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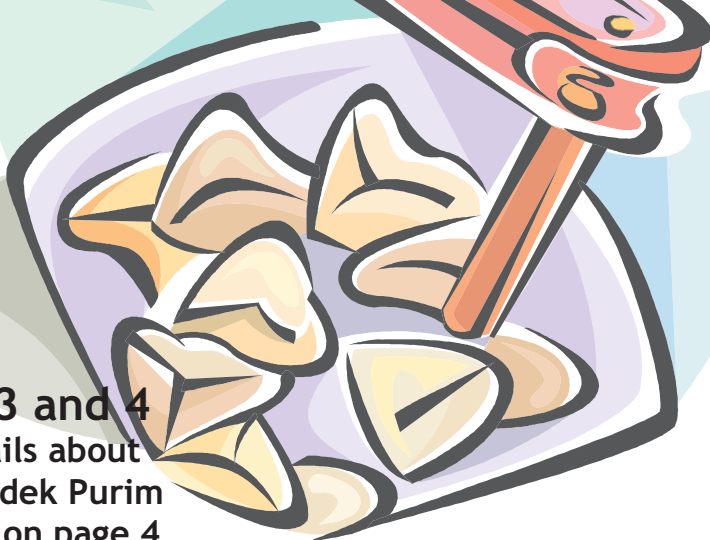
## An Evening of FUN, Food & Celebration!

To Welcome our Hazzan Joanna Dulkan  
Join us on February 3, 2007  
at the Third Degree Glass Factory  
Call the office ASAP to make your reservation!

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Chag Purim  
Sameach!



March 3 and 4  
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Shaare Zedek Purim  
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## DR. RACHEL DULIN TO SERVE AS SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE



February 23-25  
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## A Message from Rabbi Fasman



### Mark Fasman - Rabbi

I heard a story recently about a chasid who was caught smoking on Shabbat. The members of his community took the man to the rebbe for some tokhecha – some rebuke. After all, the man was not only jeopardizing his own reward in the world to come ... he was also behaving in such a way as to compromise the sanctity of the community.

After just a few minutes in the rebbe's study, the chasid reappeared, visibly shaken by his meeting. He asked his fellow chasidim to forgive him for having been mechallel Shabbes – profaning the Sabbath. They all wanted to know what the rebbe had said to him. He replied: “just one word.”

What word? The man said, “The Rebbe looked straight at me – and, with tears streaming down his face, said simply, ‘Shabbes!?’” Such is the centrality of Shabbat to the Jewish understanding of living in this world. Achad HaAm (Asher Ginsburg): **“More than Israel has kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept Israel.”**

So when did the Jewish people begin to keep Shabbat – and when did Shabbat begin to keep Israel? At the beginning of the second chapter of Genesis, we read about God's Shabbat. The seventh of God's “days” - ki vo shavat mi-kol melakhto asher bara Elohim la'asot “because on it Elohim ceased from all the work of creation.”

And then, we find not another word about Shabbat for the remaining forty-nine chapters of the book of Genesis. In fact, it is not until Exodus 16 [Parashat Beshallah] that the word reappears: in answering the first kvetch of our ancestors following the exodus from Egypt (a kvetch of hunger ... some things never change), Moses tells the people that God will send them manna each day, and so it happens. But on the sixth day the people gather a double portion – and the leaders ask Moshe what's up. He responds that shabbaton Shabbat kodesh l'Adonai machar – “tomorrow is a rest day, a holy Sabbath to Adonai.” Moses explains that there is enough on the sixth day to last them through the seventh. There is no reason for them to have to go out to that great natural restaurant on Shabbat.

Yet, cynical from our very origins, the people nonetheless go out on the seventh day to look for manna, (but, of course) they don't find it. God sighs to Moses, ad anah mei'antem lishmor mitzvotai v'toratai – “How long will you refuse to observe My commandments and My teachings? [And God continues:] Re'u ki Adonai natan lakhem ha-Shabbat al kein Hu notein lakhem ba-yom ha-shishi lechem yomayim – “See that Adonai has given you the Sabbath; that is why He gives you on the sixth day a two-day portion of bread.”

**God has given us the Shabbat.** Shabbat is a divine gift, and despite its clear sanctity, God's people respond by starting another of our time-honored traditions: we return the gift given to us. Note also that, from its very inception, Shabbat (like all Jewish observances) is directly linked to food.

