The nominating committee, chaired by Caren Zorman, members Mark Cohn, Jack Harouni, Jonathan Lightman, Carol Loew, David Long, and Larry Mozes, has recommended the following Officers and Trustees for the board year 2014-2015:

**Officers**
- **President**: David Long
- **First Vice-President**: Dan Ott
- **Second Vice-President**: Erich Olson
- **Treasurer**: Alex Zamansky
- **Secretary**: Marty Skeer
- **Immediate Past President**: Jonathan Lightman

**Board of Trustees**

**One Year Remaining**
- Joshua Heller
- Michael Levy
- Karl Zeff
- Carol Loew
- Joel Zimmerman

**Nominated for Two Year Term**
- Stuart Cohen
- Scarlet Edber
- Elena Friedman-Weiss
- Steve Turtletaub
- Caren Zorman
- Mark Cohn
- Joel Blank

**Men’s Club**
- David Tokarski & Victor Strasser

**KOH Library**
- Mehrnaz Waks

**Women’s Network**
- Sheri Pearl

**USY**
- TBA

**NOMINATION BY PETITION** According to the by-laws of Mosaic Law Congregation. Additional nominations for offices may be made by petition over the signature of at least twenty-five (25) members of the congregation submitted to the President with a copy to the Secretary of the congregation no later than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Only those members nominated by the Nominating Committee and those persons proposed by timely submitted written petition shall be presented to the congregation for election. (Article XIII, Section 13.2) Past Presidents are permanent members of the Board of Trustees.
Treasurer’s Corner
with Alex Zamansky

Hello MLC!

We are in the middle of Q2 and we are seeing great movement in many areas of our fiscal picture. Looking below, you will see a summary of financials with significant impact (as of April 1).

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Doing GREAT:

- Dues Revenue – we are tracking well for where we want to land for the year which is fantastic given we raised the expectation by 10% this year over 2013. This is due to statements going out on time and certain administrative procedures becoming more streamlined to get money to the bank timelier.

- General Fund – We are tracking ahead of where we want to be here. This is such a critical budgetary line item for us since the General Fund subsidizes many of our expenses – including our clergy, education and our sanctuary. Keep giving for those honors, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

Still time for a comeback:

- Fundraising – we saw a bit of an uptick here last month but we need full congregation support in the upcoming months in order to be successful. The Golf Tournament is six weeks away – we still need golfers and we need sponsors! Our goal is to raise $10,000 and all the proceeds go to Education. Who can help? Contact Steve Turtletaub for more information.

Needs work:

- The Center at 2300 – The numbers speak for themselves. A team has been assembled and we are not only analyzing data, but we are strategically formulating a marketing and sales plan to bring the Center to where we can get back on track for success. More details to be shared next month. But you can certainly help – have your event there, refer the Center to friend, colleague, or business associates.

Lastly, it is my objective to be as transparent as possible with our finances. If you have a question or don’t understand why something is the way it is, I encourage you to call me directly or shoot me an email. I am always interested in others’ thoughts and will always listen to new ideas or suggestions.

And that… is my two cents! Bring on summer!

Alex Zamansky
Alex.zamansky1@gmail.com
The first year of Cantorial school for students at JTS is at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. On Shavuot, we stayed up all night studying for a Tikkun L’eil Shavuot, as if to recreate a moment building up to the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai. At sunrise, we walked with thousands of other Jews to the Old City. Many of us sat under Robinson’s Gate, the egalitarian-friendly part of the Wall. It was there we conducted our Shavuot services.

The recitation of Akdamut during Shavuot has always fascinated me. Just as we ask “Why is this night different than other nights?” on Passover, Akdamut forces us to ask on Shavuot: “What is it about this sacred day that is different from all other sacred days?” Akdamut represents the ongoing reception of Torah at Sinai through our history, present and future.

**So what is Akdamut?**

“Akdamut is an acrostic Aramaic piyyut in the Ashkenazi rite which was composed as an introduction to the Aramaic translation of the Torah reading (Targum) for the first day of Shavuot.” Today, we do not read the Targum as prescribed by the Talmud, but Akdamut still stands fixed in its place before the Torah reading.

