

# Kehillah Quarterly

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## A Time of Joy

Rabbi Ike Serotta



Every week at Shabbat services we read a lengthy list of names before we say the Healing Prayer, the *Mi Sheberach*. Sometimes the list seems unbearably long to us as we are reading it, and perhaps to you who hear it. Even so, I think that a lengthy *Mi Sheberach* list is the sign of a healthy community. The more people there are in our synagogue, the larger the web of interaction with the broader communities around us grows. If you think about the number of households in our community, then the *Mi Sheberach* list is mercifully short, and we certainly only name a fraction of the people in need of healing. That's why we always include a mention of those whose names we do not know.

The list we read is a symbol of the caring and love we send out to those in need. It is a token of the commitment we have to be there for others. And that's why a long list is the sign of a healthy community. We hear the names, and we remember to reach out to them, we keep them in our prayers, and we recognize that we are part of a caring community. It may seem like the lengthy list is bad news, but reframing it just a little, we realize that we are blessed to have so many people who care about the health of others around us!

Similarly when you receive an email about the loss of a loved one for members of our community, of course, it is bad news, but it is also reminder to care for those who may need a little extra love. Of all the emails we send out, the open rate on these emails is the highest. That is a sign once again of the compassion of our synagogue family.

A few years ago, a member of the congregation said she wished there was a rival network to MSNBC, Fox and CNN that reported only good news. Recognizing that the methodology of local and national news alike is "if it bleeds, it leads," sometimes it seems like the world is a lawless place filled with blood and heartbreak. But the truth is that the

compassionate, loving, law abiding people of the world, far outweigh the nudnicks and the nasty. So it's up to us to reframe the news we see and recognize that it is only a slice of reality.

If you were to judge our community only by the *Mi Sheberach* and Kaddish list, you might think our congregation is old and sickly. All bad news. But when you look at the flyers for all the upcoming events, Purim carnival for children, and Purim Spiel for adults, Seder events and so much more, you get a better picture of the vibrant life of the community.

Funerals, of course, take us by surprise, and they happen quickly and there is no other way to let people know, so we send out an announcement. If we had a GNN (Good News Network), you would also get an email about every baby naming, wedding, and Be Mitzvah student. On balance there is a lot more joy than oy around us, but it does require paying a little extra attention to see it.

As the Purim season comes upon us, we remember the maxim, "Be Happy, It's Adar!" Our traditions tell us to be cheerful and joyous through the entire month where Purim falls. This year is a leap year in the Jewish calendar, which means we add an extra month to reconcile our lunar Jewish calendar with the world solar calendar. That second month is another month of Adar. That's no accident. The rabbis who devised our calendar could have added another Heshvan, a month that has no Jewish holidays, but they didn't. They chose instead a second month of joy in the springtime of the year to add an extra spring to our step.

So remember that there is more good in the world than bad, and reframe the news. When a sad story comes our way, it

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## Working with the World As It Is

*Rabbi Evan Moffic*

By the time you read this, almost five months will have passed since

the worst day in the history of the state of Israel. My meetings with many of you during the first few months after the attack were some of my most challenging times as a rabbi. We all felt torn, betrayed, frustrated, confused, angry, sad. Many of these feelings remain.

But we have experienced much more since then. We've witnessed a horrific war with tens of thousands of deaths in Gaza and Israel. We've seen dozens of hostages remain captive. And we continue to shudder at the rise of antisemitism around the world. It is not stopping.

Many antisemites shroud their hatred of Jews by pointing to Israeli military action and describing it as genocidal. They say they have no problems with Jews, but they care about the loss of innocent life.

We all care about the loss of innocent life. And it is heart-wrenching to see apartment buildings in Gaza destroyed and homeless families trying to flee to safety. Anyone with a beating heart feels empathy for Palestinian losses.

But I don't believe antisemites have the best interests of Palestinians at heart. And I don't think Israel has any viable alternative right now than continuing to target Hamas and trying to free the remaining hostages.

Jewish law has a lot in common with an idea often associated with the late Henry Kissinger. That is *realpolitik*. *Realpolitik* is an approach to war and diplomacy governed by the world as it is rather than the world as it ought to be.

Now I often say Judaism compels us to bring the world as it is closer to the world as it ought to be! That is the belief underlying our commitment to *tikkun olam*.

But *tikkun olam* begins with the premise, with the acknowledgement, of the world as it is. We don't imagine things are better than they are. We don't imagine

circumstances are other than they are. We don't paper over real problems and differences of opinion.

Similarly, Israel can't ignore terrorists on its border. It can't ignore the tremendous number of Palestinians who have justified and supported Hamas's attack of October 7th. It can't ignore the willful participation of several staff members of the United Nations in the murders of October 7th.

I mentioned earlier that October 7th was the worst day in Israel's history. And these next few months, as the war likely slows down, will be among the most consequential periods for Israel's future.

Security forces will face questions about the future of Gaza and the West Bank. Israel's leaders, several of whom are facing major corruption charges, will need to take responsibility for the security failures manifest on October 7th. And Israelis will need to revive an economy and society drained and traumatized.

What is our role? What can we as members of the American Jewish community do? We can show our love. We can give, visit, and speak out. We can also proudly proclaim our Jewish commitment. I know of several teens and adults who are proudly wearing Jewish stars on their jewelry and clothing as a sign of solidarity.

We can also remain confident in the justice and morality of Israel's response. The basic job of any government is to protect its citizens. And this government has to do everything it can to reduce the fear that something like October 7th could happen again.

Has Israel made some mistakes over the last six months? Of course. Will it make more? Absolutely. Does that mean the response is over the top, ineffective, or unjust? Absolutely not.

The only way we can bring about peace and a better world is if we acknowledge and work with the world as it is. May God give us the strength to continue to do so.

## Tzedakah, Righteous Giving

Holly Krakow



Many of you might not know that we have a Tzedakah Box outside the Sanctuary at Makom. My family and I became members of legacy Solel 22 years ago when my oldest son Ross was in 2nd grade and the Tzedakah box has been there ever since I can remember.

Tzedakah, which is the Hebrew word for charity or righteousness, is an important concept in Judaism. In Judaism, giving Tzedakah is seen as a moral and ethical obligation. Our identity has always been closely tied to social justice. At Makom, social justice is woven into our everyday practice of Judaism, as generations come together to work on important issues including gun violence, affordable housing, and mental health care.

