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

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This morning we read some of Shir HaShirim, the Song of Songs. It is a love poem, filled with passion and joy and hope.

Last fall, around the time we voted to merge, we read from Kohelet – Ecclesiastes. It is a book filled with cynicism and resignation to the reality that we all end up in the same place as do the animals.

As it says in Kohelet, “For everything, there is a season, and a time for everything under the heavens:

A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to uproot the planted.
…
A time to wreck and a time to build.
…
Truly, there is a time for everything.”

For half a year, we have been merging BSKI and Shaare Zedek. Soon we will submit the paperwork and we should be officially Kol Rinah in the near future.

We have had to merge programs and services. We have had to merge committees and organizations. For the most part, we have merged two into one, but I still sense a lot of “them and us” mentality. There is still a lot of politics. I hear from both sides that each feels that they have given up far more than the other. We are both losing our building. We are both losing our name. We are still struggling to keep things “our way.”

I get it. Believe me, I do.

I submit, though, that we are still living with a Kohelet mentality and we need more of Shir HaShirim.

Too many of us are thinking of ourselves as “surviving remnants” of our legacy congregations rather than founders of our new congregation.

We need to be founders.

The Alban Institute studies religious institutions. They have found that churches and synagogues experience a predictable life-cycle – around 85 years, divided into four periods: the first is the generation of the founders, full of energy, hope, and commitment. The next generation works to establish a culture, and create multi-generational programming. The third generation is the maintainers. The institution and its constituent parts have been doing things more or less the same way for as long as anyone can remember. The fourth generation is one of decay and, usually, death.

Are we fourth generation Shaare Zedek, fourth generation BSKI?

Or are we first generation Kol Rinah?

Of course, we are both, but it is time to start acting more like founders than closers.

One of the things we were told before we voted to merge was that both congregations were unsustainable. It was on this basis that many voted to merge.

But you may recall that we were also told that, if we merge, we will still be unsustainable! Unless we change.

The problem, in a sense, is not that we have to merge. It is that, even if we didn’t merge, we would have to change. And nobody likes change. The members left in both congregations are the people who have been most willing to innovate – perhaps because most things were staying the same. These are the people who have been most energetic and enthusiastic in maintaining our congregations. These are also the people who should hope so! If not, then we should just let the shuls die. It is the people who are happiest the way we were who are most resistant to change. These are the people who have been most energetic and enthusiastic in maintaining our congregations. These are also the people who have been most willing to innovate – perhaps because most things were staying the same.

And many of these people are hoping that Kol Rinah will succeed – but what about all the services, programs, people, and places they love and fear losing?

This problem is anything but new. The generation that left Egypt with Moses had to leave a life that was stable – they knew what to expect, what they
This past March, I was fortunate to be invited by congregation Moreshet Yisrael, a Masorti synagogue in the heart of Jerusalem, to serve as a Hazzan-in-residence for a special Shabbat celebrating International Women's Day: a day celebrating the advancement of women in global society. According to the International Women's Day website, this year, there were 432 publicized events in the United Kingdom, 256 events in the US, 188 in Australia, and 97 in India. In Israel there were three. Over this special Shabbat, all the honors, leadership, speaking and davening were performed by women, and I was honored to be invited to participate. This was my first trip back to Israel since January of 2003, when I co-led a mission of JTS students for a whirlwind solidarity trip during the second intifada, having returned six months prior from spending a year studying in Jerusalem at the Conservative Yeshiva.

Driving into Jerusalem, I didn’t recognize the city: for such an ancient place, it has changed dramatically: construction cranes everywhere. There is a new bridge that looks like a giant, modern version of a harp (Jerusalem string bridge) greeting you on the way into town. Yaffo street is completely closed to cars now, and people stroll down the whole pedestrian mall casually getting out of the way as the brand new light rail train chugs through every few minutes. The old railroad tracks are now a beautifully paved walkway, and the road through the Prime Minister’s official residence has more permanent and substantial security checkpoints. I reveled in simply walking around the city with wide open eyes, strolling through the shuk and munching on fruits, vegetables and sweets. Shopping on Ben Yehuda street and in the Old City. Being taken for an Israeli more than once, people even asked me for directions! I visited the Israel and Bible Lands Museums and had a personal tour from our very own Rabbi Paul and his wife Yona, after which we stopped off at their home away from home.

