“Kol Rinah embodies the new spirit of Conservative Judaism in the Midwest. It radiates the joy of worship, learning and Jewish music both in and out – into our souls and out to the families, friends and community. Come pray, learn, sing and celebrate with us.”  Let’s all join our voices together to bring joy to our new congregation!

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A Message from Rabbi Fasman

Rabbi Mark Fasman
Rabbi@shaarezedek.org

The State of Israel has been a reality every day of my life. Not so for my parents or grandparents – for them, the birth of the State of Israel was a miracle that they were privileged to witness in their lifetime, something for which they had prayed every day, as have our ancestors for 1,900 years.

I imagine it must have been difficult in 1948 to fully grasp the significance of a Jewish state. And for many years and several wars, it was not at all certain that this young state would survive. But survive it did. And not just survive. Israel has flourished during these past sixty-five years. If you have never been there you owe it to yourself to see the land. You can experience beauty and wonder in many places in the world, but only in Israel can you witness a living miracle, our miracle.

Just sixty-five years ago, Israel was an infant nation, with an untrained and inexperienced army, a newly-formed government, and almost non-existent infrastructure. It was a third-world country whose primary natural resource was rocks: no oil, limited fresh water, few mature trees.

It is a miracle that Israel has survived militarily. Her neighbors are as hostile today as they were in 1948. It is a miracle that Israel has survived politically. Her enemies are many, and they are increasing worldwide. It is a miracle that Israel has survived culturally – Ashkenazim, Sefardim, Russians, Ethiopians, Americans, Argentinians, Europeans, Yemenites, Persians, Iraqis. It is a miracle that Israel survives religiously. Not only are there divisions between Jews and non-Jews; there are also serious divisions among the Jews – secular, Masorti, Orthodox, Modern Orthodox, Ultra-Orthodox. Israel is a Jewish state – but who gets to determine what is Jewish about it?

Israel survives, in part, because Jews are more than a religion, more than a culture, more than a language, more than an ethnicity – we are a family. We may disagree with each other, but family is family. We may compete among ourselves, but we will die to defend each other.

Israel is a miracle. The State of Israel. The Land of Israel. The Children of Israel. The People of Israel. If you have not experienced this miracle, what are you waiting for? And if it has been more than a few years since your last visit, it's time to go back. Come with us on our congregational trip to Israel at the beginning of November. For two millennia, our ancestors dreamed of visiting the land. We can live their dream. Go for your ancestors, go for your descendants, go for yourself – it is, after all, your miracle.

Every Shabbat morning, we recite a Prayer for the State of Israel. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel urged us to “pray with our feet.” So live that prayer – walk the streets of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Share in the miracle.

Israel at 65. Who would have thought it possible?

[For information on the Kol Rinah Israel Experience, contact Karen Rader at karenjrader@yahoo.com.]
Together, this month, we focus our eyes and hearts on the remarkable land of Israel, founded 65 years ago this year. There is so much to celebrate! Where else in the world can you buy a havdalah candle and a head of lettuce in the same store? Where else in the world is the public domain Jewish, when everyone is out of work and school on Jewish holidays? Israel is at the forefront of the world’s technological and medical research and is the only flourishing democracy in the Middle East, and is the destination to live and learn Jewish text, tradition and culture.

As I write this, I am preparing to visit our homeland for the first time in nine years. I have been invited as a Hazzan-in-Residence at two Masorti congregations, Moreshet Yisrael in Jerusalem and Kehillat Magen Avraham in Omer, in the south of Israel, in honor of International Women’s Day. Throughout both Shabbatot, I will be sharing the ruach of Kol Rinah with each community. We will be playing music, davening, learning and singing together. I hope to learn as much from them as they hope to learn from me.

In “local news,” this year, Kol Rinah, in conjunction with CRC and the Jewish Federation, has received a grant for some wonderful and innovative programming to celebrate Yom Ha’atzmaut here in St. Louis. On April 14th, we will celebrate the food, culture, and music of Israel, with a family friendly and hands-on activity and exciting speaker.

To be able to connect personally with Israel is such a gift, a gift that I treasure. I hope to have much to report after my travels, and that I will be able to share the gift of Israel with each of you.

May we soon know the day when a great song of peace resonates throughout the land, and may we sing this song as one united people.

May this Yom Ha’atzmaut bring joy to our community.

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**KOL RINAH ISRAEL TRIP**

**October 30 to November 12, 2013**

Don’t miss out on an exciting 12 days in Israel!

