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# OUR Community













### FROM THE Rabbi

Dear Friends,

Most of you did not know Lissette Fuentes, though her name has become familiar to manu by now. Lissette was a beloved teacher in our Sherman ECC; a 25 year old beacon of light, warmth, and love. It was extremely rare to see Lissette without a smile across her face, or to pass her in the hallway without receiving the most enthusiastic greeting. Her calling was to work with children; and children adored her. She encouraged them, comforted them, sang with them, created with them, and nurtured them in the exciting discoveries that marked their learning at the Sherman ECC every single day. Lissette knew every child in our program, as she worked 10 and a half hours a day, from open to close! I later learned that she spent her weekends in church, employing her beautiful voice to praise God and inspire faith in so many others. Many of us are still feeling the aftershocks of the inconceivable news of her passing from an insidious stroke.

We learn in the Talmud, in the name of Rabbi Yehudah, that we are supposed to bless the bad that befalls us as well as the good (Berachot 54a). How can it be that we are to recite a blessing over bad tidings? How can we praise God in the face of adversity or tragedy? Allow me to describe what transpired in the aftermath of hearing the news of Lissette's stroke. Our entire ECC faculty went directly to Georgetown Hospital, where



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Lissette was brought by ambulance the night before. For hours our teachers maintained a vigil for her, even before her own relatives arrived. Thanks to many ECC parents and Har Shalom staff members who filled-in in the classrooms, the teachers remained at the hospital for hours on end. Before too long, there were 20, 40, 60 people from her church and extended family swelling the waiting rooms, hallways, and ICU. Jewish prayers intermingled with Christian ones; English and Hebrew with Spanish; Pentecostals and Jews embraced and comforted each other, sharing stories of how Lissette inspired them in countless ways. Lissette passed from this world to the next surrounded by a staggering number of interfaith family, friends, and colleagues. In the immediate aftermath of her death. I witnessed the remarkable compassion and sensitivity that exists within our own community. That very next night we convened a memorial service here at Har Shalom, where parents of Lissette's many students spoke about her, and the precious gifts and talents that made her so special to everyone. conton page 12

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## FROM THE Hazzan

Due to the pressure of printing deadlines, by the time you read this page I will be done with my first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. I want to, once again, thank Rabbi Raskin, Shelley Engel, Leslie Albershardt and all my colleagues, as well as Jeff Rubin and the leadership of Har Shalom for allowing me this opportunity. During the training, which took place at Washington Adventist Hospital and Shady Grove Medical Center, I got to meet amazing clergy from different Christian denominations, and learn from them. We talked about several theological concepts, such as Grace, and Forgiveness; we studied about healing, and what does it mean to be whole. One of the most challenging aspects of the training was prayer: between the formulaic way in which we, Jews, approach prayer, and the language and tropes of Christian prayer in all its variety, learning about prayer this summer was a phenomenal experience.

After having stood next to many hospital patients, staff, and their families for a full summer, I am beginning to re-discover the power of prayer. I have had the opportunity to explain, in previous articles, how prayer can be spontaneous, meaningful, personal and fulfilling. Prayer has a deep effect on those who say it, and an even more moving impact on those who listen to it. Some of my patients link hands; some close their eyes. In the end, they tell me how much it helped them to hear me pray on their behalf. And, yet, we are still unsure of how prayer affects God.

When it concerns our relation to the Holy One, prayer is a presumptive proposition: we, puny humans, dare to address the most powerful entity, The Creator of the world. Not only do we presume to be allowed to speak in the presence of such power, but we sincerely hope that our prayer will have a positive outcome. Judaism has several ways of dealing with such challenge: first, we say our prayers in the plural. This is comparable



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to citizens of a country joining in order to affect some change in the national level. Alone each vote counts; but together we can create enough momentum to hope to influence the debate in a country-wide level.

The second way in which we Jews mitigate the enormity of the task of speaking to the Holy One is by using a formula. Most times we start with praise, followed by an acknowledgment that God has Divine power to grant our request. After that, we use some verses from the Tanak"h, to use the word of God in order to convince God. Finally, we ask what we want from God, and close it with a statement that can be praise or acknowledgment. Most paragraphs in the siddur and machzor follow this pattern. One such paragraph is Shema Kolenu.

A central prayer in the High Holy Day liturgy, Shema Kolenu is featured prominently during Selichot, recited both before Rosh HaShanah and several times during Yom Kippur. It is often recited while standing, in front of the open ark. Several of the verses are from different books of the Tanak"h, modified from the singular to the plural. The theme of the passage is our request that God listens to our prayers and help us repent and return, that The Holy One not abandon us or cast us away. Functionally, this paragraph introduces the Vidui, the confession. But what is truly striking about this paragraph is its opening line, extracted from the 16th prayer in the daily amidah: "hear our voice, Adonai our God, be kind and have compassion for us; accept, lovingly and willingly, our prayer."..cont. on page 12

## SUKKAH BUILDING Contest



## A NOTE FROM Shelley

Can you believe the summer is over? For some this is a time of joy—the kids are going back to school, we can get back into a routine, fall will be here soon and the leaves will begin to change. However for me, the summer being over is a reminder that the High Holy days are around the corner. If you haven't ordered your tickets by now, please call me so we can make sure you have them before the holidays start. If you have already ordered tickets, they will be mailed out by September 5.

