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Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this letter, you will probably have changed your calendar for the new year of 2011. I hope that the secular new year has begun well for you.

Did you know that our ancient text, the Mishna, mentions four different new year's dates in the Jewish calendar? These four new year's celebrations include Tu Bishvat, the New Year of the trees. This year Tu Bishvat will occur on Wednesday evening, January 19th, and Thursday, January 20th.

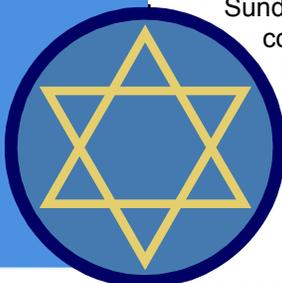
Why would a holiday which focuses on trees occur in the dead of winter, at the time of the least visible flourishing and growth in nature? Even in the relatively mild climate of the land of Israel, at this time of year many trees reach their most dormant stage.

The sages of the Talmud discussed why this date was chosen. By this time in the calendar, the annual rainfall has usually already fallen in the land of Israel, thus yielding a healthy, water-logged soil in which to plant new trees. The spring flourishing and new growth can only occur once we reach this most seemingly dormant time of the year. Thus, Tu Bishvat is a celebration of the potential in nature, even though the trees may be dormant and not yet sprouting their new shoots. The holiday invites us to reflect not only on the potential of nature to renew itself, but also on our own unrealized potential. What sorts of hidden gifts can we nourish and harness in our lives?

Rosh Chodesh

Looking for some stimulating conversation on a cold winter night?

Please join the Rosh Chodesh group on the first Sunday evening of each month and enjoy the company of our "family of women". At the December meeting we discussed how we view G-d and compared our ideas to those of a national survey. The January meeting promises to be just as interesting. Want more information? Contact Sheila Urman at sheilaurman@comcast.net Hope to see you soon!



Rabbi's Message (continued)

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Speaking of Tu Bishvat, trees and the environment:

You likely read about the recent devastating fires in the north of Israel, around Mt. Carmel. The fire claimed dozens of lives and destroyed hundreds of houses and countless trees. The burning of forests is especially noteworthy and sad in Israel, a society that greatly prizes tree growth. Israel was the only country in the world that emerged from the 20th century with more trees than when the century began. Needless to say this fire represents quite a loss. Please consider giving to New Israel Fund (www.nif.org), which has established a Fire Response Fund to help all the citizens of the area to rebuild. NIF has earned a strong reputation for working to empower all ethnicities of people in Israel for social and economic justice. Numerous other organizations are also helping to restore the region; see www.jrf.org for a complete list.

Our Sisterhood will hold a Tu Bishvat seder, a festive meal to celebrate the holiday, on Saturday, January 22nd around noon, after services. Please contact Pauline Pivowar (ppivowar@verizon.net) for more information.

Did you realize that Oseh Shalom may begin to serve as a drop-off point for a CSA (community supported agriculture) farm? This opportunity would help us to consume healthier produce from sustainable sources. It would heighten our awareness of the connection between the food we eat, the farmers who raise it, and the health of our planet, a message that's central to the Tu Bishvat holiday. On December 19th our Green Committee held an event to explore two different models of CSA involvement. For more information, please contact Green Coordinator Linda Bergofsky (bergo72@hotmail.com).

Best wishes for a good Tu Bishvat. Just as the holiday illuminates the potential for future growth in nature during this dormant season, so too may these winter weeks help us to sense our own potential that may yet remain hidden. I hope to see you soon at Oseh Shalom.

Shalom,

Rabbi Doug Heifetz



President's Report

Shalom,

Do you ever reflect on how you chose to join Oseh Shalom? When Art and I moved to this area, we visited several synagogues. When we visited Oseh Shalom, we found a community that was warm and inviting and that held services filled with ruach. Aaron was just a baby at that time. We did not know what Reconstructionism meant, but coming to Oseh Shalom felt like coming home. Over the years, we learned about Reconstructionism. We deepened friendships by getting involved. Joseph was born and both boys attended Religious School. We enjoyed the social activities, learning activities, and services. We have been proud to be involved in a community that cares about each other through the Chevra Kadisha and Caring and Support and that cares about Tikkun Olam – supporting the Jewish community, the local community, world communities in need and much more.

All of these activities, plus maintenance of our building, fund raising, and support to our school, could not have been possible without members volunteering their time and talents in big and small ways. As your President, I am humbled by the giving that so many volunteers provide to Oseh Shalom.

Soon, the nominating committee will be formed and they will reach out to you to fill positions on the Congregational Board. Please think about how you can contribute to Oseh Shalom and be ready to answer their calls.

Oseh Shalom is part of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation. We are invited to honor our members at the JRF Annual Celebration. This year that celebration will be on April 3, 2011 at Oseh Shalom. It is always a difficult choice because so many of our members are worthy of honor. I am pleased to let you know that this year we are honoring Carolyn Makovi and Larry Taub. Carolyn leads the Sisterhood, edits our articles in the Shalom, organizes our blood drives, and helps in many activities. Larry has been instrumental in guiding us through the annexation into Laurel, worked on the contract with our Day Care, formed and led the Contracts Committee for several years, and supports many other activities. Mark your calendars for this entertaining afternoon and come out to celebrate.

Oseh Shalom is part of the Jewish Federation of Howard County. This year, the Federation is hosting a Gala on June 9, 2011 and asked that all of the synagogues honor a young couple that is involved in the community. We are honoring Kelly and Ron Benton-Klein. Kelly and Ron are involved in many different ways. Currently, Kelly is Membership co-chair, and Ron is involved in the Men's Club. Ron is establishing an Oseh Shalom tennis team, also. Kelly has worked on the re-establishment of a preschool at Oseh Shalom. Both Kelly and Ron come out to work on many other activities as well. Make a note to attend the June 9 Gala to show your appreciation for Kelly and Ron.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Saturday, January 8, 2011 – Havdalah program

January 15-17, 2011 – Oseh Shalom Retreat; be sure to register as soon as possible

Saturday, January 22, 2011 – Tu b'Shvat seder immediately after services (around noon)

January 23 – 30, 2011 – Women's Winterhaven

L'hitraot,

Linda

Linda Solomon,
President

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lksolomon@comcast.net

TUB'SHEVAT SEDER AND LUNCHEON

Come join us for a Congregational Seder and Lunch to celebrate the New Year for Trees.

Where: OSEH SHALOM

When: SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2011

Time: 12 PM (After Services)

Cost: NONE

Please RSVP by January 15, 2011, to Rose Fishman, Rosey3846@wmconnect, or Pauline Pivowar 301-604-8954.



