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**Tuesday, April 28th @ 5:45 pm**

See page 11 for more details



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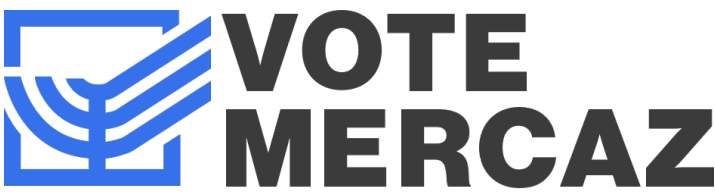
# PASSOVER 2020

*more info on pages 2-6*

FROM THE *RABBI*



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*The Conservative Movement Slate #6*

Dear Friends,

Every five years representatives of the Jewish community from around the world gather in Israel for the World Zionist Congress. The first Congress was convened by none other than Theodor Herzl in Basel, Switzerland in 1897. That historic gathering laid the groundwork for the establishment of the State of Israel 51 years later. Today, the World Zionist Congress decides on the allocation of over \$1 billion to various organizations and agencies that support Jewish life in Israel. I am honored to have been selected as a delegate to the 2020 World Zionist Congress in October as part of the Mercaz slate, which is the official representation of the Conservative Movement. The size of our delegation will determine our influence over the allocation of those critical funds, as well as appointments to the boards of influential organizations like the Jewish National Fund which is why I am asking you to become a World Zionist Congress voter, and to vote for Mercaz!

The Conservative/Masorti movement is growing in Israel, as more and more Israelis are searching for religious alternatives to state-sponsored ultra-Orthodoxy, and the coercive power of the Chief Rabbinate. There are Masorti congregations all over the country, a very active youth movement called Noam, a Ramah Summer Camp, and numerous other Israeli educational initiatives sponsored by the Masorti Movement. However, there is much work to be done. Because of the disproportionate power of the Haredi-dominated Ministry of Religious Affairs, Conservative/Masorti rabbis and communities are deprived of needed resources and official recognition by the state. Our lifecycle events and conversions are repudiated, our rabbis are not accorded equal status, and sacred sites like the Kotel continue to be a battleground for egalitarianism and equal access. The funds that are to be dispersed by the World Zionist Congress can provide a critical edge for religious pluralism and the continued growth of Masorti Judaism in Israel. Please register to vote, and join the movement to guarantee religious freedom, democracy, and openness in Israeli society. Thank you so much for your support! If you have any questions, please be in touch any time!

L'shalom,  
*Adam Raskin*  
Rabbi Raskin

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# PASSOVER SCHEDULE

## Candle Lighting and Service Times for the Week of Passover 2020 / 5780

Tuesday, April 7: *Bedikat Hametz*/Search for Leaven after 7:49 PM

Wednesday, April 8, *Erev Pesah*

*Shaharit*, *Siyyum*, and Breakfast of First Born, 7:00 AM

Latest time to eat *hametz*, 10:59 AM

Latest time to burn/sell *hametz*, 11:59 AM

*Ma'ariv*, By Request

First Seder and *Yom Tov* Candle Lighting, 7:21 PM

Thursday, April 9, First Day of *Pesah*

*Shaharit*, 9:30 AM

*Minha*, 1:45 PM

*Ma'ariv*, By Request

Congregational Seder, 6:30 PM ([RSVP: harshalom.org/seder2020](https://harshalom.org/seder2020))

*Yom Tov* Candle Lighting, 8:26 PM

Friday, April 10, Second Day of *Pesah*

*Shaharit*, 9:30 AM

Shabbat Candle Lighting, 7:23 PM

*Minha*, *Ma'ariv*, 7:45 PM

End of *Hag*, 8:27 PM

Saturday, April 11, Shabbat and *Hol HaMoed Pesah* Day 3

*Shaharit*, 9:30 AM

*Minha*, *Ma'ariv*, 7:10 PM

*Havdalah*, 8:27 PM

Sunday, April 12, *Hol HaMoed Pesah* Day 4

*Shaharit*, 9:00 AM

*Ma'ariv*, 7:45 PM

Monday, April 13, *Hol HaMoed Pesah* Day 5

*Shaharit*, 7:00 AM

*Ma'ariv*, 7:45 PM

Tuesday, April 14, *Hol HaMoed Pesah* Day 6

*Ma'ariv*, 6:30 PM

Candle Lighting, 7:27 PM

Wednesday, April 15, Seventh Day of *Pesah*

*Shaharit*, 9:30 AM

*Ma'ariv*, 6:30 PM

Candle Lighting, 8:31 PM

Thursday, April 27, Eighth Day of *Pesah*

*Shaharit* (including *Yizkor*), 9:30 AM

End of *Hag*, 8:32 PM

### Pre-Passover Learning with Bex Stern Rosenblatt, Mid-Atlantic Faculty-in-Residence, Conservative Yeshiva



Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4

Friday night Shabbat dinner & *Haggadah* study (Special event for Har Shalom

Legacy Circle members at Rabbi Raskin's home. More details to follow)

Saturday morning *drash*: Why do we count the Ten Plagues?

Lunch and learn with parents and middle/high schoolers,

"A Fun *Midrash* on Frogs"

Bex Stern Rosenblatt earned an M.A. in Tanakh from Bar Ilan University. She is the founder of Havruta Tel Aviv, an organization that facilitates guided pair-learning of the Tanakh. At the Yeshiva, Bex taught Tanakh, using the techniques of close-reading, theater, feminist readings, and traditional commentators. After finishing her B.A. in History and German at Williams College, Bex received a Fulbright Grant to Austria. She has studied at the Conservative Yeshiva and Bina Jerusalem.



## HOW TO KASHER YOUR KITCHEN FOR PASSOVER

Some utensils and cookware that are used throughout the year may be kashered for Passover. If you have any questions that are not answered here, please contact Rabbi Raskin: [rabbiraskin@harshalom.org](mailto:rabbiraskin@harshalom.org) or 240-687-7218.

### 1 EARTHENWARE,

such as china or pottery cannot be kashered for Passover.

### 2 METAL POTS, PANS & COOKWARE

that are wholly metal and used in fire (e.g. the broiler) must be scrubbed and cleaned and made red hot. Fill up pots and boil water so that it overflows their rims. Silverware, after having been washed with soap and water, should be set aside for 24 hours then immersed completely in boiling water.

### 3 OVEN RANGES

that come into direct contact with food should be cleaned thoroughly. The oven should then be heated on the highest possible temperature for 30 minutes, or programmed to self-clean. A microwave, after being cleaned, must have a cup of water placed inside the chamber and turned on until the water disappears. If the microwave has a browning element, it may not be kashered for Passover.

### 4 GLASSWARE

such as drinking glasses (not Pyrex), should be washed thoroughly with soap and water or put through the dishwasher.

### 5 ELECTRIC APPLIANCES

with removable parts should be kashered appropriately (e.g. for metal parts, follow #2 above). If the parts are not removable and they come into direct contact with food, the appliance may not be kashered for Passover.

### 6 TABLES, CABINETS, & COUNTERS

that come into contact with *hametz* should be thoroughly cleaned and covered.

### 7 KITCHEN SINKS

that are metal may be kashered by pouring boiling water over the surfaces. Porcelain sinks must be well cleaned and a new sink rack or basin should be used during Passover.