**Do you remember what an acrostic is?**

Many of you composed at least one acrostic poem back in grade school. In my case, for example, for Mother’s day, in 4th grade, we made one using the letters M-O-M. According to the New Oxford American Dictionary, an acrostic is “a poem, word puzzle, or other composition in which certain letters in each line form a word or words.” Akdamut is an acrostic in a double alphabetical (or should I say, aleph-betical) form. After running through the aleph-bet, the author spells out his name and wishes for good fortune “Meir, son of Rabbi Isaac . . . ‘may he grow in Torah and in good deeds’. Amen. Be strong and have courage.” Akdamut also contains references to the Torah and the Talmud and contains many rhyme schemes including having the ending syllable “ta”.

**What is Aramaic?**

Like Hebrew, Aramaic is part of the Semitic family of languages. From the time of the Second Temple, where it was the vernacular, well past the time of the writing of the Talmud, it was a language widely spoken by Jews. Today, Aramaic is still spoken in remote villages in Syria and Iraq.

Other prayers composed in Aramaic include the Kaddish and the weekday Shacharit Kedusha DeSidra (which also includes Hebrew). These prayers were written in the vernacular of the time so that people could better understand them. In an ironic twist of history, Jews today are generally far less familiar with Aramaic than with Hebrew. However, many Jews hesitate to recite the Mourner’s Kaddish or other prayers in English, even though doing so would aid many in understanding the text.

**What is a piyyut?**

“A piyyut or piyut (plural piyyutim or piyutim, Hebrew פּיּוּטִים / פיוטים, פּיּוּט / פיוט pronounced [piˈjut, pijuˈtim]; from Greek ποιητής poiētēs “poet”) is a Jewish liturgical poem, usually designated to be sung, chanted, or recited during religious services. Piyyutim have been written since Temple times. Most piyyutim are in Hebrew or Aramaic, and most follow a poetic scheme, such as an acrostic following the order of the Hebrew alphabet or spelling out the name of the author…The author of a piyyut is known as a paytan or payyetan (plural paytanim).”

Other examples of piyyutim are Adon Olam and Yigdal. I look forward to studying with you June 3rd, in the Evening as we study into the wee-hours of night and until morning breaks in our Shavuot Study Session!

Hag Sameach!
What we are Doing/Where we are Headed

However we like to define it, our lives flow with the calendar, or in some cases, multiple calendars. For me, there are at least five, ranging from the traditional Jewish (lunar) and secular (solar) months, to the community college academic terms (related to my work), to the California legislative schedule (also to my work), to my all-time favorite season, Spring Training to the World Series (usually culminating in “wait till next year”).

This year, I added a new calendar to my life, Mosaic Law Congregation’s annual business cycle. Unless otherwise determined, it commences in the evening of the second Wednesday in June and extends a full-year. As announced last year, I am breaking with tradition in serving only a one-year term as president. The combination of my work and health precludes another year for me in this role.

Nonetheless, I have always felt that much could be accomplished in a year and I want to use this opportunity to share partial highlights of what we are doing and where our congregation is headed. Please accept my apologies if I have failed to include something important on this list.


Adding Chazzan Ben Rosner to the Mosaic Law family created so many opportunities to take our already musically-inclined congregation to the next level. If you have attended a Friday Night Live/Shabbat Under the Stars service, or a JIAM, you have experienced just a glimpse of musical opportunity (not to mention the participation of our exceptionally gifted volunteer singers and instrumentalists). Our reconstituted choir elevates the spirituality of prayer, with our religious school children learning more of their heritage through the music of the ages.

Teaching and Learning Across Generations

Our exceptionally talented Religious School and Youth Director, Irit S. Winston, brought a new dimension in Jewish education to our children. From teaching the holiness of the sanctuary (with the added dimension of two new Torahs and a Haftarah scroll) to instilling a deeper love of Israel, our next generation is well served.

Through the extraordinary work of our Men’s Club, Mosaic Law Congregation will soon become a network site for the Florence Melton adult education program. With 50 locations in North America, Great Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and Hong Kong, the Melton School sets the standard for high-quality, text-based, interactive Jewish study by offering world-class curriculum that informs and inspire adult learners from all knowledge-levels and backgrounds.

