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A World Becoming

From the Rabbi

by Rabbi Benjamin Barnett

I am writing this on the day when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld DACA, three days after it ruled that the Civil Rights Act protects LGBTQ employees. What an amazing turn of events. Rather than grieving and charging into action to fight back, we find ourselves celebrating rights and security preserved for millions of people.

I have no illusions that the Supreme Court will be championing progressive causes moving forward, and I recognize that these decisions were not swayed by a sudden concern for human rights from every justice. But these victories attest to the potential for transformation when justice-seeking individuals — attorneys, activists, organizers, and regular citizens — invest their hearts, minds, and souls together toward a vision for a better world. As United We Dream posted that morning: “Today’s win is a testament to the power of our movement and what waves of change young people can make.”

We are witnessing this power for real right now. This is not to say for a second that anything will come easy. There are well-organized and well-resourced groups working hard to further institutionalize oppression. But what we are seeing from these movements — defending immigrants and LGBTQ folks, rising up for Black lives and for all who are under attack — is a radical envisioning of something new. What I sense in these young leaders is faith that our society can become something that it has not been yet.

In beholding this faith I’m led back to one of my core texts, the moment of Moses’ encounter at the burning bush. When he

asks for God’s name, Moses is told it is Ehyeh — “I will Be.” In that moment of vulnerability, when he is instructed to return to the locus of enslavement and cruelty, Moses is told that God — that Life — is Continuous Becoming. He is assured that transformation is possible.

Becoming something new is not easy. It is unsettling and often risky. But as Moses discovered, and as we too must discover, it is the only pathway to liberation.

There are big visions taking shape right now. There is a public discourse occurring — about race and public safety, as well as access to education, healthcare and childcare, and more

— that is stretching beyond what we might have imagined not too long ago. To be clear, conversation does not equal policy, and it

certainly does not equal institutionalized cultural change. But it is pointing us in new ways toward a world becoming.

On that morning of the DACA victory, when he was asked about citizenship, Jose Muñoz of United We Dream responded: “I want to live in a world where everyone is able to live free and thrive. And... for many people in this country, citizenship is not what’s going to allow them to do that... When we’re thinking about people like Breonna Taylor, like George Floyd, like Tony McDade, citizenship did not help them from the dangers of police brutality... And so what we’re fighting for is so much bigger than that.”

Here is to bold vision, and to the relentless pursuit of making it reality.

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Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

The office will be closed until further notice. You can still reach staff during these hours.

August Hakol Submission Deadline

July 16

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Weekly Email Submission Form

[tinyurl.com/
HavShaNL](https://tinyurl.com/HavShaNL)

Hineinu goes out every
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The Congregational Meeting by Miriam Reshotko

Virtual and Successful!

Thanks to all who attended Havurah’s successful Congregational meeting on June 7. We had well over 100 participants in the Zoom room – a record for attendance at one of these annual meetings. For those who missed it or would like to review, you can view the video, chat, and agenda linked at the end of this article. Once the minutes are approved by Steering, they will be available on the website.

After a lovely opening Niggun, the co-Presidents welcomed everyone, acknowledging the chaotic times we are living in, both with COVID and the recent movement to combat systemic racism across the globe. Many at Havurah would like to take an active role in this fight for true equality, and our desire is to move forward with intention. Please reach out to Rabbi Benjamin if you are interested in shaping or being part of this work on behalf of Havurah. We also took time to acknowledge all of the hard work that went in to making the logistics for the meeting possible, and thanking our dedicated talented staff and plethora of volunteers for very quickly building a virtual building to house our community’s vibrant activities when “stay home stay safe” became a reality. We connected with each other in small breakout rooms before listening to an inspiring drash by Rabbi Benjamin.

The annual meeting of the congregation is one time we come together to share key issues facing our congregation currently and that we expect over the coming year. As such, we took the opportunity to present some of the projects and issues our community is engaged in. Chris Coughlin, outgoing Tikkun Olam cluster lead, updated us about the family from Guatemala

that Havurah is now sponsoring in the spirit of welcoming the stranger, and our commitment a few years ago to be a Sanctuary congregation. Stacy Hankin, one of leaders of the HavurahHood committee updated us on the Neighborhood based community building efforts to connect Havurahniks with those who live near each other. And finally, Rachel Shimshak of the Space Jam committee presented an exciting opportunity our community may have to purchase or lease the Bage building adjacent to Havurah. Due to overwhelming interest, a meeting dedicated to this topic was scheduled for June 28.

