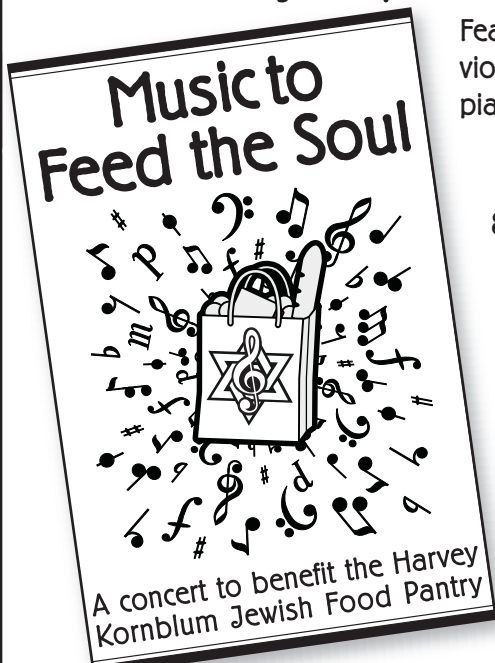


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**Thank you.**

My sincere thanks to everyone who sent tribute cards to me in honor of my 80th birthday. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.—*Rudy*

# Todah Rabah!

## Haftarot for December

Jaron Asher, Donn Rubin, Sandy Boxerman, Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class: Marsha Birenbaum, Steve Birenbaum, Stacy Gaal, Dorit Galor, Rachel Guller, Bilgah Israel, Peggy Nehmen, Phyllis Patton, Betty Siegel, Tracey West

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### New Arrivals

Mazel Tov to Benjamin and Jordana Cooperberg on the birth of their son on October 9th.

Mazel Tov to William and Suzanne Goldstein on the birth of their daughter on October 19th.

Mazel Tov to Marc and Lvav Spector on the birth of their son on November 12th.

### Anniversaries for January

Leslie Birenbaum & Susan Roth  
 Allen Levin & Joyce Gang  
 David Warren & Rhona Lyons  
 Rudolf & Frances Oppenheim  
 Alan & Molly Portman  
 Paul & Karen Rader  
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# A Message from the Rabbi

## Rabbi Mark Fasman

Every Shabbat morning preceding the beginning of a new Hebrew month, we recite a prayer before we return the scroll to the ark. It is called Birkat HaChodesh – the blessing of the new month. This is the one time in the entire liturgy that we ask God to grant us those things that are most important to living a good and meaningful life.

We stand as the hazzan sings the beautiful words of this prayer, in which we list the ingredients of a good life: we ask God to renew for us the coming month for goodness and blessing. We then ask for a long life, a life of peace, a life of goodness, a life of blessing, a life of sustenance and physical vitality. The Hebrew for “sustenance” is *parnassah* – to make a living. This month (and for the foreseeable future) our prayer for *parnassah* is particularly meaningful. As our economy cycles through another period of recession (or depression), we are reminded how important it is to be able to support ourselves and our families. Before we ask for the spiritual, we ask that our physical needs be met. It is only after we have mentioned *parnassah* and physical vitality that we ask for fear of heaven and fear of sin, a life free from shame and reproach, a life of abundance and honor, a life of live of Torah and fear of heaven, and finally, a life in which the worthy aspirations of our hearts will be fulfilled for goodness.

We are not a religion of the spirit, at least not the spirit alone. Judaism understands that our physical needs must be met, and that meeting those needs is a worthy aspiration. As Tevye says, “It’s no shame to be poor; but it’s no great honor either.” Making a good living, an honorable living, is devoutly to be wished. Mainstream Judaism does not have a tradition of asceticism. For most of our history, Jews have been poor – but poverty is neither a mark of virtue nor the foundation of a religious life.

When my grandfathers came to this country their first priority was not shul. It was to make a living. Most Jewish men who immigrated to America found that they had to work on Shabbat to earn a living. They worked very long hours, often seven days a week, in order to support their families. Subsequent generations have not had to work as hard to earn a good living. And perhaps we have come to expect to be able to earn more than our grandparents could ever have imagined. That is not necessarily a bad thing ... unless we forget how important *parnassah* is. Unless we begin to look down on those who work hard but who barely scrape by.