Tikun Olam/Repairing the World in our Own Community

Launched this year, Team Isaiah points Mosaic Law Congregation in a community-based direction, allowing our congregation to assist with humanitarian needs in our vicinity. While the Team has engaged in numerous discussions on how best to channel congregational energies, its intent is to elevate Tikun Olam above a one-time “Mitzva Day” into a regular part of the congregational activity.

Improving Communications One Step at a Time

At the beginning of the year, the Board of Trustees established improved communications as one of its top priorities. As such, the Board established a Marketing/Communications Team to work on congregational announcements and promotions. Our office, moreover, has upgraded the quality of congregational announcements and will soon be unveiling our new, and vastly improved, website. In conjunction with a new database, our congregational communications will continue to improve.

Overflow Audiences at KOH

There is not a synagogue in America (or across the world) that would not want the remarkable resource -- and incredible volunteer efforts -- of our own KOH Library and Cultural Center. It’s no surprise that its programming continues to excel with RSVPs required to assure that participation does not exceed acceptable fire and safety codes. Last year’s addition of the Michael Boussina Inclusion Project has added a wonderful dimension to our campus, worthy of national recognition on multiple levels.

Building Bridges/Breaking Bread

Under Rabbi Taff’s leadership, Mosaic Law Congregation has hosted several clergy and lay leaders of other faiths. In the process of conversation and dialogue, our synagogue members have deepened their understanding of other religions and gained a greater insight on their own beliefs. The outreach efforts in both the interfaith and intergroup arenas are critical for our American Jewish community as we join in the common goal of building a better society around us.
Judaica Shopping Starts at Home

If I had a dollar – make that a shekel – for every time I have heard how wonderful our new gift store is, I would be extremely wealthy. Congratulations to our incredible Women’s Network for the extraordinary work in making the Gift Shop at 2300 among the best anywhere. For the congregation, and the community at-large, please don’t hesitate to make our store the first and last on your list for all your Judaica needs.

Creative Fund Raising

There is no secret that our synagogue finances have been hurting since the recession. We have expanded fund raising opportunities for everyone to assist the congregation in these difficult times and we have worked tirelessly to make our efforts more creative and inclusive. A few examples of these include the Haftarah-sponsorship, brick campaign, donation of shoes, and the upcoming golf tournament. Our latest emphasis is on implementation of the Legacy Campaign, focusing on financial bequests through life insurance policies, annuities, and wills.

The point here is that no one should feel excluded from the synagogue for financial reasons, but all should find at least one activity fund raising effort in which to participate.

Shabbat Across Sacramento

It’s fitting to conclude this amazing (partial) list with Shabbat Across Sacramento, matching guests and hosts for Shabbat dinners across Sacramento. In our move from transactional to relational Judaism, we need to remind ourselves that aside from synagogue, the home is the centerpiece of our faith. Nothing beats home cooking, and there is no better time of the week than Shabbat.

Where we are Headed

The sky is always the limit. When I became president, I said in my installation speech that my intent was to shoot for the stars for if we fail, the worst that can happen is we end up among the clouds.

For my final six weeks, I will be working on two new initiatives, the first on reducing the carbon footprint of Mosaic Law Congregation; the second, on creating a campaign around a wonderful piece of art we will bring to the foyer (details to follow). We are also still in the process of developing a strategic plan to guide us into the future.

I hope you will join me in celebrating all of what is good and truly special at Mosaic Law Congregation. One year is but a blip in our nearly 4,000 year old religion, but if we can accomplish so much in a single year (again, this was just a partial list), imagine what the future can bring.

In this otherwise turbulent and unpredictable world, Mosaic Law Congregation should remain an anchor of stability and progress for us, our families, and our community. Let’s make a wonderful future together in a book we all get to write.

