“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!

Check out KolRinahStL.org for all our latest merger news.

In the continuing spirit of our growing unity, we will begin to refer to our two Legacy Synagogues as our Linden (BSKI) and Hanley (SZ) campuses.

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A Message from Rabbi Fasman

Rabbi Mark Fasman

Just before the giving of Torah on Mount Sinai, God instructs Moses:

“Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob and declare to the children of Israel: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Me. Now then, if you will obey Me faithfully and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all the peoples. Indeed, all the earth is Mine, but you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’”

[Exodus 19:3-6]

Our tradition sees this moment as the creation of a new community. God tells both the women and the men that, together, they shall be a holy community... but only if they obey God and keep God’s brith (covenant).

Regarding the requirements for this new community, the Mechilta comments: (Kol hat’chalot kashot) – “All beginnings are difficult.” Our relationship with God is conditional, and those conditions – obeying God faithfully and keeping God’s covenant – are not easy.

For nearly two millennia our ancestors have had to struggle to survive as Jews – both individually and in communities. It is one of our core qualities: we are survivors. Throughout the generations we kept our eyes on the big picture: God has called us to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. We have a sacred mission to complete. God needs us to survive. Our mission remains.

Over and over the American Jewish community has found creative new ways to engage a new generation. If we are to survive, we must adapt to a constantly changing world. Change is necessary, if sometimes scary and unpleasant. It doesn’t have to be revolutionary, but it must be significant and meaningful.

Ceasing the way things have been is one way to change; creating something new is another. For us to survive and flourish, both are necessary. To jettison the past without replacing it with a new present will result in the loss of our future.

As a merging community, we are experiencing a dramatic change in our Jewish life. Regardless of prior affiliation, our community will continue, but in a different form. All will lose elements of the way it has been. For some, these losses are not a big issue; for others, they are. And what we will become is still being determined.

We should acknowledge our losses, but focus on the possibilities that lie ahead. Actively building our future is exciting. We know that we have to change – simply to merge without changing does not significantly improve our prospects for long-term survival.

I am impressed with our leadership – focused on laying the groundwork for changes that will draw new members and ensure our survival. We will try new things. Some will work; others will be modified or abandoned. Without forgetting where we were, our eyes are fixed on the future.

With your help – and God’s – we will create a sacred, dynamic, stimulating, and empowering Conservative community.
HazzaNotes
Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkin

10 (Jewish) Suggestions for (Secular) New Year’s Resolutions:

With the Other New Year upon us, and a new synagogue taking shape, it’s time to once again take stock of our lives, and make room for improvements and upgrades. Here are some ideas to rekindle your Jewish life.

1. Find a study partner. Our Rabbis tell us that if we say “I will study when I have the time,” there will be no time. In other words, we must carve out sacred time for study. Think about it: is there a friend you always have fascinating conversations with that you feel you come away learning something? You probably have something to teach too. Get together with that friend regularly to read the same book, or study the weekly parasha, to study Hebrew or talk about events in the Jewish news.

2. Seek out Jewish cultural opportunities. Musicians come to town all the time, as do artists, and theatre: check out a performance at the New Jewish Theatre, or make the time for a symphony performance of Mahler’s work. Jewish art and craft are alive and well in St. Louis – check it out!

3. Make time to volunteer at the Food Bank, a Crisis hotline, an after-school tutoring program, or… (gasp!) the synagogue! Find a project that speaks to what you are and your interests. It’s a mitzvah!

4. “Who Wants to Be a Minyanaire?” Prayer brings us closer to each other and to God – and gives us a new way to look at old texts. Unlike Woody Allen’s advice about life, 100% of minyan is showing up. And food is often involved afterwards. Whether it’s Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, Friday night, Shabbat morning or Shabbat afternoon, pick a time that works for you, and become part of our praying community.

5. Learn more about Conservative Judaism and what our movement is all about. Even if you think you know, there are a lot of wonderful changes afoot at the regional and national levels. Try http://uscj.org or http://jtsa.edu (JTS’s website) or http://ajula.edu.

6. Pledge Tzedakah to the needy, whether it’s Hurricane Sandy relief efforts, or something closer to home. If you give to the Jewish Federation, or another worthy Jewish organization, such as (gasp!) the synagogue, it’s still a tax write-off, even for next year, and it makes you feel good!

