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# NEVE SHALOM

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## FROM THE RABBI

*By Gerald Zelizer*

# Windows for the Soul

When each of us enters the sanctuary at Neve Shalom, our usual custom is to look downward at the siddur, forward to the bimah, or perhaps sideways to a friend. Might I suggest that next time you look up! That will take your vision to the award-winning stained glass windows at the top of our sanctuary. I wish they were at eye level, because they are so magnificent and unusual. Let me tell you a little bit about them and then you are now able to read more details on our website.

The building at 250 Grove Avenue was constructed in 1954. Aside from an expansion in the early 1980s, the original windows at the top of the sanctuary were clear glass. Then, in the middle of the 1960s, spear-headed by our Sisterhood, the congregation decided to engage a prominent stained glass artist, whose name was **Efrem Weitzman z"l**, to design the windows now in place. Financed by the Sisterhood, and installed by a company on Long Island, the windows were designed by the artist around the themes conceived by my predecessor in Neve Shalom, **Rabbi Herschel Matt z"l** (1958-1970). Efrem Weitzman was an award winning artist. Among other accolades, he had been awarded with a Fulbright scholarship to France in the 1950s worked in various art forms, including – in addition to stained glass – painting, sculpture, fiber, and mosaic and received a Tiffany Award for stained glass in 1939. His works were exhibited at various galleries and museums abroad and in the United States, his creations adorn numerous synagogues, churches, and public buildings

throughout this country. Weitzman taught in the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He died several years ago.

As you enter the sanctuary, look straight ahead at the first window which begins on the right side with a dark color. The windows interpret five stages in the life of a Jew. Then move your gaze leftward, around the sanctuary, to the bimah, and eventually to the windows on the other side, now. (Now in reverse from the right to the left.) The overall thesis is creation. You will notice five stages which are: birth; circumcision and pidyan haben; bar mitzvah, marriage; and death. Five key moments in the life of a Jew are portrayed: birth, bar mitzvah, marriage, and death.

Within each of these windows are many details and references in bold colors and modern themes. It is surely worth your while to read of those details on our website and then apply them to the windows next time you are in our sanctuary.

I was thinking recently that if these windows were commissioned and installed today, based on the life of the contemporary Jew, the themes might change a bit. How about a window depicting the naming of a girl at the Torah on Shabbat? Or one today, depicting one Jew sitting next to another at kiddush? Or another window portraying a blended family around a Friday night Sabbath table? Or still another depicting an individual reading the Torah (and not just the portrayal of the Torah scroll as in our current window)? Or yet another window of death showing one person embracing another. My point is that the themes of these windows which are magnificent and transcendent, could be supplemented even more contemporaneously with nuances of Jewish life today.

Don't worry, I am not suggesting building a new sanctuary! In any event, look up next time you are in the sanctuary, and get more details on our website.



Window panel representing the bar and bat mitzvah.

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# NOTES FROM THE HAZZAN

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

## PESACH: Tradition and Change

The tag line for the Conservative Movement for a long time has been "Tradition and Change." Clearly there are many changes happening in the Jewish community, at leadership levels of United Synagogue and certainly at individual synagogues and schools. At the recent Jewish Educators Convention I attended, the theme was change. We spent four days learning how to facilitate change, reasons for change and sharing ideas with experts and colleagues. I look forward to change and I think sometimes tradition is important as well. When institutions plan to do things differently, we should start by discussing what is working, what must be preserved, and upon what we must build before we automatically discard the past to try new things.

Here at Neve Shalom the Long Range Planning and Rabbinical Search Committees are certainly exploring new programs and different ways of doing things and I applaud that they have been reaching out to members in small groups and online surveys to make sure that the needs of our congregants will be met. The Hebrew School spent two years discussing models for change and parents and children seem happy with the new two day school schedule with a longer Sunday and online learning components. We preserved most of the curricula and are always searching for exciting, creative ways of reaching our students. The new Youth Learning Team (previously called Education Committee) has been introducing many new programs; the monthly Shabbat dinners and dynamic Family Services are examples of their energy and success. These are good examples of using new concepts, such as "Relational Judaism" to bring families closer to traditional practices such as Shabbat dinners and services, even if the menus include new items like Mexican or breakfast foods and the service includes wearing pajamas, Mickey Mouse ears or bringing your pets. Tradition and Change can work well together.

