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Rabbi Heifetz's Monthly Word



Dear Friends,

I hope the year 2017 is off to a good start for you.

In my roles at Oseh Shalom and beyond, I work to emphasize the importance of religious literacy. I want people to learn as much as possible about Judaism, and also to become more literate about the other major world religions around us. I believe this goal can have a deep, helpful impact on our society at large.

We currently live in a world of high religiosity, but low religious literacy. Many follow reli-

gious leaders, but lack knowledge to challenge oppressive practices and hateful rhetoric. A 2014 Pew report shows the strong importance of religion in the USA. 89% of Americans believe religion strengthens their communities. 75% believe religion upholds morality. Faith heavily influences public discourse. Up to 90% of members of Congress consult their faiths for policy matters.

And yet, Americans show poor knowledge of their own religions, and great ignorance of other faiths. In a 2010 Pew study, 45% of Americans incorrectly state that the Golden Rule is one of the Ten Commandments. Only 55% know the Quran is a holy book of Islam. Illiteracy blinds adherents to options within their faiths, and obstructs understanding between religions, leading to growing hostility. A 2014 Pew study shows an increasing amount of the global population, now 74%, live in areas with high social hostility around religion.

Thus, when we seek to better understand our own religion, and the faiths of our neighbors, we are engaging in an important task. Our knowledge of religious life can help to curb hatred. We can role-model our own soulful, honest religious pathways that avoid hateful and oppressive teachings. Ultimately, better religious literacy can help move our world steps closer toward peace and harmony. I'm confident that Oseh Shalom will continue to play important roles in this process.

Shalom,

Rabbi Doug

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Sofer (scribe) Jeffrey Shulevitz working intently on page of the Torah.

Letter from the Presidents



Shalom Chaverim,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable winter holiday season, and that we are all ready, individually and as a community, to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead of us in 2017. With the damp, bone-chilling weather of February upon us, it is very tempting to find a warm place to sit out the cold and wait for it all to pass. This is not true of our brave and tenacious Oseh Shalom family. We have so many exciting initiatives going on currently, and I thought that it would be a nice idea to provide a brief update on a few of them.

Torah Repair Project – To date we have collected close to \$20,000 in donations for this exciting program. Many of you have already purchased letters, words, or phrases, and have had the chance to work with Jeffrey Shulevitz, the sofer. If you have not yet participated and want to, there is plenty of time (and Torah) available.

New Security Cameras – Thanks to our Executive Director, Barry Nove's, meticulous efforts, Oseh Shalom has been approved for a grant to install security cameras in and around the shul. The added level of security will help to make our community feel safer and more welcome in our building.

Rabbinic Search Process – We are now entering the next phase of the journey. Thanks to all those who participated in the open forum last December, and the interest meeting last month. Brad Sachs and the search committee now have a clear road map as to what Oseh Shalom is looking for in the next person to be our spiritual leader. The committee now is tasked with processing the applications that have been submitted. There will still be avenues and opportunities for feedback from the community as the process moves forward. The importance of finding the right person is key to the future of our congregation, and the investment of time and energy by

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From the Executive Director



I

Welcome to the February issue of the Shalom.

am pleased to announce an Oseh Shalom milestone. After significant research, the Board approved the investment of our endowment. Last year Oseh received two very large gifts, the majority of which are now invested in the Federated Strategic Value Dividend Managed Fund, a very conservative investment vehicle. This large capital high yield dividend fund will be generating income which will support innovative Religious School projects and other projects of the congregation annually.

Many of the stocks in the portfolio have been paying dividends annually for over 100 years, others more than forty or fifty. A portion of the endowment is being invested for liquidity purposes in an interest bearing money market account, which is being used to "sweep" the monthly dividend payments.

Oseh is now working with Vision Financial of Columbia, Maryland to handle managing the endowment fund. They will be reporting quarterly to the Investment Committee. We look forward to building the Endowment and seeing it grow, supporting innovation in the 21st Century.

