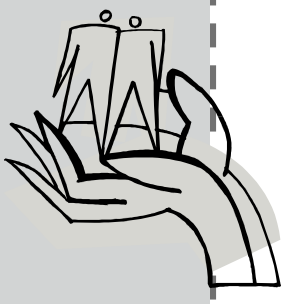
Now, I am not urging you to just provide a taxi ride. It is so powerful for you to attend services with your kids. Make some memories. The Jewish family is the central component of *k'lal Yisrael*, the Jewish People. For our younger kids it makes such a great impression to share the solemnity and the joyous music with their family. Let them learn how to wear a *tallit* by watching Dad or Mom put one on. Let them learn to say *Amen* and let them imitate you bowing during the *Amidah*. The time is going to come when you bring your kids to services and they want to sit anywhere in the sanctuary other than with you. That's OK. They will still understand (despite their best efforts to ignore you) that the family is really doing this together.

I'm asking for your support to help make our Shabbat services a part of your kids' Jewish education and experience. Maybe you can start out with a goal of once each month. Maybe you can make it grow. I am sure that you will enjoy the time you get to spend together. Consider it an investment. Come Bar/Bat Mitzvah time, and when they have kids of their own, we will all see the payoff.

B'Shalom,

Charlie

Community Services: Social Action & Caring and Support



Caring and Support

The Oseh Shalom "Caring & Support Committee" is committed to providing support to those within our synagogue community. This committee has organized volunteers from the synagogue to assist congregants in times of need.

Here are some of the ways Caring & Support Volunteers can lend a hand:

Transportation to services or other synagogue events. **NEED A RIDE TO A LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM? GIVE US A CALL!**

A ride to a doctor's appointment? We can help with that too!

Respite for a few hours from attending to a sick relative.

Help with shopping or meals.

Visitors or phone calls because you are not able to get out much and would like some company.

Help during an illness or a difficult pregnancy.

Support because of a recent loss.

Help with a personal or family crisis

If you, or someone you know of, are in need of help or support, please contact chairpersons, Shari Argue (301-625-8136) or Eileen Hollander (301-439-1075), the synagogue office at 301-498-5151 or any of the following coordinators:

- Friendly Visiting/Phone calls: Pauline Pivowar (301-604-8954)
  Eileen Hollander (301-439-1075)
- Respite Care: Shari Argue (301-625-8136)
- Transportation: David Koplow (301-890-9584)
- Bereavement Support: Eileen Hollander (301-439-1075)
- Shopping & Meals: Jodye Russell (301-498-4656)
- Crisis Assistance: Shari Argue (301-625-8136)

So, if you need some support, don't be shy! Give "Caring & Support" a call and make a volunteer happy!!

If you are interested in becoming a Caring & Support volunteer, please give one of the coordinators a call and we can give you more information. Filling out a volunteer form does not commit you to anything specific. Rather it lets us know that we can contact you to see if you are able to help out in a given situation. You can always say no.

Rosh Chodesh

Who do you think is a Jew? At the October Rosh Chodesh meeting we discussed this topic, along with what we learned about Jewish Identity as children. As usual, the conversation was wide ranging, stimulating and full of laughter.

Many of us have come to think of Rosh Chodesh as our “family of women”, and we’d love to have more folks join us. All women are welcome, whether they belong to Oseh Shalom or not. We meet the first Sunday of the month in members' homes. We're an informal but organized, multi-generational group who seek to understand Judaism and our own spirituality from a woman's perspective. Our topics vary from the light hearted, like when we watched Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks in "The Two Thousand Year Old Man" as part of a discussion of Jewish Humor, to the more serious, like how we deal with the way we perceive women are treated in Orthodox environments.

So please join us. The November meeting is on the 7th, and the December one on the 12th. Email Sheila Urman at sheilaurman@comcast.net or call at 301 384 4382 for more information. Hope to hear from you!

Todah Robah!

Many, many thanks to Judee and Saundra.

On behalf of the congregation, we want to extend our sincere thank you to Judee Iliff and Saundra Harris for their years of service with Oseh Shalom. Both Judee and Saundra have forged relationships with the members and staff that were strong, supportive, and enjoyable. Judee and Saundra worked well together. They improved the efficiency of the office by instituting new processes and forms to manage their responsibilities. Their work encompassed a large variety of activities. We appreciate all of their successes, including welcoming new members and supporting the logistics for events, services, b'nei mitzvah, Shalom production, and the facility maintenance. Their dedication to Oseh Shalom showed through in everything they did. Though the difficult economic times have forced the Board to eliminate their positions, Judee and Saundra continued to execute their duties in an efficient and professional manner. Through their many years at Oseh Shalom they have become part of our family. Judee and Saundra will be missed. We wish Saundra and Judee the best of luck as they seek other employment. Please extend a hand to either or both of them if you know about opportunities. Y'asher Koachem. May you go from strength to strength.

B'Shalom,

Linda Solomon and Michael Becker

Lunch & Learn

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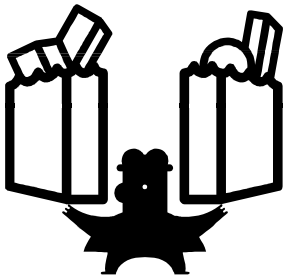
Oseh Shalom's Holiday Craft Fair

Come and do all of your holiday shopping!

WHERE: OSEH SHALOM
WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2010
TIME: 9:30 AM TO 4:00 PM



OSEH SHALOM SISTERHOOD CATERING

It doesn't matter if you have 50 or 250 guests.
We Specialize In Delicious Kiddushim,
And We Will Customize Your Menu
To Your Specifications.
We Care, Because We Are A Part Of Your Shul!

To set up a Kiddush call Marilyn Riffkin 301-384-8667

Participation Encouraged!!!

