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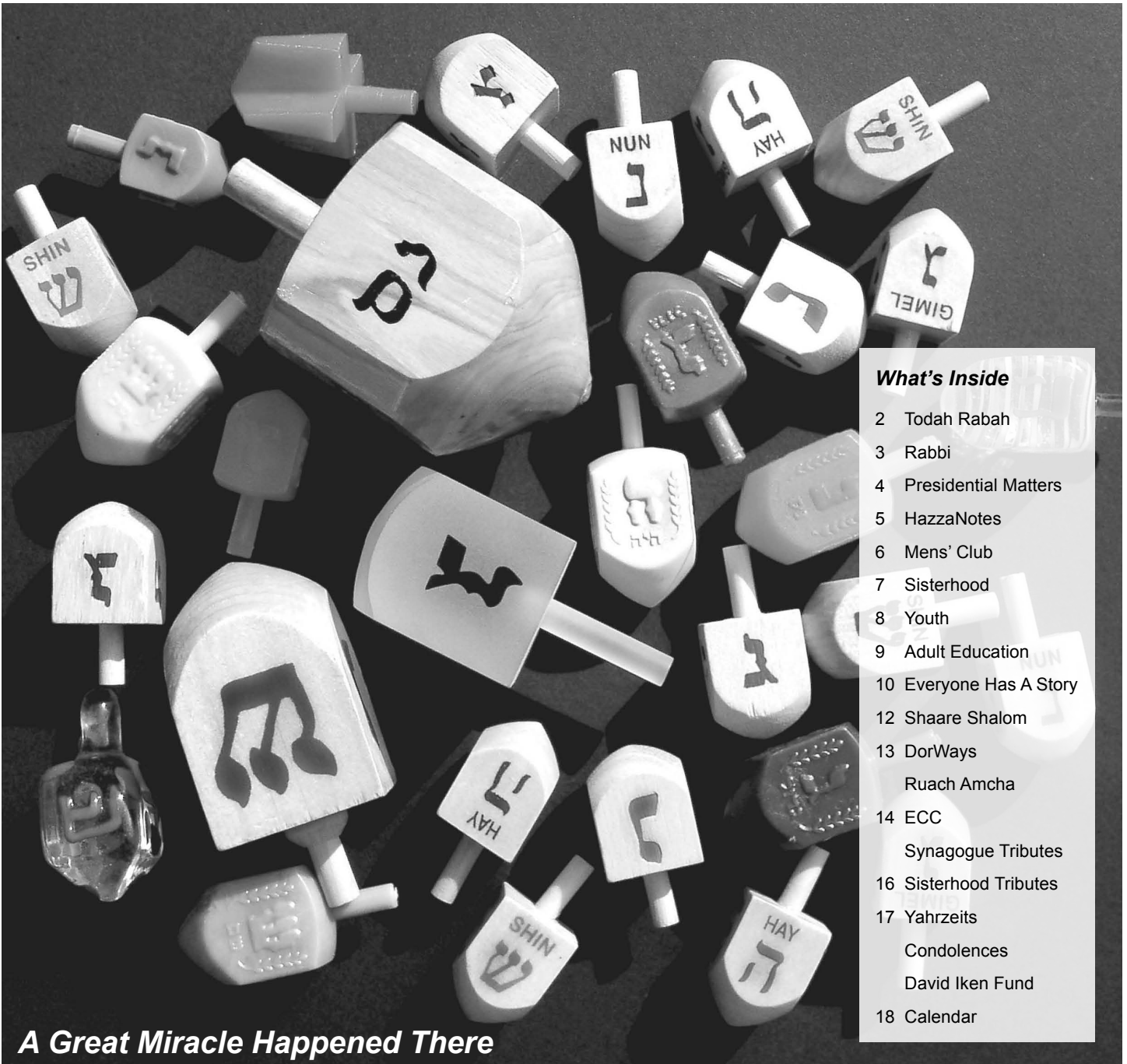
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A Great Miracle Happened There

Todah Rabah!

Haftarot for November

Monroe Ginsburg, Garry Vickar,
David Braude, Ariel Miller

Greeters for November

Susan Walker, Betty Siegel,
Lvav Spector, Patsy Spector

Mazal Tov!

Anniversaries in December

Stan Braude & Nancy Berg
Rolf & Shelby Cooke
Chad & Amy Doughty
Jerome & Arlene Feldman
Harvey & Carol Friedman
Stanley & Nancy Goldstein
Merwyn & Maxine Kalina
Jack & Arleen Kerman
Jeffrey & Julie Lazaroff
Joseph & Gayle Levy
Howard & Phyllis Loiterstein
Robert & Joyce Olshan
Kenneth & Lydia Polonsky
Mendel & Sandra Rosenberg
Erwin & Gloria Rubin
Jordan & Loni Schnitzer
Michael & Harriet Shanas
Zalman & Ellen Stein
Alan & Bonnie Templeton
Daniel & Sherri Weintrop

Kiddushes for November

Synagogue, Stan Braude & Nancy Berg,
Jeff & Gabrielle Miller,
Garry & Bonnie Vickar

Minyan Breakfasts

Leo Bressler, Pat Rosen, Micki Kingsley,
Allan Leving, Pat Rosen, Enid Perll,
Burton Boxerman, Pat Rosen*

*The duplication is due to multiple events the donor wishes to honor.



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.)

New Members

Robert and Sandra Rudman
Ronald Fagerstrom

Congratulations to *Alex Zvibleman*
whose bar mitzvah is on December 19.

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A Message from the Rabbi

Rabbi Mark Fasman



The Maccabees live. At least, their battle goes on.

Here are two passages from the First Book of the Maccabees (as translated in the *New English Bible*):

At that time [after the ascension of Antiochus IV to the throne in 175 BCE] there appeared in Israel a group of renegade Jews, who incited the people. 'Let us enter into a covenant with the Gentiles round about,' they said, 'because disaster upon disaster has overtaken us since we segregated ourselves from them.' The people thought this a good argument, and some of them in their enthusiasm went to the king and received authority to introduce non-Jewish laws and customs. They built a sports-stadium in the gentile style in Jerusalem. They removed their marks of circumcision and repudiated the holy covenant. They intermarried with Gentiles, and abandoned themselves to evil ways....

When the king's officers come to Modin, Mattathias (a priest), along with his five sons, refused to submit to their authority.

[After Mattathias finished speaking] a Jew stepped forward in full view of all to offer sacrifice on the pagan altar at Modin, in obedience to the royal command. The sight stirred Mattathias to indignation; he shook with passion, and in a fury of righteous anger rushed forward and slaughtered the traitor on the very altar.... 'Follow me,' he shouted through the town, 'every one of you who is zealous for the law and strives to maintain the covenant.'

As a child, I learned the heroic tale of Judah Maccabee, leader of the fight of the Judeans against the Syrian Greeks. But the real battle that was taking place was internal, a struggle between Judaism and Hellenism within the Jewish population itself.

What is the difference between Greek culture and Jewish culture?

Rabbi Ken Spiro has written: "To the Jews, human beings were created in the image of God. To the Greeks, gods were made in the image of human beings. To the Jews, the physical world was something to be perfected and elevated spiritually. To the Greeks, the physical world was perfect. In short, to Greeks, what was beautiful was holy; to the Jews, what was holy was beautiful."

There is much to be said of Greek culture, an ancient culture that is the basis of Western Civilization, and in particular, the humanistic foundation of our contemporary enlightened society. Our lives would be dramatically different if not for the gifts of the ancient Greeks. The Greeks brought their culture to all the lands they conquered, Judea included. That culture included philosophy, art, architecture, history, literature, and athletics. They celebrated the human being, glorifying the beauty of the human body and human intellect.

These things are all part of our culture today.

They are how we spend our money and our time, particularly our leisure time. Just think of much of our time we invest in sports – both spectator and participatory. All those hours enjoying literature and the arts. All of our intense focus on the pleasures of the body, from food to sex to spas to vacations in "paradise." I cannot think of a human pleasure that is discouraged in our society. Other than incest or hurting another person (against their will), is there anything taboo any more?

