



# Building Together for the Future

by Oren Kosansky, Vice President of Havurah

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My daughters, now young adults, grew up in the place that Havurah Shalom has called home since 1998. From Shabbat School through Havurah High, Mica and Tali came into their Jewish selves surrounded by valued friends and caring adults. Their love of Jewish song and ritual was nurtured at countless Havdalah services, Simchat Torah festivities, Purim parties, Kabbalat Shabbat jamborees, and Sukkot gatherings. Their sense of belonging and responsibility was marked on the Havuah bimah as we celebrated their B'nei mitzvah. Their commitment to tikkun olam and social justice grew from what they witnessed and shared in the drashot, prayers, lessons, and conversations that echo through the walls of our warm and welcoming building.

Taking stock of how important Havurah has been to my family since we arrived in Portland in 2004, I am grateful for the vision and hard work of those who, years ago, faced the challenge of building a new home for a community that was ready to move on from its previous space. By the time my family arrived in town with toddlers, the building on 18th Avenue seemed a perfect fit for our congregation, so much so that it was hard to imagine that Havurah had ever existed anywhere else. Sure, we were already ferrying Shabbat school classes to nearby churches and Wednesday nights seemed to push our little edifice to the limit, but it was easy to approach those squeezes as the manageable limitations of living in a cozy building that could still serve the needs of a growing community.

As Havurah leadership has already reported, the situation over the past several years has changed. Fortunately, those changes reflect the health of our community and its ongoing appeal to those seeking a participatory Jewish connection. Our membership has increased to nearly five hundred families. Correspondingly, our staff and education programs have grown as well. Following a robust process of needs assessment informed by community input, this past summer the working group affectionately known as the Space Jam Committee identified the ways in which our building is no longer sufficient for a congregation of our current size and that may well continue to grow in the future. Working from a report of options and recommendations, the Havurah Steering Committee voted unanimously to move ahead with planning for an expansion of our current building or the purchase of an appropriate property in our vicinity.

In the participatory spirit of our community, this project will begin with the constitution of short-term working groups, meeting over several months, that will chart the planning process. These working groups will be open to all members and will include individuals with relevant skills, experience, and interests. The orientations and objectives of our first three working groups are as follows:

- The Fundraising/Finance Working Group will include members with background in finance, fundraising and investment. This group will make recommendations towards matters such as: developing a plan for fundraising that aligns with Havurah values; mapping out a capital campaign; exploring sources and options for financing an expansion or purchases; identifying potential resources or loans to quickly raising funds for immediate opportunities.
- The Construction Planning Working Group will include members with background in real estate development and construction. Based upon the various identified expansion options, this group will make recommendations that: identify various stages for successfully completing a commercial construction project; enumerate a list of professionals that would be required; make suggestions on how Havurah might identify and select the necessary professionals; and estimate a realistic timeframe for initiating and completing a construction project.
- The Community Engagement Working Group will facilitate communications with and solicit input from Havurah members on the initial planning phases. This work will be done in coordination with the other two working groups to inform our community about developments and to provide mechanisms for feedback. Community engagement will inform both the deliberations of the working groups and any subsequent decisions made by the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee encourages members of our community to express their interest in participating in one of these working groups. We also invite the nomination of others with relevant expertise. Those involved will play a crucial role in setting the foundation for a longer-term project that will allow Havurah to continue to thrive. Please send questions, suggestions, and expressions of interest, to our [form here](#). Keep an eye out for other communications and opportunities to become involved.

As an incoming member of the president's team, I must admit that I am somewhat daunted by the work ahead. At the same time, I take inspiration from those who over the years have undertaken projects, small and large, that are the lifeblood of our community. Beyond responding to the pragmatic necessity of building out into a space that can accommodate our growing community, I understand this to be sacred work. I am reminded that our tradition recognizes the inseparability of sacred dwelling and spiritual presence as they come together in the experience of shekhinah. I take heed that among the names we use to orient ourselves to that which we take to be most Holy is this: ha-Makom, the Place.

