



# The Shalom

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## Rabbi's Message

Dear Hevra,

I hope that the winter months have treated you well. Like me, I'm sure you're looking forward to the arrival of spring.

Speaking of spring, we seem to be witnessing a remarkable, sudden blossoming of strong, popular movements for democracy in the Middle East. In Egypt millions of determined, principled demonstrators have ended the long winter-time of Hosni Mubarak's dictatorship. Many of us at Oseh Shalom have eagerly embraced opportunities to learn more about and discuss the recent events. Just last Friday evening, during our Erev Shabbat service, we hosted a guest speaker on the topic "After Pharaoh: Egypt in Transition". Danya Greenfield, a seasoned worker for US organizations providing democracy and governance support in Egypt and throughout the region, narrated the events of the month leading up to Mubarak's resignation and commented on opportunities and challenges for the future, possible concerns for Israel, and more. Her insights and personal anecdotes offered a compelling and exciting talk. She stayed afterwards during the *oneg shabbat* for an organized conversation, and many congregation members joined in.

Ms. Greenfield appeared as part of our *Shabbat Iyyun* ("Sabbath of Inquiry") program, hosting occasional guest speakers as part of our Friday evening services. If you'd like to help plan more *Shabbat Iyyun* events, or if you have ideas for guest speakers, please

## Getting Screened



Oseh Shalom is pleased to offer a preventive health event. **Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on **Friday, April 1, 2011**.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; arterial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

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contact program chair Mina Hilsenrath ([ehilsenrath@comcast.net](mailto:ehilsenrath@comcast.net)). To help plan other lectures, adult classes and discussions, aside from Friday evenings, please contact Lifelong Learning Committee co-chairs Sue Burger ([shburger@comcast.net](mailto:shburger@comcast.net)) and Hillary Finkel ([hillarya26@yahoo.com](mailto:hillarya26@yahoo.com)).

Of course, neither the recent event at Oseh Shalom nor the overthrow of Mubarak mark the end of this seeming tidal wave and its numerous possible reverberations. For many of us, our awe at the moment of this powerful democratic uprising quickly turns to concerns for Israel and how the changes may effect the Jewish state. Rabbi Steve Gutow, president of the Jewish Council for Public affairs (and another recent guest speaker at Oseh Shalom), explained in a *New York Times* article, "I can't help but look [with amazement at the Egyptians today] and see people rising up and saying, 'We want to be free.' [And yet] certainly there are things to worry about," like whether the new Egyptian government will preserve the longstanding peace treaty with Israel, among other concerns.

I understand the fears of many Jews and Israelis who long for stability and not upheaval in the region. Preservation of the peace treaty with Egypt is central to Israel's well-being. For three decades before the treaty, Egypt served as the most frequent and fearsome launching ground for attacks against Israel perpetrated by the Egyptian military and terrorist organizations.

However, in spite of the understandable concerns, I believe with cautious hope that the new era of rising democratic movements in Egypt and throughout the region presents new opportunities, and a heightened sense of urgency, for Israel to forge a peace treaty with the Palestinians and expand diplomatic relations with other neighboring Arab states. Many challenges await and US leadership will be critical.

An editorial from *Haaretz*, the leading Israeli daily newspaper, pointed out that the status of Israel's current diplomatic relations with Arab neighbors newly hinges upon Israel's efforts to conclude a peace treaty with the Palestinians. Popular sentiment in the Arab world strongly sympathizes with and supports the Palestinian aspiration for statehood. Without rapid progress in that direction, the newly ascendant, powerful voice of the 'Arab Street' will likely demand that even Egypt and Jordan reevaluate their peace agreements with Israel:

Those same Arab publics that succeeded in ousting two dictators [thus far, in Egypt and Tunisia], and have not yet uttered their last word, will eventually demand that their new governments pursue a vigorous foreign policy - or in other words, reexamine their relationship with Israel...Israel should not wait until this new...policy develops into a steam-roller. It would do better...to view the changes in the Middle East as an opportunity and to preemptively propose a diplomatic initiative - one that will make it clear to the Arab states, and to the entire world,

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that it is ready to be part of the new reality...[The prime minister] must present a realistic plan, complete with a timetable, that will enable PA President Mahmoud Abbas to return to the negotiating table in order to complete the diplomatic process.

A recent article by Bernard Avishai in *The New York Times Magazine* indicates that, in 2007-08, Israel and the Palestinians came closer than most would imagine to reaching a comprehensive agreement. While the Gaza crisis in 2008 and 2009 ended that round of negotiations, the talks created a framework that can be revived today more decisively and fruitfully than before. In summarizing the numerous details of these nearly successful negotiations, Avishai writes:

A viable plan exists: it is waiting to be forged from the far-reaching proposals that Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and President Mahmoud of the Palestinian Authority made to each other in 2008...The Israeli-Palestinian talks in 2007 and 2008 provide an invaluable template for a new, Obama-led push for peace. As unlikely as it might sound, now is the time. Obama's hand in Israel has been strengthened by events in Tunisia, Egypt and Jordan. At the same time, the U.S. is paying a growing price for the current impasse between Israel and Palestine and the continuing occupation of Palestinian lands, for which Americans receive much of the blame. A settlement in Palestine...will transform American status in the region. And it might rescue the fortunes of Israel.

The US can surely help to lead Israel and the Palestinians back to the negotiating table, hopefully to resurrect the framework created in the earlier talks. A successful agreement will help transform the region and create a more secure state of Israel, in which citizens can increasingly move beyond the seemingly endless violent conflict that has plagued the Jewish country since its inception.

J Street, the largely Jewish, pro-Israel, pro-Peace organization, issued a statement following Mubarak's resignation, emphasizing that the current news from Egypt presents a new opportunity and a new sense of urgency. The statement declared, "The tides of history are with those seeking their freedom, and it is imperative for the United States and Israel to work proactively to achieve a two-state solution to the conflict. Today's news from Egypt only increases the urgency, making clear once again that in these historic tides, an unsustainable status quo will not hold."