7. Be Kind to Yourself. Jewish law is very clear about the sacred nature of the human body: it’s the only one we get! Being good to ourselves by eating right and exercising, and mediating our stress with play and relaxation is a Jewish value.

8. Take on a new ritual. For instance, use the weekly rituals of Shabbat to define a time devoted to home and family. Stay home and eat dinner together on Friday night, come to shul as a family on Saturday morning and do a Havdalah service on Saturday night with twisted candle, wine and spices before running in your separate ways. Invite friends over for a Shabbat meal and enjoy each other’s company.

9. Volunteer! Our committees are taking shape, but ideas are still forming. Now is the time to get in on the action of shaping the kind of synagogue community you want to be a part of.

10. Try a new skill. Have you always wondered what it took to get up in front of the congregation and read a prayer, lead a part of the service, or chant from our sacred scrolls? Call or email me and let’s get started. Yes, it’s part of my job!

Resolutions take work. Starting and stopping is part of the natural rhythm of developing new habits. But as we know, the payoff is worth the effort. Happy Secular New Year to all!

Want to receive the new Kol Rinah newsletter but not on either mailing list? Send your email address to nancy@shaarezedek.org

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Linden December Shabbat Sponsors
Bea Borenstein, Bill Solomon, Carol Battle, Ben & Rosetta Weintraub,

Linden Shabbat Sponsors provide Food Pantry Baskets on the bema and support our Shabbat morning kiddush. Please call the Linden office (725.6230) to choose your week to be a Shabbat Sponsor. The cost is $100. It’s a great way to acknowledge a birthday, anniversary, graduation, yahrzeit, or any special occasion.

Hanley Minyan Breakfasts
To sponsor a Minyan Breakfast, call Jerry Cohen 314.991-2408

Donor Honor / Yahrzeit
Betty Tannenbaum Jerry Cohen’s service for the morning minyanim
Bernie & Marilyn Kunitz their Birthdays & “bon voyage” to Florida for the winter
Mitch Shenker & Bob Olshan
Steve Kayman’s birthday & the 1st joint BSKI/SZ morning Minyan
Irene Belsky Son, Jonathan’s chantings of the Torah at joint BSKI/SZ morning minyan
Rhoda Grimsky & daughter Laurie yahrzeit of Alan Grimsky, husband and father
Marshall Myers yahrzeit of his father
Sherri Frank Weintrop her Birthday
Shelah Feldman yahrzeit of father, Mel Ashkanazi
Les Birenbaum & Susan Roth Les’ Special Birthday & Sue’s “not so special” Birthday
Sherri Frank Weintrop yahrzeit of grandfather, Hyman Frank
Cindy Payant her Birthday celebration with the Minyan

New Linden Chapel Plaques
Pam Zimring, Carla Weinberg, Sue Kodner
Call the Linden office at 314.725.6230, to purchase a plaque.
Call the Hanley office at 314.725.1747, to purchase a plaque or Ashreinu Leaf.

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Mazal Tov Linden!

January Anniversaries
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Margulis
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Sabin
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Fox
Mr. & Mrs. Yiftach Goldstein
Mr. and Mrs. Saul Dien
Dr. and Mrs. Myron Jacobs
Dr. & Mrs. Jay Meyer

January Birthdays
Rochelle Goldberg, Repps B. Hudson, Bruce Lippmann, Eric Sheldon, Beatrice Borenstein, David Samuels, Benjamin Weintraub, Berl Katz, Andrew Oberman, Jeanie Olshansky, Frances Robbins, Rabbi Benson Skoff, Martin H. Israel, Elliot Geilman, Saul Silvermintz, Linda Marcus, Jerold Goldenersh, Mark Meyers, Sanford Melnick, Andrea Gerowin, Simon Igielnik, Joyce Raskin, Lisa Sheldon, Kenneth Solomon, Lena Dworkin, Yiftach Goldstein, Gary Chervitz

Mazal Tov Hanley!