The highlights of my trip were the moments which was quite special, and he sends his very best to all of you!

I attended a wonderful interview of the first American in 30 years to be elected to the Knesset, Rabbi Dov Lippman, originally from the Baltimore area, by the author and journalist David Horovitz. Rabbi Lippman, an Orthodox Rabbi and a product of the Baltimore YESHIVA world, made aliya eight years ago to Beit Shemesh, a diverse town in the outskirts of Jerusalem that is home to secular and haredi, Sephardim and Ashkenazim, Jewish and non-Jewish. He told a chilling story of how some young religious girls on their way to school were spit on by some Ultra-Orthodox men - and how he (Lippman) then chaperoned the girls to school. He considers himself ultra-Orthodox: he wears a black velvet kippah characteristic of the haredim, maintains a traditional household with strict gender roles, observance, and limited access to outside media, but is critical of the haredi attitudes toward general studies, Zionism, and recreation, saying: “If haredi means not playing ball with your kids, I am not a haredi.”

Lippman landed in Parliament as one of the long shot members of the Yesh Atid (there is a future) party, who ran on an unprecedented platform of domestic issues including religious pluralism, economic reform, and ending the exemption for haredim to serve in the IDF. Led by Yair Lapid, a former late night talk show host cum-candidate, Yesh Atid now is part of the ruling coalition of the current Israeli government. Lippman was struck by how Lapid, as a secular (hiloni) Israeli, extended a sincere hand to the haredim (ultra-Orthodox) Israelis in a gesture attempting to find a middle ground. While I may not have agreed with all of his politics, I was struck by the lovely incongruence of an American Orthodox rabbi speaking passionately to an English-speaking crowd in Jerusalem about religious and political pluralism in Israel.

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Meet the Kol Rinah Staff

This column is my opportunity to introduce all of the Kol Rinah members to the staff persons, who are the backbone of the daily operation of the shul. They are often the first people members, prospective members, and members of the general community speak to by telephone or meet after they enter the building. The office staff answers the telephones, responds to emails and snail mail, keeps the calendars for all religious services and committee activities, plans and implements programs for children and families, and manages the income and expense accounts and membership information. They also support the professional and lay leadership, set up rooms for meetings, social events and clean up afterward, keep the building clean and in repair and assist in many other ways when the need arises. Some members know some of these important people but not everyone knows every one of them.

Soon congregants will know their faces and names just as the staff members are learning faces and names who are new to them.

Rabbi Mark Fasman and Hazzan Joanna Dulkin need no introduction for the essential and important positions they have as spiritual leaders of Kol Rinah.

The office staff are:
- Nancy Greene - Receptionist & Rabbi's assistant
- Paula Hamvas - Merger Transition Administrator
- Linda Kelting - Bookkeeper, legacy SZ
- Meir Zimand - Bookkeeper, legacy BSKI
- Stewart Shilcrat & Paula Lemerman
- Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Melnick
- Dr. & Mrs. Mark Meyers
- Mr. & Mrs. Steven Rosenblum
- Tasha Kaminsky - Youth Director
- John Gierer - Maintenance Staff
- Cedric Crane - Maintenance Staff
- Howard Belsky - Mashgiach
- Jonathan Belsky - Ba'al Koreh
- Marvin Lerner - Ba'al Koreh
- Scott Rosen - Youth Services

Combining both offices at the Hanley Campus for the short term, per the Kol Rinah Board approval, is a significant step. Future visible changes at the Hanley Campus will be new outside signage with the Kol Rinah name on the building. Inside the building, ritual and commemorative objects and plaques from the Linden campus will be placed in appropriate locations. Such physical changes do take time and professional manpower and expertise but be assured, all will be done as soon as possible.

