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Let's Help Maria & Carlos!

by the Sanctuary Committee

The phone call to Havurah's office came unexpectedly in March of 2020: a Jewish woman in New Mexico was hosting two Guatemalan asylum-seekers, a mother and son who had fled their little village near Lake Atitlan and made the long, dangerous journey to the U.S. Knowing it would be easier for them to apply from Oregon, their host was searching for congregations here — and saw that ours has a Sanctuary Committee. Would we be open to sponsoring Maria and Carlos? Havurah said yes.

Since then, we have been the community for Maria and Carlos; and it has been a privilege getting to know this resilient and determined pair. Because of the journey they endured together, Maria and Carlos have an especially tight bond. Family is paramount for Maria, who had to leave behind close relatives, with whom she is in touch daily. She sews and knits, and she's a talented cook who loves to prepare traditional Guatemalan fare and experiment with new recipes. Carlos has a gift for art, creating colorful abstracts, sensitive portraits, and animation.

Since their arrival, Havurah members have worked to help Maria and Carlos build a new life in this country. We've supported them as they navigate the US asylum process, a broken system that allows people to apply, but provides no resources during the months, and sometimes years, before a decision is made. We organized housing with a Havurah family, pro bono legal representation, medical and dental care, educational resources, transportation, and financial support.

Through the generosity of the Havurah community, we've raised enough money to support Maria and Carlos through June 2021. Collectively, sixty Havurah families have given (\$16,000 in gifts and pledges) to help with living expenses and their travel debt. We are so grateful to you all!

This summer, Maria and Carlos will transition to independent living while their asylum case is pending. By then Carlos will have completed the school year, and Maria should have a work permit. However, even when she finds employment, we recognize that Maria will not immediately earn enough to cover a security deposit, rent, utilities, food, and transportation.

That's why we are announcing a new fundraising goal: to raise another \$18,000 to fund the first year of independent living for Maria and Carlos (about 50% of their anticipated expenses.)

As the team accompanying Maria and Carlos, we now ask Havurah members to say Yes again. Yes to a mother and son we have come to know

and respect. Yes to a family whose search for safety echoes many of our own family histories. Yes to contributing vital support as Maria and Carlos continue their American journey.

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[Click here](#) to donate to the fund for Maria and Carlos.

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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.

April Hakol Submission Deadline

March 15

To find this form, go to havurahshalom.org/submit and click on the corresponding link.

Weekly Email Deadline

Every Tuesday at noon

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Book Group: Online Discussion

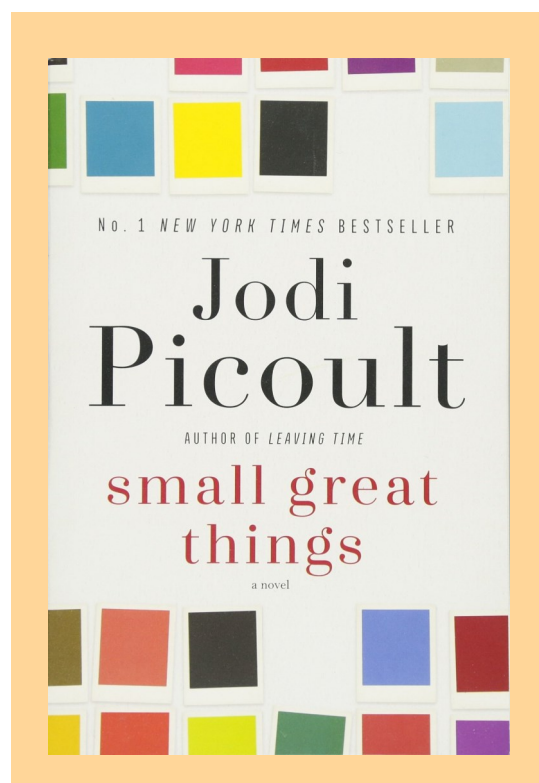
Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

Tuesday, March 23, 7-8:30 pm

Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender, takes her case but gives unexpected advice: Kennedy insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Conflicted by Kennedy's counsel, Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family—especially her teenage son—as the case becomes a media sensation. As the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see that what they've been taught their whole lives about others—and themselves—might be wrong. With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers. *Small Great Things* is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game.

