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Rabbi's Message

Dear Hevra,

I hope this message finds you well. Hanukkah is fast approaching. It begins on Saturday night, December 8th by the secular calendar this year.

This year I'm rediscovering the holiday's message of finding the inner spark of hope in darkness, and nurturing that spark of hope to kindle a lasting light.

For me this year, the events in Israel and Palestine cast a shadow of sadness and darkness which needs illumination and hope. Hamas, the ruling Islamist party in the Gaza Strip, has steadily increased its ongoing rocket attacks against Israel to an intolerable level. Israel recently launched Operation Pillar of Cloud, a set of air strikes to eliminate Hamas's armaments and top terrorist leaders. Hamas's terrorist attacks and the Israeli counterattacks have killed innocent civilians on both sides, and have created an intense environment of fear for everyone in the region.

I appreciate and respect Israel's efforts to defend itself from attack. However, I do not believe these military measures represent any real hope for the future. Unfortunately we've seen this failing strategy before. Four years ago, when facing similar pressure from Gaza-based rocket attacks, Israel initiated Operation Cast Lead, an even more forceful operation to defeat Hamas. The operation temporarily halted the rocket attacks. It also caused significant civilian casualties and triggered horrible publicity for Israel. In spite of this heavy burden for Israel, Hamas soon regenerated itself and the rocket attacks resumed. Far from a long-term victory for Israel, Hamas gained momentum in the wake of Operation Cast Lead. The devastation and chaos caused by Israel's incursion drove new waves of angry Palestinians to the terrorist organization. We can assume that a similar dynamic will follow the current Israeli airstrikes, unless efforts for long-term peace negotiations with the Palestinian Fatah government begin quickly.

Negotiation with the Palestinians presents many great obstacles. Many might even say that this path brings nothing more than naive dreams. However, I believe it represents the only way toward greater peace, security and harmony for Israel and her neighbors. Rabbi Michael Melchior, a past member of Israeli Parliament and the Chief Rabbi of Denmark, recently wrote on Facebook:

I truly believe that there is another way [besides perpetual war]. For how many years did every expert tell us that peace with the Arabs could never be achieved? Yet, today we mark the anniversary of Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem...Even through all the ups and downs

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and all the changes that we have experienced since then, his declaration lives on and has stood strong for the last 35 years.

For how many years did every expert tell us that if the Muslim Brotherhood, (the murderers of Sadat), were to assume power in Egypt, their religion would never permit them to come to terms with any kind of Jewish entity in this part of the world which is considered holy Islamic territory. Yet, we are witness to the elected Egyptian President, representing the Muslim Brotherhood of Egypt, leading negotiations between the State of the Jewish People and the Gaza branch of the Islamic Brotherhood (Hamas).

I believe that what we need to do now is to reach a Hudnah (truce) with Hamas for several years and during this time, enter into an intensive negotiation with the elected Palestinian leadership for a comprehensive and just solution based on two states for the two peoples....

So for a moment, close your eyes and imagine how such a world could look. Now open them. The truth is that 80% of both Israelis and Palestinians support this kind of peace and long for it to happen. Both peoples lack the faith that the other side has the same dream. We need to foster this faith.

Although some may call the path of peace negotiations a dream, I believe, like Rabbi Melchior, it is a dream to be guarded and nurtured. If there is any dream that the Jewish People should cherish, this is it. If ever there was a dream worthy of courageous steps and leaps of faith this is the one and the time must be now.

We should urge leadership from the US government to bring Israel and the Palestinian Authority together for renewed peace talks. We must insist that President Obama make the cause of lasting peace a priority of his second term. We should reach out in partnership to our Muslim and Arab counterparts here in America. Even if peace between Israel and her neighbors seems difficult to achieve, we should pursue this dream instead of accepting eternal war or an end to Israel.

Hanukkah is a time for nurturing a spark of hope, just like the dream of peace. In the days of the Maccabees, our ancient ancestors also nurtured a dream that often seemed distant. Against all odds, they imagined freeing themselves from oppressive rule. They imagined rededicating the Jerusalem Temple. The Talmud tells us that, within the rubble of the destroyed Temple, against all odds they found one pure flask of oil with the seal of the High Priest. With great care and attention, they nurtured that improbable little vial of oil into a lasting flame.

May we follow in their footsteps and nurture the dream of peace to a reality.

Best wishes for a happy Festival of Lights. May the Hanukkah menorah shine bright with the light of peace.

Shalom,

Rabbi Doug Heifetz

Presidents' Report

Hevre,

Thanksgiving has just ended, and we hope that many of you had an opportunity to gather with family and friends. The fall is always a busy time, and naturally, the Oseh community has been quite busy with religious school, services, and a very wide variety of educational programs. Rabbi Doug has been teaching a class on Sunday mornings entitled "A Tale of Two Josephs", Avi West has been teaching a Melton Mini class on the Psalms, Erez Golan, our visiting Israeli Educator, has been teaching a class on "The Contemporary Israeli Experience", and Barry Nove has been teaching a class on Miqra'ot Gedolot.

One Book One Oseh has continued with their Religious School Celebration of the Heroes in Honor of Yonatan Netanyahu. The religious school held their annual bookfair, and the membership committee hosted a new membership dinner at the end of the month. In December, the Life Long Learning Committee will be featuring a class on Yiddish Language, and the family Hannukkah Party will be held on Dec. 9. Please check the calendar for details about these activities as well as a listing of the Rabbi's Erev Shabbat talks. And, of course, don't forget our annual synagogue retreat Jan. 11-13.

When you check the calendar, you will notice the times for Religious Committee meetings, Sisterhood meetings, and other Board-related activities. The Board is working conscientiously to continue to provide our Oseh community with ongoing classes, meaningful services, tikkun olam projects, as well as social events. When it comes to all of these enterprises, we need your help and our committees need energetic members. For example, we need an individual to chair our development committee and an individual to assist with organizing our major Spring fundraiser. This makes for a perfect "Hineni" moment. We are asking. Look inside and ask yourself if, in response to our question, you will say the words "Here I am."

Karen and Roberta

Help A Family in Need this Holiday Season

Oseh has adopted a family for the holidays. This is a family identified by the Laurel Advocacy Referral Services as being truly in need, choosing between heat and food type of need. Many of us are blessed with more than enough. Let's give back this holiday season. Please pick one or two items from the signup genius list below that you can give to this family. Leave the UNwrapped items in the coat room box labeled for Adopt a Family or put in a grocery bag or box labeled ADOPT. Items can be gently used from your basement or attic for the dream list: microwave, blender, DVD, etc. If you have kids, get them involved in choosing something. Please bring your donations by **Sunday, Dec. 9**, so we can wrap them at the annual Oseh Hannukah Party.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AACAC229-adoptafamily> (password: **family**)

If signup genius isn't your thing, write or call Felicia or Melody and we'll give you a suggestion in any price range from under \$10 to \$50, whatever works for you, but please help.

Felicia Friedman fldf65@gmail.com, [240-506-0204](tel:240-506-0204) and Melody Magnus, melmagnus@verizon.net, [301-622-2947](tel:301-622-2947)

Social Action/Fun Committee



Tributes

To Seth and Karen Eaton and family in memory of Seth's father
Leah and Patrick Young
Helen and Leon Litow
Pauline Pivowar

To Terry and Steve Klein and family in memory of Terry's mother

Leah and Patrick Young
Myra and Brian Snow
Pauline Pivowar

To The Dresner family in memory of Marsha's father, Victor Newman
Pauline Pivowar

To Melody, Gary and Josh Magnus- Thank you for always being willing to help when one's hosts are needed. We really appreciate you.