It seems clear that, at the time of the exodus from Egypt, our ancestors had no concept of Shabbat. But they did learn, beginning with this first lesson concerning the double portion of manna that they were to collect each erev Shabbat in order that they would not have to be mechallelei Shabbat – profaners of the Sabbath. Their Shabbat instruction began on the eastern shore of the Sea of Reeds and continued seven weeks later, at mount Sinai, at which time they received Aseret haDibrot (The Ten Utterances – or, more commonly and less correctly, The Ten Commandments). Only one of this “top ten list” refers to the sanctification of a particular time – the fourth utterance: Zakhor et yom ha-shabbat l'kodsho – “remember the Sabbath day to sanctify it. Six days shall you work and accomplish all your work; but the seventh day is Shabbat to Adonai, your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son, your daughter, your slave, your maidservant, your animal, and your stranger within your gates – for in six days Adonai made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and He rested on the seventh day. Therefore, Adonai blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it.”

The “lesson” at Sinai continued relatively privately between God and Moses for the next forty days. And the very last thing that God said to Moses on Mount Sinai, immediately followed by the episode of the Golden Calf, is: V'shamru v'nei Yisrael et ha-Shabbat la'asot et ha-Shabbat l'dorotam berit olam; beini u-vein b'nei Yisrael ot hi l'olam ki sheishet yamim asah Adonai et ha-shamayim v'et ha-aretz u'va-yom ha-shevii shavat va-yinafash – “The Children of Israel shall observe the Shabbat to make the Sabbath an eternal covenant for their generations; Between Me and the Children of Israel it is a sign forever that in a six-day period Adonai made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day, He rested and was refreshed.”

Rabbi Ephraim Oshry was the only rabbi to survive the Kovno Ghetto in Lithuania during the period of the Shoah. He was often asked to give formal rulings concerning matters of halakhah (Jewish law). These questions came often from the non-religious and are heartbreaking to read, since the questions themselves are an indication of the unimaginable horrors to which Jews were subjected. [e.g., Though the Germans cut off my left arm for stealing a piece of bread, may I still wear tefillin?; May a Jewish body be cremated so that it will not be buried among Gentiles?; Does a home in the ghetto require a mezuzah?]

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## HazzaNotes

### Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkin



The Shabbat of Parshat Beshalach (which we read on Feb. 3) has a special name: it is also known as Shabbat Shira, or the Shabbat of song. It is called this because both the Torah and haftarah contain songs, sung by Moses, Miriam and Devorah. Moses and Miriam, upon the crossing of the Sea of Reeds, celebrate God's triumph over the Egyptians, and, Devorah, the Judge and prophetess, sings upon the military triumph over Sisera and his army. The songs we hear on Shabbat Shira form an extraordinary literary link between not two, but three leaders of the People of Israel, and two of the three are female. Moses' song in chapter 15 of Exodus is much longer than Miriam's, and has traditionally received more "air time" (we say it every morning in P'sukey d'Zimra), yet the **songs of Miriam and Devorah are enjoying a resurgence**, with many contemporary musical compositions by Debbie Friedman and others inspired by these ancient songs.

While Moses' song is introduced with the simple words "The Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to God," Miriam's song is introduced with an overture, of sorts: "Then Miriam, the prophetess, sister of Aaron, took her timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed after her with timbrels and dances. Miriam sang, 'I will sing unto God, for God is exalted, horse and rider God has thrown into the sea!'" Her singing is introduced with the description of the instrumentation and dance that accompanied it, providing a powerful picture of the exaltation by the sea. Devorah's song, longer than that of Moses and just as eloquent, highlights yet another woman's role, Yael, in that victory. "Blessed above women shall Yael be, the wife of Heber the Kenite, above women in the tent shall she be blessed." Yael was, after all, responsible for killing the general Sisera after he escaped into her tent, thinking it was a place of refuge. Both Miriam and Devorah were leaders of our people, and their songs on Shabbat Shira give voice to their vision and leadership as we sing them each year.