### 8 REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS

should be washed well with soap and water. All *hametz* should be removed or sealed in a closed box or bag (and sold with other *hametz*).

### 9 KITCHENWARE

that is not kosher for Passover should be separated and either covered or closed in a separate part of the kitchen.

# PASSOVER 5780 *HANDBOOK*

Dear Friends,

It is with joy and anticipation that we prepare as a synagogue community for the festival of Passover. Through festive meals, retelling the story of our liberation, singing, and celebrating, this holiday comes alive for us and our families. In order to prepare your home and heart for Passover, please consult this guide. For more detailed information, please see the Rabbinical Assembly's Passover Guide at:

[www.rabbinicalassembly.org/story/pesah-guide-5780-0](http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/story/pesah-guide-5780-0)

I am also available for any questions that may arise during your Passover cleaning, preparation, and shopping. You may call me at any time at 240-687-7218. Wishing you and your loved ones a *hag kasher ve'sameah*, a kosher and joyful Passover...



Rabbi Adam Raskin

View and Print the Hametz Agreement Form:

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

## FAQs

*What is hametz?*

The word חֶמֶץ is translated as "leavened bread." This refers to foods prepared from any of five different types of grain (wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye) that has been allowed to rise. Ashkenazic custom adds rice, millet, corn, and legumes (referred to as '*kitniyot*') to this list. In November 2015, the Rabbinical Assembly's committee on Jewish law and standards voted that the prohibition on *kitniyot* for Ashkenazic Jews is no longer necessary. Please note that not all Ashkenazic Jews or Conservative Jews have adapted this standard.

*Why must we do such extensive cleaning in preparation for Passover?*

The Torah prohibits Jews from consuming, owning, or deriving benefit from hametz. Before Passover begins, we engage in a thorough cleaning of our homes, offices, and cars to remove any traces of hametz. While it is preferable to consume or donate excess hametz foods prior to Passover, this is not always possible or economically feasible. In response, Rabbi Raskin will arrange a sale of hametz products to a non-Jew in the community, who will "own" these items throughout the duration of Passover. All hametz products, dishes, silverware, and pots that will remain in your home during Passover must be placed in cabinets or closets that remain closed and sealed throughout the week of Passover.

*What is the Siyyum Ha'Bekhorim?*

It is a *mitzvah* for firstborn Jews to fast on the day before Passover in remembrance of being spared the fate of the firstborn Egyptians. However, firstborns may be exempt from this fast if they participate in the celebration of a *siyyum* (the completion of a significant amount of Torah study). Every week, a dedicated group has been studying a complete tractate of the *Mishnah* in preparation for the *siyyum*. Even if you have not participated in this study group previously, you are encouraged to join us for morning minyan at **6:45 AM on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, followed by the *siyyum* and breakfast.



*What foods require Rabbinic certification during Passover?*

Matzah, noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, processed cheeses, jam, jelly, relishes, wines, liquors, salad oils/dressings, vegetable gelatin, shortenings, vinegar.

*Are there foods that do not require special labeling?*

If unopened and purchased before Passover begins, the following products require no special certification: pure natural coffee, sugar (not confectioners or powdered), pure brown sugar, saccharin, tea, salt, pepper, frozen vegetables (without additives), frozen fruit juices (without additives), vegetables (string beans are permitted), honey, 100% pure safflower or soy bean oil, nuts (except legumes if you do not eat *kitniyot*), baking soda, detergents and scouring powders.

If purchased before or during Passover, the following products require no special certification: fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, fresh fish and meat.

If purchased during Passover, the following products require certification: all processed foods (canned, frozen, or bottled dairy products, juices).

*Can any dishes or utensils be used during Passover?*

It is preferable to have special dishes and cookware reserved exclusively for Passover use.

Certain items, however, can be *kashered* for use during Passover. Earthenware, enamelware, or porcelain utensils used during the rest of the year may not be *kashered* or used during Passover.

*What is Bedikat Hametz?*

After our homes have been thoroughly cleaned for Passover, and *hametz* items are stored away, it is traditional to perform a 'search' by candle light, feather, and spoon symbolizing that all visible *hametz* has been removed. **Note:** this is a fun, memorable ritual for children to participate in; it is traditional to place a few crumbs to be 'found' during the search. On the night before Passover, following the search, we recite the following formula renouncing our connection to any *hametz*:

כָּל חֻמְרָא וְחֻמִּיעָא דְאַפָּא בְּרִשְׁוֹתֵי דְחֻמְתָּהּ דְּבִעְרִיתָהּ וְדָלָא בְּעִרְתָּהּ לְבָטִיל  
וְלֵהוִי הֶפְקֵר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא.

*Kol hamirah va-hami'ah d'ika vir'shuti da-hamitei d'vi-artei u'd-la vi-artei  
liv'til v'lehevei hefker ke-afra de-ar'ah.*

All manner of leaven in my possession which I have not  
seen or not removed is hereby annulled  
and considered as the dust of the earth.

*What is Biyyur Hametz?*

On the morning before Passover we burn the *hametz* found during the search on the previous night. If completing at home, this must be done by 11:59 AM on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The latest time to consume *hametz* on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, is 10:59 AM.



# *Mekhirat Hametz Agreement*

## **Pesah h 5780/2020**

**Please complete this *Mekhirat Hametz Agreement* form, and mail, fax, or drop it off at Har Shalom no later than 12:00 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2020.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional addresses where hametz might be found:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby designate Rabbi Adam J. Raskin to act on my behalf in selling the hametz in my possession. I understand that hametz will return to my possession after 8:29 PM on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attached please find my donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Rabbi Adam Raskin, Congregation Har Shalom      or Fax to: 301-299-2247  
11510 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854

**Let all who are hungry, come and eat. -Haggadah**

Do you have an extra place at your table? Do you need a place at a Seder table? *Pesah* hospitality is an important *mitzvah*. If you can host a guest or a family for a Seder, or if you would like to attend a Seder in someone's home, please call Leslie in the Clergy Office at 301-299-7087, ext. 1, or email her at [leslie@harshalom.org](mailto:leslie@harshalom.org).

# FROM THE HAZZAN

"All Prophetic Books and Sacred Writings will cease in the days of the *Messiah*, with the exception of the *Megillah* (of Esther). It will continue just like the Five Books of the Torah and the Oral Torah, which will never cease. Although ancient troubles will not be remembered, as it is written (in Isaiah 65:16): 'The troubles of the past are forgotten and hidden before my eyes', Purim will not be abolished, for it is written (in Esther 9:28): 'These days of Purim shall never be repealed among the Jews and the memory of them shall never cease from their descendants' (Rambam's *Mishneh* Torah, Laws of *Megillah* and *Hanukah* 2:18.). There will be a time when all troubles will be forgotten. There will be no hunger, no disease and no war. The time of the *Messiah* as foretold in our scriptures and interpreted by our sages. In that time - according to Rambam - we will no longer read from the *haftarah* every Saturday, as the books of the Prophets will 'cease'; there will be no more reading of *Eicha* (lamentations) on *Tisha b'Av*, *Kohelet* (Ecclesiastes) on Sukkot or even *Shir haShirim* (The Song of Songs) for *Pesah*. The only books to remain being studied are the Torah, the oral Torah and the *Megillah*.

