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Raskin about misconceptions
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FROM THE RABBI



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A recent cover to the “Off Duty” section of the Wall Street Journal (3/27/21) was titled: *Your Guide to the Grand Outdoors*. The articles mostly covered spring fashions, getaways, even picnic recipes (complete with a decadent ginger, orange zest, and bourbon s’mores concoction), but I was taken with the subtitle: “The past winter has meant doing without a lot of life’s pleasures-and doing so while stuck inside. It’s time to overcompensate.” *I am so ready for that*, I thought as I read those words! Not only am I eager to welcome warmer temperatures and spring foliage, I am looking forward to utilizing outdoor spaces to resume one of the things I love most about Jewish life: hosting and sharing Shabbat meals with family, friends, and congregants. Sari and I look forward to resuming having guests now that outdoor temperatures are more amenable. I hope we can have some shul gatherings outside as well...Please note that we are hosting a special outdoor Shavuot experience (in collaboration with B’nai Tzedek), beginning with a Service of Healing and Hope, followed by a traditional Shavuot study session (on the same theme) all under the stars on the Har Shalom parking lot, on May 16th. We are also planning some outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat services as well, so stay tuned for dates and times.

Experiencing God in nature, whether on a nearby hike, or at a majestic vista, is relatable for a lot of people. Is there anything quite like those Friday night services at Jewish summer camps in outdoor, wooded chapels? Rabbi Yosef Yozel Hurwitz (Lithuania, 1847-1919) was a spiritual master associated with the Mussar movement. He was also known as the “*Alter fun Novardok*,” meaning the Elder of [the village of] Novardok. In order to seek deeper spirituality, the Alter retreated to a hut in the thick of the forest, where he would pray, study, meditate, and receive students and visitors. According to tradition, the Alter spent nine years living in this simple structure in the forest, where he was invigorated by the simple beauty and purity of nature. While many of us cannot “overcompensate” to that degree, there is a sacred Jewish tradition of retreating to a secluded spot, often in nature, to experience unique spirituality and clarity. The term *hitbodedut* (which is related to a word that is now familiar to every Hebrew speaker/Israeli: *bidud*, meaning quarantine) is the practice of removing ourselves from the crush of external stimuli and pressures. Some practitioners of *hitbodedut* would pray, speak, sing, weep, even shout to God. Others use the opportunity for quiet contemplation and meditation.

Now that we have entered a warmer season, how will you make the most of this time both for your own spiritual life and for opportunities to be with others outdoors? I hope that the return to nature fills you with awe and hope, as it did the Psalmist who proclaimed: “How amazing are your works, O God, in wisdom You have made them all! The earth is full of Your creations.” (Ps. 104:24) I’ve always imagined that the Psalmist composed that in response to a spectacular sight in nature: perhaps a walk in the forest, watching a glorious sunset, or examining a star-filled sky. What will your response be to the world around you, now that you can get outside and “overcompensate?”

Rabbi Raskin

FROM THE HAZZAN



Henrique Ozur Bass
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One of the rituals that drew me to Har Shalom, 25 years ago, was the prayer for healing. I watched as people stood around the *bimah* during my audition Shabbat and I felt a wonderful sense of community and care. Rabbi Cahan, of blessed memory, recited the traditional prayer for healing and each person added the name of a loved one for whom they were praying. Rabbi Cahan repeated each name and included them in his prayer. To this original ritual we added Drorah Setel and Debbie Friedman's moving song, after Har Shalom participated in Synagogue 2000.

Healing fascinates me. My search engine tells me that "healing" is related to the word "whole", and not to the concept of cure. Bones need to "heal" if they break, because we need them to "become whole" again. But people, in order to heal, need more than a cast.

When a person is in a state of dis-ease, finding a cure for their ailments is one step. Healing starts with the body. Most humans also need to address their emotional and spiritual sides, because any dis-ease brings, with it, a sense of loss: loss of time; sometimes a loss of income; sometimes a loss of a sense of self. Helping people heal includes the emotional and the spiritual, also.

There's a lot of healing we must do from this past year. Even though the pandemic affected different people differently, it affected all of us. And the pandemic is not the only maladie demanding a cure: political division, racial inequity and prejudice, violence, and, even, loneliness plagued us this past year. For the pandemic there's a cure; for these other dis-eases we hope to find healing. My guide for healing is this: "The human soul doesn't want to be advised or fixed or saved. It simply wants to be witnessed – to be seen, heard and companioned exactly as it is" (Parker J. Palmer). Healing is in the seeing: when someone tells us about their suffering and we understand how their suffering relates to our suffering. Healing is in the hearing: when we provide a space, a safe space, for someone to share their suffering. Healing is in the companionship: when we offer compassion to another person who is suffering.

This *Shavuot*, our theme will be healing. I hope that you can come to our study session, and that you will attend the Healing Service that precedes it. I pray that your soul feels seen, heard, and companioned and that you are able to witness, listen, and be compassionate to other souls. May full healing of mind and spirit visit you, and may you bring healing to everyone you meet in your journey.

Hazzan Ozur Bass

MIDDAY MINDFUL MOMENTS
WITH HAZZAN OZUR BASS
THURSDAYS @ 12:30 PM



THIRTY MINUTES OF HEALING, MEDITATION,
MINDFUL NIGGUNIM, STUDY OF HASIDIC
TEXTS AND OPEN SHARING.

REGISTER TO RECEIVE THE ZOOM LINK:
WWW.HARSHALOM.ORG/MINDFULMOMENTS

Meshorerim with Hazzan Ozur Bass

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

If you like to sing and harmonize, join us to learn familiar and new tunes, so we will be able to support the Shaliach Tsibbur and enhance services once we are back together in the Burke Sanctuary.

Register to receive the Zoom link:
www.HarShalom.org/meshorerim



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Michael Baron
President

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I am writing my first Tablet article as President from the mountains of Colorado, which is very appropriate since Har Shalom translates to 'mountain of peace.'

Over the past year, many of you have asked me why I accepted the Presidency of Har Shalom... am I crazy, maybe insane, why on earth would you want all this angst?? The reason I accepted the position as President is because I care about Har Shalom, and more importantly, I care about being Jewish.

Just a little history of my Jewish life... Yes, as all good Jewish parents do, my parents made me attend Hebrew School 3 days a week in White Plains, New York, at Temple Israel Center, which was the last place I wanted to be after school. After becoming a Bar Mitzvah, I was so done with Hebrew School and going to services. Of course, my family still celebrated the Jewish holidays, but we rarely attended services. The next time I went to services was at college for High Holy Day Services to impress a girl. Fortunately, I didn't make much of an impression, or I would never have met my wife Paulette.

Then around 2003, my daughter Hannah was preparing for her Bat Mitzvah. Back then all B'nai Mitzvah teens were required to attend 13 services and Hannah took that quite literally. We regularly attended both Friday night and Shabbat morning services, marking the beginning of my involvement at Har Shalom and relearning my Jewish roots.

Last February, someone from the Nominating Committee asked me to come before the Committee and present my vision of Har Shalom over the next two years. I had a pretty good idea that I was going to be asked to be the next President, due to the vision question. I told the Committee that although Har Shalom is a remarkable place for prayer, education and learning, I believe the most important part of our synagogue, and being a member, is our COMMUNITY.