- Follow a newly opened passage at the City of David to Southern Walls Excavations
- Ride the Jerusalem light rail to Mt. Herzl
- Tour—Herod’s newly discovered tomb
- Visit a gourmet spice farm
- Tour the Bahai Gardens and Temple on Mt. Carmel
- Celebrate the modern Jewish State of Israel at Independence Hall
- Take an architectural tour of Neve Tzedek
- Meet with active duty IDF soldiers on the border at Kibbutz Malkia
- Ride gondolas down the Manara Cliffs
- Walk through the Hula Valley - Migratory Bird Reserve and much, much more!!

Applications and deposits are due by April 15th.

For more information contact Karen Rader
karenjrader@yahoo.com or 314.852.7410 or click here

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**Minyan Breakfasts**

To sponsor a Minyan Breakfast, call Jerry Cohen 314.991.2408

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**Leaves & Chapel Plaques**

Call the Hanley office at 314.727.1747, to purchase a Guller Chapel plaque or Ashrei’nu Leaf.

Call the Linden office at 314.725.6230, to purchase a Chapel plaque or Tree of Life Leaf.

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**Mazal Tov Linden!**

April Birthdays

Stanley Allen, Frank Kim Anderson, Shirley Barken, Gerald Cohen, Flora Eissman, Audrey Fleissig, Denise Field, Mark Franklin, Taryn Goldstein, Monnye R. Gross, Raisa Gunin, William Huss, Margaret Kaufman, Anne Madden, Elaine Melnick, Harvey Melnick, Alan Protzel, Betty Rosenberg, Ilien Towbin, Andrew Youkilis, Shirley Zimring

continued
From the BSKI President

Sue Cort

"HOW'S THE MERGER GOING?"

That is a question that I have heard countless times from members and non-members since the first announcement was made over a year ago that our two legacy shuls would be considering merger.

My answer is consistently along the lines of, "there are many issues to discuss and more decisions to make, by a committed group of members who are very active in the process to complete the merger."

As the merger is going forward, I have come to realize that the above answer needs more clarification.

There are not just "many" issues and decisions to consider but "unlimited" issues and decisions. In fact, as soon as one decision is made, dozens more appear that need to be addressed in relation to that one decision. It is the St. Louis Jewish version of the mythical Hydra.

Here is one example; the decision made from the recommendation of the Facilities Committee to move all worship services and operations to the Hanley campus for a short term period, after the last scheduled simcha at Linden on May 4. Sounds simple right? Not really. The committees that must make that one decision work are:

1. Ritual (identifying all necessary books, objects, etc. to Hanley, determine the respectful manner for moving plaques, ritual items such as Torahs, and the proper storage of items that can not be moved.)

2. Personnel (provide direction for combining the two office and maintenance staffs.)

3. Finance (budget for any expenses for the move).

4. Fundraising (solicit donations for the expenses when appropriate).

5. Religious School (work out space needs and move items and supplies to implement classrooms set up at Hanley).

6. Catering (inventory kitchen equipment at Linden, pack up items for storage etc.)

7. Communications (keep members of Kol Rinah informed through various vehicles of communication about the status of progress of the move.)

8. Office staff (central point of administration for Kol Rinah, direct maintenance staff to facilitate placement, storage, etc. of relocated items.)

9. Facilities (oversee and facilitate the logistics of the move, including all costs associated with the move.)

10. Rabbi Fasman and Hazzan Duklin - Do what they do best; support the members of Kol Rinah and provide for their individual and collective spiritual and emotional needs.

This is just one illustration of the many more decisions and plans yet to be addressed over the course of the next three to five years. Some may well be quick and simple, but others will be more complex and require many months of work by many people as the merger progresses.

So now I hope members will understand that there is no guidebook or checklist for a quick and perfect merger. At best, there is a play book and as any team knows, the play book is constantly being revised as the game changes and progresses.

The Communications Committee mandate is to keep members up to date on progress of the merger as it happens. There are many ways available: through monthly newsletters, the websites for both legacy shuls and the future Kolrinahstl.org website. Committee meetings are open, and the dates, times and places of the meetings can be found on the websites for both legacy shuls and the future Kolrinahstl.org website. Committee meetings are open, and the dates, times and places of the meetings can be found on the website. Additionally there will be a link to committees' information at the online weekly e-blast. In this publication you will find on page 14 a list of all of the merger committees and the names and contact information for the co-chairs. Members are encouraged to contact by telephone or email any one of them, myself, Steve Keyser or Mitch Shenker.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and most of all support.

B’ Shalom

Susan Cort
About a month ago, I made a presentation based on the work of the Membership Committee on Membership Support Models, or dues. I want to share this information with as many Kol Rinah members as possible. This column will review the presentation while adding emphasis to certain issues. To view the slide presentation on the Kol Rinah website, click here.

You can find financial facts about Kol Rinah, e.g. how much members pay and how that compares to discretionary spending on everyday services in that presentation on the website.

