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FEBRUARY 20-21, 2021

FEATURING
DR. MIJAL BITTON



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February 25

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 @ 7:00 PM

Mizrahi Nation: What Mizrahi Jews Teach
Us About Israel and the Zionist Project

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 @ 10:00 AM

Sephardi Jews in America: Lessons in
Diversity and Inclusion

RSVP to receive Zoom link for the program
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FROM THE *RABBI*



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I grew up in a veritable Ashkenazi bubble. My one and only year of Jewish day school education (kindergarten) was at the Hebrew Academy of Cleveland, founded by Lithuanian Jews in the aftermath of the Holocaust. I attended the (ideologically opposite) Workmen's Circle School, Der Arbiter Ring where I learned to chant the entire Passover Haggadah in Yiddish. I distinctly remember relatives sprinkling their conversation with Yiddishisms, my grandmother singing *Rozhinkis mit Mandln* (*Raisins and Almonds*) and watching with curiosity (and a bit of revulsion) as my Papa would dissolve a dollop of sour cream into his tall glass of borscht. As my Jewish learning increased, I came to be enamored with the intellectual and religious legacy of Eastern European Jewry, from the rigorous yeshivot to the ecstatic spirituality of Hassidut. Rashi, Rashbam, Rabbi Meir of Rothenberg, the Vilna Gaon, the Baal Shem Tov and the great Hassidic masters, Rabbi Moses Isserles...these are just some of the luminaries of Ashkenazic Jewry. Not to mention the writers Sholom Aleichem, Isaac Bashevis Singer, I.L. Peretz and so many others; or the pioneers of Zionism, like Herzl, Ahad Ha'am, Moses Montefiore, and many of the founders of the modern State of Israel. In most American synagogues, there is a preponderance of Ashkenazi influence, from the liturgy and melodies, to the customs and practices of the Jewish community.

One of the outgrowths of this summer's resurgence of the racial justice movement in America has been an effort for Jews to reflect on our own cultural diversity, specifically the recognition that not all Jews are either white or Ashkenazic. Jews of color have a whole host of different experiences, and there is a tremendous contingent of the Jewish people and experience that is unique from Ashkenazic Jewry. One of the most exciting researchers and teachers of Mizrahi (near Eastern) and Sephardi (Spanish, N. African)

Jewry is Dr. Mijal Bitton. Dr. Bitton was born in Argentina and did her doctoral work at NYU on the Syrian Jewish community in New York. She writes and teaches extensively about Mizrahi and Sephardi heritage and philosophy, as well as leadership in the Jewish community. In 2018 she was selected as one of the 36 under 36, a recognition of up and coming leaders in New York City (<https://jewishweek.timesofisrael.com/mijal-bitton-28/>) and I had the unique opportunity to study with her at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem two summers ago (<https://www.hartman.org.il/person/mijal-bitton/>). This year, I invited her to be our Morris and Lillian Cahan Scholar-in-Residence, virtually, the weekend of February 21-22. Dr. Bitton will speak on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning on the topics: "Mizrahi Nation: What Mizrahi Jews teach us about Israel and the Zionist project," and "Sephardi Jews in America: Lessons in Diversity and Inclusion." Having studied with Mijal (pronounced Michal), I can attest that she is not only a brilliant scholar, but also a charismatic teacher. I hope you will enter this event into your calendar, and plan to join us for this unique learning opportunity. Finally, I am grateful to Donna Oser, who is the chair of our Adult Education committee, for her leadership, vision, and support for this and other initiatives at Har Shalom.

With heartfelt blessings for good health,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Raskin".

Rabbi Adam Raskin

***Dr. Mijal Bitton is a Scholar in Residence
at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North
America, and the Rosh Kehilla (communal
leader) and co-founder of the
Downtown Minyan in New York City.***

Learn more at:

<https://www.hartman.org.il/person/mijal-bitton/>

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@ 7:30PM**

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FROM THE *Hazzan*



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Hazzan

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Since November, I have been attending the Rising Song Institute's Facilitator Training. The Rising Song Institute is *Mechon Hadar's* meeting place and incubator for creative musicians and prayer leaders who hope to reinvent the future of music as a communal Jewish spiritual practice. It is led by Joey Weisenberg, who came to Har Shalom some years ago as a Musical Scholar in Residence. I want to share with you some of the wisdom I'm gaining through this masterclass. I would like to start with the idea of a *nigun*.

Nigun, as it came to be understood in the Hasidic tradition, is a melody that does not use words, but only repetitive syllables. The power of a *nigun* is considered to go beyond the power of words and prayers. The fixed prayers of the Jewish service are defined, and our philosophers and teachers of old counted every word in the *siddur*. One who is already initiated in the meaning of the prayers and conversant in the words of the blessings might find spirituality on a given service. Most attendees, however, miss the obscure self-references and are bogged down by the inscrutable Hebrew. Services become an exercise on how fast you can recite meaningless words, so we don't delay the next meal.

Because of its simple musical structure and the non-sensical, repetitive syllables, a *nigun* can reach below and above the actual meaning and possible spirituality of the prayers. Jacob Ben Asher, author of the *halahic* compendium known as the *Tur*, equated a *nigun* with Jacob's ladder. Our Patriarch Jacob dreamt of a ladder with its base on earth and its top in Heaven, and angels went up and down the ladder. The word *sulam* (ladder in Hebrew) also means musical scale; and the angels represent the musical notes. A *nigun* is meant to bring us up to and down from heaven: musically, as the melody becomes higher and then descends in the scale; spiritually, as we connect emotionally to the melody and allow ourselves to be fully present. Finally, a *nigun* also elevates our prayers to God, and brings back God's answer.

I believe that the prayers in our services are guidelines to enhance our behavior on earth, that they are a path for our acting in more divine ways. I believe that adding a silent pause after the prayers allows us to assimilate their meaning and to listen to God's response to our calling. A *nigun* is both the warm up of our spirit, allowing us to reach an emotional connection as we prepare to say our prayers; and that pause which allows us to connect to the words and open ourselves to God's answer.

Looking forward to chanting many *nigunim* with you.