The Sisterhood

Thank You

The board would like to thank Sheila Urman for her help in facilitating the board retreat last month. We would also like to thank Ed Stern for the use of his space. Additionally the presidents would like to thank the board members for their participation, enthusiasm, and commitment, not only at the retreat, but all year round.

Roberta and Karen

Baruch Dayan ha'Emet

The congregation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Marcia Dresner and the entire Dresner family on the recent death, at the age of 92, of Victor Newman z"l, father of Marcia Dresner.

HANUKKAH GIFTS



OSEH SHALOM GIFT SHOP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2012

9:30 AM—1:00 PM

From the Desk of Barry Nove

First of all, I would like to thank all the families who ordered bricks for the Path of Peace. Our goal was to reach the minimum order number of ten. We ordered 32 (an additional 28 bricks), which will set, weather permitting, in the Path of Peace shortly. Our next order will be placed in the spring.

Since the last issue, Oseh Shalom after more than twenty years has upgraded our phone system, which was no longer repairable. After a long bidding process and as planned for in this year's capital budget, we have purchased and installed a new and much more efficient phone system. Originally, in the days before Windows 95 and the now ubiquitous mobile phones, Oseh Shalom had twenty phones in the building, which could be found in odd places like the Rabbi's closet in the Sanctuary, or in every classroom for emergencies. We have downsized to just what we need, eight phones for staff/office needs and the library. From first quote to last, we brought the cost down by over \$15,000 to under \$5,000 for the new system, which allows for easy remote access (particularly for our vendor Chesapeake Telephone, which can remote access the system and help us change settings and tweak it should we have any issues). Please understand that we are still getting used to system, but everyone on staff has been trained and I am training our office volunteers in how to transfer calls to voice mail and in all the basics.

Also budgeted under capital expenses this year is a long overdue upgrade of our outdated ADT alarm system. We are upgrading in stages, part of which will be done in the next fiscal year.

We hope to add cameras outside and are applying for a Homeland Security Grant. If the grant is approved this spring, we will move forward with that part of the plan. In other words, we are not seeking additional funding for these projects. We are working within our budget structure. The new alarm system with ADT/Tyco should be completed by the time you receive this issue of the Shalom.

Now with the Director of Development hat on, the Tzedek Campaign has begun. For those not familiar with our end of year appeal, which will continue into January, the Tzedek Fund helps us underwrite the financial aid we provide to members, who are unable to pay full dues to the synagogue. This year, as last year, twenty percent of our members receive financial aid. The Tzedek Fund helps us provide this assistance to those in need. If you have not made a gift to the Tzedek Fund before, please consider making one this year or in the next calendar year. For those of you who have been supporting this appeal, thank you for your past support. You should be receiving a letter about this year's appeal shortly, if you have not already. Also, there may be a special feature to this particular appeal as we seek to highlight the importance of this effort.

Still with my development hat on, we are in the early planning phase for having a fundraising dinner this spring. We will be announcing details and date and time shortly via the eNews and further details in the January issue.

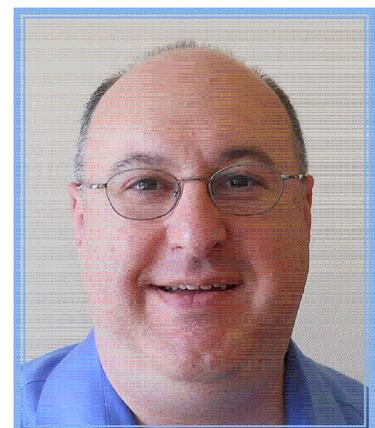
On a personal note, many of you know of my Jewish genealogy and writing interests. This past month my short story, **A Rose for**

America, about my grandmother's Ellis Island experience as a child in 1907 has recently been publishing in **The Writing.com Anthology** (Wynwidon Press, November 2012). The book is a coffee table size edition, featuring poems and short stories from a hundred members of the Writing.com online community, which has over four hundred thousand members worldwide. This is now my second Ellis Island tale to be published.

Finally, I would like to thank all the office volunteers we've had this past month: Judy Arnoff, Rose Fishman, Diane Green, Molly Hullinger, Val Kaplan, Lisa Karpf, Doris Kirschbaum, and Pauline Pivowar. I can't tell you enough how much help they are.

Thank you and have a Happy Hanukkah!

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Please join us on
December 14, 2012, at 6:00 PM



Chanukah Dinner,
Chanukah Candle Lighting,
followed by Friday Evening Services

December 14, 2012, at 6:00 PM
Dinner: \$10 per person/\$20 per family

Rsvp to: mensclub@oseh-shalom.org

Save the date: Oseh Super Goal Party Feb 3, 2013

Partnership Together

8 days of light with one little cruse of oil.

Our story of the miracle of Chanukah can make one think of many meanings and implications.

Religious meaning along side national meanings, thoughts about heroism, struggle, and pious separatism versus assimilation.

But also: 8 days of light with one little cruse of oil? Sounds to me like renewal energy.

Now I cannot “teach” my congregations about eco-green issues. On the contrary, I have a lot to learn. But I can bring you a story about a link between Judaism, Ecological Education and a connection between an Israeli community and Diaspora one.

Have you ever heard about partnership-together? A Jewish Agency program? It's called P2GETHER (I know, not the best name, unless the goal is to put out a bonfire. I should explain that too: we have a phrase, **כיבוי צופים**, Scout's bonfire extinguish, which means to stand in a circle around the bonfire and then, ahm ahm, to Pee Together on it to kill the fire) and it is meant to build bridges between specific communities in Israel with partners around the world.

For example: Haifa's partner city is Boston, Eilat is paired with Toronto, and Netanya (the city next to my home-town Pardesiya)“got” Cincinnati.

What does it mean to be a partner region? Well, a lot. There are delegations going from and to Israel, schools that share a class curriculum and meet from time to time in Video conferences, business ties and, of course, personal formed within the project's frame-work, but often last afterward as well.

What about the DC area you ask? Worry not! You have an Israeli partner too: The Beit Shemesh region (The city of Beit Shemesh and its satellite towns). FYI the partnership is “shared” with South Africa.

Beit Shemesh is a city located a short distance west of Jerusalem. It was a thriving trading center in the Canaanite era, and also mentioned in the Bible (When the Ark of covenant is returned to the Israelites, in Samuel 1:6, it passes in Beit Shemesh)

Today Beit Shemesh is particularly interesting because of its population diversity. Secular Jews live together with Modern Orthodox, a large Ultra-Orthodox community and born Israelis next to Olim (new comers). Among the Olim are Anglos as well as Ethiopians.

The partnership between Beit Shemesh and Metro DC is a huge success, but can be challenging and require a great deal of creativity, compromising (from both sides) as well as pure passion to push for the substance of the project. At times it might even seem impossible. But that is what's cool about it, right?

So, coming back to renewal energy and environmental issues, I would like to tell you about one project that was made possible by P2GETHER.

