



2024 Brings Hope and Challenges to the Jewish Community

Seaside Jewish Community looks forward to a dynamic year as membership continues to grow and ideas, activities, and energy builds.

At the same time, our thoughts continue to be with Israel as we pray for peace in the Middle East and for a safe and secure future for Israel and our people. Seaside members have shown their support in many ways, including generously donating to the Jewish Federation of Delaware's "Stand With Israel" emergency fund, and also volunteering in Israel in non-fighting capacities.

"Seaside is entering the new year with a strategic planning initiative, a balanced budget, and a membership that is supportive of both the Jewish community and the overall community at large," says congregation President Lawrence Krevor.

The Strategic Planning initiative, already underway, is based on a Brandeis University study last year that revealed a surprisingly large Jewish population in southern Delaware. The study was undertaken in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Delaware, a Wilmington-based organization of synagogues and Jewish entities throughout the state.

Seaside's strategic plan will look at how to hone Seaside's role in supporting its members, Sussex County's growing Jewish population, and people in need in the larger community. Seaside members will have opportunities to participate in this initiative so watch the eblast for details.

"We at Seaside see ourselves as a part of the overall southern Delaware community," Krevor says, pointing

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Seaside Enters 2024 with a New Board and New Committee Chairs

Seaside's new 2024 Board met on January 21 for the first time. During the meeting, the Board announced new committee chairs.

All nine Board members attended, including newly elected members Peter Zoll and Shelley Grabel, who will serve as at-large members. Both Peter and Shelley were officially welcomed.

The executive committee remained the same as it was in 2023: President Lawrence Krevor; Executive Vice President David Herschler, just elected to a second term on the Board; Vice President of Programs Susan Aaronson; Treasurer Howie Hochman; and Secretary Susan Towers.

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Seaside members are among a group of American volunteers in Israel.

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Susan Towers

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Hope & Challenges

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out that Seaside members have long been involved in charitable and community services that help local nonprofits and people in need.

Each year, Seaside members participate in interfaith food, clothing and other programs geared toward helping the local population. Seaside itself donates directly to nearly 30 local-area nonprofits. In 2023, those donations totaled more than \$11,000.

"We are part of a large and diverse community here in southern Delaware, and work hard to make life better for all," Krevor says.

At the same time, members plan all kinds of social activities and programs, in addition to worship and holiday celebrations led by Rabbi Julie H. Danan and supported by an active worship committee.

Seaside's religious school and youth activities also continue to expand.

Seaside's book group not only draws book-loving congregants to its meetings, but often partners with the Lewes Public Library and with the Browseabout bookstore in Rehoboth Beach to present authors for popular public discussions of their books.

For the third year in a row, Seaside will host a summer concert program. This year the artist will be American folk singer-songwriter John McCutcheon, who will perform on July 21 at Epworth United Methodist Church in Rehoboth Beach. We anticipate this concert will be another popular event that brings people together from throughout the coastal Delaware community.

"We remain dedicated to meeting the worship and spiritual needs of our members, and to continuing our role within the community at large. We thank all of those who have supported us following the Hamas attack on Israel on Oct 7. And we appreciate the support and kindness expressed by so many toward Seaside and our members," Krevor said.

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Seaside Jewish Community Cemetery Plots

Plots are available at Sharon Hills Cemetery in Dover. Contact Barry Novich. His information is available in our directory or write to:

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Sharing Shabbat is a Seaside tradition on March 29

Sharing Shabbat, a tradition and favorite program of Seaside's, will be held on Friday, **March 29**. Since March 29 is the fifth Friday of the month, no formal Shabbat service will be conducted that evening.

Sharing Shabbat is a wonderful way to meet new friends and reconnect with older ones through conversation and the sharing of a cozy Shabbat dinner at a member's home.

Hosts will set the time and provide the main meal. Guests will contribute sides, challah, wine, or dessert. Guests will be matched by zip code.

