

## SHAARE ZEDEK

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## News

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The Sara and Leo Wolf Scholar-in-Residence Series Presents:  
**Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson**  
 An Ongoing Exploration of Jewish Theology

### Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

with Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, Dean of the Ziegler Rabbinical School at American Jewish University, April 23-25, 2010.

He will be speaking on a variety of topics throughout the weekend.

We're looking forward to learning together as part of the St. Louis Conservative Jewish community.

Rabbi Artson grew up an atheist in San Francisco, a surprising beginning for a traditional rabbi! Always a proud freethinking Jew, he didn't delve into Judaism as religion until he attended Harvard University. There, with the help of Hillel Rabbi Ben Zion Gold, he began "to think about religious questions on a personal level."

Rabbi Artson was ordained with honors at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and he served for a decade as the rabbi of Congregation Eilat, in Mission Viejo, CA. In 1999, he was invited to become the dean of the Ziegler School, a Rabbinical Seminary associated with the American Jewish University and Conservative Judaism. This was the same year Rabbi Mark Fasman was ordained at the Ziegler School.

A very popular speaker, Rabbi Artson is the author of nine books and over 200 published articles. He writes "Today's Torah," a weekly Torah commentary with over 12,000 Internet subscribers.

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### Weekend Schedule:

#### Friday, April 23

6:00pm - Shabbat Rinah w/band

7:15pm - Optional dinner  
 Adult - \$14 Child under 12- \$10  
 Dinner RSVP by April 16  
 Contact Nancy: 314-727-1747

8:30pm - "Why Be Jewish?"

#### Saturday, April 24

9am - Shabbat Morning Services  
 Sermon - "Sex and Holiness"

Lunch & Learn - "Almighty?  
 No Way! Learning to Know The  
 God You Already Believe In."

#### Sunday, April 25

10:00am - "Israel & Galut:  
 The Holiness of Every Place"

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# Todah Rabah!

## Haftarot for March

Mitch Shenker, Shoshana Grossman,  
Sara Kahn-Shapiro

## Kiddushes for March

Synagogue, Steven & Alla Grossman,  
Sisterhood

## Greeters for March

Nancye Gliner, Beatrice Hollander,  
Avi Goldfarb, Livia Kessler

## Minyan Breakfasts

Don Singer, Ann Frank, Micki Kingsley,  
Sue Katz

# Mazal Tov!

## Anniversaries in April

Denis & Ruth Altman  
Martin & Phyllis Kalmes  
Stuart & Kathi Rosenberg  
Donn & Beth Rubin  
Sam & Barbara Rubinson  
Edward & Trina Schukar



OPEN M-F 10:00AM- 12:30PM  
Special Hebrew School Hours:  
M, W 5:30- 6:30 pm

Sunday hours by appointment.  
Arrangements may be made for  
special occasions (i.e., weddings,  
b'nai mitzvot, bris melah, etc.)

Shaare Zedek Newsletter designed by Tovah Enger

## The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help

The Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry is looking items to provide well-balanced nourishment for the community in need.



Items should be brought to your temple or synagogue collection site.

*The need is great so please help in any way you can. Thank you.*

For further information, please contact  
Louise Levine, 636-227-1259.

## Do we have your correct email address?

If not, please email  
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Shaare Shalom Education Director

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**open** Development

# A Message from the Rabbi

Rabbi Mark Fasman



This month begins with Pesach. It is a great story, the story that is at the very foundation of Jewish identity. The haggadah makes it very clear that all of the events of the exodus from Egypt are because God made them happen. The Egyptians are punished. The sea splits. We are free. We are safe. We are fed. We have water. Our clothes don't wear out. And all of this comes about because God is our redeemer and our protector.

It is a stirring narrative. And one of its important subtexts is that God watches over the Children of Israel. God punishes those who harm us. We are special to God, chosen. What do our children learn from this story? God punishes the wicked. God protects the Jews. God causes miracles to happen. God speaks to Moses and dictates the rules by which Jews live.

And then, seventeen days after the first seder, we observe a contemporary addition to the Jewish calendar: Yom HaShoah. And we ask: Nu, where was God? Why didn't God protect us from the Nazis?

There are many books written on this subject. These are books of serious theology struggling to answer the ultimately unknowable answer to one of the "big" questions: how do we understand a God who is all-just and all-good and yet permits evil in the world?

I will not try to answer that question here. In part, any answer I would give would be incomplete. And more importantly, the answers that work for us in almost all situations often break down when we are faced with national or personal tragedy.

What I really want to convey is that we need to get past the theology of our youth. To believe *simply* that God rewards the good and punishes the evil, to believe that God is just and good, to believe that God protects the Jews is to place us in a theological crisis when we encounter the Shoah. How can we reconcile the God of the Exodus with the God of the Shoah? God is One. Thus the One we celebrate at Pesach is the same One with whom we struggle on Yom HaShoah.

# The Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle™ Program

## Let's keep 6 million memories alive.

### What is the Yellow Candle Program?

The Yellow Candle™ was conceived in 1981 by members of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs to help keep alive the memory of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. It is modeled after the traditional Jewish memorial candle that burns for 24 hours during periods of mourning and on the anniversary of the death of a family member.



The candle's yellow wax, Jewish star and strand of barbed wire serve to remind us of the yellow arm band which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime. The photo on the candle showing youngsters departing a concentration camp emphasizes the importance of teaching our youth the lessons of the Holocaust and of remembering the six million who perished.

In an age of terrorism and violence, we are sensitive to the fact that genocide is not a private matter limited to the Jewish community.

We encourage everyone light their Yellow Candle on Sunday (at sundown), April 11. Please return the enclosed envelope with your contribution to the Shaare Zedek Men's Club. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### Who benefits from the Yellow Candle Program?

**Our Men's Club – Our Synagogue – Our Community – Our Youth**



# Presidential Matters

Gary Kodner

In the coming months I would like to use this column to comment and report on the status of our merger discussions. I have pledged:

- to listen to ALL points of view;
- to continue to lead and support the mission and goals of our synagogue regardless of the outcome of these merger discussions;
- to promote the truth and report it;
- to fully explore the possibility of a merger as a solution to sustain and grow our synagogue (as requested and approved by our leadership); and
- to keep an open mind to the possibilities we can discover.

Some of us want to get ahead of the process, to prematurely assess or predict the potential outcomes. Others make assumptions based on minimal information, rumor or opinion. We must resist speculation for it is not productive and only serves to create greater anxiety and spreading of misinformation.

Here is a summary of what we have done so far:

- SZ completed a long range planning process.
- We conducted a board planning retreat to assess our strengths, weaknesses, negative aspects, opportunities, and priorities.
- We started informal conversations with our neighbors at BSKI, community leaders, and consultants.

