

# THETABLET

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# BRINGING LIGHT TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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Join us for a

Community Candle Lighting on
Thursday, December 6th

5:30 pm - New Mark Commons
6:00 pm - Fallsmead
6:30 pm - Beverly Farms
7:00 pm - Wayside

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Tuesday, November 20th at 7:30pm



December 22 — January 3

### SUKKAH CONTEST Winners



We are pleased to announce the winners of our first annual Sukkah Competition as...

### 1. Best Amatuer

Chag Tiki Sameach the Fox-Strausbergs

### 2. People's Choice

Happy Land Betsy & Dan New-Schneider

### 3. Honorable Mention

The Parking Lot Sukkah Molly Beth Rushfield





### FROM THE Rabbi

Dear Friends,

Have you ever tried a sufganiya, a fried doughnut, with halva in the center? Or pistachio cream? Or vanilla-flavored mascarpone cheese? Have you ever walked through neighborhoods where every single home displays a Hanukkah menorah...some in windows, some attached to balcony railings, or on roof-tops? Can you imagine visiting Modi'in, the hometown of Judah Maccabee, and exploring the excavations where the original Hanukkah story took place? Have you ever experienced the second half of December with the only holiday spirit in the air being Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights? If this sounds intriguing to you, I hope you will consider joining Har Shalom's next congregational Israel trip! I will be leading a multi-generational tour to Israel in December of 2019 (December 22-January 3, 2019). The trip will be geared both to first-timers as well as returnees, and will have meaningful content for both adults and children.

Traveling to Israel is always a magical experience...traveling to Israel during a Jewish holiday makes for an even more memorable journey. Hanukkah has a special place in the Zionist narrative (it's no coincidence that Israel's Olympiad is called "Maccabia," or that "Maccabi" is both the name of Israeli sports clubs and the label of one of its most recognizable beers!). For Israelis, Hanukkah represents the Jewish people

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Adam J. Raskin *Rabbi* 

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taking charge of their destiny; the heroism of Jews defeating monumental odds against them; and the spirit of survival and unapologetic Jewish pride that is the ethos of the modern State of Israel. It is a particularly exciting holiday to experience in Israel. Please look for dates, itineraries, and other information in the coming months. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us...family members, friends, etc. whether Har Shalom members or not. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch. As you light your hanukkiyah this year, imagine kindling those lights in the place where the story originally unfolded! Please send me an e-mail if you or someone you know is interested! Contact rabbiraskin@harshalom.org.

*L'shana ha'ba-ah bi'Yrushalayim...*Next year, with your Har Shalom friends and me, in Jerusalem!

With warmest wishes,

Rabbi Raskin

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## FROM THE <u>Hazzan</u>

Put the weekend of 11/16 in your calendar, right now! The amazing Shir Madness A Capella choir, from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, will be coming to entertain and sing with us.

Shir Madness is directed by Aaron Dunn, an innovative educator who has been driving their sound towards a more homogeneous blend and richer harmonies. I am especially proud of their conductor, Beyla Bass, not just for nepotistic reasons, but also because she creates a team atmosphere in their group.

The fun will start on Friday evening, at 8:45 PM. All teens are invited to a dessert reception at the Ozur Bass' house, where we will be regaled by great music and fantastic conversation. Shir Madness will spend Shabbat night with us, and return on Shabbat morning for one more performance at the end of services on 11/17. I am counting on your presence to be entertained, enlightened, and enriched by the beautiful voices of Shir Madness!

"Sing to Adonai a new song; sing to Adonai all the earth. Sing to Adonai and praise God's name; proclaim God's salvation on a daily basis!" Psalm 96, verses 1 and 2, command us to relate to the Divine through song. This is the second Psalm in the Kabbalat Shabbat portion of the Friday Evening service. The Malbim (19th century grammarian and commentator) explains these verses the following way: "God is not like any other laborer: when they are done creating, the product of their work becomes independent of them. Not so with God: the existence of creation is a constant creation, and all reality is dependent on God. If God removes God's hands from God's creation, even for a moment, everything will return to zero. That's why we will sing a new song for God: as God renews the act of creation every day, we renew our praise to God constantly." We strive to renew our praise of the Divine on a daily basis, and when we sing we do that in double.



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Looking forward to one more opportunity to sing with you: November 16-17, with Shir Madness!

Alphos

Hazzan Ozur Bass





### FROM THE President

Revisiting the High Holidays – One Last Time

Below are edited excerpts from my Yom Kippur address. Your contributions to the Yom Kippur Appeal are very much appreciated. To those we have not yet heard from, I encourage you to submit your pledge. We are all part of something much larger than ourselves. Your contribution, compounded by so many others, really does make a difference.