One of the most significant "discoveries" that marked the beginning of the Renaissance, a period in which classical Greek culture was re-awakened in Western Civilization, was that Earth revolves around the sun, and not vice versa. How curious that just as we came to

understand that Earth *is not* the center of the universe, we also began to think and behave as though the human being *is*.

Judaism itself is a rejection of the idea that the universe revolves around us. We don't set the standards. For if we place human beings at the center, if everything revolves around us, then it is also true that God revolves around us – we end up creating our gods (if any) in our image. And when it comes to behavior, Judaism believes in righteousness, not self-righteousness.

The core values of Judaism are often in conflict with core values of our secular society. And since Judaism makes so many demands on our time and our behavior, we often find ourselves having to choose between "Greek" pastimes and Jewish obligations. We Conservative Jews are committed to both Jewish tradition and secular society. We live with one foot firmly planted on the side of an enlightened secular society based upon Greek ideals, and the other foot trying desperately to establish or preserve a foothold in Jewish tradition. It's hard to be enlightened in public and Jewish in *shul*.

The Maccabees understood how hard it was to navigate between Hellenism and Judaism. For them, it was black or white. In our time, too, there are those who choose one or the other. But we try to live with both black *and* white. We want both. We are unwilling to give up either. The trick is not to end up with neither.

It is not so difficult to blend Jewish values with secular values. What is tough is to try to blend Jewish behavior with secular behavior. When it comes down to what we are going to *do* on Saturday, we have to choose one or the other. We could go to a football game, while keeping in mind that it is Shabbat; or

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Presidential Matters

Gary Kodner

Just Rewards

This month I will represent Shaare Zedek at the United Synagogue International Biennial Convention in Cherry Hill, NJ. Shaare Zedek will pick up a number of distinguished awards.

We recieved Honorable Mentions in:

Family Education, Fundraising, Performing Arts, Judaica, Publications and Worship.

Ritual Silver Awards For:

Mishpacha (Special holiday programs for young families) Connecting young families to our congregation is the goal of the Mishpacha Program, led by Hazzan Dulkan. The program is geared for families with children age 6 and under, allowing these members to get to know each other in a friendly and casual setting. Events and services are scheduled throughout the year to coincide with holidays and Shabbat.

For our families with newborns, the program offers "Shabbat is Here", a special class for parents with new babies to create and enhance Shabbat rituals at home. In a relaxed atmosphere, parents have met other Jewish parents, sharing parenting tips and concerns. Through music, craft, discussion, and cuisine, the group has explored ways to make Shabbat special for our families, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Gladys K. Crown Foundation honoring the memory of Shirley Green and the Jewish Federation's Rich Fund.

"Just Write It!" - (New Torah Project)

The Shaare Zedek Torah project, entitled "Just Write It!" engaged the congregation in a yearlong Torah awareness and fundraising program.

We raised funds to purchase a new Torah and support our synagogue. We needed a new Sefer Torah to ensure that all of our

members could participate in the lifting and carrying parts of our service. A related event produced by the Men's Club offered hagbaha training. Our new scroll is made from a sturdy but lightweight klaf (parchment) – with a weight of just eleven pounds, ensuring that every member, young and old now can lift our Torah with confidence.

"Just Write It" officially kicked-off on Yom Kippur. Programming throughout the year included the entire Shaare Zedek community, offering Torah-centered learning, with participation from The Men's Club, Sisterhood, USY, Early Childhood Center and other groups. Many events coincided with a visit from the Sofers, who brought parts of the Torah for members to actually help complete letters on the scroll. Special events also included a visiting artist, Yad making workshop, and a festive final dedication parade and ceremony.

Members took advantage of many dedication opportunities, choosing an entire Parsha, a special passage, one verse, a word or a letter. A special hallway display featured recognition panels for donors. We were also able to enhance our Torah with new crowns, yad and new Torah stands for our main sanctuary.

"Food for the Soul" Jewish Food Pantry benefit concert An Evening of Eclectic Music, January 28, 2009 • 7 pm, Sponsored by the Conservative Synagogues of St. Louis Featuring the music talents of violinists, cellists, singers, Solomons Schechter Choir, pianists, clarinetists.

Music included traditional melodies, Klezmer Music, Rock, Reggae, Broadway, Pop, Israeli and A Cappella. All proceeds benefited the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry in collaboration with the Jewish Federation Lifeline Fund. Attendees also brought hundreds of can goods that were donated to the food panty.



Shabbat Rinah, (Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat Service) "Kol Rinah" (Kabbalat Shabbat Siddur) Shabbat Rinah Service on Friday evenings we offer an exceptional service, "Shabbat Rinah", a participative, musical Kabbalat Shabbat experience.

Led by Rabbi Fasman and Hazzan Dulkan, with singing and participation by an enthusiastic and welcoming congregation, the service brings together traditional prayers, contemporary melodies, and musical instruments.

Hazzan Dulkan brings her guitar and voice to lead the community welcoming of Shabbat, and on select Fridays, the Shabbat Rinah band takes part with percussion, bass and guitars.

Included in this program are special Friday evenings targeted to specific groups who may or may not attend services on a regular basis, including new members, singles, B'nai Mitzvah families and empty nesters. Wine and cheese or Shabbat dinners are offered for these special group opportunities and are served following the service.

To enhance this service, Rabbi Fasman and Hazzan Dulkan designed a special "Kol Rinah"

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CORRECTION to my November article:

Please forgive the oversight of names omitted from my article last month. It is our intent to thank and recognize the service of ALL those who REGULARLY attend our week day minyanim: Omitted from the list were Larry Goodman, Marion Cohen and Micki Kingsley. Please accept my apologies to these dedicated members and any others we have failed to mention.

HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan

We strive to make Shabbat a time apart: whether this means setting aside time to light candles on Friday night, spending time with our loved ones, gathering at shul to daven or at homes to eat. We are obligated to rest – and also to enjoy! Observance of Shabbat is not just about refraining from ordinary tasks and work; it is also about elevating what is regular to a new level of holiness. Take the challah bread, for example, a beautiful, sweet, braided loaf that looks nothing like the sliced sandwich bread we use during the week. Indeed, the family dinner table becomes like an altar, where we display our best linen and china, make blessings over our food, ritually wash hands, and eat together as a family. Shabbat is also marked by special songs. In fact, singing is such an essential part of enjoying Shabbat that special poetic hymns were composed,

both in Hebrew and Aramaic, as early as the 10th century – these hymns are called *zemirot*. In beautiful detail, they outline the glory of God, the sweetness of Shabbat rest, the beautiful and bountiful meals enjoyed on Shabbat, and the links throughout generations. Some have an acrostic format; others follow a repetition of words at lines' beginning or end. Each zemer has a chorus that is returned to between verses, sung with gusto or melancholy, depending on the time of day. These *zemirot* are meant to be sung in the home, around Shabbat tables, which are often used for percussion!

In Tractate Shabbat 119b, the Talmud relates a now-familiar story:

It was taught: Rabbi Yosi son of Rabbi Yehudah said: Two ministering angels accompany a man on Shabbat eve from the synagogue to his home. One is a good angel, the other an evil one. And when he arrives home and finds the lamp burning, the table laid, and the bed covered with a spread, the good angel exclaims, "may it be even thus on another Shabbat too!"

and the evil angel unwillingly responds, "Amen!" But if not, the evil angel exclaims, "May it be even thus on another Shabbat!" and the good angel unwillingly responds, "Amen!"

This story brought forth the 17th century kabbalistic poem "Shalom Aleichem" – which we sing each Friday night. In the song, we welcome ministering angels of peace into our home, and then send them on their way. According to the kabbalists, not only was Friday night dinner guarded by angels, but all three Shabbat meals. If you imagine your Shabbat table full of angel-visitors, the Shabbat meal takes on a whole new shape! Why not please the angels with great food, great drink, and a great time? Festive singing around the Shabbat table builds a sense of joyful community. There is no pressure

"Festive singing around the Shabbat table builds a sense of joyful community."

of performance, just the process of making informal music together. If the Hebrew or Aramaic is a barrier, the tune may not be, whether it is Sephardic, Italian, Eastern- or Western-European! And since the chorus is usually a refrain of the first verse of the *zemer*, the repetition helps.