It is easy to understand why the Torah and the Oral Torah: those are the sources of the majority of our laws, customs, and observances. Without them we would have no relationship with The Creator, as the source of that relationship is contained in those books. But the *Megillah* is a simple book, telling an innocent story of a woman turned queen, who endangers herself to save her people. It is a common story of good versus evil in which absolute good prevails. God is never mentioned by name in the *Megillah*; and the historical accuracy of the *Megillah* has been questioned. When so many other books of our cannon present us with deeper tales and philosophies, and laws much more important than those found in the *Megillah*, why is this book the one to be preserved?

"Our Masters taught: forty-eight prophets and seven prophetesses prophesied in Israel but they neither diminished from nor added to anything that is written in the Torah, other than the reading of the *Megillah*. How did they infer it? R. Hiyya bar Avin said in the name of R. Joshua ben Korhah: If we sing praises for being delivered from slavery to freedom, should we not do all the more so for being delivered from death to life?"



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(Babylonian Talmud, *Megillah* 14a). The *Megillah* stands as the only text that adds mitzvot to the ones found in the Torah. Other *Mitzvot* are created later – by the Rabbis – but they are not found in our cannon (e.g. *Hanukah* candles). Therefore, the *Megillah* will continue to be read in the future, in a time when we will forget many of our troubles.

Other books of the cannon are important: *Shir HaShirim* teaches us about love; *Kohelet*, about death. There are lessons about suffering in *Eicha*, and our Prophets teach us about loyalty. But *mitzvot* are the Rabbinic way to codify our relationship with The Holy One. Which is why the *Megillah* will be preserved in the times of the *Messiah*.

May we see the time when my *Bat/Bar-Mitzvah* students will no longer have to learn *haftaroth*, only Torah and *Megillah*. May it be speedily and in their days. Meanwhile, I look forward to dancing and singing with you as we read the *Megillah* on 3/9 in the evening and 3/10 in the morning. Please refer to the Purim schedule in this Tablet.

Hope to see you there.

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Hazzan Ozur Bass



Congregational Seder

Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 pm

We invite you to join us for our annual Congregational Seder! To register please visit

[www.harshalom.org/seder2020](http://www.harshalom.org/seder2020)



## FROM THE *PRESIDENT*

When you read this the *shloshim* (the thirty-day period of mourning) for the beloved Kirk Douglas will have just passed. From the roles he played, and in his visage and his bearing -- handsome and strong -- he was a living challenge to the stereotypes of the way Jews supposedly look and behave. He was all-American and all-Jewish at the same time.

I never met Kirk Douglas but he was still my landsmen, not only a fellow Jew, but a fellow Jew from the same geographic region. As those who read *The Ragman's Son*, Douglas' autobiography, know, Douglas was the child of poor immigrants who settled in Amsterdam, NY -- a small, industrial city on the banks of the Mohawk River, 35 miles from my hometown of Albany. I spent some time in Amsterdam because it was the regional headquarters of USY. I became close to Eleanor Bloom, the regional director, and her husband Rabbi Samuel Bloom, who had served Amsterdam's Conservative shul, Congregation Sons of Israel, since 1949. Although that was well after Douglas had left, his family remained in Amsterdam. The Blooms told me that Douglas maintained warm relations with them and he continued to generously support the congregation.

One of Douglas' sisters, Betty, married a fellow from Albany and were members of my synagogue. They endowed a scholarship for



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one high school student each year who had demonstrated superior commitment to Jewish life and Jewish education. Every Shavuot, they personally awarded the scholarship and, rumor had it, that in earlier years Douglas himself had attended Shavuot services to participate. While I don't know if that's true, I can personally attest that Betty shared with her brother the trait of the striking cleft chin.

So why do I share this information, aside from my inclination to bask in the glow of celebrity? Let me suggest that Kirk Douglas and his family were good *dugmahs* — role models — for those who have attained high levels of success, honor and prosperity to use their blessings to sustain synagogue-community life. We are so fortunate to have such people in our midst. Also, I bring up the story of my connection with Kirk Douglas to demonstrate one of the benefits of synagogue life -- the life-long feeling of connection and kinship with those from the same community, even those whom you never meet and become legends. May the memory of Kirk Douglas be for a blessing.

Steven Susswein

## HAR SHALOM *AUCTION*



If you are interested in donating items for the Auction or volunteering, please reach out to our co-chairs, Debrah Dunner at [debrahdunner@gmail.com](mailto:debrahdunner@gmail.com) and Melanie Shauer at [melanieshauer@gmail.com](mailto:melanieshauer@gmail.com)

## ECC *SUMMER VOLUNTEERS*



We are looking for pre-teens and teens that love working with young children! We are an approved SSL site and are looking for SUMMER VOLUNTEERS for our camp, June 15–August 21. For more information, please contact Paula Schlafman, [paula@harshalom.org](mailto:paula@harshalom.org)



# FROM THE *SHERMAN ECC*



**Beth Hoch**  
Director of Early  
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The Sherman ECC PJ Havdalah was a blast! Join us for Sunday Funday in March & Camp Shemesh over the summer. Registration for 2020-2021 and Summer Camp is now open!

**3:00  
TO  
4:30  
PM**

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or call Paula Schlafman, Assistant Director: 301.299.7087 ext 244  
or email: [paulas@harshalom.org](mailto:paulas@harshalom.org)






# FROM THE *RELIGIOUS SCHOOL*



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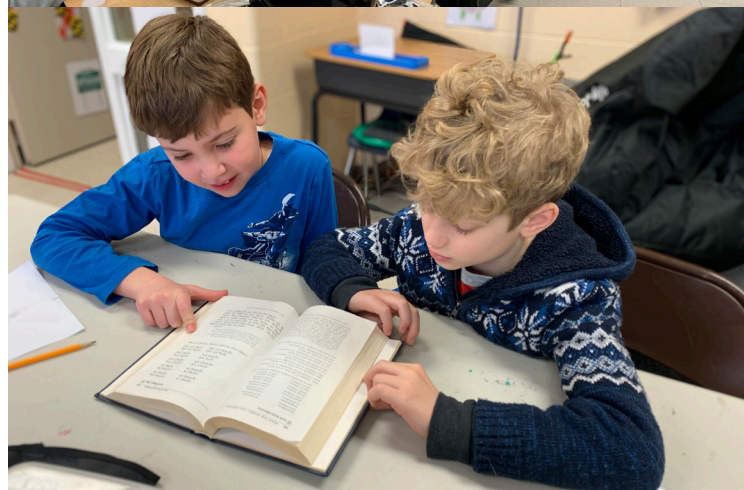
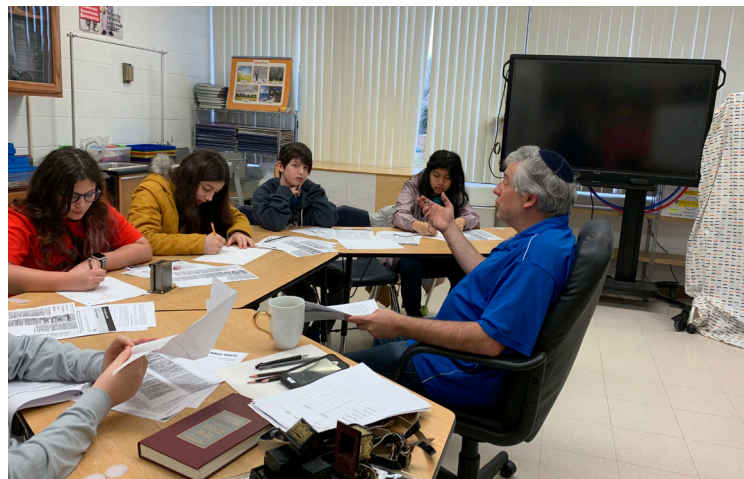
Wow! The year is flying by! HSRS has a busy calendar for the remainder of the year. Here are a few upcoming events:

Our 5th, 6th and 7th Graders have sailed for Ellis Island! We are collaborating with four other synagogues in the wonderful program “The Immigrant In Each Of Us”. Our classes will be learning all about what it was like to come through Ellis Island in the 1930’s and prepare their own stories and papers. We will all come together at the end of March to have a re-creation of the experience for all our students. This is one of my favorite programs – students really get to feel what it’s like to be an immigrant.

