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Rabbi Heifetz's Monthly Word



Dear Friends,

I hope 2017 is off to a good start for you! I'm very much enjoying my adult education roles during this final year of my position at Oseh Shalom. I'm teaching an adult B'nei Mitzvah class to ten students, who will celebrate their Adult B'nei Mitzvah on May 13th, 2017. I also just started teaching a class on "Aging and Eldering in Judaism". Over fifteen students showed up for the first session in which much lively discussion and learning took place. More about this later. Starting on February 26th, I'll teach a five session class on "Like a Tree of Life: the Branches & Genres of Jewish Wisdom". It will occur on Sundays from 10-11:30 AM at

Oseh Shalom, on Feb. 26th, March 5th and 12th, and April 23rd and 30th. I hope as many of you will attend as possible!

In our first class on Aging and Eldering, several important points arose about the senior years of life:

- 1.** Seniors nowadays are blazing a new path for society. The demographic group of ages 65 and over is a relatively new social phenomenon - it did not exist in large numbers until recent years. Nowadays, every person who enters this 'new' life stage can influence the developing norms, possibilities and perceptions of senior life.
- 2.** Older people can always choose vitality by embracing growth and taking steps toward wholeness. Illness, frailty, financial pressures, and loneliness can present challenges, but they need not bar the path toward pursuing a fruitful new life direction.
- 3.** Seniors can often accomplish - and offer to the world - more than younger people by way of introspection and wisdom. The elder life stages often free people from intensive responsibilities of caring for others. These years also bring increasing freedom from career commitments and competitive attitudes. Thus seniors can reflect more deeply on life's meanings, and bring a spirit of generosity and calm wisdom to others.
- 4.** Ageism and negative stigmas about aging abound, unfortunately. Often these stigmas present some of the greatest challenges toward achieving a fruitful senior life.
- 5.** People of all ages can help to fight ageism and negative stigma about aging, and can support new opportunities for seniors to flourish and contribute to society as a whole.

I look forward to continuing discussion about these ideas and so many more over the year ahead.

Shalom, **Rabbi Doug**

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Renee shows Hanukkah spirit with gift of 5th Grade's "Ugly" Holiday Sweater

From the Executive Director



Welcome to the January issue of the Shalom. Hope you've had a wonderful winter break and New Year's.

The Torah scroll repair appeal is moving into the interactive phase shortly. Those who donated will be contacted to schedule time to work with our sofer (scribe), Jeffrey Schulevitz, to help with

the repair. We will live stream all those who are writing a letter, word, verse, and at the higher experience levels those who will be cleaning pages. This way family and friends can watch.

We will also have a toast, a L'chaim, to cap off each experience, as Jeffrey introduces participants to the techniques we will be using to return this over one-hundred-twenty-year-old scroll to "original" condition and, of course, kosher status.

This is a unique project, so if you know someone who may want to participate, invite them to learn more about our project. We're happy to include them in the process. I'm more than happy to forward information—or consider gifting the experience between now and the end of March, so they experience the Torah as never before.

We would like to get as much done with the project as possible over the next few months and in March will be honoring Rabbi Doug Heifetz for his over 10+ years of service. The event is not going to be a sit down dinner, but more on that in the next few weeks. The project will likely not be completed until mid-May in time for the Adult Bnei Mitzvah class to use the scroll for their group simcha.

If you would like to help in other ways, I'm looking for individuals who may want to help us Stream the experience. I need people willing to work the remote control on the camera, helping us to zoom in and zoom out. The same techniques can be used if you or someone you know might be interested in "directing" an "Oseh TV" project.

I'm always looking for volunteers, particularly during the winter months. So, if you are interested in helping out in the office or after work hours with an "Oseh TV" episode or two, I am more than happy to train you. Our state-of-the-art sound system and Streaming video are easy to operate. It's just a matter of turning on a button or two and using a preset remote.

If you would like to be on camera for a panel dis-

ussion on a family's Jewish cooking traditions for Passover, etc. or other topics you think may interest our community, contact me and we can talk about it and see about scheduling the presentation, which can be as short as 20 minutes or up to 50 minutes with audience questions.