If you would like to host a Shabbat dinner or be a guest, please contact Marjorie Kobrin or Fran Saltzman by **March 15** at seasidejewishcommunity@gmail.com.

Seaside prepares for the future through its Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee has begun its work. Having determined that engaging an outside consultant would be beneficial, the committee reached out to their contacts for suggestions. Leslie Newman and Marilyn Feldman, Committee Co-chairs, then interviewed five individuals or firms to determine who would be a good fit. These groups were based in Boston, Philadelphia, and surrounding areas. Conversations determined attitudes, approaches, creativity, experience, and cost. We learned quite a bit and used these perspectives to evaluate the conversations.

The co-chairs prepared and submitted a report to the Committee summarizing the consultant candidates and providing the pros and cons of each for Seaside. The Committee considered each of them and recommended engaging

the Delaware Association for Non-Profit Advancement (DANA). The recommendation was based upon the detail and comprehensiveness of DANA's proposal, cost, proximity, and Seaside's past experience with Sheila Bravo, DANA President and Chief Executive Officer, who had facilitated a retreat with Seaside's Board of Directors and key leaders in 2017. She had also worked with the Chesed Committee. The Strategic Planning Committee believes that DANA will contribute desirable objectivity and add professionalism to our strategic planning initiative.

At their December 17 meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously approved negotiating a contract with DANA. We anticipate that with the contract in place, work will begin in January with a goal of making a report to the Board next fall and a presentation at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

During the past few months, the Committee has also completed a preliminary analysis of Seaside's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, which is commonly referred to as a "SWOT" analysis. The co-chairs have met separately with Rabbi Julie Danan and Rabbi Emerita Beth Cohen to gain their perspectives. The Committee will continue to work on identifying key stakeholders for future interviews and focus groups. In addition, we are planning a town meeting so that all Seaside members will have an opportunity to provide input.

Stay tuned for further information and as always, feel free to reach out to Marilyn Feldman or Leslie Newman with questions or thoughts.

It's time to pay your 2024 Membership Dues

And a Big 'Thank You' to so many of you who already have paid

Seaside's 2024 membership dues are due upon receipt of your invoice statement for the calendar year January 1 – December 31, 2024. **Dues are now \$500 per adult, ages 24 and over.** The invoices were emailed in early January. Those members who do not have an email address were sent their invoices in the regular mail.

We rely on our members to pay their annual dues at this time of year, and we thank you in advance for making your dues payment this month. You can pay by check or online. Instructions for both methods are included in the invoice.

Seaside offers a variety of educational, worship, and social activities to meet our members' needs. We, in turn, depend on your membership dues to operate. We welcome all who want to join, regardless of ability to pay.

If you cannot pay dues in full, if an offset or payment plan is needed, or if you have any questions, please contact our Treasurer Howie Hochman (Treasurer@seasidejewishcommunity.com).

If you know of any family or friends who would like to join Seaside, please have them contact Membership Chair Elaine Hochman (Membership@seasidejewishcommunity.com).

New Members who joined through the end of 2023

Welcome. We are so glad you are here.

Deborah Cinquemani & her son
Carson Greenberg

Cheryl Barish Erlick & Nelson
Erlick

Lisa Schwartz-Horder & Howard
Horder

Bruce & Susan Kamich

Lisa Keogh

Matthew & Lauren Meyer

Phyllis Waxman & Joel Simkol

Lorri & John Wolfe

Note from editors: Several people have joined Seaside since the end of December while we have been in production. We will add them to the list to be posted in the next newsletter.

Join Seaside members at our first “Chocolate Festival”

Who doesn't love chocolate?

I dream about chewy fudge, creamy chocolates, steaming rich hot cocoa with whipped cream, and especially Sara Rosen's crunchy chocolate chip cookies. Anyone who has been to a Seaside Kiddish likely has eaten them.