Discussion led by Gloria Halper and Ruth Feldman.



Our Budgeting Process

by Shari Raider, Havurah Treasurer

In February, we begin our budgeting process for the next fiscal year which runs from July 1 to June 30. Every year we build a balanced budget (Income equals Expenses) as a roadmap to the coming year. This cycle gives us the opportunity to delve into our values, analyze our programs and decide how we want to continue to spend our money. Creating a budget takes time, energy & vision and involves the whole community. The pandemic has added to this complexity. Finance asked our Executive Team along with the Crisis Core team to create guidelines for the budgeting process so that everyone involved could be working from the same assumptions: for budgeting purposes we will use an October 1 date for planning for in-person activities. This, of course, is only a guess for the purposes of consistency in the budgeting process which involves staff and dozens of community leaders. We will continue to follow public health guidelines and our Crisis Core Team before making any decisions to resume in person activities.

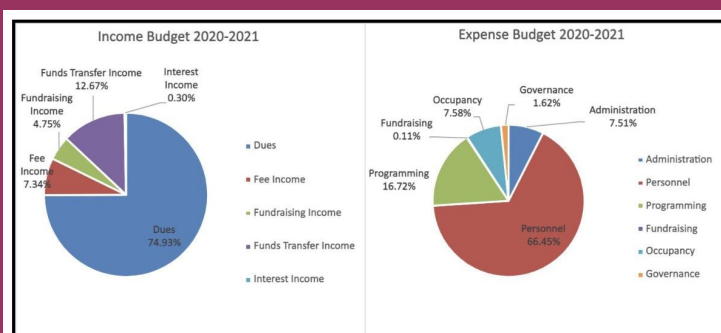
The process begins with Cluster Leads, Committee Chairs, Staff and Steering analyzing what has happened historically and what we envision for our future. This analysis becomes the foundation for the 2021-2022 budget. All these stakeholders submit a budget for their area/program. The Finance Committee collects these budgets to create one overall budget, reviews it and makes recommendations to Steering. Then Steering reviews the budget carefully and makes a final recommendation to the Congregation. Each line item of the Operating Budget will be reviewed multiple times before it goes to the Congregation for final approval.

As you can see from the charts to the right, membership dues provide 75% of Havurah's revenue. The remainder comes from program & building fees, fundraising, and Funds transfers. Many Havurahniks make dona-

tions and tributes to our Funds, which contain dollars used for specific purposes (i.e. Building & Maintenance Fund, Tikkun Olam Fund, Music Fund, Endowment Fund). When appropriate, we transfer monies from the Funds to the Operating Budget; this then becomes another income source for the Operating Budget.

The money brought in is then spent on administration, personnel, programming, fundraising, occupancy, and governance. At times, we need to make choices when expected expenses outpace expected income. If this happens, discussions occur about either bringing in more money through increasing dues, charging, or increasing fees for certain programs, fundraising, or looking for areas in which expenses can be decreased. We do this process together over many months culminating in June when the congregation votes to approve the budget for the new fiscal year.

On June 6, 2021 the entire congregation will vote on adopting the budget for our new fiscal year starting in July. I hope you will put this important date into your calendar to join in the discussion. If, in the meantime, you have any questions about the 2021-2022 budget process please feel free to contact me via the Havurah Member Directory located on havurahshalom.org under "Contact" after sign-in.



2020-2021 Approved Operating Budget

Passover

Tuesday, March 27 – April 4

Passover starts March 27! Passover Prep activities and resources are coming your way. Stay tuned!