### A few housekeeping items:

- If you haven't already done so, please make sure to pick up your fob in the synagogue office. It is important that you have one, if you are going to be attending minyan, evening meetings, or have an appointment. We no longer have someone sitting at the reception desk during the off hours to open the door for you.
- I know I keep reminding you, but please do not assume that we know what is going on in your lives; we need to be told. If you have good news to share, or an illness to report, please call us and let us know. We are your extended family and want to be there to support and help you anyway we can. That is what family is for, to be there in good times and bad.
- •Please follow the signs in the parking lot. They are for everyone's safety. We have children who sometimes run in the parking lot. We want everyone to be safe.



I have a girlfriend who sees the world through rose colored glasses. She is the type of person who always finds the good in every situation, she is the one who always says there is meaning in everything that happens, it might not seem at first, but there is good somewhere buried deep in whatever is going on. As Executive Director I have learned that she might be right, as we enter a new year we should all try and live like her and we will feel so much better about everything as we go on from day to day.

Lastly, from my family, Todd, Jayme, Justin, Randi, Ricky, Landon, Ilan and myself; we would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year.

L'shana Tova Tikatevu!

Shelley Englel

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### LEARN @ Sherman ECC

The school year starts this week and we are filled with excitement to open the year with 50 students in six classrooms! There is tremendous joy this time of year as we welcome new and returning families. There are three exciting new programs in place for our children this fall from our toddlers—Pre-K. We have an afternoon STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) teacher, an afternoon yoga class and Hebrew musical mornings with Yael, our new Sh'licha.

The first few weeks of the school year are very important as the classes are forming communities, developing classroom rituals, building trust, all in warm, natural, and welcoming environments. Early childhood experts teach us that children thrive once trust and a sense of security are established. Building relationships between our teachers, the children, and families is a critical part of establishing community. In the ECC kehillah (community), we come together with shared values, to learn, grow, support, and celebrate with one another.

A big thank you to all of our Har Shalom teen volunteers who dedicated part of their summer volunteering in our classrooms. We appreciate you! Wishing your family a wonderful start to the school year! L'shana Tova to you and your family.

B'yedidut,

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## GOODBYE FROM Jennifer

#### Dear Parents and Grandparents,

You matter. You really make a difference in your child's Jewish experiences. This may sound obvious, but it isn't. I would venture to say that every parent at Har Shalom wants a good Jewish education for their children. However, there are times when competing goals or simply the craziness of life gets in the way. This is the hard part of parenting, making sometimes difficult choices that demonstrate your values.

Whenever someone asks me why a particular class, or an individual student, is so connected and involved, I tell them to look at the parents. Most often you will find dedicated, involved parents who care deeply about Judaism and are willing to do the difficult work of living their values. These are the parents who are bringing Judaism into their homes and telling their child that Jewish education is not optional in the teen years. These are the parents that make Purim exciting for their teens and have Shabbat dinner as part of their families' week no matter how busy life gets. This is the hard work of raising Jewish adults.

Parents and grandparents, my good-bye message to you is that You matter. How you value Judaism, where you place it in your list of priorities, what choices you make, what you celebrate and share with your children. It all matters, whether your child is three or seventeen. Raising Jewish adults is your awesome responsibility. Thank you for letting me partner with you for the past two years.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me along the way, the Men's Club and Sisterhood, the synagogue staff, the educators and teachers, the amazing lay leaders, the parents and especially the students.

In the Torah (Deut. 30:11-13) it says, "Lo Ba-Shamayim He" - It is not in Heaven. Judaism does not live in Heaven. It does not rest only with God. Judaism is found within community, within learning, within the work I have been privileged to do here each and every day. Thank you for allowing me to grow as an educator.

I am excited to share that this is l'hitraot, see you later, and not good-bye. Gavi will remain in the Sherman ECC for his final year of pre-school and we are excited to remain in this community as congregants. Please feel free to stay in touch. My new email is Jnewfeld76@gmail.com and you can find me on Facebook.

*L'hitraot —* see you later 🤈

Jennifer

#### Family Game Night & Hanukkah Gift Presale

Sunday, Oct. 14 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Join the Religious School Committee for an evening of games. There will be games to play and games to purchase – just in time for Hanukkah. A Fundraiser for the whole family.

