



Morris & Lillian Cahan Memorial Weekend of Learning

Jan. 10
+
Jan. 11

with Abby Stein



BECOMING
EVE

my journey from
ultra-orthodox rabbi to
transgender woman

ABBY CHAVA STEIN

HSP The Har Shalom Players Present:



Saturday, January 25th at 8:00 PM
Sunday, January 26th 4:00 PM

The 2020 HS Production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is dedicated to the memory of Marsha Schwartz²⁷¹

Tickets: www.harshalom.org/mermaid

Disney's The Little Mermaid is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

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**HAR SHALOM DINNER
& SILENT AUCTION**



SUNDAY, APRIL 26
DINNER ♦ DRINKS ♦ DANCING

CAHAN MEMORIAL *Weekend Of Learning*



Friday, January 10: Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:00 PM followed by Dinner + Lecture at 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 11: 8:30 AM Study Session,

9:30 AM Service, sermon by Abby Stein with Q+A during Kiddush at 12:00 PM

7:00 PM: Abby Stein Discussing her book,

Becoming Eve: My Journey from Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman

Friday night lecture: "The Intersectionality of Jewish and Gender Identities"

Parashat Hashavua Study with Abby Stein, 8:30 AM

Shabbat morning sermon: "Pride in Queerness, Pride in Judaism"

Saturday night, "Becoming Eve, My Journey from Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman,"

A discussion of Abby's newly published book, including opportunities for purchase and book signing.

RSVP at www.HarShalom.org/WOL for Shabbat Dinner and Saturday Book Talk

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This past summer I was studying with over 100 other rabbis from North America at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Every year, the Hartman Institute offers an intensive 2 week program for rabbis from all the movements to learn together with their outstanding faculty. One of the speakers listed on the program was Abby Stein. Her topic was an exploration of classical rabbinic texts about gender. While the title was intriguing, Abby Stein herself was utterly fascinating. Abby was born in a male body, and her *s'micha* (rabbinic ordination) was from the Ultra-Orthodox *Haredi* community. Abby grew up as a man, in Brooklyn, New York, a direct descendent of the founder of *Hassidism*, the *Ba'al Shem Tov*. A scion of the *Viznitz Hassidic* sect, Stein was being groomed to be a leader in the community. Ever since she was a child though, she knew that she was a girl and not a boy. After earning rabbinic ordination, marrying a woman, and having a child, Stein could no longer force herself to live as a man. She presented her father with traditional texts that acknowledge gender fluidity, and while he accepted their legitimacy, he insisted that only someone much holier than himself could declare that those texts and ideas actually apply to Abby's life. With that, he told her that they would never speak again, and Abby left the ultra-Orthodox community, coming out as a transgender woman. I was jolted to hear Abby's heavily inflected Yiddish accent as she spoke to us...she did not learn to speak English until she was 20 years old (in the ultra-Orthodox community, Yiddish is the primary spoken language, and to a lesser extent, Hebrew). I was also enthralled as Abby led us through some fascinating, esoteric texts that demonstrate how the rabbis delved deeply into conceptions of gender. Armed with those texts and a powerful personal story, Abby has become a transgender activist, and a supporter for those who have left the ultra-Orthodox community.