Future columns will keep you all apprised of the progress of the multiple aspects of the merger, and if there are specific questions that you would like to see addressed, please contact me by email at sue@kolrinah.org or by telephone at 727-1747.

B’ Shalom
Susan Cort

Thank You to Congregants

I’d like to thank everyone who contributed to various Shaare Zedek funds for my speedy recovery from a heart attack and my open heart surgery. Thank you,

Chuck Sandroff

continued

ECC Gardening Helpers Needed

To Volunteer, please contact Linda Kram or Marty Schaeffer at the ECC: 314.727.2565, marty@shaarezedek.org
The membership committee has been developing a recommendation to the Kol Rinah (KR) Board on membership categories and voting rights. As part of this process, the committee has discussed and researched the conservative movement’s view of interfaith couples, including the concept of Keruv: the Jewish culture of including and welcoming the stranger that began with Abraham welcoming travelers to his tent.

The following link is the USCJ guide outlining its position on welcoming interfaith couples, including suggested programming (http://www.uscj.org/Objects/Documents/BaDerekh_20120419.pdf) and is worth reviewing. This guide and other writings promote the importance of inclusion and being a welcoming organization for interfaith families and the importance of absolute respect and regard for a person who is not Jewish.

The USCJ guide limits voting to Jewish members. In checking with conservative synagogues, it is clear that non-Jewish singles do not get a vote. Voting rights for non-Jewish spouses (NJS) who are part of family membership is less clear.

Voting rights for the NJS is clearly a very emotional issue with strong feelings on both sides. Some opposed to an NJS voting are concerned that this will ultimately result in an NJS participating in Jewish rituals. Those who support giving NJS a vote say the Rabbi, as the mara d’atra, decides what an NJS can participate in ritually. Those who support the NJS having voting rights do not want to compromise Jewish ritual or law in any way; therefore do not see it as an issue.

Some questions the committee has discussed.
1. If the NJS is financially supporting the synagogue, why shouldn’t they be able to vote?
2. If an NJS single participates in non-ritual programs, e.g. social, educational or social actions, etc. should they also get to vote?
3. If an NJS cannot vote, do we send a message that their engagement is not valued?
4. Will allowing an NJS to vote influence ritual issues?
5. Should an NJS be able to vote on certain issues but not others (FYI-Usually general membership voting is limited to electing officers and the board of directors once a year)?

What do you think? The Board will be discussing this issue in the future.

Congratulations Graduates!

2013 High School Graduates

Sam Bashkin
Elkahyam Boyd
Bobby Boxerman
Ezra Bynum
Yahalel Bynum
Sarah Lippman-Cohen
Julia Cooke
Eliana Hudson
Robert Jolly
Rachel Levine
Danny May-Rauchman
Emma Greenberg-Rehfeld
Corey Rosenberg
Matt Sanders
Abby Shapiro
Jacob Tannenbaum-Stueck
Lizzy Wallis
David Weinstein
Lauren Wolf

2013 College Graduates

Lauren Hamvas SLU Law
Rachel Shira Albert UNC-CH

Join us as we celebrate our students.

Summer Send Off Shabbat
May 11, 2013
Sisterhood
Micki Kingsley
michele_kingsley@yahoo.com

Sisterhood – Your Personal Gateway!

It’s getting closer!
Shaare Zedek Sisterhood would like to thank Karen and Mark Engel, proud parents of Ella Engel, for sponsoring a Sisterhood kiddush in honor of Ella’s bat mitzvah. Mazal tov to the whole family.

Thank you to the Mellman Club for again using the services of our Sisterhood to celebrate their annual luncheon.

Thank you to all who participated in the Intracontinental Women’s League Conference.

Special thanks to:
Cindy Ginsburg, Sue Propper and Rosalie Stein for handling the mechanics from start to finish of conference calls, meetings, shopping, and coordinating every aspect of the conference on behalf of Shaare Zedek Sisterhood;
Ava Small who organized the volunteers; and thanks to all the volunteers for their help with registration and the hospitality room, for their cooking and baking skills; and for their schlepping, donating and phone calling;
Louise Kaufman-Yavitz for her time and effort in preparing solicitation letters for donations to hospitality registration bags;
Dave Propper and Monroe Ginsburg, who, although not Sisterhood members, volunteered their time as photographers for the dinner event on Sunday evening; and
Peggy Nehmen for her “formal picture taking” of the Board at the dinner on Monday evening at B’nai Amoona.

