

JANUARY 25TH 2019 / 19TH SHEVAT 5779

Dear chevreh,

I have been invigorated by the work of so many committees at KHN these days. There are hard-working, creative and smart-thinking Board members, chairs, and volunteers helping to nurture our Little Shul's growth in various ways. There is always room and a need for more support, if you have time and an interest in serving. I was excited by the turnout at the interfaith social justice event and by the multiple ways our community has been and continues to be involved in these efforts. These are all ways we make up a *kehillah kedoshah*, a holy community, gathering together to bring Jewish values and the sacred into our world through our learning, our justice work, taking care of each other and others outside of our walls.

In this week's Torah portion, *parashat Yitro*, Moses receive sage leadership advice from his father-in-law Jethro, modeling intergenerational connection. In the Torah portion, it flows from older to younger, but it can also flow in the opposite direction.

Another important way that we can create holy community at Kehilat HaNahar is by showing up for our young people and their families as they become b'nai mitzvah. Listening to them chant from the Torah and the prophets, as well as hearing their *divrei Torah*, their words of Torah, is a joyous opportunity. We have twelve members of KHN becoming a bat or bar mitzvah between April and October alone. Whether or not you know the family, showing up as a member of your synagogue not only offers support to the family and strengthens our bonds with each other, it can be personally heartening to witness the next generation come up into their Jewish adulthood. Yes, there a specific focus on the young person for parts of the service, but the rest of it is a regular Shabbat morning (or sometimes afternoon) service, and the Friday evenings directly before, the young person co-leads with me. Please look at your calendars and make a commitment to attending some of these *simchas*. Come show our guests how special our community is. You will be inspired!

Charlotte Michaluk April 27nd

Madison Anderson May 4th

Sam Peckman May 11th (mincha)

Owen McCarty May 18th

Mitchell Goodman June 1st

Brandon Horak June 15th

Julian Long June 22th

Noah Levinson July 20th

Faye Bader July 27th

Nina Meixler September 7th

Violet Rudnick September 21st

Evan Miller-Spiegel October 19th

I can't wait to be part of the KHN band this evening at 7:00 PM to bring in Shabbat with fantastic musicians and community. I look forward to seeing you there.

Shabbat shalom,

Rabbi Diana