Over the past year, I have been asked how am I doing in relation to COVID-19. My answer is always the same: great! My family is healthy (knock on wood), work is good, and I can play golf, so I have nothing to complain about. But the one thing I really miss is Shabbat Services IN the Burke Sanctuary - in person, not virtually – and walking over to daily evening Minyan. And Kiddush. I really miss Kiddush! I miss eating Marco's famous tunafish salad with Arden Baker and Lenny Sacks after services and listening to their stories. This is what I mean about COMMUNITY.

In my D'var Torah to the Board last month, I spoke about keeping the Jewish flame burning in our hearts. We can do this by reading Jewish-authored books, saying the brachot, thanking G-d for the blooming of the spring flowers, doing an act of kindness, lighting candles, reading from the Torah, giving tzedakah... just to name a few!

With the festival of *Shavuot* in just a couple of weeks, this is a great time to rekindle that Jewish flame within ourselves, learn a little Torah, and return to Har Shalom for services.

I thank Steve Susswein for the easy transition and his leadership over the past two years. I look forward to working with the clergy and professional staff at Har Shalom. Most importantly, I look forward to listening to and seeing all of you. If you ever need to contact me, send me an email: president@harshalom.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael L. Baron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael L. Baron
President



Congregation Har Shalom Budget & Bylaws Meeting

May 11 at 8:00PM via Zoom
www.harshalom.org/AnnualMeeting

Agenda

- D'var Torah
- Minutes
- President's Report
- Proposed Budget FY22
- Proposed Bylaw Changes
- Adjournment

Designated Nominees for the Har Shalom Board of Directors

Officers:

- Vice President At Large - Joe Edlow
- Vice President Administration - Larry Center
- Vice President Education - Aimee Segal
- Vice President Membership and Programming - Jackie Blanken
- Vice President Religious Affairs and Adult Education - Michal Marcus
- Secretary - Ken Lechter
- Treasurer - Dennis Kiefer
- Financial Secretary - Robert Klipper

- Members of the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired terms of Blanken and Klipper for the term ending 2022:
- Randy May
- Ben Ring

- Members of the Board of Directors for the term ending 2023:
- Jillian Bernstein
- Louis Leibowitz
- Andrea Lewis
- Michelle Malet
- Mitch Smith
- Susan Strassman



MAZEL TOV TO THE CLASS OF 2021!

**YOUR HAR SHALOM FAMILY
WISHES YOU MUCH SUCCESS
ON YOUR NEXT JOURNEY.**

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 Email MSchwartz@harshalom.org.

FROM THE SYNAGOGUE ADMINISTRATOR



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I am thrilled to announce that after six months of hard work, consulting with marketing and graphic designers, we are ready to introduce a new look for Har Shalom's online presence! In these next few pages, you will see a preview of our new and improved website and logos. A special thanks to Dena Blaustein, Marketing Coordinator, congregants Ethan Adler, Laurie Ehrlich, and Rachel Wojnilower and Graphic Designer Randi Hays for all of their hard work. We have improved the usability of

the website so that you can easily find what you are looking for with updated content. We will continue to produce short videos showing the navigation panes and how to get to highly trafficked sites. If you ever need any help, please reach out to the office! For our new logos, you will see that we have introduced green as an accent color to help families with children know when something is geared towards them and created logos for some of our committees while keeping a streamlined look.

This has been a labor of love and we are so excited to share it with you. Again, please reach out if you have any questions.

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New Look!



COHESIVE FONTS & COLORS

Logos



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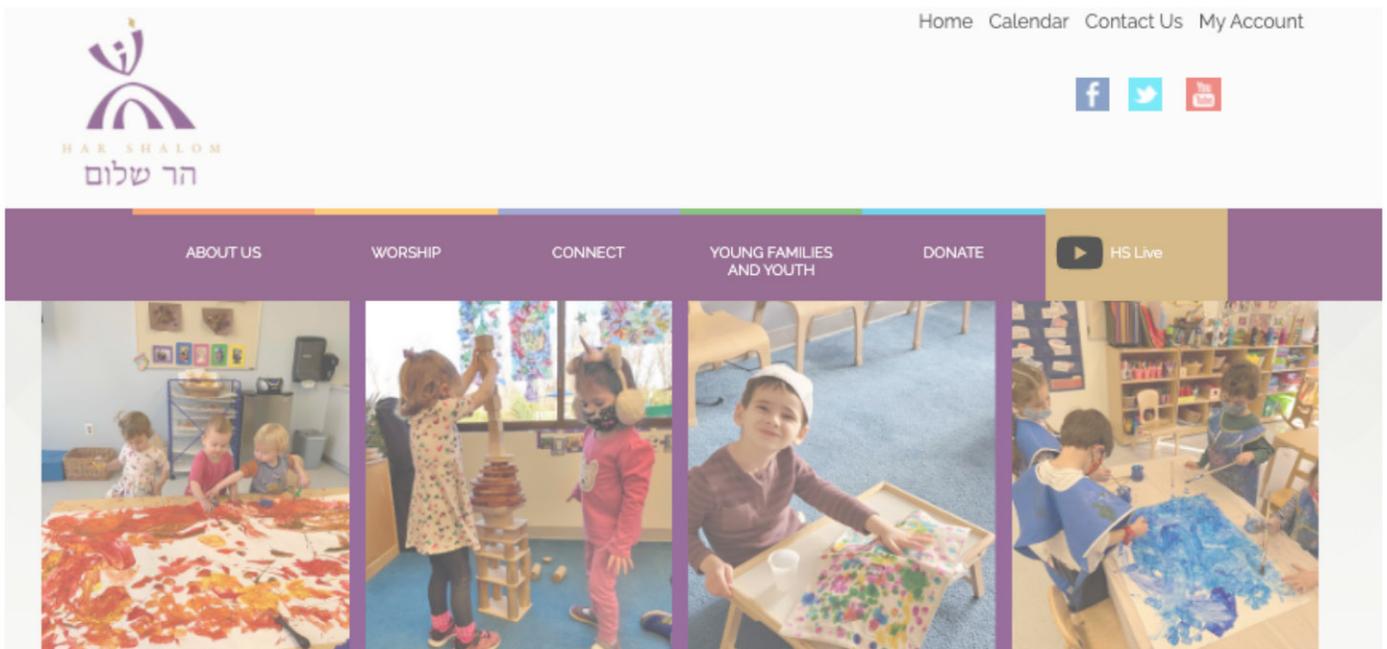
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NEW & IMPROVED ONLINE HOME OF HAR SHALOM

Website

~ Enjoy updated layout & navigation ~ Easily access services & events ~
~ See fresh & familiar faces ~ Learn more & get involved ~



1 Web Design

Everything at your fingertips from the UPDATED homepage. Easily access the LiveStream, make a donation, and more!

2 Connect & Get Involved

Connect and engage using the events list and calendar. Learn more about new ways to GET INVOLVED!

3 Photos, Videos & Streaming

Fresh and familiar faces bring life to the NEW website! Improved capabilities allow you to view videos and stream seamlessly.

www.HarShalom.org

For help logging into your account, please contact Leslie, leslie@harshalom.org

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



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Haverim,

When I speak on the phone with congregants, we usually end our call with “I look forward to meeting you... in person”. It has proven to be an interesting year in the world of membership engagement. We continue to reach out with our weekly birthday emails and monthly wedding anniversary cards. We also sent packages filled with Kosher for Passover treats to our college students on campus. What a great response we received! It was also wonderful to meet so many of you during our Good Deeds Drive-Up Event during Good Deeds Week.