There is no coincidence that Shabbat Shira often falls just before Tu B'shevat, or in this year's case, on Tu b'Shevat, the Jewish new year of the trees. Tu b'Shevat marks the beginning of the descent of the sap on the trees, and the first buds of the almond tree in Israel: a harbinger of spring and rebirth. Yet another connection between our biblical foremothers and Tu b'Shevat is made by scholar Penina Adelman, who points out that the important women in the Tanakh have names signifying trees, or are closely connected to them. Tamar, Judah's wife, means date palm. Devorah sat under a date palm tree, named as "Tamar Devorah" – the date palm of Devorah, to render her judgements. Esther's name in Hebrew is Hadassah, meaning myrtle tree. The "alon bachut," or weeping tree, stands where Rebekah's nurse, also named Devorah, died. The Torah itself is compared to a tree, with wisdom as its fruit; women, who bear the fruit of our generations, are part of this life-giving cycle.

On Shabbat Shira this year, we will be celebrating with Hannah and the Boxerman family on the occasion of Hannah's Bat Mitzvah. Hannah will be chanting the words of Moses, Miriam and Devorah, as she takes her place in the chain of tradition, another Jewish woman who uses her strong voice to sing of God's triumphs. May we all go from strength to strength, and from song to song, and may we see the fruit of our labors, as we celebrate Tu B'shevat, Shabbat Shira, and the women of our tradition.

### Ashreinu Leaves...

Ashreinu leaves have been installed in honor of **Joe Iken's** 2nd Bar Mitzvah as well as for **Julia & Joe Iken's** 60th Wedding Anniversary.



### B'nai Mitzvah

#### Hannah Boxerman

February 3

Daughter of **Sanford & Cynthia Boxerman**. Granddaughter of **Burton & Benita Boxerman** and **Carolyn & Fred (z'l) Wilkes**. Sister of **Robert Boxerman** and **Brian White**.



#### Taylor Wolf

February 24

Daughter of **Leslie & Harvey Wolf**. Granddaughter of **Leo & Sara Wolf** and **Leonard & Simave Goldberg** and **Harvey Mazer (z'l)**. Sister of **Cameron Wolf**.

# It's Purim!!! at Shaare Zedek

Saturday, March 3

6:45 pm "The Jews of Shushan are Stayin' Alive"  
(A Purim Shtetl written by Hazzan Joanna Dulkan and featuring  
the talented congregants of Shaare Zedek)

7:30 pm Megillah Reading (featuring our own Schechter  
students as Megillah readers)

Come Saturday night to  
receive a free raffle ticket  
for Sunday's carnival.

Sunday, March 4

8 am Minyan

9 am Megillah Reading

11:30 - 1:30 pm Annual USY Purim Carnival  
(featuring raffle, silent auction, food, new and improved  
games, inflatables, and much more!)

Costume contests  
both Saturday  
night and Sunday!

## President's Gavel

Marsha Birenbaum - President

One day as I was surfing the internet, I looked at the USCJ website. There was an article by **Rabbi Jerome Epstein** on the "ideal" Conservative Jew that I'd like to share with you. His eight points are well worth exploring, and we will do so in more detail over the next few months. For those of us who sometimes wonder just what is a Conservative Jew, however, this might be a good starting point of behavioral expectations to help you build the foundations of a strong and committed Conservative Jewish life.

The ideal Conservative Jew:

1. Supports a Conservative synagogue by participating in its activities.
2. Studies as a Conservative Jew a minimum of one hour per week.
3. Employs learned Jewish values to guide behavior even when it conflicts with personal feelings or inclinations.
4. Increases personal Jewish living out of commitment and as a result of thought by adding a minimum of three new mitzvot a year.
5. Employs the values of *tikun olam* to help in the world's continual repair.
6. Makes decisions about Jewish behavior only after considering the effect these decisions will have on *Klal Yisrael*.
7. Increases ties and connection to Israel.
8. Studies to increase his or her knowledge of Hebrew.

I hope that each of us will take on at least one of these points as a personal challenge to enrich our lives.

Todah Rabah.

## Ask Zaide

*Since we all know that our Zaides know everything, Ask Zaide is a monthly column that answers your questions about the synagogue. Submit your question to [office@shaarezedeck.org](mailto:office@shaarezedeck.org).*



Dear Zaide,

My family has a very special Simcha coming up, and I am looking for an equally special way to commemorate the day. Do you have any suggestions?

