



December 2, 2020

Shabbat and Chanukah



Truah Human Rights Musical Shabbat with Rabbi Evette, Hal Aqua and Carla Sciaky

Saturday, December 5

10:00 - 11:30 am

[Parashat Vayishlach](#)

Surely a child has a human right to grow up without fear of being

separated from the only family they've ever known.

At this Human Rights Shabbat we will have a D'var Tzedek from this week's torah portion, Parshat Vayishlach. Then our speaker will give us eyewitness/1st person testimony on what it was like to come to this country as an undocumented child. Our speaker will share slides of the journey (several attempts) to come into our country. We'll hear why the family chose to leave their remote village, and the harsh reality they experienced with family separation, deportation and adaptation upon arriving in the United States. You won't come away unaffected.

After Kiddush & motzi we'll have an opportunity to ask questions of our speaker as he shares more of the detail of his personal journey.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/500159377?pwd=OEVVbEt1bnFLWmU2UjF3elg0NGovdz09>

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Torah Study

Ongoing Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am

Join a lay-led, virtual, intimate (small), informal, welcoming, curious and sometimes quirky group prior to Shabbat services. Everyone is welcome any week you are available. Drop in and warm up for morning services.

Registration is not required. Please contact David Jordan at (703)-587-7999 / AdlaiDavid@Gmail.com if you have any questions. [Click here](#) for Zoom Link.



SONGFEST!

Friday, December 11, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

For our December Kabbalat Shabbat Experience, join Hal and Annie Aqua for a joyful, all-ages songfest of the best Chanukah songs, new and old, and some Shabbos tunes as well. Rabbi Evette will lead us in Chanukah candlelighting and Shabbat blessings.

Get your chanukiot set up and ready to go for a shared Zoom display of brightness and hope!

Your registration enters your name for an opportunity to win one dozen delicious latkes delivered to your door by December 13!

Get your Zoom Link and Register here!



**Shabbat B'Yachad
Saturday, December 12,
10:00 - 11:30 am**

Services led by Rabbi Evette with Hal Aqua, Ilana Fishman, Ieyner
On Zoom

Join B'nai Havurah for a uniquely different Shabbat experience!

We will begin our Saturday morning service separately and end services b'yachad - together.

9:30-10:15 am - Adults Study Torah Study with Rabbi

9:30 - 10:15 am - Youth Education Program - Students Learn with Teachers

10:15-11:00 am - Shabbat B'Yachad Service: Adults and Students join together.

Note Shabbat B'yachad is offered in lieu of Sunday CHAI FIVE the following day.

Tikkun Olam: Grant Recipient Feature

Trees Water & People (TWP) helps communities on US tribal lands and in South America to protect, conserve and manage their natural resources. TWP provides recovery support for Rebel Earth Farms in Martin, SD after a series of

recovery support for Rebel Earth Farms in Martin, SD after a series of thunderstorms and high winds devastated the high tunnels and farm used for growing healthy foods for the Lakota people on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Grant funds are being used to purchase supplies to replace the damaged plastic coverings on their operating high tunnels as well as for labor costs and safety equipment for those working on the replacement. These repairs will ensure that the farms are keeping to their operational standards for food production. The grant was sponsored by Tikkun Olam and B'nai Havurah member Alice Turak. Grant funds come from B'nai Havurah half shekel contributions and from other contributions from members. For more information about TWP go to their website, treeswaterpeople.org.

One of the Tikkun Olam committee members, Barry Rosenberg, has this report about Rebel Earth Farms.

A few years ago I volunteered to plant ponderosa pine seedlings around Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The planting which included several dozen local people was sponsored by Trees, Water, People. Apart from planting trees in the Americas, TWP provides training to the Pine Ridge community for the installation of solar panels I was highly impressed with their work and hope to plant more trees with them in the future.

Adult Education

Lunch & Learn: Babkes with Joan Wallis
Wednesday, December 9, noon - 1:00 pm
On Zoom

A babka is a sweet braided bread or cake which originated in the Jewish communities of Poland and Ukraine. It is popular in Israel and in the Jewish diaspora. It is prepared with a yeast-leavened dough that is rolled out and spread with a filling such as chocolate, cinnamon, fruit, or cheese, then rolled up and braided before baking. en.wikipedia.org

Join Joan as she shares her recipe, tips and the tools needed to create beautiful babka in no time at all. [Click here to register](#).