A special thank you must go to Louis Leibowitz and Beth Ann Katz and their fantastic group of volunteers who have continued to reach out via email to our members to let you know your Har Shalom family is here for you. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to fill out our Member Interest Survey (www.harshalom.org/form/interests). We look forward to having you become involved in our many volunteer or committee opportunities. There is something for everyone!

Over the summer we will continue to plan ways to continue to reach our membership. If you have any ideas, please make sure to reach out and know that I look forward to meeting you...in person!

B'Yedidut (in friendship),

Melissa Schwartz
Membership Engagement and Teen Coordinator



You are invited...

KIDDUSH & KIBBITZ

**FIRST SHABBAT OF THE MONTH
AFTER SERVICES**

Join us for Virtual Kiddush and Kibbitz on zoom so we can catch up! The zoom link will remain open after services and everyone is invited to bring their lunch and catch up with your Har Shalom Family. We will start by making Kiddush and saying Ha Motzei.

www.HarShalom.org/ZoomKiddush

GOT YOUR VACCINE?!

JOIN US FOR A
SPECIAL
"2-SHOT SHABBAT"
THIS SUMMER!

DETAILS COMING SOON

FROM THE SHERMAN ECC



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Check out a special look at Passover
with the Sherman ECC (Pages 12-13)!

CALLING ALL
YOUNG FAMILIES!
**SHAVUOT TREAT
DRIVE-THRU**

MONDAY, MAY 17
AT 4:15PM



HAR SHALOM YOUNG FAMILIES
WITH CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER
ARE INVITED TO ENJOY A
COLD DAIRY TREAT AT THIS
SHAVUOT DRIVE-THRU EVENT!

Registration Required

[www.HarShalom.org/
TotShavuot2021](http://www.HarShalom.org/TotShavuot2021)

This event is free.



GAN SHABBAT

SATURDAY, MAY 8
10:00 AM

JOIN MORAH BETH FOR SINGING,
DANCING, AND STORY-TIME!
OPEN TO ALL YOUNG FAMILIES WITH
BABIES - PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

For more information, supply
list, and zoom link visit:
www.HarShalom.org/GanShabbat



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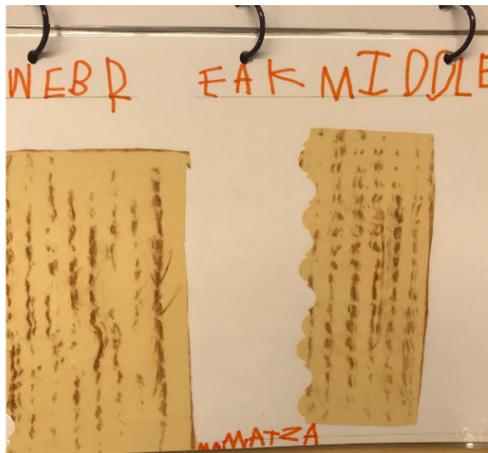
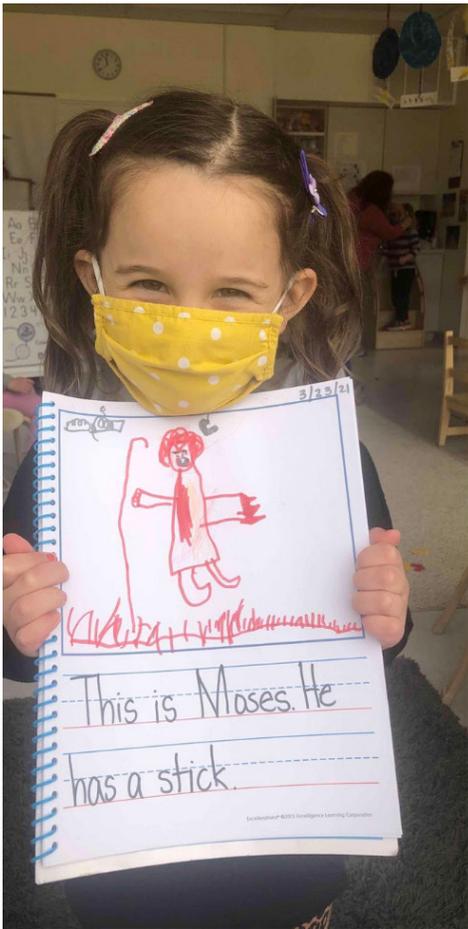
Contact Beth Hoch, bhoch@harshalom.org



www.ShermanECC.org



* Only a few spots remaining for 21-22 school year*
For a tour and more information contact Beth, bhoch@harshalom.org





FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



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This is the time of year in Jewish Education to look back at the year and assess what went well, what needs tweaking, and start thinking about next year in earnest. What strikes me the most about the year – the people. We are so lucky to have some incredible people at Har Shalom!

We had to approach everything in a new way this year – Zoom changed everything from how to do art projects to how can we have students collaborate together to how do we make sure every student is heard and seen. One thing became clear early on – we have amazing teachers and madrichim! From HSRS to Youth Programming, our staff put their all into creating programs and classes where each student could be involved and engaged.

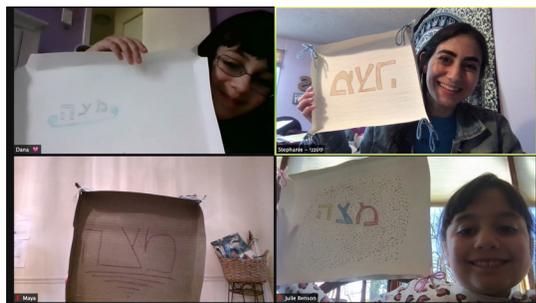
We made extraordinary progress in Hebrew proficiency this year – thanks to Mercedes Aseraph and Stephanie Aseraph, our weekday Hebrew teachers. Expect to see that carry over to next year – small online Hebrew classes during the week will allow kids to get personal attention to increase their reading and prayer skills and no carpool!

Our Sunday classes this year, while shorter than in other years, still packed a punch – intensive learning while still encouraging friendships and social time. A HUGE thanks to our incredible Madrichim to helped make the technology magic happen: Dvir Sabag and Leetal Pinko – we couldn't have done it without you two! A big shout out to our Sunday teachers: Michelle Pinko, Joanna Rubin, Lauren Sadowski, Mercedes Aseraph, Ben Gersten, Allyson Silver, and Jessica Railey – their preparation, creativity, patience and *ruah* made this year one of the most exciting years I've experienced. They all spent hours working to make their class time engaging and meaningful. I'm grateful that I get to work with such a *mensch* team!

Our programming team was just as awesome: Sundays with Stephanie offered fun, creative projects while still learning a bit of Hebrew and history, Making A Difference allowed our teens to really dive deep into issues that affect our community, Teen Council gave our teens a space of their own to be creative and have fun. Big rounds of applause please for Stephanie Aseraph and Melissa Schwartz for their hard work.