Before concluding, I would like to thank all those who have helped in the office: Mona Davis, Lisa Karpf, Doris Kirschbaum, Mariyan Kolev, Pauline Pivowar, and Shelly Sykes.

Barry Nove

Executive Director

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News From School with Renee



Shalom!

Normally I write letters in the Shalom updating everyone about all the great things going on in our religious school. With the school solidly underway for the year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone and gloat about my daughter.

Serena had her Bat Mitzvah on New Year's Eve and did a wonderful job. Of course, I would expect nothing less from the "principal's daughter". Joking aside, she is a product of Oseh Shalom's fantastic religious school. Serena started here in first grade, and this synagogue has become her second home. She loves it here. Even though she is only in seventh grade, she already participates in our upper school's Torah study class (by her pleas, not mine), and she gets upset when she has to miss Sundays or Wednesdays. While I may have helped create a warm environment for our school children, the real applause goes to all the classroom teachers. They are the ones who have made Serena love Oseh and love Judaism so much. Thank you to Jodi Satin, Sharon Cohen, Kelly Benton-Klein, Rachel Simms, Rabbi Gordy, Rabbi Doug, Linda Murveit, Miriam Lemus, Maryana Harouni, and Jovett Solomon. I was beaming with pride (and a few happy tears) seeing my daughter on the bima, and the credit goes to all of you.

Another huge thank you goes to Camp JRF. Serena first attended the Reconstructionist camp during one of their spring weekends. She instantly fell in love the camp and its staff. For two years now,

she has attended their summer camp, and she is regularly in contact with her camp friends from around the country. I have watched Serena's love for her religion AND her culture flourish through Camp JRF. This past summer, she came home with an enriched sense of what it means to treat everyone equally. What she has learned about gender, race, and sexual-orientation equality gives me so much hope for our future. During these times of tough political turmoil, it has been my daughter's voice and her laughter with her camp friends (through FaceTime, etc) that have been my shining light. To learn more about Camp JRF's inclusive nature, I strongly suggest going to : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04hV5-mcow4>

Finally, did you know Oseh Shalom has a Camp JRF scholarship fund? If you are thinking about sending your child to Camp JRF, come see me. I'll convince you it is a worthy investment! If you need to apply for the Camp JRF scholarship, applications are due January 15th. As always, we appreciate anyone who can lend a few dollars to the scholarship fund.