The legacy Sisterhoods will be meeting again soon to continue the work of merging and we will report back.

If you have not yet sent in your donation to the Torah Fund Campaign, please do so soon. Your contributions ensure the future of the Jewish Theological Seminaries, and our Conservative Jewish teachers and leaders.

The 49th day of the Counting of the Omer is Tuesday May 14, and Shavuot begins that evening, with a dairy meal at the synagogue, because, as you know, it is traditional to eat dairy meals at Shavuot. If you own a cow or a goat, you can use their milk to make cheese. If you don’t own either, you can purchase cheese at a store. If you need any ideas, check out a recipe in any of the Sisterhood cookbooks.

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All Tamsky May sales discounted 50-75%.
Take advantage of this great opportunity to stock up on good buys of Judaica, giftware, jewelry & gifts for all occasions.
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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.

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

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.
Last month we had some great programs

Yom Hashoa Yellow Candle Program: We hope you were able to join us Kol Rinah and the community in lighting your yellow candle in commemoration of the Holocaust. If you forgot to send in your donation for Yellow Candle - it's certainly not too late, and will be appreciated and will help us continue this important program in the future.

The FJMC Yellow Candle™
The Yellow Candle™ was created in 1981 by FJMC clubs in Canada, New England and elsewhere to keep alive the memory of the Six Million who perished in the Shoah. The Candle is modeled after a traditional Jewish memorial Yahrzeit candle that burns for 24 hours during periods of mourning and on the Yahrzeit anniversary of a family member. The candle's yellow wax serves to remind us of the yellow arm band which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime. A photo on the candle container shows young people visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. This reflects the importance of teaching our youth the lessons of the Holocaust and of remembering the Six Million.

Lag B’Omer
Once again we had a great program with Shaare Shalom, USY, Israel Committee, and the community at large.

Upcoming Programs
We have some stimulating Men's Club Programs coming up:

Shavuot Keruv Program
May 14th, 8:30 pm, Hanley Campus
Shavuot and the story of Ruth inspire us to explore important issues about interfaith marriage. Therefore, on the first night of Shavuot, Kol Rinah and the Men's Club are sponsoring a panel discussion called "Interramarriage: Facing the Issues." After a brief Torah study about the connection between Shavuot and interfaith issues, the panelists will answer questions from the moderator and the audience about their own personal experience.

In over 60 synagogues throughout North America, sessions like this one have been held under the auspices of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC.) Since 1999, FJMC's Keruv Initiative has led rabbinic think tanks and lay consultant trainings across the U.S. in order to proactively strengthen Conservative Judaism. FJMC publications have helped many congregations implement their own successful Keruv programs, programs which encourage exploration of issues relating to intermarriage in a safe and supportive environment. For more information on FJMC's Keruv Initiative, please visit http://fjmc.org/content/keruv-understanding-intermarriage.

Kol Rinah Sports Night
June 9, 6 pm, Hanley Campus
We will be talking Sports with Frank Viverito, President, St. Louis Sports Commission.

We will have our traditional Spaghetti Dinner at 6 pm and the Speaker at 6:30 pm.

Frank Viverito is president of the St. Louis Sports Commission. He lives and breathes sports each day for a community heralded as one of America's best sports cities. Viverito became president of the Sports Commission in 1995. His guidance, perspective, and personality have steered the organization and the region down a path of success. Thanks to the support of the area's fans and business community – along with the Sports Commission's board, members and volunteers – the organization has helped position St. Louis among the nation's premier sports destinations.

As the privately funded nonprofit organization that benefits the St. Louis region through sports, the Sports Commission attracts, creates, and manages major sporting events for the community – and contributes to its quality of life.