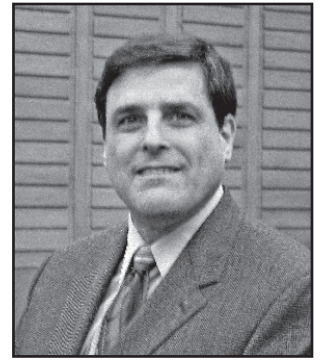
The wealthiest Jewish community in history is not facing abject poverty. But we are increasingly sensitized to the plight of so many who have lost their jobs, as well as those who will lose them in the coming months. We are reminded that earning a living is not an entitlement. It is appropriate to take a few minutes each month to put into

words how important it is for us to be able to earn a livelihood.

It is also a time for us to become sensitized to those who are at risk – those who cannot work, those who cannot find work, those who depend on their retirement plans to provide their livelihood, and all who are unable to provide for themselves and their families. Many people are going to suffer in the months ahead. Most non-profit institutions will suffer. Many businesses will fail.

Perhaps the rough months ahead will remind us of the importance of *parnassah*. And that *parnassah* is part of a religious life. In the words of Birkat HaMazon, the Grace after meals: *HaRachaman, Hu y’farnesseinu b’khavod* – “May the Merciful One give us an honorable livelihood.”

Ken yehi ratzon – May this be God’s will.



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# Presidential Matters

## Gary Kodner

I am pleased and honored to be the next president of Shaare Zedek Synagogue. My journey to the presidency has been an interesting one and in some ways unconventional. I may be among the few presidents who have come to this position with prior experience. Experience gives me both confidence and wisdom. Shaare Zedek has been a positive, welcoming and game-changing experience for me and my family. Shaare Zedek's rich legacy that has endured for more than a century. Many dedicated people have preceded me as president. Some of them I have had the privilege to work with over these past 4.5 years.

I would like to recognize the incredible job our immediate past President, Marsha Birenbaum has done. Marsha has led this synagogue with Love, poise, respect, and intelligence.

In just two years Marsha has accomplished many things. Marsha's contributions to our synagogue have been notable, measurable and sustaining. BIG example: The Mark Raiffe Torah project. Marsha inspired and led our synagogue leaders and members in a year-long quest for the first new Torah written by this synagogue in many generations. This project engaged our community in Torah, learning, art, music, fund-raising, and community building. Marsha stands not only as a leader in the Shaare Zedek community but in the greater community as well.

Marsha has enriched and encouraged my participation. She has shared her wisdom with me, given of her time, her heart, her food and her soul. We should be very proud and thankful to Marsha for all her accomplishments both small and large. We are experiencing a smooth transition from one president to the next.

I also look forward to working closer with Rabbi Fasman, Hazzan Dulkan, Jeff Miller, our synagogue staff and all of our dedicated volunteers.

### *What's next?*

I have a full-plate agenda: New contracts for our Klei Chodesh; long-range/strategic planning; build and improve our committees; bringing about needed change to outdated, unsustainable models.

### *What's critically important right now?*

Our community is hurting from this devastating economic downturn and no apparent end in sight. In St. Louis, our Jewish Food Pantry is seeing an explosion in need. Jewish Federation's Lifeline Fund is offering additional food, financial assistance and loans to Jewish families and individuals in crisis.

The most urgent matter we face today is the deepening financial recession.

Our St. Louis Jewish Federation's agencies and our community's congregations continue to report staggering

increases in requests for food, jobs, and financial aid – from families and individuals who have never needed assistance before this current crisis. This dramatic increase in demands has stretched our agencies to capacity – and beyond. The Jewish Federation has responded with a Lifeline Fund to offer immediate relief. The fund will be administered through Jewish Family and Children's Service (JF&CS), with additional resources to make emergency rent or mortgage payments, feed families, pay utility bills and more. Initially, the Lifeline Fund will make \$500,000 available: \$250,000 for direct assistance and \$250,000 for zero-interest loans.

Consider these current Jewish community statistics:

- 78% increase in employment assistance requests
- 61% increase in requests for food
- 47% increase in financial assistance requests these numbers are still growing!

Each of us can help in some way – big or small. For instance, donate food and personal care items to the Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry and gently used coats to JCRC's Winter Coat Drive. Bring food supplies to every meeting, minyan or social gathering at our synagogue and throughout the community. Shaare Zedek has collection boxes at both of our entrances.

