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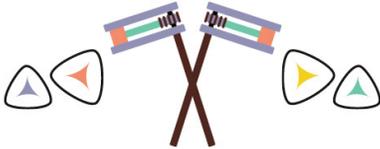
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# FROM THE RABBI



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## WHY A SECOND RABBI

By now you have undoubtedly heard that Congregation Har Shalom is well along in the process of hiring a second rabbi to join our staff team. Hopefully you have read the updates and perhaps participated in a focus group as we prepare to receive resumes and candidates for this position. For those who have their finger on the pulse of day-to-day life at Har Shalom, it is clear why we need to bring on another clergy. I also understand that there are legitimate questions some of our members have about the investment in another professional staff person.

Not long ago, an esteemed past-president told me that when Har Shalom hit 500-families (many years ago), the first assistant rabbi was hired. We are of course a larger congregation today, and we are, with gratitude to God, growing! From our Ira and Maryjo Sherman ECC, which has earned a phenomenal reputation in the community, to our wonderful Har Shalom Religious School, which has grown by 150% over the past year (and tripled in size over the past five), to new families moving into the area and discovering the warmth and vibrancy of Har Shalom (31 new families joined in the past year alone), there is an excitement about this synagogue that is felt far and wide.

Yet, growth is never something to be taken for granted. It is one thing to attract new members, but quite another to engage, inspire, and retain them for years to come. This is the argument for increasing our staff footprint, particularly as we seek to build community among our newest, and youngest members. If we learned anything during the pandemic it is the limitations of buildings when it comes to synagogue life. These past two years pushed our entire staff to imagine how our synagogue could function in ways that none of us were trained for, and no one had ever seriously contemplated. How would we leverage technology, outdoor spaces, remote learning, prayer, and programming to remain relevant and compelling? How would we maintain relationships, when we were limited in our contact with members? We have a spectacular building, but one that stood empty for many months at a time. What carried us through this mind boggling era was the gift of human relationships. This was the time period, for example, that birthed the *Hesed* Committee, which has done so much to offer comfort and encouragement to members of our community in need. In his book “The Spirituality of Welcoming, How to Transform Your Congregation into a Sacred Community,” Dr. Ron Wolfson wrote: “Synagogues need more clergy—period.” He wrote that it no longer makes sense to talk about family units when we discuss membership, but individual people who inhabit the synagogue. We did just that when gathering materials for our rabbinic search and

we discovered that Har Shalom is home to well over a thousand individual adult members (that’s not including a single child, which accounts for hundreds more!). For the synagogue to be a place where individual members of all ages can explore Jewish life, learn and grow through classes and programming, receive pastoral support at various milestones of their lives, and truly feel part of a caring community, we need to invest in human capital.

I am grateful that a few extremely generous members stepped forward to provide the funding to launch this position. A second rabbi will not cause an increase in dues, or a descent into debt. A second rabbi will help *Hazzan* Ozur Bass and me, along with Carly, Beth, Ruth, and our other dedicated staff deepen the experience of affiliation at Har Shalom. A second rabbi will help us to preserve what is sacred to our community and bring fresh new ideas for engaging people in unique and different ways. A second rabbi will help us to be more attentive to congregants of all ages and stages of life as well.

There is a rich literature about leadership in religious organizations, much of it published by church-based organizations. I picked up a book called “One Size Does Not Fit All, Bringing Out the Best in Any Size Church,” by Gary McIntosh. While the language is decidedly Christian, the themes are ecumenical. Something that McIntosh wrote struck me deeply. In a chapter titled “How Do Churches Grow,” he wrote “Church growth is all about making disciples not just adding numbers.” What does he mean by that? Religious organizations fall into a trap of seeking congregational growth in order to have the funds to pay for buildings, repairs, loans, etc. Board meetings can often feel more corporate than faith-based. What McIntosh reminds us is that we aren’t in the growth business only to pay our bills or to have bragging rights that reflect well on the lay leaders and staff. Our growth must be tied to “discipleship,” which in Jewish terms means connecting more people to Jewish life, the study of Torah, the performance of mitzvot, and a deepening faith in God as experienced through prayer and sacred rituals. “Success” in religious organizations is not just a budget year in the black, it is inspiring the *neshamot*, the souls of each of our members to grow a little bit closer to their Jewishness. This is why we are seeking an additional spiritual leader, to help us accomplish that sacred task.

I am so grateful to our Search Committee Chairperson, Jillian Bernstein, and to Committee Members Adam Barrer, Moshe Cohen, John Friedson, Michal Marcus, Amanda Neshner, Betsy New-Schneider, Shelley Remer, Bena Siegel, Mitch Smith, Steve Susswein, Marcie Wertlieb, and Lisa Weston; and of course Carly Litwok and Michael Baron for their extraordinary efforts in identifying a candidate who will help us grow in all the right ways.

With Heartfelt Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam J. Raskin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# FROM THE HAZZAN



**Henrique Ozur Bass**

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“Sometimes, a person must build ladders to climb to the heavens. A *nigun* (melody) is one of these ladders, especially when its singing comes from the joy of a mitzvah, or from a heart broken open” (Tzav v’Ziruz, R. Kalonymus Kalman Shapira of Piazetsne).

The Piazetsner Rebbe, Kalonymus Kalman Shapira, died shortly after the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. He wrote several articles and commentaries, and some of his writings were found after his passing, hidden in a wall, by a carpenter repairing that home. For a man who lived at a time of profound despair, The Piazetsner Rebbe taught profound lessons on optimism and joy.

For Rabbi Shapira, singing can be one way to reach the heavens, in particular when the origin of the song is in the heart. If one sings when overwhelmed by joy, that song is capable of reaching the ears of The Holy One of Blessing. Similarly, if the source of the melody is the depths of sorrow, that song will also bring comfort to The Eternal. I imagine Rabbi Shapira would say the same of the song of love, the song of grief, the song of gratitude, and the song of protest. Deep emotions, when translated into song, build connections between us and The Almighty.

Most people, in the majority of the time, are not in a state of deep emotions; we go about our day experiencing regular emotions. Connecting with God needs to take a different path if your singing is not moved by your feelings, but by a sense of duty, service, or even mindless singing. Rabbi Pinhas of Koretz has the antidote for that: “he said that it is good for a person to snuggle with their small children, which [actualizes] the secret meaning of uniting, soul to soul, and this is good for dreams. He also said that sometimes, when a person sings, he cannot raise his voice. But when someone comes to help and sings strongly, this in turn gives the first person the ability to raise his own voice [to match]. This is of the secret significance of uniting, soul to soul...” (Midrash Pinhas, Pinhas of Koretz, a disciple of the Ba’al Shem Tov).

According to Rabbi Pinhas, you don’t need to be moved by profound joy, heartbreak, or any other emotions. If there’s someone singing and you join them, you give that person permission to connect to the song and therefore to The Divine. Your souls intertwine, creating that ladder to heaven that brings your song higher and higher. It is not about volume, but about trust and connection.