May Bar Mitzvah

My name is Thomas Debia. My Parashat is Parashat Emor. This Parashat is about Moses telling the people of Israel about the laws of the holidays, and the priests, or Kohein Gadols, about their laws. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I helped at Einstein center, Sunday school, and Shabbat services. I found out that every one could use a helping hand, and a good reader. Also, it feels nice to help out! My interests are acting and writing. I read history. I link to fence so I am taking fencing classes.
FROM THE DESK OF Irit S. Winston
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH

May Calendar
- May 3rd - Bar Mitzvah of Thomas Debia at MLC and Roan Karavani at Chabad.
- May 4th - No School (Jewish Heritage Festival 11-3pm)
- May 7th - Religious School
- May 11th - No School (Mother’s Day)
- May 14th - Religious School
- May 18th - Last day of Religious School and BBQ with the End of Year Art Exhibition.

USY on Wheels is coming! Sacramento has been asked to host over 48 Jewish teens who are traveling around the country this coming summer. We are in need of housing on Thursday, July 10th, and Thursday, July 17th. Your responsibility would be to pick up teens from the synagogue that evening after they are fed, provide a clean bed for them to sleep on, and return them to Mosaic Law Friday morning after feeding them a cold breakfast. That's it! We will need at least 16 households to participate each time. There is no requirement that you have children at home. Please consider helping us by contacting Deborah Gonzalez to offer your home: gonzalez@surewest.net.

The Kesher Fund was created to provide subsidies for our youth to attend regional USY programs, such as conventions and study seminars. All donations are generously MATCHED by Linda and Marvin Kamras. Please consider a donation to this fund so well-deserving teens can represent Sacramento at upcoming events. Where else can you double your dollar?!

USY Schedule
- Friday, May 2nd - Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Taff
- May 8th-11th - May Convention
- Sunday, May 18th - Rivercats (with Religious School)
- Shabbat, May 31st - Confirmation & USY Shabbat
- Sunday, June 8th - SUSY Board Elections

Youth Shabbat Services
- Tot Shabbat - This weekly service is for children 5 years and under. 11-11:50am in Rm 8. This is a parent led volunteer cooperative.
- Perachim (K, 1st & 2nd Grade) - 1st Shabbat of the month. 10:30-11:30am in Rm 7, led by Ricki Lobel.
- Machar (5th, 6th & 7th Grade) - 2nd Shabbat of the month. 11-11:50am, in the Chapel, led by Hannah Olson.
- B’nai Mazel - (3rd-4th Grade) - 4th Shabbat of the month. 11am-11:50pm, in the Chapel, led by Deborah Gonzalez.

Labels for Education
Clip and save UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from Labels for Education participating products. Send the UPCs and beverage/sauce caps to MLC. When the whole congregation participates, the points really add up! We can redeem Labels for Education® points for FREE educational resources. Participating products include: Bic, Glad, Pace, Post Cereals, V-8, and more!
Go to www.labelsforeducation.com for a complete list.

Box Tops for Education
This program donates 10 cents for every label turned in. Some of the products that participate are: Hanes, General Foods Cereals, Ziplock, Scott Paper Products, Hefty, and many more!
Go to www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list. Or, just look for the pink box!

Contact person for Labels & Box Tops is Barbara Blue. Send UPC symbols and Box Tops to Mosaic Law Congregation, 2300 Sierra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825, or drop them by the office.

Special Fundraiser for the Religious School
MLC has signed up with "Funds2Orgs." Gently worn shoes are used in developing nations for impoverished people to start, maintain, and grow a Micro-enterprise. A great way to clean out your closets and make room for your new purchases. It is not limited to your own shoes. You and your children can make it a fun activity by asking your friends and neighbors for their old shoes. Contact Barbara Blue at blue@mosaiclaw.org with your questions. If you would like more information about Funds2Orgs you may visit its website at www.funds2orgs.com.
FROM THE MEN’S CLUB - BUD MILLER

Your MLC Men's Club hard at work!
It's all about: Fun, Friendship, & Learning
It's all about: Discussion, Opinion & Learning
It's all about: LEADERSHIP, LIFE, & LEARNING!

The MLC Men's Club made a decision to focus on education. Through our sponsorship and commitment, The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, a project of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will be located at Mosaic Law and will be open to the greater Sacramento Area. You may want to learn more about this exciting adventure at http://www.meltonschool.org/. Registration will begin soon. Classes will start in October. MORE TO FOLLOW!

