



Rising to the Moment

by Rabbi Benjamin

I am writing this during our initial days of what is, for now, the new normal. While we have been physically distant from one another, we have continued to be in community: engaging remotely in learning, ritual, prayer, intimate conversation and mutual support. We brought in Shabbat together on Friday night and bid it farewell as a Shabbat School community on Saturday evening. While the means of connection have been virtual, the connections themselves have felt quite real.

None of us knows what things will be like or how they will feel by the time you are reading this. God willing, we will have continued to find creative ways to connect with and support one another, and to deepen our faith in the power and resilience of this community. Regardless of the status of the virus and the impact it is having, I trust that we are navigating these waters with wisdom and compassion.

As the call for social distancing began, I had a conversation scheduled with a Havurah member to talk further about our work of anti-racism. At the beginning of our phone call, I acknowledged that it felt like a shift to be discussing these ongoing issues in the midst of this crisis, which had already become all-consuming. But we then reflected together about how appropriate and essential this conversation was. We named how those who face

the greatest risks from this pandemic, in addition to the elderly, are the most marginalized in society: those who are poor, or who are uninsured and underinsured, and those who experience more negative health outcomes in general. People of color are disproportionately represented among each of those categories. So while the source and form of the current crisis is distinct, it is not separate from these other, ongoing diseases such as racism and rampant inequality.

As we have insisted repeatedly over these few years, and of course for so much longer, we are called again to walk in solidarity with those beyond our usual circles. This particular moment calls for our concern to stretch beyond what we have known. Yet what we are moving through right now is both unique and profoundly in common with how we are called to be in this era in general. That we must attune our hearts and minds to the suffering of others. That we must reach across barriers to find each other. That we must see, more than ever, how much our fates are bound up with one another's.

All the work of Havurah — of building loving and responsive community, of refining our hearts through prayer, sharpening our understanding through Torah, and pursuing justice — is vital right

now. These are not ancillary projects to keep afloat while we attend to the challenge at hand. Rather, they will sustain and nourish and guide us in meeting this crisis in all the ways needed. We are being stretched beyond where we have been. But the muscles are the same, the capacities ones we have been building for years. We most certainly have what we need, collectively, to rise to this moment.

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Performance Evaluation of Our Education Director

by Julia Lager-Mesulam & Miriam Reshotko

Deborah Eisenbach-Budner has now served as Havurah Shalom's Education Director for nearly two decades! During that time, as the congregation has grown and changed, Deborah's role has evolved to meet the needs of our various educational programs with the constant innovation they require. Last spring the co-presidents, Julia Lager-Mesulam and Miriam Reshotko, who currently serve as Deborah's supervisors, began the process of evaluating Deborah's performance in order to provide constructive feedback and to set goals for the near future. The process was completed in the winter.

A collaborative process was used to solicit feedback from congregants, leadership, and staff who work closely with Deborah. This is similar to the process that was used for Rabbi Benjamin's evaluation which was reported on in Hakol last year. The questions for the survey were developed jointly by Deborah, Julia and Miriam, who also identified together the cohorts that would be surveyed and the names of the specific members who should be asked to give feedback in order to elicit information that would be useful to Deborah and to us as her supervisors. These included Shabbat school parents and leaders, middle school and high school teachers and parents, adult education and b'nei mitzvah participants, Family Services Team for High Holidays, various members of committees who organize or lead Havurah activities, Steering members, and staff colleagues among others.

Of 123 members and staff who were requested to give anonymous feedback about Deborah's work at Havurah Shalom, 46 provided responses. Thank you to those of you who took the time to provide that very thoughtful feedback. The overwhelming value Deborah brings to Havurah was presented by many in their responses. She was described by some as "a

singular gem" and a "treasure" for the community. Deborah's role as a holder of Havurah's history and values, a constant in times of transition, and a connector and empowering force for people in the community was repeated consistently in the feed-



40th Anniversary Celebration for Shabbat School, December 2019.
Photo by Ellen Regal.

back given. The survey responses formed the basis of a confidential and comprehensive review that was presented to Deborah and discussed with her. Our goal is to streamline the evaluation process for all of our staff and provide this type of feedback every two years or so. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented leader for our education programs and look forward to many more years of innovation, inspiration, and learning together.

