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Israel at 75

Rabbi Ike Serotta



The new year of 5783 is rapidly approaching. This year the State of Israel will pass a remarkable milestone, celebrating the 75th year of its independence. This is an anniversary to celebrate and we have a few things in mind to mark the occasion.

Join us in February as Cantor O'Brien and I lead a trip to Israel. This will actually be our first Makom Solel Lakeside trip as our previous plans got postponed during the COVID lockdown. Travel to Israel is back to (almost) normal and February 11-21, 2023 is an excellent time to visit. While it is still freezing here, it will be spring in Israel and we will spend time in Tel Aviv, up north near the Golan, in the mystical town of Sefat, in the south at Masada and the Dead Sea, and of course in Jerusalem.

As an added bonus Rabbi Lisa Bellows and members of Congregation Beth Am in Buffalo Grove will also join us. Rabbi Bellows has been very involved with Women of the Wall, who struggle for equal religious footing for Reform Judaism and women's rights in Israel. Her perspective will add so much to the trip!

I am particularly excited to be doing this trip with Cantor O'Brien, not only because of the scholarly and musical presence he will bring to this, but also because it will be his first time back in Israel since his first year of Cantorial School! I know how much he is looking forward to being back and it will add to the joy and celebration of our time together.

I have traveled to Israel many times with congregational trips, to study or for conventions and when I go, I always come back with a work of art. The walls of our house are nearly full, but I look forward to adding something to the collection. Israel is an amazingly creative place, great food, wine, culture and art.

At Makom Solel Lakeside we have some remarkable art from Israel, and recently we received a painting by the artist Matan ben C'naan. This painting, "Jeremiah" arrived in the early days of COVID so not many members of our community have had a chance to see it. It is exceptional, the painter combines classical elements and complex narratives with contemporary art and present-day themes. This is not the Jeremiah of Michaelangelo, but a modern and powerful vision. **At Selichot services this year, not only will attendees have a chance to see the painting, but the artist will be here in person.** While you are marking off the time for the Israel trip in February, be sure to add Selichot Services on September 17 at 7:30pm for the beautiful Selichot service that begins the holy day season and to meet the artist and hear about his work.

And as Israel celebrates its 75th birthday, what can we give them as a present? Our community is working with eight other congregations in the suburbs to endow a new ambulance for Magen David Adom, Israel's version of the Red Cross. Magen David Adom was started in 1930 during the British Mandate so it is even older than the state. It has served the needs of all the people of Israel: Jews, Christians, Moslems, Buddhists and Hindus. People of every race because Israel is a remarkably diverse place. That is evident in the ambulance crews themselves that transcend gender, faith and race.

In Israel Magen David Adom ambulances respond to every emergency. They rescue people from accidents and save victims of

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What Does Makom Mean Today?

Rabbi Evan Moffic

Names matter. They reflect how others see us and, in the case of a name we choose, it also reveals the way we see ourselves.

Do you know what Makom means? When we chose it several years ago, we talked about it. But with so many new members of our congregation, perhaps we can all benefit from reviewing its meaning.

Makom appears multiple times in the Hebrew Bible. Its primary meanings are “place” and “God.” In other words, it means a spiritual home.

But in its various appearances in the Hebrew Bible, the word makom also conveys the qualities we look for in a spiritual home. What are those qualities?

The first is humility. We know a makom is a humble place because of what Jacob says when he uses it in Genesis 28. He dreams of a ladder connecting heaven and earth, with angels going up and down the ladder. When he wakes up, he proclaims, “God is in this makom, and I did not know it! How awe-inspiring is this makom!”

Jacob saw God in a makom he did not expect. What seemed small and insignificant was actually magnificent and transformative. That’s the power of a makom, a place of God.

Second, we see the word again in the last book of the Hebrew Bible, the Book of Chronicles. This book is rarely read in synagogues because it is a repetition of the other parts of the Bible, but it is considered part of the Jewish canon.

In 1 Chronicles 15:27 we read, “Glory and majesty are before God; strength and joy are in God’s makom.” When we enter into our Makom, we find strength and joy. The strength we feel is not physical strength. For that, we can go to the gym!

Rather, we find inner strength in the stories of our ancestors and the wisdom of our tradition. We find strength in the prayers and songs, sung by those of every age, echoing in our sanctuary.

We also find joy. Joy is not the same thing as pleasure. Pleasure is a great meal or a massage. Those are nice. But joy is a deeper feeling of purpose and satisfaction.

We can find joy even in a struggle, as we realize the strength we have inside us. We can find joy knowing we add our voice to the ongoing story of the Jewish people.

This has not been an easy summer to find joy. Our community is still reeling, and we will be for a long time. But that’s why we are here. That’s why we are Makom.

New Financial Model Breaks Barriers to Community, Engagement & Education

Holly Krakow



This article was published by E Jewish Philanthropy on Thursday, August 25th.

Do not separate yourself from the community, (Pirket-Avot 2:4). In my own experience with Judaism, I have noticed that Jewish texts teach us that community is not an option but an obligation, so it makes sense that when I was growing up in the 1980s, Jewish families joined synagogues. It is just what they did. This was how families built community and made lifelong friends.

In addition to being a place of prayer, the synagogue is the place to celebrate lifecycle events and simchas, celebrations. The community that formed within the synagogue cared for its members and often took on the role of family, providing a sense of belonging, purpose, connection and security. Today, there is an assumption that people are only willing to join a synagogue when they have a life-cycle event and/or need the services of a spiritual leader, a rabbi and cantor. I believe this assumption is only an assumption. People, today more than ever, are craving meaningful experiences where they are accepted and cared for, they want to feel they belong. We still want and need community, that will never change. What is changing is the mindset of how we are building community within our synagogues and how we meet members of our community where they are. Choosing to join a synagogue, paying dues, like it was in the 1980's when I was a child, isn't the answer anymore. I would suggest that we start the process of connection and forming relationships to build community first by creating a sense of belonging, and the financial commitment to the synagogue community follows.

In Genesis 12:1 God speaks for the first time to Abram. "Go forth from your native land and from your father's house to the land that I will show you." Like Abram, our journey involves twists and turns, risk taking, creating change and like Abram, we need to leave our comfort zone to continue to grow. "Judaism calls upon us to understand that our individual life journeys are both reflected in and illuminated by the larger journeys of our people (and vice versa), and that our success in life depends as much upon the integrity with which we progress as it does upon reaching our goals." (JCCs of North America Early Learning Framework, January, 2017).