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10 am – 4 pm	10 am – 3 pm

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

## December Hakol Submission Deadline

**November 15**

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## Weekly Email Deadline

**Every Tuesday at noon**

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# Havurah to Host Israel's Hand in Hand School Principals

Sunday, Dec. 5, 10:30 am on Zoom, hosted by Havurah Shalom | [Register here](#)



Efrat Meyer, Jerusalem School Principal

*Note: This event is not a fundraiser.*

**H**avurah's Israel-Palestine Committee is excited to host two of Hand in Hand School's principals on Sunday, Dec. 5th. We invite you to join us and experience what

one vision of a shared society between Jewish and Palestinian Israelis can look like. Yes, there is a model and it's been around since 1997.

Israel's Hand in Hand Schools are bi-cultural, bilingual, integrated schools for Arabs and Jews. Come meet and talk with Manar Hayadre, principal of the Galilee School; Efrat Meyer, principal of the High School in Jerusalem; and Havurah's own Lee Gordon, one of the founders of Hand in Hand. Both Efrat and Manar are parents of Hand in Hand students. They will share their experiences and speak personally about what it is like to help create a model of a shared and equitable society, as educators and parents of children who attend Hand in Hand.

Hand in Hand began with 50 Arab and Jewish children on a rainy Israeli day in 1997 and has grown today to over 2,000

students in 7 schools from Jerusalem to the Galilee. The curricula of Hand in Hand schools are based on shared and equal citizenship, and reflect both cultures and languages.

With over 500 graduates, 1,200 students on waiting lists this year, and groups of parents in new locations asking for new schools, Hand in Hand proves that shared living is possible, is real, and it is happening throughout Israel right now. We look forward to seeing you on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>!

Please see the PDF about Manar [here](#), and links to articles about Efrat and Hand in Hand [here](#).



Manar Hayadre, Galilee School Principal

# Language, the Soul of People

by Rabbi Benjamin Barnett

Every two weeks, on average, a human language dies with its last speaker.

I came upon this chilling statistic when I was learning about the movement to save the Hawaiian language, which I spoke about on Yom Kippur. Regarding the roughly 7,000 languages currently spoken globally, many linguists predict that 50 percent of them or more will disappear in the next 100 years.

I've been contemplating this devastating phenomenon in the context of this year of Shmita. The sabbatical year, in which Torah instructs that land lie fallow and debts are released, is an opportunity and challenge for us today to reexamine our levels of consumption and our relationship to the earth and the more-than-human world. It also asks us to reflect on questions of ownership. For me, it has brought deeper reflection on the nature of cooperation and kinship.

So what does this have to do with language? I will answer that by way of the Tower of Babel story in Torah, which we've recently read through again. We're told, right after the Flood, that everyone spoke the same language. Using that common speech, they schemed with each other to build a tower that would reach to heaven — "to make a name for ourselves," they said. The medieval commentator Sforno says they hoped that "the king of the city would achieve dominion over the entire world." God scrambles their language into many forms, thus halting the building of the tower.

This story highlights the relationship between homogeneity and domination. While there are languages that die as part of what might be deemed the natural cycle of civilizations, many dying languages, and the peoples who speak them, are victims of forced assimilation, oppression, and violence. The

pace with which languages are dying today has much to do with how power and resources are consolidated and used solely for the benefit of those who possess them.

Poet and theologian Pádraig Ó Tuama, himself a speaker of the indigenous language of Irish, talks about the seizing of language as "...a real taking of a soul. It's an old technology of colonization...to take the soul of a people..." It's a beautiful image he offers. Each unique form of expression represents the soul, the essence, of a people. As any of those unique forms dies, so dies another collective soul. Human means of expression, so beautifully diverse and varied, are part of the amazing biodiversity that we must relearn to appreciate.

As Jews, we know how essential language is in sustaining a people over generations. Hebrew, as well as Ladino, Yiddish, and other Jewish languages have each served as vessels for the soul of our people. Thankfully, as in the case of Irish and Hawaiian, many speakers of indigenous languages are working to reclaim and protect them. Learning and amplifying the stories of endangered languages, and acting in solidarity with movements to protect them, is one intention I have during this year of Shmita. Living Tongues, right in Salem, which actually just teamed up for an event with The Jewish Language Project, is one organization to support in that mission.