*Quite Curious*

Dear Curious,

So good of you to ask! There is no better way to celebrate a joyous occasion (such as a birth, birthday, wedding, anniversary, B'nai Mitzvah, award, graduation, or other occasion) in your family's life than to share it with the synagogue community. And you have many options:

The easiest option is to send a tribute. Tributes can be given in person (at the office), over the phone, and on the website. They can be made to any number of funds and in any amount you choose.

Another option is to sponsor a kiddush. Options for kiddush are endless and can range from adding root beer floats to a normal kiddush to sponsoring a full-fledged Sisterhood kiddush.

One other option is to add a leaf to the Ashreinu Wall. Our Ashreinu Wall is a beautiful piece of art and feature leaves of multiple colors and sizes that can be inscribed to reflect your happy occasion.

If you are interested in sponsoring a kiddush or adding a leaf to the Ashreinu Wall, contact Harvey in the office.

*Zaide*

We have a new Automated External Defibrillator available!

Thanks to the Men's Club and Sisterhood for making this acquisition possible. It is located above the drinking fountain between the rest rooms.



### Attention Schnucks Shoppers:

Pick up a Schnucks eScrip Community Card at Schnucks today!

Register your card by calling  
1-800-931-6258 or visit  
[www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp](http://www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp)

Schnucks will contribute up to 3% of your purchases to Shaare Zedek every time you shop and swipe the card.

## Men's Club

Dave Propper - President



We offer our apologies to those who planned to attend our annual Sports Night. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, our featured guest speaker, Cardinals Radio Broadcaster **Wayne Hagin**, was called out of town at the last minute and was not able to appear at our event. We will re-schedule Sports Night with Wayne at his earliest convenience. We hope that all will watch for the upcoming announcements and join us for what will be a wonderful evening of spaghetti dinner, sports talk, and sports memorabilia prizes! Please remember, however, to RSVP to events when asked to do so. This helps our programming staff to properly prepare for the event and ensure that we will NOT run out of food!

Keep your eyes peeled for a special future announcement that will recognize two of Shaare Zedek's Men's Club pillars as "Men of the Year" for the Midwest Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC).

**GOT TEFILLIN?** In February, our Men's Club, in cooperation with the Men's Club at BSKI, will sponsor the World Wide Wrap program on Sunday, February 4 at Share Shalom. Our Men's Clubs will be working with our Sunday School students to teach them how to put on Tefillin. As an additional focus of the program this year, we are going to show the students how to make their own tefillin. More information on the FJMC sponsored World Wide Wrap program can be found at [www.worldwidewrap.org](http://www.worldwidewrap.org).

March will usher in "Men's Club March Madness" featuring Men's Club Shabbat on March 9 along with our 2nd annual FJMC Leadership Development Institute. On Sunday, March 18, the gang will gather to pack and mail our Yom HaShoah Candles to be mailed to each member of our Synagogue. Our Yom HaShoah programming will be held during the week of April 15 in conjunction with the official observance of the memorial day. In May, **Gary Kodner** and **Monroe Ginsburg** will take us back in time with a program on Jewish Genealogy that will demonstrate the many resources available today on the web to help us trace our roots. August 17 will see the special and very unique FJMC Sefer Haftorah Scroll visit Shaare Zedek for Shabbat. Visit the FJMC's web site for the scroll at [www.fjmc.org/haftorah.html](http://www.fjmc.org/haftorah.html) to learn more! Next fall, the Sisterhood and Men's Club will host a Casino Night!

Men's Club still needs many good men! Our annual Membership Drive begins this month. Please return your Men's Club Membership form with your dues for the 2007 calendar year as soon as possible. Don't forget to update your membership form with your current e-mail address to help our club build an updated e-mail distribution list to keep you informed.

## TEFILLIN AT REASONABLE PRICES

The wearing of tefillin is a continued catalyst for Jewish spiritual growth. It is a highly personal act that serves to reinforce Jewish identity.

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is dedicated to providing kosher tefillin at reasonable prices. Tefillin come in several sizes and styles and are offered in both right-handed and left-handed varieties.



All tefillin are made in Israel. Prices range from \$140 to \$155 in either gloss or flat finish, and Tefillin bags are \$12. Shipping and handling charge for a set of tefillin and bag is \$22.05.

Orders may be given to the office with a check payable to the Shaare Zedek Men's Club.

