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TEXT IN THE *City*



Har Shalom members learning Torah with Rabbi Raskin at the monthly “Text in the City” class at Hogan Lovells Law Firm, downtown on Wednesday, May 1.

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FROM THE *Rabbi*

Dear Friends,

The day before composing this message to you I was standing in the empty sanctuary of St. Raphael Roman Catholic Church, on Dunster Rd. in Rockville. The Rev. Michael Salah, the church's pastor, was going to great lengths to describe every facet of the church's design, ritual items, altars, statues, and crucifix. Father Salah wanted me to be absolutely comfortable with St. Raphael's offer to host the fourth annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 20th. Father Salah, a Palestinian Catholic who was born in Amman, could not have been more gracious or respectful to me (and, by extension, to those of you who will hopefully attend the service). My questions mostly had to do with the statues, images, and of course the massive crucifix that hangs over the chancel of the sanctuary. Father Salah told me that Catholics do not worship the statuary or the crucifix, rather they are vehicles for deepening and directing their prayers and offerings. All the while I was thinking about the many *halakhic* authorities over the centuries who have debated whether Jews can even set foot in a church, much less participate in an interfaith service in one.

Most notably, the Rambam (Maimonides) considered trinitarian Christianity to be "avodah zarah," or idolatrous, and forbade Jews from entering churches. Modern authorities from Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik to Rabbi Ovadia Yosef concurred. However, there is a strain within *halakha* that did not view Christianity as idolatrous...Rabbi Menachem Meiri, a 13th Century *halakhist* and Talmudic commentator, rejected the view that Christianity is tantamount to idolatry. Rabbeinu Tam (12th Century Troyes) and Rabbi Moses Isserles (16th Century Poland) also held the view that Christianity was a monotheistic faith. You may remember the presence of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks at the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey, or other Chief Rabbis who have been in attendance at coronations or other royal ceremonies that include traditional Christian worship. Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, a prominent Orthodox rabbi from New York City participated in a National Prayer Service at the National Cathedral, though there



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was substantial push-back, including from the Rabbinical Council of America, the main umbrella organization of Orthodox rabbis in America. These activities have been justified by some on the grounds of protecting Jewish life and Jewish communities in the realm, while others have felt that this was an entirely appropriate place for representatives of the Jewish people to promote interfaith understanding.

Having consulted with my teacher and one of the *primary poskim* (*halakhic* decisors) of the Conservative Movement, Rabbi Joel Roth, I am firmly in the camp with those who hold that Christianity is not idolatry. In November 2000, a group of 170 Jewish scholars of many different backgrounds authored "Dabru Emet: A Jewish Statement on Christians and Christianity." In it they wrote: "Christians also worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, creator of heaven and earth. While Christian worship is not a viable religious choice for Jews, as Jewish theologians we rejoice that, through Christianity, hundreds of millions of people have entered into relationship with the God of Israel." They also said, "An improved relationship [between Jews and Christians] will not accelerate the cultural and religious assimilation that Jews rightly fear." This is a comprehensive, thoughtful document that I encourage you to read in its entirety: <https://www.firstthings.com/article/2000/11/dabru-emet-a-jewish-statement-on-christians-and-christianity>

I am elated that among the many distinguished signatories are people I highly respect, such as Prof. Susannah Heschel, Rabbi Irving Greenberg, Rabbi David Gordis, Rabbi Neil Gillman, Rabbi Yechiel Ekstein, Prof. Robert Chazan, and many others. In a remarkable 2015 statement, a number of well-regarded Orthodox rabbis signed onto "An Orthodox Rabbinic Statement on Christianity," which stated...

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FROM THE *Rabbi* (Continued)

“We Jews and Christians have more in common than what divides us: the ethical monotheism of Abraham; the relationship with the One Creator of Heaven and Earth, Who loves and cares for all of us; Jewish Sacred Scriptures; a belief in a binding tradition; and the values of life, family, compassionate righteousness, justice, inalienable freedom, universal love and ultimate world peace...” The Conservative movement has issued two rulings, one by my teacher Rabbi David Frankel, and the other by Rabbi Monique Susskind Goldberg, that Jews may indeed enter churches, and that while Jews may not take part in practices associated with Christian worship (e.g. kneeling, taking communion, etc.), their opinion is that Jews who enter churches are not violating any halakhic prohibitions.