**FIVE DUES MODELS**
The Membership Committee considered five dues models:

1. **Traditional**
   - (used by the SZ legacy congregation)
2. **Fair Share**
   - (used by the BSKI legacy congregation)
3. **Sustaining**
4. **Tiered**
5. **Philanthropic**

The **Traditional** model bases dues on demographics like marital status, family status, age, etc.

The **Fair Share** model bases dues on gross income, regardless of demographics. As gross income increases, so do dues.

A version of Fair Share, the progressive model, uses a percentage of gross income to determine dues, and as gross income increases, so does the percentage. For example, someone whose gross income is $30,000-$45,000 could pay 1.37% of their gross income in dues while someone earning more than $130,000 could pay 2% of their gross income.

The majority of conservative shuls use either the traditional or fair share model because they are easy for members to understand.

The traditional model enables members, based on demographic, to know how much they’ll pay now and in the future. The traditional model assumes that demographics drive a member’s usage; therefore, as they age or have a family, they pay more.

The fair share model is more fluid because only income, and nothing else, drives the dues level. This model assumes those with high incomes are better able to support the shul, regardless of family demographics or usage.

Each model has its pros and cons, its advocates and its critics.

Not many synagogues use the **Sustaining Number** Model, but it is gaining advocates for various reasons. In this model, the synagogue calculates the average cost per member by adding all operating expenses and dividing by the number of members. Leadership then decides what percentage of operating costs is covered by dues. You share this information in a meeting with each member and ask him or her to make a commitment toward their share of costs.

This model:
- Ensures congregants know what it costs to run the shul
- Does not base a member’s commitment on demographics or income
- Initially requires individual meetings to educate members about the cost of operating the synagogue and to discuss their commitment
- Means the process is completed earlier--by mid-year--to determine available resources for the next year’s budget
- Eliminates the need for a dues reduction process required in more traditional models
- Requires less administration once a member commits

**and Best of all**
- If you set your sustaining number correctly, you eliminate the need for a separate high-holiday appeal.

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**FROM THE SZ PRESIDENT**

**Steve Keyser**

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**THANK YOU TO CONGREGANTS**

**Ross got the gift card and was so excited. He called me the day he got it in to let me know. So, from both of us, thank you!!**

_{Michelle}_

Many thanks for the bag of Purim treats. That is such a pleasant way to celebrate the holiday and build up happy and fun memories!

_{Carolyn Rosenfeld}_

**LOST & FOUND**

**Lost Tallit Bag**

Last month my tallit bag was removed from the Linden campus coat room during Shabbat morning services. I am hopeful that it was moved by mistake or taken home accidentally. It is a white linen bag decorated with blue and purple deer, grapes, and menorahs. If you are familiar with the artist, it is by Yair Emanuel.

I have contacted the original company that carries the tallit bag and it cannot be replaced, since it is normally sold as a set with the tallit and kippah. I would very much appreciate it getting it back. If you have found my tallit bag, please return it to the Linden office.

Thank you.

_{Howard Granok}_

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We have been preparing for months for the Women’s League IntraContinental regional conference which will take place April 28-30. The conference itself will be at the Frontenac Hilton, and all of our ladies are invited to attend all or part of the workshops, lunches or general sessions. Registration forms are available. Shaare Zedek is also hosting the Sunday evening dinner on April 28, here at Shaare Zedek. Sue Propper, Cindy Ginsburg and Rosalie Stein are chairing this event. If you have any questions or would like to register for any of the sessions, please contact one of them.

Ava Small is keeping track of those who have volunteered to help with the various tasks needed in preparation for and during the conference. She will be contacting you. We appreciate your offering your time and efforts to make this a successful conference.

I am sorry that we had to cancel the Torah Fund luncheon, but we are still committed to fulfilling our goal for the Jewish Theological Seminaries. If you have not sent in your donation, please do, and either mail it or bring it in to the synagogue office. Make your check payable to Shaare Zedek Sisterhood and note in the Memo: Torah Fund. We cannot accept checks payable to the Torah Fund. We wish a full and speedy recovery to Arleen Kerman, our Torah Fund chair.

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For more information, contact Sue Propper at suemeryl@charter.net or 314-395-1349.

We’ll be glad you did.
Thank you.
Chaverim v’chaverot, gentlemen and ladies, shabbat shalom. My name is Bob Olshan, and I’m the co-chair of Kol Rinah Men’s Club. I have had the privilege of being Men’s Club President at Shaare Zedek for the past two years. How things have changed.

