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**MANY CAUSES
WE CAN'T DO
THEM ALL, BUT WE
ARE COMMANDED
TO DO OUR PART!**

WZO Israel Election

- Vote for ARZA Reform Movement to promote Reform Rights

Rise Against Hunger

- Pack 10,000 meals on May 17

RAC IL

- Attend the Anti-racism workshop
- Stand against handgun violence
- Stand up for immigrant rights
- Support Jewish Social Justice Advocacy Day

Makom Solel Lakeside's Green Group

- Help establish an eco-responsible congregation



Support our
Refugee project



Blood Drive
April 19



Donate cereal to our
'Counting the Omer'
project



Leaving a Legacy



Rob Lindner

It is hard to believe, but this is my last Co-Presidential letter! I am going to resist the obvious temptation to list accomplishments over a three-year term, and instead focus on the big picture, creating a legacy.

By this, I do not mean to start talking about my own legacy, but rather the importance of having a legacy. Everybody wants to be

remembered. Everyone wants to know that they made a difference in this world. For most of us, our most important legacy is the love of our family. Of course, nothing is more important than that history.

But I am thinking beyond my own family today. I am thinking about what others will say about us, now and in the future. What can we do today, so that the memory is more than “Oh, I knew that person. He or she was nice”.

Each of us has the ability to leave this world a better place than we found it. Each of us can reach out. Will our children and grandchildren have their memories of us limited to those actions that we took with them, or will they proudly tell their friends about what we did with our life beyond our family, and how we helped those around us? Did we help that person in need? Did we reach out for that cause? What propelled us to look beyond our immediate family, and join a higher calling? What inspired us to take our personal skills and abilities, and move the world forward? In short, what will others remember about us?

One of the blessings of being a member of Makom Solel Lakeside is that it offers so many paths to create a legacy. Of course, there is the traditional legacy of money, which is always deeply appreciated. But in addition to that, there is the legacy of creating and enhancing a caring community. We have just founded a new congregation that will exist for generations. What will those future generations say about us? How do we, as the founders, want to be remembered? What

do we want to put into place today that will be deeply appreciated by our children and grandchildren? What do we want the wider community to say about us when they speak of Makom Solel Lakeside? All of us want to be able to influence the future in a manner that matches our values and aspirations.

In short, what can possibly be more important than being remembered, not just for what we said to ourselves, but for what we did beyond ourselves? The opportunity to leave a legacy at Makom Solel Lakeside surrounds every day. Do you see a way that you can leave your mark? If so, please do so. If not, please reach out! Everyone wants to be heard, now and in the future. Everyone wants to act, and our legacy needs our actions, now and in the future.

Find a way to leave a legacy. If you have multiple passions and you want to discuss which ones to follow, reach out to our clergy and leaders. We will listen. If you have one passion that overwhelms all others, still reach out. It does not matter where you start, what matters is the steps you take from where you are now, and the impact that it can have.

We all have the legacy of being founders of a fantastic unification of two incredible congregations. What a great base! Now let's all build on it, and all leave our legacies for the future, in whatever manner suits each of us individually.

As this is my final Presidential letter, I also want to take this opportunity not only to thank all of the clergy, staff and lay leaders at Makom Solel Lakeside, but also to thank their families. Starting with my own wife, Rhonda, I want to thank all the patient spouses and significant others of our leaders, all of whom had to make their own set of behind-the-scene sacrifices to assist those people in creating their legacies.

Thank you all for the honor of the past three years to serve as your Co-President.

Take Action with Tikkun Olam!

Attend a Tikkun Olam Shabbat

March 20: National Refugee
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May 22: LGBTQ Rights

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diane.zidman@att.net or
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We want to know what you're
passionate about. Sign up for a
listening session or a one-on-one*

**Contact Allison Levin at
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Susie Mason
susanmasonfineart@gmail.com

With combatting hate through
supporting refugees or HIAS;
contact Alan Greene aig0220@
comcast.net

With saving our planet, join the
Green Makom Group. Contact Andy
Amend andyamend@me.com

With hunger, homelessness, or
other efforts, contact Rhonda
Lindner rhondalindner@yaoo.com

Be An Advocate

Get involved in the census, voter
engagement, racial injustice work,
immigrant rights or fair tax outreach
through the Religious Action Center of
Reform Judaism (RAC.org) or RAC-IL

