Kol Rinah 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!

Celebrate Passover
At
Kol Rinah
(Linden Campus)

Join us for a Congregational Second Night Seder
Led by Rabbi Mark Fasman and Hazzan Joanna Dulkin
Using the “A Different Night” Hagadah
Everyone Welcome!
Tuesday, March 26
6:00 pm Services ~ 6:30 pm Seder
$30/adults, $18/children ages 5-12
Children under 5 free

Special thanks to the loving families who generously support the Seder through the Faye Keyser Memorial Seudah Fund
Kosher for Passover Meal by BSKI Kosher Katering
Matzo Ball Soup
Gefilte Fish
Mixed Greens Salad
Lemon Chicken
Roasted Vegetable Kugel
Oven Roasted Potato Medley
Passover Sweets and Seasonal Fresh Fruit

Vegetarian Option: Quinoa Stuffed Eggplant
Children’s activities and fun for the whole family!
RSVP 314-725-6230 or meir@e-bski.org
or nancyshaarezedek.org 314-727-1747
by Wednesday, March 20

Happy Pesach

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A Message from Rabbi Fasman

Rabbi Mark Fasman
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It must have been a powerful experience to be in the Beit HaMikdash (Temple) in Jerusalem and to observe the various rituals. We used to have as our tag line: “Experience Judaism with all your senses.” In the Beit HaMikdash there was the altar, the korbanot (sacrifices) and mincha (meal) offerings and the rei‘ach nichoach (sweet savor) of the incense. There was music, both vocal and instrumental, performed by Levites, and there were prayer rituals morning and afternoon, every day of the year. At the end of the Amidah (called haTefillah – “the Prayer”), the kohanim – dressed in magnificent robes adorned with bells – would ascend the duchan (platform) and bless the people with the fifteen words of Birkat Kohanim. I imagine it was a wonderful experience to be in the congregation to receive that blessing.

Every Amidah ends with a blessing that the Rabbis call simply – שלום Shalom (Peace). This is a blessing that begins with the words שלום רב and concludes with...

...– ha-mevareikh et amo Yisrael ba-shalom ("who blesses His people Israel with peace"). Before reciting this blessing during the Reader’s Repetition of the morning Amidah, a passage has been added that includes Birkat Kohanim (The Priestly Blessing), found in Number 6:24-26. The recitation of Birkat Kohanim is a remembrance of the Temple cult, in which the Kohanim (Priests) ascended onto a duchan (platform) and blessed the people every morning and evening.

In the Ashkenazi tradition, Kohanim duchen at Musaf of the Yom Tov service (first two and last two days of Pesach, both days of Shavuot, the first two days of Sukkot, and Shemini Atzeret). In Israel, the Kohanim duchen every day in Jerusalem and on Shabbat and Yom Tov elsewhere.

The Cohen is required to wash his hands (without a blessing) before saying Birkat Kohanim. Customarily, a Levi pours the water over the Cohen’s hands. Each Cohen removes his shoes before ascending to say Birkat Kohanim. When the Reader begins, רצה the Kohanim ascend to the Ark and stand with their backs to the congregation. After the congregation has said amen to the Modim blessing the Priests held their hands with their palms facing the people, their thumbs touching, and with fingers alternately together and apart (think Mr. Spock’s “Live Long and Prosper” salute – Leonard Nimoy is, himself, a Cohen).

When Birkat Kohanim is recited by the Reader, the congregation respondsKen yehi ratzon ("May this be God’s will") after each of the three lines.
We learn about the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim, welcoming guests, from the story in Genesis of Abraham and Sarah, who welcomed three angels to their home. They ran to fetch food and water for their guests, and gave them shade in their tent. These three visitors were not your ordinary wandering type: it turned out that they had news that Abraham and Sarah would, at their advanced ages, become parents of a great nation. But this is a powerful lesson about hospitality: that those we invite into our homes for food and drink may appear to be ordinary people, but could be agents (angels) of the Holy One.

The ultimate hosting opportunity presents itself at Pesach, the most widely-celebrated ceremony at home by Jews across the world. In our busy lives, when it is challenging to get the immediate family around the table on a given evening for dinner, how daunting it can feel to invite many people over for a ritual meal involving special foods, blessings, and a whole lot of discussion! Having guests can feel like a burden rather than a blessing, and this is normal, but during the Passover season, it should be our goal to serve both as host and guest.

I was discussing the issue of hospitality and reciprocity with a friend recently: this person frequently hosts Shabbat and festival meals, and has had her invitations declined, politely enough, but a few people have confessed to her that if they accept her invitation to Shabbat dinner, they would feel pressured to reciprocate. This friend of mine expressed to me her surprise at this sentiment: to have guests around her table, she said, adds so much value to her Shabbat that it is really the guests around the table who honor her as the host, by sharing Shabbat with her and her family. She never expects to be invited to her seder, but for those without families in tow, or for those who have small or no extended family to speak of, family can be anyone you invite around your seder table.

We usually try, each year, to invite at least one or two people to our seder table for whom the Jewish tradition is not their native tradition. It allows us to see our customs, rituals, food, and stories from an outsider’s perspective: after all, we were outsiders in the land of Egypt, and our journey to freedom began with questions!

