



Kol Rinah
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The 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!*



Signing Announcement

May 17, 2013

BSKI president Sue Cort and Shaare Zedek president Steve Keyser have signed an agreement that will form the official merger of the two congregations. Our new congregation, Kol Rinah, hopes to receive the approval of the Missouri Secretary of State within the next 30 days.

Photo: (Standing) Bill Solomon-BSKI Treasurer, Steven Selipsky-SZ Treasurer, Rabbi Mark Fasman, Mitch Shenker-Kol Rinah Board Chair, (Seated) Susan Cort-BSKI/Kol Rinah President, Steve Keyser-SZ President

Our Websites Are Changing

We are retiring our legacy websites. Our new and official Kol Rinah website will be ready this month. During the transition, using the old urls will redirect you to the correct place. *But now is the perfect time to change your internet bookmarks.* Please visit www.kolrinahstl.org

Staff will also be receiving new Kol Rinah emails. We will let you know the new emails as soon as we have them.

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Todah Rabah!

May Haftarat

Shlomo Boyd, Golda Cohen, Josh Horwitz, Samuel Youkilis

May Greeters

Sandy Melnick, Julia Lieberman

May Floor Gabbaim

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Minyan Breakfasts

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Yahrzeit of his father

Mitch Shenker
His birthday

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Yahrzeit of her father

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Yahrzeit of her husband's father

Sara Myers
Yahrzeit of her father

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A Message from Rabbi Fasman

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Every year at this time we are reading from the fourth book of Torah – Bemidbar or Numbers. The books of Torah get their Hebrew names (Bereishit, Shemot, Vayikra, Bemidbar, Devarim) from the first significant word of each book. Bemidbar is the only one of the five that has a Hebrew name that actually describes the content of the book: "In the Wilderness." The five books are generally known by their Greek names (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). Numbers is the only one of the five with a name that is not a description of the contents of the book. It is only the first chapter of Numbers that contains significant numbers – a detailed report of the census taken about a year after leaving Egypt.

Furthermore, the numbers themselves turn out to be irrelevant. We learn that there were 603,550 men of military age. That's a pretty big army. Yet, in the fourth parasha of the book (Shelach) we find the story of the twelve spies – the most respected leaders of each tribe – who scout out the Promised Land and return with a report of a land that "flows with milk and honey." But ten of the spies tell the people, "We cannot ascend to that people for it is too strong for us.... we were like grasshoppers in our eyes, and so we were in their eyes!" And the people believed them.

It wasn't the size of the Israelite army that would determine their strength or the outcome. It was

the size of their will, their faith in God, their confidence in themselves.

And it isn't numbers that will determine our strength or determine the outcome of our merger.

Our ancestors constantly romanticized their life in Egypt, preferring to return to a life they knew, rather than moving forward to a life they would have to create together. But they couldn't go back, and they couldn't leave the congregation (where would they go?). Even so, they weren't happy about going forward. It seems that God could take the people out of slavery, but He couldn't take slavery out of the people.

We can't go back either, but we *can* drop out or find another shul or reduce our financial support or refuse to serve on committees or stop attending services. We may still love our spiritual roots, but we were told that we were also unsustainable as two and unsustainable as one. Change is inevitable. We all need to acknowledge our loss and move forward.

If we have the right attitude and faith in God and confidence in ourselves, the *numbers* will be sufficient. We can't wait until our children are ready to take over. Perhaps the words of Rabbi Tarfon [*Pirkei Avot* 2:20-21] can urge us on: "The day is short, the task is abundant ... you are not required to complete the task, yet you are not free to withdraw from it... and your Employer can be relied upon to pay you the wage for your labor."



Confirmation Class 2013

Pictured top row from left: Jacques Fehr, Jacob Youkilis, Sam Rubin

Pictured bottom row from left: Noah Levy, Noah Engel, Abbie Simmons



HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan

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This will be my last Hazzanotes article, in what will be our last month living in St. Louis. I am overwhelmed with gratitude to, and for all of you. I am not good with goodbyes - I want only to say le'hitraot - see you soon, very soon.

When we arrived in St. Louis from New York, our family consisted of a hazzan, a rabbi just finished with PhD coursework, a two year old, and a two month old. Two preschool graduations, 2 JTS graduations, 7 High Holy Days, 364 Shabbatot, 150+ Shabbat Rinah services with the band, 60 (give or take) B'nai mitzvah, countless *simchas* and one new congregation later, we are preparing to return to the east coast: one Hazzana, one rabbi/college professor about to begin his first full time post, one rising fifth grader, one rising second grader, and two dogs. We also leave here with the bonds we have made with all of you.