Over the past 2 years of COVID, many people in our community remained highly engaged in worship, programming and education, even remotely, but that was not the case for all. Conversations around membership dues began to shift to discussions around fee for service, rather than abatements that were need based. While we offer a myriad of programs in addition to worship, the people define who we are as a community. In 2021, we shifted our mindset and culture to encourage engagement, create a feeling of belonging and promote growth and sustainability of the community. To do so, we changed our traditional dues model calling it Community Commitment, using intentional values-based language, putting the emphasis on support of the community. Each year, congregants of the Makom Solel Lakeside community are asked to make a values-based commitment to help financially sustain the community, the people, not the organization. The goal being that this will help to strengthen and grow community, while creating a greater sense and feeling of belonging. This yearly financial commitment to the community covers all that Makom Solel Lakeside offers,

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My Thankful Jewish Journey

Jen Gordon

I am excited and honored to be the Board President at Makom Solel Lakeside. When I was a part of the Steering committee that brought our two congregations together, I was in constant awe over the dedication, the passion, and the collaboration of all, to create our Makom. I love this community, and I am humbled to be a part of strengthening and growing it.

A little background about me, I married my college best friend, Mike, and I'm a proud mom of two. My son Alex is a junior at UW-Stevens Point studying to be a high-school math teacher. My daughter Paige is a senior at Highland Park High School, busy working on college applications with plans of being a biology teacher. I'm so proud and excited to watch both of their futures evolve. Everyone at Makom has been such a blessing in raising our family. Both Alex and Paige were B'nai-mitzvahed and confirmed within our wonderful community.

I grew up in Freeport, Illinois, a small town a little over an hour from here, where I was baptized Catholic but raised in an Evangelical Church. My Jewish journey started at Anshe Emet 26 years or so ago. Ever the supportive boyfriend, Mike and I had a good routine back then, twice a week, we would head into the city to learn and pray. We did this for over two years, where I felt confident that I had found the right fit for me, a religion that has such a positive love for God and humanity, and an uplifting faith with a focus on tikkun olam. After a few years of being members at Anshe Emet and making the schlep from Glenview into the city to attend services; our Rabbi, who not only was a huge part of my conversion but also married us, "threw us out" by gently suggesting that we find a shul closer to where we live. And so we wandered for a few years until we settled in Highland Park and joined with friends at Lakeside. As a Jew by Choice, I'm hoping my upbringing and different experiences will bring an interesting perspective to my presidency, the board and our community.

I am enjoying working more closely with the clergy and staff at Makom. We are blessed to have such wonderful and supportive clergy and an amazing professional staff. Along with being present for our community for life cycle events, Rabbi Moffic and Rabbi Serotta both provide insight to help us all understand the world around us; and Cantor's musicality brings such joy and meaning to every event and service. I'm also thankful for the leadership of our executive director, Holly Krakow, and for Vanessa Ehrlich and Ashley Plotnick for keeping us all learning, no matter our age. And a big thank you to the office and building staff who all work to keep everything in synagogue life moving smoothly. I appreciate all of your collective support that you have already provided to me.

We have assembled a great team for our 2022-2023 board of directors. Each of them willingly volunteering to put in many hours of sacred work because they all care about our synagogue and the Makom community. I am excited about all that we are starting to plan for this year.

Lastly, one question I've been thinking about is . . . is this my room? The first time my parents visited legacy Lakeside, my mom looked around the oneg after services and asked me if this was "my room." Over the past 6 years as I continued with my board work, my mom often reminds me of my response. I said "Not yet, but it will be." I didn't really know many people yet, and like many board members, I got involved because I was asked, that is all it really took. I was excited to get

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TIKKUN OLAM FALL UPDATE

We hope everyone had a relaxing and refreshing summer. Over the summer the Tikkun Olam committee and affiliate groups were very productive; culminating with the Carnival of Action on August 21, which featured a wide range of projects and groups including: Refugee Action; Every Voice, Every Vote; Green Group; Moms Demand Action—preventing gun violence; Lake County United; Chesed Circle and so much more! Also, there was food and entertainment for the whole family. A big thank you to Amy Plotnick and Laurie Feldman for their leadership in organizing this fantastic event!

Now that we are transitioning to Fall, we'd like to highlight some opportunities to get involved with Tikkun Olam projects and initiatives.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION UPDATE

Our DEI initiative is alive and well. Since our presentation to the Board last spring, many projects have been underway. Whether it's updated language on our website, new signage in the building, a Pride Flag in our West lobby, and/or greater digital accessibility to our worship services and new programs under construction—our clergy, staff, and lay leaders are working tirelessly to ensure that Makom is not only a welcoming place, but also a belonging place. Thank you, all! Watch this space for updates.

DEERFIELD FREE STORE: MAKOM SOLEL LAKESIDE & NORTH SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH FORM PARTNERSHIP

It started operating out of a storage locker, but now the Deerfield Free Store is spread out over 6 classrooms and a library in the shuttered Holy Cross School in Deerfield .

Refugees and their sponsoring families can make appointments to “shop” at the store which includes a variety of donated goods—furniture, cleaning products, kitchenware, tools, toys, and clothing for men, women and children.

It takes many volunteers to manage this store. Congregants from Makom Solel Lakeside will join members of the North Shore Unitarian Church to volunteer from 12:30 pm-4:00 pm on the third Sunday of each month, starting in September. Volunteers will help families shop, organize donations and manage inventory. Masks are required.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Laurie Feldman at laurie12feldman@gmail.com.

TIKKUN OLAM FALL UPDATE CONTINUED

“EVERY VOICE, EVERY VOTE”— CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN 2022

The Reform Jewish Movement’s 2022 Every Voice, Every Vote Campaign is a non-partisan effort, grounded in our Jewish values and commitment to racial justice; and to strengthen our democracy by encouraging and protecting voter participation. It is how we fulfill the Talmudic teaching that a ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted. It is our prayer! It is our voice!

For the postcard campaign, our congregation has already sent 1,000 postcards to Florida for the primary. Now we are sending 3,000 postcards to Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia for the general election. We are reaching out to voters of color who are likely not contacted by other groups; prioritizing areas where voter turnout can make an impact on voting rights. Postcards can be picked up at Makom starting now; some will need to be mailed in September; others in October. This is a big project, so we are looking for lots of participants!

There is also a phone banking campaign—Every Voice, Every Vote: Every Week—weekly phone banking every Wednesday through the General Election. Register at www.rac.org/evevcall.

Please go to page 22 to read an article on Refugee Action and go to page 22 to read an update on the Green Group’s activities.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Contact Tikkun Olam co-chairs Linda Muskin (lmuskin@gmail.com) or Sharon Stein (ssstein24@gmail.com) to find out about opportunities to participate.

WHAT’S NEXT?



Watch Makom at Home for updates. If on Facebook—get info by joining these groups: [mytikkunolam](#) and [Makom Solel Lakeside Community](#). To request the monthly Tikkun Olam Calendar, contact Staci Friendman, sfriedman@mymakom.org



EXPERIENCE THE 2022/5783 **HIGH HOLY DAYS** with Makom Solel Lakeside

IN-PERSON, INDOOR, & AT-HOME SERVICES WITH MEANING AND MELODY!