Speaking of immigrants, April 18 is HIAS’ Refugee Shabbat – I hope you will all join us. Leading up to this Shabbat, our older classes will be learning more about what it’s like to be a modern day refugee.

One last plug – PLEASE mark your calendars for March 21. It is Youth Shabbat and we will be celebrating our 3rd graders as they receive their very own *Siddur* in our *Hagigat HaSiddur* ceremony. Keep a lookout for further emails with listings about what grades will be leading which prayers!

Our students learn in many ways. Here are a few pictures of different grades. They are all doing something different, yet they all are learning about *Tu B’Svat*. It’s a great reminder that there are many ways to reach and teach our awesome students!





# FROM OUR *SHLICH*A



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Israel's national holidays are coming soon and I cannot wait to bring the *ruah* (spirit) and create meaningful and exciting moments with you.

This is a special time in Israel. Everyone comes together to remember our struggles, take pride in the country we have created, and to cast aside their day to day troubles to focus on the greater picture. For me, having *Yom Ha'Shoah* (Holocaust Memorial Day) and *Yom Ha'Zikaron* (Day of Remembrance for the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terrorism) before *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* (Independence Day), is a way to remember those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and to be grateful for having my home and my country. This April, we will gather together to commemorate and celebrate Israel's story.

On *Yom Ha'Shoah*, we will hear from a Holocaust survivor in an intimate home setting. For *Yom Ha'Zikaron*, we will commemorate fallen soldiers through a meaningful ceremony and then shift to celebrate *Yom Ha'Atzmaut*. Please join me for all the great events!

## Israel Programs

**March 3 @ 7:00 pm**

Taste Of Memories

**March 7 @ 12:00 pm** (during Kiddush)

Israel Shabbat Table & Israeli Newspaper

**March 18 @ 7:00 pm**

Basic Conversation Hebrew Class

**April 4 @ 12:00 pm** (during Kiddush)

Israel Shabbat Table & Israeli Newspaper

**April 7 @ 7:00 pm**

*Yom Ha'Shoah – Zikaron Ba'Salon*

**April 21 @ 12:00 pm**

Tu B'shvat Celebrations

**April 22 @ 7:00 pm**

Basic Conversation Hebrew Class

**April 28 @ 6:00 pm**

*Yom Ha'Zikaron* ceremony &

*Yom Ha'Atzmaut* celebration



Join Yael the Shlichah and Har Shalom for...

## Zikaron Basalon Remembrance in the living-room

How do you commemorate the Holocaust?

**Tuesday, April 21st @ 7pm**

Will be held in congregants homes

Register at:

[www.harshalom.org/ZikaronBasalon2020](http://www.harshalom.org/ZikaronBasalon2020)

Zikaron BaSalon invites you to commemorate the Holocaust in a personal way, among friends, family and guests, in an intimate atmosphere.

It is a unique and authentic tradition of people gathering together to open their hearts to the stories of the survivors, think, read, talk and most importantly- listen.



Join Har Shalom for an annual community-wide  
*Yom Ha'zikaron* (Israel memorial day)  
commemoration ceremony followed by *Yom*  
*Ha'Atzmaut* (Israel Independence) celebration

## From Zikaron To Atzmaut

**Tuesday, April 28th**

Gathering @ 5:45pm

*Yom Ha'zikaron* ceremony @ 6:00 pm

*Yom Ha'atzmaut* dinner, celebrations  
and activities @ 6:30 pm

Please RSVP at

[www.harshalom.org/IsraelDay2020](http://www.harshalom.org/IsraelDay2020)

For more information contact Yael at  
[yael@harshalom.org](mailto:yael@harshalom.org)



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בארצות הברית  
JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL

## Youth Programs

**March 15 @ 2:00 pm**

Kadima off-site (6th-8th graders)

**March 21 – During Services**

*Hagigat HaSiddur* and Youth Shabbat

**March 29 @ 12:00 pm**

Bonim + Machar Chocolate Seder (K-5th graders)

**April 18 @ 12:00 pm** (during Kiddush)

Machar Mini Shabbaton (3rd-5th graders)

**April 19 @ 12:00 pm**

Kadima Israeli Celebrations (6th-8th graders)



# HAR SHALOM *PLAYERS*

## Har Shalom Players' 15th Annual Production Takes Hundreds Under the Sea

Enthusiastic audiences clapped, cheered, and danced in the seats during the Har Shalom Players' production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. The January 26-27 performances drew large crowds and rave reviews.





# MEN'S CLUB *EVENTS*

## Men's Club Brunch and Speaker Series Sunday, March 1 with Dr. Guy Ziv



Brunch will be served beginning at 9:15. Dr. Ziv's presentation will begin at approximately 10:15. He will discuss the internal Israeli political environment in the context of U.S.-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian relations, which is particularly timely since Israel will be in the midst of its third recent re-election campaign; the first two were inconclusive.

Dr. Ziv is an assistant professor in the School of International Service's U.S. Foreign Policy Program. He teaches a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses on U.S. foreign policy, the Middle East, and international negotiations. His current research focuses on foreign policy decision-making, the influence of think tanks in U.S. foreign policy, and the role of political elites in the Arab-Israeli conflict. His written works on the impact of Israel's nuclear policy on U.S.-Israel relations; Israel's strategic partnership with France in the 1950s; learning in foreign policy; and the role of leaders' personalities in foreign policy

change have been published in peer-reviewed, scholarly journals. His op-eds have appeared in both American and Israeli newspapers.

Dr. Ziv has appeared as a commentator in major media outlets. He has a background in policy, having worked at the U.S. Department of State, on Capitol Hill, and for leading non-profit organizations that promote American involvement in Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking.

### Men's Club Annual

## TEXAS HOLD'EM

Sunday,

March 15

### Poker Tournament

5:00-10:00pm

Paul Social Hall, Har Shalom

**\$32 Cash entrance fee buys \$50 in chips**

**100% of entry fees paid out in prizes:**

- ♣ 1/2 to first place plus a grand trophy
- ♥ 1/3 to second place plus a less grand trophy
- ♦ 3/24<sup>th</sup> to Third place plus a trophy worthy of yourself
- ♣ 1/24<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place – sorry no trophy



**Additional suggested charitable donation of \$18.00 to Men's Club –**  
Donation may be paid in cash or check and gets you a receipt

### Food & Refreshments

**Light fleishidek (kosher meat) dinner with desserts. Snacks and beverages included.**  
No outside food or beverages allowed to be brought in.