Attend RAC-IL Anti-Racism Training at
Makom Solel Lakeside on March 11

Join RAC-IL, JCUA and other Jewish Social
Justice Groups in Springfield—May 21

**Contact Rich Amend at
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Make a Difference Locally

Get engaged in Lake
County United*

Visit Curt's Café in
downtown Highland
Park

**Contact Meta Levin
meta.levin@comcast.net*

Support our Refugee Families

Consider becoming a part of Makom Solel Lakeside's refugee village. We have received a generous grant from the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) to help a new refugee family get settled in the US. Save the date for our National Refugee Shabbat on March 20 where we are planning a lively and multi-cultural experience with the Ngoyi's—our current family from the DR of Congo.

We believe, as Makom Solel Lakeside, that we can make a true impact. If you have an idea for a Tikkun Olam initiative that you would like us to engage in, contact Wendy Rhodes wendyrhodes53@gmail.com or Diane Zidman diane.zidman@att.net

Stay Tuned!

Check out future *Kehillah Quarterlies*, social media, and MyMakom Weeklies for updates on Tikkun Olam activities. If you want more information, contact Leah Neiman (office@mymakom.org) to be added to our special distribution list.

Land of Sick and Land of Healthy



Rabbi Evan Moffic

A few years ago Rabbi Larry Hoffman wrote an article talking about the way different people experience *Shabbat* services. A family celebrating a *Bat Mitzvah*, for example, come with joy and enthusiasm, whereas a couple mourning the death of a friend probably come with grief and sadness. The same is true in life. We have vastly different experiences based

on our emotional state.

After reading Hoffman's article, I understood this truth intellectually, but it was only after spending an extended period in the hospital and in rehab that I understood it emotionally.

As I lay recovering from my stress fractures and muscle tear, the world went on. My kids went to school. Emails rolled in. *Shabbat* services happened. Yet, all I could think about was my pain and desire to heal. All I could think about was getting up and walking and driving and speaking and just doing what I normally do. My world became much smaller.

At the same time, as I look back and reflect on the experience, I think my world also became much bigger. My understanding of the experience of pain and loss of mobility and basic functions expanded.

Before the injury, when visiting with those who are ill or in recovery from an operation, I always tried to empathize with the pain. I listened carefully and with love. Yet, that empathy was limited by lack of experience. But when we have gone from independence to utter dependence in the space of seconds, we have a different perspective on what it means to be in pain. We appreciate another person's pain more deeply. We know what it is like to have others do everything for you. We know what it is like to lose the basic skills we took for granted.

Now, even with this greater degree of empathy, I realize that all of us experience pain differently. I still do not know what it is like to have a hip replaced or go through chemotherapy, and I don't know the fears accompanying open heart surgery

or a dementia diagnosis. But I do know I have discovered a new layer of myself and my rabbinate.

None of us wish for pain, but it is as inevitable as death and taxes. What I hope for each us is that our experience of pain is limited, and that when it happens, we grow closer to one another and to God.

As Rabbi Alan Lew has written, "In my work as a rabbi, I have found that those who have experienced their share of pain and suffering in their lives are generally the ones who profess a deeper sense of relationship to the Divine. You might think it would be the opposite: that personal tragedy would tend to drive people away from rather than toward God. But in fact, I believe that we tend to find God more often in the lowest depths rather than the highest heights. Perhaps it is then that we have the potential to be the most spiritually open – to be more sensitive and mindful of the blessings in our lives, to be more empathetic to the suffering of others." To that I can only say Amen.

Makom Solel Lakeside presents

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Leah Neiman Director of Communications



We will be putting Leah's diverse skillsets to use in several critical areas. As the mastermind behind our communications, she is taking on responsibility for our weekly and quarterly publications, and focusing on developing and executing our social media strategy. She is also managing a myriad of support tasks for our Lev Learning program. And that's just for starters!

Following are excerpts from an interview with Leah, edited for purposes of this article.

You grew up in Toronto. What brought you to Chicago and what have you particularly enjoyed about this area? My husband is a native Chicagoan. We met in Israel but had an opportunity to work in the family business (Zelda's Catering). We have since both moved on to other career choices. I love Chicago for its blend of culture, history and beautiful parks, but with 3 and 5-year-old sons who keep me busy, it isn't easy to find time to enjoy all the opportunities.