We are blessed, these next few months, to be visited by two incredibly spiritual singers who will help us build that ladder to The Source of All Blessing. Deborah Sacks Mintz will lead a Shabbaton of Music and Spirituality on March 25-27; and Hazzan Joanna Dulkan will join us for a Shabbaton on February 25-26, culminating in a phenomenal recital on Saturday night, Feb. 26. Please find the information for both these weekends in this Tablet. I look forward to joining my voice to yours and creating deeper connections in our community and with God.

Hazzan Ozur Bass

*Mark your calendar!*

## LEARNER'S MINYAN SHABBAT @ 10:00AM

with Hazzan Ozur Bass

### Jan. 29 | Feb. 12

**Bundle up and join us outside on the Patio**

“*Letter of the prayers, spirit of the prayers*”  
Discover the meaning of the Shabbat morning prayers, and explore your personal meaning for them with Hazzan Ozur Bass. Bundle up and bring blankets, we’ll provide the coffee, you’ll provide your spirit and curiosity.

## DEREKH: Our Journey in Song

*A Musical Shabbaton Featuring*  
**Hazzan Joanna Dulkan,**  
of Adath Jeshurun Congregation (Minnetonka, MN),  
and **Hazzan Ozur Bass**

**Friday, Feb. 25 at 6:00PM**  
*Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner*

**Saturday Feb. 26 at 7:30PM**  
*A cafe recital of the most influential songs in our lives*

**Learn more and register**  
[www.HarShalom.org/DerekhShabbaton](http://www.HarShalom.org/DerekhShabbaton)

*Deadline to Register: February 21*

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## DEBORAH SACKS MINTZ

Community Singing Consultant of Hadar's Rising Song Institute

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25 @ 6:00PM**

**"Prayerful Harmony: Sustaining Ourselves Through Song"**

Deborah will lead Kabbalat Shabbat Services and speak during dinner. Registration required for dinner & discussion. (\$25/person)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26 @ 9:30AM**

**"Music as a Source of Comfort and Strength, Power and Struggle"**

Deborah will lead *musaf* and speak and then teach a class during kiddush. Registration required for lunch & learn.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26 @ 7:30PM**

**Rising Song Gathering: Havdalah & Melava Malka**

Close out Shabbat together in song; we'll sing wordless nigunim old and new, as we raise our voices as one to bid farewell to Shabbat and usher in the week ahead. All who love to sing, listen, and sink into song are welcome! Registration required. (\$5/person)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27 @ 10:30AM**

**Boi Kallah, Shabbat HaMalka (Come in Bride, Shabbat Queen):**

**Singing in the Divine** Shabbat is characterized by the call to sink into *oneg* - delight - through delicious food, prayer and study, and joyful song. Through an exploration of some of the most beloved Shabbat songs in our tradition, we'll deepen our connection to the ritual of raising our voices together, connecting to melodies and texts, new and old.\*Program is co-sponsored by Sisterhood\*

**LEARN MORE & REGISTER:**

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Deborah Sacks Mintz is an educator, practitioner, and facilitator of Jewish communal music. Through workshops, song-circles, and *tefila* experiences, Deborah supports communities and individuals who seek to deepen their practice of empowered song and connective prayer. As a performer and composer, Deborah brings her passion for community-building to her artistic partnerships; in addition to collaborating on over two dozen albums with a diverse array of voices in the Jewish soundscape, Deborah released her debut album of original spiritual music, "The Narrow and the Expanse," in 2020.

A Wexner Graduate Fellow, Deborah is pursuing rabbinic ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and holds degrees in music and religious anthropology from the University of Michigan, and currently serves as faculty at Hadar's Rising Song Institute. Learn more about Deborah's work at [www.deborahsacksmintz.com](http://www.deborahsacksmintz.com).

## Har Shalom's New Member Event Recap

Such a wonderful event at Rabbi Adam & Sari Raskin's home welcoming all generations into our Har Shalom community!



# HANUKKAH WITH HAR SHALOM!



Special thanks to  
**Level Green Landscaping**  
for their generous help with Menorah on the Move!





# FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Michael Baron**  
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As I write my Tablet article for the January 2022 edition, we are celebrating the fourth day of Hanukkah. We all remember the story of Hanukkah, when Judah Maccabee and the other Jews who took part in the rededication of the Second Temple witnessed what they believed to be a miracle. Even though there was only enough untainted olive oil to keep the menorah's candles burning for a single day, the flames continued flickering for eight nights, leaving them time to find a fresh supply. This wondrous event inspired the Jewish sages to proclaim a yearly eight-day festival. Also, did you know that Hanukkah in Hebrew means "dedication" in Hebrew?

The two words I take from the story of Hanukkah are "Miracle" and "Dedication", which I believe are very important to our current lives, especially over the last two years.

We have a very dedicated staff at Har Shalom, starting with Rabbi Raskin and *Hazzan* Ozur Bass. Our office Staff is headed up by Carly Litwok, Dena Blaustein, Leslie Albershardt, Joanna Rubin, Daniel Montalvo, and Jessica Railey and our two school administrators, Beth Hoch and Ruth Szykman.

These dedicated employees have made sure that Har Shalom continues to prosper even with all the obstacles over the past two years. Programming never stopped, with Adult Education, Holiday Celebrations, Back to Shul picnic, daily *minyanim*, Har Shalom Kiddush Cup, and Shabbat Services with the return of Kiddush luncheons. And this March we welcome the return of the Har Shalom Players – presenting *Mamma Mia!*

We also have dedicated congregants who work very hard behind the scenes, especially our Board Members, Executive Committee, Reopening Task Force Committee and our newly formed Rabbi Search Committee, and various Committee Chairs.

I thank all of the above for their dedication of their time to Har Shalom. I also thank the many congregants who contributed over \$110,000 to the Yom Kippur Appeal.

The miracle (okay maybe that's a stretch) it's a miracle we have a great team at Har Shalom, the Clergy, Har Shalom Staff, Lay Leaders and very generous Congregants to be thankful for.

With the beginning of the New Year 2022, in person programming continues to return to Har Shalom, Men's Club Breakfast in February 2022, Sisterhood Mahjong and fitness classes, evening minyan and much more.

Also, we continue the important process of hiring a Second Rabbi for Har Shalom. Our Rabbi Search Committee, headed by Jillian Bernstein, has been very busy, working on the Questionnaire and recruitment package. We will begin interviewing candidates in January 2022 and have congregational visits beginning in February 2022. Please read Rabbi Raskin's Tablet article concerning the importance of a Second Rabbi at Har Shalom.

Let's all rededicate ourselves to Har Shalom for this New Year and return in person to all the programming and Services available to our congregants and, yes, continue to make generous donations.

As always, please feel free to contact me any time at [mbaron1053@aol.com](mailto:mbaron1053@aol.com).

With heartfelt wishes for a year of good health, happiness, and peace for you and your family.

Hope to see you all soon on Shabbat.

