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## Shavuot with Har Shalom

**JUNE 4 - 6**

*"Welcoming the Stranger"*

**Come together to learn, pray,  
celebrate, and eat!**

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# FROM THE RABBI



**Adam J. Raskin**  
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Frequently people come by the Clergy Office to drop off Jewish books they no longer read, kippot they no longer wear, or Judaica they no longer use. To be honest, it always makes me sort of sad to receive these items...sometimes stacked up in brown paper bags or neatly folded in Ziplocs. We usually can't do much with old kippot, and to tell you the truth, there is no ceremonial way to dispose of them. Because a yarmulke is not intrinsically holy, it can actually be discarded in the trash! I often peruse the books that people bring in, and I often find inscriptions: given in honor of a bar or bat mitzvah, a wedding, or another lifecycle event. Sometimes a name is recorded along with a date; sometimes the message is written in English, other times in Hebrew or Yiddish. I wonder who read those books and the shelves where they resided.

In a recent article in the daily, online magazine also called the "Tablet," educator, author, and researcher Jonathan Silin wrote about the prayer books he discovered when his parents passed away and he was sorting through their belongings. One 6 by 4 inch leather bound siddur he found was used by Silin's father to recite Kiddush every Friday night. Another, a Rosh Hashanah mahzor published in 1913 that once belonged to his grandfather. Silin writes about how inheriting these family heirloom prayer books reignited his interest in coming to shul on Shabbat, even though for most of his life he described himself as a "High Holiday Jew." In one particularly moving reflection in the essay, Silin writes:

*I have made my peace with not ascribing to all of the beliefs and practices, the texts and testimonies, the synagogue proffers. To be honest, I wrestle with the talk about God, the divine, and their relationship to human kind, which sounds of another time. My nonbelieving self puts up with the discomfort engendered by this aspect of Judaism because I value the space in which to believe that my individual*

*life is a little less important than I have heretofore thought, and a lot more connected to something greater than myself. A place that is more about the soul than the ego, the spirit more than the body. And for me that place must be decidedly, if inexplicably, a Jewish one.*

I am so moved by Silin's honesty and transparency. Moreover, I believe he provides a beautiful rationale for coming to shul even if you don't believe every word of every prayer, or even possess the fluency to recite them. Being in shul, with your Jewish community, on the holiest day of the week is not only about saying words or professing unalloyed faith. It is about gaining perspective about our lives and our place in the universe; it is about transcending our physical existence and cultivating the spirit within us. It is about seeking out a uniquely Jewish space to discover our deepest selves. And yes, it is a place to wrestle with God and with Torah.

As we emerge from the pandemic, I hope that you will take Jonathan Silin's words to heart. Even if you weren't a "shul-goer" before, perhaps you will consider making Har Shalom a part of your life now. I pray that you too will come to "value the space" of the synagogue and all that happens here. Let's reconnect, grow, wrestle, and yes even pray a little bit together as we return to this beautiful place and community together.

Always,

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

A graphic advertisement for "Baseball Shabbat". It features a black border with a white background. At the top, the words "BASEBALL SHABBAT" are written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below that, "SATURDAY, MAY 7" is written in green capital letters. Underneath, the text "SPORT YOUR FAVORITE JERSEY AND ENJOY A BALLPARK THEMED KIDDUSH LUNCHEON FOLLOWING SERVICES!" is written in black capital letters. At the bottom, there is a stylized illustration of two wooden baseball bats crossed, with a red and white baseball in the center. The graphic has brown, cloud-like shapes in the corners.

# FROM THE HAZZAN

Shavuot begins on the 6th of Sivan. We calculate the 50th day of the counting of the omer, starting from the second seder, which is the 6th of Sivan. While the day of Shavuot is not questioned in modern times, it was controversial in Mishnaic times. This has to do with an ambiguity of the term shabbat in the verses that describe Shavuot in Leviticus 23: 15-16.

The verses read: “from the day on which you bring the sheaf of elevation offering—the day after the shabbat—you shall count off seven *shabbatot*. They must be complete: you must count until the day after the seventh *shabbat*—fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to Adonai.” It seems that we start counting the omer on a Sunday (the day after the *shabbat*), which means that Shavuot would always fall on a Sunday (the day after the seventh *shabbat*).

This interpretation, so simple and logical on the face of the Torah verses, was the source of a bitter dispute between the early sages of the Mishnah and a sect called Boethusians. The origins of this sect are not clear: in some stories they are the descendants of Shimon ben Boethus, of Alexandria, a *kohen*; in other stories they are disciples of Boethus, himself a student of Antigonus of Sokho. Whatever their origin, the Boethusians were mostly members of the aristocracy. They are frequently interchangeable with the Sadducees - another sect that disputed the Rabbi's authority - and most likely had some influence in Temple rituals. For the Boethusians, Shavuot was always on Sunday, because they interpreted the Torah verses literally.