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Hazzan Ozur Bass

FROM THE *PRESIDENT*



Steven Susswein
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I write these words with great hope. I know that the next few months will be difficult. But the good news of a pending vaccine reassures me that there is light at the end of the tunnel. I choose to take the reissuance of the Tablet as an important reminder that the things which we took for granted prior to this pandemic shall return. I am allowing myself some cautious optimism that we might begin to repopulate our building in the spring and -- perhaps, *B'Ezrat Hashem*, with the help of God -- sit at each other's seder tables.

It is not only hope I feel. I also am experiencing profound gratitude (an appropriate feeling during the Thanksgiving season). I am grateful for our community, for our synagogue, for our talented staff -- in particular, for our Synagogue Administrator, Carly Litwok, who grabbed the reins of leadership with authority and command, who works hard to satisfy the needs of congregants while strengthening the morale of our staff and improving the efficiency of our systems. I am grateful for our dedicated clergy -- Rabbi Adam Raskin and *Hazzan* Henrique Ozur Bass -- who have seamlessly transformed our religious services and educational offerings to accommodate our current circumstances and sustain us with spiritual counsel at the time when we need it most. I am indebted to the Executive Committee: a superior group of unwavering congregants who carries the load with me, advises me with such wisdom and provides me indispensable encouragement. Thank you, too, to the physicians, scientists, academics and first responders among us who constitute our reopening task force and who daily follow the data and advisories on how we must proceed to stay safe.

We expected some of the pandemic-related challenges. We anticipated that dues payments would lag in line with the economic downturn -- and they have. We knew that last year's surplus was on account of our participation in the Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program. We expect that this year, without further government assistance, we will run a deficit -- the continuing consequence of our

inherited responsibilities to service the debt on our Burke sanctuary. But, between our special Count Our Blessings campaign and the High Holiday Appeal, fundraising has remained steady; we have saved some money in the recent staff restructuring; and we benefit greatly from the lease with our new tenant, the Harbor School. Happily, due to the unceasing efforts of our Sherman ECC staff, led by ECC Director Beth Hoch, and fortified by the continued generous support of Ira and Maryjo Sherman, our ECC has been reopened since August, fully compliant with all the rules and regulations, and near full capacity. Due to the hard work of Education Director Ruth Szykman, our K-7 educational programming has successfully transformed to on-line learning and the feedback we are getting is very positive. We have welcomed two new professionals to our staff: Dena Blaustein as Marketing and Communications Coordinator, and Melissa Schwartz, as Membership and Teen Engagement Coordinator.

There have been other pandemic-related challenges which I did not expect (but perhaps should have). Most especially, some profound disagreements among us, the magnitude of which the pandemic has undoubtedly exacerbated. But we are working on these issues and I point to the energy and involvement of our SATO subcommittee on racial justice as a way forward. I believe that with the hope of the end of the pandemic should come a needed perspective: that we remain one community and while we will never always agree -- even on important matters -- we should never stop listening to and respecting each other.

So it's hope and gratitude that I feel. I suggest that it is hope and gratitude that should sustain us as we persevere through these last few months of pandemic separation; and strengthen us to continue our efforts to do -- and not do -- the things which keep each other safe and healthy. With hope and gratitude, I think there is also opportunity -- to imagine how we can transform some of the lessons we have learned during this period of physical separation into enhancing the quality of our synagogue life in the future. I welcome your ideas and thoughts about that and, of course, I look forward to seeing you again.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Steven Susswein". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Steven Susswein

FROM THE *Synagogue Administrator*



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2020 turned out to be much different than we all expected. I can promise you, I never thought I would be leading our synagogue, in a pandemic, working remotely, managing online High Holy Days, services, programs, and reimagining what synagogue engagement looks like. Our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly to ensure Har Shalom remained a warm, vibrant, and

welcoming place. I would like to publicly thank them for their efforts and encourage you to do the same when you next communicate with them. Rabbi Raskin and Hazzan Ozur Bass were able to shift our services from in person to an online format, provide emotional and spiritual support (virtually 24/7), and continue to lead our synagogue and strengthen our community with humility. Beth Hoch, our Director of Early Childhood Education flawlessly executed a plan to allow our Ira and Maryjo Sherman Early Childhood Center to open in compliance with both CDC and State of Maryland safety guidelines. Ruth Szykman, Director of Education, was able to shift Har Shalom's Religious School to a successful online format and has worked diligently with Melissa Schwartz, Membership and Teen Engagement Coordinator and Stephanie Aseraph, Youth Administrator, on engaging programming for our K-12 students. Leslie Albershardt, Clergy Assistant, Joanna Rubin, Facility and Kitchen Manager, Jessica Railey, Accounting Liaison, and Dena Blaustein, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, and of course our Facilities Team (Marco, Roberto, Dennis, and Karina) have put in more work, round the clock, than I ever could have expected to make sure that our community thrives. The entire staff deserves our praise—their dedication is truly unwavering. Last, I would like to thank you, our community, for your continued support and for putting your faith in me as the leader of this wonderful congregation. I am looking forward to continuing this journey with you into a safe and healthy 5781.

Carly Litwok

MEET OUR *TEAM*



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I grew up in Richmond, VA and moved to Baltimore, MD at the beginning of high school. After graduating from Ithaca College, I ended up moving back home and spent a lot of time volunteering, thus sparking my interest in working with Jewish nonprofits. My passion for organization and event planning, coupled with an interest in fundraising and a soft spot for the health sector, have given me so many rewarding professional opportunities over the years.

I relocated back to the DMV area earlier this summer for my husband's new role at NIH, and we are so glad our 2 year old son can grow up closer to family (Baltimore, Olney, DC). I am so excited to be a part of the Har Shalom team and am up for this new challenge of being your Marketing & Communications Coordinator!

Fun facts: I love trying new foods, watching movies, and spending time with friends and family!



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My name is Stephanie Hila Aseraph and I was born and raised in Rockville, Maryland. Upon graduation from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School (12'), I attended Towson University. There, I received a B.A. in Family Studies & Human Services and an M.A. in Leadership in Jewish Education & Communal Service. I began my professional experience throughout my college years where I taught Hebrew School and interned for the Center for Jewish Education in Baltimore. After receiving my Master's Degree, my involvement in the Jewish professional world continued as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager for Masa Israel Journey. Today, I am happy to be a part of the Har Shalom team by teaching Hebrew in HSRS and working as the new Youth Administrator.

Fun facts: I love to dance, listen to Israeli music, and learn to cook traditional Moroccan foods!

