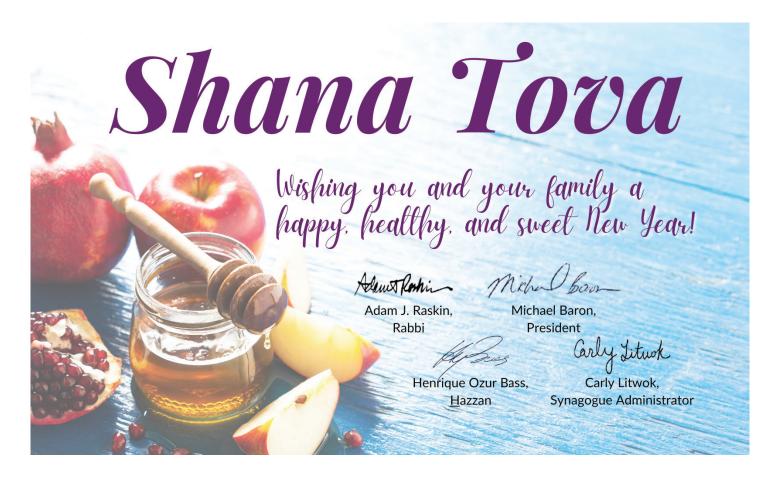


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### FROM THE RABBI



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The first time I heard about James Stockdale was during the 1992 Presidential election (when I was first eligible to vote). Stockdale, then a retired US Navy admiral, and former Vietnam POW, was the vice presidential running mate of third party candidate H. Ross Perot. Stockdale's opening gaffe in the vice presidential debate with Dan Quayle and Al Gore in March of '92 provided plenty of fodder for Saturday Night Live's Phil Hartman to parody. It was actually a pretty ignominious moment for an otherwise distinguished and highly decorated member of the Armed Forces (Stockdale was awarded the Medal of Honor, the U.S. government's highest honor, in 1976). Jim Collins, author of the bestselling book Good to Great, met Admiral Stockdale while doing research for his book. In the business world there is a phenomenon called "the Stockdale Paradox," which means that one simultaneously confronts challenging realities while also maintaining an "unwavering faith in the endgame;" that the company or project will prevail. Stockdale told Collins, "I never lost faith in the end of the story. I never doubted not only that I would get out [of captivity in Vietnam], but also that I would prevail in the end and turn the experience into the defining event of my life, which, in retrospect, I would not trade."

I have thought a lot about the Stockdale Paradox over the past decade. On August 1, I marked the culmination of ten years as rabbi of Congregation Har Shalom. When I flip through the album of photos from my installation, I am flooded with memories of that beautiful event, and also some of the "challenging realities" we faced a decade ago. Membership had been bleeding; the congregation was raw from rabbinic transitions. Even the physical facility, other than the Burke Sanctuary, was worn and threadbare (remember what the Social Hall and the Gordon Sanctuary used to look like?). When I came for my interview in 2010, I recognized that despite those immediate challenges, there was so much incredible potential. I knew that with the appropriate staff and talent, tapping our deep bench of dedicated lay leaders, and collaborating on a vision for vibrancy and renewal that we could revitalize this congregation together. Ten years later, I know that there is still plenty of work to be done. Not all the pieces are in place, and there are plenty of existing challenges, some of which have been exacerbated by the pandemic. I have certainly made my share of mistakes and miscalculations along the way. But I also continue to be both challenged and inspired by so many people who love this synagogue and are so devoted to its mission. It's interesting, Admiral

Stockdale told Jim Collins, that the people who tended not to survive captivity were actually the optimists; people he defined as those who insisted they would get out by, say ,Thanksgiving. And then Thanksgiving would come and go, and they'd still be there. Stockdale knew that putting all his faith in a short term solution would, in the end, be self-destructive. Rather, by facing the reality that only in the longer term things would eventually work out, he was able to maintain his focus and his sanity.

I am grateful that we have had so much to celebrate: our ECC, now named the Ira and Maryjo Sherman Early Childhood Center, is bursting at the seams; the Religious School has its largest enrollment in years; prior to the pandemic, Shabbat was a joyful, intergenerational gathering time for our community around prayer and, of course, food. We had a successful capital campaign that renovated much of our physical spaces, which today are remarkably beautiful. We are successfully reaching new families, who want to be a part of our vibrant synagogue community. And Covid pushed us to dig deep into our creative reservoirs to forge new and unforeseen opportunities to stay connected in meaningful ways.

Certain assumptions about synagogue life are probably forever altered by the events of the past year. But at its very core, the synagogue will always be a house of prayer, a house of study, and a house of gathering for our people. My dogged focus is to continue to cultivate and inspire deeper prayer, study, and gathering, so that Har Shalom will continue to be an enriching Jewish center for all of our members. I am deeply grateful for the partnership of my co-workers, the synagogue presidents and board and executive committee members I have been privileged to work with, and the trust that you have placed in me as your rabbi. I feel blessed to have shared in some of your most sacred milestone events, from birth to death, and to share the wisdom of our Torah with you every day. As I reflect on the end of 5781 and the beginning of 5782, I believe that we have so much to look forward to, so many reasons to be grateful.