The lessons of hachnasat orchim are interwoven throughout the seder experience: when we sing “ha lachma anya” (this is the bread of affliction), we proclaim, “Let all who are hungry come and eat! Let all who are in need come and partake in our Passover celebration!” Later in the seder, after dinner, we all participate in the ritual of welcoming Elijah the prophet by opening the door and singing “Elyahu hanavi” – I have always marveled at how Elijah, the harbinger of the Messiah, is invited as a guest into our homes and our lives – in other words, the mitzvah of welcoming guests is tied closely with the World to Come. As Abraham and Sarah learned, their guests were actually messengers of God – what if we treated each guest to our home as though they could be an angel? How differently would we interact with them, and how would we receive their thoughts and questions? The angels that visited Abraham and Sarah brought the news of Sarah’s improbable, miraculous pregnancy with Issac! Who knows what blessings our guests will bring this season? Maybe we’ll even learn a new recipe or enjoy a new dish. Don’t be afraid to give your guests some “homework” to bring to the seder: a new song, joke, story, or prop – it’s perfectly appropriate to ask them to bring an “intangible gift” along with some tzimmes. Chag Sameach!
From the BSKI President
Sue Cort sue@kolrinahstl.org

By the time the March Newsletter reaches the members of Kol Rinah, our new congregation will have been holding joint shabbat services and daily Minyans at the Linden or Hanley locations for nearly two months.

Just as with the merging of the practical details for the operation and legal aspects of the two legacy congregations, coordinaiting the religious services of the shul has been no easy or small feat.

The saying of "It takes a village....", is very applicable to this part of the merger. Fortunately, the co-chairs and members of the Ritual Committee, which includes active participation by Rabbi Fasman and Hazzan Dulkin, and the office and maintenance staff at both locations have put in hours of time planning, organizing and tweaking the services week to week.

While there have been a few “bumps” along the way and some people are dismayed that the services vary a bit from what they are "used to" the objective is to have worship services that blend various traditions and practices of each legacy shul into the practices of Kol Rinah.

This is an exciting time for Kol Rinah and every one of you is making it all happen.

On the merger front, committees are meeting every one to two weeks and while it may seem as if announcements of recommendations being made to the board are moving at a snail’s pace, the committees are being very thorough with their research of the important issues.

The important thing to know is that this merger is moving forward and will be completed in the not too distant future.

Wishing you and your loved ones and friends a Happy Pesach.

Susan Cort

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Mazal Tov Hanley!

March Anniversaries
Roger & Marcia Brockman
Hanley & Florence Cohn
Brett & Jada Fox
David & Lisa Gellman
Jim Fehr & Anne Glowinski
Shmuel & Deborah Israeli
Ben & Frances Kootman
Neil & Pamela Lazaroff
Donald & Hedva Levy
Michael & Noemi Neidorff
Ken Weintraub & Sharon Katz-Weintraub

Our Condolences to the Loved Ones of...
Ida Legow
Norman Rubenstein
Phil Fox

Thank You to Congregants
To all my Friends at Shaare Zedek,
Thanks to each and every one of you for your thoughts, prayers and cards for my recovery. I have never been so afraid in my life while in the hospital – lots of time for thinking, you know – but God, my family and my SZ friends were with me.

I am back at work since Feb. 12th and improving everyday. I even lost a few pounds!

Fondly,
Nancy Greene

I am most grateful for all the tributes and gifts I have received from Shaare Zedek in honor of my 90th birthday. I am deeply touched.

Zendra K. Ashkanazi

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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

Come pray, learn, sing and celebrate with us
March 2013
How important is the survival, evolution and growth of the Conservative Jewish Movement to you? As you think about your answer, consider two issues related to Kol Rinah and our quest to be a leader in the Conservative movement in the Midwest: one issue we are facing today and another we will face in the future.

FIRST: “CAN WE ALL GET ALONG?” That famous quote from Rodney King after his beating by the L.A. police more than 20 years ago might seem like a strange way to begin. I will explain.

Merging two synagogues takes a lot of work: much of it done by members from Shaare Zedek and BSKI through committees covering all facets of the process. Teams learn how each legacy congregation operates in specific areas and recommend to the Kol Rinah board how those areas will operate in the future. The work is critical to our success although it doesn’t always happen as fast as some would like.

Unfortunately, I hear too many stories about members of each legacy shul who insist on the status quo and are fighting change. I grew up in a small traditional congregation in East St. Louis without a Rabbi. We did things in certain ways. Ways that I was comfortable with. Therefore, I understand that when change happens none of us likes all of it. However, being part of a community means accepting all decisions, even the ones you didn’t support. I wrote in my January column that change is difficult and uncomfortable, but to grow individually and organizationally, we must change.

Some changes evolve naturally as we get to know each other better. Here is one of the best examples of that process. Since we began joint minyans (mornings at Hanley, evenings at Linden), I have attended almost every one unless I was out of town. As one would expect, initially we walked on eggshells a bit. We respected each other’s traditions, but sometimes were surprised at how they differed and wondered how to resolve those differences. We talked about each congregation’s approach to specifics. However, we didn’t talk a lot. Mostly we watched, listened and learned.