May the New Year be bright and full of endless possibilities,

Renee Richards

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 1/4/2017 Michael Gilbert, brother of Jeff Gilbert
 1/5/2017 Seymour Feldman, father of Paul Feldman
 1/6/2017 Sadie Ehrlich, mother of Carol Jacobson
 1/6/2017 Sally Krieger, grandmother of Carrie Quigley
 1/7/2017 Susan Thompson, mother of Edward Jewell
 1/7/2017 Susan Feinberg Thompson, mother of Elizabeth Johnson
 1/8/2017 Jeannette Bernhardt, mother of Charles Bernhardt
 1/8/2017 *Samuel Victor, father of Phil Victor
 1/8/2017 Nancy Winchell, mother of Vaughn Winchell
 1/9/2017 Samuel Broad, grandfather of Barbara Margolis
 1/9/2017 Ernest Riehl, father of John Riehl
 1/10/2017 Rebecca Castleman, grandmother of Ellen Bacharach
 1/10/2017 Ethel Genes Berger, mother of Robert Berger
 1/10/2017 Albert Blank, father of Melody Magnus
 1/10/2017 Philip Rapp, father of Harvey Rapp
 1/12/2017 Henry Bornstein, father of Susan Hoffman
 1/13/2017 Jill Feldman, niece of Paul & Carin Feldman
 1/14/2017 Donald Brecker, father of Joan LeRoy
 1/15/2017 Seymour Cohen, father of Howard Cohen
 1/15/2017 Sam Baer, stepfather of Ed Kraft
 1/15/2017 *Gail Stern, wife of Melvin Stern
 1/16/2017 *Anne Hilsenrath, mother of Ernest Hilsenrath
 1/17/2017 Ethel Bornstein, mother of Susan Hoffman
 1/17/2017 Dorothy Siegfried, mother of Barbara Scissors
 1/18/2017 Mollie Aug, mother of Stephen Aug
 1/18/2017 Samuel Levine, grandfather of Norman Levine
 1/18/2017 Gaynell Long, mother of Nikki Lincoln
 1/18/2017 Conrad Altman, father-in-law of Alan Seigel and grandfather of Jessica Seigel
 1/20/2017 Rajna Eskin, mother of Tamar Eskin
 1/20/2017 Raymond Taub, father of Larry Taub
 1/21/2017 Louis Finkelstein, father of Diane Hersh
 1/22/2017 Rose Jacobson, mother of Arnold Jacobson
 1/22/2017 Jack Litz, father of Marc Litz
 1/23/2017 *Charles Kaufman, father of Lorraine Levan
 1/23/2017 Jacob Robbins, father of Susan Robbins
 1/24/2017 Annette Blank, mother of Emily Blank
 1/24/2017 Victor Solomon, father of Arthur Solomon
 1/24/2017 Steven Kupperman, brother-in-law of Hal Zaslow
 1/26/2017 Marvin Frost, father of Betsy Adelman
 1/26/2017 Edward Brown, father of Ida Lenet
 1/26/2017 Sylvia Levine, grandmother of Matthew Levine
 1/26/2017 Maurice Makovi, father of Martin Makovi
 1/27/2017 Terry Josephson, uncle of Ann Wittik-Bravmann
 1/28/2017 Glenn F. Friedl, father of Mary Meyerson
 1/29/2017 *Simon Leon Schoenfeld, brother of Stephen Schoenfeld
 1/30/2017 Martin Hershkowitz, father of William Hershkowitz
 1/30/2017 Jeanette Garfinkle, grandmother of Andrew Lincoln
 1/30/2017 Harry Malumuth, father of Eliot Malumuth
 1/31/2017 Rabbi Joseph Spevack, father of Louis Spevack

Birthdays

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Hideko Fox | 17 Isaac Livengood |
| 1 Mark Goldberg | 17 Steven Whitman |
| 2 Sydni Horner | 18 Sophia Stone |
| 2 Nikki Lincoln | 18 Amy Weissenburger |
| 3 Richard Cerkovnik | 19 Rabbi Doug Heifetz |
| 3 Elaine Lippmann | 19 Brooke Romm |
| 3 Yelena Skamarakas | 20 Ted Einstein |
| 3 Vernel Thomas | 20 Jessica Sachs |
| 5 Craig Hollander | 21 Melinda Bers |
| 5 Nirit Roddy | 21 Andrew Friedman |
| 5 Mitchell Romm | 21 Ernest Hilsenrath |
| 5 Jeni Wamaling | 21 Bianca Lopez |
| 6 Cindy Feinberg | 22 Ward Horner |
| 6 Sidney Hersh | 22 Louis Spevack |
| 6 Nathan Lenet | 23 Jeanine Horner |
| 8 Gwyneth Holzman | 23 Sean Kraft |
| 8 Dalya Lippmann | 23 Bryaden Lincoln |
| 9 Mara Clamage | 24 Stacy Sheppard |
| 9 Maryrita Wieners | 24 Bryna Weiss |
| 10 Michael Horak | 25 Howard Mager |
| 10 James Pokodner | 25 Mary Meyerson |
| 11 Elissa Karpf | 26 Linda Bergofsky |
| 12 Laura Applestein | 26 Michelle Urman |
| 12 Harold Kessler | 28 Logan Mitchell |
| 12 Joan LeRoy | 29 Benjamin Clamage |
| 14 Leah Davidson Wolf | 29 David Whitman |
| 14 Robert Goodwin | 30 Howard Cohen |
| 15 Janis Horn | 30 Seth Kusnetz |
| 15 Alex Kraft | 30 Jacob Robbins-Spevack |
| 16 Sarah Rosenberg | 30 Ezra Silver-Isenstadt |
| 17 Lawrence Goodwin | 31 Jeremy Booher |

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- 10 Kelby & Jill Brick
- 22 Judith & Harold Kessler
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2017 Winter Shelter (WS) Frequently Asked Questions

Mark your calendars for this year's Winter Shelter! Watch for e-mails to sign up for volunteer shifts and donating supplies.