The content and themes of the *zemirot* range from rejoicing in the commandment to observe Shabbat (Yom Zeh l'Yisrael, Shimru Shabtotai, Ki Eshmera Shabbat, Yom Shabbaton), the miracle of creation (M'nucha v'Simcha) to a detailed Shabbat menu (from Mah Y'didut: "to delight in all delicacies: fatted geese, quail and fish.) There is even a *zemer* (Tzur Mishelo) which begins with: "let us bless the Rock from whose bounty we have eaten." The rest of the *zemer* reads like a Cliff's notes of the Birkat Hamazon, touching on every bracha in the lengthy prayer after meals.

It is our goal, as part of our Ruach Am'cha project, to bring Shabbat *zemirot* and joyous singing into many member homes and synagogue Shabbat meals as possible. To this end, we have been training our own



cadre of musical ambassadors, members who are learning the art of leading Shabbat singing. The ambassadors, like the Talmudic angels described above, will be guests in their fellow members' homes three times over five months, helping these host families to make Shabbat even more special for themselves and their invited guests. For the entire congregation, we also plan to hold singing after communal Shabbat dinners and *Kiddush* Saturday morning after shul, for a true experience of musical *oneg Shabbat* (enjoyment of Shabbat.) Rabbi Fasman will be putting together a scholarly explanation of the various *zemirot* that will be available to all, and CD's of *zemirot* will be available for purchase. If you are interested in any part of our Ruach Am'cha project, (we are currently recruiting host families!) please contact me or Julie Friedman, Ruach Am'cha Project Coordinator, at Julie@shaarezedek.org.

Our Shaare Zedek family thanks and appreciates the generous support for our Martinis and Monet Art auction. Due to their leadership we were able to succeed in our fund raising goal.

Agam

Sherri Weintrop

Chagall

Marshall and Sara Myers
Bob and Rosalie Stein

Torkey

Harvey and Ava Small
Audrey and Byron Katcher
Rhona Lyons
Karen and Paul Rader
Helene and Alan Spetner
Benita and Burton Boxerman
Micki Kingsley
Cindy and Monroe Ginsburg
Sue and Dave Propper
Nancy and Stephen Keyser
Allan Leving

Thanks and Yasher Koach

Men's Club

Mitch Shenker, President



Mitvah Yomit

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs continues to join with the Women's League of Conservative Judaism in its quest to have all Conservative Jews consciously perform at least one Mitzvah per day, or **Mitzvah Yomit**.

For detailed information on the initiative, please check the Women's League for Conservative Judaism web site, www.wlcv.org, click on "Education/Program", then "Programs for You". Also consider acquiring a copy of Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson's book, "*It's a Mitzvah!*"

Did you ever consider that the Hannukah story is one of the earliest records of an energy crisis? It's true! Despite Hannukah's place at the end of the olive harvest, when the Maccabees went to rekindle the lamps in the Temple, they found themselves in dire need of oil!

As we contemplate the numerous wonders that Hannukah represents, please join with the *Shaare Zedek Men's Club* and work for a "greener" world by considering the ways you can reduce the ecological footprint of your home, workplace and synagogue by buying compact fluorescent light bulbs and lowering the thermostat. Or see *Bob Olshan* to buy soy-based Shabbat candles through the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

The officers of the *Shaare Zedek Men's Club* are happy to get involved in Mitzvah Yomit, and we hope you'll join us.

Darkness Into Light Scholarships

It's time for us to order Yom Hashoah yellow candles from the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs for the coming holiday – but did you know that there is a connection between those candles and the annual "From Darkness Into Light" scholarship program run by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism?

This program provides scholarships to teenagers for the United Synagogue Youth's Israel Pilgrimage/Poland Seminar, and because our *Shaare Zedek Men's Club* distributes the Yom Hashoah yellow candles, the teens of Shaare Zedek are eligible for the scholarship. So, if your teens will be traveling in the summer due to this scholarship, thank your nearest Men's Club member.

Walking: Your Steps To Health

Moderate exercise is excellent for health and walking is the poster boy for moderate exercise. Study after study shows clear-cut benefits of walking in reducing death rates generally and heart attack specifically.

Make walking part of your daily life:

- Walk to the store (or at least park at the far ends of the parking lot)
 - Go for a walk at lunchtime instead of sitting at your desk or in the lunchroom
 - Use the stairs instead of the elevator for short distances.
- To stay motivated
- Walk with a friend
 - Listen to a radio or MP3 player
 - Walk with your dog

Remember you can walk outdoors or on a treadmill indoors. You can walk at home or while you are away on vacation. You don't need any special equipment to walk. You don't need special skills or lessons. And best of all, walking is free! So why not do something good for your health and get started walking today?

Mitch

Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley, President



It's the darkest month of the year and that means it must be Kislev. Chanukah begins on the eve of the 25th of Kislev, Friday, December 11. If you haven't already rsvp'ed for the Paid Up Membership Sisterhood Brunch program on Sunday, December 13, beginning at 10:00 a.m., please call the office to reserve your place. Jennifer Rogers Asher will help us create something fun and different. See the ad in this bulletin.

Our Sisterhood made a generous contribution to the new Ruach Amcha music program being coordinated by Julie Friedman and Chazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan. The "niggun" development is coming along and should be ready for spiritual humming early next year.

The Women's League Intracontinental region held a Board meeting in St. Louis on November 15 and 16. They had their Sunday sessions at B'nai Amoona and their Monday sessions at Shaare Zedek. Our Sisterhood provided snacks for their morning sessions and box lunches for the women from out of town as they left to catch flights to return home. It was a productive two days. Cindy Ginsburg is a regional Director.

While I'm thinking of it, please mark your calendars:

Sat. 1/30/2010 Women's League Shabbat

Sun. 3/14/2010 Torah Fund Luncheon

Again, I would like to thank all our members who choose a Sisterhood Kiddush to celebrate a bar/bat mitzvah or any kind of mitzvah. We are fortunate this year that many of our members have elected to have our ladies "do the work." It would be difficult to find a more dedicated hard-group of ladies than those who handle our kiddushes, from the beginning when the kiddush is first being planned to the end-product we see arrayed beautifully on our Shabbat tables at the end of services.

I would like to recognize Sara Myers, Sue Propper, Rhoda Grimsky, Ruth Levy, Lois

Fitter, Simmie Gellman, Elena Aschkenasi, Dorit Galor, Marion Cohen, Irene Belsky, and Becky Shimony who have given hours of their time in the past few months to ensure that every Shabbat Kiddush was done in a professional manner, and to the satisfaction of the family celebrating their mitzvah. And our gratitude to Jean Marx and Phyllis Warner who never seem to be too tired to help in the kitchen during the week and with kiddushes on Shabbat. May the strength and commitment of all these dedicated women rub off on all of us.

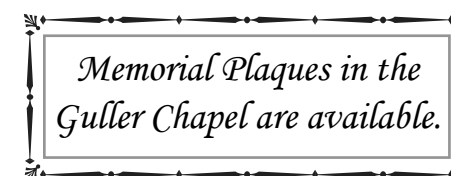
And speaking of dedication, we know that Chanukah is celebrated to remember the Maccabean victory in the year 165 BCE. We also know the name given to the holiday comes from the Hebrew word for dedication when the Temple in Jerusalem was re-dedicated after being sacked and defiled by the Seleucid Greeks.

The lights of the Chanukah candles speak to us each night, reminding us to rededicate ourselves, reminding us to reach out to others. Some of us are caught in the middle of family conflicts; some of us are facing challenges in our workplace and some of us have no job; some of us are experiencing problems with physical and mental health; and some of us are dealing with divorce, domestic violence, loss, and death.

Let us make an extra effort this year to continue to light up the darkness long after our Chanukah candles have burned out.

Chag Urim Sameach!