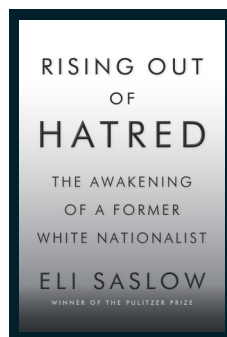
Book Group: Now A Virtual Discussion

Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist

by Eli Saslow

Tuesday, April 28, 7 pm - 8:30 pm in Zoom Room Aleph

If there's such a thing as a white nationalist prodigy, Derek Black might have been one. The son of Don Black, the founder of the racist website Stormfront, and godson of former KKK Grand Wizard David Duke, he was deeply immersed into the philosophies of white supremacy through his homeschooling and his parents' activities. In an effort to win the hearts and minds of white Americans, Derek ran a daily radio show in which he used rhetoric that avoided harsh racial slurs in favor of junk science and white grievance.



That is, until he enrolled at New College of Florida in 2010, when the worldview he had built up over a lifetime began to unravel. And, with the prodding of a surprisingly diverse group of friends, he began the painful process toward unlearning his beliefs. This book is about Derek Black's transformation from a white nationalist to an anti-hate messenger. Author Eli Saslow is a Washington Post reporter who lives in Portland. This is a well-written book to help us understand this American moment and to help us better understand one another. Led by Dale Schwartz.

Addressing Havurah's "Space Jam"

by Rachel Shimshak

Last summer, Havurah leadership asked Makom's Space Committee to evaluate our current space needs and uses, trends in membership and Shabbat School, and begin evaluating options for our future. Perhaps you have whispered a few bad words while trying to find

parking near Havurah for a Kabbalat Shabbat, or when you couldn't use your chosen caterer for your child's b'nei mitzvah because the Havurah kitchen is not a commercial kitchen. Maybe you are concerned that there are not enough spaces for your committee or class to meet at Havurah on a given night, or that your child attends Shabbat School down the block instead of in the building. We call these "pinch points."

None of these issues are a surprise given that our congregation has grown steadily for many years, bucking the trend at many other shuls. Our open, inviting, participatory, egalitarian culture appeals to Portland area Jews. Our evaluation of current space needs found that we could use 50% more space right now (that would include space for Shabbat School), and 100%

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more space over the next 20 years. So far, we have reached out to area synagogues, churches, and the East Side Commons effort to inquire about short-term and long-term options for either sharing space or possibly moving. We have also looked at some temporary leasing options in the neighborhood to relieve some of the current space shortage. The Space Committee is coordinating our efforts with the Havurah's leadership and the Long-Range Planning Committee's work over the next year. Our hope is to find some good options and involve the congregation in the process of prioritizing the best option, and participating in the ultimate capital campaign that will be needed to shape any new space to our needs, just as we did with our current building. While our goal is an orderly approach to Havurah's space issues, we also want to be nimble enough to consider any opportunities that might arise needing faster action than our preferred timeline.

In all cases, we will depend on leadership, staff, and the congregation to guide us. We look for your ideas and support as we identify options that will be a good fit for our unique Havurah community.

Kiddush Lunch Appeal: A Community Staple

by Susan Brenner

For the past two years, a small group of devoted planners, informally known as the "Kiddush Lunch Bunch," has worked to ensure that a kiddush lunch follow every Shabbat morning service. "Let's continue discussing it over lunch," has become a familiar comment when concluding the Torah drash. "Everyone is welcome to stay after services for lunch," is another familiar refrain. Indeed, the lunch following services has become an important and highly valued aspect of our religious ritual, bringing community and social connection to cap the morning's prayer and Torah study.

We've deployed a uniquely hybrid model of ensuring a tasty weekly lunch for all to enjoy. We engage a caterer to set up and clean up every meal, which relieves congregants of the ongoing burden of working hard on those tasks. The Kiddush Lunch Bunch brings in food from outside

for the caterer to set up, serve, and clean up. In exchange, the caterer provides one fully catered lunch per month.

This highly popular and innovative model of providing meals has been very successful in fostering the values of inclusion, connection, and community. Our congregational budget supports these values in a financial way, but now needs some shoring up. Costs have risen over the past few months and we find ourselves finishing this fiscal year significantly over budget.

You can support our wonderful meals after services by donating to the Spiritual Life Nourishment Fund. If you have an important lifecycle event such as a milestone birthday, anniversary, wedding, yahrzeit, etc., you could consider honoring it by making

a tax-deductible contribution to the fund to help bolster the budget. Please help sustain our amazing kiddush lunches. In the end, "we'll talk about it at lunch!"



Get One, Give One

Purchase Our New Machzor

Kol Haneshamah Machzor Leyamim Nora'im from the Reconstructionist Press is our machzor of choice. Thanks to earlier congregational allocation generous donations, we have enough funds to acquire approximately 550 copies new machzors. Our goal is as many as 700 to replace our current set.