I acknowledge that as I gazed up at the massive crucifix, the limp body of Jesus hanging from it, blood coursing from his wounds, I felt a visceral discomfort. I wondered how members of our synagogue would feel about seeing such an explicit image. I wondered how it might affect children to see something they are so unaccustomed to, and whether it might even be frightening to them. I think Father Michael read my facial expressions when he

suggested that the spotlight on the crucifix could be turned off. He even offered to have the service in a non-descript social hall in another part of the church. I responded with heartfelt gratitude for his sensitivity and said, “I think part of the experience of interfaith dialogue and learning is for each of us to leave our comfort zones, and even allow ourselves to be a bit uncomfortable.” Let us rejoice in what we have in common as faith communities and learn about what makes us different. I hope you will join me at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service in November, and that by being together with our interfaith neighbors, we will be advancing the cause of *shalom*, of peace and bridge building with our neighbors, in all their glorious diversity.

L'shalom,



Rabbi Raskin

SATO/*Sisterhood Cares!*

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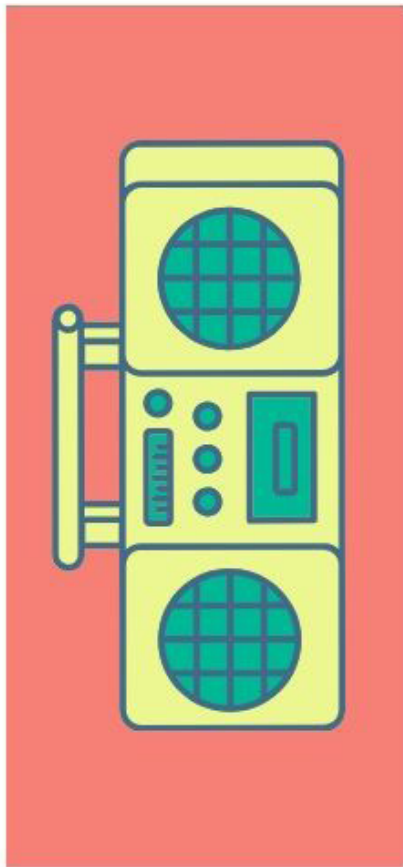


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picnic dinner and a picnic blanket!



**JULY
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AT HAR SHALOM

With entertainment from our very own
Har Shalom Band. Look forward to
dancing, lawn games, and ice cream!



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MEET *Kayley Romick*



Kayley Romick aspires to become a rabbi who works with families to build strong Jewish identities through prayer, education and real-world experiences. A native of Dallas, Kayley was raised in a Conservative synagogue and attended Jewish day school. She graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2017 before immediately starting rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Kayley looks forward to serving as Rabbinic Intern at Har Shalom in 5779/5780! She will join us for Shabbat on August 24th!

KIDDUSH *Cup*



The Kiddush Cup has been rescheduled for
Monday, September 16

Don't forget to mark your calendars! Registration for the Kiddush Cup has officially re-opened, so go to:

www.harshalom.org/kiddushcup

to secure your spot now! Entry includes 18 holes with cart, Kosher box lunch and seated BBQ, dinner, prizes for the winners, and much more! The Kiddush Cup will be at Worthington Manor Golf course, 8329 Fingerboard Road in Urbana, MD.

FAMILY *Counseling*

Did you know Har Shalom congregants can receive free consultation and support for family and mental health issues through the Jewish Social Service Agency's Synagogue Liaison program? This program provides an experienced, licensed clinical social worker for ongoing support through on-site short-term services to congregants and workshops for the congregational community.