I would like to share with you some parting words that I wish I wrote. From a Broadway musical, these words by Stephen Schwartz have always stirred up deep emotion in me: tears of sorrow and of gratitude - tears that come even when I sing them alone in my kitchen washing the dishes! They perfectly sum up my feelings about my time at Shaare Zedek, now Kol Rinah. Whatever you feel you have received from me, I have received from you tenfold. As we move into the next chapter of our lives, we take you with us - and we hope you will keep us with you. Because we knew you, we have been changed, for good.

I've heard it said
That people come into our lives for a reason
Bringing something we must learn
And we are led
To those who help us most to grow
If we let them
And we help them in return
Well, I don't know if I believe that's true
But I know I'm who I am today
Because I knew you...

Like a comet pulled from orbit
As it passes a sun
Like a stream that meets a boulder
Halfway through the wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But because I knew you
I have been changed for good

It well may be
That we will never meet again
In this lifetime
So let me say before we part
So much of me
Is made of what I learned from you
You'll be with me
Like a handprint on my heart
And now whatever way our stories end
I know you have re-written mine
By being my friend...

Like a ship blown from its mooring
By a wind off the sea
Like a seed dropped by a skybird
In a distant wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But because I knew you
Because I knew you....
I have been changed for good

Kol Rinah Religious School is Hiring

Who do you know? What are your special skills? The Religious School is now hiring... specialists in Art, Music/ T'filah, Cooking

Contact **Anita**: anitassrs@gmail.com

Want to receive the new Kol Rinah newsletter but not on either mailing list?

Send your email address to
Nancy@shaarezedek.org
or Meir@e-bski.org

Breakfasts continued

Sheldon Kessler	<i>His birthday</i>
Leo Bresler	<i>Yahrzeit of his mother</i>
The Morning Minyan	<i>In honor of Special Guest - Rabbi Mordechai Miller</i>
Marion Cohen	<i>Yahrzeit of her father</i>
Marshall Myers	<i>Yahrzeit of mother</i>

Leaves & Chapel Plaques

To purchase a Hanley Guller Chapel plaque or Ashreinu Leaf, or a Linden Chapel plaque or Tree of Life Leaf, call the office at 314.727.1747.

Mazal Tov Kol Rinah!

June Birthdays

Cecilia Asher, Daniel Averbukh, Mikhail Averbukh, Marvin Beckerman, Muriel Beckerman, Nancy Berg, Matt Berman, Stan Braude, Golda Burke, Florence Cohn, Hanley Cohn, Susan Cort, Julie M. Ettinger, Kathleen Finkel, Julie Friedman, Paula Hamvas, Phyllis Hanson, Cheryl Heres, Nino Heres, Monroe Ginsburg, Terry Goldenhersh, Eugene Goldstein, Katherine Gross, Ari Horwitz, Mindy Horwitz, Stacey E. L. Hudson, Scott Johnson, Jacob Kalachek, Merwyn Kalina, Joan R. Katz, Phillip Katz, Phyllis Katz, William Kaufman, Emma Lapp, Phil Levens, Allen Levin, Judel Lew, Susan Lew, Fred Makler, William H. Mathis, Bernard Mellman, Helene Meyer, Judy Meyers, Randi Mozenter, Sara Myers, Edward Myers, Mike Nogin, Niki Nymark, Sue Orenstein, Enid Perll, Patricia Powers, Aaron Praiss, Courtney Rader, Jerry Raskin, Matt Reznick, Renee Rosen, Corey Rosenberg, Ziv Rotman, Sherri Ellen Sadon, Eric Schneider, Harriet Shanas, Jacob Shanas, Aileen Shmuger, Gabriel Shoykhet, Michael Simon, Marc Spector, Kenneth Stein, Robert Stein, Roberta S. Stolz,

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Peter G. Tuteur, Erwin Waldman,
Elliot Wilson, Anita Waldman, Kenneth
Weintraub, Rosetta Weintraub, Joyce
Weltman, Deborah Zorensky