There are some problems with the Boethusian interpretation of these verses: first, we do not know to which Shabbat the verses are referring. From the proximity with Pesach verses in the same chapter, one might deduce that the counting starts around Pesach time, but we can't know if they mean the intermediate Shabbat of Pesach, or the Shabbat immediately after the 7th day. Second, the definite article before the word Shabbat, without a calendar reference as to which Shabbat, seems superfluous. Since there is a definite article (the Shabbat), without an explanation of which Shabbat, the Boethusian understanding of the verses is not clear.

For the sages of the mishnah the *Shabbat*, in the context of this portion, refers to the first day of Pesach. Several commentators tried to come up with reasons for this, but their explanations can also be contested:



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whether we understand the word *Shabbat* to mean holiday in this context, or we use other inferences to establish the validity of this interpretation, there are no iron-clad understandings that allow the rabbis to determine the incontestable meaning of the verses.

The dispute between the sages of the Mishnah and the Boethusians lasted hundreds of years. The Boethusians hired false witnesses to testify in the Sanhedrin and throw off the Rabbis' calendar calculations; they lit torches to disrupt the signaling of the new month; and they even assaulted rabbinic messengers to prevent the calendar from being established the way it is. For their part, the Rabbis created several safeguards to ensure that our current practice avoids any suspicion of alignment with the Boethusian interpretation.

I pray that our Shavuot is filled with love, and may our disputes be for the sake of Heaven's Name. I pray that Shavuot is filled with acceptance, and may our controversies enhance our passion and spirit. I pray that Shavuot is filled with Torah, with completeness, and above all, with cheesecake.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henrique Ozur Bass'.

Hazzan Ozur Bass

## Har Shalom Pride Festival Booth

Honoring our commitment to inclusive and open community, Har Shalom is proud to sponsor a booth in the upcoming Pride Festival on June 12. If you would like to volunteer to staff our booth, please contact hozurbass@harshalom.org.



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time goes by very fast. I have now been President of Congregation Har Shalom for 13 months (but who's counting). I thought this would be a great time to review what the Lay Leadership and our Har Shalom Staff have accomplished over this past year.

- Very successful search for a second Rabbi. With the help of the Rabbi Search Committee, we chose Rabbi Rachel Simmons to join our Clergy team. Rabbi Simmons will be ordained on May 16, 2022 and will begin the next chapter of her life at Har Shalom on July 1, 2022. The congregation is looking forward to welcoming Rabbi Simmons.
- In May the congregation passed the annual budget for Har Shalom showing a positive cash flow, with no dues increase. This could not be possible without the generosity of our congregants. This past year the Yom Kippur appeal and Share Your Blessings campaign raised over \$240,000, a record amount. I thank all congregants who contributed to these campaigns.
- In the Town Hall Meeting we spoke about various construction projects, the façade, roof and Burke door projects. These projects should be starting sometime in June and hopefully completed before the High Holy Days. We thank the Gold Family Trust for providing the funds to accomplish these improvements to Har Shalom.
- The return of Kiddushes and evening minyan to Har Shalom.
- The Ira and Maryjo Sherman Early Childhood Center continues to grow under the guidance of Beth Hoch. Currently it has 53 students enrolled for next fall, against a budget of 58 students.
- The Har Shalom Religious School has been very busy getting ready for Pesach. Ruth Szykman started a Pesach Service Project to donate money to B'nai B'rith Project Hope and for our students to deliver Passover Baskets.
- Mitzvah Experience co-chaired by Sarah Albert and Myra Cohen has been very busy. In March a very successful "Deconstructing Shabbat Service" was held for 4-7th grade families, over 70 students and parents attended! Rabbi Raskin, Hazzan Ozur Bass and Ruth Szykman led round-robin



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workshops introducing physical aspects of the Burke Sanctuary, deconstructing the Shabbat morning service and explaining the origins and significance of text we use.

Over the remaining months of my term, I hope to reestablish the Har Shalom Legacy Circle and begin the planning of a Gala/Fundraising event for the spring of 2023. I am also looking forward to working with our new President Elect Aimee Segal.

In June we celebrate the festival of Shavuot, which celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai as well as the grain harvest for the summer. There will be many learning opportunities during this festival along with the custom of eating cheese cake.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

L'shalom,

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

# HOLIDAYS WITH HAR SHALOM



Yom Ha'Zikaron & Yom Ha'Atzmaut *with* Har Shalom 

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Join us for a short film and Yom Ka'Zikaron Memorial Service followed by a Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration marking Israel's 74th Birthday including crafts, Israeli music, resources, and more!



