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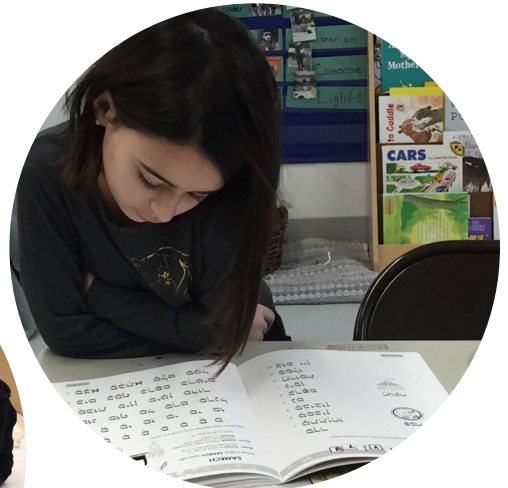
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OUR *Community*



FROM THE *Rabbi*

BY RABBI ADAM J. RASKIN



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In 1918, a raging flu pandemic ravaged the entire world; this deadly strain claimed more lives than the “Black Death” in the 14th Century. Over 500 million people around the world were affected by this deadly strain of the H1N1 influenza virus, which caused over a half million deaths in the U.S. alone. Hundreds of Americans died every day before improvements in treatment and prevention finally arrested this 20th Century plague.

I recently learned that a similar plague is spreading in America. Today, like a century before, hundreds of people die every day from this modern scourge. While it is not contagious or communicable, it is every bit as lethal. The plague is opioids, and it is responsible for the deaths of kids and adults alike who abuse and misuse a category of drugs that includes such common prescriptions as Oxycodone, Percocet, Codeine, and Fentanyl. Typically prescribed for pain relief, these drugs relax the body, in certain doses creating a “high” that is increasingly sought after not for medicinal use, but for its intoxicating effects.

I just returned from an eye opening, and deeply concerning program at Har Shalom. The Peace Mountain Theater Company performed a poignant, short play “The Empty Chair,” about a drug overdose victim. This was followed by a panel of experts: A father, whose son died of an overdose two years ago; a police officer in the Montgomery County Police Narcotics Unit; a social worker who is the CEO of the county’s largest provider of mental health services; a recovering addict and peer recovery coordinator; and our very own Har Shalom past-president, Sorell Schwartz, professor emeritus

of pharmacology at Georgetown University Medical School. Each discussed the dangers and increasing prevalence of opioid abuse in our community. In fact Sorell held up a map that demonstrated the highest concentration of abuse in Montgomery County is right here, in Potomac, Rockville and contiguous neighborhoods. When someone overdoses on opioids their breathing slows or stops, causing decreased oxygen to the brain. This leads to coma, brain damage, or death. Since no one knows how their own body will react to these powerful drugs, the number of casualties is climbing every day.

One of the panelists, the recovering addict, said that he came from a wonderful, loving, intact family. His mother worked for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, his family attended church regularly, he went to a good school...and he was bored. He started smoking marijuana in middle school, and by the time he was a senior in high school he was a full-blown intravenous heroin addict. He had stolen money from family and friends to support his habit, and had multiple arrest warrants before he found himself in jail with a cell-mate who had a 114 year sentence for repeated drug offenses. At that moment he realized his life could go in one of three directions: either he would continue to use and likely wind up in prison again, potentially for decades or more; he would continue to use and end up dead, like many of the other addicts he knew; or he could start getting serious about recovery and do whatever it took to get clean. He chose the latter path, and now is on-call to help other addicts break free of their addictions.

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FROM THE *Hazzan*

BY HAZZAN HENRIQUE OZUR BASS



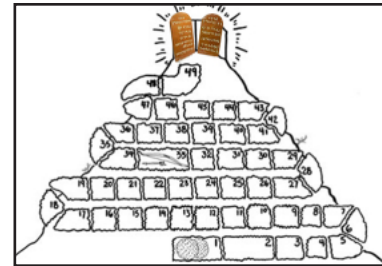
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“From the day on which you bring the Omer offering, the day after the Holiday you shall count off seven complete weeks. You must count until the day after the seventh week fifty days” (Leviticus 23:15-16). Counting the Omer is a fairly easy mitzvah: as soon as it is fully dark one should make a blessing and count the day. We start at the end of the second seder, when the second day of Pesach is already underway. We continue adding one additional number each day until we get to the 49th day, the day before the Holiday of Shavuot. This 49-day period between Pesach and Shavuot is called the S’firat haOmer, or simply S’firah. We count from leaving Egypt to receiving the Torah, from Redemption towards Revelation.

We count each day as it begins, in the evening. “The omer may not be counted before nightfall. Therefore, if the Evening Service in the synagogue is being held before sundown, the last day that was counted is announced to indicate the correct number to be counted later that evening.” (“The Observant Life”, Martin S. Cohen, editor, pg. 221) We say a bracha before counting, just like we say a bracha before performing most actions, such as eating bread. If one forgets to count during the evening, one may still count the days without a bracha.

The Omer is a modern representation of an agricultural ritual. In Temple times, in Jerusalem, there was a clear agrarian meaning to this ceremony. It was a way to acknowledge the blessings that come from a fruitful harvest, and the difficulties that arise from a less than successful crop. Although the counting itself, is pretty easy, the omer is not as significant in our days. Very few of us live directly from the fields in our homes, and agricultural rituals are not as meaningful. There is an attempt by kabalistic masters to equate each week of the omer with another sefira, a rung in the ladder of Divinity. This way, each day we count brings us closer to God and the revelation at Sinai. Some Hassidic teachers have tried to focus on leaving Egypt behind, one step at a time, removing the impurities of slavery. Here are some suggestions which might help reclaim some meaning for this counting:



- Make donations to Mazon or a food bank: the counting of the omer included an offering of grain to the Temple; feeding the hungry is a good modern substitute.
- Volunteer at a shelter: we lived as slaves in Egypt; take one step away from slavery by helping others live a more dignified life.
- Be a responsible consumer: Fair Trade USA is a non-profit organization certifying products that cultivate an equitable global trade model benefitting farmers, workers, consumers, industry and the earth. Offer a modern omer by making sure that the products we consume are not touched by slave hands.
- You may also carry this thought through with the restaurants where you eat. Make sure their food sources are slave-free and that their outlook is socially responsible.
- Be an educated consumer and patronize socially responsible companies. Several businesses have foundations associated with them, whose responsibility is to promote the values of the company through socially responsible projects. If you have the time to get educated about the companies with which you do business, you can drive slavery away, one step at a time.