The nomination slate for the 2020-21 fiscal year was presented, with many thanks to those leaving steering and those who have agreed to serve if elected. Then Shari Raider, our treasurer, presented the budget for the coming year and explained the careful considerations and values that went into determining how to best support our community financially in the coming year. After a number of questions and answers the budget was approved. After a short closing Niggun, and more appreciations for everyone who led and participated, the meeting was adjourned 15 minutes early. Thanks again to all who helped make this meeting a success and to everyone who attended and participated in the meeting. As we move into a new fiscal year we do so with the knowledge that while we are currently a virtual community we are a strong and vibrant community. Good health to everyone.

Video: tinyurl.com/HSannualmeeting

Chat: tinyurl.com/HSchat2020

Agenda: tinyurl.com/HSagendaCM

The Next Steps in Reopening

by the Presidents, Staff, and Core Crisis Team

We want to provide you with an update about our thoughts and plans regarding reopening given that Multnomah county will soon be in Phase I. We continue to be guided by our values of preserving life, caring for our most vulnerable, being safe and following public health guidelines. We acknowledge that this is a fluid reality. We are gathering information and making decisions as new information is learned. We also know it is important for many of you who are planning activities, services,



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and life cycle events to have some sense of what will be allowable and what won't be so you can plan accordingly.

At this point we are not opening the building for meetings or any gatherings. We will continue to utilize Zoom for our meetings, services, and other events including for B'nei Mitzvahs. We realize that many of you want to gather in person, and since the weather is improving being outside can be an option under specific circumstances.

At this time Havurah

will approve of an outdoor Havurah event (i.e. neighborhood gathering for Shabbat, Havdalah, etc.) if it meets the following requirements: Attendance will be limited to a maximum of 25 people, wearing masks and maintaining a physical distance of at least 6 feet. Singing cannot be part of these events, as we know there is an increased risk when people sing even if they are outside.

As in the past for B'nei Mitzvah, the immediate family (up to 10 people) may choose to be in the sanctuary while the rest of the participants are on Zoom. The requirements for this type of in-person gathering will be communicated separately to those families.

We have certainly learned that there is much we can do and do well on Zoom. We have held hundreds of meetings, meaningful Friday night services, Community minyans, B'nei Mitzvah and Shabbat School classes. We need to continue to utilize that technology to connect with each other as a community except in those configurations as mentioned above.

In order for our guidelines to change, we will be watching reports from Oregon Health Authority, and consulting with our core team, which includes Michael Heumann (thank you Michael) who is a retired epidemiologist with Oregon Health Authority. We have been advised that we will need to see at least 3 weeks of downward trending new and presumptive cases before we consider our next steps.

We encourage you all to reach out to each other, connect by phone, over Slack or Zoom and have small (less than 25) outside socially distanced and masked gatherings. Now that the weather will hopefully allow, we can create more of these opportunities with each other.

An Oasis in Time

by Marilyn Paul

Tuesday, July 28, 7 pm in Zoom Room Bet

Now more than ever, people seek relieve from the constant pressure to achieve, produce, and consume. While many turn to sporadic bouts of mindfulness and meditation, organizational change specialist Marilyn Paul focuses on the profound benefits of taking a modern-day Sabbath each week for deep rest and nourishing renewal. The energy, perspective, creativity, sense of

well-being, and yes, increased productivity that ensue are lifesaving.

Drawing on Sabbath tradition, contemporary research, and interviews with scores of busy people, Paul shows that it is possible to introduce these practices regardless of your religious beliefs. A weekly oasis experience can be designed, starting with just an hour or two carved out the time from a

packed schedule. Enjoying the pleasure of regularly slowing down and savoring life every week can change your mindset. The book offers practical ways to step off the treadmill, from surrounding yourself with nature to practicing rituals for beginning and ending oasis time to implementing strategies for connecting with friends and family, self, and source. Discussion led by Eve Berry.