Oseh Shalom Holiday Art and Craft Fair- 2010
Vendor registration form

Event details

Date: Sunday, November 21, 9 am to 4:00 pm
Set up: 8 am
Fee: $25 per 6-foot table*
*An additional requested donation: 5% of profits
Please make checks payable to **Oseh Shalom Sisterhood**

Participant Information

Name:_____

Address:_____

_____

Phone: _____ Email:_____

Product category (please circle)

painting photography jewelry clothing sculpture

sketches pottery foods other:_____

Please provide a description of your art/craft._____

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_____

_____

How many tables would you like? _____

Please complete this form. Return with payment (check made out to OSEH SHALOM SISTERHOOD) to:
Oseh Shalom Sisterhood
Attention: Rose Fishman
7515 Olive Branch Way
Laurel, MD 20707-5233

Questions? Contact Suzie Friedman at suzie.friedman@gmail.com
Thank you!

_____

For office use only. Payment received?_____Total amount received:_____

Date:_____ Check or cash

Tikkun Talk for November: Elizabeth House

- We'd like to share more information about the mitzvot that we do!
- Each month the Social Action committee will highlight an activity or organization with whom Oseh Shalom is involved. This month we feature Elizabeth House.

Elizabeth House (EH) is a non-profit all volunteer organization that helps the most needy in the Laurel area. EH operates entirely from private and public donations of food, money and volunteer services.

What kinds of services does Elizabeth House offer?

- The Meal Kitchen serves free, hot dinners every day of the year.
- The emergency food pantry gives bags of grocieries to individuals/families with kitchens.
- Bagged lunches are provided to people in need. These bags are breakfast and lunch for many EH guests.
- A 24-hour answering service responds to requests for help from people in crisis.

How can Oseh Shalom members help Elizabeth House?

- Donate nonperishable food, money, or paper products.
    - EH regularly needs heavy duty paper plates, hot cups, paper towels, and gloves to wash dishes.
    - EH also really needs indvidually packaged chips and snack items to put into lunch bags so that the bagged lunches contain more than a sandwich.
- Make a casserole such as tuna noodle, chicken, or lasagna. Elizabeth House uses 3 to 5 casseroles per night.
- Sign up to serve meals at the meal kitchen the first Monday of each month.
- Become a telephone volunteer. These volunteers serve one or more shifts each week, responding to calls for help. (Calls are routed through a central answering service to protect the privacy of the volunteers.)
- Join one of our communities to help EH run smoothly. The communities include Community Relations; Facilities, Building, and Grounds; Food Management; Fund Raising/Finance; Public Relations; and Volunteer Recruitment.
- Donate your leftovers if you're having a party at Savage Mill!

Please contact Kara Weinstein at karaweinstein@yahoo.com
to learn more about specific Elizabeth House needs!

All donations to Elizabeth House are tax deductible.

Elizabeth House
P.O. Box 36
Laurel, MD 2072

Other upcoming Social Action activities:

- Monthly Social Action meeting: next meeting Sunday Oct 24, 10:30 in the Social Hall
- Sort cans in the LARS food pantry. October 24 after religious school.
- Shabbat Services for Seniors, Riderwood, November 13 and 27, 10:45 to noon.
- Jewish Foundation for Group Homes. Visit and spend time with residents there.

Contact suzie.friedman@gmail.com with your questions or ideas for Social Action!

Shabbat Iyyun

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mindful examination, deep exploration, introspection

A series featuring intellectual inquiry woven into our Friday evening service

"Jew by Choice or Jew by B'shert?"

Guest Speaker: John Riehl

Oseh Shalom is a wonderfully diverse congregation -- each of us relates to Judaism in his or her own unique way. The story of John Riehl's particular "Jewish Journey" is interesting, not only for its own sake, but for what it says about Oseh Shalom's history and how well Oseh Shalom really lives its values. If the word "journey" implies a final destination, John's engagement with Judaism is not a journey, but a lifelong love affair. John is a past president of Oseh Shalom and is Religious Vice-President.

Friday, December 10, 2010

Services and presentation 8-9 PM ~ Oneg and discussion to follow

Oseh Shalom

7515 Olive Branch Way, Laurel, MD 20707
301-498-5151 ~ www.oseh-shalom.org

Lui Collins

"Her warmth from the stage extends out to include everyone in the hall, her songs leave people humming and smiling well after the concert is over."

—Sounding Board, Hartford, CT

Photo courtesy of Lipofsky.com

Havdallah Concert

Featuring Joe Jencks and Lui Collins

Share Dessert and Coffee with friends at Intermission

Saturday, November 13

7:30 PM

Oseh Shalom

7515 Olive Branch Way Laurel, MD 20707

Adults	Youth 11-17	10 & under
$18	$10	Free

Joe Jencks

Singer/songwriter with the passion of an R&B/gospel singer, the knowledge of a classical vocalist, the soul of an Irish tenor.

"In these times, we need the singers who will do the homework and tell the stories! Joe Jencks is among the fine next generation singers who are ready to carry on the tradition as well as look into the future" – Holly Near, Ukiah, CA

"The key to the future is people joining in. The music of Joe Jencks captures this essential spirit. Joe is a fantastic singer who carries on the traditions." -Pete Seeger

Oneg Hosts

July 2
Kay & Larry Taub
Lisa Karpf & Beryl Kramer
July 9
Robin Thomas
Lisa Karpf
July 16 Mary Shine
Marilyn & Alan Wilder
July 23
Phil Victor
June & Len Wagner
Zoe Whitaker (Rose Fishman's Granddaughter)
July 30
Leah Young & Rose Fishman
Bobbi Adams & Peter Gruhn

August 6
Robin & Gary Gilbert
Lisa Karpf
August 13
Cathy & Robert Weiss
Lorraine & Bob Levan
August 20
Gail & David Whittman
Wynne & Bob Kleinberg
August 27 (All last-minute hosts & helpers)
Lisa Karpf, Rose Fishman, Shelly Sypes
Lynn Gaynes-Kaplan & Steve Kaplan

September 3
Melody Magnus
Susan & Kenneth Wilson
September 10
Karen Meckler & Brad Sachs
Ann Wittik-Bravmann & Daniel Bravmann
September 17 (Yom Kippur)
September 24
Marlene & Steven Wolchinsky
Judi Davidson-Wolf & Allen Wolf

We thank you all for your service to your fellow members of Oseh Shalom.