January Anniversaries
Leslie Birenbaum & Susan Roth
Allen Levin & Joyce Gang
Rudolf & Frances Oppenheim
Alan & Molly Portman
Paul & Karen Rader
Craig & Liz Redler
David Warren & Rhona Lyons

Our Condolences to the Loved Ones of...
Harold Keyser
Sally Dodge
Selma Wax
Jean Goodman
Fred Spiegelman

From the BSKI President
Sue Cort

This is the first newsletter for our New Synagogue. In it you will find information as it relates to services (dates, times and locations), programs, holiday services and events, Sisterhood/ Women’s League, Men’s Club, USY/Kadima, and Shaare Shalom Religious School.

Can it really have been just a little over a year since the merger discussions began? The year has flown by with various committees meeting and researching demographics, finances, facilities, shul culture, personnel, and presenting their findings before finally conducting a vote by both legacy shuls to approve a merger. Within the last month, the daily minyan has been combined into one service, mornings at Hanley, evenings at Linden, and a joint weekly email blast is now distributed. The daily minyan has been well attended every day and have provided mourners and members the opportunity to say Kaddish for their loved ones of blessed memory.

The Naming Committee met several times with much input from members of the legacy shuls and presented five suggested names for the “New Synagogue” at the December 2, joint congregation meeting. Members of the “New Synagogue” board of directors were elected and the five suggested names were on the ballot. Input from legacy shul members of their preference for the new name were considered by the new Board of Directors as one of their first orders of business, resulting in Kol Rinah. (read more about our new name on page 14)

Beginning January 5, combined Shabbat evening and morning services will begin. The services will be held at either the Linden or Hanley buildings.

Notices for the location of every Shabbat service will be in the weekly Shabbat Program, email blast, monthly bulletin, website and of course in person by calling either legacy shul office.

As the transition is underway, here is some information that may answer questions you have about the next steps for the merger.

The Personnel Committee, co-chaired by Debbie Igielnik and Sandy Boxerman, is researching with the input of the finance committee what the staffing needs of Kol Rinah will be. That also includes the Klei Kodesh. Since the discussions are of a sensitive and confidential nature, that is all that can be mentioned for now.

The co-chairs of the Facilities Committee, Sue Albert and Dan Rosenthal, have assigned members with the appropriate expertise to research information relevant to demographics, programming needs, existing building analysis, and alternate sites studies.

The Membership Committee, co-chaired by Joy Fisher and Steve Keyser, is tackling the very complex issue of member dues, retention and enrollment for Kol Rinah.

The Ritual Committee, co-chaired by Marvin Marcus and Mark Weinstein, is working to merge the legacy shuls’ services into providing worship and spiritual experiences we all need and expect.

The Bylaws Committee, co-chaired by Richard Gavatin and Michael Greenfield, is meeting weekly to prepare the governing documents that will set out how Kol Rinah will operate under the elected lay leadership and Klei Kodesh.

The legal documents must be filed with the State of Missouri in order for Kol Rinah to be incorporated and recognized by the state as a non-profit religious organization are being prepared by the Washington University Clinic for non profit organizations. This has all been arranged and overseen by Michael Greenfield, a Professor of Law with the university.

The Finance Committee, co-chaired by Marcia Sokol-Anderson and Mike Levine, is tasked with the job of being in constant communication with all of the other committees to determine budgets for each of them and coordinate expenditures.

The other important task will be to merge two sets of financial and accounting systems for the Kol Rinah budget and identifying key financial tasks that need to be handled by the new Board of Directors and Finance Committee.

As all of us are aware, fundraising and financial development are an important part of all non-profit organizations. We are fortunate to have Sherri Frank Weintrop and Steve Rosenblum co-chairing the Development Committee.

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From the SZ President
Steve Keyser

Thank you for electing me President of Shaare Zedek for however long my term lasts. It is an honor.

Thank you to outgoing President Mitch Shenker for accomplishing so much in the past two years: navigating us during the Rabbi’s illness, leading us through the merger process, and putting a new roof on the building.

If you attended our November general membership meeting, these words will sound familiar. I updated my remarks from that day because they touch issues vital to the success of our future:

- Transparency
- Communications
- Decision making
- Our Community
- Personal Responsibility/Creating a Connection
- The Merger

**Transparency.** SZ will use an open process when making decisions. For example, I want you to know more about our finances to help you better understand how they affect SZ decisions. Knowing more about finances scares some people, but it should not because you cannot deal with an issue until you understand it.