The Book Group's website has been updated to show books through July 2021. Visit at havurahshalom.org/book-group

Have you thought about participating in the Havurah Book Discussion Group? It meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Havurah. Subscribing to the email list keeps you up to date on what is being read, and also entitles you to vote on next year's selections. Being on the email list does not commit you going to the discussions. If you are not already on our email list and would like to be on it, please send a request to David Newman at davnew2@earthlink.net.

A Year in Tumult

by Ben Walters

I joined Steering as Vice President in July 2019. I was told that ordinarily, this first year is spent learning how Steering functions, and gradually taking on some responsibilities. I had previously enrolled in Havurah's Adult B'nei Mitzvah class, so the first few months were busy juggling the two undertakings.

Our B'nei Mitzvah ceremony was on February 1, 2020. The sanctuary overflowed with congregants, friends, and family in all possible combinations, celebrating the completion of two years of study, discussions, and reflection.

My next ten days were busy with a Havurah Leadership retreat, staff meetings and other Havurah activities. On February 12, Stacy and I traveled overseas to explore other cultures and meet wonderful people. Usually returning home from an extended journey involves resuming routines with fresh eyes and reflecting on the experiences and sights. Turns out, we walked backwards into a future we could not see. We could not anticipate re-entering a quarantined country, restricting all regular activities.

Havurah immediately responded to Reconstructing Judaism's call to honor "deeply held values of pikuach nefesh (saving lives); caring for the elderly, infirm and at-risk; and focusing on community wellness." Thanks to work by Havurah's staff and numerous volunteers, Havurah pivoted to virtual operations with minimal staff in the building, and services and educational offerings being held through Zoom gatherings. Physically gathering in a minyan became impossible, so virtually gathering became the new norm.

I've now attended Havurah B'nei Mitzvahs where the family gathered in the sanctuary or at home, with Rabbi Benjamin and family participating virtually. Friends and family joined from their homes, from across the country, and from overseas.

In each case, the number of participants in these services equaled or surpassed the overflowing crowd at the

Adult B'nei Mitzvah. Our numbers attending services, education courses and other offerings routinely seem to be at or above our numbers from before. Paraphrasing a recent observation by Sam Sirkin, regular ritual practice may be more important now, providing a stopping place and connection in this time of chaos, fear, and disconnection.

In no sense has the transition been easy. Who knows when we'll be able to gather again, lifting collected voices, feeling the resonance. Accompanying one Zoom transmitted voice isn't satisfyingly resonant. On the other hand, virtual participation may continue indefinitely at some level. Despite drawbacks, it offers alternate, inclusive paths to expanded participation. I expect we'll be exploring these boundaries for some time to come.

Other societal changes continue apace. Following yet another senseless tragedy, people in Oregon, across the nation and around the world are demanding racial justice be addressed now. And who knows how long the economy will be in turmoil from the effects of the COVID-19 quarantine.

In response, Reconstructing Judaism has noted that Jewish history is replete with paradigm-shifting events. We have survived with resilience, creativity, and fortitude, forging new ways of being and connecting again and again. I look forward to exploring the paths forward with all of you.



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Add Your Voice to High Holidays!

As we did last year, we will be inviting you once again to add your voice to our prayer and celebration at High Holidays by submitting a "mini-drash" or kavanah (intention). These are short reflections or sharing of life experience, 2-3 minutes long, either in response to this year's theme (coming soon), or connected to the annual themes of teshuvah (returning/renewal/repentance) or forgiveness. Please look out for the announcement of our annual theme, which will be revealed through our weekly email sometime very soon.

Through your contributions we will include more voices and reflect more diversity of experience as we journey through Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur together.

Deadline for contributions is August 21.

Send to Rachel at rachel.pollak@havurahshalom.org with the subject line: "Mini-drash 2020"

Our New Steering Members!

This year's Nominating Committee is pleased to introduce our new 2020 Steering members who started on July 1. We asked them to share a little about their backgrounds, experience at Havurah and thoughts on joining Steering.