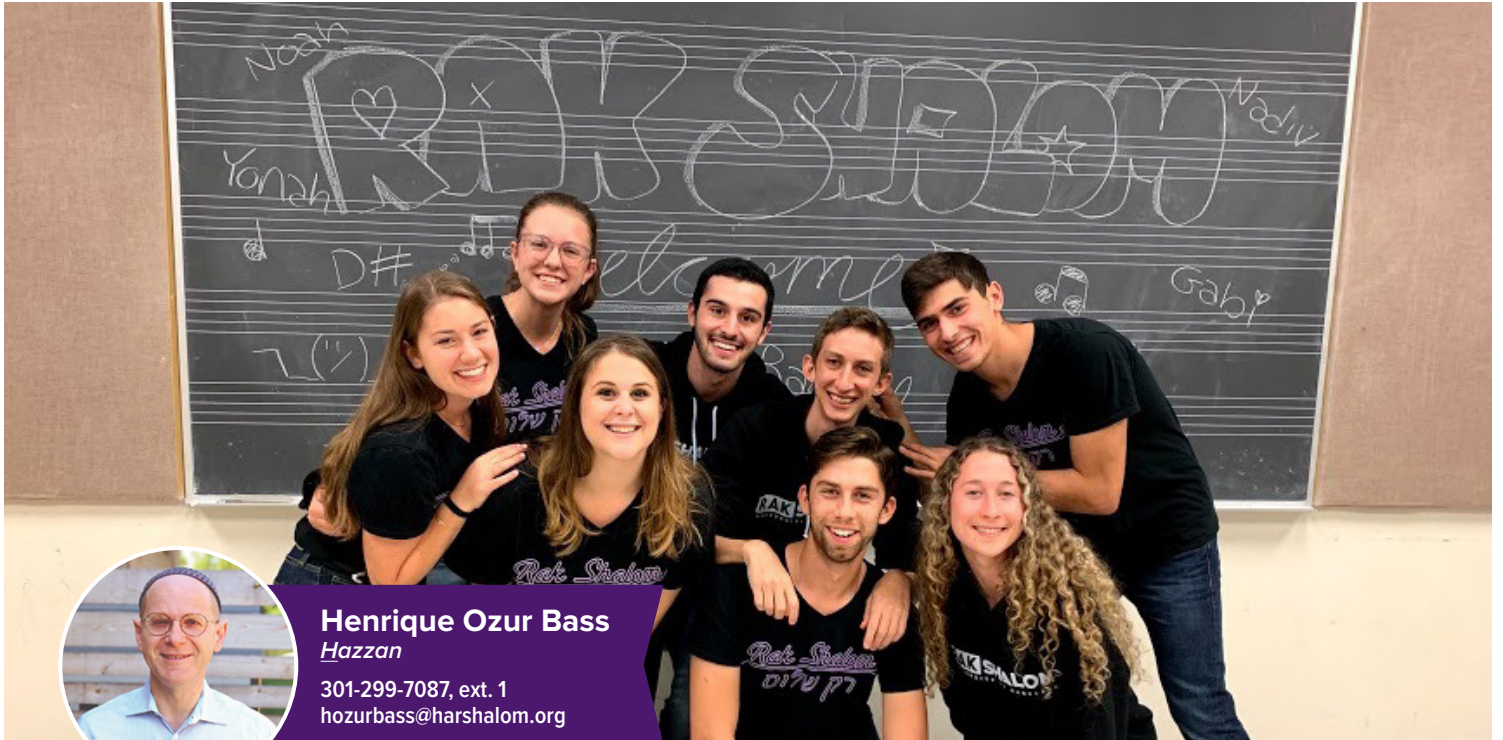


In November, her autobiography was released: "*Becoming Eve, My Journey from Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman*." Immediately after her session, I approached Abby about coming to Har Shalom as our scholar-in-residence. She was on the cusp of numerous trips, speaking engagements, and appearances (she was recently on the Today Show!). Abby put me in touch with her agent, and we are fortunate to be her very first engagement of 2020. What I find so compelling about Abby is that she is truly a scholar; having acquired a mastery of Jewish sacred texts after years of full-time yeshiva education. She is as comfortable in the pages of Talmud and *Zohar* as she is in contemporary discourse. I hope you will join us at Har Shalom throughout the weekend of January 10-11, as we learn Torah with Abby, and hear more about her life and personal story. Please see the information on page 2 for program times, and RSVP at your earliest convenience. I believe you will be as enthralled and inspired by Abby as I was when I met her last summer in Jerusalem.

With heartfelt blessings,


Rabbi Raskin

RAK SHALOM / FROM THE *Hazzan*



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On **Shabbat, February 8th** we read *parashat Beshalah* from the book of Exodus. In this Torah portion we read the Song At The Sea, a poem celebrating the miracle which was the Israelites' crossing of the Sea of Reeds. It is customary to stand when reciting this part of the Torah during the weekly cycle. We also chant the *Shirat HaYam* on the 7th day of *Pesach*, and as part of the daily prayers.

The words of the song are written in a brick-laying pattern, similar to a wall, because "the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left" (Exodus 14: 22). Therefore, *Shirat HaYam* looks different than all the other columns in the Torah.

In addition to its daily use during the morning service, we also use parts of this poem in other prayers. The verse "Adonai is my strength and song, God is become my salvation" (Exodus 15: 2) is part of the introductory verses we recite prior to Havdalah (the separation blessings after Shabbat). Perhaps the most famous of the quotes from this poem which is used liturgically is the *Mi kamokha*. We use this verse (Exodus 15: 11) as part of the *berakha* immediately preceding the *Amidah*, in the morning services.

The Shabbat when we recite this song is known as *Shabbat Shira*, or the Shabbat of the Song. It is our custom, here at Har Shalom, to invite an A Capella group to perform for us during services. On the weekend of February 7th and 8th, Har Shalom will have the privilege of hosting Rak Shalom, University of Maryland's premier co-ed Jewish A Capella. This will be Rak Shalom's second consecutive appearance at Har Shalom's Shabbat Shira A Capella Shabbat! **They will perform at evening services on Friday, February 7th at Shabbat morning services on Saturday, February 8th, and at a teen gathering on February 8th at Bonnie Handel and Andrew Strauch's home.**

Rak Shalom's singers come from across the US and represent several of University of Maryland's majors. Despite their diverse educational interest, they share a love for singing, performing, and entertaining. And they can't wait to share their passion with us. I look forward to this musical Shabbat.

Hope to see you there.

Hazzan Ozur Bass

FROM THE *President*



Steven Susswein
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At a recent board meeting, I introduced a short exercise to get synagogue leadership thinking about our “mission” as a congregation. I admit that there was some eye rolling and even a mild scoff or two. I do not blame those who had such reactions. These types of exercises have apparently come up throughout the years.

We either have forgotten their results or taken those results for granted like the color of the walls. Yet examining our mission is an important exercise. We must do it from time-to-time to check how we perceive ourselves and whether what we are doing is in fact consistent with our perceptions. I presented the board some guidance from USCJ about constructing a mission statement. The key questions are (1) what do we do?, (2) whom do we seek to serve?, and (3) what is our “point of difference” (i.e. what do we offer that’s unique?).

Our current mission statement is:

Congregation Har Shalom is an inclusive, multi-generational Conservative synagogue community. We inspire the lifelong Jewish journeys of individuals and families by promoting active participation in Jewish life and learning, spirited prayer, community service, and support for the State of Israel and the Jewish people everywhere.

I think our mission statement is good. It certainly answers what we do and whom we seek to serve. However, I believe it could use some improvement in how it answers the third question about our “point of difference.” What separates us from the many other Conservative synagogues in this area? What do we offer that others may not? The board grappled with this question for a few minutes and while we did not come up with any definitive answers, I think there were some good thoughts that got us in the ballpark.

*Thanks to everyone’s generosity
only a few chairs remain!*



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www.harshalom.org/chairs

One board member pointed to our seating arrangement during prayer – in the round, all on the same level – which evinces an egalitarian ethos. Another suggested our high turnout for Shabbat morning services, even when there is no *b’nai mitzvah* or other *simcha*, which is relatively unique and something of which we should be very proud. Repeatedly, I heard the Yiddish word *haimish* to describe us and I agree; we are homey, warm, relaxed, unpretentious, and comfortable. I like to refer to us as “your hometown shul.” I would also emphasize our clergy in what makes us stand out. As I have noted before, rare is the rabbi like ours who is both personally approachable and manifestly scholarly; also rare is our hazzan with his expert commitment to pastoral care. I encourage you to continue the conversation. Please feel free to reach out to me, members of the Executive committee or senior staff with your suggestions, ideas, impressions, etc. about our mission – what we do, whom we serve, and what sets us apart.