Winter/Spring Activities

by Gloria Halper

The Poverty and Homelessness Committee is actively seeking to connect — or reconnect — with members interested in direct service, philanthropy, or advocacy. Here are several on-going activities in keeping with COVID-19 restrictions:

Our series of discussions around poverty in Portland started with Committee member Jenn Louis who shared practical advice from her ongoing experience helping those in several homeless camps followed by Q and A. Our Poverty Discussions continue this month on March 9, noon-1 PM with a Solution Salon hosted by Brandi Tuck, Executive Director of Portland Homeless Family Solutions (PHFS) and Kaia Sand, Street Roots Executive Director. Zoom in with the Portland community to hear causes, effects, and solutions of homelessness. You'll be able to ask questions about this challenging issue and engage in dialogue about what we

can do to help. [RSVP to PHFS here.](#)

We continue Havurah's long-term commitment to Portland Homeless Family Solutions (PHFS). Although covid-19 prevents us from sharing meals at the shelter, we still supply one dinner a month. Many of our PHFS volunteers supply other meals on their own time, and work in the shelter's garden as well as doing odd jobs as allowed.

We support Lift UP, which runs Preston's Food Pantry and provides monthly food boxes to low-income residents unable to get to the pantry. Once the pandemic is behind us, we return to delivering food boxes to the nearby Vibrant! Apartments, as part of Lift UP, and we plan to expand a program to help children and their families who live there.

We support Jenn's work in NE homeless camps.

We are involved in advocacy around

Poverty and Homelessness

poverty and its root causes through our membership with the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty. The Alliance meets (now on Zoom) at noon on the first Thursday of the month. These meetings and the monthly newsletter are jam packed with important information. Links to the Alliance meeting and newsletter are often found in Hineinu.

Philanthropy is also key. Each year, in preparation for the congregational budget meeting, our committee decides on the level of monetary support for each of the organizations/programs we work with. The monetary support comes from both the general Havurah budget, as well as the Tikkun Olam Fund which is comprised of tributes made to that fund.

Get in touch, sign up, join – in whatever way you can. Contact Gloria Halper via the Havurah Member Directory.

PHFS Is Featured in a New Book! by Chari Smith

Our Tikkun Olam partner Portland Homeless Family Solutions (PHFS) is featured in Chari Smith's new book "Nonprofit Program Evaluation Made Simple: Get your Data. Show your Impact. Improve your Programs." Chari worked with the PHFS team in 2013 to develop a realistic and meaningful program evaluation system. Brandi Tuck, Executive Director of Portland Homeless Family Solutions

shares, "Being able to share the impact you made is critical to support fundraising, marketing and communication efforts. The data will help you tell your story in a way that is meaningful and effective to illustrate what you do and the difference your program makes."

More information at www.evaluationintoaction.com/book.

Want to see more of what Havurah has to offer later this year?

Check out our [2020-2021 Community Brochure](#) and our [Havurah calendar](#).

Want to see our previous Hakols or weekly emails?

Check out our news page on the website at havurahshalom.org/news

Do you know how to navigate the Havurah website?

If you've ever been confused, or even if you're curious to learn more, take a look at our new [Havurah Website Guide](#) and you should be able to find the most essential things you'll need!

History Committee Seeking Members

by Marian Rhys and Becky Seel

Did you know that Havurah Shalom was the first “alternative” Jewish congregation to be established in Portland? that Rabbi Benjamin is Havurah’s fourth rabbi? that before the current building was purchased, Havurah was considering sharing a building with the Quakers?

If you’re intrigued by ‘insider’ facts like these, and would like to learn more, we invite you to join Havurah’s newly formed History Committee. There’s a lot of history at Havurah, and while much of the information about it is stored in paper or electronic documents, photographs, recordings, etc., there is still much that is not, and much that needs to be orga-

nized. This information will be useful as well as interesting, helping us envision the future by keeping alive the memories of why Havurah was formed; what our founding goals and values were and how they may have changed over the decades; how our organizational structure has developed—in short, what has made us the community we are today.

We will be gathering and consolidating facts about Havurah’s history, deciding what formats to store them in, how this information could be useful and to whom. Creative ideas are welcome! Contact Becky Seel or Marian Rhys for more information.

The Census Is Coming

by Eliana Temkin and Rachael Duke, Long-Range Plan co-Chairs

Our Long-Range Plan process is well underway with several different efforts working to gather as much feedback as possible from the 455 member units in the Havurah community. You have a big part in this – no matter how long you have been a member, or how you participate in the life of the congregation.