**Check in and food starts at 5:00 pm. Play starts at 5:30**

Call Richard Sternberg 202-246-9177 if you want to get chipped in  
for late arrival. Late arrivals and rebuys allowed until 4<sup>th</sup> break.

## HIAS *SHABBAT*



**Welcome the stranger.  
Protect the refugee.**

On Saturday morning, **April 18**, during Shabbat morning services, Congregation Har Shalom will be a proud participant in HIAS' (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) National Refugee Shabbat, in support of legal refugees and asylum seekers who have recently arrived and will be arriving in the United States.

During that Shabbat morning, we will raise awareness of the plight of immigrants coming to, and already in our community, learn about some of the work that has been done locally, and reaffirm our commitment to welcoming legal refugees and asylum seekers. With more than 70 million people worldwide who have fled their homes due to persecution and violence, we are now witnesses to one of the largest humanitarian crises in human history. After connecting this issue to Jewish texts, values and history, we will briefly explore opportunities for more direct individual and family engagement in helping refugees and asylum seekers in our local community. Leading up to April 18, our Religious School students will be learning about issues faced by immigrants in our country and local community using these same Jewish texts, values and history.

We hope to see you at Shabbat morning services on April 18. If you would like to know more about the SATO committee's efforts to assist legal refugees and immigrants, or want to share what you are already doing on your own in this area, please be in touch with us at [SATO@harshalom.org](mailto:SATO@harshalom.org). Learn more at: [www.hias.org](http://www.hias.org)



# MEN'S CLUB *PURIM CARNIVAL*

HAR SHALOM MEN'S CLUB IS PROUD TO PRESENT OUR

# PURIM CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>  
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

FREE AND OPEN  
TO THE COMMUNITY  
RSVP ONLINE AT:

[WWW.HARSHALOM.ORG/MCPURIMCARNIVAL](http://WWW.HARSHALOM.ORG/MCPURIMCARNIVAL)

CONGREGATION HAR SHALOM  
11510 FALLS ROAD  
POTOMAC, MD 20854  
(301) 299 - 7087

CARNIVAL ATTRACTIONS! MOON BOUNCE! MIDWAY GAMES + PRIZES!  
RAFFLES! FREE HAMANTASCHEN! FOOD SOLD A LA CARTE!  
SPECIAL CARNIVAL AREA FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5, ESTHER'S ALLEY!



# HAR SHALOM *PURIM*



## *CELEBRATE PURIM (57)80's STYLE!*

Come dressed in your favorite 80's trends.

The Purim Shpeil this year is full of rad 80's parodies!

Some songs featured are "What's Love Got To Do With It," "Kokomo," "Material Girl,"

"Like A Virgin," "Safety Dance," and "Hey Mickey."

If you want to write/sing/perform your own parody,  
reach out to Hazzan Ozur Bass at [hozurbass@harshalom.org](mailto:hozurbass@harshalom.org).

## *SCHEDULE:*

**5:45 PM**

**Young Family Dinner\***

**6:15 PM**

**Young Family Megillah Reading**

**6:45 PM**

**Community Purim Dinner\***

**7:15 PM**

**Community Purim Celebration**

*\*Register for Dinner by March 2 at [www.harshalom.org/purim](http://www.harshalom.org/purim)*

# MARCH 2020 – ADAR/NISAN 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>1</b> 9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:00 am Sisterhood Purim Bag Assembly 9:00 am HSRS 9:00 am HSRS Parents' Bagel Cafe 9:15 am Men's Club Brunch 9:45 am Congregational Meeting 10:00 am Hebrew Reading Crash Course with Rabbi Raskin 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>2</b> 7:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm Men's Club Board Meeting 8:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>3</b> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 4:30 pm HSRS 6:00 pm 4th Grade B'nai Mitzvah 7:00 pm Cooking with Yael: Taste of Memories 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>4</b> 10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 10:30 am <i>Mishna Ta'anit</i> Class 12:00 pm Sisterhood Daytime Book Club 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm High Holy Day Torah Reading with <i>Hazzan</i> Ozur Bass
<b>8</b> 9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:00 am HSRS 10:00 am Hebrew Reading Crash Course with Rabbi Raskin 11:00 am Men's Club Purim Carnival 6:30 pm Israel Engagement Fellowship for 11th & 12th Graders 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Taanit Esther</i> <i>Erev Purim</i> 7:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 5:45 pm Young Family Purim Dinner 6:15 pm Young Family Megillah Reading 6:45 pm Community Purim Dinner 7:15 pm Community Purim Celebration and <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Purim</i> 7:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> and <i>Megillah</i> Reading 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 4:30 pm HSRS 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>11</b> 10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 10:30 am <i>Mishna Ta'anit</i> Class 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm High Holy Day Torah Reading with <i>Hazzan</i> Ozur Bass
<b>15</b> 9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:00 am HSRS 10:00 am Hebrew Reading Crash Course with Rabbi Raskin 10:30 am B'nai Mitzvah Moving Traditions 2:00 pm Kadima Event 5:00 pm Men's Club Poker Tournament 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>16</b> 7:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 12:00 pm Senior Bingo 4:30 pm HSRS 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>18</b> 10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 10:30 am <i>Mishna Ta'anit</i> Class 12:00 pm Daytimers Jewish Film Festival 7:00 pm Basic Conversational Hebrew Class w/Yael* 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm High Holy Day Torah Reading with <i>Hazzan</i> Ozur Bass
<b>22</b> 9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Alan B. Levenson Breakfast 10:00 am Hebrew Reading Crash Course with Rabbi Raskin 3:00 pm Young Family Play Date 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>23</b> 7:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm Synagogue Board Meeting	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 4:30 pm HSRS 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>25</b> 10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 10:30 am <i>Mishna Ta'anit</i> Class 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm High Holy Day Torah Reading with <i>Hazzan</i> Ozur Bass
<b>29</b> 9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:00 am HSRS 10:00 am Hebrew Reading Crash Course with Rabbi Raskin 12:15 pm Youth Event 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>30</b> 7:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>31</b> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 4:30 pm HSRS 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	