Pádraig Ó Tuama challenges the notion of language as transactional and utilitarian. He invites us, rather, in considering language, to ask: "...will it help me live? Will it help me know where I am? Will it help me feel connected to myself, to land, to spirituality, to place?" May we, especially those of us whose native language is a dominant one, learn to ask and live into these questions. May we learn the value and sacredness of each unique form of human expression.

## Book Group

*An Egyptian Novel* by Orly Castel-Bloom

Tuesday, November 23, 7 - 8:30 pm

A family saga in realist style resembling a linked set of short stories. The protagonist has Egyptian roots going back many generations: on her father's side, to the expulsion of the Jews of Spain in 1492, when seven brothers of the Kastil family (from Castille) landed on the Gaza. Two brothers of the family, Vita and Charlie Kastil (i.e. from Castille) immigrated from Egypt to Israel in the 1950s with their future wives Adele

and Vivienne and settled on a kibbutz of the Marxist-Zionist Hashomer Hatzair. They were soon expelled for Stalinism and moved to Tel Aviv. Mixing historical and biographical facts, made-up legends plus other fictions and exaggerations, Castel-Bloom writes an unconventional saga of her family, the Kastils. As in other sagas, there are family meals and get-togethers, deaths and funerals, sayings and stories, and things that are not to be mentioned because they disgrace the family. But here these ele-

ments all slip and slide sideways into parody and the absurd."

Castel-Bloom is a leading Israeli author, but less known in the US than the canonical trio of Amos Oz, A.B. Yehoshua, and David Grossman (because she is a Mizrahi woman?). She blends fact with fiction, history with legend, reimagining the lives of her forebears.

Discussion led by Joel Beinlin.



## At Havurah

### What is Israeli Food?

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2 pm

Jenn Louis will teach you about the rich and savory collection of Israeli food, how it came to be and what are some of her favorites. This one-hour class will focus on what Israelis eat and how modern Israeli cuisine developed. Class will be a combination of demonstration, lecture, and Q&A. [Register here.](#)

## Reconstructing Judaism Events

### Global Day of Jewish Learning

Sunday, Nov. 7

Mark your calendars to learn from **Rabbi Deborah Waxman, Ph.D.**, president and CEO of Reconstructing Judaism, and others at the Global Day of Jewish Learning, where she will present "**Bringing Peoplehood to Life.**"

The Global Day of Jewish Learning is a project to unite Jewish communities across the world through study of our shared texts. The day unfolds during a 24-hour period of live-streamed events around the world.

This year's study theme - **The Bonds Between Us** - explores the centrality of community and connection within the Jewish

tradition. Through modern and traditional texts, multiple media and guiding study questions, [the study guide](#), authored by expert educators, will support your Global Day programs one month from today!

We're studying the power and meaning of Jewish community on November 7, 2021!

More information coming soon! [Check here for updates.](#)

### The Tower of Babel: People's Choice or Public Nuisance?

Sunday, Nov. 14, 1 - 3 pm

Join University Synagogue to find out why the Tower was the last straw and watch the drama unfold! Professor Oren Izenberg will introduce the story, followed by Professor Laurie Levenson and Dean Erwin Chemerinsky presenting the evidence and arguing the case in a thought-provoking and entertaining debate over the legal and ethical questions at stake. Finally, you, the jury, will decide this important biblical case.

After submission of the "evidence," Rabbi Arnold Rachlis will lead a lively discussion with a panel of experts on the moral, ethical and philosophical issues raised by this case.