Passover is perhaps the quintessential example of traditions and changes. The rabbis created a format that includes many generations, memorable customs, foods, songs, prayers, rituals and even games that we are able to keep alive and to adapt. New Haggadot in the last few decades have shared the Passover traditions from the prisms of women, Renewal,



Eating traditional foods at last year's "Walk Through Seder" experience

Soviet Jewry or other lenses. New software available on the internet enable families to personalize their Haggadah, put in their own photos or drawings, add their favorite parodies or new readings. Each year, there are discussion topics to include current issues at your family's seder table. Perhaps this year you might discuss the situations in Syria or the Ukraine and compare modern struggles with leaving Egypt. Since getting to Israel is an important part of the Exodus story perhaps bring out maps and show the ancient travels of the Israelites and discuss what we would want for the future of the Sinai, of Jericho or Jerusalem. Singing is a great way of both preserving tradition and making change. Studies have shown that many Alzheimer's sufferers will remember songs of their youth even if they can't remember people's names. Singing your family's favorite Passover tunes every year is an important tradition and adding new melodies or finding fun parodies to Broadway or popular tunes with Passover themes can be fun ways to bring change to the experience.

As we embark on changes in our synagogue, school and family observances, we should seek to retain the important traditions that have brought us here and look for changes that will keep us alive and vibrant as a religion and community.



**Pesach at Neve Shalom  
2014/5774  
Schedule of Religious Services**



**SIYUM BECHORIM:**

MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 14, 14 NISAN  
6:30 am -- Study for first-born children in conjunction with morning minyan

**FIRST SEDER:**

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 15  
Please note: No services at synagogue.  
Mincha/Maariv should be prayed at home prior to seder.

**FIRST DAY – YOM TOV:**

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 15, 15 NISAN  
9:30 am – Shacharit

**SECOND SEDER:**

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 15, 15 NISAN  
Maariv should be prayed at home prior to seder.

**SECOND DAY – YOM TOV:**

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 16, 16 NISAN  
9:30 am - Shacharit

**THIRD DAY – HOL HAMOED:**

THURSDAY – APRIL 17, 17 NISAN  
6:30 am

**FOURTH DAY – HOL HAMOED:**

FRIDAY – APRIL 18, 18 NISAN  
6:30 am

**FIFTH DAY - HOL HAMOED:**

SATURDAY – APRIL 19, 19 NISAN  
9:30 am  
Mincha -- 6:45 pm

**SIXTH DAY - HOL HAMOED:**

SUNDAY – APRIL 20, 20 NISAN  
9:00 am  
Mincha/Maariv -- 7:30 pm

**SEVENTH DAY – YOM TOV:**

MONDAY - APRIL 21, 21 NISAN  
9:30 am – Shacharit  
7:30 pm – Maariv, including Memorial Service

**EIGHTH DAY – YOM TOV:**

TUESDAY - APRIL 22, 22 NISAN  
9:30 am -- Shacharit (including Yizkor)

*Congregant Q&A*

*The McAuleys: Mara, Rob, Patrick and Paige*

*Interview by Deborah Schildkraut, Membership Vice President*



**T**his interview series enables congregants to get to know one another a little better, making it easier to put names with faces, and help people discover things they have in common to facilitate connections. Please contact me at [dkestins@yahoo.com](mailto:dkestins@yahoo.com) if you'd like to be interviewed.

*How long have you been members of Neve Shalom?*  
We just joined in September!

*What made you join Neve Shalom?* The great Nursery School. Our kids each went to Nursery School here for three years, and made good friends along the

way. When it came time to begin Hebrew School, we looked around at other shuls, and staying at Neve just felt "right" for us.