FROM THE *SHERMAN ECC*



Beth Hoch
Director of Early
Childhood Education

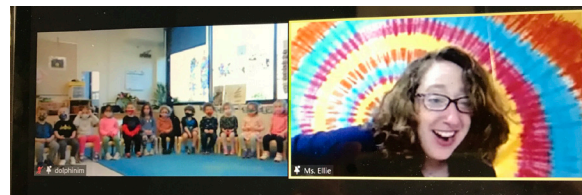
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The Sherman ECC community recently had over 150 people participate in a memorable multi-generational program. Zoom in on Friendship and Gratitude brought together the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and special friends to join their Sherman ECC student for singing and kvelling! In this time when so many things are cancelled we chose to focus on what we can do and we are reimagining programming to make it safe. Grandparents and other family are longing for the time when it is safe to celebrate together. Why wait for Covid to be over; we can connect in so many ways now! Our children grow so fast and it's vitally important that we all creatively brainstorm how to maintain connection and with each other. For Hanukkah the Sherman ECC and Har Shalom Young Family community also came together to spread love and light as we all lit Hanukkah candles together. We look forward to virtual celebrations for Purim and Passover in addition to all of the creative programming happening daily at school. Here are some ideas for get-togethers that can be done virtually or by mail. Keep thinking out of the box and please reach out to share how your family has been staying connected!

- Bring in Shabbat together with candles, grape juice and challah
- Cook together
- Draw pictures and postcards to send to each other
- Read books or play an online game together. Check out Caribu.com where families can virtually read books, play games and do puzzles together.
- Create a scavenger hunt for nature, toys, shapes, animals, or colors.
- Plan a Zoom or FaceTime sing-along. Search for free preschool music online and have a dance party together.

Wishing you all health and blessings in 2021!

Beth Hoch



Thank you to Sherman ECC daddy Herbie Epstein, a Police Officer at the Arlington County Police Department, for coming to talk to the children about his work to keep our community safe and answer the children's questions.



FROM THE *RELIGIOUS SCHOOL*



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Paul McCartney has a great version of the old classic song “Accentuate the Positive”. C’mon everyone – sing with me:

You’ve got to accentuate the positive

Eliminate the negative

And latch on to the affirmative

Don’t mess with mister in-between

This is a great theme song for HSRS this year. No one knew what to expect from a virtual religious school on Zoom – it was easy to think about the negatives, but how to find the positives?

It’s Sunday morning and I have 6 screens set up on my desk, watching our classes. Our new Values based curriculum is in full swing. Today all the classes begin the *Shalom Bayit* (peace in the home) unit. The positives are right in front of me as I listen in:

- Morah Michelle in the Kindergarten class has students drawing pictures of the room they are in right now and then practice writing the letter *Bet*
- Morah Joanna introduces the word *Mishpacha* (family) and then invites students to go get some family members for everyone to meet. (we also met Kylie’s cats!)
- Moreh Ben is in the middle of lively discussion with his 4th graders about our personal accountabilities to keep *Shalom Bayit* after they watched a short video.
- Morah Jess is having the 6/7 graders play a spinning wheel game on Flippity to offer up different ethical dilemmas to consider and discuss.

So much of this is not much different from our old classroom life, yet there are a whole bunch of positives that are new to our experience: Being able to bring family to the classroom, using technology to enhance a lesson and engage the students in a different way, letting students use their home environment to help enrich a class, fully integrating music and videos into

the lessons. Whether it’s playing Kahoot, using Peardeck, playing Israeli music during break time, showing a video clip, having access to digital books and that great Whiteboard feature on Zoom, I’m so proud of how our teachers have embraced the technology to create meaningful experiences for our students. Our new small group weekday Hebrew classes are a big hit too. Working in groups of 5 or 6 allows Morah Stephanie and Morah Mercedes to really focus on each student and they have been progressing at a terrific rate.

Now, I know Zoom fatigue is real, that we miss being together, miss praying and playing together, miss being at Har Shalom together. I cannot wait to be in that hallway again, greeting kids and chatting with parents, but as we hit our halfway mark of the year, I’d like to accentuate the positive and latch on to the affirmative...

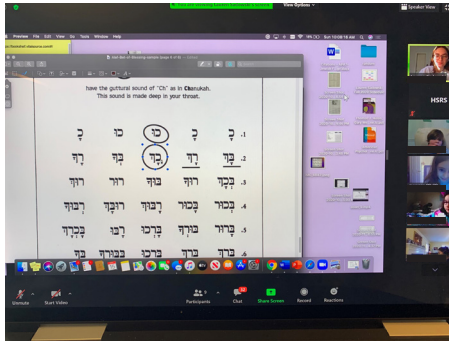
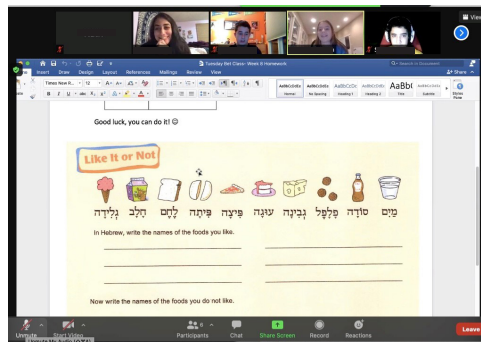
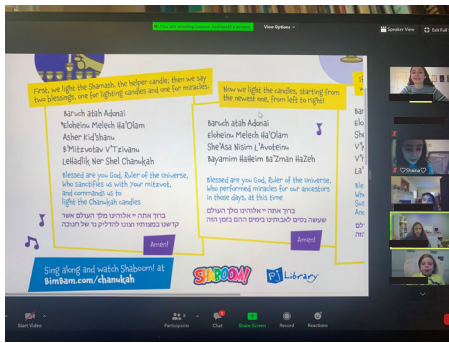
I’m sharing a few pictures from the school year so far – just to give you all a glimpse into our classrooms. Enjoy!

Ruth

B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS OF 2023-2024 DATE REVEAL

Sunday, February 28 at 10:30 AM

Zoom link will be provided



Shabbat Family Service
with Ruth at 10:00 AM
Grades K-5
 Join Ruth on Zoom to celebrate Shabbat. Let's daven, tell stories and learn Torah together. The service is for the whole family. Ruth will send out the online siddur (or print it out, if you'd like) and the Zoom link each month.