When we think of “giving Tzedakah”, we often think of helping others less fortunate, the homeless community, and organizations that help the hungry. We give to gun control, women’s rights and refugees. But what about giving Tzedakah to our own synagogue community? Why do we only ask our children to give Tzedakah on Sunday at Lev Learning? By giving tzedakah to our synagogue community, you are helping to support the programs, services, and activities that benefit the entire community.

Tzedakah helps to strengthen the bonds within our Makom community, fostering a sense of belonging and shared purpose among our members. By giving back, you are helping to

create a supportive and caring environment for all who belong here.

Tzedakah is a fundamental Jewish value that emphasizes the importance of giving to those in need. By supporting our beloved Makom, you are living out this value and helping to ensure that we continue to thrive.

By giving tzedakah we set an example to our children, showing them how important it is to give, and that generosity can inspire others to give back and contribute to the well-being of the community as a whole. Giving cultivates gratitude and humility and can help us to recognize our own blessings. So next time you are at Makom consider practicing generosity by visiting our Tzedakah box.

L'Shalom,  
Holly Krakow







## *Shamati: I Hear You*

Jen Gordon

It is important to remember that not everyone in our *makom* (sacred place) has the same opinion and thoughts about the news and all that is happening in the world today. We need to be reminded to say *Shamati*, I hear you, to ensure an open dialogue where everyone feels heard, and in a respectful way.

This seems like good timing to present something the Makom Board has been working on and recently adopted on behalf of the congregation, a Congregational Code of Ethics. This past year, the URJ has asked all reform

congregations to adopt an ethics code so there is a system in place to address the behavior of lay leaders, volunteers, congregants and staff. We want to ensure that our sacred space is safe, equitable, and inclusive for everyone. This code, below for your review, provides a safe space and actions to take if someone is feeling uncomfortable or hurt about a situation at Makom.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about Makom, but also about our Congregational Code of Ethics. I'm always available for a conversation.

## Makom Solel Lakeside Code of Ethical Behavior

At Makom Solel Lakeside, we **stand together** as a sacred and ever-evolving Reform Jewish community where all belong and find their place in creating a more just and joyful world. As partners in our *kehillah k'dusha* (sacred community), we endeavor to conduct ourselves according to the highest standards of moral behavior. Our Jewish values embody the teaching that every human being is created in *b'tzelem Elohim* (the image of God). We, therefore, strive to hold ourselves to the highest standards of personal integrity, social responsibility, and human decency. Makom embraces everyone without regard to religious background, age, ability, mental health, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic status. Makom is a safe, welcoming, and sacred environment where we behave ethically and hold ourselves accountable. Makom has created a **Code of Ethical Behavior** for the synagogue board, congregational members, and clergy to ensure adherence to these standards.

We will treat all ethical allegations seriously and work to fairly resolve them, understanding that healing and reconciliation are the goals whenever possible. The behavioral expectations of the board, members, and clergy include, but are not limited to, maintaining an environment of:

### **RESPECT**

The members of the Makom congregation, board, employees and clergy shall:

- Conduct ourselves with good manners and common courtesy.
- Act with integrity.
- Treat others with fairness and compassion.
- Address issues - not personalities.
- Respect confidentiality of personal matters.
- Refrain from threats, insults, slander, derogatory speech, and intimidating or attacking other congregants either verbally or physically.

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# Paradise and Sanctuary

*Cantor Jay O'Brien*



According to the annual cycle of Torah readings, we spend this time each year reading about the construction of a portable sanctuary known in Hebrew as the Mishkan. When Moses and the Israelites first began their forty year journey through the desert, God commanded Moses to gather donations from the people in order to create a centralized location for communal worship. The word Mishkan comes from the Hebrew root meaning “to dwell,” referring to this site as the dwelling place for God among the people. In practice, the Mishkan was an arrangement of tents, curtains, and implements for the purposes of offering food and sacrifices to God, presided over by priests on behalf of the community.

The Torah also recounts many beautiful sacred objects in its description of the Mishkan. Perhaps most memorable among these items is the seven branched candelabra known as the Menorah (Hebrew root meaning lamp). According to the Torah, the menorah was approximately 5 feet tall and made of pure, hammered gold. Given these materials and dimensions, it would have been an invaluable symbol of communal solidarity and an enduring expression of their devotion to God.

The menorah was also an example of exquisite craftsmanship and design. Moses instructs that each of the seven candle holders be fashioned in tree-like shapes, complete with representations of flowers, stems, and leaves. Bible scholar Carol Meyers explains, “the Torah’s descriptions of the menorah are replete with botanical imagery: calyxes, petals, branches, almond blossoms.” Meyers says this “tree of life”

imagery was common in the ancient world, and often invokes associations with fertility, regeneration, and fecundity.

Aside from its historical interest, the stylization of the menorah as a tree of life also carries with it strong allusions to the Garden of Eden story from earlier in the book Genesis. As Rabbi Shai Held notes, there are other key decorative elements that harken back to the Garden of Eden. Angelic figures known as cherubim appear in both contexts: as guards for both the gates of Eden, as well as atop the Ark of the Covenant (metal coffer containing the original Ten Commandments). Bible scholar Daniel Block reasons that the Mishkan is constructed “as a miniature Eden. Decorated with images of cherubim and palm trees, lit by the menorah- a symbol of the tree of life- and served by high priests decked out in royal colors and precious stones, these motifs hark back to the garden.”

In some ways, I consider Makom to be like our very own Mishkan in the desert. Both are sacred spaces where individuals gather together and become a community. Both are made possible through offerings given from the heart. And both are sources of light and inspiration. When we read about the building of the Mishkan, its decorative allusions to the Garden of Eden also suggest an intriguing possibility: the sacred spaces we create as a community also serve as reminders, however distant they may be, of earthly paradise and a world redeemed.