Please make advance reservations and save! Call office 314-727-1747

Men's Club members . . . . $8.00
Adults . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $9.00
Kids 18 & under . . . . . . . . . $5.00
$12.00 for all at the Door

Kol Rinah Men's Club Bike Ride
June 2nd
Keep an eye out for details or changes on all these programs in the Wednesday Kol Rinah Blasts.

Look forward to seeing you at our programs. Please let me know if you’d like to help us with programs or are interested in being on the Men's Club Board of Directors, or perhaps be a Men's Club Officer.

Bob Olshan

Kabbalat Shabbat Family Dinner
Honoring Shaare Shalom Confirmation Students
May 10th
★ 5:30pm Kibbitz and Nosh
★ 6pm Shabbat Rinah Service & Confirmation Celebration
★ Followed by a delicious catered dinner
$15 per adult (12 and older)
$10 per child (3-11)
Vegetarian option available upon request at time of RSVP

RSVP by May 3rd
Anita Kraus anitassrs@gmail.com
Jessica Wax szdorways@gmail.com
would eat, where they would work… in short, their lives were almost entirely predictable.

Moses had to take a community out of their known-surroundings, away from the normal rhythms of their lives, and shepherd them through a wilderness with only the certainty that they could not go back and a promise that they were headed to a land flowing with milk and honey.

We have it a lot better — we aren’t in a wilderness — not now, not ever. Our history has not been one of oppression, but we now have two histories to build on and one history to create together.

It turned out that Moses also couldn’t depend on the adults — ultimately, they had to die out before their children could grow into a new, free reality.

So, too, our children have had a head start. They don’t know separate religious schools – just one. And our USY has been working as one. The Men’s Club seems well-merged – they have programs together and have found a way to keep the ultimate goal in mind: not merging the two Men’s Clubs, but in having one. The Men’s Club seems well-merged – just one. And our USY has been working as one. The Men’s Club seems well-merged – just one. And our USY has been working as one.

Our future does not have to be a dream of a land flowing with milk and honey. A congregation is a Jewish community made up of individuals and families who are sharing a great Jewish journey with each other. Kol Rinah must be a place where we are excited to move forward on our Jewish journey, where we can find companionship and guidance and support.

There are many talented, creative, hard-working, dedicated members of both shuls who have felt marginalized during the merger process. Others chose to marginalize themselves. We cannot afford to lose these members. People’s feelings get hurt. Some feel their position threatened. Some feel as though we are throwing out all their hard work. We now have twice as many leaders with the same number of leadership positions. We cannot afford to alienate half of our leadership (and I am confident that no one wants this). We need as many founders as we can – to take stewardship over established programs and to develop exciting new initiatives.

At the end of my illness, I wrote to the congregation and included a quote: it was from Song of Songs: “For lo, the winter is past; the rains are over and gone. The blossoms have appeared in the land, the time of singing has come…. Arise, my darling; my fair one, come away!” [Song 2:11-13]
Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer

The graduating ECC class of 2013 5773

We are proud to announce this year’s ECC graduating class. They are an amazing bunch of children who will continue to make us proud as they move forward through life. We wish them well.

Anna Asher daughter of Jaron Asher & Jennifer Rogers
Sophia Costantino daughter of Stephen & Leah Costantino
Lilly Doughty daughter of Chad & Amy Doughty
David Wainberg Fernandes son of Sergio Fernandes & Sara Wainberg
Max Karsh son of Eli and Christine Karsh
Isabella Treitel-Knapp daughter of Krister Knapp & Corinna Trietel
Alexandra Litov daughter of Lubomir Litov & Ximena Acosta
Shil Penilla son of Jim Penilla & Meera Patel
Lila Saur daughter of Craig & Stephanie Saur

Everyone Has A Story

Sima Needleman

The Story of Margaret and Martin Israel

Margaret and Martin Israel have been members of BSKI (now Kol Rinah) for over 30 years. Read about their lives and what brought them to St. Louis and our congregation.

You can find their full story and others in the Kol Rinah Everyone Archive on our website. For those without computer access, we print a limited number of printed copies at our Hanley campus which we will have available in the racks along with copies of the newsletter. Visit us there or call 314.727.1747.