January 30
February 27
March 20
April 17
May 15

FROM *TEEN ENGAGEMENT*



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Shalom,

Thank you all for the wonderful welcome to the Har Shalom community! I am so excited to be working with Har Shalom teens this upcoming year. We have some great programs in store for you. I was excited to meet so many teens last month. Between a spirited game of Among Us to saying hello during our Swag Bag Drive By, I am so excited by all of their energy! We also had a wonderful first meeting of our newly formed Teen Council. It was a great way for the teens to let me know what programs and issues are important to them. While we are not able to meet in person, there is still plenty we can do together! We are also in the process of gathering information to contact teens directly. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to fill out our teen information form.

Please be on the lookout for more information about our upcoming Make a Difference program as well as upcoming social programs as well. We look forward to having your teen involved!

B'Yedidut (in friendship),
 Melissa Schwartz



HAR SHALOM TEEN PROGRAMS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This program looks at issues of social justice along with a social action component. Each month has a different focus area. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers, watch videos, participate in discussions, and learn with Rabbi Raskin. Certain topics will also feature a follow-up project where teens can Make a Difference. Make a Difference is open to 7th-12th graders and meets on Wednesday evenings. There is no charge, but *reservation is required* for the zoom link.

January 13, 2021 - Tolerance

How to be Comfortable Having
Uncomfortable Conversations

February 10, 2021 - Inclusion Awareness

What Does It Mean We Are All Made in
G-d's Image?

March 10, 2021 - Racial Justice

How Can You Hate Me When You Don't
Know Me?

April 21, 2021 - Environmental Justice

I Speak for the Trees

May 12, 2021 - Homelessness and Poverty

All Who Are Hungry Let Them Come
and Eat

June 9, 2021 - LGBTQA Awareness

Love is Love



HAR SHALOM TEEN COUNCIL

The Teen Council is open to any 9th-12th graders and meets on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm. The Council will be made up of different committees and also include USY and BBYO representatives. There is no cost to join the Teen Council.

TEEN COUNCIL MEETING DATES

- ✓ January 4, 2021
- ✓ February 1, 2021
- ✓ March 1, 2021
- ✓ April 5, 2021
- ✓ May 3, 2021
- ✓ June 7, 2021

For more information, contact Melissa at mschwartz@harshalom.org.

MEN'S CLUB *BRUNCH*



HAR SHALOM
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Sunday
Jan 10
10:00 am

Joint Men's Club & Sisterhood Virtual Brunch

Guest Speaker



John McCarthy,
Montgomery County State's Attorney

Mr. McCarthy will discuss our county's Criminal Justice Challenges

Following his presentation, you will have an opportunity to submit questions via the Zoom chat feature.

Set up your home table and connect at 10:00am.
Use the links on Har Shalom e-Mails or Website to connect.

Coming soon ...

On **Sunday, Feb. 7, at 10:00am** our Men's Club/Sisterhood Virtual Brunch features **Dr. Mitchell G. Bard**, as guest speaker. Dr. Bard is Executive Director of **American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE)** and the Director of the Jewish Virtual Library. He is an American foreign policy analyst, editor and author specializing in U.S. – Middle East policy.

The focus of his presentation will be the current state of American Israeli relationships and his forecast of the impact of the new administration. Dr. Bard holds a Ph.D. in political science from UCLA and a master's degree in public policy from Berkeley. He received his B.A. in economics from UC Santa Barbara.

For three years, Dr. Bard was the editor for AIPAC's *Near East Report*, a weekly newsletter on U.S. Middle East policy. Prior to that position, he served as an analyst in the polling division of the 1988 George H.W. Bush campaign.



Dr. Bard has appeared on local, national and international television and radio shows and his work has been published in academic journals, magazines and major newspapers. He is the author/editor of 24 books including: *Israel Matters*; *The Arab Lobby*; *Will Israel Survive?*; and, *Death to the Infidels*. In 2013, Dr. Bard was placed on the Algemeiner's list of the Top 100 People Positively Influencing Jewish Life.

The program is free. Please watch for registration details as we get closer to February 7th.

MEMBERSHIP *Committee*



Melissa Schwartz
*Membership and Teen
Engagement Coordinator*

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Shalom,

I am so happy to be a part of the Har Shalom community! I wear many hats. My full title is Membership Engagement and Teen Coordinator. While I am excited to work with the teens of Har Shalom to develop programs to keep them connected to each other and to the synagogue, I am also excited to work with the Membership Committee, clergy, and staff of Har Shalom to help keep our entire congregation engaged. It is more important than ever for our synagogue community to be here for each other and to find ways to reach out to one another. Our building may be closed but spiritually we are together. I look forward to meeting many of you over zoom in the coming months. If you have an idea for a program or just want to say hello, please feel free to call or email me at MSchwartz@harshalom.org. My (virtual) door is open!

B'Yedidut (in friendship),
Melissa Schwartz

From the Membership Committee:

The Membership and Program Committee has been hard at work planning programs to engage our great Har Shalom Community. This summer and fall we organized Trivia Nights and Bingo Nights. In December, we hope that everyone enjoyed the exhibit honoring the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (z"l) with the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

Upcoming Events:

- Kosher Wine Tasting
- Virtual Walking Tour of Jerusalem co-sponsored with Sisterhood



VIRTUAL WINE TASTING EVENT

JANUARY 9 AT 8:00 PM

Join us for a 1-hour guided tasting of 3 premium wines from around the world, led by *Kosherwine.com*'s highly experienced, and very entertaining, Wine Consultant.

*This is a joint program between
Sisterhood and Membership Committee.*

Cost: \$36 per household

For more information, and to RSVP:
harshalom.org/winetasting

Zoom link will be sent prior to event.

ADULT *EDUCATION*



Hebrew Reading Crash Course with Rabbi Raskin:

Sundays at 10:00 AM: January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

The course assumes no prior knowledge of Hebrew reading and is free to all. Please email Leslie (leslie@harshalom.org) if you're interested.

SATO/*SOCIAL ACTION TIKKUN OLAM*

At Har Shalom, we take our community obligations seriously and welcome your participation. The SATO (Social Action/Tikkun Olam) committee is now organized into four areas to better serve those in need during the pandemic, with a focus on our local area. The three active SATO pillars are:

- **Food Insecurity/Collections**
- **Refugee and Immigration Justice**
- **Racial Justice**

In addition, the **Green Team**, seeded by the Dorann Bunkin z'l Environmental Impact Fund, needs a chairperson and more members to spearhead Har Shalom's environmental engagement.