The project supported the work of an Israeli NGO called Sviva Israel (Environment Israel). They ran a

program called The Ecological Connection. Two schools, one in Beit Shemesh and one in Johannesburg, taught a parallel curriculum about Environmental topics, in the Jewish context of “**בל תשחית**” (Bal Tashchit - the Jewish ethical command “Don't destroy [nature]”). During the school year, the students kept in touch by Web interactions and letters/postcard corresponding and did different activities together (like making a recycled friendship bracelet and sending it to their new friends overseas).

I hope that I will have a chance to connect one of my congregations with our partners in Beit Shemesh. And if not me, maybe the next Shaliach.

Happy Chanukah.

Erez Golan



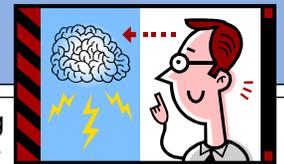
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Membership Brainstorming



As 2012 winds down and we are thinking ahead to 2013, the Membership Committee is looking for some fresh ideas and some helping hands for upcoming events. We are looking for creative and innovative ways to reach people in our community and share all that Oseh has to offer to Jewish families and individuals. But not only would we like to add new families to our synagogue, we would also like to ensure that we are offering exciting programs to our current members. It is important to us to try and engage all of the families at Oseh and work to make everyone feel welcome. If you have any ideas and/or time please contact us and let us know what you have in mind.

One program that we would like to encourage is a family mentoring program. We would like to match up current synagogue families with new members, either based on geographic location, age of children or a specific interest. Often times, new members are unaware of the different programs and activities offered at the synagogue and could use a family to help them. Some new members may find it uncomfortable or awkward to participate in services and activities when they don't yet feel connected. And it is always nice to have a familiar and friendly face when attending synagogue functions. If you are interested in becoming a mentoring family/individual, please contact us and let us know.

We hope that you and your family have a joyous Chanukah and a happy and healthy New Year!

Todah Rabah

Kelly Benton-Klein and Susan Northcutt
membership@oseh-shalom.org

SERIOUS JOB OFFER, Critical Need

Elizabeth House is in dire need of an Assistant Kitchen Coordinator. Please read below and think about whether you may be able to help in this capacity. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Carolyn Makovi. I am sure that Steve would be glad to provide any training necessary. Thank you!

Backup/Assistant to: Eliz Hse Kitchen Coordinator:

Job description/Responsibilities/Duties of KCs:

When active:

BELOW DUTIES APPLY WHEN KITCHEN COORDINATOR IS UNAVAILABLE/OUT-OF-TOWN/HIT-BY-A-SCHOOLBUS, ETC. This is "advance planning"!!

Why needed NOW: Jean Hannagan is out of commission indefinitely because of broken ankle, and Steve Sternheimr will be out of town most of Jan 2013.

Permission to list your tel. no. at Eliz Hse and have KC/Steve S. send same to all team Leaders so they can call you if there is a question re Kitchen operations that day when Steve is not available.

Communicate by e-mail, as needed, with Kitchen Team leaders 1X/mo.

In absence of KC, Asst., KC should send 1 note/mo. saying either "things are great" or "here are a few things we need to pay attention to". **We are all volunteers** & do the best we can, but sometimes noting small problems prevent big disasters/cascading issues.

(KC will send you a copy of the Master list of Team Leaders, Backups & Schedule by e-mail & hard copy).

NOTE: JEAN LAWRENCE, AS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING VOLUNTEERS. IF SOMEONE CANCELS, WITHDRAWS, ETC. Volunteer management is not a KC job; just pass any issues on to Jean for solution.

Send out monthly reminders to: 2 Kitchen Food Buyer (Bill, Don/Wayne), 1 Kitchen Supply Buyer (Val) to check food stock and supplies (they have lists of what they need) and to buy. Esp. if someone calls and says "supplies x are lo or non-existent." We always remind the caller to be sure they check in office and "look carefully" too.

Most freq. issue: need to buy more lunch meats, cheese, canned green veggies. Hard to predict how long they last/month.

Receive, automatically, weekly reports from one of 4-5 Kitchen Checkers (Keith, Liz, Dorothy, Glenn, Steve, Erica til Dec) (there is a schedule thru Dec., and will be another Jan-March) who check on status of things to prevent KC from having to do constant on-spot inspections. They are the "eyes on the ground" re potential problems. Usually they say "all is ok", with details they have a check list), but sometimes they find problems.

Deal with "emergencies" as best you can/see fit, like sudden delivery of x cartons of fresh fruit or veggies (standard response: break down the cartons, store stuff in refrigerators, leave notes on bulletin boards & in vol. note book telling folks to use in lunches, dinners, etc. **AND NEVER HESITATE TO ASK FOR HELP FROM OTHER BAORD MEMBERS OR TEAM LEADERS; I DO!!**

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Bread emergencies have been eliminated, so far as I can tell. But there will always be unexpected, generous donations of fruits/fresh veggies and folks just need to be reminded to get these into fridge, leave notes to use, tell Menu Planner so she will put on Menu, etc.

If there is excess, we ALWAYS let Pantry know (Gena Wade, Stephanie Sefia, Rosie McLeod) so they will distribute to their clients in grocery bags.

Communicate with Linda Crossley, Menu Planner & her asst., on monthly basis, to be sure that there is room for monthly St. John Baptists casserole delivery (30-35) in meat freezer. Linda handles this herself directly with Garland Demarco, but asst. KC should be on e-mail list for notification.

Let either KC (if in town, available) or Maintenance Coordinator (when filled) of any Maintenance problem. Or notify Board Pres. Carol Plotnick.

Receive info, as applicable, from the **"Bread Team" headed by Paul Simon** who checks weekly on bread/dessert needs, picks up, deliveries, rotates bread/desserts & restocks Bread fridge with his team.

Deal with any issue brought to your attention from **person managing Towel Supply, Dorothy D'Antoni.**

HELP KC /Steve Sternheimer, on request, when there is "task overload," on kitchen leader -- so that he can (a) manage Maint. issues until we get a new Maint. Coord. (b) help with grant writing 9c) help with Board Leadership development.

–Example: right now Eliz Hse could apply for 2 grants, but KC needs time to do this & hence not spend time on other things for a few weeks.

Help the Kitchen team leaders do their jobs of helping clients: Reply to inquiries, help in problem solving, in response to inquiries from any Kitchen Team leaders.

Current Kitchen Management Team (not counting some 100+ Kitchen volunteers)

1 Kitchen Coordinator
1 Backup/Asst. Kitchen coordinator
2 Food Purchasers
1 Supply Purchaser
4-5 Kitchen Checkers
1-2 Menu Planners
2-4 Bread Management Team
50+ Kitchen team Leaders (most with a Backup)

Liaison with, as needed:

Pantry Coordinator (Gena Wade)
Kitchen Volunteer coordinator (Jean Lawrence)
Acting Maintenance Coordinator (Steve Sternheimer)
FISH Board

Social Action: Tikkun Olam Opportunities

Congratulations to all the readers who participated in our 1st annual Read to Feed program. Religious school students Andrew and Robert Northcutt, Jacob and Hanna Kavalsky, Zachary and Colette Cheng, Aaron and Elijah Klein, Ariel and Issac Uy, Heather Friedman, Michele Tobin, Hannah Souba, Bryan and Amber Putman, Jonah Richardson took the challenge and read for 20 minutes or more for 18 days and collected money for LARS. The total raised, \$879.00, will go to LARS for the Fannie Mae program "Help the Homeless".