L'Shalom,

Hazzan Henrique Ozur Bass



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BY BETH HOCH



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The **Har Shalom Dinner and Silent Auction** was an incredible success with over 170 participants! Thank you to Marianna Ashin and Stephanie Batchelor, our fabulous Co-Chairs, Jackie Blanken for her delicious catering and arranging all of the flowers, and to the entire auction committee for their dedication to making the evening so successful!

The children had a fabulous week exploring and celebrating **Israel to celebrate her 70th birthday!** Each classroom transformed into a different place in Israel for the week. After learning about each destination, the children brainstormed ways they could create that environment in their classroom. They made the destinations come to life and then invited their friends in the other classes take turns coming to visit and experience it. We had a busy shuk (Israeli market) where the children shopped with shekels and baskets in the market. There was an orange grove where we used a variety of mediums to paint the grove and then made freshly squeezed juice. One class became a kibbutz with laundry, a farm, and communal eating. Another class made their dramatic play into an airplane where the children pretended to be the pilot and passengers and the last class pretended they were at the Dead Sea where the children had the opportunity to dip their feet in salt water, put on mud, and explore things that float. Involving the children in the process by having the children create the experiences with the teachers gave them an incredible sense of accomplishment and pride.

On Israel's birthday we had a magnificent celebration with dancing, a parade, and a hands-on experiences where the children made fresh pita and hummus, journeyed underwater to the Red Sea to see who lives there, and then enjoyed a picnic outside all together. All of these experiences help connect the children to our homeland, Eretz Yisrael which is 6000 miles away and that holds a special place in our hearts.

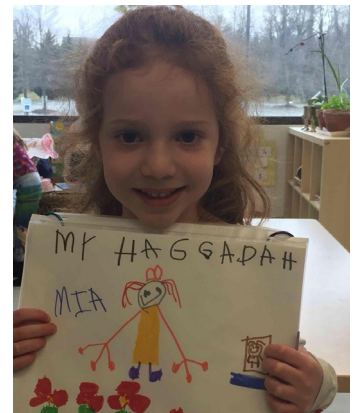
We have a fun filled summer planned and are looking for **pre-teens and teens who love children and want to volunteer at Camp Shemesh** at the Sherman ECC this summer. We have camp from June 18-August 24th and are looking for volunteers for all parts of our day, mornings and afternoons. We are on the approved list to give SSL hours and ask for a commitment of two consecutive weeks.

If your child is interested, they should email me, bhoch@harshalom.org and I will send them the application. All new volunteers will have an interview and orientation before the start of camp.

Camp Shemesh has some spots available for children 18 months - 4 years old for this summer. If you are looking for a fun place for your child or grandchild this summer, come **check us out!**



Israel's Birthday



Pre-K made their own Haggadot



Matzah Factory



Rabbi Raskin as Moses



Hazzan Ozur Bass as Pharaoh at our Seder

REGISTER NOW

CAMP SEMESH -2018/5778 CAMP DETAILS AND REGISTRATION AT SHERMANECC.ORG

JEWISH *Learning*

BY DR. JENNIFER NEWFELD



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"Be not like servants who serve their master for the sake of receiving a reward; instead be like servants who serve their master not for the sake of receiving a reward.

And let the awe of Heaven be upon you." Pirkei Avot 1.3

Many people contributed to the success of our Religious School this year. I want to thank the Sisterhood and Men's Club. Although both of these groups are longtime supporters of the Religious School, when we reached out to them for additional support this year they went above and beyond. The Religious School Parent Committee and especially Aimee Segel have shown such dedication to the education of our children. I could not ask for more caring or committed partners. Religious School parents and teachers, thank you for all that you do to support our program each and every week. Parents, thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts this year. Each of these groups exemplifies the quote above from Pirkei Avot. They each give generously throughout the year, both their time and money, to help support the education of our youth. I hope that the joy our children experience and the learning that our families engage in is in fact a reward for each of the individuals involved. I cannot express our gratitude enough. Without each and every one of you, this year would not have been possible.

Todah Rabah,

Jennifer Newfeld EdD

May/June Calendar

- May 1st** Religious School Lag B'omer Celebration
- May 5th** *Star Shabbat*
Haggigat HaSiddur
- May 6th** *Debbie Karch Memorial Author Visit:*
Laurel Snyder
Atid & Keshet, 5:30 pm
- May 13th** No Religious School, Mother's Day
- May 19th** *Star Shabbat*
Minyan Katan
- May 20th** Shavuot Family Program
Last Day of Religious School
- June 1st** Atid Shabbat, Final Class of the Year
- June 2nd** Star Shabbat
- June 3rd** Confirmation, 11 am
Final Keshet of the Year



Julie Cooper

Hannah Freeman

Lily Horvitz



Maddie Horvitz

Jordie Priesman



Ryan Lewis

Hannah-Molly Susswein

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT *Let the Sunshine In!*

BY JEFF RUBIN, PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that I have almost reached the mid-term of my tenure as President. The time has indeed gone by quickly. The past year has presented its challenges, but my time thus far as President has been very rewarding and fulfilling, and I do not expect that to change in the coming year.

When people ask me if I am accomplishing my vision for Har Shalom, I usually respond by saying that I ask myself the same question. I quickly discovered that a two year term is not enough time to do everything. It is not just my vision of Har Shalom, but the integration of the collective visions of the Executive Committee, the professional staff, the clergy, the Board of Directors, and each of you. My personal goal is to create and establish processes and procedures that will lead Har Shalom to a better place in the future, to put Har Shalom on a path towards financial stability, to explore alternative dues structures, and to create a cultural environment implementing the principles of relational Judaism. Success will be when we can say, three to five years from now that Har Shalom is better, and more inviting, and more invigorating spiritually, intellectually, and socially, because of the decisions we make today. At my first Board meeting last June, I pledged my administration a policy of openness, candor and transparency and that I would disseminate information when circumstances permitted and the time was appropriate. I am sure everyone can appreciate that there are times that require information remain confidential in order to protect the interests of affected persons.