May we continue to go *mi'chayil le'chayil*, from strength to strength, in this New Year and in the many years to come!

L'shana Tova,

Rabbi Raskin

\*NEW\* Introduction to Judaisn course in collaboration with B'nai Israel, Beth Ami & Beth Sholom

More details coming soon!

### FROM THE HAZZAN



From the beginning of the month of *Elul* (8/8) through the end of *Simhat Torah* (9/29) our spiritual practice is repentance (*Teshuva*). *Teshuva* requires a change of heart and a change of behavior. It is much harder than a mere "I'm sorry", and most Rabbis suggest that it is incomplete without a detailed confession. *Teshuva* requires introspection, but its goal is connection with others and God.

Alexander Pope wrote that to "err is human, to forgive divine". We focus on *teshuva* through the High Holy Days, acknowledging our part: how much we, as humans, have made mistakes. We also ask God to do God's part and forgive us. One of the central themes of the Yom Kippur liturgy is *selihot*; you can find those passages, for instance, during the *Kol Nidre* service, from pages 223 to 233, immediately preceding the confessional. It's interesting to note that this appears out of order: first God forgives, and then we confess. We imagine that it is our contriteness and the strength of our confession that sways The Compassionate One, the listener, to mitigate the severity of the decree. But the order of the prayers in the *mahzor* suggests otherwise: even before we repent, God offers forgiveness.

As we attempt to follow in The Merciful One's ways, I suggest that forgiveness (seliha) - even between humans - can also be independent of teshuva. True, it is easier to forgive when there's an apology. We feel validated, seen; the hurt we feel is not merely in our imagination. Seliha is about letting go, and we don't need a confession.

This is extremely hard! Imagine someone hurt you, deeply. You might feel belittled, ignored, or betrayed; that might lead to anxiety and fear of what can happen next time. Your memory also plays tricks on you: you recall the occasion when you felt hurt and you replay it in your mind in a different way, so that you have the final say, or feel superior. In order to forgive we have to let go of the stories we tell ourselves, of the hurt, and of the fear of getting hurt again.

Teshuva and seliha are two sides of the same spiritual practice: for teshuva we start with acknowledging that we acted in ways that hurt other people. We must decide to change our ways, communicate both the acknowledgement and the decision to change to the other person, and make amends. Teshuva starts from the inside, but, for it to be complete, you must involve the person you hurt. Seliha, on the other hand, is a completely internal process. It requires the trust that you can let go of the hurt, the need to be right, and the fear of getting hurt again. When done completely, you will feel a deeper connection to The Merciful One and to all Creation.

May you spend the time through the High Holy Days in deep introspection, reaching inside yourself and doing *teshuva*; and may you find it in your heart to let go and forgive. May that lead to deeper connection.

May you be inscribed in the book of life.

Hazzan Ozur Bass

### FROM THE PRESIDENT



#### Welcome Back!

Yes, I have used this phrase many times over the past few months. With Rosh Hashanah only days away, many of our congregants will be returning to Har Shalom community for the first time in over 18 months.

I personally am looking forward to the New Year 5782. I believe Steve Susswein had the hard job of keeping Har Shalom open and I have the easy task of getting our congregants back to Har Shalom. Yes, the past year has been tough as Har Shalom had to navigate through all the COVID protocols with the help of our Reopening Task Force.

As we look back over the past 18 months, Har Shalom has continued to offer Shabbat Services, Morning minyanim, Kabbalat Shabbat, Contemplative Practice Evening Service, and the return of Marco's Tuna Fish Salad. Our Sherman Early Childhood Center and Har Shalom Religious School did not miss a beat, as our children continued to learn and have fun during the year. There were many Adult Education Sessions and Membership events through Zoom over the past year. Our ability to pivot and offer these activities is a testament to our Clergy, Professional Staff, and Lay Leadership.

So what does 5782 look like? It begins with the High Holy Days and the three service options: Traditional Services in the Paul Family Social Hall, Services in the Burke Sanctuary and an Outdoor Service. The Har Shalom Religious School will return with in-person Sunday classes, the Sherman Early Childhood Center has over 60 children enrolled, and the return of daily Minyan. This is just a start to reopening the building for our community.

In 5782 we will also start some needed repairs to the Har Shalom building. Carly Litwok, our Synagogue Administrator, has secured a Nonprofit Security Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This grant will help replace the doors to the Burke Sanctuary, along with other doors that need repairs to properly secure the building. We will perform some maintenance repairs in the Burke Sanctuary with donations provided by Sisterhood and the Burke Family, and will also replace sections of the roof using funds provided by the Lewis Gold Trust.