*What do you like best about Neve Shalom?*

The inclusivity, and the Nursery School / Hebrew School programs. The Nursery School teachers are so warm and give lots of hugs. There is wonderful parent/teacher interaction and clear communications about how our kids are doing. There continue to be fun trips. We especially enjoy the Family Shabbat dinners, and the warmth of the teaching staff.

*Where are you each from originally?*

Mara is from Woodbridge, NJ, and Rob is from Queens, NY. (Go Mets!)

*Tell us about your professions?*

Mara has a degree in Health Information Management, and teaches for Brookdale Community College and Central Arizona College. This includes in-person as well as on-line courses in the areas of computer, management, healthcare statistics, and more. Rob is an Operating Engineer with Local 94. He works at the Merrill Lynch building on 5th Avenue and 55th Street in Manhattan.

*What are your hobbies and interests?*

Mara enjoys reading, especially autobiographies and Steven King books, as a way to wind-down. She also enjoys playing with their two cats Squeaky and Tiger who are nearly a year old. She is also a huge Bon Jovi fan, and has seen them in concert many times. She keeps busy with volunteer work. In addition to helping coordinate the Family Shabbat dinners here, she is a Girl Scout Leader and a driver for Kosher Meals on Wheels.

Rob enjoys old cars, racing, and collecting automobile-related items. He enjoys going to car shows. He has a 1968 Firebird convertible that he restored himself, and a 1990s Dakota pick-up race truck, which he races at Englishtown.

Patrick loves to play baseball and video games (especially Minecraft and Xbox). He is a big fan of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book series. A big highlight for him this past year was blowing the shofar for Rosh Hashanah during a Hebrew School event. Paige keeps very busy with gymnastics, dance classes, and Girl Scouts

*What is something that people may not know about you?*

Mara did the Polar Bear Plunge in Coney Island on New Year's Day this year!! The event, run by Camp Sunshine, helps support children with life-threatening illnesses and their families, so they can attend the one-of-a-kind retreat. Mara said it was an exhilarating experience. "It was.....COLD. All kidding aside, it was exhilarating. I most enjoyed the reactions from friends and family members when they heard I'd done it." Rob has an artistic flair. To feed his passion for cars, he also loves photographing old cars, and using light expression photography (think action shots like at a carnival). As a hobby, he also doodles graffiti art really well, and likes to make things with the kids' names.

# ADULT ED NEWS

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin



## April Guest Speaker

After Pesach is the time we have put on the Jewish calendar to remember the Shoah. As fewer Holocaust survivors are alive to share their stories personally, it is still important that we teach adults and young people the tragedies that occurred. Neve Shalom this year is lucky to bring back **Professor Pat Henry**, (pictured at left) of Whitman College. He will be speaking here during services and after lunch on Saturday, April 12.



Professor Henry, who is not Jewish, is a world expert who has edited textbooks and scholarly articles on that period. He will be speaking about "Who Rescued Jews In France" and is an engaging and knowledgeable presenter. We encourage you to join us and we promise you will learn new information.

## Community Events

On Sunday afternoon, April 27 at the Young Israel of East Brunswick, Federation presents the Jewish community's Annual Yom HaShoah Memorial. A guest speaker will talk about her experiences being hidden by Muslims during the war and school children will share their art projects.

On Monday evening, April 28, the Metuchen-Edison Interfaith Clergy present their annual Holocaust program at the JCC on Oak Tree Road. Touching readings and performances make this memorable every year. At both events survivors, or children (and grandchildren) of survivors, light candles to help keep memories burning.

Here at Neve Shalom we fondly remember **Emil Kalfus z"l** who passed away recently. His stories of the Holocaust were freely shared with Neve Shalom kids and school children in public schools throughout central NJ. We will miss him very much and will try to continue the important work that he had been doing. (See photo below.)



# HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

By Hazzan Sheldon Levin

## School Seder

At the Hebrew School seder for grades K-6 on April 6 the classes will sing the traditional prayers and songs and present skits, posters and videos to highlight parts of the seder. Parents and guests are all welcome to attend this amazing learning experience.