Recall a fond memory that helped mold you into the person you are today. At my (Modern Orthodox) synagogue, children were expected to give the D'var Torah at family minyan, and I frequently volunteered. It was a formative experience that taught me to be comfortable speaking in public, to engage with people of all ages, to read, research, and be articulate.

What attracted you to this position? I love feeling part of a community in both my personal and professional life. I like helping people connect and this role gives me that opportunity. I care deeply about Judaism; and the people I met at Makom seemed warm and welcoming.

Tell us a bit about how your professional background informs your major tasks here at Makom Solel Lakeside. I've dealt with people in the past and consider myself a problem solver. I am good at seeing the big picture and understand the importance of working a task through from start to the finish. Having a law degree, I was trained to look at things logically.

Do you have a specific goal for your role as a communications expert? I see the synagogue as a central place for intellectual, spiritual and friendship development. I want to be able to reach deeper into membership and help spark engagement. For that we'll have to, in part, identify program gaps and find ways to improve reach-out.

To the extent that you have free time, what do you like to do for fun? I am on the membership committee for my synagogue. I also enjoy baking and gardening. I would keep chickens if the Village of Skokie allowed it!

Stop by and introduce yourself to Leah if you are in the building. She's delightful.

Stephanie Sohn Administrative Assistant



Stephanie was hired to be our part-time relief valve, looking after a number of essential everyday tasks including issues relating to the phone, mailings, yahrzeits, donation acknowledgments, event registrations and so on.

Following are excerpts from an interview with Stephanie, edited for purposes of this article.

Tell us where you grew up and how important Judaism was in your family. I grew up in Glenview. Judaism was fairly important both from a religious and cultural perspective. We were brought up Conservative. My father's grandfather was a rabbi in Chicago. My siblings and I were all confirmed and I was active throughout high school in USY (United Synagogue Youth).

Is there something about your background that might give us some insight about the type of person you are? After college I started working for an insurance company but found the work too boring. Later I worked with a small broker and really enjoyed the small family-type environment dealing with the clients. When the brokerage was bought out twice, it ended up being part of the very large Willis Group firm and it wasn't fun or comfortable for me anymore.

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Cherish the Classics: Balancing Innovation with Preservation



Cantor Jay O'Brien

Consider for a moment the popular saying, "change is the only constant." There are many variations of this well-known saying. The ancient Greek writer Heraclitus famously said, "You can't step into the same river twice." Jewish liturgy also echoes this refrain, when each morning we pray *Uv'tuvo M'chadesh B'chol Yom Tamid Ma'aseh B'reishit*,

meaning "God renews creation every day." In other words, the world around us is dynamic. It is not up to us to impose stasis upon the world, but to accept change as an opportunity for growth. And yet, how do we reconcile this "change mindset" with the idea that Judaism itself is designed to prolong traditions and preserve our knowledge of the past?

These questions are particularly relevant to the Makom Solel Lakeside community. Our rabbinic leadership, numerous lay leaders, and Lev Learning community all seek in their own arenas to strike a balance between preservation and change. This balance is also core to my work as a Reform Jewish cantor. As a contemporary musician, I invite creativity and celebrate innovation; as a Jewish professional, I study and transmit ancient ritual and melodies to the next generation. Understanding both these aspects - innovation and preservation - is what makes for an effective synagogue music program.

For our Spring concert this year, we will have an opportunity to explore this theme of change and continuity through a special musical program entitled "***Cherish the Classics: the best of Opera, Classical, and Jewish Music.***" The program will feature an entertaining and eclectic mix of music by Classical European composers, beloved arias from world of Opera, and the music of Jewish composers that reflect these rich and diverse artistic influences. Featured composers on the program will include: Verdi, Mendelssohn, Ravel, Mozart, and many more. All attendees are invited to a wine and cheese reception immediately following. Please mark your calendars - the Spring

Concert will be on Sunday, April 5th at 4:00pm.

Looking for another other great reason to attend? This year's program will celebrate and honor the career of Richard Boldrey, our newly named Music Director Emeritus of Makom Solel Lakeside. For over half a century, Richard Boldrey has distinguished himself as one of Chicago's greatest choral conductors, pianists, and music educators. Richard is currently a member of the music faculty for Northwestern University and has twice served as the assistant conductor at Chicago Lyric opera (1981-1987 and 1993-1999). In the Jewish music world, Richard served as the music director of the renowned *Kol Zimra* community chorus, as well as music director of legacy Lakeside Congregation for over a decade. Simply put, there is no person who embodies the vital connection between the Classical music and Jewish music worlds more in our community than our very own Richard Boldrey.