Copies of the Everyone Story can also be mailed to you upon request.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, May 23, Linden “Champion”
A World Premiere Opera in jazz (coming to the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, 2013 season).

Champion is the tale of World Welterweight Champion Emile Griffith and his journey towards forgiveness after a televised 1962 title fight cost his opponent his life.

Join us for a discussion of the story and the music, with musical examples and a poignant scene from the Sundance acclaimed documentary “Ring of Fire.”

Presented by Opera Theatre Saint Louis Docent Phyllis Hyken

Refreshments to follow. Everyone welcome.
Kol Rinah was bursting with pride for our beloved Israel this past month. Our youth made it a priority to celebrate and give back to the Jewish state by participating in multiple programs. They learned about the different avenues of advocacy for Israel as well as the great strides in ecological stability Israel has made. They even learned about pop culture, sports, and film in the Jewish state. In the midst of all this learning and celebrating, our high schoolers also attended their final USY convention of the year: Spring Kallah. Convention was spectacular. Our chapter lived it up in Ames, Iowa with hundreds of other Jewish teens from around the Midwest. We prayed, danced, ate, did community service together, and had an all around blast.

This month will close a great school year. Our various youth groups will be having separate end of the year events, holding their elections, and saying farewell to those who are leaving us for the summer or for school. Look for details about the upcoming parties and elections that we’ll be holding throughout the month of May.

Although many may be winding down for our vacations, we’re already busy planning our next year of programs and initiatives. 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 join 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.

Share a Haftarah With Us!

Do you know or want to learn a Haftarah or read part of a Torah portion? We can help.

For scheduling, coaching or partnering, please call or e-mail any of our 3 coordinators.

Torah & Haftarah Trope lessons available. Contact Sydney.

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Hag Shavuot Sameach!

Divrei haShavua
brought to you by the Adult Education Committee & Men’s Club
May 4, 2013, 24 Iyar 5773
Behar/Bechukotai

Behar
25:10 וּקדשתּם v’kidash’tem - you shall make holy
25:10 - שֶׁשֶׁת הָחָמִישִׁים - the fiftieth year
25:10 - ok’ratem d’ror - and proclaim liberty through­out the land
25:10 - ל’כל-ישביה l’chol-yosh’veha - all its inhabitants
25:10 - yovel - jubilee

Bechukotai
26:6 - מחריד macharid - afraid
26:7 - cheruv - sword
26:29 - הבּזֶל - iron
26:37 - t’kumah - standing
26:36 - aleh - leaf

May 11, 2013, 2 Sivan 5773
Bamidbar

1:2 - eidah - community
1:3 - tzava - military, bearing weapons
1:4 - mateh - tribe
1:16 - n’si - chieftain (of)
1:21 - פ’קדויהem (פקד) - those enrolled (record, take note)

May 18, 2013, 9 Sivan 5773
Naso

11:4 - tamay - ritual impurity
11:5 - ash’mah - guilt
11:31 - go-el - redeem
12:13 - neder - oath, promise, commitment

May 25, 2013, 6 Sivan 5773
B’haalot’kha

11:4 - ta’avah - craving
11:5 - basar - meat
11:5 - t’tzalim - onions
12:13 - אל נא רפأ נא לה Eil na r’fah na lah - O God please heal her

May might be winding down time for the school year, but it’s certainly not over. There are several don’t-miss celebrations that come at the end of the year. Our 3rd graders will be receiving their very first siddur at our Siyyum HaSefer on Wednesday, May 1st 5:30pm, during our Wed. afternoon minyan. Just 9 days later, the Confirmation students will be celebrated at a special send-off and Family Shabbat Dinner. I am hoping that every family will feel welcomed to celebrate Shabbat together at the Shabbat Rinah Confirmation Service and dinner so that we may end our year as we began it, together.

Personally, I love celebrating with all of our families and feel fortunate to get to spend so much time with all of you. I have had a wonderful 3rd year at Shaare Shalom. I’ve met many wonderful people and look forward to many more years ….