Last year at this time, I gave the D’var Torah for parshat Ki Tissa, and I believe it was because Rabbi Fasman was still very ill. So, this year I have the image of Rabbi Fasman, coming down from Mount Sinai with two tablets. OK, maybe that’s going too far, but did you see Rabbi Fasman at Purim, dressed as Moses? It really is wonderful that Rabbi has regained his strength, and I think that he has a little of that glow that Moses had coming down - Yesh Koach and Te’ea Bare. Speaking of Moses, he came down to what - quite a scene. So what does that have to do with Men’s Club? I’m not sure, but I think there’s a message there. Do you feel you have a personal link to Mt. Sinai? When Moses came down from Har Sinai, the Jewish people were not exactly on board. This first year of our path to merger was a bit like wandering through the desert, but hopefully together we can make Kol Rinah our Land of Milk and Honey.

Over the last two years, one of my goals was to transform Men’s Club into something more meaningful, spiritual, camaraderie and still have fun and enjoyable programs. We have continued our Hearing Men’s Voices with three very interesting sessions. The first session was on Soul, where we had a very engaging discussion on what soul means for each of us. The second on health, a very touching session where we all shared some emotional moments. The piece d’ressance was Rabbi Fasman’s opening up and discussing his year, and then we discussed how Judaism and belief supports us in these times. Our third Hearing Men’s Voices was on passing on our values to the next generation and writing an Ethical Will. We’ll be having another Hearing Men’s Voices session in May and I urge all men to join us - sorry ladies, this is for men only. We also had another new program which I’m sure will be a new tradition - Scotch and Steak in the Sukkah, with a taste of Talmud. This was a wonderful event with the help from RavDoc Ryan Dulkin for an enlightening Havdallah and Talmud lesson, a wonderful steak dinner (best deal in the midwest for Kosher Steaks) and a delightful scotch learning and tasting with Mike & Mike (Waxenburg and Shanases). Last year we had one of the most successful joint programs with Shaare Shalom and USY - Lag B’Omer - with a fire eater, carnival booths, archery, falafel and hot dogs, and of course our over 30 ft bonfire with UCity Fire Truck. If you haven’t been to one, you or old - don’t miss it. Of course we'll continue our sports nights, and many wonderful FJMC programs with Shaare Shalom - make your own Chanukia, 6th grade Build a pair (Teffilin), and World Wide Wrap.

Parashat Ki Tissa begins with a census and a head tax. The duty levied on all Israelite men 20 or older – the age at which military service begins – is one half shekel. This was sort of dues for their men’s club. As I explained last year, if you calculate what a 1/2 shekel would be worth today - if inflation was 1%, after 3500 years, 1/2 shekel would be 666 Trillion Shekels. But Shekels were probably devalued a few times, but I think $36 for Men’s Club dues is pretty good. Think about it - that’s 10 cents a day. It’s less than the cost of driving 1 mile per day.

I’m proud to state that we already have 16 new members in the past year, although I’m concerned that 30 of our members from last year have not yet paid their dues (I’m guilty as well). We are trying to reach out to young men with engaging and relevant programs. I’d like to make a challenge and have over 90% of the Men of Kol Rinah join Men’s Club this year. I would like to ask that you all join us to honor Mitch Shenker, our Men’s Club Man of the Year, Kol Rinah Chairman of the Board, who has worked so hard for all of us. This year’s Man of the Year luncheon is at B’nai Amoona on March 17th (it alternates every year).

Also, come help honor the memory of the Holocaust - come this Sunday for our Yellow Candle Packing Party at 1:30 at the North Campus, Let me take a moment to thank all the men who help throughout the year... Alan, Jim, Burton, Dave, Gary, & Don, to name just a few. I’d also like to thank the Sisterhood for all that they do for us during the year. I’d like to invite our Men’s Club co-president Don Pearline to briefly talk about some of the ways our Men’s Club helps serve our community. But before I do that, let me again challenge all men to join Men’s Club this year, and perhaps take a leadership role or just help with one of our programs. I’d like to present Don Pearline - President BSKI Men’s Club with a Shaare Zedek tie, to symbolize the ties between our Men’s Club, as Shaare Zedek is now your shul as BSKI is mine.

Shabbat Shalom

Bob Olshan

I am happy and proud to see how well the Men’s Clubs of Shaare Zedek and BSKI have come together to merge and continue in service to Kol Rinah and our legacy congregations. With the combined membership we will be able to improve our service and continue to innovate and introduce new programs and activities for the benefit of Kol Rinah. We hope to attract additional younger members and provide some fund raising activities for our new congregation.