#### Watch out for Flying Kids: Peace Through Pyramids

Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 11 am for 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades 6:30 pm for 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades

Cynthia Levinson, author of *Watch out for Flying Kids*, along with *Circus Harmony*, will be discussing how *Circus Harmony*, a social circus organization, has been using circus arts to bring hope and motivate social change since 2001. The Peace through Pyramids Program works toward building bridges between communities and uniting children through circus arts. Our Peace through Pyramids partnership with the Galilee Circus in Israel and between children in different neighborhoods in St. Louis have helped children reach new heights physically, mentally, emotionally and socially. Sponsored by the Debbie Karch Children's Library Fund.

#### **Welcome Ceremony**

Shabbat morning services, Oct. 20th

We will welcome our new students beginning their formal Jewish education in K-6th grades.



### MERCAZ/WLCJ ESSAY Contest

#### Rethinking Zionism: What Does Zionism Mean to Me?

3rd Prize: Abigail Sara Elson, Congregation Har Shalom, Potomac, MD

I am a Zionist. I pray towards and for Israel, I speak Hebrew, I follow Israeli politics, and I sing Hatikvah proudly. But as a member of a United States military family, America has been my homeland which my family has pledged to "defend and protect." As I have grown up and attended a Jewish Day School in which Zionism is a key value, I have had to settle in my heart and mind how the two fit together. Nevertheless, I can proudly affirm that I am both an American and a Spiritual Zionist.

I am part of a long chain of Spiritual Zionists. Ahad Ha'Am defined Spiritual Zionism as the "establishment of a sense of Zionism to revive the Jewish spirit and culture in the modern world where religious Jews would replace their ancient attachment to the Land with a new cultural renaissance." Within Spiritual Zionism, I view Israel as an anchor to the Jewish people. It connects the various countries to our spiritual homeland and keeps all Diaspora Jews grounded and connected to both each other and their past. While the tides and currents of history and politics may shift Jews in the Diaspora, the anchor of the Jewish state keeps them firmly grounded in the morals and ethics of the Jewish people. Spiritual Zionism is how Jews living in the Diaspora can genuinely have a connection to Israel without living in the land itself. Israel is the national spiritual center for all Jews sitting at the core of their Jewish identity.

The chain of the anchor moves and flows with the waves of the ocean just as the relationship of Jews to Israel changes in every generation. Every generation needs something different from Israel. Following the Holocaust, many Jews needed Israel as a country of refuge and a chance to start new lives after the antisemitism they faced. Later generations needed Israel as a source of pride in our peoplehood. And now, in 2018, Jews worldwide see Israel as their rock in an era of constant change. American Jews, who link their political beliefs to their spiritual selves, see Israel as a peaceful democratic ally in the tumultuous Middle East. By the same token, Israel must be conscious of their decisions since Jews around the world have a stake and a voice in Israel as a nation. Consequently, it is my generation's duty to enable Israel to reach that state and hold it accountable.

In modern times, Jews live all over the world with varying denominations, sects, and traditions. Zionism connects Jews from around the world in one common belief. When all Jews participate in prayer, they direct their focus toward the East, toward the Land of Israel. This focus is what guides the spirit and passion for our faith. Israel represents in our religion the messianic ideal of a peaceful society viewed by the Diaspora as an "exemplary society with unique moral and spiritual character.

In my Spiritual Zionism, Israel serves as the moral compass other countries historically have strived to attain. The morals and ethics found in Judaism are the basis for Israeli society, and with the help and support of Diaspora Jews, Israel will ultimately become that utopian society. It is important to point out, that while my Spiritual Zionism holds Israel at a higher moral and ethical plane, I recognize that the modern political state of Israel has not yet reached this idealistic construct. As a relatively new country in the context of



history, Israel as an anchor is bound to drag in the sand with the issues and challenges the state faces. It is not likely that a parliamentary government can always make the proper decisions. And yet, Jews in the Diaspora can take comfort in knowing the foundational roots of the Jewish state of Israel are firmly grounded in the bedrock of Judaism.

Recent studies show that there is an increased number of young Jews who identify as spiritual, but not religious. They "feel connected to 'something much larger than themselves' and 'felt particularly connected to the world around' them and to a 'higher purpose.3 While the younger generations of Jews may not practice in the same way that their ancestors have, they still feel a sense of importance in being connected to something greater than themselves. In my view of Spiritual Zionism, that "something" is the state of Israel. The revival of the Jewish faith revolves around that definition of Spiritual Zionism. Israel sits at the center of their emotional connection to the faith of their ancestors and presides at the core of any religious practice.

Young Jewish people around the world see Israel as an essential link in their history and family's culture. Although not everyone is willing to make Aliyah, move to Israel, trips for young adults are crucial in the development of their Jewish identity as a reminder that there were thousands of years of Jews before them, and that they are a link in the chain of generations.