Siyyum HaSefer

Wednesday, May 1st, 5:30-6:00
Gimel class (3rd grade) students mark the completion of their Hebrew book by presenting themselves to the congregation in a ceremony we call Kitah Gimel Siyyum. Each student will receive a special siddur.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Friday May 31-Saturday June 1
Farewell to Hazzan Dulkin & Family

Shabbat Rinah Confirmation Service
Friday evening, May 10th
Hanley Building
Celebrate our Confirmation Students Followed by a Family Shabbat Dinner

* Honorees*
Noah Engel, son of Karen & Mark Engel
Jacques Fehr, son ofAnne Glowinski & James Fehr
Noah Levy, son of Hedva & Donald Levy
Sam Rubin, son of Beth & Donn Rubin
Abbie Simmons, daughter of Karen & Don Simmons
Jacob Youkilis, son of Iva & Andrew Youkilis

Sunday, May 5th
Run for Annie
Oak Knoll Park picnic area
9:00 am
June 9, 6:30 at Hanley Campus

FRANK VIVERITO
President, St. Louis Sports Commission

TOPIC: ST. LOUIS’S FUTURE AS A SPORTS DESTINATION

What kind of major sporting events can we expect to host in the next decade?

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I awoke early on Rosh Chodesh Nissan to get to the kotel by 7AM. I wore a long skirt and long-sleeved shirt despite what I knew would be a warm morning. I tucked in the atarah of my tallit and wrapped it once, then twice around my neck like a scarf, and tucked the tzitzit into the waistline of the skirt. Over it, a light jacket, and tucked into my shoe: a kippah. On the way into the kotel the security guards looked in my bag, didn’t raise an eyebrow over my Sim Shalom siddur, and let me pass. As I walked out into the plaza, I slowly unfurled my scarf into a tallit and wrapped it around my shoulders. I dug into my shoe, pinned my kippah on my head, and joined the Women of the Wall for their monthly Rosh Chodesh prayers. It is illegal for women to gather in prayer at the kotel, illegal to wear a prayer shawl (or tefillin, which I usually wear to daven on the weekdays but, afraid they would get confiscated, I left them at my friend’s house), illegal to carry, hold, touch, or read from a Torah scroll, illegal to say kaddish, and illegal to sing loudly enough so as to distract the prayers of others (men). I had been asked to lead Hallel that morning, the litany of psalms celebrating festivals and Rosh Chodesh, and was more than a little nervous, as the haredi women screaming at us did not stop until well into the shacharit service, the repeated shofar-blowing from the men’s side threatened to drown out our voices, and there had been a flurry of publicity in the ultra-Orthodox neighborhoods of Jerusalem for men to come out en masse and prevent us from davening. I told myself that I simply did not have time to be arrested, that I had such a short time in Israel, the time did not allow for three hours of detention and interrogation at the police station! By the time we arrived at hallel, and I had taken my place at the center of the throng of women and opened my mouth, it no longer felt anxious or even dangerous. The women around me were supporting me through their voices and their smiles, and the police, I noticed, seemed to be protecting us, having shut down the screaming of the ultra-orthodox women. During the davening, a striking woman with red hair standing in front of me turned around and, with a big smile, in a thick Israeli accent, said, “You have an amazing voice!” I was very touched, and later learned that this woman was Stav Shaffir, a 27 year old Knesset member who grew up secular and joined the Women of the Wall for their monthly Rosh Chodesh prayers. 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She, along with two other female Knesset members, turned up that morning, wearing their tallitot over their clothing, and demanded entry into the kotel plaza claiming their diplomatic immunity. The police ultimately let the morning’s prayers pass with no arrests. We adjourned to Robinson’s Arch for Torah service and Musaf, and I was asked to continue leading the davening, where I carried the Torah and brought it around for everyone to kiss (like we do all the time!). On this particular morning, I had six or seven photographers snapping my photograph like paparazzi as I brought the torah around. It was apparently big news! The Knesset members stayed to hear the Torah reading, read proudly by an Israeli woman and lifted for all to see by an American rabbinical student wearing a tallit and tefillin. Thankfully, the morning was peaceful and the mood triumphant. Was it because of the three Knesset members? Or Obama’s impending visit? In either case, the elation everyone felt was palpable, and there was much anticipation as the women looked forward to the following month. Perhaps the Knesset members would bring some colleagues, or even be able to get a Torah into the plaza. Civil disobedience over davening? I thought. Really? Yes, really. And due to more and more solidarity minyanim in the States, the Israeli government and society is feeling the pressure, and one day, the women of the wall will achieve their mission: “to achieve the social and legal recognition of our right, as women, to wear prayer shawls, pray, and read from the Torah collectively and out loud at the Western Wall.” Slowly, the ice between the poles of Israeli society is melting. As more and more Israeli rock and pop musicians delve into their roots and record sacred music of their own heritage, as the Masorti prayer book, Va’ani Tefilati, reached the top of the Israeli best seller list, as more and more Israelis join Masorti congregations led by native Israeli Masorti rabbis, the bridge between secular and religious is slowly being built, its strict boundaries questioned, traversed, and blurred. This is part of our shlichut (outreach mission) as American Conservative Jews, who, imperfectly at times, live in a tension between secular and religious, and who have much to teach about an exuberant, socially conscious, egalitarian, inclusive religious tradition that values ritual and practice as it values innovation in both areas. The next time you visit the Holy land, visit a Masorti synagogue. Plan a trip around Rosh Chodesh and join the Women of the Wall. Engage in study at the Conservative Yeshiva and take a tour of the brand new, beautiful Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism that is our home away from home. Make it a point to converse with Israelis and ask them how they’re doing emotionally, spiritually, existentially, and to have at least one (possibly uncomfortable or frustrating) conversation where you are put in a position to describe how you “do Jewish” at home, to wear prayer shawls, pray, and read from the Torah collectively and out loud at the Western Wall.”
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Shavuot Keruv Program