At a recent Board meeting, there was a discussion implying that there exists a perception among some that we are not functioning in a transparent manner and that major decisions are not made by the Board. I must confess when hearing such things, it is difficult to measure or ascertain how widespread such sentiment actually is. I do not want to ignore the issue but I also do not want to give the issue more credence than it deserves. Whether the perception is real or not, such perception is not accurate, and if such misperception is held by just one individual, it is one too many. I do not know how this misperception originated, or its dissemination, but I want to dispel any notion that such perception exists by addressing how we govern ourselves at Har Shalom. It is important to address because the trust of full and complete transparency goes to the very crux of relational Judaism.

Under our current Bylaws, the Board of Directors is the main governing body. Its members constitute the elected officers of the Congregation, the immediate Past President of the Congregation, four elected members at large, all other appointed standing committee chairs, the President of the Men's Club, the President of the Sisterhood, the President of the Har Shalom USY chapter, six elected directors, and all Past Presidents. The Executive Committee consists of the officers of the Congregation and consist of the President, President-elect, five Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. The President of the Congregation is the Chair of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer of the Congregation.

In addition to the Board and Executive Committee, the Congregation has an exceptional professional staff and clergy. My predecessor, Sorell Schwartz, instituted a policy when he was President that the Executive Director and the Rabbi would have the full authority and responsibility for the day to day operation of the synagogue. It is a policy I fully endorse, not just for myself but for future Presidents as well. The policy has worked very well under the enthusiastic direction of Shelley Engel and Rabbi Raskin. This managerial platform affords me the opportunity to concentrate on the "bigger" picture and focus on such issues as long term planning, financial stability, voluntary dues, relational Judaism and the like. I am not relinquishing my role as Chief Executive Officer of the synagogue. Rather I am delegating that authority to the Executive Director and the Rabbi for this purpose. I can attest that Shelley and the Rabbi keep me fully informed of all relevant day to day operations of the synagogue.

In terms of governance, the Board of Directors is the policy making body of the synagogue. The Board initiates actions, and dictates policy, through motions. Motions are encapsulations of a directive or course of action. Typically, a motion is brought to the Board after the subject matter has been studied and discussed at the committee level and the Executive Committee. Motions can be presented to the entire Board as new business by any member, although my preference is that the desired motion be brought to the Executive Committee for initial discussion. I request this for practical reasons and to conduct a more efficient meeting at the Board level. The Board is a large body. Because the Executive Committee is a smaller body, discussions at the Executive Committee can be less formal. Many times discussions at the Executive Committee level will help frame the issues when the motion is presented and considered by the entire Board.

Jeff Rubin | Continued on Page 13

BY RABBI ADAM J. RASKIN

Donald Wood described how his son also had everything going for him. He was the quarterback of the Magruder High School football team in Rockville. But recreational drug use became overpowering, and he discovered his son's lifeless body in his bed one day, after an overdose of Tramadol. No one wants to believe that their child could be experimenting with or abusing these drugs, which can often be found in their parents' medicine cabinets. We lull ourselves into believing that good Jewish kids in comfortable suburbs don't become addicted to drugs. But the truth is that they do, and the problem is only getting worse. Thankfully we live in a county with abundant services to help people break free of these addictions. But it takes vigilance at home if help is going to arrive. Pay attention to what your kids are doing; notice their behaviors; ask questions; if you must, search their rooms, cars, and other areas if you suspect something—it's preferable to 'invade their privacy' than to discover drugs when you can no longer do anything about it; and most importantly, talk to them about the extreme risks and dangers of these powerful drugs.

The Peace Mountain program was provocatively titled "Not in My Backyard." Sadly, it is very much in our backyard, and in our homes. As a community, let's protect our children (as well as the many adults who also abuse these drugs) and make sure that we promote awareness and treatment before the outbreak of another deadly pandemic.

With heartfelt blessings and affection,



Rabbi Raskin



With Rabbi Raskin

Ask, Chat, Share, Connect

May 8 at 8:30 am - 10 am

At Starbucks, Potomac Woods

May 25 at 8:30 am - 10 am

At Goldberg's in Cabin John Shopping Center

ADULT EDUCATION

We hope that you have been taking advantage of our adult education programs. Here is what is coming up in May and June. Questions? Please contact Tova or Jessica in the Education Office at Eduoffice@harshalom.org or 301-299-7087 ext. 228.


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June 19 @ 7pm

JEWISH *Learning* | CONTINUED



Storytime and Book Signing
with
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Author

Laurel Snyder

Children 5 and under
and their families







May 6, 2018

9:00 am - 9:30 am

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HAR SHALOM *Youth!*

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Dear Har Shalom Community,

This year has been a crazy one and I want to thank everyone here who has helped me in my adjustment to Montgomery County. From my first day where we watched the solar eclipse as a community through all the holidays and fun events, this has truly been one of the more special years for me.

There are some important people I need to thank. Jennifer, you took a chance on this 21 year old Canadian kid who recently graduated from college and have personally helped develop me into a better leader and person. Thanks to you, I now understand what it means to be a full time employee in a Jewish non-profit organization and how to act as a professional.

Rabbi Raskin, from inviting me over for dinner during my first week in Maryland through Rosh Hashanah dinner and agreeing to being kidnapped by USYers during Purim for charity, you have always made me feel comfortable in this Shul. I am always inspired by what you teach the 5th/6th grade class and how you interact with the community here.

Hazzan Ozur Bass, I really enjoyed some of our moments backstage during the Har Shalom play and I really am amazed with how you interact with the community. Before I met you, I thought the role of Hazzan was just to sing in front of the congregation, but you have shown me what it means to go above and beyond in this field.

Shelley and Carly, we have bonded over Buffalo and sports. I have learned from both of you the business side of Jewish non-profits and you have both inspired me to one day be an executive director of one. Thank you for always looking out for me and helping me grow as a person.