"The High Holidays gives us the opportunity to reflect on the past year and look to the future. Let's first look back, and then share some thoughts where we hope to be next year at this time. Let's be candid, money is tight. This is not unique to Har Shalom. Money is tight across all religious institutions in America, Jewish and non-Jewish.

The projected deficit for fiscal year 2019 is \$41,000. That said, I am optimistic we are moving in the right direction. The annual deficits are decreasing and I predict for the coming year, we will see a significant reduction to the deficit than what was originally projected.

It is my personal goal to present a balanced budget for fiscal year 2020. A balanced budget will instill confidence to address other critical issues such as voluntary dues, a campaign to pay down our mortgage indebtedness, and maintain crucial reserves for capital improvements for our facilities.

It was just two years ago that our nursery school was in financial stress. Demographically, the Sherman Early Childhood Center is the foundation for our future growth. Under the guidance of Beth Hoch, the pre-school is operating profitably and continues to grow. Once again the ECC Silent Auction was an outstanding success. Thanks to the generosity of certain individuals whose passion is to create an environment that nurtures the potential of the youngest within our community,



each year our infrastructure in the school wing continues to be renovated and modernized.

During the past two years, we have made tremendous strides in the religious school curriculum for our children. Unfortunately, we have seen a decline in enrollment. Again, this issue is not unique to Har Shalom. Religious schools across our area are experiencing a similar decline.

At Har Shalom we believe a Jewish education for our children is a primary Jewish value, and we will not waver from that underlying premise. This past April, we created a Religious School Restructuring Task Force to analyze religious school costs. The Task Force is charged with recommending to the Board alternatives regarding the future financial structure of the Religious School, looking both externally at possible administrative cost-sharing with other synagogues, and internally to examine our costs.

Membership is a priority in everything we do. We are always looking at innovative ways to attract potential members. Our recent summer programs of "Shabbat in the Park" and "Askin' Raskin" are two such examples. This new approach applies the current thinking that we can no longer rely on people to come to us. Rather, we need to reach out and connect to our fellow unaffiliated Jews on their terms, meet with them in their space, develop relationships with them, and plant the seed that when they are ready to join a synagogue, Har Shalom will welcome them with open arms. (continued on page 12.)

### FROM THE Executive Director

#### thanks

/THaNGks/

• an expression of gratitude.

"festivals were held to give thanks for the harvest"

November is my favorite month. The leaves have changed colors, the weather is perfect and it is time to spend with family and friends. Most importantly, we have Thanksgiving. It is a time to give thanks for what we have and to those who have helped to get us here. I know you are thinking that is not at all what the Holiday of Thanksgiving is about. Webster's Dictionary defines Thanksgiving as ...

an annual national holiday marked by religious observances and a traditional meal including turkey. The holiday commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621, and is held in the US on the fourth Thursday in November...

I always try and spend this month, after the chaos of the Jewish Holidays has settled down, giving thanks to those who work so hard. Thank you to all the volunteers who are in the building daily, weekly, monthly or whenever we call on you. Whether you donate time or resources (or both), Har Shalom could not operate without you. I also want to take a moment to express my gratitude to the staff at Har Shalom who keeps this place running smoothly day in and day out.

Shelley E**rg**el







Sherman ECC children learning about Jewish Holidays and the Torah.

Shelley Engel

### LEARN @ Sherman ECC

The foundations of empathy and friendship begin at birth through a child's first relationship with their primary parent or care giver. Developing friendships is an important part of early childhood. We talk a lot about what friends do for each other, the kinds of things friends can do together, how friends treat each other, and how we care for one another. We see our youngest children in the school, 16 months old, taking care of one another when it is nap time and one toddler covers another one with their blanket and rubs their back. Children are consistently watching us and learning.

To develop good friendships, now and later, it is important children begin developing the following skills:

- Being welcoming and saying hello
- Play skills: being willing to take part in games and make suggestions for play
- Communicating: talking and listening to others in a friendly way, saying something to start a conversation
- Helping: being willing to help others
- Empathy: being able to respond to others' feelings with understanding
- Flexibility: being open to hearing or learning about other points of view or ways of doing things
- Self-control: being able to wait for what they want, using words to express their feelings rather than acting disruptively or misbehaving, giving others a turn with toys
- Assertiveness: being able to say what they would like
- Consideration: being able to say 'please' and 'thank you', taking turns, being able to lead and follow what others want to do, being able to cooperate and share.



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We celebrate friendship each day and especially at the end of November when we bring the ECC children, grandparents, parents, and special friends together for Special to Me Day and our Friendship Feast, just before Thanksgiving.