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Writing Your Ethical Wills



Rabbi Isaac Serotta

I recently taught a Sunday morning class on the ancient custom among Jews, for not just leaving a financial legacy, but also a spiritual lesson, advice and counsel to those who come after.

The first ethical wills can be found in Torah. Jacob gathers his children around his bed and tells them how he wants them to live after he is gone. He gives them his burial

instructions to bring him back to the cave of the Machpelah. You could say that the whole book of Deuteronomy is Moses making an ethical will, instructing the people how to live and behave after he dies.

Later in the Bible, David instructs Solomon before he dies warning him of people to watch out for, and asking him to complete the tasks he was unable to finish in his lifetime.

An ethical will is not necessarily an easy thing to write. To do it you need to examine your heart. The goal is to find your own essential truth and your own voice. It helps to realize that you don't have to write it once and then forget it. What you might write at 40 is not the same as at 50 or 80 or 120. Still every time you look at it, and think about it, it gives you new insight into yourself. That makes it valuable for you and certainly for the friends, family, and community who may receive it. These documents are also valuable for historical posterity, as they tell us how Jews lived at different times and places in the world. That's why volumes of ethical wills have been published. Reading an ethical will from the time of the Shoah, or from the time of immigration to America, or from the suburbs of the 1950s, is meaningful and instructive for students of Jewish history.

At our workshop we asked a few questions to help people get started on an ethical will, and many took home a kind of do-it-yourself guide for writing such a document. If you would like a copy for yourself, it is available by request as a hard copy or by email.

I encourage you to do it. It can be simple and practical, instructing loved ones about your funeral plans, or where the financial documents are held. It can be a biographical story, and a document about hopes and dreams for the future of your

family and community. It can tell people what causes are meaningful to you and how you might like to help them through your estate. It is not a substitute for making legacy gifts in your will (I can't resist making a plug for our community, Makom Solel Lakeside, here), but it does help your descendants know what was important to you.

I would like to highlight a couple of the questions and answers that came up at our Sunday morning session. There are commonalities and differences. When I asked, "What is your favorite place in the world?" many different beautiful places came up on the brightly colored post-it notes that the participants shared. Italy, the ocean, Israel, to name a few, but the most common answer was, "home" or "home with family," or similarly, "wherever my family is."

When asked, "what are you most proud of?" There were many variations on my children and grandchildren. More specifically people are proud of raising good children and grandchildren. There was another category of answers that could be summarized as, "I am most proud of becoming myself, being the person I am meant to be."

I asked several more questions from the template for writing an ethical will. I have hundreds of post-it notes, describing favorite family traditions, things we have learned from our parents, things we have learned from being a parent/mentor to others, and what God and faith mean to us.

My last question for the day, "what advice can you give to someone encountering hardship?" A number of people remembered the rabbinic advice, "This too shall pass." Others advise us to "reach for help," and, "remember you are not alone." Finally, a beautiful little note, "In hardship, remember that you're loved and never alone. God is always near."

These little snippets remind us of a few things:

We all have wisdom to share.

Though we have a lot in common, each of us has our own unique voice.

We are not alone, and our values, our beliefs, our lives can inspire generations that come after us.

When should you write your Ethical Will? Whenever you start, that is the right time.

Ava Muriel



Jayne and Robert Muriel are pleased to announce that Ava Muriel will become a *Bat Mitzvah* on March 7, 2020. Ava lives in Highland Park and attends Northwood Junior High. Ava has been enrolled in NSSD 112's dual language program since kindergarten and is bilingual, biliterate, and bi-cultural, as her late Grandfather, Hugo Muriel,

and Grandmother, Eleanor Muriel "Abu" are from Bolivia. Consequently, Ava has grown up with Bolivian family and friends. On the bima, Ava will be surrounded by her loving family — sister, Sofia; brother, Jacob; Grandmother, Ellen Caron (from Fort Mill, South Carolina); Abu, Eleanor (currently in Highland Park); and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Although she has been active in Orchestra, Student Council, and AYSO Soccer for many years, Ava's passion is dance, and she is very active in the North Shore School of Dance Ballet Theater and Dance Company. Ava's favorite summers were spent performing circus acts with Big Top Little Top camp and enjoying overnight camp at Beber Camp. Her family adopted Rayito eight years ago, so Ava recognizes the struggles of animals with no homes. This past year, Ava has been volunteering at PAWS where she feeds, plays with, and cleans up after sweet dogs who desperately need families.