SELICHOT SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30pm

EREV YOM KIPPUR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:30pm Kol Nidre Service

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30pm Service

YOM KIPPUR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30am Tot Service

10:30am Morning Service

1:00pm Study Session

2:00pm Family Service

3:00pm Mincha (Afternoon Service)

4:00pm Yizkor Service

5:00pm N'ilah Concluding Service

ROSH HASHANAH DAY I

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:30am Tot Service

10:30am Morning Service

2:00pm Family Service

3:00pm Eco-Friendly Tashlich

ROSH HASHANAH DAY II

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:30am Morning Service



**Online registration required.
All Services are taking place indoors.**



Sukkot Open House

Celebrate Sukkot and enjoy a lovely
& relaxed evening at the home of
Rabbi Serotta & Ceilanne Libber

Please contact the office for the address.

Sunday, October 9th
4:00 - 6:00pm



Youth Group is back!

Join us for

Sushi in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 15

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Only for grades 2nd - 12th.

Veggie sushi | Make-your-own candy sushi | California roll
| Edamame | Arts & Crafts | Games

Registration required | Register by Wednesday, October 12th.
<https://www.mymakom.org/form/sushisukkah>



Selichot

Saturday, September 17 \ 7:30pm

Join us for Selichot Services as we prepare for the High Holy Days. Services will include the Makom Solel Lakeside Choir and the program following will feature Israeli Artist Matan Ben C'naan. C'naan will be speaking and showing art on the topic of remorse and self contemplating/observation in the light of High Holy Days.

This service will be in-person and virtual.



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Aplotnick@mymakom.org
to sign up.



Short Story Group

With Vanessa M. Ehrlich

Join us as we read short stories and meet every other week thisfall!

WEDNESDAYS | 10AM - 11AM ON ZOOM

The New Diaspora, The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction

Edited by Victoria Aarons, Avinoam J. Patt & Mark Shechner

The New Diaspora, The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction has an exciting, adventurous anthology of contemporary stories and novel chapters by various different editors. These dynamic anthology of pieces have either won or been considered for the Edward Lewis Wallant Award on the occasion of the award's fiftieth anniversary.

Sep 7 | Six Days by Ehud Havazelet

Sep 21 | The True World by Jonathan Rosen

Oct 19 | The Baghdadi by Joan Leegant

Nov 2 | The World to Come by Dara Horn

Nov 16 | That'll be Two Dollars and
Fifty Cents, Please by Myla Goldberg

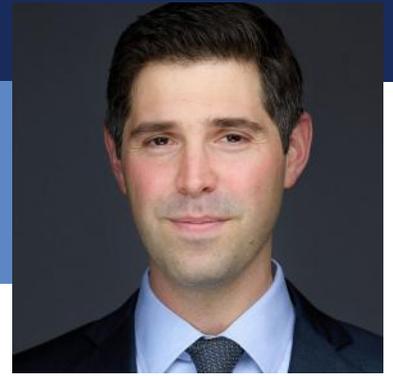
Dec 7 | Dinosaurs by Harvey Grossinger

Dec 21 | The Afterlife of Skeptics by
Rebecca Newberger Goldstein

Email Vanessa Ehrlich for the link: VEhrlich@mymakom.org | Registered Group members will receive the link before each class.

Rereading Shema: Building Lives of Greater Intention

Cantor Jay O'Brien



One could say the Book of Deuteronomy is an acquired taste. Whereas the previous four books of Torah contain stories and legends, this final book is largely a collection of farewell speeches by Moses to the People of Israel. Since Moses cannot accompany the Israelites into the Promised Land, he proceeds to summarize all the teachings the people will need to succeed on their own. The Greek word Deuteronomy means "Second Law," and refers to the recapitulatory nature of the book. Its Hebrew name, Devarim, simply means speeches.

What Deuteronomy lacks in narrative flair, it makes up for in the sophistication of its philosophical and theological ideas. One example of this depth is found in the phrase from chapter four, "V'yozi Etchem Mikor HaBarzel MiMitzrayim," which translates to "[and YHVH] took you from the iron furnace of Egypt" (Deut. 4:20). Here, Moses recontextualizes the experience of slavery in Egypt as a test of character. Moses knows the people will need strength in his absence. His words skillfully convince them they are already tough enough.

A little later in the book we read the watchword of our faith, Shema and V'ahavta. Monotheism itself springs forth from these immortal words: "Listen Israel: YHVH is your God; YHVH is One. Love YHVH your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your might." Taken on its own, these verses constitute the very essence of Jewish faith. Yet when read in the context of its preceding verses, we can detect another more subtle aspect of Moses' teaching.

Immediately before the Shema, Moses tells the people to follow the commandments by saying, "V'shamarta La'asot, Asher Yitav L'cha, V'asher Tirbun Meod" (Deut. 6:3). This can be translated as, "You must observe these actions, that you may succeed, and greatly prosper [in the Promised Land]." On one level, this means the people will find fulfillment in the Promised Land if they closely follow God's Laws. Yet the highlighted phrase, V'shamarta La'asot ("observe these actions") is a counterintuitive way of making the point. Could Moses not have simply said Va'asita ("do these things")? More specifically, what does it mean to "observe" one's actions?

I submit this verse implies that mindless or mechanical actions translate into temporary and transient results. When seeking to establish a new way of life in the Promised Land, the longevity of the people will depend on their conscious adherence to God's law. So too when we examine life choices more closely, it leads us to make better decisions more consistently. The 18th century Jewish mystic Moshe Chaim Luzzato further explains this concept in his moral and ethical treatise Mesilat Yesarim (Path of the Just): "They who wish to watch over themselves must investigate two matters: contemplate what actions are truly good... both when doing the action, and when contemplating past actions." (Chapter 3)

Immediately after "observing our actions," Deuteronomy continues with the famous words of Shema and V'ahavta (Deut. 6:5-9). Moses thus implores the people to understand God's oneness, and to channel their emotional, spiritual, and holistic love towards an awareness of the divine. Rather than reading Shema/V'ahavta in isolation, the context of its preceding verses suggest that Shema/V'ahavta can be understood as building upon the notion of "observing one's actions." Yet, how exactly does belief in one God empower us to live with greater intention? Monotheism itself demands that we remove

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FALL 2022 BE MITZVAH SPOTLIGHT



Noah Schriftman

With abundant love and great joy, Ashley Plotnick and Seth Schriftman, and sisters Molly Rose and Sophie Claire, wish Noah Raphael Schriftman mazel tov on his *Bar Mitzvah* on September 3rd, 2022! The family's nachas is shared by Noah's grandparents, Amy & Bennett Plotnick of Glenview and Nannette & Lee Schriftman of Philadelphia. Noah and his family live in Deerfield, where Noah is in 8th grade at Caruso Middle School. Noah enjoys playing drums, basketball, and hanging out with his friends. Aside from preparing for his *Bar Mitzvah* with Simcha, he has spent the Summer volunteering at a nature-based Jewish day camp for young children.