Being grateful for friends is something wonderful to celebrate at this time of year. Wishing you and your family a happy Thanksgiving!

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Beth Hoch





# FROM THE Religious School Director

Shalom to the Har Shalom Mishpacha (family)!

I am excited to be the new Interim Director of our Religious School. I am from Kfar Azza, Israel and I am here with my family for a Zionist shlichut (together with my husband Tzachi, the senior Shaliach to the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and my two kids Oz -10 and Bareket - 8).

I bring with me 20 years of experience in education with a Master's Degree in both Education and American Jewish studies. I am trained as a Special Education Teacher and was practicing in Israel before mu more here.

As I transitioned into this position, I was inspired by the level of dedication and commitment from our board members, staff, and teachers. Since I started nearly a month ago, we all worked as a team to ensure that the beginning of the school year started seamlessly!

This year we are focusing on three pillars: the connection with the parents and the community, professional development for teachers and madrichim, and experiential learning.

From my experience this three pillars together can ensure a supportive and safe learning environment. To do so we continued to write and develop the educational curriculum specific to each age group and adapted to the cognitive ability and to the educational content we that we all value.

This year we are very fortunate to have Yael with us, our Israeli Shilcha who brings her experience, passion and, connection to Israel. We adjusted the curriculum to make sure that every class in our school will have the benefit of enjoying classes with Yael.

I believe in a holistic educational approach that focuses on each and every student and their needs. My goal is for the educators to meet every student at their level and help them learn and experience successes while enjoying their studies.

I am looking forward to this year,



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## SHAKSHUKA Pop Up

Register now at harshalom.org/shakshuka

# Shakshuka Pop Up

7:45 pm / \$30 pp / BYOKB\*
3 types of shakshuka,
appetizers, and desserts
by Shakshuka Shack
\*bring your own kosher beverage







### FROM OUR Shlicha

#### Two Months of Shlichut

How many people can say they fulfilled a wish for themselves?

Every Rosh Hashanah I write 3 lists- "I'm grateful for." list, "I'm sorry for.." list, and last - "my wishes for the new year" list.

A year ago I felt like something in my life was missing. I was not sure what I wanted to do or where my life was going, so I added a wish to my list- 'Do something with myself".

Now, I'm happy to say that my wish came true — being a *Shlicha* at Har Shalom! I can't believe I started my *Shlichut* two months ago.

This *Shlichut* is a gift and an amazing opportunity and I'm looking forward to going through this journey, learning from it, and developing personally and professionally.

These past two months were two months of learning and understanding how Har Shalom operates. I have been observing and reflecting, trying new things and traditions, and most importantly – meeting all of you.

The holidays brought something new and so different than what I have experienced in Israel – they brought a sense of a community. It was amazing to see many members of the community stop their everyday lives, and although life continued outside, everybody came together to celebrate.

So what have I done so far? Two High Holy Day activities with the teens, and one with the younger grades, Wednesday morning activities with the children of the Sherman ECC, Israeli dancing and teaching Hebrew to the kids in the Religious School, creating youth programs (and adjusting to my new role as the youth director) and amazing lunches/dinners with families from Har Shalom



I wanted to thank all of you for making me feel at home, for opening your homes to me, hosting me, and welcoming me to the community.

So far I have had the most amazing time.I'm so proud to be your Shlicha and to be part of the best community.

Please join me for my upcoming events!:

- November 6th High School Students: Starbucks with Yael (4pm)
- November 11th Teenagers: Aroma with Yael (3pm)
- December 18th Adult Education: Movie Night
   The Last Band in Lebanon (7pm)





### Planning for Your Future: Protecting Your Health Care and Financial Decisions

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, at 12:00 p.m.

Har Shalom Daytimers Program Bring your own dairy/pareve lunch.

Join estate attorney Amy L. Griboff, Esq. and ElderSAFE<sup>™</sup> Center Director Tovah Kasdin, J.D., to discuss effective healthcare and financial planning practices involving advance directives, powers of attorney, and the MOLST form. Learn proactive measures to avoid financial exploitation and about resources in the community that can asist older adults in staying safe and healthy.

To register for this event email heyer@ceslc.org or call 301-816-7715.



Amy L. Griboff, Esq.



Tovah Kasdin, J.D.

#### **DAYTIMERS JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL**

November 11, 2018 at 12:00pm "War of the Buttons" France – 82 minutes

Set in France during WWII, The War of the Buttons tells the tale of two rival groups of kids from neighboring villages. Preteen rebel Lebrac leads a spirited group in a pint-sized "War" where victory comes from capturing the enemies' buttons, belts, and laces – forcing them to return home ragged to face their mothers' reprimand.