Some of the interactions that I cherished the most this year was that between the kids and Rabbi Raskin and Hazzan Ozur Bass. They had a constant presence in our classrooms this year and it was incredible to see the friendships forming between our clergy and our students. The conversations and face time over the year allowed students to ask their questions and learn that Judaism is so accessible to all of them.

Lastly – I couldn't write all this without acknowledging all the wonderful parents who made sure their kids were at a computer at the right time, encouraged them to do their Hebrew homework, supplied the craft supplies and show and tell items, wrote emails of support to our teachers and schlepped to the Drive Thrus for the goodies. You are the rock stars in all of this. I hope in the coming year you choose to get more involved in HSRS – as I always say – this is your school. Reach out this summer – there's lots to do!



Ruth



SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE WITH RUTH

SATURDAY, MAY 15
10:00 AM

Grades K-6

JOIN RUTH ON ZOOM FOR A MONTHLY FAMILY LEARNING SHABBAT SERVICE. WE'LL LEARN PRAYERS, LISTEN TO TORAH AND STORIES AND SHARE SHABBAT TOGETHER.

Register for Zoom link:
www.HarShalom.org/ShabbatWithRuth



SUNDAYS WITH STEPHANIE

May 23
Grades K-6

JOIN STEPHANIE MONTHLY FOR GRADE LEVEL AND FAMILY PROGRAMS. A LITTLE LEARNING, A FUN CRAFT, AND A CHANCE TO BE WITH FRIENDS!

For Calendar & Registration:
www.HarShalom.org/SWS



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FROM TEEN ENGAGEMENT

Haverim,

It has certainly been a different year! I am looking forward to the day soon where our teens will be able to meet outside for programs. I owe them many snacks! It has been great getting to know them and focusing on current issues during our monthly Making A Difference sessions. We are looking forward to tackling the issues of homelessness and LGBTQIA awareness in the upcoming months. Our Teen Council has featured fun online games as well as an interesting session of Ask the Rabbi where Rabbi Raskin answered questions about his decision to become a rabbi as well as questions about customs and text. Over the summer I am looking forward to getting to know even more teens and working with them to plan a fun calendar for next year. It will look quite a bit different than this year and I promise there will be lots of snacks! If you are going to camp or on a summer travel program please let us know, so we can send you a letter. Make sure to stay safe and keep in touch!

Best wishes for a *Kayitz Tov* (good summer),
Melissa Schwartz
Membership Engagement and Teen Coordinator

HAR SHALOM TEEN PROGRAMS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

March 10, 2021 - Racial Justice

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

Presented by Operation Understanding DC

April 21, 2021 - Environmental Justice

I Speak for the Trees

May 12, 2021 - Homelessness and Poverty

All Who Are Hungry Let Them Come and Eat

Guest Speakers from National Coalition for the Homeless and Bethesda Cares

June 9, 2021 - LGBTQIA Awareness

Love is Love

Guest Speaker: Ben Gersten



HAR SHALOM TEEN COUNCIL

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

TEEN COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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



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

ADULT EDUCATION

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

JEWISH MISCONCEPTIONS

Sundays

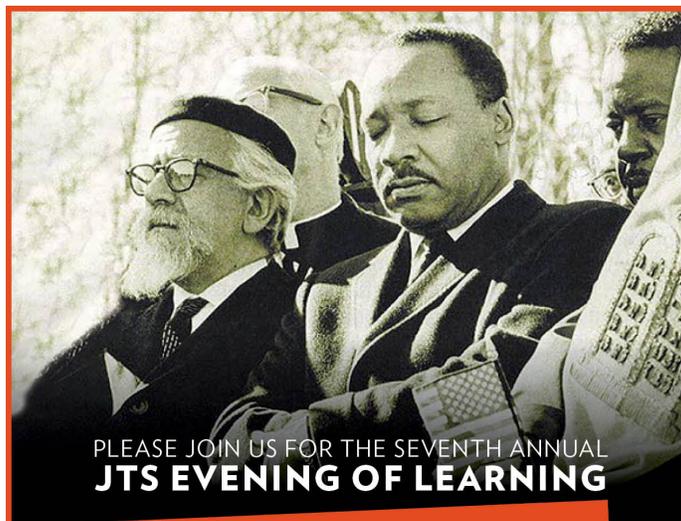
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June 6 | June 13 | June 27

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Racial Justice and Jewish Values

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021, 6:30-9:15 P.M. ET
VIA ZOOM

Last summer's widespread demonstrations responding to police violence against people of color reminded us that there is much work to be done in our country toward creating a just society. Join JTS scholars to explore how Jewish texts and tradition can enrich our understanding of and response to racial injustice.

- **Dr. Yonatan Brafman**, Assistant Professor of Jewish Thought and Ethics, JTS
- **Dr. Michal Raucher**, JTS Fellow and Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, Rutgers University
- **Rabbi Gordon Tucker, PhD**, Vice Chancellor of Religious Life and Engagement, JTS
- **Rabbi Stephanie Ruskay**, Associate Dean of The Rabbinical School, and **Kendell Pinkney**, Rabbinical Student, JTS

This program is hosted by the Greater Washington community and is open to all.

Free of charge for members of partner synagogues (use code "partner"); \$25/person (general public).

Learn more and register >>



www.jtsa.edu/evening-of-learning-2021

PROGRAM PARTNERS

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| Agudas Achim Congregation | Congregation Har Shalom |
| Beth El Congregation | Congregation Olam Tikvah |
| B'nai Israel Congregation | The Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies |
| B'nai Shalom of Olney | Kehilat Shalom |
| Beth Shalom Congregation | Kol Shalom |
| Chizuk Amuno Congregation | Ohr Kodesh Congregation |
| Congregation B'nai Tzedek | Shaare Tefila Congregation |
| Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County | Tifereth Israel Congregation |
| Congregation Beth Emeth | Tikvat Israel Congregation |



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Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays at 9:30 AM

*Connect via Zoom, watch the Live Stream, or
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Traditional Sunday Evening Minyan with David Marcus

Sundays at 7:30 PM

Connect via Zoom

Morning Minyan

Weekdays at 8:00 AM

Sundays at 9:00AM

Connect via Zoom

Contemplative Practice Based on The Evening Service

Monday-Thursday at 7:30 PM

Tune into Facebook LIVE or connect via Zoom

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturdays at 6:30 PM

Connect via Zoom

Kaddish will be recited if there are 10 people on Zoom

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

www.harshalom.org/services

FROM SATO: SOCIAL ACTION/TIKKUN OLAM

The SATO (Social Action/Tikkun Olam) committee continues to support our local community with donations through the pandemic.

Food Insecurity/Collections

Montgomery County residents continue to face food insecurity. Har Shalom congregants have stepped up to help alleviate hunger in our community through activities listed below. Please join us!

Congregants zoom cook soup twice-monthly through our own version of KindWorks' KindSoups program. Prepare soup in the comfort of your own kitchen for food-insecure Montgomery County residents. Details, including recipes, are on the Har Shalom web site

(www.harshalom.org/kindsoup). We have already donated GALLONS of yummy soups to feed those in need through the Upcounty Consolidation Hub at BlackRock. Want to help? Zoom cook with us or cook on your own and drop off your frozen soup at Har Shalom on pre-scheduled Tuesday mornings. Visit the web site or contact Marjorie Klein at 301 365 3877 or mksklein424@aol.com for more information.