Food Insecurity/Collections

During these trying times, food donations in Montgomery County have decreased by 50%, while needs have increased by nearly the same amount. Furloughed, laid off, and those unable to find work in an economy made weak by COVID-19 have added over 30,000 additional Montgomery County residents to those who don't know where their next meal is coming from. Despite living in an affluent community, food pantries and shelters are sorely needed. One hundred thousand of our neighbors now risk going to bed hungry. These neighbors include children, seniors with limited incomes, and the working poor, many of whom are essential personnel working throughout the pandemic.

Despite millions of federal, state, and local dollars devoted to this issue, the crisis is outlasting the money. Many worthy organizations are trying to fill the gap. One of these, Food for Montgomery, is raising \$5 million in private philanthropy for local needs. If you want to help this cause, donate at www.thecommunityfoundation.org/donate-now-moco-food-security.

Har Shalom FOOD DRIVES will continue in support of the Manna Food Warehouse, Capital Area Foodbank, Yad Yehuda Kosher Pantry, Stepping Stones Shelter, and Montgomery County Men's and Women's Shelters. Donors and drivers are always needed as well as suggestions on how we can better serve the community.

Har Shalom also participates in JSSA's **MEALS ON WHEELS** program. All COVID-19 precautions as recommended by the CDC and the State of Maryland are followed when delivering meals to recipients. Additional volunteers are needed. For more information on Meals on Wheels, how it works and the time involved, please contact Stew Remer at 301-233-1996 or email: sremmer@verizon.net.

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Refugee & Immigration Reform

Har Shalom is involved in activities related to welcoming refugees, asyles, and immigrants into our community and advocating for justice on their behalf.

- Several Har Shalom families participate in the International Rescue Committee's Family **MENTOR PROGRAM**. Family Mentors work directly with a refugee family or individual to ease their transition to the Washington, DC Metro area and the United States. Mentors focus on a Mentee's English acquisition, socialization of American culture, and integration into the local community.
- Work has begun with Jews United for Justice (www.jufj.org) in providing advocacy for Maryland state legislation supporting immigration justice bills introduced to the Maryland General Assembly.
- Har Shalom members have signed up for training to staff the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition hotline for immigrant detainees in local detention centers. The Coalition strives to ensure equal justice for all immigrant adults and children at risk of detention and deportation in the Capital region area and beyond through direct legal representation, know your rights presentations, impact litigation, advocacy, and the enlistment and training of attorneys to defend immigrants.
- Har Shalom is a HIAS Welcome Campaign congregation, making an affirmative statement in support of welcoming refugees to the United States by educating others about refugees, advocating with elected officials, holding events and programs, building partnerships, and helping refugees in our local communities as referenced by the activities mentioned above. Please contact Stew Remer, at 301-233-1996 or email: sremer@verizon.net if you want to get involved and for more information about these programs.

Racial Justice

The Racial Justice Pillar is concluding its 4 week seminar, **B'tzelem Elohim** - In God's Image, lead by Rabbi Abbi Sharofsky of the JCRC-GW (Jewish Community Relations Council-Greater DC) at no cost to Har Shalom. We have discussed topics of equity, equality, and justice from a Jewish values perspective. The final session is January 4 at 8 pm and all are welcome. Recordings of prior sessions are posted on the Har Shalom web site.

Members of the committee are researching hands-on volunteer opportunities. Please contact Diane Berinstein at dhberinstein@me.com if you want to get involved.

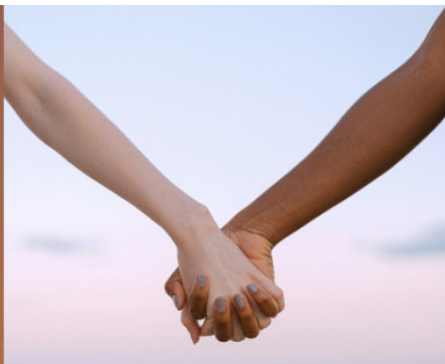
We welcome Har Shalom congregants to commit to any initiatives that speak to them. Share your interest(s) via email with Marjorie Klein at msklein424@aol.com.

B'tzelem Elohim - In God's Image

led by
Rabbi Abbi Sharofsky
of JCRC-GW

There is NO fee for this program,
but registration is required to
receive the Zoom link:

harshalom.org/satoRJseminar



Explore topics of
equity and justice
through a lens of
Jewish values. All
Har Shalom friends
welcome!

Seminar meets on Mondays at 8:00pm:

- November 16
- November 30
- December 21
- January 4



SATO's Monthly and Ongoing Collections:

January

- New and gently used hats, scarves, and gloves,
- New socks

Place items in the synagogue vestibule in a bag marked SATO.



February

A food collection coinciding with Soup-er Bowl Sunday continues through the month of February.

Please donate non-perishable food (no glass) in the marked box in the vestibule.

Monetary donations to Manna and Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger, are encouraged.

Ongoing

- New and nearly-new bras of all sizes
- New underwear and socks

Donations of feminine hygiene products for I SUPPORT THE GIRLS.

Place items in the vestibule in a bag marked SATO.



I SUPPORT THE GIRLS

FROM THE *HESED* COMMITTEE

What does HESED mean?

It's a Hebrew word translated as loving kindness.

What is the HESED Committee? *Hesed* is our committee of volunteers at Har Shalom that focuses on Acts of Loving Kindness. We hope to reach out to our community and support our Har Shalom members in times of convalescing, isolation, ongoing medical treatments, as well as joyous occasions like the arrival of a new baby. The *Hesed* Committee hopes to help you feel that your Har Shalom family is a caring community. Sometimes you may need loving support, a friendly phone call, or a homemade meal from our community, but other times you may be able to help someone who needs your care.

What does the HESED committee do?

We work collaboratively with Rabbi Raskin, *Hazzan* Ozur Bass, Carly Litwok and staff to identify a person in need of *Hesed*. During the pandemic, we are a phone squad of callers checking in on our older congregants to see how they are feeling, if they need groceries, pharmacy pick-ups or a Moti's run. We also provide technology support for congregants to help them connect virtually for Har Shalom services and classes.