Included in these services are strategies, resources and referrals and workshops on such topics as learning disabilities, parenting, caring for aging parents, and grief and loss. We are very fortunate to have Roberta Drucker, as Har Shalom's designated JSSA social worker. Roberta is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has been a Synagogue Liaison at JSSA for the past 7 years while also maintaining a private practice. Her specialized training and experience include the treatment of anxiety, depression and other mood issues, families with special needs, parenting, couples and family therapy, aging and bereavement, and intergenerational family therapy.

You can contact Roberta directly at rdrucker@jssa.org or call 301-610-8369.

FROM THE *President*

Dear Congregants,

If I was the type of person who reads meanings into happenstances, I might speculate that my first message as president of Har Shalom coming to you in the July issue of the Tablet is significant. July 11 is my birthday. This particular July 11 is my fiftieth birthday. According to the *Perkei Avot*, the *Mishnaic Ethics of Our Fathers*, fifty is the age for “giving counsel.” How fortunate am I to achieve the age to “give counsel” just in time to become synagogue president! (You might argue that, for this job, more important than giving counsel is taking counsel, but let us not quibble with our sages, may their memories be a blessing).

It was also a warm July evening in 2013, when I first meaningfully encountered Har Shalom. It was the night of my father’s nineteenth *yahrzeit*. While traveling home on the Red Line from my job lawyering at the SEC, I realized that making the 7:30 PM *minyan* at the synagogue we belonged to at the time would be near impossible given the time and distance from our Regency Estates home. There was another choice: Har Shalom – five minutes from our door – 7:45 PM *minyan* start. The entire Susswein clan attended – Wendy, our two kids: Hannah-Molly and Ian, and me. We filed dutifully into the Sofair chapel and for the first time we encountered Ken Paretzky, the man behind the scenes, and then Rabbi Adam Raskin, who appeared to know exactly who we were, and welcomed us graciously.

Now some background information is necessary: we had been thinking about Har Shalom for some time. It was certainly a more convenient location. A couple of years earlier, we had enrolled Hannah-Molly for sixth grade into Har Shalom’s Religious School due to the difficulty in getting her to Religious School on time at our previous congregation. (You might remember that Hoover Middle School students, at the time, during renovations, studied at a distant holding school.) However, what kept Har Shalom in our minds, even after we reenrolled Hannah-Molly at our previous congregation for the next year, is that she actually missed Har Shalom, and continued warm relationships with some of her Har Shalom classmates. Also, if truth be told, our good friends, Doug Bradley and Dorann Bunkin ^{z”l}, had been urging us for a while, subtly but effectively, to consider Har Shalom. One of their main selling points was the talents of Har Shalom’s new Rabbi, renowned from Texas to Maryland for being dynamic, scholarly and approachable (a valuable but too uncommon combination to have in a rabbi, in my



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experience). When Rabbi Raskin took the time to call Hannah-Molly on the Friday before her Bat Mitzvah – held at our previous congregation and over a year after she had left the Har Shalom religious school – to wish her a Mazel Tov, Har Shalom elevated in our minds with potential.

So, on that night in July 2013 the process of joining this community began in earnest. It was relatively quick. By the High Holy Days, we were members. When I think about it, the elements of Har Shalom’s greatest strengths were all present: good friends, who create community, like Doug and Dorann ^{z”l}; warm and thoughtful clergy, like Rabbi Raskin and Hazzan Ozur Bass; and just as important, our “regulars,” people like Ken Paretzky, who “go above and beyond” and make the place hum with activity. I think my predecessor, Jeff Rubin, would have referred to this as “relational Judaism,” an aspiration and benchmark that we will continue to pursue.

It is not lost on me that I am a relative newcomer to the community that you have entrusted me to lead. I am humbled beyond expression. I promise to be loyal and true, to attempt at all times to listen carefully, and work collaboratively. I welcome and seek your advice and input. I am so fortunate to have a superior Executive Committee and Board of Directors to assist me, plus amazing clergy and staff and a supporting family led by my dear wife, Wendy.

One last thing I must say. June 1 was my first day in office. It was also the second *yahrzeit* of Dorann Bunkin ^{z”l} who more than anyone was responsible for the Susswein family joining the Har Shalom community, as alluded to above. I dedicate my term in office to her memory.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven A. Susswein".

