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BECOMING MAKOM SOLEL LAKESIDE CELEBRATION DAY

Take a behind-the-scenes look at last month's Becoming Makom Solel Lakeside Celebration Day which included *mitzvah* projects, mingling, prayers and a Torah procession ending with blessings, a champaign toast and a joyous celebration!

Building a Makom



Rabbi Isaac Serotta

When I first came to Highland Park I spent a portion of that first summer reading the newsletters and board minutes of Lakeside Congregation. As a Jewish history buff, it was delightful to handle historical documents and learn so much about the beginning and ongoing development of our community. As Lakeside and

Solel join to become Makom Solel Lakeside, it seems an appropriate time to do the same with Solel's newsletter, board records, and other historic documents.

It is a remarkable opportunity, and there is a lot to learn and absorb.

This is the first joint newsletter of Makom Solel Lakeside, and one day it will be a historical document. We are truly making history as our communities join together. Looking through the issues of the *Pathfinder* (Solel's newsletter), I found this item in December, 1957: "Rabbi Wolf will preach on 'The Name of God' at the Sunday morning services of the Lakeside Congregation for Reform Judaism on Jan. 12 at the Edgewood School. Members of our congregation are invited to attend. At 10:15 the same morning, the confirmation class will meet at Edgewood, with the Lakeside confirmants for a discussion and social program."

There is a corresponding item in *Lakeside's Newsletter* (called *Newsletter* apparently because someone typed "Newsletter #2" on the front of the second issue in 1955. No name was actually adopted until we began calling it *Kolenu*, our voice, in the year 2000) which includes a brief biography of Rabbi Arnold J. Wolf.

Rabbi Moffic and I have watched the collaboration between Lakeside and Solel grow over the last ten years. As we joined for services, educational events and social action programs
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Covenant of Destiny



Rabbi Evan Moffic

Baruch Atah Adonei—Thank you God for bringing us to this moment of unity and strength.

How do we make sense of this moment of unification? How do we understand the past and plan for the future? This is a harder question than it seems. We usually have a reservoir of

experience to guide us as we plan for our future. But we have not experienced a synagogue unification like this before.

In struggling to answer, I turned to the insights of the the great modern Orthodox Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik. He distinguished between two key relationships in Jewish history. He called them the covenant of history and the covenant of destiny.

The covenant of history is symbolized by the Exodus from Egypt. We experienced slavery and marched across the Red Sea toward freedom. The covenant of destiny is symbolized by the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. We received the Torah and became a nation of laws. Without the Exodus, our ancestors would not have arrived at Sinai. Without Sinai, the Exodus would have little meaning.

As we create Makom Sole Lakeside, we enter into these two covenants. Both Solel and Lakeside have extraordinary histories. They are our foundation. They brought us to this day.

But now we have arrived at this moment of destiny. What will we do? How will we build our community together?

Our ancestors' journey through the wilderness provides further guidance. The imperative they heard from Moses again and again was "Ahl Tiray, Do not Fear." That phrase
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In a Special Conception of Space: Building Makom Through Connections



Cantor Jay O'Brien

One of my personal undertakings in recent weeks has been to reread Martin Buber's influential book, "I and Thou." Originally published in German in 1923, the slim volume has been translated into dozens of languages over the decades and has found its way into numerous academic curricula as a representative of modern,

existentialist Jewish thought. To summarize briefly, Buber's book is a poetic meditation on the two types of relationships that exist between people: the "I-It" relationship describes how we often relate to people as a means-to-an-end, and the "I-Thou" relationship describes how we can connect to others and to God in more meaningful and wholistic ways.

It was with great interest then that I rediscovered the following passage. The philosopher begins with the claim that our human capacity for collective organization (i.e. building of community) is initiated with an original relational incident—a moment or moments in time where individuals come together in open and honest dialogue. The passage continues: "Only now can [a person], confident in [their] soul, build again and again, in a special conception of space, dwellings for God and dwellings for [people], and fill swaying time with new hymns and songs, and shape the very community of [people]."

Our chosen community name, Makom Solel Lakeside, embodies Buber's ideal quite well. We know that the Hebrew word Makom means "space," and yet Buber's words remind us that the foundation for our shared, sacred space is connection: connection to the divine, connection to one another, and connection to the wisdom that lives in our texts and traditions. Additionally, Buber's mentioning of "new hymns and songs" is a beautiful and poignant reminder that the songs we sing- and the songs we have yet to sing- also have the capacity to strengthen the bonds that unite us all.