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	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	5	6	7
	<b>7:00 am</b> <i>Shaharit</i> <b>9:30 am</b> Sisterhood Mah Jongg <b>5:30 pm</b> Booze & Schmooze - For Parents of Kids in High School* <b>7:00 pm</b> Vashti's Banquet <b>7:45 pm</b> <i>Ma'ariv</i> <b>8:00 pm</b> Youth Committee Meeting	<b>9:30 am</b> Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing <b>5:50 pm</b> Candle Lighting <b>6:00 pm</b> <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i>	<b>Parshat Zahor</b> <b>Tetzaveh</b> <b>Men's Club Shabbat</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <i>Shaharit</i> <b>10:15 am</b> Learner's Minyan <b>10:45 am</b> <i>Minyan Katan</i> <b>12:00 pm</b> Israeli Shabbat <b>12:40 pm</b> Torah Study <b>5:35 pm</b> <i>Minhal/Ma'ariv</i> <b>6:51 pm</b> <i>Havdalah</i>
	12	13	14
	<b>7:00 am</b> <i>Shaharit</i> <b>9:30 am</b> Sisterhood Mah Jongg <b>6:00 pm</b> Men's Club Dinner & Movie* <b>7:45 pm</b> <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing <b>6:30 pm</b> <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> <b>6:57 pm</b> Candle Lighting	<b>Parshat Parah</b> <b>Ki Tisa</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <i>Shaharit</i> <b>12:40 pm</b> Torah Study <b>6:45 pm</b> <i>Minhal/Ma'ariv</i> <b>7:58 pm</b> <i>Havdalah</i>
	19	20	21
	<b>7:00 am</b> <i>Shaharit</i> <b>9:30 am</b> Sisterhood Mah Jongg <b>7:30 pm</b> Men's Club Boyz Club Poker* <b>7:45 pm</b> <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing <b>6:30 pm</b> <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> <b>7:04 pm</b> Candle Lighting	<b>Shabbat Mevarhim</b> <b>Parshat Hahodesh</b> <b>Vayakhel-Pekudei</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Youth Shabbat & 3rd Grade <i>Hagigat HaSiddur</i> <b>9:30 am</b> <i>Shaharit</i> <b>10:45 am</b> Shabbat with Yael <b>10:45 am</b> STaR Shabbat, Torah and <i>Ruach</i> <b>11:00 am</b> <i>Gan Shabbat</i> <b>12:40 pm</b> Torah Study <b>6:50 pm</b> <i>Minhal/Ma'ariv</i> <b>8:05 pm</b> <i>Havdalah</i>
	26	27	28
	<b>Rosh Hodesh Nisan</b> <b>7:00 am</b> <i>Shaharit</i> <b>9:30 am</b> Sisterhood Mah Jongg <b>6:15 pm</b> Adult Kids Club Dinner* <b>7:45 pm</b> <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>9:30 am</b> Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing <b>6:30 pm</b> <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> <b>7:10 pm</b> Candle Lighting	<b>Vayikra</b> <b>Bar Mitzvah: Ethan Pelzman</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <i>Shaharit</i> <b>12:40 pm</b> Torah Study <b>6:55 pm</b> <i>Minhal/Ma'ariv</i> <b>8:11 pm</b> <i>Havdalah</i>
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# APRIL 2020 – NISAN/IYAR 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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<b>5</b>  9:00 am Shaharit 6:30 pm HSRS High School 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	<b>6</b>  7:00 am Shaharit 7:45 pm Ma'ariv 8:00 pm Men's Club Board Meeting 8:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	<b>7</b>  9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:00 pm Cooking with Yael: Taste of Memories 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	<b>8</b>  <b>Erev Pesah</b> <b>Office Closes at 12:30 pm</b> 7:00 am Shaharit 7:30 am Siyyum HaBekhorim 7:22 pm Candle Lighting 7:45 pm Ma'ariv by Request
<b>12</b>  <b>Hol Hamoed Pesah</b> <b>3rd Day Omer</b> 9:00 am Shaharit 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	<b>13</b>  <b>Hol Hamoed Pesah</b> <b>4th Day Omer</b> 7:00 am Shaharit 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	<b>14</b>  <b>Hol Hamoed Pesah</b> <b>5th Day Omer</b> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:30 pm Ma'ariv 7:28 pm Candle Lighting	<b>15</b>  <b>Pesah</b> <b>6th Day Omer</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 9:30 am Shaharit 6:30 pm Ma'ariv 8:29 pm Candle Lighting
<b>19</b>  <b>10th Day Omer</b> 9:00 am Shaharit 9:00 am Parents' Bagel Cafe 9:00 am Hammer & Stain* 9:00 am HSRS 12:00 pm Kadima Israeli Picnic 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	<b>20</b>  <b>11th Day Omer</b> 7:00 am Shaharit 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	<b>21</b>  <b>Yom Ha Shoah</b> <b>12th Day Omer</b> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 4:30 pm HSRS 7:00 pm Zikaron Basalon: Holocaust Memorial Day Event 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	<b>22</b>  <b>13th Day Omer</b> 10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 12:00 pm Daytimers Jewish Film Festival 7:00 pm Basic Conversational Hebrew Class with Yael*  7:30 pm Sisterhood Exercise: Let's Get Physical 7:45 pm Ma'ariv
<b>26</b>  <b>17th Day Omer</b> 9:00 am Shaharit 9:00 am HSRS 6:00 pm Har Shalom & Sherman ECC Silent Auction 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	<b>27</b>  <b>18th Day Omer</b> 7:00 am Shaharit 7:45 pm Ma'ariv 8:00 pm Synagogue Board Meeting	<b>28</b>  <b>Yom Hazikaron</b> <b>19th Day Omer</b> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 5:45 pm HSRS 5:45 pm From Zikaron to Atzmaut 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	<b>29</b>  <b>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</b> <b>20th Day Omer</b> 10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 7:45 pm Ma'ariv

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	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>2</b> 7:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>3</b> 9:30 am Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing 6:30 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> 7:17 pm Candle Lighting 7:30 pm Legacy Circle Shabbat Dinner at Rabbi Raskin's House*	<b>4</b> <i><b>Shabbat HaGadol, Tzav</b></i> 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Shabbat with Bex Stern Rosenblatt 10:15 am Learner's Minyan 10:45 am <i>Minyan Katan</i> 12:00 pm Israeli Shabbat 12:00 pm Kiddush, "A Fun Midrash on Frogs" 12:40 pm Torah Study 7:05 pm <i>Minhal/Ma'ariv</i> 8:18 pm <i>Havdalah</i> 8:30 pm Dessert Night Out*
	<b>9</b> <i><b>Pesah</b></i> <b>Office Closed</b> 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> 1:45 pm <i>Minha</i> 7:00 pm Congregational Passover Seder 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv by Request</i> 8:32 pm Candle Lighting	<b>10</b> <i><b>Hol Hamoed Pesah</b></i> <b>1st Day Omer</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:24 pm Candle Lighting 7:45 pm <i>Minhal/Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm End of <i>Hag</i>	<b>11</b> <i><b>Hol Hamoed Pesah</b></i> <b>1st Day Omer</b> 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> 12:40 pm Torah Study 7:10 pm <i>Minhal/Ma'ariv</i> 8:25 pm <i>Havdalah</i>
	<b>16</b> <i><b>Pesah</b></i> <b>Yizkor</b> <b>7th Day Omer</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> 8:30 pm <i>Havdalah</i>	<b>17</b> <b>8th Day Omer</b> 9:30 am Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing 6:30 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> 7:31 pm Candle Lighting	<b>18</b> <i><b>Shabbat Mevarhim</b></i> <b>9th Day Omer</b> <b>Shmini</b> 9:30 pm HIAS Refugee Shabbat 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> 10:45 am Shabbat with Yael 10:45 am STaR Shabbat, Torah and <i>Ruach</i> 11:00 am <i>Gan</i> Shabbat 12:00 pm Youth Mini Shabbaton 12:40 pm Torah Study 7:15 pm <i>Minhal/Ma'ariv</i> 8:32 pm <i>Havdalah</i>
	<b>23</b> <b>14th Day Omer</b> 7:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:15 pm Adult Kids Club Dinner* 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<b>24</b> <b>Rosh Hodesh Iyyar</b> <b>15th Day Omer</b> 9:30 am Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing 6:30 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> 7:38 pm Candle Lighting	<b>25</b> <b>Rosh Hodesh Iyyar</b> <b>16th Day Omer</b> <b>Tazria-Metzora</b> <b>Bat Mitzvah: Anya Levy</b> 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> 12:40 pm Torah Study 7:25 pm <i>Minhal/Ma'ariv</i> 8:39 pm <i>Havdalah</i>
	<b>30</b> <b>21st Day Omer</b> 7:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>	<p><b>Please Note:</b></p> <p>Times are subject to change.          The times listed on this calendar are accurately as of print date,          please check website for updates.</p> <p><a href="http://harshalom.org/events">harshalom.org/events</a></p>	