**Communications.** Communications is part of being transparent, but is also the hardest thing to get right, and by right, I mean everyone getting the word about what’s going on. No matter how many media we use, someone will not get the message. For example, some have asked why BSKI schedules its evening minyan at 5:15 p.m. rather than at 6 p.m., as SZ does. Once I shared that in the winter BSKI starts earlier so they can complete a full Mincha before the Ma’ariv service, they were OK but asked why no one had explained it before. As we go through various issues, there will be similar examples. Each of you can improve communications by seeking answers rather than conjecturing.

**Decision making.** An open process that builds collaboration and consensus creates individual buy-in that enhances successful implementation. When we cannot agree or there is not enough time to seek consensus before we must make a decision, we will get input and decide. Not everyone will be happy with all decisions and I am ready to share why we made a decision, except in cases when that information is confidential. I have two favorite sayings related to decision-making: “When it’s all said and done, there’s more said than done.” I do not want that to be SZ or Kol Rinah. The other is: “A good decision is when everyone is equally unhappy.” Think about it.

I am available to all of you and I know you will seek me out—some of you already have.

**Our Community.** I am a 27-year SZ member but became more involved since the passing of my first wife Faye (B’Shalom) a decade ago. The support my family and I received at that time was very important. People I recognized but didn’t know before Faye’s death became my friends and created a community around me during daily minyan and Shabbat services. The synagogue was there for me then, which is why I am here for it.

While attending minyan and Shabbat services, I developed skills davening and chanting Haftorah that I did not possess before. When someone compliments me on those skills, I say I learned them here—and you can too. I have seen others go through the same transformation. Whether you are interested in developing ritual skills, learning more about our religion, being part of community action or another area, SZ will help you “be all you can be Jewishly.” Engage with us.

**Personal Responsibility / Creating a Connection.** Personal responsibility is very important to me so this will be the first of what I’m sure will be many appeals. In many meetings I have said that if you pay for a telephone, cell phone, TV and internet service—which, for me, each averages about $70 a month, then you can afford $70 a month for SZ—even if you pay less than that now. That comment bothers some people and I realize everyone’s circumstances are different. But if you stop paying bills for those services, they will cut off your service. But, this isn’t only a financial appeal. Think about this:

Do You Have Students in College?

Join the College Connection Holiday Care Package Program!

Your college student(s) will receive care packages during the academic school year for Hanukah, Purim, and Passover. Undergraduate or graduate, local or far away, what student wouldn't like to receive a package filled with kosher snacks and surprises? Let your college student know that we are thinking about them and that they are still part of our community. They are the future of our congregation!

**No cost to you or your student.**

If you participated in this program last year, please update your student's information at our website.

Go to this link on the e-bski website http://bski.wufoo.com/forms/bski-college-connection-form/

Generously funded by the Women’s League and Membership/Outreach Committee of BSKI.

Kol Rinah Israel Trip October 2013

Informational meeting
Sunday, January 27, 10am
Hanley Campus

Contact Karen Rader
karenjrader@yahoo.com
or 314-852-7410

Consecration Class 5773

Back row: Sophie Aroesty, Henry Rosenblum, Kaylie Cerulo, Gillian Rosen, Ella Lazaroff, Jordan Kodner,
Front row: Josephine “Josie” Rutledge, Morah Debbie Shapiro, Eva Krauss
Not pictured: Ryan Snyder and Catalin “Cha-Cha” Rubin

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Thank you to Irene Belsky and Rhoda Grimsky, Phyllis Warner, Jean Marx, and Barbara Bahn, for planning and carrying out our Hanukah party on December 2, which was our paid-up membership program. Specialties were salmon loaf and latkes, with sufganiot (jelly donuts) of course. We collected a lot of presents for Hanukah Hugs for the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. The White Elephant auction, with the proceeds going to the Klein family, was also successful. Howard Belsky and Alice Fasman acted as “auctioneers,” selling almost everything. Kudos to both of them for their “expertise” and the fun they put into it!