Happy Festival of Lights!



we could observe Shabbat and keep in mind that there is a football game. We know what secular Jewish football fans would do. And we know what orthodox Jewish football fans would do. But what do Conservative Jewish football fans do? Do we go to *shul* and record the game, or do we watch the game and *daven* at halftime (or do we just pray that our team wins)?

We Conservative Jews are the "Chanukah Movement" – we continue to fight the Maccabees' battle every day of our lives. As such, perhaps we need to give a new meaning to the candles we light each of the eight nights of Chanukah. If each candle represents *doing* Jewish things, then adding one candle a day is a reminder that Judaism is not all-or-nothing for us. It is possible to increase our Jewish behavior incrementally, mitzvah by mitzvah. With each added mitzvah, repeated day after day, we experience an ever brighter Jewish enlightenment.

Chag ha-urim same'ach – have a joyous "Festival of the Lights."



Please Join us for our Chanukah Latke Brunch

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Chanukah craft project with our own Jennifer Rogers Asher
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Our now-famous Women's League Potato Latkes as part of our delicious brunch
11:00 a.m. - Noon

This is a paid-up membership program, so if you haven't paid your dues yet, please send them in as soon as possible, or plan to pay your membership dues the day of the program.

CHANUKAH HUGS

Shaare Zedek is participating again with the community-wide Chanukah Hugs program sponsored by the **Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry**.

If you bring a gift for this collection, the Food Pantry asks that you please follow these guidelines:

- No stuffed animals, please
- Gifts should be UNWRAPPED
- Please try to buy for ages 11-17*

*They say they receive very few gifts for pre-teens and teens

Youth Programs

Liz Redler, USY Director

What a fun time of year December is! All the schools are on break and Hanukkah is at hand so family and friends get to spend time reconnecting, catching up, and of course eating! USY is no different as we welcome in the holiday season with lounge nights, our annual Latkapalooza party, and for the first time ever, a tri-chapter Hanukkah party with our fellow USYer's from B'nai Amoona and BSKI.

This time of year also makes me a bit reflective, and as I look back over this past year, I look back with an enormous sense of pride at what this USY chapter has accomplished. Since coming here, we have increased our membership, we have increased the level of involvement in our synagogue, and we have increased the numbers of attendees at the regional conventions. We have gone from 6 USYer's at our lounge nights, to sometimes 15-20. And every week I am getting messages and calls about what and where our next program is. I have to give credit where credit is due, and truly the USY leadership has really stepped up and done an outstanding job planning and implementing programs. With so much on their plates, to see these teenagers take on such responsibility and make USY a priority is not only a credit to them, but to their families as well. Credit also has to be given to this beautiful synagogue for all of the support, both financial and otherwise. This chapter is blessed to have such incredible community support.

Wishing everyone happy and healthy holidays.

Liz Redler

USY Save The Dates

- Dec 5** Latkapalooza Hanukkah party 7pm
- Dec 9** Lounge Night 7-8:30pm
- Dec 12** Tri-Chapter Hanukkah Party 8pm
- Dec 24-31** International Convention Chicago, IL

Melissa Berk, Kadima/Noar Director

Greetings from your Kadima/Noar Director,

A warm welcome to our newest members:

Kadima **Noar**
 David Selis Batyah Selis
 Hannah Cooke

We are thrilled to have you!

Yasher Koach to Livie Redler, Leora May-Rauchman, Juliet Mahony, and Elizabeth Braude for their participation in our first Parsha Players. Parshat Bereshit came to life as Livie played the roles of G-d and darkness, Leora played Eve, and Juliet played light, living creatures, and Abel. A special thank you to Elizabeth Braude for narrating and creating costumes out of fabric for our big day!

Our costume craze continued the next day when Batyah Selis, Leora May-Rauchman, Pardes Lyons-Warren, and Ori Miller joined us in costume at the Creve Coeur Oberweis! Check out the picture!

Be sure to join us December 19th at 10:45AM in the Youth Lounge for another round of Parsha Players!




Walter Knoll Florist Discount Cards

Available in the office or in the gift shop \$10 each

Use it once and save the cost of the card!

Now a word from Hannah and Delia:

Shalom from your Kadima co-chairs for USY!

It was a fun October for the Kadimanicks, who had a relaxing afternoon in the youth lounge for our 'Game Day' program on October 25th. The kids enjoyed an abundance of pizza, soda, cheese balls, video game competitions, and some awesome rounds of football outside. Wii had a blast!!!

We would also like to congratulate Sam Rubin and Hannah Cooke on their B'nai Mitzvahs! Welcome to Kadima!

Calling all Kadimanicks and Noars! Join us for the SATO program of the year, Sunday December 13th from 1 – 3PM. Meet your friends at the Jewish Food Pantry for a day of giving, followed by a tour of the pantry! Are you due for a Mitzvah? Then this is the event for you! **RSVP to Melissa at szyouthandfamily@gmail.com by December 6th!**

Melissa Berk
Delia Rainey
Hannah Rainey

Families: join us for a Chanukah Chagigah

Chagigah means celebration!

Friday night, December 18 5:15 pm

This special pre-Shabbat event on the last night of Chanukah features holiday snacks and singing with the fabulous Shabbat Rinah band.

PLUS: Stay as long as you like for our musical and spiritual Shabbat Rinah service beginning at 6pm.

RSVP by Wednesday, December 16 to Melissa at szyouthandfamily@gmail.com

Adult Education

Sydney Farber

December, the month correlating to Kislev on the Jewish calendar, is the month when we celebrate Chanukah. So here are some fun and interesting facts. Chanukah (Hebrew: חנוכה), known as the *Festival of Light*, is an eight-day holiday which can occur from late November to late December - but is always on the 25th of Kislev. Did you know that it occurs four days before the new moon, which is the darkest day of the year? It commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt in the 2nd century BCE. The Chanukah story is not even mentioned in the Torah.

During Chanukah two of the foods we eat are *soofganiot* (jelly-filled doughnuts) and *latkes* (potato pancakes). We play games with *dreidels*, four-sided spinning tops imprinted with four Hebrew letters, which are an acronym for the Hebrew words נס גדול היה שם (Nes Gadol Haya Sham, "A great miracle happened there"), referring to the miracle of the oil that took place in the Beit HaMikdash. If you're in Israel, the dreidel has the letters that stand for Nes Gadol Haya Po (here). Some sing Maor Tzur (Rock of Ages) especially after lighting the candles.

And so when someone walks up to you and says, "Chanukah is early (or late) this year," you can say, "No, it's always the 25th of Kislev."

And speaking of Kislev, and the Jewish calendar, that is something we had been talking about in Rabbi Fasman's Tuesday evening classes, Jewish Time. I happened to find in our library this most interesting and fun book which has this poem showing a way to (try to) remember the Jewish Calendar:

"Thirty days hath Tishri, Same as Cheshvan, except the latter sometimes has 29.
 Kislev also can have 29 or 30, whereas Tevet always has 29.
 Shevat, thank God has always 30, which doesn't help because Adar is totally confusing, both near & far.

Adar, you see, has 29 days, but only during normal years.

When a leap year, Adar One has 30, moving many Jews to tears.

Adar Two, that extra month which comes seven years out of nineteen, that's clear, Has 29 days, which is quite regular and given cause for lots of cheer.

Nisan, always 30, Iyar always 29, Sivan also 30 days, Which, to Jews, is always fine.

Tammuz 29 of course, Av is 30, just for show,

Elul 29, and with mazel, The Jewish calendar now you know."

Now can you tell me the name of this book? It IS in our library. I'll post the answer in the January newsletter.

And now for an Adult Ed program starting in December, we will have something new and different put on by Rabbi Ryan Dulkan, starting on December 12th, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and meeting one Shabbat a month. The focus of this study group will be on Neil Gillman's **Encountering God in Jewish Theology** <http://www.amazon.com/Way-into-Encountering-Judaism-Into/dp/1580230253>. He envisions this to be a book club/spiritual exploration/text study in which participants can explore issues in a group setting either as a series or on a drop-in basis. The title of the group will be: Encountering the Divine: On Ongoing Exploration of Jewish Theology. Using renowned rabbi and theologian Neil Gillman's **Encountering God in Jewish Theology**, this group will explore major issues in Jewish understandings of God through the prisms of our minds and our hearts. Participants are encouraged to acquire Rabbi Gillman's book for themselves; however, materials will be provided for each session's discussion. Check the Adult Ed website for other dates to this course.