Throughout history, scholars and visionaries have shaped the future by learning from their forefathers. As Ahad Ha'am was the founder of Cultural or "Spiritual Zionism," people like Albert Einstein embraced Ha'am's vision and adapted it to how he saw the Jewish community at the time. Einstein, who was an American deeply rooted in his Zionist beliefs, stated in 1929, "Zionism springs from an even deeper motive than Jewish suffering. It is rooted in a Jewish spiritual tradition whose maintenance and development are for Jews the basis of their continued existence as a community."4 While I am excited about experiencing Israel for my first time this summer, I am also curious as to how my views as a Spiritual Zionist will change following my visit. Something I know for sure, though, is that Israel will continue to be at the forefront of my Jewish identity and something that anchors my beliefs as I continue to grow as a committed member of the Jewish people.

### OUR Sh'lihah

I'm sitting here in my childhood bedroom thinking about this new chapter in my life. I can't believe I got this opportunity to join your community, a Jewish community outside of Israel and to bring the vibe of Israel to all of you. But before I'll continue about how excited I am, it is better if I'll introduce muself.

My name is Yael Shafrir, born in Petah Tikva – raised in Ganei Tikva and Gedera. My dad - Uri, is a dentist and my mom - Suzanah, owns a women's only dancing studio and teaches belly dancing. I have one sister – Adi, she is currently a combat soldier in the IDF. While living in Gedera I grew up being part of a youth movement called "Maccabi Tzair," I was also part of, and led dancing and singing groups. In the army I served as an air controller assistant and a shift commander in an operational cell at the Israeli Air Force "Bor". During my service, I went on my first birthright trip and since then I found myself intrigued and inspired to make the relationship between Jews around the world, Israel and the Israeli people stronger. That is the main reason I chose to do a shlichut.

It has been almost 3 years since I was discharged, and I got to do two more birthright trips, open a Facebook group named "Shakshuka" that helps birthright participants extenders during their travel in Israel, go on a summer to Camp Ramah in Wisconsin and travel three times to the US in order to visit all my birthright friends.

And now I get to fulfill my dream and become a sh'licha.

My main goal for my shilchut is to create a connection with all of the community. Through this connection, I hope to pass on my love for Israel, the culture and different traditions that I grew up with.



What my family wants you all to know:

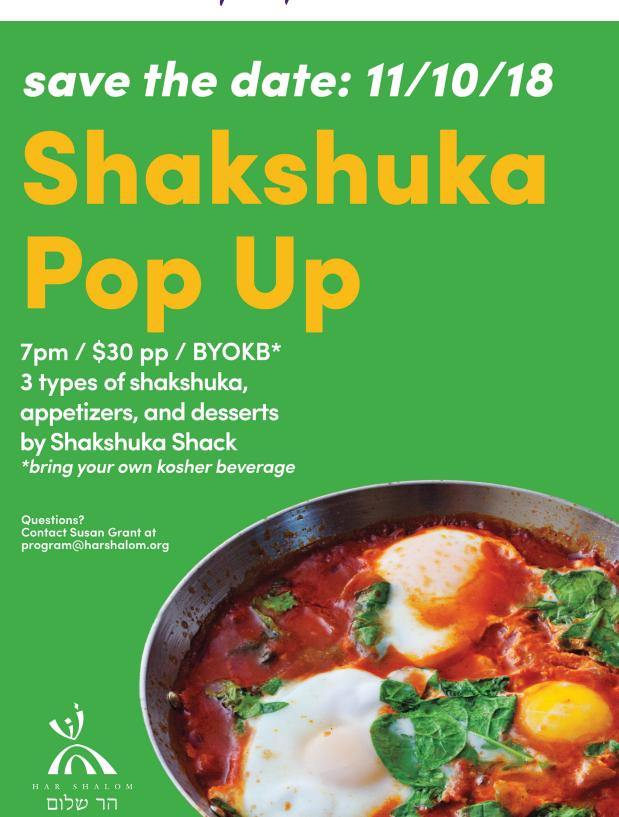
"Just like her birth sign "Gemini", Yael has 2 sides which complete one another. A sensitive, loving, big hearted and caring person. A huge fan of hugs and laughter. And an independent person, with a high emotional intelligence. Living and fulfilling her dreams. This is our Yael, a beautiful human being, our daughter! My sister!"

Shir Katav, my best friend wanted to share:

"I met Yael five years ago on our first day in the army. We both can say that we didn't like each other in the beginning, but after few days we started to get to know each other better and the connection was almost instant. During the difficult days of adjustment to the army life we found in each other a shoulder to lean on and together we had some unique experiences that helped our connection grow. Today we see each other as sisters. Our friendship is a friendship that always builds you, improve you and encourages you to be your best as a person and a friend. Yael is an amazing person, helps anyone who needs help, intelligent, curious and my friend for life."

I am extremely excited and can't wait to meet and work with you all!

## SHAKSHUKA Pop Up



### FROM THE Rabbi cont

We sang, we prayed, we lit candles, we reflected, we wept. We also spent time together discussing how to broach the topic of death to young children; experts weighed in, but so did other parents who have already had this conversation with their children, due to losses in their own families. There was more prayer, more reflection, more tears. Those same parents and teachers set up a GoFundMe page to support Lissette's family and their mounting medical expenses, and our ECC Director Beth Hoch brought Lissette's family a large platter of traditional Salvadoran foods. When the funeral finally took place, there was a palpable connection between our two diverse communities. We may have spoken different languages, called upon God by different names, lived in different neighborhoods, but there was no question that we were one human family, linked both by grief as well as comfort.