When Violette, a young Jewish girl, comes to town to hide from the Nazis, Lebrac befriends her. The children put their own conflicts aside to protect their new friend from the very real war happening around them.

December 19, 2018 at 12:00pm "Lost Islands" Israel. 2008 – 101 minutes

In this coming of age film filled with nostalgia and great period music, the Levis are a large, fun-loving family in early 1980s Israel. The father advises his children every day on the importance of fulfilling their dreams, while the mother preaches absolute family loyalty.

Their summer holiday is usually filled with dances, flirting, and playful hijinks, but this summer the family's idyllic life is shattered when twin brothers Erez and Ofer fall in love with the same girl.

### FROM THE President cont

Har Shalom has become a gathering place for the community at large for educational enrichment, social justice, and recreational activities. Thanks to the renovation of the Paul Family Social Hall, Har Shalom is on the map of other Jewish organizations to sponsor their events here.

The past year, we established the Har Shalom Legacy Circle, we sponsored the First Annual Har Shalom Kiddush Cup Golf Tournament, and we rededicated the space formerly known as the Rabbi Morris Gordon Sanctuary to the Rabbi Leonard S. Cahan Sanctuary.

So what can we expect in the coming year? I said earlier I want to present a balanced budget next year. But I cannot do so until I deliver on this year's budget projections. Only with your generous contributions to the Yom Kippur Appeal can we continue to build on our successes.

As President this past year I witnessed things at Har Shalom that I never experienced before. I need your help to spread the word that Har Shalom has a rabbi that is not just respected and loved by his congregation, but is recognized as a passionate and inspirational leader in the Jewish community.

I need your help to spread the word that Har Shalom is a place where diversification and inclusion are welcomed and respected. I need your help to spread the word that Har Shalom is a place where critical social and moral issues are openlu discussed in an environment of common courtesy and respect for differing opinions. I need your help to spread the word that Har Shalom is a warm, welcoming, and caring community. I need you to think of Har Shalom as part of your family and to support it, emotionally and financially, in the same way you emotionally and financially support members of your own family. We have something very special here, but to experience its full potential, collectively we have to nourish it, we have to support it, and we have to financially sustain it."

In 5779, may we continue to go from strength to strength to build and grow our community. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our High Holy Days observance a spiritually moving experience. One last time, Shana Toya!

L'shalom,

Fall Recap

### The Back to Shul Dinner

More than 100 people came together for our Back to Shul dinner on Friday, September 21. The sun reappeared after many days of rain that enabled us to have Kabbalah Shabbat services outside on the Patio with dinner in the Sukkah. A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to our wonderful and capable Men's Club who prepared the plentiful BBQ meal. We are so thankful to these men who took time out of their busy week to make this meal happen.

### The Sukkah Building Contest

The Membership Program committee initiated a Sukkah Building Competition this year and we were thrilled with the interest and results! Winner of the competition was Chag Tiki Sameach, built by Jonathan and Cheryl Strausberg. People's Choice was Happy Land by Betsy and Dan New-Schneider. Honorable Mention went to The Parking Lot Sukkah by MollyBeth Rushfield. Please see the winning sukkah pictures on page 2.

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### MEN'S Club

### **NOVEMBER 4**

### Michael Brenner Abensohn Chair in Israel Studies and Director, Center for Israel Studies **Department of History at American University**



Professor Michael Brenner will discuss his new book, "In Search of Israel: The History of an Idea" at our Brunch in the Paul Family Social Hall on Sunday Morning, November 4, 2018. As usual, the Brunch will begin at 9:15 am and start the presentation at about 10:15. We will conclude with an organized question and answer session to end no later than 11:30 am.

'In Search of Israel' is a new history of the struggle to create a Jewish state, from the late nineteenth century to our time. Seventy years after its founding, Israel has achieved much, but for a state widely viewed as either a paragon or a pariah, Brenner argues, the goal of becoming a state like any other remains elusive. If the Jews were the archetypal "other" in history, ironically, Israel - which so much wanted to avoid the stamp of otherness - has become the Jew among the nations. American historian Walter Laqueur calls the book a "must-read for everyone who is interested in the subject" of Zionism in the twentieth century. Professor Brenner received his PhD at Columbia University and taught previously at Indiana and Brandeis Universities. Since 1997 he has been Professor of Jewish History and Culture at the Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich. He had visiting appointments at numerous universities, including Haifa, Paris, Budapest, Stanford, Berkeley, and Johns Hopkins. Professor Brenner is an elected fellow of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences, the American Academy for Jewish Research and the Accademia Nazionale Virgiliana in Mantua. He is the International President of the Leo Baeck Institute and serves on many academic boards, including the Association for Israel Studies, the Israel Institute, the DAAD Center of the University of Haifa and is board chair of the Franz Rosenzweig Research Center of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. His books have been translated into ten languages and include A Short History of the Jews; Prophets of the Past: Interpreters of Jewish History; Zionism: A Brief History; The Renaissance of Jewish Culture in Weimar Germany, and After the Holocaust: Rebuilding Jewish Lives in Postwar Germany. He is co-author of the four-volume German-Jewish History in Modern Times and editor of seventeen books, among them a study of religion and state in Israel.