Upcoming events include a craft session (close to Passover) with Jennifer Rogers Asher, more Lunch and Learns, some movies, and much, much more. Rabbi

Fasman's Tuesday evening class, Jewish Space, will resume in January. There will be no classes in December. Check website for more specific dates.

I'd also like to wish you and your family a Happy Chanukah/Chag Urim Sameach and a Healthy & Happy start to the (Gregorian) New Year!

Cya next month (January 2010)

Sydney

PS. We're starting up Hebrew classes for beginners. In addition we'll be teaching those wishing to learn (or refresh) Haftarah trope. Classes can be on Sundays, during the week, or just about whenever, so please either send me an e-mail (kitty1106@aol.com) or call the office and leave a message for me telling me which class you'd like to join. You're never too old to learn; you just have to have the desire to do so.



COME ONE, COME ALL!

Shaare Zedek DorWays is proud to sponsor the social event of the new year!

Young Adults (moms, dads, single, or married) are invited for a beer tasting, brewery tour, and social gathering at the Schlafly Bottleworks Crown Room on **Sunday, January 17th, 2010 at 7 pm ***

* It's a holiday weekend! Monday is a holiday so you won't have to get up early! Come out and play!!

\$10 at the door per person. This includes 6 tickets for beer tastings and a tour of the Schlafly brewery. A cash bar will be also be available. Tours available from 7 pm to 8 pm.

RSVP to Melissa Berk **by January 8th** at szyouthandfamily@gmail.com.

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Everyone Has A Story

By Sima Needleman

The Story of Allan Leving

Allan (Al) Leving, who was born in Chicago on April 17, 1946, was the youngest of Bernard and Phyllis Leving's three children and their only son. His sister, Janet, was 9 years his senior and Leslie was 5 years older than he. Al's father, whose work revolved around Chicago politics, was a court clerk. In addition, he held a second job as a shoe salesman in a local shoe store, while his mother was a full-time homemaker who took care of all the members of their household, which included her mother and sister in addition to the three children. Al remembers that his grandmother, who predominately spoke Yiddish at home, was an avid reader in English.

Initially, the family lived in an apartment in an Italian neighborhood, where Al began attending public school and making friends. Those were good years for Al. He went to kindergarten and first grade in a public school, which he enjoyed (because it was a place to see his friends) but didn't find it very challenging. He has memories of playing with friends in the streets and eating chocolate phosphates in the nearby candy store.

However, he also remembers that one Sunday morning he woke up and saw some neighborhood kids pushing his father's car in front of a fire hydrant, not realizing until later that they were probably hoping his father would get a ticket because his family was the only Jewish family on the block.

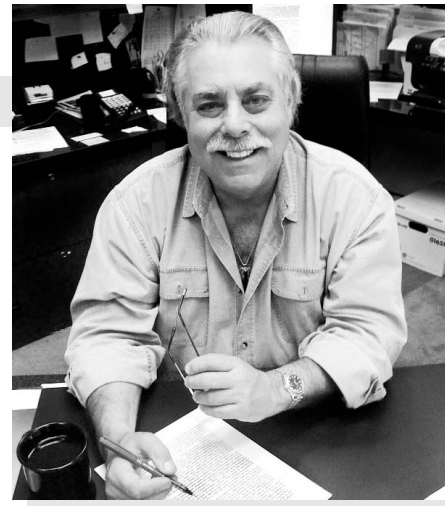
Then, one evening at the dinner table when Al was 7 years old, he mentioned that that afternoon he had gone to "church" with his friends while they went to Confession. The next day, his parents began looking for a home in a different neighborhood, and soon afterwards, they moved to Albany Park, a predominately Jewish middle-class neighborhood on the north side of Chicago. They joined a Conservative synagogue, and Al began going to Hebrew School four days a

week and to Shabbat services every Saturday. Because Al's father worked on Saturdays, he couldn't go to *shul* on Saturday, but he did attend Friday evening services on a regular basis. On the High Holidays, the entire family went to *shul* together. Al's mother, who kept kosher, was active in the synagogue and its sisterhood.

Another childhood memory of Al's is his summer vacations. Right after school ended in June, the entire family and their dog got in their car and drove 60 miles to a little cottage in the country that they had bought. That's where Al learned to "love the outdoors and to enjoy and respect nature." The family stayed at the cottage for the entire summer, but Al's father had to go back to the city each Sunday evening and return to the cottage after work the following Saturday night. Al remembers being at the lake with a fishing pole in his hands on Saturday nights, waiting eagerly for his father's arrival.

When reminiscing, Al realized that he has always had simple wants. He didn't need a lot of material things or a lot of people around him. He felt lucky if his father gave him \$.35 to buy a can of worms for fishing. (If he didn't have the \$.35, he could use a piece of bread for bait or he could pour a little kerosene on the grass and the worms would come out.)

Al completed 8th grade in Albany Park and went on to high school, which he found to be more challenging. His favorite subject was English literature (and Al believes if he hadn't gone into business, he might have become an English teacher). In high school, Al played baseball, basketball and (a little) football, but baseball was his passion. He also was a member of a Social Athletic Club, which had



a social environment but basically promoted playing sports. Throughout high school, Al worked in the financial services business with his sister Leslie's husband. (Note: A financial services company is for people who don't use banks. The company cashes checks, sells money orders and wire transfers, handles utility payments, etc.)

When Al was 16, his mother became ill. She lived to see him graduate from high school but died of cancer while he was in his freshman year at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Al entered the university thinking he would pursue a medical career, but, during that first year, his leg became swollen and he was hospitalized. He was diagnosed with a staph infection and remained in the hospital for a month. As a result, he had to drop out of school, at which point, Al decided to join the Army where he served 6 months in active duty and then 6 years in the Reserves. While in the Reserves, he simultaneously worked for his brother-in-law and went back to school, enrolling in Roosevelt University in Chicago with a major in English.

After a while, his brother-in-law asked Al to join him in the business -- not as an employee but as a partner -- and Al decided to accept the offer. He graduated from Roosevelt University with a B.A. in English in June, 1969; and, on July 1st, with his brother-in-law, he bought his first business. Two years later, he learned

about a similar company in East St. Louis that was for sale, and Al bought it in September, 1971. (Now he had two businesses.) In order to oversee the new company, Al moved to St. Louis County, rented an apartment near Olive and Interstate 270, where a neighbor told him about a junior football league that needed a coach; and, before he knew it, Al was serving as a coach for that team. He liked coaching so much that in time he found himself coaching other children's sports (- - baseball and basketball - -) as well.

Over time, Al's partnership with his brother-in-law ended, but Al's business ventures greatly expanded over the years to the point that his company, National Management Corporation, today consists of a plumbing business -- that he named Albern ("Al" after himself and "bern" for his father, Bernard) plus a large number of loan stores and check-cashing operations.

It is very clear that Al is a businessman. But, there is much more to him than that. He is a very introspective person, who appreciates his many blessings. In talking with Al, one realizes that the person who influenced his life the most and whom Al admired and respected more than anyone else was his father, Bernard Leving, who was an intelligent man but did not have the opportunities for higher education or lucrative employment. Yet, he was fiscally responsible and by working hard was always able to adequately provide for his family and give them good values. Al learned much from his father. He has grown his business and has been able to travel extensively and acquire some material possessions, but those aren't the most important things in his life.