Lisa Karpf
Beryl Kramer
Volunteer Coordinators for Oneg Shabbat Hosts

When Is Retreating Really a Step Forward?

When is Retreating Really a Step Forward?

In the mid-1990s, my wife, Shari, and I joined Oseh Shalom as our daughter, Julie, got to Hebrew School age. In the early years, I would drive carpool for Julie as I did later for my two sons, Robert and C.J. As much as I supported my family's religious life, I did not participate much in the life of the congregation. Every so often, I would go to services with the family, but more likely, I was at Oseh just for Religious School programs. Eventually, Julie had her Bat Mitzvah, and that was very enjoyable for Shari's and my extended families. Still, I had little involvement with the congregation. Needless to say, I was not very connected to Oseh Shalom and had made few friends among the congregants.

Over time, Shari got more involved with Oseh's other activities including Winter Haven, the Caring and Support Committee, and her own adult Bat Mitzvah. She had wanted to go on the Congregational Retreat, but our schedule conflicts prevented it (and I really did not want to go anyway). Then, about six or seven years ago, the Retreat date was switched to January, leaving us with no conflicts. I agreed to go, admittedly a little bit grudgingly. That first Retreat proved to be a watershed moment for me, however, leading to more involvement with Oseh and the growth of numerous rewarding friendships.

In the past couple of years, my connection with Oseh has grown and deepened. I have offered more of myself through the Board, task forces, educational programs, building maintenance, and other volunteer work. And it turns out that Oseh has offered more to me as well. I enjoy Friday evening services and oneg more frequently with Shari and the kids. Sometimes we meet with a group for dinner before services at the pasta place across the street and sometimes we join the congregation dinner. In addition, I have loved watching my kids' involvement with the congregation: C.J. and Rob both pursued confirmation and were devoted to the Religious School madrichim program throughout high school, and now Julie serves as a Religious School teacher at Oseh. But the most important things that Oseh Shalom has given back to me are a new set of good friends and the pleasure of being part of a loving community. I never imagined that "Retreating" would be a step forward to this new and rewarding part of my life.

David Argue

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14th ANNUAL OSEH SHALOM CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT ***Registration***
Cacapon State Park, WV - January 14 - 16, 2011

Please complete all parts and return the form to the address/fax/email at the bottom

PART 1

Name: _____License Plate No. (required by Park):_____
Address:_____
Phone (cell):_____(home):_____
E-mail: _____@_____

Names of all person(s) sharing room:
_____
(Please list names and ages of all children so we can plan youth activities.)

☐ I am interested in **car pooling** and have space for ____ person(s) in my car. ☐ I Need a ride.

☐ I am interested in **sharing a room or cabin**
(Please list person(s) or we can suggest a match)_____

☐ I am willing to **volunteer to assist with children(s) programs** or child care (limited commitment; we will contact you with details).

PART 2

I/We would like to reserve the following accommodations (*check which apply*):

☐ _____ room(s) in the Main Lodge (*please indicate how many rooms you want. Families with more than 4 persons may need to take 2 rooms and pay the extra room charge shown below. No cots or rollaway beds are available. Register early to get the accommodations you want.)*

☐ 4-person cabin (2 bedrms; 1 dbl., 2 twins) ☐ 8-person cabin (4 bedrms; 3 dbl., 2 twins)

(Preference for the cabins will be given to larger families and groups. They are winterized and have the luxury of kitchens and fireplaces. All are located in one area, which is a 7 minute walk from the Lodge.)

Fill in and total your charges using the rates shown;

Include anyone 12 years or older in the total adults. Count children 11 and younger separately and mark below. Rates include 2 nights private rm, w/ bath, 5 meals, all taxes, and a small activities fee.

Note: One room occupancy unless extra room charge added below

_____ 1 adult for $199 $_____→
_____ 2 adult for $288 $_____→
_____ 3 adult for $378 $_____→
_____ 4 adult for $467 $_____→
_____ children 3 - 11 yrs @ $68 ea. $_____

_____ children 2 yrs and under…☐ we need a crib $ no charge
_____ extra room charge (Main Lodge) add $147 $_____
_____ extra charge 4 - person cabin and $168 $_____
_____ extra charge 8 - person cabin add $294 $_____

Payment Options

PART 3

Method of Payment (note: full payment must be recd. in the Synagogue Office by December 10th)

☐Check (payable to Oseh Shalom). ☐ VISA ☐ M/C Acct.#_____

Exp Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please mail or fax to: Oseh Shalom Retreat, 7515 Olive Branch Way, Laurel MD 20707, 301-498-3785 (fax) or email to shariobler@gmail.com. Please Note: In order to meet our financial obligations to Cacapon, no refunds beyond $25.00 per person can be issued after December 12th unless the vacancy can be filled

Oneg Sponsors

November 5

Elaine & Jim Firestone in honor of their anniversary and Deborah & Jason's birthdays

Maurice & Margaret Assaraf in honor of their anniversary.