To register or pre-order dinner from Shouk:  
[www.harshalom.org/Yoms5782](http://www.harshalom.org/Yoms5782)



## JOIN US FOR LAG BA'OMER

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Everyone is invited to BYO Dairy Picnic for Dinner in the Har Shalom Parking Lot.

Enjoy firepits, s'mores, inflatables, music, and sweet treats with the Har Shalom community!

**Register and pre-order dinner from  
Ben Yehuda Pizza:**

**[www.HarShalom.org/LagBaOmer5782](http://www.HarShalom.org/LagBaOmer5782)**



# Shavuot with Har Shalom

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4

**7:00PM** | Mincha followed by Seudat Shlishit

**8:15PM** | Join us for an evening of learning with Clergy, Interfaith Community Leaders, and Har Shalom congregants around the topic: "Welcoming the Stranger" - ***more details to follow!***

**9:45PM** | Minyan followed by special Shavuot Oneg

## SUNDAY, JUNE 5

**9:00AM** | Morning Service with special participation from HSUS Confirmation Class and the Haggigat HaSiddur program (HSRS Grades 3-5) followed by Kiddush Lunch - ***more details to follow!***

## MONDAY, JUNE 6

**9:00AM** | Morning Service

**10:00AM** | Shavuot Family Program with Morah Beth

**11:00AM** | Yizkor

[www.HarShalom.org/Shavuot5782](http://www.HarShalom.org/Shavuot5782)

# **HEALING SERVICE**

**Healing is making us whole again, and we all have some brokenness inside. We will sing together, breathe together, learn, and share, and offer each other healing and presence.**

**TUESDAY  
MAY 24  
8:00PM  
HAR SHALOM**

**[WWW.HARSHALOM.ORG/HEALINGSERVICE](http://WWW.HARSHALOM.ORG/HEALINGSERVICE)**

# FROM THE SHERMAN ECC



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The Sherman ECC is still looking for pre-teens and teens who want to volunteer here this summer. If your child, grandchild or neighbor loves young children and has some experience, please invite them to apply. Camp dates are June 20th - August 19th. We are looking for volunteers for all parts of our day, as we are open from 7:30am - 5:30pm. All volunteers must be vaccinated and boosted. We are on the approved list to give SSL hours for MCPS and ask for a commitment of two consecutive weeks. If your child is interested, they should email, [bhoch@harshalom.org](mailto:bhoch@harshalom.org), and Beth will send them the application. All new volunteers will have an interview and orientation. We also look forward to welcoming back volunteers that have been with us previously!



**GAN SHABBAT**  
SATURDAYS @ 11:00 AM

**May 21**

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

*MASKS REQUIRED FOR AGES 2 & UP.*

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

## YOUNG FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US FOR SHABBAT DINNER AND ACTIVITIES!

**Friday, May 13**  
**at Har Shalom** | *More details to follow!*

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

# PESACH AT THE SHERMAN ECC!





## Discover the Ira & Maryjo Sherman ECC at Har Shalom

*Learning they love.  
Learning for life.*

### Now enrolling for 22-23!

15 months - PreK  
Limited space available  
Full day program

Contact Beth Hoch, [bhoch@harshalom.org](mailto:bhoch@harshalom.org)



# www.ShermanECC.org



# FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



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As our year wraps up with our *Siyyum* on 5/22, I have so many thoughts and feelings as we end our 5782 school year. We started the year with the joy and anticipation of returning to the building and being together again. I watched these students grow together and truly coalesce into a true *kehilla*, a community. Parents will often ask me what will their child learn at Religious School, why should it be important to our family. Yes, we'll teach students about the weekly Torah portions, we'll share our love for Israel, we'll help students bring home so much more richness to celebrating the *Chagim*, we'll give students a bigger world picture of Jewish culture, we'll offer a Jewish way of living that embraces Jewish values and *middot*, but – most of all – we'll welcome our families into a wonderful *kehilla*. My father used to always say that no matter where I travelled in the world, if I could walk into a shul and open a *siddur*, I would be home. Our students made themselves at home this year at Har Shalom.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer and I look forward to the noisy halls again in September,

-Ruth

## Save the Date!

Honoring the B'nai Mitzvah "Covid Class" - we invite all B'nai Mitzvah families who had their simcha during Covid to come celebrate together on Saturday, May 7 - more details to follow!



## HSRS 5782 END OF YEAR SIYYUM

HSRS FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES!

SUNDAY, MAY 22  
10:00AM - 12:00PM

RSVP: [WWW.HARSHALOM.ORG/HSRS5782SIYYUM](http://WWW.HARSHALOM.ORG/HSRS5782SIYYUM)



YOU'RE INVITED

## *HSRS Hagigat HaSiddur*

Join us as HSRS 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders receive their first Siddur during Shavuot Services.

