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THE TABLET

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Tickets Now Available for Har Shalom Players Cinderella, the Broadway Version



Saturday
January 28th
8:00 PM

Sunday
January 29th
4:00 PM

To purchase tickets, please visit:

harshalom.org/hsplayers
or call: 301-299-7087

This production is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of the
Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization. www.concordtheatricals.com.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

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FROM RABBI RASKIN

A few weeks ago I had the remarkable opportunity to spend Shabbat in College Park, at the University of Maryland. That particular weekend was known as “Shabbam,” or Shabbat Across Maryland. Students were encouraged to host each other for Shabbat dinner. After Kabbalat Shabbat services, hundreds of students gathered for meals...and I was so honored to be hosted by Har Shalom’s very own Abby Elson. There were twenty-some college students crowded around a truly beautiful Shabbat table. While Abby and her roommates made the main courses (and homemade challah!), others brought everything from salads to side dishes. We sang *Shalom Aleichem*, recited *kiddush* and *ha’motzi*, enjoyed a scrumptious meal that was followed by a rousing *Birkat Ha’Mazon*. I marveled watching these kids lead all the *davening* on Friday night, read all the Torah portions and *haftarah* along with Shabbat morning services, and host big, traditional Shabbat meals really made my heart swell. This is the future of the Jewish people! I was beyond proud.

The experience also reminded me of the significance of the college years for my own Jewish growth and commitments. Last month, while attending the Rabbinical Assembly Convention in St. Louis, I had an opportunity to visit with my college roommate, who lives there. While having dinner at his house, with his wife and kids, we reminisced about how we decided in our senior year that we were going to have a kosher kitchen in our off-campus apartment. We aspired to host meals for Shabbat and holidays, though neither of us had culinary abilities even remotely close to those I experienced recently at the University of Maryland! However, it was then that we both learned what truly went into maintaining a kosher kitchen. It was during the college years that I began to take ownership of my Judaism. I went to services, enrolled in college-level Hebrew classes, traveled to Israel, became a Jewish leader on campus, and dabbled in rituals and observances that were sometimes different from what I grew up with. Today, my former roommate, a partner in a law firm, is also a religious Jew, an officer of his synagogue and children’s day school boards of directors...and you know what happened to me!



Adam J. Raskin

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Nowadays we sadly often associate Jews and the college campus with antisemitism or anti-Zionism, and while that is certainly a growing problem, college is also a very exciting time to be Jewish. I have seen remarkably thriving Jewish communities on both of my daughters’ campuses, certainly at Maryland... and many other places as well. At Har Shalom, a number of parents have regrouped to launch our College Connection program, which, like many things, was depleted during the pandemic. I am so grateful to Jodi Chen, Diana Rabinowitz, Ellen Robin, Margie Swerdlow, and Marcie Wertlieb for helping us stay connected and engaged with our Har Shalom college students. At various times throughout the year, college students will receive gifts, messages, and support from our congregation and clergy. We want them to know that Har Shalom is always their shul, and that we love them! If you have a college student in your family, but have not submitted contact information yet, please do so right away by emailing Carly Litwok: carly@harshalom.org

In the recently published “Official Hillel 2022 College Guide to Jewish Life on Campus,” the editors (one a graduate student and the other an undergrad) wrote that there is a “global movement of Jewish students who are building their Jewish college experience.” What a breathtaking statement. Thousands of Jews on hundreds of college campuses discovering for themselves the beauty, meaning, and power of Jewish identity. I look forward to being in touch with our Har Shalom college students when they are on campus, to welcoming them to shul when they are home, and to always being a resource to them wherever they are. May the beginning of the second semester bring them new opportunities for exciting Jewish growth. And may this be a good omen for the future of the Jewish people!

L'Shalom,

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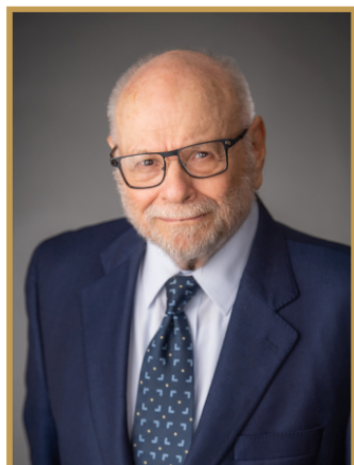
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GALA 2023 WITH HAR SHALOM



SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023
6:00PM - 9:30PM
CONGREGATION HAR SHALOM

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FROM RABBI SIMMONS

A wise (albeit somewhat mopey) biblical character named Kohelet once said: “for everything there is a season, and a time and purpose under Heaven” (Kohelet 3:1).

Well, the chilliest season is here, and sometimes it can be a challenge to understand what its wintry time and purpose under Heaven could possibly be. After all, winter is the season with the fewest leaves, the least amount of sun, the most layers of coats and sweaters and mittens and hats separating us from each other and the outside world. The days are shorter, the nights longer and colder. The kids and dogs that filled my neighborhood with their laughter and games during the summer and fall months are staying indoors, bundled up against the wind.

Adam and Eve didn’t last long enough in the Garden of Eden for us to know whether or not there were mid-Atlantic-style seasons In The Beginning, but my impression of that idyllic scenario as portrayed in the Torah is that it probably wasn’t initially designed with sleet, and sludge, and “forecasted wintry mix” in mind. (Especially because In The Beginning, Adam and Eve weren’t wearing any clothes! That would have been uncomfortable indeed.) Though Genesis describes God’s creation of seasons, the more extreme versions--the kind that contain hurricanes, blizzards, and droughts-- seem to be something that came into full existence post-Eden, post-Apple, post-snake.

I’m not trying to suggest that winter, then, is some kind of punishment for humanity-- a la the punishments God names for humans following Adam and Eve’s banishment from the Garden. Of course not! How can winter be a punishment when it contains so many sources of joy: making snow angels, and drinking cocoa, and basking in the beautiful holiday lights. And each other season brings with it its own individual joys, too, like strolling on the beach in summer, going apple picking in the autumn, and revelling in the fresh smell of flowers in the spring.

But even a season-lover like myself sometimes loses sight of that seasonal beauty during the coldest and most secluded moments of winter, or during the hottest, muggiest days of a mid-Atlantic summer. And in those moments of Kohelet-style melancholy, I have to wonder:

Wouldn’t it have been simpler to have it be spring everywhere all the time? Or at least for more places to be more temperate, like, say, Los Angeles, or Phoenix? What is the point of the never-ending cycle of the world? What can it teach us?