- We appointed a panel of representatives to meet with an equivalent panel of BSKI representatives.

- We have conducted a series of (joint) steering committee meetings since June, 2009.

- We put together a merger assessment plan and issued a formal report to each synagogue board.

- We asked each board to vote for or against further, more comprehensive merger negotiations. Both boards voted, unanimously, to continue.

- We asked each board to approve and allocate funding for the engagement of a professional, third party consultant; and this was approved by both boards.

It remains our challenge to develop the various components of this process so that they are fully understood by our community. For this process to succeed, we must look beyond financial remedies. Yes, finances and sustainability are a driving catalyst, but successful outcomes must also be found in additional factors:

- Moral purpose—Articulating and sharing the guiding mission for our synagogue's existence and best methods to sustain that. Leaders must also formalize a new understanding of the congregation's purpose and vision.
- An understanding of change—Developing a working knowledge of the key dimensions and dynamics of change.



- Relationship building—Seeking relationships with diverse people and groups, especially those on the fringe or those who resist change.
- Creation and sharing of relevant information—Sharing information in a way that it becomes usable to make decisions, and gain broad support for outcomes.
- Achievement of clarity—Bringing sense and common purpose to the perceived ambiguity of change
- Leadership Development— It is essential that we promote and establish a clear line of leadership succession.

Without the presence of these components in our communal conversations, we cannot succeed with or without a merger. These components will help us set a tone that makes positive change possible.

We intend to create opportunities to discuss the issues related to merger, change, and vision. We intend to give everyone the opportunity to participate and have a voice. We will proceed with incremental approval and consensus.

Approaching change in this way takes time. It also takes constant attention to all aspects of our congregation's members, worship, staff, finances, property, and culture.



# HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan



This month, we celebrate the yin-and-yang holidays of Yom Ha'zikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'atzma-ut (Israeli Independence day): they literally come on each other's heels: out of the somber mood of Memorial Day comes the jubilation and triumph of Independence Day. If you have ever been in Israel for these twin commemorations and celebrations, you know that not one person in the country is untouched by Memorial Day. It is most certainly not a day of shopping for furniture and getting good deals on spring sportswear: the barbecues are saved for the following day of celebration and everyone, everyone, has someone to mourn. The evening of Memorial Day gives way to jubilant celebration, complete with dance, song, and Israeli flags flown high and proudly – the country moves on publicly from tears to joy.

The juxtaposition of these two holidays has always struck me as emblematic of what it means to be Israeli: to live in the tension between terror and hope, optimism and realism, complications and triumphs. The state's very existence is a miracle of historical and diplomatic proportions; and, in these still-early years of the state, it continues to face extinction. Yet if you ask most Israelis, whether their roots are in Eastern and Western Europe, Africa, North or South America, they would not want to live anywhere else.

In 2008, when we celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> year of the state of Israel, a very special piece of music was made, the fruits of a very unlikely collaboration between the Gevatron, a traditional Israeli singing troupe with roots in the early Chalutznik/Kibbutz movement, and Kobi Shimoni, Israel's top hip-hop impresario otherwise known as "Subliminal." The song, "Bat Shishim" (60 years old) combines these two unlikely sounds to produce a musical phenomenon. If you want to take a peek at the current sentiment and identity of today's Israelis, this song tells you all you need to know. The chorus reads:



*"Because she's true, she's not a symbol, she's not just a flag, nor a sign: the past is behind and she watches for what's coming up."* The pairing of a musical institution like the Gevatron with Shimoni is like the Andrews Sisters recording a CD with Eminem; or Kanye West re-interpreting one of the songs by Peter, Paul and Mary. It simply would not happen here, but it absolutely does in Israel, all the time.

The song, originally recorded by the Gevatron in the 1970's about an aging woman, has been re-interpreted and expanded upon by Shimoni to reflect on 60 years of Israeli-ness. "She" is no longer an aging woman, but a young and still-emerging state of Israel. The lyrics capture exactly the tension and the miracle of what it means to be an Israeli today, of the hope for a completely safe country, of the pride in its intake of *olim* (immigrants), of the vibrant Jewish culture (he even gives a few Mazal tovs and Chiri-biri-bims), and reminds us to never forget where we came from, or we won't go anywhere. The kids at Camp Ramah were dancing to this all summer, participating in the celebration of Israel's statehood while grooving to its infectious rhythm.

As we gather to celebrate Israel this month, please take a moment to kvell at the many musical and cultural fruits of its now 62-year history. If you have a moment, find the music video on YouTube (just search for "bat shishim), and marvel as you listen that there really is no place in the world like Israel.



# Men's Club

Mitch Shenker, President



## Shomrei Haaretz: Stewards of the Land

One of the greatest challenges facing the Conservative/Masorti movement in the 21st century is how to define who we are and what is the nature of our message. If we can succeed in doing this, people will be attracted to our synagogues and our movement. The FJMC contends that one small step in this process is our ability to reclaim the biblical mandate of being *shomrei haaretz*, guardians of the land. A commitment to using renewable resources in our synagogues and homes is a logical step for a people that has inherited the responsibility to be "a light unto the nations."

Despite almost daily media reports about global warming and the problems associated with the continued use of fossil fuels, and the potential for using renewable resources for our energy needs, there is a gap between what we know and what we do on a local, household-to-household basis. The Jewish community must step forward to bridge this gap, not just because it is the right thing to do but because it is part of our religious mandate. This is the type of programming that will attract and involve existing members as well as the unaffiliated and the next generation.

The FJMC has developed a programmatic initiative that can unite 21st century needs with traditional Jewish values. This effort begins with our understanding the symbolism of the eternal light, the *ner tamid*. Solar Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) Our Synagogue has a light that remains lit at all times. It is a constant reminder of a presence greater than our own. It sparks our awareness of our place as stewards of this land that has been given to us. The Solar Ner Tamid does not rely on electricity generated by foreign oil to stay lit. Rather, it draws on one of the strongest renewable sources available to us – the Sun. It is a true sign of appreciation for this earth to have the Ner Tamid powered by a true eternal light.

Men's Clubs and Brotherhoods often are taken for granted. Yet they continue to provide camaraderie and value to our communities. Men's Clubs are a vital auxiliary organization and perform all sorts of tasks for our synagogues. Men's Club/Brotherhood activities often extend beyond the walls of the synagogue into the larger Jewish and secular communities. For many of us, Men's Clubs can make a difference.

ShomreiHaaretz can show how Conservative/Masorti Jews should live in the 21st century. This initiative can encourage members to reduce their energy usage, and at the same time assist those in our communities who live at the near-poverty level in reducing their energy costs.