Are you interested in taking action to further the peace process at this great historic juncture? Are you interested in exploring or deepening your relationship with Israel? If so, here are a few suggestions:

Get involved with J Street ([www.jstreet.org](http://www.jstreet.org)). I recently joined the rabbinic cabinet, along with about 600 of my rabbinic colleagues. J Street is committed to pushing for US Government action to bring the two parties together for a resolution to the conflict.

Send letters to President Obama and the members of your congressional delegation to urge action to renew negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

Join the Oseh Shalom trip to Israel this summer, from July 23-August 4th. While the itinerary will largely focus

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## From Our Facility & Office Manager: Barry Nove

I've been on staff with Oseh Shalom nearly five months now. Part of the job of facility management is maximizing the use of our resources. One way I'm working on that is by seeking to promote rentals.

I have been in discussions for rentals for a medical screening day, a high school graduation party, a bridal shower, rental of the sanctuary for church services, rental to a PTA group for a local children's program on a Saturday night, even about a family's having their Seder here since we kasher the Oseh Shalom kitchen for Passover. What's great is that we now have contracts and deposits for a number of these events.

Yes, we do Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and weddings too – but I assume you are aware of that...

However, it is these other types of rentals that offer Oseh Shalom new opportunities to market our building and congregation in new ways, bringing in needed revenue and publicity. These rental leads have come through members or because someone has mentioned that we're a great option. In point of fact, Oseh Shalom is a wonderful option.

So, next time someone says "I wonder where we can find a party room in the Laurel area" mention Oseh Shalom.

"This public service announcement has been brought to you by Oseh Shalom, home to Home Owners Association meetings, an Israeli Dance Group, ABCKidsTime Learning Center, and the wonderful events brought to you by Oseh Shalom members – people just like you."

Thank you.

Barry Nove  
Facility & Office Manager  
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P.S. I am the featured speaker at the Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Lunch & Learn. I'm a member of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington DC and will be presenting "An Introduction to Jewish Genealogy." So, if you are interested in learning about how to get started in researching your family history or just interested in finding out where your ancestral town is or perhaps what your last name means, this Lunch & Learn is for you.

## Development & Fundraising

### Tzedek Fund

I am extremely happy to report that the total collected for the Tzedek campaign as of February 8<sup>th</sup> was \$42,895. By the time you read this article in the March issue of the Shalom, I am hopeful that we will have met our annual goal of \$45,000. It is still not too late however, to contribute to this fund, so that we will be sure to meet our objective. The congregation should be very proud of the fact that so many members made both large and small donations in support of Oseh Shalom so that no current or potential member will be turned away from participating in our community. In all, 60 families contributed to the Tzedek fund, and 16 member families were able to give \$1,000 or more.

### Amazon.com – Think Oseh First

Last month I mentioned that by making purchases on Amazon.com through the Oseh Shalom web site – (click donations, click Amazon), the synagogue can collect up to 6% of the sales price. For the month of December, Oseh Shalom received \$100 back as a result

of member purchases. If we can sustain or increase the amount of usage in the coming months, the synagogue can earn over \$1,000 for the year. So remember, when making a purchase on Amazon, **Think Oseh First**. It is an easy, painless way to make a small contribution to the synagogue.

### Rentals

The synagogue is actively seeking rentals of our social hall from members or from the general community. Such rentals can produce significant revenues for Oseh Shalom. A large social affair has already been scheduled for March, (with expected fees of \$900), and a neighborhood elementary school has made inquiries. A congregation family is also considering the use of the hall for a family event. If you know of any groups or organizations that might have an interest in renting our facilities, please have them call Barry Nove, our synagogue administrator, at 301-498-5151.

### Viridian Energy – Utility Bill Savings

Oseh Shalom is partnering with Viridian Energy to offer congregation members up to 17% off the energy generation portion of their monthly utility bill. Typically saving can

amount to \$25-\$35 per month or more, depending upon how much energy is consumed each month. Both BGE and Pepco customers are eligible to participate in this program. To initiate this new Oseh program, 15 participants are need. If you are not already participating in an energy discount plan, this is a good opportunity to enroll. Viridian Energy utilizes green energy sources. Contact Steve Kaplan, [skaplansak2@aol.com](mailto:skaplansak2@aol.com) for enrollment information.

### Join the Development Committee

The Development Committee always needs additional members to add their energy and ideas to our efforts to raise supplemental funds for the synagogue. With additional support, we would be able to undertake such tasks as attracting additional outside advertising for our publications; publicizing our Giant Food, Amazon and Viridian discount programs; pursuing synagogue rentals; and holding fund-raising events. The committee usually meets once a month. Contact Steve Kaplan if you would like to participate.

Steve Kaplan

## Baruch Dayan Ha'emet

The congregation sends its deep sympathy and condolences to Debbie Friedman and the entire Friedman family on the recent death of Sam Zorn, (z'l), the uncle of Debbie Friedman and great uncle of Kayla Friedman.

## Tributes

To Gary Magnus and family in memory of your mother, Greta. Pauline Pivowar.

To Linda Bergofsky and Don Street in honor of the birth of your grandson, Redd Owen Garner. Rose Fishman

## Rabbi's Message (continued)

on archaeology, Jewish history, text and tradition (the "Roots, Rocks & Writings Tour"), we will also experience several presentations and activities that touch on modern politics and society. For example, we will visit the Ein Shemer Ecological Greenhouse and coexistence project. We'll hear a lecture on the roles of archaeology in modern day political discourse. We'll meet with numerous Israeli Jews and Palestinians who will give us a better sense of the political realities, opportunities and challenges. Please contact me (RabbiHeifetz@oseh-shalom.org) for more information.

I'm working to plan several Israel-oriented programs for anyone interested between now and this summer. Stay tuned for more details.

Best wishes for the spring months ahead. As the trees begin to fill with buds again and the flowers begin to bloom, may global democratic movements in the Middle East and elsewhere continue to experience a robust blossoming. May the occasion of this growth inspire us to move closer to the prophecy of Isaiah 2:4, in which "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and shall no longer learn the ways of war".

I hope to see you soon at Oseh Shalom.