In Addition, the three Conservative congregations are responding to the crisis by working together on a music concert, "Music To Feed the Soul", to be held at Shaare Zedek on January 28. Our own Hazzan Dulkan will perform along with eclectic collection of Klezmer, Broadway, classics, Israeli pop, plus Hebrew liturgical music will be performed by rabbis, cantors, rock musicians and students from grade school through college. ALL proceeds from this event will benefit the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. Please call the office and reserve your tickets.

**PLEASE BRING FOOD TO THE CONCERT FOR THE JEWISH FOOD PANTRY.**

If you are in need of assistance, call the Jewish Family and Children's Service: 314-991-1000. All inquiries are confidential. For information about Lifeline and all community agencies, programs and services visit: [www.jewishinstlouis.org](http://www.jewishinstlouis.org) or call: 314-432.0020. To donate online: [www.jewishinstlouis.org](http://www.jewishinstlouis.org).

Shaare Zedek is also facing financial challenges. A number of solutions will be examined and considered. Solutions are achievable if we can engage generosity, strength, courage and support for each other. I am only the president. One person. Success is only achievable with your help, your talents, your time and your resources. We can work together to build a better, sustainable community.—Gary

# HazzaNotes

## Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan

What is Jewish music, and how do we even attempt to answer this huge question? A professor of mine at the seminary said, in his frustration about how difficult it truly is to define Jewish music, asked, "Does it have a Jewish mother? I mean, come on!" And we think we have issues in our community over who is and is not Jewish! What music can we truly claim as our own?

Looking at a piece of music or its composer, we cannot simply say that Jewish music is music written by Jews: there are many Jewish composers who did not write exclusively Jewish music (Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* comes to mind). Nor does a composer need to be Jewish to compose Jewish music: the Basque composer Maurice Ravel wrote a hauntingly beautiful *Kaddish*, and John Williams composed the score for *Schindler's List*: both are examples of Jewish music. So it is not the composer him or herself, nor is it the music exclusively. Maybe we can pin it down to context: if a piece of music is used for a Jewish purpose, such as a holiday celebration or ritual ceremony, it is a Jewish piece of music. But what about the occasions when a piece of secular music, such as an American folk song, is used in a religious service? Does it somehow become converted to Judaism? And what about when a Jewish composer converts to another religion (Think Felix Mendelssohn).

The cantor and composer Michael Isaacson attacks this very question in the third chapter in his book *Jewish Music as Midrash: What makes music Jewish?* Even he struggles to define Jewish music, so he begins by telling us what Jewish music is not. Because we have lived in all corners of the globe throughout history, our music cannot be isolated to a single set of notes, rhythms, instruments, or "feel." While klezmer music may sound very "Jewish" to us, to someone from Eastern Europe, it may sound simply like...music. While a song in Hebrew may sound very Jewish to us, to Israelis it sounds simply like...music. The ethnicity of a piece of music is easier to pin down than its "religion." There is such variation even in the way the music is performed, argues Isaacson, that the same piece of Jewish music on paper may sound different depending on where it is played and who plays it. Finally, Isaacson makes the point that Jewish music today is profoundly different than it was only 50-75 years ago. Then, "the more formal, choral, organ-accompanied, composed music of the American Reform movement" gave way to camp-style services. Yet it is not just in the Reform movement that we have seen such a dramatic shift: Jewish liturgical music has been revolutionized by Debbie Friedman, Craig Taubman and Shlomo Carlebach, who came through the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements, respectively.

Isaacson then provides criteria for considering the "Jewishness" of a piece of music in the form of 11 questions: "When was it composed? Where was it first used? Who first performed it? Where is it heard today? What needs were gratified by its creation? Who performs it and who hears it today?

Why and how is it performed? What style or multiple styles are reflected in it? What text does it set? When, where, and why is the text used? How does the musical setting illuminate the text?" Do we simply know Jewish music when we hear it?



Isaacson ultimately gives two "simple and workable standards" to help us understand what makes music Jewish: function and midrash, and this is the subject of the book. How is the music used, and what kernel of Jewish thought or text is at its center that manifests the Jewish "story" of the piece?