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

Women's: Sunday, January 22, - Sunday, January 29

Men's: Sunday, February 19 - Sunday, February 26

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

Evening driver: pick up guests beginning at 6:30 pm at the Elizabeth House. Continue to circle back to Elizabeth House until all guests are picked up.

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 about 7 pm.

Evening chaperone: 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Overnight chaperone: 10 pm to 7 am

Shelter set up:

Sunday Jan 22, 9:30-11:30 am, Women's WS

Sunday Feb 19, 9:30-11:30 am, Men's WS

Shelter break down:

Sunday Jan 29, 9:30-11:30 am, Women's WS

Sunday Feb 26, 9:30-11:30 am, Men's WS

What are the responsibilities for each role or task?

Evening driver: Pick up guests beginning at 6:30 pm at the Elizabeth House. Continue to circle back to Elizabeth House until all guests are picked up.

Dinner prep, serve, clean up:

Meal: Either you will prepare and cook a meal, 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 out 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 WS 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 by the children in the upper and lower

schools (thank you!). Other meals will be made that evening by the evening chaperones. Items such as salad, corn bread, or vegetables will need to be prepared.

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

We are serving dairy meals only.

All prepackaged food should be marked with a heksher (kosher symbol) with a few exceptions such as cheese & vegetarian salsa. For further information on the Oseh Shalom kashrut policy, visit <http://www.oseh-shalom.org/religious-policies/>.

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

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 an admit slip (given to each guest, by overnight chaperone, in the morning prior to leaving). When guests arrive in the evening they will present the admit slip, and volunteers will sign them in on the guest log.

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, play games, or begin to get ready for bed. We will have cards and games available.

Will I be working alone?

No, each shift will have at least 2 people, more for the men's shelter.

What time do we leave in the morning?

The overnight shift ends at 7 am. Overnight chaperones are responsible for driving the guests back to the Elizabeth House.

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 WS. 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 guest.

What if I cannot stay the whole time?

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

Whom do I contact to help?

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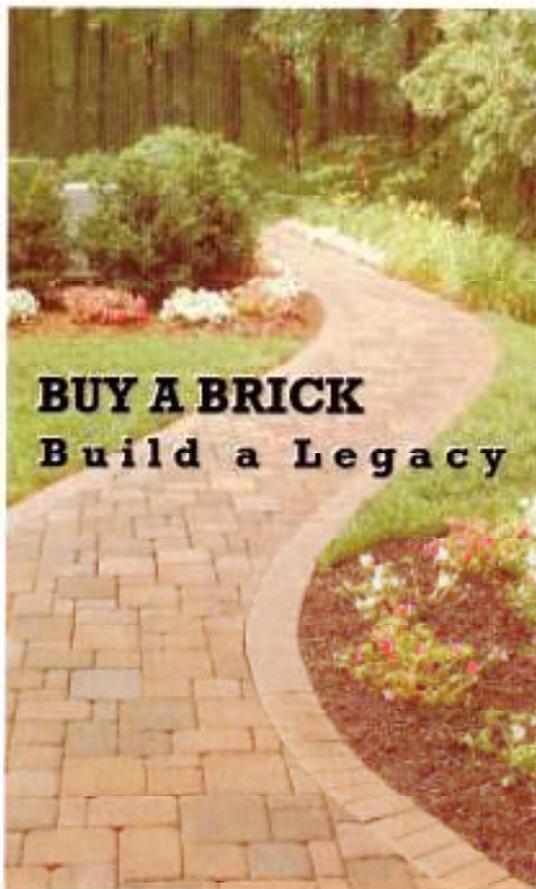
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Security Grant Update

We are pleased to announce that we have begun our purchase and plans for installation of a new state-of-the-art security camera system, provided through a grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The award was announced in August 2016 and was approved to proceed in December.