Shalom,

Rabbi Doug Heifetz

## Israel Itinerary

### **Sunday, July 24**      *Shehechyanu- Welcome to Israel!*

Land at Ben Gurion airport, Shehechyanu welcome ceremony, hotel check in, Dinner and Orientation

**Dinner and overnight: Netanya (D)**

### **Monday, July 25**      *Israel's Reflection of her History and Destiny*

"Caesarea Experience", meet characters from Caesarea's past, such as King Herod, Rabbi Akiva and Saladin. Usefiya- experience Druze hospitality and lunch. Visit Mt. Arbel and Karnei Hittim. Boat Ride on Kinneret and fish dinner at Kibbutz Ein Gev. Evening program: Drumming with Bishara

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & overnight: Kibbutz Guesthouse in North (B,L,D)**

**Tuesday, July 26      *Higher and Higher- Exploring the North's Physical and Spiritual Heights***

Explore Tzfat, synagogues & artists' square & meeting with artist, Golan Heights, natural beauty & strategic advantage, historic sites & exciting Jeep tour. Archeological digs around Tiberias. PM: Beit Shean Nights

**Breakfast, Dinner & overnight: Kibbutz Guesthouse in North (B,D)**

**Wednesday, July 27      *Gems of Israel's Past and Present***

Tour the amazing archeological site of the city of Tzipori, Ein Shemer ecological greenhouse and co-existence project, Zichron Yaakov and winery, Arrival to Jerusalem, Shehechyanu, Walk on Old City walls  
Kotel Tunnels- explore the amazing tunnel matrix below the Kotel.

**Breakfast & overnight: Jerusalem Hotel (B)**

**Thursday, July 28      *Holiness of History and the History of Holiness***

Visit the City of David including Hezekiah's tunnel. Meet the staff of Ir Amim working on creating solutions for Israel that benefit all of her people. Museum on the Seam or speaker on Progressive Activism in Israel (Rabbis for Human Rights, etc.), Israel Museum

**Breakfast & overnight: Jerusalem Hotel (B)**

**Friday, July 29      *he Heart and Soul of Jerusalem***

Southern Wall Excavations- the most significant archaeological site in Israel, Davidson Center, Burnt House and Kotel, View Temple Mount and Al Asqua Mosque, Machane Yehuda Market, Kabbalat Shabbat

**Breakfast & overnight: Jerusalem Hotel (B)**

**Saturday, July 30      *Shabbat- a Moment in Time and Space***

Shabbat service options, Lunch with Reconstructionist Rabbinical students, IsraelExperts "The Changing Map of the Middle East" program, Seuda Shlishit picnic in park, Havdalah, Free evening.

**Breakfast, Lunch & overnight: Jerusalem Hotel (B,L)**

**Sunday, July 31      *Digging the Past***

Neot Kedumim - Biblical Landscape Reserve including lunch, archeological dig & cave crawl in Beit Guvrin  
Qumran- Second Temple Period caves, where over 700 scrolls have been found. Dinner at hotel

**Breakfast, Lunch & overnight: Dead Sea Hotel (B,L,D)**

**Monday, August 1      *Desert Challenges Then and Now***

Masada- climb or cable car up and extensive visit, Hike Ein Gedi desert oasis at Nachal David  
Dead Sea swim & lunch, Bedouin Haflah (meal) and hospitality plus camel ride. Night Star Gazing

**Breakfast, Lunch, Chafila dinner & overnight: Chan Shayarot (B,L,D)**

**Tuesday, August 2      *Cornerstone Stories***

Optional sunrise hike, Amatzia Caves – learn a story of rebellion, drive to Tel Aviv – Yafo, Walk through the Yafo and learn its many faces and understand the dual narrative of the ancient port city from both Jewish and Arab perspectives, Nahalat Binyamin arts and crafts fair, Beach time. Free evening

**Breakfast & overnight: Tel Aviv Hotel (B)**

**Wednesday, August 3 *Israel Today – Urban development, Peace Process & Innovation***

Rehovot Shelanu- Tel Aviv urban participatory game, visit Rabin Square, Better Place- test-drive the first prototype of the Electric Car developed by Better Place Israel, Closing Session & Final Dinner

**Breakfast, Farewell dinner & overnight: Tel Aviv Hotel (B, D)**

**Thursday, August 4      *Departure***

*Ladies, aged 5 and up, pull out your prettiest flowered dress or top and join us for a fabulous tea.*

**Sunday, March 27 at 3 pm**  
**Oseh Shalom Garden Room**



*First Course: Selection of tea sandwiches*

*Second Course: Homemade scones*

*Third Course: Miniature cakes and treats*

*Fine quality herbal and regular tea  
and fresh lemonade*

**\$8 for adults, \$6 for 12 and under**  
**Please RSVP by March 24**



*Profits will go to the House of Ruth to help victims of domestic abuse. We love all those special guys in our life but this event is for girls only! Bring your daughter, your mother, your daughter's best friend, your best friend or come on your own and join the Oseh "girls."*



# 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.

**On the first  
Saturday of each  
month at 10 AM**



# Lahorim



# להורים

## Oseh Shalom Religious School

March 2011, Adar II 5771

Aleph students and parents learned about Shabbat rituals.

What is the concept of Shabbat?

What does the Bible tell us about this revolutionary concept of a day of rest?

Why was it so important for people who were freed from slavery?

How do we welcome Shabbat?

What blessing do we bestow on our children on Shabbat?

How do we separate between the holy and the mundane?

How do we start the new week by stimulating our senses after a day of rest?

## ALEPH SHABBAT



## Rock Ruach

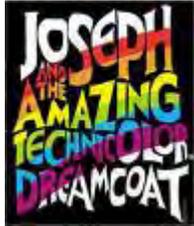
Rock Ruach, "Simply Spirit", is the new children's choir at Oseh Shalom. Rock Ruach will help lead the Family Services. Their 'debut' service will occur on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and will boost the energy level and musicality of the services with a repertoire of uplifting, "rockin" Jewish music. Come and sing with us.



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



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OPPORTUNITY  
FOR  
OSEH STUDENTS  
IN GRADES 3 - 12!**



The Religious School and the Social Action Committee are planning a fundraiser for Haiti.

Our students will perform the musical *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*, under the direction of Larry Friedman. Students will also prepare the costumes and the set.

Show dates:  
Sunday, 5/22  
10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Rehearsals for interested singers will begin on Sunday 3/6, 11:30 - 2:00.