Joanna, Beth, Leslie, Jessica, Irina, Anne and everyone else, thank you very much for teaching me the different aspects that are necessary to make a synagogue properly function. The work ethic that you put in on a daily basis has inspired me to work even harder at this job.

My HSUSY Board, Hannah, Jordie, Abby, Avi, Lily, Rachel and Sarah, you're the reason that I do this job. Seeing you all develop as people, while also having a lot of fun has definitely been my favorite part of this job. I am sure that you all will be up to amazing things in the near future, and I want you all to keep me posted on your future endeavors.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who has been welcoming to me in this community. From inviting me to Shabbat dinner, to helping me move in and everything in between, thank you very much for making Har Shalom and Montgomery County as a whole feel like my second home. Although I'm leaving Har Shalom in June, this is not a goodbye, but rather a see you later.

Matthew



Kadima Mall Scavenger Hunt
Fifth to Eighth Grade

Westfield Montgomery Mall
7101 Democracy Blvd.
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\$5 Kadima Members
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UPPER LEVEL
LOWER LEVEL

Please Meet Outside the
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Macy's Entrance

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**We the Board of HSUSY hope that you
have had an amazing time with us this
year!**



Chapter Board Elections

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMMING

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SHARE SHABBAT

May 11, 2018

Broadway Cabaret: Infinite Future: Bernstein's Lasting Impact Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

We invite you to join us as we celebrate Leonard Bernstein's 100th birthday with Infinite Future: Bernstein's Lasting Impact, a cabaret of songs demonstrating ways in which today's musical theater composers have followed in Bernstein's footsteps. The performance will feature songs from familiar shows including *West Side Story*, *On the Town*, *Wonderful Town*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Candide*, *Children of Eden*, *Come From Away* and *a Little Night Music*, and introduce you to some shows you've never heard of before! Infinite Future made its debut with the Monumental Theater Company during the Atlas Theater's Intersections Festival this winter.

You will be seeing our 2.0 version, a new version with additional performers and songs! Performers: Megan Evans, Julie Gozalo, Mark Hamberger, Lee Rosenthal, Nigel Rowe, Rich Shegogue, Jamie Shegogue, Camryn Shegogue; Music Director: Marci Shegogue; Director: Bridget Grace Schaeff; Creator: Gretchen Midgley; Monumental Theater Staff: Beth Amann.

Save the date for Friday, May 11th when Har Shalom will participate in our next Share Shabbat. Share Shabbat is our way of making our synagogue more accessible and personal by sharing the relaxing and intimate Shabbat meal with other members -- maybe you know them or maybe you don't! You are matched by your demographics; that is, if you indicate you are an empty-nester then you will be placed with others in that same demographic. If you are a family with young children, then we try to place you with other similar-type families.

Our first Share Shabbat was on October 27, 2017. We participated with hundreds of other synagogues and other organizations who took part in the international Shabbat Project. The Shabbat Project is a completely unique, international grassroots Jewish-identity initiative that aims to unite Jews around the world by asking them to light candles and keep one Shabbat, simultaneously, one weekend a year. One Share Shabbat guest wrote about their experience at the home of Ruth and Mark Newburger: "Thank you again to Ruth and Mark (and Abigail) for hosting such a wonderful evening and sharing your home, and for a wonderful meal. Everything was delicious. It was also delightful to have the opportunity to get to know (or get to know better) everyone there. Thank you again to the Newburgers, and everyone, for making this week's Shabbat very special." We hope to see you at our next Share Shabbat on May 11. Questions? Contact Susan Grant at program@harshalom.org.

PMTCC

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Save the dates



Set in Brooklyn in 1946, Lebow's *A Shayna Maidel* (pretty girl) is a tale of two sisters and their very different lives. It goes beyond the atrocities of war to explore assimilation into new cultures; generations embracing the future or clinging to the past, and the triumph of family bonds and the welcoming of immigrants. With so many refugees dealing with adaptation to new cultures as they flee from their homelands in our current times, this play can speak compassionately to the sustaining power of hope over despair.

SIX PERFORMANCES: **October 11, 13, 18 & 20, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.**
October 14 & 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Performing at Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac, Maryland 20854
www.peacemountaintheatre.com

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The Har Shalom Players select *Annie* as 2019 Musical

Mark your calendars now for the HS Players' production of *Annie*, the musical tale about a spunky orphan and her madcap adventures on the way to finding her real family. *Annie* comes to life January 26-27, 2019 in the Burke Sanctuary.

Based on Little Orphan Annie, the comic strip penned by Harold Gray, Annie features a lively book and score by Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, including such Broadway smash hits as "Tomorrow" and "It's a Hard Knock Life." With a perfect combination of street-smarts and optimism, Annie will warm your heart as you watch her climb from next-to-nothing to the rarified world of Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks. The original production opened on April 21, 1977 and won seven Tony Awards® (including best musical). The Broadway show closed on January 2, 1983, after a total of 2,377 performances.

Annie is the 14th annual production from the Har Shalom Players. Past shows include: *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Damn Yankees*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (original HSP show, 2004, revival 2017), *The Music Man*, *Oliver!*, *Once Upon A Mattress*, *The Secret Garden*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Shrek The Musical*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. The HS Players' performance of *Annie* is presented by special arrangement with Music Theatre International. Calling all talented adults and children.

If you've been in the audience for any of our prior annual musical productions, and thought it might be fun to join the HS Players' community, then warm up your singing voice and join us for auditions on either September 16th or 17th. Callbacks will be held on September 23rd if necessary. All talented adults and children, 7 years old or older are welcome to audition.

More information on auditions will be released later in the summer. Any questions about the show or auditions can be sent to play@harshalom.org

HSP *Annie* at-a-glance

Auditions:

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Monday, September 17, 2018

Callbacks:

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Performances:

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Sunday, January 27, 2019

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT | CONTINUED

When a motion is presented and discussed by the Board, the Board can approve it, reject it, or modify it by amendment. When a motion is approved, the subject matter of the motion becomes policy and a new directive of the synagogue. Let me be clear, it is the Board that decides and determines policy. Once the Board makes that determination, it is then the responsibility of the officers and professional staff to implement that policy directive, and the Board has oversight to ensure that happens. Neither the Executive Committee nor the professional staff has the authority to make policy on its own.