[Click here for more information and to register for this event.](#)

## Volunteering with Lift UP Food Pantry

by Sue Danielson

**V**olunteering with LIFT UP Food Pantry recently I had my first shift at the Lift UP Food Pantry at the Methodist Church on 18th and SW Jefferson. It was the kind of volunteer work I love; engaging and productive. When I arrived at 9 a.m. two other regulars were already there; Emanuel, an older man in charge of the morning's activities, and Tom, a college student at PSU. We three spent the morning moving and unpacking boxes of prepackaged salad, tomatoes, blueberries, carrots, really

anything you can think of, and placing them in plastic containers lined up on shelves that surrounded half the room. After we unloaded one box, we broke it down for recycling and started on another box. Occasionally we discarded food that was past its sell-by date; that always feels sad, good food going to waste. Later that morning I repackaged fresh eggs and filled other shelves with cans. Then it was time for me to head out. The next shift will help shoppers gather their food. Our work was peaceful and steady; a bit of conversation,

some laughter. It felt good. To Volunteer for Lift UP Contact Jenn Louis at [jennlouis.com](mailto:jennlouis.com). See more info and volunteer for the [program here.](#)



## Art Cards for Hanukah by Carlos

Planning to send Hanukkah greetings? Consider Art Cards by Carlos! A Guatemalan asylum-seeker being sponsored by Havurah, Carlos is a junior at Beaverton HS and a talented artist. He's designed a set of gorgeous, colorful art cards, which he is selling to help support his family (Fran Berg is managing the orders and helping with distribution). Perfect for gifts or any occasion, the cards (blank inside) are available directly from Carlos for a donation of \$20/packet (2 each of four different beautiful designs). Ordering is an easy, one-step process and the cost includes shipping to your home (checks and Venmo accepted also). Email [carlosartcards@gmail.com](mailto:carlosartcards@gmail.com).

# How Havurah Engages in Racial Justice Work

by Julia Lager-Mesulam, Bob Brown, Kathy Gordon, Natalie Lerner, and Jennifer Bruml

Last May the world witnessed the brutal murder of George Floyd by the Minneapolis police and a summer of protests occurred demanding police accountability. Many people were shocked that this violent and blatant racist attack could occur now but many people, especially Black and brown people, know that this racist violence occurs daily.

At Havurah one of our guiding values is Tikkun Olam, to repair the world. We have an active Tikkun Olam Cluster of Committees where members can participate in self-defined focus areas to support our mission statement to provide a vibrant, diverse, participatory Jewish community steeped in spirituality, learning, and acts of social responsibility.

Since last summer, there has been a call from our membership to provide opportunities to include a racial justice committee in our portfolio of Tikkun Olam focus areas. While racial justice is a component of all our current Tikkun Olam committees, we don't have a committee that is solely focused on racial justice.

A call went out in Hineinu in the summer asking for those interested in doing racial justice work to meet. About 60 people expressed interest and our first meeting was attended by about 25 people. We discussed how to form this committee and what our focus would be. After many conversations and four meetings we are developing a committee that will act as an umbrella for racial justice activities. We have identified two sub-committees: one that focuses on educating ourselves about issues related to racial justice and one on how we, as mostly

white people, understand our white privilege. We anticipate that we will educate ourselves through various mediums and have facilitated discussions.

Another subcommittee will focus on social justice organizing on specific issues. Through our discussions, the issue of criminal justice reform with a racial justice lens has risen to the top. Embedded in our social justice organizing is educating ourselves and the congregation on the issue, determining who is already doing the work and learning from them where we can be most effective in change.

We don't expect that the racial justice committee will be static. We can look at a variety of issues impacting racial justice and become educated and act on one at a time.

We know you have read about the Anti-Racism and Belonging Group that began at Havurah last spring. We are in conversation with that group. In contrast to this group, Anti-Racism and Belonging is focused on the internal working of Havurah and how we can be a multi-ethnic, multi-racial, multi-cultural Jewish community that is welcoming to all. The racial justice committee is externally focused on action steps we can take to foster racial justice in society as well as doing our own education as mostly white members.

If any of this interests you, reach out to Bob Brown to join our email list to be informed about what we are up to. Notice of meetings will also be in Hineinu and the Havurah calendar.

We hope that you join us in whatever way is comfortable and useful for you.