Every Havurah Household will be receiving an invitation to complete our Census. We hope to have 100% participation in answering a set of questions that will help us paint a picture of who we are, which guides us as we project forward for the next five years. The Census will take 10-15 minutes to complete and give you the chance to share how you self-identify, how old the members of your household are, how you choose to participate in Havurah, what economic sector you work in, what technology you are currently using to connect with other Havurah families, and what challenges your household or individuals may face.

In much the same way that the U.S. Census recently attempted to understand the people who live in our country, the Havurah Census will help us understand the people who have joined us in this dynamic community. Information shared through the Census, along with the other data gathering we are doing, fills in the road map we will use as we look ahead to upcoming needs and opportunities for change and improvement. Sensitive information gathered as part of the Census respons-

es will be kept confidential. We are interested in the aggregated data we will receive from the responses.

In addition to the Census, the Long-Range Plan team is working on other methods to gather data:

- **Focus Groups** have been conducted with Steering members, Committee chairs, Past Presidents and others. A 45-minute conversation with members of the Long-Range Plan team gives Havurah members the chance to imagine our future, what we want to look like five years from now, and how we will get there. Additional Focus Groups are being scheduled for Shabbat School, Middle School and High School parents, for our High School youth, for Staff and for other groups. We hope to include close to 200 Havurahniks in Focus Group discussions.

- **Survey** questions are being developed with the input of leaders and staff. The questions will ask about our opinions on topics ranging from fundraising to how welcoming we are as a community to Tikkun Olam to how we feel about using Zoom for services. We know not everyone will choose to participate in the survey, but we hope to have a high number of responses to make sure we have a valid sample.

- A small group is revisiting the Havurah values that were identified in the 2014 Long Range Plan. By strengthening the values statements, we will have additional guidelines for the direction our Long-Range Plan should take, as

well as a tool that can be shared with all members and reflected in the leadership work we do.

We are looking at data collected outside of Havurah through the greater Portland Jewish community, and about American Jews in general to help us identify trends that are likely to impact our next several years.

Everyone’s input is a valuable piece of data as we go through this process. To create the most realistic Long-Range Plan for Havurah, we need to understand who we are, what is important to us, what issues do we see in the community, and what ideas we have for resolving those issues.

When you have the chance to complete your Census, take it! When you have the chance to attend a Focus Group, make the time to go! When you receive information about answering questions in the Survey, share your opinions with us! And if you want to give us feedback, or be invited to join a Focus Group, please contact us so we can make sure your voice is part of our conversation.

Long-Range Plan To Do List

- Complete the census so your household’s demographic data is included
- Answer the survey to give your opinion on important issues we are facing
- Participate in a focus group to imagine what Havurah could look like in 5 years

From the Library

by Marjorie Bennet

On January 30, many of us attended a Book Talk with Rabbi Arthur Ocean Waskow about his new book, *Dancing in God's Earthquake: The Coming Transformation of Religion*. The book is now available to check out from the Havurah Library. If you want to further explore Rabbi Waskow's thought, our library's collection includes *Freedom Journeys: The Tale of Exodus and Wilderness Across Millennia* (2011), *A Time For Every Purpose Under Heaven: The Jewish Life-Spiral As A Spiritual Path* (2002), and *Seasons of Our Joy: A Modern Guide to the Jewish Holidays* (1991, 1982).

At the Multnomah County Library (MCL) you can find *Seasons of Our Joy*, *A Time for Every Purpose...*, as well as

Godwrestling - Round 2: Ancient Wisdom, Future Paths (1996) and *The Freedom Seder: A New Haggadah for Passover* (1970). MCL also has a copy of *Becoming Brothers* (1993), the book Rabbi Waskow wrote with his brother, Howard Waskow (and that he mentioned during his Book Talk). Some of us may have known Howard, who lived in Portland and was active in academic and social justice circles from 1964 until his death in 2012.

You can explore the ongoing work of Rabbi Waskow and his colleagues at [The Shalom Center](#).

MCL offers curbside pickup for books you place on hold. If you want to check out Havurah Library books without entering the Havurah building, contact the librarian.