Rachel Simmons

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Perhaps there truly is a time and purpose for everything under Heaven, even for the existence of seasons themselves. The hypothesis I have to offer, in this coldest time of the year when new growth and warmth seem so far away, is a very simple one: that by requiring us to live in a world that is always changing, always developing, and always growing and dying at the same time, God has also required us to develop patience, and has gifted us with always having something to look forward to.

That is to say, God has given us a gateway into the experience of faith.

Because is there a more pure example of faith than simply believing that the roses will bloom again? That new buds will appear on trees, that pools will re-open and be filled with laughter and summer splashes? No matter what temperature it is outside, no matter our mood on any given day: We have faith that Spring will come again-- that dandelions will bloom and kids will come back outside to play. We have faith that even though we don’t completely understand how the world works, it is working as best it can.

Furthermore, we can practice utilizing this reassuring and cyclical type of faith to remind ourselves that, though our lives have had moments of emotional darkness or cold, though we experience challenges, we can also believe that there will be brighter times again. The projects that consume our time will one day be in the rearview mirror. The arguments we want to win will, again, give way to laughter. The physical world’s patterns are not the only ones we can rely on: no matter what we are feeling or going through, it can help to remember that this, too, shall pass.

Each part of this world has its time and purpose under Heaven, and we can have faith in that purpose, even in the depths of winter or in our own darkest moments.

Always,

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Rabbi Simmons

FROM THE HAZZAN

SHABBAT SHIRAH

This year, Shabbat Shirah will be on February 3-4, 2023. We are please to host Mezumenet, the treble Jewish a cappella group from University of Maryland. I know you will enjoy their musical offerings, and the spirit they will add to our shabbat.

Shabbat Shirah is the Saturday when we read *parashat Beshalah*, including Exodus XV from the Torah. This chapter of Exodus includes the Song of the Sea, also known in Hebrew as *Shirat haYam*, or simply *Shirah* (song). This is the song that Moses and Miriam sang after the people of Israel crossed the Sea of Reeds, on their way out of Egypt. It is a song of freedom, a song of victory. The words of the song are written in a brick-laying pattern, similar to a wall, because “the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left” (Exodus 14: 22). Therefore, *Shirat HaYam* looks different than all the other columns in the Torah. Some of the most famous verses from this song are: “*Who is like you, Adonai, among the deities*” (*Mi hamocha ba-elim Adonai*) and “*Adonai will reign forever and ever*” (*Adonai Yimlokh le’olam va’ed*). These verses are also found on the Siddur, before the morning and evening *Amidah* (silent prayer).

We use a special melody to chant this chapter from the Torah. The Song expresses our joy on attaining freedom and defeating Pharaoh, and the music reflects this with a special chant. This special chant is heard also in other occasions: during *Simhat Torah*, when the Torah reader recites the six days of creation; anytime we chant the phrase “Next year in Jerusalem”; and after concluding each book of the Torah with the phrase “*hazak, hazak, venithazek*”. Sephardi Jews use a particularly captivating melody, which we frequently chant during the morning service.

Because Shabbat Shirah can be translated as “Shabbat of Song”, it became traditional in Eastern Europe for the Hazzan to prepare a special musical program with the choir. It is our custom, here at Har Shalom, to invite an a Capella group to perform for us during services. We are blessed, this year, to host Mezumenet, and they will be singing during our Friday night and Saturday services.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Henrique Ozur Bass

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Henrique Ozur Bass
Hazzan

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Mark your calendar and join us!

Shabbat Shirah

Featuring
Mezumenet
University of Maryland's
treble Jewish a cappella group

**WEEKEND OF
FEBRUARY 3-4, 2023**

Derekh Tefilah

Explore prayers, their meaning, and function

Shabbat Mornings at 10 AM with Hazzan Ozur Bass

- Jan. 21 - Kedusha, the third paragraph of the Amidah
- Feb. 11 - Sim Shalom, concluding the Amidah
- Mar. 11 - Kaddish
- Apr. 15 - Prayer for rain in the winter;
Prayer for dew in the summer
- May 27 - Aleinu
- June 17 - Adon Olam



Mishna Study

WEDNESDAYS @ 10:30 AM
with Hazzan Ozur Bass via Zoom

As preparation for a Tikkun on the Fast of the First Born before Pesach,
we will be studying *Masechet Berachot*, the first of all the tractates.

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

www.HarShalom.org/MishnaStudy



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Carly Litwok
Executive Director
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Happy (secular) New Year to everyone!

I want to give you an update on all of our capital improvement projects. The largest undertaking, thanks to the Lewis Gold z'l Fund, was the rehabilitation of the entire façade of the building and the replacement of two roofs over the Burke Sanctuary. If you have noticed construction equipment, swing stages, and construction crews hanging from the sides of the building, know they are working hard on the façade to complete the work in March/April. We appreciate your patience if you notice noise during the day. The Ira and Maryjo Sherman Early Childhood Center and The Harbor School have enjoyed seeing all of the different equipment and processes at work – it is truly a STEAM learning opportunity. We have been working with both schools to ensure we are minimizing the disruption for our children during the day. The two roofs were completed in late November and no surprises were found – our very own construction miracle! We will begin work on the Burke Sanctuary and Art Gallery Hall Doors in the New Year thanks to the Federal Grant we received to help secure our facility.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with office tasks from covering the front desk for meetings to helping to stuff/label mailings, please let us know! We are always appreciative of your help.

Carly Litwok

REFUAH LIST RESET:

Providing support to congregants and their loved ones in need of healing is an important *mitzvah*. As we refresh our records to begin 2023, if you or a loved one would like to be included in the Har Shalom *Refuah* (Healing) prayer list, please complete the form online www.harshalom.org/RefuahList or call the Synagogue Office at 301-299-7087.



MANY THANKS FROM MANNA FOOD CENTER!

On behalf of the Manna team and the neighbors served, THANK YOU for participating in the Yom Kippur/Harvest Against Hunger food drives this fall. Har Shalom collected 1529 pounds of food and together with congregations across Montgomery County, contributed to generating 51,052 pounds of food for our neighbors in need! This generosity has set Manna on solid footing going into the Holiday months, and they are grateful for our continued engagement.