B'Shalom, Bud

MOSAIC LAW EVENTS

Bernie Goldberg’s English readings, “Mechanics of Mysticism: Zohar Selections” each Shabbat at 8am in the Chapel.

7th Grade Ukelele Service - May 9th. Join us as our 7th grade helps us celebrate Shabbat with their Ukelele’s! This evening begins at 5:45pm with a light meal for 7th graders and their families and Minyannaires. Please RSVP to Sara Kahn-Shapiro at kahnshap@aol.com. Following the meal is a Ukelele service at 6:30pm followed by a light oneg at 7:30.

Shabbat Shalom in the Home is back! Join us on Friday night May 16 as we celebrate Shabbat at the homes of Mosaic Law members and get to know your fellow congregants in small group settings. This is a free program. To sign up as either a host or a guest, please fill out a host or guest questionnaire. The questionnaires are available on the Mosaic Law website or at the Mosaic Law office. Please email the questionnaire to Alla Gamarnik at agamarnik@deltacollege.edu or drop it off at the Mosaic Law office. For additional information or to sign up by phone, call Alla Gamarnik at 916-392-5782.

Shabbat Under the Stars - Friday, May 23rd at 7:30pm. Together with Cantor Ben Rosner, the MLC Choir and Band will join us in prayer and song as we raise the ruach.

Learner’s Service Sessions. Come join us on the first and third Saturday of each month from 9-9:45am in the Chapel. Pray and sing with others who always wanted to ask the same questions as you, but never did! Presenters will be Dr. David Lerner & Cantor Ben Rosner. Direct questions to Tamsen D’Souza at 530-763-4117.

USY offers a host of summer travel opportunities - in North America, in Europe, and in Israel. This year, more funds can help bring these opportunities within reach. USY on Wheels has been recognized by the Foundation for Jewish Camp, and Wheels participants may be eligible for a One Happy Camper grant of up to $1000. In addition, we have unprecedented levels of need-based scholarships for Israel and other international travelers. For more information, contact us at pilgrimage@uscj.org.

Israel Trip 2014. Rabbi Taff and Judy will be leading a MLC Trip to Israel. It will begin on Thursday, November 6th, 2014. More information to follow. If you are interested in this tour, email rabbi@mosaiclaw.org.
Welcome Shabbat with prayer and song

Shabbat Under the Stars

May 23, 2014 — 7:30pm — Friedman Courtyard*

Mosaic Law Congregation
2300 Sierra Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95825

* If raining, services will be in the Sanctuary

Service will be led by Rabbi Reuven Taft & Cantor Ben Rosner
With Deborah Gonzalez, the Mosaic Law Band, & the MLC Choir

Oneg following the Service

What is Shabbat Under the Stars?

- An alternative to the traditional Friday Night services
- For people of all ages and backgrounds
- For members of MLC and open to the community
- Beautiful color siddur with translations & transliterations
- Sheet music to help learn the melodies of the prayers
- Wear white in honor of the holiness of Shabbat

For more information, please contact the Office at 916-488-1122 or email to cantorben@gmail.com
Shavuot Services 2014

Shavu’ot
Significance: Remembers the giving of the Torah; also a harvest festival
Observances: Studying Torah
Length: 1 day in Israel, 2 days outside Israel
Customs: Eating dairy foods

You shall count for yourselves -- from the day after the Shabbat, from the day when you bring the Omer of the waving -- seven Shabbats, they shall be complete. Until the day after the seventh sabbath you shall count, fifty days... You shall convoke on this very day -- there shall be a holy convocation for yourselves -- you shall do no laborious work; it is an eternal decree in your dwelling places for your generations. -Leviticus 21:15-16, 21

Shavu’ot, the Festival of Weeks, is the second of the three major festivals with both historical and agricultural significance (the other two are Passover and Sukkot). Agriculturally, it commemorates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the Temple, and is known as Hag ha-Bikkurim (the Festival of the First Fruits). Historically, it celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, and is also known as Hag Matan Torateinu (the Festival of the Giving of Our Torah).

The period from Passover to Shavu’ot is a time of great anticipation. We count each of the days from the second day of Passover to the day before Shavu’ot, 49 days or 7 full weeks, hence the name of the festival.