Our Sisterhood once again sent beautiful boxes of Chanukah goodies to the twenty-four college students whose parents sent us a request and address. We thank Ann Frank, who has taken this project under her proverbial wing, and assures that the contents are always interesting and delicious. And we thank Alan Spetner who once again handled all the shipping. The students always write back or let their parents know how much fun it was to receive the package.

You should have received from Arleen Kerman, the Torah Fund letter that outlines how the money we donate benefits the Jewish Theological seminaries. So, if you have not yet made your pledge or sent in your check for this year’s campaign, please consider a donation. Arleen still has pins. The Torah Fund program is still scheduled for Sunday, March 10, 2013.

January 26: Sisterhood Shabbat – I am making up the list of honors and have spots open. Please contact me.

The “Rabbi’s Class,” originally begun as a sisterhood adult education class, continues to meet on Monday mornings, at 9:45. This class is no longer a “ladies” sisterhood class, and anyone wishing to attend is invited to participate.

Various Shaare Zedek ladies have had meetings, discussions, and phone conversations with BSKI ladies concerning the merging of the two Sisterhoods. The representatives of Shaare Zedek Sisterhood will be meeting shortly with representatives from BSKI Sisterhood to go over all of the issues and then break down into separate issue groups. I am certain that we will be successful in climbing this bridge, meeting each other at the center, to succeed in our goal of a combined entity. We will need the understanding, input, and combined effort of everyone in order to accomplish this. Thank you in advance for all your help and guidance in achieving this goal.

Do you want Sisterhood to do the work?

Please keep us in mind when you celebrate a Simcha… a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, an auf ruf, an anniversary, a birthday, a new baby, or any other occasion you want to celebrate with a SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH.

You can also join with another person or group and co-sponsor. We do the work, you’ll enjoy a delicious Shabbat Kiddush, and the synagogue will benefit from our fund-raising.

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

We’ll be glad you did.

Thank you.
Happy Secular New Year!

We are excited to begin a new year of programming as our new synagogue provides an ever-growing selection of learning opportunities for our members. Please share your ideas and dreams with our committee and we will work to make them a reality.

On Shabbat, January 26, we will welcome Burton Boxerman who will share a Lunch and Learn about “Edison Brothers Shoe Company’s early years in Georgia prior to their moving to St. Louis.” Join us for a fascinating history lesson.

Sydney & Sue

Divrei haShavua

January 5, 2013 - 23 Tevet, 5773 Shemot
1:1 - שמות - names
1:7 - ימי השעם - they teemed
1:9 - עמי בני ישראל - the Israelite people
1:10 - שמיוני - our enemies
2:9 - אמה - her maidservant
January 12, 2013 - 1 Shevat 5773 Va’era/Rosh Hodesh
6:5 - מדבר - enslave
6:6 - וὁρᾶτε - I shall take (you) out
6:6 - וה챲תי - I shall rescue (you)
7:10 - סעם - his staff
7:10 - כל - serpent
January 19, 2013 - 8 Shevat 5773 Bo
10:1 - חיבדתי - I hardened
10:9 - נערי - our young
10:9 - זקנים - our old
10:11 - בגש - expelled
10:12 - ארבה - locust
January 26, 2013 - 15 - Shevat 5773 BeShalach/Tu B’Shevat
13:21 - עמוד הענן - pillar of cloud
13:22 - עמוד האש - pillar of fire
14:5 - ויהפך לבב פרעה - Pharaoh had a change of heart
14:16 - הראם את מתחה - raise your staff
14:21 - ויבקעו המים - the waters split

Divrei haShavua brought to you by the Adult Education Committee and Men’s Club

Kol Rinah invites all previous Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, ages 13 - 98, to come back, "brush up" and share your Haftarah with us again! You can also be paired with someone to help you review or share it with you. Please call or e-mail any of our 3 coordinators.

Phyllis Hyken 314-395-6829 phyl_hy@yahoo.com
Linda Makler 636-391-9965 golchamp@aol.com
Sydney Farber Sydney1106@gmail.com
(Please put ‘Haftarah’ in the subject line.)

Brush Up Your Haftarah!

Our Gift Shops have registry for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs
Please support our gift shops as all profits go back to BSKI & SZ!

From The BSKI President
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Mens Club

Bob Olshan & Don Pearline

Shaare Zedek and BSKI Men's Club's Unite!