If you're a chocolate lover like I am, come to Seaside on Sunday, February 25, for our “Get Committed Chocolate Festival.” The fun begins at 3 p.m.

“Committed to what?” you may ask. To Seaside. To who we are as Jews and to what we do. To *Tikkun Olam*. To being part of a Jewish community.

The event will start in the sanctuary with short presentations (and I mean short) by representatives of each committee. They will describe what



Hazelnut Swirl Ice Cream Sundae Cake

their committees do.

Then, on to the chocolate festival in the room downstairs. Hot chocolate, chocolate liquors, and other delicious treats will be served. There will be committee displays and a chance to meet and to talk to committee members and to Seaside members who you may not have already met.

There will also be a raffle for baskets or boxes of chocolates. The more

Committee tables you visit, the more raffle tickets you get.

There will also be a chocolate-themed movie playing in the sanctuary.

And, you might even get to taste Sara Rosen's chocolate chip cookies.

The event is scheduled to conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Please register so we know how much chocolate to get! Go to the Seaside website where you first will have to

sign into your account. <https://www.seasidejewishcommunity.com/event/chocolate-festival.html>

If you are still having trouble signing in, contact Seaside at (302) 226-8799, or email seasidejewishcommunity@seaside.com

Margie Norris Krevor, Social Committee co-chair

Schedule of Services

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Parashat Yitro (Exodus 18:1-20:23)
Haftarah (Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6)
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service*
Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Shabbat Morning Service*
Parashat Mishpatim (Exodus 21:1-24:18)
Haftarah (Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26)
10:00 a.m. Worship
Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Parashat Terumah (Exodus 25:1-27:19)
Haftarah (I Kings 5:26-6:13)
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service*
Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Shabbat Morning Service*
Parashat Tetzaveh (Exodus 27:20-30:10)
Haftarah (Ezekial 43:10-27)
10:00 a.m. Worship
Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Parashat Ki Tisa (Exodus 30:11-34:35)
Haftarah (I Kings 18:1-39)
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service*
Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Shabbat Morning Service*
Parashat Vayakhel (Exodus 35:1-38:20)
Haftarah (I Kings 7:40-50)
10:00 a.m. Worship
Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Parashat Pekudei (Exodus 38:21-40:38)
Haftarah (I Kings 7:51-8:21)
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service*
Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Shabbat Zachor
Shabbat Morning Service*
Parashat Vayikra (Lev. 1:1-5:26)
Haftarah (I Samuel 15:2-34)
10:00 a.m. Worship
Leader: Rabbi Julie Danan

**This service will be conducted with congregants at SJC's building and live streamed virtually. Instructions to join remotely are included in the weekly eBlast.*

Board Roundup

Here is a summary of some of the recent Seaside Board of Director decisions we'd like to share with you. Monthly Board meetings and workshops are open to all members. Information on how to sign up to attend the meetings is announced in the weekly eblast. For more information, email seasidejewishcommunity@gmail.com.

December 2023 Board decisions

The Board approved the 2024 balanced Budget, as submitted to the membership prior to Seaside's November 19, 2023, Annual Meeting and reviewed and discussed at the Meeting.

The Board approved holding Seaside's third annual fundraising concert at Epworth Methodist Church with John McCutcheon on July 21, 2024.

The Board approved retaining DANA to provide expert consulting services for Seaside's ongoing Strategic

Planning initiative in 2024.

Seaside's Board approved making financial contributions totaling \$11,160.00 to nearly 30 local nonprofit organizations. Seaside actively supports the local community through participation with houses of worship and other nonprofits. Making donations is another way Seaside supports the volunteer efforts of local people in Delaware.

The Board approved naming Enid Zafran and Susan Heller as co-chairs of the Adult Education Committee.

New Board

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At-large members Marilyn Feldman and Neil Trugman were there, and the Board noted a special thanks to outgoing members Joel Simon and Sara Rosen. Both remain active at Seaside in several different capacities.