In the spirit of full transparency, let me conclude by informing you that I have established a new Bylaws Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of our current Bylaws. I gave the committee three directives. First, to review and eliminate antiquated provisions. Second, to revise the Bylaws to the extent legally permitted under Maryland law as applicable to non-profit organizations. This could possibly include a review of the quorum provisions and proxy voting for membership meetings. Third, I requested the committee to review our managerial operations and to bring the Bylaws in line with actual management practices. I expect the committee to complete its work next fall with presentment to the Executive Committee and Board soon thereafter, and then to the membership. Stay tuned.

If any Board member or congregant has any question regarding our processes and procedures, I urge you to call me. I will be happy to discuss over a cup of coffee.

MAY 2018 – IYAR/SIVAN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1	2
		4:30 pm Religious School 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 12:00 pm Adult Ed.: Text in the City* 12:00 pm Sisterhood Daytime Book Club: "Underground Railroad" 7:45 pm Ma'ariv 8:00 pm Adult Ed.: Talmud Study
6	7	8	9
9:00 am Shaharit 9:00 am Religious School 9:15 am Men's Club and Sisterhood Joint Brunch 9:00 am Debbie Karch Memorial Author Visit 5:00 pm Men's Club Blue Yarmulke Man of the Year* 5:30 pm Atid & Keshet 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	6:45 am Shaharit 7:45 pm Ma'ariv 8:00 pm Men's Club Board Meeting	8:30 am Pop Up Rabbi* 4:30 pm Religious School 5:00 pm Sheva Brachas Rehearsal 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 7:45 pm Ma'ariv 8:00 pm Adult Ed.: Talmud Study
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Yom Yerushalayim No Religious School Mother's Day 9:00 am Shaharit 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	9:00 am Shaharit 7:45 pm Ma'ariv 8:00 pm Board Meeting	4:30 pm Religious School 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 12:00 pm Daytimers Film Fest: Hidden Silence 7:45 pm Ma'ariv 8:00 pm Adult Ed.: Talmud Study
20	21	22	23
Shavuot - 1st Day 9:00 am Shavuot Service 9:00 am Shavuot Family Program Last Day of School 7:45 pm Ma'ariv 9:01 pm Candle Lighting	Shavuot - 2nd Day, Yizkor 9:00 am Shavuot Service 9:30 am Shaharit 10:00 am Shavuot Program with Morah Beth 7:45 pm Ma'ariv 9:02 pm Havdalah	7:45 pm Ma'ariv	10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 6:00 pm Sisterhood Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 7:45 pm Ma'ariv 8:00 pm Adult Ed.: Talmud Study
27	28	29	30
Building Closed Except for Minyan USY Regional Convention 9:00 am Shaharit 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	Memorial Day Except for Minyan USY Regional Convention 9:00 am Shaharit 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	7:45 pm Ma'ariv 8:00 pm Adult Ed.: Talmud Study 8:00 pm Shofar Class	10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 7:45 pm Ma'ariv

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lag B'omer 3 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	4 9:30 am Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing 4:43 pm Candle Lighting 6:30 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i>	Haggigat Ha'siddur 5 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> <i>Parasha: Emor</i> 10:15 am Exploring Jewish Prayer: A Learner's Minyan 10:45 am STaR Shabbat 12:40 pm Shabbat Torah Study 7:30 pm <i>Minha/Torah Study/Ma'ariv</i> 8:47 pm <i>Havdalah</i>
10 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:45 pm Sharing Your Blessings Reception 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	11 9:30 am Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing 6:30 pm Share Shabbat 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:53pm Candle Lighting	12 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> <i>Parasha: Behar - Bechukatai</i> <i>Shabbat Mevarchim</i> 12:30 pm Tabletop Games Kiddush 12:40 pm Shabbat Torah Study 7:40 pm <i>Minha/Torah Study/Ma'ariv</i> 8:54 pm <i>Havdalah</i>
17 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	18 11:45 am Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing 9:30 am Truck Day 6:30 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> 7:59 pm Candle Lighting	Erev Shavuot 19 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> <i>Parasha: Bamidbar</i> 10:45 am STaR Shabbat 10:45 am <i>Minyan Katan</i> 11:00 am Gan Shabbat 12:40 pm Shabbat Torah Study 7:45 pm <i>Minha/Torah Study/Ma'ariv</i> 9:00 pm Candle Lighting Shavuot Learning in the Community
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31 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<p>Please Note:</p> <p><i>Times are subject to change.</i></p> <p><i>The times listed on this calendar are accurately as of print date, please check website for updates.</i></p> <p><u>harshalom.org/events</u></p>	

JUNE 2018 – SIVAN/TAMMUZ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>3</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:15 am Men's Club Brunch 10:00 am Jewish Federation's Israel @ 70 11:00 am Community Concert Religious School Confirmation & Final Kesher 12:00 pm Bonim/Machar: Ice Cream Party 7:00 pm <i>Broadway Caberet</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 11:30 am First Annual Kiddush Cup Golf Tournament* 6:30 pm USY Elections 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm Men's Club Board Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 12:00 pm Sisterhood Daytime Book Club: Luncheon 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm Adult Ed.: Talmud Study</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 pm Sherman ECC Siyum 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>Rosh Hodesh Tammuz Last Day of ECC ECC Closes at 12:30 10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm Adult Ed.: Talmud Study</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>First Day of Camp Shemesh 9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Ed. Movie Series: <i>Avalon</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm <i>Shofar Class</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i></p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i></p>

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21 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	22 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:20 pm Candle Lighting	23 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> <i>Parasha: Chukat</i> 12:40 pm Shabbat Torah Study 8:05 pm <i>Minha</i> /Torah Study/ <i>Ma'ariv</i> 9:20 pm Havdalah
28 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	29 9:30 am Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:21 pm Candle Lighting	30 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> <i>Parasha: Balak</i> 12:40 pm Shabbat Torah Study 8:05 pm <i>Minha</i> /Torah Study/ <i>Ma'ariv</i> 9:21 pm Havdalah

Mazal Tov:

Matthew Friedson, son of **John and Leslie Friedson**, on being named one of Four Under Forty by the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors - Greater Washington D.C.