The Leadership Council of the Conservative Movement has adopted this FJMC

environmental program as its own. It includes the development of soy Shabbat candles (either tea candles in small tins or larger votive candles); plates and utensils made of soy, which are used in congregations across the continent; the development of a solar Ner Tamid; and a partnership with the Jewish National Fund that involves carbon offsets and eco-projects in our communities and in Israel.

Be a light unto the nations and you can begin to show what it means to be a Conservative Jew in the 21st century, modeling the role that Jews can play in making the whole world a better place for everyone. If you are interested in becoming part of this conversation write to us at [International@fjmc.org](mailto:International@fjmc.org).

Mitch

## J.O.L.T.

Maxine Weil, Director



## JOLT CELEBRATES THE SENIORS

JOLT will soon be wrapping up its second year which was truly a success! Students from 8 different Congregations came together weekly to share in an evening of **Jewish Opportunities and Learning for Teens**.

As the school year comes to a close, we will acknowledge the graduating seniors with a **Senior Celebration** following classes on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 8 PM in the B'nai Amoona Chapel. We will take this opportunity to recognize and celebrate these students who made a commitment to Jewish education during their High School years. We are so very proud of the following seniors and wish them a fond farewell:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Isaac Brodsky (SE)    | Elan Krojanker (CRC) | Tanya Feldman-Ratner (UH) |
| Ellie Rosenblatt (BA) | Ethan Heller (BA)    | Brenna Shapiro (SZ)       |
| Max Horowitz (BA)     | Joseph Weil (BA)     | Eitan Kantor (BA)         |
| Aaron Zuckerman (BA)  | Mitchell Kramer (BA) |                           |

All JOLT participants are invited to join in the festivities. For additional information, contact Maxine Weil at (314) 442-3757 or [mweil@cajestl.org](mailto:mweil@cajestl.org).

# Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley, President



On the second evening of Passover, we began s'firat ha omer – the counting of the Omer. Every night for 49 nights, we say a blessing and count the days, in weeks and days. So, for example, on day fifteen, we would say: Today is the 15th day of the Omer, two weeks and one day. It reminds us of the link between Passover, our current celebration of the Exodus from Egypt and slavery and Shavuot, the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. During the days of the Temple, barley was brought to Jerusalem from the first harvest. I'm sure it comes as no surprise to anyone that we can't fulfill this mitzvah" and so, we look for other mitzvot. The counting of the Omer is prescribed in Torah to remind us gently every day to think about and look for ways to perform other mitzvot. These 49 days can be a gift to us, to create a desire for spiritual growth and to look into character development in anticipation of that fiftieth day. From the beginning, we have been instructed about how to behave. We are commanded not to lie, cheat or, steal. We are commanded to observe the Sabbath, honor our parents, observe the festivals, and so on. As I've written before, we can't dismiss doing mitzvot with the excuse that it's just too time-consuming or that our little part will make no difference. Our Judaism teaches that we are obligated to help those less fortunate, we should guard our tongue from speaking evil; we must help protect the environment. For instance, during this time period, we can study a little more. We can read Pirkei Avot, books about Jewish history, books about the Sabbath, or anything Jewish that interests us. We can also teach. All teaching is not done in a classroom. We can teach children by asking, by answering, by showing them the right way, and by letting them know they are loved. A mitzvah doesn't have to be a "big deal" and it doesn't have to entail a long time or a lot of people. Look around you and see what your extended hand could do, what your help or kindness could accomplish, what a difference you could make. Generate a "study pair" between you and a friend or between

you and a relative; and see what you both think on certain Jewish issues. Prioritize your obligations at home and outside the home, and try to set up a time (it doesn't have to be long) to devote to a special task you've been wanting to accomplish at home, for yourself or for your family, something you've been planning to do and just haven't had time. Invite someone over for dinner for their birthday; visit someone who isn't feeling well; drop in on someone who isn't able to get out. I'm sure that at some point of any day, you find yourself thinking about something you should do. If you can't do it that day, stop and make a note, and try to do it in the next few days or the next week. It might be helpful to keep a log for these days, to remind us what we've done and what we would like to do. Remember, it isn't the size of the mitzvah or the number of mitzvot. As the advertising slogan goes, "Just do it!"

The applications for Jewish residential summer camp programs are in the office. Completed applications need to be returned to Sisterhood c/o office by April 16 for us to be able to evaluate the applications with the money available.

I must say again how proud I am of our Sisterhood's contribution to the Mishloach Manot project this Purim.

Thank you again to Ruth Levy and her committee for another successful Torah Fund campaign. They always manage to ensure that we meet our goal for the JTS.

Cindy Ginsburg and I are planning to attend the annual Intercontinental Regional conference to be held in Dallas toward the end of April. I am looking forward to coming back with new ideas, new materials and a lot of interesting stories. The theme this year is From Generation to Generation, and we are going to learn and talk about what makes the different generations "tick" so we can all communicate better. We can all learn a great deal from each other. We will also share ideas on how best to take advantage

of all the talent, experience and ideas that we have in our midst.

The Sisterhood Installation luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, May 16. Save the date. We moved it from the regular second Sunday because May 9th is Mother's Day.

I hope you're planning to be in the area around May 18-20 to receive the Torah from Sinai. We still have plenty of time to do mitzvot and decide where to stand!

Reading my own column in the March bulletin, I noticed that from one draft to the next, I somehow deleted Lois Fitter's name from the group of ladies who do all the work in the kitchen. I didn't notice, but, if Lois doesn't show up on her usual Thursday, her group sure would notice!

## Do you want SISTERHOOD to do the work?

Please keep us in mind when you celebrate a Simcha... a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, an auf ruf, an anniversary, a birthday, a new baby, or any other occasion you want to celebrate with a **SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH**.

You can also join with another person or group and co-sponsor. We do the work, you'll enjoy a delicious Shabbat Kiddush, and the synagogue will benefit from our fund-raising.



Call the office for information. We'll be glad you did. Thank you.

Memorial Plaques in the Guller Chapel are available.

# Youth Programs

Liz Redler, USY Director

Ok, so occasionally I get tired, especially after Purim when all of the festivities and excitement are done, and all I can think about is a little time to recover. This year is especially true since USY threw one of the most well attended Purim carnivals in recent memory, then followed it up with the Sisterhood Torah Function luncheon two weeks later. Tired actually might be the wrong word. Exhausted is probably more accurate. But for all of the long hours involved and the energy spent, when the event is over I'm actually a little sad and miss everyone that I had the pleasure to work with.