From the office of Barry Nove

I hope you had a Happy New Year's. Now that the holidays are behind us and I have been the facility and officer manager for a couple of months, I would like to again ask for volunteers to help in the office. We have ongoing projects, including double checking that the Oseh Shalom calendar is up-to-date, answering phones, helping with mailings, etc.

Transitioning from two administrators to one with all the demands of a busy congregation is really possible only with help of volunteers. Also, if you are planning an event, program, or meeting at Oseh Shalom, please keep me in the loop regarding your needs. Please do not assume the kitchen is available, that rooms are available or will be prepared without having submitted a set-up form in a timely manner and reviewing it with me prior to your meeting or program. If you have made changes, please do not assume they are known by the office.

My goal is for Oseh Shalom to be responsive to the needs of all the programs we host, and I also am instituting an evaluation form for organizers in particular, which will also be available to participants, to help us learn where we can improve service and where we excel.

Another aspect of facility is rentals. In this economy, every outside group that utilizes our facility helps us meet our financial

obligations. Often the simplest PR is networking, so if you hear of friends interested in holding an event or program and looking for a great location, please consider mentioning Oseh Shalom. Have them call me and we can discuss rental costs, availability, and policies. For example, I received a call about a possible rental for a bridal shower. Due to the group's desire to bring non-kosher meat into the building, that particular program wasn't a match. However, the bride and groom are vegan and the group is very interested in renting our facility for the wedding reception in the spring. Oseh Shalom's location and wonderful amenities make in an ideal location. You may not be aware of this, but we rent for Home Owner Association meetings practically every month.

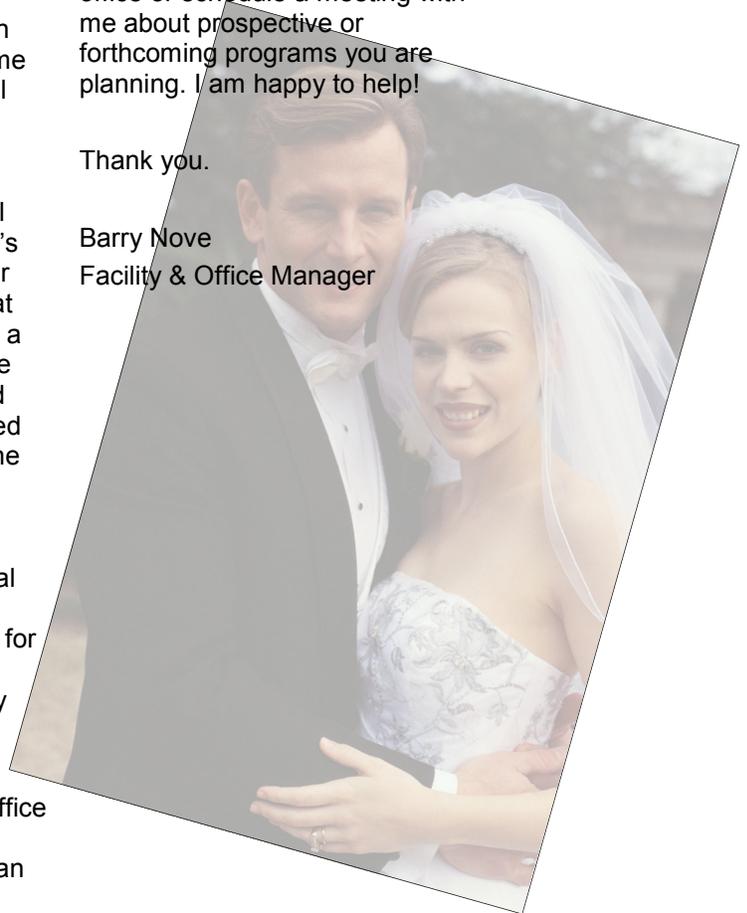
So, volunteering for the office can go much farther than answering phones, you can

help us promote the congregation too!

Finally, feel free to stop by the office or schedule a meeting with me about prospective or forthcoming programs you are planning. I am happy to help!

Thank you.

Barry Nove
Facility & Office Manager



Baruch Dayan Ha'emet

The congregation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Rob Nachman and the entire Nachman family on the recent death of Anne Chase (z/l), grandmother of Rob Nachman.

its deepest sympathy and condolences to Robin Edelberg and the entire Edelberg family on the recent passing -- at the age of 99-and-a-half years -- of Jules Brand (z/l), stepfather of Robin Edelberg.

The congregation sends

Religious VPs Column

Why We Pray and Why We Don't

As Religious Vice Presidents, we often talk with each other, our Rabbi and with the Religious Committee about ways to encourage more congregants to attend services. But, in focusing in on ways to make services more creative, or more appealing, we forget to ask this fundamental question: why bother attending services at all? Is there really any value in attending services regularly for people who are not inclined to do so? There are certainly many other ways to be involved in the Oseh Shalom community which don't involve schlepping out after a long day at work or getting up early on Shabbat morning. We are all familiar with the many reasons we have for not going to services: I'm too tired and don't have time; I don't understand Hebrew so services don't mean much; I don't really believe in G-d anyway; I can pray at home or anywhere; there are lots of other ways I'd rather spend my free time. Perhaps you can add to this list.

But how often do we really think about the reasons why we should go to services? More importantly, do we ever really think about why going to services is an important and worthwhile thing to do, why going to services can enrich our inner and outer lives?

Although there are studies to try and understand what motivates behavior, we still don't really know why we so often do not do the things we know to be good for us or continue to engage in behaviors we know to be harmful. For many, the benefits



of attending services and praying, like exercising regularly or eating a healthful diet, are difficult to intellectualize and describe, but come from the experience of actually doing them. Nevertheless, we thought it might be helpful to take a stab at articulating a few reasons why attending services is important, rather than just going on the assumption that it is a good thing. So here are some possible reasons to attend services:

- Taking and intentionally making time to express thanks makes us more aware and appreciative of the blessings in our lives.
- Services provide an opportunity to unwind and focus on things we don't take time to focus on during the day-to-day business of everyday life.
- Sitting among other Jews gives a feeling of connection and belonging -- a connection to others and a feeling of being part of a larger community, not just a lonely individual.
- Saying prayers, even if you don't understand all of the Hebrew, evokes a sense of spirituality, of being linked to a world and a Universe which are beyond us. As paradoxical as it sounds, praying and looking inward can make it easier to look upward and outward.
- Services link us with the richness of our heritage by reminding us we are part of something greater than ourselves, a tradition of over 5,000 years.
- Singing prayers together with

Cantor Charlie and other congregants gives a special, good feeling unlike anything else.