Har Shalom FOOD DRIVES continue in support of the Manna Food Warehouse, Capital Area Foodbank, Yad Yehuda Kosher Pantry, Stepping Stones Shelter, and Montgomery County Men's and Women's Shelters. Drop donations (no glass please) in the box in the vestibule. Your donations are always appreciated!

JSSA's Kosher MEALS ON WHEELS program delivers more than 30,000 nutritious meals a year to individuals 60 years of age and older who are confined to their homes, are unable to drive or take public transportation to purchase food and do not have someone who can purchase or prepare meals for them. Har Shalom supports this program with volunteers who deliver meals to program recipients in Montgomery County. Time commitment for this volunteer opportunity can be as little as two weekday morning hours per month. If you are considering becoming a part of the Har Shalom Meals on Wheels team of volunteers and want to learn more about the program, contact team coordinator Stew Remer at 301-233-1996 or sremmer@verizon.net.

We welcome Har Shalom congregants to commit to any initiatives that speak to them. Share your interest(s) via email with Marjorie Klein at mksklein424@aol.com.

SATO's Monthly and ongoing collections:

Please place all items in lobby and mark for SATO



June

- Household cleaning supplies for Stepping Stones Family Shelter

May

- Non-perishable foods for MoCo's Upcounty Consolidation Hub



SATO'S ONGOING COLLECTION

New and nearly-new bras, new underwear, socks, and feminine hygiene products, for donation to **I SUPPORT THE GIRLS.** Please put items in a labeled bag (SATO) and leave it in the vestibule.



FROM THE HESED COMMITTEE

What is Hesed Committee?

Hesed is a Hebrew word translated as loving kindness.

Hesed is our committee of volunteers at Har Shalom that focuses on Acts of Loving Kindness.

When does Hesed provide meals?

In the past few weeks Hesed Committee has been cooking and delivering meals to four different families in need of comfort. One Har Shalom family member is undergoing prolonged cancer treatment. Another family welcomed a new baby. A third family lost their wife and mother so *Pesach* meals were a welcome help. A fourth single parent family needed occasional meals just to help them through extra stressful times. Hesed Committee reached out to all these families to provide caring support.

What else does Hesed do?

Hesed is also sending personal notes to congregants to remind them we care during the period of mourning after the death of a loved one.

Our outreach phone calls continue every week to isolated or elderly congregants. We check in after a surgery or if we hear a congregant is in need of emotional support or just a friendly caring voice to remind them their Har Shalom family is thinking of them.

We currently have a Hesed volunteer waiting to help congregants navigate and find a COVID vaccination appointment.

We work collaboratively with Rabbi Raskin, Hazzan Ozur Bass, Carly Litwok and staff to identify a person in need of Hesed.

If you hear of a Har Shalom member who you think is in need of a phone call or caring support, or if you want to be a Hesed volunteer, please email Hesed@HarShalom.org or call Leslie in the clergy office at 301-299-7087 ext. 1! We always welcome new volunteers and ideas of how we can help our extended Har Shalom family.

Aileen Goldstein & Fran Elson
Co-chairs, Hesed Committee



SHARING IS CARING!

Join the Hesed Committee in supporting members of our community by providing a meal through Meal Train.

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.

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• **COVID-19 VACCINE HELP** •

• If you or someone in your •

• household needs help getting an •

• appointment for the COVID-19 •

• vaccine (and is currently •

• eligible) please let us •

• know by emailing •

• hesed@harshalom.org •

• and we will connect you •

• with our friendly and efficient •

• volunteer vaccine hunter! •

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CATCH UP WITH THE SISTERHOOD

From Your Sisterhood President, Susan Grant



As we approach the summer months, I have so much for which to be thankful. More of us will be vaccinated and there is real hope now that we can get together again soon. I long for that time. I am thankful that I will have completed two years as your Sisterhood President and I can honestly say that I've enjoyed this time wholeheartedly—even through a pandemic where we had to switch gears, think differently and creatively to shift most of our programs online! This year would not have been so fulfilling if it weren't for my rockstar Steering Committee! I am thankful to the cadre of Sisterhood women who are hardworking, creative, kind and gracious. Sisterhood's culminating event this year will be a Membership Appreciation and End of Year event on May 12 where we will present The Word Mavens for what will be a fun event. Sisterhood has had a prolific year offering so many interesting programs. I'll recap some of our achievements here:

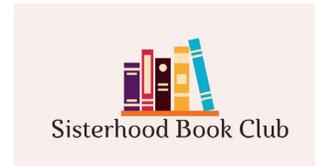
- The assembling and distribution of Purim Baskets has been our biggest fundraiser in the past, involving the efforts of hundreds of volunteers. This year we pivoted to sending Purim scrolls and while we did not distribute delicious hamantaschen this year, we did keep the Purim tradition alive.
- We had a wonderful Sisterhood Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, April 23. We led a beautiful inspirational service led by our very talented Sisterhood women.
- We provided funds to Membership Engagement for college outreach.
- We gave a large donation to the Congregation that enabled the Sherman Early Childhood Center to reopen last Fall.
- We teamed up with the Men's Club to jointly sponsor the monthly Sunday brunches.
- We held a Torah Fund event in the Fall. The money raised through the Torah Fund campaign supports the 5 Conservative Jewish seminaries throughout the world, in New York, Los Angeles, Israel, Argentina, and Germany.
- We collected and donated bras to the I Support the Girls charity to be distributed to women in shelters. Please continue to save your items to be dropped off in the collection box at the synagogue.
- We met monthly to discuss books through Sisterhood's Book Club and celebrated Rosh Hodesh every other month.
- Through KindSoups, we come together from your own kitchen, for some fun and to create a community of healthy meal donors. We cook enough soup to feed our own families PLUS to pack up containers to freeze and deliver to those in need in Montgomery County.

- Programs including virtual tours of Jewish India, Paris, and Jerusalem, an art show, programs about Ruth Bader Ginsberg, women IDF soldiers, Bernstein and Broadway, Kosher wine tasting, no-sew fleece blanket making for the needy, hamantaschen baking, and so much more.
- Sisterhood supported an entire unit of IDF soldiers this year and gave them Purim baskets. The Purim baskets were delivered to Arayot Hayarden. The Arayot Hayarden unit is staffed by men and women who carry out combat duty: they patrol the borders, conduct detention and pursuit of perpetrators, fight against terror and do many other things. The funds to make this possible came partially from the Marsha Schwartz Pure Heart Fund, a special fund created by Sisterhood in Marsha's memory to fund charitable projects.
- We will offer incentive scholarships to children going to Camp Ramah and USY on Wheels this summer.
- We sponsored a Barre Class through the Let's Get Physical program.

As you can see, Sisterhood members have been very busy. Together we've had fun and we've performed a variety of services to our community. We will continue to have a presence in your lives throughout the summer months so keep looking out for emails! We welcome your donations when you register for our programs, and we welcome you as volunteers. If you have a program idea or if you want to lend a hand, I encourage you to reach out to me.

We are women with women, for women. We are Your Sisterhood.