Thanks to all who supported and sponsored the readers.

These readers will be recognized at the upcoming Hanukkah party

December 9, 11:30 a.m. There will be a special guest, so come out to support the readers and enjoy the Hanukkah party!

Thanks to Felicia Dannick Friedman for all her work on this program.

WINTER SHELTER 2013

Winter Shelter is coming this January, many have helped in the past and hopefully many will help this year. The following is information about our Winter Shelter in our handy Frequently Asked Questions below. Please help Oseh Shalom continue our wonderful legacy of caring and sharing by contacting Eileen Hollander, Suzie Friedman, or Judy Swanner to volunteer. As always, donations are also welcome.

Shalom, Judy Swanner & Linda Bergofsky

Co-Chairs, Social Action and Community Services Committee

So you might ask, what is Winter Shelter?

Winter Shelter is a cooperative program among faith bases organizations and Laurel Advocacy & Referral Services (LARS). Oseh Shalom and the local area churches provide overnight shelter for homeless women and men during the winter months. We provide dinner,

breakfast, and overnight shelter. We also offer lunch foods so that our guests can make themselves a bagged lunch for the next day.

How can I help Winter Shelter?

This shelter program depends on the generous assistance from you, our congregation. There are many ways to help! Please read the FAQ below to find out where you would like to participate; we encourage kids, teens and families to participate.

Winter Shelter (WS) Frequently Asked Questions

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

Women's Sunday January 27 - Sunday Feb. 3

Men's Sunday February 24 - March 3

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

Evening driver: pick up guest 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 is served at 7 pm.

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

Evening chaperone 6:30 pm to 10 pm

Overnight chaperone 10 pm to 7am

Shelter set up: Sunday Jan 27 at 9:30 -11:30 am Women's WS

Sunday Feb 24 at 9:30 - 11:30 am Men's WS

Shelter break down:

Sunday Feb 3 at 9:30 - 11:30 am Women'sWS

Sunday March 3 at 9:30 - 11:30 am Men's WS

What are the responsibilities 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 around 6:45 pm.

Dinner prep, serve, clean up:

Meal:

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

Earlier prepared meals will be in refrigerator, thawed

Prepare and set out appetizers by 6:30 pm

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 one evening snacks, drinks, paper goods. Monitor & refill.

Ask guests if they would like a bag lunch for 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.

Overnight chaperone:

Monitor guests

In morning set up breakfast tables

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 WS 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 WS 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?

It depends. Some of the main dishes have been prepared ahead of time 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.



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 desserts) 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 non kosher items.

All kitchen work must be done on the dairy side of the kitchen.

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

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

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

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" (keep 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 each other and us and enjoy appetizers until dinner.

What happens after dinner?

Guests may continue to socialize plays 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 and 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 Shelter 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 WH. If so, please make your check out to Oseh Shalom and complete a donation form that signifies that your donation is intended

for Social Action/Winter Shelter. 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 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 guests.

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.

Whom do I contact to Help?

Eileen Hollander
ceholl5@comcast.net

Suzie Friedman
suzie.friedman@gmail.com

Judy Swanner
swannerjudy@msn.com

Candle Lighting Times



Dates	Light Candles	Havdalah	Parsha	Haftarah
November 30-December 1	4:28 PM	5:57 PM	Vayishlach Genesis 35:16-36:43	Obadiah 1:1-21
December 7-8	4:27 PM	5:57 PM	Vayeshev Genesis 39:1-40:23	Amos 2:6-3:8
December 8-16 Chanukah				
December 14-15	4:28 PM	5:58 PM	Miketz	Zechariah 2:14-4:7
December 21-22	4:30 PM	6:01 PM	Vayigash Genesis 27:28-28:9	Ezekiel 37:15-28
December 23 Asara b'Tevet				
December 28-29	4:35 PM	6:05 PM	Vayechi Genesis 49:27-50:26	I Kings 2:1-12

**Annual Family Channukah Party
Plus Magic Show
with Guest Performer!!
Sunday, December 9
11:30 - 1:00 pm**



- Gelt Hunt
- Dreidel Magnet Making
- Cookie Decorating and Eating!
- Hanukkah Sling Shot Attack
- Marble Racer Competition
- Tile Menorahs Project
- Traditional Dreidel
- Magic Card Game
- Dance Dance Revolution
- Truths and a Lie--Hanukkah Version
- Wrapping gifts and making cards for our adopted family
- Lots of prizes to win

Plus homemade mac and cheese,
gluten free pasta with margarine,
latkes and all the fixins',
carrots and dip, fresh fruit,
juice, and Dunkin Donut holes!
All just \$5 per person

Teen and adult Volunteers needed to
run games and decorate
RSVPs needed to ensure enough food or special diet needs

melmagnus@verizon.net

For Hanukkah.... Consider this Gift Idea!!



In recognition of the holiday when oil makes a special appearance, Oseh Shalom Sisterhood will be selling Kosher Olive Oil from California.

All profits go to the Sisterhood.

This fabulous Kosher Extra Virgin Olive Oil will be available in time for Hanukkah. Oil vezmeer!!

Place your order now for Kosher Olive Oil for Hanukkah.

Name _____

email address _____

phone _____

Number of bottles @ \$10.00/6.8 oz bottle (price includes tax) _____

Please include a check (to Oseh Shalom Sisterhood) with your order.

Mail to Oseh Shalom, 7515 Olive Branch Way, Laurel, MD 20707.

You may also scan and email your order, while sending your check to Oseh separately. Once your order is ready, you will be contacted and you will be able to pick up the order at the synagogue, anytime during normal business hours, or when religious school is in session.

Direct questions to Rochelle Sypes: rsypes1@yahoo.com (240-264-1281)

Oseh Shalom's 16th Annual Retreat



L'DOR VA'DOR

Perpetuating Judaism in the Next Generation

Will Judaism survive the 21st century? How has Judaism been a part of our life? How and what will you pass on? This retreat we will look at the changing face of Judaism as it deals with internal and external stresses.

**January 11-13, 2013
Cacapon Resort State Park
Berkeley Springs, WV**

Cacapon Resort State Park sits between Cacapon Mountain and the Cacapon River, source of the area's renowned mineral waters. Retreat events take place in the Cacapon Lodge, a relaxed setting featuring a cozy lounge with fireplace, TV and board games. Lodge rooms feature private baths, TV and wireless internet. Meals, kosher and/or vegetarian, are served in the lodge's full service restaurant.

Space and time are limited.

**In order to guarantee rooms,
all registration forms must be received by the Oseh Shalom office
on or before December 11, 2012**



Registration forms available in this issue of The Shalom, on the Oseh Shalom Website or by calling the Oseh Shalom office.

16th ANNUAL OSEH SHALOM CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT*REGISTRATION *****
Cacapon State Park, WV - January 11-13, 2013

Please complete all 3 parts and return the form to the address/fax/email at the bottom.

P Name: _____ License Plate No. (Required by Park): _____
A Address: _____
R Phone (cell): _____ (home): _____
T Email: _____

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

I am interested in car pooling and have space for _____ person(s) in my car. I need a ride.
 I am interested in sharing a room or cabin with (please list person(s) or we can suggest a match) _____
 I am willing to volunteer to assist with children's programs or child care (limited commitment; we will contact you with details).