PURIM 5783 WITH HAR SHALOM



Purim With Har Shalom

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MARCH 5 & MARCH 6

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SPECIAL SHABBAT WITH HAR SHALOM

Kabbalat Shabbat - Fridays at 6:00PM | Shabbat Morning - Saturdays at 9:30AM

Shabbat Services are available In Person and LiveStream

**After Services, you're invited to stay and join us at approx. 12:00PM
for a kid-friendly Kiddush Luncheon in the Paul Family Social Hall**

JANUARY 7, 2023

10:30AM Shabbat Chaverim
Babies to 4 yrs with Morah Beth
K to Grade 2 with Molly Beth
Grade 3 - 5 Rabbi Simmons or Ruth

JANUARY 20, 2023

5:00PM Rockin' Shabbat with Rabbi Rachel
Families with children 5 and under

JANUARY 21, 2023

10:00AM Derekh Tefilah - Hospitality Suite
10:30AM Shabbat Chaverim
Babies to 4 yrs with Morah Beth
K to Grade 2 with Molly Beth
Grade 3 - 5 with Rabbi Simmons or Ruth

FEBRUARY 4, 2023

**9:30AM Shabbat Shirah featuring
Mezumenet - Burke Sanctuary**
10:30AM Shabbat Chaverim
Babies to 4 yrs with Morah Beth
K to Grade 2 | Back of with Molly Beth
Grade 3 - 5 with Rabbi Simmons or Ruth
7:00PM Dessert Night In

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

**9:30AM Refugee Shabbat featuring
Mariam Atahi - Burke Sanctuary**
10:00AM Derekh Tefilah - Hospitality Suite

FEBRUARY 18, 2023

9:30AM NCJW's 3rd annual Repro Shabbat
10:30AM Shabbat Chaverim
Babies to 4 yrs with Morah Beth
K to Grade 2 with Molly Beth
Grade 3 - 5 with Rabbi Simmons or Ruth

FEBRUARY 25, 2023

6:00PM Pajama Havdalah
Families with children 5 and under



Saturday, February 11

SPECIAL REMARKS FROM MARIAM ATAHI

Mariam received support from Har Shalom and St. Francis when she arrived in the US from Afghanistan in March 2022



REPRO SHABBAT

FEBRUARY 17-18, 2023
National Council of Jewish Women

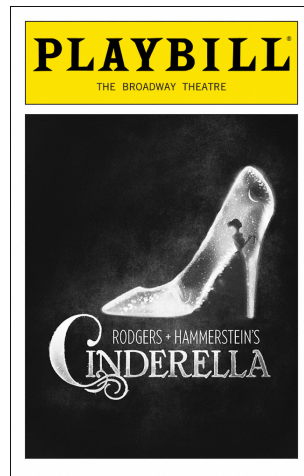


FROM THE HAR SHALOM PLAYERS

Do Not Miss HSP's Cinderella, the Broadway Version

The Har Shalom Player's production of Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella, the Broadway Version will be performed on January 28 and 29, 2023. Tickets can be purchased online at www.harshalom.org/hsplayers. As this is one of the major Har Shalom fundraisers for the year, please consider being a Patron (\$100/adult; \$36/12 and under child) or Chai Patron (\$180). Patron tickets include reserved parking, assigned preferred seating, and listing in program. Chai Patron tickets include patron ticket benefits plus guaranteed front row seating, complimentary refreshments during intermission, and special mention in the program. General seating tickets are \$22/adult and \$18/child (12 and under). Please note that while we recognize that the requirement of face masks in public places is no longer common and many Har Shalom Player ticket purchasers wish to have the option to attend a performance without being required to wear one; we also know that many prefer to attend performances where everyone in the audience is wearing a mask inside the theatre.

Therefore, Har Shalom will offer both options for patrons: Our Saturday evening performance (January 28th, 2023) will be designated as mask required; our Sunday matinee performance will be designated as mask optional.



Our stellar Cinderella cast, like for our previous productions, include both Har Shalom members and many from the Washington DC community theater scene. Synagogue members in the cast include Michael Baron, Shelly Basen, Hazzan Ozur Bass, Morgan Fusfield, Craig Ginsburg, Toby Holtzman, Ed Hutman, Kandy Hutman, Rabbi Adam Raskin, and Rabbi Rachel Simmons.

Our HSP production team includes Har Shalom members Ken Lechter and Stew Remer (Producers), Shelly Horn (Artistic Director), Deb Schapiro (Assistant Artistic Director), Sorell Schwartz (Assistant Producer/Photographer) and Brad and Ellen Balfour (Publicity). Also, we are privileged to have gained the superior community theater talents of Keith Tittermary (Music Director), Karen Creel and Isabelle Olivos Glander (Choreographers) and Dave Levin (Set Designer) to complete our amazing team.

In addition to buying tickets, you can support the play by purchasing commercial advertising for the program. This advertising will reach approximately 1000 to 1200 people and provides revenues that always make our productions an economic as well as artistic success. If you are interested in purchasing commercial advertising, please contact our Jackie Blanken (jackieblanken@gmail.com), or Jeff Ashin (law711@aol.com). Personal ads also are purchased by our actors and their friends and families.

Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella is a musical with the story derived from the fairy tale Cinderella. The story concerns a young woman forced into a life of servitude by her cruel stepmother. She dreams of a better life, and with the help of her Fairy Godmother, Cinderella is transformed into an elegant young lady and is able to attend the ball to meet her Prince. In this version, however, she opens the Prince's eyes to the injustice in his kingdom. This 2013 adaptation was the first version of Cinderella with the Rodgers and Hammerstein score mounted on Broadway.

HSP is very excited, after the forced two-year COVID hiatus, to be back and bringing this marvelous example of "community" into the fabric to our wonderful congregation both for cast members and audiences alike.

Visit www.HarShalom.org/HSPlayers for more information and to purchase tickets!

Har Shalom Players Annual Production

At Congregation Har Shalom

Har Shalom Players production of Rodger + Hammerstein's Cinderella (Broadway Version)
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To order tickets ...

Visit us online at www.harshalom.org/HSplayers.

Mail or return this ticket order form to: **Congregation Har Shalom,**
11510 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854 | Fax: 301-299-2247

All tickets will be held at Har Shalom. Will call desk opens one hour prior to show.

Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Chai Patron/Patron of the Arts Tickets:

_____ Chai Patron tickets @ \$180 **(circle)** Jan. 28 at 8pm or Jan. 29 at 4pm \$ _____
_____ Patron tickets @ \$100 (adult) **(circle)** Jan. 28 at 8pm or Jan. 29 at 4pm \$ _____
_____ Patron tickets @ \$36 (under age 13) **(circle)** Jan. 28 at 8pm or Jan. 29 at 4pm \$ _____

Patron tickets include reserved parking, assigned preferred seating, and listing in program.