In other news, the Torah scroll repair appeal as of December 31st has raised almost \$20,000 and has moved into the experience phase. Our sofer (scribe), Jeffrey Schulevitz, has been working with donors to the project to help with the repair, which is live streamed. Our next repair day is Sunday, February 5 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Those interested in participating by writing a letter, word, verse, and/or at the higher experience levels those who will be cleaning pages, can find further information on our website or by calling me at the synagogue office.

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. Consider gifting the experience between now and the end of March, so they experience the Torah as never before.

On March 25th Oseh Shalom will be honoring Rabbi Doug Heifetz for his over 10+ years of service. We have decided to "Roast Rabbi Doug" and will be serving...a lightly roasted chicken dinner (with a Vegan roasted option, of course). Invitations should be in the mail to you shortly with all the details.

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

Barry Nove

Executive Director

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Financial Vice President

As Barry Nove has previously mentioned in his article, the board has approved the investment of our endowment in the Federated Strategic Value Dividend Managed Fund. This investment was made possible through two large generous gifts that were received in 2016. Oseh Shalom will earn dividend income and the long-term growth of the equity of the stocks will grow our endowment, through a conservative investment strategy for years to come.

The fund will be managed by Vision Financial, located in Columbia, MD. The Strategic Value Management Dividend Fund consists of large blue chip companies, who have a history of consistently paying out dividends for decades as well as over one hundred years. All dividends received will be invested for liquidity in a money market account. Those funds will be available for new or ongoing projects based on the guidelines of the endowed gifts in supporting the Religious School and Oseh Shalom.

I, along with the Finance Committee, will, in addition to ongoing oversight of our Endowment investment, have quarterly meetings with Vision Financial to assess financial performance and to determine strategy for the future. A report will be provided to the board within seven days of the meeting and a summary of the performance will be included in my future articles.

This is an exciting time for Oseh as we grow our endowment and sustain the financial health of our shul.

Please feel free to call me on my cell anytime at 443.745.5374 or e-mail me at dbravmann@verizon.net.

B'shalom,

Dan Bravmann
Financial Vice President

News From School with Renee



Shalom!!!

As we enter our snowy season, our plants are already beginning to prepare for Spring. Trees are beginning to use their energy to start the creation of buds. Seeds are taking the very first steps toward growing roots and shoots. We may not see it just yet, but it is all happening un-

derground. This is part of the reason why Tu B'Shevat occurs in the winter. Our vegetation knows, we need to start preparing now for Spring.

It is often right around February and March when I begin to see the fruits of my labor as a teacher. This is when topics begin to click in students' heads and connections are made. It is when learning begins to ramp up into hyper-drive. So, this is the perfect time for you, parents, to ask questions. On Sundays, during the ride home, ask them to tell you something new they learned, something that made them laugh, and something they need to think more about. I've found that these three questions often lead to surprising answers.

By this time, all of our students have had an opportunity to attend a workshop on our Torah Repair Project. I'm sure if you asked them those three questions about the Torah (or its repair process) you will get some great answers.

We are continuing our goal to raise \$18 per student for the Torah Repair Project. If we reach our goal, the sofer (Torah Repairman), will come back and EVERY student will get to write a letter in our Torah. Can you imagine that?!? Our oldest Torah, written by our students!! L'Dor V'Dor!!!

Kol Tuv,

Renee Richards

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 2/11/2017 Lindsay-Grace Lazo, friend of Lee Friedman
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 2/27/2017 Ida Levine, grandmother of Norman Levine
 2/27/2017 Norman Menyuk, father of Curtis Menyuk
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 2/28/2017 *Ernest Greenwald, father of Gary Greenwald
 2/28/2017 Bertha Kaplan, mother-in-law of Valerie Kaplan