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FROM THE *Sherman ECC*



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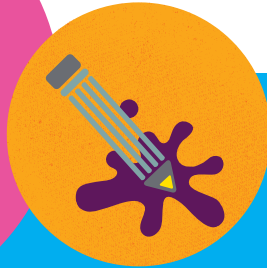
Special to Me Day is a time we show gratitude for our families, children, teachers and community. We invite grandparents, parents and special friends to come to the Sherman ECC and explore materials with their children in the classrooms. The special guests started the morning learning about the *Modeh Ani* prayer and the importance of modeling gratitude with Rabbi Raskin. After precious time together in the classes, we came together for a sing along with *Hazzan* Ozur Bass and delicious Friendship Feast made by the children and teachers

We have two wonderful programs coming up for young families – Sunday Funday on January 12th and PJ Havdalah on February 8th. We look forward to seeing you and your children/grandchildren there!

Beth Hoch



**10:00
TO
11:30
AM**



**INDOOR CLIMBING EQUIPMENT,
ART, AND STEAM PROGRAMS
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SUNDAY FUNDAY

**OPEN TO TODDLERS
& CHILDREN UNDER 6**

**JANUARY
12TH**

RSVP: [HARSHALOM.ORG/FUNDAY](https://harshalom.org/funday)



FROM THE *Religious School*



Technology in the Jewish Classroom

Gone are the days where Religious School was a boring classroom where students learned prayers by rote. Today, classrooms are full of energy and life, embracing a much more dynamic view of Jewish learning. A look into any of the HSRS classrooms on a Sunday morning will find students busy talking, creating, and actively taking part in their learning. One of the many ways HSRS stands out is that we are fortunate to have a computer lab enabling teachers to create curriculum that goes from discussion, to keyboard, and back to the classroom.

Our teachers use their technology time in a variety of ways. For example, the 7th grade is studying the Holocaust, so *Moreh* Mike has the students go online to see videos of survivors telling their stories, look at the resources at *Yad Vashem*, and do their own research on questions they have about the Warsaw Ghetto. On the other hand, *Morah* Ori and *Morah* Gili had the 4th grade pull up the live webcam from the Kotel during their lesson on the Western Wall, and they also took a few minutes to learn more about what a *shuk* looks like. Finally, *Morah* Batsheva has her 3rd graders doing online review games for the Hebrew letters they have learned so far, and she also has them watch a short video about the weekly *parsha* in preparation for an art project they will do when they get back to the classroom.

Offering a variety of learning opportunities allows students to be active in their own learning, triggering questions for exploration by the whole class. Whether it's project based learning, embracing technology in our classrooms, or a combination of both – all these options help make this Jewish learning experience more fun and more meaningful.


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FROM OUR *Shlich*a



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I cannot wait to share another month of Israel and Youth programs with you! Watch your email for information and updates!

Israel Programs

January 4th @ 12:00 pm (during Kiddush)

Israel Shabbat Table & Israeli Newspaper

January 7th @ 7:00 pm

Taste Of Memories

January 15th @ 7:00 pm

Basic Conversation Hebrew Class

February 1st @ 12:00 pm (during Kiddush)

Israel Shabbat Table & Israeli Newspaper

February 4th @ 7:00 pm

Taste Of Memories

February 9th @ 12:00 pm

Tu B'shvat Celebrations

February 19th @ 7:00 pm

Basic Conversation Hebrew Class

The other *Shlichim* in the Greater Washington Area and I opened a WhatsApp group where we will share articles, news, and government updates from Israel. If you are interested in joining the group, please email me at yael@harshalom.org.

Youth Programs

January 4th @ 12:00 pm (during Kiddush)

Bonim Mini Shabbaton (for K-2nd graders)

January 4th @ 6:15pm

Machar Movie Night (for 3rd-5th graders)

January 12th @ 12:15 pm

Kadima Painting Israel (for 6th-8th graders)

February 7th @ 6:00 pm

Family Shabbat Dinner

February 23rd @ 12:15 pm

Kadima Event (for 6th-8th graders)

February 23rd @ 2:00 pm

Machar Off-site Event (for 3rd-5th graders)



Check Out Har Shalom's High School Programs!



8th-10th

HSRS High School

Join Ben Gersten, a fellow millennial Jew, to spend some time hanging out and look at what it means to YOU to be Jewish. Sessions will be full of videos, debates, conversation and games.

There will be pizza, schmoozing and snacks, of course. Put down the AP Bio review book and put Fortnite to rest – you don't want to miss what we've got in store!

Sundays from 6:30 – 8:30 PM
January 5, February 2, 23, March 1,
April 5, May 3, 17



To learn more & register, visit:
Harshalom.org/HighSchool2020



11th-12th

Israel Engagement Fellowship

Learn and connect to Israel in a different way with Yael the Shlich.

Explore Israel and ask the tough questions in a safe space. Learn how to handle anti-semitism, the BDS movement, and so much more at your schools & college campuses.

Sundays from 6:30 – 8:30 PM
January 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23, March 8
Dinner is included!

The entire cohort will meet together on Wednesday, March 11th, 6:00-8:00 PM for a session with guest speakers.

To learn more & register, visit: jcouncil.org/IEF



HAR SHALOM *Players*



Buy tickets today for the Har Shalom Players' January 25-26 production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid*.

Don't miss out on the HSP production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid* — a musical tale of the unlikely romance between a spirited sea nymph and her land-bound love interest.

Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and a popular animated film, Disney's *The Little Mermaid* follows the trials and tribulations of Ariel, King Triton's youngest daughter, as she pursues romance in the world above with Prince Eric. Throw in an evil sea witch, a helpful flounder, and a cunning crab and you'll be rooting for a happily-ever-after-ending.

Join the cast, crew, and production team (listed to the right) bringing this undersea adventure to life, with shows on **Saturday, January 25th at 8:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, January 26th at 4:00 p.m.** This year's production is sponsored by the family and friends of Marsha Schwartz^z and is dedicated to the memory of this beloved and long-time member of Congregation Har Shalom and a shining talent in many past HS Players' shows.