We can learn and gain insight from our Rabbi's derashes and the things other congregants have to share.

Whether you believe in G-d or not, regardless of what that means to you, participating in communal prayer can help us lead better lives and be better people.

Each of us, as Reconstructionists, plays a vital part in shaping the way Judaism evolves. Our services at Oseh Shalom can be a combination of the best in our tradition and what we want them to be to meet the needs of our modern congregation. Please consider coming to services to experience and discover your own reasons for adding communal prayer to your life. And please feel free to give us your ideas and thoughts on what you like or don't like about our services along with your suggestions on how to make them more meaningful for you.

Helen Lann & John Riehl

Join Rabbi Doug Heifetz for the
Oseh Shalom Israel Encounter
– Roots, Rocks & Writings

July 24 to August 3, 2011

*“Lift up your eyes and see... Arise, travel throughout the Land,
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- Enjoy a jeep tour of the Golan Heights, experience Bedouin-style desert hospitality, learn about efforts for Arab-Jewish coexistence, and more



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PURIM GRAB BAG



(hint)

Order a Child Purim Grab Bag Today—only \$5

**Celebrate Purim by enjoying the goodies in the
Grab Bag.**

**Grab Bags will be ready for pick up at the
Synagogue on Sunday, March 13, 2011.**

Winter Haven (WH) Frequently Asked Questions

Winter Haven (WH) FAQ:

Everything you always wanted to know about Winter Haven but didn't think to ask!!

What are the dates for this year's Winter Haven?

Women's Winter Haven: Sun Jan 23 to Sun Jan 30 (up to 15 guests)

Men's Winter Haven: Sun Feb 20 to Sun Feb 27 (can be up to 40 guests)

What are the arrival and departure times for each role or task?

Evening driver: pick up guests at 6:30 pm at a pick up point along Route 1 in Laurel. Drop off at Oseh after pickup, around 6:45 pm.

Dinner prep, serve, clean up: 5 pm at the earliest (will depend on meal) to about 8 pm (when dinner ends). Appetizers should be out by 6:30. Dinner is served at 7.

Evening chaperone: 6:30 pm to 10 pm

Overnight chaperone: 10 pm to 7 am

Shelter set up: Sun Jan 23, 9:30 to 11:30 am

Shelter break down: Sun Jan 30 9:30 to 11:30 am

What are the responsibilities for each role or task?

Evening driver: Pick up guests at 6:30 at a pick up point along route 1 in Laurel. Drop off at Oseh around 6:45.

Dinner prep, serve, clean up:

Meal:

Either you will prepare and cook a meal for guests, or

Earlier prepared meals will be in refrigerator, thawed

Prepare and set out appetizers by 6:30

Make accompanying items

Set up dinner buffet (including dessert items)

Clean up after dinner

Please adhere to Kashrut policies (see below).

Evening chaperone:

Check in guests at front desk (see below)

Set out evening snacks, drinks, paper goods. Monitor & refill.

Ask guests if they would like a bag lunch the next day. Lunches are dairy: leftovers from dinner, tuna fish sandwich, or cheese sandwich. Some guests may choose a variety of snacks and fruit, or breakfast bars. Prepare the bag lunches.

Monitor interior social hall doors. Guests are not permitted into the religious school wing.

Monitor outdoor smoking area, if guests ask to smoke.

Overnight chaperone:

Monitor guests

In morning set up breakfast table

Ensure that guests are up and ready to go by 7 am.

Give each guest an admit slip for that evening

On the last day of the shelter---before leaving with the guests move all the WH items toward the front of the Social Hall for item pick up.

Shelter set up: Organize kitchen donations, arrange WH supplies that arrive from previous location, decorate Social Hall to welcome our guests.

Shelter break down: Pack up WH items to be delivered to next site; take down and store decorations; straighten and organize kitchen.

If I am working the dinner shift (prepare, serve, clean up) will I have to bring dinner or make it from scratch?

Depends. Some of the main dishes have been prepared ahead of time by the children in the upper and lower schools (thank you!). Other meals will be made that evening by the evening chaperones.

Items, such as salad, corn bread or vegetables will need to be prepared.

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Please keep in mind our **kashrut rules!**

We are serving Dairy meals only

ALL items that enter the kitchen must be kosher

Non kosher items (e.g., brownies or other dessert) CAN be brought into the Social Hall, but CANNOT be brought into the kitchen. Nor can any utensils or supplies from the kitchen be used with the nonkosher items.

All kitchen work must be done on the *Dairy side* of the kitchen.

If I am an evening driver, what do I do and where do I go?

The week prior to WH we will learn the pickup point and email that information to you.

Pick up the guests around 6:30 (drop off point will be somewhere along Route 1 in Laurel) and bring them to Oseh.

When do our guests arrive?

By 6:45 pm

Is there a check-in procedure for guests?

Yes. A check in table is set up at the front of the Social Hall. Each guest will have a "guest card" (kept at Oseh) and an admit slip (given to each guest by chaperone in the morning prior to drop off). When guests arrive in the evening they will present the admit slip and sign the guest card.

What time does dinner begin and end?

Dinner is served around 7 pm. No real end time.

What do our guests do until dinnertime?

When guests arrive in the evening, they may like to freshen up and get situated. They may want to socialize with us and each other, and enjoy appetizers until dinner.

What happens after dinner?

After dinner guests may continue to socialize, play games, or begin to get ready for bed.

We will have cards and games available.

Will I be working alone?

No! Each shift will have at least 2 people, preferably more.

What time do we leave in the morning

The overnight shift ends at 7 am.

Overnight chaperones are responsible for driving the guests to the drop off point (somewhere along Route 1 in Laurel, place tbd)

I want to contribute to Winter Haven but I cannot make it to the shelter or go out to buy supplies.

How can I help?

Some Oseh members prefer to make a monetary donation to Winter Haven. If so, please make your check out the Oseh Shalom and complete a donation form that signifies that your donation is intended for Social Action/Winter Haven. You can place the check in the Community Services mail slot (Attn. Eileen), or give to Barry (in the office).

Can I bring my children to the Winter Haven shelter?

We welcome children's participation and encourage families to bring them!

Please keep in mind the following guidelines that we have set for both the women's and the men's shelters:

Children should be polite and respectful to our guests but, at the same time, be reminded that they should not share personal information with our guests such as their phone number or address.

Older children should avoid wearing revealing or provocative clothing.