The entire building's perimeter will be covered by motion detecting (IP) cameras, which can be viewed remotely by Laurel Police, the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's Security Department, and leadership and our Executive Director via mobile devices and PCs.

Oseh Shalom was one of 75 area non-profits to be awarded grants for security in 2016. This project completes a security upgrade plan begun five years ago. The project, which has a cost overall of \$35,000, is set for completion in February, weather permitting, by the end of March, otherwise.

Please understand if it is a little noisier than usual when you call or visit Oseh during the installation.

Social Action and Caring

Shalom. I hope everyone had a wonderful Hanukkah and a Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Adopt a Family event in December. The family was very grateful for our donations. The next major event for Social Action is Winter Shelter. (Please look for a separate article to find out more information.). The Religious School will be decorating pillowcases and filling them with much needed items for our guests. In addition, please take a moment to consider doing a Mitzvah, by being part of the Social Action Committee/Caring and Support Committee. You need not be present at meetings to be a part of this committee. Please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48a5a92ea1fc1-oneclick> if you are at all interested in helping out. A lot of these are on an as-needed basis, such as providing a ride, or making a meal, a simple phone call, or an elder visit, just to name a few. More details are provided on the website. If you are interested, need help with signing up, or have general questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

B'Shalom,

Felicia Friedman

Social Action/Caring and Support Chairperson
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fldf65@gmail.com

Applications for Oseh Shalom's 2017 Camp JRF Scholarships

Oseh Shalom is again offering financial assistance to help families send their kids to the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation's summer camp--Camp JRF--in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. It's been shown that attending a Jewish summer camp can be a truly transformative experience. All of the Oseh kids who have attended Camp JRF have had a wonderful time!

Our scholarships cover a portion of Camp JRF's cost for families in financial need. The amount we can provide depends on how many families apply for assistance, their level of need, and the current amount in our scholarship fund. Since our fund is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from Oseh members, we encourage everyone to make a contribution, large or small, to the fund.

ONEG HOST REMINDER

When you receive your email or letter notifying you of your scheduled date for hosting an Oneg, WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU as soon as possible, WHETHER YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DATE OR NOT. We need time to find an alternate to take your place if you cannot keep your assigned date, and we will reschedule you if possible, or put you on our reserve list for a future opening.

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Thank you for your prompt response.

Lisa Karpf, Chair, Oneg Host Coordinator

Sponsor a Friday Night Oneg Shabbat

Honor a loved one by sponsoring an oneg. This is a unique and special way to commemorate life events, such as birthdays, anniversaries, bar/bat mitzvahs and special additions to the family. You would also be contributing to the spirit of community following erev Shabbat services. The oneg sponsor honors are listed in both the weekly bima notes and the Shalom. Each sponsor honor is \$25; the funds benefit the entire congregation. Please notify Mona Davis at micasd@aol.com or anyone of the Sisterhood members to sponsor an oneg.

Families seeking financial assistance should fill out a confidential application, which is reviewed by Oseh Shalom's scholarship committee. Please contact John Finedore (jphfinedore@verizon.net) to obtain a 2017 application form. The deadline for submitting this form is January 15, 2017. Our scholarship committee will make funding decisions at that time. Preference is given to families applying for support for the first time.

Families who apply for an Oseh scholarship should also apply for financial aid directly from Camp JRF. In addition, first-time campers should apply for a grant from "One Happy Camper," which provides grants (that are not needs-based) of up to \$1,000 to children attending an overnight Jewish camp for the first time. To apply for a Camp JRF summer session and for more information about Camp JRF's financial aid and "One Happy Camper," visit the Camp's website, campjrf.org. Camp JRF's summer sessions do fill up, so we encourage you to act early!

Community News

Baruch Dayan ha'Emet

The congregation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Andi Zolt and her family on the passing of her mother Alice Rohan, z"l.

May the family be comforted among the mourners of Israel.

Tributes

In memory of Sharan Baranson's son Paul

To Pauline Pivowar in memory of her grandson Paul

Judy Arnoff

Development Corner -- Highlighting Scrip for holiday shopping and gifts and the third annual raffle tickets to help with Retreat and Tzedek Fund
 *** The Holidays are here- -have you taken care of all the gifts you need to give?