### **DECEMBER 2** Stephanie McCrummen, Winner of the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting



Education: Columbia University, MA in journalism; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, BA in history. Stephanie McCrummen is a national enterprise reporter covering an array of subjects for The Washington Post. Previously, she was the paper's East Africa bureau chief based in Nairobi. She has also reported from Egypt, Iraq and Mexico, among other places. She joined The Post in 2004 as a Metro reporter covering the suburban housing boom. Before that, she was a reporter for Newsday in New York. She is originally from Birmingham, Ala.

#### Honors & Awards:

- 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting for coverage of Alabama U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore. Her award reads: For purposeful and relentless reporting that changed the course of a Senate race in Alabama by revealing a candidate's alleged past sexual harassment of teenage girls and subsequent efforts to undermine the journalism that exposed it.
- 2018 George Polk Award for Political Reporting for coverage of Alabama U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore
- 2018 Toner Prize for Excellence in Political Reporting for coverage of Alabama U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore
- 2016 Best American Newspaper Narratives, first place for "An American Void"
- 2015 Erikson Prize for Excellence in Mental Health Reporting

Ms. McCrummen will be our guest lecturer at the Joint Men's Club-Sisterhood Brunch on Sunday Morning December 2. She will discuss the events involved in her reporting on Alabama U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore regarding allegations that he was a sexual predator. The Brunch will begin at 9:15 a.m., in the Paul Family Social Hall.

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### FAMILY News

### **Mazel Tov:**



Andrew Friedson on his victory in the primary held on June 26th as Democratic nominee for Montgomery County Council in District 1. Andrew is the son of John & Leslie Friedson, the brother of Craig (Dara) Friedson, Michelle (Alan) Feld, and Matthew (Jessica) Friedson, and uncle of many nieces and nephews.

**Judith and Seth Popkin** on the engagement of their son, Matthew, to Eleonora d'Amore.

Susie Edelson on the anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah.

Barry and Sue Sklar on their 52nd anniversary.

**Liz Goldel** on her birthday.

**Abby Elson** on her 3rd place finish in the MERCAZ and Women's League essay contest. Her essay was printed in our September/October Tablet newsletter.

**Sheldon & Loretta Kotzin** on their 50th anniversary.

Jeff and Pat Rubin on the naming of their granddaughter, Sadie Olivia Rubin, daughter of Robert and Candice Rubin, and sister of Ryan.

Bob & June Plotkin on their 50th anniversary.

Philip and Shirley Wisotsky on their 48th anniversary.

Michael and Judy Mael on their 35th anniversary.

**Sheldon Kotzin** on the 62nd anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Mark and Hilary Weiss on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Benjamin Weiss**.

Rick and Susie Edelson on their 46th anniversary.

Robert and Blima Wellek on their 60th anniversary.

Mark and Ruthie Hartzman on their 61st anniversary.

Mickey Burstein on the 56th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Barry and Rita Wertlieb on their 54th anniversary and **Rita's** special birthday.

Hazzan Henrique Ozur Bass on his graduation from his first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education.

Dan and Rose Shames on the birth of their 8th grandchild, Julia Cookie (Chava Zelet) Kasimow-Shames, daughter of Seth & Sophie Kasimow-Shames.

**Bill and Helen Branda** on their 45th anniversary.

Eli and Becky Mazour on the birth of their son, Isaac Paul Mazour. The excited big brother is Noah.

Roy and Julie Eskow on the birth of their grandson, Mason Blake Sobel, in New York. The proud parents are Kim and Aaron Sobel, and the big sister is Emma Brooke.

Evan and Dolores Siegel on the birth of their daughter, Sunny Miko Siegel. The excited big brother is Miles, and the grandparents are Sharon Siegel & Arnie Spevack, Larry & Lisa Siegel, and Dimas Methardo & Mirian Chavez.