2012 was a great year for Men's Club and 2013 will be even greater! Look for our upcoming events on our new web page. What activities do you enjoy? Do you like Sports? Do you want to deepen your Jewish Soul? Want to learn together? Do you cook? Are you crafts handy? Come join and make this your Men's Club! Help the new combined congregation off to a positive and active start. Get involved.

Here is a listing for the 5773 year ahead. Take a look back at our Men's Club events so far this year on page 9.

We all want to "stay connected," so we use gadgets and services to do so. But how do we stay connected to Conservative Judaism and our community? You do so by engaging with other members and attending services, classes and programs. Our modern gadgets are wonderful, but they are not a community. So invest your time and money here. You will get a great return on your investment and, as the saying goes, “it’s priceless.”

Merger. Thanks to all who are participating. If you are not, please do. There are not many chances in life to create something entirely new, and this is one of them. Do not pass it up. Some members have said the merger is OK if “they come here” or “do it our way.” It is easy to think we have all the answers, but let me share what the Rabbi said about the merger during his sermon on the first day of Sukkot. He cited a line in the movie Jerry Maguire when Jerry, after finding the love of his life, says, “You complete me.” It means that whether it is your marriage partner or another partnership, the other party should fill in your gaps. That is what we expect from this union. I like the line “There is no one of us as smart as all of us” but it means the same thing. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. I understand how scary change is and it is normal to prefer the status quo. Remember, individuals and organizations grow more when they step out of their comfort zone than when they stay in it. So, the merger is a great opportunity to grow. The final reason and another of my favorite lines is “Many hands make little work.” We need those many hands. We are all in this together.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as your President.

Jan 13 or 27 Make Your Own Tefillin@SSRS
TBD Sports Night - Local Sports Figure & Spaghetti Dinner
Feb 3 World Wide Wrap Intergen’l at SSRS (FJMC)
Feb 17 Men’s Club Poker Night
Mar 2 Men’s Club Shabbat
Mar 3 Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle Packing Party
Mar 17 Men’s Club Man of the Year at Bnai Amoona
Apr 28 Lag B’Omer
May 19 Hearing Men’s Voices - topic TBD
Jun 2 Men’s Club Morning Bike Ride
Jul 24-28 FJMC Biennial Convention

From The SZ President
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January 26, 2013
Second Annual Stanley Goldstein Dance Party
Music, Memories & Martinis

For your dancing and listening pleasure:

3 hours of live, continuous music
Drinks & Dessert Included
$50 cover charge (at the door)
$40 (in advance)
7:30 - 11:00 pm
Shaare Zedek Synagogue
829 N. Hanley Road
Mirowitz Auditorium
314.727.1747
shaarezedek.org
All proceeds to benefit Shaare Zedek Synagogue
The Historic First Joint Meeting of the Merged Ritual Committee
Youth Programs

Tasha Kaminsky

It’s the start of a new year and a new congregation and our synagogues’ youth could not be more excited! November and December were packed months for our USYers. We became closer than ever with our fall convention and went on to build our kehillah during our December family Shabbat program. We came together to continue our special connection with the Covenant House by sharing exercise time with the residents and navigating their new Nintendo game system with them. USY and Kadima also kicked off new friendships with each other during our incredible Latkapalooza! With an intense dreidel spin down and latke cook off, our congregations’ youth had the opportunity to share laughs and the holiday of Hanukah.

USY, Kadima, and Noar will all continue to have programming throughout the new year. USY will enjoy an exciting outing early in the month, and will keep up their commitment to social action by volunteering at a Covenant House party. Kadima and Noar will also have their own time to socialize and have fun. Our USYers will be off to the Twin Cities soon for their Winter Shabbaton and we will continue the tradition of having a great time at convention. Tasha is always accepting applications for USY (9th-12th grade), Kadima (6th-8th grade), and Noar (3rd-5th grade). If you have a child eligible to be in these exciting programs and would like to receive emails and flyers about upcoming events please contact Tasha - tasha@shaarezedek.org to request to be on her mailing list.