Tuesday—June 3
9pm—Erev Shavuot Services—All night study session following Erev Shavuot services. The theme is Prophesy & Poetry.

Wednesday—June 4
6:05am—Early Hashkama Shavuot morning service following study session at sunrise.
9am—Later Shavuot service.

Thursday—June 5
9am—2nd Day Shavuot/Yizkor Service.
The KOH Library and Cultural Center has an Advanced Accreditation with Association of Jewish Libraries and is open to everyone in the greater Sacramento area. It was established to provide a vast array of Jewish cultural programming in addition to a growing catalog of books and movies for loan. We are self-supporting and are always looking for financial sponsorship and volunteers in order to continue growing and meeting the needs and interests of the community.

**Address:** 2300 Sierra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825  
**Telephone:** (916) 485-4143

The KOH Library collects recyclable plastic bottles and aluminum cans. All proceeds go towards our programming.

The KOH Library has a wish list of books which can be accessed through our blog: www.kohlibrary.blogspot.com. Each book will contain a book plate with your name or name of someone you wish to honor. What a great idea to help support the library! Contact Jolie Baron for more information.

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**Sunday, May 4th**  
**11:00am-3:00pm**  
Capitol Avenue between 20th & 21st streets.  
Street parking is free on Sundays!  
Public parking available at 2012 J Street, 1950 K Street, 1224 21st Street, and 1150 20th Street.

Register now for the 2014 Jewish Heritage Festival!  
Registration closes at 11am, Friday, May 2nd.  
Go to www.jewishsac.org to register.

The Festival was selected to be featured on KCRA/Sacramento365.com’s weekend roundup.  
Look for the slideshow on kcra.com and on sacramento365.com’s Facebook page.

Be one of the first 100 entrants and receive a free cd from our headline performer, Sol Tevel!

Food trucks serving dairy & vegetable fare. Plus, Rustic Grains Bakery! Live entertainment!
Memorial Day Service
Home of Peace Cemetery
Sacramento, California
10:00am Monday, May 26th, 2014

Freedom Is Not Free
By Kelly Strong

I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze,
A young Marine saluted it,
and then he stood at ease,
I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
He'd stand out in any crowd,
I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years,
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of TAPS one night,
When everything was still
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That TAPS had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.
Mah Jongg Spring Classic
Wednesday, June 11, 2014
The Center at 2300 Sierra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA

9:15 - 10:00  Registration
10:00 - 12:30  Mah Jongg Round 1 & 2
12:30 - 1:00  Lunch
1:00 - 3:30  Mah Jongg Round 3 & 4

$48/entrant
Early registration: Mail by 6/1/2014 and pay $43
Includes a full day of Mah Jongg, Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks
Beginner Lesson and Play Available

Boutique featuring Mah Jongg gifts & collectibles
Prizes for high scorers
Each player will be assigned a position at the table
Please let us know if you are unable to attend so we can reassign your position
Please bring your own Mah Jongg card

Mail registration form & $48 check (payable to MLC) to
Karen Polansky
3008 Marilyn Street, Carmichael, CA 95608

Questions? Please call Karen Polansky (916) 548-5003
or e-mail to kkpolansky@gmail.com

Proceeds to benefit Mosaic Law Congregation

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _______ Email _______

I would like Beginner Lessons Y N
Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento—Sunday, May 18, 2014, 10am
Surviving a Secret Childhood in Nazi-Occupied France -- Leon Malmed. Mr. Malmed will share a secret he kept for more than 60 years. He was three years old and living with his parents and sister, eight, in Compiegne, France when World War II was declared. The family was Jewish. When his parents were arrested in 1942, their Christian neighbors offered to watch the children for what they thought would be a few hours. It turned into a lifetime, as Leon’s parents later died at Auschwitz. The children were subjected to a harrowing undercover childhood during the war and after the war, a kidnapping attempt by their aunt and uncle after the war. Leon immigrated to the U.S. in 1964 and became a high-tech executive, including 18 years in the Silicon Valley. He is the author of a book about his experience: We Survived ... At Last I Speak," and lives with his wife in South Lake Tahoe. All are welcome to attend the Sunday, May 18, 10am meeting at the Albert Einstein Residence Center, 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. For more information about the Jewish Genealogical Society of Sacramento, visit www.jgss.org, or email mortrumberg1@earthlink.net.