Please let children know that they should speak with their parent or an adult chaperone if they are concerned about any interaction they have with a guest.

What if I cannot stay the whole time?

First, we are grateful for any help you can offer! And we understand that people may have to leave early because they have small children or other responsibilities. We ask that you please let us know your plans beforehand so that we can plan coverage accordingly.

Lahorim



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Oseh Shalom Religious School

January 2011, Shvat 5771

BET CHANUKAH PLAY

Bet students retell the Chanukah story with Judah Maccabee, Antiochus, Matityahu, Jew #1, Jew #2 and Jew #3. Set design and costumes were designed by the students.



Oseh Shalom Religious School is a beneficiary of The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and The Jewish Federation of Howard County



Oseh Shalom & Adat Shalom Upper School Shabbaton

"It was one of the best experiences in my Jewish life and I left feeling much closer to G-d and my Jewish identity. The atmosphere was very warm and homey and praying before and after the delicious meals was special too. It was a great way to bond with my friends and strengthen other relationships. Oseh Shalom is so important to me, so it was really meaningful to spend time with people from there on a different level.... The yoga service with Grace was another highlight. I really don't think I've ever felt so close to G-d; there was just something about the breathing and concentrating on what the meaning of prayer is. Then of course the game we played involving my friends' memories of me was super touching and will always stand out in my mind. Oseh truly is my home and to hear what people said about me and knowing the things I like and dislike really made me realize how much I care for the kids and teachers and you, especially at Oseh.... I truly enjoyed every second of the Shabbaton ..." Holly Stein



Prayer & Yoga,
Hunt for
Heroes,
camaraderie and
competition
were part of our
Upper School
Shabbaton with
our sister
synagogue,
Adat Shalom.
Students
welcomed the
Shabbat, read
from the Torah,
sang zmirot
after dinner,
danced,
played games
and
studied Torah.
This Shabbaton
was made
possible thanks
to grants from
the Jewish
Federation of
Greater
Washington and
the Legacy
Heritage Fund.

Trees for Israel

Did You Know?

Satellite pictures show that every year the number of trees drastically decrease in every country in the world.

Did You Know?

Israel is the ONLY country in the world that the number of trees increased every year in the past 100 years.

Did You Know?

JNF has planted 240 million trees in Israel. Jewish National Fund was established 100 years ago.

By purchasing plots of land, they hoped to establish the groundwork for the birth of Israel.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE JNF BLUE BOXES FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD?

On Tu Bishvat students in Israel go to the fields and plant trees that are bought with money collected in the U.S. in the JNF Blue Boxes.

Did You Know?

In 2010 the deadliest forest fire in Israel's history burned more than 5 million trees.

Did You Know?

Oseh Shalom students voted unanimously to direct our tzedakah money and plant a "Garden" in Israel by Tu Bishvat. This "Garden" will include 100 trees. Our name will be inscribed in the Book of Gardens, housed in JNF office in Jerusalem.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Our students suggested that we challenge the congregation to follow our example and plant 100 trees for \$500. There will be a JNF Blue Box in the school lobby.

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Our students already planted 116 Trees. The congregation planted 22 Trees.

REMEMBER!

You are their role models!

COMING TO AMERICA

Students in the 6th grade are learning about Jewish immigration to America. They watched *The Fiddler on the Roof* and shared their thoughts through poems, diary entry and art.

JEWISH MEMORIES

By Michael Weiss

I used to practice what I want
Then the Russians began the hunt.
Now in the morning of every day
Only in secrecy I can pray.

With my people I would openly pray
But now in the shadows we must stay.
I miss hearing the song we would sing
"Adonai is our Lord, oh He is our King".

One minute I held the Torah
And everyone danced the Hora.
Then the next it was burned down
And so was the whole town.

I hear some other church bells a ringing
But sadly no Jews are a singing.
Be my guide, my helping hand
And help me rebuild our fertile land.

For some reason I can't explain
Why they would target Adonai's reign.
Never an explanation
They just razed this location.

It was a wicked and fearful time
When they came at a quarter to nine.
Burned houses and the sound of guns
People shielded their daughters and sons.

Leaders of the Russians wait
For us to come to our untimely fate.
Just people with many a sad face
Oh who would want to live in this place?



By Jarrod Halpern

LONG JOURNEY JOURNAL

By Tess McRae

Dear Diary,

Finally we are on the ship to the new country! It is crowded here, and it is very dark. I am having trouble seeing your pages. I am so happy we are leaving, yet I am sad we have to go. I will leave behind everything I have known since I was a young girl. My friends, my other family, my school, my home... all gone. I wish I could take it with me, but I had to pack light for this long journey.

At least we are escaping the Czar. That is a relief. We will not be persecuted anymore! We will have freedom in America—freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of everything. No more segregation, too. We do not have to be separated in America. Hopefully I will be allowed to be with Fyedka in America. Maybe Papa and Mama will find a job there, and we will not be poor. We will be rich, which is Papa's wish. And I will get my own home and raise my own family in America, where they will be happy and will not live in fear. Ah, how amazing it will be.

Chava

GIVING BLOOD



**MAKES YOU FEEL
WARM ALL OVER**

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What: Blood Drive

Where: American Legion, Laurel*

Who: Medstar Health (the same folks we're used to)

When: Tuesday, 1 February 2011, 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Why: Someday you or a loved one may (G*d forbid!) need blood.

How: Call 1-888-757-7040 to sign up.

***In February we will not hold a blood drive at Oseh Shalom, because the American Legion is holding a friendly competition for which group recruits the most donors. If you mention Oseh Shalom when you donate, we will have the chance to win recognition as the group with the highest number of donors, and our name can be put on a plaque! Tuesday can be more difficult than Sunday, but please try to donate, and be sure to mention Oseh Shalom!**

Thank you!

Phil Victor and Carolyn Makovi

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BET	July 26 - August 14
NITZANIM	June 28 - July 10
FAMILY CAMP	August 17 - August 21

Find out more at www.campjrf.org

Scholarship money for Camp JRF is available through Oseh Shalom. For more information, please contact John Finedore (finedorej@gao.gov).



**SuperDuperBowl Party
February 6th, 2011
6:00 PM at Oseh**

to benefit the Oseh Shalom Men's Club

\$50 covers admission for your family, dinner, and gets you 1 lucky square
If squares are sold out admission is \$10/person

The square has a digit for the NFC and a digit for the AFC.
Digits represent the last number in the score for each team.