May we enter this new chapter of our combined communities

together with a deep sense of gratitude; grateful for the countless hours of planning, dialogue, and creativity that our lay leaders have devoted to bringing us to this shared moment. And may we also dedicate ourselves to the carrying on of this work, so that our shared space together will continue to be made holy through genuine and honest connection.



B'vracha, In Blessing



Holly Krakow

This morning, I attended a *Shavuot/Yizkor* service at Makom Solel Lakeside. I walked in the Chapel on a beautiful Sunday morning, and through the windows, the trees were bright green and blowing in the wind. I looked around the room and saw both familiar faces and faces I did not know.

I was thinking that the unfamiliar faces might be congregants from our Lake Cook Campus, but then it occurred to me that we are finally one community; we are all congregants of Makom Solel Lakeside. My heart felt full and I said to myself, "what a blessing!"

A few minutes into the service, Rabbi Serotta mentioned the tradition of saying 100 blessings a day. I have heard this many, many times, and always thought that 100 blessings was a tremendous amount, especially in one day. As a congregation, we started to recite blessings together, thanking God for waking up to another day, for breath, for nature, for our health, and I began to think about all of the blessings this year has brought and how many blessings are yet to occur in the coming year.

I wondered about the word blessing, and looked up the definition in the dictionary. Blessing is an "act of words of one that blesses, approval, encouragement, a thing conducive to happiness or welfare, to count, or an act of gratitude."

Today, the practice of saying 100 blessings is easy. I feel so blessed to be the Co-President of Makom Solel Lakeside. I feel blessed to have exceptional clergy, Rabbi Moffic, Rabbi Serotta, and Cantor O'Brien, all of whom inspire us with their wisdom of mind and heart, as well as exemplary leadership ability. I feel blessed to have met so many wonderful people this year, to have carried the Torah from Lake Cook Road to Clavey Road, to have listened to 16 confirmands speak about change and to recognize how necessary it is to grow, to hear laughter, to see smiles, and to witness a younger generation

develop a true love for Judaism. I feel blessed for *Shabbat* every Friday, and singing in prayer with Cantor Jay. I am blessed for being part of a community that supports, comforts, and cares about others and that feels a responsibility to make the world a better place. I feel blessed that together, we have brought two outstanding communities together to become one. All of these blessings add up to so, so much to look forward to over the next year at Makom Solel Lakeside. I hope you will join me in gratitude and celebration as we work toward building our holy space and sacred community together.

B'vracha, in blessing.

A Caring Community



Rob Lindner

It is a great privilege and honor to write my first Makom Solel Lakeside Co-President's Letter. I had been working over in my mind various approaches for drafting the letter, and how to write one that would demonstrate where we are today.

Chairing the last Lakeside Board meeting, while Co-Chairing the first Makom Solel Lakeside Board meeting presented many great topics for my letter. Announcing that the State has approved our merger, and that we were official as of the morning of our first Board Meeting was a major moment, filled with passion and excitement. Watching the members of the new Board deliberate on how to enhance our new joint home was inspiring, particularly with the backdrop and participation of the two legacy Boards joining the new Board in the decision making process. Seeing how the 24 members of the new Board started to form its own culture of decision making was exciting, with all of us focused on moving forward. But I decided to wait before drafting my letter, so that I could experience Unification Day first.

While helping to prepare food packages with Rise Against Hunger, I looked at all of the members working together. We were all in small groups, performing our mitzvah of helping those truly in need, while simultaneously chatting and getting to know each other. What a worthy topic for my first letter! The inspiring service, the personal thrill of seeing my daughter Sari honored by joining with our fantastic clergy, is a memory I will not forget. Watching the Torahs passed around the filled sanctuary, so that all of our members could have the tactile and emotional connection to the moment, filled me with inspiration for my letter.

We started our walk to bring the Torahs to their new home, and I tried to balance what amazing events I should focus on for the letter. The excitement of the walk, the *chuppahs* over the Torahs, the sharing in the honor of carrying the Torahs, the music enveloping the walkers all passed through my mind as great topics.