Yom Ha'atzmaut & BIG Day of Giving. May 6. Once the Jewish Heritage Festival is over, celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) and BIG Day of Giving on May 6th by making a donation on the BIG Day of Giving, when the Jewish Federation joins 400 area nonprofits in the hopes of raising $1 million from 5,000 donors during a 24-hour period! For more information, contact Elissa Provance at 916-486-0906 or eprovance@jewishsac.org.

NEW Leisure League at Congregation Bet Haverim! May 6. The Dawn of Sound with Matias Bomball. How sound came to the movies and interesting personalities and shorts that influenced its evolution, including the early Jews in Vaudeville and how they made their mark on the industry as sound came to film. $5 includes lunch and entertainment. Funded by The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region and The Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly. Noon-2:00pm. Congregation Bet Haverim, 1715 Anderson Rd., Davis. For more information about Leisure League or to RSVP, contact 916-486-0906 or federation@jewishsac.org.

Bereavement Support Group. May 6, 13, 20 & 27 and June 3 & 10. Co-facilitated by Rabbi Seth Castelman and Ellen Sorkin, LCSW. 7:00-8:30pm. Free. Jewish Federation, 2130 21st St., Sacramento. Strict confidentiality maintained. To sign up, contact Federation’s Community Social Worker Alicia Mittleman at 916-205-0688. For more information, contact Elissa Provance at eprovance@jewishsac.org or 916-486-0906 ext. 304.

Coping with Chronic Illness Support Group. May 7, 14, 21 & 28. Co-facilitated by Federation's Community Social Worker Alicia Mittleman, LCSW, and Laini Golden, MSW. 11:00am-Noon. Free. Albert Einstein Residence Center (open to the community), 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. Strict confidentiality maintained. Space is limited. To sign up, contact Alicia Mittleman at 916-205-0688. For more information, contact Elissa Provance at eprovance@jewishsac.org or 916-486-0906 ext. 304.

Jewish Meditation with Deni Deutsch Marshall, LCSW and certified Spiritual Director. May 8, 15, 22 & 29 and June 12, 19 & 26. Series explores a number of Jewish meditation techniques, ancient and modern, all designed to help you have a more personal relationship with Judaism and G-d. Includes guided sitting meditations, chanting meditations, silent focused meditations, and movement meditations. Open to both long-time meditators and those with no experience. Pilot series is free. Drop-ins welcome. 5:30-6:30pm. Jewish Federation, 2130 21st St., Sacramento. For more information or to sign up, contact Elissa Provance at 916-486-0906 or eprovance@jewishsac.org.

PJ Library Playgroup. May 13. Read the magical story of The Mitzvah Magician! Come discover new ways to do good deeds and spend some time with your friends. Plus make your own Tzedekah box to take home! 10:00-11:30am. Jewish Federation, 2130 21st St., Sacramento. For more information about PJ Library, contact pjlibrary@jewishsac.org.

Leisure League at Temple Or Rishon. Dr. Kathy Steeney, LCSW, Therapist Parent Educator. May 14. She will help you or your loved one age with grace and joy by receiving tips on breaking the cycle of depression and isolation that can occur with getting older. Leave the program feeling stronger, more positive and ready to take on life! Funded by The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region and The Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly. $5 includes lunch and entertainment. Noon-2:00pm. 7755 Hazel Ave., Orangevale. For more information about Leisure League or to RSVP, contact 916-486-0906 or federation@jewishsac.org.

It's Yom Ha'atzmaut: Happy Birthday Israel! Celebrate Israel's Independence Day with PJ Library and Congregation Bet Haverim! May 18. Enjoy Israeli Dancing, Klezmer music, Falafel and BBQ. Free. Noon-2:00pm. Congregation Bet Haverim, 1715 Anderson Rd., Davis. For more information, contact George Rooks at gmrooks3@gmail.com.