Sisterhood's Book Club



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

May 5: One Night With Lilith by Martin Golan

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



**SISTERHOOD PRESENTS:
Mikvah - The Original Body of Water**

**Rosh Hodesh Tammuz
June 9 at 8:00 PM**

Join Naomi Malka, the director of the Adas Israel Community Mikvah in Washington, DC, for a fascinating conversation about the Mikvah and ritual immersion. It's time to talk about what they never told us in Hebrew School! Many of us associate Mikvah with outdated concepts of impurity and taboo. Through a brief text study, we'll explore the role of water in the Torah and learn how immersion originally functioned as a ritual of transition in the book of Leviticus. You'll hear stories about how people in progressive Jewish communities are embracing Mikvah at transitional moments in their lives and life cycles. We'll discuss creative uses of the Mikvah beyond conversions and pre-wedding immersions and how a practice of immersing in a Mikvah can, surprisingly, support our struggles with body image issues.

Mothers and daughters (post-Bat Mitzvah age) are encouraged to attend together.

**www.HarShalom.org/SisterhoodRH
RSVP Required by June 6, 2021**

TORAH FUND UPDATE

The 2020/2021 Torah Fund Campaign is currently wrapping up. On behalf of our Sisterhood Torah Fund Team, I would like to thank everyone who supported this year's campaign by making a donation. Your support of the Jewish Theological Seminary and our rabbinic schools throughout our country, Israel, South America and Germany has been very meaningful. Since 1942, the generous contributions from thousands of women, working together, have helped to educate and train generations of rabbis, cantors, scholars and lay leaders. These are the people who guide, teach, console and uplift our spirits, one soul at a time. That is why your donations are more important this year than ever before.

If you haven't already, you can still donate on-line at www.jtsa.edu/torahfund or by sending a check to me at my address as shown below. If sending a check to me, it needs to be received no later than June 1st. Final donations must be submitted prior to June 15th.

TORAH FUND ECARDS

Torah Fund Ecards are available to be sent for various occasions through the Torah Fund website as shown above. The cost of an Ecard is \$5.00. After reconsideration, all purchases of ecards will be credited to our sisterhood and will go towards our annual goal. When either making a donation on-line, or ordering an ecard, please be sure to enter the name of our sisterhood so we will be credited with the donation or purchase.

TORAH FUND PINS

Additional pins for Benefactors and above have been ordered and should be received in the near future. As many sisterhoods are still waiting for their pins, and as we have not been meeting in person, or having an opportunity to wear our pins to services, it was decided that the current B'Yachad pin will be worn for the 2021-2022 campaign year as well. As soon as we receive the pins ordered for our sisterhood, our Torah Fund team will be reaching out to make sure that they are delivered in a timely fashion. Meanwhile, your patience regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, again, to everyone who has supported our campaign this past year. We all look forward to the time when we can be together, whether at services or at an in-person event. Your Torah Fund team is beginning to plan for an event in the fall when we can come together, B'Yachad, wearing our beautiful pins, and welcoming a new season to celebrate our sisterhood, Torah Fund, and congregation.

Today Rabbah,
Rita Wertlieb
9301 Wooden Bridge Road, Potomac, MD 20854
(240)432-8333

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FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

Har Shalom's Hal Freed Wins the 2021 Ma'asim Tovim Award



The *Ma'asim Tovim* Award is the highest recognition the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs can give to one of its Regional members. Every two years, only one individual is selected by Seaboard Region. This prestigious award recognizes achievements of one who has worked on behalf of the region and their club for many years. Hal's award will be presented at the 2021 FJMC International Convention,

June 6-13th, 2021. Convention is virtual this year so everyone can easily attend, Hal is being recognized for the following achievements as noted in the award statement.

Hal was born in Baltimore and raised in Washington, D.C. He obtained a BEE at George Washington University in 1965 and went on to a long career as an engineer and program manager in defense electronics with the Navy and Hughes Aircraft. He and Laurie have been married for 52 years. They settled in Potomac and have been blessed with two children and four grandchildren.

In 1978 Hal's career took the family to Fullerton, California where they joined Temple Beth Tikvah, which provided a wonderful environment to make friends and provide a Jewish education for the children. Hal became a member of the Board and was elected President of the congregation in 1991. While there, the congregation thrived, and the shul was renovated. After 22 years in California and retirement in 2000, the family returned to Potomac where Hal and Laurie re-joined Har Shalom. Hal became a member of the Board of Directors and chaired the Membership Outreach, *Havurah* and Ways & Means Committees.

In 2008, Hal became President of the Har Shalom Men's Club. As President, he invigorated the club, growing membership, programs and involvement. New programming included a Wellness Program, a Kids 'N Dads program, Home Sukkah Kits, parenting classes for young members and wives, joint programs with the Sisterhood and other synagogue organizations, Theatre Nights, expanded youth involvement with the Worldwide Wrap, and *Tikkun Olam* Projects. At convention, our club won two Torch awards for programming in 2009 and 5 in 2011. The Club has received Quality Club Awards every year since 2009. Hal was honored with the Seaboard FJMC Blue Yarmulke Man of the Year Award in 2010.

Hal became President of the Seaboard Region in 2013. While there, he initiated sub-region leadership workshops, successfully held bi-annual retreats and new format Man of the Year dinners, both with the largest attendance ever. He led a Seaboard trip to Israel. He initiated monthly region newsletters, brought back the It's Academic program and

grew club programming, participation and Quality Club awards. Following his presidency, he formed a President's Council to advise and consult with the President.

Hal has been involved at the FJMC International level in various projects and programs over the years. He has participated in many Leadership Development Institutes (LDI's), several as the Regional Leaders Track Co-Chair.

Hal was the Chairman of the Host Committee for the 2017 FJMC Convention in Washington. The Committee organized over a dozen activities for attendees and their spouses. Hal was a member of the 2019 FJMC Executive Board Nominations Committee and is a Co-Chair of the FJMC Regions Committee. He is currently Co-Chair of the 2019-2021 Torch Award program.

While not working on FJMC matters, Hal is President of Peace Mountain Theatre Company, serving Montgomery County and the greater Washington, D.C. area with theatrical productions and Educational Outreach programs, both live and on-line. In his spare time, he delivers food to needy families for Montgomery County's Manna Food for Families Program.

Hal is honored to join the legends of FJMC men who have received the *Ma'asim Tovim* Award. He believes that Men's Clubs provide a wonderful way for Jewish Men to join with others to better our synagogues and Jewish community while having a great time. Har Shalom Men's Club's motto is "Jewish Guys, Doin' Good, Havin' Fun". FJMC, with its strong organization and platform, provides the support, training and programs that help make clubs successful. He is proud to be a part of FJMC.

Note from Robert Singman Men's Club President

Let's have a really great showing from Har Shalom for this year's FJMC convention and help honor Hal as our Region's *Ma'asim Tovim* Award recipient. FJMC Convention is online and costs only \$36 (\$0 with all eligible club/region membership discounts). The full week of programming will be excellent and is focused during evening and weekend hours. Be sure to register and log on for the *Ma'asim Tovim* award presentation, currently scheduled for Sunday, June 13, 6:20-7:20pm EDT.

You can register or purchase tribute ads at <https://www.fjmc.org/convention-2021>. Our club's 2021 convention coordinator is Vic Cohen. He can answer questions, assist with ads and send you info for discount procedures. Contact: 301-340-2225 or email Cohen.vic@verizon.net



Men's Club Brunch

On **Sunday, May 2, at 10:00am** our Men's Club/Sisterhood Virtual Brunch features **Juliet Eilpirin and Steven Mufson**. They are Washington Post investigative reporters who won the Pulitzer Prize for their work on climate change.