General Admission tickets for Disney's *The Little Mermaid* are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children (12 and under). Chai Patron tickets, which include guaranteed front row seating, a voucher for intermission refreshments, reserved parking, and special recognition in the playbill, are \$180 each. Patron tickets, which include reserved/preferential seating, reserved parking, and special recognition in the playbill, are \$100 for adults and \$36 for children (12 and under). You can purchase tickets online at www.harshalom.org/mermaid. For information on group sales (15 or more tickets), email play@harshalom.org or call Stew Remer at 301-233-1996. Ticket pick up and check-in begins one hour prior to the show.



The 2020 HS Production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is dedicated to the memory of Marsha Schwartz^z

The HS Players' performance of Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

Cast for The Har Shalom Players' 2019 Production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid*

ARIEL
CHEF LOUIS
FLOTSAM, SAILOR
FLOUNDER
GRIMSBY
JETSAM, SAILOR
LEEWARD, PRINCESS
PILOT, COURTIER
PRINCE ERIC
RABBIT
SCUTTLE
SEBASTIAN
TRITON
URSULA
WINDWARD, PRINCESS

MERSISTERS

MAID, PRINCESS, SEA CHORUS

SAILOR, COURTIER, SEA CHORUS

GULL, CHEF, SEA CHORUS
SAILOR, GULL, SEA CHORUS, COURTIER
SAILOR, GULL, CHEF, SEA CHORUS

CHEF, SEA CHORUS

SOPHIA ANTHONY
KEITH TITTERMARY
TOBY HOLTZMAN
BENJAMIN KOTLER
JEFF ASHIN
ANDY ZUCKERMAN
JANET OZUR BASS
HENRIQUE OZUR BASS
TOMMY MASSER
ADAM RASKIN
SUE ALTERMAN
ROB SMART
BOB GUDAUSKAS
JESSICA GRABER
SARI RASKIN

RAYNA ARIAS
ANDREA CREEL
PATRICIA GROISSER
RONA KRONENBERG
MICHAEL MARCUS
MICHELLE MOSES-EISENSTEIN

SHELLY BASEN
MERYL COHEN
KANDY HUTMAN
NORA ZANGER

MICKEY BURSTEIN
ED HUTMAN
GENE RIDBERG

ELLA ARKING
VIVI ARKING
QUINN CREEL

REESE EFFROSS
LUCY GINSBURG
MAYA LEIBOWITZ
JENNA ROSENBLATT
LILA SEGAL
EMUNAH SIMKOVICH

To view a printable pdf of the ticket order form, please go to:
www.harshalom.org/hspticket

TEFILLIN INSTRUCTIONS BY *Men's Club*

Sunday, February 9th at 8:45 AM (just prior to morning *Minyan*)
at the Sofair Chapel of Har Shalom



Bagels to follow service. This program is free.

We encourage more adults to try the “*Tefillin* experience”. If you have ever wanted to learn how to lay *Tefillin* and say the blessings, this is our annual tutorial opportunity. Perform a mitzvah and take your Jewish religious practice to a level higher. Set an example for your children and learn together.

Bring your *Tefillin* if you have them or learn using a set provided by Har Shalom Men's Club. Volunteers will be on hand 15 minutes prior to services to instruct and guide you. Instruction sheets have been prepared to take home. Open to men, women and post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah teens. Please e-mail MensClub@harshalom.org so we have a planning count.

MEN'S CLUB *Brunch*



November 5th — Eric Gartman

Brunch begins at 9:15 AM

Speakers at 10:15 AM

Intelligence Failures During Yom Kippur War

Eric Gartman will be our featured speaker at our Brunch on January 5 in the Paul Family Social Hall. Brunch will begin at 9:15 am; Speaker at 10:15. Eric is an Intelligence Analyst with the Defense Department. You may remember him from a previous presentation when he discussed the 1948 War for Israeli Independence. At this brunch, he will be talking about the intelligence failures that led to Israel being unprepared for the attack by Egypt and Syria on Yom Kippur Day in 1973. Special emphasis will be given to the role of an Egyptian agent who provided Israel with top-level information, as well the controversy the continues to surround this previously unknown figure, who died under mysterious circumstances in London in 2007.

CAREER/*Life Changes*



Sunday, February 23rd

9:15 AM to 11:30 AM

Facilitator: Eric Rothberg

Exploring Career & Job Change Effects

Most people and families have been through this. It is never easy. It affects our lives and extended families. Join us for a moderated, multi-generational discussion talking about our experiences, frustrations and adjustments. We'll explore the common threads, opportunities and challenges faced during career changes. Positive ideas and networking will be encouraged. No matter what age or career stage this is a great topic worth exploring.

This FREE event is designed for current or potential future Men's Club members. We are following a program guide provided by FJMC International. Join us for a bagel, some lox, and maybe a little *l'chaim* on the side. Session will end before Religious School dismissal and held in a meeting room setting at Congregation Har Shalom, Paul Social Hall.



NEW MEMBER HAVDALAH

Saturday, February 1 at 8:00 PM

Join Rabbi Raskin and other new members who joined in 2019 for Havdalah and light refreshments

Raskin Home
11400 Duryea Drive
Potomac, MD

RSVP www.HarShalom.org/NewMemHav

ADULT *Education*

Talmud Class with Rabbi Raskin: Tuesday Nights, 8:00 – 9:15 PM

“Talmud from the Edge,” an exploration of Talmudic discussions and ideas for everyone!
No prior knowledge required. Come to one, some, or all!