Anniversaries

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Birthdays

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Lily Northcutt | 16 Stephanie Fogle |
| 1 Michelle Tobin | 17 Nathan Kornreich |
| 2 C. J. Argue | 18 Zachary Ludwig |
| 4 Jenna Biederman | 19 Shelley Reese |
| 5 Doug Friedman | 19 Susan Wilson |
| 6 Michael Schoenfeld | 20 Jillian Berman |
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| 7 John Gudelsky | 21 Aaron Clamage |
| 8 Brian Salant | 21 Tamar Eskin |
| 8 Anna Siegel | 22 Naomi Fuller |
| 9 Sonya Everett | 22 Martin Gilbert |
| 9 Max Goldberg | 22 Marc Litz |
| 9 H. Austin Sheppard | 23 Brenna Everett |
| 9 Adam Wasserman | 23 Samantha Klein |
| 9 Danny Zolt | 23 Yvette Neisser |
| 10 Kevin Feinberg | 24 Austin Brick |
| 11 Nina Dickson | 24 Lianna Lincoln |
| 11 Suzanne Magin | 24 Ryan Simon |
| 11 Eric Metzman | 25 Morgan Becker |
| 11 Elianna Stone | 25 Joshua Jewell |
| 12 Lynne Gaynes-Kaplan | 26 Michelle Gozman |
| 13 Chloe Booher | 26 Michael LeRoy |
| 13 Vanessa Frelich | 27 Rebecca Dreifuss |
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The comparison of the last parsha, Ha'Azinu, before the January Torah renovation workshop with renovated text by the sofer in the previous column.

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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Social Action and Caring

Shalom.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our pillowcase collection. We had a lot of items to provide to our Winter Shelter 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
240-786-6274(Home), 410-707-0749(Cell),
fldf65@gmail.com

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.

Please respond to Lisa Karpf at erk111@comcast.net when you receive your email or letter.

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.

Thanks to all of you (48) who took a few minutes to complete the on-line High Holy Days Survey. If you didn't participate in that survey and would still like to do so, click the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MVJ7QF5> Or e-mail additional comments and suggestions to HHD Chair karenmeckler@gmail.com

Your thoughtful comments and category ratings are extremely helpful as the HHD Committee reviews HHD 5777 and begins to plan for HHD 5778 (beginning 9/20/17). As you might expect, what some liked a lot, found helpful or meaningful, others didn't necessarily! Below are responses to a few aspects. Be assured the HHD Committee is looking at everything.

Readings: While new readings are added and others are replaced each year, please send any you like to Karen and they'll be passed on to the Religious Committee for consideration.

Hard-copy Registration packet vs. on-line interactive electronic forms: Yes, we know there is a lot of paper, and we would love to go interactive-electronic. However, it is a very complicated and expensive process (requiring outsourcing), but not in our budget. Because the forms are posted to our website, you can always download only the ones you need and mail them. If you wish to do this, we'll ask you to e-mail Barry (bnove@oseh-shalom.org) prior to the mid-summer mailing.

Service, Greetings, Yiskor Booklets: Based on survey responses, rather than handing booklets to every attendee, we may have Service and Greetings booklets available for pick-up on the way into the Sanctuary. Yiskor booklets, with the complete listing of names and their relationships to our members, will continue. The names of those related to current members are added at the time we are notified and held in our data base from year-to-year. Any questions re inclusion or needed corrections should be directed to Barry, bnove@oseh-shalom.org.

Sound System: Rest assured, the "issues" experienced on Erev RH will not recur. The problem was discovered and corrected.

Honors"(aliyot, readings, Torah/Haftarah chanting, other participatory ritual aspects): A few missed their opportunity and as always, participants will be encouraged to plan for a broader service attendance window. More members than ever were included this year, occasionally resulting in space "issues" on the bimah. This aspect will be reviewed carefully.

Accessibility accommodations (ramps inside/outside; hearing devices; sign language interpreter, streaming): The most used ramp was the one at the curb.

Quiet Room: Efforts will be made to provide more toys and adult chairs, and also to make sure sound system is on in this space. Second day RH we had to use a classroom and will address issues directly related to use of this space for the coming year in 2017.

We're always looking for volunteers with advance planning & materials preparation, as well as help with the many aspects of the High Holy Days themselves. Contact Karen (karenmeckler@gmail.com) now to learn more!

The High Holy Days Committee

Shalom everyone,

On behalf of the Social Action/Caring and Support Committee I wanted to thank everyone for their very generous contributions for the family we adopted through the "Adopt-a-Family" program at LARS for the holidays. I Just wanted to let everyone know that over \$600.00 worth of gift cards were purchased for the family. LARS will probably use the gift cards for other needy families as well. By using the SCRIPS program, Oseh also earned \$25.00!