As I finish writing this Tablet article, I will start writing my Kol Nidre Appeal. Just a small preview of what I will be talking about... I will speak about the importance of being a member of the Har Shalom Community, and even more about the importance of our Jewish heritage and passing our Jewish values on to our families. These two issues are even more important today, with the rise of Anti-Semitism throughout the world. Our congregants in the past have been very generous during this Appeal and I hope that during this High Holy Day season our congregants will once again rise to the occasion of giving.

I myself really am looking forward to the New Year 5782, having meetings in-person, attending morning and evening Minyan, monthly Men's Club Breakfasts and Speaker Series in the Paul Family Social Hall, Sisterhood events, and most importantly, Shabbat Services with my Har Shalom family.

Looking forward to renewing friendships during the High Holy Days, and all the days to come in the new year.

Shana Tova,

Michael L. Baron

Michael & Baron

President

### FROM THE SHERMAN ECC

#### What is Jewish about apple picking?

At each season of the year there are things outside to notice and show appreciation for. When we pause with our children to notice, wonder and ask questions, we are teaching them to be mindful. That pause is so important in today's world.

As fall approaches, apple picking season is just about here! Picking apples as a family is rich with so many values and teachable moments!

Ba'al Tashhit- Do not destroy. We want to teach our children that every apple they take should feed someone and not be thrown on the ground. We want them to know how to take care of the apples and trees so they can continue to grow strong and bear fruit.

Hoda'ah - Appreciation. Helping our children understand how the apple grew, how long it took, and that someone took care of it to be able to reach this stage of picking. By saying a blessing, we are thanking God for giving us fruit from trees, Baruh atah Adonai elohenu melah haolam, borei pri ha-etz.

Kehillah - Community. When you are picking, think about picking apples to donate to a locate shelter. Bring the children with you to deliver them and make them part of the mitzvah!

Bikur <u>Holim</u> – Visiting the sick. Bake an apple cake or make applesauce with your children to bring to someone who is not well. Have them make a card to go with it that shows them picking the apples. If there is no one sick to visit, bring what you make together to any of our community heroes including our police, fire fighters, EMTs and health care workers.

God created trees bearing fruit on the third day of creation. When we openan apple and see the seeds, we are reminded of God's incredible creations. Celebrate that with any of the teachable moments above!

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy new year!

B'yedidut, Beth Hoch

Source: What is Jewish About Butterflies; Maxine Handelman & Deborah Schein, 2004





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### FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



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After a busy summer, I'm so excited for our return to the building for HSRS Sunday mornings! We are welcoming over 30 new families to HSRS this year: WOW! We have a fabulous bunch of teachers who are ready to fill our Sundays with creative fun. learning and friends. I can't wait to have noisy hallways again! Watch this space for pictures throughout the year to see our students progress. There's still time to enroll in HSRS and our HSUS Programs - we have something for everyone grades K-12. 5782 is looking so bright, we'll all need shades!









EXCITING \*NEW\* OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS -MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 8!

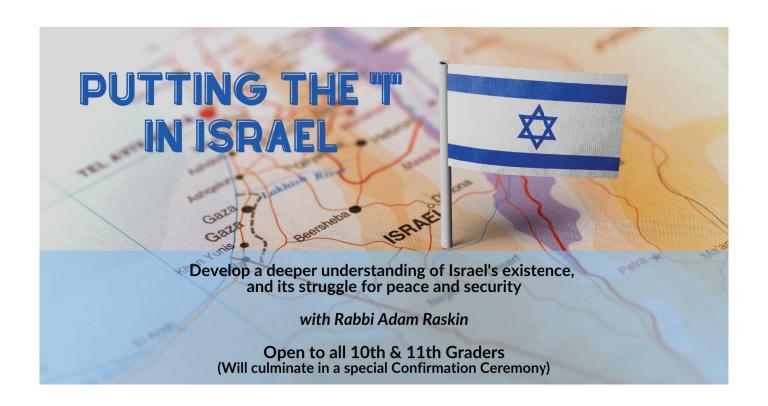
### MEETOUR NEW 8TH/9TH GRADE HSUS TEACHER!



**Kira Mazel** is a sophomore at the University of Maryland. She is a Nursing major and a student in the Global Public Health Scholars program. She attended Berman Hebrew Academy in Rockville, MD, and after graduating high school, spent a gap year at Midreshet Torah

V'Avodah (TVA) in Jerusalem, Israel, studying Judaic subjects such as Bible, Talmud, Jewish Philosophy/ Thought, and Jewish Law. Kira was able to travel the land and learn all about the biblical-historical significance of each location and holy site. She also traveled throughout Europe, including Poland, visiting Jewish historical sights to gain a deeper appreciation for the thriving and vibrant Jewish communities that were destroyed, and witnessing the devastation that the Nazi concentration camps brought to the Jewish people. She will be teaching our 8th & 9th grade Holocaust curriculum, with an emphasis on the impact these events have on our Jewish lives and identity.