January/February Class Dates:

- 1/14: “A Rabbi Talks to Jesus”
- 1/21: “Dethroning a Leader for Bad Behavior”
- 1/28: “Having the Patience of a Saint”
- 2/4: “Are Jews Germophobes? Why We Wash Our Hands So Much!”
- 2/11: “Davening on the Back of Donkey, and Other Thoughts on Prayer”

LEVENSON *Breakfast* USJC *Conference*



Alan B. Levenson Annual Endowment Fund Breakfast with Ric Edelman

Sunday, March 22, 2020, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Har Shalom Paul Family Social Hall

Ric Edelman is chairman and co-founder with his wife Jean Edelman Financial Engines. Our speaker, an award-winning advisor with three decades of experience, reveals the one investment goal you should have, the two obstacles you'll face, and why you've been failing with your investment strategies. Our speaker is the author of several personal finance books and host of a weekly radio show called “The Edelman Show” and the television show called “The Truth About Money”. Ric speaks of many financial strategies. Ric Edelman is rated #1 independent financial advisor in the U.S. by Barron's. Come and enjoy the morning. If you have a question for our speaker, please prepare one in advance.

RSVP at www.harshalom.org/levensonbreakfast
or call Jessica Railey at 301-299-7087



Har Shalom at the 20/20 Judaism Conference

A joint conference of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Rabbinical Assembly in Boston, MA

From left to right: Rabbi Adam Raskin, Aimee Segal, Carly Litwok, Shelley Engel, FSA, and Steve Susswein



Rabbi Raskin receives a Solomon Schechter Award for "Excellence in Innovation" from Ned Gladstein, President of USJC and acting-CEO Leslie Lichter



BOOZE & SCHMOOZE

Stop by to sip and chat w ith Rabbi Raskin or Hazzan Ozur Bass on these special days!

Happy Hours with
Rabbi Raskin are both at
Not Your Average Joe's
10400 Old Georgetown RD
Bethesda , MD on:

January 30th
5:30 - 7:00 PM

For Parents of kids
in Elementary and
Middle School

March 5th
5:30 - 7:00 PM

For Parents of kids
in High School

Happy Hour with
Hazzan Ozur Bass is at
Clyde's Tower Oaks Lodge
2 Preserve Pkwy
Rockville, MD on:

February 12th
5:30 - 7:00 PM
for Empty Nesters



HAR SHALOM *Purim*



Family Purim Celebrations

Monday, March 9

5:45 PM
Young Family Dinner

6:15 PM
Young Family
Megillah Reading

6:45 PM
Community Dinner

HAR SHALOM MEN'S CLUB *Purim Carnival*



Sunday, March 8

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

JANUARY 2020 – TEVET/SHEVAT 5780

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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| | <div>Please Note:</div> <div>The times listed on this calendar are accurately as of print date, please check website for updates.</div> <div>harshalom.org/events</div> | | <div>1</div> <div>Sherman ECC Closed Office Closed New Year's Day</div> <div>7:45 pmMa'ariv</div> |
| <div>5</div> <div>9:00 amShaharit Religious School</div> <div>9:00 amMen's Club Brunch: Eric Gartman</div> <div>9:15 amHSRS High School</div> <div>6:30 pmMa'ariv</div> | <div>6</div> <div>6:45 amShaharit</div> <div>7:45 pmMa'ariv</div> <div>8:00 pmMen's Club Board Meeting</div> <div>8:00 pmSisterhood Board Meeting</div> | <div>7</div> <div>Fast of Tevet</div> <div>9:30 amSisterhood Mah Jongg</div> <div>4:30 pmReligious School</div> <div>7:45 pmMa'ariv</div> | <div>8</div> <div>10:15 amSisterhood Bowling*</div> <div>10:30 amMishna Ta'anit Class</div> <div>12:00 pmSisterhood Daytime Book Club</div> <div>7:45 pmMa'ariv</div> |
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| | 9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 1:30 pm Beginner Canasta Class 5:30 pm Happy Hour for parents of kids in Elementary & Middle School* 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> | 5:11 pm Candle Lighting 6:00 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> | |

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| <p>Please Note:</p> <p><i>Times are subject to change. The times listed on this calendar are accurately as of print date, please check website for updates.</i></p> <p>harshalom.org/events</p> | | | | |
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| 9:00 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:00 am Religious School 9:15 am Men's Club Brunch: Darren Samuelsohn 6:30 pm HSRS High School 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> | 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm Men's Club Board Meeting 8:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting | 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 4:30 pm Religious School 7:00 pm Cooking with Yael: Taste of Memories 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm Adult Ed Talmud Class | 10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 10:30 am <i>Mishna Ta'anit</i> Class 12:00 pm Sisterhood Daytime Book Club 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> 8:00 pm <i>Bikkur Holim</i> Class | |
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| | 6 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> | 7 Shabbat Shira with Rak Shalom 9:30 am Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing 5:19 pm Candle Lighting 6:00 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> 7:00 pm Family Shabbat Dinner Led by 4th Grade Class | 8 Beshalah Shabbat Shira with Rak Shalom 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> 12:40 pm Torah Study 5:05 pm <i>Minha/Ma'ariv</i> 5:29 pm <i>Havdalah</i> 6:15 pm Young Family PJ Havdalah 8:00 pm Teen Gathering with Rak Shalom* |
| | 13 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> | 14 9:30 am Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing 5:27 pm Candle Lighting 6:00 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> | 15 Yitro 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> 12:40 pm Torah Study 5:15 pm <i>Minha/Ma'ariv</i> 6:28 pm <i>Havdalah</i> |
| | 20 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:30 pm Adult Kids Club Poker* 7:30 pm Sisterhood Exercise: Let's Get Physical 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> | 21 9:30 am Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing 5:35 pm Candle Lighting 6:00 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> | 22 Shabbat Mevarhim Parashat Shekalim Mishpatim Disability & Inclusion Shabbat 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> 12:40 pm Torah Study 5:20 pm <i>Minha/Ma'ariv</i> 6:36 pm <i>Havdalah</i> 8:00 pm Dessert Night Out* |
| | 27 6:45 am <i>Shaharit</i> 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:15 pm Adult Kids Club Dinner* 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i> | 28 9:30 am Sherman ECC Shabbat Sing 4:28 pm Candle Lighting 6:00 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> | 29 Terumah Bat Mitzvah: Jesse Bloshteyn 9:30 am <i>Shaharit</i> 12:40 pm Torah Study 5:30 pm <i>Minha/Ma'ariv</i> 6:43 pm <i>Havdalah</i> 7:30 pm Har Shalom on the Town at Pinstripes* |

FAMILY *News*

Bar Mitzvah:



Jesse Bloshteyn

February 29

Son of Alexander
& Michelle Bloshteyn,
Grandson of Pesya Bloshteyn &
Hal Scheinberg & Roberta Lasken

Mazal Tov:

Craig Ginsburg on his 44th birthday.