"Volunteering for Seaside over the years has been a wonderful experience and I have learned a great deal," Peter Zoll says. "Now, from the perspective of a board member, I can assemble some of those teachings and integrate them with areas in which I was less involved. The Board has always had remarkable talent, and I am looking forward to being there as we begin a new phase of our service to the community."

Peter has been an active member since 2013 after he retired from the Washington D.C. area from a financial career. He has served for several years as chair of Seaside's Adult Education committee and has been active on the Building and the House committees, among others.

Shelley joined in the early days of 2002 as she was seeking a Jewish home after moving from Philadelphia. She served in management for Delaware Technical College in Georgetown before retiring and continues as a professional writer.

"As a new Board member, I am excited to learn how the Board accomplishes the work of the congregation, and I have a couple areas of interest that I want to focus on this first year," Shelley says.

Shelley cites helping to create transparency through better communication in what leadership does as one of her areas of focus.

"Open communications is essential to feeling connected to everyone," she says.

Shelley also wants to help ensure that everyone feels seen, heard, appreciated, and respected. This includes assuring the LGBTQ+ congregation members feel that Seaside is a welcoming and safe space. As a member of the Social Justice committee, Shelley will also contribute to Seaside's support of multifaith and other community efforts to fight racism, antisemitism, and all forms of hate.

The latest congregation members to volunteer for committee leadership include: Jodye Russell as Social Justice co-chair, and Fran Leibowitz as Worship Committee co-chair. Enid Zafran and Susan Heller have become co-chairs of the Adult Education committee. A complete list of committee chairs can be found in this newsletter.

January 2024 Board decision

The Board ratified the appointments of Jodye Russell as Social Justice co-chair and of Fran Leibowitz as Worship Committee co-chair. Social Justice is an expansive committee that is made up of several subcommittees, including those that organize programming and action efforts to protect the environment, to combat gun violence, to fight for equal rights for the LGBTQ+ community, and to bring together people of different faiths.

Mazel Tov

A special monthly section in Seaside's newsletter, *The Scroll*, is a place where we can share each other's special joys.

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to [SJC-newsletter@
googlegroups.com](mailto:SJC-newsletter@googlegroups.com)***

SOAH spreads the word that “Hate Has No Place Here!”

Speak Out Against Hate (**SOAH**) was initiated in early 2023 after the occurrence of antisemitic and racist hate acts in the community to which there was no official response or action. It was the result of, at first, discussions between members of the Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice (SDARJ) and members of Seaside Jewish Community’s Social Justice Committee. It was noted that hatred was on the rise and that very few, if any, public officials were speaking out. The issue was “What to do?”

The strongly held opinion of the nine organizers (now comprising the first board of directors of SOAH as it incorporates and becomes a 501 (c) (3) organization), was that an effort was required to blunt and make unacceptable the hate that has become normalized and is transforming our culture. It was agreed that we must speak out against hate constantly and before hateful acts or incidents occur.

The mission of SOAH is simple:

*Speak Out Against Hate (**SOAH**) has been formed for the express purpose of confronting and countering the rising tide of hate, wherever and whenever it exists in a direct, focused and ongoing manner. **SOAH** seeks to engage in this effort with all people of good faith; community leaders, businesses, elected officials, clergy, law enforcement personnel, young and old, regardless of color, creed, sexual orientation, national origin or religion. **SOAH** will speak out early, often and follow-up on the rising incidents and expressions of hate and join forces in this effort with all similarly motivated individuals and organizations. **SOAH** will insist that those in positions to execute policies and regulations speak out and develop strategies for legislation and policies to prevent this hateful and potentially destructive behavior. **SOAH**’s goal is to make “No hate here” a reality in Delaware. All who are against hate are welcome to join **SOAH**.*

In October, after organizing, planning and speaking about SOAH’s mission throughout Sussex County and the state of Delaware, SOAH held its first public meeting. The response was incredibly gratifying; more than 170 people registered to attend either in person or via Zoom. At that meeting, SOAH announced that it was forming five Action Groups to meet with public facing officials: Faith Leaders, Youth and School officials, Elected Officials, Business Leaders, and Police Officials. Attendees were invited to join one or more of these Action Groups. The response to

that call to action was also excellent and soon thereafter the Action Groups began to meet and design going forward plans.