Schimel family in honor of Beth's birthday

Rosenberg family in honor of Bonnie's birthday

Suzie & Robert Friedman in honor of of their anniversary & Suzie's father, Stanley Miller's birthday

Adam & Shelley Reese in honor of their first anniversary

Melody & Gary Magnus in honor of their anniversary

November 12

Brodsky family in honor of Bea's birthday

Maryrita Wieners & Dan Glaser in honor of their anniversary

Sue & Mel Lippman in honor of of Rabbi Doug & Elaine Lippmann's anniversary

November 19

Salant famiy in honor of Maida's birthday

Hilary & Morgan Becker in honor of of Michael's birthday

Solomon family in honor of Art's birthday

Steve Kover & the Land family in honor of of Debby & Allan Kover's anniversary

Doris Kirschbaum in honor of of her daughter Ellen and son-in-law Jim

November 26

Helen & Leon Litow in honor of their anniversary

Stone family in honor of Yuri's birthday

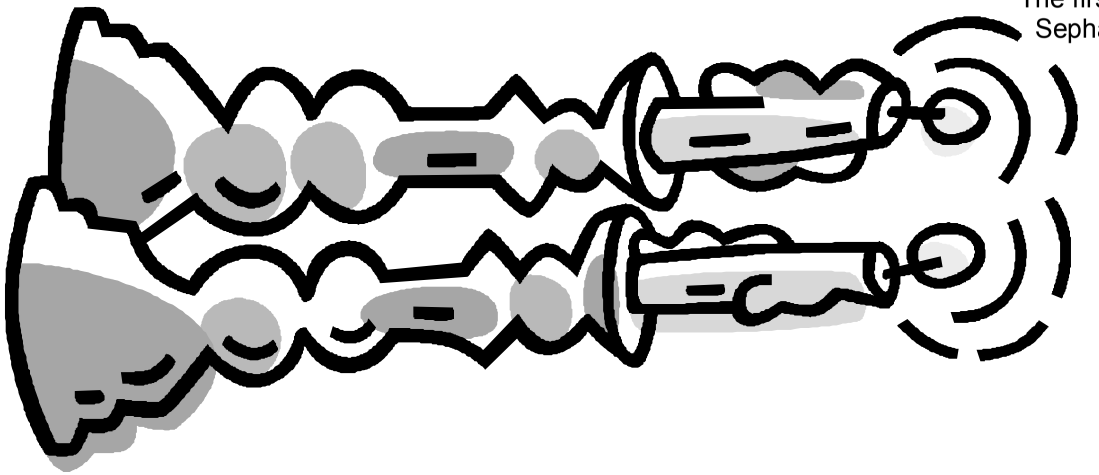
Margie & Robert Ginsburg in honor of their anniversary

Nancy & Steve Parker in honor of their anniversary

Candle Lighting Times

Dates	Light Candles	Havdalah	Parsha	Haftarah
November 5-6 Shabbat Machar Chodesh	5:45 PM	7:14 PM	Toldot Genesis 25:19-26:22	I Samuel 20:18-42
November 7-8 Rosh Chodesh Kislev				
November 12-13	4:38 PM	6:07 PM	Vayetzei Genesis 28:10-30:13	Hosea 12:13-14:10; Hosea 11:7-12:12*
November 19-20	4:33 PM	6:02 PM	Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-33:20	Obadiah 1:1-21
November 26-27	4:29 PM	5:59 PM	Vayeshev Genesis 37:1-36	Amos 2:6-3:8

*The first Haftarah is read by Ashkenazim, the second by Sephardim.



Are you a Jewish person interested in:

- **Building a stronger Jewish community?**
- **Strengthening Jewish pride?**
- **Providing a forum where all Jews are welcome regardless of race, affiliation, or background?**

If so, don't miss:

Building Jewish Unity

Sunday, November 21, 2010 from 8:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The Jewish Museum of Maryland
15 Lloyd Street: Baltimore, MD 21202

This powerful workshop offers insight into the many conflicts that take place among Jews and helps Jews from all backgrounds build greater unity with each other. The experiential workshop will be led by senior trainers from NCBI* International Jewish Constituency who helped develop the workshop several years ago and who are coming to Baltimore just for this event. This workshop focuses on:

- Celebrating our similarities and differences as Jews
- Working through stereotypes and misinformation different groups of Jews have learned about each other
- Providing skills for working together even in the face of strong disagreements
- Being better able to build stronger alliances with other groups, such as African-Americans, Muslims, and Christians

*NCBI (The National Coalition Building Institute) is a non-profit leadership training organization working since 1984 to eliminate prejudice and intergroup conflict in communities throughout the world. NCBI does not have a political agenda. Visit www.ncbi.org for more information

Cost is $75 before Nov.10 & and $85 after. Fee includes kosher vegetarian lunch and snacks.
Space is limited so register early.
Register and pay online at www.ncbiphilly.org and select "scheduled events"
Or mail a check payable to "NCBI" to NCBI, 425 Gaskill St.; Philadelphia, PA 19147; include your name, address, phone, number & special dietary or other accommodation needs.

For information, contact Roberta Sacks rbascks@verizon.net or 410-730-1894.

The workshop is sequential; please plan to come on time and stay for the full day.
Check-in begins at 8:30. The program starts promptly at 9:00.
A parking lot is available directly across Lloyd Street from the Museum.
A limited number of scholarships are available for people who cannot afford the full fee.

This program is co-sponsored by:

Jewish Constituency of National Coalition NCBI Building Institute

The Jewish Museum of Maryland

COMMITTEE CORNER

Updated on October 17, 2010

Aesthetics Committee
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Congregational Board – Linda Solomon
Meeting: *Third Sunday each month, 7PM, at Oseh Shalom*
Next Meeting*:*
Next Event:

Caring & Support – Eileen Hollander
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Development and Fundraising – Steve Kaplan
Meeting: *First Sunday of each month, 10 AM, Oseh Shalom*
Next Meeting:

Education VP –Paula Finedore, Dan Gabel
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Executive Board – Linda Solomon
Meeting: *Second Wednesday each month, 7PM, at Oseh Shalom*
Next Meeting*:*

FAB (Fifty and Better) – Lorraine Schoenfeld
Next Event: Hannukah pot luck supper

Financial Vice President – Adam Reese
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Fun Committee – Melody Magnus and Debbie Lavine
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Green Committee – Linda Bergofsky
Meeting: *Once per quarter*
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