## Maria & Carlos: Thanksgiving Update

by the Sanctuary Committee

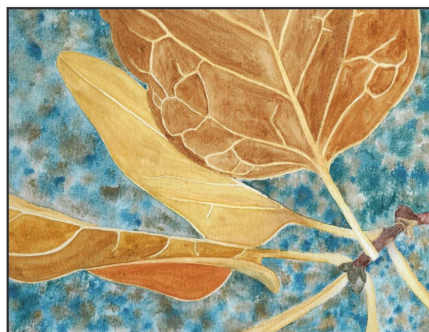
As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, it's time to check in again on Maria and Carlos, Guatemalan asylum-seekers being sponsored by Havurah.

As readers may recall, this summer Maria and Carlos moved to their own apartment on the west side of Portland, and Maria started working. Her house-keeping job is going well, and in her spare time Maria has also taken on several private housecleaning jobs. She now has health insurance, too. Furnished with donations from our congregation, the apartment is now a homey place for mother and son. Maria is especially happy to have a sewing machine of her own and continues to make masks for sale (email Debbi Nadel for ordering information).

Carlos, a straight-A junior at Beaverton HS, rides his bike to school rain or shine, Oregon-style. (Havurah members outfitted him with a bike and rain

gear and provided bike safety lessons.) He recently received his work permit and is looking for an after-school job to help support the family. He is still creating and selling his beautiful, colorful art cards, which are perfect for sending holiday greetings and are available directly from him for a donation of \$20.00 per packet of 8 cards (includes shipping: [Carlosartcards@gmail.com](mailto:Carlosartcards@gmail.com)).

Maria and Carlos' asylum case continues to make its way through the immigration system. Maria checks in weekly with ICE by phone for any updates to her status, but we recognize that the process could take years, dur-



ing which Havurah, through the Sanctuary Committee, will provide support as needed.

In this season of gratitude, Maria and Carlos are thankful to be here in Oregon, and to have received so much assistance from Havurah. We on the

Sanctuary Committee are grateful to all the Havurahniks who donated expertise, furnishings, and financial support to help them begin new lives in the US, just as many of our own ancestors did long ago. Most of all, though, we're grateful to have this kind, hard-working family here in our community, and for the privilege of extending them the welcome that all who seek refuge in this country should receive.

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

**November 13**  
**Marlo Dabareiner**  
Child of Melanie & Tim

**November 27**  
**Gavin Galderisi**  
Child of Faith & Chad

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

## Condolences

Jessica Steinberg, daughter of Richard  
Steinberg and step-daughter of Harriet  
Steinberg, passed away October 6.

## Tributes

### General Contributions

Les Schwartz, in memory of Helen Schwartz.  
Diana Levy and Bruce Fabens, in honor of  
Eli Fabens and Dith Pamp. Mazel Tov on the  
naming of their daughter Ramona Louise,  
Yehudit. With gratitude to Rabbi Benjamin.

### High Holidays Contributions

Leah and Edward Hershey, in honor of Anne  
Goldberg for being so welcoming and  
everyone involved in High Holiday services,  
spiritually and technically, for providing such  
a meaningful experience.

Joel and Laine Barbanell Schipper, in  
recognition of this amazing community and  
leadership.

### Adult Education Fund

Kate Haas, in memory of Rhoda Willner  
Haas.

### Youth Education Fund

Ben and Michael Anderson-Nathe, in honor  
of Susan Brenner, bat mitzvah tutor  
extraordinaire.

### Building Fund

Linda and Michael Evans, in memory of  
Hyman Evans.

### Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Joni Kutner, in honor of Elayne Kutner.

Jean Baecher Brown and Martin Brown, in  
appreciation of Rabbi Benjamin's assistance  
with my grandson's naming ceremony.

Roberta Schmalz, in memory of our beloved  
Father, Hyman Evans.

David H. Brown and Carol Ringold, in honor  
of Elinor Gollay.

Sam and Jeannie Teitelman, in memory of  
Rebecca Teitelman.

Ben and Michael Anderson-Nathe, in honor  
of Rabbi Benjamin's support and  
encouragement of our family through  
Soph's bat mitzvah.