## Online Learning

In our Online Learning Center the students are practicing Hebrew reading and prayers and having fun playing the review games. The new Rabbi's Family Learning Room is a great place to ask **Rabbi Zelizer** questions and to see things he is posting. To help your child learn the Four Questions on the Online Learning Center go to: <http://www.behrmanhouse.com/mah-nishtanah> and click on the musical note to hear the singing or the triangles to review the reading.

## No Hebrew School April 13-22

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip

The Zion (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) class will be visiting the Museum of Jewish Heritage on Sunday April 13, and then the 9/11 Memorial site.

## World Book Night

On Wednesday, April 23 our teens can pick up a FREE copy of a book, thanks to a grant we received from the World Book Night Association. The book is "Code Name Verity" by **Elizabeth Wein**, a World War II historical novel. The book will be given to the first 20 students who pick it up at Neve Shalom on Wednesday evening April 23 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Then in May, on a date to be announced, there will be a group discussion of the book led by **Melissa Israel** of the NY Library Department of Education.

## JAVA NAGILA

On Sunday, April 27 the Java Nagila program will feature a discussion of "Being Jewish When Everyone Else Isn't: Helping Children Embrace their Judaism in a Non-Jewish World." Free coffee and refreshments will be served.

## Family Services

Friday, April 4 will be hosted by ALL of the classes and May 2 will be hosted by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and will include Zion Class Commencement. The April dinner is \$5 per family (\$10 for non-members) and May's chicken dinner is \$10 per family (\$20 for non-members).

## Kabbalat Tot Shabbat

Will be on Friday night, April 25 at 6:30 pm.

## WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT ISRAEL PROGRAM

We have received a grant from Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County to run a two part training program for our teens together with teens from Temple Emanu-El and other congregations. Noted expert and dynamic teacher, **Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin**, the author of "Putting God On Your Guest List" and former director of the ADL of NJ will be the presenter. Pizza will be served. On April 29 the event will take place at Neve Shalom starting with a Yom HaShoah Memorial at 6:00 pm the dinner and Israel Training will take place at 6:30 pm. On Tuesday, May 6, the program will move to Temple Emanu-El, (100 James Street – across from JFK Hospital) and will include special Yom Ha'Atzmut events. This is free for teens in grades 8-12 and we hope they will attend the two different sessions.



# A VIEW FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT: USY ON WHEELS

By Josh Ull

**T**he jolt of a key ignited a fiery engine and breathed life into a monstrous vehicle. There was a flash of the lights, a robust outburst from the exhaust pipe, and we were off. The second those thick black rubber wheels hit the ground there was pressure. Round and round the axle turned as heat-generated friction propelled our metal box of ruach up, down, and around the crisscrossed roads of America's spectacular landscape. For six and a half weeks the clock ticked by, a race against time to do something different.

Five staff, one driver, and 48 kids have boarded this vessel of learning, leadership, and engagement for the last 53 years. This is no ordinary summer camp experience but something extraordinary that every Jewish teen in North America needs to be aware of. This is USY on Wheels.

In the summer of 2013, I had the incredible opportunity of joining a team of dedicated educators and lay leaders committed to the mission of the USY on Wheels program and United Synagogue Youth (USY). From New Jersey to California and back, participants – or “Wheelniks” – navigated the USA exploring Jewish communities and site-seeing hot spots. Museums, national parks, quirky roadside attractions, and regional favorites lined an itinerary of non-stop adventure. As a former participant, I was unaware how much this trip had impacted my Jewish identity and young adult life until I saw it from the other side. I was determined to identify each teen's potential and help them discover widespread acceptance through the power of Judaism.

USY on Wheels is focused on social action, Israel advocacy and awareness, religion, education, and leadership. There is something for everyone on the bus. Together, we highlighted our strengths and built upon our weaknesses to truly create a thriving Jewish community. From South Dakota to Oregon to Louisiana, the Wheelniks became excited about tefillot (prayers) because they learned from each other and had 24-hour support to lend a hand. I watched as spirituality (often what we fear most) brought these teens together. They danced next to waterfalls, prayed above craters, and even turned a simple Montana rest stop into a robust morning minyan.