Finally, this year marks a new transition. The David Iken Memorial Fund will be easier than ever to donate to. This is a fund that does true and lasting good for the youth of our congregation. By donating to the David Iken Memorial Fund, you are helping to ensure that all of our new congregation’s youth will have the chance to experience life changing and community building programs especially designed for Jewish teens. This is one instance of a charitable donation that honestly translates into a major investment in the Jewish people’s future. Not only do the scholarships distributed from this fund give teens access to valuable educational programs, but it offers teens a safe and Jewish social medium that creates lasting links and friendships. If you have any questions about the David Iken Memorial Fund or would like to learn more about how you can support our new congregation’s youth, please contact Tasha.

Shaare Shalom

Anita Kraus

Jewish Learning continues each and every day. Walk through the halls at our Linden campus on a Sunday morning or at our Hanley campus on a Monday or Wednesday afternoon and you will hear lots of noises; the noise of students coming together to celebrate, sing, learn, express themselves artistically and celebrate being Jewish! Come to visit on a Sunday morning or on a Monday or Wednesday afternoon. Walk into one of our classrooms and you will most likely be handed a Chumash, Tanakh, textbook or a marker and glue, and asked to join in the learning. We have an all-student t’filah (prayer) time at 5:30pm every Wed. in the Shaare Zedek chapel; stop in and join the fun!

The sense of Kehillah (community) at Shaare Shalom is apparent each month as we meet at either the Hanley and Linden campuses on Shabbat for mifgaSHabbat. Our next community wide intergenerational service is January 26st, 9:30am at the Hanley campus. The ruach of the service is apparent as students and congregants join together in prayer and celebration ranging from the straightforward to more experiential with music and learning. This mifgaSHabbat falls on Tu B’Shevat, the “New Year of the Trees,” one of four Rosh HaShanahs. Scholars believe that Tu B’Shevat was originally an agricultural festival marking the emergence of spring. After the destruction of the Great Temple the holiday emerged as a way for Jews to symbolically connect themselves to their former homeland by eating foods that could be found in Israel.

Later, a ritual seder was created for Tu B’Shevat similar to the Pesach seder. Today, Tu B’Shevat has become a tree planting festival in Israel in which both Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend. As you read this, there may be snow piling up on the ground preventing us from performing the same rituals, yet the meaning of Tu B’Shevat continues to find new life in our community. Our students will be marking the holiday as a day of environmental awareness. They will acknowledge our responsibility as Jews to be environmentally responsible and commit to plant, build, recycle, repurpose, and conserve our resources.

Come pray, learn, sing and celebrate with us

January 2013
Todah Rabah - A huge thank you to the Men’s Club for funding the Hanukiah project!
All the 1st and 2nd grade students enjoyed learning about and making their very own, menorahs!

**STAAM, a cappella group at Washington University**

**Crowns for Covenant House**

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**The spinning begins**

**The Finalists**

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2013**
During morning services at
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“My dear friends, I’d love to have you with me at the party celebrating my 90th birthday. Baruch Hashem! Please do come!” Benson Skoff
Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer

An Introduction to THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The Early Childhood Center is a year-round Jewish preschool and childcare facility that meets the needs of 67 families and 86 children. Our school was founded in 1986 as a wonderful small morning Jewish preschool program composed of two classes and a Mommy and Me morning class all totaling approximately 29 children.

Through the years the needs of families changed and with the vision and guidance of strong leadership the program transitioned into the center we have today. Currently our board representative Aaron Vickar continues to guide and represent our center.

We believe in the concept of learning through play, a process through which our children acquire knowledge and learn skills about their physical and social worlds. Our fabulous teachers use learning centers to present developmentally appropriate, exciting and creative Jewish and general curriculum. We also have specialists who teach children art, music, movement, science, and foreign language as a special part of each week’s activities.

We are privileged to have The Preschool Parent Organization (PPO) whose fundraising efforts over time have brought additional outreach programs for kids such as the St. Louis ZOO and Circus Flora. Funds have been raised to replace much used gym and classroom equipment. Thanks to the efforts of past parent leadership and currently Cindy Kalachek and Stephanie Saur, the PPO has had social events and fundraisers that engage our working families and provide a needed connection to the center.

Currently Hazzan Joanna and Rabbi Fasman offer their time to make our Jewish programming exciting and strong. Hazzan introduces our children to Hebrew in her always excitingly creative way through music, puppets and stories. Rabbi takes time to share his knowledge of the holidays and Torah. His favorite and ours is the shofar blowing, but opening the Torah and sharing it with our oldest children is always eagerly received.