The profound tragedy of Lissette's death at such a young age will never be lost on me. But neither will the countless acts of kindness and love: the remarkable convergence of two very different faith communities; the deep human connections that transcend any and all boundaries. devastated as we all are at her passing, I still praise God for these many blessings she made possible. I praise God for the gift of such a special soul, and for once again showing us the human capacity for tenderness, even in the face of loss. And, I praise God because I know that Lissette, who was such a devout believer, would want me to do just that. May we all have the courage to see God's presence in the places we least expect to find it. May the memory of Lissette Fuentes always be a blessing.

Biy'didut,

Rabbi Raskin

FROM THE Haz

wo Roshin

Baked into the liturgy there are several statements to be recited by the Shaliach Tsibur (cantor) that request permission from the congregation and from God: Hineni (pg 140), Misod (pg 141), and Ochila LaEl (pg 153) are three examples. Those passages are called Reshuyot, permissions, and they are not congregational: the cantor recites them alone, asking the congregation and God to allow her to chant prayers on their behalf. The difference with Shma Kolenu is that the congregation asks God, not only for permission to recite the prayers, but also for God to listen to those requests.

May the Source of All Blessing be attuned to our prayer; may God listen to our appeal and grant our supplication. Janet, Avichai, Kalman, and Beyla join me in wishing that you are inscribed in the book of the living, again, this year.

L'Shana Tovah.

Hazhan Ozur Bass

### MEN'S Club

### ADULT KIDS Club



The 2018-19 season's kickoff speaker at the Men's Club Brunch on Sunday Morning, October 14 will be Alan Elsner, Special Advisor to the President, J Street. J Street organizes and mobilizes pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans who want Israel to be secure, democratic and the national home of the Jewish people. Mr. Elsner's topic will be the Myths of J Street.

Alan Elsner has had a long career at the top ranks of American and international journalism prior to joining J Street. As State Department and later White House correspondent for Reuters News Agency, Elsner traveled the world with Secretaries of State and was on first name terms with Presidents and Vice Presidents. His sharp questioning during the Rwanda genocide forced the United States to change its policy and was later highlighted in the Hollywood movie "Hotel Rwanda." As Reuters National Correspondent, Elsner was the agency's chief writer on 9/11/2001 and his byline was featured on the agency's stories that day and through the subsequent period. Elsner is the author of two novels and two works of non-fiction. His first book, "Gates of Injustice: The Crisis in America's Prisons," was hailed by the late Sen. Edward Kennedy as a "wake-up call" and welcomed by the political left and right. Elsner later testified to governmental and independent commissions on prison reform. His first novel, "The Nazi Hunter," was described by Publishers' Weekly as "a gripping debut thriller and a compelling tale." Winner of the Knight International Journalism fellowship, Elsner spent a year in Romania in 2007 teaching journalism to students and professionals and strengthening the values of a free media.

Doors to the Paul Family Social Hall open at 9:15 AM for Brunch; the speaker will begin at approximately 10:15 followed by a Question and Answer session. We will conclude at no later than 11:30 AM.



The AK Club had another very successful year and we are looking forward to continuing this streak. The AK Club plans events for guys who are roughly 50 years old or older – that is, guys who are physiologically old enough to have an adult kid. Our primary activities are monthly dinners at a local restaurant and weekly golf outings on Tuesdays and Fridays, weather permitting. We are always open to suggestions for additional activities. If you are not on our email, but want to be, contact us at adultkidsclub@ harshalom.org. Specify the particular events (i.e., golf or dinners or both), and your email will be added to the distribution for those activities.

These events are open to all members of the Men's Club and to prospective members. The goal of this group is to get guys together and have fun – no Grinch, grump or grouch allowed. Our monthly dinners have been very well attended. At our last outing, July dinner, we had 16 attendees. These dinners usually occur on the fourth Thursday of the month, but are sometimes moved to the third Thursday due to conflicts with holidays. We try to vary the restaurants where we have the dinners. We strive to assure that vegetarian and fish dinners are always available. Each person pays for their own meal. Every Tuesday and Friday we have a golf outing at one of the Montgomery County Golf Courses. The cost is typically \$28 - \$35 dollars for greens fees. Seniors get free carts. If you like golf, regardless of your skill level, please join us. We normally play scramble format. The rules are simple: each person in the group hits their own ball. The group collectively decides which ball is best positioned for the next short, and everyone hits their own ball from there. This repeats all the way to the hole. This method of play is the great equalizer. Each player has a chance to contribute on each shot. We often break par collectively when we would not be even close individually.