Sunday, June 5

RSVP BY JUNE 1  
[WWW.HARSHALOM.ORG/HSRSSIDDUR](http://WWW.HARSHALOM.ORG/HSRSSIDDUR)





# SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE WITH RUTH

SATURDAYS @ 10:30 AM

Grades K-6

May 7

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

Register:

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

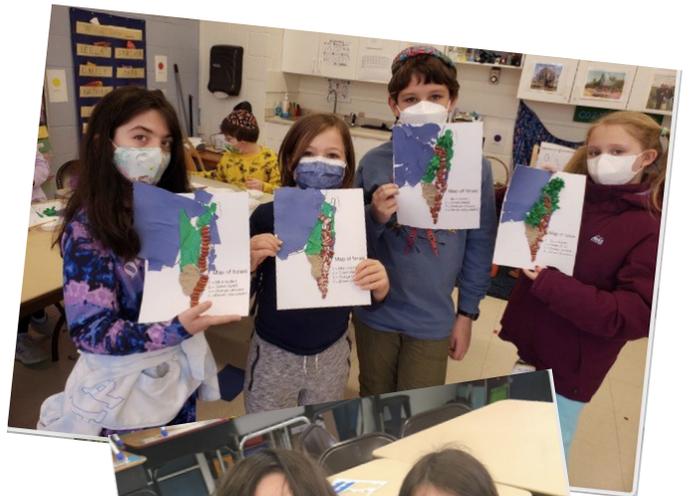
# HSRS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Register NOW for Grades K-7

Early Bird Special through July 1st

Questions? Contact Ruth Szykman [ruth@harshalom.org](mailto:ruth@harshalom.org)





**Har Shalom 10th & 11th Graders will participate in Shavuot morning services on Sunday, June 5 and receive gifts from the Congregation celebrating their Confirmation, and participation in Rabbi Raskin's "Putting the 'I' in Israel" class.**



**PUTTING  
THE "I"  
IN ISRAEL**

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

*with Rabbi Adam Raskin*

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

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

# ADULT EDUCATION

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

## Meshorerim with Hazzan Ozur Bass

2ND WEDNESDAYS AT 8:00 PM  
PAUL FAMILY SOCIAL HALL

Let's create simple harmonies for  
familiar prayer melodies.



Mark your calendar!

## LEARNER'S MINYAN

with Hazzan Ozur Bass

2nd Shabbat of the Month  
10:00AM

Join us in person at Har Shalom

Discover the meaning of the Shabbat morning prayers, and explore your personal meaning for them with Hazzan Ozur Bass.



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

For more information, visit:

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
THE EIGHTH ANNUAL  
**JTS EVENING OF LEARNING**

## Expanding the Canon: Transforming Judaism in the 21st Century

A special opportunity to gather in person for in-depth learning with JTS's renowned scholars.

**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 4:30-9:00 P.M. ET**

Kol Shalom, 9110 Darnestown Rd, Rockville, MD

Jewish learning has long focused on texts by an elite group of ancient rabbis. What would it mean to radically expand our canon, incorporating the voices of women, Jews of Color, people with disabilities, and other historically marginalized groups? Together with JTS scholars, we will explore how diversifying our canonical texts can help us create a more inclusive Jewish community.



Keynote Presentation by  
**Chancellor Shuly Rubin Schwartz**

**Study sessions led by JTS  
scholars and alumni:**

- **Rabbi Eliezer Diamond**, PhD, Rabbi Judah Nadich Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, JTS
- **Heather Miller**, Founder, The Multitudes and USCJ Board Member
- **Dr. Ora Horn Prouser**, JTS alumna and CEO and Academic Dean, Academy for Jewish Religion
- **Dr. Michal Raucher**, JTS Fellow and Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, Rutgers University