June Anniversaries

Marc & Penny Alper
Jeremy Buhler & Wendy Anderson
Gene & Shirley Barken
Ben & Joan Barzilai
Marvin & Muriel Beckerman
Howard & Jacqueline Berliner
Burton & Benita Boxerman
Sanford & Cynthia Boxerman
Joe & Gerry Burstein
Kaaran Bowden
Eric Schneider & Debbie Chase
Jeff & Shelley Dean
Ryan Dulkan & Joanna Selznick
Dulkan
Mark & Karen Engel
Richard & Jody Feldman
Michael Cannon & Denise Field
Myron & Cindy Fishman
Seymour & Paulette Friedman
Craig & Judy Goldford
Matthew & Carolyn Gollub
Steven Brody & Brenda Grossman
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Stephen Selipsky & Phyllis Hanson
Repps & Stacey Hudson
Martin & Margaret Israel
Edward Finkelstein & Rose Jonas
Paul & Michelle Knight
Stephen & Lanie Kodner
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Sandy & Elaine Melnick
Marvin W. Foster & Niki Nymark
Tim & Arlene O'Connell

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From the BSKI President

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Did You See the (April 24) "Jewish Light"?

It seems Kol Rinah is ahead of the curve in the St. Louis Jewish community. The front page article in that issue, "Reactions Abound to Reform Merger Talks," authored by Ellen Futterman and Repps Hudson, was about the announcement of a possible merger of Temple Israel and Shaare Emeth. I read the article not once but several times, and it provided an opportunity for some reflection on the events of the past year.

Almost a year ago, the boards that govern our two legacy congregations voted to proceed with possible merger discussions. The Jewish Light article included remarks of people from Temple Israel and Shaare Emeth that were almost identical to what we heard from our own members. The below remarks may sound familiar.

1. "We want to keep our culture and history alive. There are tremendous hurdles ahead."

We have had and still are encountering hurdles. And they are "tremendous" but we are confident they will be overcome. Look at the progress that has been made by merging two offices into one space that will soon function to serve a single entity. Services have been held in both legacy buildings and with much thought, discussion and input from members, will be held for the short term in the Hanley facility. This decision will benefit the bottom line of Kol Rinah through economies of scale by not duplicating services and operating two buildings.

2. "In addition to both congregations hosting town hall meetings, a number of exploratory committees will be formed with representatives from both congregations."

Our merger process began the same way. Committee meetings comprised of committed members and staff continue to remain crucial to the completion of the merger.

One simple tip, I would offer to the folks at the Reform Congregations: food on the table during meetings can ease tension and disagreement (a natural part of any merger process). Sharing delicious kosher snacks was instrumental in defusing tensions and promoting bonding,

and the committee members who thoughtfully provided snacks were truly acting with Chesed and Tikkun Olam. Chocolate covered pomegranate seeds are a great stress reliever! They are delicious. Perhaps some of our early town hall meetings would have been more kumbaya if food had been available.

3. "Members at both TI and Shaare Emeth say they want to keep the qualities they like about their congregations while being open to new opportunities and interests that a merger may bring."

Sounds very familiar. However, the article continues with "At the same time, some are concerned about losing that intimacy and special quality they find in their own congregation that has been their home for years; in some cases generations."

Sounds very, very familiar. For some of our members here at Kol Rinah the change that is occurring is very unsettling. Be assured the Kol Rinah committee members are acutely sensitive to those emotions and concerns and are proceeding with great care and deliberation to make the transition to a single united congregation as comfortable as possible for everyone. Preserving traditions and history are important pillars for our new future.

4. The article also addresses the issue of what the leaders of the two Reform Congregations see as the positive result of a merger. They are very similar to what we hope to achieve with the emergence of Kol Rinah. Imagine our future that could possibly look like this:

☆ The creation of a new "model" that will engage current and future members.

☆ The creation of communities within one congregation that can provide a variety of opportunities that appeal to both our members and the unaffiliated. That goal can be achieved through offering options for Jews with similar interests to explore prayer in different ways, while continuing to offer traditional conservative worship services.

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From the SZ President

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Are You Part Of The Problem Or Part Of The Solution?

If you haven't read Rabbi Fasman's May Newsletter column, please do. It focuses on whether you see yourself as a "surviving remnant" of one of the legacy shuls or a founding member of Kol Rinah. I hope that you feel like a founding member of KR and, therefore, you are part of the solution. Many members of both congregations are working very hard to create the best congregation in the Midwest. They are part of the solution. Yet, I continue to hear from many members of both legacy shuls who are unhappy because they feel the other legacy shul is getting everything their way. How can that be? I don't have an answer, but I have a suggestion.

Instead of thinking, the other person is getting the better deal; consider how it feels to be the other person. How would you feel if your building is closing for an undetermined time, or that in three to five years you will leave behind the building, you attended your whole life? How would you feel if you didn't know, what is to become of the memorial plaques dedicated in the memory of loved ones? How would you feel if you have to attend Pesach and High Holiday in a building other than the one you have attended? How would you feel if prayers that were part of your daily minyan are not included anymore? How would you feel if services are changing? How would you feel if you are sitting next to a stranger or are getting to know many new people?