We sang to the elderly, collected school supplies for needy children, and landscaped a city park. Through tangible actions, we proved the importance of acknowledging those down on their luck and realized we could be the ones enacting change in the world. We were performing mitzvot beyond a traditional tzedakah



can! This passion became a contagious commitment. The bus became the hub of Jewish life, non-stop laughter, music, games, stories, and friendships. While some took naps, others took pictures. While some played cards, others played guitar. And while some decorated their windows, others decorated their siddurim. We each had something to give and learned so much from those around us.

As staff, the moment when you know you made magic occur is when a line of kids eagerly wait for your attention to practice their Torah reading or review the activity they're planning. It even came months afterward, when I received a frantic phone call from Wheelniks eager to ask questions about upcoming holidays and halachik rituals they wanted to try at home.

We are providing high school students with real life skills to move forward from their communities and thrive as global Jews in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I have seen the impact a summer on the road has on Jewish teens. Responsibility became accountability as I watched Wheelniks learn how life can't function without everyone lending a hand. Vaadot (committees) range from tikkun olam (repairing the world) to meal preparation to Shabbat decoration – and even the prestigious league of loading champions determined to fit every suitcase in the lower bays in record time. With everyone given a specific responsibility, we grew closer as a family. It requires all hands on deck, takes endless enthusiasm, and the ability to learn from spontaneous road trip incidents that make you act on the fly.

As we disembarked each night and entered our hotels or the homes of gracious

hosts, we could not wait for the next day to begin. When the Wheelniks went to sleep, the staff hit the ground running, evaluating the day and collaborating on how to improve tomorrow. What social icebreakers could we implement to improve group dynamics? Who wanted to read Hebrew and how could we start the process with them? What community service could we perform in our next city to truly give an immersive experience? We explained the history of that rodeo in Wyoming, heard the tales of addiction at a one of a kind rehab facility in California, and saw a baseball game in Atlanta where we danced for hours until we appeared on the big screen. It was about covering hundreds of miles in a day and watching the craziness of a week come to a screeching halt. Shabbat would hit like a check-engine light – you couldn't believe it was back, you didn't know what to expect, but you were forced to take a break. To watch as 50 bodies invaded supermarkets, swarming the aisles in an effort to stock up on supplies for our meals was invigorating. Checking for hechshers and navigating the store provided each participant with the opportunity to become aware of kashrut and its involvement in everyday shopping.

It was most rewarding to watch each Wheelnik grow individually throughout the summer. Our success came from the personal attention given as we catered to the needs and interests of each person. Whether it was the quiet one coming out

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**Neve Shalom would like to thank the following people for chanting Torah in the month of February:**

*T=Teen, JR=Junior*

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| David Schildkraut ..... T 1    | Naomi Sessler .....JR    |



## April Birthdays

Join us on Shabbat on April 5 as we celebrate the following birthdays with a special blessing from the Rabbi and cupcakes at lunch!



**Julia Israel  
Maya Kushner  
Paige McAuley**



Don and Fran Reisfeld on the birth of their grandson Drew Michael Reisfeld.

Ellen and Marty Weinberg on the engagement of their son, Scott to Jessica Preusch

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## CALLED TO THE TORAH

By Flora Cowen



**A**riel Bazer, the daughter of Michele and Barry Bazer, will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, April 26.

Ariel's brothers Samuel and Jacob will join in the celebration along with Aunt Doris and Uncle Albert from Hollywood, Florida, who will partici-

partate in Ariel's bat mitzvah celebration via Skype. Most other relatives and friends are from New York and New Jersey.

Ariel, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Edgar Middle School in Metuchen, reports that she "...enjoys Mathematics and Reading."

She also "Loves music and going to concerts, loves the show 'Dance Moms' and went to Boston to meet the cast, loves to shop, loves to travel and LOVES STARBUCKS." Known by the nickname "Bippy," Ariel tells us that "I am a fun girl, but I love to sleep late."