*Michael J. Baron*

# Broadway Cabaret Recap

Congregation Har Shalom was one of over 2,500 theater companies in all 50 states and over 40 countries performing *All Together Now! A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre* during the second weekend of November 2021. Our audience of over 120 patrons in the Paul Social Hall were among more than one million theatergoers worldwide to see this amazing musical revue of well-known Broadway songs. In addition, our Har Shalom audience was treated to a three-minute video prepared specifically for this event with brief remarks from many Broadway icons who shared their views about the importance of live theatre. You can see Har Shalom's production of *All Together Now! A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre* and the ten amazing vocalists who performed in it on the Har Shalom website at [www.HarShalom.org/BroadwayCabaret](http://www.HarShalom.org/BroadwayCabaret). They include Megan Evans, Jessica Bay Graber, Robert Gudauskas, Michelle Hessel, Elizabeth Hester, Scott Kaplowitz, Michal Marcus, Michelle Moses-Eisenstein, Lee Michele Rosenthal, and Amy Winter. Scott Richards supported them as Musical Director.



Mazel Tov to  
**Marcie Oser Wertlieb!**  
CESJDS Head of School Circle  
Celebration 2021 Award Recipient

# HAR SHALOM PLANS TO SPONSOR A RESETTLED AFGHAN FAMILY - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

*When strangers reside with you in your land, you shall not wrong them. The sojourners who reside with you shall be to you as your citizens; you shall love each one as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. – Leviticus 19:33-34*

Plans are coming together for Har Shalom to sponsor and support an Afghan refugee family that will be resettled in the DC/Maryland suburbs. Assuming sufficient ACTIVE volunteer involvement of our membership, Har Shalom is preparing to make a one-year commitment to provide many essential support services to our assigned family. Some of these services include:

- Finding and furnishing an apartment
- Ensuring the family has transportation to/from appointments
- Preparing a culturally appropriate meal ready for the family to enjoy at home immediately upon arrival
- Providing orientation of the local public transit system and other transportation options
- Assessing employment services and job training needs
- Helping apply for government assistance programs (e.g., Social Security cards and food stamps)
- Assisting with registering the children for public school (K-12)
- Accompanying the family to medical appointments and serving as an advocate for healthcare access
- Providing guidance and resources to support the family's economic self-sufficiency goals
- Helping the family with workforce preparation (e.g., resume assistance, job search, interview practice)
- Connecting the family to various resources in their community (e.g., local stores, pharmacies, parks, or faith/community centers)
- Helping the family learn, navigate, and benefit from particular resources and systems (e.g., public school, library, or benefits)
- Supporting English skills development through intentional conversation

As you can see, the needs are many. Our plan is to provide these and other support services through a number of teams that would cover specific areas such as Housing, Education, Transportation, Health, Financial/Budget, Employment Services, etc. If you believe you could volunteer your expertise or simply your time to support one of these areas, or if you have any questions about our initiative, please contact Stew Remer ([sremer@verizon.net](mailto:sremer@verizon.net)) or Toby Holtzman ([tbholtzman@gmail.com](mailto:tbholtzman@gmail.com)). We are looking forward to hearing from you.

**WITH DEEP GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION WE  
THANK THESE GENEROUS DONORS FOR  
THEIR RECENT SUPPORT TO  
LAUNCH THE SECOND RABBI POSITION**

**ANONYMOUS**

AND

**ROBERT & RACHEL KLIPPER**

# FROM THE SHERMAN ECC

## Hanukkah Happenings in the Sherman ECC

How wonderful it was to have so many of our Sherman ECC families here for our evening Hanukkah celebration! Parents, grandparents, and siblings all enjoyed a festive evening of storytelling and music with Ms. Ellie. We twirled, danced, sang, and everyone went home with delicious *sufganiyot*!

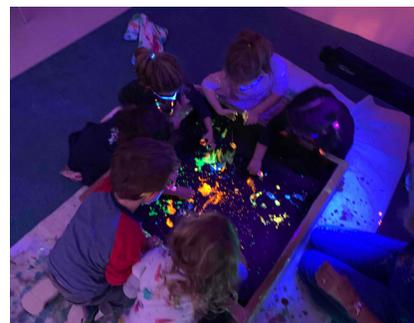
Mrs. Eisig, our incredible STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) teacher, set up inviting invitations to explore as she transformed the STEAM room into a Hanukkah light lab. The children learned about fiber optics, projection and shadows, and had the opportunity to use glow in the dark paint and learn what lights it up. They explored a variety of colored and black light flashlights, and the overhead projector. The light tables were filled with translucent water beads, *hanukkiah*s, and *dreidels*. It was a spectacular experience for the children!

Rabbi Raskin and *Hazzan* Ozur Bass starred in a reenactment of the Hanukkah story for the children. The children helped with the production by being brave Maccabees! We enjoyed these celebrations and look forward to more holidays together.

*B'yedidut,*  
Beth



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**GAN SHABBAT**  
SATURDAYS @ 11:00 AM  
Feb. 26 | Mar. 19  
Apr. 9 | May 21

JOIN US IN-PERSON FOR SINGING, DANCING, AND STORY-TIME WITH THE INCREDIBLE MOLLYBETH RUSHFIELD! OPEN TO ALL YOUNG FAMILIES WITH BABIES - PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN. MASKS REQUIRED FOR AGES 2 & UP.

**For more information and registration visit:**  
[www.HarShalom.org/GanShabbat](http://www.HarShalom.org/GanShabbat)

**Pajama Havdalah**  
*A Night Under the Stars*  
Saturday, February 12 @ 6:30 PM on Zoom

Dress in your pajamas and join the Sherman ECC Team, Ms. Ellie, Rabbi Raskin, and *Hazzan* Ozur Bass for a very special musical Havdalah!

[www.HarShalom.org/PJhavdalah-Feb22](http://www.HarShalom.org/PJhavdalah-Feb22)

Register (\$10/family) to receive a special package for the program, including a Havdalah candle and spices

# FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



**Ruth M. Szykman**  
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We often talk about *K'lal Yisrael* at HSRS - "All the people of Israel", it helps give us a sense of community and that we are part of something bigger. In the month of February, as we celebrate Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month, it also allows us to expand on that concept: Since everyone is created in G-d's image (*B'zelelem Elohim*), we all have something important to offer the world and we are all equal members of the Jewish people.

All our classes will be looking more closely at these concepts. Here are some of the big ideas our students will be delving into this month:

- *V'ahavta L'rei-acha Kamocha*: Love your neighbor as yourself (treat other people the way you would want to be treated).
- We all have similarities and differences. Everyone in our community has something important to offer.
- There are things that are hard for some people and easier for other people, and we all bring different perspectives to the world.
- By working together, we can find ways to appreciate people's differences.

What will our students be doing exactly? Through stories, short films, creative art, Jewish texts and other resources, our students will learn more about how each individual person brings something unique to our community, how thinking about how you'd like to be treated by others can help you to understand how others feel the same way and how each student can feel a deeper personal connection to the Jewish community by understanding and embracing everyone's uniqueness.