Joan Wallis, a B'nai member for over 30 years, is a wannabe pastry chef. She inherited her love of baking from her paternal grandmother Lucy who was the consummate balabusta.



Babkas with Joan Wallis is a Lunch & Learn program. Stay tuned for more Lunch & Learn classes soon!



RABBI MAURICE HARRIS
PRESENTS
**HOW DID WE
GET HERE?**
A BRIEF HISTORY OF ISRAEL AND THE
ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

Two sessions:

Thursday, December 3 & Thursday, December 17

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Virtual event on Zoom: access provided upon registration

[Click here](#) for additional information and to register.

This series is a collaboration with Reconstructing Judaism and is sponsored by the CBG Family Fund.

**B'nai Reel Time – A Film Discussion Group: *Little White Lie*,
facilitated by Joan Wallis and Sharon Haber**

Saturday, January 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

With the weather turning cooler and Covid restrictions keeping many of us at home, we are pleased to introduce our film discussion group, B'nai Reel Time.

Please join us for our first monthly B'nai Reel Time discussion on January 2 at 7:00 p.m., covering Lacey Schwartz's documentary, *Little White Lie*. Please watch *Little White Lie* at your leisure and then join us virtually over zoom for the discussion, facilitated by Joan Wallis and Sharon Haber. It can be found on several screening services.



Little White Lie, a film by Lacey Schwartz, is about “family secrets, denial, dual identity, and the power of telling the truth.” *Little White Lie* tells Lacey Schwartz’s story of growing up in a typical upper-middle-class Jewish household in New York, with a strong sense of her Jewish identity—despite the open questions from those around

her about how a white girl could have such dark skin. Lacey does not learn until she is a young woman that her biological father was a black man with whom her mother had an affair. Lacey struggles to come to terms with her upbringing and identity. 66 minutes, English, 2014. Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxHLpgYwcVY>.

For additional information and register (including how to access Kanopy), [click here](#).

The Rest of the Tanakh, with Pat Madsen Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

For additional information and to register, [click here](#).



Books & Bagels

First Sunday of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 am

Join other book lovers for informal, stimulating, and virtual discussions of books by Jewish authors.

- December 6: *In the Darkroom* by Susan Faludi
- January 3: *Here I Am* by Jonathan Safran Foer
- February 7: *A Bookshop in Berlin* by Françoise Frankel

Register for one or both book discussions [here](#).

All are welcome!

Community Events

Earthlinks Holiday Gift Market

Virtual Shopping Event - December 4 - 10

Pick up from Friday, December 11, 12:00 - 6:00 pm and Saturday,

December 12, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Shop handcrafted & sustainable gifts made by and benefitig people experiencing homelessness. Shop online at earthlinks-colorado.org/shop

Sustainable Israeli-Palestinian Projects (SIPP) Celebrate SIPP!

Sunday, December 6, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Your Gifts at Work. Please join us for this exciting Zoom event to hear from SIPP's seven new Mini-Grant recipients. Their projects cover a wide range of civil society and environmental programs that support efforts to promote peace and well-being in Israel and the West Bank. There will also be updates on SIPP's other projects. For more information about this event and to RSVP, please [click here](#).

[SIPP](#) was a B'nai Havurah Tikum Olam Grant Recipient in 2015.

Multicultural Mosaic Foundation cordially invites you to:

Meet Colorado's First Muslim State Representative Iman Jodeh,

Tuesday, December 8, 6 - 6:45 pm

Iman Jodeh is a Muslim American politician from Colorado. A member of the Democratic Party, she was elected to represent the 41st district in the Colorado House of Representatives in the 2020 general election, and will become the first Muslim lawmaker in the state's history. The district includes part of Aurora in Arapahoe County. In the election, she defeated her opponent, winning 65.86% of the vote.

Iman Jodeh was born to Palestinian Muslim parents who immigrated to the United States in 1974 She grew up in Aurora and graduated from Overland High School. She graduated from the University of Colorado Denver with a bachelor's and a master's degree and is now a community liaison for Interfaith Alliance of Colorado. In 2008, she founded Meet the Middle East, a nonprofit whose mission is to bridge understanding between Americans and what she says is the "most misunderstood region of the world." **For more information and to register [click here](#) .**

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