### NEW MEMBERS

The Har Shalom community extends a warm welcome to the following members who joined the congregation from the August 2020 to August 2021. Please use your new Membership Directory that you receive this Fall so you can reach out and personally welcome them!

David & Rachael Abramson Stella (8), Ari (5)

Lorne & Dara Beitler Ashton (7), Stella (4)

Benjamin Berger & Rachel Willis Charlotte (1)

Seth Berger & Allison Goldstein-Berger Risa (8), Naomi (5)

Lauren & Phillip Berkowitz Ethan (8), Jacob (6), Chloe (2)

Matthew & Carly Bernstein

Dena & Ryan Blaustein Aiden (3)

Aaron & Julie Brand Morgan (7), Eli (5)

Lindsay & Todd Brecher Ávery (8), Samuel (5)

Jessica & Jesse Crawford Emilia (6), Olivia (4)

Rachel & Andrew Dercher Eliana Mae (1)

Bryan & Erin Friedman Max (8), Silas (4), Ozzie (2)

Felice & Marc Grossman Max (7), Striker (4)

Robert & Alyssa Hoberg

Pamela Kaufman & Benjamin Wisotsky Drew (7), Leigh (4)

Ronald Lipsman & Candace Kaplan

Ryan & Lauren Malet Jenna (5), Logan (2)

Adam & Ryan Munitz Bella (3)

Kelly Paul, Israel Juskowicz Noah (7), Gabriel (5)

Rebecca & Jason Perlman Evan (15), Ari (13), Noah (13)

Eva Rigamonti & Paolo Saguato Dalia (3), Giulio (1)

Jocelyn Scheinert & Eli Rothstein Brianna (8), Mark (6), Jacob (2)

Carly & Brendon Silver Levi (5), Graham (3)

Kimberly & Robert Stien Sy (10), Reagan (7)

Melissa & Adam Susser Noah (2)

Dorina Zindel & Lior Ben-Soussan Michaell (6), Yonatan (6), Ori (3)

### SO MUCH FUN IN 5781!





### HIGH HOLY DAYS ATHAR SHALOM

### Erev Rosh Hashanah: September 6

6:30PM | Ma'ariv: Burke Sanctuary\*\*

7:12PM | Candle Lighting

#### Rosh Hashanah, 1st Day: September 7

8:00AM - 10:30AM | \*NEW\* Outdoor Service at Har Shalom

9:00AM - 12:30PM | Paul Family Social Hall Service

9:15AM | Young Families Service in the Cahan Sanctuary (families with children 5 & under)

10:00AM - 12:30PM | Burke Sanctuary Service\*\*

**10:15AM** | Family Service with Ruth in Cahan Sanctuary (students Grades K-7 with guardians/siblings)

11:00AM - 12:15PM | Youth Program in the Cahan Sanctuary & Classrooms (students Grades K-7)

**11:15AM - 12:15PM** | Teen Program in the Cahan Sanctuary (students Grades 8-12)

**4:30PM** | Tashlikh & Minha (Meet at Gregerscroft Park) - Families are invited to stay & play after Tashlikh!

**6:30PM** | *Ma'ariv* 

8:14PM | Candle Lighting

#### Rosh Hashanah, 2nd Day: September 8

8:30AM - 12:00PM | Burke Sanctuary Service\*\*

**4:30PM** | Drive-up *Shofar* Service - Families are invited to join us for a sweet treat after the *shofar*!

7:45PM | Minha / Ma'ariv: Burke Sanctuary\*\*

8:13PM | End of Yom Tov

#### Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidre: September 15

**6:22PM** | Candle Lighting

**6:45PM** | Kol Nidre: Burke Sanctuary\*\*

7:00PM | Kol Nidre: \*NEW\* Outdoor Service at Har Shalom

#### Yom Kippur Day: September 16

8:00AM - 10:30AM | \*NEW\* Outdoor Service at Har Shalom

9:00AM - 12:30PM | Paul Family Social Hall Service

9:15AM | Young Families Service in the Cahan Sanctuary (families with children 5 & under)

10:00AM - 12:30PM | Burke Sanctuary Service\*\*

**10:15AM** | Family Service with Ruth in Cahan Sanctuary (students Grades K-7 with guardians/siblings)

11:00AM - 12:15PM | Youth Program in the Cahan Sanctuary & Classrooms (students Grades K-7)

**11:15AM - 12:15PM** | Teen Program in the Cahan Sanctuary (students Grades 8-12)

**3:45PM - 4:45PM** | Rabbi's Study Session: Burke Sanctuary (*LiveStream only, not on Zoom*)

5:00PM | Minha: Burke Sanctuary\*\*

**6:30PM** | *Neilah*: Burke Sanctuary\*\*

7:40PM | Ma'ariv & Havdalah: Burke Sanctuary\*\*

7:55PM | Final Shofar

\*\*NOTE: All Services in the Burke Sanctuary will be available for viewing via LiveStream or Zoom.

### WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Monday

### Morning Minyan

8:00AM

In-person at Har Shalom or connect via Zoom

#### **Evening Minyan**

7:30PM

Tune in on Facebook LIVE or connect via Zoom

### Friday

#### **Morning Minyan**

8:00AM

In-person at Har Shalom or via Zoom

#### **Kabbalat Shabbat**

6:30PM

In-person at Har Shalom or connect via Zoom

### Tuesday

### **Morning Minyan**

8:00AM

Connect via Zoom

### **Evening Minyan**

7:30PM

In-person at Har Shalom, tune in on Facebook LIVE, or connect via Zoom

### Saturday

#### **Shabbat Morning**

9:30AM

In-person at Har Shalom, watch the Live Stream, or connect via Zoom

### Wednesday

#### **Morning Minyan**

8:00AM

Connect via Zoom

#### **Evening Minyan**

7:30PM

Tune in on Facebook LIVE or connect via Zoom

### Sunday

#### **Morning Minyan**

9:00AM

Connect via Zoom

#### Evening Minyan 7:30PM

Connect via Zoom

### Thursday

### Morning Minyan

8:00AM

In-person at Har Shalom or connect via Zoom

#### **Evening Minyan**

7:30PM

In-person at Har Shalom, tune in on Facebook LIVE, or connect via Zoom



### www.HarShalom.org/Services

<u>NOTE:</u> In-person morning & evening *minyan* will begin after the holidays. Please watch your email for start date.

# JOIN US IN-PERSON FOR SHABBAT! Kabbalat Shabbat: Fridays at 6:30PM

Services will also be available via LiveStream or Zoom

Shabbat Morning Service: Saturdays at 9:30AM

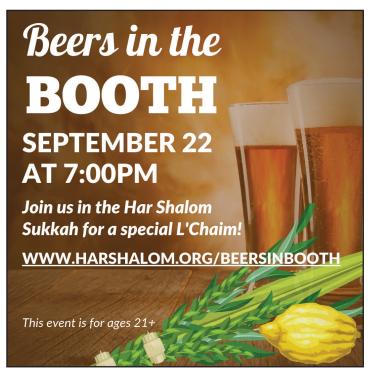
### **JOIN US FOR IN-PERSON MINYAN!**

(beginning after the Holy Days)

Weekday Evenings: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:30PM

Weekday Mornings: Mondays & Thursdays at 8:00AM

### SUKKOT ATHAR SHALOM





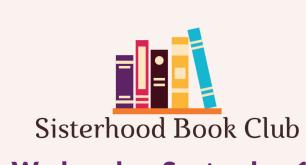
### SAVE THE DATE!

Simhat Torah
Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 7:00PM
Dancing & Hakafot
Details Coming Soon!





### PROGRAMS & EVENTS: SEPTEMBER



Wednesday, September 1:
The World That We Knew
by Alice Hoffman

We meet the first Wednesday of the Month - Join us at 12:30PM to chat; Book Discussion begins at 1:00PM





### PROGRAMS & EVENTS: OCTOBER















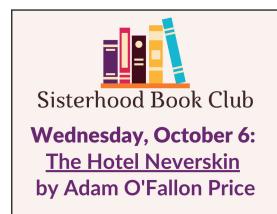




October 20 for "Working Woman"

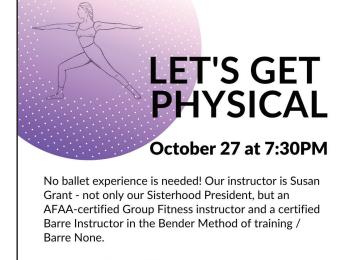
You are welcome to bring a dairy or pareve lunch and join us at noon - Program will begin at 12:30PM





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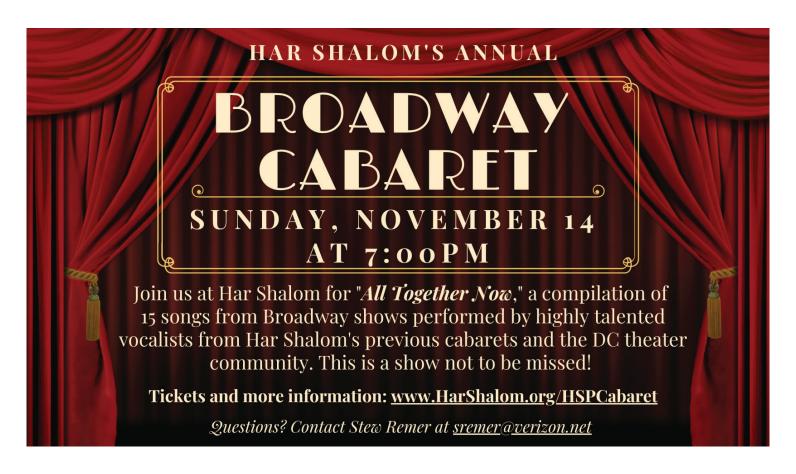




The cost to attend is \$10.

www.HarShalom.org/LetsGetPhysical

### SAVE THE DATE!





### ADULT EDUCATION

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

### **SAVE THE DATE**



### MORRIS & LILLIAN CAHAN **WEEKEND OF LEARNING**

"From Hitler's Beer Hall Putsch to Kristallnacht to the Fall of the Wall: November 9 as an Iconic Date in German-Jewish History"

"Jewish Life and Antisemitism: How does the situation in America today compare to Pre-War Europe?"