## Gratitude

by Miriam Reshotko

With the High Holidays in our rearview mirror, we are quickly moving into a new year of education programs and activities. If you were to stop by our building on a Wednesday evening or Saturday afternoon, you would find a hub of activity – very exciting. While there are marked differences in the programs compared with pre-COVID days, we are extremely excited that our youth can safely meet to socialize and study together. In addition, we are grateful.

To our High Holidays committee, and all the dedicated staff, leaders, leyners, IT folks, behind the scenes and in front of the camera folks and all of you in our extended community for contributing to our amazing High Holiday services!

To all those that are stepping up to lend a hand while our program director is on medical leave.

To the personnel committee for making suggestions on COVID protocols as they relate to Havurah employees and how to implement them while keeping confidentiality in mind.

To the Long-Range Planning committee who have distributed the first round of surveys to a test group.

To the Governance 2.0 committee for leading meaningful conversations with Staff, Steering and other leadership and thoughtful input which they are now analyzing to present to Steering soon.

To Hank Kaplan for spearheading an effort to get the JCRC member communities to support his proposal regarding the retroactive application of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on non-unanimous jury verdicts.

To the fundraising committee, co-presidents, and staff who worked together to get out the annual High-Holiday fundraising letter to bring in needed funds for our operating budget.

To our extended community's work on the High Holiday services!

To Lee Gordon, Marjorie Walters, Marjorie Bennett, Joel Beinin, and Adela Basayne for their help in putting together a thoughtful, meaningful, and inspiring Simchat Torah celebration.

To Barbara Gundle, who replaced much of the courtyard garden planting materials, making the space look so homey; it's a beautiful space one can feel very connected to.

To all volunteers who help to enhance this courtyard for all of us, especially those who helped at the garden work party; now that pruning has occurred the courtyard sign is so welcoming and clear.

To our steward, Joseph, who has been working hard to keep the courtyard much cleaner and free of trash.

To Elianne Lieberman, Adele Thompson, Gloria Halper, and others for leading the Shmita Year planning. There is a schedule of events throughout the year based on an individual's interest.

To Kathy Gordon, Natalie Lerner, Jennifer Bruml and Julia Lager-Mesulam for stepping up to a leadership role in the to-be-formed Racial Justice Committee.

To Ben Walters, Julia Lager-Mesulam, Sarah Wetherson, and Sue Danielson for their thoughtful work on the racial justice committee charter.

And to all those many, many tasks, groups, and specific people that were not mentioned, thank you! We value your participation and contributions, however that may look. If there is something you would like mentioned please send it to Miriam Reshotko ([miriam@havurahshalom.org](mailto:miriam@havurahshalom.org)) to be included next month. Let's all try to incorporate gratitude in our daily routine!

# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>31 <u><a href="#">Cheshvan 25</a></u></p>	<p>1 <u><a href="#">Cheshvan 26</a></u></p> <p>7:30pm Song Circle</p>	<p>2 <u><a href="#">Cheshvan 27</a></u></p> <p>12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness &amp; Meditation 4:00pm Tikun Middot, Tikun Olam: Refining the Self for the Sake of the World</p>	<p>3 <u><a href="#">Cheshvan 28</a></u></p> <p>8:30am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Bnei Mitzvah Planning Logistics 7:00pm Middle School 7:00pm High School 7:00pm Using Hebrew to Understand Judaism and Prayer</p>	<p>4 <u><a href="#">Cheshvan 29</a></u></p> <p>4:00pm Tikun Middot (Session 2) 6:30pm Psalms: A Deep Dive</p>	<p>5 <u><a href="#">Kislev 1</a></u></p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Kislev 6:34pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>6 <u><a href="#">Kislev 2</a></u></p> <p>Toldot 10:30am Discovering Shabbat Morning: Leamer's Minyan 6:41pm Havdalah</p>
<p>7 <u><a href="#">Kislev 3</a></u></p>	<p>8 <u><a href="#">Kislev 4</a></u></p>	<p>9 <u><a href="#">Kislev 5</a></u></p> <p>12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness &amp; Meditation 4:00pm Tikun Middot, Tikun Olam: Refining the Self for the Sake of the World 6:30pm Steefing Meeting 7:00pm A Bird's Eye View of Jewish History</p>	<p>10 <u><a href="#">Kislev 6</a></u></p> <p>8:30am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Be Anti-Racist Journaling Group 7:00pm Middle School 7:00pm High School 7:00pm Using Hebrew to Understand Judaism and Prayer</p>	<p>11 <u><a href="#">Kislev 7</a></u></p> <p><b>Admin/Veterans Day</b> 4:00pm Tikun Middot (Session 2) 6:30pm Psalms: A Deep Dive</p>	<p>12 <u><a href="#">Kislev 8</a></u></p> <p>4:26pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>13 <u><a href="#">Kislev 9</a></u></p> <p>Vayetzet 10:00am Bar Mitzvah of Mario Dabareiner 3:00pm Shabbat School 5:33pm Havdalah</p>
<p>14 <u><a href="#">Kislev 10</a></u></p> <p>2:00pm What is Israeli Food? 4:30pm New Member Welcome Tea 7:00pm Shmita Economics: Transforming our Relationship with Money</p>	<p>15 <u><a href="#">Kislev 11</a></u></p> <p><b>Hakol Deadline</b></p>	<p>16 <u><a href="#">Kislev 12</a></u></p> <p>12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness &amp; Meditation 4:00pm Tikun Middot, Tikun Olam: Refining the Self for the Sake of the World 7:00pm Lev Tahor Chanting Circle</p>	<p>17 <u><a href="#">Kislev 13</a></u></p> <p>8:30am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Middle School 7:00pm High School 7:00pm Using Hebrew to Understand Judaism and Prayer</p>	<p>18 <u><a href="#">Kislev 14</a></u></p> <p>4:00pm Tikun Middot (Session 2) 6:30pm Psalms: A Deep Dive</p>	<p>19 <u><a href="#">Kislev 15</a></u></p> <p>4:19pm Candle Lighting 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Ruach Service</p>	<p>20 <u><a href="#">Kislev 16</a></u></p> <p>Vayishlach 10:00am Community Minyan 3:00pm Refe'inu Healing Service 5:26pm Havdalah</p>
<p>21 <u><a href="#">Kislev 17</a></u></p>	<p>22 <u><a href="#">Kislev 18</a></u></p>	<p>23 <u><a href="#">Kislev 19</a></u></p> <p>12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness &amp; Meditation 7:00pm Book Group: An Egyptian Novel by Orly Castel-Bloom</p>	<p>24 <u><a href="#">Kislev 20</a></u></p> <p>8:30am Morning Minyan</p>	<p>25 <u><a href="#">Kislev 21</a></u></p> <p><b>Admin:Thanksgiving Day Office Closed for Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p>26 <u><a href="#">Kislev 22</a></u></p> <p><b>Admin:Thanksgiving Friday</b> 4:13pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>27 <u><a href="#">Kislev 23</a></u></p> <p>Shabbat Mevarchim Vayeshev 10:00am Bar Mitzvah of Gavin Galderisi 5:21pm Havdalah</p>
<p>28 <u><a href="#">Kislev 24</a></u></p> <p>Erev Chanukah</p>	<p>29 <u><a href="#">Kislev 25</a></u></p> <p>Chanukah</p>	<p>30 <u><a href="#">Kislev 26</a></u></p> <p>Chanukah 12:00pm Jewish Mindfulness &amp; Meditation 4:00pm Tikun Middot, Tikun Olam: Refining the Self for the Sake of the World</p>	<p>1 <u><a href="#">Kislev 27</a></u></p> <p>Chanukah 8:30am Morning Minyan 7:00pm Middle School 7:00pm High School 7:00pm Using Hebrew to Understand Judaism and Prayer</p>	<p>2 <u><a href="#">Kislev 28</a></u></p> <p>Chanukah 4:00pm Tikun Middot (Session 2) 6:30pm Intro to Judaism</p>	<p>3 <u><a href="#">Kislev 29</a></u></p> <p>Chanukah 4:10pm Candle Lighting</p>	<p>4 <u><a href="#">Kislev 30</a></u></p> <p>Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet Mitzet 10:00am Bar Mitzvah of Ezra Fish 3:00pm Shabbat School 5:18pm Havdalah</p>