Levi Blum

Levi Blum will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on September 10, 2022. He lives in Deerfield with his parents, Kim and Josh Blum, and older brother Micah. Levi's proud grandparents are Susie and Lanny Jacobs of West Bloomfield, MI; Nanette and Steve Garner of Santa Rosa, CA; and Steven and Georgette Blum of Rancho Mirage, CA. Levi is an 8th grader at Shepard Middle School. He plays football, volleyball, loves geography and manages his own YouTube channel. In the summer, you can find Levi at Camp Menominee. For his *mitzvah* project, Levi is working with the National Stuttering Association to offer a variety of support to people who stutter.



Laurel Zeller

Laurel Zeller's *Bat Mitzvah* is right around the corner on September 17th, just after she turns thirteen on the 16th! She lives in Highland Park with her sister Holly (9), her parents Ben Zeller and Emily Mace, her tabby cat Porpentina "Tina" Esther Goldstein Zeller Mace, and her four fish. She is going into seventh grade at Edgewood Middle School, where she plays the violin and French horn and enjoys stage crew. In her free time she enjoys reading Harry Potter, swimming, learning Finnish on Duolingo, and playing with her sister. For her *mitzvah* project, Laurel will be collecting clothing to donate to the WINGS resale shops. Stay tuned for how you can contribute your gently used clothing and other items to her project!



Frankie DePodesta

Frankie DePodesta will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on September 17, 2022. Frankie is in the 8th grade at Edgewood Middle School at Elm Place in Highland Park. Frankie lives in Highland Park with his parents, Nancy and Frank, his little sister Reese, their dog Lola, and cat Humphrey. Frankie enjoys spending his summers at Camp Timberlane in northern Wisconsin swimming, tubing, fishing, and hanging out with friends. Frankie's *Mitzvah* project is raising money for the victims of the Highland Park 4th of July parade shooting. Since starting his project, he has raised over \$2,500 for his project.



Olivia & Zach Razzoog

Olivia and Zach Razzoog will become *B'Nai Mitzvah* on September 24, 2022. Zach is in 8th grade and Olivia is in 7th grade at Shepard Middle School in Deerfield. They live with their parents, Ellen and Mike, and their goldendoodle, Madden. Zach is found on the baseball field when he is not at school or studying Hebrew. Olivia spends all her free time at the ice rink in Northbrook. They attend Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods summer camp in Michigan.



Lucas Greenberg

Lucas Greenberg will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on October 8th, 2022. Lucas is in 7th grade at Northwood Middle School and lives in Highland Park with his family and two dogs. He is in the dual-language Spanish program is almost fluent in Spanish! He also coaches the chess club at Oak Terrace and takes tennis lessons at Deer Creek Court. He also loves to rough house with his brother Noah, play video games, and watch movies. Lucas spent the summer at Tennis Camp and then went to a remote area of Manitoba, Canada by float plane to fish for Northern Pike and Walleye. During the pandemic, Lucas volunteered at the Pop-Up food pantry that was located behind the Highwood Public Library. He is currently working on picking a *mitzvah* project.



Anna Naidech

Anna Naidech is so excited to become a *Bat Mitzvah* on October 29th, 2022. Anna lives in Evanston with her parents and siblings, and is in 7th grade at Nichols Middle School. Anna is a part of the Flying Fish Swim Team at YWCA and the Knitting and Sewing Club, and also plays the Piano. For her *mitzvah* project, Anna volunteered with the Refugee committee to help set up an apartment for our sponsored Afghan family. Her Torah portion is the story of Noah's Ark and she has chosen Heifer International as her *mitzvah* project and will be raising money through bake sales and knitting sales. You can donate to her project at: <https://fundraise.heifer.org/fundraiser/3984231>



Marlee & Sami

Marlee and Sami are so excited for their upcoming *B'not Mitzvah* on November 5th, 2022! First and foremost, both girls love their family. They have 2 loving older stepsisters, Scarlette and Chloe, and a younger brother, Jordan. They love hanging out with their many cousins and grandparents. Both attend Northwood Junior High School in Highland Park; Sami will be going into 7th grade and Marlee will be going into 8th grade. Both girls enjoyed an awesome summer at Thunderbird overnight camp! Marlee loves to dance. She spends much of her free time outside of school doing all types of dance. She has the makings of turning into a great hip hop dancer in the very near future. Sami loves art and doing anything that requires using her creativity. We have a few artists in the family and Sami is following their footsteps and is turning out to be a great drawer and painter. Both girls are real jokesters and love to laugh and have fun!



Isaac Schlanger

Isaac Schlanger will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on November 12, 2022. He lives in Highland Park with his mom, Geri, dog, Hunter and Golide his cat. His hobbies include playing the drums, exploring, listening to music and reading. Isaac goes to Edgewood Middle where he enjoys spanish, math and being with friends. Camp Tamarack in Michigan is his home away from home. To decrease plastic pollution for his *Bar Mitzvah* project, he is organizing a few beach cleanups on the local beaches.



Melanie May

Melanie May is so excited to become a *Bat Mitzvah* on November 19, 2022. She is joined on this special occasion by mother Stacey Flaster-May, her father Andrew May, brother Jackson May, and grandparents Samuel and Nancy Flaster, and Morton and Karen May, all of Highland Park. Melanie is involved in musical theatre with The Performer's School and two dance teams with Off The Ground. She's an avid figure skater, singer, dancer, skin care enthusiast and all-around Spitfire! Melanie is a lover of animals and her Mitzvah project will be taking care of animals at a local animal shelter. Her only regret is that her guinea pigs, Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly, will not be able to help her celebrate

her *Bat Mitzvah*. She has spent many wonderful summers at Lake of the Woods Camp. This fall, Melanie will be a 7th grader at Northwood JR High in HP. Mazel Tov, Melanie!



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SOLEL LAKESIDE

Save the Dates for
SHARING SHABBAT
with Makom Solel Lakeside

- 10/14** | Consecration
- 11/4** | 5th Grade
- 12/2** | 1st & 2nd Grade
- 2/10** | 6th Grade
- 3/3** | 3rd Grade
- 4/14** | 4th Grade
- 5/5** | PreK & Kindergarten

FRIDAY SERVICE AT 6:30PM

Makom Solel Lakeside's
Children's Theatre

Fall Production:



Seussical
The Musical

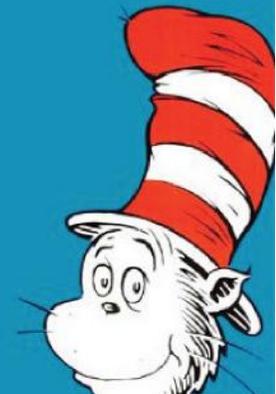
Rehearsals will take place on Sundays
after Lev Learning from 12:00pm-2:30pm.
September 11 - December 18 | Lunch included

Kids in 3rd - 7th grade are invited!