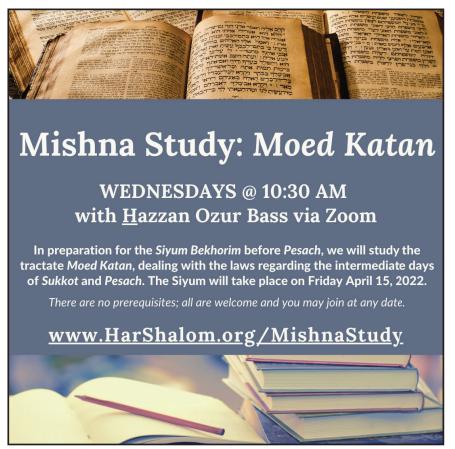
**III NOVEMBER 5-6, 2021** 

### PROF. MICHAEL BRENNER

Seymour and Lillian Abensohn Chair in Israel Studies and Director of American **University's Center for Israel Studies** 



### JOIN <u>H</u>AZZAN OZUR BASS BEGINNING THIS OCTOBER...





### **ONGOING...**





### ONGOING GIVING OPPORTUNITIES





### FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY 4 INCLUSION COMMITTEE

On June 17, the Accessibility and Inclusion Committee held an organizational meeting. In attendance were Committee Chair Randy May, Lauren Appelbaum, Lois Forster, Margie Glancz, Beth Ann Katz, Joyce Lipman, and Mikaela Ober Schuster.

Foremost, the Committee agreed that it is important for Har Shalom to continue to make certain, on an ongoing basis, that all congregants, potential congregants, and others in the community know that Har Shalom is, and always aspires to be, an inclusive community and one that is accessible to those with disabilities. The Committee is always on the lookout for ways to make Har Shalom even more accessible, and we welcome input from congregants.

As usual, in coordination with the clergy and staff, the Committee will plan a special Shabbat program on February 26 in conjunction with Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month (JDAIM). Also, in addition to resuming as soon as feasible the usual pre-pandemic monthly attendance by residents of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (JFGH) at Shabbat services, the Committee also discussed other possible activities in which Har Shalom can engage with JFGH residents, such as an outdoor picnic or a Reel Abilities Film Festival. The Committee recommends that, whenever feasible, there should be a tag line in event signups that says: "Do you need any special accommodations for this event? If so, please contact the synagogue office."

In conjunction with JFGH's Meaningful Opportunities for Successful Transitions (MOST), a one-year individualized program of activities and training designed to facilitate successful transition into the adult community, we are also working with staff to place a volunteer from the JFGH in a job at Har Shalom for a limited number of hours each week. If any congregant wants to learn more about the MOST program, or would like to consider opportunities for volunteers to be placed in their own workplaces, please contact the Committee.

Randy May
Chair, Accessibility and Inclusion Committee

### CATCH UP WITH THE SISTERHOOD



### From Your Sisterhood President, Susan Grant

The High Holy Days are upon us and this is the time when we reflect upon our actions and deeds of this past year. Did I speak ill will against someone? Did I help someone in need? Did I covet something from my friend? Was I the very best I could be? At this same time, I look to the coming year with such high hopes as I identify a new goal to take on, be it educational, emotional and/or spiritual. I have one remaining year on

my Sisterhood presidency term and I want our Sisterhood to be the best it can be. I am blessed to have such a dedicated team of steering committee members who have been at work all summer to plan for this coming year. A year of wonderful programs, in person, G-d willing. Save the date for a very special Paid Up Membership dinner and program on October 21st. Please note that this event is for women who have paid their membership dues in advance on their synagogue bill, or in person at the event. We look forward to welcoming all of our Sisterhood members back this year. We held a myriad of programs the last year and a half on Zoom and we will continue to keep our members engaged and busy this year with both in person and Zoom options. May you all be blessed with a happy, healthy and sweet new year.

*L'Shanah Tovah*, Susan Grant

### TORAH FUND NEWS

A question that I've been asked frequently is......"I donated to Torah Fund this past year, so why should I give again this coming year, as I have not gotten a pin and when I do, it will be the same as last year's?"

The cost and quality of education continue to rise, and many institutions had to cut their budgets during the pandemic.

In addition to showing support of the Torah Fund mission—to provide funding to educate our future leaders—your donation this coming year will help maintain excellence and resources at the five global Conservative/Masorti Institutes of higher education that we support. Your steadfast commitment to Torah Fund is an inspiration for others to give, and demonstrates your devotion to perpetuate the future of the Jewish people.