"Extreme climate change in the United States: Here are America's fastest-warming places" and related pieces about climate change won the 2019 Pulitzer for explanatory reporting. In addition to Mr. Mufson and Ms. Eilpirin, the team included Chris Mooney and John Muyskens. Their data-driven article starts in the hamlet of Lake Hopatcong and ends in your backyard.

The Post writes: "Nationwide, trends are clear. Starting in the late 1800s, U.S. temperatures began to rise and continued slowly up through the 1930s. The nation then cooled slightly for several decades. But starting around 1970, temperatures rose steeply."



HAR SHALOM

Sunday
May 2
10:00 am

Joint Men's Club & Sisterhood Virtual Brunch

Guest Speakers **Juliet Eilpirin and Steven Mufson**



Two Pulitzer Prize Winning, Washington Post Journalists present their team's outstanding series.

Extreme Climate Change
Have we passed a tipping point? Learn what the nationwide trends tell us, and what impact we can expect at the local level.

Set up your home table and connect via Zoom at 10:00am.

Links will be provided on the Har Shalom website or in e-mails sent to our members about a week before the event.

Post reporters used county-level data to show which parts of the country have surpassed the 2-degree Celsius warming that scientists believe to be the tipping point for global warming. Reporting shows that climate wrecks havoc in different ways — from disappearing beaches to vanishing ice lakes.

The program is free. Please watch for registration details as we get closer to May 2nd.

Save the date: **Sunday, June 6th, at 10:00** for our tentative speaker **Marc Elrich, Montgomery County Executive** returns to give us an update on Coronavirus & important county issues. His advance scheduling is tentative as of Tablet deadlines, however if he is unable to make it, we will have an alternate speaker.

Men's Club Golf Season Is In Full Swing

There is no more perfect time than right now to get started in Men's Club Golf. The weather is great, even though we do play year around. Currently, we have golf outings weekly – usually on Tuesdays and Fridays. Most days we play scramble, best ball on each shot, and welcome players of any capability. You may keep your own score if you like. There are regularly at least 3 foursomes playing and we follow best practice for pandemic protocols. Outings are held at Montgomery County public golf courses. The sole costs are the greens fee, cart fee and any other personal expenses which each person pays individually. You are not tied into a regular schedule as in most league play commitments. Play as frequent (or infrequent) as you like, to fit your schedule.

Golf is part of Adult Kids Club, a sub-group within Har Shalom's Men's Club. This group provides focused activities for guys who are old enough to have an adult child (physiologically if not psychologically) – roughly ages of about 50 and older. Our younger group is known as the Boyz Club and they frequently organize Poker, Movie Nights, Book Club events among other activities. Kitchen Crew is another Men's Club group that are trained, ready, willing, and able to support numerous synagogue functions, when food

operations and in-person brunches resume.

If you are interested in participating in these events and do not already receive email notices regarding them, contact us at mensclub@harshalom.org. Our purpose is to get guys together for discussion, fun, comradeship and community/synagogue services. The activities are open to all members and potential members of the Men's Club.

(L to R) Don Moldover, Vic Cohen, Ken Lechter, Ken Shere, Butch Cotter (z"l), Don Fox, David Marcus & Bill Branda taking photo. *Photo taken pre-COVID.*



... Sisterhood News Continued

Sisterhood End of Year Event Wednesday, May 12 at 8:00pm

Come join your Sisterhood friends as we Zoom with Joyce Eisenberg and Ellen Scolnic....**THE WORD MAVENS!** Two ladies who will entertain us with their hilarious, fact-filled look at Jewish traditions, foods, and more. The Word Mavens have schlepped around the country to schmooze and share their insights from years of researching and writing about Jewish traditions, holidays, beloved foods, and the Yiddish and Hebrew words that describe them.

Let's laugh together as they tell their humorous stories; It will be a fabulous program!! Invite your significant others to join you!

As is tradition at the last event of the year, our President, Susan Grant will be honoring the dedicated Sisterhood volunteers who introduced excellent programming and classes; continued fundraising events and food and clothing drives; engaged members in Torah Fund and religious services; and worked so diligently maintaining our budget, our membership rolls, and our correspondence during these unprecedented times.

So join us on May the 12th to see your Har Shalom Sisterhood friends and to meet the very funny Word Mavens!

Register online at www.HarShalom.org/SisterhoodEvent2021. Question? Email Linda at Lindalsen17@gmail.com.

Purim Project

Despite the limitations placed on us by the pandemic, Sisterhood's *Purim* Project was tremendously successful. Thanks to the support of congregants and friends, we sent nearly 750 scrolls and raised over \$13,000. Thanks to everyone who participated this year!

Sisterhood was able to send *Purim* baskets to an entire unit of IDF soldiers (*Arayot Hayarden*). The funds to make this possible came partially from our *Purim* basket fundraiser and from the Marsha Schwartz Pure Heart Fund.

KINDWORKS' KINDSOUPS PROGRAM

Join Sisterhood as we Zoom cook soup through KindWorks' KindSoups program. Prepare soup in your own kitchen for food-insecure Montgomery County residents. Details, including recipes, are on the Har Shalom web site (www.harshalom.org/kindsoup). Twice monthly we donate GALLONS of yummy soups to the Upcounty Consolidation Hub at BlackRock. All congregants are welcome to participate. Want to help? Zoom cook with us or cook on your own for delivery to those in need. Visit the web site or contact Marjorie Klein at 301-365-3877 or msklein424@aol.com for more information.



Join us for Har Shalom's
Sisterhood End of Year Event
Wednesday, May 12 at 8:00 PM

Join your Sisterhood friends and their significant others on Zoom with Joyce Eisenberg and Ellen Scolnic...
The Word Mavens!

Learn more and register to receive the Zoom link
www.HarShalom.org/SisterhoodEvent2021



FAMILY NEWS

B'NAI MITZVAH



Marlena Ginstling

May 22

Daughter of Marta Lederer & Gary Ginstling



Jenna Rosenblatt

June 5

Daughter of Mathew & Randi Rosenblatt
Granddaughter of Bob & Wendy Rosenblatt



Benjamin Mirchin

June 12

Son of Katherine Narbonne Mirchin & Robert Mirchin



Owen Alexander

June 12

Son of Nancy Gribeluk & George Alexander



Alex Railey

June 19

Son of Jessica Simmons-Railey and Dennis Railey
Grandson of Gail Provizer-Simmons & Michael Simmons

MAZAL TOV!

January 15th - March 15th

Roy & Julie Eskow on the birth of their grandson, Leo Aiden Sobel, on January 5th. The proud parents are Kim & Aaron Sobel, and the exciting siblings are Emma and Mason.

David and Joan Weiss on the birth of their grandson Ezra Joseph Weiss on January 9th. The proud parents are Steven Weiss and Rebekah Holtz. Ezra is welcomed by his Uncle Richard, Aunt Sarah and cousins Temima, Dalia, Yishai and Adiv Weiss.

Harvey Reiter on receiving the Jewish Council for Public Affairs Tikkun Olam Award: Partner in Repairing the World.