Loree Devery, Vice-President

Loree was born in Seattle and also grew up in Portland and Salem. After attending law school, she moved to Portland for good in 1987. She and her husband Robert Trachtenberg have two daughters in their twenties, Maya and Violet, who grew up at Havurah and have now moved out of the Portland area.



Loree retired in June 2019 after a career in the legal industry as a paralegal, attorney, recruiter and marketing director. At Havurah she has been an editor of our newsletter Hakol, Tot Shabbat Coordinator, High Holidays Child Care Coordinator, Shabbat School parent teacher, Auction Co-chair, Welcome Committee member and Steering Committee member. She is well known to the newest generation of Havurah babies and their parents as the knitter of booties and kippot the Welcome Committee gives as gifts to newborns.

As our new Vice-President, Loree says, "I consider myself extremely fortunate to be a part of this community and am hopeful that I can give back by being of service."

Beth Kaye, Corporate Secretary

Beth also has two children in their twenties who grew up at Havurah – Noah and Aviva. Her mother Sivia moved to Portland from New York several years ago and can be seen attending services often with Beth.



Beth was born in Brooklyn and lived in the New York City area before moving to Portland in 1986. She has been a member of Havurah for more than thirty years. Beth is currently working as the Director of Early Discussion and Resolution at the Oregon Patient Safety Commission. Her job involves working with patients and their families and healthcare providers to come to resolution when healthcare outcomes don't go as planned.

Beth taught Shabbat School, served on one of our earliest Long-Range Planning Committees, was part of the Steering Committee, Moatzah (Educator's Advisory Committee), on the Endowment Committee and on other task forces over the years. She enthusiastically accepted the nomination to Steering, saying "Havurah is a force for good in my life, and in this community. When asked to help, I like to say 'Yes!'"

Bob Brown, Tikkun Olam Cluster Lead

Bob's current day 'job' is as a social justice community organizer – an unpaid role which Bob approaches with passion and commitment. He first joined Havurah in 1993 when his son was interested in connecting with Judaism and Bob was also seeking connection to community. Havurah's affiliation with MACG (Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good) and the emphasis on 'relational culture' felt like a good fit for Bob.



Bob has been heavily involved with Tikkun Olam at Havurah throughout his time as a member, including most recently being one of the tri-chairs of Havurah's Sanctuary Committee. He is also currently on the boards of MACG, the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMiJ) and Allies for Healthier Oregon. He is active with various immigration organizations through his work with IMiJ.

Bob moved to Portland in 1972 after he returned from three years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal teaching math and science. He worked for 24 years as a software engineer at Intel, retiring in 2008. Bob's adult daughter Lela lives in Portland and his adult son Micah lives in Virginia.

"I am excited to participate in Steering as the liaison with the Tikkun Olam Cluster. I want to participate in the ongoing evolution of the community and help to keep our Tikkun Olam activities supported and expanding appropriately."

Steve Birkel, Makom Cluster Lead

Steve and his wife Debbi Nadell have five kids – Kristina, Brianna, Jake, Elyse, and Naomi - and one grandchild, Ryan. Steve grew up in Nebraska and moved to Portland in 1984 for his first job in high tech at Tektronix. He also worked at Intel for 22 years and retired in 2016.



At Havurah, Steve's first role was as a Shabbat School teacher for Jake's Shabbat School classes in the early 2000s. He is co-chair of the I.T. Committee and has been busy lately supporting Havurah's migration into the world of Zoom. Steve also helped with founding the Tikkun Olam Havurah Climate Action Team (HCAT) and has been a High Holidays Security Coordinator for the past few years.

Steve is looking forward to his new role – "I'm so impressed with Steering's quality of work and the quality of the people. I'm honored to be nominated to join the team."

Countering White Nationalism Cohort

by Sue Danielson, Chris Coughlin, Bob Brown

Five Havurah members recently participated in the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMiJ) “Countering White Nationalism” cohort. Six sessions were held where we learned about white nationalism (a social movement) and white supremacy (a system of discrimination). The Havurah cohort continues to meet, exploring our own experiences with white supremacy and discussing action planning within Havurah to raise awareness of white nationalism, and how to partner with IMiJ on other actions.