We came to know each other as individuals. If a “regular” missed a day, we were concerned and asked if everything was OK when they returned. We got to know each other’s schedules and looked forward to seeing that person on certain days of the week, hearing them lead services or participating in some other way. In a short period of time and without a formal process we became one seamless service. What do I mean? Instead of each congregation doing something “their” way, we all began doing things “our” way. The system isn’t perfect. We’re still figuring things out. However, if you didn’t know how we started a few months ago, you’d think we’ve been doing it this way all along. Why does it work? It works because we know each other better and developed relationships. We respected and accepted each other’s traditions and we compromised, as needed, so everyone would be comfortable when praying. What’s more important than that?

Here’s the take away. Let’s Pray Like Jews, Not Fight (among ourselves) Like Jews.

SECOND: “A LITTLE CHANGE IS GOOD, A LOT MORE IS BETTER.” How we compromise today and in the future pales compared to changes we will make to lead the Conservative Movement in the Midwest. Let’s discuss one change. What will Kol Rinah look like in the future, especially on Shabbat? The subject is important because of the growth of independent and alternative minyans, and because Kol Rinah and Conservative Judaism must attract younger members and non-affiliated Jews.

Think about the Shabbat service as a circus (without the clowns) or a Cineplex, i.e. something that has multiple attractions or programs occurring simultaneously. In a Cineplex you can choose the movie you want to see and in a circus with multiple acts, you can focus on the act you like the most. On Shabbat, one person might attend a traditional service led by our Klei Kodesh (or our very accomplished lay leaders and Conservative Judaism must attract younger members and non-affiliated Jews.

Do You Have Students in College?

Join the College Connection Holiday Care Package Program!

Your college student(s) will receive care packages 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.

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.
Shaare Zedek Sisterhood would like to thank Keith and Karen Zeff, grandparents of Isabel (Izzy) for sponsoring a Sisterhood kiddush for the baby naming of Eric and Dana Emmenegger’s newest addition. Mazal tov to the family on this joyous occasion.

Cindy Ginsburg and Ava Small held a joint meeting with B’nai Amoona to enlist volunteers for the upcoming Women’s League intra-continental conference the end of April. They are off to a good start. They explained the schedule of the conference and the jobs which will need to be handled. It will entail a lot of work, but Ava has a list of volunteers and they will be getting in touch with everyone. Thanks for your interest in helping.

The legacy Sisterhoods have been meeting to work out the joining of the two groups and will continue to keep meeting in subgroups, kind of like the Kol Rinah merger committees. Both sisterhood groups have, more or less, the same general goals, the greatest of which is to work, as an auxiliary, for the benefit of the synagogue. We will continue to work toward our common goals.

Chag Pesach Kasher v’Sameach.

Legacy BSKI Women's League

Marilyn Dien

The joint shabbat was a very spiritual affair and a good beginning to merger.

Legacy SZ Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley

Ki L’Olam Chasdo! ♫♪♪

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PESACH WILL BE HERE SOON! Come shopping. Mahjong cards are available.

Become Part of a New Sisterhood Tradition

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 cindymsn@charter.net  
or Sue Propper 314.862.5698 suemeryl@charter.net

Do not be forgotten! Create your lasting memory today.
Please Join Kol Rinah Men's Club! Brotherhood at its best.

This year, we take a giant step forward with the merger of SZ with BSKI and the joining of our two Men's Clubs into a single, more exciting organization!

We would like to invite you to join in our new engaging programs in addition to our regular fun filled events. Stimulate your intellect and spirituality and join us for one of our “Guys Night Out - Hearing Men's Voices”, Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah, Lag B’omer and many other programs. Our Men's Club will continue to take a prominent role in service to our congregation, and will continue to look for vibrant leadership and participating members. We also now have a young men's group "Chaver" (ages 20-50) which will be having a variety of programs in addition to the regular men's club events. We will also continue to support our heritage funds. The combination of both clubs will assure us of having the required critical mass to put on more programs and to be of greater service to our shul and our community.

Please look for the men's club mailing and join our club - be a part of the new brotherhood! Payment of your dues will carry over to the full year 2013, even once formally merged.

World Wide Wrap was rocking this year. We learned how Teffilin are made (saw a movie of them being made in Jerusalem), and saw a number of rock'n Teffilin Raps including a live Rap from our own Shaare Shalom 6th graders!

Mazal Tov to Jim Singman, Men's Club Poker Night winner.

Men's Club Shabbat - Linden Campus - March 2nd

Please join us for our first Kol Rinah Ruach (Spirited) Men's Club Shabbat - "Shabbas, Shabbas… Shabbas is near" (to the tune of Shabbas, Shabbas… Shabbas is here).

Don't miss the Hamburger Sliders and Hot Dogs with topping bars!

Trivia Night - March 2nd, 7:15 pm

Please join our Men’s Club Table - email Bob Olshan mensclub@shaarezedek.org. Men's Club will be sponsoring some of the events.

Mitch Shenker, Man of the Year - March 17th

Kol Rinah will join at B'nai Amoona to celebrate the 2012 Men of the year. Kol Rinah's Chairman, Mitch Shenker, is being honored as the Shaare Zedek 2012 Man of the Year. Please make reservations now, call Shaare Zedek Office (727-1747).