Match the score at the end of the
first quarter-win a **\$75** gift certificate
second quarter-win a **\$150** gift certificate
third quarter- win a **\$75** gift certificate

end of the game- win a **large screen TV**

Food and a fun table for kids under 7 are provided during the game.

Make check out to Oseh Shalom Men's Club and
bring/mail to the office before the event
Questions-email or call Seth Eaton at setheaton@gmail.com

COMMITTEE CORNER

Updated on December 24, 2010

Aesthetics Committee

Next Meeting:
Next Event:

Congregational Board – Linda Solomon

Meeting: *Third Sunday each month, 7 PM, 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, 7 PM, at Oseh Shalom*
Next Meeting:

FAB (Fifty and Better) – Lorraine Schoenfeld

Next Event:

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:

High Holiday Committee – Doris Kirschbaum

Meeting:
Next Meeting: Feb 6, 11:30 AM
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, 7:30 PM, Library*
Next Event:
Intro to Judaism course on 8 Sunday mornings, taught by Rabbi Heifetz
Melton Scholars starting Tues, Oct 12 about Denominations , 10 weeks
Shabbat Iyyun – Jewish Journeys starting Oct 8

Marketing and Publicity – Joseph Solomon

Next Meeting:

Men's Club - Alan Seigel and Geoff Berman

Next Meeting:

Next Event: Superduperbowl Party, Feb 6, 6 PM

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 TossellNext Meeting: 1st Sunday of the Month (normally) at a member's home

Next Meeting:

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: January 4.

Next Event: Jan 22, Tu b'Shvat seder after services

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:

Yasher Koach to Rabbi Fink



Oseh Shalom's Rabbi Emeritus Gary Fink has been selected as a panelist for the Hospice Foundation of America's annual *Living with Grief*[®] educational program on

“Spirituality and End-of-Life Care,” scheduled for broadcast in April 2011. The program is expected to be viewed by fifty thousand people at more than a thousand sites across the country. The seminar is organized by Dr. Kenneth J. Doka, an internationally recognized authority on end-of-life counseling and a Professor of Gerontology at the Graduate School of The College of New Rochelle.

The program will be broadcast over the internet and also recorded on DVD for ongoing use, providing continuing education credits for social workers, chaplains, nurses, therapists, and counselors. Joining Rabbi Fink as panelists will be Dr. Carolyn Jacobs, Dean at Smith College School for Social Work; Dr. Betty Kramer, professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin; Reinette Powers Murray, a director and educator for Hospice of The Straits; and Dr. Martha Rutland, Director of Clinical Pastoral Education at VITAS Innovative Hospice Care.

In addition, Rabbi Fink has written a chapter on “Legacy and Spirituality at the End of Life” for the textbook which will accompany the presentation. The book, assembled by editor Kenneth Doka, is scheduled for publication in the spring.

OSEH SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Fundraiser

Monday, January 10, 2011

At Union Jack's British Pub



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Columbia, MD 21044
Ph. 410.740.5225
www.unionjacksolumbia.com

Union Jack's British Pub will give 15% back to Oseh Shalom Religious School for all Oseh Shalom guests who dine in or order carry out on Jan 10.

You must present this flyer with your payment.

Bring your family and friends, and encourage your neighbors to support this fundraiser.

Please call for reservations for groups larger than 8, and tell the hostess you are with Oseh Shalom so you may be seated in the same area as other Oseh Shalom guests (as available).



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301-490-7764

Men & Women's teams

USTA beginners level

Giant Bonus Bucks

Please support Oseh Shalom by registering your GIANT bonus bucks card at http://www.giantfood.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/index.htm.

Last year we made over \$1,300 for the school. The school number is 02475. If you don't know your card number please call 1-877-366-2668 and ask them for your card number.

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Support Oseh Shalom - there is another new way

to support Oseh Shalom by shopping at Safeway thru their www.eScrip.com website and sign up for Oseh Shalom. It's that easy. Of course all the information is at oseh-shalom.org by clicking on Donations.

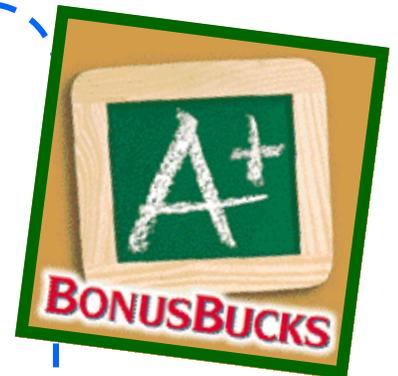
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directly to support Oseh Shalom's religious school.

Day Care

ABCKidstime Learning Center at Oseh Shalom opened on September 13th. If you or anyone you know is in need of daycare please contact Gabriela Aguilera, the owner of the center at 301-776-0775 or at info@abckidstime.com or at www.abckidstime.com





Oneg Sponsors

January 7

Susan Hoffman in memory of her father, Henry Bornstein

Hollander family in honor of Craig's birthday

Sue & Mel Lippmann in celebration of their anniversary and in honor of Elaine's birthday

Sisterhood in honor of Dalya Lippmann's first birthday

January 14

Dan Glazer in honor of Maryrita's birthday

Lisa Karpf in celebration of her birthday

Hersh family in honor of Sidney's birthday

January 21

Rosenberg family in honor

of Sarah's birthday

Stone family in honor of Sophie's birthday

Oseh Shalom Sisterhood in honor of Rabbi Doug's birthday

Sue & Mel Lippmann in honor of Rabbi Doug Heifetz's birthday

January 28

Sachs family in honor of Jessica's birthday

Robin Edelberg & family in memory of Robin's father, William Earl Smith

Judith & Harold Kessler in celebration of their anniversary & Harold's birthday

Robbins-Spevack family in honor of Lou Spevack's & Jacob Robbins-Spevack's birthdays

Oneg Hosts

October 1

Celia & Vaughn Winchell
Rose Fishman

October 8

Sheila & Steve Urman
Joanne & Hal Zaslow

October 15

Gail & Ron Schimel
Joanne & Lyle Wolinsky

October 22

Amy & Jeremy Weissenberger
Rose Fishman

October 29

Helen & Eric Metzman
Martin Hoffman & Sidney Hersh

November 5

Marlene & Richard Stringer
Carren & Eric Adler

November 12

Adam & Shelley Reese
Ellen & Gerald Phillips

November 19

Janet & Michael Schoenfeld
Randi & Allen Kampf

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Oneg Hosts (continued)

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November 26

Judy & David Swanner

December 3

Holly & George Stone

Laura & Melvin Stern

December 10

Edward Stern

Wendy & Allan Steinhorn

December 17

Sue & Mitch Stein

Deborah Steel

December 24

Kara Weinstein & daughters, Hannah & Naomi

Myra & Brian Snow

December 31

Linda & Art Solomon

Carolyn Makovi

Lunch & Learn

Thank you!