I know that at the end of this school wide unit, we will have lots to share with the congregation about our student's ideas to help celebrate the value of *V'ahavta L'rei-acha Kamocha* more deeply here at Har Shalom.

Ruth



**SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE WITH RUTH**  
SATURDAYS @ 10:30 AM  
Grades K-6  
**February 5 | March 5 | May 7**  
JOIN RUTH FOR A MONTHLY FAMILY LEARNING SHABBAT SERVICE. WE'LL LEARN PRAYERS, LISTEN TO TORAH AND STORIES AND SHARE SHABBAT TOGETHER.  
Register:  
[www.HarShalom.org/ShabbatWithRuth](http://www.HarShalom.org/ShabbatWithRuth)

**COLLEGE CONNECTIONS**  
YOUTH AT HAR SHALOM  
Help us keep in touch with Har Shalom College students!  
Share your student's contact information and we will send goodies and more throughout the year!  
[www.HarShalom.org/CollegeConnections](http://www.HarShalom.org/CollegeConnections)

**B'NAI MITZVAH  
CLASS OF 2024-2025  
DATE REVEAL**

**Sunday, February 6**

*More details to come!*

**SUNDAY YOUTH  
PROGRAM**

**Sundays @ 12:30PM**

**Save the Date and join us!**

**February 13 | March 13 | April 3 | May 15**

**SUNDAY YOUTH PROGRAM  
BAGEL MAKING  
WITH MOSHE COHEN**

Join us virtually for this exciting culinary experience!

**Sunday, January 30**

**1:00PM on Zoom**

Register for Zoom link & recipe:

**[www.HarShalom.org/YouthBagels](http://www.HarShalom.org/YouthBagels)**

**PUTTING  
THE "I"  
IN ISRAEL**

**Develop a deeper understanding of Israel's  
existence, and its struggle for peace and security**

*with Rabbi Adam Raskin*

**Open to all 7th-11th Graders  
(Will culminate in a special Confirmation Ceremony)**

**[www.HarShalom.org/HSUS](http://www.HarShalom.org/HSUS)**



## Need a Key Fob?

As we are slowly opening the building for evening programs, if you find you need a key fob to enter the building for a program, please contact Joanna Rubin at [jrubin@harshalom.org](mailto:jrubin@harshalom.org) to make arrangements. One key fob is available per family. There is a \$10 charge for an additional fob. Please note that there is a \$25 replacement fee for lost key fobs.

# FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

February is Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM), a time set aside for Jewish organizations and communities throughout the world to engage in activities that raise awareness and foster inclusion of people with disabilities. Our vision is that Har Shalom "is a place for everyone without regard to religious observance, political views, gender, sexuality, age, race, or disability." Consistent with that vision statement, Har Shalom has always observed JDAIM and used it as an occasion to heighten awareness even further of ways we can ensure that our community is welcoming to those with disabilities.

On February 26, we will have a JDAIM Shabbat service. As in years past, the Accessibility and Inclusion Committee will present a special speaker who will help bring greater understanding to the way our Jewish values relate to awareness and inclusion of those with disabilities. In addition to a good in-person turnout on that Shabbat, we hope that our friends from the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes' Kay House will be able to attend in person.

Also, on February 16, the Committee will co-sponsor, with the Daytimers, a showing of the acclaimed Israeli film, "Shoelaces," which involves the complicated relationship between a father and his special needs son. It's a thought-provoking film that will raise our awareness regarding how we think about those with special needs (see page 26 for details).

There may be other programming as well, so stay tuned for more details as February approaches and during JDAIM month. And, as always, if there are ways that you believe Har shalom could be even more welcoming to those with special needs, please let us know.

Randy May  
Chair, Accessibility and Inclusion Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY FOR

**JEWISH DISABILITIES AWARENESS AND INCLUSION MONTH**

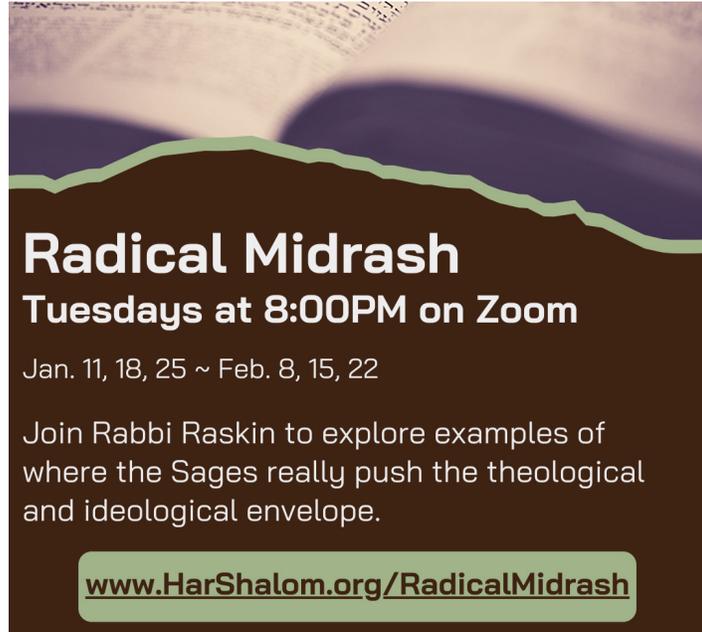
WITH SPECIAL SHABBAT PROGRAM ON

**Saturday, February 26**

*More details coming soon!*

# ADULT EDUCATION

For a full list of upcoming Adult Education, visit [www.HarShalom.org/Adult-Ed](http://www.HarShalom.org/Adult-Ed)



**Radical Midrash**  
Tuesdays at 8:00PM on Zoom  
Jan. 11, 18, 25 ~ Feb. 8, 15, 22

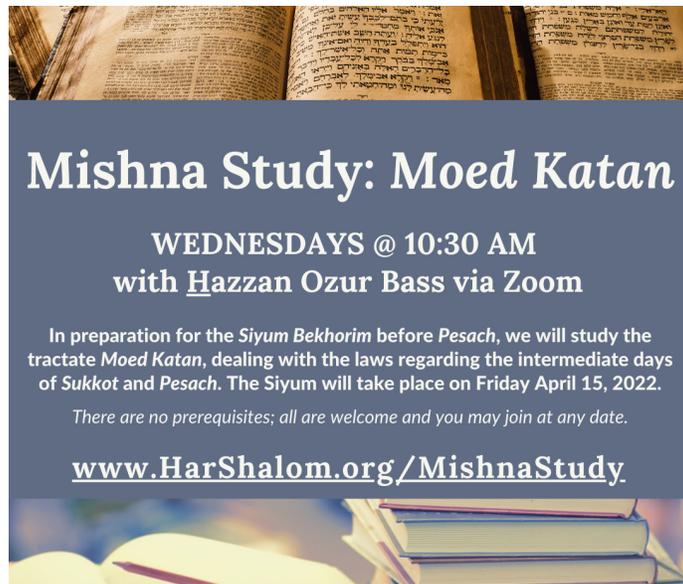
Join Rabbi Raskin to explore examples of where the Sages really push the theological and ideological envelope.