\$475 per semester

*Scholarships & sibling
discounts are available.*

Sign up here!



Building My Jewish Journey

Vanessa M. Ehrlich



When I was 14 years old, I decided to go to Jewish summer camp. I grew up in Crystal Lake, Illinois and was the only Jewish student in the high school until my sister came the next year. When I got off the bus at camp and saw over 500 Jewish kids my age I was astonished. I didn't realize that there were so many Jewish kids in all the United States. 49 years later I still happily go to Jewish camp, this year for 2 weeks, and marvel at all the Jewish chanichim, campers and all the experiences we have with them over the summer.

I love working with campers of all ages and this summer I was in Kibbutz HaTzofim, at Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute with campers from grades 5-7. Our Jewish topics ranged from listening to HaTikvah, The Star-Spangled Banner and Oh Canada and comparing national anthems to making Havdalah candles and spice boxes. I love both leading prayer at camp every morning and helping our chanichim to lead T'filot in the evening. There are many benefits to prayer, and I know it relaxes our chanichim and their madrichim, Counselors. We say every morning upon waking, the Modeh Ani prayer to express gratitude for the gift of another day. I miss hearing their voices and the sounds of nature as we pray outside.

I hope you will consider sending your children or grandchildren to a Jewish summer camp. If you spend 12, 18 or 19 days at a Jewish camp you may be eligible to receive a \$1,000 grant for your first summer of camp from One Happy Camper. One Happy Camper was envisioned as an outreach initiative for children who are not currently receiving an immersive, daily Jewish experience. OSRUI has scholarships for their campers as well. Don't let money be a deterrent to having your children experience a summer of fun and as we say, a lifetime of friends. I love sharing my experiences at camp and please don't hesitate to ask me when you see me at Makom. I may be humming the newest songs I just learned at camp.

Vanessa M. Ehrlich, RJE
Director of Lifelong Learning



Elul Reflections

Ashley Plotnick

As we move toward the Hebrew month of Elul, one month preceding the first of Tishrei, where Rosh Hashanah falls, my heart smiles at the beautiful tradition we have inherited.

This year, I have been called even deeper into Elul preparation, as our mussar group has intentionally studied each moment leading up to the High Holy Day season. With Elul, comes not only the tradition of blowing the shofar, awakening to the full meaning of our lives, but also the tradition of saying my favorite psalm, Psalm 27 each and every day. It reads:

One thing I ask, I ask of God, this do I seek
That I might dwell in the house of Adonai all the days of my life
Knowing the beauty, the beauty of God, and to dwell in Your holy place.

To dwell in God's house is to awaken not only to the beautiful sense of connection around us, but also to stay present when life is unbearably hard. The Hebrew word for patience, *savlanut*, is directly connected to the word for suffering, or to bear a burden. Sometimes all we can do is stay present to that which is hard until the time is right for something new to reveal itself. And we can pray for light when we need it most.

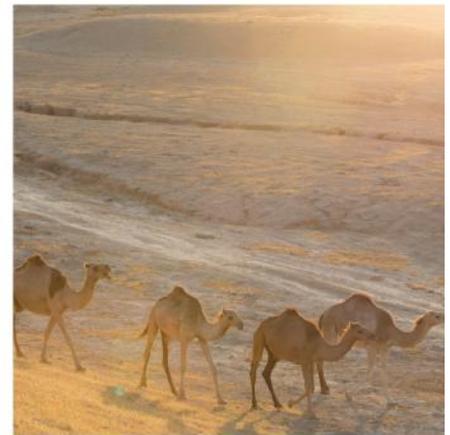
The image of light resonates deeply with me; it always has. In the creation story in the first chapter of Genesis, God says, "let there be light." God sees that the light is good, and God separates the light from the darkness. We are never told that the darkness is good, simply that evening and daytime have now been created. What does it mean to move through the darkness and to know that it too, is good, *gam zu l'tovah*?

The Talmud tells a story of Nahum Ish Gamzu, Nahum the man of Gamzu. This man encounters a number of calamities, at which point anyone would be expected to throw up their hands and curse their surroundings. Yet Nahum continually declares, "*gam zu l'tovah*," and this also is for the good. As fairy-tale, or in this case Talmudic, endings often go, each of the calamities in some way leads to a greater, at times unseen, blessing. From this, we learn to declare goodness even in the face of the difficult unknown, "when everything seems in shadow and in grief." It is one thing to ponder the nature of darkness and light, good and unknown, in the world. It is quite another to bring compassion to the ways that we struggle. The author Tara Brach writes, "The more light I let in, the more any sense of separation fell away." The central prayer in Jewish thought is the shema, declaring God's oneness. So too light and dark are one, our varied parts are one, our suffering and our joy are one, if only we lovingly embrace them all.

My professor Frank Rogers says, "the process of compassion is really a process of recovery – of retrieving an inherent capacity that has become, either in the moment or over time, buried and obscured." The process of recovery speaks to my soul, particularly around the Jewish processes of *teshuvah*, return, and *zikaron*, remembrance, as we engage in both remembering our inherent good as well as returning to that place of light. This year, may Yom Hazikaron, the Day of Remembrance, Rosh Hashanah, invite us to remember that which is essential in our lives, and may we turn and return to our most holy selves. Wishing you all a sweet, meaningful and compassionate renewal in 5783.



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UPDATE ON REFUGEE FAMILIES WE HAVE SPONSORED

Amir Hussain Family

Working with RefugeeOne, we co-sponsored this Rohingya family which arrived in summer 2018-mother, father, and 2 sons. The family has grown to be 6, with another son born in 2020(?) and a daughter in 2022. Ilyas, the father, has worked at a chicken-packing plant since soon after they arrived. Ilyas and his uncle recently purchased a 3-flat in West Rogers Park. In addition to providing housing for the two families, they have rented both the 3rd floor and the basement to cover the monthly mortgage cost. The two oldest boys attend Clinton Public School. One of our members, Laurie Kaden, continues to work with the family, particularly for taking them to medical appointments.

Ngoyi Family

This family, originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo, arrived in spring 2019- 3 adult siblings and 3 children of one of the sisters. The 3 adults all were working before COVID hit. Since then, the adult brother has moved and is living and working in another state. Mangaza, the younger sister, has earned a CNA certificate and is working at a long-term care facility in Chicago. Her older sister, Immaculee, works at Eli's Cheesecake and recently completed a sewing program at RefugeeOne. Immaculee's 3 children attend Clinton Public School. The 2 oldest, Theresa and Stephen, appeared in Makom Solel Lakeside's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Our member, Sarah Appel, is in regular contact with Mangaza, who attended the August 7 concert at MSL.