A hearty thanks goes out to Marilyn and Cantor Charlie Bernhardt for their fascinating November 20 Shabbat Lunch and Learn presentation on their 2009 trip to Trochenbrod, Ukraine, where Marilyn's family lived before coming to America. Everyone there appreciated how delicious and plentiful the food was.

Their moving history culminated with Charlie's rendition of the Joe Jenks song describing the annihilation of the Jews of Trochenbrod. We were all deeply touched. Thanks again.

Shabbat Lunch and Learn

Join us on Saturday, January 29 for our next Shabbat Lunch and Learn. Rich and Sue Burger will lead a multi-media presentation called From Shtetl to Swing. It will cover almost a hundred years of klezmer and jazz music. I've seen this excellent presentation before and am eagerly awaiting hearing/seeing it again.

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 food or beverage you can bring, call Sue Robbins or Lou Spevack at (301)260-0088 or email us at suestar@verizon.net or loustar@verizon.net.



Candle Lighting Times

Dates	Light Candles	Havdalah	Parsha	Haftarah
December 31-January 1	4:36 PM	6:07 PM	Vaera Exodus 6:2-7:7	Ezekiel 28:25-29:21
January 7-8	4:43 PM	6:13 PM	Bo Exodus 10:1-11:3	Jeremiah 46:13-28
January 14-15	4:49 PM	6:21	Beshalach Exodus 13:17-15:26	Judges 4:4-5:31; Judges 5:1-31*
January 21-22	4:57 PM	6:28 PM	Yitro Exodus 18:1-20:23	Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-13*
January 28-29	5:05 PM	6:36 PM	Mishpatim Exodus 21:1-22:3	Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26

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



Join the Great Jewish Conversation

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, a project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, enables Jewish learners from all backgrounds to learn about our heritage and culture in a challenging and inspiring course of study. If you desire to add a strong foundation in Jewish learning to your daily life, this is the place for you. Come study in an intellectually stimulating, pluralistic learning environment. No tests. No homework. Join us.



Oseh Shalom is proud to host the following Melton Specialty Class:

Jews in America: Insiders and Outsiders

This course provides students with the opportunity to consider the challenges of Jewish acculturation to American life, and the sacrifices as well as the contributions that have been made over the past 200 years. Lessons will explore such topics as the role of education, The Three Generation Hypothesis, anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, the changing place of Zionism and the State of Israel, the civil rights movement as a case study of distinctiveness and involvement, and other issues that address American and Jewish culture and identity.



Tuesdays, 7:15 - 8:45 p.m.
 January 25 - March 29, 2011
 Oseh Shalom
 7515 Olive Branch Way, Laurel, MD 20707
 Tuition: \$250 + \$36 materials fee



If you need any special accommodation in order to participate in Melton, please contact learnwithus@pjll.org or call (240) 283-6200 by January 11, 2011.

Instructor: Avi West
 Avi West is the director of the Shulamith Reich Elster Resource Center of the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning and an experienced Melton teacher.

TO REGISTER:
www.pjll.org, learnwithus@pjll.org or 240-283-6200.

For more information about the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School of Greater Washington, and other Melton classes in the area, see our website: www.pjll.org or contact us at learnwithus@pjll.org or (240) 283-6200.





Tot Shabbat

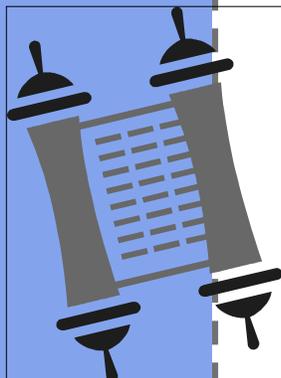
Looking for a fun, engaging Jewish experience for a young one in your life? Then come to Oseh Shalom's monthly Tot Shabbat program on Saturday morning. The 45-minute program includes stories, songs, reflection, prayer and movement for children in the approximately 2-5 year age range. It's led by Julie Argue, an early childhood educator & Religious School teacher, with help from Rabbi Heifetz, Cantor Bernhardt and talented, musical congregation members.

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JRF Update



**News from
Chesapeake Region of
the Jewish
Reconstructionist
Federation, December
2010!**

I am writing this newsletter from the middle of Jerusalem. I just spent Hanukkah in Jerusalem with my daughter, and have had an amazing experience. I spent the 8 Days of Hanukkah walking around Jerusalem and watching how all different ethnicities and denominations observe Hanukkah in Israel. Spending Hanukkah in Israel the holiday and celebration are all around you. There are large Hannukiot everywhere and most Israelis in Jerusalem light their Hanukkiot in their windows or outside their houses. There were street fairs and celebrations throughout the week. It is wonderful to be here.

The only down side to my trip was that I arrived in Israel the day of the fire in the Carmel. Watching the country jump into action was incredible! For the first two days I was here the fire was all that I heard on the news. Everyone was checking in with each other, their families, friends, and acquaintances to make sure that they were okay. Because Israel is such a small country everyone

feels events such as this. Being here for a catastrophe such as the fire just reinforced my feelings about what a special country Israel truly is. Check the tikkun olam section at the bottom of this newsletter for suggestions of how you can help Israel come back from the fire.

Now on to Chesapeake Region and our congregations! Please make sure that your calendars are marked for the Chesapeake Annual Celebration, which will be held on Sunday, April 3rd, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at Oseh Shalom in Laurel Maryland. Join with others from your congregations and the region to honor members of our congregation and region. More information will follow in our next newsletter.

We are still working to plan an education program for the winter. More details will follow as they are finalized.

Please continue to send me information that you want included in this newsletter. We would like it to continue to be the best communication tool for our region.

Shabbat Shalom!
Jackie

**Local Programs and
Opportunities- Plan to
Attend!**

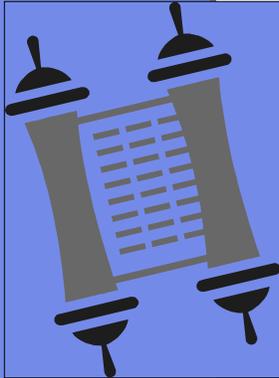
Join Rabbi Doug Heifetz for the Oseh Shalom "Roots, Rocks & Writings" Israel Encounter this summer, from July 23rd-August 4th. Experience the Land of Israel as the ultimate guide to the Jewish past, and the texts of our ancestors as a guide to the Land. This trip is perfect for first-time Israel travelers and repeat visitors seeking to deepen their experience of Jewish history, texts and antiquities. For more details, please see the documents available on the Oseh Shalom website (www.oseh-shalom.org) or contact Rabbi Heifetz (RabbiHeifetz@Oseh-Shalom.org). Trip highlights include, among many others:

Tour the archaeological site of Tzipori, the founding place of post-biblical Judaism and the 'ornament of all the Galilee'.