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

P _____ room(s) in the Main Lodge *(Please indicate how many rooms you want. Families with more*
A *than 4 persons may need to take 2 rooms and pay the extra room charge shown below. No cots or rollaway*
R *beds are available. Register early to get the accommodations you want.)*
T 4-person cabin (2 bedrooms; 1 dbl., 2 twins) 8-person cabin (4 bedrooms; 3 dbl., 2 twins)
2 *(Preference for the cabins will be given to larger families and groups. They are winterized and have the*
luxury of kitchens and fireplaces. All are located in one area, which is a 7 minute walk from the Lodge.)
Fill in and total your charges using the rates shown:

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

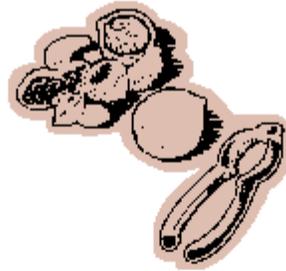
_____ 1 adult for \$199	\$ _____	→
_____ 2 adults for \$288	\$ _____	→
_____ 3 adults for \$378	\$ _____	→
_____ 4 adults for \$467	\$ _____	→
_____ children 3-11yrs @ \$68 ea.	\$ _____	
_____ children 2 yrs and under... <input type="checkbox"/> we need a crib	\$ <u>no charge</u>	
_____ extra room charge (Main Lodge) add \$147	\$ _____	
_____ extra charge for 4-person cabin add \$168	\$ _____	
_____ extra charge for 8-person cabin add \$294	\$ _____	
TOTAL:	\$ _____	

NOTE: One room occupancy unless extra room charge added below.

Payment Options

P **Method of Payment (Note: Full payment must be recd. in Synagogue Office by December 11th):**
A Check (payable to Oseh Shalom). VISA M/C Acct.# _____
R Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____
T

3 Please mail or fax to: Oseh Shalom Retreat, 7515 Olive Branch Way, Laurel MD 20707, 301-498-3785 (fax) or email to ghstone@erols.com
Please Note: In order to meet our financial obligations to Cacapon State Park, no refunds beyond \$25.00 per person can be issued after December 11th unless the vacancy can be filled.



**TUB'SHEVAT SEDER AND LUNCHEON
JANUARY 26, 2013**

**Following Services, the Oseh Shalom Sisterhood
invites you to a TU B'SHEVAT SEDER and
Complimentary Kiddush Luncheon**

**Lunch will include bagels, cream cheese, salads, fresh
fruits, and of course dessert.**

**Please call Pauline Pivowar @ 301-604-8953 or Rose
Fishman Rosey3846@wmconnect.com and let them
know if you will be attending. PLEASE RESPOND BY
January 19, 2013. We don't want anyone to go hungry.**

There is no cost, but we need a head count.

Check Yes or No

PURIM BOX

The Sisterhood is considering a number of fund raising events one of which is preparing Purim Boxes in February 2013. This fundraiser would be run very much the way the High Holy Day gift basket fundraiser is run. The Box would contain the usual Purim goodies (mask, grogger, hamantaschen) plus other delightful goodies.

We are trying to get an idea if congregation members and others would be interested in buying a Purim Box. We anticipate selling the Box for no more than \$5.00.

Please check below and either drop off at the office with Barry, or send to Religious School with your children.
Thank you!!

Interested in Buying_____.

No Interest in Buying_____

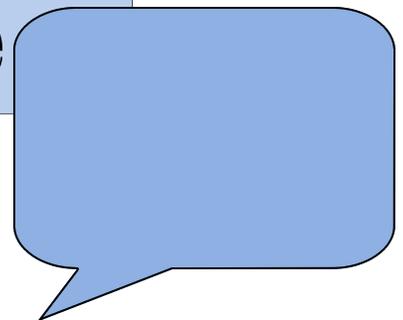


Yiddish: Past, Present & Future

Dr. Miriam Isaccs, Associate Professor of Yiddish, U. Md.

Sundays, Dec. 2, 9, and 16
11:30 to 12:30

\$5 per class (\$7 non-members) or \$12 for all 3 classes (\$15 non-members)
Contact synagogue office to register





Oneg Sponsors

December 7

Eaton family in honor of Daniel, Rebecca & Jonah's birthdays

Shimel family in honor of of Josh's birthday

Pauline Pivowar in memory of Jack

December 14

Makovi family in honor of of Michael's birthday

Edelberg family in honor of Sara's birthday

Salant family in honor of of Steve's birthday

Rose Fishman in honor of special friend Pauline Pivowar's birthday

Marty Hoffman in memory of his mother, Rose Hoffman

December 21

Eileen & Craig Hollander in honor of their anniversary

Karen Meckler & Brad Sachs in honor of their anniversary

Elmina & Ernest Hilsenrath in honor of of granddaughter Sophia Isabell Schulman's birthday

Lisa Karpf in honor of Mitch Stein's birthday

December 28

Ruth & Stan Brodsky in honor of their anniversary

Ginsberg family in honor of Emily's birthday

Roberta Sacks in honor of granddaughter Haylie Decatur's birthday

Magnus family & Gladys Blank in loving memory of Albert Blank

Terry & Steve Klein in honor of their anniversary

Erez Has Class

Erez Golan, visiting Israeli educator "Contemporary Israeli Experience Through Literature and Current Events"

Part II (4 classes) November 28, December 5, 12, 19 (\$25/members; \$50/non-members)
Part III (4 classes) April 10, 17, 24, May 1 (\$25/members; \$50/non-members)

While part of a 12 class series, new participants are welcome at the beginning of each Part.
Register with Barry: bnove@oseh-shalom.org or at 301-498-5151



SISTERHOOD COMING EVENTS



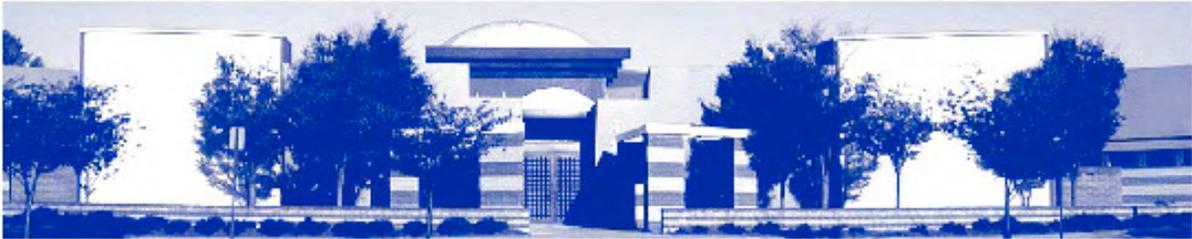
TuB'Shevat Seder and Luncheon

Saturday, January 26, 2013 (after services). Respond to Pauline Pivowar or Rose Fishman by January 19, 2013. No charge.



Sisterhood Meeting January 8, 2013 @ 7:30 PM. The Sisterhood is for everyone young or old. So become active in the Sisterhood by attending meetings held at the Synagogue. Sisterhood is a great place to help develop your many skills and talents as a team member and a leader.

Contacts: Contact either Carolyn Makovi at 301-236-4411 or Rose Fishman at 301-384-6744 if you have any questions, or better yet, with your ideas and suggestions.