## SEPTEMBER 2018 — *Elul/Tishrei*

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Hol Hamoed Sukkot 6:45 am Shacharit 9:30 am Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:00 pm Men's Club Dinner 7:45 pm Ma'ariv	Hol Hamoed Sukkot 9:30 am ECC Shabbat Sing 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:39 pm Candle Lighting	Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot 9:30 am Shaharit 12:00 pm Kiddush Lunch 6:35 pm Mincha/ Ma'ariv 7:37 pm Havdalah  HarShalam ora 15

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Atzeret 9:30 am	31 Rabah, Erev Shmini Sha <u>h</u> arit Candle Lighting Ma'ariv	Shmini Atzeret Office Closed 12:00 pm Kiddush 7:34 pm Candle Lighting	Simchat Torah Office Closed 12:00 pm Kiddush 7:32 pm Havdalah	10:15 am Sisterhood Bowling* 7:45 pm <i>Ma'ariv</i>
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### Mazal Tov:



Jonathan Gould Son of Deborah Reichmann & Jason Gould, Grandson of Miriam Toporowicz & Thomas Reichmann Bar Mitzvah October 6



Coby Udell Son of Curtis & Heather Udell

Bar Mitzvah October 13



Devin Mishkin Son of Gary & Miriam Mishkin

Bar Mitzvah October 20



Miriam Goldel Daughter of Randy & Elizabeth Goldel

Bat Mitzvah October 27

Karen & Phil Priesman on their 21st anniversary.

**Sam Kramer** on his 90th birthday.

**Jeff & Pat Rubin** on the birth of their granddaughter, Sadie Olivia Rubin, on May 25th. The proud parents are Robert & Candice Rubin, and the excited big brother is Ryan.

Julie & Roy Eskow on the naming of their granddaughters, Joey Addison Eskow, daughter of Shawn & Becca Eskow, and Emma Brooke Sobel, daughter of Kim & Aaron Sobel.

Sorell & Marsha Schwartz on their 55th anniversary.

Stan & Bena Siegel on their 54th anniversary.

Rachel Rabinowitz on the 1st anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah.

**Abby Elson** on the 4th anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah.

**Simon Babil** on joining the Yad Squad.

Paulette & Stanley Schofer on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Talia Schofer, and the graduation of their grandson, Noam Schofer, from Walter Johnson High School. The proud parents are Cindy & Gregory Schofer.

Harvey Reiter on receiving the Community Leadership Award at the JCRC's 80th Anniversary Gala.

Dr. Jennifer Newfeld on earning an Emerging Scholars Award to attend The Network for Research in Jewish Education at George Washington University. She will also be presenting at the conference on "The Shabbat Challenge: Family Engagement Through On-line, Peer Group Connected Learning."

Hannah Freeman, daughter of David & Sandy Freeman, on her graduation from Winston Churchill High School. She will be attending The University of Maryland, College Park, in the fall.

Norma Ozur on the commencements of three of her grandchildren: Avichai Ozur Bass from Princeton University, Emily Dahl from The University of Maryland, and Benjamin Brown, cum laude from Rochester Institute of Technology.

**John & Leslie Friedson** on the birth of their granddaughter, Sylvie Drew Friedson, daughter of Matthew & Jessica Friedson. Sylvie is welcomed by aunts and uncles Craia & Dara Friedson, Michelle & Alan Feld, and Andrew Friedson, and lots and lots of cousins.

**Ruth & Ephraim Levin** on their 62nd anniversary.

**Emily Goldblatt** on her 35th birthday.

**Scheldon & Rose Kress** on their 63rd anniversary.

**Barbara & David Cypes** on their 46th anniversary.

**Linda & Richard Isen** on their 28th anniversary.

Tamara & Daniel Stern and Mindy & Steve Feirman on the marriage of their children, Adam Stern and Shari Feirman, in Baltimore, Adam and Shari both grew up at Har Shalom.

**Stanford & Elaine Steppa** on the graduation of their grandson, Aaron Steppa, from NYU with an M.S. in Electrical Engineering. The proud parents are Scott & Roberta Steppa.

**Ellen & Josh Poltilove** on their 10th anniversary.

**Charlie Meyers** on the 55th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Amanda Lauren Spott, daughter of Michelle & Larry **Spott**, on her graduation from Tulane University, with degrees in Public Health and Psychology. She will be moving to Dallas in the fall. Amanda's accomplishments are celebrated by her siblings, Joshua and Hailey, and her grandparents, Vic & Marla Cohen and Roz & David Spott.

**David & Bilha Marcus** on their 42nd anniversary.

**Jeffrey & Jennifer Bochner** on their 26th anniversary.

Ken & Madeline Shere on their 53rd anniversary.

Joelle Spector on her participation in Ramah Seminar, a six-week travel and study program in Israel.

Elaine & Doron Fertig on the birth of their first grandchild, Leo Jonah Krosner, son of Alexandra & Ben Krosner of Boston.