[www.HarShalom.org/RadicalMidrash](http://www.HarShalom.org/RadicalMidrash)

**Meshorerim with Hazzan Ozur Bass**  
2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS  
AT 8:00 PM

Let's create simple harmonies for familiar prayer melodies.

Register to receive the Zoom link:  
[www.HarShalom.org/meshorerim](http://www.HarShalom.org/meshorerim)

**Mishna Study: Moed Katan**  
WEDNESDAYS @ 10:30 AM  
with Hazzan Ozur Bass via Zoom

In preparation for the Siyum Bekhorim before Pesach, we will study the tractate Moed Katan, dealing with the laws regarding the intermediate days of Sukkot and Pesach. The Siyum will take place on Friday April 15, 2022.

*There are no prerequisites; all are welcome and you may join at any date.*

[www.HarShalom.org/MishnaStudy](http://www.HarShalom.org/MishnaStudy)



Join the family tree!

We've saved you a leaf and everything.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

A collaborative project between The Haberman Institute, Beth Ami, Beth Sholom, B'nai Israel, and Har Shalom jointly offering the **Miller Introduction to Judaism** program, as developed at the American Jewish University in LA.

Join us in person or participate online!

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!**



**SCHOLARSTREAM**  
A PARTNERSHIP OF THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT

Following a successful launch of our ScholarStream program in 5781, we are excited to announce the full year of ScholarStream learning in 5782! Beginning in October and spanning all the way up to Shavuot, the Conservative Movement seminaries and institutions are partnering to offer eight series that will bring you face-to-face with the brightest and most engaging scholars our movement has to offer.

Series #4: The Other Within - Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in a Pluralistic Movement  
January 19, 26 and February 2, 9 at 8 PM ET

Series #5: Halakha - The Process Moving Forward & the Forward-Moving Process  
February 16, 23 and March 2, 9 at 8 PM ET

[www.HarShalom.org/ScholarStream2022](http://www.HarShalom.org/ScholarStream2022)

# FROM THE HAR SHALOM PLAYERS!



HSP's production of *Mamma Mia!* has now been cast with an extraordinary array of talent, including, as always, many Har Shalom members. You can see the cast members on the next page.

The production is scheduled for **March 12 at 8 P.M. and March 13 at 4 P.M. in the Burke Sanctuary.** We hope, by that time, COVID restrictions will have been lifted, but there is the distinct possibility that we will still be under restrictions concerning social distancing. This, of course, translates into fewer attendees and consequently, less revenue. The annual show has consistently been a source of significant revenue for the synagogue.

Even though none of our actors are paid, it costs, on average, between \$12-15 thousand dollars to put on one of our annual musicals. The substantial part of that expense is for royalties, lighting and sound, costumes, and sets. These are fixed costs and have remained constant. That is why it is more important than ever to ask you, in addition to your attendance, to support this production in other ways. In addition to buying a ticket to the show, there are three basic means by which this can be done:

1. Make a donation to the synagogue to support the play either by check or as a charge against your account. This can be done today! If you make a donation, please make sure it is designated for the play and send an e-mail to me so I can properly thank you in the program.

2. Become a patron with either a check or a charge against your account for either \$100 or \$180 (*Chai*). A patron ticket will entitle you to front row (*Chai*) or premium seating, your name in the program, and preferential parking. You can become a patron today! If you buy a patron ticket(s), please make sure it is designated and send an e-mail to me so I can properly thank you in the program and have your ticket waiting for you at the theatre.
3. Buy a program ad, either a commercial ad for your business or a personal ad to support actors in the play. Contact me for details on pricing and formatting of the ad.
4. Forms for ticket purchases in advance through the synagogue and links to electronic ticketing are being provided. Tickets can always be purchased at the door.

This is the 16th Har Shalom Players production. It has been a labor of love for your production team and a wonderful opportunity for Har Shalom members, young and old, to participate in a community building and enjoyable experience. We have members who started acting for HSP as children and are now working professionally in the theatre. The quality of HSP productions has become well known in the community among theatre goers. On behalf of my co-producer, Stew Remer, and our entire production team, we thank you.

Ken Lechter  
Co-Producer  
[KennethLechter@gmail.com](mailto:KennethLechter@gmail.com)

## \*Update Regarding Mamma Mia!\*

Based on the recommendation of the Reopening Task Force, Har Shalom has canceled the March 12-13 performances of *Mamma Mia!*. This is due to the high COVID transmissibility risk with singing in such close quarters unmasked and the underlying issue of having any performer test positive the week of the show.

We are hoping to reschedule the show in a concert version with several performances over the Memorial Day Weekend. Further announcements regarding the performances will be sent out by e-mail or in the next Tablet. The synagogue and the *Mamma Mia!* production team along with the cast are saddened by the decision, but fully understand and support it.

As you know, each Har Shalom Players production is a labor of love, and we sincerely appreciate all contributions from our community allowing us to bring these shows to life!

# Mamma Mia! Cast List

## Leads

Harry Duane Monahan  
Bill Paul Loebach  
Sam Bob Gudauskas  
Donna Leigh Dencker  
Tanya Jessica Bay Graber  
Rosie Lee Rosenthal  
Sophie Kat Bailey  
Ali Melanie Oppenheimer  
Lisa Rayna Arias  
Sky *TBD*  
Pepper Scott Kaplowitz  
Eddie *TBD*

## Ensemble

Kacie Brady  
Joni Donlon  
Lauren Flaherty  
Mia Flaherty  
Katrina Jackson  
Pam Loebach  
Julia Rigal  
Jenna Rosenblatt  
Jennifer Strand  
Jen Willard  
+ Sky, Pepper, Eddie, Lisa, Ali, and Sophie

## Choir

Shelly Basen  
Meryl Cohen  
Toby Holtzman  
Ed Hutman  
Kandy Hutman  
Andy Zuckerman



## CEMETERY PLOTS FOR SALE!

### **\*NEW\* PRICING!**

Garden of Remembrance  
in Clarksburg, MD: \$2700 each

Judean Gardens  
in Olney, MD: \$3000 each

Mt. Lebanon  
in Adelphi, MD: \$1000 each

Contact Joanna Rubin at [jrubin@harshalom.org](mailto:jrubin@harshalom.org)  
for more information or to make a purchase.



## Shabbat Morning Kiddushes are gearing back up!

OUR OFFERINGS ARE CHANGING WEEKLY, AS THE BUILDING SLOWLY REOPENS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING IN THE KITCHEN TO PREPARE OR SERVE FOOD, GOING SHOPPING FOR INGREDIENTS, OR DONATING MONEY TO ENHANCE THE KIDDUSH EXPERIENCE, PLEASE CONTACT JOANNA RUBIN AT [JRUBIN@HARSHALOM.ORG](mailto:JRUBIN@HARSHALOM.ORG)

# FROM THE HESED COMMITTEE

The need for Hesed, or Acts of Loving Kindness, is ever present in our community. Whether at the birth of a new child, the loss of a loved one, a medical illness or procedure, or an unexpected event, the Hesed Committee is here to support you, our Har Shalom family.