Are you getting the idea? Try walking a mile in the other person's shoes before deciding who has the advantage. Be part of the merger solution.

Here's another issue...

Are you part of the problem or the solution with our daily minyan?

Once there was a Jewish community with 10 adults that had a minyan every morning and evening. One day another Jew moved into the community. The community was never able to make a minyan again because Everybody thought Somebody would attend the minyan so Nobody did.

This story parallels our experience at Kol Rinah, minyan wise, for many months. We usually make a minyan, but many times just barely and sometimes not at all. KR serves many important roles, but none is more important than creating a minyan so those in mourning or observing a Yahrzeit can say Kaddish. There are only two types of Jews: those who have said Kaddish for a loved one who has passed and those who will in the future. It is our responsibility to provide for them.

I have been a regular minyannaire for almost 13 years, saying Kaddish for my first wife for 11 months in 2002-03 and attending at least a once a week before and after that time. Some members say Kaddish for 11 months, and then attend only for a Yahrzeit. Others say Kaddish for 11 months and continue attending minyan regularly. Why the difference? I don't know.

I am once again living the minyan issue since saying daily Kaddish for my father who passed away last November. We are off track and I am asking your help to get us back on track.

Why now? As summer approaches and regular attendees go on vacation, it is even harder to make minyan. Please contact Jim Singman at jamessingman@att.net and commit to one morning or evening per week. It's a real mitzvah, a great way to strengthen our community and a way to be part of the solution.

Thanks in advance. See you at minyan.

Question: When Is The Best Time To Plan A Funeral?

Answer: Not After Someone Dies!

CHESED COMMITTEE TOUR OF BERGER MEMORIAL

Sunday, June 2, 2013, 3:30pm
4715 McPherson, St. Louis MO 63108
314.361.0622

For those who want to carpool from our Hanley location, please meet in the parking lot no later than 3:00pm.

Barry & Carol Pessin
Ron & Marsha Portman
Fred Blumenthal & Patricia Powers
Alan & Joanie Protzel
Jerry & Joyce Raskin
Jack & Renee Rosen
Sidney & Sylvia Rosen
Alan Mark Snyder & Sharon Rosenberg
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Daniel & Robin Wald
Peter & Susan Walker
Morris Bynum & Phyllis Walker-Bynum
Michael & Karen Wetmore
Mr. and Mrs. Al Weltman

Thank You to Congregants

Thank you to everyone for your good wishes, thoughtfulness and tributes while I was recuperating. I am doing great!

Arleen Kerman

Thank you for the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful weekend celebrating Sam Youkilis's Bar Mitzvah.

I truly appreciated the warm welcome and the chance to spend time with so many of my friends and acquaintances. May I wish Kol Rinah much success in the future in the building of a community which is strong and vibrant. Again, my sincere thanks, Best...

Mordecai



Hanley Gift Shop

Monday to Friday 10am- 12:30pm.
Mon & Wed 4-6pm
Sunday by appointment.
Call 314.727.1747 to arrange a time.



Linden/Tamsky Gift Shop

The gift shop on the Linden campus is currently closed. However, limited shopping hours may be available. Call Meir in the office 314.725.6230 for more info.

Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley

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Yumm! You may think it's a little early to be thinking about honey for the New Year, but we want to get started a little earlier this year. Last year was the first time the Sisterhood offered honey through the ORT program, and, because of you, we think we did pretty well. However, we began our sales so late (in July!) that the cut-off date for free shipping of your order was only two weeks away. We hope that this earlier notice will encourage you to take advantage of the free shipping on early orders. See the ad in this newsletter, or go to the "Honey" link on the Kol Rinah website.

Any questions, please contact Sue Propper: suemeryl@charter.net or 314.395.1349; or Cindy Ginsburg at cindymn@charter.net or 314.983.0607. We want this to be the sweetest year yet.

Cord your own Kippah! Please join us on Sunday, June 23, 11:00 am-1:00 pm for our Pushka Brunch and "Cord Your Own Kippah" program. After brunch, we will learn from Cindy Ginsburg how to make our own corded kippah. The charge for brunch and program materials is only \$5.00. Also, for those of you who have not brought in your pushka boxes in the last year, please bring them with you. Please RSVP to:

suemeryl@charter.net, 314.395.1349
cindymn@charter.net, 314.983.0607

We only have a few more weeks to send in our donation for this year's Torah Fund Campaign. Checks should be made payable to Shaare Zedek Sisterhood. Mark at the Memo: "Torah Fund." The Jewish Theological Seminaries and our future Conservative Jewish teachers and leaders will benefit from your help. By the way, our Cindy is the newly elected WLCJ Regional Torah Fund Chair.