Singing rehearsals will be on Sundays, 11:30 - 2:00.

Proceeds from the shows will directly benefit schools and hospitals in Haiti.

Parents, please join us for a parent orientation with director Larry Friedman 3/6, 11:30, in the Social Hall.



משנכנס אדר, מרבין בשמחה!

As the month of Adar begins, we rejoice!



Purim Megilah Reading  
Led by Oseh Shalom students

Save the Date: Saturday Evening, 3/19

Wear a costume and have fun with us!

## DALET TU BISHVAT

Is Tu Bishvat really just a tax date?  
Is Tu Bishvat really the birthday of the trees?  
Is planting a tree a mitzvah in Judaism?  
Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students celebrated Tu Bishvat with a beautiful seder and answered these questions. The seder ended with the singing of Hatikvah, accompanied by Emily Berman's flute. That was moving!



## Hot Off the Presses

### JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST MOVEMENT PLANS TO UNIFY, CREATING ONE GOVERNING ORGANIZATION

Proposal to combine Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and Jewish Reconstructionist Federation awaits approval in April

PHILADELPHIA, PA—(February 14, 2011)—The leadership of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement has united to create a proposal for a new governing structure to guide the organization as it pursues its mission of enhancing Jewish leadership, learning and living in the 21st century.

Following more than 18 months of discussions, the boards of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC)—Reconstructionist Judaism's only seminary—and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF), the congregational arm of the movement, have voted overwhelmingly to form one entity with responsibility for all facets of Reconstructionist Judaism in North America. The new organization also will include formal participation by rabbis from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association (RRA), which will continue to represent the movement's 310 rabbis. The RRA board voted unanimously to endorse the proposal. While participating in and working closely with the united organization, the RRA will remain an independent professional association representing over 300 rabbis.

"Reconstructionism defines Judaism as the evolving religious civilization of the Jewish people," said Rabbi Dan Ehrenkrantz, RRC president. "As it has done throughout its history, the movement is thinking creatively about how to respond in a proactive and positive way to the evolving needs of a new generation of North American Jews while staying true to the vital core of our tradition."

The proposal will be sent to the 105 JRF-affiliated congregations and will be voted on at a special meeting scheduled for April 10 in Philadelphia.

If approved, the new organization will include broad participation by lay leaders and rabbis. The basic outline calls for a united board made up of lay leaders and rabbis, a united professional staff and a single chief executive.

Reconstructionist leaders believe that combining resources will result in a more efficient use of communal funds, and that the new organization will allow for fully-focused planning to better meet the challenges and opportunities of contemporary Jewish life.

The focus of the united movement will include:

Jewish scholarship, educating rabbis, and creating resources to serve both the Reconstructionist community and the larger Jewish community.

Congregational services, congregational schools, adult education, teen and young adult activities and summer camp.

Commitment to social justice activities and public leadership on issues that are important to the Jewish community, Israel and North American society.

In addition, the movement's leaders believe, a united organization will support an expansion of Reconstructionism's recognized role as a laboratory for spiritual and intellectual innovation in the Jewish community with influence that goes far beyond its numbers.

In recent years, the movement has expanded its reach to develop and sustain Jewish engagement outside of the congregational setting, working with college-age Jews as well as seniors, individuals and families who are served by Jewish chaplains. It has also created opportunities for unaffiliated individuals to connect with Judaism through on-line media.

"We are excited about the possibilities of combining our considerable rabbinic and lay resources as well as financial support as we seek a vision for how to expand progressive forms of Judaism," said Rabbi Richard Hirsh, executive director of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, who helped lead the negotiations.

Said Michael Mitchell, JRF's president: "Reconstructionist congregations are animated by their strong emphasis on community participation in decision-making, and a dynamic partnership between lay members and clergy. We look forward to the emergence of these values of partnership and community participation in the new organization."

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215.209.3076  
610.246.9167

# 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.**

## Calling All Scouts!

**CALLING ALL SCOUTS:** On Friday, March 11, 2011, we will honor all Scouts at all Levels at our Annual Scout Shabbat during our Fourth Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service. All Scouts may invite any friends in their Troops. They do not have to be Jewish to attend our Service. In addition, if any Scouts have earned a Jewish Scouting Award during the past year, it will be presented by Rabbi Heifetz during our Service.

## Shabbat Dinner

Please join us on Friday, March 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. for our monthly Congregational Shabbat dinner. We'll enjoy vegetable soup, salmon pasta alfredo, homestyle mac-n-cheese, and Caesar salad together before services. \$10.00 for individuals and \$20.00 per family. Rsvp to Jessie Sunshine - [jsuncat@gmail.com](mailto:jsuncat@gmail.com), or to the office

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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 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.

## Mitvah Day... Take Care!

### Oseh Shalom's 3<sup>rd</sup> Mitzvah Day: A day of helping for our entire community

Please join our *Mitzvah Day planning committee!*  
Meeting: Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall at 10 am.

Mitzvah Day is a wonderful opportunity for individuals and families in our congregation to come together in the holy task of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. Mizvah Day is a conscious effort, on one single day, to bring the Oseh community together to spend the morning on social justice and environmental activities to benefit our greater community.

### **This year's date is Sunday May 1, 9 am to 1 pm**

9:00 am: Breakfast and Blessing

9:30 to noon: Mitzvot

Noon to 1 pm: Lunch & Food-for-Thought



#### **In past years we have:**

- made casseroles for Elizabeth House
- baked goodies for our local firefighters
- worked in the Oseh garden
- collected and sorted clothing for community members in need
- put together goodie bags for children living in domestic violence shelters
- baked natural dog treats for animal shelters
- sewn pillows with the Caring & Support committee
- created birthday boxes for children served by LARS
- helped the LARS food pantry move to a temporary location during LARS renovations
- pulled invasive plants for county parks system
- painted and helped to restore a local community center

Please send your ideas for mitzvot and any feedback about last year

to [suzie.friedman@gmail.com](mailto:suzie.friedman@gmail.com)

## Books & Bagels

**Oseh Book  
Discussion Group  
The Glass House  
By  
Simon Mawer**



On April 10, at 10:30 a.m., the Oseh book group will discuss the The Glass House by Simon Mawer. This highly praised historical novel, a short-list selection for the 2009 Booker prize, is set in late 1930s Czechoslovakia. Though the novel is plot-driven, with its concerns about marriage, love, loneliness, terror, betrayal and the Holocaust, it is also a

book of ideas, with insights into art, music, and architecture, and reflections into the class and culture of the period. The Landauer House, the glass house of the title, provides the reader with a microscope into the lives of all who live in or pass through, and the plot revelations take place within its shimmering walls. Praised as an "intellectual achievement" and called breathtaking by critics, the book is sure to be the subject of a fresh and stimulating discussion by the Oseh book group. The Glass House is available at local libraries, or can be purchased on Amazon for \$8.50.