We are starting to send personal notes to congregants to remind them we care during the period of mourning after the death of a loved one. And our next project aims to bring Shabbat cheer to the community through random

surprise drop-off and notes to our congregational family.

Hesed Committee also has been preparing and delivering homecooked meals and setting up Mealtrains for individuals and families convalescing after surgery, undergoing prolonged medical treatments, and after the birth of a newborn.

How can I help *Hesed* Committee?

If you hear of a Har Shalom member who you think is in need of caring support, please email *Hesed* committee: Hesed@HarShalom.org or call Leslie in the clergy office.

If you have time to make a few phone calls, write some handwritten cards, help a member with the use of communicative technology like Zoom, or cook a meal or sweet treat for a member of our Har Shalom family, please contact us!

We're here for you, our congregational family, and are eager for new members and ideas of how we can help! We look forward to hearing from you.

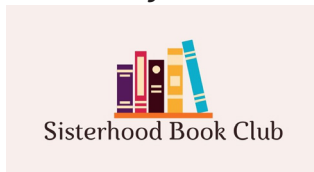
Fran Elson & Aileen Goldstein
Co-chairs, *Hesed* Committee

FROM THE *SISTERHOOD*

From Your Sisterhood President, Susan Grant

We all have had to create a new normal as we endure these challenging times. We need to continue to thrive even with the coronavirus pandemic still upon us. Sisterhood shifted gears quickly, moving to virtual programs to reach our many Sisterhood members. If you have had a chance to look at the calendar events, Sisterhood retains a strong presence in what is being offered. The new year of 2021 is no different. Please look at the many programs Sisterhood has to offer including our ongoing book club, bimonthly *Rosh Hodesh* programming, our reimagined *Mishloach Manot* fundraiser, and other special programs cosponsored with the synagogue. We are excited to present programs for our Har Shalom community. Please contact me if you have programs that you would like to see happen, and if you would like to be part of Sisterhood. Women with women, for women. We are Your Sisterhood.

Sisterhood Daytime 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 our upcoming discussions:

Jan 6: *The Song of Jade Lily* / By Kristy Manning

Feb 3: *Valentine* / By Elizabeth Wetmore

March 3: *House on Endless Waters* / By Emuna Elon

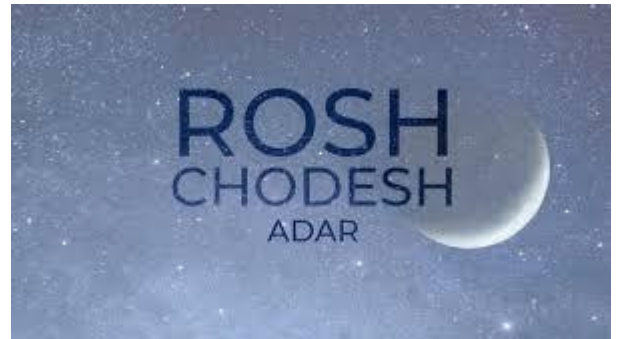
Email us at sisterhoodbookclub@harshalom.org if you'd like to be part of the Book Club so we can send you a link to the Zoom meetings!

Sisterhood Purim

This year may be like no other, but Purim will still arrive on February 25–26th. Sisterhood's Purim fundraiser will look different, but keep an eye out for an email at the beginning of January.



Sisterhood Women celebrate Rosh Hodesh Adar February 11, 2021 – 8 PM



When *Adar* arrives, joy increases! *Purim* is almost here. Let's prepare. After our Rosh Hodesh service we will focus on concrete ways to increase our joy. We'll discover GELONTOLOGY (the study of laughter and its effects on the body), share our best jokes, and participate in a laughter meditation.

RSVP to tbholtzman@gmail.com by February 7, 2021 to receive your Zoom link and a PDF of the service.

2021 Mah Jongg Cards



Again this year we are offering the opportunity to order the 2021 mah jongg cards for the following prices. This is a fundraiser for our Sisterhood.

\$9 for the regular / \$10 for the large

Please make out the check to the **Sisterhood of Congregation Har Shalom** and mail to: 992 Farm Haven Drive, Rockville MD 20850.

All requests for cards (including payment) must be received by Monday, January 29, 2021.

Questions? Contact Phyllis Coburn dpcoburn1@gmail.com

Program sponsored by Har Shalom Sisterhood and Membership Committee

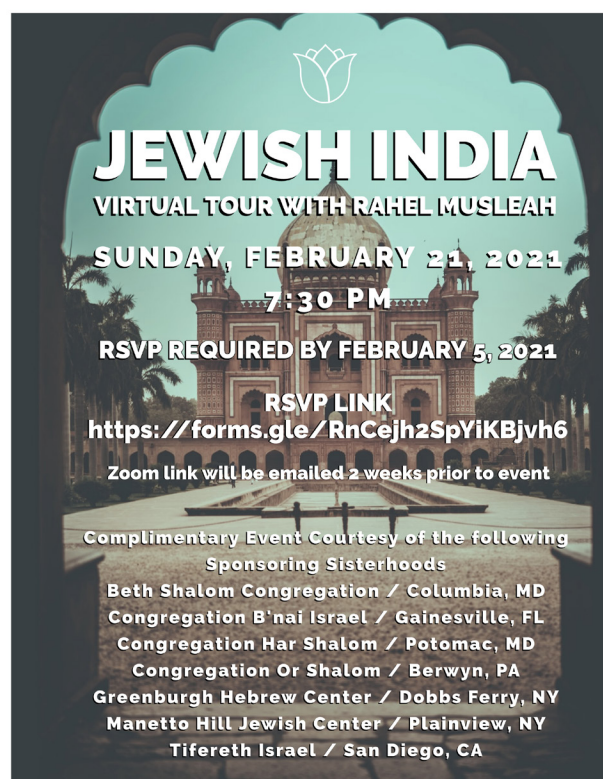
***LIVE* Virtual Tour of Jerusalem**

Sunday, February 28 @ 11:00 AM EST

*Forget the fanny pack and sunscreen - sit back and enjoy a *LIVE* virtual walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem!*

For more information, and to register:
www.HarShalom.org/IsraelTour

Program is FREE, but registration is required to receive Zoom details.