We're already so close – help us reach the finish line! Consider participating in this effort by purchasing your own, purchasing one for the community, or making a donation to the machzor fund. \$40 per copy covers shipping, a book plate, and future song inserts.

We look forward to gathering as a community in September to celebrate the new year with Kol Haneshamah Machzor Leyamim Nora'im in hand! Please participate before the May 1 deadline by going to this link: tinyurl.com/HSmachzor



New Electronics Policy for Services

by the Spiritual Life Committee

During times when prayer services are being conducted in our building, we want to maximize the opportunity for participants in the services to find peace, prayer-fullness, focus, new understandings of our liturgy, Torah, and connect with each other. The Spiritual Life Committee worked with the B'nai Mitzvah Committee and Steering for nearly 12 months on a policy for the use of electronics during times when prayer services are being conducted.

The policy seeks to manage use of electronics so that they allow participants to connect peacefully through prayer, meditation and to Torah and community. It seeks to limit the amount of electronics used in the building to just what is necessary to accommodate photography of special events and people's disabilities.

One of the main elements of the policy is limiting the use of smartphones and tablets in the building during these times. There are some specific instructions about photography for special events and restrictions on use of electronic visual displays during these times.

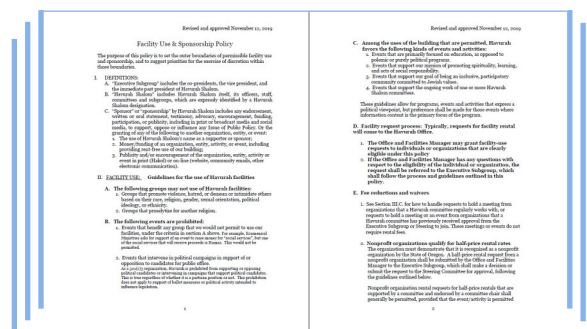
We encourage everyone to review the policy. It is posted here: tinyurl.com/HavurahEP

If you have comments or concerns about the policy after

you have read it, please contact Sam Sirkin. The policy will begin to be put in place with notices and announcements that will be provided during times of prayer when the building is back in use.

Read Our Electronics Policy for Services

tinyurl.com/HavurahEP



An Important Measure On Your May Ballot

by the Poverty & Homelessness Committee

Recently Metro voted to refer a ballot measure to voters on May 19 to raise money for homeless supportive services annually through two taxes. The Advocacy Team of the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty (IAP), of which we are now a member congregation, researched this tax proposal ballot measure. It was Here Together Oregon, a coalition of advocates, elected officials, business leaders, and service providers, who first brought the measure to the Metro Council. In true Alliance advocacy style, they went to the source, resulting in a presentation from the Communications Director of Here Together Oregon. Services will include case management, rent assistance, addiction and recovery, mental health care and employment support.

The first tax would be a 1% marginal income tax for individuals earning over \$125,000 annually or couples making more than \$200,000. The second tax would be a 1% business tax on the profits of mid and large-sized businesses with gross receipts of more than \$5 million dollars. Money would be distributed based on county population: about 45% to Multnomah County, 33% to Washington County, and 21% to Clackamas County. Five percent will be for Metro oversight and administration. Measures have broad support

from the Portland Mayor to the Portland Business Alliance. Voters will have an option to renew the taxes after 10 years.

The Advocacy team voted to recommend the proposal to the Alliance at large. At the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty's first Thursday meeting in March, Havurah member and participant in Here Together Oregon work, Steve Rudman, spoke in

detail as to how the monies collected would be used. Our final act, from all of the various faith congregations represented, was to vote on whether we would recommend this tax proposal from Metro. With a group decision, we would be able to make a public Alliance recommendation, spread the word to our congregations and advocate for its' passage.

Here are the criteria we were asked to consider when voting to recommend the proposal:

Does it address a cause/symptom of poverty? Will endorsement provide

opportunity for success in a reasonable length of time? Can we add value by partnering with others? Does this issue fit with our overall mission and interests?

It overwhelmingly passed! More specifics on the measure can be found here: tinyurl.com/MayBallotPortland

We also have intentions of publishing more details in May's Hakol, so keep an eye out for more info!