Steven A. Susswein
President

FROM THE *Religious School*



The 2019 Confirmation Class



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Dear *Chaverim*,

As this incredible year is coming to an end, I want to thank you all. I feel so privileged to have had the opportunity to lead the Religious School and become a part of this warm and loving community. You have welcomed me as part of your family and for that I am truly grateful.

As I get ready for my journey back home to Israel, I feel confident that I am leaving the school in the capable hands of Ruth knowing she will continue to develop and enrich the Religious School.

I will miss you all very much and look forward to seeing you all in Israel!

Orna Wolf Levy



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Na'em Ma'od! (Nice to meet you!),

Nice to meet you! I'm Ruth Szykman and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Director of Education at Har Shalom. I am honored to be joining such a fabulous, dynamic program. I'd like to give a huge thanks to Orna for her warm welcome and all her help as I get up to speed. Of course, I'm looking forward to working with your students (what's better than a noisy school hallway?), but I'm also looking forward to what we will all do together as a community.

Please feel free to reach out to me this summer – I'd love to start getting to know everyone (and remember everyone's names..) and hear what you are thinking about for the coming year. I've been meeting with teachers already and we're putting together some exciting plans for September. My email is ruth@harshalom.org – drop me a line, let's go get a coffee!

L'Shalom,

Ruth Szykman

YOM HA'ZIKARON *Poem*

What can you say to them?
Once you realize you will never see them again
What can you say after you realize
that they've saved our home
But will never return
All you can say is thank you,
As they take God's hand
And rise up into the stars
I don't know if this will ever help anyone
Its four paragraphs
It doesn't use any big words
It doesn't even rhyme
But what is hope
A word
A concept
Four letters
A sound
It's so much more

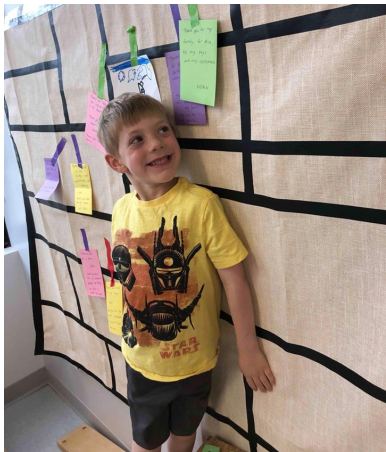
What should you say
To a hero's family
When you can hear the anxiety
rumbling like distant thunder
So that the gusty storm clouds of grief
Does not rain down
And drown them?
Tell them of hope
Even when it seems the world is
Shrouded in a red haze of chaos and anarchy
Hope simmers in our hearts
Hope is our savior because from hope
Comes change
Hope can be simple
Keeping a smile on our faces
Guiding each other to persevere
Hope is a candle
Lit in a window
On a moonless night
So sing into the sun-split clouds
Sit up and pray in the darkest midnight hours
Close your eyes and see that word etched in fire
Because from hope comes change

We must remember
That instead of smoking ruins
Because of brave souls
laying down their lives
The clashing of metal
In air thick with heat, sweat and dust
We now can take for ourselves
Flora fresh in a glorious sheen
Water like pearls kissed by the sunrise
The Arcadian laughter of children
of the purest ambition
It can be more than a fantasy
An illusion
A daydream
Let the ember of hope not fade away
And cherish the fallen and all those lost
In our struggle for peace in your memory
Never let them go
God knows what is in every heart



*poem by Lilly Miller,
Har Shalom Religious School
Student*

THE SHERMAN ECC *in Pictures*





SHARING YOUR *Blessings*

The following are the contributors from our community to the Sharing Your Blessings Campaign that netted almost \$88,000 to provide financial assistance to members in need of help to keep their membership in the Congregation.

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FROM OUR *Shlichah*



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Shlichah

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This year was magnificent, unique and so special! We had so many events, programs, classes, activities and all with one purpose – to bring Israel to all of you.