For us today, Jewish music takes many forms, and is continuing to evolve and change. While some people may listen to a Jewish rock tune, a track of Israeli hip-hop, or a very contemporary choral setting of a Jewish text, and pronounce them "not Jewish," the truth is that we have adapted and changed our music throughout history depending on our local influences. The thing to always keep in mind is that what is "traditional" to us is simply shorthand for "what we are used to hearing." What may not have sounded "Jewish" to a 19th century Viennese Reform Jew sounds very Jewish to us: the tune for the *Sh'ma* by Sulzer. The fact that this tune has survived the years and has become the tune for *Sh'ma* is a testament to its power. May we keep our hearts, souls, and ears open to the sounds of Jewish music, old and new: to respect the longevity and power of what we know, and to consider the potential of that which we are newly exposed to.

## Summer 2009 plans for BIMA and Genesis underway

### OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES WANTED

BIMA and Genesis are college-level summer programs that offer talented high school students from across the globe an opportunity to become immersed in artistic study (BIMA) and intellectual curiosity (Genesis) - simultaneously exploring a personal passion and its relationship to Jewish identity. Located on the Brandeis campus, they offer a unique college experience that spans classroom, campus and the city. Program alumni have a long history of taking this experience back home in the form of commitment, growth and community focus.

For more information, contact Hazzan Dulkan @ 314-727-1747 or [hazzan@shaarezedek.org](mailto:hazzan@shaarezedek.org).

# Men's Club

## Mitch Shenker, President

On Sunday, January 25 the Men's Club will be holding our annual Sports Night dinner. Our guest speaker will be John "Mo" Mozeliak, Vice President and General Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Mo is a 12-year veteran of the Cardinals front office. He joined the organization after the 1995 season and served as an assistant in scouting operations during the 96 and 97 seasons. In 1998 he was named the assistant scouting director for 1999 and 2000. Several notable players came out of the draft classes of 1999 and 2000 under Mo's direction; most notable are first baseman, perennial all-star and NL MVP, Albert Pujols, outfielder Chris Duncan, pitcher Tyler Johnson, and catcher Yadier Molina. In 2001 Mozeliak was named the Director of baseball Operations and was promoted to Assistant General Manager in 2003. During his time as Asst. GM his duties increased as he focused more on the major league club and professional scouting, while still having direct involvement in both the scouting and player development areas. Mozeliak began his baseball career in 1993 with the Colorado Rockies holding a variety of posts in baseball operations during his time there. He attended the University of Arizona before ultimately graduating from the University of Colorado. He

lives in St. Louis with his wife Julie, daughter Allyson and son William.



A very reasonably priced spaghetti dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 pm. Bring your friends and family, everyone is invited. Call the office to make reservations. For additional details see the flyer printed in this month's bulletin.

On February 1 the Men's Club will again be participating in the World Wide Wrap. As part of this year's "Wrap" the Men's Club will once again assist 30 students from Shaare Shalom in building their own Tefillin sets. This has proven to be a very popular program. If you would like to participate in helping the students build their Tefillin sets simply come to BSKI on Sunday, January 25 at 10:00 am. The program will take about two hours. The following Sunday, February 1 you can come to the World Wide Wrap and watch the students wear their Tefillin for the first time. Conservative congregations all over the world will be participating. This program will also be held at BSKI and begins at 10:00 am. I hope to see many of you there.—*Mitch*

# Sisterhood

## Micki Kingsley, President

Just before we started lighting candles and singing *HaNerot Ha-lalu* in the cold, dark month of *Kislev*, Sisterhood celebrated the "Festival of Lights" in 5769, with a warm, paid-up-members Chanukah program. Our thanks to Jennifer Rogers Asher for helping us make *dreidels* and *mezzuzot*. Even if we aren't Rodins or Michelangelos, Jennifer helped everyone to make his or her own memorable piece of Judaica craft. The brunch, as always, was delicious. Special thanks to Sue Roth and Sue Propper, Cindy Ginsburg, Ava Small, Louise Kaufman-Yavitz and the other helpers for the planning, the flyers, the brunch, etc. to bring about another lovely Sisterhood event.

Last year's Torah Fund motto was *Kol Isha*, a Women's Voice. Women have always had a voice in Judaism, even if it was mostly behind the scenes, and without public recognition. It is not that women are less important than men, and it is not that men are more important than women; each has a voice and each has the right, if not the obligation, to be heard. While some prayers were considered obligatory for men or were considered acceptable by men only, I don't think the intent was to exclude women from prayers, but rather to exempt women from certain prayer obligations when other demands required their attention, such as tending to children, caring for extended families and running a household. A woman's inclusion in prayers should be no less valid or acceptable



than a man's obligation. Thus it is, that I remind all of us that Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> is Women's League Shabbat. Wendy Love Anderson has been working hard to enable any Sisterhood member who would like to participate in the service to have an opportunity to do so.