**Learn more and register »**

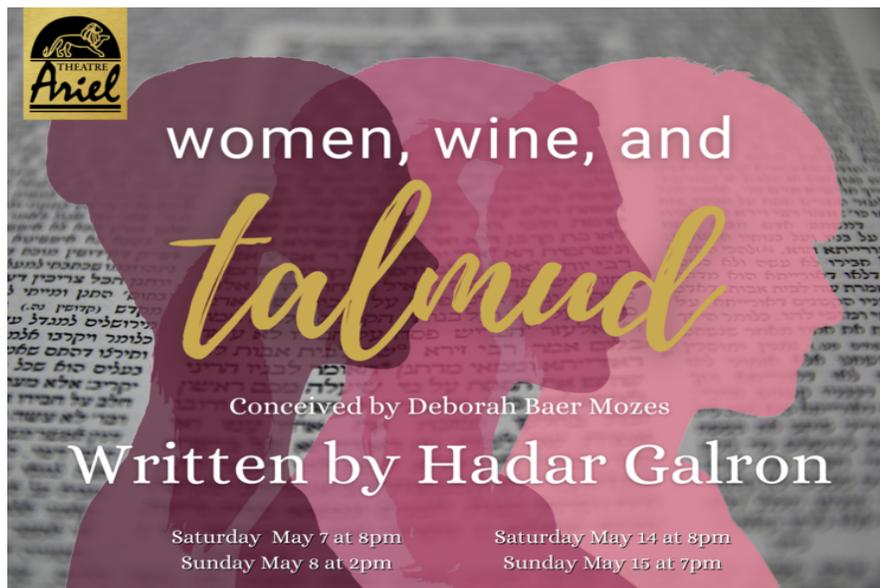


### PROGRAM PARTNERS

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Agudas Achim Congregation	Kehilat Shalom
B'nai Israel Congregation	Kol Shalom
B'nai Shalom of Olney	Ohr Kodesh Congregation
Congregation B'nai Tzedek	Shaare Tefila Congregation
Congregation Beth El	Shaare Torah
Congregation Har Shalom	Tifereth Israel Congregation
Congregation Olam Tikvah	Tikvat Israel Congregation



**Theatre Ariel**  
**Presents a One-Time Virtual Performance of:**  
***Women, Wine, and Talmud***



**A world premiere commissioned by Theatre Ariel**

Rachel, Mad Yalta, and Bruria. Three wise women, daughters, wives, and sages whose stories appear in the Talmud. Each of them challenged the “expected” and each of their stories will challenge you.

Theatre Ariel commissioned Hadar Galron, an internationally acclaimed Israeli playwright, to write this immersive, interactive theatre work that brings these women’s stories to life and brings you into that action as “commentators”.

**Sunday, May, 15th @ 7 PM**  
**Watch Live via Zoom**

**Learn more and Register: [www.harshalom.org/TheatreAriel](http://www.harshalom.org/TheatreAriel)**

*This program is co-sponsored by Har Shalom and Sisterhood*

# FROM DAYTIMERS JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Daytimers  
*Jewish Film Festival*



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



## May 18 "Felix and Meira" – Canada – 105 minutes

Our two previous films, LOVE IT WAS NOT and ITZHAK, while vastly different in subject matter, had one important aspect in common. Both dealt with the relationship between a man and a woman. Today we will watch a film in which the relationship is complicated by the addition of a third party.

FELIX AND MEIRA is set in the Mile End district of Montreal. Meira is young, Hasidic, and miserable. A wife and mother, she hides her records and magazines from her devout and disapproving husband. Felix is a Secular loner mourning the recent death of his estranged father. When they meet in a local bakery, what starts as an innocent friendship becomes more serious as each finds comfort in the other.

As Felix opens Meira's eyes to the world outside her tight-knit Orthodox community, her desire for change becomes harder to ignore, forcing her into a choice. Will she remain in the life she knows or give it all up to be with Felix?

# FROM SOCIAL ACTION AND TIKKUN OLAM

**THANKS TO CONGREGANTS** who continue to donate to our monthly collections! New and gently used bras, unopened feminine hygiene products, nonperishable food, school and cleaning supplies, toiletries, and new knit, crocheted, and fleece blankets are always accepted in the coat closet. These donations go to worthy recipients -- I Support the Girls, Manna, the MoCo Upcounty Consolidation Hub, Do Kind Works, and Comfort Cases, among others.

The May and June Har Shalom's collections are for **household cleaning supplies** and new and gently used **household items** for Stepping Stones Shelter.

Prescription and non-prescription drugs and medical items, including walkers, crutches, etc., will be accepted through June. Working with The Lutheran Church of St Andrew, these are provided to the under served in our area. **IF YOU DONATE DRUGS**, please hand them to the office staff so they can be locked away. Do not leave drugs on the coat room shelves.

And don't forget cooking with our **KindSoups** program, where we get together on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month to **zoom cook soup**. Soups are donated to the Upcounty Consolidation Hub in Germantown and to friends in need.

**Join us as we cook vegetable-based soups for the food insecure.**

HAR SHALOM SISTERHOOD AND KINDWORKS PRESENT

## KINDSOUP FOR THE SOUL

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

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

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

Check weekly emails for important links and all upcoming programs and collections.

# FROM THE *AFGHAN REFUGEE COMMITTEE*

Har Shalom and the Islamic Community Center of Potomac have worked together on many projects, including adopting two Afghan refugee families. Recently, Rabbi Raskin was invited to speak and share greetings on behalf of our synagogue and the Jewish community as a part of Iftar.