Among the things he values most are his family (both his family of origin and his current family), his father's work ethic, his own work, being in nature, his friendships, his Jewish upbringing and finding Shaare Zedek. Al stated that he grew up in a loving household where he observed not only his mother's caring and warm relationship with "her" mother, but also the way his parents related to each other. He never saw them argue, and he could tell that his father "cherished his mother and was

happy to be married to her everyday she was alive." In addition, his father, who always accepted his responsibilities, worked two jobs to provide the necessities for members of his household. Al knew his family "had less than other people, but what we had was

fine." He has fond memories of seeing the lit candles on the table as their family gathered for Shabbat dinner, and he is very thankful that his mother enrolled him in Hebrew School. Al also values his friends and remarked that many of his closest friends today are the ones he made as a boy growing up in Chicago. Another thing that is very important to Al is finding time to be outdoors. He feels that he's at peace when he is fishing or just outside and that he "enjoys the miracles that other people take for granted."

For many years after moving to St. Louis, Al went to Shaare Emeth just for the High Holidays. But, when his father died 5 years ago (October 29, 2004), he came to Shaare Zedek (SZ) to say *Kaddish*. SZ reminded him of the *shul* he attended as a child. The melodies were familiar, and members of the congregation were very friendly and brought back memories of people he knew long ago. He has been coming to SZ ever since and has become a very active participant and member. For instance, in addition to serving on the *shul's* Board of Directors and on its ritual committee, he attends the morning *minyan* every day and the evening *minyan* almost as often. He likes everything about Shaare Zedek; it's the place "where he wants to be."

Many years ago, Al married and had a daughter, who was named Jennifer. He and Jennifer's mother have been divorced for 18 years. Al feels that his former wife is a good person and he respects her, but they both agreed long ago that they should no longer be together. Things have worked out better for all three members of the family since the divorce.

Al's daughter Jennifer is a very important part of his life. She is 26 years old, lives in Chicago and works with him in the business there. They have fished together in Canada

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since she was 9 years old and have traveled together throughout the world (to Australia, Africa, New Zealand, etc.). In addition to Jennifer, Al has another significant person in his life, Vivienne Palmer-Young, who is not Jewish (yet), but comes to the *Rinah* services with him and enjoys them very much. She also has signed up to take the Rabbi's course, and she went with Al to Israel in the summer of 2008 with a group from Shaare Zedek. That was Al's favorite trip of all. He looks forward to going back to Israel often in the future.

As for his life: "could it be different? should it be different? (He) wouldn't want it to be different." Al feels that he has everything in life that is important.



Shaare Zedek is among 15 grantee synagogues in the country chosen by the Legacy Heritage Foundation, to pilot programming which incorporates music into all aspects of synagogue life.

This year, celebrate with us in your homes and at *shul*:

- * Be a host family, creating special musical Shabbat celebrations in your home. (Become a Host family by partnering with one of our congregational "Ambassadors" to create unique and meaningful musical Shabbat celebrations in your home.)
- * Become a "Niggun of the Month club" member
- * Join our monthly Havdalah Drum Circles
- * Shabbat afternoon Zemirot
- * Find serenity with Shabbat morning Chanting & Meditation
- * Sing with an intergenerational choir

Mark your calendar

KICK-OFF weekend activities (dinner, chant, drum circle) JAN 8-9, 2009

For more information, or to get involved, please contact:

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



Shalom,

I have recently had the opportunity to sit down and speak one-on-one with a number of people (board members, trusted colleagues, synagogue presidents, rabbis, etc.) about the Shaare Shalom Religious School. I asked them for honest feedback and for their best suggestions. I appreciate their speaking to me directly and without sugar-coating. I have heard some great suggestions and in the coming weeks and months we will be implementing much of what was discussed.

One thing that came out again and again in these meetings is that we need to find a way to get more parents involved in our school. This does not mean that people need to serve on the SSRS Board, although that IS an option, but giving as little as one hour can make a difference. Therefore I now turn to the Shaare Shalom parent body as a whole. What do you think about our school? What have been our successes in the last year and a half and what do you see as our challenges? Precisely where is it that you are willing to get involved in order to make our school even better than it is right now? What skills and abilities are you willing and able to bring to the table to enrich your child's educational experience? Maybe you want to host a coffee for new families. Or, maybe you are willing to help set-up and then monitor a new telephone tree. Your skills might be in arts and crafts and you are willing to come in on Sundays and assist our teachers in creating something new and exciting for our school. There is a chance that you are a PR/Marketing expert and you can help me better get the word out to the community about what we are doing in Shaare Shalom. No matter your interest or ability I am certain a use can be found for your unique skill set.

We are getting ready to celebrate the holiday of Hanukkah. What is Hanukkah all about? There are many answers to that question but the one that is apropos for this discussion is the idea that a few people were inspired by a single idea, they banded together and

with a united effort they changed the world. Now, in our case we need not take-up arms; neither do we need to overcome a world-class military power. But we do need to take on something almost as difficult, apathy. The Shaare Shalom parent body needs to rise to the challenge, stop thinking someone else is going to do the work, rise up to make the school better. The teachers have been charged with doing a better job of reaching out to the parents, now it is the time for the parents to reach back into the school to lighten the burden for everyone and to make the school all it can be.

Jewish tradition teaches us, "Lo alecha hamlacha ligmor, v'lo ata ben horin leheebatel mee'mehnah (Yours is not to finish the work; but neither are you free to disregard it)." No individual parent is expected to step in to do everything; rather, each need only do their part and everything will get done.

If you are not sure what needs to be done, please contact me in the office or speak with either of the two SSRS Board Chairs, Ellen Scholten (BSKI) or Beth Rubin (SZ) to find out what can be done. Both of the synagogue presidents, Rick Kodner of BSKI and Gary Kodner of Shaare Zedek have been helpful in this process as well. Both men are genuinely committed to Jewish education and are willing to go the extra mile to make everything as good as it can be. Rabbi Fasman and Rabbi Miller have been true partners in this holy endeavor. Finally, Maxine Weil of the Central Agency for Jewish Education has been a trusted confidant, advisor and friend and I look forward to working closely with her for years to come. Please feel free to speak to any or all of these people about what you can do; they are intimately familiar with the school and its needs.

One thing you can do, that requires no change or addition to what you are doing already, is to ratchet up your child's participation in Bowling With The Rabbis. Make sure you turn in a token every time you and your child

(pre-K thru 6th grade) comes to shul. Write their name and the date on the back and turn it in to the SSRS office, to your child's teacher or put them in the BWTR box located in the Main Lobby of both synagogues. Synagogue attendance is the single most important educational activity you and your family can participate in. Attending with your child exposes her or him to Hebrew, Torah, friends, inter-generational activity, Jewish food, Jewish music, quiet intimacy with a parent or two, and so much more. The more you attend synagogue together, the more committed your child will be to Judaism now and throughout her or his lifetime. BWTR just makes it a little more fun by adding in the extra spice of competition and rewards at the end of the year. If you have any questions or need more tokens, please contact the Shaare Shalom office.

My family and I hope you have a bright and glorious Hanukkah!

Michael S. Raileanu, M.A.Ed.

Teach your passion to someone!

Get ready for Chanukah with DorWays and the Shaare Zedek ECC

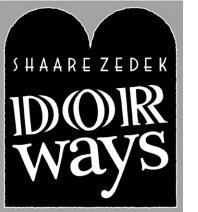
Saturday night, December 5th
5:45-7:30pm

- 5:45 - Musical Havdalah service
- 6:00 - Dairy dinner
- 6:30 - Chanukah singing
- 6:45 - Chanukah cookie decorating

Event is free thanks to generous sponsorship, but **RSVP's are required by Tuesday, December 1st** to szyouthandfamily@shaarezedeck.org

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.

In December and January, we have so much to look forward to and something for everyone! On December 5th at 5:45PM, join us for Havdallah, Dinner and Chanukah Cookie Decorating, as we get excited for Chanukah. This event is co-sponsored by

the ECC/PPO and geared towards families with young children. A few weeks later, when Chanukah is in full swing, join us on Friday, December 18th for a family friendly Chanukah Chagigah. Enjoy Chanukah snacks at 5:15PM, singing with the fabulous Shabbat Rinah Band, followed by spiritual Shabbat Rinah Services. Stay as long as you like! This event is open to young families with children of all ages.