Over the last month we have had four meetings, two focused on action possibilities and two focused on working through the “Me and White Supremacy” workbook by Laila Saad. Simultaneously we have participated in several Interfaith gatherings sponsored by IMiJ, most recently in one entitled “What It Means to be a White Ally.”

The next phase of our work will focus primarily on countering white nationalism rather than on anti-white supremacy

activities, although as Havurah continues to explore how to engage with anti-white supremacy work we are interested in being involved. For now, we have identified 3 areas of work: personal work with cohort members, internal Havurah work, and external Interfaith work.

Personal work revolves around the Workbook mentioned above.

Internal Havurah work might include a Zoom class this summer or perhaps offering a breakout session for High Holidays that could lead to a class offering in Havurah on Countering White Nationalism/Anti-Semitism.

External Interfaith/IMiJ work will explore reaching out to congregations affected by the “Antifa buses” flare-up in several rural Oregon communities last week. We are not sure what this will lead to in terms of action, but we can begin to strengthen relationships and explore common interests with progressive faith communities in rural Oregon who may feel isolated.

Sanctuary Committee Sponsorship Update

by the Sanctuary Committee

The Torah calls on us to welcome the stranger. In 2016, Havurah became a Sanctuary Congregation, and we are currently sponsoring Maria and her 16-year-old son Carlos, who left Guatemala in search of safety. Currently seeking asylum in the US, Maria and Carlos are living temporarily with a Havurah family.

Supporting Maria and Carlos as they go through the asylum process is part of our work as a Sanctuary congregation. We are happy to report that Maria worked with a legal volunteer and submitted her asylum application before the deadline. After she crossed into the US, she had a year to apply, but waited

to submit her paperwork until she and Carlos arrived in Oregon. They had been living in New Mexico with a wonderful host who reached out to Havurah to see if we would sponsor the family because asylum case outcomes in our area are much more favorable than in New Mexico.

To date, the Sanctuary Committee has organized housing, pro bono legal representation, educational support and medical care. Carlos is planning to enroll in summer school, and Maria is meeting with a Havurah English tutor. Havurah members have stepped up as volunteers and with financial contributions, and there are many ways we can continue to work together as a commu-

nity to support the family. Updates and information about how you can help will continue to be shared in Hakol and Hineinu, the weekly email. In all our communications we will be respectful of the family’s privacy and safety needs.

If you are interested in finding out how you can help, please contact Kathy Gordon or Debbi Nadell.

Several Havurah members have pledged ongoing monthly contributions to help financially support the family. If you are able, we hope you will help out with a one-time or monthly contribution. Use this link to donate: havurahshalom.org/form/sanctuary

Poverty & Homelessness Committee Update

by Gloria Halper

Direct Service Project with Portland Homeless Family Solutions

All the stats (except for the 2647 hours) are based on last year’s fiscal year: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The 2647 hours for the Family Village remodel are based over a longer period: July 2018 to present (May, 2020).

For the full annual report:
tinyurl.com/FVreport1

Visit pdxhfs.org/blog for more.



Lift UP Offers Food and More

by Ruth Tenzer Feldman

Lift Urban Portland, our partner in providing food security to low-income residents of northwest and downtown Portland, reports that food is in good supply, despite suspending food drives during this covid-19 pandemic. This summer, Lift UP will rely on the Oregon Food Bank, local farmers, and “gleaning” sources such as Amazon and New Seasons. The organization continues to offer fresh produce and foods that meet dietary restrictions, and it aims to meet the higher demand for food at Preston’s Pantry (now at First United Methodist Church). A diverse group of younger people now on furlough or unemployed has swelled the ranks of volunteers. Most volunteer jobs have a waiting list, EXCEPT there is still a need for those who can drive a truck and lift heavy loads. If you can volunteer for that, please contact Lift UP at info@lifturbanportland.org or call 503-221-1224.