If you are looking to help out in 2022, here are a few Hesed opportunities for you!

- **Phone Call Support:** Help us reach out to and connect with those who are homebound, alone, healing or otherwise in need of a call. This can be a one-time or on-going commitment as we reach out to ensure everyone in the community is connected and supported. Callers will be approached by the Hesed Committee when we learn of a need. Let us know if we can add you to the list of those willing to reach out and make a call or two (or three or four)!
- **Card Writing:** Two options to help write cards!

**(1) In times of loss:** Hesed Committee provides an additional contact point offering consolation and connection following a death in the family. This commitment would be on-going, with the ask of writing 5-10 cards per month, as needed. We provide the cards and a template for the wording, as well as the contact information!

**(2) In times of need or healing:** Join our newest effort to bring sunshine to those in our community who may need a little pick-me-up. Reach out to Toby Holtzman ([tobyholtzman@gmail.com](mailto:tobyholtzman@gmail.com)) for more information and to help us build this initiative from the ground up!

- **Let Us Know When You Hear of a Need:** Call us or email us at [Hesed@HarShalom.org](mailto:Hesed@HarShalom.org) to let us know when you hear of a potential need in the community.
- **Join a Meal Train:** Help provide a meal for someone in need - be it of healing, consolation, new baby or simply a break. Meal train requests will be emailed out to our Hesed Heroes but if you have a special interest in sharing meals, let us know. Occasionally we have a need for one or two meals and having some go-to folks would be a tremendous help!
- **We always need and welcome your help!** We are eager to support the community and we welcome all ideas, volunteers and new energy with open ears and open arms.

Please contact us at [Hesed@HarShalom.org](mailto:Hesed@HarShalom.org).

Fran Elson and Aileen Goldstein  
Co-chairs, Hesed Committee

## SHARING IS CARING!



Join the Hesed Committee in supporting members of our community by providing a meal through MealTrain or SignUp Genius.

For more information and to sign-up visit:

[www.HarShalom.org/hesedMT](http://www.HarShalom.org/hesedMT)

Thank you in advance for your help and support!  
As always, if you or anyone you know is in need,  
please email [hesed@harshalom.org](mailto:hesed@harshalom.org)  
so we can reach out and offer support.

# FROM SOCIAL ACTION AND TIKKUN OLAM

## SATO Racial Justice Committee:

Did you know Congregation Har Shalom and the Sela DC Title I Public Charter School have formed a reading tutor partnership? Our partnership began in October with ten Har Shalom volunteer tutors. Each tutor is paired with a child to help develop needed English reading skills. With guidance from Sela's administration, our "pairs" are thriving. In addition to focusing on reading development, even in the current virtual environment, they are also building relationships with each other.

Sela (<https://www.selaPCS.org/>) was founded ten years ago by two Jewish women, who wanted a secular school for their children with a diverse population but with Hebrew and Israel-related curriculum content. Student enrollment has grown and is now above 260 with 50% of the children from low-income families.

Additional tutors are needed. Please contact Shelley Remer, [shelley.remer@verizon.net](mailto:shelley.remer@verizon.net), if you are interested in participating in this meaningful work.



HAR SHALOM SISTERHOOD AND KINDWORKS PRESENT

## KINDSOUP FOR THE SOUL

**WHAT:** Come together, on Zoom from your own kitchen, for some fun and to create a community of healthy meal donors. We'll be cooking enough to feed our own families PLUS to pack up containers to freeze and deliver to those in need!

**WHEN:** Every 2nd & 4th Sunday from 4:00 - 5:00 PM

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
[www.HarShalom.org/kindsoup](http://www.HarShalom.org/kindsoup)



## SATO SPECIAL COLLECTION MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Lutheran Church of St Andrew in Silver Spring, accepts medical supply donations. SATO will make a late January drop off from the Har Shalom community. Items accepted include walkers, medicines, bandages, drugs, etc. Please leave all items except drugs in the coat closet clearly marked SATO. Drugs should also be marked but must be handed to a staff member to be locked away until pick up. Should you have questions, please contact Marjorie Klein at [mksklein424@aol.com](mailto:mksklein424@aol.com).

**COLLECTION DEADLINE:**  
**JANUARY 15, 2022**



Sisterhood leads Har Shalom's SATO activities, encouraging monthly collections for neighbors in need.

In **January** help those in Montgomery County shelters by donating new and gently used hats, scarves, and gloves followed by **February**'s Soup-er Bowl collection of non-perishable food and Mazon/Manna monetary donations.

Ongoing activities include collection of new and gently used bras and unopened feminine hygiene products for "I Support the Girls," allowing women experiencing homelessness, impoverishment, or distress to stand with dignity. Nonperishable food, school and cleaning supplies, toiletries, and new knit, crocheted, and fleece blankets are always accepted in the vestibule bin and coat room.

Don't forget our ongoing **KindSoups** program, where **Har Shalomers have cooked and donated over 500 quarts of soup**, primarily to the Upcounty Consolidation Hub in Germantown. Join us on Zoom the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month as we cook vegetable-based soups for the food insecure.

Check weekly emails for important links and upcoming programs.

# CATCH UP WITH THE SISTERHOOD



From Your Sisterhood President,  
Susan Grant

Happy New Year to all the Sisters in the hood! Your Sisterhood continues to offer programs for your listening and participating pleasure!

You can read stimulating books with us; make soup with us that is then distributed to the needy in Montgomery County; paint with us; exercise with us; and learn Jewishly to enhance your Shabbat experience. This, and more, is coming to you in the next two months! Please look at the programs listed on this page and register now. You won't want to miss out.

Sisterhood is particularly pleased to take part in the synagogue's Shabbaton with Deborah Sacks Mintz. There is going to be a special Sunday workshop, specifically for women, to learn about the traditional songs and prayers that are recited on Shabbat. We'll learn the what and how, and most importantly, the why. What do these prayers mean and why are they said. We'll learn these songs and maybe learn new melodies to enhance our Shabbat.

Please join Sisterhood at these upcoming programs:

- **January 12:** Sip and Paint returns to Har Shalom with our returning instructor Talya Weinberg who will help us create a beautiful Shabbat Candle tableau (In-person)
- **January 16:** Shabbaton workshop with Deborah Sacks Mintz (In-person; Virtual option TBD)
- **February 1:** *Rosh Hodesh Adar* led by Toby Holtzman (Virtual)
- **February 2:** Book Club (Virtual)
- **February 9:** Healthy Eating and Lifestyle: Facts and Myths with Lori Shell, MS, RD, LD (Virtual)
- **February 13 and 27:** KindSoups (Virtual)
- **February 16:** Let's Get Physical: Zumba with Karen Creel (In-person)

## Sunshine Committee

IF YOU KNOW OF A SISTERHOOD MEMBER WHO IS ILL OR SOME FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL LOIS FORSTER SO SHE CAN SEND, ON BEHALF OF SISTERHOOD, A GET WELL GREETING OR A SYMPATHY CARD.