The Best Ever Purim Celebration

B'Yachad Purim



Oseh Shalom
&
Columbia Jewish Congregation (CJC)

Invite you to
A Purim Entrée Dinner
with Pot-Luck sides
(all dairy or pareve)
and a Passover Wine Tasting



Saturday evening, March 11, 2017

6 :30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Megillah Reading and Musical Schpiel

At Oseh Shalom

Hamentashen Oneg

And lots more!

Watch for your eVite to RSVP and further details.

The B'Yachad Entrée Dinner is made possible through a grant from
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December 30

Renee Richards and family in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Serena
Shelley Reese and family in honor of the 87th birthday of her mother, Renee Kandel

February 3

Shari and David Argue in honor of C.J.'s birthday

February 10

Holly and George Stone in honor of Elianna's birthday

Steve Kaplan in honor of Lynne's birthday

Helen and Eric Metzman in honor of their birthdays

February 17

Marty Hoffman in memory of his father, William Hoffman

Marjorie and Stephen Aug in honor of their anniversary

John and Barbara Margolis in honor of Walt's birthday

Robin Edelberg and family in memory of William Earl Smith

February 24

Adam Reese in honor of Shelley's birthday

Litz-Holtz-Krimchansky family in honor of Marc and Aaron's birthday

Linda and Art Solomon and family in honor of Renee Firtag's birthday

Kelly, Ron, Aaron, and Elijah Benton-Klein in honor of Samantha's birthday

Community News

Baruch Dayan ha'Emet

The congregation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Eric Metzman on the death of his father Daniel Franklin Metzman, z"l.

The congregation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to David Swanner on the death of his mother Marina Swanner, z"l.

The congregation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Margie Ginsberg on the death of her mother, Leona Singer, z"l.

May the families be comforted among the mourners of Israel.

Tributes

To Eric Metzman and family in memory of your father and grandfather, Daniel Metzman.

Pauline Pivowar

Margrit & Maurice Assaraf

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For special contribution opportunities, please contact the Synagogue Administrator at 301-498-5151.

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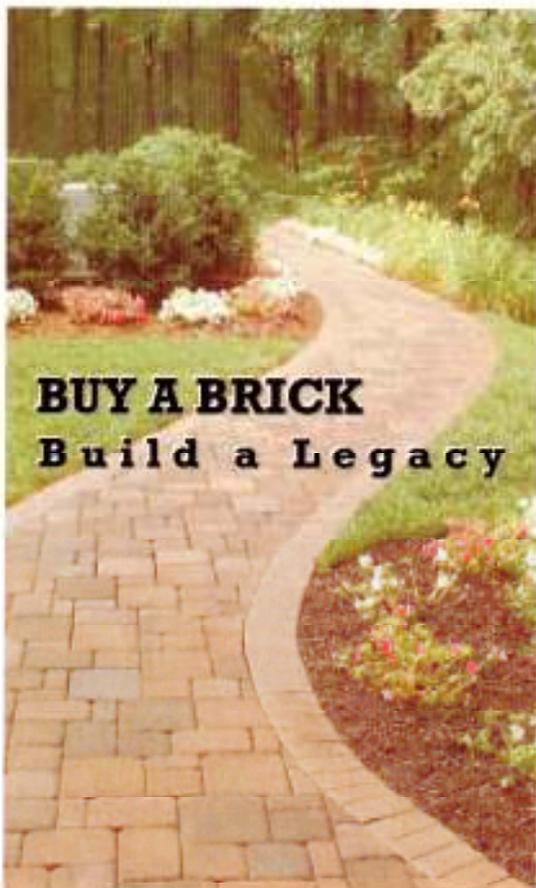
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Candle Lighting Times	Dates	Lighting Time	Havdalah	Parsha	Haftarah
	February 3-4	5:13 PM	6:22 PM	Bo Exodus 10:1-11:3	Jeremiah 46:13-28
	February 10-11 Tu b'Shvat	5:21 PM	6:31 PM	Beshalach Exodus 13:17-15:26	Judges 4:4-5:31; Judges 5:1-5:31*
	February 17-18	5:29 PM	6:38 PM	Yitro Exodus 18:1-20:23; Exodus 30:11-16	Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-13*
	February 24-25 Shabbat Shekalim	5:37 PM	6:46 PM	Mishpatim Exodus 21:1-22:3	II Kings 12:1-17
	February 26-27 Rosh Chodesh Adar				