Please consider using Scrip to help with your holiday gift-giving. Not only can Scrip make completing your list easier, it can also help Oseh at the same time. Scrip is great for giving gift cards to your friends and family, and you can also use Scrip cards to pay for the gifts you are buying at many retailers. And then a percentage of the purchase price is donated back to Oseh. So Scrip costs you nothing extra, and Oseh earns about 5% back on average. Please look at their website (great descriptions and videos there) at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com> and/or contact me with questions.

***Oseh Shalom's Third Annual "DINNER FOR TWO-every month-for a year" raffle is up and running, and we would love everyone's participation (by selling tickets and/or buying them)!!!! This short term fundraiser is a "Dinner Raffle" in which the grand prize is 'DINNER FOR TWO' once a month for a year (\$600 value in Restaurant.com certificates—if you win you get 12 certificates, so you can keep them or use them for gifts). 2 additional winners will receive a \$50 Restaurant.com certificate. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5, 12 tickets for \$10...; which makes them very easy to sell. Because the prize is not specific to Oseh Shalom, they can be sold anywhere and everywhere, to your friends, coworkers, neighbors, parents at kids' sports... both locally and throughout the US.

So why should we all take the time to sell these tickets? Three GREAT reasons!

Because this can help a family offset the cost of a

child's attending the Annual Retreat. For any child between the ages of 3 and 11 who sells 100 tickets, they can attend the retreat for free. Children between the ages of 12-18 will get 50% discount if they sell 100 tickets and can go for free if they sell 200 tickets.

All revenue not used to cover the cost of a child's attending the retreat will go in to the Tzedek fund. The Tzedek Fund is used to help the congregation underwrite the variances provided to our members who cannot afford full dues. As a Reconstructionist synagogue we seek to be inclusive and not bar anyone from being a member of our community. Therefore, the Tzedek fund helps us to offset this cost, while making it possible for us to maintain our values and sustain congregational programs and services. If we sell all the tickets this year, we could raise around \$5000 for Tzedek. That would cover the variances of multiple families.

Finally, because Oseh is the community we love and we would do anything to help.

So how do you buy tickets and how do you get tickets to sell?

Please just contact me and we can work out the best way to get you tickets (to buy and/or sell). I can help you buy tickets from a student who needs to sell more, I can give you a few (or a lot) to sell to your friends, neighbors, coworkers....Please contact me with questions (301-490-7764 or ksk4you@aol.com) and also to let me know how many tickets you want and how you would like to get them. We need the whole community to help make this the most successful year ever.

Tickets must be sold and turned in by December 10, as the drawing will be held on December 11.

Thanks,

Kelly Benton-Klein, Development Chair

Oneg Sponsors

January 6

Sue and Mel Lippmann in honor of their anniversary
Sue and Mel Lippmann in honor of Elaine's birthday
Eileen Hollander and family in honor of Craig's birthday
Sisterhood in honor of Vernel Thomas's birthday

January 13

Magnus family and Gladys Blank in memory of Albert Blank
Susan Hoffman in memory of her father, Henry Bornstein
Dan Glaser in honor of Maryrita's birthday
Sue and Mel Lippmann in honor of the birthday of their granddaughter, Dalya Heifetz Lippmann
Sisterhood in honor of Lisa Karpf's birthday

January 20

Linda and Art Solomon family in honor of the birthday of Haley Solomon
Susan Hoffman in memory of her mother, Ethel Bornstein
Jean and Robert Rosenberg in honor of Sarah's birthday
Holly and George Stone in honor of Sophia's birthday
Karen Meckler and Brad Sachs in honor of Jessica's birthday
Sue and Mel Lippmann in honor of Rabbi Doug Heifetz's birthday
Sisterhood in honor of Rabbi Doug Heifetz's birthday

January 27

Donald Street, children, and grandchildren in honor of Linda Bergofsky's birthday
Neal Meyerson in honor of Mary's birthday