ALSO, IF YOU KNOW OF A SIMCHA IN A MEMBER'S LIFE, SUCH AS A BABY, ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING, AWARD, ETC., PLEASE CONTACT LOIS FORSTER SO SHE CAN SEND OUT A CARD FROM SISTERHOOD.

LOIS FORSTER  
301-770-8668  
LOISFORSTER@GMAIL.COM

*The New Moon on Zoom*  
A Rosh Hodesh Celebration

Sisterhood presents

**Rosh Hodesh Adar I**  
February 1 at 8:00PM  
RSVP by January 28

Together we will welcome the new moon in a safe space for prayer, contemplation, and healing

[www.HarShalom.org/SisterhoodRH](http://www.HarShalom.org/SisterhoodRH)

**SISTERHOOD PAINT & SIP**

Wednesday, January 13  
7:00PM - 9:00PM  
In-person at Har Shalom  
\$9/person

**POSTPONED**

Join us for an evening of fun and creativity!

Learn More & Register:  
[www.HarShalom.org/Sisterhood-Paint](http://www.HarShalom.org/Sisterhood-Paint)

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**MUSIC & SPIRITUALITY SHABBATON**

FEATURING  
**DEBORAH SACKS MINTZ**  
Community Singing Consultant of Hadar's Rising Song Institute

**\*SPECIAL PROGRAM WITH SISTERHOOD\***

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27 @ 10:30AM**  
*Boi Kallah, Shabbat HaMalka* (Come in Bride, Shabbat Queen): Singing in the Divine

**LEARN MORE & REGISTER:**  
[WWW.HARSHALOM.ORG/MSSHABBATON](http://WWW.HARSHALOM.ORG/MSSHABBATON)

A full schedule of Shabbaton events and programs open to the entire community is also available to view on the website!

**HEALTHY EATING AND LIFESTYLE:  
FACTS AND MYTHS**

**FEBRUARY 9 AT 7:00 PM**  
with Lori Shell, MS, RD, LD

Ms. Shell will distinguish facts from myths surrounding health benefits or dangers of vitamin and mineral supplements and various foods such as red meat, eggs, coffee, organic food, and our delectable craving for chocolate. Please join us for this informative free program with opportunity for Q&A!

[www.harshalom.org/nutritionist](http://www.harshalom.org/nutritionist)

**LET'S GET PHYSICAL**

**February 16 at 7:00PM**

Zumba is a fun way to get exercise and relieve stress. The goal is to keep moving and not worry about getting every step. Participants enjoy the upbeat music and get a good workout. All age levels and abilities are welcome. Please dress to move and wear sneakers.

The cost to attend is \$10.

[www.HarShalom.org/LetsGetPhysical](http://www.HarShalom.org/LetsGetPhysical)

**Sisterhood Book Club**

We invite all Sisterhood members to join the Book Club discussion group. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm and will be using Zoom until we can meet in person. Please join us for the upcoming discussions:

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| <b>Jan 5</b> | <b><i>Florence Adler Swims Forever</i> by Rachel Beanland</b> |
| <b>Feb 2</b> | <b><i>The Yellow Bird Sings</i> by Jennifer Rosner</b>        |
| <b>Mar 2</b> | <b><i>Hamnet</i> by Maggie O' Farrell</b>                     |

Email us at [sisterhoodbookclub@harshalom.org](mailto:sisterhoodbookclub@harshalom.org) if you'd like to be part of the Book Club so we can send you a link to the Zoom meetings!

## TORAH FUND THANKS YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended our December 19th Torah Fund Brunch. We hope you enjoyed our program featuring Rabbi Margie Cella, and thank you for making either a donation or commitment to our 2021 Torah Fund Campaign.

Our Torah Fund Team, consisting of Ellen Bresnick, Toby Holtzman, Hanna Lee Pomerantz and Shelley Remer, along with volunteers Linda Isen and Ruth Newburger went above and beyond to produce a lovely **brunch in a bag** for everyone to enjoy! Todah Rabbah to our entire team for helping to make this program so successful. Thank you to Phyllis Magram, Carly Litwok and Dena Blaustein for their technical assistance and publicity. As it is often said, "it takes a village"!

For those of you who have not yet committed to a donation to our sisterhood Torah Fund Campaign, **it's not too late!** We will be accepting donations through May 2022. Each donation will help us to reach our goal for this year. Although any donation is greatly appreciated, of course we would love you to consider making a donation to one of the categories as shown below. Your donation may be sent by mailing a check made out to **Torah Fund** to me at the address shown below, or by going online to [www.JTSA.com/torahfund](http://www.JTSA.com/torahfund). If donating online, please don't forget to list that you are a member of Congregation Har Shalom. While you're browsing the Torah Fund website, take a moment to look at all the beautiful Torah Fund electronic

greeting cards. You can easily send a card for any occasion by simply clicking on the selected card, filling out the information as shown, and making a donation of \$5.00. Again, please indicate that you are a member of Har Shalom, as we will receive credit towards our annual goal for every card that is sent.

By supporting the Women's League Torah Fund Campaign, it is important to remember that you are helping to support the **five conservative seminaries** this represents. Har Shalom is proud that because of Torah Fund, our congregation not only has a wonderful Rabbi and *Hazzan*, but has proudly produced multiple rabbis who grew up as part of our synagogue family. On behalf of Rabbi Adam Raskin, *Hazzan* Henrique Ozur Bass and all of the rabbis servicing conservative synagogues across the US, we thank you for your continued commitment and generosity!

*Todah Rabah,*  
Rita Wertlieb  
240-432-8333  
9301 Wooden Bridge Rd. | Potomac, MD 20854

<b>TORAH FUND DONATION LEVELS:</b>	
<b>\$180.00</b>	<b>BENEFACTOR</b>
<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>GUARDIAN</b>
<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>ASSOCIATE PATRON</b>
<b>\$1200.00</b>	<b>PATRON</b>
<b>\$2500.00</b>	<b>SCHOLARSHIP PATRON</b>

## Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Program Recap

The first of its kind, Drive-Thru Pick Up Dinner and subsequent Program on the history of undergarments, was a huge success thanks to our devoted volunteers and all the Sisterhood members who participated in this Paid-Up Membership Event on October 21st. Thanks for coming!!!!



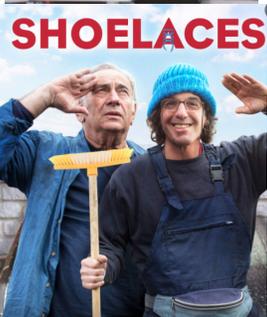
**You're invited to bring a dairy or pareve lunch and join us at Har Shalom at noon - Program begins at 12:30PM.**



**January 19, 2022 “The Mad Adventures of “Rabbi” Jacob” – France/Italy – 100 minutes**

Yes, it is uproariously funny, but we’ve all probably already seen *THE MAD ADVENTURES OF “RABBI” JACOB* sometime or other. Didn’t some even accuse it of being anti-Semitic? Why are we showing this 48-year-old film now? That was then; this is now – a totally different time. Conditions in the world of the film, especially in France and the Middle East, bear no relation to modern times.