I am so grateful and proud to be part of Har Shalom and this is an experience of a life time! I cannot wait to start my second year here and bring new and different programs such as “*Matkon Eim Zikaron*” (Recipes with a Memory), a Hebrew class for adults, an Israeli Movie Festival, Israeli newspaper, and much more! I am also so excited to continue working with the Sherman ECC, Religious School, and our wonderful Youth Department. Hope to see all of you next year in all the different Israeli programs and events.





JULY 2019 – SIVAN / TAMMUZ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm Men's Club Board Meeting 8:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	2 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	3 10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>
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9:00 am	Shaharit	9:30 am	Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing	9:30 am	Shaharit
7:45 pm	Ma'ariv	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat	10:15 am	Exploring Jewish Prayer: A Learner's Minyan
		8:20 pm	Candle Lighting	12:40 pm	Torah Study
				8:05 pm	Minhal/Ma'ariv
				9:20 pm	Havdalah
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				Chukat	
6:45 am	Shaharit	9:30 am	Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing	9:30 am	Shaharit
9:30 am	Sisterhood Mah Jongg	5:30 pm	Shabbat in the Park	9:30 am	Auf Ruf: Sara Feldman & Jordan Kuhn
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				8:00 pm	Minhal/Ma'ariv
				9:13 pm	Havdalah
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				Shabbat Mevarchim Pinchas	
6:45 am	Shaharit	9:30 am	Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing	9:30 am	Shaharit
9:30 am	Sisterhood Mah Jongg	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat	12:40 pm	Torah Study
7:45 pm	Ma'ariv	8:08 pm	Candle Lighting	7:50 pm	Minhal/Ma'ariv
				9:07 pm	Havdalah
		Please Note:			
		Times are subject to change.			
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AUGUST 2019 – TAMMUZ / AV

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FAMILY *News*

B'nai Mitzvah:



Benjamin Levy
August 17
Son of Jonathan and
Estrella Levy



Sela Wertlieb
August 24
Daughter of Scott & Marcie Wertlieb,
Granddaughter of Ron & Donna Oser
and Barry & Rita Wertlieb

Mazal Tov:

Joel Susskind on his 75th birthday.

Rabbi Irv Elson on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Steve & Maya Gerstein on the naming of their daughter, Noa Margalit.

Frances Feder on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, David Benjamin Feder, on May 25th in Pennsylvania. David is the son of Larry & Jeniffer Feder, and the nephew and cousin of **Marisa & Seth Marcus** and **Ryan and Ilana**.

Stewart Remer on the 60th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

David Kenton, Sandy Richman, and Stan Siegel on the 29th anniversary of the Saturday evening *Mincha* service.

Rachel Robin, daughter of **Nelson and Ellen Robin**, on earning her Girl Scout Silver Trefoil Award. This award is given on the completion of 100 service hours in various categories.

Dan and Cathy Hodin on the naming of their granddaughter, Emma Sloane Tiell. The proud parents are **Lindsay and Scott Tiell**.

Sheldon and Shelah Landsman on the birth of their granddaughter, Nora Amelia Landsman, on March 28th. Nora is the daughter of Roger & Lina Landsman, and the little sister of Caleb and Ezra.

Mia Raskin on her 18th birthday.

Marjorie Klein and Toby Holtzman on their birthdays.

Wayne & Sandra-Lynn Berson on the birth of their granddaughter, Brielle Elisabeth Weitzman, daughter of Laurie and Lewie Weitzman. Brielle is the niece of **Terry-Ann Orman** and cousin of **Joseph and Trevor Gardemal**.

Joseph Akman and Jessica Veffor on the birth of their daughter, Rose Beth Akman. Rose is the granddaughter of **Allan and Janet Akman**, and the little sister of Pearl.

Marvin and June Rogul on their 45th anniversary.

Michelle and Leonard Tow on the graduation of their grandson, Seth Tow, from Indiana University. Seth is the son of Michael and Debbie Tow.

Jennifer and Jason Eisenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob. The proud grandparents are **Philip and Jeanie Eisenberg** and Mona Chang Vierra.