To that end, I would like to thank everyone who worked with me on this past Purim Carnival. Thank you, Rhona Lyons and Melissa Berk for taking the tickets and figuring out prices

for everything. Thank you Steve Kaiser and Stuart Rosenberg for cooking the hundred plus hot dogs. Thank you Sara & Yossi Shapiro, Evan & Avi Goldfarb, Hedva Levy, Laura Rainey, Shelli Kaskin, Peggy Nehman, Cindy Ginsburg, and Beth Rubin for taking care of the food booth, and thank you Marsha Birenbaum for the delicious hamantashen. As usual, I owe a big thank you to Kathi Rosenberg for her unconditional support and incredible guidance.

It will come as no surprise that my biggest thanks goes out to my USYers who cut, painted, pasted, and worked at all of the booths as well as the many late nights they put in during school weeks to make the carnival so successful. As for the outstanding leadership of the most dedicated co-presidents Laura

Rosenberg and Mital Lyons-Warren, there are not enough thanks for their vision, inspiration, and hard work.

Indeed, I am truly a blessed person to work among such amazing people and to be so fortunate as to become exhausted doing something that I am so passionate about with those who continue to inspire and challenge me.

### UPCOMING USY EVENTS

- April 7 Lounge Night
- Apr 10 Demolition Ball & Sleepover
- Apr 14 Lounge Night
- Apr 18 Kickball Game
- Apr 22-25 Spring Kallah Nebraska City, NE

Melissa Berk, Kadima/Noar Director

On March 5th, Kadimanicks Sophie Aroesty, Daniel Israeli, Dovran Olshan, and Sam Rubin, and USY Kadima co-chairs Delia and Hannah Rainey, headed off to Kadima Kinnus with their friends from BSKI and B'nai Amoona. They had a blast meeting up with old friends from camp and making new friends from around the Emtza Region including Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, and Nebraska!

Now it is time to celebrate Israel's 62nd Birthday! Kadima and Noar, meet your friends at Shaare Zedek on Sunday, April 18th from 12:30 – 2:30PM for a falafel lunch, followed by an Israel Birthday Cake Decorating Contest! Have you ever been to Israel? Would you like to go? Parents are invited to come early to pick-up and enjoy a slice of Israel's birthday cake while Karen Rader, CAJE Director of the Israel Experience Center, teaches how to send your child/children to Israel with the help of Shaare Zedek and the Jewish Federation! **RSVP to Melissa at [szyouhandfamily@gmail.com](mailto:szyouhandfamily@gmail.com) by April 12th!**



Kadima and Noar are having an...

## ISRAEL BIRTHDAY PARTY!

**When** April 18th, 12:30-2:30 (after Shaare Shalom Sunday School)

**Where** Shaare Zedek Synagogue

**Admission** \$10 Members,  
\$15 Nonmembers

**What** Kadima and Noar are celebrating Israel's birthday, Yom Ha'atzma'ut, with an awesome Falafel lunch and other Israeli treats! Then we will have a Cake Decorating Contest to finish off the party right!

**RSVP** Melissa at [szyouhandfamily@gmail.com](mailto:szyouhandfamily@gmail.com) by April 12th.

**Why?** Because we love Israel!!!!

# Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer & Tessa Katan



## There's No Place Like Home at Summer Fun Camp

Summer is coming and so is an exciting ECC Summer Fun Camp. St. Louis has many attractions featuring events and programs that involve families with young children. At Summer Fun Camp we are taking advantage of these amazing opportunities and integrating them into our weekly themes because "There's No Place Like Home".

**Leapin' Lizards** will engage children in learning about yesterdays Dinosaurs and today's lizards culminating in and evening with friends experiencing **DinoQuest**. Discovering Dinosaurs at the **Missouri Botanical Garden's Jurassic Dark** families will go on a **DinoQuest**, or scavenger hunt for hidden dinosaurs in the Climeatron's rainforest *June 7-11*

**Munch, Crunch, Slurp, Yum!** Making fun foods and snacks combining healthy foods with creative cooking makes for a happy bunch of Little Chefs. Not only will we make our own cookbook but a family trip to Ted Drewes will top off the week. *July 6-9*

### Kids Create Calder

Using distinctive discards the children will make a creative, dynamic and glitzy environment as they transform the ECC into their own "City Museum. Parents will be invited to the **GRAND OPENING** of the expansive and amazing display of their children's work. *June 28-July 2*

### How Does Your Garden Grow?

With Creepy Crawley Garden Friends our little horticulturalists will make their own school worm garden called vermicomposting. Digging in the garden, touching and observing a variety of worms, hatching butterflies and building habitats for friendly garden visitors will make for a great adventure for our little gardeners. This summer the **Butterfly House** features Jurassic Bugs. *June 21-25*

### Also featuring this summer:

- Down By the Station-Transportation, *June 14-18*
- Kids Can Be Cat -The Munny Opera, *July 12-16*
- Crafty Critters-Celebrating 100 years of the St. Louis Zoo, *July 19-23*
- There's No Place Like Home-University City, *July 26-10*

Session 1		
Week 1	June 7-11	Leapin' Lizards
Week 2	June 14-18	Down By the Station
Session 2		
Week 1	June 21-25	How Does Your Garden Grow?
Week 2	June 28-July 2	Kids Create Calder
Session 3		
Week 1	July 6-9	Munch Crunch Slurp Yum!
Week 2	July 12-16	Kids Can Be Cats
Session 4		
Week 1	July 19-23	Crafty Critters
Week 2	July 26-30	There's No Place Like Home

To enroll a child in any session or week of Summer Fun Camp call Marty Schaeffer at the ECC Office, 727-2565 or email [marty@shaarezedek.org](mailto:marty@shaarezedek.org).

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# Everyone Has A Story

By Sima Needleman

## The Story of Helene and Alan Spetner

Imagine: James Dean, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Route 66, juke boxes, rotary phones, glass Coca Cola bottles, diners, drive-ins, sock hops, car hops, saddle shoes, poodle skirts, etc. Evidence of all these things and much more can be found at a showroom and manufacturing plant called Cruisin' USA/BowlingShirt.com, 6262 Olive Boulevard. Owners: Alan and Helene Spetner.

Both Helene Kaplan and Alan Spetner grew up at Shaare Zedek (SZ), where their families have been active members for "years" - - in Alan's case, "generations," going back to his great grandparents!

Helene, the second of Sherry and Sol Kaplan's three children, was born on April 19, 1950. Her mother was employed as a bookkeeper in Washington University's Chemistry Department for 25 years, and her father, who was a musician (violinist) and a butcher, went into the wholesale meat business after his butcher shop was destroyed in the 1968 race riots. From the time Helene was born until she got married, her family lived in University City (U.C.) on Roberts Court. Helene was enrolled in the U.C. public school system - - University Forest Elementary School, Hanley Junior High and University City High School. She had a happy childhood and has fond memories of growing up in a friendly, Jewish neighborhood where a number of families were members of SZ and everyone knew everyone else, and where the children played together and had lots of fun. Helene went to SZ's Sunday School (where Marvin Lerner was one of her teachers) until she was confirmed at the age of 17.