Nessa Raskin, daughter of **Rabbi Adam and Sari Raskin**, on being selected for Shir Madness, the a capella choir at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School.

Sheldon Kress on the publication of his book, *Power Over POTS*.

Marcos and Raquel Denise Brujis on their 42nd anniversary.

Reuven Goldblatt on 10 years in recovery.

Jeremy and Graciela Schwartz on their 39th anniversary.

Deborah K. Cohen on the birth of her first grandchild, Lyla Rachelle Cohen, on February 7th in Providence, Rhode Island, to proud parents CJ and Stephanie Cohen.

Phyllis and David Coburn on the birth of their first grandchild, Aidan Levi Coburn, on February 13th in Rockville. The proud parents are Avi and Shayna Coburn. Aidan is welcomed by uncles and aunts Brian & Yael Coburn and Seth & Marnina Cowan.

Aimee and Allen Segal on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Samuel Segal**.

Zev Bradley-Bunkin on being selected to the 2018 Greater Washington Jr. Maccabi boys soccer team.

Jonathan Mantz and Erin Mantz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Zack Mantz**.

Carol Witt on the birth of her great-grandson, Theodore Herskovitz, the son of Noah & Lauren Herskovitz, and grandson of Linda Witt.

Sorell Schwartz on his appointment to the Montgomery County Overdose and Substance Abuse Intervention Team, which oversees communication, data sharing, monitoring, and treatment concerning opioid abuse in our county.

Jodi and David Chen on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Eric Seth Ke-Huai Chen**.

Eric & Alissa Horvitz on their 25th anniversary.

Morton & Aileen Rosenberg on their 54th anniversary.

Sandie & Lowell Satler on the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia Hayden Grant, on January 21st in New York. The proud parents are Jillian & Jeremy Grant.

Stacey Erd on becoming the Executive Director of Stepping Stones Shelter.

Daniel Litwok on the publication of his article in the American Journal of Evaluation: "Variance Estimation in Evaluations with No-Shows: A Comparison of Methods."

Debbie Reichmann and Jason Gould on their 20th anniversary. They were married at Har Shalom by Hazzan Henrique Ozur Bass and Rabbi Leonard Cahan z"l.

Our Director of Education, **Jennifer Newfeld**, on earning her Doctorate of Education.

Randy & Laurie May on their 47th anniversary.

Sheila & Stuart Taylor on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Taylor, to Daniel Schwartz, son of Carol & Bob Schwartz of Princeton, New Jersey.

Marcy Versel on the B'nai Mitzvah of her grandson and granddaughter, Josiah and Sarah Versel, on March 24th.

Lori Shell on the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, **Lindsay Shell**, granddaughter of **Robert & Beverly Finkelstein** and Ely & Helen Shell.

June & Bob Plotkin on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Maile Walders.

Julie & Harrison Miller on the birth of their son. He is welcomed by grandparents **Mikki & Jeff Ashin**, aunt and uncle **Marianna & Brian Ashin**, and cousins **Sydney, Madison, Brayden, and Sienna**.

Condolences:

Judith Mag on the passing of her husband, **Marvin Mag**.

Lori Shell, Samantha, Lindsay, and Ryan, on the passing of their husband and father, **David Shell**, son-in-law of **Robert & Beverly Finkelstein**.

Saul Golubcow on the passing of his mother, **Sonia Golubcow**.

Betsy New-Schneider on the passing of her mother, **Bonnie Werner**.

David Weiss on the passing of his father, **Jerry Weiss**.

Myra Birnkrant on the passing of her husband, **Harry Birnkrant**.

David Hilnbrand on the passing of his father, **Jay Hilnbrand**.

Marci Etman and Craig Burke on the passing of their step-father, **Arnold Davidson**.

Sondra Block and Emily Goldblatt on the passing of their mother and grandmother, **Naomi Harans**.

Shelley Remer on the passing of her mother, **Nona Teichman**.

Ian Beiser on the passing of his father, **Julius Beiser**.



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For Inquiries, please contact Carly Litwok, Assistant Executive Director at 301-299-7089 ex. 250

GAN SHABBAT

Open to the community - so invite your friends!

May 16th & June 19th
11:00 am

ST★R SHABBAT

May 2nd & 16th
June 5th & 19th
10:45 am

Minyan Katan

with Jennifer Newfeld

May 16th & June 19th
10:45 am

EXPLORING JEWISH PRAYER

A LEARNER'S MINYAN

May 2nd & June 5th
10:15 am

From Your Sisterhood President, Susan Rabkin

In February, Sisterhood completed another terrific Purim Basket project, chaired by super-organized and hard-working Amy Fine! This year the Purim Basket Committee decided to use new software. It's been a challenge for the volunteers to get used to working with a new interface, but in the end, it's been worth it as the new software has better features than what we were previously using.

Thanks to all those who ordered baskets for their friends and relatives. Scores of volunteers assembled the Purim baskets and delivered them locally. Sisterhood made sure that every member of the Har Shalom staff receives a Purim Basket. In addition, Purim treats were assembled and delivered by Bena Siegel and Ronnie Ginsberg to local Jewish nursing home residents, who were delighted to receive them. This is a social action project we do every year--Sisterhood doesn't forget our senior citizens.

I so very much appreciate the help of all of our hard working volunteers who make this project happen! Your amazing dedication has continued to make the Mishloach Manot project a wonderful success each year, and we couldn't have done it without you. Many hours were spent stuffing order forms into envelopes, entering the orders on computers, mapping out the delivery routes, packing baskets and cartons, making numerous phone calls, purchasing food and supplies, and delivering the goodies! The profits we make from this fundraiser are donated back to the synagogue to support programming like the Sherman Early Childhood Center, the Religious School, and the Youth Department.