# FAMILY NEWS

## *B'NAI MITZVAH:*



**Ethan Pelzman-Gudelsky**

**March 28**

Son of Sarah Pelzman and  
Henry Gudelsky



**Anya Levy**

**April 25**

Daughter of  
Beth Shapiro-Loser & Chris Loser  
and Adam Levy

## *Mazal Tov:*

Kenny & Carol Kaplan on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Marni Kaplan.

Betsy and Dan New-Schneider on the birth of their son, Benjamin Lev. The older siblings are Mia and Noah.

Rabbi Raskin on his election to the Executive Council of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Emma Chen, daughter of David & Jodi Chen, on her acceptance to Lafayette College. Emma was selected to be a Marquis Scholar, one of only 50 incoming freshmen to receive this honor.

Bob Ross on the 60th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Vic and Marla Cohen on their 50th anniversary.

Linda Isen on her 70th birthday.

Fern Solomson on her son Matthew's confirmation by the U.S. Senate to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, for a term of 15 years.

Kayley Romick, our Rabbinic Intern, on her marriage to Rabbi Jack Dermer.

Michael and Carol Moskowitz on the engagement of their daughter, Liza, to Andrew Babiskin, son of Robert <sup>z"l</sup> and Carol Babiskin.

Larry Center on his 71st birthday.

Phyllis and David Coburn on the birth of their grandson, Aviv Eitan Cowan, son of Seth and Marnina Cowan, on December 27th.

Bob Sunshine on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

## *Condolences:*

Lance Pursner on the passing of his brother, Alan Pursner.

Jesse Baumgold on the passing of his mother, Tamara Baumgold.

David Weiss on the passing of his mother, Ruth Weiss.

David Freeman on the passing of his father, Cyril Freeman.

Howard Cooper on the passing of his brother, Philip Cooper.

Jeffrey Bochner on the passing of his wife, Jenifer Bochner.

Naomi Glaser on the passing of her husband, Fred Glaser.

Wilma Braun on the passing of her mother, Lillian Kairys.

Steve Erd on the passing of his mother, Judith Erd.

Jack and Diana Binder on the passing of their sister-in-law, Eleanor Frishman.

Toby Holtzman and Rebecca Holtzman on the passing of their husband and father, Matthew Holtzman.

Ken Shere on the passing of his wife, Madeline Shere.

Cheryl Geiger on the passing of her mother, Louise Drazin.

# TORAH *ARK*



## A Special Thank You From Dave Kenton

First, my thanks to Nina Simon, who over two years ago, said that Har Shalom decided to honor me for chanting and teaching Torah reading for forty years. I thanked Nina, then not realizing what this would entail. Then I put it on my "back burner" and forgot about it until Nina showed me the result of her work, design, and fund-raising; a beautiful Torah Ark with an inscription inside which brought tears to my eyes. I asked Nina if I could write the individuals who contributed and she thought it would not be a good idea so I am writing this humbly to thank all who contributed for this beautiful work of art. I encourage everyone who reads this to stop by the Chapel and read the words in Hebrew from Psalms on the doors of the Ark:

"Sing to the Lord; Sing a new song."

# HS *VOLUNTEERS*



Har Shalomers participated in the Edlavitch Jewish Community Center of Washington, DC D25 programming by serving Christmas Dinner at St. Mary's Ct. in Washington, DC.

# HAMMER & *STAIN*



## Hammer & Stain Morning Out!

Sisterhood invites all Har Shalom women to join us at Hammer & Stain in Rockville on **Sunday, April 19**, 9:30 a.m. - noon. Find our group, sign up, and pick your project on the Hammer & Stain website: [www.hammerandstainrockville.com](http://www.hammerandstainrockville.com)

# INTERFAITH *EVENT*



## Saturday, May 9, During Services with Guest Speaker Rev. Mark Michael

Christian Theological Responses to the Holocaust.  
A Response to Rabbi Raskin's Talk at St. Francis on  
Jewish Theological Responses to the Holocaust



# CATCH UP WITH THE *SISTERHOOD*

From Your Sisterhood President, Susan Grant



Sisterhood has a full schedule of activities during March and April. Please read about all of our wonderful activities in this section of the Tablet.

March began with our Purim Basket Project. The Purim Basket Project is Sisterhood's largest fundraiser. The monies raised go to support our synagogue, with grants in the past to the ECC, HSRS, for kitchen expenses and the Capital Campaign. Without this fundraiser, Sisterhood would not be able to be as generous with its support. We make it easy for you to observe the mitzvah of sending baskets of treats to your family and friends. Happy Purim!

The month of March continues with **Vashti's Banquet on Thursday, March 5**. The program will have taken place by the time of this publication for women to join the Queen's fabled harem for an evening of delectable desserts, crafting, beauty secrets, henna painting, and more.

Our **Let's Get Physical exercise program continues on Wednesday, April 22** with a Bollywood-inspired class called BollyX, taught by certified fitness instructor Julian Johns. It will be a low impact, dance focused class open to all women of all abilities. I personally can't wait to try out this class!

I'm really excited to introduce a new Sisterhood event that will take place at **Hammer & Stain on Sunday, April 18**. We are seeking to introduce ourselves to Har Shalom newcomers and encourage younger women to get to know Sisterhood and share in our vibrant community within Har Shalom. This event is being offered during that "sweet" time between Religious School drop off and pickup. It's going to be fun so let's get our creative juices flowing!!

We continue to collect gently used bras and sealed feminine hygiene products to donate to the Support the Girls Project. There is a desperate need for these items for women housed in shelters. Please continue to drop off your donations in the collection box in the coat closet next to the front office.

Please save the date for many Sisterhood activities in May. These include a **joint Sisterhood/Men's Club brunch on May 3**, **Sisterhood Shabbat on May 16th** and **Member Appreciation on May 20th**.

Your Sisterhood has so much to offer. Have you participated yet? "Don't count the days. Make the days count" –Muhammad Ali

## The New To You Sale Will Be Back This Summer!



Do you feel like it's time to de-clutter your home? Have we got a solution for you! Sisterhood is holding its annual New To You Rummage Sale this summer on Sunday, July 26. We will be happy to accept your donations of household items beginning one week before the sale on July 19. So start looking around your home and saving your gently used belongings for this great fundraiser. The profits from the sale are used to support vital Har Shalom programming. Questions: Contact Susan Rabkin at 301-762-4899 or [susanrabkin@verizon.net](mailto:susanrabkin@verizon.net), or Helen Branda at 847-721-8274 or [helenbranda@gmail.com](mailto:helenbranda@gmail.com).