Laila Jacobs



Laila Violet Jacobs, will be called to the Torah as a *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, March 14, 2020. She is the daughter of Marc and Jennifer Jacobs, and has a younger brother, Finn Jacobs. Laila and her family reside in Franksville, Wisconsin, a small town near the Milwaukee area. Her grandparents Kitty and Allen George also reside in Franksville, and grandparents Susan and Lanny Jacobs reside in West Bloomfield, MI.

Laila is currently a 7th grade student at Raymond School. She participates in school basketball, track, cross country, choir, art club, book club, and student council. Laila also plays on a travel basketball and softball team.

She spends time volunteering each year at a local food bank, a school organized blood drive, and visiting a nearby Veteran's home and animal shelter. Laila loves animals and her boxer puppy Charlie most of all. In her free time, she enjoys reading, baking with her mom, relaxing, and spending time with her friends.

Charlie Cohen



Charlie Cohen will celebrate his *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, April 4, 2020. Charlie lives in Highland Park and is in 7th grade at Edgewood School. Both of his sisters became a *Bat Mitzvah* at Solel. In his free time, Charlie loves to play hockey and baseball and hang out with his family and friends. For his mitzvah project, Charlie did a fundraiser for GLASA Sled Hockey, and he is

volunteering his time, pushing a sled for GLASA (Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association – giving opportunities to kids with physical challenges and visual impairments).

Wil Haas



Wil Haas is excited to become a *Bar Mitzvah* on April 25. Wil lives in Highland Park with his parents Marissa and John, his older sister Maddie and his pets Kiki, Phinny, Stella and Boomer. Wil is a 7th grader at Edgewood Junior High School and is an aspiring soccer and baseball player who loves to spend time with his friends and animals. Animals have a special

place in Wil's heart, and have become the focus of his mitzvah project. Wil has raised donations for local shelter Orphan's of

the Storm, baked the first-ever homemade cat cookies for their special cat room and periodically volunteers at their Saturday Pet Showcase in which he helps to calm animals available for adoption. Wil also has a passion for environmental issues and has led his Lev Learning class in raising social consciousness within the congregation and community around these concerns.

Ryan Kessler



Ryan Samuel Kessler will celebrate his *Bar Mitzvah* on May 9, 2020. Ryan is a 7th grader at Edgewood Middle School and spends his summers as a camper at Camp Nebagamon. He plays basketball and guitar. Through the Keshet program, Ryan is assisting with Buddy Basketball as his *Bar Mitzvah* project. Ryan's parents, Art Kessler and Wendy Bloom, and his brother, Ben, look

forward to celebrating with him. Barb and Denny Kessler, Ryan's grandparents, are Makom Solel Lakeside members too, and likewise look forward to May 9th.

Adam Cohen



Adam Cohen, son of Elizabeth and Andrew Cohen and younger brother of Daniel Cohen of Highland Park, will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday May 16, 2020. Adam is currently in 7th grade at Edgewood Middle School. Outside of school, Adam enjoys theater, running, and spending time with his

friends and his dog, Hudson. During the summer, Adam goes to Camp Nebagamon in Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin.

Eli Perkins



Eli Perkins will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on May 23, 2020 surrounded by his mom Abbey, his dad Phil, and his siblings Grace and Sam. Eli is an avid soccer player, gaming, boy-scouting 7th grader at Edgewood Middle School. Eli is really looking forward to all his cousins coming in town from far flung parts of the US to celebrate with him.

Jack Flagg



Jack Flagg of Highland Park and Northwood Junior High (7th grade) will become a *Bar Mitzvah* on June 6, 2020. His proud parents, Jaimie and Kevin, along with his adoring sister, Maddy are thrilled to share this special day with his many grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins from across the country. Jack plays trombone in the school band as well as runs for the cross

country and track teams. He also enjoys playing tennis. Jack spends his summers at OSRUI where he loves sleeping in a tent and going on rock climbing and canoe trips. For his *mitzvah* project, Jack is volunteering at Feed My Starving Children by packing meals for hungry children around the world.