Don Pearline

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DorWays: Families & Young Members

Jessica Wax szdorways@gmail.com

DorWays families had a fun afternoon preparing for Passover. They made homemade matzah, put together plague bags to use at their Seders, sang Passover songs with Rythm ‘n Ruach, and decorated Elijah’s cup. We hope the fun afternoon added to their Seder experience!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Susan Goen, 314.442.3812, sgoen@jfedstl.org

Tickets Now on Sale for Federation Gala “Thrive LIVE!” Featuring Jason Alexander

Event celebrates the St. Louis Jewish Community April 28 at Peabody Opera House

(St. Louis, MO, Friday, Mar. 5, 2013) Jewish Federation of St. Louis announces ticket sales are now open for its Thrive LIVE! Gala featuring award-winning actor, singer and comedian Jason Alexander of *Seinfeld* fame. The special evening of elegance and laughs, which will take place on April 28 at 7 pm at the Peabody Opera House, is a donor appreciation event that will allow Federation to thank its donors, who support Federation’s mission of preserving and enhancing Jewish life in St. Louis, Israel and around the world.

A donation or pledge at any level to the 2013 Jewish Federation Community Campaign is required to purchase tickets to the gala. Tickets are $36 each or $75 for preferred seating. Donations can be made and tickets can be purchased at ThriveLive.org.

“Thrive LIVE! promises to be a fun way to celebrate the donors who have helped us build a thriving Jewish community in St. Louis,” says Andrew Rehfeld, Federation President and CEO. “Their generosity enables us to partner with and fund agencies and programs that are among the region’s finest, provide valuable services to the community and support Jews in Israel and worldwide.”

A Tony Award winner, Alexander’s iconic portrayal of *Seinfeld’s* George Costanza garnered him six Emmy and four Golden Globe nominations. He also has starred on Broadway, appeared in films including *Pretty Woman, Hitachi* and *Shallow Hal*, and directed for both film and television. He will bring his many talents to the Peabody stage for a night of song, dance and comedy.

Thrive LIVE! is sponsored by Saint Louis University Hospital, Moneta Group, Bryan Cave and KMOX Radio.
Early Childhood Education
Marty Schaeffer

Adult Garden Helpers From Kol Rinah Needed At the Early Childhood Center

Calling all gardeners! Spring is fast approaching and the children of the ECC are eagerly waiting for some wonderful adults to help them prepare their garden for planting. They need help clearing out the old dead growth, replenishing the soil and planting plants and seeds.

The Preschool Parent Organization and the ECC will finance the project but adult volunteers will make the difference. Children love adults to show them how to garden and to spend time with them. Most of our parents work full time and cannot help during the day.

In Genesis we are commanded to “tend and till the garden.” Please be a Kol Rinah adult volunteer and help our children fulfill this commandment and connect with nature through gardening.

Our children will have gardening class every Wednesday, 9:15-11:15. Our gardens are located on our playground and at the west side of the Hanley building. We hope to have vegetables and flowers in all of our gardens. We want to set up our rain barrel, start our vermicomposting bin and our regular composting bin. We hope to plant flowers to attract butterflies and birds and have a birdbath for fun.

If you want to help our gardens grow and our children learn, please contact Marty Schaeffer or Linda Kram at the ECC either at 314-727-2565, by email marty@shaarezedek.org

We have some garden tools but it would be helpful if you bring some as well. Bring a friend too! Thank you.

Please become a Kol Rinah Adult Volunteer in our Garden.

Our Gardening Schedule

(Wed) April 10 – 9:15–11:15
clean out the gardens
(Wed) April 17 – 9:15–11:15
Begin planting cool weather vegetables
(Wed) April 24 - 9:15–11:15
Continue planting
May 1- July 31 - 9:15–11:15
Working on our gardens

Youth Programs

Tasha Kaminsky

tasha@shaarezedek.org

Kol Rinah’s youth had an amazing month! Passover was an on-going theme for our programs throughout the month. In addition to chocolate seders and meaningful engagement during our congregational gatherings, USY enjoyed a themed sleepover night. Kadima came together for another pizza and gaga night–always a fun way to spend a Wednesday evening.

This month will be dedicated to Yom Ha’atzmaut. Our USY board has been very involved in putting together a massive event designed for all the Jewish teens in the St. Louis area. We are going to challenge ourselves to learn more about current events in Israel and take the time to prepare to have difficult conversations about the Jewish State. We aren’t going to forget the fun culture aspects of Israel–we have plans to celebrate with music, dance, gaga, and a bonfire. Grades 8th-12th will have a special Israel Shabbat on the 27th where we can come together and ask the questions we’re scared to ask about Israel and really delve into a discussion about the role Israel plays in our everyday lives.

We will continue to offer social programming for USY, Kadima, and Noar throughout the month of April. We hope you’ll consider attending one of our lounge nights or weekend outings around St. Louis. Future excursions include laser tag, Sky Zone, and bowling. If you would like to receive regular updates on youth programming please contact Tasha Kaminsky at tasha@shaarezedek.org and you will be added to our emailing list.