Ruth Levy and her team are continuing to solicit contributions to the Torah Fund and they have scheduled the Torah Fund Luncheon for Sunday, March 22, 2009. Please save the date. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The feedback on the Pastry bags of Apple Crumb and Apple Crisp has been positive. Don't miss out on this two-fold opportunity to give or make something delicious while helping the Sisterhood. Also, the Discount cards for Walter Knoll Florist are still available through Joy Goldfeder or the office. You can save the price of the card on your first visit.

Last, I just want to say "thank you" to those who have chosen to celebrate or commemorate an event with a 'Sisterhood Kiddush' in the past few months. We appreciate it. Every Sisterhood Kiddush allows us to continue to give back to the synagogue in many ways.

May we all continue to raise our voices in a spirit of worship, learning, teaching, and most of all, love. —*Micki*



# **MEN'S CLUB SPORTS NIGHT AND SPAGHETTI DINNER**

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# Shaare Shalom

## Michael Raileanu, Education Director

I love winter. I love the cold weather. I love it when the wind blows and we all need to bundle up. I also love these early Shabbatot that come up during the winter. We light our candles shortly after everyone gets home from school, we have an early dinner and we have the chance to be around our friends and family for a good long evening which ends early because, well it started early. What a pleasure that is. We enjoy Shabbat and still manage to get to bed early.

Sure, there is a little more stress at this time of year, too. We struggle to get everything done on time for Shabbat with the candle lighting coming so early. We have to make sure that the kids are bundled up before they go out since they can't always be counted on to take care of themselves. We have to make sure the doors are firmly closed and the windows sealed so we don't spend our precious heating dollars warming the shrubs outside.. All in all though, I prefer this part of the year.

This year the secular calendar provides us with a small gift. This year the month of January stands alone with no Jewish Holidays. Hanukkah is now over and Tu B'shvat is not until February 8. We can go through this month with few interruptions and with the time to concentrate on our families and the rhythm of going week to week. Rhythms that fall right into place with Judaism.

I recently heard someone complain about how at this time of year we wake in the dark and by the time we get home it is dark again. How much more meaningful are the Birkhot HaShachar (The Morning Blessings) when we are actually awake to see the sunrise? Ma'ariv, the evening service can be recited before we are too tired to think about the word we

are saying. In the Shaare Shalom Religious School we are working on saying both. On Sunday mornings the 6th - 10th graders gather together to start the day to daven together. The Monday/Wednesday students get to daven Ma'ariv with Hazzan Dulkan every Wednesday evening. By having the clocks cooperating at this time of year our students are bringing their own meaning to these two very important services. When the clocks change back (sooner now than they did in my youth - - - thanks to Congress) we will endeavor to make Mincha (the afternoon service) as meaningful. However, there is something so much more spiritual to me about davening, thanking God for everything, and then going out into the cold, crisp air.

Parents are more than welcome to join us for either of these services. As a matter of fact it would be great to have a few parents with us on Sunday mornings putting on their Tallitot and T'fillin in order to be living breathing role models for our students. The same is true for Wednesday afternoons; parents should get out of the cold cars and come in and join us in the small chapel at the end of the Religious School day. Try it, you'll like it!

Remember that there will be a special program for all students in the Shaare Shalom Religious School at Shaare Zedek on Sunday, January 11. Watch your email for more information.—*Michael*

*Teach your passion to someone!*

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## Youth Programs

### Liz Redler, Youth Director

Wow, I can't believe another year is already here! Every year I am amazed at how the time flew by and how many changes occur in twelve short months. This time last year I was busy teaching Religious School to adorable kindergarteners and facilitating a Parent Infant program for mothers. Twelve months later my life is filled with kids at the opposite end of the spectrum, and of course, just as adorable. I have to admit that although I was excited about working with teenagers, I never imagined that I would grow to love it this much. What could be better than a child sitting in my lap with their arms around my neck telling me they loved me? Nothing. But what is just as wonderful is having a Shabbat dinner with my USY board, playing Rock Band during a lounge night, and hanging out in an airport for hours going on no sleep. Indeed, 2008 brought me many new kids, new families, and new adventures!