Aliza Josephson on the graduations of two of her grandsons: Michael Josephson from Chantilly High School, and Dominic Manzella from Wheaton High School. Michael will be attending Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA, and Dominic will attend the University of Maryland's Engineering School.

Mickey and Robin Burstein on their 11th anniversary.

Phil and Karen Priesman on their 22nd anniversary.

David Kenton and **David Marcus** on their birthdays.

Ron and Joy Paul on the birth of their grandson,
Lucas Ethan Kobylarek, son of Julie and Peter Kobylarek.
The big sister is Abigail Geri.

Leonard and Susan Miller on the birth of their
granddaughter, Sloane Margaux, daughter of Rebecca
Miller of Seattle.

Henry and Stephanie Fein on their daughter, Arielle
Wendy Fein, receiving her M.D. from the Columbia
University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Arielle
will be a Resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the
University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

Condolences:

Renato Levy on the passing of his mother,
Sussette Levy.

Harley Felstein on the passing of his son,
Michael Felstein.

The family of **Lori Gordon** on her passing.

Idelle Rosenberg on the passing of her father,
David Wohl.

Victor Schneider and **Daniel New-Schneider** on the passing
of their son and brother, Benjamin Isaac Fischer.

Debbie Schapiro on the passing of her father,
Roland Fox.

Bobbie Carin on the passing of her husband,
Philip Carin, brother-in-law of **Laurie and Hal Freed**.

Yonatan Nesher on the passing of his grandmother,
Mathilde Nesher.

Natalie Beiser on the passing of her father,
Herbert Hoffman.

Sara Goldkind on the passing of her mother,
Clara Mazel.

Diana Binder on the passing of her sister,
Irma Zupnik.

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Heidi Jolson.

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Cantor Richard Berlin.

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Schofer**, mother of **Gail Hyman** and grandmother
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John Friedson on the passing of his brother,
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Rabbi Janet Ozur Bass on the passing of her
mother, **Norma Ozur**, grandmother of **Avichai,
Kalman, and Beyla Ozur Bass**.

Stuart Rushfield on the passing of his father,
Melvin Rushfield, grandfather of **Joseph and
Benjamin**.

BROADWAY *Cabaret*



5th Annual Broadway Cabaret brings hundreds in for a night of magical music at Har Shalom

More than 225 congregants, friends, and family gathered Sunday, June 2, to enjoy an evening of delicious desserts and magical music at the Broadway Cabaret sponsored jointly by the Membership and Program committees.

This year's event was a showcase of songs from the last 14 years of Har Shalom Players' (HSP) productions, with many of the songs performed by original cast members. Among those selections enthusiastically received selections were "Goodbye Old Girl" from *Damn Yankees* (performed by the father/son duo of Richard and Ben Lurye), "Lilly's Eyes" from *The Secret Garden* (performed by Ben Lurye and Scott Kaplowitz) and "Where is Love" from *Oliver!* (performed by Ethan Miller). There were a number of tribute songs to the HSP's long-time director, Shelly Horn, and a special retrospective slide presentation offered the audience comparisons to the current performances.

Music Director Paul Rossen led the talented cast of 43 in songs from *Annie*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Damn Yankees*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *The Music Man*, *Oliver!*, *Once Upon A Mattress*, *The Secret Garden*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Shrek The Musical*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Rossen was joined in the orchestra by percussionist George Huttlin and flautist Lesley Cooper.

Special thanks go out to those who made the evening run smoothly, including: Michael and Paulette Baron (house managers); Estrella Levy, Susan Grant, Mady Vermut, Shelley Remer, Ellen Balfour, Linda Silverman, Tamar Lechter, Joanie Zuckerman, and Randi Rosenblatt (kitchen crew); Kim Haug, Ken Paretzky, Brad Balfour, Ed Swanson, and Ron Cooper (tech support team); Karina, Marco, Jose, Noe, Shelley Engel, Carly Litwok, and Sofia Roman (Har Shalom custodial and professional staffs) and the production team (producers Stew Remer and Ken Lechter, music director Paul Rossen, choreographer Lauren-Nicole Gabel, publicist Barbara Weckstein Kaplowitz, and lyricist Tova Rubin); and of course to the performers and the devoted parents of our younger cast members. Apologies to any who might have been left off of this list.