# Shmita Year Programming

## *The Year of Release, Rest and Rejuvenation*

by HCAT

Community

The Tikkun Olam cluster invites you to delve into Shmita, the sabbatical year. From Rabbi Benjamin's wise words: "Every seven years, Torah instructs that all land be deemed ownerless. Fields which were private are open for all to come and eat whatever produce emerges. And anyone who has gone into debt, no matter how crippling, is relieved. Just imagine for a moment, if our society incorporated that kind of compassionate policy, or anything remotely close to it. To awaken the possibilities of caring for each other more generously, of building a world together that is more loving and just." Join us in November to encounter the world of money, finance, and economics and to discover ways we can make change as individuals, as a community and in the larger world.

### **Shmita Economics: Transforming Our Relationship to Money**

Sunday, Nov. 14, 7-9 pm – Room Bet | [Register here](#)

The Shmita year has ancient teachings to release debts and care for each other and the earth. Please join Marianna Grossman and Dr. Harriet Cooke as we spring from these Torah teachings into understanding our modern economy and money systems. How can we participate in transforming our economic system and our own financial lives in a way that upholds our core Shmita values? Explore principles of regenerative economics for people and for the planet.

### **Pre-Chanukah Swap Meet to Lighten Our Impact on the Earth**

Do you have toys, books, jewelry, clothes, stuffed animals, or other items in good repair that you no longer use/need but someone else would enjoy? Are you looking for any these items? We have the solution: a Covid-safe swap meet just in time for Chanukah gift giving. Start gathering your items to share. Check out the weekly Hineinu email for the date, time, and location. Volunteer to help by sending an email to [shmita@havurahshalom.org](mailto:shmita@havurahshalom.org)

### **Seeking Your Input and Participation**

During Elul and Yom Kippur, members of Havurah joined the rest of the Tikkun Olam Cluster to brainstorm how to have a modern practice of this Shmita (release) Year. How can we have rest and rejuvenation for ourselves and the planet, address forms of modern-day slavery, and forgive debt? To help us plan, please let us know which of the proposed programs for learning, study, action, and gathering with others you are interested in, fill out [this form](#) by November 10.

### **Shmita Resources**

Do you have a question about shmita, a program we are doing or want to help with program planning? Contact us at [shmita@havurahshalom.org](mailto:shmita@havurahshalom.org).

Do you want to read the biblical Shmita texts or find resources for a deeper dive into Shmita? [Follow this link](#).

### **Recycling Resources**

Are you looking for how to lighten your load on the planet and on your wallet? [This document-in-progress](#) lists some resources for having your "waste" recycled or upcycled rather than thrown into the landfill. Let us know if you have resources to add.

## Havurah Shalom's Life & Legacy Program

by Nancy Becker

About a dozen Havurahniks have already declared their intent to include a gift to our community in their wills. Thank you to the wonderful members who've done this! The amount they have promised isn't written or declared. They simply have made clear their intention via a one-page form that gets sent to the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation - OJCF (where our Endowment is held) declaring that a gift to the Havurah Endowment is in one's will.

Why are we telling you this? We are participating in a two-year program called Life and Legacy with OJCF to help us inform our members about how to create a legacy gift to Havurah Shalom. These legacy gifts will ensure that Havurah will have a solid financial basis for the future and will be investments in the future of Havurah-based Jewish values. Our goal, as with all fundraising in support of Havurah, is to encourage full participation in this program. No amount too large or too small! All legacy gifts will be confidential, as are all contributions to Havurah.

As you think about the future, please consider including Havurah in your will/estate planning. Remember, no amount of money need be mentioned, so whether you are considering a gift of \$10 or \$1000 we hope that you will take this small step towards a solvent future for our community.

For more information feel free to contact Nancy Becker via the Havurah Member Directory.

## Want to Join a Committee or Group?

You can email committee chair(s) who are listed in the [Havurah Leadership Directory](#), or email [info@havurahshalom.org](mailto:info@havurahshalom.org).