L'Shalom,  
Cantor Jay O'Brien

# ADULT ENRICHMENT

## WITH MAKOM SOLEL LAKESIDE

### SPRING 2024 SPEAKERS

#### MARCH

**3 Rabbi Steven Moffic & Rabbi Evan Moffic**  
How Does a Psychiatrist and a Rabbi Look at Life?  
*9:30am Lox & Bagels | In person*

**17 Rabbi Zoe Klein**  
Discussing her book: Candle, Feather, Wooden Spoon: New Jewish Stories. *Virtual*

**10 Holocaust Museum Field Trip**  
"I'll have what she is having, a history of the Deli".  
*Registration Required*

**24/31 BREAK**

#### APRIL

**7 Rachel Shteir**  
Discussing her book about Feminist Betty Friedman, Sponsored by MyMakom Women.  
*9:30am Lox & Bagels | In Person*

**21 Eugene Finerman**  
Our Precarious Emancipation Throughout much of European History *12:30pm | Lite Lunch*

**14 June Hersch**  
Food, Hope & Resilience: Authentic Recipes & Remarkable Stories from Holocaust Survivors.  
*12:30pm | In Person*

**28 PESACH BREAK**

#### MAY

**5 Erev Yom Hashoah**  
The story of Holocaust Survivor, Ida Paluch Kersz.  
*6:30pm | In Person & Virtual*

**19 Rick Richman**  
Discusses his book "And None Shall Make Them Afraid: Eight Stories and the Modern State of Israel. *Virtual*

**12 BREAK**

**10:00am - 11:00am**

Refer to weekly email for the participation link



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## MYMAKOM WOMEN HAPPENINGS

**myMakom Women**, a group for all the women of our congregation, has been hard at work creating opportunities to connect, explore and empower each other through a Jewish lens. In addition to programming provided through our relationship with Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), we hope you will be interested in attending one or more of our in-person events.

We kicked off our 2023-2024 year with a wonderful Hanukkah celebration featuring great food, songs, dancing and making our own Hanukkah candles, led by WRJ Area Director Marci Kops. We also donated feminine and personal hygiene items to GirlForward, a community of support dedicated to creating and enhancing opportunities for girls displaced by conflict and persecution. Forty women (including girls!) attended.

### Here is what is coming this year:

#### **Makom Women Sponsored Adult Enrichment Program**

**Sunday, April 7, 2024, 9:30 AM**

Join us for lox, bagels, and your favorite breakfast sweets as we learn about the life and accomplishments of Betty Friedan. Time to show off our favorite muffin, sweet roll, and other sweet recipes!

#### **Women's Shabbat Service**

**Friday, April 26, 2024, 6:30 PM**

Open to our entire congregation, this is a celebration of women with all readings and music created and performed by women. We will also have a women's choir and opportunities to participate by doing

readings. Please contact Janet Buckstein (jfbuckstein@gmail.com) if you would like to participate. The women's choir will have one rehearsal, the week prior to April 26.

#### **Women's Wellness Program**

**Late Spring 2024**

This would include a cooking demo of healthy food. If you would be interested in helping to plan this program, please contact Janet Buckstein (jfbuckstein@gmail.com) or Judith Golden (jaugolden@gmail.com).

#### **WRJ Heartland District Event at the Jewish Museum Milwaukee**

***THE BOOK SMUGGLERS: PARTISANS, POETS, AND THE RACE TO SAVE JEWISH TREASURES FROM THE NAZIS***

**Sunday, March 10, 10:30 AM**

Would you risk your life to save a book? The Paper Brigade of Vilna was a dedicated group of Jewish heroes whose goal was to rescue Vilna's Jewish culture for future generations. A true story of bravery and resistance to inhumanity and persecution. Join women from WRJ's Heartland District at the Jewish Museum Milwaukee for a tour of the exhibit, discussion of its impact, and lunch. The cost for lunch and museum entry is \$36. RSVP by March 4. For more information, contact Janet Buckstein at jfbuckstein@gmail.com.

#### **WRJ Sponsored Evening with Rabbi Ofek Meir, Managing Director of Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa, Israel**

**Thursday, March 21, 7:00 PM at Congregation BJBE, Deerfield, IL**

For many years WRJ's YES Fund has supported Leo Baeck's quality educational programs for mainstream,

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## MYMAKOM WOMEN HAPPENINGS

gifted and special needs students of all racial, religious, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Join us for conversation and a spiritual experience with Rabbi Meir. Through music, Israeli songs, readings, and discussion we will learn about Leo Baeck Communities and their unique work and how the current situation in Israel has affected the work of Leo Baeck and the World Union of Progressive Judaism. For more information or to RSVP, contact Janet Buckstein at [jfbuckstein@gmail.com](mailto:jfbuckstein@gmail.com).

### **WRJ Fried Women's Conference (FWC) May 30-June 2, 2024, in New Orleans**

WRJ's flagship event, FWC is a multi-day experience to hone leadership skills, further Jewish learning, partake in women-led worship and music, and deepen connections with others who identify as women. For more information or to register for FWC 2024, please visit WRJ's website (<https://www.wrj.org/fwc2024>).

If you have any ideas or would like to help organize one or more of these events, contact Janet Buckstein at [jfbuckstein@gmail.com](mailto:jfbuckstein@gmail.com) or Judith Golden at [jaugolden@gmail.com](mailto:jaugolden@gmail.com). If you would like to receive ongoing programming updates, sign up now for our emails or Facebook page by contacting our temple office. You can also sign up for WRJ's mailing list to receive information on their in-person and virtual programs. Contact Janet Buckstein if interested.

The Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) provides many of the programs we offer, and our affiliation allows Makom Solel Lakeside members to access them free of charge. We hope that you will support Makom's and WRJ's work and programs by making a voluntary donation to myMakom Women. The temple has set up a special tribute fund. All donations should be payable to

Makom Solel Lakeside and have "myMakom Women" in the memo line or donate online on the Makom website donation page and selecting "myMakom Women" in the "type" category.

We hope to see many of you at our in-person events!

Janet Buckstein and Judith Golden

## MAOT CHITIM OF GREATER CHICAGO

Join us for Tikkun Olam Shabbat service on Friday, March 15 when our speaker will be Joellyn Stoliar, executive director of Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago.

The mission of Maot Chitim is to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities, through the delivery of food and other necessities to help those in need celebrate Jewish life with dignity and joy. Since 1908 Maot Chitim has enabled thousands of Jewish needy people to experience Passover, and, since 1980 Rosh Hashanah, in a traditional and dignified manner.