Mahjong for Beginners & Experienced Players

Mondays 1pm
Karen's Room
Linden campus



We are teaching and also playing with those that enjoy the game and already know how.

Call 314.725.6230



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Inscribe your family's names, events and special memories on a 20 X 20 inch white linen napkin that will become part of a tablecloth to adorn our dessert table at Sisterhood kiddushes and programs.

\$36 each Choice of font, including Hebrew
6 vibrant colors Professionally machine embroidered

Contact **Cindy Ginsburg** 314.983.0607 cindymn@charter.net
or **Sue Propper** 314.862.5698 suemeryl@charter.net

Do not be forgotten! Create your lasting memory today.

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**.

Remember that all profits from our kiddushes go to the shul, in many different ways, including the USY, Shaare Shalom Religious School, the ECC, Jewish summer camp scholarships, the Rabbi and Hazzan discretionary funds, and maintenance of the kitchens and all equipment.

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

We'll be glad you did.
Thank you.



Men's Club

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Don't miss our Sports Night Spaghetti Dinner with Frank Viverito, President of the St. Louis Sports Commission, on June 9th. Frank will tell what's coming up for St. Louis, what's on the horizon, what are St. Louis's challenges, and what are its opportunities. Frank will also weigh in on St. Louis's commitment to sportsmanship (including the nationally-televised Musial Awards), celebrating St. Louis's Olympic heritage, and the future of the St. Louis Rams. RSVP to the office for advanced prices 727-1747. More info on our Website. (see ad on [page 12](#))

There's still time to sign up for the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Convention July 24-28th. Go to this website to see how wonderful it can be - it's like going to summer camp for adults (spirited). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtF7o3o2aFE>

Our men's club had two wonderful programs in April, Lag B'Omer and Keruv.

Lag B'Omer was a wonderful event with live Fire eater/juggler, Israeli Food, and Archery. (photos on [page 8](#)).

On Shavout, Men's Club sponsored a wonderful Keruv (Interfaith) Program, put together by Jaron Asher, as the focus of Kol Rinah's Shavuot Study Session on "Intermarriage: Facing the Issues."

Shavuot and the story of Ruth provide the inspiration to explore important issues about Keruv ("bringing close") and interfaith marriage. Based on the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' nationally successful Keruv Initiative, the Kol Rinah Keruv panel was moderated by Larry Levin, Publisher of the Jewish Light, and included an interfaith couple, a Jew by choice, a parent and grandparent of an interfaith marriage, a professional who helps people deal with the issues around intermarriage. After a short Torah study centering on the connection between Shavuot and interfaith issues, the panelists each spoke about their personal experiences and answered questions from the moderator and the audience. It is clear from this event that Kol Rinah is welcoming to interfaith families and there was a strong

consensus that we should continue to welcome rather than alienate interfaith spouses and families. The following are some excerpts from our Keruv Brochure which you can pick up at the information desk at Kol Rinah.

KERUV

*Interfaith couples and families
Are Warmly Welcomed*



Keruv (to come closer), spearheaded by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, was formed to answer the needs of interfaith couples and families, and, in the words of the Torah, to **"welcome you into our tent."**

If you are an interfaith couple or family and would like to learn more about interfaith outreach at Kol Rinah, please contact:

Jennifer Rogers or Jaron Asher,
Keruv Consultants, 314-727-1747
jaron.asher@gmail.com

*Your family is welcome to
worship with us*

We welcome ALL family members to
worship at all services.

Weekday, *Shabbat*, and Holiday services
are open to members of all faiths.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the membership and the professionals of Kol Rinah, we are delighted to welcome interfaith families to our congregation. Whether you are seeking a spiritual home or simply a place to build friendships and enjoy a variety of cultural and educational activities; an opportunity to celebrate Shabbat, holidays and a range of life cycle experiences, or a community in which you and/or your children can learn and grow, you have made a great start.

Our synagogue welcomes those who wish to partake in the richness of Jewish life. Interfaith couples and families are part of the make-up of our congregation, reflecting the diversity of an ever-widening variety of people committed to or interested in Jewish life.