IT/Tech – Art Solomon
Next Meeting: *as needed*

Membership VP– Jackie Land, Kelly Benton-Klein
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Long Term Planning –
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Kids Club (grades 4 – 7)
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Site Management (aka Building and Grounds) – Gary Magnus
Next Meeting: *n/a*
Next Event:

Kitchen – Val Kaplan
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Life Long Learning – Sue Burger and Hillary Finkel
Meeting: *1st Thursday each month, 7:30PM, Library*
Next Event:
Intro to Judaism course on 8 Sunday mornings, taught by Rabbi Heifetz
Nov 4, 18 – Dream Interpretations from a Jewish perspective, taught by Rabbi Heifetz and Brad Sachs
Melton Scholars starting Tues, Oct 12 about Denominations , 10 weeks
Shabbat Iyyun – Jewish Journeys starting Oct 8

Marketing and Publicity – Joseph Solomon
Next Meeting:

Music Committee – Dan Bravmann
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Policy and Procedures – Barbara Scissors and John Finedore
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Preschool Committee – Kelly Benton-Klein
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Religious VP – John Riehl and Helen Lann
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Retreat Committee – Eric Metzman
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Rosh Chodesh – Sheila Urman and Julia Tossell
Next Meeting: *1st Sunday of the Month (normally) at a member's home*
Next Meeting: November 7 at 7 PM at Sheila Urman's home.
Next Event:
Contact via sheilaurman@comcast.net

Sisterhood – Carolyn Makovi and Rose Fishman
Meeting: *1st Tuesday of Month, normally at 7:45 PM at Oseh, open to all women*
Next Meeting: November 2.
Next Event: *Nov 21 – Hannukah craft fair*

Social Action – Suzie Friedman and Kara Weinstein
Meeting: *always the last Sunday of the month*
Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Youth Group Liaison – Shari Argue
Next Event:

JRF News

News from Chesapeake Region of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

The Jewish Reconstructionist Federation Biennial Convention: November 11-14, 2010

It is not too late to attend the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation Biennial convention **November 11th-14th, 2010** in Newport Beach California. **Register as soon as possible and join many others from this region and around the world!** Space is limited! The theme is California Dreaming, Visioning our Jewish Future, Register and be a part of this great convention. Enjoy networking with other Reconstructionists from around the world while enjoying the beauty of Newport Beach, California.

Programs include Jane Eisner, editor of the Forward newspaper as the keynote speaker. On Thursday, there will be what promises to be a thought-provoking conversation with Jeremy Ben Ami, the President of J Street, and Steve Gutow, the Director of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. Erwin Chemerinsky, the founding dean of the University of California, Irvine School of Law, will be the featured speaker on Friday night. Rounding out the exciting program will be a Saturday night concert with Julie Silver.

There are also more than 30 workshops to choose from, several musical events, and services filled with Ruach and spirituality.

Registration is available on line and there is a complete website with all the convention information: http://jrf.org/convention. Plan to register for all or part of convention as soon as you can. I look forward to experiencing this great weekend with you.

Heshvan is Jewish Social Action Month

The Hebrew month of Heshvan has been designated as International Jewish Social Action Month. There are many activities planned for this month to support our community and the world. Check out the JRF website at: http://jrf.org/to/jrf-tikkun-olam-2010-11 and http://jrf.org/jewish_social_action_month for a full schedule of events. Some events are pasted in at the end of this newsletter.

Chesapeake Region Annual Celebration

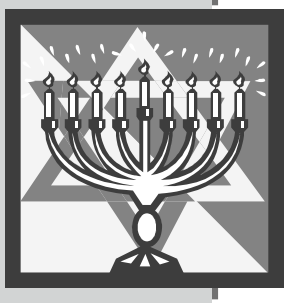
Hold the date! The Annual Celebration this year will be on **Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at Oseh Shalom. Please note the change of date and mark your calendars with the new date!** We are looking forward to a very special event of honor and celebration.

Local Progams

Singer/Songwriter Ellen Bukstel in concert at Mishkan Torah - Sunday, October 24 at 7:00 pm

From hilariously funny to moving compositions of love, remembrance, and social awareness, her songs always hit home. Ellen's career spans her first solo piano debut with the Miami Symphonic Orchestra at the age of 10 to performing before a cheering audience of 2200 for a Democratic fundraiser. Her powerful songs, many with Jewish themes, have brought audiences to laughter and tears...sometimes both simultaneously. Check out her website at www.ellenbukstel.com; The show begins at 7:00pm and doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are $12 in advance/$15 at the door. Call 301-474-4223 or 301-595-0658 for reservations. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770.

If you would like to connect with other Reconstructionists or visit a service or program at one of our other congregations or Havurot, take time to check out the calendar of our constituency by visiting their websites or their Facebook pages. It is a great experience to spend time at another congregation in our region. Each congregation has its own culture and way of doing things. I hope you will take time and check out different congregations in the future.



Contributions

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Linda Bergofsky & Don Street

In memory of Sade Kay, beloved grandmother of Linda Bergofsky

Gary Gaines

In memory of my beloved grandfather, Julius Levin

Nancy & Melvyn Goldstein

In memory of my beloved mother, Millie Markison

Lisa Karpf

In memory of my beloved mother, Helen Gordon

Joyce Fishman Klein

In memory of Robert Fishman

Building Fund

Gail & Ron Schimel

In memory of Jane Schimel, beloved mother of Ron Schimel

In memory of Ruth Springer, beloved stepmother of Gail Schimel

Kol Haneshama: Yamin Nora'im / High Holy Days Fund

Jay & Cindy Feinberg

Music & Arts Fund

The Margolis Family – Barbara, John, Sara, Elliot, and Erin

In memory of Sylvia Braverman

Yartzeit Fund

April & Jeffrey Koeppel

In memory of Sylvia Freiman, beloved mother of April Koeppel

Community Services Fund (Social Action)

General Donations

Anonymous

Mel Beach

The Becker Family – Michael, Hilary, & Morgan

In honor of Evie Jones's & Taylor Selber's Banot Mitzvah

Lois & Craig Hollander

Oseh Shalom Israeli Dance Group

Martha Pomerantz

In memory of my beloved father, David Stoler

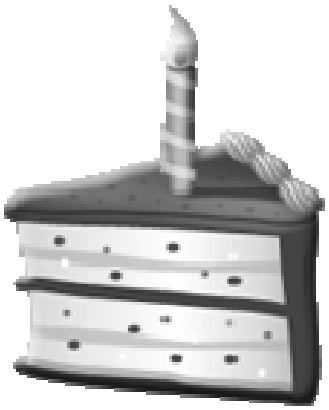
If you have good news to share, such as a birth in the family, an engagement, a wedding, a job promotion, awards received, grandchild born, new job…

Please e-mail all good news to Carolyn Makovi for publication in The Shalom.