In March, Sisterhood co-sponsored with the Congregation a Sephardic Passover Cooking Class presented by Estrella Levy. It was a fascinating evening, including delicious food and a terrific speaker! Thank you so much to Estrella for a great program! Also in March, Sisterhood held another Senior Bingo and Luncheon for residents of local nursing homes and daycare facilities. Thank you so much to Hedda and Dave Kenton for so ably organizing this wonderfully received program 3 times a year. It is such a Mitzvah!

Recently I delivered 166 bras donated by our generous members to a Maryland organization named Support the Girls. Thank you for your participation in this Mitzvah. We are still collecting new and gently used bras for women in need. So please look through your lingerie drawer at home and bring your donations to the collection box in the coat closet near the front office. Support the Girls also collects new sealed packages of tampons and maxi pads, another desperately needed product for women in shelters. These may also be placed in the collection box at Har Shalom.



Join us for a very wonderful evening of food, friends, and our guest speaker, Kara Blond, as she talks about her role heading the new Lillian & Albert Small Jewish Museum in downtown Washington. We are proud to note that Kara celebrated becoming a Bat Mitzvah in 1988 at Har Shalom, attended Hebrew School from Kindergarten through Confirmation here, and her parents, Rozi and Roger Blond are active Congregation Members.

We would like to involve our Sisterhood members in this discussion by asking them to bring in objects that could help tell the stories of Jewish Washington. Please root through your closets and attics and bring in objects, photographs, and documents that tell stories of Jewish workers in the Federal Government or Jewish involvement in social movements, like women's and feminist movements and civil rights. As part of the program, Kara could talk about the role of key Jewish involvement in these movements.

The evening is a special event that we hold once a year to salute all those who work on our fundraisers that benefit the Religious School, the Sherman ECC, the Har Shalom/USY Youth, Torah Fund, Bikkur Holim, and many other projects at Har Shalom. We are the women who help in the kitchen, who volunteer at Senior Bingo, who play Mah Jongg, who bowl, who participate in Book Club, and who tirelessly perform their duties for the Sisterhood Board of Directors with Susan Rabkin, our wonderful President.

All members of Sisterhood are invited to this lovely dinner, where we will acknowledge our volunteers' endeavors; and welcome back our own Kara Blond, whose important discussion as Executive Director at the Jewish Historical Society WITH your participation by bringing in objects that tell the stories of Jewish Washington, should make for a really special evening. Look for an E-vite that will be in your computer mailboxes soon, and please respond early so we can set up properly. Any questions? Write Linda Isen at Lindalsen@aol.com.

BIKKUR HOLIM

Bikkur Holim
Support Our Congregants!
It's A Mitzvah! You Can Help!

Did you know that Sisterhood has a *Bikkur Holim* Committee which provides *kosher* meals to ease the burden on Har Shalom families who are dealing with the illness of a family member? If you know of a family who could benefit from this service, please contact the Clergy's Assistant, Leslie, at 301-299-7087 ext. 223 or email leslie@harshalom.org.

Please consider making a donation to Sisterhood to support this *Mitzvah*. This is a wonderful way to help members of our own Har Shalom community.



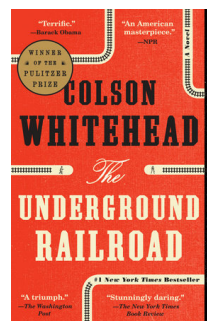
Sisterhood Bowling
Wednesdays at 10:15 am

For those who like to bowl, Sisterhood league bowling meets on Wednesday mornings at Bowl America on Clopper Road in Gaithersburg. For more information, please contact Bena Siegel at 301-279-2605.



Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Evening Mah Jongg has returned! We play every Thursday morning at 9:30 am. We also play the first and third Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Har Shalom. For more information, call Phyllis Coburn at 301-765-0164.



Sisterhood Daytime Book Club

May 2, 2018 at 12:00 pm

"The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead

This book, referred to as an "alternate history" novel, combines the historical novel and the slave story, but what it does with those genres is striking and imaginative. The central concept of the novel is as simple as it is bold. The Underground Railroad is not, in Whitehead's novel, the secret network of passageways and safe houses used by runaway slaves to reach the free North from their slaveholding states.

The novel tells the story of Cora and Caesar, two slaves in the southeastern United States during the 1800s who make a bid for freedom from their Georgia plantations by following the Underground Railroad. Details of their journey are not easy to read, but are important for us to understand. As the New York Times' review concludes: "In its exploration of the foundational sins of America, it is a brave and necessary book."

Save the Date: June 6, 2018 - Daytime Book Club Luncheon

Judaica Shop

The Judaica Shop is doing some spring cleaning. Price cuts starting May 1st. Buy gifts for bar and bat mitzvah celebrations, add to your own home Judaica collection, or get a special present for a bride and groom. On May 6, at the joint Sisterhood and Men's Club brunch, be sure to check out the merchandise in display cases outside the Social Hall, all of which is available for purchase. On May 23, at the Sisterhood Member Appreciation dinner, we will have hundreds of items for sale. Contact Sandy Freeman at sandy@freemanhq.net or Marcy Versel at Marcia.Versel@verizon.net if you have questions.

Torah Fund

Spring is finally here and it's time to wrap up our 2017-2018 Torah Fund campaign! To everyone who made a commitment to this year's campaign, we are grateful for your generosity. Each of our five schools will benefit from your donation. Whether it's the graduating class of rabbis, cantors, educators or scholars, the Torah Fund campaign supports them all!

If you made a commitment to the campaign this year, but have not yet sent your check, this is a gentle reminder to please either send it to me at 9301 Wooden Bridge Road, Potomac, MD 20854, or drop it off at the synagogue (in the Sisterhood box) as soon as possible. Please double check to be sure that you have fulfilled your commitment to this year's campaign. If you have a question as to whether you sent a check, or not, please feel free to email me at ritawert@verizon.net, and I will be happy to research this information for you. Please make all checks out to Torah Fund. No additional information is needed. Our Sisterhood will receive full credit for every donation received.

Thank you, again, for your prompt attention to this matter and for helping our Sisterhood to achieve another successful Torah Fund campaign!