Or do they? A new look at an old film may provide a changed perspective



**February 16, 2022 “Shoelaces” – Israel – 103 minutes**

The extraordinary Israeli film *SHOELACES* is being co-sponsored by Har Shalom’s Accessibility and Inclusion Committee. It has been shown at Jewish Film Festivals in multiple cities and won Audience Awards in most of them.

With his ex-wife’s death, Reuven must suddenly take on temporary care of his 30-year old son, Gadi, the special-needs child he abandoned years before. Unable to find Gadi quick placement in a facility, Reuven has to take him home where conflicting lifestyles prove a constant irritant. He also takes Gadi to work with him at his auto repair shop and sets him to work cleaning up and washing cars. Gadi does both enthusiastically. At

a restaurant run by family friend Rita, Reuven seems to be embarrassed by Gadi, who is quite loud and very friendly to people.

Over time, Reuven warms to Gadi’s boundless enthusiasm, infectious laugh and seemingly infinite capacity for love. This new-found bond, however, will be tested by tribulations that prompt complicated ethical and legal questions with profound ramifications.

We have a tendency when we encounter people with special needs to look away. Instead, we should look at them and engage with them. Like viewing *SHOELACES*, you just might enjoy the experience and maybe even learn something about yourself.

Daytimers

*Jewish Film Festival*



# FROM THE MEN'S CLUB



On **Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 10 to 11:30 am**, Men's Club featured speaker will be **Marc Schindler** (via Zoom), who will discuss various problems in the criminal justice system that need reform, a vital topic of concern that is in the headlines almost every day. Marc is a recognized expert in the field, providing commentary in the national media, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, CNN, and NPR.

Currently, Marc is the Executive Director of the Justice Policy Institute (JPI), a national non-profit research and policy organization dedicated to reducing the use of incarceration in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Prior to joining JPI in 2013, Marc was a partner with Venture Philanthropy Partners (VPP), where he led VPP's Social Innovation Fund— an innovative philanthropic effort aligning public-private capital, evaluation, and high performing non-profit organizations to improve the education, employment, and health outcomes of 14-24 year old disconnected youth in the National Capital Region.

Marc came to VPP from the DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS), where he held numerous positions between 2005-2010, including serving as General Counsel, Chief of Staff, and Interim Director. He joined DYRS in 2005 as one of a team of reformers who worked to transform that agency into a nationally recognized and innovative department that focused on reducing the use of incarceration in favor of community-based solutions, with its reforms grounded in the principles of Positive Youth Development.

From 1997 to 2005, Marc served as a Staff Attorney with the Youth Law Center (YLC), a national public interest civil rights law firm dedicated to protecting the rights of young people in juvenile justice and child welfare systems nationwide. Marc also served as co-chair of the national Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Coalition, and has served on numerous boards and commissions, including as a member of the ABA's Juvenile Justice Committee, the DC Police Complaints Board, the Maryland Governor's Task Force on Juvenile Justice, the Tow Youth Justice Advisory Board and the DC Mayor's Safer, Stronger Advisory Committee. He started his legal career as a public defender representing children in Baltimore's juvenile court.

Marc is a graduate of Yale University and the University of the Maryland School of Law. He lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife and two children.



On Sunday, **February 6, 2022 from 10 to 11:30 am**, **Bob Levey** will be our featured speaker. It is our intent to use the Social Hall to house this event that will include a pre-packaged brunch. We will require participant vaccination to attend in-person and provide an update as we get closer to the planned event.

Mr. Levey will talk about the ***Golden Age at the Washington Post***, where he spent 36 years, most of them as a daily columnist. It will focus on the famous editor, Ben Bradlee, the equally famous publisher, Katherine Graham and the legendary reporters, Woodward and Bernstein. He will also discuss the huge shifts in the industry caused by the Internet. And lastly, he will discuss his recent fictional novel "***Larry Felder, Candidate***", a story about a famous Washington columnist who abandons journalism to run for Congress.

Seven times Bob Levey was named one of the most popular columnists in Washington by the Washingtonian Magazine, His on-line chats for washingtonpost.com, called "Levey Live" won consistently high ratings.

He has spoken to college, business, and social groups all over the country and he has taught journalism **at six major research universities**.

**Mr. Levey will bring his recent novel to the brunch where members can purchase a signed copy.**

***Men's Club Brunch programs are free. Please watch for attendance details and zoom links from our affiliates as we get closer to the dates.***

## **Men's Club Shabbat**

Will be on **April 30**, this year. All Men's Club members have an opportunity to sign up and take part, as we conduct the entire Shabbat service and sponsor the kiddush. It is a great way to raise your personal level of participation. This will be a hybrid service so both in-person and remote parts are planned. There are over 35 honors available so if you would like to know more or volunteer to participate, please contact Men's Club Shabbat chairman Abe Akresh at [abeakresh@gmail.com](mailto:abeakresh@gmail.com) or call 301-762-0341. New members are especially encouraged to participate.

# FAMILY NEWS

## MAZAL TOV!

September 15 - November 15

David & Phyllis Coburn on the birth of their grandson, Noah Vaughn Coburn, son of Avi & Shayna Coburn, on July 28th.

Sheila and Stuart Taylor on the marriage of their son, David, to Sarah Steckler.

Marjorie and Raymond Turgel on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Susie Edelson on her special birthday.

Seth and Marisa Marcus on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ryan Marcus, at Har Shalom. Ryan is the grandson of Faye Feder.

Randy and Liz Goldel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Adam Goldel, at Har Shalom.

Margie and Owen Ritter on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jonah Ritter, son of Rob and Betsy Ritter, on October 16th.

Naomi Gould on her recognition by Sen. Jaime Raskin as a Latina student in Maryland's 8th Congressional District who demonstrates a high level of commitment to service, leadership, and academic excellence. Naomi attended a virtual awards ceremony with Sen. Raskin, who applauded her leadership, involvement in school and outside activities, and her commitment to her academics. Naomi is a senior at CESJDS and the daughter of Debbie Reichmann & Jason Gould and granddaughter of Thomas Reichmann & Miriam Toporowicz.

Steve and Ellen Cades on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Delia Birdie Rodman, on October 16th in Bozeman, Montana. Delia is the daughter of Deborah Cades and Dash Rodman.

Marcie Oser Wertlieb was honored as a Distinguished Alumni at the CESJDS Head of School Circle Celebration.

Wayne and Sandra-Lynn Berson on the engagement of their daughter, Jody Berson, to Justin Amoyal.

Andrew & Hope Effross on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Reese, at Har Shalom.

Bernie and Linda Brill on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Norman Brill. The proud parents are Nathan and Kasie Brill and the excited big brother is Emmett.

## CONDOLENCES:

September 15 - November 15

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Harry Stone on the passing of his aunt, Dolores Feinswog.

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