In addition to its dedicated board members, Maot Chitim relies upon over 1500 volunteers to build boxes, pack boxes, and make deliveries. Maot Chitim and its volunteers serve over 16,000 individuals each holiday. Among those receiving the packages are Holocaust survivors, families struggling to make ends meet, Jewish elderly, food pantries such as The Ark and EZRA, residents of halfway houses and Jewish inmates, students at local universities, and individuals with disabilities.

The largest events are packing and delivering holiday foods and other items for Passover and Rosh Hashanah. Packing and pick-up are at a warehouse, usually in a north suburb, most recently at the former Toys R Us in Highland Park. Deliveries are made in Chicago and north and northwest suburbs. The dates for Passover this year are March 31 for packing of non-perishables and April 14 for completion of packing and deliveries.

### **Other services provided by Maot Chitim are:**

Packing Shabbat meals each Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00pm in Rogers Park

Providing luncheons, in partnership with CJE SeniorLife, to Holocaust survivors

Providing Passover seders and Rosh Hashanah meals to Jewish residents at Misericordia and their families.

L'Shalom,  
Alan Greene and Joellyn Stoliar

## BE MITZVAH SPRING SPOTLIGHTS



### Wyatt Rowe

Wyatt Shane Rowe will become a Bar Mitzvah on March 16, 2024. Wyatt lives in Highland Park with his parents, Heather and Robert, and sister Lydia. He is the grandson of Norman and Rosalie Persky of Northbrook. Wyatt is in 7th grade at Edgewood Middle School where he plays percussion in the school band and Jazz Club, participates in Outdoors Club and plays on the school soccer team. Wyatt also enjoys hanging out with friends, overnight camp at OSRUI, AYSO soccer, reading history books, taking care of his fish, gardening with mom, painting models, playing Warhammer and video games, and spending time outdoors. For Wyatt's Mitzvah project he helped plant and take care of the synagogue pollinator garden, installed a butterfly house at the synagogue, a butterfly and bee house at home, and planted native sunflowers for the birds to eat. Wyatt is very passionate about caring for the environment, and we are very proud of his efforts and how hard he has worked towards his Hebrew and prayer studies.



### Lily Morris

Lily Beth Morris will be called to the Torah on 4/6/24. Lily, the daughter of Brian and Jacquie Morris, lives with her younger sister (Stella), 2 dogs (Lulu and Leroy), and 1 cat (Speckles), in Highland Park. There Lily attends Edgewood Middle School and is in 7th grade. Lily enjoys playing volleyball, hanging out with her friends, and spending her summers at Camp Chi. Lily has chosen to raise money for research of Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH), a rare endocrine condition with which she has been diagnosed, as her mitzvah project.



## Henry Buss

Henry Quinn Buss will become a Bar Mitzvah on April 13th, 2024. Henry lives in Highland Park with parents Jami and Michael, older brother Leo, younger brother Samson and fur brother dogs, Indiana Jones and Bodhidharma; he is the grandson of Karen Canzoneri, and Paula and Wayne Boll. Henry is in the 7th grade at Edgewood Middle School where social studies is his favorite subject, and is an active member of Climbing Club, Chess Club, Fitness Club, and competes on the Robotics, Cross Country and Track teams. Henry loves hanging out with his friends, The Unicorns, and spends a lot of time with them in uptown Highland Park and playing games online. Henry will spend his second summer at North Star Camp for Boys this year, and spent the summer before that at Camp Chi. For his mitzvah project, Henry wanted to do something for his favorite creatures, dogs, so he collected towels, blankets, stuffed animals and money to donate to Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter. We are so proud of Henry and are thrilled to be able to celebrate with family and friends at Makom Solel Lakeside. Thanks so much to all the amazing staff at MSL, especially Simcha Ackerman, Rabbis Moffic and Serotta, and Cantor Jay O'Brien.



## Alex Wittenberg

Alexander Wittenberg, son of Jaime and Robert Wittenberg, is looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah on April 20, 2024. He lives in Highland Park and attends Northwood Middle School. He has one older brother, Max. His proud grandparents, Karen and Michael Genender of Scottsdale, AZ, (formerly of Highland Park and Bannockburn) and Marilyn Wittenberg of Wilmette, cannot wait to celebrate this joyous occasion. When not working hard at school, Alex loves to play baseball, basketball, volleyball, and football; sample delicious food, travel with his family, and hang out with his friends. He attends Camp Horseshoe in the summer. For his Mitzvah Project, Alex and his friends organized a basketball clinic for about 85 3rd-5th graders. All proceeds are being donated to Israeli soldiers.



## Adele Labrador

Adele Labrador will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 4, 2024. She lives in Highland Park with her parents, Rafael and Hallie, and her sisters Viola and Emerson. Adele attends Northwood Middle School. Outside of school, she loves art – especially drawing and pottery, jiu-jitsu, and singing. She has been a proud member of the Makom Solel Lakeside Children's Theater group and has performed in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Seussical, The Wizard of Oz, Annie, and most recently as Ms. Trunchbull in the production of Matilda. She is a reptile lover and she can often be found playing with her bearded dragon Sandy. For her Mitzvah Project, Adele is committed to raising money for the migrants who have recently arrived in the Chicago area.





## Leo Miller

On May 11, 2024, Leo Miller will become a Bar Mitzvah. Leo lives in Highland Park and attends Northwood Middle School. He is the son of proud parents Sarah & Jason Miller, best older brother to Max, and beloved grandson of Irene & Gerry Eisenberg and Michele & Glenn Miller. Leo loves spending time with his dog Hank, playing baseball, spending time with his friends, and loves music (a ringer in 80's music trivia). Leo will be raising money for Israel ParaSport Center for his Mitzvah project. There is sadly more need than ever, as The Center helps empower life without limits for Israeli adults and children with disabilities, helping with physical and psychological rehabilitation through sports.



## Jascha Smoler

Jascha Solomon Smoler will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 18, 2024. Jascha lives in Highland Park and is the son of Rob and Emma Smoler, and younger brother of Rennie Smoler. Jascha is in 7th grade at Edgewood Middle School. He has wrestled for the school wrestling team, and plays hockey for the Falcons Hockey Team. Jascha also loves to play basketball, ride bikes, and hang out with his friends. Jascha loves his pets, and has helped rescue many animals.