**Marty & Harriette Adle**r on their 58th anniversary.

**Bill & Ellen Bresnick** on their 47th anniversary.

Jamie & Lynn Mintzer on their 36th anniversary.

David & Sandy Freeman on their 28th anniversary.

Jacob Adler, son of Jeff & Faith Adler and grandson of Marty & Harriette Adler, on his graduation from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, with a degree in Business Analytics. Jacob will be moving to Las Vegas to work for Caesars Entertainment Corporation.

Marvin Friedman & Margaret Vogel on their 37th anniversary.

**Pat and Jeff Rubin** on their 40th anniversary.

**William and Ruth Oshinsky** on their 53rd anniversary.

**Madeline Shere** on her special birthday.

Norman and Marilynn Cohen on the graduation of their grandson, David Reis, from UVA with a B.S. in Architecture. The proud parents are Drs. Evelyn & Steven Reis.

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### FAMILY News CONT.

**Deborah K. Cohen** is overjoyed to announce the birth of her second granddaughter, Abigail Sarah, born July 3rd in Providence, RI. The thrilled parents are Alicia Cohen and Jason Buxbaum. Fivemonth-old cousin Lyla Cohen, along with her parents CJ and Stephanie Cohen of Providence, are delighted to welcome their new cousin and niece. Saba Bob is truly entranced.

**Linda & Dennis Winson** on their 55th anniversary.

Harriet Breslow on her 80th birthday.

**Ken & Joyce Robbins** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Madeline Robbins, daughter of Michael & Gretchen Robbins, in Tokyo, Japan.

### **Condolences:**

**Doug Bradley** on the passing of his mother, Dorothy Bradley.

**Joanne Sperling** on the passing of her mother, Elaine Strauss.

**Marsha Schwartz** on the passing of her mother, Leanore Kohlenstein.

**Terry Kleema**n on the passing of his father, Alfred Kleeman.

**Donna Oser** and **Marcie Wertlieb** on the passing of their mother and grandmother, Charlotte Teich.

**Lauren Foer** on the passing of her mother, Janet Levine.

The family of Sherman ECC teacher, Lissette Fuentes.

### SATO



Sisterhood continues Social Action/Tikkun Olam (SATO) activities with YOUR help! Hundreds of new school supplies were donated to Stepping Stones Shelter's current and past-resident children to fully outfit them for the new school year.

#### **September/October collection:**

Non-perishable food items (no glass please) for Manna Food Center.

New and gently used kitchen and bath towels for the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes.

Checks payable to Mazon, A Jewish Response to Hunger (drop in office).

**Ongoing:** Mathilde's Mentionables: new and nearly new bras of all sizes and types plus feminine hygiene products for donation to local charities.

Thanks for your donations to Har Shalom's Social Action Tikkun Olam recipient organizations — there is always room for your donation in the coat closet!

If you want to volunteer or have questions or a suggestion for future projects, please contact <u>SATO@harshalom.org.</u>

### TORAH FUND'S Success



A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our 5778/2018 Torah Fund campaign a tremendous success! Due to your generosity, our Sisterhood completed the 75th year of Torah Fund by living up to the theme of this campaign "Mah Tovu", meaning "How Good". This was definitely our most successful campaign to date, raising in excess of \$31,000. We should all feel very proud of what we accomplished.

Torah Fund's 5779/2019 campaign is now well underway. The theme for this year is "Atid", meaning "Future". Our beautifully designed Torah Fund pin depicts this theme, and represents the future of Conservative Judaism worldwide. By contributing to the 5779/2019 Torah Fund campaign, we celebrate the beginning of our 76th year of supporting the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the four additional rabbinic schools: Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Los Angeles, CA, the Schechter Institutes, Jerusalem, Israel, the Seminario Rabinnico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, and our newest school, the Zacharias Frankel Rabbincal College in Potsdam, Germany.

Torah Fund is the dedicated philanthropy of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Through this campaign we support Jewish learning at the highest levels: college, graduate, and professional. The recipients of our support become the rabbis, cantors, educators, chaplains, summer camp directors, scholars, and leaders of the Jewish world. The monies raised through Torah Fund helps to supplement our five aforementioned seminaries, which offer superb formal education and informal experiences in Jewish living and community building....in other words, our future.

While every donation is truly appreciated, a pledge or donation at the following levels will ensure that you receive this year's beautifully designed Torah Fund pin.

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Help us to make the 5779/2019 Torah Fund campaign even more successful than it was in 5778/2018! Make your pledge today and receive one of these beautiful pins. Consider increasing what you gave last year, so that our Atid will be ensured for generations of Conservative Jews in the Future.