When Helene thinks of summertime as a youngster, her thoughts are of camp, starting with the JCC's day camp, which she attended several years. When she was in junior high school, Helene began attending Camp Hawthorne in the Lake of the Ozarks, first

as a camper and then as a counselor. She also was a "candy striper" one summer at the Jewish Center for the Aged when it was located on Blair Avenue. A different summer, she volunteered at the JCC's Yalem Building on Olive Boulevard as an advisor to a teen youth-group.

Throughout her childhood, Helene had many good friends, who either lived in her neighborhood, belonged to SZ, were in her class, or went to the same camp. During her school years, Helene joined various clubs. The ones that stand out in her mind are B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG) and ORT, where she served as the President. Many of Helene's childhood friends are still her friends today.

After graduating from high school in 1968, Helene entered the University of Missouri (UMSL) taking Liberal Arts courses with the expectation of becoming a teacher - - possibly, a teacher of the blind. But fate intervened. She met Alan Spetner!

It's very surprising that Helene didn't know Alan by the time she went to college because both lived in U.C., and both had been members of SZ all their lives. She even knew Alan's family or, at least, she knew Alan's four younger brothers. You see, when she was 16 and had her driver's license, Julie Iken asked her to drive "four little boys" to SZ on Sundays for choir practice since Helene was driving to the *shul's* Sunday School anyway. Helene drove the boys (who happened to be Alan's younger brothers) each Sunday, but never got to know Alan. (He was 4 years older than she and, in a sense, was at a different stage of life.) But, all that changed in time.

Meanwhile, Alan, who was born on February 20, 1947, was the oldest of Norman (Buddy) and Lillian (Lil) Spetner's seven children. The others: Elly, Carol (Spetner Pessin), Steven, David, Bob, and Don joined the family during the next 13 years. (Sadly, Elly, after living in Israel and marrying St. Louisan Carmi



Fredman, died in an automobile accident in 1980 while she was on vacation with her husband in California.)

According to Alan, it was fun growing up in his family. His was a home full of music and full of people. In addition to the 9 in their family, they often had guests due to their large extended family and a great many friends. Alan's father was a pilot in WWII. When he was discharged from military service, he went into business with his brother-in-law, Charlie Bianco. They manufactured seating booths for restaurants and then later bought a chair factory together. In time, Charlie sold his interest in the business to Buddy, and later Buddy sold it to Holiday Inn. Then, after the Six Day War in Israel, Buddy bought franchise rights for Holiday Inns in Israel.

Buddy was a great dad to Alan. They had lots of quality time together. He was easy-going, liked people, and made friends easily. He also was a very generous man (especially when it came to Jewish causes and institutions), and set a good example for Alan and his siblings.

Alan's mother, Lil, who "lit up the room" when she entered, was a very nurturing person. She and Buddy had a close set of lifelong friends (about 10 couples). And, according to Alan, she was "always an entertainer." She loved to sing, dance, write poems, plays and satires. Lil had a lot of energy and was actively involved in the Epstein Hebrew Academy (which was the only Jewish day school in St. Louis at that time and the school which all her children attended). In addition, she played a significant role in Shaare Zedek synagogue

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and Sisterhood by chairing committees and supporting all synagogue programs. For about 10 years after her husband died in 1986, Lil worked in Alan and Helene's business. Then, in 2005 at the age of 83, she was the chairperson for the synagogue's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration!

Alan attended Epstein Hebrew Academy through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and then went to Hanley Junior High School. During those years, Alan's maternal grandfather, Joseph Katz, who was the *Ba'al Koreh* (i.e., Torah reader) at SZ for about 20 years, taught Alan to read Torah, *Haftorah* and *daven* the Hebrew prayers.

During those early years, Alan remembers playing ball, being a member of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO), and taking piano lessons; but, his fondest memories revolve around Boy Scouts and camping. When just 11 years old, Alan joined a Scout troop at SZ and grew to love camping and being outdoors - - so much that he found himself going camping one weekend every other month during the school year and more often in the summer. When 16, Alan achieved the highest Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout; and, he and his friends began to go to remote areas in Canada where they caught and cooked fish and had other adventures. He loved those scouting experiences and believes they taught him to be self-sufficient. Alan feels he would be able to keep himself and his family alive if stranded in nature. (Note: Later, after college, Alan became a Scout Master and "helped other young boys become men.")

Besides camping in the summertime, Alan worked in his father's chair factory for four summers before graduating from UCHS in 1964. After graduation, Alan went to the University of Colorado for two years and then transferred to the University of Missouri. (Up until this time, Alan was not a serious student, but things changed at UMSL where he met Helene.)

In the fall of 1968, both he and Helene were students at UMSL. Helene was a freshman and Alan, who was shy a few credits after transferring schools, had one more semester left before graduating. A friend of Helene's, Toby Shuman, went on a date with Alan, and Toby asked Helene to call Alan and see if he had had a nice time on the date. When Helene called, she and Alan discovered that they had so much in common. They seemed to talk and talk for hours. Shortly after that, Toby dropped out of UMSL, moved to Haight Ashbury, CA and became a "hippy." Both Alan and Helene lost track of her, but Alan never forgot Helene. So, one day at school when he saw her, he asked her if she would skip classes and go out with him the next day. She agreed to do it, and he picked her up and drove her out in the country to Farmington, MO and a farm that he said his parents owned. Helene actually knew that farm; she had been there! As far as she knew, it belonged to friends of her parents, Esther and David Goldenhersh. It turned out that: (1) the Goldenherkses were mutual friends of Lil and Buddy Spetner as well as of Sherry and Sol Kaplan; and (2) the Spetners and Goldenherkses jointly owned the farm! Needless to say, Helene and Alan really enjoyed each other's company and that was the beginning of the rest of their lives.

They dated through the summer and fall of 1969 and became engaged on New Year's Eve that year. Since Alan was drafted into the Army in September of 1969 just after graduating from college, he and Helene decided to marry right away. Helene's father was a little uneasy because Alan, who was a private in the Army making \$89.00/month, didn't have a real job yet. But, Helene said YES and planned a wedding in 6 weeks. The date was set for February 21, 1970 because that's when Alan would be able to come home for weekend leave.