#### What is the relevance to the B'Yachad pin?

Most of our donors have stayed home over the past year, going out only for essential tasks or work. Our synagogues and sisterhoods have been meeting over Zoom or livestream. The pins symbolize the journey we have been on *B'Yachad* — together even while socially distanced — and like other activities, we need time to emerge.

All donors who contributed to the campaign last year will receive their pin with the anticipation that you will contribute again this year, and all new donors will receive a pin of the appropriate level (\$180 or above).

It is our hope that you will wear your pin proudly to the High Holy Day services, and all subsequent services during the year. As we have always said, "every donation, no matter how small or large, is greatly appreciated."

On behalf of the Har Shalom Sisterhood Torah Fund Committee, I send best wishes for a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year. May 5782 be a good year for us all, and may our families and loved ones remain safe and healthy for many years to come.

*L'Shana Tova,*Rita Wertlieb, Chair
Torah Fund Committee



### FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Golf & Monthly Dine Out: **The AK Group** is a subset of the Men's Club. The purpose of this group is to organize activities that enable guys who are physiologically, if not psychologically, old enough to have adult kids (in reality, age is very loosely a consideration so leave your birth certificate at home). The purpose is to encourage communication and to have a good time. We have only one significant restriction – no grouches allowed.



Presently, two activities are regularly held. We arrange for golf every Tuesday and Thursday (year-round, weather permitting). Each player is responsible for their own golf fees. People of all skill levels are welcome – even Ed Kraft (Ken Shere's son-in-law) who drove the green on the first hole at Falls Road (pictured above).

Depending on your preference, you can play scramble (best ball by the group on each shot) or your own ball. Most of us play scramble because it encourages communication and is a lot of fun - to say nothing of getting a team score that you can't even dream of scoring on your own. We send out a list of tee times, a week in advance, for each golf event. You are encouraged to play as often as you are able. We usually have 2-4 tee times (8 - 16 players) but, based on recent turnout, we are likely to need 5+ tee times.

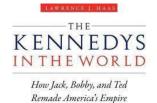
The second regularly scheduled activity is the monthly AK Dinner – normally held on the fourth Thursday of each month (6:30 pm). For this activity, we make a reservation at a local restaurant. Each restaurant selected has both vegetarian and fish dishes available. Typically, 15 – 25 people attend these dinners. Each diner is responsible for their own tab. The first post-pandemic dinner was held on July 29th. It is great fun. If you wish to be notified of our activities (via email) or have suggestion for other activities, please contact us at adultkidsclub@harshalom.org.

#### MEN'S CLUB BRUNCH

On **Sunday, October 3, at 10:00am** our first Men's Club Brunch, features **Lawrence J. Haas**. Larry is a Har Shalom congregant and noted author. He will discuss his latest book, *The Kennedys in the World: How Jack, Bobby and Ted Remade America's Empire*.

This new book tells a rich, and fascinating story about Jack, Bobby, and Ted Kennedy. From their childhoods in the first half of the 20th century, the brothers were pushed by their parents, Joe and Rose, to learn about the world. Once they attained power, they shaped America's role in it.

For more than six decades, the brothers shaped broad issues of war and peace, as well as America's response to almost every major global challenge of their times: the Soviet Union and China, the Cold War and Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Chile,





Nicaragua and El Salvador, Korea and Vietnam, South Africa and Northern Ireland, and Iraq (twice). In their time, America was what it remains today – the world's greatest power, with roles and responsibilities that stretch across the planet. So, as the brothers remade America's empire, they invariably changed the world.

The program is free. Please watch for registration and attendance details as we get closer to October 3rd.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, November 7th, at 10:00 for the return of speaker Michael Dobbs. Mr. Dobbs will present his new book, *King Richard: Nixon and Watergate*.

### FAMILY NEWS

### B'NAI MITZVAH



Adam Goldel
October 23
Son of Randy & Elizabeth Goldel

### MAZAL TOV! May 15 - July 15

Alan Esenstad and Tracy Threefoot on the engagement of their daughter, Amelia Esenstad, to Adam Janus.

Bernie and Sonia Beekman on their anniversary.

David and Sandy Freeman on their 31st anniversary.

Dan & Cathy Hodin and Bob & Judy Tiell on the birth of their newest grandchild, Jesse Blake Tiell, on May 18, to Lindsay & Scott Tiell.

Lily Horvitz, daughter of Eric and Alissa Horvitz, on being named to the Elon University President's List for the Spring 2021 semester. Lily is majoring in Early Childhood Education at Elon and is an inclusion counselor for campers with special needs at the JCC this summer.

Fern & Ron Solomson on the graduation of their granddaughter, Miri Solomson, from the Yeshiva of Greater Washington. Miri is the daughter of Judge Matthew Solomson and Lisa Solomson.