2009 promises to be just as exciting! We have Shabbatons, a mystery bus tour, lounge nights, the Purim carnival, and many more surprises before we're done. Thank you for all of your support in 2008 and may the fun and adventures continue through 2009!—*Liz*



# Early Childhood Education

**Marty Schaeffer & Tessa Katan**

## THE FUTURE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN UNIVERSITY CITY

Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center hosted the U. City Early Childhood Consortium/U. City Educare meeting on Thursday, December 11. U. City Educare is a program whose goal is to improve the quality of early care and education in the district. In the past three years, SZECC has taken advantage of professional development opportunities offered by Educare and has received scholarships for staff to attend city wide educational conferences.

The Consortium also helps to keep the early childhood community of U. City informed of district and state wide initiatives that may affect them as a group. At this most recent meeting, the focus was on Destination U. City Schools, a report on the future of its schools and students. The U. City Board of Education has subsequently voted on recommendations found in the report and the results of their decision may be viewed on [www.ucityschools.org](http://www.ucityschools.org).

Why should this be of interest to congregational members who do not live in U. City? A portion of the recommendations focus on providing early childhood education programs within the elementary schools as mandated by the state of Missouri. These programs would be for district families at low or possibly no cost. This could have an enrollment impact on preschools within the district.

At the U. City Consortium meeting the proposals within the report dealing with early childhood were examined and a question and answer session was held with Assistant Superintendent Chauna Williams. As a group it was felt that the proposals support the enrichment of existing district early childhood education program with a long term goal of expansion. It may eventually have an impact upon preschool programs but there is little concern for those providing long term year round childcare such as Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center. We have the advantage of not only being a center that fits these criteria; we offer infant care and Jewish Early Childhood Education making us attractive to young Jewish Families. I am confident our center will maintain its current success.

As Director of Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center I will continue to be involved in the Consortium and serve on other committees that effect synagogue interests and foster excellence in early childhood education in the U. City Community.—*Marty*



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**Morah Maxine Weil**

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For more information or to sign up, contact me at 314-442-3757 or [mweil@cajestl.org](mailto:mweil@cajestl.org).—*Morah Maxine*



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# Everyone Has A Story

## The Story of Bilgah Israel

by *Sima Needleman*

Bilgah Israel, who was born in California but raised in Atlanta, Georgia, was the oldest of 3 children. Her brother, Radi Moring, who is 5 years younger than she, is currently a civilian, employed by the U.S. military as a computer and engineering instructor in Agusta. Her half sister, Wilberta Moring, is 16 years younger than Bilgah and lives in Israel. Bilgah's parents divorced when she was 6 years old. Although, Bilgah lived with her mother after the divorce, her father, Aubrey Moring, has played a big part in her life. Mr. Moring raised Bilgah to believe that their roots were Hebrew and that African Americans are descendants of the biblical Hebrew Israelites. He, himself, grew up in New York City and became a historian and a coach but now lives in Israel in a town (Yerukim) near Beer Shiva, organizes groups and teams, and is actively involved with the Maccabi Games.



In 1989, when Bilgah was 16, her father moved to Ghana in West Africa, and Bilgah went with him. She attended school there and majored in science because she always thought she wanted to become a doctor. However, since Bilgah believes that Western (or allopathic) medicine causes more harm than good, she focused on Herbology (herbal medicine), which reinforces her belief that the body is capable of healing itself. When she was 20 years old, Bilgah left Ghana and briefly came back to the States but then moved to Israel where she lived for 17 years. Soon after she arrived, Bilgah enrolled in the Ulpan, learned Hebrew and became friends with Russians as well as people from the Ukraine and from Eastern Europe. She studied and became certified in midwifery in Dimona, and over a number of years took correspondence courses at the Clayton College of Natural Health (which is located in Birmingham, Alabama). Eventually, she earned both a B.A. and an M.A. in Holistic Nutrition and later received a Ph.D. degree in Holistic Health from the School of the Prophets in Dimona, Israel. Bilgah also earned several certifications in various healing arts such as Reiki (energy healing) and massage.