MMakovi@verizon.net

November Birthdays:

1	Richard Aug
1	Robert Nelson
2	Amy Berger
2	Henry Horn
2	Matthew Kramer
3	Margrit Assaraf
3	Matthew Bernhardt
3	Daniel Gabel
3	Hannah Wyman
4	Judy Grusso
5	Shayna Kleinberg
5	Jacob Koplow
5	Debbie Lavine
7	Heather Kleinberg
7	Andrew Schoenfeld
8	Bea Brodsky
8	Tiffany Kavalsky
8	Beth Schimel
9	Bonnie Rosenberg
9	Hannah Weinstein
10	Jonah Richardson
11	Ethan Burger
11	Jeremy Burger
11	Audrey Heller
11	Mackenzie Mager
11	Caren Mitchell
12	Sarah Coale
12	Terry Klein
12	Renee Kreithen
12	Zachary Lupo
12	Susan Romm
13	Michelle Lenet
13	Erick Richey
14	Rebecca Fields
14	Stanley Miller
14	Michael Paulson
15	Judy Chernoff
15	Jill Gabel
15	Joshua Swanner
16	Geri Geil
16	Martin Loeb
16	Benjamin Ludwig
16	Sharonlee Vogel
17	Jennifer Queen
18	Michael Becker
18	Deborah Firestone
18	Deborah Steel
19	Michael Cornell
19	Myla Goldberg
19	Joshua Lomke
19	Eli Miller
19	Robert Weiss
19	Hal Zaslow
20	Lia Nees
21	Matthew Lupo
21	Maida Salant
21	Stephen Siegel
22	Marlene Blair
23	Alia Fink
23	Dan Krieger
24	Ron Katz
24	Arthur Solomon
27	Colette Cheng
27	Saryn Goldberg
27	Beverly Ludwig
28	Steven Klein
28	David Paulson
28	Jennifer Stern
29	Yuri Stone
30	Bonnie Cornell
30	Gary Greenwald
30	Genevieve Schrier
30	Julia Slavinsky
30	Chad Stern
30	Alison Swanner



Wish big!

Yahrzeits

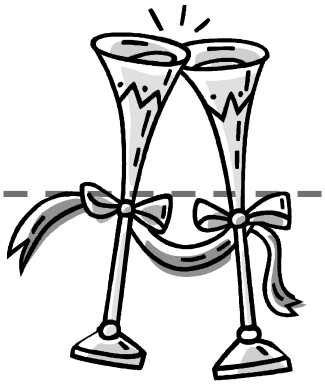
11/2/2010	Lillian Clamage, mother of Larry Clamage
11/2/2010	*Pauline Kaufman, mother of Lorraine Levan
11/2/2010	William Makino, father of Todd Makino
11/3/2010	Ruth Dreifuss, mother of Peter Dreifuss
11/3/2010	Elsie Wangelin, mother of Herb Goodwin
11/3/2010	*Samuel Robert Magin, father of Ed Magin
11/3/2010	Rudy Remson, father of David Remson
11/3/2010	David Cohen, father of Sue Stein
11/4/2010	Kurt Glaser, father of Dan Glaser
11/5/2010	Leepo Zalkind, grandfather of Susan Levine
11/6/2010	Isabelle Bravmann, grandmother of Daniel Bravmann
11/6/2010	Benjamin Mazin, grandfather of Lisa Chertok
11/6/2010	*Phillip Gordon, father of Sandra Gordon-Salant
11/6/2010	Eric Neisser, father of Yvette Moreno
11/6/2010	Wendy Roberts, ex-wife of Harry Schwirck and mother of Eli Schwirck
11/8/2010	Raymond Mayer Applebaum, stepfather of Helen Litow
11/8/2010	Ronald Singer, father of Adriene Mendelsohn and Marlene Newman
11/9/2010	Mary Newman, grandmother of Len Newman
11/10/2010	Ben Hersh, father of Sidney Hersh
11/10/2010	Rose Bennett, mother of Penny Kritt
11/10/2010	Mae Levan, aunt of Bob Levan
11/11/2010	Ethel Toback, mother of Rose Fishman
11/11/2010	Herman Sacks, father of Roberta Sacks
11/12/2010	Alice Lynn Schlossberg, sister of Norman Dresner
11/12/2010	*Bessie Pomerantz, mother-in-law of Martha Pomerantz
11/13/2010	Besse Zaritsky, aunt of Julie Burns
11/13/2010	Harry Kramer, father of Gerson Kramer
11/13/2010	William H. Palmer, husband of Phyllis Palmer
11/14/2010	*Herbert Herman Bonnie, father of Karen Bonnie Eaton
11/14/2010	Morris Kusnetz, father of Stanley Kusnetz
11/14/2010	Laura Lee Scissors, mother of Rich Scissors
11/14/2010	Marian Tarash, grandmother of Roy Tarash
11/14/2010	Benjamin R. Weiss, father of Robert Weiss
11/15/2010	Henry Fleishman, father of Robert Fleishman
11/16/2010	Cecil Reese, father of Adam Reese
11/16/2010	Sidney Schwartz, father of Robin Thomas
11/17/2010	Florence Schwartz, mother of Robin Thomas
11/17/2010	Roslyn Stewart, mother of James Firestone

* Light will be lit on Sanctuary Memorial Board.