Tot Shabbat

**First Friday Night of Each Month
At 7:30 PM**

Looking for a fun, engaging Jewish experience for a young one in your life? Then come to Oseh Shalom's monthly Tot Shabbat program, featuring stories, songs, prayer and movement for children in the approximately 2-5 year age range.

Tots and their families gather in the Sanctuary for the beginning of the Family Service, starting at 7:30 PM on the first Friday night of each month. At 7:45 we invite the young children into the Quiet Room for the Tot Shabbat service. The children are invited to join in the program, accompanied by a parent. After about 25 minutes, the Tot Shabbat participants return to the sanctuary for the end of the Family Service.

For more information, please contact Kara Beakley
(edukaration@gmail.com).

Oseh Shalom

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

It's Time to Apply

Time to Apply for 2013 Camp JRF Scholarships

Since 2006, the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation's summer camp—Camp JRF—has been a place where the rising generation of Reconstructionist Jews can grow, have fun, and forge Jewish connections and values for life. Oseh Shalom is again offering scholarship assistance to families who wish to send their children to a session of Camp JRF, but need financial assistance to help make that possible.

Oseh Shalom's Camp JRF scholarships provide partial funding toward the basic cost for one session of camp (up to 40 percent). The specific amount of funding provided depends on the family's financial need, the number of families applying for a scholarship, and the current amount in our Camp JRF scholarship fund, which is supported by contributions from our congregants.

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by John Finedore, reviews scholarship applications and determines the scholarship amounts. The scholarship application form asks applicants to include any information they feel may be relevant to help the committee make their decision. All information provided to the committee and the amount of funding provided are, of course, kept strictly confidential.



Families wishing to apply should contact John Finedore (finedorej@gao.gov 301-498-2354) for a 2013 scholarship application form. The deadline for submitting an application is December 31, 2012. Families are also expected to apply for financial assistance directly from Camp JRF and for other camp scholarship grants, such as CamperQuest.

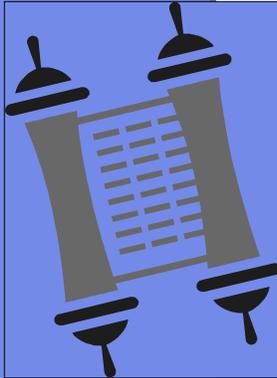
Camp JRF is located on 130 acres of beautifully wooded land in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. For photos and information about the camp, go to the camp's website at <http://www.campjrf.org>.

December Anniversaries

- 6 Gary & Eileen Pokodner
- 6 Jeff & Andi Zolt
- 10 Dan & Lisa Krieger
- 20 Craig & Eileen Hollander
- 20 Brad Sachs & Karen Meckler
- 22 Stephen & Terry Klein
- 23 Stephen Siegel & Amy Lechter-Siegel
- 25 Irwin & Micki Goldstein
- 26 Stan & Ruth Brodsky



JRF Update



Chesapeake
Newsletter from the
Reconstructionis
Movement

NOVEMBER 2012

B'ruchim ha'baim!
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Welcome to the newly
energized and
revitalized
Chesapeake-area
Jewish
Reconstructionist
movement newsletter!

We will publish once a month with news from the local area and the greater Reconstructionist community. If you have news to share, please send it to me, Jackie Land, at jland@rrc.edu by the first of each month. We hope to send each newsletter around the 15th.

This month's newsletter gives you an update on my new role, and an overview of selected upcoming activities from our local synagogues. For future newsletters, we look forward to hearing from all of you about the great activities in your communities that are open to the Reconstructionist community at large and to sharing that information throughout our area.

From Jackie Land
Shalom!

I am thrilled to be a congregational consultant for the Jewish Reconstructionist movement. My new job is to help congregations throughout the movement as needed, as well as to do programming and a monthly newsletter in the Chesapeake area.

This year we are very excited to be hosting our 22nd annual Chesapeake celebration to honor members of our congregations and havurot and to celebrate Reconstructionism as a community. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 17 at 4:30 p.m. at Oseh Shalom in Laurel, MD. This event will include a social hour plus a program of honor and celebration, followed by dinner. We hope you will join us to make this year's celebration a great success. More information will be available in the next newsletter and invitations will be sent by email in January. Our Chesapeake-area

council will plan this event, and the council members will be contact points for their respective congregations. If you would like to help with planning, please contact me at jland@rrc.edu. We would love to have additional support for this event.

Within the next year we hope to have other area programs, including an education/educators day next October after the holidays. We also will continue to share information about special programs from each of our congregations and havurot that are open to our whole community. I hope that you will choose to attend programs at other synagogues throughout the year, and learn from our wonderful rabbis, cantors and educators. These events provide the opportunity to network with other Reconstructionists and share ideas.

I would like to personally welcome two professionals new to our area. Please welcome to Baltimore Rabbi Rebecca Gould

as the part-time rabbi at Beit Tikvah and Rabbah Arlene Berger as the educational director of Kol HaLev. We are very lucky to have both of them working in our community and look forward to learning from and with them.

Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas for future newsletters or would just like to learn about what is happening in the Chesapeake area. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Happy Hanukkah. I look forward to seeing you at the many programs available throughout our area.

Kol tuv!
Jackie Land
jland@rrc.edu
301.490.0422

From Our Congregations
Following are highlights from the many exciting programs coming up in congregations and havurot in the Chesapeake area this month. For more information from our congregations, check out their websites.

Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation
<http://www.adatshalom.net>

Beit Tikvah
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

Oseh Shalom
<http://www.oseh-shalom.org>

All the following events are at the synagogue unless otherwise noted!

From Adat Shalom, Bethesda, MD

Jewish Understanding of the New Testament:

Readings and Interactive Discussions with Rabbi George Driesen and Fr. Joseph Wimmer. Wednesday nights, November 14 -January 30, 7.30-8:45 p.m. This class will be of interest to people who have a background in Jewish learning and are eager to get beyond the Hebrew Bible—into subsequent early Jewish thought—and who are curious about the New Testament. It is also appropriate for anyone interested in interfaith dialogue, including our Christian and intermarried members and guests. Through readings, brief lectures and interactive discussion, we will explore the interpretive commonalities and contrasts among key biblical ideas in the Jewish and Christian traditions. The class is led by our own adjunct rabbi, George Driesen, and by Fr. Joseph Wimmer, an associate professor at the Washington Theological Union. Each week, participants will explore approximately 40 pages of readings, including verses from the New Testament and the Hebrew Bible, and short essays. Students are encouraged to read the materials before class, but all are welcome regardless of prior preparation.

Ten Shapers of the Modern Jewish Spirit. Rabbi Manny S. Goldsmith, Guest Scholar. Tuesday evenings through December 18, 8-9 p.m., at Ring House, 1801 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD. See dates below.