Nominating Update

Havurah's Nominating Committee is a permanent committee responsible for identifying members to be elected by the congregation to the Steering Committee. Our By-Laws spell out the requirements for the nominating and election process, including establishing the Nominating Committee and setting time periods for notifications.

After our governance reorganization about five years ago, Steering has 11 positions. Most positions have a two-year term. The four positions that are part of the 'President track' – Vice-President, two Co-President, Immediate Past President – are all part of a four year rotation.

The Nominating Committee has started work to nominate candidates for the 2021-2022 Steering Committee. This spring, we'll be submitting nominations for the following positions: Vice-President (four year commitment), Corporate Secretary, Avodah (Spiritual Life) Cluster Lead, Kehillah (Community) Cluster Lead.

We are looking for motivated Havurah members who want to be involved in a hands-on manner with our governance and

planning. With the exception of Vice-President, the other candidates will serve from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

If you are interested in being on the Steering Committee or have questions about the available positions, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members: Eve Berry, Janice Kettler, Julia Lager-Mesulam, Debbi Nadell, Aaron Pearlman, Ben Walters.

This year we are also looking for members to serve on the Nominating Committee starting this winter. To ensure that the Steering Committee more closely reflects Havurah's membership, we want a Nominating Committee that spans different age ranges, areas of participation in the congregation, and professional experience.

Nominating typically meets once or twice each year to identify what positions will need to be filled and candidates for those positions. Outside of meetings, Nominating Committee members call to speak with prospective nominees and help to guide them through the process. If you want to learn more about serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact Debbi Nadell.

Events

Gefilte Fish Class with Rachel Shimshak

Sunday, March 14, 2pm

The famous Jewish cook, Joan Nathan, says that, "for many Jews of Eastern European roots, Passover without gefilte fish is like Chanukah without latkes." Making classic "Northwest" gefilte fish is not that hard, and it tastes very different from that awful stuff that comes in a bottle (thanks to the presence of salmon). To overcome your years of hesitation, join Rachel Shimshak to learn how to make her mother's gefilte fish. It will impress those in your pod. With so many of us spending increased time at home cooking almost all of our meals, it's time to take the plunge and give home-made fish a try. Join Rachel Shimshak for this virtual cooking class on March 14 at 2pm.

Letter Writing Party to Save the Planet!

Sunday, March 14, 5 pm - Zoom Room Bet

Help save the planet by writing personal letters to our U.S. Senators and Members of Congress. We will be including movement, music and art to make the gathering fun for all ages. The topic is protecting the climate by phasing out hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) that are used in air conditioning. We are asking the Senate to ratify the international treaty called the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol to protect the ozone layer, which phased out chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). The Jewish Earth Alliance provides us background ([see the link here](#)) and will combine letters to amplify our Jewish voice on the urgency of action to protect the climate. Facilitated by Rebecca Darling-Budner and Marianna Grossman. For more great information: [The Climate on Capitol Hill: A Roadmap for Jewish Advocacy in the 117th Congress](#), [Secrets of Successful Climate Organizing and Advocacy](#), a session at the [Big Bold Jewish Climate Fest](#).

Our beloved Havurah building is bursting at the seams. Before the pandemic, it was often hard to schedule a meeting or an adult education class because of so many activities competing for limited rooms. We don't have a commercial kitchen, which limits the caterers we can use for life-cycle events. We lack adequate bathroom capacity for our size. There is not sufficient space for staff. The long-term availability of the Lutheran Church for Shabbat School is far from certain and it would be nice if our kids didn't have to cross two streets to get there. Our outdoor space is limited. And then there's parking.

Havurah leadership tasked our committee with identifying options for solving this “Space Jam.” (That’s now the name of our committee.)

We analyzed our needs and determined that we need 50% more space right now, and potentially 100% more in the next 10-20 years. We have exactly twice as many family units as we did when we moved into our building over 20 years ago. It's amazing that we have been able to manage for this long.

In addition to reaching out to other synagogues and churches to inquire about partnerships and/or purchases, we have toured some properties and been in touch with the East Side Commons group. You may recall that last summer we also entertained buying the building behind ours, but that was not to be.