Both Rabbi Epstein and Rabbi Asher officiated at the ceremony, which was held at SZ, and followed by a champagne-dessert reception. Helene and Alan had no honeymoon. Instead, the next day they left for San Antonio so Alan could resume his training as an operating room nurse. Helene was able to get a job at the JCC in San Antonio working with a youth group. But, after just a few months, they were

transferred to Ft. Sill in Lawton, OK, where Alan was stationed until he was discharged from the army in 1971. After leaving the base, Alan and Helene returned to University City where they bought a house on Berick near McKnight and Delmar. Helene went back to UMSL and Alan went to work for his Uncle Charlie who owned Bowl-A-Rama Lanes. Helene became pregnant and left UMSL, but Alan was still working for his uncle when Amy was born on August 10, 1972.

About a year and a half later, Alan and Helene went on an adventure. They put their house up for rent; and, with Amy, moved to Bemidji, Minnesota where they lived on a farm and shared a house with friends from the army. They raised chickens and had 2 pigs that they named Halderman and Ehrlichman. Helene got a job in town in a store called Gibson's, and Alan worked the farm and took a course in Art and Drawing (thanks to the G.I. Bill), for which the government paid him \$250 a month.

The next summer, they returned to University City and their house on Berick, and Alan went back to work at Bowl-A-Rama. Soon afterward Helene became pregnant for the second time, and on June 6, 1976, Robbie was born. When Robbie was 3 months old, the family moved to a larger home around the corner on Alanson.

A few years later, Alan left Bowl-A-Rama, and he and Helene started their own business, which they first named "Sports Energizers." The idea for the business came from Alan's many years of working in a bowling alley. He and Helene had seen a need for putting the names of team-sponsors on the backs of bowling shirts, using a technique called screen-printing. This skill had been around for years, but never on garments.

In order to do complete bowling shirts, Helene bought a special hand-guided sewing machine and learned the art and skill of chain stitch embroidery. They rented space on Lackland Avenue in Overland and started with just one account, a firm that wanted them to embroider designs on shirts for its bowling team business. The Spetners started to

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The 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students made blankets to donate to the SLU project to help people effected by the recent natural disasters all over the world.

Thank you to Morah Sarah, Morah Elizabeth and Ben Levy for organizing this very important project.

## Shaare Shalom

Michael Raileanu, Education Director



We find ourselves in the home stretch of the school year. All of the hard work put in by the students and teachers culminates in the last weeks of April and the month of May. All of the planning for the year that begins in July and August has got to be realized by this point. We have had a great year in SSRS and did many of the things we wanted to do! The feeling of accomplishment is palpable.

Jewish summer camps are without a doubt the single most effective educational tool for Jewish children. If you are sending your child to a Jewish sleep-over summer camp this year please send their address and dates of attendance to the Religious School office and we will make sure that your child hears from the Shaare Shalom Religious School whilst they are away. Letters from home, from anyone at home, are a welcome distraction in a busy camp day. A letter from a teacher or Rabbi carries as much weight and we look forward to communicating with all of our students while they are away. If you are not sending your child to a Jewish summer camp this year we strongly encourage you to think about for the summers to come. The experiences that children enjoy at Jewish summer camps last a lifetime and help to develop a tremendous sense of the Jewish

self. We are available to talk about camp alternatives but no matter what camp you choose Jewish camp is Jewish camp and you can almost never go wrong.

Remember, if you have been attending services this year with your child, you should have been turning in the Bowling With The Rabbis tokens. If you have forgotten to do so, it is not too late. Call Lauren in the SSRS office and she will get some out to you right away. The Bowling party is coming up soon and we would not for any child to miss out.

Speaking of Lauren, Lauren Malm the administrative assistant at Shaare Shalom, she has been a terrific team member this year and she deserves a moment of public acknowledgement. She has been a hard worker and a creative problem-solver. SSRS has been lucky to have her as a part of the team.

We hope your Pesach is fulfilling and relaxing and we look forward to seeing you around the building in the weeks to come.

Michael S. Raileanu, M.A.Ed.  
Director  
Shaare Shalom Religious School

Their current business began when their daughter, Amy, wore one of her grandfather's custom-made bowling shirts to school one day. All her classmates wanted to have one and that gave Alan a great idea. He put an ad in *Rolling Stone* Magazine and got a huge response. In addition, Helene and Alan decided to attend a "Back-to-the-50's" Car Show in Carlyle, PA, where they set up a booth and sold out their inventory of bowling shirts, jackets and poodle skirts in a couple of hours. After that, they traveled far and wide

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## DorWays: Families & Young Members

Melissa Berk, Program Coordinator



*DorWays is Shaare Zedek's group for young members and their families. Dor in Hebrew means generation and it is our hope that DorWays serves as an entryway for young members and their families into synagogue life at Shaare Zedek! We currently have forty member families, and many prospective families participating in our programs and enriching their lives and the lives around them.*

A warm welcome goes out to our newest DorWays member, Valerie Loo, daughter of Shelly and Geoff Loo. Mazal Tov!

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, eleven Shaare Zedek families gathered with 110 Jewish Families from around St. Louis to participate in the Havdallah Under the Stars Event at the Planetarium. They enjoyed Havdallah services led by our very own, Hazzan Joanna Dulkan, star shows, and activity booths, including the Shaare Zedek/BSKI Havdallah Candle Making booth. A special

thank you to Marty Schaeffer, Director of the Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center, Linda Kram, Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Teacher, Harvey Leader, BSKI Executive Director, Deborah Leader and David Berk for running the colorful and popular Havdallah Candle Making Table.

Remember to check your calendar for our regular Shabbat Services and activities



including Tot Shabbat with Shelley and Jeff Dean, and Family Services with Julie Friedman!



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(from NJ to CA) to attend other "oldies" car shows, where they not only sold their items, but they got ideas for new products. They established a nostalgic theme of memorabilia of the 1950's and 1960's and developed an entire line of "retro" clothing and items which were popular in the 50's and 60's.

Over the years, they moved their operation and changed the name of the business a few times. In 2003, they bought an attractive one-story building at 6262 Olive Boulevard and re-named their business "Cruisin' USA/ BowlingShirt.com.." Although they still have the showroom today, their business is essentially all online. According to Helene, "the internet has changed their lives," and they not only sell all over the world but have traveled to China, Mexico, Turkey, Honduras, Holland (where they have a partner) and many other countries for their business.

It didn't take long for their shirts and one-of-a-kind business to be featured on the *Today* Show. And, at various times, they made shirts for many celebrities including Buffalo Bob (of the Howdy Doody Show), Ellen DeGeneres, Dolly Parton and others. Helene feels that the "business has given them a wonderful life" and that "it's really fun because we're selling fun stuff." Alan adds that he's very proud that he and Helene, who love what they do, started out with nothing, worked together these past 36 years and built a previously-unimaginable successful business.