What about this position attracted you? I liked the feeling of community and family. I knew something about the merger and was comfortable with the size of the congregation. I was fortunate to be in a situation where I could be picky.

Do you consider yourself to be a spiritual person? Yes. I express this not only by practicing Jewish holidays and customs but also through music (rock, bluegrass and other genres), and out in nature...I love camping. As far as Jewish practice, though brought up Conservative I've been more drawn to Reform due to the music and some of its policies.

If you're going out for a good time, describe the evening.

A good dinner and live music.

Is there someone you look up to or consider a hero?

My 98-year-old grandmother who came to Chicago when she was sixteen with her parents from Germany and with no English language skills. They had been hiding in a tiny room and were sponsored by the Abt family (yes, the appliance people). She was golfing 18 holes up to two years ago. She is the fiercest, strongest, and most independent person I have ever met.

Stop by and introduce yourself to Stephanie if you are in the building. It's always nice to put names and faces together... helpful too!

The Camera Club at Makom Solel Lakeside

Designed for learners not experts, the Camera Club started over eleven years ago in a local restaurant with Makom Solel Lakeside member Mike Zidman and two others who enjoyed photography as a passion, not an avocation. It has grown by word of mouth and now sports a list of nearly 70 members, approximately 25 of whom attend the meetings that are held in our library generally on the last Monday of each month. There are no dues (members are encouraged to donate to cover snack expenses), nor are they required to attend all meetings.

Members bring and show images to each session and attendees then critique the work, pointing out opportunities for improvement or other perspectives. Sessions are all about technique, composition, creativity and learning how to turn a good image into a 'wow' image. Sessions are NOT overly technical nor focused on high-end equipment.

The Camera Club is OPEN TO ALL. You do not have to be a synagogue member to join. You do not have to be a skilled photographer. Beginners are welcome as long as they have an interest. Whatever your style of photography, it's all about having fun and being open to learn.

Contact the Makom Solel Lakeside office to get details on the next meeting.

Thank You Allan Litwack!

Mazel tov on your well-deserved retirement after a decade of devoted service to our congregation.

Your oversight of our synagogue's operations placed us upon firm footing. We are grateful to you for bringing a systematic approach to our financial well-being. As well, your working with the staff has maintained our congregation's physical plant in tip-top shape.

It has been our great pleasure to collaborate with you.

We wish you and Karen, along with your extended family, all the best for many years to come.

**Wendy Rhodes, Larry Mason, Michael Ebner, Josh Lowitz,
Holly Krakow, & Rob Lindner**

On the Path to Innovation & Excellence



Vanessa M. Ehrlich

Shifting the Paradigm is the name of the current program for Chicago Educators hosted by our own Jewish Federation. I have been privileged this year to participate in this cohort and learn how we must shift the paradigm for not only Jewish education but synagogue life, participation and continued existence.

This course which Rabbi Serotta, Ashley Plotnick and I have attended as a team, has shown us how much we can collaborate by looking at all our educational programs.

I represented our congregation on a Chicago educators' trip to Boston. We observed different congregations, large and small to help us learn about innovation.

- Innovation needs to be in partnership with educators, clergy and lay people.
- Innovation needs to be ongoing and flexible.
- Innovation must be values driven.

I am excited to bring these ideas to our educational program and to continue to innovate within our Adult Enrichment programs. We have had wonderful participation at our Adult Enrichment programs and that is indicative of how important lifelong learning is to our congregation.

Continuing the learning, on January 27-29 in Denver, Rabbi Serotta, Ashely and I participated in the Association of Reform Jewish Educators (ARJE) conference: **A Summit in Excellence**. The track I was in with Rabbi Serotta had an Inclusion and Mental Health emphasis. We learned with Pam Schuller, a Jewish activist and comedian. As Pamela says on her website: *Pamela Rae Schuller does inclusion differently. Through comedy, storytelling, and laughter your community will leave with concrete goals and a new mindset to become more inclusive.*

She taught us how to engage with students and adults who may need help with mental health issues. We were given some ideas on how to respond to difficult situations and also with many different resources. We hope to bring Pamela to Makom Solel Lakeside sometime in the future.

I am grateful to have time to be able to study and think about how best to bring new programs to our congregation and how to continue to innovate and improve our adult offerings at home. During our three days together with Educators, Rabbis and Cantors from across North America we were able to network, learn and most importantly bring back many exciting ideas to Makom Solel Lakeside.