Walk the walls of Jerusalem and experience the wonder of its many ancient sites.

Explore the mystical city of Tzfat and learn of its importance in Kabbalah and Jewish thought.

JRF Update



Enjoy a jeep tour of the Golan Heights, taste wines at one of Israel's best wineries, witness efforts for Arab-Jewish coexistence, experience Bedouin-style desert hospitality, participate in a Palestinian drumming workshop, engage in unique and innovative Shabbat worship opportunities, and much more.

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

For information about Tikkun Olam programs for this year check the Tikkun Olam section of the JRF website at:

Updated info on fires in Israel, including drought background is at: <http://jrf.org/Israel-Forest-Fire>

General Tikkun Olam information: <http://jrf.org/to/jrf-tikkun-olam-2010-11>

Thanks for your help and cooperation.

I hope to see you at our upcoming events.

If you would like to publicize a future event, please send it to me by the 5th of each month.

Kol Tuv!

Jackie

January Birthdays:

1	Hideko Fox	27	Douglas Wannall
1	Mark Goldberg	28	Carol Loeb
2	Fran Koplow	29	David Whitman
3	Richard Cerkovnik	30	Howard Cohen
3	Elaine Lippmann	31	Julie Burns
5	Craig Hollander		
5	Mitchell Romm		
5	Elliot Satin		
6	Cindy Feinberg		
6	Sidney Hersh		
7	Robert Maggin		
9	Maryrita Wieners		
11	Donna Busch		
11	Elissa Karpf		
12	Laura Applestein		
12	Harold Kessler		
12	Joan LeRoy		
14	Robert Goodwin		
15	Janis Horn		
15	Paul Katz		
15	David Marker		
17	Robyn Lupo		
18	Melvyn Goldstein		
18	Amy Weissenburger		
19	Rabbi Doug Heifetz		
20	Ted Einstein		
21	Melinda Bers		
21	Andrew Friedman		
21	Herb Goodwin		
21	Ernest Hilsenrath		
22	Ward Horner		
22	Louis Spevack		
23	Jeanine Horner		
24	Brian Richards		
24	Stacy Sheppard		
24	Bryna Weiss		
25	Howard Mager		
25	Mary Meyerson		
26	Linda Bergofsky		



Shabbat Iyyun



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A series featuring intellectual inquiry woven into our Friday evening service

“Religion and Science: with Doubt and Uncertainty as our Guides”

Guest Speaker: Dr. Timothy A. Livengood

Religion and science together rest on faith in humanity to be able to comprehend our universe. Science tempers our eagerness to find answers by doubting our understanding, demanding that we test our beliefs against the unforgiving standards of reality. Clarity of vision enables us to see the poetry that lies in the marvelous and intricate world that we inhabit. Dr. Tim Livengood, a planetary astronomer and professional storyteller, is a Senior Research Scientist with the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education.

Friday, January 28, 2011

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

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Yahrzeits

1/1/2011	Liby Forman, aunt of Julie Burns
1/1/2011	*Charles Kaufman, father of Lorraine Levan
1/1/2011	Jacob Robbins, father of Susan Robbins
1/2/2011	Victor Solomon, father of Arthur Solomon
1/2/2011	Steven Kupperman, brother-in-law of Hal Zaslou
1/4/2011	Edward Brown, father of Ida Lenet
1/4/2011	Sylvia Levine, grandmother of Matthew Levine
1/4/2011	Maurice Makovi, father of Martin Makovi
1/5/2011	Terry Josephson, uncle of Ann Wittik-Bravmann
1/7/2011	*Simon Leon Schoenfeld, brother of Stephen Schoenfeld
1/8/2011	Jeanette Garfinkle grandmother of Andrew Lincoln
1/8/2011	Harry Malumuth, father of Eliot Malumuth
1/8/2011	Jacob Mendelsohn, father of Steve Mendelsohn and father-in-law of Adriene Mendelsohn
1/9/2011	Rabbi Joseph Spevack, father of Louis Spevack
1/10/2011	Sam Saunders, father of Terry Klein and grandfather of Kelly Benton-Klein
1/10/2011	Benjamin Kalman, father of Annette Rankin
1/11/2011	Hattie Dick, grandmother of Cathy Weiss
1/12/2011	*Abraham Isaac Stern, father of Melvin Stern
1/13/2011	Evelyne Newman, mother of Marcia Dresner
1/14/2011	Bettye Kessler, mother of Harold Kessler
1/14/2011	Stephen Sypes, husband of Rochelle Sypes
1/15/2011	Fannie Goldstein, mother of Sheila Blum
1/15/2011	*Norton Nelson, father of Robert Nelson
1/15/2011	Sharon Drexler Stern, wife of Edward Stern, mother of Teddi Stern and mother of Samuel Stern
1/17/2011	John S. Argue, father of David Argue
1/17/2011	Ria Butler, mother of Valerie Kaplan
1/18/2011	Ruth Hochberg, grandmother Felicia Dannick-Friedman
1/18/2011	*Rose S. Nelson, mother of Robert Nelson
1/19/2011	Daniel Remenick, father of Jessica Bird
1/19/2011	Herbert Fox, father of Dan Fox
1/19/2011	Paul Berman, father of Debbie Lavine
1/19/2011	Marion Sneiderman, mother of Phil Sneiderman
1/20/2011	Jacob Cohen, uncle of Felicia Dannick-Friedman
1/20/2011	Lindsay-Grace Lazo, friend of Lee Friedman
1/22/2011	*Franklin Blank, father of Emily Blank
1/22/2011	*Alfred Goldstein, father of Melvyn Goldstein
1/23/2011	David Plotnick, husband of Amy Colman
1/23/2011	Carl Kirschner, father of Sidney Kirschner
1/23/2011	*Willis Myers, father of Carolyn Makovi

1/23/2011	Eva Wolff, grandmother-in-law of Alan Seigel and great grandmother of Jessica Seigel
1/24/2011	Aaron Paulson of, father of David Paulson
1/25/2011	Edward Colman, father of Michael Colman
1/25/2011	Max Dresner, father of Norman Dresner
1/25/2011	David Isikoff father of Rochelle Sypes
1/26/2011	William Hoffman, father of Martin Hoffman
1/27/2011	Marlene Adelman, stepmother of David Adelman
1/27/2011	William Earl Smith, father of Robin Edelberg
1/27/2011	Morton Friedman, father of Andrew Friedman
1/29/2011	Chester Gaines, grandfather of Gary Gaines
1/29/2011	Irwin Leon Snyder, father of Susan Romm
1/29/2011	Craig Silverstein, brother of Eric Silverstein
1/30/2011	Sylvia Herman, grandmother of Adriene Mendelsohn and of Marlene Newman
1/30/2011	Vera Meyerson, mother-in-law of Mary Meyerson
1/31/2011	Mortimer Cohen, father of Diane Green



* Light will be lit on Sanctuary Memorial Board.