Climate Action Fair Is Moving to a Larger Venue!

by Elianne Lieberman

Havurah's Climate Action Team (HCAT) is excited to announce that our 50th Earth Day Celebration, Climate Action Fair will be held at the MJCC! Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the fair will not be held in April as originally planned. However, we are committed to holding this event on a Sunday, from 1pm-5pm, on a date when it is safe for all of us to be together celebrate Earth Day, and to discover together how we can make a difference.

HCAT successfully invited 6 synagogues, Federation's Climate Action Committee and the MJCC to join us in the planning and presentation of the Climate Action Fair. (Our work together has gone so well that we have agreed to plan and host other climate related events in the future.) Our collaboration has enabled us to expand the fair's programming, have plenty of free parking, space to look at electric vehicles, host a greater number of people, and, through our collective

actions, have a greater impact on reducing our carbon footprint and finding community solutions to stop and reverse the warming of our planet.

The adult and family-friendly fair is free and open to everyone. It will feature many local organizations that are involved in education and actions that address the climate crisis we are facing, ideas for reducing your carbon footprint at home, interactive activities that engage children and their families, and two panels of speakers who will inform us about specific issues and areas where we can help make a difference.

Fair attendees will come away informed and energized, with new insights into what actions they can take at home and in their communities that will reduce our carbon footprint and influence policies on a local, regional and national level.

If you would like to help us with planning children's activities or supervising the activities at the fair, please contact Elianne at elianne97202@yahoo.com.



Zenith Energy Battle Heats Up

by HCAT & MACG

Zenith Energy owns and operates a tank farm in North Portland. The company stores and transfers oil from Canada that arrives by rail and moves it into ships on the Willamette. Opponents of Zenith claim that the tank farm is unsafe, built on fill dirt, and would not survive a major earthquake. The result could be explosions, fires, and toxic smoke, as well as a catastrophic oil spill in the Willamette River.

Activists also point to the danger of oil train accidents. These trains run through dense neighborhoods in NE and North Portland. Activists claim that one in four residents of these neighborhood are within the blast zone caused by a potential train wreck or derailment.

Zenith has had plans to expand operations since buying the facilities in the Litton neighborhood. Recently the city denied Zenith permission to run pipes under Front Avenue as part of their expansion plans. Zenith has threatened legal action and claims that the city's

refusal to allow them to add pipes runs counter to a city policy promoting green energy. In the application to add the pipes and in its letter threatening legal action, Zenith said it plans to run only biofuels and other non-fossil-fuel liquids through the pipes.



An oil tanker like the ones that pass through NE and North Portland.

Climate activists are now trying to put pressure on the city to not renew Zenith's air permit and prohibit them from operating under the expired one. The city claims that there is nothing they can do as the DEQ has jurisdiction.

On May 24th from 7 pm - 8:30 pm, join us at Havurah for a lively discussion about the Zenith controversy and how you can get involved. We are inviting representatives from both sides of these issues to present their arguments. This event is co-sponsored by the Havurah Climate Action

Team and the MACG Climate Team. Havurah is a member of MACG (Metropolitan Alliance for the Common Good). We are working together to address climate issues that affect us locally as well as globally.

Hineinu Intercambio Style

by Deb Kallen

Thanks to the eager learners at Havurah and in the Spanish-speaking community, the Tikkun Olam Adelante (TOA) Intercambio Program is flourishing. Right now, seven new Spanish speakers are looking for English-speaking partners. Would you like to be one of them?

Taking part in this program has many benefits. The obvious one is learning to speak each other's languages. For English speakers, enrolling in a Spanish class is worthwhile, but if you want to learn some of the idioms and conversational language of Central or South America, sit down and talk with a native.

Our committee recognizes the importance for the Latino community to learn English. Some of the people in our program have been in the United States for more than fifteen years without knowing the language. For them, the gift of English can mean getting hired, helping their child with homework, partici-

pating in parent/teacher conferences, gaining access to public services, or independently filling out forms at the doctor's office.

It is fulfilling for the Havurah "intercambinos" to witness the many friendships that have formed through this language exchange. Some members go on outings together, provide personal support when needed, and meet their partners' family members. Many of these relationships grow deeper over time. Trust builds and hopefully the bonds that form send a message of belonging at a time when the message in our culture may seem quite the opposite.

Last, but not least, food is another benefit of participation. Through our partnerships we have feasted on tamales de chepil, horchata, mole negro, and many more Hispanic foods. In turn, we have introduced many of our Spanish-speaking partners to hamantashen, kugel and matzo balls. Eating food together, a universal pastime, breaks down barriers

and gives us a common link to each other. Intercambio members recently got together with TOA's English class for a Central American/North American smorgasbord and good conversation. We look forward to more gatherings like that in the future!