With her family, Ariel has vacationed in Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Florida, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC.

For her mitzvah project, Ariel plans to "organize an event for the students at the Midland School."



## 2014 Ad Journal and Red Carpet Gala

in honor of

**Adam Glinn and Audrey Napchen**

**May 18, 2014**

This year's Ad Journal Committee is presented with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and honor **Adam Glinn** and **Audrey Napchen**, two individuals who seek no platform or recognition. Rather for these individuals, their sense of satisfaction is acquired by the engagement of others in the joy and fulfillment of asserting their Jewishness.

By giving generously to this year's ad journal, we can share a true sense of ruach with our synagogue family and demonstrate our appreciation and support for these exceptional members of Congregation Neve Shalom.

The congregation is invited to attend a Red Carpet Gala starring Audrey and Adam on Sunday, May 18. Covert is \$54 per person and \$25 for children ages 5 to 12.

If you have any questions, please contact **Kenneth Braverman**, Ad Journal Chairperson, at 732-548-4086, or Honoree Luncheon Chairs, **Helene Baum** at 908-561-0068 or **Donna Coen O'Gorman** at 732-225-5276.

## A VIEW FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT: USY ON WHEELS

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of his shell or the great public speaker being given the chance to teach her peers, I believe that leaders are born when given the chance to fly. As the days go by, the comfort of being Jewish resonated in everyone's heart and developed into a strong sense of pride. Mandatory kippot during meals and services became a natural voluntary accessory atop many heads as they experimented with their Judaism. Our little community expanded much farther than our cushioned chairs, decorated windows, and inside jokes. From fellow Jews to those of other faiths, our mere presence sparked awareness in those around us. People we met asked us questions and praised our work, and seemed to gain renewed faith in their own religious practices. In addition, as all the USY on Wheels buses gathered in California for LA Week and Disney Day, eyes widened as they realized they were part of something much bigger than themselves. A movement of passionate young Jews converged in one loca-

tion where, through storytelling and friendly conversation, they became part of a Wheels family that cared deeply about the continued existence of the Jewish people.

As we rolled back east, the tired gas pedal crept to an unfamiliar halt. Overhead bins were rid of leftover materials, remaining snacks were packaged for the hungry, and the gas tank rested on empty. Seats were upright, decorations taken down, and the water bottle that had been bouncing around the floor for weeks was finally placed in the trash. The odometer marked its final mile and those cumbersome black wheels of glory asked for a well-deserved rest. The summer was about the rush that sideswiped your balance, made time hard to fathom, and lethargy an evil you could overcome. The schedule of rising in the morning in a new and unfamiliar place, weary as you made sense of how far the next black top drive of painted double yel-

low lines would take you. Hebrew rolled off their tongues as the words of our ancestors spread throughout a hotel meeting space and energized a congregation. Breakfast was always followed by travel resulting in a jam-packed itinerary of irreplaceable memories. With every turn came a transformation of growth that left no child or staff the same person they were when they came on. I saw the power of a bus, the open road, and the endless energy emitted by our youth. It's easy to go with the familiar route, but I encourage all teens to listen to the words of Robert Frost and "take the road less traveled." Do what's different, have something phenomenal to share, and return with the tools to inspire. USY on Wheels is ready – all you have to do is get on the bus.

To find out more about USY's Summer Programs, visit [www.usy.org/escape](http://www.usy.org/escape)  
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<b>In Memory Of</b> .....	<b>From</b>
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Yahrzeit .....	Iris and Paul Berman

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<b>In Memory Of</b> .....	<b>From</b>
Rose Ludwin .....	Sharon and Elliott Ludwin

# Note-worthy

- \* Are you interested in helping to compile a booklet of memories of our members? We would decide upon a significant event in our recent Jewish history and conduct interviews to find out where the member was at the time of the event and what they and their community did in response to that event. The project should be fun, interesting and preserve a bit of Jewish history. If you are interested in helping out, please contact **Linda Gotlib** at 732-906-0737 or at [lgotlib@verizon.net](mailto:lgotlib@verizon.net)
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## UPCOMING ADULT ED SPEAKERS