We are pleased to honor Mitch Shenker, Shaare Zedek FJMC Man of the Year. Mitch led the men's club from March 2008 - 2011, continuing our Men's Club renewal with a strong bond to FJMC. Shaare Zedek's Men's Club won three FJMC Quality Awards during Mitch's Term.

FJMC Workshop - March 17th

The workshop with FJMC leaders from Chicago will be held from 10am-noon at B'nai Amoona prior to the MOTY luncheon on March 17th. Great chance to learn some of the successful tricks of the trade for growing a successful Men's Club.

Register now for FJMC International Convention this Summer in Boston!

Discounts for men's club members, officers and 1st timers!

Venue - Newly Renovated Double Tree Hilton, Boston North Shore

Training - Improve your club's pursuit of FJMC initiatives

Fun - Regional caucus (party), International Kiddush Club

Ruach - Meet Captain Ruach

Speakers - Noted Authors, Spiritual leaders, Innovators

More Fun - Aerosmith (Sing like Steven Tyler at the karaoke stand)

Golf Tournament or Bike Ride or relax

Post Shabbat at the Waterpark Saturday afternoon

Preconvention Activities - See the Red Sox!

See old friends and make new ones

Enroll today at http://convention.fjmc.org

Contact Bob Olshan, Norwin Merens or Creighton Cohn for more info (nmerens@nmarketingbiz.com; 847-724-5110 or cohnjc@yahoo.com; 314-994-9554

Remember the Shoah with the FJMC Yellow Candle™

Sunday April 7, 2013 is Erev Yom Hashoah - light candles after sundown. Yom Hashoah is observed Monday April 8, 2013.

We will have a Yellow Candle Packing Party at 1:30-4pm on March 3rd at our Hanley campus.
Mens Club Dues

Gentlemen,

This is my last “Dues Request Letter” as President of BSKI Men’s Club. We will soon be officially combined with the Men's Club of Shaare Zedek as the Men's Club of Kol Rinah.

Our Men's Club will continue to take a prominent role in service to our congregation, and will continue to look for vibrant leadership and participating members. We will, of course, still be happy to have the less participating, dues paying members who will support our activities.

As a combined club we will have an expanded slate of activities, as well as continuing to support the Rabbi Skoff Educational Fund and the Rabbi Miller Tikun Leyl Shavout Funds. New activities that may attract members include the Scotch Whiskey Club, morning after service breakfasts, as well as Sports Night Dinner programs, and other established programs from Shaare Zedek.

The combination of both clubs will assure us of having the required critical mass to put on more programs, to involve more members and to be of greater service to our community.

Payment of your dues will carry over to the full year 2013, even once formally merged. You will not be asked to pay further dues to the combined entity for the 2013 period.

We will soon be sending out the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles.

So, please pay your $36 dues to the office on your Dues bill.

Sincerely,
Don Pearline
President of the legacy BSKI Men’s Club

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Conservative Judaism in the Late 20th Century
A review of Neil Gillman’s “Conservative Judaism - The New Century”
Pres enter s:
Dr. Ralph Greff
Richard Gavrin

Shabbat Parah
Parashat Ki Tisa
March 2, 2013
Lunch & Learn
Men’s Club serves Lunch*

Adult Ed provides a stimulating program
More detailed info on-line

Kol Rinah
1107 E Linden (BSKI)
St. Louis, MO 63117
(314) 725-6230
www.e-bski.org & www.kolrinahsll.org
RSVP via phone or on-line by Feb 27

* Lunch is co-sponsored by the Men’s Club and the BSKI Scholar-in-Residence Fund

Don't miss Kol Rinah Trivia Night Cash Prizes to be Awarded
$300 $200 $100
Saturday, March 2, 2013 Doors open at 6:30 pm • Play begins at 7:15 pm
at Congregation Shaare Emeth - 11645 Ladue Road
Gather your Team TOGETHER! (tables of 8)

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.
Our MC and Trivia Specialist – Burton Boxerman PLUS: snacks & soft drinks provided
Please feel FREE to bring your own food and friends.

Table Sponsorship - $350
Trivia Round Sponsorship - $150
Single Admission - $20

For reservations Contact Burton Boxerman 314-994-9133 or babox@mindspring.com
For sponsorships contact nancy@shaarezedek.org or 314-727-1747

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The Ducks show off their Tu B’Shevat mural. They planted seeds, made bird feeders, decorated a recycling box with nature pictures, and of course sampled a variety of fruits.

SUMMER FUN CAMP
314-727-2565
marty@shaarezedek.org

Email your request for Camp enrollment information

It’s time to make summer plans for your children and grandchildren. Summer Fun Camp at the ECC is “the place to be”!

- Outdoor water play
- Gardening
- Art
- Music
- Dance
- Science
- Visiting Artists and Community Helpers
- Cool indoor gym for very hot days

June 10 – July 26
Weekly enrollments available
NOTE: If possible, all hametz—food not acceptable during Pesah (Passover), or materials containing such unacceptable food—should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the hametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. This is traditionally done in the week prior to Pesah. In any event, please complete the form below and return no later than **10:00 AM on Monday morning, March 25, 2013.**

To perform a kinyan sudar— a symbolic acquisition through a handkerchief— please contact the office for an appointment or see Rabbi Fasman after morning minyan.

KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, the undersigned, do hereby make and appoint Rabbi Mark Fasman my true and lawful representative to act in my place and stead, for me and in my name and in my behalf, to sell all hametz owned and possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly, as stated in the Torah and defined by the sages of Israel (e.g., hametz; hashash hametz—suspect hametz; and all kinds of ta’arovet bametz—hametz mixtures); also, hametz that tends to harden and to adhere to the surface of pans, pots, or other cooking or eating utensils, of whatsoever nature, for the sum of $1,000.00 and to lease all places wherein the aforementioned hametz owned or possessed by me may be found, for the sum of $1,000.00 per address, especially in the premises located at:

(Your address)

(additional address, if necessary)

Rabbi Fasman has the full authority and power to sell said hametz and to lease said place or places wherein said hametz may be found, upon such terms and conditions as discretion dictates. Rabbi Fasman has the full power and authority to assign or appoint a substitute or substitutes to act in my behalf with all the same powers and authority that I have invested in the rabbi, and I do hereby ratify and confirm all that Rabbi Fasman or a rabbinic substitute lawfully does or causes to be done by virtue of these presents.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this day of , in the year 2013/5773.

Signature

Print name

Address

City_________________________ State_________________________

Telephone

Hametz will be sold (and unavailable for your use) on Monday, March 25, at 11:00 A.M.

You may not use or receive any benefit from any hametz from that time until Rabbi Fasman re-acquires it on Tuesday evening, April 2, at 8:30 P.M.
A Sweet Pesach to everyone!
The never too late to be thinking ahead department.

Interesting piece of trivia you should be aware of. Next year features an anomaly for American Jews – The first day of Hanukkah coincides with Thanksgiving, on 11/28/2013. I was curious how often this happens. It turns out that it has never happened before... and it will never happen again. Thanksgiving is set as the fourth Thursday in November; meaning the latest it can be is 11/28. 11/28 is also the earliest Hanukkah can be.

The Jewish calendar repeats on a 19-year cycle, and Thanksgiving repeats on a 7-year cycle. You would therefore expect them to coincide roughly every 19x7 = 133 years. Looking back, this is approximately correct – the last time it would have happened is 1861. However, Thanksgiving was only formally established by President Lincoln in 1863. So, it has never happened before.

Why won't it ever happen again? The reason is because the Jewish calendar is very slowly getting out of sync with the solar calendar, at a rate of 4 days per 1000 years (not bad for a many centuries old calendar!) This means that while presently Hanukkah can be as early as 11/28, over the years the calendar will drift forward, such that the earliest Hanukkah can be is 11/29. The last time Hanukkah falls on 11/28 is 2146 (which coincides with Thanksgiving, on 11/28/2013. Therefore, 2013 is the only time Hanukkah will ever overlap with Thanksgiving.

In the long timescale plot, the drift forward is clear. Of course, if the Jewish calendar is never modified in any way, then it will slowly move forward through the Gregorian calendar, until it loops all the way back to where it is now. So, Hanukkah will again fall on Thursday, 11/28... in the year 79,811.

The above calendar info is from the blogsite first-thoughts.org.

Please check the website for the current schedule of classes/programs.

Upcoming events
Rabbi Gedaliah Druin of Sofer-on-Site will be teaching about the handling and care of Sifrei Torah (rolling, cleaning, repairing) - the end result would be a cadre of individuals who would invest about 10 hours a year to maintaining our Sifrei Torah. The program (Holy Rollers) will be open to anyone interested, but we will also be asking specific individuals. The date is Wednesday, March 13th at 6:45pm-9:45pm.

Charoset Around The World Sampling
during the kiddush on March 16 at Linden.

Divrei haShavua
brought to you by the Adult Education Committee & Men’s Club
March 2, 2013 20 Adar 5773
Ki Tisa/Shabbat Parah
30:18 יבר - kiyor - laver, washbasin
30:23 שמן - kinman - cinnamon
31:16 שמח - shabat - sabbath
31:18 Tablets - luchot - tablets
32:4 מים - egel masaychah - molten calf

March 9, 2013 27 Adar 5773
Vayakhel-Pekude/ Shabbat haChodesh
35:1 introducing - yavak'hel - convoked, assembled
35:2 ימות - shall be put to death
35:3 עבד - t'va'aru - shall kindle
35:10 נושא - chacham-lev - wise hearted

Share your Haftarah with us.
Kol Rinah invites all previous Bar and Bat Mitzvahs to share your Haftarah with us again.
For scheduling, coaching or partnering, please call or e-mail any of our 3 coordinators.

Learn Haftarah Trope after Pesach.
Torah Trope lessons also available.

Sydney Farber
Sydney1106@gmail.com
or leave a note in the office

Phyllis Hyken
314-395-6829
phyh_y@yahoo.com

Linda Makler
636-391-9965
golchamp@aol.com
Kol Rinah’s youth had an incredible February thanks to the support of our congregation! Our Purim Carnival was a great success and generated much needed funds to help send our youth to regional events over the coming months. We are so grateful to be a part of a community that rallies behind its youth. Thanks to charitable backing of our congregants, members of USY will be able to continue to enjoy attending events like the Winter Shabbaton we participated in this past month. Six of our high schoolers traveled to Minneapolis for a weekend with other Jewish teens. We helped to lead Shabbat services and spent time studying and learning Torah and Jewish values. In addition to learning and service, our teens had the opportunity to socialize and relax in an engaging Jewish environment.