And then it happened. There was an undercurrent of concern in the crowd, and people started to run up to me. Jim had fallen! My mind filled with concern. Jim is a friend of mine, and has been one of the most enthusiastic supporters of this unification. His eagerness for the day had extended to wanting to participate in the walk, despite the uneven terrain. Oh No! Was he OK? We all had to keep going to allow him some space to get medical care. Would the day now be a mixed day of great joy and deep concern about Jim? Was he going to miss the culmination of years of anticipation and work for unification?

When I arrived at Makom Solel Lakeside, I hurried inside to get the update on his condition. To my surprise, I found him front and center, ready to participate in the service. He looked as one would expect from somebody who had just fallen on his face. I said, "Jim, you have to go to the hospital!"

He looked me right in the eye, and said, "Rob, don't you even think about taking me to the hospital. I would not miss today for the world." We struck a deal that he would agree to go to the hospital, but only after the entire service and celebration were completed.

I called him the next day to see how he was feeling. As usual, he was upbeat. His enthusiasm for the day had increased exponentially. He effused about how many people had reached out to him. He told me that members of both legacy temples had spoken with him with equal compassion and concern, reinforcing his view that the unification was the best thing for our community. He told me that a legacy Solel family had volunteered to assist him, which involved them splitting up on an important family day to help out a fellow congregant.

The companionship of our new congregation, and the compassion demonstrated by all of the members who saw and assisted Jim was an inspiration. There were no questions of where the assisting members came from, no mention of legacy this or that. We were just congregants reaching out to a hurt member, and that member ignored his pain and discomfort, to join us in our shared joy and celebration of this momentous day.

This outreach was a real time demonstration on the very day that we celebrated our founding of what it means to be a member of Makom Solel Lakeside. We know that a compassionate community filled with caring members has been created. Sure, we work well together. Of course we help those in need, and pray together. Most importantly, we have also created a culture of caring within our own temple, a true Makom.

We are all truly blessed.



Creating an Intermediate Community



Ashley Plotnick

Pirkei Avot 2:4, Rabbi Hillel says, “do not separate yourself from the community.” Similarly, the great theologian Mordecai Kaplan advises that the feeling of belonging is equally important (if not more so) than how we behave or what we believe. While ritual life and spiritual beliefs certainly provide a foundation for our Jewish home, the feeling of belonging matters. So then

we must ask, what does it mean to belong?

Today the humanitarian and Catholic theologian Jean Vanier passed away. In his book *Community and Growth*, he writes about the need for “intermediate communities.” He shares:

“I have more and more need of ‘intermediate communities’- places where I can find a certain inner freedom as I make decisions with others. I need somewhere where I can find my inner liberation through a network of relationships and friendships, where I can be truly myself and express myself without trying or pretending to be anything other than I am. It is in these intermediate communities, where I can find also meaningful work in the world. In these communities, I will be able to uncover courage and shed some of the fears that weigh me down and prevent me from discovering my deep self.

It is only when I discover that I am heard and loved, and that I can do beautiful things for another, that I begin to get in touch with what is deepest in the other person.

Only then will we be free to choose a way of life together which is truly our own, not that of the culture around us, nor something set up in reaction to it, but one which is born of real choice of life, in response to a shared aspiration or a call.”

My prayer for us all as we become Makom Solel Lakeside is that we can be a community in just this way - creating an intermediate community, or “Holy Space for Journeying” for all

of us. May we open our hearts not only to listen, but to truly hear authenticity in the other. May the choices we make be guided by our values, those of kindness, of trust, of healing, of acceptance, of forgiveness, of *tikkun olam*, of patience, of humility, and of faith - faith that we are on a sacred path together in creation. We are co-creators of sacred community, and we all belong here. May we all feel safe and at home when we walk through the doors to our new congregation, and may our path forward be guided always by the light of our past.

Covenant of Destiny Continued...

...again and again was “*Ahl Tiray*, Do not Fear.” That phrase appears more times in the Torah than almost any other. Why the repetition? Because fear is natural whenever we encounter something new. Fear is part of the way we respond to change.

But we do not need to wallow in that fear. It need not paralyze us. Rather, we can channel its energy into passion, courage and creativity. We can let go of the fear and step into the future. Indeed, as Brene Brown, a celebrated contemporary author, puts it, “Faith is a place of mystery, where we find the courage to believe in what we cannot see and the strength to let go of our fear of uncertainty.”