The intercambio is a partnership between the Havurah Sanctuary Committee's TOA team and Bienestar de la Familia, a Multnomah County program serving immigrants and refugees in the Cully neighborhood. We have been going strong for almost three years now, with an average of ten to twelve partnerships. Now we are seeing a surge in interest.

If you are interested in being matched with a partner, contact Deb Kallen at debkall2010@gmail.com.

No need to speak Spanish fluently, although some Spanish is helpful. Commitment is roughly an hour per week.

Va'ani Tefilati: Prayer Leadership Workshop

Wednesday, May 6, 13, 20 at 7 pm

Are you interested in leading tefilah (prayer)? Or do you already lead, and would like to enhance your skills as a leader? We will cover details of language, melody, and choreography, and also explore the craft of attuning to and guiding the community's energy as a leader of prayer. Facilitated by Rabbi Benjamin. Please RSVP here: tinyurl.com/PrayerLeadershipHS by May 1.

Israeli & Palestinian Literature

Tuesday, May 19, 26; June 2, 23 from 7pm – 8:30pm

Taught by Joel Beinin

Several people who have taken Joel Beinin's "Thinking About Israel/Palestine" class at Havurah Shalom have expressed an interest in reading texts that give voice to subjects not adequately covered in that class – women, Mizrahim, and Palestinians. So in May and June, Joel will offer a supplement to this year's class on "Israeli and Palestinian Literature."

Literature offers a perspective on Israel/Palestine that centers the human dimension and reminds us that art and creativity are vibrant aspects of both modern Hebrew and Palestinian Arab culture. We will read and discuss both canonical and relatively new works of fiction whose themes and plots revolve around the conflict. This class is designed with those who have already taken "Thinking About Israel/Palestine" in mind. But this background is not required, as the literature speaks on its own. There will be short historical introductions to contextualize each work of fiction. The first two novellas deal with the Arab-Israeli War of 1948 and its aftermath. Sahar Khalifeh's *Wild Thorns* is an emblematic novel of the early years of Israel's post-1967 occupation of the West Bank. Dorit Rabinyan's *All the Rivers* is about a love affair between an Israeli woman and a Palestinian-Israeli man.

Readings

May 19 - Ghassan Kanafani, "Men in the Sun" - the title novella of Ghassan Kanafani, *Men in the Sun and Other Palestinian Stories* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1999) [56 pages]; PDF at tinyurl.com/MenInTheSun

May 26 - S. Yizhar, *Khirbet Khizeh* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2014) [140 pages] – 2 hard copies are available in the Multnomah County Library (whenever it may reopen)

To allow more time to read the full-length novels, the last two sessions meet every other week.

June 2 - Sahar Khalifeh, *Wild Thorns* (Interlink Books, 2000) [207 pages]

June 23 - Dorit Rabinyan, *All the Rivers* (Random House, 2017) [288 pages] – an ebook is available from the Multnomah County Library

Please register here: tinyurl.com/IPclassRSVP

Contemplative Retreats with Rabbi Benjamin This Summer

July 21-26

Buckhorn Springs Retreat Center, Ashland, OR

Rabbi Benjamin will be teaching in Ashland with Rabbis Yael Levy and Joshua Boettiger.

"The retreat will be held in silence with times for prayer and chanting. Teachers will offer daily instruction and evening talks. The beauty of Southern Oregon will surround and guide us."

More info here: tinyurl.com/retreatRBJuly

August 17-23

Still Meadow Retreat Center, Damascus, OR

Right outside of Portland, Rabbi Benjamin will be leading with Rabbi Shefa Gold.

"The dance between the ecstatic and the contemplative expands our capacity for love in all its depth and expression. In this retreat, we will explore this dance by diving deeply into meditative silence and stillness, and also unlocking the treasures of expression through sound, movement, poetry and sacred text." More info here: tinyurl.com/retreatRBAugust

Scholarships available. Contact Rabbi Benjamin with any questions.

When Parenting Is Challenging

Parenting with Multiple Layers was a two-session workshop for parents who have or are facing challenging parenting. It aimed to begin to build a safe space for parents to be heard, break down the isolation that can come with parenting with many layers, and explore how Jewish community and Judaism can be helpful. It was facilitated by Laura Orgel, psychologist and child/family therapist, and Deborah Eisenbach-Budner, our Education Director. Below is a prayer that the participants wrote, each contributing their own verses.

Prayer for Challenging Parenting

Help me be patient, encouraging, accepting, and help me to take care of myself.