Mel Krupin on his 90th birthday.

Yvonne Paretzky on her 70th birthday.

Joanne and Lee Eglovitch on the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Robert Brown, the son of Adrienne Brown of Sharon, MA.

Robert Shapiro and Joni Lucas on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jonathan Shapiro.

Sam and Marie Kramer on the birth of their great-grandchild, Benjamin Avi Barkan, on October 4th. The proud parents are Michelle Kerbel & Mathew Barkan, and the grandparents are Judith & Steve Kerbel.

Judd Kessler and Carol Farris on their 32nd anniversary.

Jamie & Zach Kramer on the naming of their daughter, Jordan Noa Kramer. The proud grandparents are Dan & Cathy Hodin and Eric & Lisa Kramer.

Ed and Debbie Schapiro on the birth of their granddaughter, Amelia Bea Schapiro, on October 21st, to Daniel & Jillian Schapiro. The excited big brothers are Max and Jake.

Leslie Brown on the wedding of his son, Marc, and Galia Nurko.

Gerry and Beth Hoch on their 19th anniversary.

Sen. Cheryl Kagan on being named "Legislator of the Year" by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters for sponsoring and enacting the nation's first Foam Ban.

Howard and Jamie Wollner on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Molly Ava Wollner. Molly is the granddaughter of Stanford and Elaine Steppa.

Dawn and Larry Fischer on the aufruf and wedding of their son, Brett Fischer, to Morton Bast, daughter of Michael & Fran Bast and Shelley & Ray Olsen.

Mel Rumerman on the 65th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Jerry and Harriet Breslow on their 55th anniversary.

Ted Rabkin on the 60th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Ben and Tamara Ring on their 4th anniversary.

Craig Ginsburg on the 31st anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Abi and Rona Kronenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Adam.

Miriam Goldel on the 1st anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah.

Elizabeth and Randy Goldel on their 17th anniversary.

Stuart and Molly Beth Rushfield on their 25th anniversary.

Diana Rabinowitz on her birthday.

Hal Scheinberg and Roberta Lasken on their 10th anniversary and Roberta's birthday.

Louis Leibowitz and Beth Kanter-Leibowitz on their 14th anniversary.

Deborah K. Cohen on the birth of her grandson, Henry David Cohen, in Providence, RI. The proud parents are Stephanie Markoff Cohen and Charles Cohen, and the excited big sister is Lyla.

Wes and Amy Kaplow on their 30th anniversary.

Marsha Schwartz^{z"l} on being posthumously honored with the Rockville Good Neighbor Award. Sorell received the award in her stead, from the Mayor and City Council. Marsha was nominated by the Fallsgrove Homeowners Association for her 15 year tenure as chair of the Architectural Review Board.

Bernie and Linda Brill on their 41st anniversary.

Condolences:

Laurie Freed on the passing of her sister,
Bobbie Carin.

Ronald Cooper on the passing of his father,
Marvin Cooper.

Bena Siegel on the passing of her husband,
Stanley Siegel.

David Cohen on the passing of his uncle,
Hank Cohen.

Linda Brill on the passing of her mother,
Rosemarie Volk.

Elizabeth Goldel on the passing of her aunt,
Carole Hughes.

Abbey Meltzer on the passing of her grandmother,
Marilyn Burchman.

The family of Emanuel Karbeling on his passing.

The family of Naomi Kaffee on her passing.

Bilha Marcus on the passing of her uncle,
Abe Eckhaus.

Mazel Tov from Shelley Engel, FSA



The Rabbinical Assembly

Congregation Har Shalom wishes Mazal Tov to our Rabbi, **Adam Raskin**, who was elected by his peers to the Executive Council of the Rabbinical Assembly (RA). The RA is the professional organization of Conservative Rabbis, comprising over 1,500 members serving communities around the world. The RA administers a placement service, the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, conferences and professional growth opportunities, publishes Siddurim and other religious texts, and is the public voice of the Conservative Rabbinat. Rabbi Raskin, ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2002, has been the spiritual leader of Congregation Har Shalom since 2011. *Kol Ha'Kavod* Rabbi Raskin!

Shelley Engel
Shelley Engel, FSA
Executive Director
Congregation Har Shalom

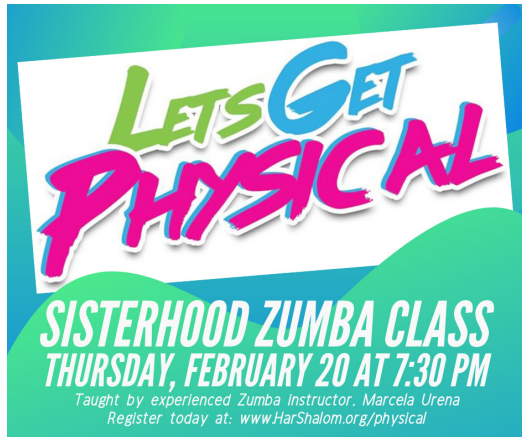
DESSERT NIGHT *Out*



Please RSVP to:
program@harshalom.org

CATCH UP WITH THE *Sisterhood*

From Your Sisterhood President, Susan Grant



Sisterhood events are well underway. Have you noticed all that Sisterhood has done over the past several months? Have you taken part in any of our programs? If not, no worries, as there are many more opportunities for involvement.