## Senior Bingo



March 17th will be our final Senior Bingo event until next fall. Please join us as we serve local Nursing Homes a light lunch, entertainment from the Sherman ECC children, and fun games of bingo with prizes from the Dollar Store and a gift certificate from Giant Supermarket. All our volunteers enjoy the day as much as our guests. We meet to prepare the lunch at 9:30 AM and we finish at 1:30 PM. You can come anytime during that period.

Please contact Hedda Kenton, at [heddagram@aol.com](mailto:heddagram@aol.com) if you want to join our worthwhile activity. I know you will love it as much as our regular volunteers.

## Let's Get Physical! Sisterhood Exercise Class



BollyX is a Bollywood-inspired, cardio dance fitness program that is high in energy and swag, but not in impact! It is a Bollywood-inspired dance fitness program that combines dynamic choreography with the hottest music from around the world. The class cycles between higher and lower-intensity dance sequences to get you moving, sweating, and motivated all at the same time. At the very core of a BollyX workout is the inspiration it draws from the music and dance of Bollywood, the film industry of India. We embody the infectious energy, expression and movement of Bollywood and aim to expand the reach of fitness to more people worldwide.

Class participants should come to class wearing proper fitness attire, including sneakers or cross-trainers to support the feet. You also have the option to dance barefoot if you like and are accustomed to dancing that way.

Julian Johns is our BollyX instructor. He is a certified fitness instructor with many certifications: Spinning, Schwinn Cycling MPower, Gold's Gym Bootcamp, BollyX, and Penalty Box. His classes are strong, energetic, and motivating, but catered to his participants needs. He enjoys bringing people out of their shells and letting them show off their talents. He encourages his clients to build their endurance and push themselves a little further during class!

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Sisterhood Shabbat**  
**May 16 at 9:30 AM**



Our guest speaker will be Debra Goldich, Immediate Past International Torah Fund Chair and President Elect for WLCJ. We are looking forward to celebrating together with all our friends and congregants.

## Sisterhood Daytime Book Club

**March 4 at 12:00 PM**

*Kaddish.com*

by Nathan Englander

Facilitator: Joan Gorman



When his father dies, it falls to Larry—the secular son in a family of Orthodox Brooklyn Jews—to recite the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, every day for eleven months. But to the horror and dismay of his sister, Larry refuses, imperiling the fate of his father's soul. To appease her, he hires a stranger through a website called kaddish.com to say the prayer instead—a decision that will have profound, and very personal, repercussions. Irreverent, hilarious, and wholly irresistible, Nathan Englander's tale of a son who makes a diabolical compromise brilliantly captures the tensions between tradition and modernity.

**April 1 at 12:00 PM**

*The Lost Girls of Paris*

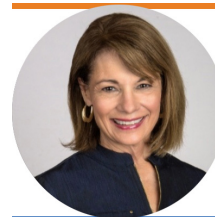
by Pam Jenoff

Facilitator: Valerie Gordon



Grace Healey is rebuilding her life after losing her husband during WWII. One morning she finds an abandoned suitcase, which she opens and discovers a dozen photographs of women. In a moment of impulse, Grace takes them. She learns that the suitcase belonged to a woman who was leader of a ring of female secret agents. Twelve were sent to Occupied Europe as couriers and radio operators to aid the resistance, but they never returned home. Grace sets out to learn the truth behind the women in the photographs. She finds herself drawn to a young mother turned agent named Marie, whose daring mission overseas reveals a remarkable story of friendship, valor and betrayal.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**  
**May 20 at 6:00 PM**



Join us for a lively and engaging talk from Deborah Peebles, Chief Development Officer at JSSA. Let's all be there to hear Deborah speak about JSSA's community-wide initiatives; and, of course, to honor our wonderful volunteers.



## Camp Scholarships Available From Congregation Har Shalom Sisterhood

Children applying for the scholarship will need to submit the application below and arrange a time to meet with Sisterhood's Camp Scholarship Chair Melanie Shauer for a brief interview. Scholarships are not need based and everyone should apply! However, awards will be scaled based on the family's support of Sisterhood fundraising and activities, interview, and essay.

To apply, complete this form and return it by April 6th to:

Congregation Har Shalom Sisterhood  
USY on Wheels & Overnight Camp Ramah Scholarship  
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email [sisterhood@harshalom.org](mailto:sisterhood@harshalom.org)

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Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please write a short essay on why you want to go on this program:

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We expect scholarship recipients to send a thank you letter about their time at camp to be shared with the Sisterhood Steering Committee.

All requests will be considered by the Sisterhood by their May meeting, and email notifications will be sent when decisions and amounts are determined and checks mailed to the families by the end of May.

# SATO/*SOCIAL ACTION TIKKUN OLAM*

It's March but Tablet articles are submitted in advance so let's get up-to-date. Did you ever wonder what happens to the Sukkah squash? Much of it goes to Manna Food Warehouse clients, pumpkins and gourds decorate Stepping Stones Shelter, and Har Shalom elves happily bake butternut squashes into over 6 dozen breads for Manna, Stepping Stones, Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, MoCo Men's and Women's Shelters, Cabin John Fire Department, and local refugee families. Baking finally completed in January but please join in next year's baking fun!

Until then, please support Har Shalom's efforts to help those in need. Collection bins are located in the coat closet and volunteer drivers are always needed. March and April collections focus on feeding the hungry with Purim groggers and Hametz for Manna. And don't forget non-perishable Kosher for Passover foods for Yad Yehuda Kosher Pantry.

A chairperson is needed for Har Shalom's Green Team, which participates in the Seal of Sustainability program through Hazon. The Green Team fulfills the mission of the Dorann Bunkin<sup>z</sup> Environmental Impact Fund by implementing programs and procedures centered on Sustainability in the Home, in the Community, and in the Synagogue. Contact [SATO@harshalom.org](mailto:SATO@harshalom.org) for more information.



## **March collection:**

Hametz (including macaroni groggers) and non-perishable Kosher for Passover foods for Manna Food Center and Yad Yehuda Kosher Pantry



## **April collection:**

Cell phones (no longer needed or broken) for Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA)

# DAYTIMERS *JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL*



**March 18, 2020**

***Working Woman* – Israel – 2018 – 93 minutes**  
**12:00 PM: BYO Dairy Lunch, 12:30 PM Screening**

"Working Woman" is a drama about the everyday struggles of being female in the workplace. Orna is the mother of three young children whose husband is struggling to start his own restaurant. To help support her family, Orna lands a job with a former army superior who is now a successful real estate developer. While Orna likes her new position and tries to balance its demands with her home life, she begins to experience escalating sexual harassment from her boss.



**April 15, 2020**

***Longing* – Israel – 2017 – 100 minutes**  
**12:00 PM: BYO Dairy Lunch, 12:30 PM Screening**

Successful single businessman Ariel Bloch is shocked to learn that a former girlfriend of his was pregnant when they separated two decades previously but kept quiet as she knew he didn't want to be a parent. Now that their 19-year-old son has died in a car accident, she feels compelled to tell him. Determined to find out more about his son, Ariel travels to Acre, where he meets those who knew him. Each reveals a new and different side to the boy.



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