**Consider Oseh Shalom when planning your Simcha's needs!
Reasonable and competitive rates for use of our Social Hall, Kitchen,
Rooms, and Sanctuary.**

For details and availability contact:

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Candle Lighting Times

Dates	Lighting Time	Havdalah	Parsha	Haftarah
January 6-7	4:42 PM	5:51 PM	Vayigash Genesis 44:18-45:27	Ezekiel 37:15-28
January 8 Asara b'Tevet			Exodus 32:11-34:10	
January 13-14	4:49 PM	5:58 PM	Vayechi Genesis 47:28-48:22	I Kings 2:1-12
January 20-21	4:57 PM	6:06 PM	Shemot Exodus 1:1-2:25	Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23; Jeremiah 1:1-2:3*
January 27-28 Rosh Chodesh Shvat	5:05 PM	6:14 PM	Va'era Exodus 6:2-7:7; Numbers 28:9-15	Isaiah 66:1-24

* The first haftarah is read by Ashkenazim, the second by Sefardim.

Oseh Shalom Calendar Highlights

January 2017

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January 4, 11, 18, 25	8:15 PM	Israeli Dance
January 13, 20, 27	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
January 7, 14, 21, 28	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
January 8, 22, 29	9:00 AM	Religious School
January 8, 22, 29	9:00 AM	Pre-K
January 4, 11, 18, 25	5:00 PM	Lower School
January 3	7:30 PM	Sisterhood Board Meeting
January 6	7:30 PM	New Member & Family Shabbat Service
January 8	9:30 AM	Rabbi Search Committee Meeting
	10:00 AM	Rabi's Class: Aging & Eldering in Judaism
	11:45 AM	TeenConnect
	12:00 PM	Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
January 9	7:00 PM	Film Series LLL
January 11	7:15 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
January 13-15	ALL DAY	Retreat—Cacupon State Park, WV
January 15		NO SCHOOL
January 16		MLK Day
January 21	10:00 AM	Gwyneth Holtzman Bat Mitzvah
January 22	10:00 AM	Ed Committee Meeting
	10:00 AM	LLL Class
	10:00 AM	Membership Committee Meeting
	11:45 AM	Homeschool Meeting

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

	11:45 AM	Torah Study
	1:30 PM	JRM Rabbi's Meeting
	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
January 23-30	ALL DAY	Women's Winter Shelter
January 23	7:30 PM	LLL Committee Meeting
January 29	10:00 AM	LLL
	10:00 AM	Relcomm Meeting
	11:45 AM	TeenConnect
	12:00 PM	Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class

Join us for the 2017 Oseh Shalom Film Series



Three evenings of thought-provoking, varied, and entertaining films, shown at Oseh Shalom, 7515 Olive Branch Way, Laurel, Maryland 20707. The films will be shown on state-of-the-art audio visual equipment. Each film is FREE for Oseh Shalom members, \$5 for non-members.

Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:15 pm: Dough

A kosher bakery shop owner in London's East End hires a young Muslim apprentice, who has a secret side gig selling marijuana to help his immigrant mother make ends meet. When the apprentice's marijuana stash accidentally falls into the mixing dough, the challah starts flying off the shelves, and an unlikely friendship forms between the two men. *Dough* is a warm-hearted and humorous story about overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected places. 2016, English, 94 minutes.

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:15 pm: Raise the Roof

This documentary follows two American artists who set out to reconstruct the elaborate roof and painted ceiling of a long lost Polish synagogue destroyed by the Nazis. Their vision inspired hundreds of people to join them, using their hands, old tools, and ancient techniques to bring the synagogue roof, history, culture, and art back to life. 2015, English, 85 minutes.

Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:15 pm: When Jews Were Funny

Insightful and often hilarious, this documentary surveys the history of Jewish comedy, from the early days of Borscht Belt to the present, ultimately exploring not just ethnicity in the entertainment industry, but also the entire unruly question of what it means to be Jewish. 2013, English, 89 minutes.

Sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Committee. For details contact Judy Katz, judy.katz3@verizon.net.

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5th Grade enjoying a round of Hebrew Hangman