In addition to the business, Helene enjoys gardening and, along with Alan, loves to travel and to be with their grandchildren, Lilly and Caleb. Helene and Alan are also very proud of their children, Amy and Robbie: Amy, for being a hospice nurse and for doing such a good job with her husband, Chad Doughty, raising their growing family on the same block where Alan and Helene live; and Robbie, for



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being such a champion bowler! Robbie fell in love with bowling when he was very young; and has won many awards and tournaments, starting at age 12. When he began saving his earnings for scholarship money. At 15, he had

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# Adult Education

Sydney Farber

March had us creating Pesach/Matzo covers with our talented Jennifer Rogers Asher. We had lots of fun and can't wait to create other projects with Jenny. Prior to Pesach we had two Lunch and Learns; one with Alice Fasman and the other with Rabbi Fasman.

Mark your calendar for the following Adult Ed programs in April:

✧ **April 10, 15, 17** - We will have a three part series for *Yom HaShoah*. On Saturday, **April 10th** Rabbi Dulkan will lead a Lunch & Learn on a Yom HaShoah topic. On Thursday evening, **April 15th** at 6:45, we will show the film "God on Trial" and then on Saturday, **April 17th** there will be a discussion of the movie and additional information about *Yom HaShoah* led by our distinguished rabbinic panel of Rabbis Fasman, Dulkan, and Horwitz. You won't want to miss these three events! Please make a reservation with Nancy, 314-727-1747 for the movie. An optional treat - for \$1 you can purchase a bag of chips and a soda.

✧ On **April 12th** - *Jewish Prayer* taught by Rabbi Fasman starts up on Tuesday evenings, from 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

✧ **April 17th** - Rabbi Dulkan will have another of his Shabbat classes from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

✧ **April 23-25** - The Leo and Sara Wolf Adult Education Fund Scholar-in-Residence weekend with Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University. He will be giving talks Friday evening, Saturday morning during the Shabbat service, a Lunch and Learn on Shabbat, and a last talk on Sunday morning. Reservations will be required for the Friday night dinner at \$14 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and younger. (Details about the weekend can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.)

Here's some information about April and its corresponding Hebrew month(s): *Nisan* and *Iyar*. *Iyar* (Hebrew: אֵיָר or אֵיָר; means "Rosette; blossom") is the second month of the Jewish Calendar. As with several other months in the Jewish calendar, its name is Babylonian in origin. It is a spring month of 29 days. *Iyar* usually falls in April-May.

There are so many holidays that occur in Nisan & Iyar (April), and so I've jotted down some key points. (Oh, by the way, most of the info comes from Wikipedia.)

★ **15-21 Nisan** - Passover (*Pesach*) - also the 22 Nisan outside of Israel;

★ **27 Nisan** - *Yom HaShoah* - on 26 Nisan or 28 Nisan when the 27th falls on Friday or Sunday respectively, interfering with Shabbat -- *Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laGvura* (יום הזיכרון לשואה ולגבורה; "Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day"), known in Israel and abroad as *Yom HaShoah*;

★ **4 Iyar** - *Yom HaZikaron* (Hebrew: יום האיבה יום הזיכרון לחללי מערכות ולנפגעי פעולות איבה וקורבנות טרור) is Israel's official Memorial Day;

★ **5 Iyar** - *Yom Ha'Atzma'ut* (Hebrew: יום העצמאות 'מֵאֲתָמָה הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה) is the national independence day of Israel, commemorating its Declaration of Independence in 1948. Celebrated annually on 5th of Iyar. It is always preceded by *Yom HaZikaron*;

★ **14 Iyar** - *Pesach Sheini* (Hebrew: פסח שני, trans. Second Passover), is a minor Jewish observance;

★ **18 Iyar** - *Lag B'Omer* (Hebrew: ליל ב'עומר), is celebrated on the thirty-third day of the counting of the Omer, which is on the 18th of Iyar. *Lag BaOmer* is Hebrew shorthand for 33rd of Omer and you start counting the Omer from the second day of Passover until the holiday of Shavuot;



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- \* Sing with an intergenerational choir
- \* Rabbi Fasman is gathering individuals to lead our first Shaare Zedek brass ensemble! If you play the trumpet, trombone, tuba or any other brass instrument, we want you to join us!

## APRIL ACTIVITIES

### April 10th

- 9:30am Ruach Am'cha Chanting
- 12:00pm Ruach Am'cha Zmirot
- 7:30pm Havdalah Drum Circle

For information, contact Hazzan Dulkan, Hazzan@shaarezedek.org, or Program Coordinator Julie Friedman, Julie@shaarezedek.org

★ **28 Iyar** - *Yom Yerushalyim* (Hebrew: יום ירושלים), is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in June 1967.

**SAVE THE DATES: Lag B'Omer, May 2nd and Tikkun Leil Shavuot, May 18th. Details to follow in May newsletter.**

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the highest average of any junior bowler in the country, and when he finished high school, he won a bowling scholarship to Arizona State University. And, just recently, he bowled his 13<sup>th</sup> perfect 300 game!

A highlight of the Spetners' lives has been an annual vacation trip every August for the past 17 or 18 years with their children, their mothers and the families of all of Alan's siblings (between 20 and 23 people). They call the trip "Camp Spetner," and every year they make a new Camp Spetner T-shirt to remember that particular trip.

As busy as they are, the Spetners have always made time for SZ. Alan has served on

and chaired a number of committees over the years and was President of the Congregation for two years (2001 and 2002). Within the past month, he celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah at SZ and received the "2010 SZ Man of the Year Award." Helene, too, has helped out in the *shul* in numerous ways over the years, serving on committees and working on various programs. In addition, as a true partner to Alan, she became involved in synagogue business, often behind-the-scenes, when Alan was President. Then, twice (in 2006 and 2008), she planned, organized and took a group of 40 people from the synagogue to Israel. At times it was quite challenging, and she feels as if she "could write a book about the experiences, but both trips were wonderful!"

Alan and Helene, who recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and have worked together as partners in business for over

36 years, are a remarkable couple. They are hard-working, creative, and innovative people, who are willing to take risks, and they have good reason to be proud of their successes and accomplishments!