Todah Rabbah!
Rita Wertlieb

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MEN'S CLUB

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MEN'S CLUB-SISTERHOOD JOINT BRUNCH

On Sunday, May 6, the Sisterhood will jointly sponsor the regular monthly Men's Club brunch and speaker. Our very special guest speaker will be David Fahrenthold, an American journalist who writes for The Washington Post and serves as a political analyst for NBC News and MSNBC. In 2017, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting for his coverage of Donald Trump, including the 2016 United States presidential election. Mr. Fahrenthold will talk about the lessons he has learned covering President Trump's charitable giving and his businesses — lessons both about how to cover the Trump presidency, and about the way the president makes decisions.

The Brunch will begin at approximately 9:15 a.m. We expect the presentation to begin at about 10:15 and conclude no later than 11:30 a.m. There is no cost to Men's Club or Sisterhood members; non-members are asked for a donation to defray the costs of the Brunch.

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On Sunday, June 3, the Men's Club will host its final brunch of the season. Our featured speaker will be Yuval Levin. Yuval Levin is an American political analyst, public intellectual, academic, and journalist. He is the founding editor of National Affairs, and the author of four books. He is also the Hertog Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a senior editor of The New Atlantis, and a contributing editor to National Review and the Weekly Standard.

He has been a member of the White House domestic policy staff (under President George W. Bush), executive director of the President's Council on Bioethics, and a congressional staffer. His essays and articles have appeared in numerous publications including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Commentary, and others, and he is the author, most recently, of The Fractured Republic: Renewing America's Social Contract in the Age of Individualism. Mr. Levin will focus his presentation on his book.

Levin was born in Haifa, Israel, and moved to the United States with his family at the age of eight. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science at American University and earned a PhD from the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago.

As usual, the Brunch will begin at 9:15 a.m. in the PAUL SOCIAL HALL and the presentation will begin at about 10:15 a.m. Before the presentation, there will be a short general meeting to elect the officers of the Club.

Men's Club
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SEEK MEANING TOGETHER

• WHAT DOES AN AUTHENTIC AND DYNAMIC MEN'S CLUB MEAN TO YOU? •

Capital Retreat Center
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Friday, June 8th - Sunday, June 10th

Celebration

In recent months we were all saddened to learn of the death of our beloved Cantor Emeritus Cal Chizever. Over the almost half century of his time at Har Shalom, we were all inspired and enriched by his singing. For the "CALEBRATION" event marking his 40th anniversary as our Cantor, we prepared a 100-edition three CD set of his music remastered from scores of original cassette tape recordings that were in the Har Shalom archives. The first CD consisted of his High Holy Day favorites, the second included portions of the Shabbat liturgy, and the third contained a selection of his Yiddish pieces. That original set completely sold out and is no longer available. However, Ira Weiss, who produced the original set, has now prepared a folder containing the digital content of those three CDs. Those who are interested in once again hearing and perhaps even sharing Cal's music can send me an e-mail at mifried@hotmail.com and I will send you a link from which you can play and/or download the music to any device you like. May his memory remain a blessing to us all!

Marvin Friedman

Hevra Kadisha

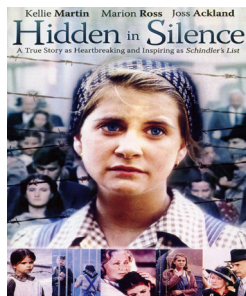
Have you been thinking that you would like to participate more in Har Shalom community life?

The Hevra Kadisha Committee is the group within the Congregation that helps fellow member families deal with the death of a loved one. We provide assistance with burial practices, the funeral, and the shiva period customs and practices. A Committee member, working with the Rabbi's office, will provide whatever immediate assistance the family might need.

The following forms of support are offered by the Committee, and are provided according to the family's wishes and needs. Members of the Committee will be available to stay in the home where the shiva will be held during the funeral, assist at the service if it is held at Har Shalom, arrange for the meal of condolence after the funeral, deliver prayer books, kippot and mourners' chairs to the shiva house, and arrange for fellow congregants to lead the shiva minyanim.

The Committee is structured in such a way that a volunteer is scheduled for one month of the year to provide the kinds of support described above. Each month there are two to three volunteers to help with this most important Congregational and community function, with the understanding that no one individual can be available every day of the month.

If you think you would be able to be part of this group and share a few hours of your time one month of the year doing a mitzvah for your fellow congregants please contact Harvey Karch at 301-230-4553 or hevra kadisha@harshalom.org.



Daytimers Jewish Film Festival

May 16, 2018

Hidden in Silence – USA – 1996 – 90 minutes

The true story of a young woman's selfless commitment and unwavering resolve in the face of war. Przemysl, Poland, WWII. As Germany is victorious over the Russians, the city comes under Nazi control. The Jews are sent to ghettos. While some stand silent, a Catholic teenager sneaks 13 Jews into her attic. She risks detection and execution by smuggling them food and water. Then two German nurses are assigned to live with her and the chance of discovery grows higher.



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Where does that stuff in the closet go? In March and April:

- Levenson Brunch leftovers were delivered to the Montgomery County Men's Shelter.
- Eight pairs of knitting needles went to the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA), where knitting is taught to increase mindfulness. Mindfulness emphasizes awareness and focus on the present moment, rather than on past stress and grievances. Many JCADA clients suffer from intrusive thoughts, anxiety, and depression, as a result of abuse and past trauma. Knitting gives a sense of accomplishment through creation, and allows the knitter to create something, while still receiving the mindful benefits of knitting. Focusing on the repetition can give the knitter freedom from intrusive thoughts and anxiety, while creating something new and beautiful.
- Thirty-five pounds of Kosher for Passover food went to Yad Yehuda's Capital Kosher Pantry, which helps hundreds of Jewish community members put food on their tables with dignity.
- Hametz from Purim groggers and Passover kitchen cleaning sent 138 pounds of food to Manna to feed the hungry throughout Montgomery County.
- Seven newly-made afghans were delivered to local hospitals through Warm Up America!

SO, KEEP THE TZEDAKAH COMING IN! And if you want to volunteer or have a suggestion for future projects, please contact SATO@harshalom.org.

May collection: NEW TOYS for Children's National Medical Center

June collection: CLEANING SUPPLIES for Stepping Stones Shelter

Any questions, please call!

Thanks,

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