**Ken & Karen Lechter** on their 50th anniversary.

### Condolences:

**Larry Center & Liz Stoff** on their 30th anniversary.

Our Har Shalom Family on donating over 3,000 pounds of food, through the Operation Isaiah / Kol Nidre food drive.

Rick & Susie Edelson on the birth of their first grandchild, Zachary Ethan Belliveau, on September 28th, in Somerville, Massachusetts. The proud parents are Rachel Edelson and Ryan Belliveau.

The 105th birthday of Gloria (Olga) Eisenberg, mother of Philip (Barbara) Eisenberg, grandmother of **Jason (Jennifer) Eisenberg**, and great-grandmother of Sarah, Amy, Jacob, and Samuel.

Agron Oser & Liz Lauren-Oser on the birth of their first grandchild, Max Casey Oser, son of Ethan & Hayley Oser.

Judy Rubinstein on the passing of her mother, Sabina Minner.

Mickey Burstein on the passing of his former mother-in-law. Muriel Seid.

**Bob Plotkin** on the passing of his cousin, Kenneth Roos, and his uncle, Hubert Flomenhoft.

**Amy Manela** on the passing of her stepfather, David Dobkin.

Barry Basen on the passing of his mother, Miriam Basen.

Margie Glancz on the passing of her husband, Ron Glancz.

The family of **Alice Grove** on her passing.

Robert Decker on the passing of his wife, Bonnie Decker.

Laura Katz on the passing of her father, Lawrence Yager.



### SATO/Sisterhood Cares!



Project Isaiah THANKS!: Thanks to you, Har Shalom sent over 3,000 pounds of non-perishable food and fresh squash to Manna Food Center. Manna's aims to eliminate hunger in Montgomery County through food distribution, education, and advocacy. Manna is MoCo's premier food bank, annually providing food to 32,000 individuals and distributing food to soup kitchens, food pantries, and emergency shelters county-wide.

**MAZON THANKS!:** Every day, millions of Americans go hungry and skip meals because of circumstance. On Yom Kippur, we chose to skip meals as part of our Jewish observance, but we are blessed to have the choice. Thanks to those who made monetary donations to MAZON in place of the price of meals skipped when fasting. MAZON works to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel. Donations are welcome year-round and can be made online or mailed to PO Box 96119 Washington, DC 20090.

PLEASE SUPPORT Har Shalom's EFFORTS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

November collection: PET FOOD, PET TOYS, and USED TOWELS for Montgomery County Animal Shelter.
Non-Perishable Thanksgiving Food for Manna Food Center (please, no glass).

December collection: GIFT CARDS for food, pharmacy, and clothing for Jewish Social Service Agency. Please hand gift cards to the front desk.





PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ANNUAL GIFT WRAPPING at Barnes & Noble, Rockville! Check the weekly Shabbat Shalom email for dates. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER! Contact msklein424@aol.com Proceeds from this event go directly to Rockville's Stepping Stones Shelter. If you can't wrap, please buy books at the Rockville Barnes & Noble and support our long-term partner in this fun and successful fundraiser.

Note the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Violence (JCADA) annual 5K previously held in October has moved to April 14. JCADA provides free critical, lifesaving services to victims of domestic and dating abuse in the Greater Washington area.

### TORAH FUND'S Success





**EXCITING NEWS FROM TORAH FUND!!** 

The 2018-19 Torah Fund campaign is in high gear! Thank you to everyone who has participated by making a contribution so far. By committing to this year's campaign, you are supporting this year's Torah Fund theme, Atid, which means "future". Your contributions will secure the future of Conservative Judaism for generations to come!

Exciting news.....on Monday, December 3rd, our sisterhood will partner with the sisterhood of B'nai Israel for our annual Torah Fund Dinner. You will not want to miss this exciting evening! Our very own Elizabeth Cahan will be honored during this evening, along with Sara Simon of B'nai Israel. Both of these women have been dedicated to Torah Fund, their respective sisterhoods and Jewish communities for many years. They are our matriarchs! You will all want to be there as we pay tribute to Elizabeth and Sara, while surprising them with something very special from each sisterhood.

During this evening, we will also be welcoming two special guests, Rabbi Rami Schwartzer, founding rabbi and director of the new Ramah Day Camp in the DC area and Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz Boro, President of the Cantors' Assembly. From Rabbi Schwartzer we will learn all about the exciting programs especially designed for children in our community. Hazzan Alisa will be discussing the H.L. Miller Cantorial School as well as performing a selection of songs. You will not want to miss hearing from these two exceptional leaders of the Jewish Community.

Please mark your calendars for December 3rd, and plan to join us as we pay tribute to our beloved Elizabeth Cahan. Look for an evite invitation coming soon! We look forward to seeing you there!