Sade Khan Family

Most recently we co-sponsored this Afghan family of 7 with HIAS Immigration & Citizenship, which is part of JCFS. They arrived in January 2022 after a stay in a military base in the U.S. Malim, the father, and the two adult sons work at a factory in Wheeling. We are working with RefugeeOne to locate other employment for them closer to their apartment in the Uptown neighborhood. The two younger sons, Akthar and Omar, will return to Brennemann Elementary School for the 2022-23 school year after participating in summer camps run by Brennemann School and REACH, Refugee Education & Adventure Challenge. The daughter, Shakila, started attending Sullivan High School toward the end of the last school year and will continue there in the fall. Sullivan has the most extensive program for refugee students in the city. During the summer, she participated in a program with other teenage refugee girls at Girl Forward. Girl Forward will connect Shakila with an adult mentor, who will work one-on-one with her throughout the school year. Our members who worked as mentors and tutors with the family recently completed their 6 months commitment, and will continue to help the family as needed. The case manager from HIAS I&C is again working with the family and the eldest son, Ahmad, is receiving additional assistance from World Relief, another refugee resettlement agency.

BE A PART OF OUR NEXT REFUGEE CO-SPONSORSHIP

Working with RefugeeOne, we are planning to join with Beth Shalom in Buffalo Grove to co-sponsor another refugee family this fall. We never know where a refugee family is coming from until shortly before their arrival. The families we have co-sponsored in recent years have come from Burma, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Afghanistan.

We need more volunteers to mentor and tutor the family members for the first 6 months after they arrive. Volunteers generally meet with families once a week and always work in pairs. Each volunteer meets with the family once or twice a month. If you have not already signed up, there still is time. No experience required. Please contact Alan Greene, aig0220@comcast.net

Thank you, The Refugee Committee:

Alan Greene (chair), Marcia Denberg, Gregg Hollander, Laurie Kaden, Alice Kohn, Bob Kohn, Amy PLOTnick, Gary Salit, Jim Schuster, Len Solof

GREEN GROUP UPDATE

As we approach the High Holidays and the New Year, the Green Group is reflecting, intending and finding new ways to take care of this beautiful, fragile planet.

We have just initiated a project to involve Lev Learning in this awareness by asking kids to open their eyes and start counting Monarch butterflies. Blair Brenner, through her foundation, will plant a tree for every participant, and we will start a baseline for comparison next year.

Every month we are posting an environment "tip" to help make new habits that will reflect less impact on the planet.

In September there will be an electronics collection which will include IPADS that will be directed to an organization for special needs individuals.

Another Nature Walk is being planned for September.

In November we will sponsor another "Make Less Waste" potluck dinner.

The Green Group is still working on ways to be more energy efficient in our building while infusing all of the holidays with an earth awareness. Watch for the meaningful "green" intention for Tashlit that we began last year.

Remember we celebrate the birthday of the earth on Rosh Hashanah. Think about stepping more lightly.

We are blessed to continuously welcome new members to our Makom Solel Lakeside Community!

Welcome to all our new members!

Jan Schrimmer

Tom & Roberta Drewes

Jack Lines

Roberta Auslander

Jamie Reiter

Taryn and Michael Garber

Jenny Angel & Allen Reese

Marion Greenwood

Jay & Irene Frank

Leslie Randolph

Joanne & Bob Zitter

Carole Roskind

Marci Adilman & Barry Krost

Lindsey & Jonathan Simcina

Debbie & Dan Levin

Emilia & Joseph Oldaker

Perry Mimms & Daniel Durkin

Jessica & David Neiman

Amy & Scott Gilbert

Beverly Yusim

Ashley Hogan

Jessica & Eric Cheng

Elaine & Danny Rozenblat

Maggie & Daniel Entin

Pauline Michael

Arlene & Phil Fine

Michael Brody

Carla Neufeld

Liz & Reid Strellner

CELEBRATIONS & SILVER LININGS

To all of the families celebrating Be Mitzvah's this upcoming fall.

To the family of Vanessa M. Ehrlich (Arthur) on the birth of their grandson this past summer.

To the family of Len & Mary Solof on the birth of their granddaughter, Hollis Rae, born July 15th.

To the entire Makom Solel Lakeside office staff & clergy for completing an enticing and successful educational and team building in-service this past month.

CONDOLENCES

To the family of **Larry Greenberg**, father Holly (Jeff) Krakow, and Beth Greenberg. Grandfather of Ross, Carly and Sammi

To the family of **Rudolph Keller**, father of Jim (Beth) Keller, and grandfather of Joshua (Clara Yom) Keller and Jonathan Keller

To the family of **Harvey Coustan**, friend of Ed Bederman

To the family of **Sanford (Sandy) A. Bank**, husband of Renee, Father of John (Ellyn) Bank, Douglas (Nancy) Bank

To the family of **Fern Abeles**, mother of Randy (Peggy) Abeles

To the family of **Edith (Edie) Shanken**, friend of Ed Bederman

To the family of **Norma Adler**

To the family of **James Rosenbaum**, beloved husband of Marcia nee Kolinsky. Loving father of Mike (Beth), Tom (Amy) and Dan (Jill) Rosenbaum. Cherished grandfather of Jamie, Evan, Seth, Abby, Ally and Hannah. Devoted brother of the late Jane (Paul) Harvey

To the family of **Lynda Maram**, wife of Bernie Maram, dear mother of Judie (John) Fiandaca and Sarah (Scott) Wolfman. Most amazing grandmother of Gabrielle, Gillian, and Gianna Fiandaca and Mikaela and Celia Wolfman

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE CONTINUED

involved, and I have met so many other lay leaders that are now my friends, and I have learned so much over my time spent participating on various committees and projects. It is up to all of us to work together to make this our room; and the room is always changing and evolving. If there is something you feel is not being addressed, attend a board meeting. If you feel there is a change you can make, join a committee. We are a lay-led community, which means it is up to all of us to determine and drive toward our desired goal. It is a continual process and like my list of honey do's for Mike, the room is never complete. Like the presidents before me, we are all striving to strengthen the community around us; doing a small part in helping to create the spiritual home that we want to be a part of. Over the past few years, Makom has definitely become that space and place for me, and I want to thank you all for being so thoughtful, supportive and welcoming.

One last note about my gratitude for everyone at Makom. I feel that our world has changed so much since the July 4th tragedy, and I want to recognize and thank our clergy and staff for all of the "stepping up" to be here for all of us and the surrounding community. From the comforting note sent out that terrible day, to the impressive and beautiful vigil, to the two fundraisers supporting Highland Park Community Fund – the blue & white challah sale and the Jewish Rock Radio concert raised over \$10,000 to support the Highland Park Community Fund - and to be the host for a Moms Demand Action meeting in our building, Makom has proven itself to be a huge support for our community. We are all so blessed. It was the right thing to do and very much appreciated. I'm humbled to be a part of all of it, and I'm sure the Makom community is just as grateful as I am to be able to attend these events, letting our spirits heal together.

L'Shalom,
Jen Gordon

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ARTICLE CONTINUED

including high holy days and religious school, Lev Learning, which serves children from pre-k-12 grades.