Since that time, members of the five Action Groups have begun to meet with their “target” audiences and are continuing to garner wonderful support for this nascent effort.

What has become apparent since its inception is that SOAH has created a platform upon which citizens frustrated and alarmed by the hatefulness that has arisen, particularly antisemitism, can come together to act against this change in the normalcy of our culture.

SOAH is now in its action mode. Speaking out about hate is our goal. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if when you enter the State of Delaware, there is a sign that reads, “Welcome to Delaware. Hate has no place here!” You may contact SOAH at infoforsoah@gmail.com. Please join with us in this critical effort!

Get Well Wishes

Do you have loved ones who are not well?

Please contact Rabbi Julie by Wednesday to have their names read aloud at services.

Comforting the Mourners

Do you have loved ones who have passed away whose Yahrzeits you would like mentioned during services?

To ensure they are included on the Yahrzeits list, please log onto Seaside’s website to add their name(s) to the “My Yahrzeits” section of your membership information on Seaside’s website.

If you need assistance entering this information, please contact Seaside at (302) 226-8977 or seasidejewishcommunity@gmail.com and someone will get back to you to help.

In either case, you will have the opportunity to say your loved ones’ names when attending services.

Seaside Book Group – Upcoming 2024 Book Selections and Meeting information

The group, led by member and professional book indexer Enid Zafran, has chosen award-winning books that are either written by Jewish authors or that have Jewish themes. The group has a collection called “Notable Jewish Lives,” which focuses on biographies of historic and accomplished Jewish figures. All meetings are on Zoom. See Seaside eblast for the latest details and Zoom link information. Zoom links are found on the Seaside calendar once Seaside members sign into the website.

Notable Jewish Lives

Estee Lauder

Thursday, February 15, 4-5 p.m.

Enid Zafran will talk about the life of Estee Lauder, a Jewish woman who started a cosmetics business from a beauty cream developed by her uncle. In 1998, she was the sole woman on *Time* magazine’s list of the 20 most influential business geniuses of the 20th century. When she died in 2004, her family business was valued at \$5.1 billion. Today the family is also associated with its art museum philanthropy and even more notably for the Pink Ribbon Campaign they launched to end breast cancer.

Book Group

The Prophet of the Andes: An Unlikely Journey to the Promised Land by

Graciela Mochkofsky

Thursday, March 21, 4-5 p.m.

Sue Rasher will lead the discussion of

this 2022 unusual true story of how one Peruvian carpenter led hundreds of Christians to Judaism, sparking a pilgrimage from the Andes to Israel and inspiring a wave of emerging Latin American Jewish communities. Seeking absolute truth in his religious practice, Segundo Villanueva questions and questions, until he becomes an Orthodox Jew in his impoverished village. He learns Hebrew, he gains followers, he meets resistance from the synagogue in Peru, yet he and his Jewish community persist.

Author Event with the Lewes Public Library

When the Angels Left the Old Country

by Sacha Lamb

Wednesday, May 22, 5-6 p.m.

Showcasing Ashkenazi lore, custom, and faith, this beautifully written story deftly tackles questions of identity, good and evil, obligation, and the many forms love can take. An angel and a devil have been studying together for centuries in a tiny shtetl, but pogroms and the search for a new life have drawn all the young people from their village to America. When one of those young emigrants goes missing, they set off to find her, taking the boat to New York City and dealing with the immigrant experience.