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Pesach. It seems that April comes along and for just one minute I take a breath. It allows me to see where I’ve been and where I am still going. (Insert breath here.)

I personally have had wonderful opportunities this year that have directly affected our SSRS students. Last summer, I was able to attend the Morah l’Morim (Teacher to teacher) Conference in Detroit and brought home many good ideas to share with our teachers. Creating learning opportunities and learning circles is what makes our program stronger. In January, I attended the Jewish Educator’s Assembly in Dallas. The overall theme was “Change and bringing our schools into the 21st century” and what that can look like. It is so exciting to be in a room with people who share the same passion, the same vision and want to work together to figure out the best path to achieve it. Even though everyone’s school is different, most of the same challenges are shared. Together we talked through some ideas for creating programming engagements and events that instill a love of Judaism in our students and families. This past month I had the fortunate opportunity to visit Israel as part of Kesher B’Kitah (connection to the classroom). This is an Israeli connection. Israel is an important component of our curriculum. Currently our 3rd / 4th grade and 7th grade classes link with classes at Oranim (one of the schools in Yokneam-Meggido). In our future, we will be including more class links for more of our students. Look for lots more information on this!
The coming months will bring a close to this school year but the coming months will also bring the excitement of what is to come!

In the meantime, please do not even think of missing the following in the month of April.

April 14th
Community Yom Ha’Atzmaut celebration at CRC 1:30-4:30

April 20th
MifgaSHabbat – (Linden Location)

April 21st
Parent Coffee…
10:15-10:45 – 2nd – 5th
11:30-12:00 – PreK-1st

April 28th
Parent Coffee…
1:30-12:00 – 6th – 8th & High School ages

April 28th
Lag B’Omer celebration

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★ Create relationships

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This quote from Rabbi Fasman’s February 16, 2013 sermon for the Parsha Terumah is especially fitting:

“Rabbi Harold Kushner said that American Jews no longer understand the concept of chiyuv – of obligation. Or they reject the concept. But chiyuv has been at the center of Jewish life for 32 centuries. I’m sure that there were times when the concept came under attack. But we have survived, as Jews, and as a Jewish community, because we were able to affirm our covenantal relationship with God and each other – a covenant that expects us to be mentshes (even – or especially) –when it’s easier to be something else.”

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Kol Rinah board chair Mitch Shenker and B’nai Amoona volunteer leader Ed Finkelstein receive the FJMC (Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs) “Man of the Year Award” at a special luncheon in their honor at B’nai Amoona on March 17.

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April 2013
We hope everyone is having a Sweet Pesah!

Pamela Barmash is our speaker for a mini Scholar-in-Residence program for April 12th. Reservations for the dinner need to be made by April 8th. Call or email Nancy or Meir. Please check out our flyer for more details.

The Pre-Scholar-in-Residence Book Club is on Sunday, April 7, from 10 – 11 am at our Linden Campus.

Divrei haShavua
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April 6, 2013  26 Nisan 5773
Shemini
9:24 ש - aish - fire
10:17 פסח - chatat - sin offering
11:3 פורא - parsah - hoof
11:4 טמא - tamay - unclean
11:9 סנפיר וקשקשת - fins & scales

April 13, 2013  3 Iyar 5773
Tzria / Metzora
14:2 הומטר - ham’tzora - the leper
14:8 הוטה - hamitahair - the one to be purified
14:3 נגר - nega hatzara’at - scaly affliction
14:8 מרח - tahair - he shall be pure
14:36 ש - yi’tma - become impure

April 20, 2013  10 Iyar 5773
Acharay Mot / Kedoshim
16:6 פ - par - bull
16:7 לו - lakach - to take
16:12 פרכת - parochet - cloth partition
16:13 ענן - cloud
16:16 פשעיהם - pish’ai’hem - their crimes/misdeeds
19:1 לא-כל-עדת - el kol adat - the whole community
19:10 ג - gair - stranger
19:10 קְרִימְךָ - kar’m’cha - your vineyard
19:11 לא - lo tig’novu - you shall not steal
19:12 לא - lo t’shak’ru - you shall not lie

April 27, 2013  17 Iyar 5773
Emor
21:9 תשרא - tisaraif - to burn
21:9 ז’נוט - z’not - harlot
24:20 עין תחת עין - eye for an eye
24:23 מחנה - machaneh - camp
24:23 מחוץ - michutz - outside

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Kol Rinah's Trivia Night
on March 2nd was a great success! The ten rounds of ten questions plus bonuses were led by Trivia Expert Extraordinaire Burton Boxerman. Special thanks and appreciation to Bill Solomon for sponsoring a table and to Micki Kingsley and the Shaare Zedek Sisterhood for each sponsoring a round of questions. Thanks also for the support and assistance of Steve and Marsha Birenbaum, Jim Singman, Allen and Joyce Levin, Lou and Sue Albert, and Tasha Kaminsky and USY'ers Cameron Redler and Sophie Aroesty.