At Kol Rinah, we seek to provide a level of comfort in – and accessibility to – Jewish study, Jewish worship, and Jewish life for those who are born Jewish, for those who have chosen Judaism, and for those who are part of a Jewish couple or a Jewish family. At Kol Rinah, you will be invited to participate, encouraged to ask questions, and supported in your personal and/or familial journey.

Bob Olshan



From our very successful Man of the Year event honoring Mitch Shenker.

Photos from Lag B'Omer

☆ This new model does not preclude the basic concept of one community that worships together, but rather offers one community multiple worship opportunities for individuals and families to participate in their Jewish journeys with like minded Jews.

A survey of almost any Jewish publication, newspaper and magazine reveals a need, across the board, for Jewish Religious organizations to be innovative in the twenty-first century. And now is the time for Kol Rinah to begin the exciting process of innovation. Issues of pluralism, egalitarian worship, the inclusion of interfaith families, single parent and LGBT individuals and families require discussion, acceptance and inclusion.

Jews have survived for millennia because we have had the flexibility to adapt to cultural change while preserving the essence of our tradition. This process of adaptation has likely never been easy, and never been achieved without endless discussion (think of the Talmud!) - but it was achieved. Here we all are thousands of years later faced yet again with the need to adapt our tradition in order to preserve it. I believe we, as two congregations becoming one, are more than capable of making it happen. What about you ?

Susan Cort



Farewell To Hazzan Dulkan!

During the last weekend of May, Kol Rinah bid a heartfelt "Shalom and Best Wishes!" to Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan, Shaare Zedek's beloved Hazzan since 2006. Joanna and her family have chosen to relocate to the New Jersey/Philadelphia area where Joanna will serve a congregation in Princeton, New Jersey. Her husband, Rabbi Ryan Dulkan, has been appointed Associate Professor of Rabbinic Studies at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pennsylvania.

We are grateful to have experienced the Hazzan's energy, her deep knowledge of Judaism, her gentle teaching skills, her beautiful voice, her many musical talents, and her ability to inspire us to express our feelings through music for the past seven years. Rabbi Fasman and Hazzan Dulkan, whom the Rabbi called his excellent partner, instituted a number of programs that have attracted members of all ages and enriched the congregation both in size and diversity. May God's blessings be with Hazzan Dulkan and her family at all times.

From Rabbi Fasman

In the past seven years Hazzan Joanna Dulkan has transformed our congregation – through the beauty and joy of her music, through the force of her personality, through the depth and breadth of her knowledge, and through her passion and hard work. As a singer, performer, musician, composer, teacher, writer, visionary, and role model – she has served Shaare Zedek, while serving God, Torah, and the Jewish People. I will miss my professional partner and am grateful to her for all she has meant to me and to our community since she and her family moved to St. Louis in 2006. May she go from strength to strength.

Rabbi Mark Fasman

Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer

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A Year Filled With Fun and Learning

Learning to shake the lulav with Jewish Education Specialist, Ms. Linda Kram.

Practicing the Kiddush for Shabbat

Each child is honored for their birthday on Shabbat.

Making friends at school.



Grandma and Izzie looking through her book "A Child's Garden of Torah" given to each graduate by Hazzan Joanna.

Making a tambourine for dancing and singing like Miriam

Yum, Hamentashen making is fun.

Purim is a time to dress up as superheroes with friends.

Teachers love to dress up too.



Our Linden Torahs Move to our Hanley Campus

In preparation for Shavuot, Don Pearline and Meir Zimand carefully moved Torahs from the Linden to the Hanley campus where they and the Hanley Torahs will reside together in their temporary home. Torahs from both legacy congregations will be used in services going forward.

Shaare Shalom

Anita Kraus

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Jewish Education. Education in general. What makes it really good? Many have tried to answer this question. I do not make the proposal that it is only a great, knowledgeable teacher, which often leads to a top down, teacher-centered classroom nor a class where the child leads the path with his/her interests at the center as in a child-centered class approach. I believe the formula includes a connectedness. What is that connection? It is the "why". Great educators and great programs have a common "why". The best teachers I have had the opportunity to work with have a common "why," a common passion: a passion for learning, sharing and guiding. I believe that this passion stems from a central force, a central idea that Parker Palmer points out

in his book *"The Courage to Teach."* His central idea is Torah... *"When Torah is at the center it becomes a sacred vessel of embodied spirituality and mindful living of which we can bear witness and of which we are a part. That is, in fact, how Jewish educators see Torah – as a magnificent thing that is wondrous and interesting that inspires us to constantly learn more and live better. When Torah is at the center, we see the evidence in students pursuing the subject by asking and even challenging the teacher because they are invested and have learned something of the subject independent of the teacher."* This is what I believe we are striving for within our classrooms and for our children.