Pick-A-Little Ladies get ready to perform. From left to right: (back row) Joni White Donlon, Barbara Weckstein Kaplowitz, Toby Blumenfeld Holtzman, Sue Alterman, (front row) Kandy Hutman, Stacy Silberman Garson, Betsy Walter New-Schneider, Shelly Basen, Meryl Cohen.

HAR SHALOM *Players*



**Seeking talented singers and actors
for the Har Shalom Players'
January 25-26, 2020 production of Disney's
*The Little Mermaid***

If you've been in theatrical productions before, want to share your singing talent, or have a budding star in your family, consider joining the Har Shalom Players (HSP). Our Shabbat-observant community theater group invites you to attend auditions for the 2020 production of *The Little Mermaid*.

The colorful and character-filled show — based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's *The Little Mermaid* — is the story of a young mermaid who falls in love with a human prince, and learns that the choices between family and love can follow unexpected paths.

Auditions for *The Little Mermaid* will be held in Har Shalom's Quiet Room (next to the Burke Sanctuary) on Thursday, October 24 from 7 – 9 pm and Sunday, October 27 from 1 – 3 pm. By-invitation-only callbacks will be held on Tuesday, October 29. Casting for most roles will not require attending callbacks. The minimum age for casting in the show is 7 years old. Children ages 7-9 who are cast must have parental supervision on days when called for rehearsal. Details about the roles

in HSP's production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid* will be published in the September/October issue of the Tablet.

For auditions, please be prepared to:

- Sing 16 bars of an up-tempo song (If you want, bring sheet music — an audition pianist will be provided — or you can sing a capella).
- Read a brief selection of dialogue from *The Little Mermaid* script (which will be provided).
- Complete a calendar of all your conflicts from early November through the performances of the show January 25-26, 2020.

The production team for Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is led by Shelly Horn (Director), Paul Rossen (Orchestra and Vocal Director), and Ken Lechter and Stew Remer (Producers). Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

Any questions about the show or auditions can be sent to play@harshalom.org

Sisterhood

From Your Sisterhood President, Susan Grant



I am writing this message as the newly installed Sisterhood President for Congregation Har Shalom. It's hard to believe that I am in this position, preparing to take on the leadership of a cohort of amazing women of all ages. Maybe it's not too hard to believe, maybe inevitable even, as I am following in the footsteps of my own mother. When I was still in elementary school and my siblings were in junior high school, my mother, Marilyn Breslaw Friedman, became Sisterhood President of Temple Israel in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Once I was in high school and my siblings in college, she became President of our chapter of National Council of Jewish Women. She remembers that her mother told her that her children were too young for her to take on this responsibility but she made it a point to always include us and made us aware of her programs and events. I learned from my mother about planning, organization, giving back, making connections, and so much more. By the way, as Sisterhood President, my mother was given her own telephone for Sisterhood business. It was like her very own 'bat phone.'

While I have been active in Sisterhood in the past, I have spent the past 5 years in various Membership positions on the Har Shalom Board. My favorite and most fulfilling position was Program Chair. I have had the privilege to provide social, theatrical, and educational programs to our broad membership, helping to create community to our 600+ members. Through programs such as Dessert Nights Out, annual Broadway Cabarets, Sip and Paint, Share Shabbat, forming *havurot* based on specific demographics, Back to Shul, and so much more, Har Shalom members could meet, mingle, and create friendships with other Har Shalom members. I love to make community happen!

Taking over the helm of Sisterhood comes at a good time as my older son, Jacob, will be a senior and my younger son, Avi, is an incoming freshman, both at UMD. Darryl and I will be empty nesters. I bring my enthusiasm, my creativity, my programming focus, and dedication to this new job. I have awesome shoes to fill, as my immediate predecessor, Susan Rabkin, was an impressive President who, by the way, is also from Wilkes-Barre, PA!! I know I have the support of so many wonderful women who can assist me as I learn the ropes!