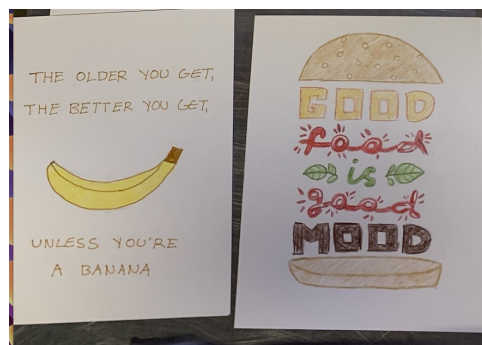
your cards to: Abby Morris, Lift Urban Portland, 2701 NW Vaughn St., Suite 102, Portland, OR 97210.

2. Attend the free virtual fundraiser August 27. Lift UP usually draws much of its funding through annual Making Connections galas. This year the event will be online and feature our own Jenn Louis, a master chef and member of the Poverty and Homelessness Committee. It’s a fine opportunity to learn more about Lift UP and food justice, regardless of whether you make a donation. Stay tuned for details.

“I have been moved by the generosity and commitment of our community,” notes Stephanie Barr, Lift UP’s new executive director. “I joined Lift UP during a challenging time, but as the demand for food grows, you have stepped up in whatever ways you can to ensure that the need is met with abundance. Thank you for sharing food, joy, and connection with your neighbors.”

Here’s what we all can do to help:

1. Make encouragement cards. During these isolating days, Lift UP has added something new to the food boxes it delivers—a handcrafted note of comfort and community. Residents have asked for more. If there are enough cards, Lift UP might distribute them at Preston’s Pantry as well. This is a great project to do with kids, or in your spare time between Zoom calls. Everyone benefits. No need to be an artist. Send



Cards add comfort and fun to food boxes.

Confused by Zoom?

Check out Yuvi Zalkow’s easy-to-follow YouTube video explaining the basics!

tinyurl.com/HSzoomvideo

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

July 11

Max Symmes

Son of Beth Segal and Patrick Symmes

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

Condolences

Celia Hirsch, mother of Warren Hirsch, mother-in-law of Kate Loggan, grandmother of Henry Hirsch, passed away June 11.

Ruth Feinsilver Wolf, mother of Rabbi Joey Wolf, mother-in-law of Lisa Rackner, grandmother of Simeon, Sarah, Amelia and Gavriella, passed away June 16.

Rosalía de la Rocha, mother of David de la Rocha, mother-in-law of Andrine, grandmother of Petra and Tasche, passed away June 23.

Jerome M. Reich, father of Sacha Reich, father-in-law of Aaron Pearlman, and grandfather of Lev and Ravit; father of Lainye Heiles and grandfather of Ciela and Skye; and father of Nathan Reich, passed away June 23.

Tributes

General Contributions

Shelli Aderman, in memory of Jerome M. Reich.

Tatum & Saul Korin, in memory of Jerome Reich.

Kathy and Lou Jaffe, in memory of Harry Jaffe.

Nathan Cogan Family Fund of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, in memory of Nick Fish and Arlene Schnitzer, and in memory of Nathan Cogan's parents, sisters (Ann Orkin, Janet Grafton & Ida Levin), brother (Edward & wife Arnette) and cousin Amy Pearlstein.

Educator's Discretionary Fund

Estee Segal and Gabe Adoff, in honor of Deborah Eisenbach-Budner for her support of

Orion throughout Shabbat School and at his Bar Mitzvah. You are a gem!

Havurah Endowment Fund

Lisa Rackner, in memory of my dear father, Alvin Rackner.

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Bija Guttoff, in memory of my father, Reuben Guttoff.

Hilde Price Levine and Michael Levine, in memory of Rabbi Joey Wolfe's mother. May her memory be a blessing.

Marni Glick and Hank Kaplan, in memory of my mom, Florence Glick.

Estee Segal and Gabe Adoff, in honor of Rabbi Benjamin for his help and support of Orion's bar mitzvah.

Gratitude

by the Steering Committee

As usual, there are many people we have to thank and show appreciation for the continued programs, services and connections that occur at Havurah Shalom- from our very dedicated and skilled staff to all the members who share their gifts and talents with us all. This list represents a piece of all efforts happening at Havurah. If there is someone or some task missing please let us know by emailing lagermes@gmail.com.