Our sisterhood has teamed with the ECC and supported our need financially through the years. Helping open our new infant rooms fifteen years ago, building our large climber on the playground and providing funds for additional equipment is only a few of the wonderful things they have done for the ECC.

I am extremely proud of The Early Childhood Center and know you are as well. I have spent the past twenty five years helping to build our center, and I have lots of hope and dreams for our new congregation. I look forward to a future of community building and growth.

B’Shalom,

Marty Schaeffer

ECC Director

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Young families from BSKI and Shaare Zedek kicked off Hanukkah with a fun and festive party! Hazzan Joanna Dulkin led a beautiful Havdalah and we enjoyed lighting the first candle as a community. Then children and adults had a blast getting fancy balloons, airbrush body art, eating dinner, making Hanukkah crafts, playing games and dancing! Thank you again to Bill Solomon for his generous donation to make the party possible. (pictures on page 13)

Join us on Sunday evening, January 20th for a Tu B’Shevat themed dinner and movie. Please be on the lookout for more details.

Often parents don’t know what to do with their children on the cold Shabbat afternoons of winter. Join DorWays for a fun way to get the energy out. We will be hosting open gym time in the Hanley gym! Come mingle and play on January 5, January 19, February 2, and February 16 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. The gym is appropriate for children 5 and under.

B’Shalom,

Jessica Wax
Our First-Night-of-Hanukah Celebration sponsored by Bill Solomon
Kol Rinah, Our New Congregational Identity
by Gary Kodner and Paula Hamvas

Our board of directors approved our new synagogue name “Kol Rinah.” Translation: “Voice of Joy or Joyous Voice.”

“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!

Choosing a name for our new congregation is both exciting and challenging. Many ideas, directions, research and time went in to selecting our new name. (Please visit our new web site: kolrinahstl.org for a complete report submitted to the board by our naming committee and the guidelines for the Naming Committee to follow as suggested by the Steering Committee.)

Consideration was given to many submissions received from members at large, as well as a (non-binding) straw pole of members who attended a December town hall meeting and election. Many people showed a preference for the name “Shaare Shalom,” a name that has been used by our religious school for 11 years and takes something from both legacy congregations.

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The co-chairs of the Naming Committee presented for the deliberation of the new board the top votegetters, including the name “Shaare Shalom,” in the straw poll of Dec. 2, along with information regarding the meaning and relevance of the names with respect to the mission and vision statements of the New Synagogue.

The board also heard from the Merger Steering Committee, who felt strongly that we should adopt a name that is new, looks forward, and reflects the spirit of a community committed to music, spiritual worship and excitement.

Ultimately, the name “Kol Rinah” is about our people and our vision for the our congregation as it moves forward in the twenty first century.

Come pray, learn, sing and celebrate with us

January 2013
Starting in January we will have a united Shabbat Service on Fridays and Saturdays at alternating locations.

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PLEASE ATTEND A MINYAN AND BE COUNTED

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**Are there any Megillah readers out there?**

We are looking for people who would like to be a part of this year's Megillah-reading team on Purim night. You may read an entire chapter, or as little as three sentences. Training is available.

If interested, please contact Marvin Lerner at 314.434.3676.

We look forward to hearing from you.
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To make a donation, CLICK HERE or call the Shaare Zedek office at 314.727.1747.

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The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help

For the month of January the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry is looking for these specific items to provide well-balanced nourishment for the community in need.

- Canned Tuna Fish
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Fruit (all types)
- Canned Vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots and mixed vegetables)
- Peanut Butter
- Kosher Food
- Shampoo, Conditioner & Toothpaste

Items should be brought to our Hanley and Linden collection sites. Thank you.

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Don’t miss Kol Rinah

Trivia Night

☞ Saturday, March 2, 2013
at Congregation Shaare Emeth - 11645 Ladue Road

Doors open at 6:30 pm • Play begins at 7:15 pm
GATHER YOUR TEAM TOGETHER! (tables of 8)

Want to play, but don’t have a full table? Let us know and we’ll help fill your table.
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