To leave no stone unturned, we commissioned a feasibility



study to look at building on to our current building. We asked our original architect, Richard Brown, to provide some options for us to consider. He engaged an engineering firm and our original construction contractors to provide some preliminary estimates of the work involved and the price of each option.

Richard provided us with conceptual drawings for three options: 1) adding one story to the South side of the building (only building up on the South requires less seismic work and less cost); 2) adding two stories to the South side of the building; and 3) completely replacing our building with a new, 3-story building. [The whole report can be found at this link.](#) Options 2 and 3 have an outdoor play space on the roof and provide a more private entry to our courtyard, along with additional space and a commercial kitchen. Again, these are just rough conceptual drawings, but they give you an idea of how we might configure the space.

Our current building has approximately 8,000 sq. ft. of usable space. The total square footage and estimated costs for each of the options are:

Option 1 – 13,000 total sq. ft., approx. \$3.6 million

Option 2 – 17,000 total sq. ft., approx. \$3.8 million

Option 3 – 23,000 total sq. ft., approx. \$9.3 million

We know what you're thinking. This is a boatload of money. It's important to remember that we ultimately raised \$4 million for our current building (over \$6 million in today's dollars) when we had half as many members. Several people stepped forward then with very generous contributions and/or loans, and 100% of Havurah members participated in the capital campaign. All of the fundraising was confidential.

For now, we wanted to share with you some of the options that are being considered. As we look at other properties, we will be able to compare their price and space to these options.

Shortly following Pesach, having been liberated from Pharaoh's hardened and callous heart, we will dedicate these retreat days to softening our hearts through practice in community. Our time will be in the midst of Counting the Omer, a season of deep spiritual reflection. We gather during the third week of the Omer, which is devoted to Tiferet: the Vulnerable Radiant Heart. As our hearts soften, they come to know their own healing, expanding our awareness, and strengthening our capacity to hold all that is with compassion and love. Our practice will be mostly in silence, along with times for prayer and chanting, meditation, instruction, teachings, and check-ins with teachers. www.awayin.org/healingtheheart2021

Havurah Shalom will soon call to the Torah the following B'nei Mitzvah:

March 20

Sanna Berkson-Klaus

Child of Lorissa & Mark

April 10

Simon Yohalem-Ilsley

Child of Beth & Justin

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

Condolences

Dick Mastbrook, husband of Arleen Slive, passed away February 12 at the age of 91.

June Tyler Rogers, mother of Carol Stampfer and grandmother of Aviva, Zev, and Rahel, passed away March 1 at the age of 100.

Tributes

General Contributions

Sivia Kaye, on the yahrzeit of my parents, Harry and Lily Karansky, I remember the philanthropic life they lived and the example they set for their children.

Sam Sirkin, in honor of Rabbi Benjamin. Your comforting presence and beautiful eulogy at Erin's funeral service two years ago are still resonant.

Karen and Alan Westerman, in honor of my mother Harriette Spector. I still miss her every day.

Herman Asarnow and Susan Baillet, in loving memory of Celina Asarnow.

Erica Kass, in appreciation of Brad Pector and Evan King for making our family feel welcomed into the Portland Jewish community and for the help they have given us so far during our transition. We look forward to meeting everyone in person!

Spiritual Life Fund

Monica Moriarty and Bill Kwitman, in loving memory of Dick Mastbrook from Monica and Bill.

Music Fund

Judi and Martin Soloway, in memory of my mother, Fannie Chazanow.

Tikkun Olam Fund

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

Havurah Endowment Fund

Stacy Hankin and Ben Walters, in memory of Dick Mastbrook – a shining example of what a person burning with lovingkindness can accomplish, in terms of inspiring others to be better humans, individually and to one another.

Debbi Nadell and Steve Birkel, in memory of Dick Mastbrook.

Mimi and Bob Epstein, in memory of Dick Mastbrook.

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Sara and Mike Morris, in loving memory of Dick Mastbrook, a gentle soul who will be missed.

Sam Sirkin, in memory of Erin Farrar, my wife of nearly 30 years, and Zoe and Jesse's mom, who died 2 years ago, who lives with us in memory and in many other very tangible ways.

Ruth and Michael Feldman, in memory of Dick Mastbrook.