Bilgah met her husband, Byron Boyd, while working as a volunteer in a midwifery clinic in Dimona. Originally from Dallas, Byron moved to Israel, became an Israeli citizen, got married and had 5 children, who lived with him before Bilgah met him. After a two-year courtship, they got married in January, 1995, and lived in Arad near the Dead Sea with Byron's 5 children (whom Bilgah "inherited" and helped to raise). Her husband worked as the Director of Maintenance for the city of Dimona while Bilgah worked in a holistic health clinic in Beer Shiva (where she was employed for about 10 years). Dur-

ing that time, Bilgah and Byron had 3 sons, Elkahyam (born October 18, 1995), Azeyah (born Jan. 8, 1998), and Shlomo (born June 13, 2000). In addition to taking care of her family and working in the clinic, Bilgah found time to take courses in holistic nutrition and holistic health. She also returned to the States by herself for two months every other summer, knowing that her husband and extended family would look after the children.

While living in Israel, Bilgah was amazed at the difference in the lifestyle and cost of living there than in the States. She observed that electronic items were much more expensive in Israel but of lower quality than here but that food and clothing were much less expensive in Israel. Furthermore, she was amazed that the government "paid people for having children," and separately Soroka Hospital compensated people who delivered their

babies in the hospital.

When Bilgah and her husband got divorced in 2004, Bilgah decided to return to the United States and bring all 3 children with her. Coming back to the States was difficult. Life was so different than it had been in Israel. At first, the 4 of them went to Atlanta where Bilgah had family, but Bilgah knew that she didn't want to raise her children in Atlanta. A friend suggested St. Louis to her. Although St. Louis is not an easy community for someone in her chosen field, Bilgah looked into the school options for her children in the St. Louis area. One of the schools that she contacted was the Solomon Schechter Day School (SSDS), with which she was impressed. When the family arrived in St. Louis (three years ago), Bilgah devoted time to the children and getting them settled in their new environment. She enrolled her 3 sons in SSDS. Because Solomon Schechter at that time did not have an English-as-a-Second-Language program or tutors for youngsters without English fluency, the teachers proposed holding Elkahyam back after his first year at the school. Bilgah, knowing how bright a child he is, thought holding him back would be a mistake. She, therefore, transferred him to Public School where he has flourished. Azeyah and Shlomo both attended SSDS one more year but now all of the children are in the Hazelwood schools.

When asked about outstanding people in her life, Bilgah spoke in glowing terms about her paternal grandmother, Wilbert Mann, a very attractive, sophisticated woman, who went to college in the 1930's and earned a degree in Special Education from Savannah State College, "one of the oldest public historically black colleges in the U.S." When she applied for a job in NYC, however, she was turned down

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(continued) applied for a job in NYC, however, she was turned down because of her race. Fortunately, though, Ms. Mann later met an elderly Jewish woman who became fond of her and the woman wrote a letter of recommendation for her to NYU, and her grandmother was accepted. She spent another 4 years there and earned a second B.A. in Special Education and was able to not only secure a teaching position in Special Education in NYC, a position which she held for many years, but she also became a long-standing member of the NYC Board of Education. This grandmother was Bilgah's true advocate and mentor, a woman who supported her in whatever decisions she made.

Bilgah, a strict vegan, is a woman who has not had a predictable, conventional life. First, all her life she has practiced Judaism but wasn't actually converted until she came to St. Louis and went through conversion with Rabbi Fasman and 2 other Conservative Rabbis (Rabbi Neal Rose and Rabbi Zalman Stein). Bilgah is very grateful to Rabbi Fasman and Shaare Zedek for welcoming, accepting and supporting her in the community. In addition to her conversion, Bilgah spent years in Ghana and in Israel, came to St. Louis with her 3 children, and has pursued training and education in an atypical field. This training has been interrupted many times due to intervening circumstances, but she has persisted in following her dream of being able to doctor to people using natural measures. Increasing her knowledge has been an ongoing process. Bilgah is currently working on a second Ph. D. degree from the Clayton College of Natural Health. Her current studies focus on natural alternatives (rather than drug therapy) for treating mental health problems. At the present time, she is working at the Fisher Wellness Center, which is a dental and holistic medicine clinic in Florissant. She conducts workshops and has speaking engagements, has written a book that she hopes will be published by the end of this year, and someday would like to have a TV show revolving around the true nature of disease. Bilgah Israel is surely a person whose life and thinking have been "out of the box" and whose father and grandmother must be very proud of her!

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The family of Audrey Jean Staude, who passed away on November 13th.  
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The family of Jack Brangle, who passed away on November 25th.  
Brother of Pat Rosen.

The family of Ann Wilensky, who passed away on November 18th.  
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