May I find the strength to keep letting go of expectations and hopes that I didn't even know I had until they could not be realized.

May I feel love even when fear or anger threaten to overwhelm.

May I find strength to hold the pain gently.

May I notice the ways that I have been able to help my child and accept the ways that I have not been able to help.

May my sorrow for my child and what they may never be able to experience be softened by my noticing what they are able to experience.

May I notice with acceptance what this moment is bringing to me.

Allow me to accept my prior faults as a parent but not keep me from being a better parent tomorrow.

Let my love for my child lead me to appreciate and enjoy their life choices.

May I maintain faith that they will chart their own course to happiness.

Let me see my child with open eyes and hear them without prejudice.

May I release you to live your life fully and trace your own destiny, whatever that may be.

May I connect my fullness with the fullness of them and approach who they are and who I am with room for all.

Patience, Wisdom, Strength...

Stay with me. Walk with me.

May I learn to live without full understanding.

Help me trust that things can and have worked out in mysterious ways that I never would have imagined.

Here are some of the reflections that participants had:

- The group gave me time to slow down and remember my best intentions as a parent that are easy to lose sight of when the parenting road gets complicated.
- This allowed me to come out as a parent of a young adult who struggles with significant mental health issues in a supportive and understanding group. That is not so easy in the larger community of Havurah because of all the assumptions that people make about middle and upper-class Jewish families (college, "success," becoming a happy grandparent eventually...).
- In the larger Havurah community, my ultimate vision would be that the differences in families and our parenting experiences would be understood, accommodated, and not judged. I think we must keep our eyes on the end goal, which is a community where no one should feel shame or stigma.
- Our flagrant continued use (and celebration) of drinking at Purim and Passover, and with it, our blatant ignoring/dismissing of addiction issues in our community makes me nothing short of crazy/furious/hurt. A tray of juice and a tray of wine at our onegs is not sufficient, if you have a family member with addiction issues.
- Parenting can be very challenging at times. It is easy to feel isolated. Havurah is a loving and warm community. With minimal effort, we can break the barriers that keep us from connecting with one another on sensitive but important issues.
- If just a bit more support and less isolation was created, I am happy about that.
- This gave me the opportunity to connect with others in our Havurah community who have also had (or are having) challenging parenting journeys. Without something like this, it is nearly impossible to find one another. I also gained some new ways of thinking about incorporating Jewish ritual and prayer into my situation, in ways that were palatable to me.
- We found it very helpful and enjoyed getting to know the other parents even if just a little bit more.

In the coming month,
Havurah Shalom will call to the Torah
the following B'nei Mitzvah:

April 4

Saul Drucker

Son of Andrea Sanchez and Ben Drucker

April 25

Quinton & Abrianna Decker

Children of Sharon Kottler and Steven Decker

Please join us in celebration and welcome
them to our community. Mazel tov!

Newborns

Eli Matan Pulvers was born March 6, to
Rachel Weisshaar and Jonathan Pulvers.
The very happy grandparents are Deborah
Mandell and Roy Pulvers.

Condolences

Steve Altshuld, husband of Bonnie and
father of Max and Gabe, passed away on
March 27.

Tributes

General Contributions

Karen and Alan Westerman, in loving memory
of my mother, Harriette Spector.

Julia Lager-Mesulam and Steven Mesulam, in
memory of Robert Lager. Thank you to Brad,
Adela and Rachel for all the incredible work
you do to support Havurah Shalom.

Educator's Discretionary Fund

Julia Lager-Mesulam and Steven Mesulam, in
memory of Robert Lager. To Deborah, in
honor of your effort with the recent Adult
B'nei Mitzvah. It was truly an inspiration and
honor to witness.

Spiritual Life Fund

Sam Sirkin, in honor of Erin Farrar, marking
the first year since she passed, first yahrzeit.

Library Fund

Ruth and Michael Feldman, in memory of my
mother, Sophie Posner Tenzer, a beloved
librarian.

Tikkun Olam Fund

Carol Gelfer and Joe Sullivan, in loving
memory of Daniel Gelfer.

Havurah Endowment Fund

Nancy Spigal, in honor of Sami Oberlander,
who is an extraordinary Hebrew tutor.

Nancy Spigal, in honor of Deborah Eisenbach-
Budner, who shared her love of the Torah
teaching our B'nei Mitzvah class.

Nancy Spigal, in honor of Barbara Slader, who
supported my effort to read from the Torah
and sing Mi Shebeirah during the B'nei
Mitzvah.