This month will be busy for our middle schoolers. Kadima Kinnus is just around the corner and we will be having fun at Excelsior Springs. Kadima members have a chance to see what USY convention is like and meet up with fellow Jewish peers for a weekend of bonding and fun. We can’t wait to start initiating the USY leadership of the future by spending meaningful time with our 7th & 8th graders on our special retreat.

We will continue to offer social programming for USY, Kadima, and Noar throughout the month of March. 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.

If you or someone you know would like to order Meals on Wheels?

Please contact the Hanley office at 314.727.1747

USY bonded over an evening of rock climbing at Upper Limits.
Pesach is a perfect season to evaluate our vision and mission and focus our energies on the future. Well thought out, well-structured, and working organizations are created with a central vision: the why. The vision answers why we are here and why we are working together towards this vision. The central vision is surrounded by the protectors and supporters who focus their energy and their neshama (spirit) on the vision, always keeping the vision in sight at the center. From there a mission is created. The mission is the what, how, where and who. The mission answers the goals and objectives that bring our vision to life.

In the last 3 years, our religious school board members, parents, staff members, and children have created and supported the school’s vision. Part of our vision is to grow and move forward always striving to reach new depths of learning, communication and spirit.

I’d like to highlight our educators: Morah Debbie Shapiro, Morah Tasha Kaminsky, Morah Suzanne Sundy, Morah Beth Dubro, Morah Brigit Burke, Morah Linda Kram, Moreh Daniel Iken, Moreh Jared Skoff, Moreh Scott Rosen. Our staff does not stop there. We have 8 madrichim (teaching assistants) and many specialists: Morah Leah Howard is our resource specialist, Morah Elizabeth Gartenberg teaches art, Morah Emma Rehfeld and Moreh Sam Forman lead music and tefilah, and each week both Hazzan Joanna and Rabbi Fasman spend their time with our students. If you have not had the opportunity to visit our classrooms, observe what’s going on in our school and see for yourself the spirit that is there all the time, then I invite you to do so.

Our vision is for our students to love themselves, Judaism, and to learn throughout their lives. The mission of the Religious School is to prepare our students to be confident knowledgeable Conservative Jews by providing an educational experience making our experiential approach to Torah, Hebrew, Synagogue, Israel, tradition and community relevant in our students’ lives.

I wish for everyone a Pesach season filled with hope and the time to evaluate what is important in your lives and the vision to make it the central focus of your life.

Todah Rabah...Thank You to the Men’s Club for sponsoring World Wide Wrap!
Everyone Has A Story

Sima Needleman

The Story of a “Merged” Couple,
Bill Solomon and Barbara Bianco

About 7 years ago, Suzanne Broddon, who knew Bill Solomon and his wife and who is a friend of Barbara Bianco’s, thought that Bill (who is a widower) and Barbara “would make a good match.” Phyllis Hyken (from BSKI) agreed. The couple actually met at a kiddish after a baby naming ceremony at B’nai Amoona. After a long, and mutually enjoyable conversation, Bill asked Barb, “Do you ever date?” Barb replied, “Yes, but not on Saturday nights because I go to shul then,” to which Bill replied, “Then, I’ll go with you.” They not only go to shul together but spend much of their time together. Both are active, involved and caring people, who do a great deal of good for other people and for each other.

Kol Rinah Young Adults Go Bowling

Come “strike” up a conversation with other Kol Rinah members

Young Adults
ages 21-40ish

Bowling and drinks at Pin-Up Bowl
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March 9
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$20 per person includes:
2 hours of bowling & shoes

RSVP
nancy@shaarezekedek.org
by March 4, 2013

Questions?
Contact
Rachel Shenker
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The Shaare Zedek Men’s Club is proud to award our “Man of the Year” to Mitch Shenker in recognition of his devotion, dedication and service to Shaare Zedek Men’s Club and our Synagogue community.

A special FJMC Award Luncheon will be held in his honor
March 17, 2013, 1pm at Congregation B’nai Amoona.

Tickets are $18 per person.
Contact the SZ office for reservations no later than March 11, 2013.
314.727.1747 nancy@shaarezekedek.org
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The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help
For the month of March the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry is looking for these specific items to provide well-balanced nourishment for the community in need.

Any Kind of Canned Vegetables
Canned Tuna Fish, Beef Stew & Chili
Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Pasta with Meat
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Kosher Food
Shampoo, Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes & Deodorant

Items should be brought to our Hanley and Linden collection sites. Thank you.
Contact Louise Levine, 636.227.1259.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Sara Winkelman,
314.442.3268, swinkelman@jccstl.org

Nishmah’s Signature, Pre-Passover Event Returns in March 2013

Back by popular demand, Nishmah’s pre-Passover event, The Journey, returns to inspire and gather girls and women of all ages from all over the St. Louis community on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at the Jewish Community Center’s Staenberg Family Complex in Creve Coeur.