Appreciation to all who put together the successful congregational meeting and all of the technological pieces that allowed it to occur smoothly. Also, thanks to the well-prepared presentations about the activities in our Sanctuary committee, Neighborhood groups, Long Term Space Planning "Space Jam" and our budget. All were uniformly appreciated by attendees.

Special thanks to Rachel Pollack for accommodating all of the communications and last-minute changes to those communications around the congregational meeting and annual dues letter and making sure everything went out on time.

To all on the B'nei Mitzvah Committee and their thoughtful navigation of the complex issue of date selection and for your efforts towards equity in process and transparency in communication. And to all the B'nei Mitzvah families for your patience as this process occurred.

For those on Spiritual Life who have taken on the added task of Zoom scrollers and room hosts during Friday night services, Wednesday minyans as well as Saturday community minyans and B'nei Mitzvahs! Your efforts allow our community to access services.

To all who have begun planning for our High Holidays this year! Thank you for all the thought and creativity that you are putting into these High Holidays to make them inclusive, safe, diverse in thought and meaningful. Stay tuned for a variety of new ways to engage and help with the planning and implementation of our High Holidays.

To all who helped with all our Zoom gatherings. In May we had 118 meetings, 2071 meeting attendees and 122,165 user

meeting minutes! That's a lot of Zoom!

Thank you to David Lewis for volunteering to finish the closet painting in Kerem!

Karen Westerman and Steve Birkel – thank you for your critical efforts in keeping Havurah's expanding virtual world running smoothly!

Thank you to Steering for endorsing HereTogether-Solutions for Homelessness on the May ballot and adding Havurah Shalom's name to the faith community letter in the voters' pamphlet, to the Poverty and Homelessness Committee for sharing information about the measure, and to everyone in the congregation who made calls, donated to the campaign, put a lawn sign in their yard or window, and most importantly to all who voted yes!

To those whose term on Steering ended June 30th:

Ken Lerner, Immediate Past President
Chris Coughlin, two-term Tikkun Olam Cluster Lead
Vivienne Popperl, Corporate Secretary
Tom Berg, Makom Cluster Lead

Thank you for all that you have brought to your roles in leadership, for your love of Havurah and community and for your time and energy!

And thank you to those who have agreed to be nominated for Steering positions:

Beth Kaye, Corporate Secretary
Loree Devery, Vice President
Steve Birkel, Makom Cluster Lead
Bob Brown, Tikkun Olam Cluster Lead

July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 <u>Tammuz 6</u> 10:30am Thinking About the Futures of Israel/Palestine: Part II 7:00pm New Building Discussion & Q&A "Should Havurah Buy a Building?"	29 <u>Tammuz 7</u>	30 <u>Tammuz 8</u> 12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 7:00pm Book Discussion Group: The Lost	1 <u>Tammuz 9</u> 8:30am Morning Minyan	2 <u>Tammuz 10</u>	3 <u>Tammuz 11</u> 8:44pm Candle Lighting	4 <u>Tammuz 12</u> Chukat-Balak Admin: Independence Day 10:00am Community Minyan 9:52pm Havdalah
5 <u>Tammuz 13</u>	6 <u>Tammuz 14</u>	7 <u>Tammuz 15</u> 12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 7:00pm HCAT Meeting	8 <u>Tammuz 16</u> 8:30am Morning Minyan	9 <u>Tammuz 17</u> Fast of Tammuz	10 <u>Tammuz 18</u> 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:41pm Candle Lighting	11 <u>Tammuz 19</u> Pinchas 10:00am Bar Mitzvah of Max Symmes 9:49pm Havdalah
12 <u>Tammuz 20</u>	13 <u>Tammuz 21</u> 3:00pm Four Wise Biblical Women	14 <u>Tammuz 22</u> 12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 6:30pm Steering Meeting	15 <u>Tammuz 23</u> 8:30am Morning Minyan	16 <u>Tammuz 24</u> Hakol Deadline	17 <u>Tammuz 25</u> 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:36pm Candle Lighting	18 <u>Tammuz 26</u> Shabbat Mevarchim Matot-Masei 10:00am Community Minyan 9:43pm Havdalah
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