Thank you to Rita Wertlieb, Shelley Remer, and Ellen Kaner Bresnick for chairing the annual Torah Fund event on November 25th. It was a lovely brunch honoring a special woman, Hanna Lee Pomerantz. Our guest speaker was Rabbinic Intern Kayley Romick who shared her experiences at the Jewish Theological Seminary, which is supported by the money raised through Torah Fund. Our Torah Fund gals and an incredible team of volunteers planned a delicious brunch which all enjoyed!

It's Purim basket time! This is Sisterhood's biggest fundraiser of the year, and we need your help. Did you know that Mishloach Manot, sending gifts to one another, is a mitzvah? We make it simple by providing a lovely bag full of nosh, including delicious hamantaschen, and we even deliver them to the community. The proper procedure for fulfilling this mitzvah is to do so by messenger. Our volunteers are the messengers! Please get your order for Purim Baskets in by the order deadline and come help assemble the Purim Baskets on Sunday, March 1st. Volunteers are needed that day to staff the assembly line and drivers to deliver the baskets. Come do a mitzvah! Contact Amy Fine at afrine@comcast.net for more information.

Register now for our 3rd exercise class in the series Let's Get Physical. This next class, following barre and yoga, is Zumba, taught by Marcela Urena, a certified Zumba instructor, and will be held on February 20th. Come on, let's get physical!

2020 Mah Jongg Cards



Again this year we are offering the opportunity to order the 2020 mah jongg cards for the following prices which remain the same as previous years and is no different than what the National Mah Jongg League charges. This is a fundraiser for our Sisterhood.

\$ 8 for the regular print

\$ 9 for the large print

Please make out the check to the Sisterhood of Congregation Har Shalom. As the cards will be mailed directly to you, please also provide an address (and an email address should any problem arise) with the check. Drop off or mail to the Sisterhood at the Synagogue address: 11510 Falls Road Potomac, MD 20854. Forms can also be found in the notice rack at the synagogue. All requests for cards must be received by Monday, January 27, 2020.

Senior Bingo



Since 2006, Sisterhood has sponsored Senior Bingo three times a year which includes free lunch and bingo for local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The Sherman Early Childhood Center children join us for lunch, provide entertainment and sit with the senior guests. Sisterhood needs help from 9:30 to 2:00 PM to prepare food, set tables and assist our guests. Great fun for all. The last two dates for the coming bingo sessions are:

January 14, 2020

March 17, 2020

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Hedda Kenton at heddagram@aol.com

Sisterhood Purim Baskets



Sisterhood's 2020 Purim Basket Project is underway, and the website is open for orders! On Purim it is a mitzvah to send baskets of treats to your family and friends. Sisterhood makes it easy for you to observe this tradition! You can order them from us, and we will deliver them to your local recipients. We will also ship Purim baskets out of town.

We are once again using software from HappyPurim. You can order using the log-in you received in the e-mail that opened the 2020 Purim Project. The live link will take you directly to your order page. HappyPurim enables you to pay by credit card directly from the site using their secure system. If you prefer to pay by check, you can do so by submitting the paper order form you received in the mail. Paper order forms are also available at the Har Shalom front desk or in the rack of flyers by the Social Hall entrance. You will also be able to sign up to help pack baskets or drive a delivery route. Baskets will be packed on Sunday, March 1st and can be delivered any time before Purim on March 10th. The order deadline is Sunday, January 26th, so don't delay. Please help the Purim Basket Committee by placing your order as soon as possible so we know how many baskets we need. We will be unable to accept late orders!

Questions or need help? E-mail Amy Fine at arfine@comcast.net. Thank you for supporting Har Shalom through your support of Sisterhood.

SAVE THE DATE for VASHTI'S BANQUET March 5, 2020 from 7-9:30 PM



Join your Sisters in the Queen's fabled Harem for an evening of delectable desserts, crafting, beauty secrets, henna painting, and of course belly dancing.

Sisterhood Kitchen Captains

Who is the best person to ask for help — a busy woman. We all know that this type of woman gets things done and is always ready to assist Sisterhood. We are looking for Sisterhood Shabbat Kiddush Captains to be available for one (1) Shabbat Kiddush during the year — that's all.

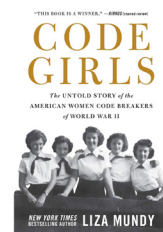
This is an easy task that involves putting the food on the tables that morning in the Social Hall. The food is prepared on the Friday before so it is an easier task for us. You will receive instructions for the Shabbat morning Kiddush. We have volunteers to assist you in the kitchen. It is always enjoyable meeting new people and getting to work with old friends. Please consider helping Sisterhood by volunteering as a Shabbat Kiddush Captain. Contact Marcia Akresh (301-762-0341) if you have any questions or want to volunteer. Sisterhood needs you!

Sisterhood Daytime Book Club

January 8, 2020 at 12:00 PM
"Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of WWII"

by Liza Mundy

Facilitator: Marie Kramer



In the tradition of *Hidden Figures*, *Code Girls* is the astonishing, untold story of the young American women who cracked key Axis codes, helping to secure Allied victory and revolutionizing the field of cryptanalysis.

February 5, 2020 at 12:00 PM
"The Paris Architect"

by Charles Belfoure

Facilitator: Deborah Cohen



Like most gentiles in Nazi-occupied Paris, architect Lucien Bernard has little empathy for the Jews. So when a wealthy industrialist offers him a large sum of money to devise secret hiding places for Jews, Lucien struggles with the choice of risking his life for a cause he doesn't really believe in. Ultimately he can't resist the challenge and begins designing expertly concealed hiding spaces—behind a painting, within a column, or inside a drainpipe—detecting possibilities invisible to the average eye. But when one of his clever hiding spaces fails horribly and the immense suffering of Jews becomes incredibly personal, he can no longer deny reality.

TORAH *Fund*

November 24th was a beautiful morning to hold our annual Torah Fund event. This year it was a brunch where ninety-five of our members came to learn about what's happening in Torah Fund, to learn about the latest campaign and special Torah Fund projects to benefit the newly renovated Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, and the Ziegler Rabbinic School in Los Angeles, to hear from third year rabbinic student, Kayley Romick, and to pay tribute to our outstanding volunteer, Hanna Lee Pomerantz.