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Henry & Esther Claire Lega
Jack & Carol Lerner
Kenneth & Cynthia Levin
John & Diane Lewis
Evelyn Lieberman
Rose Malt
David & Linda Marcus
Kurt & Eva Mayer
Sanford & Elaine Melnick
Jay & Myrna Meyer
Ruth Meyers
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Jean Payuk
Lois Slofman
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Miriam Pessin Tilly Lapin
Ron & Marsha Portman Rose Jagust
Shirley Portman Ernest Andrew, Jennie Kannon
Jack & Renee Rosen Albert Kapolow
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Jerry & Kay Sandweiss Bertha Oxenhandler
Harold & Diane Sanger Jacob Sanger
Mary Scherl Edward Scherl
Dolores Schuercat Richard Schuercat
Mark Schwartz Blanche Schwartz
Anna Scissors Bernard Scissors
Norman Segall Ann Fox Burns
Agnes Seidel Herman Seidel
Lois Sher Ruth Tamsky
Harman & Charlene Shyken Sophie Katz Rosenblatt
Saul & Naomi Silvermintz Edith Mazur, Rose Dienes
Norman & Bonita Solomon Jack Solomon
Shirley Soule Samuel & Mildred Binowitz
Marcia Sterneck Rina Sterneck Kroky, Milton Zoransky
Steven Till Al & Dora Till
Gerald & Ilien Towbin Anna Waxman
Marc Weinberg Robert Weinberg
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Sylvia Zussman Harry Kraus

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Our Merged Calendar

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Monday, April 1, 2013
Pesach VII
9am Festival Morning Service@Linden
6pm Festival Evening Service@Linden
8:06pm Candle lighting

Tuesday, April 2, 2013
Pesach VIII
9am Festival Morning Service@Linden
10:30am Yizkor
7:45pm Festival Mincha@Linden

Wednesday, April 3, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times
8am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Discussion@Hanley
4:15pm Religious School@Hanley
7pm CAJE Mussar Jewish Adult Ed Class@Hanley
7:30pm Merger Finance Meeting@Linden

Thursday, April 4, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times

Friday, April 5, 2013
7am Shacharit@Hanley
10:30am Family Time
6pm Shabbat Rihah/with band@Hanley
7:10pm Candle lighting

Saturday, April 6, 2013
Parshat Shemini
Ivy & Jaime Befeler Bat Mitzvah
9am Shabbat Service@Hanley
10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities
6:10pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit@Hanley
8:09pm Havdalah

Sunday, April 7, 2013
Yom HaShoah
See Regular Minyan Times
9am Communications Committee Mtng@Hanley
10am Pre Scholar in Residence Book Club@Linden
10am Religious School@Hanley

Monday, April 8, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times
9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class@Hanley
4:15pm Religious School@Hanley

Tuesday, April 9, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times
8am Ron Fagerstrom's Jewish Ethics Discussion Group@Hanley
12pm St.LR Rabbinical Assembly Meeting
7pm Shaare Shalom Board@Hanley
7:15pm Jewish Prayer Class@Hanley

Wednesday, April 10, 2013
Rosh Chodesh Iyar
6:45am Shacharit@Hanley
8am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Discussion@Hanley
4:15pm Religious School@Hanley
6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv@Linden

Thursday, April 11, 2013
Rosh Chodesh Iyar
6:45am Shacharit@Hanley
6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv@Linden

Friday, April 12, 2013
7am Shacharit@Hanley
7:15pm Shabbat Dinner & Scholar in Residence Program@Hanley
7:17pm Candle lighting

Saturday, April 13, 2013
Parshat Tazria-Metzora
Elia Engel Bat Mitzvah
9am Shabbat Service@Hanley
10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities
11am Rhythm n' Ruach Family Shabbat
6:15pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit/Ma'ariv@Hanley
8:16pm Havdalah

Sunday, April 14, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times
9am Communications Committee Mtng@Hanley
10am Religious School@Hanley
10:15am Sisterhood Board Meeting@Hanley
11am Mellman Club Installation

Monday, April 15, 2013
Yom HaZikaron
See Regular Minyan Times
9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class@Hanley
4:15pm Religious School@Hanley