Even though summer is in full swing, Sisterhood has a huge project coming up. On Sunday, July 14, we will hold our 4th annual New To You Sale to raise money to support the synagogue. Please clean out your closets and basements, and bring your gently used household items and clothes to the synagogue now. We need your help at Har Shalom to sort the merchandise prior to the sale, and to staff the sale on the 14th.

Please be in touch with me if you have any questions about Sisterhood, and what programs you would like to see take place. My door is always open to your thoughts, concerns and your help.



Order your New Year Cards through Sisterhood

Har Shalom Sisterhood is again offering ArtScroll's selection of beautiful Jewish New Year cards, with imprinted signature and envelope flaps. They come in a variety of styles and prices, and ArtScroll offers Sisterhood a discount which we share with you. I expect to receive the catalogue in late June and will take it to Sisterhood's summer board meeting(s), and to Har Shalom at some other times. I'm also available to set up other appointments.

If you're interested in seeing it, send an email to Judy Morenoff (morenoffj@aol.com), and we'll arrange an opportunity.



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Re-Cap by Linda Isen

On May 16th, Sisterhood members enjoyed a lovely evening of seeing old friends, enjoying a delicious meal, and listening to our member MD State Senator Cheryl Kagan deliver an inspiring talk on Jewish values at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Volunteers were honored by our President, Susan Rabkin, for their willingness and participation to work on fundraisers to benefit Har Shalom and outreach projects for the community. Sisterhood President for the last four years, Susan Rabkin, delivered a bittersweet last speech about volunteerism and the self-fulfillment she has gotten from serving in her position. She accomplished much with great diplomacy, wisdom, devotion, and a forward thinking direction that will keep Sisterhood strong for the future. We were fortunate to have Susan as our leader. It was a wonderful evening!

Ongoing Sisterhood Summer Activities

Be Seduced! Drop-In Mah Jongg will continue every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:30 AM, at Har Shalom.

Summertime Drop-In Bowling has begun at Bowl America on Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. It's an excellent opportunity to meet other Sisterhood members and have some fun. Call Bena Siegel to confirm Sisterhood bowlers will be there.

Kitchen Captains Wanted!

Want a quick and easy way to perform a good deed for Sisterhood and Har Shalom?

Sisterhood is committed to having a Captain for one Shabbat Kiddush a month. This commitment is once a year (or more if you fall in love with the kitchen). Why not volunteer to be a Captain? It is easy, fun and rewarding. We need the expertise and willingness of Sisterhood members to help Har Shalom. That is where you get to talk and visit with friends or other Sisterhood volunteers and establish longtime friendships. Instructions are always there for you as to what food to place on the platters and where to put the platters in the Social Hall. The food is prepared on the Friday before so it is even an easier task for us. As the Barefoot Contessa says on her cooking show, "How easy is that?" Come help us. Contact Marcia Akresh at mjakresh@gmail.com.



Sisterhood New To You Sale

Do a mitzvah - donate new or nearly new items or volunteer your time for the July 14 Sisterhood New to You Sale.

Are you down-sizing? Moving? Cleaning out your basement? Clearing out kids' outgrown clothes, toys, and books at the end of the school year? NOW is the time to purge!

Starting Sunday, July 7 until Thursday, July 11, from 12 PM to 2 PM and 7 PM to 9 PM, you can drop your items off directly in the Paul Family Social Hall! If you cannot wait until July 7th, please drop off your donations in the Burke Sanctuary Coat Room. There are tax receipts available near the collection boxes or at the front reception desk.

We are looking for clothing for men, women, children and babies, shoes, linens, housewares, kitchenware, toys, books, electronics, jewelry, accessories, and home decor. Have designer items to donate? We will take them too!

We are looking for volunteers to help publicize the event, sort and organize the items the week before the sale, and help the day of the sale and day after the sale. Contact Eileen Sherr at esherr2@gmail.com to volunteer.

Earlybird entrance is 8 - 9 AM and costs \$10.

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