Rabbi Goldsmith, a highly respected Reconstructionist scholar and Adat Shalom member, is an expert in modern Judaism and in Yiddish and Hebrew language and literature. In the second semester of this popular class, we will continue to explore the evolution of Jewish thought. Each lecture stands on its own, so you can attend as your schedule permits. The course is conducted in cooperation with Ring House, where classes are held. The topics are:

Oct. 16, 2012: Bialik- Poet of a Civilization
Oct. 23: Berdichevsky - Challenge and Rebellion
Oct. 30: Sholom Aleichem - Divine Humor
Nov. 6: Leivick - Conscience and Responsibility
Nov. 13: Agnon - Master Storyteller
Nov. 20: Glatstein - Literature and Wisdom
Nov. 27: Zychlinsky - Women and the Destruction
Dec. 4: Zeitlin - From Catastrophe to Salvation
Dec. 11: Papiernikov -Sweet Singer of Eretz Yisrael
Dec. 18: Singer - The Inner Life and the Occult

From Columbia Jewish Congregation, Columbia, MD
Linda Hirschhorn Visits CJC. See dates below.
Famed singer, songwriter and cantor, Linda Hirschhorn will be spending a week in Columbia as Columbia Jewish Congregation's (CJC) artist in residence, leading rehearsals and master classes with her original music. Additionally, she will be leading

Friday night services November 30, and then culminating in a community concert on Sunday, December 2.

Linda will hold rehearsals November 27, 28, 29 and December 1. Her community concert December 2 will include ecumenical/liturgical pieces in both Hebrew and English. This artist in residence program is a celebration open to all members of the community and is a gift from CJC. Donations are welcomed. For more information, and to register contact cjc@columbiajewish.org or 410-730-6044.

L'Dor V'Dor - An intergenerational service. Saturday, December 8, 10 a.m.
Bring your friends and enjoy this special service!

Jewish Film Series. Four evenings of thought-provoking, varied, entertaining films, including refreshments and optional discussion. Showings: Saturdays at 8 pm, Room 200, The Meeting House in Oakland Mills, Columbia, MD; see dates below.

\$30 for four-film series; \$24 for three-film series; \$17 for two-film series; \$9 for single tickets(sold at door only). Choice of films is yours; you need not choose in advance. TICKET SALES WILL BEGIN AND DOORS WILL OPEN AT 7:30 p.m. If a movie is cancelled because of snow, that movie will be shown at the end of the season - May or early June. Any additional dates will be announced later.

Each of the films being presented has been shown, or will be shown, at multiple Jewish film festivals around the country. All films are subject to change based upon availability.

January 19 *The Little Traitor*
2007 - English/Hebrew - 88 minutes. Set in British Palestine, 1947. In just a few short months, Israel will achieve independent statehood. Proffy Liebowitz is a 12-year-old militant who wants nothing more than to see the imperialist forces pack their bags and head for the hills, but when Proffy breaks curfew one night, he has an experience that will forever change his outlook on life. Busted by an amiable British soldier while roaming the streets, Proffy is taken aback to find himself entering into a friendly conversation with a man he would have once sworn off as his mortal enemy.

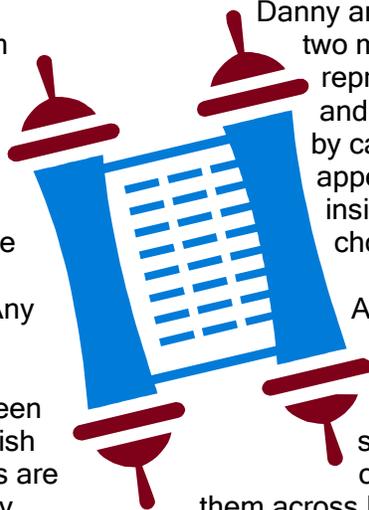
February 9 *Je T'aime I Love You Terminal*
2010 - Hebrew/English - 80 minutes. The story revolves around two characters stuck in Prague because they missed their connecting flights to

America. Ben, a 20-something musician from Tel Aviv, has just taken the biggest step of his life, proposing to his long-distance girlfriend. On his way to New York to meet with his fiancée, Ben meets a girl while on a flight to Prague. Emma, a girl from Manchester, England, shows no inhibition in regards to her attraction to Ben. Ben is reluctant to betray his commitment, but also begins to question it. What is he to do?

March 16, 2013 *Steel Toes*
2006 - Canada - English - 91 min. The title is derived from the name used for combat boots worn by skinheads. The film opens in Montreal with a group of "warriors", led by Mike who gruesomely kicks an Indian man repeatedly, for no apparent reason except racial hatred. Mike is arrested, imprisoned, and faces a charge of homicide when his victim dies. Danny Dunkelman is the court-appointed lawyer assigned to defend Mike. Danny, a Jew, acknowledges a loathing for skinheads, and it is the confrontation between Danny and Mike that polarizes the story between two men who each innately hate what each represents. Danny, a committed humanist and an attorney, tries to overcome his bias by carefully preparing Mike for his courtroom appearance. Likewise, Mike begins to gain insight into the misguided life he has chosen.

April 20, 2013 *Nicky's Family*
2011 - Czech Republic - English - 96 min. In 1939, Sir Nicholas Winton personally, and by his own initiative, saved the lives of 669 children from Nazi occupied Czechoslovakia and brought them across Hitler's Germany to Britain. For nearly 50 years, he kept secret how he rescued these children. Not even his wife knew anything about it. The story only emerged in 1988, when the BBC broadcast a thrilling show about the first meeting of approximately 100 of the rescued children with their secret rescuer, about whom they had known nothing for 50 years. Today, he is often called Britain's Schindler. Unlike Schindler, however, Winton is, still alive and well at 102 years of age, and still diffident about why he kept his secret for so long. He also is an immensely compelling symbol of how the caring of one man can truly make a difference.

From Kol Ami in Northern Virginia
New Book
Kol Ami, The Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Community, has published a book. *Voices of Kol Ami: A Poetry Collection* features poems by child and adult members and others who have visited our community.



We're proud of our home-grown effort and hope it circulates in oral and written form, far and wide. Several of the poems can be used as part of services. And the books make great presents for all occasions! The recommended donation is \$18 per book; shipping is free. Checks can be made out to Kol Ami NVRC and sent to Kol Ami NVRC, P.O. Box 1801, Annandale, VA 22003. The costs of publishing the volume were donated by Kol Ami members; all income from sales of the book support our shul.

Torah Study. First Sunday of the month, 5-6:30 p.m., throughout the year.

Over the next year, Kol Ami will be going through the whole Torah. Sessions will be led by an experienced and wonderful teacher from our congregation, Marcel Infeld. Feel free to join us for the year's journey, or to drop in on any class. There will be no charge for the classes, though we ask for a modest contribution if you can to help with the cost of the room rental. All classes will meet at the Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church. More information and travel and parking directions are available on our website, <http://www.kolaminvrc.org>, So that you can come prepared, please see this list of the next few classes:

Date	Parashiot	Book
	Chapters	Room
Dec. 2	Toldot, Vayetze, 25:19-39:23	Genesis Board room
Jan. 6	Vayishlach, Vayeshev Miketz, Vayigash, Chs. 40-50	Genesis Library
	Vayechi, Shemot Chs. 1-5	Exodus

Reconstructionism 101. December-February, taught by Rabbi Leila Gal Berner. Check out our website, <http://www.kolaminvrc.org>, for more information.

From Mishkan Torah, Greenbelt, Md
Frank and Greenbelt: Aging with Grace. A gala event honoring Frank Pearlman's 80th birthday and the city of Greenbelt's 75th. Saturday, November 17 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$18 with preregistration, \$20 at the door.

We will have havdalah first led by Saul Oresky and then tributes and snacks. Find more information on the program at www.mishkantorah.org/frank or by calling the synagogue at 301.474-4223. You can also have your name listed in the program book if you cannot attend: \$18 "good friend," \$36 "better friend," \$54 "best friend ," or \$72+ "BFF."