## Shabbat Lunch & Learn

A hearty thanks goes out to Rich and Sue Burger for their wonderful and well-researched presentation on 100 years of Jewish music, from Shtetl to Swing on Saturday, January 29. It made me proud to see what a huge influence Jewish music has had on the evolution of popular music. Well done.

Save the date -- March 12 for our next Shabbat Lunch and Learn. Barry Nove, our excellent new Office and Facility Manager, will present "An introduction to Jewish Genealogy". For our pot luck lunch immediately following services, bring a dairy/vegetarian dish/ beverage that does not need to go into the kitchen for heating or

cooling purposes. Questions/ comments: call Sue Robbins at (301) 260-0088 or email me at [suestar@verizon.net](mailto:suestar@verizon.net)

# Sisterhood: Who We Are



The Sisterhood began in 1968 as a woman's group within The Jewish Congregation of Laurel (as it was called at that time). Membership was and still is open to any woman, regardless of whether she is Jewish or a member of the Congregation. **The Sisterhood is for all females over the age of 18. Membership in the Sisterhood is free.**

The Sisterhood is a social and service group that develops cultural, social and educational activities and programs. Also, we are a fundraising arm of the congregation that raises money by operating the Gift Shop, helping you sell your old gold for cash, Purim Grab Bags, etc.

Through these efforts, past and present, we have raised more than

\$50,000 toward the kitchen in our "new" building; paid for new Torah covers, our prayer books, and a new bima table; and have met our monetary pledge to the synagogue every year.

We lend support and give numerous contributions (plus our time and effort) to the Social Action Committee efforts-- such as LARS, Winterhaven, Elizabeth House, Brown House and many other fine organizations.

We provide the Onegs after Friday night services and the wine and challah after Saturday morning services. It is also our pleasure to present a lovely gift to each Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

Recently, we sponsored a

TuB'Shevat Seder and luncheon after Saturday morning services.

As the years have gone by, most of our female members have joined or rejoined the workforce. Some members have moved away or found other activities. Some younger members think of a Sisterhood as being an "older" persons' group. The Sisterhood is for *everyone* young or old. So become active in the Sisterhood by attending the meetings held on the first Tuesday of the Month at the synagogue. Bring your ideas for new or ongoing projects and volunteer to help see these projects through to fruition. REMEMBER - SISTERHOOD IS POWER.

## Candle Lighting Times

Dates	Light Candles	Havdalah	Parsha	Haftarah
March 4-5 Shabbat Shekalim	5:45 PM	7:16 PM	Pekudei Exodus 38:21-39:21, Exodus 30:11-16	II Kings 12:1-17
March 11-12	5:52 PM	7:23 PM	Vayikra	Isaiah 43:21-44:23
March 17-18			Exodus 32:11-34:10	
March 18-19 Shabbat Zachor	6:59 PM	8:30 PM	Tzav Leviticus 6:1-7:10, Deuteronomy 25:17-19	I Samuel 15:2-34
March 20-21 Purim			Exodus 17:8-16	Megillat Esther
March 21-22			Exodus 17:8-16	Megillat Esther
March 25-26 Shabbat Parah	7:06 PM	8:37 PM	Shmini Leviticus 9:1-10:11, Numbers 19:1-22	Ezekiel 36:16-38

# What??? Kosher for Passover



## Wine Tasting & Sale?

***Isn't it awfully early to dust off the Kosher for Passover corkscrew?***

Well... not really. Fun wine-filled activities are just around the corner...

## First...there's the tasting

- **Saturday evening, March 19, 2011** ...ring a bell? Yes? That's because it's Erev Purim! That's right. You recall that the *Good Book* also says you're suppose to imbibe fermented spirits on Purim. So tasting soon after the reading of the Magillah is a good way to get Purim started.

## Then...there's the sale

- **Flyers will be available at the tasting** and order forms will be available at the synagogue.
- **Completed orders must be submitted by March 30, 2011.**

## Then...wine delivery

- **April 9-13: Religious school and weekend services**
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Contact George Stone with questions – (301) 854-2080



# Oneg Sponsors

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Assaraf family in honor of Jonathan & Maurice's birthdays

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Litow family in honor of Matthew's birthday

Julia & Jack Tossell in honor of Beth & Ken's birthdays

Kay & Larry Taub in celebration of their anniversary

Lorraine & Bob Levan in honor of their anniversary

March 11

Ron Benton Klein in honor of Kelly's birthday

Brodsky family in honor of Cori's birthday

Edelberg family in honor of Brandon & Barry's birthdays

Margolis family in honor of Barbara, John & Erin's birthdays

Sue & Mel Lippmann in honor of their grandson Judah's birthday

Sisterhood in honor of John Riehl's birthday

March 18

Carolyn & Marty Makovi in celebration of their anniversary

Nancey & Steven Parker in honor of Emily's birthday

Roberta Sacks in honor of her son-in-law Ross Decatur's birthday

March 25

Becker family in honor of Hilary's birthday and Hilary & Michael's anniversary

Ron & Kelly Benton Klein in celebration of their anniversary

Appel family in honor of Isaac's birthday

Makino family in honor of Gloria's birthday

Menyuk family in honor of Curtis's birthday

Stone family in honor of Holly's birthday

Dan Fox in honor of Rachel Goldberg & Ronnie Brown's birthdays

Stephen & Lorraine Schoenfeld in celebration of their anniversary

Because of rising costs, the Sisterhood needs to raise the price for sponsoring an oneg to \$25.00, effective immediately. Thank you for contributing to our synagogue and for your understanding.