May 14th, 8:30 pm, Hanley Campus

PANEL DISCUSSION on Intermarriage
“Intermarriage: Facing the Issues”

Shavuot and the story of Ruth inspire us to explore important issues about interfaith marriage. Therefore, on the first night of Shavuot, Kol Rinah and the Men’s Club are sponsoring a panel discussion called “Intermarriage: Facing the Issues.” After a brief Torah study about the connection between Shavuot and interfaith issues, the panelists will answer questions from the moderator and the audience about their own personal experience.

In over 60 synagogues throughout North America, sessions like this one have been held under the auspices of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC). Since 1999, FJMC’s Keruv Initiative has led rabbinic think tanks and lay consultant trainings across the US in order to proactively strengthen Conservative Judaism. FJMC publications have helped many congregations implement their own successful Keruv programs, programs which encourage exploration of issues relating to intermarriage in a safe and supportive environment. For more information on FJMC’s Keruv Initiative, please visit [http://fjmc.org/content/keruv-understanding-intermarriage](http://fjmc.org/content/keruv-understanding-intermarriage).
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Shavuot 2013

Shavuot begins at sundown on May 14, 2013
All programs and services are at Hanley unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday, May 14 Erev Shavuot
6:00 pm Mincha Service
6:30 pm Dairy Meal and reading of Book of Ruth
7:45 pm Festival Ma'ariv & cheesecake
7:47 pm Candlelighting
8:30 pm Kol Rinah Tikkun Leil Shavuot - Keruv Panel Discussion
10:30 pm Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot @ Bais Abraham

Wednesday, May 15 Shavuot Day I
9:00 am Festival Shacharit
8:30 pm Festival Mincha/Ma’ariv
8:52 pm Candlelighting

Thursday, May 16 Shavuot Day 2
9:00 am Festival Shacharit
10:30 am Yizkor
8:10 pm Festival Mincha/Weekday Ma’ariv
8:49 pm Havdalah (Shavuot Ends)

RSVP for dinner by May 8th at (314) 727.1747 or email to nancy@shaarezedek.org
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May 14, 2013, Noon
JCC Staenberg Family Complex

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