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# FROM THE *HESED COMMITTEE*

## SHARING IS CARING!



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

For more information  
and to sign-up visit:

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

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

# FROM THE MEN'S CLUB



**HAR SHALOM**  
**Joint Men's Club & Sisterhood Brunch**

Sunday,  
**May 1**

Brunch 9:45 am  
Speaker 10:30 am

**David Fahrenthold,**  
Pulitzer Prize winning reporter for: Washington Post, New York Times, NBC & CNN, returns to Har Shalom for our Speaker Series!



Since 2016, David has covered Donald Trump's finances. David's reporting, along with his Access Hollywood scoop, earned him the Pulitzer in 2017. Since then, he continues to break news and lead the pack on reporting about Trump family business interests, and most recently as a TV analyst for the Manhattan DA cases.

We are planning for a return to **hybrid event** with in-person food, if conditions allow. Vaccination proof required as is pre-registration to help us plan for number of in-person attendees. RSVP to [www.harshalom.org/brunch](http://www.harshalom.org/brunch) by Wednesday April 27th. Visit CHS web/Events for updates.

On Sunday, May 1, join us at 9:45AM for Food & 10:30AM for the Speaker at the Joint Men's Club and Sisterhood Brunch featuring David Fahrenthold. David returns to Har Shalom for an update on Trump family business interests.

We plan a return to a hybrid event with food for the first time since 2020, if conditions allow. Please note the start times for the food and speaker are different than normal, due to speaker availability. Consult with the Har Shalom web/events page for registration and updates. The event is free. Vaccination proof is required as are masks (while not eating).

## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, June 12th, at 10:00AM for our scheduled speaker **Sanford Levinson**, University of Texas Law School Professor. His topic will most likely deal with US Constitutional law. This is tentative as we are awaiting confirmation as of Tablet publication deadline. If he is unable to make it, we will have an alternate speaker. Please watch the Har Shalom website and your e-mail for updates. This is our last speaker for the 2021-22 Men's Club Brunch season. We hope you enjoyed the series.



**HAR SHALOM**  
**Joint Men's Club & Sisterhood Virtual Brunch**

Sunday,  
**June 12**

10:00 am

**Sanford V. Levinson,**  
Is a professor at the University of Texas Law School. He is a leading scholar in the areas of constitutional law, theory, and history.



He's the author of over 350 articles and book reviews in professional and popular journals and the author of four books - most recently, *Our Undemocratic Constitution: Where the Constitution Goes Wrong (and How We the People Can Correct It)*.

**VIRTUAL ONLY EVENT**  
For Zoom Links – Watch for Men's Club & Sisterhood emails or Visit CHS web/Events.



Photos by Bill Branda & Ken Shere

## AK Group Activities

The AK Group is part of the Men's Club. This group focuses on activities for guys around 50 and older. All AK Group events are open to all members of the Men's Club and to all prospective members. We welcome ideas for activities – if you have any, please contact us at [adulthoodclub@harshalom.org](mailto:adulthoodclub@harshalom.org). At the moment, we have two main ongoing activities discussed below.



### AK Dinners

At last, the pandemic has regressed enough for us to restart our AK Dinners. Our dinners take place at local restaurants; each selected restaurant will have both vegetarian and fish entrees. The dinners normally take place on the fourth Thursday of the month. We plan to (finally) restart the AK Dinners on April 28. If you are on our mail list, you will receive an email with the location and details. If you are not on our mail list or are not sure whether you are on our list and want to receive an email, please contact us at [adulthoodclub@harshalom.org](mailto:adulthoodclub@harshalom.org).



### AK Golf

Weather permitting (i.e., playable course (riding), and no dangerous or uncomfortable weather), we schedule golf on Tuesdays and Fridays. We normally play scramble [best ball on every golf shot] but players who want to play their own ball are accommodated. Shown in the picture is Harvey Wachter who came “this close” to getting a hole-in-one.

Players of all skill levels are welcome. Our golf events take place at various Montgomery County public golf courses; players pay their own expenses. We have a mail list that provides details for each golf event. If you do not currently receive these emails and would like to join us please contact us at [adulthoodclub@harshalom.org](mailto:adulthoodclub@harshalom.org).

## April Program Recap

On April 3rd Men's Club sponsored a field trip to The Fort Ritchie History Museum. 21 congregants made the drive to Cascade, MD to tour the Museum's archive and do a walking tour of the historic Fort. After an introduction and welcome by Bernie Lubran, whose father (z"l) was a Ritchie Boy, we were guided by Landon Grove, Director & Curator of the Ritchie History Museum and Samantha Phillips, Director of Operations at Fort Ritchie Community Center.

The Ritchie Boys were a group of young, mostly Jewish, mostly German and Austrian boys who had immigrated to the United States. They were drafted into the US Army, often after being rejected as “enemy aliens,” and were trained at Camp Ritchie, the top-secret Military Intelligence Training Center, in Maryland. They were there because they knew German language, culture, and mentality better than most American-born soldiers. After training at the fort, most were sent behind the lines for intelligence, and dangerous roles back in Europe.