Your Torah Fund Committee,

Rita Wertlieb, Chair Hanna Lee Pomerantz, Campaign Chair Ellen Kaner Bresnick, Co-Chair Shelley Remer, Co-Chair

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### Sisterhood

#### FROM YOUR SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT, SUSAN RABKIN

Fall activities are in full swing, and before you know it, Thanksgiving and Hanukah will soon be here. Your Sisterhood has many activities planned for you!

Here are the special Sisterhood programs planned:



In December we will have a joint brunch with the Men's Club on Sunday, December 2. Our speaker will be Stephanie McCrummen (pictured above). She is a national enterprise reporter for the Washington Post covering an array of subjects. Last year she won a Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting for her coverage of Alabama U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore. This is bound to be a fascinating morning so be sure to put the date on your calendar.

Another big program in December is the Torah Fund Dinner, to be held on Monday, December 3, chaired by Rita Wertlieb, Hanna Lee Pomerantz, and Shelley Remer. Last year the B'nai Israel Sisterhood joined us at Har Shalom for this event, and this year, we will be joining them at their synagogue. This is always a lovely evening, with a delicious dinner and a wonderful speaker. All of the money raised by the Torah Fund Campaign is donated to support the education of our Conservative Rabbis, Hazzans, and educators trained at the 5 Conservative Jewish Seminaries around the world. Among all of the Sisterhoods across the country, our Har Shalom Sisterhood is one of the largest donors to the Torah Fund Campaign. Contact Rita Wertlieb at <a href="mailto:ritawert@verizon.net">ritawert@verizon.net</a> for more information.

Also in December, the Seaboard Region of Women's League, our parent organization, will hold the Seaboard Region Education Day on Sunday, December 9. Be prepared for a fun-filled day of learning and interaction at Har Tzeon-Agudas Achim in Silver Spring. Further details will be announced when they are available.

#### SISTERHOOD MAH JONGG

Come and play every Thursday morning at 9:30 AM. Call Marjorie Klein at 301-365-3877 for more information.

#### **BIKKUR HOLIM**

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

Did you know that Sisterhood has a Bikkur Holim Committee that provides kosher meals to ease the burden on Har Shalom families who are dealing with the illness of a family member? Millie Rumerman is the new chair of this committee. If you know of a family who could benefit from this service, please let Millie know by phone at 301-762-1432 (home), 301-502-6789 (cell) or <a href="rumer1@verizon.net">rumer1@verizon.net</a>. You can also contact the Clergy's Assistant, Leslie, at 301-299-7087 ext. 223. 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 10:30 am

For those who are interested in bowling, Sisterhood bowls Wednesdays at Bowl America on Clopper Road in Gaithersburg. League play will begin in September and we would welcome some new bowlers. Come and see how much fun it is! For more information, please contact Bena Siegel at 301-279-2605.

#### **JUDAICA SHOP**

With the High Holidays fast approaching, be sure to check out the Judaica Shop showcases for any household items or gifts you may need. All merchandise is reduced by 30 percent. Contact Sandy Freeman or Marcy Versel for further information.

#### **SHABBAT KITCHEN HELP**

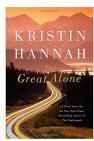
We are offering a wonderful experience to all. Sisterhood, as you know, captains the Shabbat Kiddush one Saturday morning a month. We are always looking for more Captains and other volunteers to assist. Captains will be trained as to where everything is kept and you will receive instructions for the Shabbat morning Kiddush.

If helping Sisterhood in this way appeals to you or if you have any questions, please contact Marcia Akresh at <a href="mailto:mjakresh@gmail.com">mjakresh@gmail.com</a> or call her cell at 301-538-7862.

### ADULT Education

#### SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

November 7, 2018 The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah Facilitator – Ellen Cades



Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier.

Thirteen-year-old Leni, caught in the riptide of her parents' passionate, stormy relationship, dares to hope that a new land will lead to a better future for her family. She is desperate for a place to belong. Her mother, Cora, will do anything and go anywhere for the man she loves, even if means following him into the unknown.

In this unforgettable portrait of human frailty and resilience, Kristin Hannah reveals the indomitable character of the modern American pioneer and the spirit of a vanishing Alaskalla place of incomparable beauty and danger. The Great Alone is a daring, beautiful, stay-up-all-night story about love and loss, the fight for survival, and the wildness that lives in both man and nature.

December 5, 2018 Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng Facilitator – Lois Forster



In the Shaker Heights suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned – from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives of its residents. No one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules.