Bill & Helen Branda, on the birth of their grandson in Los Angeles on Tu B'Shevat. The proud first-time parents are Benjamin and Rebecca Branda.

Steve & Ellen Milhiser, on the marriage of their son, Greg Milhiser, to Jennifer Schwartzman. They were married in a civil ceremony in Manhattan, KS; a religious ceremony will take place after the pandemic.

Jeffrey & Barbara Kurland on the birth of their granddaughter, Kayla Sophia Kurland, on January 19th. The proud parents are Adam & Susan Kurland.

Hanna Lee Pomerantz on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Mira Arnold.

Ryan Marcus, son of Seth & Marisa Marcus, on his induction into the National Junior Honor Society at Julius West Middle School. Ryan was also recently recognized as one of the top middle school trumpet players in MCPS by being selected for the west county Honors Band.

Drew & Mona Tavss, on the birth of their twin grandsons, Liam Thomas and Mason Andrew. The proud parents are Abby Tavss Dowd and Sean Dowd, and the beaming great-grandfather is Al Binder.

Larry Haas, on the publication of his new book, "The Kennedys in the World: How Jack, Bobby, and Ted Remade America's Empire," by Potomac Books, a division of the University of Nebraska Press.

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Mazel Tovs Continued...

Michael & Carol Moskowitz on the marriage of their son, Adam Moscowitz, to Amanda Winer.

Monica Herman, Senior Director of Communications & Marketing at the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, on being selected for the Jewish Women International's 2021 cohort of the Jewish Communal Women's Leadership Project.

Sen. Cheryl C. Kagan, who will be honored by the American Jewish Committee on April 25th with the Hyman Bookbinder Award for exemplary leaders who demonstrate the energy and spirit of Jewish advocacy.

Nessa Raskin, daughter of Rabbi Adam and Sari, upon her acceptance to Midreshet Torah v'Avodah in Jerusalem. Nessa will spend a gap year studying Torah and living in Israel prior to beginning college.

Mia Raskin, daughter of Rabbi Adam & Sari, on becoming Co-President of JLIC (Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus) at Binghamton University.

Larry & Sara Goldkind on the wedding of their son Clifford to Danielle "Della" Heiman in Miami, Florida. Mazel Tov also to Cliff's Grandmother Helen Goldkind and Aunt & Uncle Rose & Dan Shames.

Michael & Harriet Yoselle on the birth of their grandson, Oliver Gabriel Wolfson, son of Julie & Spencer Wolfson.

Stuart & Sheila Taylor on the birth of their grandson, Eli Meyer Schwartz, son of Rachel & Dan Schwartz.

CONDOLENCES:

January 15th - March 15th

Denise Brujis on the passing of her husband, Marcos Brujis.

Bernard & Rochelle Narrow on the passing of their son, Keith Narrow.

Howard Menditch and Bruce Menditch on the passing of their mother, Miriam Menditch.

The family of Nan Fried on her passing.

Brett Kaplowitz on the passing of his wife, Barbara Kaplowitz, mother of Maxwell and Scott Kaplowitz.

Dale Isaacson and Lee Isaacson on the passing of their father, Norman Isaacson.

Joel Rubinstein on the passing of his mother, Sylvia Rubinstein.

Stuart Rushfield on the passing of his mother, Sally Rushfield.

Lorraine Lippman on the passing of her father-in-law, Fred Lippman.

Elizabeth Stoff on the passing of her mother, Sylvia Stoff.
Ellen Karch on the passing of her former father-in-law, Norman Mann.



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January 15th - March 15th

Abram Blum Library

In Memory Of

Samuel Rubenstein
Gussie Rubenstein
Marlyn Schepartz
Saul Schepartz

Ashin-Zitomer Dor L'Dor

In Memory Of

Barbara Kaplowitz
Miriam Menditch
Sylvia Stoff
Jeffery & Mikki Ashin

Building Improvement

Joyce Lipman
Kenneth & Karen Lechter

In Memory Of

Sylvia Rubinstein
Warren & Ann Steinberger

Cantor Cal Chizever ECC

Scholarship

In Memory Of

Sylvia Rubinstein
Larry & Jacqueline Goldfinger
Michael Goldfinger

Community of Caring

Marcia Witt
Susan Harris

In Honor Of

Our 50th anniversary
Randy & Laurie May

In Memory Of

Rose Jaffa
Joseph & Zeevia Jaffa
Manny Karr
Beth Ann Katz

Counting Our Blessings

Robert & Phyllis Wolff

In Appreciation Of

Good health and recovery
Anne Weiss & Joseph Schwartz

In Memory Of

Jack Hanover
Lisa & Mark Kirsch
Sylvia Stoff
Joyce Lipman

Debbie Karch Children's Library

In Honor Of

Rabbi Irv & Fran Elson
Sandy and Norton Elson

In Memory Of

Esther Sherman
Rita Frattali
Mary Frattali Harris
Harvey & Ellen Karch
Barry & Barbara Korb
Warren & Ann Steinberger

Nan Fried

Yola Rosenberg

Dorann Bunkin Environmental Impact Fund

In Memory Of

Dr. Lazare Novack
Laura Rich

General Operating

Ran Nussbacher

In Honor Of

Mickey Burstein
Bernie & Cheryl Rod

Carly Litwok

Judy Schwartz

Solomon Joseph Branda

David & Sandra Freeman

Scheldon Kress

Michael & Linda Mossman
Stephen L. & Eleanor
Hammerman

In Memory Of

Dora Rubinstein
Saul Schepartz

Helen Maler

Michael & Judy Mael

Irvin Cohen

Minnie Cohen

Barney Weitz

Henrietta Weitz
Norman & Marilynn Cohen

Helen Wisotsky

Philip & Shirley Wisotsky

Betty Loeb

Howard Morse & Laura Loeb

Ovadia and Esther Simha

Aliza Josephson

Isadore Rod

Bernard & Cheryl Rod

Keith Narrow

Miriam Menditch

Roy & Julie Eskow

Barbara Kaplowitz

Judd Kessler & Carol Farris
Kim & Suzanne Haug

Clara Halpern

Sheila Matasaru

Eliot & Christiane Sorel

Miriam Menditch

Sylvia Rubinstein

David & Barbara Cypes

Sylvia Stoff

Peter & Jodi Susser

Sidney Frankel

Mark & Marlene Frankel

Harold Auerbach

David Auerbach

Martin Auerbach

Helen and George Karelitz

Richard & Nancy Millstein

Mel Krupin

Larry & Dawn Fischer

Hazzan's Discretionary

Ben & Elaine Kovalsky

Judy Schwartz

Milton & Debra Star

Ken Shere

Marcia Witt

In Honor Of

Cliff Goldkind

Eli Meyer Schwartz

Richard & Linda Isen

In Memory Of

Samuel Frishman

Jack & Diana Binder

Joel Miller

Linda Miller

Miriam Menditch

Bruce Menditch & Deborah
Forst-Menditch

Howard & Cindy Menditch

Ronald & Joy Paul

Kay Zuckerberg
Morris Zuckerberg
Sylvia Yoselle
Irving "Pat" Yoselle
 Michael & Harriet Yoselle
Norman Isaacson
 Lee & Elizabeth Isaacson
Sylvia Stoff
Randy Katzelnick
Barbara Kaplowitz
 Susan Rosenstock & James
 Midanek
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