Our religious school is an amazing place. Our students come together with dynamic educators who each put the subject at the center. Together they delve into great conversations, share experiences, engage in Jewish ideas, and participate in activities which open pathways that lead to further knowledge, growth, and a sense of spirituality and identity. Inevitably this process leads to our children living Jewish lives and I feel lucky to get to be part of such a great educational community.

I am not gone for the summer. We are planning and creating all summer long.

Come visit! If you know anyone who should get a call from me or one of our families, please let me know – I am happy to call!

School was rockin' as we celebrated together!

*Some of our Service Attendees! Silver Chai Club
(18 or more services attended)*



Singing with Ruach (spirit)

Holy Roller Program

Steven Birenbaum & Benita Boxerman

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KOL RINAH HOLY ROLLERS TO MAINTAIN OUR 25 TORAHS

On March 13, Rabbi Moshe Druin, ordained rabbi and scribe from the Sofer On Site organization, inspected several of the Hanley location's Torah scrolls, and conducted a class for "lay" congregants on handling and maintaining these scrolls. Class attendees learned how to preserve, repair, and extend the good health of our sacred scrolls.

Motivated and inspired by this knowledge, most members of the class have joined a new Kol Rinah group – "The Holy Rollers."

The group has already met once and plans to hold ongoing hour-long monthly sessions to check on and maintain our Kol Rinah scrolls.

Steve Birenbaum, spokesperson for The Holy Rollers, outlined what will happen at each monthly session. "Since each scroll needs time to breathe," he explained, "as well as to be checked and repaired where possible, it will likely take three one-hour sessions to inspect each scroll. We hope to have enough Holy Rollers to work on

four scrolls at each session. Our goal is to completely check each of our scrolls once or twice a year." Steve also stated that they would be delighted to welcome new members.

If you would like to join this holy and rewarding activity or want more information, please contact -

Steve Birenbaum at 314.725.1100 or steven.birenbaum@yahoo.com.



From our initial Holy Rollers torah maintenance meeting on April 21, 2013. This was mostly a practice session to get the feel of actually unrolling and rolling torahs with the correct amount of firmness. Not everyone of our Holy Rollers was able to attend that day. Those in the group shot (left to right) are: Rina Buhler, Jeremy Buhler, Marcus Brody, Aleene Zawada, Alan Schwartz, Marilyn Evans, Steve Birenbaum, Enid Perl. (And Don Pearline, not shown, who took the pictures.)

June 9, 6:30 at Hanley Campus

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Youth Programs

Tasha Kaminsky

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Kol Rinah's youth are off to enjoy their summer after a very busy month of May. We got down to business and ratified our old chapter constitution to reflect the nature of our new Kol Rinah congregation. Our teens came together to create high standards and expectations for themselves and their peers, deciding that we would seize this opportunity to become an even stronger youth group. Throughout May our teens prepared themselves to run for executive board offices in our USY chapter. We held a dinner in honor of our departing seniors and outgoing executive board and dedicated the rest of our evening to having fun. Our teens participated in a citywide video scavenger hunt. Charged with performing a list of challenges, each team worked to collect proof that they completed the tasks. Finally, this past month we held our board elections. So many of our teens were eager to participate and take on leadership positions. Our board members will be announced to the congregation in August.

As we head into June and say goodbye for the summer we have so much to be excited for. Our youth committee now has a new commissioner, Sherri Frank Weintrop, and treasurer, Lisa Gellman. Our committee always will have room for any interested parents. Whether you're an empty-nester, have a teen in the program, or have a future USYer in your home, Kol Rinah's youth committee would love to see you in our meetings. We are all dedicated to making this coming year be unlike any that came before and we believe the more voices and ideas the better.

If you would like to be involved in contributing to making next year the best year ever for Kol Rinah's youth, please don't hesitate to contact us! We always want to hear from parents and youth about what they would like to see in our programming and what they are excited to share with us. If you would like to lend your voice to our youth department or receive regular updates on

youth programming, please contact **Tasha Kaminsky** at tasha@shaarezedek.org and she will be in touch.



Photos from Kallah

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The long-awaited next Lunch and Learn with Burton Boxerman as our speaker resumes on Shabbat, June 29th (after the kiddush) in the chapel.