Enter Mia Warren – an enigmatic artist and single mother – who arrives with her teenaged daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community.

Little Fires Everywhere explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood – and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster. The discussion will start at 1:00 pm, preceded by friendly conversation at 12:00 pm. Please bring a bagged lunch at 12:00 pm.



### Poltics, Immigration and Culture Clash in the Broadway Musical

Led by Steve Friedman November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm



### Changing Perceptions of Israel Among American Jews

Presented by Dr. Guy Ziv Assistant Professor of International Relations, School of International Service, American University November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm



### KOSHER USA: How Coke Became Kosher and Other Tales of Modern Food

Presented by Roger Horowitz December 12th, 8:00pm

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

### Talmud Study with Rabbi Raskin

Wednesdays at 8:00pm

### Text in the City: Downtown Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Raskin

1st Wednesday of each month at 12:00pm

#### Mishna Study with Hazzan Ozur Bass

Wednesdays at 10:30am

### Minha Torah Study, Ma'ariv Group

Every Shabbat, 15 minutes before Candle Lighting time for the previous day.

# HAR SHALOM Players



You won't want to miss out as *Annie* — a musical tale of the adventures of a street-savvy, spirited orphan — dances and sings its way throughout the Burke Sanctuary at the end of January 2019.

Set in 1930s New York, the musical follows Little Orphan Annie as she escapes the scheming Miss Hannigan to search for the parents who abandoned her, encounters some slippery tricksters along the way, and finds the true meaning of family with the help of millionaire Daddy Warbucks.

Annie is the 26th longest-running show in Broadway history, had two Broadway revivals, and has been made into three separate movie versions. The winner of seven Tony Awards, Annie is based on a popular comic strip by Harold Gray. The book and score by Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse, and Martin Charnin, feature such beloved songs as "Tomorrow" and "Hard Knock Life."

A talented cast and crew of 48 — including children and teens from seven eleven area schools — brings this vibrant story to life, with an evening show on Saturday, January 26th at 8:00 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday, January 27th at 4:00 p.m.

The production team for this year's musical is led by Shelly Horn (Director), Marci Shegogue (Orchestra Director), Paul Rossen (Vocal Music

Director), Deb Schapiro (Assistant Director) and Ken Lechter and Stew Remer (Producers).

General Admission tickets for *Annie* are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children (12 and under). Chai Patron tickets, which include guaranteed front row seating, a voucher for intermission refreshments, reserved parking, and special recognition in the playbill, are \$180 each. Patron tickets, which include reserved/preferential seating, reserved parking, and special recognition in the playbill, are \$100 for adults and \$36 for children (12 and under).

You can purchase tickets online at www. harshalom.org/play or https://tinyurl.com/annieatHS For information on group sales, email play@harshalom.org or call 301-299-7087. Ticket pick up and check-in begins one hour prior to the show.

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 through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com.

### HSP ANNOUNCES THE CAST OF ANNIE

For its January 2019 production, the Har Shalom Players is pleased to announce the cast of *Annie*. Performances will be on Saturday, January 26 at 8 pm and on Sunday, January 27 at 4 pm. Tickets can be purchased at harshalom.org/play.

Annie	Ziva Greenblum
Duffy	Dalia Siegal
Tessie	Ella Arking
July	Sylvia Fine
Pepper	Meital Siegal
Ruby	Isabelle Stein
Pearl	Jenna Rosenblatt
Kate	Eliana Strauch
Eleanore	Lucy Ginsburg
Molly	Dalia Lechter
Miss Hannigan	Sue Alterman
Oliver Warbucks	
Grace	Michelle Moses-Einstein
Rooster	PaulLoebach
Lily	Amy Winter
Bundles	Donald Hurwitz
Lt. Ward	Mickey Burstein
Dogcatcher and Morgantho	au <b>Andrew Strauch</b>
Assistant Dog Catcher	Blake Strauch
Drake and Kaltenborn	Paul Blank
Mrs. Greer and Sophie	Betsy New-Schneider
Mrs. Pugh and Perkins	Toby Holtzman
Annette and Boylan Sister.	Stacy Silverman Garson
Cecille and Star to Be	Sarah Eisenberg
Apple Seller	Meredith Abramson
Usherette	Kandy Hutman
Bert Healy	Scott Kaplowitz
Wacky	
Jimmy Johnson	
Boylan Sisters	Rabbi Janet Ozur Bass
	Sari Raskin
	Stacy Silberman Garson
Franklin Delano Roosevelt	Gene Ridburg
Howe	
Ickles	Andrew Zuckerman

Drandois	Carall Calaurante
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Adult Ensemble	Shelley Basen
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