JEWISH INDIA

VIRTUAL TOUR WITH RAHEL MUSLEAH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021
7:30 PM

RSVP REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 5, 2021

RSVP LINK
<https://forms.gle/RnCejh2SpYiKBjvh6>

Zoom link will be emailed 2 weeks prior to event

Complimentary Event Courtesy of the following Sponsoring Sisterhoods

- Beth Shalom Congregation / Columbia, MD
- Congregation B'nai Israel / Gainesville, FL
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- Congregation Or Shalom / Berwyn, PA
- Greenburgh Hebrew Center / Dobbs Ferry, NY
- Manetto Hill Jewish Center / Plainview, NY
- Tifereth Israel / San Diego, CA

TORAH FUND:

In keeping with the Torah Fund theme for this year, *B'Yachad*-Together, more than 85 women joined together on Tuesday, November 17th, as we celebrated Torah Fund with a beautiful cantorial concert entitled, "From Broadway To The Bimah". Joining us for this special event were Women's League International President, Debbi Goldich, Women's League Executive Director, Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields, Women's League International Torah Fund Chair, Barbara Ezring and Seaboard Region Torah Fund Chair, Marjorie Fuhrmann. Following a lovely D'Var Torah by Rabbi Raskin, we were treated to the magnificent voices of fifth year H. L. Miller cantorial student, Eryka Velazquez, recipient of this year's Elizabeth Cahan Scholarship award, and Cantor Gil Ezring who inspired us with the stories of their journeys to becoming cantors, along with treating us with their beautiful voices. For those who joined us during this very special evening, our Torah Fund Committee thanks you for sharing your time with us and for the many donations to the 2020 Torah Fund Campaign.

Har Shalom Sisterhood is one of two sisterhoods in North America who consistently exceeds our Torah Fund goal each year. Our commitment to supporting the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires and the Zacharias Frankel College in Pottsdam, Germany is legendary. During this time of the pandemic, it

is more important than ever for us to keep supporting our wonderful students attending our five seminaries. Each of our schools is struggling to keep their students engaged by providing access to on-line teaching from our professors and scholars. It's not an easy time, but through the persistence and efforts put forth by our Torah Fund campaign, our students are continuing to pursue their respective courses and to staying on track to graduate on time. Through our contributions to Torah Fund, whether made on-line (www.torahfund.com) or by sending a check to me at my address as shown below, *B'Yachad*, we will succeed together in exceeding our goal for this year and once again, maintain our reputation of running the most successful Torah Fund campaign in all of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Every donation, no matter how large or how small, helps us to achieve our goal. If you have not currently made yours for this year, please consider making it by no later than May 15th. Our seminaries, rabbinic schools, scholars, educators and students will greatly benefit and appreciate your generosity.

May each of you continue to be safe and in good health, and may 2021 prove to be a better year for us all.

With gratitude and friendship,

Rita Wertlieb

Shelley Remer

Ellen Kaner Bresnick

Hanna Lee Pomerantz



**VIRTUAL
&
IN-PERSON
SERVICE
OFFERINGS**



Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays at 9:30 AM

*Connect via Zoom, watch the Live Stream, or
sign-up to attend in person*

Traditional Sunday Evening Minyan with David Marcus

Sundays at 7:30 PM

Connect via Zoom

Morning Minyan

Weekdays at 8:00 AM

Sundays at 9:00AM

Connect via Zoom

Contemplative Practice Based on The Evening Service

Monday-Thursday at 7:30 PM

Tune into Facebook LIVE or connect via Zoom

***Kaddish* will be recited if there are 10 people on Zoom**

For more information, and to download Siddur Sim Shalom, visit:

www.harshalom.org/services

HAR SHALOM *PURIM*

Save the Date and Celebrate

HAR SHALOM PURIM

February 25

Music, Megillah, and more!



FAMILY *News*

B'nei Mitzvah:



Sander and Sorrel Becker

May 23

Sons of Sharon Avrunin-Becker & Scott Becker
Grandsons of Miriam Avrunin and Marvin & Rachel Becker



Alana Udell

September 5

Daughter of Curt & Heather Udell



Anya Levy

September 6

Daughter of Beth Shapiro



Noah and Ari Perlman

October 24

Sons of Jason & Rebecca Perlman
Grandsons of Sorell Schwartz



Lucy Ginsburg

October 31

Daughter of Craig & Rachel Ginsburg
Granddaughter of Lew & Cheryl Geiger



Ryan Marcus

November 7

Son of Seth & Marisa Marcus
Grandson of Faye Feder



Samuel Lifsey

December 5

Son of Benjamin & Susan Lifsey



Ari Hoch

December 21

Son of Gerry & Beth Hoch



Matthew Strauch

January 9

Son of Andrew Strauch & Bonnie Handel
Grandson of Ken & Sheila Handel

Mazal Tov:

June 15th – October 15th

Barry & Barbara Korb on their 50th anniversary.

Herbert & Susan Gould on their 45th anniversary.

Laurie and Randy May on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Samantha Taylor, on June 13, in Seattle, Washington. Samantha is the daughter of Brooke and Brian Taylor.

Leonard & Michelle Tow on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Dara Tow, on June 20th. Dara is the daughter of Rabbi Rachel Schwartz and Rabbi Neil Tow.

Julie Miller, daughter of Jeff and Mikki Ashin, on receiving the Montgomery County Public Schools Shirley J. Lowrie "Thank You For Teaching" Award, which honors extraordinary elementary school teachers who have a deep dedication to the teaching profession.

Lauren Appelbaum on receiving The Rodenberry Foundation Impact Award, in partnership with Propper Daly's A Day of Unreasonable Conversation. Rodenberry Impact awardees are striving for a more equitable and inclusive industry that reflects the diversity and richness of our communities.

Bill & Ellen Bresnick on their 49th anniversary on July 4th.

Bill & Ellen Bresnick on the Bat Mitzvah of their

granddaughter, Rylie Tennen, daughter of Sara & Adam Tennen.

David & Sandy Freeman on their 30th anniversary on July 7th.

Robert & Phyllis Wolff on their 55th anniversary on July 11th.

Julianna Solomon, daughter of Jeffrey & Rachael Solomon, on her election as President of the Jewish Student Union at The University of Maryland, College Park.