Tuesday, April 16, 2013
Yom HaAtzma'ut
See Regular Minyan Times
8am Ron Fagerstrom's Jewish Ethics Discussion Group@Hanley
7:15pm Jewish Prayer Class@Hanley

Wednesday, April 17, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times
8am Ron Fagerstrom's Jewish Ethics Discussion Group@Hanley
7:17pm Candle lighting

Thursday, April 18, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times

Friday, April 19, 2013
7am Shacharit@Hanley
10:30am Family Time
6pm Shabbat Rihah/with band@Hanley
7:23pm Candle lighting

Saturday, April 20, 2013
Parshat Acheri Mos-Kedoshim
Joe Iken's 90th Birthday
9am Shabbat Service@Hanley
10am SSRS MifgaShabbat
10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities
6:25pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit/Ma'ariv@Hanley
8:24pm Havdalah

Sunday, April 21, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times
9am Communications Committee Mtng@Hanley
10am Religious School@Linden

Monday, April 22, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times
9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class@Hanley
4:15pm Religious School@Hanley

Tuesday, April 23, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times
8am Ron Fagerstrom's Jewish Ethics Discussion Group@Hanley
7:15pm Jewish Prayer Class@Hanley

Wednesday, April 24, 2013
See Weekly Minyan Times
8am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Discussion@Hanley
4:15pm Religious School@Hanley

Thursday, April 25, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times

Friday, April 26, 2013
7am Shacharit@Hanley
6pm Kabbalat Shabbat@Linden
7:30pm Candle lighting

Saturday, April 27, 2013
Parshat Emor
9am Shabbat Service@Linden
10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities
11am 8th-12th Grade Israel Discussion Program@Hanley

Sunday, April 28, 2013
Lag B'Omer
See Regular Minyan Times
9am Communications Committee Mtng@Hanley
10am Religious School@Linden
5:30pm Sisterhood Regional Conference

Monday, April 29, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times
9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class@Hanley
4:15pm Religious School@Hanley

Tuesday, April 30, 2013
See Regular Minyan Times
8am Ron Fagerstrom's Jewish Ethics Discussion Group@Hanley

Weekday, Shabbat and Holiday service times are fully listed on page 18
Introducing the Paula Sparks and Donn Rubin are establishing this Kol Rinah fund in memory of their parents – Irvin S. Rubin and Dolores June (Schneider) Rubin – who both loved music, and to honor Irvin’s 10th yahrzeit and Dolores’ 5th yahrzeit. The donors would like to further enhance the life of our synagogue community through music, and to support music-related activities and programming that are part of the fabric of shul life.

The Linden Office is Moving!

As part of the Kol Rinah transition process, the Linden office staff will be moving to the Hanley location as of Monday, April 8, 2013. The Linden office will then be closed and will be operating out of the Hanley location. The mailbox outside the Linden office door will continue to be available for dropping off payments, etc. and will be checked weekly, each Wednesday. Also note that the Linden office will be closed during Passover from Noon on Friday, 3/22 through 8:00am on Wednesday, April 3. Please note the Hanley telephone number is 314-727-1747. The phones will be transferred automatically from Linden to Hanley so the 314-725-6230 will remain operational until further notice.

Weekly Minyan Times
Weekday mornings at Hanley (SZ)
Monday through Friday 7am, Sunday 8am, Holidays (national) at 8am
Weekday evenings at Linden (BSKI)
Sunday -Thursday 6pm

April Shabbat Schedule
(Also Shown in Calendar)

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Yizkor 10:30 am
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ADVERTISING

He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers.

Your ad could be in this space!

WHY IS IT
A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket on an ADVERTISED mattress and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas.
Bathes in an ADVERTISED shower.
Shaves with an ADVERTISED razor.
Brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste.
Washes with ADVERTISED soap.
Puts on ADVERTISED clothes.
Drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee.
Drives to work in an ADVERTISED car.
And then …
Refuses to ADVERTISE believing it doesn’t pay.
Later if business is poor he ADVERTISES it for sale.
WHY IS IT?
Kol Rinah Leadership

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Carol Battle Secretary
Marc Spector Treasurer

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Marcia Sokol-Andersen, Richard Gavatin, Scott Kaar, Marian Katz, Al Leving, Randi Mozenter, Stephen Selipsky, Bill Solomon

Board - Two Year Term

Susan Albert, Sandy Boxerman, Jeremy Buhler, Joy Fisher, Michael Levine, Linda Makler, Bruce Sabin, Sherri Sadon

Board - Three Year Term

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Marty Schaeffer Early Childhood Center, Director
Jessica Wax DorWays Family Program Coordinator
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Jessica Wax DorWays
Aaron Vickar ECC
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Mike Levine, Marcia Sokol-Anderson Finance
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