The story of the Ritchie Boys' as WWII heroes is just now coming into light after 70 years. *60-Minutes* featured their story last May, following the declassification of the Army records. This Summer, the museum will move to a permanent site in two of the original stone buildings, following anticipated approval of a MD state grant of \$400k. If you want to learn more, visit, or donate, the website is <https://thefrcc.org/ft-ritchie-museum>.

Men's Club thanks Bernie Lubran and Jack Markowitz for organizing the event.

# CATCH UP WITH THE SISTERHOOD

## From Your Sisterhood President, Susan Grant



This spring Sisterhood has brought so many wonderful programs to our Har Shalom community. We continue to offer programs that focus on the mind, body and soul.

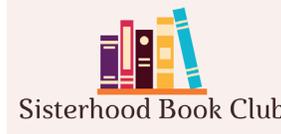
In March we cosponsored the Sunday workshop with Deborah Sacks Mintz where we delved into the traditional melodies of Friday night, learning their meaning and history, and making them even more special. We delivered our virtual Purim greetings once again this year. While not the traditional way, Sisterhood was able to help fulfill the mitzvah of sending sweet greetings to your friends and family and we look forward to delivering Mishloach Manot packages next year. Our Let's Get Physical program in April introduced us to yoga fusion and our bodies were challenged to stretch and move in creative ways.

May brings Sisterhood Shabbat. This day lets the women of the congregation shine with our knowledge and expertise in all aspects of the Shabbat service. If you would like to take part, please contact Bena Siegel at [savtabena@gmail.com](mailto:savtabena@gmail.com) or Helen Branda at [helenbranda@gmail.com](mailto:helenbranda@gmail.com). Next, Sisterhood is bringing back the talented artist Tayla Weinberg who will lead us in a fun Sip and Paint program. We will be led, stroke by stroke, into completing a painting worthy of framing! We round out the month of June with a return to an in person End of Year Appreciation dinner (as long as the Reopening Task Force allows it). We are so excited to celebrate in person to thank all of our Sisterhood members for their participation this past year. I hope you will join us.

This will be the last President's message from me. I am blessed to have held this position for the past three years. The pandemic got in the way of in person programs but I am so proud of what Sisterhood was able to accomplish virtually. When I was asked to be President, I did not know if I possessed the skills, tools, and wisdom necessary for this role. I was in awe of the previous presidents and didn't know if I could follow in their shoes. I feel so proud of myself, and my Sisterhood, and I know I leave it in good hands for my successor, BethAnn Katz, who I know has the skills, tools and wisdom to assume the position. I know you will support her and all her wonderful plans for Sisterhood.

All my best,

Susan Grant



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 6: *The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghetto* by Judy Batalion will be facilitated by Ellen Cades**

**May 12: Discussion of Books for 2022-23**

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

**SISTERHOOD  
PAINT & SIP**

**\*NEW DATE\***  
**Tuesday, May 31**  
**7:00PM**

**In-person at Har Shalom**  
**\$18/person**

Join us for an evening of fun and creativity!

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

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Save the Date  
for Sisterhood Shabbat

**May 21, 2022**

We will once again be able to meet and celebrate in person! We look forward to your joining us beginning at 9:30AM with a Kiddush luncheon following services.

## SISTERHOOD SENT PURIM PACKAGES AGAIN THIS YEAR TO IDF SOLDIERS IN ISRAEL - THEY WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED!



*The New Moon on Zoom*  
A Rosh Hodesh Celebration

Sisterhood presents  
**Rosh Hodesh Tammuz**  
**June 29 at 8:00PM**  
**at Har Shalom**  
RSVP by June 26

Let's celebrate Rosh Hodesh Tamuz and gathering in person ... and we'll tackle the topic: NOW WHAT!!

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

## 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 planning to hold its annual New-To-You Rummage Sale this summer on Sunday, July 17. So start looking around your home and saving your gently used belongings for this great fundraiser. We will also need lots of volunteers to help during the week leading up to the sale date. The profits from the sale are used to support vital Har Shalom programming.

### More information to follow!

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).

**Program Recap:** On Sunday, March 6th, over 50 participants attended a fascinating presentation from Dr. Gail Hornstein, author of *To Redeem One Person is to Redeem the World: The Life of Frieda Fromm-Reichmann*, about the life and work of Dr. Frieda Fromm-Reichmann, the real-life therapist fictionalized in the novel *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden*. This program was co-sponsored by Congregation Har Shalom Sisterhood, B'nai Israel Congregation Sisterhood, and Congregation B'nai Tzedek Sisterhood. Dr. Hornstein's absorbing talk about this remarkable woman was a treat and she graciously stayed on the call after her presentation was over to answer our many questions.