In January, we have the event you've all been waiting for... The Schlafly Tour and Tasting for Young Adults. If you are a young adult with children, without children, single, or married, then this event is for you! On January 17th, leave your little ones at home, if you have

them, and come take Schlafly by storm. Bring your old friends, and make new friends while enjoying a beer tasting tour and a cash bar.

Whatever your taste, we hope to see you at one, two, or ALL of the upcoming events!

Melissa Berk szyouthandfamily@gmail.com

P.S. Remember to check your calendar for the regular Shabbat Service and activities including Tot Shabbat, Family Services, and beginning January 8th, another session of Shabbat is Here, our parent/baby Friday morning class!

Ruach Am'cha

Julie Friedman, Project Coordinator



Ruach Am'cha is underway!

Ready for Ruach Am'cha? We're ready for you to join us!

We've chosen the name Ruach Am'cha – Spirit of the People, for the umbrella of projects that we'll be launching on our kick off weekend, January 8th and 9th as one of the few, select recipients of the Legacy Heritage Music Innovation Grant.

We're excited to introduce our "Ambassadors" who have generously committed their time and energy in order to share their enthusiasm for Jewish Music and assist Hazzan Joanna in leading our congregation in song. Over the next nine months they will be immersing themselves in Jewish shira and Shabbat ritual, in order to instruct and inspire the rest of us in the creation of uniquely meaningful, musical Shabbat celebrations both in our homes and at shul. We welcome Sara Kahn Shapiro, Alice Fasman, Shelley and Jeff Dean, Susan Walker, Karen Karabell, Sandy Boxerman and Jan Goldman, and offer

them a very special thank you for their dedication to this exciting project.

For those of you who have been longing to sing more Jewish music along with the rest of your family, we welcome you to consider joining us in our newly forming inter-generational choir. Our first get together will be on Sunday, December 13th.

Would you like to partner with one of these Ambassadors in order to create Ruach Am'cha celebrations in your home? We are

looking for "Host Families" who would enjoy the opportunity to do just that.

If you're interested in learning more about our upcoming choir our might consider joining us as a "Host Family", please contact our Project Coordinator, Julie Friedman via e-mail – Julie@ShaareZedek.org.

Stay tuned for more exciting events, which we'll be sharing in our upcoming newsletters.

Julie Friedman, Project Coordinator
Ruach Am'cha



Julie Friedman is a native Saint Louisan who joined our Shaare Zedek family in 2005, launching her Parent/Child musical program, Gateway Music Together, in our Early Childhood Center. She is now in her third year, running our Saturday morning family Shabbat services and has recently taken on the role of Project Coordinator for Ruach Am'cha.

Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer & Tessa Katan

The Preschool Parent Organization of Shaare Zedek ECC is an active organization that does fundraising and promotes social events for the families of the center. In the past they have sponsored a family movie event, a Barnes and Noble Book Fair and an art gallery night. All were fantastic social events that raised funds for the center.

With these funds the PPO purchased for the Center gym equipment, playground equipment and learning manipulatives for all of the classrooms. The PPO recently brought in the St. Louis Zoo Outreach Program and plans to have them return in February.

PPO Co-Presidents Teresa Perryman and Cynthia Vickar are working with Hazzan Joanna on some future joint programming with the Synagogue Mishpacha Family Life Program. These two power packed women have great creative energy and will bring additional excitement and creativity to the programs and fundraising of the PPO.



PPO Brings The Zoo To The ECC Children



Zoo Outreach Program Facilitators and The Superstar Class of the ECC

Watch for future joint social events for young families and become a part of the buzz that is taking place at Shaare Zedek Synagogue and ECC.

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Pat Rosen
Ruth Ehrlich
Rhoda Grimsky
Sherry Kaplan

Engagement

Steve & Marsha Birenbaum – Son, Daniel's
Engagement
Pam Reznick
M ke & Karen Wetmore – Son, Derek's
Engagement
Pam Reznick

Marriage

Jerry & Zeta Chervitz – Son, Darren

New Baby

Marcia & Roger Brockman – new grandson
Pam Reznick

Recovery

Herb Fredman
Ann Frank
Ruth & Stan Levy
Sherri Weintrop
Pam Reznick
Arleen Kerman
Sherry Kaplan
Phyllis Warner
Karen Wetmore
Pam Reznick
Esther & Tommy Goldenberg
Micki Kingsley
Seymour & Yetta Raiffie
Micki Kingsley
Bill Simon
Micki Kingsley

In Memory

Shana Conron – in memory of Judy Rimel
Aleene Schneider Zawada
Barbara Bahn – in memory of Husband, Art
Aleene Schneider Zawada
Bonnie Davis – in memory of Shirley Geeser
Ruth & Stan Levy
Philip Wolff – in memory of Pauline Wolff
Aleene Schneider Zawada
Julie Iken – in memory of Marlene Silberman
Aleene Schneider Zawada
Lois Marian & Family – in memory of
Sylvia Jaffe
Louise Kaufman Yavitz & Gary Yavitz

Cheryl & Lew Levey – in memory of father,
Phil Smith
Dorrie & Marvin Lerner
Vera Heisler – in memory of husband
Zendra & Mel Ashkanazi
Irene Belsky
Phyllis Patton – in memory of brother,
Edward Blalock
Ann Frank
Phyllis Warner
Esther Zuckerman – in memory of sister-in-law,
Jeri Changar
Phyllis Warner
Louise Kaufman Yavitz & Gary Yavitz

Yahrzeits

David Zawada – husband of Aleene Zawada

"A Night to Remember"

On behalf of the Art Auction Committee, I would like to thank each of our Synagogue members and their guests who, by their participation, helped to make the "Martinis and Monet Art Auction" a very, very special and most successful evening! I believe that not only did everyone have an enjoyable evening and learned a little bit of art history from our Auctioneer, but also facilitated our success by raising money for our Synagogue!!!!

There are so many additional people to thank. Our Art Auction Committee, Cindy Ginsburg, Rosalie and Bob Stein, Gary Kodner and my husband Dave, all deserve my sincere appreciation for the contribution of their time and talent.

To our "Patrons of the Arts" who helped to underwrite this elegant event, we could not have done this without you!

Todah Rabah to:

- My pre-auction assistants Liz Redler and Ruth Levy
- Stan and Ruth Levy who made sure we had sparkling clean plates for the hors d'oeuvres
- "Muscles Team" who unloaded the art and reloaded what wasn't sold- Marsha and Steve Birenbaum, Monroe Ginsburg, Hedva Levy, Peggy Kodner, Susan Walker, Tovah Enger, and Bob Olshan.

Who can forget that wonderful evening of entertainment, great food and martinis poured by our highly skilled bartenders, Florence Cohn, Marsha Birenbaum, Gary Yavitz and Bob Stein.

Thank you to our business team:

- Those who registered all the bidders, Louise Kaufman Yavitz, Betty Siegel, and Elena Aschkenasi
- To those who invoiced the art, collected payment from our successful bidders at the auction and made sure that the right bidder got the right piece of art!!!! - Monroe Ginsburg, Michael Waxenberg and Gary Kodner.
- To our Shaare Zedek Office and Facilities Staff
- Jeff Miller, Executive Director – for having tables, chairs, etc in place for the event
- Linda Kelting and Nancy Greene for keeping track of the "record setting" reservations
- Rico – for doing whatever was asked of him throughout the weekend

A very special thank you to our USY Auctioneer's Assistants, Josh Aroesty, Oliver Kodner and Harry Rubin and lovely hostesses, Emily Ginsburg and Sarah Levy.

If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my apologies and know how much you are appreciated.

The contributions of so many people made on behalf of our "Martinis and Monet Art Auction" have contributed significantly to our Synagogue, helping Shaare Zedek grow and prosper and made our art auction a night truly enjoyed by all.