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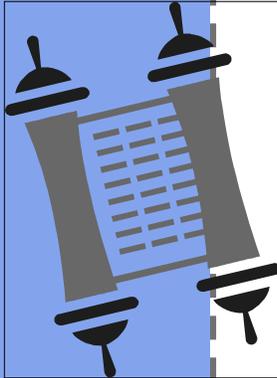
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## JRF Update



News from Chesapeake Region of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, February 2011!

February's newsletter is coming out a week late, because we were waiting to send the invitation to the Annual Celebration as a part of this newsletter. All invitations for the Annual Celebration are being sent electronically this year. It was sent to you through [Events@jrf.org](mailto:Events@jrf.org) today! The invitation is also included at the end of this newsletter with links to the Response Card and Tribute Journal Sign-Up Form. There is also a link to register for the Annual Celebration directly on line, and a link to a down-loadable version of Response Card and Tribute Journal page. Please plan to attend this great event, and register as soon as you can.

This year the Annual Celebration will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2011 at Oseh Shalom in Laurel from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. We are excited to be honoring George Stone and Stanley Newman with the Tzadik Award, a

special award thanking them for their ongoing support to our region and JRF. Members of our congregations including William Halpern from Adat Shalom, Allyson Mattanah from Beit Tikvah, Mike and Patti Taylor from Columbia Jewish Congregation, Bernard Guyer from Kol HaLev, Dan Lowery from Mishkan Torah, Carolyn Makovi and Larry Taub from Oseh Shalom, and Ruth and Horst Brandt from the Reconstructionist Havurah of Greater Washington are being honored with the Ohel: Together Under One Tent Award. All of our honorees have contributed to creating a "Big Tent" for Judaism or securing the ohel/tent in their congregations and Havurot.

Please plan to support our honorees by coming to the Annual Celebration and/or placing an ad to congratulate and support our honorees in our Tribute Journal. On another note, JRF is ready to launch this year's PEARL Conference calls, which offer educational forums on many

different topics to help our congregations. The following is updated information about this great program.

The 2011 PEARL series will take PEARL to the next level by providing curriculum culled from existing materials in audio and print for both PEARL and OMER along with new material and best practices from our communities and the larger world. The goal is to deepen the learning in key areas of congregational life as identified by JRF and our member communities' clergy, staff and lay leadership. For more information about past PEARL calls, please visit <http://jrf.org/pearl/archive>

We will offer a number of classes of 2 sessions each throughout February-June, 2011. Topics will be drawn from the areas of: Leadership, Education, Reconstructionism in Action, Growth, Finances, Sustainability, Israel and Spiritual Life. There will be a requirement of registering in advance for participants to listen to and read selected

## JRF Update



PEARL and other resources ahead of and during each class. Sessions will be offered under the direction of a course facilitator and guest teachers representing the best JRF communal practices from around the movement. All classes listed below will be held at either 12:00 noon EST or 8:00 p.m. EST and will last for 60-75 minutes. This year, we will be using a webinar format. Participants can listen and watch from their computer or via telephone. You will be able to register with JRF using this link: [www.jrf.org/pearl](http://www.jrf.org/pearl). Following your registering for the call, you also will be asked to register for the webinar so that you'll receive login information. In addition, each class will be recorded, and the webinars will be posted on the JRF website for your subsequent review and/or sharing with others.

To learn more about any class and to register, please go to [www.jrf.org/pearl](http://www.jrf.org/pearl) or contact Lori Rubin, program associate at [LRubin@jrf.org](mailto:LRubin@jrf.org)

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Celebration and participating in upcoming PEARL calls with you.

Shabbat Shalom!

Jackie Land,

Regional Director ,Chesapeake Region

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The following is an update from our Regional President, John Riehl:

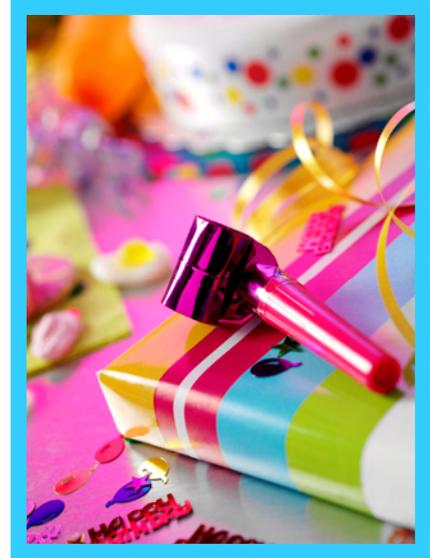
I'm writing this column as JRF is in the process - a Reconstructionist word if there ever was one - of making history. After literally months of discussion, JRF and the RRC - the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College - with substantial participation from the RRA, the professional rabbinic arm of the Movement -- have reached an agreement which, if approved by our JRF Plenum in April, will lead to the creation of a single, united Jewish Reconstructionist Movement. You'll be hearing about - and I'll be writing about - the details of that Agreement in the next couple of months, as each of our Regional affiliates decide whether to vote for this Agreement during the April Plenum.

This year also marks another historical occasion - for the first time ever, our Annual Celebration will NOT be held on a Sunday during the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament! This year, the Celebration will be on Sunday, April 3rd, at 4:00 at Oseh Shalom. This year we'll be giving special honors to Stan Newman and George Stone for their selfless service to JRF and the Reconstructionist Movement. We'll be paying special tribute to Bob Barkin, our now former JRF president - and we'll be welcoming Kol Ha 'Lev as our newest affiliate, into our Region.