Chai Patron tickets include patron ticket benefits plus guaranteed front row seating, complimentary refreshments during intermission, and special mention in the program.

Please list name(s) for program as follows: _____

General Admission Tickets

_____ tickets @ \$22 (adult) for January 28 at 8pm \$ _____
_____ tickets @ \$18 (under age 13) for January 28 at 8pm \$ _____
_____ tickets @ \$22 (adult) for January 29 at 4pm \$ _____
_____ tickets @ \$18 (under age 13) for January 29 at 4pm \$ _____

Group Sales – A block of 25+ tickets may be purchased at reduced rates

*Please indicate which show your group plans to attend: **(circle)** Jan. 28 at 8pm or Jan. 29 at 4pm*

_____ tickets @ \$16 (adult)
_____ tickets @ \$11 (under age 13)

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Payment Method:

_____ A check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to Congregation Har Shalom is enclosed.

_____ Charge the following credit card (please note a 2.5% convenience fee will be charged for credit card transactions. Minimum fee is \$1.00 per transaction)

Name as written on the credit card (please print) _____

Type of card **(circle)**: Visa | MasterCard

Card number _____ Exp. Date (month/year) _____

Authorized Credit Card Signature _____

Should you have any questions about obtaining tickets, please email: play@harshalom.org

FROM THE SHERMAN ECC



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ROCKIN' SHABBAT WITH RABBI RACHEL

Join us for a Young Family Shabbat (ages 5 and younger) with the Har Shalom community - enjoy a Shabbat sing-a-long, fun with friends, and a sweet treat during this special program with Rabbi Rachel!

Friday, January 20 @ 5:15PM

Register:
www.HarShalom.org/RockinShabbat



Pajama Havdalah

A Musical Havdalah and Hands-on Sensory Experience

Saturday, February 25 @ 6:30 PM

Dress in your pajamas and join the Sherman ECC Team, Ms. Ellie, and the Har Shalom Clergy for a fun evening!

www.HarShalom.org/PJhavdalah

Please register by February 17 (\$10/family)





FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



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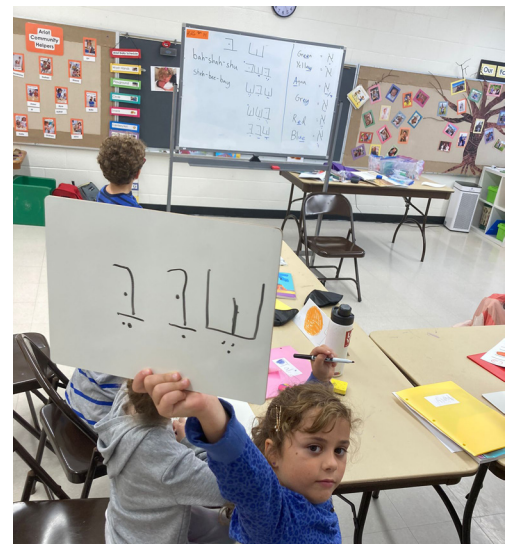
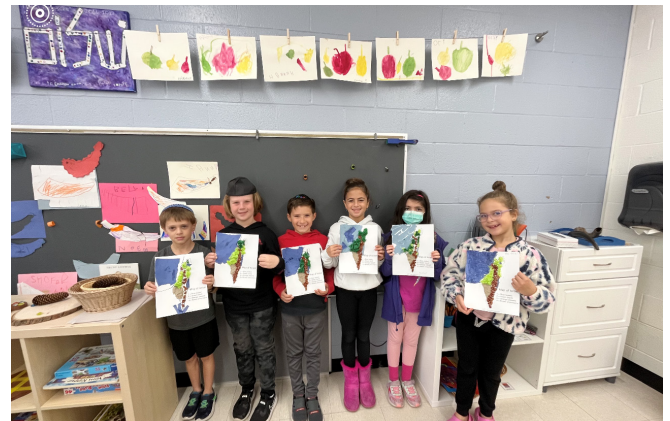
On February 6th we will celebrate *Tu B'Shevat*, "New Year of the Trees." We celebrate by expressing thankfulness for trees, harvest and the natural world. We take the time to rejoice in the fruit of the trees and the fruit of the vine. *Tu B'Shevat* marks the beginning of spring in Israel and all the beauty that comes with springtime.

Outside of Israel, *Tu B'shevat* has become a time for us to learn and celebrate awareness about environmental issues, plant trees, and care for the world around us. At HSRS, it's a time where we consider our sacred obligations and responsibilities to take care of the world.

How will that look at HSRS? Grades K-2 are spending time on nature walks on our campus and gathering items that represent the natural world of Har Shalom – look for that collage outside the Education Office. Grades 3, 4 and 5 are studying the natural ecosystems of Israel, learning about the advanced technology Israel uses to maximize every drop of water, every inch of crop land – and how they share this technology with other countries to help them as well. Grades 6 and 7 are doing a deep dive in Jewish texts to see how protecting the environment has always been a core concept of Judaism.

I look forward to sharing the fruits of their studies (pun intended!!!) with you all in my next article.

Take care,
Ruth



**BAR / BAT / BRIT MITZVAH
4TH GRADE DATE REVEAL**

Sunday, February 26

Join us at 11:30AM in the Burke Sanctuary
More information coming soon!

ADULT EDUCATION

For a full list of upcoming Adult Education, visit www.HarShalom.org/Adult-Ed



Mishna Study

WEDNESDAYS @ 10:30 AM
with Hazzan Ozur Bass via Zoom

As preparation for a Tikkun on the Fast of the First Born before Pesach, we will be studying Masechet Berachot, the first of all the tractates.

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

www.HarShalom.org/MishnaStudy



Women's Text Study Group

Join Rabbi Simmons and our Har Shalom Community on Sunday evenings.

To register email RabbiSimmons@HarShalom.org



SPECIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY with Rabbi Josh Cahan!

Rediscovering the Haggadah

The Haggadah often feels opaque or confusing, an obstacle rather than an asset. But this is because we are looking for the wrong things. Join us to take a fresh look at how the crafters of this text actually understood the mitzvah of "You shall tell your children". We will use that framework to see how individual passages fit together to chart out a compelling and powerful emotional journey.

More information coming soon!