That is what we will do as we create Makom Solel Lakeside. Guided by our faith in God and in one another, we will act with courage and creativity. We will live with the covenant of history as we forge the covenant of destiny. We come from somewhere, and we are going somewhere. The place—Makom—we come from leads us to the place—Makom—we are going. Our activities and experiences over the coming years—our prayer, our learning, our acts of justice and compassion—will carve out the path we take.

I invite you to call or email me anytime, as I look forward to forging new relationships and deepening old ones as we embark on this journey together.

The Summer Can Be Jewish Too



Vanessa M. Ehrlich

When you think about summer and activities what comes to mind? Good weather? Picnics in the park? Hanging out with friends and family? How about adding Makom Solel Lakeside to the list of places where events happen?!

Just some of the things you can do with us include: *Shabbat in the Park*, singing in

our PJ's during havdallah, enjoying the outdoors and a meditative stroll with our clergy, and more.

Many people also associate summer with catching up on a fun reading list. I have always enjoyed reading and during the summer I try to get ahead on as many books as possible. Here are some I recommend for you, for whatever list you want to tackle next:

For Your Reading Group:

House of Gold by Natasha Solomons

Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love by Dani Shapiro

Young Adult Hits:

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier

The Sisters of the Winter Wood by Rena Rossner

Professional Books:

The Power of Moments: Why Certain Experiences Have

Extraordinary Impact by Chip and Dan Heath

Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor by Yossi Klein Halevi

Want to get away from the heat with a good film or show to stream? Check out:

In Search of Israeli Cuisine. This feature-length documentary is described as "a portrait of the Israeli people told through food." Israeli chef and restaurateur Michael Solomonov tours Israel, interviewing chefs, home cooks, farmers and more

about their dishes and exploring what makes Israeli cuisine unique. While much of the film is, as the title suggests, footage of food, Solomonov also asks about the combination of nationalities in Israel and how Israel's young age affects its cultural identity.

Shtisel. Israeli television series. A Haredi, very observant family living in an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Jerusalem reckons with love, loss and the doldrums of daily life.

When Heroes Fly. Written and directed by Omri Givron, co-creator of *Hostages* and based on a book by Amir Gutfreund, the show tells the story of four veterans of a special commando unit from the 2006 Lebanon War who reunite for a final mission – to rescue the girlfriend of one of the commandos, who has been abducted by a cartel in Columbia.

The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel. With more shtick than you can shake a stick at, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, which picked up no fewer than eight Emmy Awards the first time around, has just returned for a new series. Rachel Brosnahan stars as Miriam "Midge" Maisel, a young Jewish 1950s housewife-turned aspiring stand-up comic, alongside Alex Borstein as her manager, Susie Myerson, and Tony Shalhoub as her bewildered father, Abe.

Feel free to give me a call if you need more suggestions for any age groups. Drop by and ask in person. Looking forward to a wonderful summer!

Save the Dates

HIGH HOLY DAYS WITH MAKOM SOLEL LAKESIDE

September

21 Selichot Study Session | Selichot Service
SAT

29 Early Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (Koloteinu - "Our Voices" with Cantor O'Brien)
SUN
Late Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (with Cantor O'Brien and Choir)

30 Rosh Hashanah Pre-School Service (with Todd Kessler)
MON
Early Rosh Hashanah Service (with Cantor O'Brien and Choir)
Late Rosh Hashanah Service (Koloteinu - "Our Voices" with Cantor O'Brien)
Rosh Hashanah Family Service (with Cantor O'Brien and Todd Kessler)
Tashlich

October

1 Second Day Rosh Hashanah Study Session
TUE
Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service | Light Kiddush

8 Early Kol Nidre Service (Koloteinu - "Our Voices" with Cantor O'Brien)
TUE
Late Kol Nidre Service (with Cantor O'Brien and Choir)

9 Yom Kippur Pre-School Service (with Todd Kessler)
WED
Early Yom Kippur Service (with Cantor O'Brien and Choir)
Late Yom Kippur Service (Koloteinu - "Our Voices" with Cantor O'Brien)
Yom Kippur Family Service (with Cantor O'Brien and Todd Kessler)
Concluding Service: Yizkor & Neilah (with Cantor O'Brien and Choir)
Break-the-Fast

Hudson Brin



Hudson Brin had his *bar mitzvah* on June 1, 2019. His parents, Courtney and Keith, and sisters, Sheridan and Arden, are very proud of him. They live in Highland Park, where Hudson attends 7th grade at Northwood Junior High School. His grandparents, Ronny and Barry Baker, and Mimi and Gerald Brin, are also very proud of him. While preparing for his big day,

Hudson finds time to play volleyball and basketball, and plug into the nearest electronic device for some online gaming with his friends. Hudson completed a *mitzvah* project volunteering at Paws, an organization dedicated to the ethical treatment of animals and finding good homes for them.