Rabbi Adam Raskin on the beginning of his tenth year as Rabbi of Har Shalom and his 18th "chai" year in the Rabbinate.

Dana Poltilove, daughter of Ellen & Joshua Poltilove, on designing the winning friendship patch for Girl Scout Association 33, which includes 2,000+ girls.



Lisa & Lew Klein on the birth of their daughter, Jordan Rae. The excited big sister is Alexa in the Sherman ECC.

Zoe Wertlieb on her acceptance into Moving Tradition's Kol Koleinu ("All of our Voices") fellowship for young Jewish women.

Abe & Marcia Akresh on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Ezra Akresh, in Champaign, Illinois.

Emily Block on finishing treatments for breast cancer.

Jeffrey & Barbara Kurland on the marriage of their son, Adam, to Susan Engleson.

Shirley & Philip Wisotsky on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Joshua Block, son of Sondra & Stewart Block, on the release of "The Fight," the Sundance award-winning documentary featuring Josh and four other ACLU attorneys.

Robin Stutman on her retirement from the U.S. Department of Justice, after 36 years of service, most recently as the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer.

Brian Ashin, son of Jeff & Mikki Ashin, who was honored by the National Law Journal and identified as a "Rising Star" in the DC Metro area.

Jayne & Justin Boling on the birth of their son, Dax Myers Boling, younger brother of Piper and grandson of Shelley & Todd Engel. Dax is the nephew of Randi & Ricky Leshin, the great-grandson of Mickey z"l & Sheila Myers and Lois Engel, and the great-nephew of Terry & Beth Kleeman and Jerry & Stacey Engel.

Joe & Ellen Bravman on the birth of their first grandchild, Gwen Berry Bravman, on June 23rd. The proud parents are Kenny Bravman and Liz Scudlo of Los Angeles, CA.

Ellen & Bill Bresnick on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Micah Spector, son of Jay & Bethany Spector, on August 29th.

David & Hedda Kenton on their 58th anniversary.

Rami & Michelle Loya on their Double Chai 36th anniversary.

Marvin Becker on his 80th birthday.

Jacob Grant, son of Susan and Darryl Grant, who has relocated to Salt Lake City, Utah for a job at Northrop Grumman as a systems engineer. He graduated cum laude in May 2020 from the University of Maryland with a dual major in Physics and Computer Science.

Bob and June Plotkin on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Elyana Plotkin, on September 10th in Cleveland, Ohio. Elyana is the daughter of Rabbi Shalom Plotkin and Elise Braverman Plotkin.

Harvey and Ellen Karch on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Dahlia Karch, on September 5th in St. Louis Park, MN. Dahlia is the daughter of Andy and Kaori Karch, and the sister of Jonah and Annabelle.

Allen and Aimee Segal on their 18th anniversary. Elaine and Stanford Steppa on the marriage of their grandson, Aaron Steppa, to Rebeca Santora. Aaron is the son of Dr. Scott and Roberta Steppa and the nephew of Jamie & Howard Wollner and Stacie & Rick Gorinson. Elaine and Stanford also announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Liza Levin, to Jason Goldfarb. Liza is the daughter of Stacie Gorinson and the niece of Jamie & Howard Wollner and Scott & Roberta Steppa.

Bobbie Goldwater on the birth of her grandson, Royce Isaac Goldwater. The proud mother is Deena Goldwater. Royce is named after Richard z"l.

Howard and Cindy Menditch on the birth of their granddaughter, Eliza Emerson Gregory, on September 28th (Yom Kippur!) to Melanie and Patrick Gregory. The excited big sister is Scottie Hazel, and the family lives in Richmond, VA.

Karen Mausner on the birth of her grandson, Ashton Graham Taylor, son of Paige and Michael Taylor.

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich appointed Larry Center to the county's Victim Services Advisory Board. Larry's appointment keeps Har Shalom's rare institutional stretch-run going - his role was previously filled by Dr. Sorell Schwartz, preceded by Rabbi David Rose.

Samara Smith, daughter of Jonathan Smith and Hilary Belitsky, was chosen as the student leader at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School Whole School Sukkot/Sh'mini Atzeret/Simhat Torah T'filah program.

Hal and Laurie Freed on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Dahlia Mia Cohen, on October 17th in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Condolences:

June 15th – October 15th

The family of Bruce D. Gordon on his passing.

Stephanie (Andy) Batchelor on the passing of her father, John Carter.

Karen Mausner on the passing of her brother-in-law, Cary Mausner.

Barbara (Brett) Kaplowitz on the passing of her brother, Cliff Weckstein.

Bethany Kadish on the passing of her husband, Richard Kadish.

Sondra (Stewart) Block on the passing of her cousin, Joel Dackman.

Harvey (Wendy) Reiter on the passing of his mother, Gail Reiter.

Sheila Myers on the passing of her husband, Israel "Mickey" Myers, father of Shelley (Todd) Engel and Beth (Terry) Kleeman.

Janice (Daniel) Levine on the passing of her mother, Evelyn Metropolski.

The family of Lewis Gold on his passing.

June (Bob) Plotkin on the passing of her uncle, Marcus Kraus.

Rita (Barry) Wertlieb on the passing of her cousin, Ellen Babbitt.

Francie (Seth) Levita on the passing of her father, Alan Shefter.

Seth (Francie) Levita on the passing of his father, David Levine.

The family of Harold Weiss on his passing.

Pat (Jeff) Rubin on the passing of her father, Mel Krupin.

Steven Polakoff on the passing of his father, Sydney Polakoff.

Isaac Angres on the passing of his wife, Barbara Angres.

Gary (Vicki) Simon on the passing of his mother, Dorothy Simon.

Barry (Barbara) Korb on the passing of his brother-in-law, Richard Barry Schreiberstein.

DONATIONS

July 1st – November 23rd

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June 15 - October 15

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Our 30th anniversary
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Our 50th anniversary
Philip & Shirley Wisotsky

Sorell Schwartz
Saul Golubcow & Hedy

Teglasi

Our first grandchild, Ian
Michael Jenkins

The marriage of our son Alan
Jenkins to Jillian Rosenblum

Harold & Karen Jenkins

Yvonne & Kenneth Paretzky
Frances Feder

Leon and Nancy Weintraub's
50th wedding anniversary
Judy Lapping

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Kenneth & Sheila Handel

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Barbara Weiss
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