FROM THE 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

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 so we can reach out and offer support.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM THE AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT TEAM

Join us for a homemade Afghan meal on January 22 at 5pm! Maliha Nasim, the mother of one of the Afghan refugee families we support, is teaching a cooking class that prepares a meal for 50 diners. This event is co-sponsored by Congregation Har Shalom and our interfaith partner St Francis of Potomac. Together we will celebrate Maliha's culinary skills, and give her an opportunity to share her culture, practice her English, and earn some income for her family.

Maliha, along with her 10 assistants in the cooking lesson, will prepare a delicious Afghan meal for the first 50 diners who sign up. Be sure to sign up early to reserve your seat for this fabulous night of friendship, a wonderful Afghan meal, and an insightful look at the Afghan culture.

Space is limited, so sign up today for the Cooking Class and/or to attend the Afghan Dinner!

Learn More & Register:
www.harshalom.org/AfghanMeal

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL HOMEMADE AFGHAN MEAL!

Sunday, January 22 | 5:00PM

Maliha Nasim, the mother of one of the Afghan refugee families we support, will teach a cooking class that prepares a meal for diners. Together we will celebrate Maliha's culinary skills, and give her an opportunity to share her culture, practice her English, and earn some income for her family. Space Limited.

This program is co-sponsored by Congregation Har Shalom and St. Francis of Potomac.

www.HarShalom.org/AfghanMeal



Amazing Programs Scheduled for Refugee Shabbat Weekend

During the weekend of February 11 and 12, Har Shalom has planned an informative Shabbat program on Saturday morning and an educational program for all of our members and their children in grades 5 – 12 following Religious School on Sunday.

During Shabbat morning services, we have invited Mariam Atahi, an individual with whom Har Shalom and St. Francis have a support relationship, to speak about her life in Afghanistan before the U.S. withdrawal of troops, her subsequent escape from Afghanistan and her life in the U.S. since her arrival in March 2022. In Afghanistan, working for UNICEF and Save the Children International, Mariam served as an advocacy expert for plights of women and children with broad experience in children's issues, in particular specific expertise in child and forced marriage, children on move and children at risk of exploitations. She is also an expert on social media strategy.

On Sunday, February 12, following Religious School, we have planned a program for our youth (grades 5 – 12) AND their families to raise awareness of what it means to be a refugee. We are inviting families from the Islamic Community Center of Potomac and St. Francis Episcopal Church to also join us for this program so we can all learn together. Our plan is to have program participants rotate through three stations. One will create an opportunity to meet one or more Afghan families supported by our interfaith group. Topics could include where families lived in Afghanistan, information about their lives in Afghanistan (jobs, home, etc.), introduction to each family member, names, ages, hobbies, etc., why did the families need to relocate, what relocation was like for them (the journey), what it was like arriving in the U.S, what happened when they got here and what they experienced. A second station would include a discussion focusing on what is a refugee, why do people become refugees, myths/facts about refugees, contributions refugees have made to history, and a child's perspective of being a refugee. The third station would provide basic information on Islam, how the Muslim faith is similar/different to Judaism and Christianity, and provide information about the Muslim calendar, holidays, and how/when they pray.

We hope you will attend Refugee Shabbat morning services and the Sunday program. Additional information about these activities will be forthcoming as we get closer to the Refugee Shabbat weekend.

FROM SOCIAL ACTION AND TIKKUN OLAM

PLEASE SUPPORT Har Shalom's efforts to assist those in need throughout the year!

In **January** help Montgomery County shelter residents 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 SATO collections accept 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. Har Shalom members and friends of all ages get together on zoom the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month to cook vegetable-based soups. Our soups are primarily donated to the Upcounty Consolidation Hub in Germantown. In the past 2 years we have cooked and donated over 1,000 quarts of soup! Join us as we continue to prepare healthy soups for the food insecure of Montgomery County.

Check weekly emails for upcoming programs. If you want to volunteer or have questions, contact Marj Klein at mksklein424@aol.com.

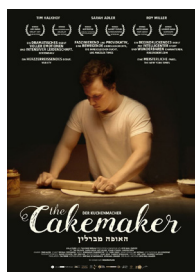
Program Recap:

Har Shalom Volunteer Reading Tutors: **The Sela Public Charter Hebrew Immersion School, the school where our Har Shalom volunteers tutor, has been awarded as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2022 by the US Department of Education!!** This recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance and/or closing achievement gaps among school subgroups. The school was one of three DC schools recognized for this award. Mazal tov to Sela!!

Now in our second year of tutoring, our Har Shalom tutors began meeting this year's students in November. In addition to focusing on English literacy skills, our student/tutor pairs, even in the virtual environment, look forward to building caring and supportive relationships with our tutees. ***If you have any questions about Har Shalom's tutoring program or if you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming a Sela tutor, please contact shelley.remer@verzon.net.*** Tutoring is by Zoom with possible options for in-person tutoring as the year progresses.

Sela is a pre-K through 5th grade school located in the Takoma Park neighborhood of DC with a diverse student body and faculty. The school offers an academically rigorous curriculum, including daily Modern Hebrew studies as well as support for students with special needs and the growing number of students who are English language learners. To learn more about the school, see: <https://www.selapcs.org/>

DAYTIMERS JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL



January 18, 2023: THE CAKEMAKER (Israel/Germany – 104 minutes)

Provocative and moving, this is as unusual a love story as you are likely to find. Thomas, a young German baker, has an affair with Oren, a married Israeli man who makes frequent trips to see Thomas in Germany. When Oren seemingly disappears, Thomas discovers that he has died in a car crash. Thomas then goes to Jerusalem to find answers about Oren's death. Using a false identity, Thomas seeks out Anat, Oren's widow. He becomes increasingly involved in her life and stretches the lie about himself to a point of no return.

February 15 2023: THE TESTAMENT (Israel – 88 minutes)

Holocaust researcher Yoel is in a legal battle with powerful forces in Austria concerning a construction project in the village of Lensdorf at a location he believes is the site of a WWII massacre. Yoel suspects their real aim is to bury the atrocity. While examining classified testimonies of Holocaust survivors, he discovers one given by his own mother, which reveals a long-kept secret. His very sense of self is shaken and he finds himself up against dual walls of silence: The Austrian denial of the massacre and his mother's silence about her past.



Both films will take place in the social hall. You may bring a dairy or pareve lunch at 12:00 noon. We'll provide dessert and a drink. The program will start at 12:30PM.