11/18/2010	Michael Goodman, father of Paula Finedore
11/18/2010	Mildred Koplow, mother of David Koplow
11/18/2010	*Etta Stern, mother of Melvin Stern
11/18/2010	Edward Wasserman, father of David Wasserman
11/19/2010	Judy Katsoyannos, mother of Jeanine Horner
11/20/2010	June Ettus, sister of Bernice Goodwin
11/20/2010	Melvin Louis Kreithen, brother of Renee Kreithen
11/21/2010	Jerome Schneyer, father of Margaret Beaudry
11/21/2010	May Leiner, mother of Barbara Bormel
11/22/2010	Rose Hoffman, mother of Martin Hoffman
11/23/2010	Simon Kaufman, father of Bob Kaufman
11/23/2010	Antoinette Wieners, mother of Maryrita Wieners
11/25/2010	Siegfried Einstein, father of Ted Einstein
11/25/2010	Hilda Goodman, mother of Paula Finedore
11/25/2010	Suzanne Feinstein, sister of Beth Souba
11/26/2010	*Anna Eisenblatt Pomerantz, greataunt of Mark Pomerantz
11/26/2010	Ahvram Weinstock, father of Eli Stav
11/26/2010	Edmund Steel, father of Deborah Steel
11/26/2010	Sheldon Green, brother of Joanne Wolinsky
11/26/2010	Ida Moll, aunt of Rich Parson
11/27/2010	Virginia Russakoff, mother of Renee Firtag
11/27/2010	James D. Blackwell, Jr., father of Elmina Hilsenrath
11/27/2010	David Rothwacks, father of Jack Raitt
11/27/2010	Dorothy Josephson, grandmother of Ann Wittik-Bravmann
11/28/2010	Evelyn Castleman Volkman, mother of Ellen Bacharach
11/28/2010	Albert Bormel, father of Larry Bormel
11/28/2010	Beatrice Matza, mother of Phyllis Palmer
11/29/2010	Howard Bluestein, father of Barbara Rome
11/29/2010	Ruth Rosenzweig, mother of Rochelle Sypes
11/29/2010	Ralph Wolinsky, father of Lyle Wolinsky
11/30/2010	Nettie Koeppel, mother of Jeffrey Koeppel
11/30/2010	Neal Shugar, brother of Michael Shugar

November Anniversaries

2	Andrew & Beth Friedman
4	Joanne & Joanne Zaslow
5	Hal & Beverly Ludwig
5	Melody & Gary Magnus
7	Robert & Wilma Bass
7	Jess & Rick Bird
7	Robert & Suzie Friedman
7	Adam & Shelley Reese
10	Jean & Ari Silver-Isenstadt
10	Bryna & Howard Weiss
12	Dan Glaser & Maryrita Wieners
12	Kenneth & Marla Singer
13	Michael & Bonnie Cornell
17	Ron Dziengiel & Elaine Povich
18	Robert & Mary Nelson
20	Allan & Debby Kover
20	Margie & Scott Sandberg
25	Robert & Mary Maggin
25	Nancey & Steven Parker
26	Robert & Margie Ginsberg
26	Leon & Helen Litow
26	Todd & Frances Makino
27	Steve & Adriene Mendelsohn
28	Joan & Robert Nachman



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A Chanukah Concert for the Community
Celebrating Jewish Howard County with
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DECEMBER 4, 2010

7:30 PM CONCERT *For All Ages*
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Dessert Reception
Dietary laws observed

Information & RSVP
Contact the Jewish Federation
valerie@JewishHowardCounty.org
410-730-4976

Designed by David Kaminsky

The websites for Reconstructionist congregations in the Chesapeake Region are:

Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation	http://www.adatshalom.net
Beit Tikvah	http://www.beittikvah.org
Columbia Jewish Congregation	http://www.columbiajewish.org
Kol Ami: No. Va. Reconstructionist Community	http://kolaminvrc.org
Kol Halev	http://www.kolhalevmd.org
Mishkan Torah	http://www.mishkantorah.org
Oseh Shalom	http://www.oseh-shalom.org

Tikkun Olam Information from JRF Central

INTERNATIONAL JEWISH SOCIAL ACTION MONTH

Five years ago the Knesset in Israel, and Jewish organizations and communities around the world, designated Heshvan, a month without any major Jewish holidays, as International Jewish Social Action month. JRF has been a proud sponsor and participant since the beginning. We encourage all of you again this year to look at highlighting and connecting your tikkun olam work to this international effort. Consider adding your resources to the bank of programs and ideas you can find at http://jrf.org/jewish_social_action_month.

Fighting Poverty With Faith

For the third year in a row, JRF and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs are joining with Catholic Charities USA, and now the National Council of Churches, to spearhead the 2010 Fighting Poverty with Faith mobilization (see http://jrf.org/fight-poverty-with-faith for more information).

Why American Jews Must Vote

A crucial election day is only weeks away. At stake are vital political, economic and moral issues of concern to all Americans, in addition to issues of special concern to American Jews. Click on http://jrf.org/get-out-the-vote-2010 for more information.

If you would like to be a sponsor or supporter of any of these events, please let me know. If you have suggestions for activities you would like to see in our region, please let me know. If you would like to help plan or coordinate any of the events above, please let me know that as well.