His topic is the Edison Brothers, founders of the firm Edison Brothers Shoe Company, and their early years in Georgia prior to coming to St. Louis to establish their corporate headquarters.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Divrei haShavua

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June 1, 2013, 23 Sivan 5773

Sh'l'lah L'kah

13:16 תור - tur - to tour, travel, investigate, explore

13:23 רמנים (רמן) - rimnim - pomegranates

13:26 מדבר - midbar - wilderness

13:27 חלב ודבש - chalav od'vash - milk and honey

13:33 חגבים (חגב) - chagavim - grasshoppers

June 8, 2013, 30 Sivan 5773

Korach

16:4 ויפל - vayipol - and he fell

16:4 מחתות - machtot - fire pans

16:6 שמעו-נא - shim'u-na - listen here

17:25 תלונתם - t'lunotam - their complaints

18:11 תרומת מתנם - trumat matanam - their gift offering

June 15 2013, 7 Tammuz 5773

Hukkat

19:2 פרה - farah - heifer

19:5 ארז - erez - cedar

19:15 פתוח - fatuach - open

19:17 עפר - afar - dust, ash

20:8 הסלע - hasela - the rock

June 22, 2013, 14 Tammuz 5773

Balak

22:7 קסמים - k'samim - divination

22:11 להלחם - l'hilachem - to fight

22:23 האתון - ha'aton - the she-ass

22:27 ויחר-אף - vayichar-af - enraged

25:7 רמח - romach - spear

June 29, 2013, 21 Tammuz 5773

Pinhas

25:18 המגפה - hamagefah - the plague

26:2 שאו את-ראש - s'u et-rosh - take a census

26:2 צבא - tsava - army

26:51 פקודי - p'kudey - enrollment

27:4 אחזה - achuza - property

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Sima Needleman

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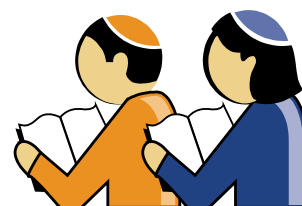
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June 2013 Sivan / Tammuz 5773
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Saturday, June 1, 2013

Parshat Sh'lach

Farewell Weekend for the Dulkan Family

9am Shabbat Service

10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities

7:07pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma'ariv

9:07pm Havdalah

Sunday, June 2, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

Monday, June 3, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

8am Ron Fagerstrom's Discussion Group

7pm Israel Trip Meeting

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

Thursday, June 6, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

Friday, June 7, 2013

7am Shacharit

6pm Shabbat Rinah/with band

8:05pm Candle lighting

Saturday, June 8, 2013

Parshat Korach

Rosh Chodesh Tamuz

9am Shabbat Service

10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities

7:12pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma'ariv

9:12pm Havdalah

Sunday, June 9, 2013

Rosh Chodesh Tamuz

See Weekly Minyan Times

10:15am Sisterhood Board Meeting

6:30pm Men's Club Annual Sports Dinner

Monday, June 10, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class

7pm Ritual Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

8am Ron Fagerstrom's Discussion Group

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

Thursday, June 13, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

7pm Kol Rinah Board Meeting

Friday, June 14, 2013

7am Shacharit

6pm Kabbalat Shabbat

8:09pm Candle lighting

Saturday, June 15, 2013

Parshas Chukas

9am Shabbat Service

10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities

7:15pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma'ariv

9:15pm Havdalah

Sunday, June 16, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

10:30am Holy Rollers Meeting

Monday, June 17, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

8am Ron Fagerstrom's Discussion Group

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

Thursday, June 20, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

Friday, June 21, 2013

7am Shacharit

5pm Create a Jewish Legacy Shabbat

6pm Kabbalat Shabbat

8:11pm Candle lighting

Saturday, June 22, 2013

Parshas Balak

Create a Jewish Legacy Shabbat

9am Shabbat Service

9:30am Nitzavim Service

10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities

7:18pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma'ariv

9:18pm Havdalah

Sunday, June 23, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

11am Sisterhood Pushka Luncheon Program

Monday, June 24, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Tzom Tammuz

See Weekly Minyan Times

8am Ron Fagerstrom's Discussion Group

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

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Thursday, June 27, 2013

See Weekly Minyan Times

Friday, June 28, 2013

7am Shacharit

6pm Kabbalat Shabbat

8:12pm Candle lighting

Saturday, June 29, 2013

Parshas Pinchas

9am Shabbat Service

10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities

7:12pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma'ariv

9:12pm Havdalah

Sunday, June 30, 2013

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All Weekday mornings and evenings
are at our Hanley campus

Monday through Friday 7am

Sunday 8am

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Sunday - Thursday 6pm

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