## Sunshine Committee

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

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

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# FAMILY NEWS

## MAZAL TOV!

February 16 - March 15

Hedda Kenton on the acceptance of her granddaughter, Abby Kaplan, to Cornell University Veterinary School.

Jonathan Smith on his special birthday

Joel Bernstein, son of Daniel & Diane Bernstein, on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Joel will be attending Vanderbilt University in the fall.

Lauren Appelbaum, who spoke at the 2022 Golden Globe Awards about the importance of including disability in all conversations, as well as to ensure the "A" – Accessibility – was added to be DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) for our work together with the Reimagine Coalition. Lauren is RespectAbility's Vice President of Communications and Entertainment & News Media.

Carly & Danny Litwok on the birth of their daughter, Maya Rose, on March 14th. Maya is welcomed by big sister Shai and grandparents Jim & Brenda Schmand and Stephen & Nurit Litwok.

Michael Baron on the 49th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

## CONDOLENCES:

February 16 - March 15

Timothy Kitt on the passing of his father, Malcolm Kitt

Al Bauman on the passing of his wife, Phoebe Bauman

Rita Lewis on the passing of her mother, Bridget Freidin

Nancy Mannheimer on the passing of her mother, Carol Schepps

Joanna Rubin on the passing of her aunt, Susan Prissman

Amy Smith and Leslie Nordby on the passing of their great-uncle, Sam Silverman

The family of Peter Weiss on his passing

Have some Family News you would like to share  
with the Har Shalom Community?  
Email Leslie, [leslie@harshalom.org](mailto:leslie@harshalom.org), in the Clergy Office  
to have your simcha included in the Mazel Tov  
section of the Shabbat Shalom emails and  
an upcoming issue of the Tablet!

## Donations

February 16 – March 15

### Share Your Blessings

Martin Auerbach  
Jonathan & Charisse Reiner  
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*In Memory Of*  
Roger Baker  
Stanley Schofer

### Alan B. Levenson

*In Memory of*  
Phoebe Bauman  
Joan Levenson

### Bernie Witt

*In Memory Of*  
Phoebe Bauman  
Debbi Mayster

### Community of Caring

*In Memory Of*  
Phoebe Bauman  
Barbara & Kevin McGowan  
Juliet Jankowitz

### Debbie Karch Children's Library

*In Honor of*  
Debbie Schwartz's granddaughter's  
Bat Mitzvah  
Roger & Rosalind Blond

### General Operating

Stephen & Eileen Sherr

*In Honor Of*  
Jeff & Mikki Ashin's granddaughters'  
B'nai Mitzvah  
Steven & Sharon Blumenfeld

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Roger Baker  
Richard & Linda Isen  
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*In Appreciation Of*  
Aliyah to the Torah on Shabbat  
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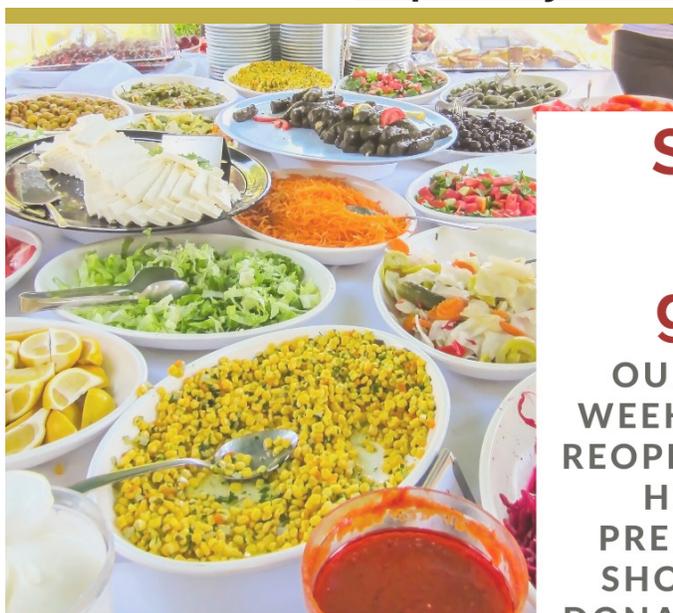
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Joan Medway  
Eric & Francie Mendelsohn

*In Memory Of*  
Larry Usilaner  
Beth Ann Katz

## Volunteers Needed!

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

<https://tinyurl.com/HSKitchenVol>



## Shabbat Morning Kiddushes are gearing back up!

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



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## CEMETERY PLOTS FOR SALE!

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

**Judean Gardens**  
in Olney, MD: \$3000 each

**Mt. Lebanon**  
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**Contact Joanna Rubin at [jrubin@harshalom.org](mailto:jrubin@harshalom.org)  
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