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

Oseh Shalom Calendar Highlights February 2017

February 1, 8, 15, 22	8:15 PM	Israeli Dance
February 10, 17, 24	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
February 4, 11, 18, 25	10:00 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
February 5, 12, 26	9:00 AM	Religious School
February 5, 26	9:00 AM	Pre-K
February 1, 8, 15, 22	5:00 PM	Lower School
February 3	6:30 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner
	7:30 PM	Shabbat Family Service
February 5	12:00 PM	Adult Bnei Mitzvah Class
	3:00 PM	Torah Repair—Scribing Session
	4:00 PM	Torah Repair—Scribing Session
	6:00 PM	Super Duper Party—Men's Club
February 7	7:00 PM	LLL Film Series
February 8	7:15 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
February 11	10:00 AM	B'Yachad/Shabbat Morning Service
	12:00 PM	B'Shevat Seder
February 12	10:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting
	11:45 AM	TeenConnect
February 19		WEEK OF MEN'S SHELTER
	10:00 AM	Relcomm Meeting
	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
		NO SCHOOL

February 20	7:30 PM	LLL Committee Meeting
February 26	10:00 AM	Membership Committee Meeting
	11:45 AM	Torah Study

The Sisterhood will be selling Passover candy again this year.
Watch for information packets on the tables at the Super Bowl party.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Rosh Hodesh Women's Seder at Oseh Shalom

Light dinner and desserts pot luck
Members and non-members welcome:
Sisters, mothers, daughters & friends

April 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM

More information coming in the March Shalom

February 2017

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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.

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 Borsht 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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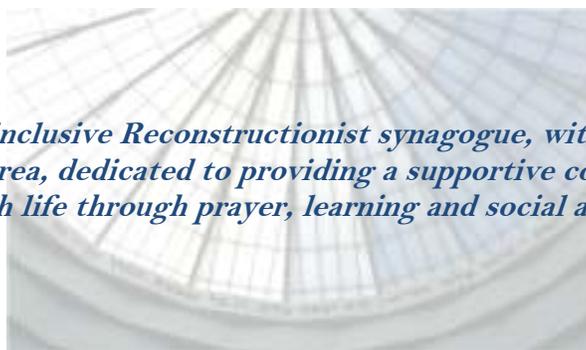
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Brad and his committee is very much appreciated

Eskin-Makovi Endowment – As you can read in our Financial Vice President, Dan Bravemann’s, article in this month’s Shalom, we have taken an important step in investing in the future sustainability of Oseh Shalom. Dan and the Finance Committee have spent numerous hours researching the best way to handle the generous endowment donations we have received.

Joint Purim B’Yachad – This year for our “Best Purim Ever” B’Yachad program, we have reached out to our neighbors at the Columbia Jewish Congregation, and asked them to join in our celebration. The planning has begun for what promises to be a Purim Extravaganza of monumental proportions. The event will take place Saturday night, March 11th, and will be hosted by Oseh Shalom. More details, and contact information for anyone who would like to be involved in the program, will be made available soon. Over the past few years we have held a very successful joint Tisha B’Av program with CJC and Mishkan Torah (in Greenbelt), and would like to carry it forward with other events that involve the larger local Reconstructionist community.

March Celebration Honoring Rabbi Heifetz – After his many years of service to our congregation, it would not be right for us to send the rabbi off without an evening of recognition. The celebration planned for March 25th will be filled with food, music, and shared memories of our years under Rabbi Heifetz’s spiritual guidance and leadership. More information will be available soon.

These are just a few of the learning, investing, and celebrating that will be going on in 2017. It motivates me, as I hope it does you all, to be a part of what promises to be a sensational year for Oseh Shalom.

Kol Tuv,

Andy Friedman