Based on national and local trends, traditional dues models can be a barrier to entry and affiliation to a congregation. In the 2017 study and article, *Connections, Cultivation and Commitment: New Insights on Voluntary Dues*, the authors key findings included: "the positive cultural impact of the change is as important as the financial ramifications," "congregations report an average 3.6% annual increase in membership," and "congregations report an average 1.8% annual increase in pledge revenue."

More relevant to Makom Solel Lakeside, the past dues model no longer reflected our values of transparency and empathy or goal for simplicity. By removing these barriers, we have seen an uprise in affiliation, in specific, younger families. During the first year, the inception of Makom Solel Lakeside's community commitment model, 84 new member households joined the community in fiscal year 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022), with 52 of said households to be families with young children. While other congregations throughout North America and in the Chicago area have variations of voluntary dues model, what sets Makom Solel Lakeside apart is the elimination of separate school fees for Lev Learning. This was intentional as in Judaism we value the idea that it is the responsibility of the community to educate our youngest learners.

Respecting and honoring families by asking them to make a values-based decision that is right for them, has shown to be successful in breaking barriers to entry, making affiliation affordable, removing judgment and allowing families with young children to become a part of the community. In the fall of 2021, pre-k -2nd grade has doubled in class size, while 3rd grade has tripled in size.

Yesterday morning, I received the email we all love to get. "Shabbat services this past Friday reconfirmed why we chose Makom to be our community. I felt the love and the peace that filled the room. I looked around and saw people who truly cared about me and my family. It's a place where I feel I belong...and where my family feels they belong. Max shared with me "I love going to Makom. All my friends are there." Eli said, "can we go back every week?" Life is hard...scary....and we're all striving to find a place where we belong...Makom does that for me...and I hope for all of you. Thank you for creating this amazing space where we can pray, laugh, cry, eat, love and so much more." This says it all!

L'Shalom,
Holly Krakow

Original article publication can be found here:

<https://ejewishphilanthropy.com/new-financial-model-breaks-barriers-to-community-engagement-and-education/>

RABBI SEROTTA'S ARTICLE CONTINUED

terror. But they also respond to every heart attack and occasionally even deliver a baby! Right now, there are ten ambulances helping the people of Ukraine and there is an Israeli medical team in Moldova treating the injured. Magen David Adom is an amazing organization, and we are proud to support it.

The need for new ambulances is great. Older ambulances need to be replaced; some are worn out through their use in the pandemic. These special medical vans are built in Terre Haute, Indiana, so we will have a visit from our ambulance before it ships to Israel! Please consider a donation to Makom Solel Lakeside's ambulance project. There will be a lot more information in the coming months.

Israel turns 75 in the year 5783! Makom Solel Lakeside looks forward to being part of the celebration.

CANTOR O'BRIEN'S ARTICLE CONTINUED

distractions from our hearts and refocus our energies and awareness towards one single point. This streamlining of thought and motivation can supercharge our lives, offering us greater clarity for the consideration of everyday choices. From this perspective, daily tasks become opportunities to repair and deepen our connection with the divine.

As the High Holy Days approach, we are all invited to apply this rereading of Shema to our own lives. The process begins when we reassess our relationship to the past. Recalling how Moses describes Egypt as the "iron furnace," we can reframe past trauma as a test of character and proof of resolve. The process continues as we commit ourselves to "observing our actions," leaving absentmindedness behind and embracing lives of greater depth and intent. The process culminates when we remove distractions from our hearts, allowing us to further refine our life goals and work more deliberately towards their realization. This type of self-examination and change is always difficult. Yet we are guided forward in that journey by words of Torah, renewing our focus and determination to reach the Promised Land.

Kein Yehi Ratzon; May This be God's Will,
Cantor Jay O'Brien

adult enrichment

at Makom Solel Lakeside

FALL SCHEDULE

10:00am - 11:00am

Refer to weekly email for the participation link



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September

11 The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton

Join us as Andrew Porwancher discusses his book, *The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton: The untold story of the founding father's likely Jewish birth and upbringing—and its revolutionary consequences for understanding him and the nation he fought to create.* Andrew Porwancher debunks a string of myths about the origins of this founding father to arrive at a startling conclusion: Hamilton, in all likelihood, was born and raised Jewish.

18 The Glory of the Jewish Voice in Opera

Roger Pines is recognized nationally and internationally as an expert in the field of opera, encompassing writing, lecturing, broadcasting, adjudicating, and repertoire research/consultation. Roger recently concluded his 26-year-tenure at Lyric Opera of Chicago. Join us as he takes us through the glory of the Jewish voice in Opera.

26 BREAK

October

2 Rabbi Michael Cohen

Rabbi Michael Cohen is a long-time environmental activist and faculty member of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies and Bennington College.

9 Should We Abolish the Electoral College?

Join Rosemary Heilemann and Joyce Williams as we learn about the history of the electoral college.

16 To Be Announced

23 The Life, Poetry and Music of Leonard Cohen *In-person & Virtual*

Join us alongside our very own Cantor Jay O'Brien with Susan Benjamin, as they discuss the life, poetry, and music of the influential Leonard Cohen.

30 Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition with Bruce Spierer

The global climate crisis is a historic inflection point for our planet, our communities, and our people. The Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition (JCLC) is mobilizing a collective Jewish response. JCLC is a coalition of Jewish community organizations that recognize the existential threat and moral urgency of the climate crisis and are committed to taking climate action. Join us to learn about the impact we can have together and how to we get in action!

November

6 Everyone Has a Story

Join Tim Lorsch, first born son of Jews, who fled from Nazi Germany in the late 1930's. Listen to Tim share his personal story of his relatives.

13 After the Midterm Elections with Jim Kenney

Join Jim Kenney, founder of Common Ground, as he discusses the aftermath of the Midterm Elections.

20 Getting Together as a Family for Thanksgiving, Gratefulness and/or Anxiety? *In-person & Virtual*

Join Dr. Steven Moffic as he dives in and leads on a pre-Thanksgiving discussion on gratefulness and anxiety.

PUZZLES WITH MAKOM

ROUND CHALLAH MAZE





Ways to recognize people you love and occasions that are meaningful

Most of us are fortunate to have fostered rich and rewarding relationships with family members, special friends and mentors. These associations are often tracked by major life cycle events such as birth, b'nai mitzvah, marriage, baby namings, anniversaries, honorific events and death.

What better way to express your affection than to participate in a permanent acknowledgment that offers opportunity for personalization as well as support for our synagogue community. As a result of the consolidation between the two congregations, there are now three ongoing displays earmarked for recognition possibilities:



Tree of Life

Located in the gallery area off our main lobby, our Tree of Life commemorates life's joyous occasions. You may purchase and custom inscribe a leaf (\$180) or a stone (\$1,800).



Kiddush Cup Display

Kiddush Cups hold a personal significance to Rabbi Serotta. Honor him and support Makom Solel Lakeside by purchasing a cup to add to the collection housed in the display case that is designed to emulate a Torah scroll. On every Shabbat, the cup for that particular week will be used for the service.