The first-time author, Sacha Lamb, received for this title: Sydney Taylor and Stonewall award; a Printz Honor book award; a National Jewish Book Award finalist; and the Mythopoeic Fantasy

Award. The event is free, but registration is required at: <https://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/event/11923040>

Book Group

The Latecomer by Jean Hanff Korelitz

Thursday, June 20, 4-5 p.m.

The author has agreed to do this Zoom with the Book Group but requires that all who attend have purchased the book. It can be in any format that is available: hardback, paperback, Kindle.

The author makes up a Jewish family and here is a quote from her, “I’d heard about families with children conceived by in vitro fertilization who have additional children years later from leftover embryos. “I found this really fascinating,” Enid says. “I was especially interested in the impact on the later child of learning that their family has essentially begun without them.”

The Latecomer touches on the topics of grief and guilt, generational trauma, privilege and race, traditions and religion, and family dynamics. The book was a *New York Times* Notable Book of 2022; *A Washington Post* Notable Work of Fiction; An NPR Best Book of the Year; and *A New Yorker* Best Book of 2022.

Registration is required to attend this Author Event via Zoom. Please contact Enid Zafran at: enid@indexingpartners.com to register.

Community Services Committee Charitable Donations

The Community Services Committee annually provides financial support to charitable and community support organizations in the Lower Delaware/Sussex County region and in Israel. For 2023, the Community Services Committee provided charitable contributions to the organizations listed below. A total of \$7,910 in contributions came from Seaside’s approved 2023 budget. An additional \$3,250 of contributions were funded from the Cross Foundation’s annual Seaside grant.

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| ● A Way Home | ● Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc. (DAPI) | ● La Red | ● Refugee Integration Support Effort (RISE), |
| ● Adamah | ● Delaware Food Bank | ● Meals on Wheels | Jewish Family Services of |
| ● Beebe Food Delivery | ● Delaware Hospice | ● Mogen David Adon | Delaware Refugee Program |
| ● Camp Rehoboth | ● Dignity Grows | ● Moms Demand Action | ● Southern Delaware Alliance |
| ● Cape Henlopen Food Basket | ● Epworth Food and Love | ● People’s Place | for Racial Justice (SDARJ) |
| ● Community Resource Center (CRC) | ● Islamic Society of S. Delaware | ● Planned Parenthood | ● Sussex Pride |
| ● Clothing our Kids | ● La Esperanza | ● Primeros Pasos | ● West Rehoboth Land Trust |
| | | ● Read Aloud Delaware | ● Women’s Wellness in Israel |
| | | ● Rehoboth Fire Department | |

Happy Birthday to our Members

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12 / 06 Andrea Hoffman
12 / 06 Elaine Showers
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12 / 10 Alan Rich
12 / 11 Lori Chaikin
12 / 11 Diane Daum
12 / 11 Paula Epstein
12 / 13 Barbara Kaplan
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12 / 14 Deb Kamins
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In The Community

Refuah Shleimah - Get Well Wishes

We send our prayers and healing energy to SJC members and loved ones of members who have been hospitalized or injured in recent weeks or who are facing or have had health challenges.

For security and privacy reasons, the names of those on the Mi Shebeirach list will no longer be included in the newsletter. Their names will be shared during services when the *Mi Shebeirach* blessing is said.

Please let Rabbi Danan know when you are ready to take someone off the *Mi Shebeirach* list as well. Names may be removed after a few weeks if we don't receive an update. Thank you for your understanding.

Nihum Avelim – Comforting the Mourners

Our deepest condolences go to **Rabbi Kevin Bernstein** (former Interim Religious leader of SJC) and his family on the passing of Rabbi Kevin's mother, Rhoda Diane Bernstein on December 15, 2023. *Zichrona L'vracha*, may Rhoda's memory be for a blessing.



אבותינו ואמותינו, אברהם, יצחק, ויעקב, שרה, רבקה, רחל ולאה, הוא יברך את החולים...