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Brunch Series

Save the date and register online for our February Brunch which is complimentary for all Har Shalom members and prospective members. Everyone is encouraged to attend Sunday morning minyan prior to the brunch. A special reserved table is set aside for minyan attendees. There is no Brunch scheduled in January this year.

Sunday, February 5, at 9:30am Food & 10:00am Speaker - The Men's Club Brunch Series features **Elizabeth Suhay**.

Associate Professor Liz Suhay from American University Department of Government specializes in public opinion, political psychology, and political communications, mainly in the U.S. with substantive foci on economic and social inequality and the politicization of science.

Professor Suhay will talk about the roots of support for authoritarianism in general in the U.S. and for former President Trump specifically. She will also discuss two related topics: distrust in democracy/government and extremism.

Her current work on science and politics spans several topics, including public beliefs about genetics, public trust in science amidst the COVID pandemic, and communication between Congress and outside experts. Ms. Suhay has been published in several professional journals. She is currently working on a book manuscript (*Debating the American Dream: How Beliefs about the Causes of Inequality Polarize U.S. Politics*) that seeks to understand the connection between Americans causal attributions for socioeconomic inequality and their political attitudes.

The event is free. At the time of Tablet deadline this Brunch is scheduled as in-person only (no Zoom or hybrid). Consult with the Har Shalom web/events page or Men's Club and Synagogue E-Mails for updates and potential addition of a Zoom option later. RSVP online before Feb 1st – it greatly assists our food planning.

Future Brunch Dates: March date (TBA), May 7 and June 4. At press time we are rescheduling the March date with featured speaker Andy Pollin, a noted sports raconteur. Do not miss June 4th for the annual Joint Men's Club & Sisterhood Brunch featuring four Pulitzer winning *Washington Post* investigative reporters. They will discuss the January 6 Insurrection and how their early reporting led to the Congressional Hearings.



HAR SHALOM
Men's Club Brunch
Elizabeth Suhay
American University Associate Professor & Author

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She teaches in the Dept. of Government specializing in public opinion, political psychology & communications

This as a free, **in-person brunch**.

Vaccination proof required as is pre-registration to help plan for the number of attendees.

RSVP to www.harshalom.org/brunch by Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Visit CHS web/Events for updates.

Sunday,
Feb. 5
Brunch 9:30 am
Speaker 10:00 am

Men's Club Golf & Dining Out

Men's Club socialization activities continue every month. Please join us for great food, great conversation, seeing old friends, and making new ones. If you would like more information, please respond to Ken Shere or David Marcus to get on the following reminder e-mail lists.

1. Twice weekly Golf every Tuesday and Friday at local MCG courses, weather permitting.
2. 6:30 pm monthly Dinner on the last Thursday of the month, at a different local restaurant each month.
3. 9:30 am weekly Brunch every Thursday morning at a local deli.

Men's Club programs depend on the support of all our members. If you would like to meet more people, our open board meetings are a good place to start. Have fun while helping us serve our congregation and community.

To participate in our next **board meeting**, just call 301.299.7087 x411 or email: MensClub@harshalom.org

Early March Men's Club Events:

March 5th (Morning) Purim Carnival sponsored by Men's Club

March 5th (Evening) Men's Club Annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

Please visit the Har Shalom Website for more information



Shabbat Morning Kiddush

OUR OFFERINGS ARE CHANGING WEEKLY. 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**

Volunteers Needed!

Use this link to sign-up and help us prepare for Shabbat Kiddush.

<https://tinyurl.com/HSKitchenVol>

CATCH UP WITH THE SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood has had a busy fall cooking soup, reading books, mahjong-ing exercising and helping with kiddushes like only Har Shalom Sisters can! There is literally something for everyone!

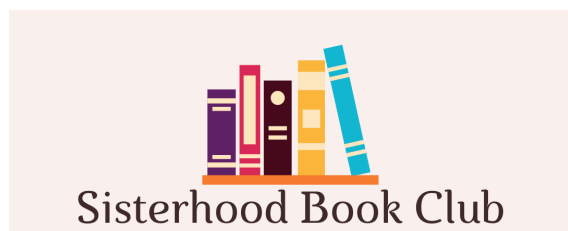
In November, we had our annual Torah Fund Brunch for the 1st time after a COVID-induced two-year hiatus. The food was delicious thanks to Estrella Levy. Rita Wertleib and her amazing committee put together a beautiful and meaningful program complete with WLCJ Regional and International leadership and wonderful teaching by our own Rabbi Simmons. A great time was had by all!

Looking ahead we have Rosh Hodesh Adar on February 21st, led by Toby Holtzman. We also have the next Let's Get Physical in our fitness series on January 10th which are coordinated by Susan Grant.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is our Purim Basket project. You will receive all the information you need to participate in and volunteer for this project. Lots of woman-power is needed, so stay tuned!

I hope everyone stays warm and enjoys the increasing minutes of sunlight now that we have passed the winter solstice.

Thank you,
Beth Ann Katz, Sisterhood President



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 1:00PM. We will meet virtually, so please email us at SisterhoodBookClub@harshalom.org or register below so we can send you the Zoom link. We hope you will join for our upcoming discussions:

January 4: *Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd
February 1: *The Yellow Wife* by Sadeqa Johnson



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

Sisterhood Purim Baskets:

Sisterhood's Purim Basket Project is back in person for 2023, and the website is open for orders! On Purim it is a mitzvah to send baskets of treats to your family and friends. Sisterhood makes it easy for you to observe this tradition! You can order them from us, and we will deliver them to your local recipients. We will also ship Purim baskets out of town.

You will soon be receiving an e-mail with a direct link enabling you to order your Purim Baskets online. The live link will take you directly to your order page. You will be able to pay for your order by credit card directly from the website using a secure system.

When entering your order, you will also be able to sign up to help pack baskets or drive a delivery route. Baskets will be packed on Sunday, February 26th, and can be delivered any time before Purim on March 7th. Sisterhood needs your help to make this project a great success. So please sign up to assemble the Purim gifts and/or to deliver them.

The order deadline is Sunday, January 29th, so don't delay. Please help the Purim Basket Committee by placing your order as soon as possible so we get our supplies ready. We will be unable to accept late orders!

Questions or need help? E-mail Susan Rabkin at susanrabkin@verizon.net or Marcie Blackman at mdblackman@comcast.net. Thank you for supporting Har Shalom through your support of Sisterhood.

Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh

Rosh Hodesh is a woman's gift, a reward, for not participating in the creation of the Golden Calf.

Har Shalom Sisterhood has a long history of celebrating the new month by gathering together, praying together, and learning together, as a community of women. For the past two years we have Zoomed our programs but hope to meet in person this year. Please save these dates.

Adar - February 21 at 8PM

Nisan - March 22 at 8PM

Tamuz - June 19 at 8PM

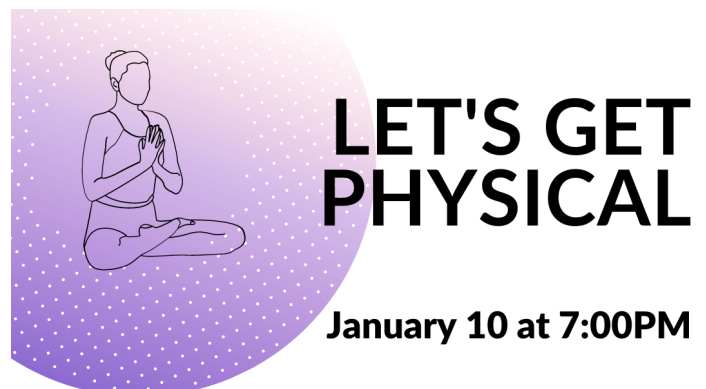
Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner Recap

Chinese night was the theme for the October 27th Paid-Up Membership Event. Besides the delicious food catered by Holy Chow, we were presented with a slide show of Chinese attractions by Paula Shoyer during her visit there. Then Paula Shoyer, "The Kosher Baker" demonstrated her savory recipes for Fried Rice and Tofu with Vegetables.

Everybody enjoyed the program, the food, the room decorations, and the centerpieces made with kitchen utensils and given the next day to Stepping Stones Shelter.

Congratulations to our four lucky winners of the gift certificates to Home Goods: Bena Siegal, Fern Solomson, Marjie Glancz, and Rachel Rosenberg.

Thank you to Linda Isen, who chaired the event, and to all the volunteers who helped make the evening a success.



Yoga: This 60-minute, all-levels class will focus on vinyasa (breath with movement), while incorporating dhyana (meditation), pranayama (breathwork), yin (deep stretching) and savasana (rest) to leave you feeling lighter, open and more centered than when you arrived.

The cost to attend is \$10.

www.HarShalom.org/LetsGetPhysical

TORAH FUND UPDATE

TORAH FUND CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Sunday, November 20th to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Torah Fund.

It was a bright, sunny Sunday morning, very cold outside, but warm and beautiful inside. Those who support our sisterhood Torah Fund campaign joined together for a morning of renewing friendships, enjoying delicious food prepared by our own Estrella Levy and Torah Fund team of volunteers, greeting our Women's League International President, Debbi Kaner Goldich, along with our Seaboard Region President, Marjorie Fuhrmann, and Women's League Vice President, Julia Loeb. We began with a lovely welcome from our Har Shalom Sisterhood President, Beth Ann Katz and a beautiful D'var Torah from Rabbi Raskin.

After enjoying a superb brunch, filled with delicacies that not only looked beautiful, but were beyond delicious, we were treated to a wonderful inter-active teaching from our very own Rabbi Rachel Simmons, entitled "From Strength to Strength: Celebrating 80 Years of Torah Fund". We were also treated to a beautiful musical interlude featuring Hazzan Ozur-Bass and Rabbi Simmons. The morning culminated with delicious desserts, coffee and a beautiful 80th Anniversary cake.

I'm very happy to report that not only did we all come together to support our Torah Fund Campaign, in a beautifully festive room, decorated by Hanna Lee Pomerantz and Linda Isen, but we received many generous donations to support our 2023 Torah Fund Campaign.

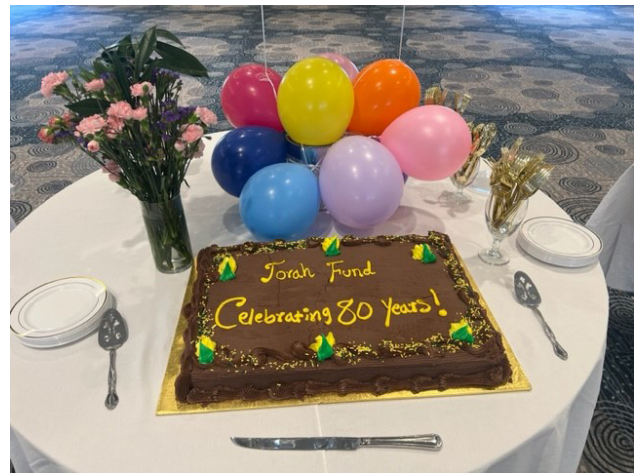
All donations received go to support our five Conservative seminaries throughout the world. Please take the time to read the names of the wonderful volunteers who made this spectacular event possible, along with the many members of our Har Shalom Staff who went over and above to support this event.

If you weren't able to join us on November 20th, you can still make an impact by donating to our campaign. No donation is too big or too small. If you've already donated, but would like to give an additional donation of \$80 to support the 80th anniversary of Torah Fund, we would be most pleased to accept your generosity.

Enjoy looking at the pictures of the brunch, and plan to join us next year as we support our Rabbis, Hazzan, teachers and professionals through the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Torah Fund Campaign.

Todah Rabbah,
Rita Wertlieb, Torah Fund Chair

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Many Thanks to the Torah Fund Team & Volunteers:

Ellen Kaner Bresnick, Toby Holtzman, Hanna Lee Pomerantz and Shelley Remer

Estrella Levy – Caterer

Judy Abrams, Suzanne Fefer, Susan Grant, Linda Isen, Susan & Ted Rabkin, Stew Remer, Linda Silverman, Barry Wertlieb

Professional Staff: Carly Litwok, Joanna Rubin, Daniel Montalvo, Marco Flores

Women's League Torah Fund Campaign Supports:

The Jewish Theological Seminary, New York
The Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Los Angeles
The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem
The Seminario Rabinico Americano, Buenos Aires
The Zacharias Frankel College, Potsdam, Germany



NEW PRICING FROM NATIONAL MAH JONGG LEAGUE

2023 Mah Jongg Cards

Available for Order
through Har Shalom Sisterhood!



Your card will be mailed directly to you at the end of March
from the National Mah Jongg League

Individuals or groups are welcome to submit orders!