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Leisure League at the Albert Einstein Residence Center. May 22. Country Day School Jazz Band. Country Day's high school jazz band performs a variety of jazz and swing from various eras. The 10-piece band has earned many awards throughout Northern California.$5 includes lunch and entertainment. Funded by The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region and The Trust Fund for the Jewish Elderly. Noon-2:00 pm. 1935 Wright St., Sacramento. For more information about Leisure League or to RSVP, contact 916-486-0906 or federation@jewishsac.org.

Celebrate Shabbat with PJ Library! May 23. This Playgroup will focus on Shabbat and customs surrounding the day. Explore our day of rest through songs, art, and play! 10:00-11:30 am. Jewish Federation, 2130 21st St., Sacramento. For more information about PJ Library, contact pjlibrary@jewishsac.org.

Shavuot Ice Cream Social. May 31. Join PJ Library at Congregation B’nai Israel for ice cream, art, and games! It's a Shavuot tradition to eat dairy foods so bring your favorite ice cream topping to share, outdoor toys, and a picnic blanket. Free. 3:30-5:00 pm. Congregation B’nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. For more information, contact Rabbi Loving at 916-446-4861 or rabbi-loving@bnais.com.

Explore the World from Your Own Home - Host an Exchange Student. Families who want to learn more about the world but can't afford the time to travel can have the world come to them - by hosting an exchange student. World Heritage, an international exchange student organization headquartered in Laguna Beach, CA will welcome between 200 & 250 international high school students from various countries to the United States for the upcoming school year. During their stay, students attend high school in the host family’s community. Students have their own spending money and health insurance. Host families simply provide room and board, and help share the "American experience" with these students who are interested in improving their English language usage and developing their role as citizens of the world. These students come on a J-1 visa, allowing them entrance to the U.S. for five or 10 months for a cultural exchange. In this program, World Heritage is a sponsor under the designation of the U.S. Department of State, following federal regulations and protocols. World Heritage also has a full listing by the Council on Standards for International Education Travel (CSIET), complying with an annual audit of standards set forth to maintain student and host family safety. Families interested in hosting an exchange student should contact Carol or Susan Berger by e-mail, arielp-dog@sbcglobal.net or by calling 209-863-2194. More information about hosting or any programs can be found at www.whhosts.com.

Local Kosher Items - Please be sure to shop at the stores that have kosher items. They are hard to come by and we want to encourage the stores to keep stocking kosher items for the Jewish community. The stores that carry the most products are Save Mart in Loehman’s Plaza, Costco at 1600 Expo Parkway, and Trader Joe’s on Marconi Ave. Safeway also has kosher food located in the ethnic foods aisle.

Mosaic Law Counseling Center

There is a saying in our Talmud: “Who shares in the community’s troubles will also share in its consolation” (Ta’anit 11a). Our synagogue offers short-term counseling with a volunteer professional licensed therapist. Rande Zaretsky, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT), has offered her services to the members of our congregation.

Counseling is a process of confidential discussions with a trained licensed therapist. With the support of an objective therapist you can identify and develop alternative coping skills. Appointments are open to children, teens, adults and couples of all ages. Rande will have private office hours on Tuesdays, hours to be arranged. Alternative arrangements may also be available.

A fee to the synagogue of $36 is to be paid at each session. No one will be turned away because of inability to afford the fee, but everyone will be expected to pay something.

To schedule a confidential appointment, please call (916) 488-1166 and upon hearing the recording, immediately enter extension 25 to leave a message. Be sure to speak clearly and slowly, leaving your name and phone number.

Rande will be checking for messages twice each day and will return calls within 24 hours, Mondays through Thursdays. Should you have any questions about this program, please contact Rabbi Taff. Strict confidentiality will be maintained.
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Alex Zamansky in honor of his wife, Caron, on her birthday

Mazal Tov! March 23 - April 26

Alan & Dana Edelstein on the birth of their new granddaughter: Shoshana Bette Edelstein. Parents are Jason and Leah.

Condolences for March 23 - April 26

Donna Burris on the loss of her dear father, Joseph Gessini, of blessed memory.
Taliah Berger on the loss of her dear father, John Fawcett Frampton, of blessed memory.

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