Last year we raised truly historic amounts of much-needed funds for JRF - last year's Annual Celebration was by far the largest Chesapeake Region

# March Birthdays:

1	Beth Souba	27	Barry Edelberg
1	Allen Wolf	29	Holly Stone
2	Seth Eaton	30	David Wasserman
3	Lee Goldberg	31	Ronnie Brown
3	Bernice Goodwin	31	John Margolis
4	Elmina Hilsenrath	31	Rochelle Newman
4	J. Shane McCarthy		
5	Eric Adler		
5	Tamara Fastman		
5	Sharon Folse		
5	Andrew Lincoln		
6	Robert Berger		
6	Barry Mauk		
7	Sara Lessler		
7	Barbara Margolis		
8	Sharon Mager		
9	Susan Ginsberg		
10	Doug Kornreich		
10	Judith Miller		
11	John Riehl		
13	Adam Reese		
13	Nyree Wannall		
14	Heidi Hess-Webber		
15	Kelly Benton-Klein		
16	Dan Horak		
16	Robert Schrier		
18	Reenie Kraft		
18	Kenneth Sachs		
19	Ed Kraft		
19	Harry Schwirck		
20	Hilary Becker		
21	Robert Kleinberg		
23	Maurice Assaraf		
25	Betsy Adelman		
25	Leonard Bers		
26	Rachel Goldberg		
26	Larry Greenblatt		
26	Curtis Menyuk		
26	Shari Obler		



## JRF Update (continued)

Fundraiser in our history. It was also perhaps our most well-attended Annual Celebration in Regional history.

This year I'm hoping we can exceed last year's historic fundraising and attendance totals. As was the case last year, two members from at least one of our affiliates have pledged to match contributions from that affiliate. I'm hoping members from our other affiliates in the Region will do likewise.

This year we are asking each affiliate to select an "Annual Celebration" chairperson who will encourage members from their affiliates to attend and/or contribute to this year's event.

This year JRF will be holding a Distance Learning conference call seminar to teach fund-raising and development strategies to representatives of all our affiliates.

And this year, because of our commitment to be "shomrei adamah" - stewards of the Earth - we will be e-mailing, rather than printing and sending hard-copy invitations to the Annual Celebration.

So check your e-mails for your personal invitation! I'm looking forward to seeing the biggest crowd that's ever attended an Annual Celebration at Oseh shalom on April 3rd!

See you there! And no NCAA basketball references this year - I promise! Only k'vod and celebration!

John

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The websites for Reconstructionist congregations in the Chesapeake Region are:

# Yahrzeits

3/1/2011	Issackhar Assaraf, father of Maurice Assaraf
3/1/2011	Morris Bergofsky, grandfather of Linda Bergofsky
3/1/2011	Saul Wallach, father of Diane Cohen
3/1/2011	Isadore A. Dannenberg, father of Diane Cohen
3/1/2011	Beth Sobel, cousin of Robin Mauk
3/2/2011	Jeffrey Finkel, husband of Hillary Finkel
3/2/2011	Freda Kirschner, mother of Sidney Kirschner
3/4/2011	Selma Kleinberg, mother of Robert Kleinberg
3/5/2011	*Jerry Firtag, husband of Renee Firtag, father of Linda Solomon and father-in-law of Arthur Solomon
3/5/2011	Dennis White, son of Ruth White
3/7/2011	Hannah Marker, mother of David Marker
3/11/2011	*Israel Hilsenrath, father of Ernest Hilsenrath
3/11/2011	Claire Kaufman, mother of Bob Kaufman
3/16/2011	Isidor Kay, grandfather of Linda Bergofsky
3/18/2011	*Mildred Schlossenberg, mother of Ellis Schlossenberg
3/20/2011	Simon Berstein, grandfather of Norman Levine
3/21/2011	Sidney Reamer, father of Beverly Ludwig
3/23/2011	Esther Miriam Levan, mother of Bob Levan
3/23/2011	Donna White, daughter of Ruth White
3/24/2011	Brodene Makino, mother of Todd Makino
3/24/2011	Nathan Miller, father of Eric Metzman
3/25/2011	Jacob Wechsler, grandfather of Seth Eaton
3/27/2011	*Abraham Albert Russakoff, brother of Renee Firtag, uncle of Linda Solomon
3/27/2011	Florence Isaacson, mother of Micki Goldstein
3/28/2011	Leon Land, father of Eric Land
3/29/2011	*Carl "Kelly" Klein, father of Stephen Klein and grandfather of Kelly Benton-Klein
3/30/2011	Stephen Charles Katz, son of Ron and Roberta Katz
3/31/2011	Shirley Land, mother of Eric Land

\* Light will be lit on Sanctuary Memorial Board.



# Contributions

## **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Mollie Drexler  
In memory of her daughter Sharon  
Drexler Stern  
Edward Stern  
In memory of Sharon Stern  
Zorn Family  
In memory of Samuel Joseph Zorn

## **Torah Repair Fund**

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In memory of Aaron Paulson

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Michael, Hilary, & Morgan Becker  
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In memory of Alfred F. Goldstein and  
Millie K. Markison  
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Sidney Kirschner & Lynne Masterson  
Robert Kleinberg  
In memory of Selma & Bernard Kleinberg  
Steven Parker  
In memory of Ann & Harry Parker  
Gary & Deborah Richardson  
Kathleen Sheedy  
In memory of Jules Brand, stepfather of  
Robin Edelberg  
Amy & Stephen Siegel  
In honor of the birthday of Anna Rose Siegel  
(February 8, 2008)  
Melvin Stern  
In Gratitude for Caring and Support  
Don Street & Linda Bergofsky  
In memory of our parents and grandparents  
In honor of our children and grandchildren

## **Yartzeit Fund**

Jessica Bird  
In memory of Daniel Remenick (father of  
Jessica Bird)  
Rochelle Sypes  
In memory of her husband Stephen Sypes  
and her father David Isikoff

## **Growth and Programming Fund**

Roberta Sacks  
In memory of Jack Litz, Father of Marc Litz

## **Community Services Fund (Social Action)**

Lisa & Mark Heller  
In honor of Robert Goodwin's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## **General Donations**

Mel Beach  
Oseh Shalom Israeli Dance Group

# March Anniversaries

- 2 Bob & Lorraine Levan
- 4 Mitch & Tiffany Kavalsky
- 6 Sidney Kirschner & Lynne Masterson
- 10 Larry & Kay Taub
- 17 Jeff Gilbert & Judy Katz
- 18 Gary & Debbie Richardson
- 21 Martin & Carolyn Makovi
- 24 Sidney & Diane Hersh
- 26 Michael & Hilary Becker
- 26 Stanley & Karola Miller
- 27 Ronald & Kelly Benton-Klein
- 27 Robert & Carole Nathan
- 30 Laurie Remer & Robert Fleishman
- 31 Stephen & Lorraine Schoenfeld



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](mailto:MMakovi@verizon.net)

# JRF Update

Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation      <http://www.adatshalom.net>  
 Beit Tikvah      [www.beittikvah.org](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      [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
 Oseh Shalom <http://www.oseh-shalom.org/>

## Tikkun Olam Information from JRF Central

For information about special Tikkun Olam programs for this year check the Tikkun Olam section of the JRF website.