Questions? Contact Phyllis Coburn dpcoburn1@gmail.com

2023 Mah Jongg Card Order Form

Please send completed form including check (payable to Sisterhood at Har Shalom)
to Phyllis Coburn: 8302 Woodmont Avenue, #602, Bethesda, MD 20814

Name _____ Email Address _____

Address _____

Small Card (\$14) _____ **Large Card (\$15)** _____

All orders (including payment) must be received by
Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish Festival of the Trees is February 6, 2023.
Which of these fun ways will you celebrate?

TU B'SHEVAT

BINGO

Find Three Different Types of Leaves	Listen to a Bird Sing	Take out the recycling	Say the Shema	Hug a Tree
Find One Pinecone	Feel Natural Water on your Skin (Waves, a Waterfall, Rain, a Lake)	Pick up a Piece of Litter (Carefully!)	Say Thank You to God for Something	Water a plant
Find a plant that is the same height as you	Locate the Moon, Stars, And/OR Planets in the Sky	Turn off the Water while brushing your teeth	Bake or Cook a Jewish Food	Tell Someone You Love That You Love Them
Find a tree with flowers or fruit on it	Smell a flower and try to describe the scent	Walk or Bike Somewhere Instead of Driving	Have a Moment of Personal Prayer	Close Your Eyes and Take Three Deep Breaths In and Out
Find an insect and admire it	Taste a piece of ripe fruit	Plant Seeds	Wrap Yourself In a Tallit	Learn a New Fact About a Plant or Animal

FAMILY NEWS

B'NAI MITZVAH



Gabriella Susskind

January 7

Daughter of Ethan Susskind

Granddaughter of Leslie & Joel Susskind

MAZAL TOV!

September 16 - November 15

Jane and Simon Babil on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Shaya Levi, and the wedding of their granddaughter, Meira Levi to Harel Nahari, both in Israel. Meira and Harel are both students at the Technion in Haifa. The proud parents are Ellen and Amos Levi.

Ryan Shell, son of Lori Shell and grandson of Robert & Beverly Finkelstein, who won the CESJDS Shofar Blowing Competition. His tekiyah gedolah lasted 16 seconds!

Ilana Brunner on her 50th birthday on September 24th.

Miriam Goldel, daughter of Randy & Liz Goldel, on her 17th birthday.

Enrique & Suzanne Fefer on their 50th anniversary.

Alan Esenstad & Tracy Threefoot on the auf ruf and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Amelia Esenstad, and Adam Janus, son of Sophia & Charles Janus.

Lori Shell on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Ryan Shell, this Shabbat. Ryan is the grandson of Robert and Beverly Finkelstein.

Adam Goldel, son of Randy and Liz Goldel, on his 14th birthday.

Marilynn and Norman Cohen on their 66th anniversary.

Herbie & Michelle Epstein on the birth and naming of their daughter, Charlie Bunny Epstein. The excited siblings are Levi and Ellie.

Ken Shere on his 80th birthday.

Liza Levine (Jason Goldfarb), Elaine Steppa's granddaughter, just had a son yesterday.

Sidney Stier, daughter of Jennifer and David Stier on being called to the Torah for the first time. Celebrating with us this morning are Sidney's sisters Sabrina and Sylvia; and her grandmother, Judy Abrams.

Rayne Goldblatt, child of Emily Block on being called to the Torah for the first time this evening. Celebrating are proud siblings Devon, Anaya, Avi, and Zev; and grandparents

Stewart and Sondra Block.

Gabrielle Menditch, daughter of Noah Menditch and Erika Dupper on being called to the Torah for the first time this evening. Celebrating with us is proud brother Gershon, and grandparents Howard and Cindy Menditch.

Rachel Becker on her 80th Birthday

Judd Kessler and Carol Farris on their 35th Anniversary

Susan and Darryl Grant on their 28th Anniversary

Jacob Aaron Kreppel, grandson of Loretta and Sheldon Kotzin will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 29 at Agudas Achim synagogue in Alexandria, Virginia. Jacob is the son of Stacy and Rob Kreppel.

Joanna Rubin on her Anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah

Benjamin Kronenberg, son of Abi and Rona Kronenberg on being called to the Torah for the first time. Celebrating with us are proud brothers Adam and Nathan.

Adam Kronenberg on his induction to the "Yad Squad".

Ilana Marcus, daughter of Seth and Marisa Marcus on being called to the Torah for the first time. Celebrating with us are proud brother Ryan and grandmother Frances (Faye) Feder.

Bena Siegel on her "special" birthday.

Liz and Randy Goldel on celebrating their 20th anniversary.

Laurie and Randy May on the celebration of their Benjamin Taylor's Bar Mitzvah in Seattle. Ben is their grandson and the son of Brooke and Brian Taylor.

David and Phyllis Coburn on the birth of their fifth grandchild, Simon Perry (Shimon Peretz) Coburn. The proud parents are Brian and Yael Coburn, and the excited big sister is Lila. Simon was born 37 years after his father, on the same day - June 14th - at the same hospital - Sibley.

CONDOLENCES:

September 16 - November 15

Ted Schumacher, brother of Marc (Julie) Schumacher

Silvia Sunshine, mother of Jessica Sunshine (Jeremy Selengut)

Mirian Chavez, mother of Dolores (Evan) Siegal

Shay Butterfras, aunt of Phil (Karen) Priesman

Blanche Lipsman, mother of Ron Lipsman (Candace Kaplan)

Maralyn Effross, sister of Andrew (Hope) Effross

S. Kenneth Trupp, brother of Morton Trupp

DONATIONS

September 16 – November 15

Ashin-Zitomer Dor L'Dor Fund

In Honor Of

Pete and Jen Federowicz

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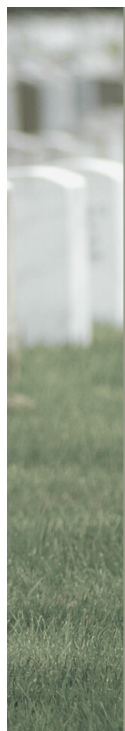
Mrs. Joyce Lipman

In Honor Of

Theodore and Susan Rabkin

Richard & Linda Isen

Have some Family News you would like to share with the Har Shalom Community? Email carly@harshalom.org to have your simcha included in the Mazel Tov section of the Shabbat Shalom emails and an upcoming issue of the Tablet!




CEMETERY PLOTS FOR SALE!

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Judean Gardens
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in Adelphi, MD: \$1000 each

*Contact Joanna Rubin at jrubin@harshalom.org
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