Our heartfelt sympathies go to **Marsha Davis** and her family on the passing of Marsha's life partner, **Beverly Leshner** on January 28, 2024. *Zichrona L'vracha*, may Beverly's memory be for a blessing.

Our deepest condolences go to **Kathy Jackson** and her family on the passing of Kathy's husband, **Jacob David Lapidés** on December 28, 2023. *Zichrono L'vracha*, may Jacob's memory be for a blessing.

Our heartfelt sympathies go to **Judy Kirpich** and her family on the passing of Judy's husband, **David Pollock** on January 10, 2024. *Zichrono L'vracha*, may David's memory be for a blessing.

Our deepest condolences go to **Brian Krupp** and his family on the passing of Brian's wife, **Brina Krupp** on January 21, 2024. *Zichrona*

L'vracha, may Brina's memory be for a blessing.

Our heartfelt sympathies go to the family of **Elaine Goldman Levy** on her passing on January 5, 2024. *Zichrona L'vracha*, may Elaine's memory be for a blessing.

Our deepest condolences go to **Bonnie Rich** and her family on the passing of Bonnie's father, **Sandor Bernstein** on January 28, 2024 and the passing of her mother, **Florene Bernstein** on January 31, 2024. *Zichronot L'vracha*, may their memory be for a blessing.

Please contact SJC Religious Leader Rabbi Julie Danan at sjc.rabbijuliedanan@gmail.com (302-947-5282) if you would like to add the name of someone you love to the SJC healing prayer list, to the list of family members who have died or if there is a celebration or milestone in your life which you want to share with the SJC family.

Watch for our weekly Email blasts on Thursday each week.

They will contain important reminders and highlight our events.



Seaside members Nina and Sol Glasner joined a group of Americans to volunteer in Israel's agricultural community and are helping plant and tend to crops, as well as helping to get Israeli-grown produce to market. Because of the war, Israel has lost many farmworkers, who have either returned to their own countries, or cannot come in because they are Palestinians. One of the farming families invited the group for a barbecue at their home.



Tu Bishvat

By Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan

I remember how impressed my kids' friends were that Judaism celebrates a New Year of Trees, a time to plant and celebrate them. *Tu Bishvat* is a Jewish holiday that connects us with the Holy Land and the preservation of nature. In January we offered two opportunities to celebrate: a Tu Bishvat Seder and potluck lunch on January 21, plus a Green Team Climate Actions workshop on January 25.

Tu Bishvat means the 15th Day-at the full moon-of the Hebrew month of Shevat. (*Tu* being a shorthand for the letters *tet* and *vav*, whose numerical value is 15). Although it is still winter in northern climates, early signs of spring are appearing in Israel and other warm and Mediterranean regions.

Tu Bishvat has seen four meanings. It started as a mere "tax day" for tithing fruit for the needy in ancient Israel. In the diaspora, it became a traditional day to eat fruits that recall the Land of Israel, a custom developed most fully in the mystic's Tu Bishvat Seder. With the rebirth of Israel, it became a day for planting trees to reforest the country (the only one in the world to finish the 20th century with more trees than it began). Today Tu Bishvat has also become a time to focus on ecology and environmental stewardship.

Besides planting (or donating to plant) trees, we enjoy fresh or dried fruits and grains that remind us of Israel, such as the biblical "Seven Species" (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates), and others like almonds or carob.

The most elaborate type of fruit feast is the Tu Bishvat Seder. This formerly obscure Kabbalistic custom has made a comeback in recent years. Participants drink four cups of



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wine or juice, starting with white for winter, and gradually adding more red for spring and summer. The ceremony includes four kinds of fruits representing the Four Worlds of Kabbalah: Physical (fruits with shells), Emotional (fruits with pits), Intellectual (wholly edible fruits), and Spiritual (scents alone), connecting us to the divine energy of the Tree of Life. The Seder often includes readings, songs, poems, and stories to celebrate trees and nature.

Thank you

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