Sue Propper
Chair, "Martinis and Monet Art Auction"

Yahrzeits

Zendra Ashkanazi
David Jacob Kass

Benita Boxerman
Fannie Wolf

Burton Boxerman
Herbert Boxerman

Hanley Cohn
Conrad Cohn

Julia Friedman
David Friedman

Ethel Gentle
Isadore Simberg

Byron Goldenhersch
Mildred Goldenhersch

Ed Goldenhersch
Mildred Goldenhersch

Murray & Maxine Kalina
Elliot Kalina

David Kaskowitz
Jacob Kaskowitz

Micki Kingsley
Joseph Kingsley

Ben Kootman
Lorraine Katz

Gerold Margolies
Kate Baren

Bernard Mellman
Goldie Rothman

Cantor Minkes
Louis Minkes
Jean Minkes

Howard Mirowitz
Rose Levin

Sara Myers
Ethel Raskas

Rudy & Frances Oppenheim
Saul Bixhorn

Lydia & Kenneth Polonsky
Dr. Bernard Polonsky

Seymour & Yetta Raiffie
Raiffie Family
Egel Family

John Rose
Rebecca Pogorelsky
Morris Rosenstroch

Abe Schultz
Sadie Schultz

Fred Spiegelman
Alex Spiegelman

M ke & Karen Wetmore
Bertha Hochster
Herman Hochster



David Iken Memorial Fund

IN HONOR OF

My best to everyone at wonderful Shaare Zedek
Jack Fasman
Sam Rubin's Bar Mitzvah
Audrey Berns
Martin & Barbara Becker
Dr. Judy Reaven received \$1,000,000 grant for continued research in autism
Mel & Zendra Ashkanazi, parents
Gabriel Feldman, son of Shelah Feldman, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Maryville U. in business
Mel & Zendra Ashkanazi, grandparents

RECOVERY

Dorrie Lerner
Arleen Kerman
Don Singer
Sherri Weintrop
Lois Fitter
Julia Iken' birthday
Rhoda Grimsky

IN MEMORY OF

Chester Brinn
Rudy & Frances Oppenheim
Betty Kogan
Martin & Barbara Becker
Myron Kopperman
Arthur Bahn
Lois Fitter
Martin & Barbara Becker
Shirley Geeser
Martin & Barbara Becker
Shawn Wolf
Lois Fitter

Please contact **Frances Oppenheim** 314-721-0026 if you would like to honor someone by making a donation to the David Iken Memorial Fund.

PLEASE ATTEND A MINYAN AND BE COUNTED

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

Choose a time that is convenient for you. Become a regular. You will appreciate it. We will appreciate it.

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

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

Tuesday, December 1

7 am Minyan 6 pm
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

Wednesday, December 2

7 am Minyan 6 pm

Thursday, December 3

7 am Minyan 6 pm

Friday, December 4

7 am Minyan 6 pm
4:22pm Candle lighting
6:00pm Rinah Band

Saturday, December 5

Parashat Vayishlach

9:00am Shabbat Service
10:45am Shabbat Club
11:00am Tot Shabbat
3:45pm Mincha
5:25pm Shab_ends
5:45 PPO Havdallah
7:00pm USY Hanukkah Party

Sunday, December 6

8:00am Minyan 6 pm
LightFest @ Millstone Campus

Monday, December 7

7 am Minyan 6 pm
9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class
7:00pm Ritual Comm.

Tuesday, December 8

7 am Minyan 6 pm
8:00am Herb Fredman Class
11:30am JCRC Meeting

Wednesday, December 9

7 am Minyan 6 pm
7:00pm USY Lounge Night

Thursday, December 10

7 am Minyan 6 pm
7:00pm Exec Board

Friday, December 11

Chanukah: 1 Candle
7 am Minyan 6 pm
4:22pm Candle lighting
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service
7:00pm SSDS Share a Shabbat
Dinner @SZ

Saturday, December 12

Parashat Vayeshev

Chanukah: 2 Candles
9:00am Shabbat Service
10:00am USY Youth Minyan
10:00am Rabbi Dulkan's class
10:45am Family Service
3:45pm Mincha
5:23pm Shab_ends

Sunday, December 13

Chanukah: 3 Candles
8:00am Minyan 6 pm
10:00am Chanukah Brunch Sisterhood

Monday, December 14

Chanukah: 4 Candles
7 am Minyan 6 pm
9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class

Tuesday, December 15

Chanukah: 5 Candles
7 am Minyan 6 pm
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

Wednesday, December 16

Chanukah: 6 Candles
7 am Minyan 6 pm

Thursday, December 17

Chanukah: 7 Candles
6:45 am Minyan 6 pm
Rosh Hodesh I
Rosh Chodesh Tevet

Friday, December 18

Chanukah: 8 Candles
6:45 am Minyan 6 pm
Rosh Hodesh II
Rosh Chodesh Tevet
4:24pm Candle lighting
6:00pm Rinah Band

Saturday, December 19

Parashat Miketz

Chanukah: 8th Day
Bar-Mitzvah: Alex Zvibleman
9:00am Shabbat Service
10:45am Parsha Players/Youth Lounge
11:00am Tot Shabbat
3:50pm Mincha
5:25pm Shab_ends

Sunday, December 20

8:00am Minyan 6 pm
9:30am Men's Club

Monday, December 21

7 am Minyan 6 pm
9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class

Tuesday, December 22

7 am Minyan 6 pm
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

Wednesday, December 23

7 am Minyan 6 pm

Thursday, December 24

7 am Minyan 6 pm

Friday, December 25

7 am Minyan 6 pm
4:27pm Candle lighting
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service

Saturday, December 26

Parashat Vayigash

9:00am Shabbat Service
10:45am Family Service
3:55pm Mincha
5:28 Shab_ends

Sunday, December 27

Asara B'Tevet
8:00am Minyan 6 pm

Monday, December 28

7 am Minyan 6 pm
9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class

Tuesday, December 29

7 am Minyan 6 pm
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

Wednesday, December 30

7 am Minyan 6 pm

Thursday, December 31

7 am Minyan 6 pm

Friday, January 1, 2010

7 am Minyan 6 pm
4:32pm Candle lighting
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah

Mark Your Calendars

Ruach Am'cha kick off weekend is **January 8th & 9th**. We'll be premiering the following activities:

1. Shabbat evening Ruach Amcha Dinnner
2. Shabbat morning chanting and meditation
3. Shabbat afternoon zemirot following kiddush
4. Shabbat evening havdalah drum circle

Visit the Shaare Zedek website for the traditional interactive calendar with the latest additions and corrections.
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St. Louis Jewish Community Responds to Difficult Economy with Historic Event: 'LightFest'

People of all ages & affiliations to join together for day-long community-wide event.

Save the Date! Sunday, Dec. 6, Millstone Jewish Community Campus

Shaare Zedek Synagogue will be joining the entire Jewish community on Sunday, Dec. 6, on the Millstone Campus to help our friends, families and neighbors combat these tough times. "LightFest: Share. Give. Connect," launched by Jewish Federation, invites everyone of all ages and affiliations – individuals, congregations, Jewish agencies and organizations – to participate in some way at "LightFest."

We hope you will help make sure our congregation will be well represented that day. Activities will take place at the Staenberg Family Complex and Jewish Federation Kopolow Building on the Millstone Campus. Here are just some of your opportunities:

- Just show up! The Staenberg Family Foundation will donate \$5 for each person who attends, so your presence makes a big difference.

- Sign your name on the World's Largest Menorah.
- Bring toys, clothing and/or food items for Hanukah distribution.
- Help raise 1,000+ donations for the Jewish Community Campaign.
- Hop, skip, jump for the LifeLine Fund
- Purchase meaningful Hanukah Tributes at our One Stop Mitzvah Shop
- LightFest's Volunteer Fair will hook you up with opportunities to keep the LightFest burning.

There's something for everyone of any age to do at LightFest.

An important part of "LightFest" will be family fun and entertainment. Keith Alper and Susan K. Goldberg will chair the community event. Honorary Chairs are Carol and Michael Staenberg & Family.

Jewish Federation is the St. Louis Jewish community's central fundraising and planning organization. Donations to Federation's Annual Community Campaign support a family of 48 social, human service and relief agencies, programs and services in St. Louis, Israel and around the world. Federation agencies serve people of all ages, races and religions. They include the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family & Children's Service and Holocaust Museum & Learning Center and Jewish community. Find out more at www.jewishinstlouis.org.