- Each cup comes with a customizable, engraved message.
- You can select from cups that the office has to offer, or you may contribute your own.
- You can choose a date that is of special importance to you.
- The weekly Kiddush Cups (including the engraving) are \$500; there are also major Jewish holiday cups available for a higher amount

The display is located in the south lounge across from the Administrative Wing.



Memorial Tree

Located in the east corridor near the chapel, our Memorial Tree is a legacy to those who have passed but who left a strong imprint on the lives they touched. You may purchase and custom inscribe a leaf (\$180) or a Hebrew letter (\$1800). The Hebrew letters translate to 'may their memories be a blessing'.

ALL RECOGNITION DISPLAY PURCHASES ARE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE. CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Making a Gift

Would you like to make a donation in honor of or in memory of a family member or close friend through Makom Solel Lakeside? Choose among several funds to direct your contribution to the cause you believe is most appropriate.

Fill out checks to Makom Solel Lakeside and designate your fund preference on the memo line; or call/email Stephanie at ssohn@mymakom.org for payment by credit card, stock, or alternative arrangement.

General Fund

Provides the Officers and Directors ultimate flexibility to use financial gifts where they are needed most.

Human Needs

Includes *Tikkun Olam* / Social Action initiatives, contributions to worthy social justice institutions, and support for members who require some form of financial, emergency or life-sustaining assistance.

Shalom Circle

Promoted by clergy, the fund supports enhanced programing for all ages and collaborates with all areas of Makom Solel Lakeside to create innovative, impactful, engaging opportunities in terms of interfaith dialogue, music, provocative intellectual stimulation, and impassioned spiritual experiences both within and outside the walls of the synagogue.

Security Fund

Help to safeguard the Makom Solel Lakeside building, its children, members and staff. Pays for security guards at all worship events, Lev Learning / Religious School classes, and many special events. Also finances ongoing training programs and security enhancements to our physical structure.

Legacy Funds

L'dor V'dor. Nothing is more important than the legacy we leave. The strength of our endowment and bequest funds is the gift we give to our children. This is how we can pass on wondrous moments we have gleaned from our years at Makom Solel Lakeside and our legacy congregations. Support in this way allows us to provide future generations with the lessons and luster of our experience. And fund investment income helps us with current operations.

Lev Learning (religious school)

Helps to finance our fabulous religious school and Hebrew curriculum including our wide-ranging *madrichim* program, our vibrant youth group and a host of special projects and activities.

Adult Enrichment

Helps to finance a wide variety of Sunday morning speakers, Tuesday night clergy classes, film and book groups, travel opportunities, morning minyans and a number of events that keep Makom Solel Lakeside rich, vibrant and fulfilling from college age to senior status.

myMakom Women

This organization inspires the women of our congregation to connect in many different ways all through a Jewish lens. Donations support a variety of social, spiritual and educational experiences. The group also has a firm commitment to social justice.

Music

Helps to support our outstanding volunteer choir, professional musicians and the special programs led by Cantor Jay O'Brien. This fund also provides financial assistance to help finance our High Holy Day vocal quartet, to purchase needed sheet music and other sound equipment.

Building Fund

Similar to our homes, the Makom Solel Lakeside facility requires ongoing investment to maintain a clean, well-run operation in which all components are properly monitored and in good repair: HVAC, kitchen, plumbing, electric, lighting, painting, landscaping, etc.: all must be managed and funded.

Rabbi Evan Moffic Discretionary Fund

The use of these funds will be determined by and at the discretion of Rabbi Moffic but will be consistent with the values of Makom Solel Lakeside.

Rabbi Isaac Serotta Discretionary Fund

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Cantor Jay O'Brien Discretionary Fund

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from Jordan & Jennifer Parker

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from Adriene Schifrien

In honor of

Joel Solomon's 70th birthday
from Barney & Lynne Firestone

Rabbi Ike's 20th anniversary
from Diane King

Thinking of the Serotta family (who we
visited Israel with) and the people of
Highland Park
from Jeffrey Alexander

In memory of

Lorna Jane Goodman
from Anne & Steven Wold

Stephen Straus, (1934-2022)
Victim of HP's 4th of July parade
from Penny & Robert Fields

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from David & Beverly Saiz

from Marilyn Wittenberg

from Marc & Susan Benjamin

In honor of

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from Carrie Gibson

Dylan Parker's Be Mitzvah
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Rabbi Moffic
from Laurie Feldman

Allie's Bat Mitzvah
from Marc & Susan Benjamin

Dottie & Steve's wedding
from Michael Kohn

In memory of

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from Michael Kohn

Lynda Maram
from Jordan & Jennifer Parker

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from Marian Michaels

from Fran Stone

from Laurence & Deborah Segil

In honor of

Where else can I hear Yerushalayim
Shel Zahav and Nessun Dorma in the
same concert? Well done
from Jay & Irene Frank

Jeannie's marriage
from Laurence & Deborah Segil

Dottie Zoller and Steve Epstein's
marriage
from Marc & Susan Benjamin

In honor of Jay's participation in "A
Midsummer Night's Dream" concert
from Amy Blechman

In memory of

Arthur Victor Appel
from Sarah Appel

With gratitude to

Cantor Jay's for his officiation at our
granddaughter, Izabella Paige
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Lavitt, Amanda & Chris

Cantor Jay
from Laurence & Deborah Segil

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from Art Kessler & Wendy Bloom

In honor of

Gregg Hollander's 50th Birthday
from Denise Siegel

In honor of Gabi Pearlman on his
becoming a Bar Mitzvah
from Dr. Richard and Rena
Panush

A wonderful concert
from Fern Funk

Dick Stone's memorial
from Joel Carlson

Gregg Hollander on the occasion of
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Jotty Friedland
from Helene Gerstein

Lorna Jane Goodman
from Howard & Judy Friedman

Lawrence Greenberg
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from Janet Buckstein

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from Janet Buckstein

Lynda Maram, May her Memory be a
Blessing
from Jennifer Goldman

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Howard Zimmerman
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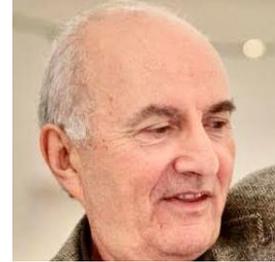
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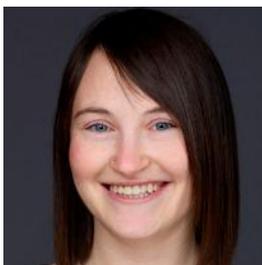
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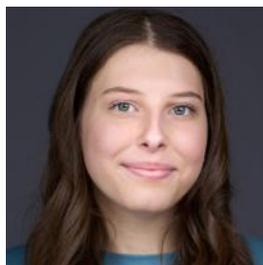
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