David and Bilha Marcus on the birth of their newest grandchild, Benjamin Asher. The proud first-time parents are Jonathan and Adrienne Marcus.

Jessica Simmons-Railey and Dennis Railey on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alex Railey, randson of Gail Provizer-Simmons & Michael Simmons, at Har Shalom.

Deborah K. Cohen on the birth of her fourth grandchild, David Jonah Cohen Buxbaum, born to Dr. Alicia J. Cohen and Jason Buxbaum of Providence, Rl. David was born on Jason's birthday, June 7th. Big sister Abbie is ecstatic! County Council Member Andrew Friedson (Dist. 1) on being named Legislator of the Year by the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.

Donald and Melissa Hurwitz on the birth of their grandson, Ari Jaden Hurwitz, son of Nathan and Emily Hurwitz.

Benjamin Rushfield, son of Stuart & Molly-Beth Rushfield, and Samantha Shell, daughter of Lori Shell, on their graduation from Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School.

Avishai Wilcox on graduating from the University of Maryland, Raffi Halevi on graduating from the University of Oregon, and Zoe Garvin on graduating from San Ramon Valley High School in California. Their proud grandmother is Bena Siegel and great-aunt, Ronnie Ginsberg.

George Alexander & Nancy Gribeluk on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Owen Alexander, at Har Shalom.

Robert Mirchin & Katherine Narbonne-Mirchin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Benjamin Mirchin, at Har Shalom.

Nessa Raskin, daughter of Sari & Rabbi Adam Raskin on graduating from Berman Hebrew Academy.

Rabbi Dr. Janet Ozur Bass on receiving her honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Frances (Faye) Feder on celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Mikayla Alexis Feder, on May 29, 2021 at Adat Shalom Congregation in Pittsburgh,PA. Mikayla is the daughter of Larry and Jeniffer Feder and sister of David. Also in attendance were Aunt and Uncle, Marisa and Seth Marcus, and cousins, Ryan and Ilana.

Matthew and Randi Rosenblatt on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jenna Rosenblatt, granddaughter of Bob & Wendy Rosenblatt, at Har Shalom.

Sela Wertlieb on being elected Sh'licha (VP of Jewish enrichment, community service, and social action) for the Galim BBG chapter.

Rachel Robin, daughter of Nelson & Ellen Robin, on her selection as a 2021 Fellow in the Governor's Summer Internship Program. Rachel will be working with the Maryland State Department of Education. In addition, Rachel was selected for membership in Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Rachel will be a junior at UMCP where she is a double major in Government and Politics and Communication

Gary Ginstling and Marta Lederer on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Marlena Ginstling, at Har Shalom.

Max Smith, son of Mitch & Amy Smith & brother of Jake & Noah Smith, on his graduation from Duke's Pratt School of Engineering with distinction with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Electrical and Computer Engineering, Computer Science) with a Minor in Economics. He'll be working for Apple as a Software Engineer in Cupertino, California.

Judd Kessler was named the highest level ranking among the top arbitrators from the U.S. for international arbitration, by Chambers Global and Chambers USA. This is the 9th consecutive year that Judd has been honored.

Avi Grant, son of Darryl & Susan Grant, on his 21st birthday on May 29th.

Leonard & Michelle Tow on the graduation of their grandson, Joshua Tow, son of Michael & Debbie Tow, from the University of Michigan. Leonard and Michelle also celebrate the graduation of their grandson Jake Tow, son of Jeffrey & Sara Tow, from Rockford High School in Michigan. Jake will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

Second Lieutenant Danielle Katz, daughter of Joe & Rachel Katz, on her graduation from the United States Air Force Academy.

Sam Kessler, son of Judd Kessler & Carol Farris, on his graduation from Towson University. Sam graduated with honors from the College of Fine Arts and Communication, with a degree in Electronic Media and Film.

Lois Forster on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Chase, son of Todd and Nicole Forster.

### CONDOLENCES:

May 15 - July 15

Linda Witt, Janice Merritt, and Marcia Witt on the passing of their mother, Carol Witt.

Naomi Levinson on the passing of her husband, Robert Levinson, father of Sari (Rabbi Adam) Raskin.

Sharon Solomon on the passing of her husband, Sheldon Solomon, father of Jeffrey Solomon.

Loretta Kotzin on the passing of her brother, Marvin Lopata.

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

Larry Schulman on the passing of his wife, Carol Schulman.

Robin Gold on the passing of her mother, Selma Kofsky.

Rick and Susie Edelson on the passing of Ryan Belliveau, father of their grandson, Zachary Belliveau.

Alan Feinberg on the passing of his father, Isaac Feinberg.

Rochelle Narrow on the passing of her husband, Bernard Narrow.

Harry Weintrob on the passing of his wife, Joan Weintrob.

Herb and Ellen Herscowitz on the passing of their daughter, Stefanie Herscowitz Rothschild.

Karen Priesman on the passing of her aunt, Nancy Carlin.

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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



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