Adele and Jack Thompson, in memory of our parents, Jack & Armella Thompson, and Sam & Evelyn Diamond.

Mazel Tov!

Mazel tov to Gwendolyn Kaplin and Ben Lebwohl on the birth of their son, Nolan Sonny Lebwohl, who was born on January 20. May you bring one another great joy, and may he be a source of blessing for your whole family.

Shabbat School Enrollment

Enrollment in Havurah Shalom's Shabbat School for 2021-2022 will be underway soon. We are currently planning for next year's Shabbat School, our cooperative Jewish education program for children and families. If you or somebody you know has a child entering grades K-6 in the autumn of 2021-2022 and are considering participation in Shabbat School, please note that May 1 is the enrollment deadline for Shabbat School, with families being members of Havurah Shalom by April 18. Please read all about Shabbat School and the Havurah Shalom website for more information about the community. After that, contact Deborah Eisenbach-Budner, Education Director (deborah@havurahshalom.org), or Brad Pector, Communications and Membership Coordinator (brad.pector@havurahshalom.org).

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28 <u>Adar 16</u></p> <p>4:00pm Forests are Life</p>	<p>1 <u>Adar 17</u></p> <p>7:00pm Jews of the Middle East and North Africa</p>	<p>2 <u>Adar 18</u></p> <p>12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 7:00pm Grappling with White Nationalism and White Supremacy as Jews 7:00pm BIPOC Community Meet-Up</p>	<p>3 <u>Adar 19</u></p> <p>8:30am Morning Minyan 6:30pm High School 7:00pm Preparing for Passover</p>	<p>4 <u>Adar 20</u></p> <p>7:00pm Beginning Conversational Hebrew 7:00pm Writers' Workshop 7:00pm Spiritual Writing Group</p>	<p>5 <u>Adar 21</u></p> <p>5:45pm Candle Lighting 7:00pm HIAS Refugee Shabbat</p>	<p>6 <u>Adar 22</u></p> <p>Parshat Parah Ki Tisa 10:00am Community Minyan 3:00pm Shabbat School 5:00pm Community Havdallah 5:30pm Grade 5 Kehillah Night 6:55pm Havdalah 8:30pm Q&A with the filmmakers of "A Kaddish for Bernie Madoff"</p>
<p>7 <u>Adar 23</u></p> <p>11:00am Weekend in Quest 4:00pm How to Help Our Elected Officials Enact Bold, Visionary Policy</p>	<p>8 <u>Adar 24</u></p> <p>7:00pm Jews of the Middle East and North Africa</p>	<p>9 <u>Adar 25</u></p> <p>12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 12:00pm Solution Salon 6:30pm Steering Meeting 7:00pm Grappling with White Nationalism and White Supremacy as Jews</p>	<p>10 <u>Adar 26</u></p> <p>8:30am Morning Minyan 6:30pm High School 7:00pm Preparing for Passover</p>	<p>11 <u>Adar 27</u></p> <p>7:00pm Beginning Conversational Hebrew 7:00pm Writers' Workshop</p>	<p>12 <u>Adar 28</u></p> <p>5:55pm Candle Lighting 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>13 <u>Adar 29</u></p> <p>Shabbat Mivarchim Parshat Hachodesh Vayakhel-Pekudei 10:30am Family Shabbat 3:00pm Shabbat School 5:30pm Grade 6 Kehillah Night 7:04pm Havdalah</p>
<p>14 <u>Nisan 1</u></p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Nisan <u>Grade 4 Transition Projects</u> 11:00am High School 2:00pm Gefille Fish Class with Rachel Shmishak 5:00pm Family-Friendly Letter Writing Party to Save the Planet!</p>	<p>15 <u>Nisan 2</u></p> <p>Hakol Deadline 7:00pm Jews of the Middle East and North Africa</p>	<p>16 <u>Nisan 3</u></p> <p>12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation</p>	<p>17 <u>Nisan 4</u></p> <p>8:30am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Preparing for Passover</p>	<p>18 <u>Nisan 5</u></p> <p>7:00pm Beginning Conversational Hebrew 7:00pm Uncovering the Hidden History of Discrimination in Oregon</p>	<p>19 <u>Nisan 6</u></p> <p>7:00pm Writers' Workshop Oreg 7:04pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>20 <u>Nisan 7</u></p> <p>Vayikra 10:00am Bat Mitzvah of Sarina Berkson-Klaus 8:13pm Havdalah</p>
<p>21 <u>Nisan 8</u></p> <p>5:00pm Song Share with the Havurah Music Maker's Collective 7:00pm Israel/Palestine Film Discussion</p>	<p>22 <u>Nisan 9</u></p> <p>7:00pm Jews of the Middle East and North Africa</p>	<p>23 <u>Nisan 10</u></p> <p>12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation 7:00pm Book Group: Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult</p>	<p>24 <u>Nisan 11</u></p> <p>8:30am Morning Minyan</p>	<p>25 <u>Nisan 12</u></p> <p>Taanit Bechorot 4:30pm Aile Rockers Happy Hour</p>	<p>26 <u>Nisan 13</u></p> <p>7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:13pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>27 <u>Nisan 14</u></p> <p>Erev Pesach Shabbat HaGadol Tzav 10:00am Community Minyan 8:14pm Candle Lighting</p>
<p>28 <u>Nisan 15</u></p> <p>Pesach 8:16pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>29 <u>Nisan 16</u></p> <p>Pesach 1st Day Omer Office Closed for Passover 8:25pm Havdalah</p>	<p>30 <u>Nisan 17</u></p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach 2nd Day Omer 12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation</p>	<p>31 <u>Nisan 18</u></p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach 3rd Day Omer Book Suggestion Deadline for Book Group 8:30am Morning Minyan</p>	<p>1 <u>Nisan 19</u></p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach 4th Day Omer</p>	<p>2 <u>Nisan 20</u></p> <p>Chol Hamoed Pesach 5th Day Omer 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:22pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>3 <u>Nisan 21</u></p> <p>Pesach 6th Day Omer 10:00am Community Minyan 3:00pm Shabbat School 5:00pm Community Havdallah 8:23pm Candle Lighting</p>