Sophie Schwartz



Sophie Schwartz, daughter of Reid and Robyn and sister to Jordyn, became a *bat mitzvah* on June 15, 2019. She is a 6th grader at Northbrook Junior High in Northbrook. Sophie's favorite things to do are: art of any kind, baking, being with her friends and going to Camp Chi in the summer. For her *mitzvah* Project, Sophie volunteered at Cradles to Crayons.

Through Cradles to Crayons, Sophie learned that there are a lot of people in this world and specifically in Chicago, that don't have as much as she does, and it's good to try to help as many people as possible who are less fortunate than she is.

Micah Blum



Micah Emet Blum, son of Kim and Josh Blum; big brother to Levi; grandchild of Susan and Lanny Jacobs, Nanette and Steve Garner and Steven Blum and Georgette LePage, will be called to the Torah as a *bar mitzvah* on August 17, 2019 at 10:30 am. Micah attends Shepard Middle School in Deerfield. His hobbies and interests include playing

basketball, volleyball, reading, and hanging out with friends. As part of his *mitzvah* experience, Micah is collaborating with Bernie's Book Bank to help provide books to at-risk children in the Chicagoland area. Micah's Torah Portion is *Va-et'chanan* from the book of Deuteronomy. The most important thing that Micah learned from his portion is to not put power in material things, instead, focus on what matters, like religion and family. Micah attends Camp Menominee in the summer.

CELEBRATE YOUR SIMCHA

Did you know that *oneg* means "joy," and what better way to celebrate your birthday, anniversary or other special occasion than with Makom Solel Lakeside by sponsoring an *oneg* at one of our Friday night *Shabbat* services! *Onegs* are a nice, simple way of providing our community with the opportunity to build relationships; adults can catch up with friends and meet new people, and children of all ages can play while they grab a bite to eat.

Rabbi Serotta and Rabbi Moffic will be sure to extend some special words and blessings to mark your event.

Call us at (847) 433 - 3555 to discuss your plans and reserve your date!

Dates are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

What's In a Name?

Makom Solel Lakeside represents our spiritual home. Makom (pronounced with a short 'a' and a long 'o' and an emphasis on the second syllable) means place—a place where God's spirit prevails. Makom first appears in The Torah in the story of creation. God gathers all of the water together so that the dry land, the Makom, may appear. It

describes the coming together of different sources to create one place, one future, one spiritual home.

Makom is an aspirational name as our community works together to build our place in the world. We build a place filled with spirit, with learning, with justice, with vision and with love. We are stronger together. We have many paths to meaningful Judaism to walk together. Makom is a word filled with holiness.



Finally, our name is historical. Solel and Lakeside remain important even as we look forward to where we are going. In the creation story, the Makom does not just appear, it is the bringing together of what was already there, already existing in different forms and locations. Our separate communities have served us well and our 120 years of history deserve to be preserved and the best of our past carried forward. We carry a great spirit and energy with us into the future.

Just like our name, each element of the Makom Solel Lakeside logo has significance and relates to the synagogue's core values.

The unique shape that outlines the word Makom represents the building or place that is at the heart of all that happens within the synagogue. The shape represents inclusivity and is reminiscent of the exterior of the building as well as the sanctuary. 

The water motif represents the source of life as well as a gathering of water "mikveh." 

Makom Solel Lakeside welcomes Jack Reeder...certain to hit all the right notes!



We are pleased to announce the selection of Jack Reeder as Choral Conductor in Residence as we head into our new year. Although Cantor Jay O'Brien made the final decision, Jack was recommended to us by Dr. Richard Boldrey. As a current candidate for a master's degree in music at Northwestern University, Jack has studied under Richard, and the two of them formed a relationship based on mutual respect.

Jack has an infectious smile and a passion for all things music – with strong experience in conducting, choral singing, and sacred music. A native of Champaign, Illinois, Jack plays French horn, piano and organ. As a tenor, he has appeared in solo and choral performances. He has conducted opera at Northwestern University, coached soloists, taught music to and conducted choruses across the state. He also conducted a youth orchestra for which he was the founding director. Jack has a strong background in liturgical music and was named as the Theodore Presser Scholar, awarded to one Northwestern senior for "exceptional abilities as a musician and scholar."