From Oseh Shalom in Laurel, MD
Brother Sun in concert. Saturday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m . Event begins with a havdalah service.

Tickets are \$18, \$54 for a family, and can be ordered in advance by calling the Oseh Shalom office at 301.498.5151.

Oseh Shalom's friend Joe Jencks has joined fellow national touring artists Greg Greenway and Pat Wictor to form Brother Sun, an exciting new group that is taking the country by storm. From house concerts to coffee houses to major festivals, they have garnered rave reviews. The trio's harmonies, as much as their lyrics, tell what they are about: warm as a campfire, stirring as a gospel church, rousing as a call to arms. Fusing folk, Americana, blues, pop, jazz, rock, and a cappella singing, Brother Sun is an explosion of musical diversity and harmony, in the finest of male singing traditions. From three major points on the map—Chicago , Boston and New York—Joe, Greg, and Pat celebrate the amazing power of singing together, their rich voices blending on a well-crafted foundation of guitar, slide guitar, bouzouki and piano. Come join us for a fabulous evening of entertainment.

Mini-Lectures on Issues in Reconstructionism, with Rabbi Doug Heifetz. Four Friday evenings. See below for dates and topics.

December 21: Local Jewish Community in the Global Internet Age

February 8: Must Reconstructionism Be a Separate Denomination?

April 12: Reconstructionism and the Tide of Fundamentalist Holy War

May 24: Open Spirituality and Dedicated Jewish Practice

For information on classes and lectures at Oseh Shalom:

<http://www.oseh-shalom.org/uploaded/events/LLLRegistration.pdf>

Reconstructionism Educational Poster
Rabbi Heifetz has also created a great new poster and a short essay to explain it. Check out this great resource, and feel free to download it and use it for your future programming.

<http://www.oseh-shalom.org/page.php?p=reconstruction>

December Birthdays:

1	Gary Gilbert	13	Sara Edelberg	28	Sophie Silver-Isenstadt
1	Laurissa Stokes	14	Robert Fleishman	28	David Thomas
1	Cathy Weiss	14	Steven Parker	29	Hayley Nelson
2	Jonah Eaton	14	Daniel Sneiderman	29	Rich Scissors
2	Kimberly Lenet	14	Erica Stern	30	Jacob Frelick
2	Jonathan Magin	15	Daniel Eaton	31	Seth Kampf
2	Patrick Quigley	15	Chloe Friedman	31	Brian Mason
2	Brad Sachs	15	Jill Whitman		
3	Adam Chertok	16	Steven Salant		
3	Diane Cole	16	Edward Stern		
3	Sarah Lomke	17	Shoshana Nachman		
3	Eric Moreno	17	Elaine Povich		
3	Heidi Praff	17	Lyle Wolinsky		
4	Eden Koeppel	18	Pauline Pivowar		
4	Larry Levy	19	Richard Bacharach		
4	Melvin Stern	20	Paige Goodwin		
5	Joshua Schimel	20	Joshua Hirsh		
6	Sara Friedman	20	Risa Pine		
7	David Einstein	21	Margaret Beaudry		
7	Daniel Rapp	21	Julie Goodwin		
7	Laurie Remer	21	Jocelyn Scilipoti		
7	Samuel Stern	22	Diane Cohen		
8	Leonora Herman	22	Brian Krit		
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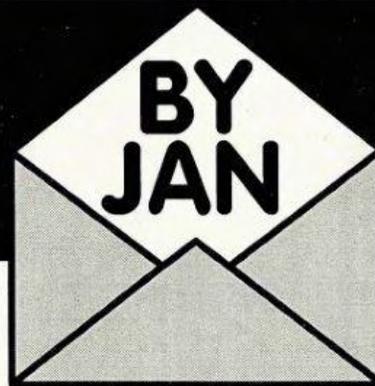
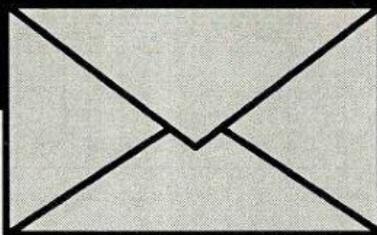
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December 14, 8:00 PM—Shabbat Service

December 21, 8:00 PM—Shabbat Service

December 28, 8:00 PM—Shabbat Service

Saturday Shabbat Services – Every Saturday at 10:00 AM

Every Wednesday at 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing

December 2, 9:30 AM, Lower School Open House

December 2, 10:00 AM Life Long Learning

December 4, 6:45 PM, Upper School Open House

December 4, 7:30 PM, Sisterhood Meeting

December 5, 4:30 PM, Lower School Open House

December 5, 7:30 PM, Life Long Learning

December 9, 10:00 AM, Life Long Learning

December 9, 11:30 AM, Family Hanukkah Party

December 11, 7:30 PM, Barry Nove's Class

December 12, 7:30 PM, Executive Board Meeting

December 12, 7:30 PM, Life Long Learning

December 14, 6:00 PM, Hanukkah Candle Lighting and Shabbat Dinner

December 15, 10:00 AM Shabbat Services and Lunch and Learn

December 16, 10:00 AM, Life Long Learning

December 16, 10:00 AM, Religious Committee Meeting

December 16, 7:00 PM, Board Meeting

December 18, 7:30 PM, Psalms Class

December 19, 7:30 PM, Life Long Learning

December 23, No Lower School

December 25, No Upper School

December 25, 7:30 PM, Psalms Class

December 26, No Lower School

December 30, No Lower School

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January 1, No Upper School

January 2, 4:30 PM, Lower School

January 4, 6:00 PM, 3rd Grade Kabbalat Shabbat

January 6, 9:30 AM, Lower School– Pre-K

January 8, 6:45 PM, Upper School

January 8, 7:30 PM, Psalms Class

January 8, 7:30 PM, Sisterhood Meeting

January 9, 7:30 PM, Executive Board Meeting

January 9, 7:30 PM, Life Long Learning

January 11, 4:00 PM, Retreat– Cacapon State Park

January 12, 10:00 AM, Bat Mitzvah of Hanna Kavalsky

January 13, 9:30 AM Lower School-First Grade Shabbat Program

January 13, 10:00 AM, Life Long Learning

January 13, 7:00 PM, Board Meeting

January 15, 6:45 PM, Upper School

January 15, 7:30 Psalms Class

January 16, 4:30 PM, Lower School

January 16, 7:30 PM, Life Long Learning

January 20, No Lower School

January 22, 6:45 PM, Upper School

January 22, 7:30 PM Psalms Class

January 23, 4:30 PM, Lower School

January 23, 7:30 PM, Life Long Learning

January 27, 9:30 AM Lower School– Pre-K/4th grade Tu Bishvat Seder

January 27, 10:00 AM, Forest Haven for Women

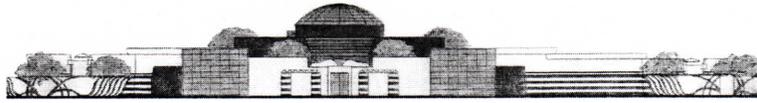
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January 27, 10:00 AM, Religious Committee Meeting

January 29, 6:45 PM, Upper School

January 29, 7:30 PM, Psalms Class

January 30, 7:30 PM Life Long Learning



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