**Saturday, April 12 at 9:30 am**

Professor Pat Henry  
Who Rescued Jews in France

**Friday, May 30 at 7:30 pm**

Professor Ken Moss  
Polish Perspectives in the 1930s



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Service Times</b>                      Shabbat &amp; Pesach mornings                      Shabbat Children's Service  <b>Morning Minyan</b>                      Monday and Thursday                      Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday                      Weekday Chol Hamoed                      Rosh Chodesh weekday                      Sundays</p>	<p>9:30 am                      10:15 am</p> <p>6:45 am                      7:00 am                      6:30 am                      6:35 am                      9:00 am</p>	<p><b>1 Rosh Chodesh</b>                       Ritual Comm                      7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b>                       Tikkun Olam                      8 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b>                       Men's Club                      7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      Hebrew School                      Dinner 5:30 pm                      Candles 7:06 pm</p> <p>Traditional and                      Family Services                      6:30pm</p>	<p><b>5 Metzora</b>                      Teen Service                      Children's                      Service                      After Shul Fun                      12 pm                      Mincha/Maariv                      6:30 pm</p>
<p><b>6</b>                      Class Pesach                      Seders 9 am                      Library Comm                      9:30 am                      Jewish Journey                      11 am                      Hanoar 12 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      Sisterhood                      7:30 pm                      USY 7:30 pm                      Finance Comm                      7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>8</b>                       House Comm                      7:15 pm                      Synagogue Bd                      8:15 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b>                       Membership                      Comm 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b>                       Nursery School                      Early Dismissal                       Youth Comm                      7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      No Nursery                      School                       Candles 7:14 pm                      Services 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>12 Achrei Mot</b>                      No Children's                      Service                      Guest Speaker                      Pat Henry                      Mincha/Maariv                      6:45 pm</p>
<p><b>13</b>                      No Hebrew                      School</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      Fast of the First                      Born Siyyum                      6:30 am                      Office closes                      2 pm                      No Nursery                      School  <b>First Seder</b></p>	<p><b>15 Pesach</b>                       Office closed                      No Nursery                      School                       Services 9:30 am  <b>Second Seder</b></p>	<p><b>16 Pesach</b>                       Office Closed                      No Nursery                      School                       Services 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>17 Chol Hamoed</b>                       No Nursery                      School                      No Hebrew                      School</p>	<p><b>18 Chol Hamoed</b>                       No Nursery                      School                       Candles 7:17 pm                      Services 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>19 Chol Hamoed</b>                      Family Service                      No Children's                      Service                       Mincha/Maariv                      6:45 pm</p>
<p><b>20 Chol Hamoed</b>                      No Hebrew                      School                       Mincha/Maariv                      7 pm</p>	<p><b>21 Pesach</b>                      No Nursery                      School                      Services 9:30 am                      Mincha/Maariv                      With                      Memorial Service                      7 pm</p>	<p><b>22 Pesach</b>                       No Nursery                      School                       Yizkor Service                      9:30 am</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      Nursery School                      Resumes                      World Book                      Night Event                      7 pm                      Youth Learning                      Team 8 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b>                       Hebrew School                      Resumes                      55 Plus 7 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b>                       Candles 7:28 pm                      Services 6:30pm                       Kabbalat Tot                      Shabbat</p>	<p><b>26 Kedoshim</b>                      Ariel Bazer                      Bat Mitzvah                       Children's                      Service                      Mincha/Maariv                      7 pm</p>
<p><b>27</b>                      Java Nagilah                      9 am                      Hanoar 12 pm                      Federation                      Yom Hashoah                      Program 1 pm                      Men's Club                      Pasta Dinner</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      Yom Hashoah                      Program at JCC                      7 pm                       USY 7:30 pm                      Kadima 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      Colonia                      Hadassah 1 pm                       Teen Israel                      Event 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>30 Rosh Chodesh</b></p>			