## Zoe Schuster

Zoe is excited for their Be Mitzvah on Saturday, May 25, 2024. Zoe can't wait to celebrate with their parents, Robyn and Jonathon Schuster, their sister Ariana (age 14) and grandparents Jack and Sherron Schuster from La Jolla, California; Ken Holtzman from St. Louis, Missouri, and Michelle Holtzman from Inverness, Illinois. Zoe lives in Highland Park and is in 7th grade at North Shore Country Day School. Zoe is a member of NSCD's middle school volleyball team, Student Council, JV Science Olympiad Team, and math team. Zoe attends Banner Day Camp as well as North Suburban YMCA Camp. Zoe's mitzvah project, in support of local animal shelters, was inspired by their two dogs, Elphaba and Dexter.

## TIKKUN OLAM SPRING UPDATE: RELATIONSHIPS MATTER

An important part of Tikkun Olam work at Makom Solel Lakeside includes forming relationships with other faith communities in Chicagoland. One of these is with the Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church in the East Garfield Park neighborhood. The congregations initially bonded through the relationship of Rabbi Ike Serotta and Pastor Cornelius Parks, and strengthened after the shared trauma of experiencing mass shootings in their respective communities in 2022. Since then we have shared Juneteenth and Thanksgiving celebrations at each other's congregational homes.

On this most recent Valentine's Day, Makom congregants Rich Amend, Blair Brenner, Len Solof, Mary Solof and Sharon

Stein joined other volunteers from across the Chicago area at the Good Hope Free Will "Loveday Celebration". This event provided a hot meal, as well as a festive and welcoming place for homeless people to be on Valentine's Day—a day of love. Volunteers from Makom helped to pack boxes of food which were delivered to vets, seniors and others who lack transportation.

Future plans for joint congregational activities include a Freedom Seder and meal during the week of Passover at Makom, and a celebration of Juneteenth.

Watch Makom at Home for the time, date and location of these events and more to come!



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## VENDORS



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## My Trip to Memphis

*Vanessa M. Ehrlich*



For 3 days this past February the Association of Reform Jewish Educators spent our Annual Gathering in Memphis. We were able to network with our colleagues, visit civil rights sites and hear many interesting speakers. The Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel anchored the civil rights movement in time and space. As we passed through the exhibit, we were keenly aware that we stood where luminaries of the movement had stood together and planned, and that we would walk through the room where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had breathed his last. It was history as living memory, and we suddenly understood why racism seems to keep rising up - it wasn't well buried.

One sign bore a quote from W.E.B. Dubois - "Between me and the other world, there is an ever-unasked question: How does it feel to be a problem?" This is a question many Jews have had cause to ask, and there are those who have tried to come up with the solution to that problem, much to our sorrow. It was a moment of solidarity, of feeling, and of realizing that our challenge is not to solve the problem, but to unmake the problem.

Another stop on our visit was the Stax Museum of Soul Music, the home of Stax records. Stax was the beating heart of Memphis soul music, and the musical launching pad for greats such as Otis Redding, Booker T and the MGs, and Isaac Hayes.

In many ways, the story of civil rights could not be told without music. From its birthplace at the intersection of gospel and country, soul music called attention to injustice and violence, gave voice to feelings of joy and em-

powerment, and helped bring political and social messages into mainstream society. We spoke to each other as we admired preserved instruments and flashy outfits - how have songs formed our own soundtracks, our own moments in history? What are our songs of the moment?

Stax has partnered with the excellent Facing History and Ourselves to write several lesson plans about the partnership between music and justice, focusing on positive self-identity, paths to integration, and a call to action. Perhaps they will inspire us to find new ways to express our own power and pride. I enjoyed my time in Memphis, and it has led us to consider a Makom Civil rights trip sometime next year, perhaps in January 2025. Interested? Let me know.

As we head into the 5th month of the war in Israel, I think what are the moments that will be enshrined in our memories? What songs when we hear them will remind us of this terrible time? I can only hope that by the time we are writing for the next quarterly the war will be over, and we will begin the long and hard road of healing.

L'Shalom,  
Vanessa M. Ehrlich, RJE  
Director of Lifelong Learning





## Redemption of Captives

*Ashley Plotnick*

We read in Mishneh Torah, the redemption of captives receives priority over sustaining the poor and providing them with clothing. [Indeed,] there is no greater mitzvah than the redemption of captives. For a captive is among those who are hungry, thirsty, and unclothed and he is in mortal peril. If someone pays no attention to his redemption, he violates the negative commandments: “Do not harden your heart or close your hand” (Deuteronomy 15:7), “Do not stand by when the blood of your neighbor is in danger” (Leviticus 19:16), and “He shall not oppress him with exhausting work in your presence (ibid. 25:53). And he has negated the observance of the positive commandments: “You shall certainly open up your hand to him” (Deuteronomy 15:8), “And your brother shall live with you” (ibid. 19:18), “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18), “Save those who are taken for death” (Proverbs 24:11), and many other decrees of this nature. **There is no mitzvah as great as the redemption of captives.**”

When I first spoke with twice-nominated Nobel Peace Prize nominee Mickey Bergman about speaking at Makom, we had no idea just how essential it would be to share his wisdom at this moment in time. Mickey’s book, “In the Shadows: True Stories of High-Stakes Negotiations to Free Americans Captured Abroad” will be released in early June, and we are so lucky to host Micky on Monday evening, June 17th, to hear more about his myriad experiences as a hostage negotiator. Please see the flyer to learn more about Mickey and his life-saving work.

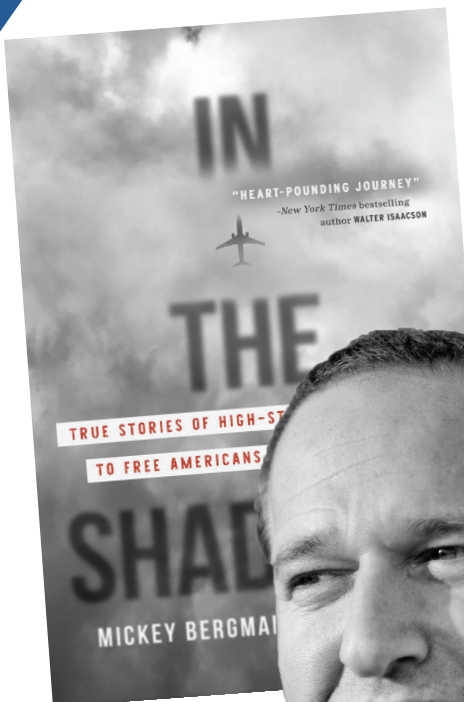
Remember, **“there is no mitzvah as great as the redemption of captives.”** May we continue to pray for the safe release of the Israeli hostages. The Talmud teaches, “whoever saves a single life is considered by scripture to have saved the world.” Each day we awake with the possibility of saving the world. May today be the day that the world is saved many times over. Amen.