Rachel Shimshak and David Barenberg, in
celebration of the Havurah 2020 B'nei
Mitzvah group.

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Ted and Frona Kahn and family, in honor of
Lotsa Helping Hands & Rabbi Benjamin.

Marni Glick and Hank Kaplan, in memory of
Edward Glick.

Marni Glick and Hank Kaplan, in memory of
Michael Kaplan.

Harriet and Richard Steinberg, in memory of
Lester Steinberg, father of Richard Steinberg,
father-in-law of Harriet Steinberg.

Hank Kaplan, in memory of Michael Kaplan.

Julia Lager-Mesulam and Steven Mesulam, in
memory of Robert Lager. In appreciation for
the spiritual guidance Rabbi Benjamin
provides to Havurah Shalom.

Gratitude

by the Steering Committee

In case you missed the gratitude corner last month – welcome! Steering has been contemplating how to show appreciation to our community on a more consistent basis. We reached out to Transparency & Inclusivity for advice on how to best to do this. Our hope is to have this section in every Hakol. We are open to feedback about how this section works for you. We know that everyone likes to be appreciated in a different way, and some want to be thanked publicly while others do not.

As a participatory community, so much of what happens at Havurah Shalom comes from member's imagination, skills, and passion. Of course, we rely on our incredibly talented staff to support and collaborate on programming. This section is an effort on the part of Steering and is intended to show gratitude for all the seen and unseen tasks that occur to make our community the vibrant place it is.

Since we know how busy our community is, we know this is not a complete list. Apologies if we left you out. All efforts are appreciated and valued!

To the Hakol mailers and folders – to those who helped mail out close to 50 letters to our new members who joined over the last year. Your help is appreciated!

To all the Kabbalat Shabbat volunteers who make the evening welcoming and ensure we have delicious food!

The Design Committee wants to thank all those who helped create the beautiful and functional new storage closet in the Kerem classroom! Shelley Sobel, for initiating and guiding

project. Ed Glad for excellent craftsmanship and carpentry. Les Schwartz for doing that important finishing and painting. It is volunteers like you who continue to improve and beautify our space.

All the parents of Havurah High and Middle School students who supported the program and nourished many souls through completing their parent participation points - providing dinners, helping assist in the classes, organizing extra-curricular gatherings, and going with the flow when the flow was overflowing!

All the Shabbat School Class reps this year who helped keep their grade groups organized and in communication.

All the members of various Tikkun Olam committees who came into Shabbat School classes to share the work that they are doing through story, teaching, and activities.

A special thank you for four new Garden Committee members who showed up and gave their all! They are: Shari-Beth Nadell, Megan Koler, and Ben and Rachel Temorov. And a special thanks to 5-year old Owen Temorov who was a fantastic helper, too!

To staff and volunteers who made Purim happen this year!