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.

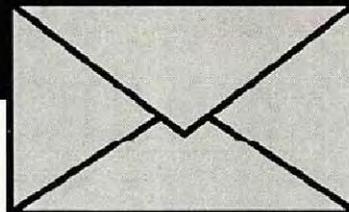
If you would like to publicize a future event, please send it to me by the 5th of each month.

Kol Tuv!

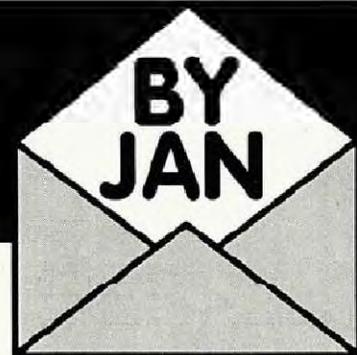
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## March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:45 AM - Upper School 7:30 PM - Sisterhood Meeting 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	2 4:45 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing 7:30 PM - Life Long Learning Committee Meeting	3 8:00 PM - Rental	4 7:30 PM - Family Shabbat Service 10:30 AM - Rabbi Fink's Mysticism/Kabbalah Class 6:00 PM - Congregation Shabbat Dinner	5 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services 10:00 AM - Parshat Pekudel/Shabbat Shekalim 7:00 PM - Children's Performance Chorus (tentative)
6 10:00 AM - Reconstruction 101 9:30 AM - Lower School - K-7; Pre-K; Cafe Oseh (SH,K)	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 - Israeli Dancing 7:00 PM - Executive Board Meeting 7:00 PM - Executive Committee Meeting	10 8:00 PM - Rental	11 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service 10:30 AM - Rabbi Fink's Mysticism/Kabbalah Class 6:00 PM - Religious School Shabbat Dinner	12 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services 7:00 PM - Children's Performance Chorus (tentative) 12:00 PM - Shabbat Lunch and Learn-Intro to Jewish Genealogy-Barry Nove
13 10:00 AM - Reconstruction 101 9:30 AM - Lower School - K-7; Cafe Oseh (SH,K) 2:00 PM - LLL Committee Creating Family Heirlooms	14	15 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	16 4:45 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 7:30 PM - Walking the Bible: Film and Discussion 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing	17 8:00 PM - Rental	18 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service and BBYO Program 10:30 AM - Rabbi Fink's Mysticism/Kabbalah Class	19 7:30 PM - Purim 10:00 AM - Shabbat Zacor 5:30 PM - Passover Wine Tasting and Royal Purim Banquet Dinner
20 9:30 AM - Lower School - K-7; Pre-K; Cafe Oseh (SH,K); 5th Grade Purim Program 1:00 PM - Howard County Jewish Federation Purim Carnival	21	22 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	23 4:45 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 8:15 AM - Israeli Dancing	24 8:00 PM - Rental	25 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service 5:00 PM - Rental 10:30 AM - Rabbi Fink's Mysticism/Kabbalah Class	26 10:00 AM - Shabbat Service - BaM Zoe and Zev Sheppard
27 9:30 AM - Lower School - K-7; Cafe Oseh (SH,K) 9:30 AM - Congregation Board Meeting 10:00 AM - Community Services Committee Meeting 10:00 AM - Green Committee Meeting 3:00 PM - Ladies Tea	28	29 6:45 AM - Upper School 7:15 PM - Melton Mini School	30 4:45 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing	31 8:00 PM - Rental		

# Oseh Shalom Events Calendar

## April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 PM - Family Shabbat Services 6:00 PM - Congregational and Religious School Shabbat Dinner 10:30 AM - Rabbi Fink's Mysticism/Kabbalah Class	2 10:00 AM - Shabbat Service - BaM Adam Wasserman 10:00 AM - Tot Shabbat
3 9:30 AM - Lower School - K-7; Pre-K; Cafe Oseh (SH,K) 4:00 PM - JRF Annual Celebration 10:00 AM - Development and Fundraising Committee 7:00 PM - Rosh Chodesh Meeting 10:00 AM - Israel:Where Personal and Historical Meet	4 6:00 PM - Elizabeth House	5 6:45 PM - Upper School 7:30 PM - Sisterhood Meeting-Rosh Chodesh Nisan	6 4:30 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing 7:30 PM - Life Long Learning Committee Meeting	7 7:00 PM - Showtime Singers Rehearsal 8:00 PM - Rental	8 8:00 PM - Rosh Chodesh Group Shabbat Service 10:30 AM - Rabbi Fink's Mysticism/Kabbalah Class	9 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services 10:00 AM - Riderwood Shabbat Services
10 9:30 AM - Lower School - K-7; Cafe Oseh (SH,K) 9:30 AM - 6th Grade Model Seder 9:30 AM - Pre-K 10:30 AM - Books and Bagels-The Green Room 3:00 PM - Showtime Singers Free Concert	11	12 6:45 PM - Upper School	13 4:30 PM - Lower School 3rd-7th 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing 7:00 PM - Executive Board Meeting	14 8:00 PM - Rental	15 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service	16 10:00 AM - Shabbat Service - BaM Courtney and Talia Loeb
17 9:30 AM - No School - Pesach	18	19 6:45 PM - No School - Pesach 10:00 AM - Passover Services	20 4:30 PM - No School - Pesach 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing 2:00 AM - Pesach-OFFICE CLOSED-NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	21 8:00 PM - Rental 12:15 AM - PESACH	22 8:00 PM - Shabbat Service 12:00 AM - PESACH	23 10:00 AM - Shabbat Services 9:45 AM - Shabbat Service - Riderwood
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