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### Sisterhood



From Your Sisterhood President, Susan Rabkin

A new season for Sisterhood has begun, and we will soon celebrate the High Holidays. I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sisterhood was busy over the summer. In mid-July, we held our third annual New To You Sale to raise money to support the Religious School. Thank you so much to our dynamic chair Eileen Sherr and her co-chairs Melanie Shauer and Fran Weiszer for all of their hard work. We had lots of Sisterhood volunteers who put in many hours setting up for and staffing the sale. More than \$4000 was raised! We're going to do it again next summer—we've already got the date of Sunday, July 14, 2019 reserved. So keep us in mind and plan to clean out your closets and cupboards again in time for the next sale.

At the end of July, the Park Potomac Club Room was the scene for our annual Sisterhood Pot Luck Dinner. It was, as always, a delicious and fun evening. Thank you so much Judy Abrams and Hanna Lee Pomerantz for hostessing the event, and to Toby Holtzman for performing the installation for the new Sisterhood Board.

Sisterhood is using Evites to invite women to our functions. If you have changed your email address, contact Ellen Menaker at <a href="mailto:menaker.ellen@gmail.com">menaker.ellen@gmail.com</a> so you will continue to receive notifications of Sisterhood events in the future. If you do not use emails, please call the Sisterhood line at 301-299-7087, ext. 410 to request invitations by postal mail.

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

Do take a look at our Sisterhood Facebook page for notifications about our events, and pictures of all of our activities. The address is www.facebook.com/harshalomsisterhood.



#### SISTERHOOD MAH JONGG

Come and play every Thursday morning at 9:30 AM. Call Marjorie Klein at 301-365-3877 for more information.

#### **BIKKUR HOLIM**

Support Our Congregants! It's A Mitzvah! You Can Help!

Did you know that Sisterhood has a Bikkur Holim Committee that provides kosher meals to ease the burden on Har Shalom families who are dealing with the illness of a family member? Millie Rumerman is the new chair of this committee. If you know of a family who could benefit from this service, please let Millie know by phone at 301-762-1432 (home), 301-502-6789 (cell) or <a href="Rumerl@verizon.net">Rumerl@verizon.net</a>. You can also contact the Clergy's Assistant, Leslie, at 301-299-7087 ext. 223. Please consider making a donation to Sisterhood to support this Mitzvah. This is a wonderful way to help members of our own Har Shalom community.

#### SISTERHOOD BOWLING

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

For those who are interested in bowling, Sisterhood bowls Wednesdays at Bowl America on Clopper Road in Gaithersburg. League play will begin in September and we would welcome some new bowlers. Come and see how much fun it is! For more information, please contact Bena Siegel at 301-279-2605.

#### **JUDAICA SHOP**

With the High Holidays fast approaching, be sure to check out the Judaica Shop showcases for any household items or gifts you may need. All merchandise is reduced by 30 percent. Contact Sandy Freeman or Marcy Versel for further information.

#### SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

September:Beneath A Scarlet Sky by Mark SullivanOctober:The Women in the Castle by Ellen MenakerNovember:The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah



#### **SHABBAT KITCHEN HELP**

We are offering a wonderful experience to all. Sisterhood, as you know, captains the Shabbat Kiddush one Saturday morning a month. We are always looking for more Captains and other volunteers to assist.

This is an easy task that involves putting the food on platters that morning and putting it on the serving tables in the Social Hall. The food is prepared on the Friday before so it is an easier task for us. Captains will be trained as to where everything is kept and you will receive instructions for the Shabbat morning Kiddush.

We ask Captains to volunteer about once a year (unless you fall in love with the position and want to captain more than that).

Please contact me if helping Sisterhood in this way appeals to you or if you have any questions.

Marcia Akresh mjakresh@gmail.com cell 301-538-7862

#### SISTERHOOD PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER

All Sisterhood members are invited to a very special evening on Wednesday, October 24 at 6:00 pm! We are holding our annual paid-up membership dinner, with a very special guest speaker, Allison Fine, who will discuss "Judaism and Reproductive Rights." Allison is the national chair of the NARAL Pro Choice America Foundation, on the faculty of the Union for Reform Judaism, and is a past president of her synagogue, Temple Beth Abraham, in Tarrytown, NY.

This dinner is open to all members of Sisterhood who have paid their dues for the 2018-2019 year. Please make sure that you have included your \$50 Sisterhood dues payment with your annual synagogue dues payment. If you are not sure whether you have paid, please contact Irina in the Har Shalom bookkeeping office to check. We can also accept your \$50 check at the door on October 24th.

An Evite will be sent by email to all women in the synagogue. Please RSVP via the Evite or by calling the Sisterhood phone line at 301-299-7087 x410.

## HAR SHALOM Players

### **The Har Shalom Players Present:**



### **Performances:**

Saturday evening, January 26, 2019 @ 8:00 pm Sunday afternoon, January 27, 2019 @ 4:00 pm

### **Auditions:**

Thursday, September 6, 2018 @ 7:00 – 9:00 pm Thursday, September 13, 2018 @ 7:00- 9:00 pm

### **Callbacks (by invitation):**

Sunday, September 16, 2018 @ 12:00 - 3:00 pm

E-mail: play@harshalom.org with any questions

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