BLOOD DRIVE



Makom Solel Lakeside Blood Drive

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To the family of Janet Freund.

To the family of James Kenward, father of John (Lori Kaskowitz) Kenward.

To the family of Roslyn Glaser, aunt of Lori Kaskowitz (John) Kenward.

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To the family of Lorry Borowitz.

To the family of Harvey Saltzman, father of David (Susan) Saltzman, grandfather of Carly Saltzman.

May their acts of kindness and generous deeds serve as inspirations and blessed memories for all who follow.

MAZEL TOV:

To the family of Joel and Jessie Solomon on the birth of Ladd and Alissa's third child, Lila Marilyn.

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10:00 - 11:30am Program | Held at Makom Solel Lakeside
Complimentary Breakfast served at 9:30am | 10:00am speaker begins



March

- 1 Today's Anti-Semitism**
Rabbi Evan Moffic answers questions regarding the recent rise of anti-Semitism in America.
- 15 Finding the Good - Rwanda's Pathways Back to Trust**
Carl Wilkens will share his eyewitness account of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi and later developments.
- 22 Keep Calm & Parent On**
Meet a panel of experts as we discuss the challenges of parenting.

April

- 5 Ruth Bader Ginsberg Exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum**
Carpool available from Makom Solel Lakeside.

- 19 Yom HaShoah Commemoration**
George Mueller, Holocaust Survivor (earlier start time - details to follow)
- 26 Scholar-In-Residence Weekend**
Rabbi Emeritus Dov Taylor will discuss contemporary Jewish issues.

May

- 3 Cannabis as a Jewish Value**
Kelly Goldberg, Director of Education & Membership at Gromentum Lab
- 10 Mother's Day Film**
Movie TBD

YOUTH GROUP SPRING EVENTS

2020

March

- 8 | Purim Carnival**
9:45am - 12:00pm
- 14 | Paint A Penguin Event**
1:00pm - 2:30pm
Meet at Northbrook Court
\$10 Required per Child

April

- 4 | Chicago Wolves Game**
7:00pm
Meet at Allstate Arena
- 11 | Candy Seder**
4:00pm

May

- 2 | Movie Night**
4:00pm
\$5 per Child



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'.

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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.

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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 minyan 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.

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**Facebook, Twitter and Election 2020:
 Why Worry?**

A 5-Session Class led by co-founder of
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Kenney will lead us through an exploration on the potential effect
 of Social Media on the upcoming election.

- » Who are the foreign and domestic bad actors?
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For more information, please contact Vanessa Ehrlich
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APRIL 24 - 26, 2020



RABBI EMERITUS DOV TAYLOR AT MAKOM SOLEL LAKESIDE

Welcome Rabbi Emeritus Dov Taylor, who served at legacy Solel for 25 years, as he returns for a thought-provoking Scholar-in-Residence weekend.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Shabbat Evening Sermon with Rabbi Taylor | 7:30pm

“So What?” So what if I believe in God or not? What difference does it make in my life?
Service followed by a festive Oneg Shabbat with home-baked sweets.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Shabbat Morning Torah Study in the library | 9:00am with Rabbi Taylor

“Four Who Entered the Orchard” The Talmud contains a famous legend about four great 2nd-century rabbis who undertook a dangerous mystical journey—fatal for three of them—to gaze upon the very Godhead. We will explore and discuss commentaries—as well as a great poem by Bialik—on this fascinating text.

Shabbat Morning Minyan in the chapel | 10:45am with Rabbi Serotta

Afternoon Presentation in the library | 12:00pm with Artist Judith Taylor

Artist Judith Taylor, Rabbi Taylor's wife, in a 30-minute PowerPoint, will present images and commentary about the work she has produced and exhibited in recent years in Vermont. She will also welcome questions.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Morning discussion of Contemporary Jewish Issues with Rabbi Taylor | 10:00-11:30am

Rabbi Taylor will lead a discussion of Contemporary Jewish Issues: Polarization in our country. The rise of anti-Semitism here and abroad. The coming election. The situation in Israel. We will discuss some of the many contemporary issues of concern to Jews.

Relevant reading material will be available Friday night and Shabbat morning. The discussion will be preceded by a member-sponsored breakfast served at 9:30am.



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