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- Alan & Helene Spetner – 40 Years  
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Phyllis Warner

### Bar/Bat Mitzvah

- Liz Redler – son's Bar Mitzvah  
Irene Belsky

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- Ruth Jacob – brother, Eugene Schrenzel  
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Micki Kingsley  
Mark Weinstein's Birthday  
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### IN MEMORY OF

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### IN HONOR OF

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Gabe & Shelah Feldman  
Sima & Phil Needleman  
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Avi & Evan Goldfarb  
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Alan Spetner's Man of the Year Award  
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Rhoda Grimsky  
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Mitch & Joyce Podolsky  
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Cecile Spiegelman's 80th Birthday  
Rhoda Grimsky  
Cecile Raskas' Speedy Recovery  
Helene & Alan Spetner  
M ke Shanas' Speedy Recovery  
Helene & Alan Spetner

### IN MEMORY OF

Eugene Schrenzel  
Zendra Ashkanazi  
Gail Baer  
Fred & Cecile Spiegelman

## ZEDA KATZ FUND

### IN HONOR OF

Alan and Helene Spetner's 40th Wedding Anniversary  
M ke & Barb Spector  
Alan Spetner's Man of the Year Award  
Hanley & Florence Cohn

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### IN HONOR OF

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Michael Shanas' Speedy Recovery  
Charlotte Singman & Family

### IN MEMORY OF

Florence Hagedorn  
Zendra Ashkanazi  
Eugene Schrenzel  
Charlotte Singman & Family  
Florence Silverstone  
Charlotte Singman & Family

## SIDDURIM

### IN HONOR OF

The 40th Wedding Anniversary of Alan & Helene Spetner  
Sima & Phil Needleman  
The 50th Anniversary of Alan Spetner's Bar Mitzvah and Alan & Helene Spetner's 40th Wedding Anniversary  
Pat Rosen

## EARLY CHILDHOOD RENEWAL FUND

### IN HONOR OF

Ruth Ehrlich's 85th Birthday  
Pat Rosen  
The 50th Anniversary of Alan Spetner's Bar Mitzvah  
Karen & Mike Wetmore  
Helene & Alan Spetner's 40th Wedding Anniversary  
Karen & Mike Wetmore  
Paul DuBro's & Marty Schaeffer's New Granddaughter  
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### IN MEMORY OF

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We have daily minyanim, 7am & 6pm, 8am on Sundays, 9am on Saturdays.

Choose a time that is convenient for you. Become a regular.

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*Those saying Kaddish for a loved one will appreciate it even more!*

**Eugene Schrenzel** passed away on February 8th. Brother of Ruth Jacob.

**Irvin Dubinsky** passed away on February 14th. Brother of Frances (Ben) Kootman.

**Florence Silverstone** passed away on February 22nd. Sister of Audrey Berns, mother-in-law of Paula (Peter) Sparks and grandmother of Joey Sparks.

**Eleanor Goldstein** passed away on March 7th. Wife of Eugene Goldstein, sister of Leon (Sylvia) Schwartz, sister-in-law of Dorothy (Mel {z"l}) Goldstein, cousin of Leo Bressler and Marcia Kopitsky.

## David Iken Memorial Fund

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### Shaare Zedek Calendar April 2010 Nisan/Iyar 5770

<b>Thursday, April 1</b> Pesach III - Chol HaMoed 6:45am Shacharit 6:00pm Mincha/Maariv	12:30pm Lunch and Learn 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Havdalah Drum Circle 8:15pm Shabbat ends	<b>Tuesday, April 20</b> Yom HaAtzma'ut 8:00am Herb Fredman Class 7:15pm Jewish Prayer
<b>Friday, April 2</b> Pesach IV - Chol HaMoed 6:45am Shacharit 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah 7:07pm Candle lighting	<b>Sunday, April 11</b> Yom HaShoah 9:30am Men's Club Meeting 10:15am Sisterhood Meeting 10:15am Sisterhood Niggun 11:30am Intergen'l Choir Rehearsal	<b>Wednesday, April 21</b> Regular Minyanim
<b>Saturday, April 3</b> Pesach V - Chol HaMoed 9:00am Shabbat Service 11:00am Tot Shabbat 6:30pm Mincha/Maariv 7:09pm Shabbat ends 8:11pm Havdalah	<b>Monday, April 12</b> Yom HaShoah program at BSKI 9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class	<b>Thursday, April 22</b> 7:00pm Board Meeting
<b>Sunday, April 4</b> Pesach VI Chol HaMoed 8am & 6pm, Regular & Festival Minyanim 7:09pm Candle lighting	<b>Tuesday, April 13</b> 8:00am Herb Fredman Class 11:30am JCRC Meeting 7:15pm Jewish Prayer Class	<b>Friday, April 23</b> Rabbi Atzson- Scholar in Residence 7:00am Shacharit 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Band 7:15pm Scholar in Residence Dinner 7:27pm Candle lighting
<b>Monday, April 5</b> Pesach VII 9:00am Festival Shacharit 7:45pm Festival Mincha & Maariv	<b>Wednesday, April 14</b> Rosh Chodesh Iyar 6:45am Rosh Chodesh I 6:00pm Mincha/Maariv	<b>Saturday, April 24</b> Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim Rabbi Atzson- Scholar in Residence 9:00am Shabbat Service 10:45am Family Service 6:55pm Mincha/Maariv 8:29pm Shabbat ends
<b>Tuesday, April 6</b> Pesach VIII 9:00am Festival Shacharit 11:00am Yizkor 7:50pm Festival Mincha & Maariv 8:14pm Havdalah	<b>Thursday, April 15</b> Rosh Chodesh Iyar 6:45am Rosh Chodesh II 6:00pm Mincha/Maariv 6:45pm Movie Night "God on Trial"	<b>Sunday, April 25</b> Rabbi Atzson- Scholar in Residence 11:30am Intergen'l Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Ruach Am'cha Culmination Celebration
<b>Wednesday, April 7</b> Regular Minyanim	<b>Friday, April 16</b> 7:00am Shacharit 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah 7:20pm Candle lighting	<b>Monday, April 26</b> 9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class 6:15pm Brass Band Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, April 8</b> 7:00pm Exec Board	<b>Saturday, April 17</b> Parashat Tazria-Metzora 9:00am Shabbat Service 10:00am Rabbi Dulkan's class 10:45am Noar Parsha Players/ Youth Lounge	<b>Tuesday, April 27</b> 8:00am Herb Fredman Class 7:15pm Jewish Prayer
<b>Friday, April 9</b> 7:00am Shacharit 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Band 7:14pm Candle lighting	<b>Sunday, April 18</b> 11:30am Intergen'l Choir Rehearsal 12:30pm Kadima 3:30pm Dor'Way	<b>Wednesday, April 28</b> Regular Minyanim
<b>Saturday, April 10</b> Parashat Shmini 9:00am Shabbat Service 9:30am Ruach Am'cha Chanting 10:45am Family Service 12:00pm Ruach Am'cha Zmirot	<b>Monday, April 19</b> Yom HaZikaron 9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class	<b>Thursday, April 29</b> Regular Minyanim
		<b>Friday, April 30</b> 7:00am Shacharit 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah 7:34pm Candle lighting

Minyan times are  
7am & 6pm weekdays,  
8am & 6pm Sundays,  
unless otherwise noted.

We hope you enjoy this new format that allows us to provide you with more complete information.