*Save the Date*

# **MICHAEL "MICKEY" BERGMAN**

*Noble Peace Prize Nominee*



As a former paratrooper in the Israeli Defense Forces, Founder and President of the Solel Strategic Group, current Vice President and Executive Director of the Richardson Center for Global Engagement, and adjunct professor at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service, Michael "Mickey" Bergman has an impressive resume on his shoulders. Through his years, Mickey has published numerous articles, interviews, and opinion pieces in multiple large famous television and print names. Join us as Mickey speaks to us about his book "In the Shadow."

**MONDAY,  
JUNE 17TH  
2024 | 7PM**



Jump with the Clavey Crew at

# SKY ZONE

**Saturday, March 9th**  
**3:00pm - 4:30pm**

Kindergarteners - 6th Graders  
 \$36/Per Child  
 Jumping socks included

**Register by Wednesday, March 6th**

Pick-up and drop-off will be at  
**Sky Zone Vernon Hills**  
 701 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
 Vernon Hills, IL 60061



# ESTHER'S MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

a parody of

# THE BEATLES

A Hilarious, Adults-Only  
Purim Spiel Musical Parody

**Saturday, March 23**

7:00-9:30pm at Makom Solel Lakeside

**\$36 per person**

## Become a Spiel Sponsor:

Beatles Level: \$1000  
(includes 8 tickets)

Esther Level: \$540  
(includes 6 tickets)

Mordechai Level: \$360  
(Includes 4 tickets)

Hamentashen Level: \$180  
(Includes 2 tickets)

*Let's eat, drink and celebrate Purim!*

*Come enjoy small bites, fun entertainment,  
delicious cocktails, and the exciting Purim Spiel.  
Followed by a celebratory oneg reception*

## Reserve your spot by March 13!

All donations & proceeds will benefit the  
Makom Community Fund and offset event programming.



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SAVE-THE-DATE FOR  
MAKOM SOLEL LAKESIDE'S

# PURIM CARNIVAL

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**  
DURING LEV LEARNING (9:45am-12:00pm)  
GAMES | PRIZES | RAFFLES | SNACKS | & MORE!



CALLING ALL

## HAMANTASCHEN BAKERS!

We are looking for volunteers to help bake hamantaschen for the Purim Carnival!

To help out, email [sammik@mymakom.org](mailto:sammik@mymakom.org)

COLLECTING

## RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

We are looking for prizes and gift cards for the Purim Carnival. Any amount appreciated!

Contact the office at [sammik@mymakom.org](mailto:sammik@mymakom.org) for more information.



**MAKOM**  
SOLEL LAKESIDE

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

*Welcome to all our new members!*

Michelle and Lance Krumholz

Bonnie Price

Maya Rotman-Zaid

Holly Rotman-Zaid

David & Sharon Kessler

Hedy Gallagher

## TAKE ACTION WITH TIKKUN OLAM - GIRL FORWARD

Many of you may have been at the Tikkun Olam Shabbat service in December 2023 when we heard from Ashley Marine, executive director of Girl Forward. Girl Forward assists refugee girls who are in high school through tutoring, mentoring, and safe places, including a summer program. Two of the refugee girls who have been sponsored by Makom Solel Lakeside currently are in the program and we expect a third to join in fall 2024.

Much of the work is done by volunteer mentors. After receiving training from Girl Forward, mentors work one-on-one with one of the girls for at least 2 hours per week throughout the school year to talk about school, relationships, and careers, and to do fun and engaging activities together.

If you are interested, visit Girl Forward's website [www.girlforward.org](http://www.girlforward.org)

## CELEBRATIONS & SILVER LININGS

To Wyatt Rowe and family on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah this March.

To Lily Morris and family on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah this April.

To Henry Buss and family on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah this April.

To Alex Wittenberg and family on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah this April.

To Adele Labrador and family on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah this May.

To Leo Miller and family on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah this May.

To Jascha Smoler and family on his upcoming Bar Mitzvah this May.

To Zoe Schuster and family on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah this May.

## CONDOLENCES

To the family of **Harold Winer**, husband of Janice, father of Todd (Robin) Winer, grandfather of Abe and Benny Winer

To the family of **Bernie Persky**, uncle of Heather Rowe

To the family of **Shannon Schweiger**, friend of Heather Rowe

To the family of **Regina Rowe**, mother of Robert (Heather) Rowe, Jr., five grandchildren: Julia, Anna, Madison, Lydia and Wyatt; five siblings: Jim (Lee) Shearer, Steve (Stacy) Lee, Sandy Lucas, Christina (Donnie) Mack and Tammy (Kevin) Hardy

To the family of **Shirlee Stern**, mother of Russell Stern

To the family of **David Ellenson**

To the family of **David Fishman**, father of Lori Plotnick

To the family of **Lottie Kaplan**, grandmother of Stephanie (Jacob) Sohn. Great grandmother of Jonah and Micah

To the family of **Cliff Mitchell**, uncle of Michael (Rebecca) Zakem

To the family of **Howard S. Shapiro**, husband of Sandra father of Harlan (Robin) Shapiro. Grandfather of Aaron, Bennet & Maddie

To the family of **Robert Charles Logothetti**, husband of Maryann, Father of Jennifer (Michael) Gordon and grandfather of Alex and Ezra

## RABBI SEROTTA'S ARTICLE CONTINUED

is an opportunity to help, to lift up an individual in need or to help a community or a nation. We can see all of the bad news as an opportunity for good people to get involved, to do tikkun olam and repair a little bit of the world, an opportunity for healing, and for celebrating this season of joy. As Psalm 118, reminds, "This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

L'Shalom,  
Rabbi Ike Serotta

### **Virtual Family Baking Program: Pizza Hamentashen**

Join Jessica Amend as she leads the Makom Solel Lakeside community in a virtual cooking program where we will make Pizza Hamentashen!