Thank you to the MACG team who led part of the Leadership Training – Michael Heumann, Bob Brown, Andy Beers, and Marjorie Walters. Also, thank you to Adela Basayne and Shelley Sobel for all of their work on Havurah's Leadership Training.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29 <i>Nisan 4</i></p> <p>9:30am CANCELED: Long Range Planning</p>	<p>30 <i>Nisan 5</i></p> <p>4:00pm Bar Mitzvah Rehearsal 6:00pm POSTPONED: Musical Theater New Works Workshop</p>	<p>31 <i>Nisan 6</i></p> <p>12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 4:30pm CANCELED: Aile Rocks Happy Hour and Sara G. Cogan Memorial Lecture 7:00pm Rethinking Israel/Palestine</p>	<p>1 <i>Nisan 7</i></p> <p>8:30am Morning Minyan</p>	<p>2 <i>Nisan 8</i></p> <p>6:30pm Jewish Bedtime Stories</p>	<p>3 <i>Nisan 9</i></p> <p>10:30am Bar Mitzvah Rehearsal 6:00pm Dorot Shabbat 7:25pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>4 <i>Nisan 10</i></p> <p>Shabbat HaGadol <i>Trav</i> 10:00am Bar Mitzvah of Saul Drucker 3:00pm Shabbat School 3:30pm Workshop: Tikun Olam (Repairing the World) 5:30pm Grade 1 Keshilah Night 8:34pm Havdalah</p>
<p>5 <i>Nisan 11</i></p> <p>2:00pm POSTPONED: Freedom: The Untold Story of Moses 4:00pm Passover Song Singalong 7:00pm POSTPONED: Freedom: The Untold Story of Moses</p>	<p>6 <i>Nisan 12</i></p>	<p>7 <i>Nisan 13</i></p> <p>12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 7:00pm HCAT Meeting 7:00pm Rethinking Israel/Palestine</p>	<p>8 <i>Nisan 14</i></p> <p>Erev Pesach Taanit Bechorot 8:30am Morning Minyan 4:30pm Family-friendly Virtual Seder 5:30pm Virtual Seder - Lerner 6:00pm Virtual Seder - Nadell and Berg 7:31pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>9 <i>Nisan 15</i></p> <p>Pesach Office Closed for Passover 7:00pm Second Night Virtual Seder 8:32pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>10 <i>Nisan 16</i></p> <p>Pesach 1st Day Omer Office Closed for Passover 7:34pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>11 <i>Nisan 17</i></p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach 2nd Day Omer 10:00am Community Minyan 8:00pm Redemption Virtual Seder 8:43pm Havdalah</p>
<p>12 <i>Nisan 18</i></p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach 3rd Day Omer 3:00pm Canceled: Seder of Gender Liberation</p>	<p>13 <i>Nisan 19</i></p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach 4th Day Omer 5:00pm Modern Virtual Seder with Laine and Joel Schipper</p>	<p>14 <i>Nisan 20</i></p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach 5th Day Omer Hakol Deadline 12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 6:30pm Steering Meeting 7:00pm Rethinking Israel/Palestine 7:39pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>15 <i>Nisan 21</i></p> <p>Pesach 6th Day Omer Office Closed for Passover 8:40pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>16 <i>Nisan 22</i></p> <p>Pesach Yizkor 7th Day Omer Office Closed for Passover 8:50pm Havdalah</p>	<p>17 <i>Nisan 23</i></p> <p>8th Day Omer 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:43pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>18 <i>Nisan 24</i></p> <p>Shabbat Mevarchim 9th Day Omer Shmini 10:00am Discovering Shabbat Learners Minyan 10:30am Tor Shabbat 3:00pm Shabbat School 3:30pm Workshop: Jewish Parenting Puzzlers 5:30pm Keshilah Night: Grade 4 8:52pm Havdalah</p>
<p>19 <i>Nisan 25</i></p> <p>10th Day Omer 10:00am Climate Action Fair</p>	<p>20 <i>Nisan 26</i></p> <p>11th Day Omer 6:30pm Yom ha-Shoah Event</p>	<p>21 <i>Nisan 27</i></p> <p>Yom HaShoah 12th Day Omer 12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 7:00pm Rethinking Israel/Palestine</p>	<p>22 <i>Nisan 28</i></p> <p>13th Day Omer 8:30am Morning Minyan</p>	<p>23 <i>Nisan 29</i></p> <p>14th Day Omer Add Here</p>	<p>24 <i>Nisan 30</i></p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th Day Omer 7:00pm Writing Group Reading and Oneg (New Date) 7:52pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>25 <i>Iyyar 1</i></p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 16th Day Omer Tazria-Metzora 10:00am Bar Mitzvah of Quenton Decker and Bat Mitzvah of Abrianna Decker 3:00pm Shabbat School 3:30pm Workshop: Whose Bnai Mitzvah Is It Anyway? 9:01pm Havdalah</p>
<p>26 <i>Iyyar 2</i></p> <p>17th Day Omer 10:00am Shabbat School Class Reps Meeting 10:00am Bereavement Support Group 3:00pm New Member Spring Tea</p>	<p>27 <i>Iyyar 3</i></p> <p>18th Day Omer</p>	<p>28 <i>Iyyar 4</i></p> <p>Yom Hazikaron 19th Day Omer 12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 7:00pm Book Discussion Group: Rising Out of Hatred 7:00pm Rethinking Israel/Palestine</p>	<p>29 <i>Iyyar 5</i></p> <p>Yom HaAtzmaut 20th Day Omer 8:30am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Dr. Avivah Zornberg Lecture</p>	<p>30 <i>Iyyar 6</i></p> <p>21st Day Omer 10:00am Last Thursday Witness - IMJ/L.C.E. Vigil 12:00pm Conflict and Sexuality in Yiddish Poetry</p>	<p>1 <i>Iyyar 7</i></p> <p>22nd Day Omer 10:00am Bar Mitzvah Rehearsal 8:01pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>2 <i>Iyyar 8</i></p> <p>23rd Day Omer Achei Mot-Kedoshim 10:00am Bar Mitzvah of Gautham Josse 9:10pm Havdalah</p>

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