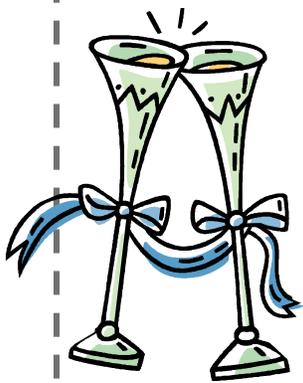
January Anniversaries

- 1 Mel & Sue Lippmann
- 2 Debbie & Matt Lavine
- 3 Len & Arlene Samowitz
- 8 Mitch & Sue Stein
- 14 Cathy & Andrew Levy
- 22 Judith & Harold Kessler
- 23 Ted Einstein & Hazel Johnson

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...

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In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Selber, October 16, 2010

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In memory of Wilma's mother Sylvia Evens, and Robert's Aunt, Estelle Rosenberg

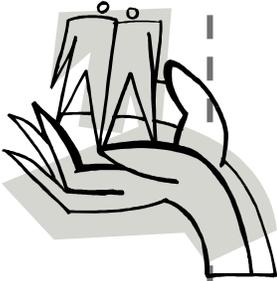
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Community Services: Social Action & Caring and Support

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 Koplrow (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.

**DIALOGUES ON CONTEMPORARY JEWISH
CHALLENGES IN ISRAEL AND THE US**

A Tale of Two Capitals

Sunday, January 16th
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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January Calendar

Oseh Shalom Events Calendar

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services; Tot Shabbat (RM.9 & Quiet Room) 12:00 AM - New Years Day
2 9:30 AM - No Religious School - WINTER BREAK 7:00 PM - Rosh Chodesh Meeting	3 6:00 PM - Elizabeth House	4 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:30 PM - Sisterhood Meeting	5 4:30 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing	6 7:30 PM - Lifelong Learning Committee Meeting 8:00 PM - Rental	7 7:30 PM - Family Shabbat Services	8 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services 10:45 AM - Ridenwood Shabbat Service 6:30 PM - Pizza, Pasta & Prayer
9 9:30 AM - Lower School - K-7,Pre-K; Cafe Oseh	10 6:00 PM - Elizabeth House	11 6:45 PM - Upper School	12 4:30 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 7:00 PM - Executive Committee Meeting 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing 7:00 PM - Executive Board Meeting	13 8:00 PM - Rental	14 4:45 PM - Retreat - 14th Annual Cacapon State Park 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service	15 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services 10:00 AM - Oseh Shalom Retreat
16 9:30 AM - No Religious School - MLK Weekend 9:30 AM - Oseh Shalom Retreat	17 9:00 AM - Oseh Shalom Office Closed 6:00 PM - Elizabeth House	18 6:45 PM - Upper School	19 6:45 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing	20 8:00 PM - Rental	21 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service 6:00 PM - Religious School Shabbat Dinner	22 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services 10:45 AM - Ridenwood Shabbat Service 12:00 PM - Tu B'Shevat Seder
23 9:30 AM - Lower School - K-7,Pre-K; Dalet Tu B'Shevat Seder(SH); Cafe Oseh(SH) 10:00 AM - Community Services Committee Meeting 9:30 AM - Congregation Board Meeting 7:00 PM - Women's Winterhaven	24 7:00 PM - Women's Winterhaven 6:00 PM - Elizabeth House	25 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:00 PM - Women's Winterhaven 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	26 4:30 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing 7:00 PM - Women's Winterhaven	27 8:00 PM - Rental 7:00 PM - Women's Winterhaven	28 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service with Shabbat Lym Program 7:00 PM - Women's Winterhaven	29 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services 12:00 PM - Shabbat Lunch and Learn 7:00 PM - Women's Winterhaven
30 10:00 AM - Reconstructionism 101 (L) 9:30 AM - Lower School - K-7; Cafe Oseh (SH,K) 10:00 AM - Prospective and New Membership Brunch	31 6:00 PM - Elizabeth House					

February Calendar

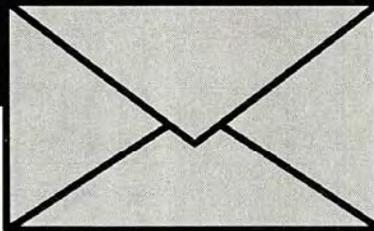
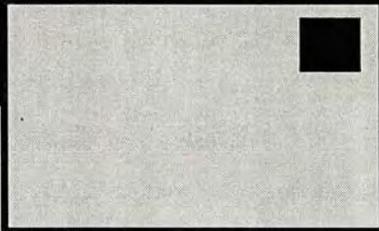
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6 10:00 AM - Reconstructionism 101 (S) 9:30 AM - Lower School - K-7; Pre-K; Cafe Oseh (SH,K) 10:00 AM - Development & Fundraising Committee Meeting 11:30 AM - HHD Committee Meeting 6:00 PM - SuperDuperBowl Party	7 6:00 PM - Elizabeth House	8 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	9 4:45 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 8:15 PM - Israel Dancing 7:00 PM - Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM - Executive Board Meeting	10 8:00 PM - Rental 7:00 PM - B'nei Mitzvah Orientation Meeting	11 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service with Shabbat L'yn Program 5:00 PM - Religious School Shabbaton	12 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services 10:45 AM - Riderwood Shabbat Service
13 10:00 AM - Reconstructionism 101 (L) 9:30 AM - Lower School - K-7; Cafe Oseh (SH,K) 9:30 AM - First Grade Shabbat Program	14 6:00 PM - Elizabeth House	15 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	16 4:45 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 8:15 PM - Israel Dancing	17 8:00 PM - Rental	18 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service	19 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services
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