**Thursday, March 14th  
5:15pm | Virtual on Zoom**

A zoom link of ingredients and equipment list will be sent to participants ahead of the event.



**REGISTER  
HERE!**



**MAKOM**  
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## PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE CONTINUED

### Makom Solel Lakeside Code of Ethical Behavior *(continued)*

#### COLLABORATION

The members of the Makom congregation, board, employees and clergy shall:

- Listen to others' perspectives.
- Respect different views and opinions.
- Look to find solutions that benefit the congregation.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

The members of the Makom congregation, board, employees and clergy shall:

- Speak and act in a manner that makes all congregants feel safe.
- Be responsible and transparent regarding Makom's financial operations.
- Make decisions regarding employment, volunteers, or contractors in an ethical and legal manner, based solely on the best interest of Makom.
- Not use anyone's synagogue position for personal advantage or benefit.

#### SAFETY

The members of the Makom congregation, board, employees and clergy shall:

- Never engage in in-person or online bullying, threatening, intimidating, or humiliating behaviors that attempt to degrade another person. ***\*Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior - whether a single act or a series of repeated incidents.***
- Never attempt to harass or harm anyone in-person or online, with either words or deeds, including any form of sexual harassment or the use of a position of power to oppress another person.

#### STRATEGIES FOR HANDLING ETHICAL ISSUES

***We abide by the Jewish precept of "Do not stand idly by." (Leviticus 19:16). As partners in a Jewish community, we have an ethical obligation to protect victims of abuse or neglect when made aware of such circumstances.***

- There will be an Ethics Committee to address all ethics violations.
- The Committee will have no less than three and no more than five members (plus a clergy member).
- The chair of the Committee will be appointed by the board and must be a member of the Makom board.
- The chair appoints the other members of the Committee.
- A Makom clergy member will serve as a non-voting member of the Committee.
- Complaints about ethics violations are to be submitted in writing to either the president of Makom, the Executive Director, a member of clergy, or the chair of the Ethics Committee and then will be referred to the entire Committee.
- If a member of the Committee is a party to or is personally involved in the subject of a matter brought before the Committee, they will recuse themselves from the matter.
- If, due to a recusal, there are fewer than three Committee members able to review an ethics complaint, the chair shall appoint additional Committee members.
- The Ethics Committee will operate fairly, honestly, impartially, and transparently.
- The Ethics Committee will protect confidentiality (unless there is a legal issue that requires that outside agencies must be involved).
- If the alleged ethics violator is a member of a professional organization with its own code of ethics (e.g., CCAR, ACC, NATA, or the URJ), the committee should consult with the ethics committee chair of that organization, to coordinate the congregation's process with that of the professional organization, balancing the needs of the congregation and those of the professional body.
- **No adverse action or other retaliation will be taken against anyone who, in good faith, reports a suspected violation of the ethics code or assists in an investigation.**



Makom Solel Lakeside's  
**Children's Theatre**  
Proudly Presents:



Disney **THE LITTLE  
MERMAID**

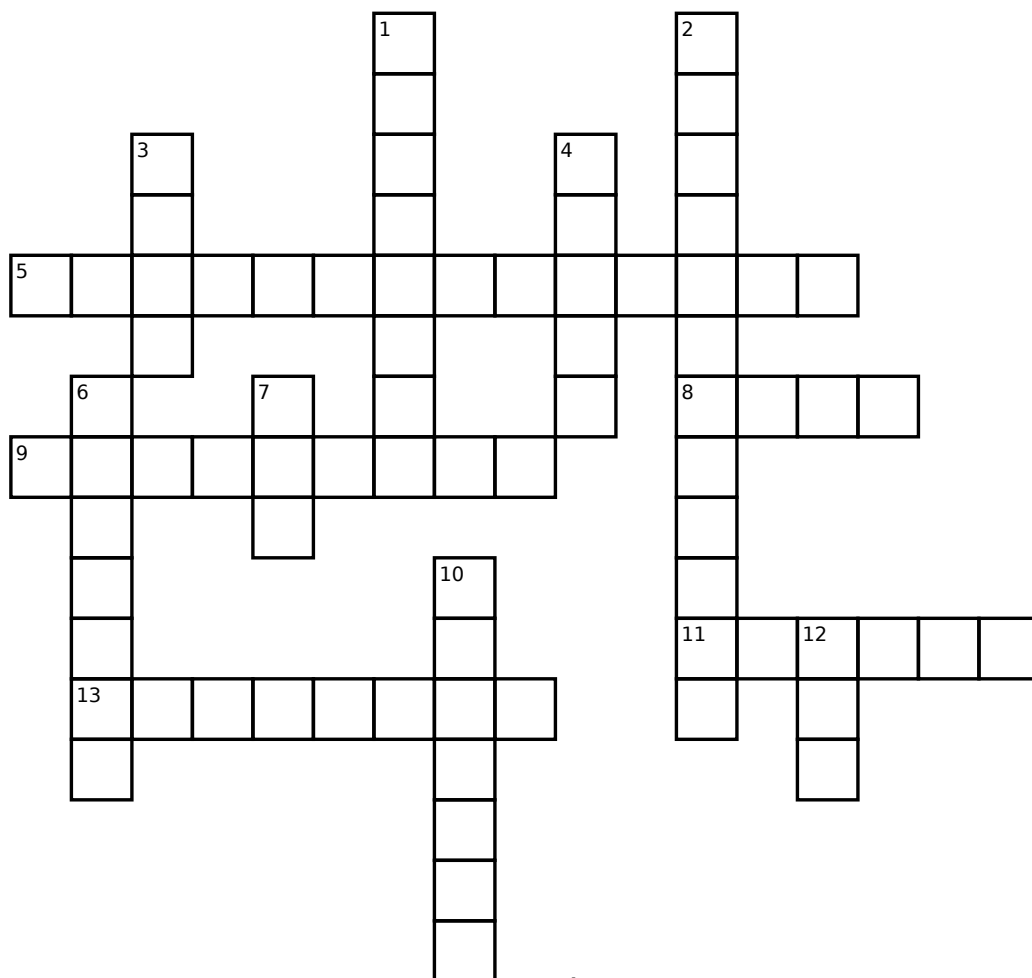
Join Makom Solel Lakeside and the Lev Learning  
Children's Theatre for their Spring Production  
of The Little Mermaid!