Jack will bring a youthful perspective, his considerable knowledge, his high energy, and a very open and friendly demeanor to our newly combined choir. Cantor Jay is looking forward to a close collaboration with Jack and offered the following comment: "With the hiring of Jack Reeder as our new

Choral Conductor in Residence, Makom Solel Lakeside confirms our community's commitment to choral singing excellence."

The challenge of every great synagogue music program is to preserve the past while remaining open to innovation; with the welcoming of Jack to our community, we meet these challenges with creativity and confidence.

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Bob Maram, brother of Bernie (Lynda) Maram.

To the family of Ruth Asher Becker, family of Sue Ulman.

The family of Todd Feldman, brother of Mark (Laurie) Feldman.

The family of Edward Arvey, brother of Frances Salpeter.

The family of Seymour Podber, brother of Elaine Haney.

The family of Ira Harold Sitnick, brother of Shelia (Les Sgnilek) Kidder.

The family of Beverly Fine Forman, mother of Judy Eichner.

The family of Ruberta Karasik, mother of Paul Karasik.

The family of Joan Eagle, wife of Warren Eagle.

The family of Sidney Serota, father of Scott (Mary) Serota.

The family of Janis Weil, wife of Joseph Weil.

The family of Marvin Boiko, father of Bob Boiko.

The family of Francine Bromberg, mother of Jill (David) Pollans, grandmother of Shayne (Jared) Layne and Jesse Pollans.

MAZAL TOVS:

To Nancy Hollins on the birth of her grandson, Hudson Kirchheimer Hollins.

To Nancy Hollins on the birth of her grandson, Parker William Kennedy.

To Floyd and Shari Keene of the birth of their grandson, Rhys Griffin.

To Mitch and Lynn Darin on the birth of their grandson, Noah Darin.

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Building a Makom Continued

we thought we were doing something new and forward looking. What a surprise to find that our predecessors were way ahead of us. They were joining our communities together more than 60 years ago! Perhaps Rabbi Evan and I should have realized, as Ecclesiastes teaches, “there is nothing new under the sun.”

There are a few important things to learn from this event from long ago:

- Our beginnings in Highland Park, from congregants at KAM in Solel’s case, and Temple Sinai in the case of Lakeside, were not so different that we couldn’t meet and learn and pray together.
- Our founding rabbis knew the value of modeling communal togetherness and did not see each other as competition but rather as colleagues.
- Lakeside was only three years old, and Solel was just starting out, but they came together without fear or hesitation.
- Neither congregation had a building, but they were nevertheless vibrant and energetic communities of faith. The community is not the building, it is the people within it who make it live.

I also take note of Rabbi Wolf’s Lakeside sermon topic, “The name of God.” There are 100 names of God to choose from, and that’s just within Judaism. I venture a guess that a name that he probably didn’t mention is one that has become very important to us today. Of the many names for God perhaps one of the most surprising is *HaMakom*. It literally means, “The Place.” The new part of our communal name is Makom, a place. To call ourselves *HaMakom* was a little too *chutzpahdik*. “Congregation God” is a little presumptuous. Nevertheless, our new name evokes that name for God.

In our liturgy, we comfort mourners with the phrase, “*HaMakom Yinachem Otam*, May God comfort you,” but literally, “May the place comfort you.” It is a fascinating usage. Perhaps when people are in the depths of sorrow it is hard to think of a supernatural God. After all if that God is looking out for us, how could sorrow befall us?

On the other hand, the God that gives us comfort in such times is the God within humanity. It is God we find in community. Often when we find God in times of sadness, it is the godliness we feel in the people who come to share our grief. We find God in the moments when we say Kaddish together at shiva, and subsequent *yahrzeits* and *Yizkor* prayers. We don’t look to the God beyond space and time, we look to the God within a loving soul akin to our own, to a hug just when we need it, to someone who just listens to the pain in our heart. We find *HaMakom* in the Makom we build together.