The event begins at 5:30pm with a Passover Expo, which will include creative, hands-on learning stations and ideas to enhance your Seder experience. There will be Passover food tasting and recipe sharing as well as other yummy, non-Passover appetizers. Passover ritual items and gifts, along with jewelry and other kinds of artwork will be for sale by local boutiques and women artists.

The Journey continues with a formal program at 7:00pm, which includes a light dinner and an inspirational evening of story, song and dance. The program, created by Nishmah women, will be led by international musical guest Peri Smilow. This is an opportunity for women of all backgrounds and knowledge to get energized and inspired for the upcoming holiday.

To help eradicate injustice in the world around us, this year’s social action component at The Journey will focus on the practice of micro lending. Guests will hear personal stories of women who are achieving freedom through micro loans, and will have the opportunity to purchase some of their products.

Event co-chairs Jill Mirowitz Mogil and April Levison, along with Honorary Chair, Barbara Mirowitz, are excited to share this unique event with the St. Louis community. A diverse committee of 45 women have been busy planning this experience, and invite everyone to bring friends, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters to St. Louis’ most exciting intergenerational event.

Participant fee is $54, and includes kosher gourmet appetizers, dinner and desserts. All ages are invited to attend. Student and senior rates are available upon request.

For more information, contact Sara Winkelman at Nishmah at swinkelman@jccstl.org or 314.442.3268. Registration form and full event details available at nishmah.org

The event is sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors Headquarters Branch, Steven Lesko and Kevin David and J Associates.

ABOUT NISHMAH

Nishmah is a new approach to Jewish community and leadership, striving to strengthen and empower the spirit of girls and women. Nishmah believes that women have unlimited wisdom and counsel to offer to the Jewish community. Authority, leadership, spirituality, creativity, boldness and consciousness are all within realm of a woman’s being, and we want to foster the complexity of this potential within the girls and women of this community. Nishmah is also committed to community partnerships with other Jewish communal organizations and synagogues. It is through such partnerships that Nishmah believes the Jewish community can best meet the evolving needs of girls, women and the larger community.

ABOUT THE J

The J is an interactive, multi-generational gathering place that offers a variety of programs and services to both the St. Louis Jewish community, and the community at large. The Jewish Community Center provides educational, cultural, social, Jewish identity-building and recreational programming and offers two, state-of-the art fitness facilities, all designed to promote physical and spiritual growth. Everyone is welcome at the J.
Become a Holy Roller™

We will have a rare opportunity to learn proper Torah care and maintenance:

– How to handle, examine and care for Torahs
– Put your learning into practice
– Develop a personal connection to a Torah by devoting 10 hours per year checking it for problems and ensuring its maintenance.

Anyone older than b’nai mitzvah age is welcome.

There will be a FREE, 3-hour training class on March 13, 2013, 6:45pm to 9:45pm, at Kol Rinah’s Hanley site (Shaare Zedek building at 829 N. Hanley Rd.)

Taught by Rabbi Gedaliah Druin of Sofer On Site.

Contact Nancy at (314-727-1747) if you plan to attend or Steve Birenbaum (steven.birenbaum@yahoo.com) if you need more information.

PASSOVER SCHEDULE 2013

Monday, March 25
Fast of the First Born
Morning Service - 6:45 am (Hanley Location)
Festival Evening Service - 6pm (Linden Location)
Candle Lighting - 6:59 pm

Tuesday, March 26
Festival Morning Service - 9am (Linden Location)
Festival Evening Service - 6pm (Linden Location)
Candle Lighting - 7:58 pm
Second Seder 6:30 pm (after Evening Services)

Wednesday, March 27
Festival Morning Service - 9am (Linden Location)
Festival Mincha - 7:40 pm (Linden Location)

Thursday & Friday, March 28 & 29
Morning Service - 7am (Linden Location)
Mincha - 6pm (Linden Location)

Saturday, March 30
Morning Service - 9am (Linden Location)
Mincha - 6pm (Linden Location)

Sunday, March 31
Festival Morning Service - 9am (Linden Location)
Festival Mincha - 6pm (Linden Location)
Candle Lighting - 7:05 pm

Monday, April 1
Festival Morning Service - 9am (Linden Location)
Festival Evening Service - 6pm (Linden Location)
Candle Lighting - 8:06 pm

Tuesday, April 2
Festival Morning Service - 9am (Linden Location)
Yizkor 10:30 am
Festival Mincha - 7:45 pm (Linden Location)

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

March Shabbat Schedule
(Also Shown in Calendar)
March 1 & 2 - Linden
March 8 & 9 - Hanley
March 15 & 16 - Linden
March 22 & 23 - Hanley
March 29 & 30 (mid-Pesach) - Linden

Friday night 6pm, Saturday morning 9am
Saturday evening services will be held at the Hanley location at the times posted in the calendar.

March Holiday Schedule
Rosh Chodesh (March 12) 6:45am minyan as shown.
See list for Pesach service times and locations.