Kol tuv!
Jackie

Jackie Land,
Chesapeake JRF Regional Director
301-490-0422 Please note my new telephone number!
jland@jrf.org

Contributions (continued)

Path of Peace

Adam & Shelley Reese

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Oseh Shalom Events Calendar

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 PM - Elizabeth House (off-site)	2 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:30 PM - Sisterhood Mtg (Rm. 8) 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	3 4:30 PM - Lower School - Grades 3 - 7 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing (SH) 7:30 PM - Lifelong Learning Committee Meeting (L)	4 8:00 PM - CPRNA 7:30 PM - Dreams & Judaism Class (Rms. 10 & 11) 6:15 PM - Soccer Game - Corec (Offsite)	5 6:00 PM - Congregational Shabbat Dinner (SH,K) 7:30 PM - Family Shabbat Service	6 10:00 AM - Shabbat Service Parashat Toldot; Tot Shabbat (Rm. 9-Quiet Rm)
7 9:30 AM - Lower School - Grades K-7 - Open House; Cafe Oseh (SH,K); Pre-K Open House 10:00 AM - Development & Fundraising Committee (L) 12:00 AM - Rosh Chodesh Meeting (off-site) 10:00 AM - Introduction to Judaism (S)	8	9 6:45 PM - Upper School - Open House 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	10 4:30 PM - Lower School - Grades 3 - 7 - Open House 7:00 PM - Executive Committee Meeting (Rms. 6 & 7) 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing (SH)	11 12:00 AM - JRF Convention (off-site) 12:00 AM - JRF Convention (off-site) 8:00 PM - CPRNA 6:15 PM - Soccer Game - Corec (Offsite)	12 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service with Shabbat Iyyun Program 12:00 AM - JRF Convention (off-site)	13 8:30 AM - RS 3rd & 4th Grade Shabbaton 10:00 AM - Shabbat Service Parashat Vayetzei 10:45 AM - Riderwood Shabbat Services (off-site) 7:30 PM - Joe Jencks/Lou Collins Family Concert (S) 12:00 AM - JRF Convention (off-site)
14 9:30 AM - Lower School - Grades K-7; Cafe Oseh (SH,K) 12:00 AM - JRF Convention (off-site)	15	16 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	17 4:30 PM - Lower School - Grades 3 - 7 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing (SH)	18 7:30 PM - Dreams & Judaism Class (Rms. 10 & 11)	19 6:00 PM - RS Shabbat Dinner 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service	20 10:00 AM - Shabbat Service 12:00 PM - Shabbat Lunch & Learn (SH, K) 12:00 AM - Parashat Vayishlach
21 9:30 AM - Lower School - Grades K-7; Cafe Oseh/ASL Study Group (SH,K); Pre-K; Sisterhood Hannukah Craft Fair (SH); Consecration Picture Taking (S) 11:30 AM - RS Faculty Meeting (Rms. 6 & 7) 7:00 PM - OS Board Meeting (S)	22	23 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	24 4:30 PM - Lower School - Grades 3 - 7 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing (SH)	25 12:00 AM - Thanksgiving - Office Closed	26 12:00 AM - Thanksgiving - Office Closed 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service	27 10:00 AM - Shabbat Service 10:45 AM - Riderwood Shabbat Services (off-site) 12:00 AM - Parashat Vayeshev
28 12:00 AM - NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK 10:00 AM - Introduction to Judaism (L)	29	30 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School				

Oseh Shalom Events Calendar

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4:30 PM - Lower School - Grades 3 - 7 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing (SH) 7:30 PM - Lifelong Learning Committee Meeting (L)	2 12:00 AM - Hanukkah - First Night	3 6:00 PM - Congregational Shabbat Dinner (SH,K) 7:30 PM - Family Shabbat Service 12:00 AM - Hanukkah	4 10:00 AM - Shabbat Service & Consecration 10:00 AM - Tot Shabbat (Rm. 9 - Quiet Room) 12:00 AM - Hannukah
5 9:30 AM - Lower School - Grades K-7; Pre-K; 2nd Grade Chanukah Program (S); Cafe Oseh/ASL Study Group (SH,K) 10:00 AM - HHD Committee Wrap-Up Meeting (L); Development & Fundraising Committee (SH); Introduction to Judaism 11:30 AM - Hannukah Party (SH,K) 12:00 AM - Rosh Chodesh Meeting (off-site); Hannukah	6 12:00 AM - Hannukah 6:00 PM - Elizabeth House (off-site)	7 6:45 PM - Upper School - Make a Difference Night 7:30 PM - Sisterhood Mtg (Rm. 8) 12:00 AM - Hannukah 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	8 4:30 PM - Lower School - Grades 3 - 7 7:30 PM - Executive Committee Meeting (Rms. 6 & 7) 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing (SH) 12:00 AM - Hannukah	9 12:00 AM - Hannukah - Last Night	10 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service with Shabbat Iyyun Program	11 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services
12 10:00 AM - Introduction to Judaism (S); Green Committee Meeting (L) 9:30 AM - Lower School - Grades K-7; Cafe Oseh/ASL Study Group (SH,K); Upper School Shabbaton (off-site) 10:30 AM - Books & Bagels - My Name is Asher Lev (SH,K)	13	14 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	15 4:30 PM - Lower School - Grades 3 - 7 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing (SH)	16 7:30 PM - B'nei Mitzvah Orientation (S)	17 6:00 PM - RS Shabbat Dinner 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service 12:00 AM - Fast of Tevet	18 10:00 AM - Shabbat Service
19 10:00 AM - Introduction to Judaism (L) 9:30 AM - Lower School - Grades K-7; Pre-K; Cafe Oseh/ASL Study Group (SH,K) 7:00 PM - OS Board Meeting (Rms. 10 & 11) 5:00 PM - Pot Luck Dinner	20	21 6:45 PM - Upper School	22 4:30 PM - Lower School - Grades 3 - 7 4:30 PM - Lower School - Grades 3 - 7 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing (SH)	23	24 8:00 PM - College Homecoming Shabbat 12:00 AM - Office Closed - Winter Break	25 10:00 AM - Shabbat Service 10:45 AM - Riderwood Shabbat Services (off-site) 12:00 AM - Christmas - Winter Break
26 12:00 AM - NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK	27	28 12:00 AM - NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK	29 12:00 AM - NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing (SH)	30	31 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service 12:00 AM - New Year's Eve - OFFICE CLOSED	

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