That is what Makom can be: a source of community to lift us up in times of need, to celebrate with us in times of joy, to sustain us throughout our lives. More than sixty years after our congregations first joined together with the founding rabbis of our separate communities, Rabbi Arnold J. Wolff and Rabbi Richard Singer, of blessed memory, we now come together as one Makom. In the story of creation, God marries the disparate elements of matter into a single Makom, bringing forth one place, one earth, land and sea, from many sources, to form something that will last. So it is with us. May we build a Makom worthy of the name Makom Solel Lakeside. A place where we remember that we are God’s partners, that we are blessed to be made in God’s image, where each of us can make the Makom for another, the place where we support each other with loving hands and hearts.

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<p>TUESDAY JULY 23 7:00pm</p>	<p>Film screening is free & open to the public! This month we are showing the two short films one of which tells the story of the world's oldest Holocaust Survivor and how music saved her life.</p>
<p>The Film Group: Diane Gordon, David Kaminsky, Sandy Kaminsky, Susan O'Neil, Mary Solof, John Susman</p>	
<p>Join us for dinner before the film at 6:00pm \$10 per person Contact Sandy Kaminsky at sandygoodmank@gmail.com Program followed by Dessert & Q&A Discussion with Cantor O'Brien</p>	

Upcoming Film Dates to note: September 10th and November 12th

MEET THE CLERGY OF MAKOM SOLEL LAKESIDE

EVENTS START AT 6:30PM



Evening at Botanic Gardens
Tuesday, July 30th
 Meet at the entrance to the visitor center and enjoy a meditative stroll.



Love's Ice Cream
Monday, August 19th
 Cool off from the summer heat in downtown Highland Park as you talk the evening away.

For more info, contact (847) 432 - 7950 or office@mymakom.org

Summer 2019 SHABBAT

series

All Shabbat services will take place on Friday evenings.
Services will be held at Makom Solel Lakeside
(1301 Clavey Road) at 6:15pm unless noted otherwise.

July

- 5 Red, White & Blue *Shabbat*
and BBQ following service
Celebrate with hot dogs, hamburgers, and apple pie!
(1221 County Line Road, Highland Park)
- 12 Sundae on Friday *Shabbat*
- 19 *Shabbat* Service
- 26 *Shabbat* Service

August

- 2 Pet *Shabbat*
Bring your furry friends!
(1221 County Line Road, Highland Park)
- 9 *Shabbat* at the Park
Fink Park (1377 Clavey Rd, park neighboring Makom Solel Lakeside)
- 16 Social Justice *Shabbat*
Lake Cook Campus (1221 County Line Rd, Highland Park)
- 23 Back to School *Shabbat* BBQ - 5:30pm
- 30 *Shabbat* Service



Friday, July 5	6:15pm Red, White and Blue <i>Shabbat</i> & BBQ*
Saturday, July 6	9:15am Study the Prophets*
	10:30am Morning Minyan*
Friday, July 12.....	6:15pm Sundaes on Friday <i>Shabbat</i>
Saturday, July 13	9:15am Study the Prophets*
	10:30am Morning Minyan*
Friday, July 19	6:15pm <i>Shabbat</i> Service
Saturday, July 20	9:15am Study the Prophets*
	10:30am Morning Minyan*
Friday, July 26	6:15pm <i>Shabbat</i> Service
Saturday, July 27	9:15am Study the Prophets*
	10:30am Morning Minyan*
Friday, August 2.....	6:15pm Pet <i>Shabbat</i> *
Saturday, August 3.....	9:15am Study the Prophets*
	10:30am Morning Minyan*
Friday, August 9	6:15pm <i>Shabbat</i> in the Park (Fink Park)
Saturday, August 10	9:15am Study the Prophets*
	10:30am Morning Minyan*
Friday, August 16	6:15pm <i>Shabbat</i> Service
Saturday, August 17	9:15am Study the Prophets
	10:30am Morning Minyan
Friday, August 23	6:15pm Back to School <i>Shabbat</i> & BBQ
Saturday, August 24	9:15am Study the Prophets
	10:30am Morning Minyan
Friday, August 30	6:15pm <i>Shabbat</i> Service
Saturday, August 31	9:15am Study the Prophets
	10:30am Morning Minyan

Worship opportunities will be held at Makom Solel Lakeside (1301 Clavey Road in Highland Park) unless otherwise noted.

* These services will be held at our Lake Cook Campus (1221 County Line Road, Highland Park).

Want to inquire more deeply into a passage after the Shabbat service?

Find the weekly parashah and commentaries at these links:

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