**Sunday, May 5th**  
**2pm at Makom Solel Lakeside**

**Free & Open to the community!**  
In partnership with Imagined Adventure

*Tickets and Streaming information to come at a later date.*

# Test Your Purim Knowledge!



## Down:

1. The Hebrew word for charity, or righteousness.
2. Three-Cornered Cookie popularly eaten on this holiday.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Esther is generally held the day before Purim.
4. Who's name do we hear when we shake our graggers?
6. Children often wear these on this holiday.
7. How many sons did Haman have?
10. Noisemaker used while listening to the Megillah.
12. How many wives did King Achashvarush have?

## Across:

5. Purim Basket often sent to family and friends on this holiday.
8. Which Hebrew month does Purim always fall on?
9. Who commanded that Purim was to be celebrated by Jews every year?
11. We read the Book of \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The Hebrew word for scroll, read on this holiday.

**Answer Key:**  
 Down: 1. Tzedakah 2. Hamantaschen 3. Fast 4. Haman 6. Costume 7. Ten 10. Gragger 12. Two  
 Across: 5. Mishloach Manot 8. Adar 9. Mordechai 11. Esther 13. Megillah



## *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](mailto: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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#### DISCRETIONARY FUND

from Mark Genson  
from Jack Kaplan & Marian  
Macasai  
from Linda Sheldon  
from Janice & Harold Winer

#### In honor of

Rabbi Serotta. Thank you, Uncle  
Ike for leading the most beautiful  
and perfect baby naming for our  
sweet Asher. We are so extremely  
lucky and grateful.

from Jessie Libber  
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from Leslie Levine  
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from Rebecca Kaplan

#### In memory of

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from Barney & Lynne Firestone  
Eva Firestone  
from Barney & Lynne Firestone  
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Berline Family  
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Marlowe Wood's Be Mitzvah  
from Jordan & Cyndi Wood

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Staunton Flanders  
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Mitchell Werner  
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Gil Levy

from Simcha & Steve  
Ackerman

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from Wallace & Sue Roberts

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from Robert & Joanne Zitter

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from Thomas & Linda Spring

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from Alan & Nancy Goodman

Fran Hepner

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Carole Wald

from Martin Portnoy

Gilbert Levy

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## GREEN GROUP CONTINUES TO GROW

The next months will bring our first Nature Walk of the year to coincide with the first day of spring (and Election Day!). We continue posting Eco-Tips monthly and are increasing the pace of the recycling Bread Tag Project: at this writing we are very close to 1% of the number we need for the wheelchair, and have this as a project for a Be Mitzvah student. Jay Futterman is re-energizing the push to get more congregants to switch to Community Solar, which also means funds for Makom Solel Lakeside. April will bring a young speaker for our Tikkun Olam Shabbat. We will also be introducing a new project to celebrate Earth Day and Passover.

Each small step for the earth leads to another as the Green Group builds on a foundation of the Green 10 Commandments. The Make Less Mess Dinners are a proven winner and continue. They have led to our investigation into the purchase of an automatic dishwasher, which would allow the congregation to reduce the use of many more disposables. Compostables are expensive and re-use is always the most sustainable path. We also continue to stay alert and active legislatively so

watch for Earth Bill posts and other State and National issues that may arise.

Best of all, our pollinator garden is coming into its 3rd year, and as they say that's the year it Leaps. Watch for early sprouts and opportunities to get your hands dirty. Wonder if the cicadas will be there.

The Green Group welcomes new members and their ideas. Please consider joining us!



### Makom Solel Lakeside Human Needs Fund

Helps Congregants with  
emergency financial needs.

Helps fund Tikkun Olam events  
and activities at Makom Solel Lakeside.

Helps fund Social Justice groups  
in our community and beyond.

To donate, please contact  
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Makom Solel Lakeside website  
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# Get Involved at Makom



## Lev Learning Committee

Collaboration and support for Lev Learning. Supports Latkefest, Purim Carnival, Back to School Bash, and more.



## Green Group

The Makom Green Group seeks to bring the importance of caring for the earth into the fabric of our congregation, in the building and in our homes. Taking care of the earth is a basic Jewish teaching and an essential part of Tikkun Olam.



## Tikkun Olam

"Repair the World"-often loosely translated as social action and social justice projects combined. Projects we support are PADS, Deerfield Free Store and sponsoring refugee families. Our Green Group supports stewardship of the earth at the congregation and local levels. We are partners with Lake County United, Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, RAC and RAC-IL.



## Chesed Circle

The Chesed Circle provides comfort, kindness and a warm meal for those in need. Additional things this group offers: clergy support, wellness phone call, holiday gift bags to those in assisted living, shabbat dinner, first Yahrzeit phone calls, birthday and anniversary blessings (last Shabbat of every month), and letter writing for condolences and special occasions.



## Membership Committee

Welcome new members and serve as liaisons to the community.



## Music/Choir

The Makom Choir sings at Holy Day services, a Shabbat service once a month, and special concerts and music events throughout the year. Our repertoire is a mix of classical and contemporary styles, spanning both sacred and secular genres. Weekly rehearsals take place at Makom on Thursdays at 7:30pm.



## MyMakom Women

myMakom Women provides a home for all women (or those who identify as women) of Makom Solel Lakeside to connect, explore and empower each other through a Jewish lens. We provide opportunities for the women of our congregation to share experiences that reflect our Jewish values, traditions and spirituality.



## Library

Helps us to maintain our book collection.



## Social: Community Events

Mitzvah Day • Tikkun Olam Carnival of Action • Block Party

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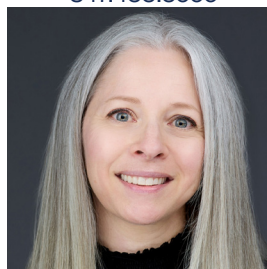
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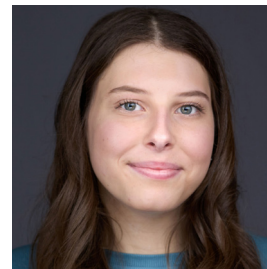
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