PLEASE ATTEND A MINYAN AND BE COUNTED

Come pray, learn, sing and celebrate with us
Our Merged Calendar

**Weekly & Shabbat Schedule on page 18**

Friday, March 1, 2013
- See Morning Minyan Times
- 5:36pm Candle lighting
- 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat@Linden

Saturday, March 2, 2013
- Parshas Ki Sisa
- Shabbos Parah
- Men's Club Shabbat
  - 9am Shabbat Service@Linden
  - 10am 2nd & 3rd Grade Shabbateen
  - 10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities
  - 12pm Lunch & Learn@Linden
  - 4:35pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv@Hanley
  - 6:34pm Havdalah
  - 7pm Kol Rinah Trivia Night@Shaare Emeth

Sunday, March 3, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 9am Communications Committee Mtng@Linden
- 10am Kol Rinah Membership Comm Mtng@Linden
- 10am Religious School@Linden
- 1:30pm Men's Club Yellow Candle Pkg@Hanley

Monday, March 4, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class
- 4:15pm Religious School@Hanley

Tuesday, March 5, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 8am Ron Fagerstrom’s Mussar Class
- 9:30am CAJE Class “A Time to Grieve”@CAJE
- 12pm STL Rabbinical Assembly Mtng
- 6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv@Hanley
- 7pm Shaare Shalom Board Mtng@Linden
- 7:15pm Jewish Prayer Class

Wednesday, March 6, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 8am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Class
- 4:15pm Religious School@Hanley

Thursday, March 7, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times

Friday, March 8, 2013
- See Morning Minyan Times
- 5:43pm Candle lighting
- 6pm Shabbat Rinah/with band@Hanley

Saturday, March 9, 2013
- Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei
- Shabbos HaChodesh
- Sherry Kaplan 90th Birthday Kiddush
  - 9am Shabbat Service@Hanley
  - 10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities
  - 11am Rhythm n’ Ruach Family Shabbat
  - 4:45pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv@Hanley
  - 6:41pm Havdalah
  - 7:30pm 40 & Under Blending Event@Pin-Up Bowl

**Sunday, March 10, 2013**
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 9am Communications Committee Mtng@Hanley
- 10am Religious School@Linden
- 4pm Dorvov Passover Program

Monday, March 11, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class
- 4:15pm Religious School@Hanley

Tuesday, March 12, 2013
- Rosh Chodesh Nisan
  - 6:45am Shacharit@Hanley
  - 8am Ron Fagerstrom’s Mussar Class
  - 9:30am CAJE Class “A Time to Grieve”@CAJE
  - 12pm STL Rabbinical Assembly Mtng
  - 6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv@Hanley
  - 7pm Shaare Shalom Board Mtng@Linden
  - 7:15pm Jewish Prayer Class

Wednesday, March 13, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 8am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Class
- 4:15pm Religious School@Hanley

Thursday, March 14, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times

Friday, March 15, 2013
- See Morning Minyan Times
- 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat@Linden
- 6:50pm Candle lighting

Saturday, March 16, 2013
- Parshas Vayikra
- 9am Shabbat Service@Linden

Sunday, March 17, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 9am Communications Committee Mtng@Hanley

Monday, March 18, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class

Tuesday, March 19, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 8am Ron Fagerstrom’s Mussar Class
- 7:15pm Jewish Prayer Class

Wednesday, March 20, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 8am Rabbi Fasman's Talmud Class
- 7pm CAJE Mussar Jewish Adult Ed Class@Hanley
- 7:30pm Merger Finance Mtng@Linden

Thursday, March 21, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times

Friday, March 22, 2013
- See Morning Minyan Times
- 11:30am ECC All School Passover Event
- 6pm Shabbat Rinah/with band@Hanley
- 6:57pm Candle lighting

Saturday, March 23, 2013
- Parshas Tzav
- Shabbos HaGadol
- 9am Shabbat Service@Hanley
- 10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities
- 11am Rhythm n’ Ruach Family Shabbat
- 5:55pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv@Hanley
- 7:55pm Havdalah

Sunday, March 24, 2013
- See Weekly Minyan Times
- 9am Communications Committee Mtng@Hanley

Monday, March 25, 2013
- Erev Pesach
- Ta'ANIS BEchoros
- 6:45am Shacharit Service@Hanley
- 9:45am Rabbi Fasman's Class
- 6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv@Hanley
- 6:59pm Candle lighting

Tuesday, March 26, 2013
- Pesach I
- 9am Festival Service@Linden
- 6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv@Linden
- 6:30pm 2nd Seder@Linden
- 7:58pm Light Holiday Candles (after)

Wednesday, March 27, 2013
- Pesach II
- 9am Festival Service@Linden
- 7:40pm Mincha/Ma’ariv@Linden
- 7:59pm Yom Tov Ends

Thursday, March 28, 2013
- Pesach III (CH''M)
- 7am Shacharit & 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv@Linden

Friday, March 29, 2013
- Pesach IV (CH''M)
- 7am Shacharit@Linden
- 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat@Linden
- 7:03pm Candle lighting

Saturday, March 30, 2013
- Pesach V (CH''M)
- 9am Shabbat Service@Linden
- 10:30am Kidrash - children's services & activities
- 11am Rhythm n’ Ruach Family Shabbat
- 6pm Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Ma’ariv@Hanley
- 8:02pm Havdalah

Sunday, March 31, 2013
- Pesach VI (CH''M)
- 8am Shacharit & 6pm Mincha/Ma’ariv@Linden
- 9am Communications Committee Mtng@Hanley
- 10am Religious School@Linden
- 7:05pm Candle lighting
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