Gratitude

by the Steering Committee

Our gratitude continues to every member and staff who contribute to Havurah in so many unique and diverse ways.

What follows are just some examples of those contributions. To those who have come forward to bring back our mentor program for our B'nai Mitzvah families. Thank you for supporting and guiding families through this simcha.

To staff and members who are already meeting and considering how we go about planning for High Holidays during the pandemic.

To the newly formed Music Committee for taking on many new tasks for our community including creating a music page for our website, holding music happenings and to Steven Mesulam and JD Kleinke for developing a musician survey. Watch your inbox for that email.

Thank you to Shelley Sobel, Adela Basyne and Debbi Nadell for putting on a fantastic leadership retreat. The conversations and interaction even on Zoom was incredible. Thank you to Fran Berg and Nancy Becker for coordinating the food and to all the drivers- Nancy Becker, Fran Berg, Tom Berg, Barbara Hershey, Steve Rudman, Eve Berry, Herman Asarnow, Bill Kwitman and Robert Trachtenberg for delivering us lunch. That was a classy and appreciated touch!

To those who have joined the History Committee and agreed to lead it-Marian Rhys, Becky Seel, Dale Schwartz, Cynthia Herrup, Carol Chestler, Monica Moriarty, and Miryam Brewer. Their mission is to collect and organize important documents and artifacts from the birth of Havurah Shalom to the present. That is no small task!

Thanks to Steve Rudman, who has taken on leadership of a working group that is seeking to reduce the trash and biohazard impact of our neighbors who sometimes stay in our courtyard. Thank you to the various Makom committees and Tik-kun Olam cluster that is engaged in this effort with Steve.

Thank you to Megan Koller for joining Barbara Gundle as Co-chair of the Garden Committee. We appreciate the care you take to make our courtyard beautiful.

And to all those many, many tasks that were not mentioned, thank you! We are a community because of each of you and your participation however, that may look. If there is something you would like to have mentioned please connect with Julia Lager-Mesulam via the Havurah Member Directory to be included next month.

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