After enjoying words from our Sisterhood President, Susan Grant, words of wisdom from Rabbi Adam Raskin, greetings from the Seaboard Region Torah Fund Vice President, Marjorie Fuhrmann, I was privileged to speak about the life of my good friend, Hanna Lee. It was a pleasure to present Hanna Lee with Torah Fund's highest honor, the "Woman of Achievement" certificate, signed by Women's League for Conservative Judaism's International President, Margie Miller. There are few volunteers who receive this particular honor. Hanna Lee was particularly deserving, as she has been a dedicated Torah Fund volunteer for many years. It is due mainly to her tireless efforts that our Sisterhood is always recognized as running one of the most successful campaigns in North America. Hanna Lee knows that the funds we collect goes a long way to support the students attending the JTS, the Ziegler School of Rabinnic Studies in Los Angeles, the Schechter Institute in Jerusalem, the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, and the Zacharias Frankel Rabbinic School in Pottsdam, Germany. Har Shalom's Sisterhood has been recognized for exceeding their goal consistently for these past many years. This is an achievement for which we can all feel very proud. Mazel Tov to Hanna Lee and the entire Torah Fund Campaign Committee!

For everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Torah Fund event, I truly thank you. Please take a moment to read the names of our dedicated volunteers as shown on the right. They all deserve a very heartfelt *Todah Rabbah* from everyone who enjoyed this beautiful event! In addition, thank you to everyone who attended the brunch and who so generously donated to this year's Torah Fund Campaign.

With gratitude,

Rita L. Wertlieb
Rita Wertlieb
Chair

Hanna Lee Pomerantz
Hanna Lee Pomerantz
Campaign Chair

Ellen Kaner Bresnick
Ellen Kaner Bresnick
Co-Chair

Shelley Remer
Shelley Remer,
Co-Chair



Torah Fund Brunch Volunteers:

- Ruth Newburger & Mady Vermut – Menu and Food Presentation • Ellen Maneker– reservations/check-in
- Ellen Kaner Bresnick-check-in • Toby Holtzman– centerpieces • Phyllis Magram-publicity • Elaine & Stanford Steppa, Helen & Bill Branda, Shelley Remer table setters • Torah Fund table-Shelley Remer
- Judy Abrams, Linda Isen, Susan Grant & Marjorie Swerdlow – brunch preparations.

SATO/*Social Action Tikkun Olam*

SAVE THE DATE! March 20-21 is HIAS' National Refugee Shabbat. Congregation Har Shalom will be a proud participant in this special weekend as Jews across the country take action for refugees. In the face of unprecedented attempts to close America's doors to those seeking freedom from violence and persecution, we will give voice to our values as Jews and as Americans. During this Shabbat weekend, the American Jewish community will dedicate sacred time and space to refugees and asylum seekers. Together, we will learn about the global refugee crisis, connect to the national Jewish movement for refugees, celebrate local acts of welcome, and recommit to putting our values into action. This memorable weekend will include significant involvement by our religious school students and we hope you too will attend Shabbat services and related programming. Watch for information about Har Shalom's HIAS' National Refugee Shabbat weekend activities as the date approaches. Har Shalom has fielded a new team of JSSA Meals on Wheels drivers on Wednesday mornings. The minimum commitment is one weekday morning a month for no more than two hours. If you want to learn more, contact SATO@harshalom.org. A chair is needed for Har Shalom's Green Team, which participates in the Seal of Sustainability program through Hazon. The Green Team fulfills the mission of the Dorann Bunkin z'l Environmental Impact Fund by implementing programs and procedures centered on Sustainability in the Home, in the Community, and in the Synagogue. Contact SATO@harshalom.org for more information.

Donations:

The totals are in: 3,000 pounds of food were donated to the Manna Food Warehouse thanks to our Kol Nidre, Youth, Thanksgiving, and Sukkot squash collections. Additionally, 45 butternut squash breads made from the Sukkah squash were donated to the Men's, Women's, and Stepping Stones shelters.

Other November/December donations included:

- Marsha Schwartz z'l Pure Heart Fund books to K-1st grade students from a local, economically disadvantaged school.
- Children's winter apparel, food, and cleaning supplies to Stepping Stones Shelter.
- Clothing to a Congolese refugee family.
- Three bags of bras and feminine hygiene products to I Support the Girls.
- Judaica, calendars, and new and gently used towels to the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (JFGH).
- Warm Up America afghans, hats, scarves, and mittens to shelters.

January collection:

HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES, and new, warm SOCKS for Montgomery County Shelters and Jewish Foundation for Group Homes.

February collection:

Kid friendly and SOUP-ER BOWL Sunday food for Manna Food Center, Food & Friends, and Stepping Stones plus cash and checks for Manna and Mazon.

DAYTIMERS *Jewish Film Festival*



January 15, 2020

The Other Story – Israel – 2019 – 112 minutes

12:00 PM: BYO Dairy Lunch, 12:30 PM Screening

Anat is a rebellious young woman who wants to flee the chaos of secular hedonism for the disciplined comforts of faith. Sari is a young woman who wants to leave behind her oppressive religious upbringing for sexual and spiritual freedom. When Anat and Sari cross paths in Jerusalem, it soon changes both of their lives in startling and unexpected ways.



February 19, 2020

Tel Aviv on Fire – Israel – 2019 – 97 minutes

12:00 PM: BYO Dairy Lunch, 12:30 PM Screening

Salam, a charming 30-year-old Palestinian living in Jerusalem, works as a trainee on the Palestinian popular soap opera "Tel Aviv on Fire". To reach the TV studios in Ramallah, Salam has to go through an Israeli checkpoint whose commander, Assi, has a wife who is a big fan of the show. Some of Assi's ideas help Salam to become a writer on the show, but in order to please his wife, Assi puts pressure on Salam to change the end of the show.

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