### MEN'S CLUB CALENDAR

**February 4:** World Wide Wrap

**March 9:** Men's Club Shabbat

**March 18:** FJMC Leadership Development

### Condolences

The synagogue offers condolences in their bereavement to the families of the following:

**Morris Kadko**

December 13

Brother-in-law of Lonnie Zwibelman

**Max Lebow**

December 13

Cousin of Darien & Steve Arnstein

**Harold Bressler**

December 19

Brother of Leo Bressler

Husband of Esther Bressler

### Thanks to our Proofreaders!

We would like to thank **Barbara Bianco**, **Sydney Farber**, and **Lois Fitter** for proofreading the News each month.

## Sisterhood

Cindy Ginsburg - President



There are just some things we need to do in life: learn how to walk and ride a bike, figure out how to navigate school, get married, have children, and build a career. We must also learn how to help our loved ones when even the best medical care can no longer prolong life. Sisterhood was fortunate enough to have **Sharon Weissman**, Chaplain at Pathways Community Hospice, speak to us about this much needed service. Pathways is the first hospice in Missouri to obtain a Jewish Certification. Sharon explained how this particular hospice works and the role Judaism plays when working with clients. She also discussed several myths, such as YES, you can keep your own physician. YES, you can remain in treatment while in hospice, and YES, you can go in and out of hospice as your condition improves. Other misconceptions are that NO, hospice does not euthanize, and NO, hospice is not just for the individual, but is there for the entire family. I would like to thank **Sue Propper** for arranging this program. I would also like to express again our appreciation to Sharon Weissman for speaking to our sisterhood. The soups, salad, and strawberry shortcake dinner was deliciously prepared by Sue Propper, **Ava Small** (even with a broken arm!), and me. And, thank you to **Susan Roth** for managing our registration table. For additional information on Pathways Community Hospice, you may contact Sharon Weissman at 636-733-7399.

Our upcoming Sisterhood program is our ever-popular Torah Fund Luncheon. **Ruth Levy** and her committee are putting the finishing touches to this entertaining event on Sunday, February 25. Please remember that all funds collected for Torah Fund go directly to support The Zeigler School of Rabbinic Studies, The Jewish Theological Seminary, and The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies. Please help support the future of Conservative Judaism by giving generously to Torah Fund.

### SISTERHOOD CALENDAR

February 25: Torah Fund Luncheon

## Don't Be Left in the Dark!

Do you miss out on the timely reminders and updates from the synagogue via email? Well, it's easy to change that! Be sure to send your current email address to [Office@ShaareZedek.org](mailto:Office@ShaareZedek.org).

## The Evelyn Shanker Judaic Gift Gallery at Shaare Zedek



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**Special Hebrew School Hours: 5:30 - 6:30 pm**  
**Sunday hours by appointment**

## Torah Fund Luncheon

An Annual Event

**When:** Sunday, February 25 at noon

**Where:** Shaare Zedek Synagogue

**Why:** To share a delicious lunch, hear Rachel Z. Dulin (Professor of Bible and Hebrew Language at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago), further Jewish Education, and have a wonderful time.

**Who:** You and your friends (and remember that, as always, gentlemen are welcome)

**Cost:** \$12 - and your investment in Jewish Education, if not already made

Please respond by February 12

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for myself (\$12) \_\_\_\_\_  
and a friend(s) at \$12 each \_\_\_\_\_  
and my Torah Fund donation \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

Shaare Zedek Sisterhood  
c/o Ruth Levy

942 Wild Cherry Lane

St. Louis, MO 63130

Questions - call Ruth at 727-7279

# Support Shaare Zedek Youth Programs by sponsoring a booth at the Purim Carnival or donating a prize.

The Purim Carnival is the major fundraiser for our youth department. Funds raised go towards programming costs, transportation and convention subsidies, scholarships, Tikun Olam, and other needs.

## **Sizzlin' with SZSL!**

Shaare Zedek Youth Programs  
829 North Hanley  
St. Louis, MO 63130  
314-727-1747



## **Purim Carnival Booth Sponsorship**

**Yes! I would love to sponsor a booth at the Shaare Zedek USY Purim Carnival!**

Please find enclosed my check for \$\_\_\_\_ (a \$36 donation is recommended). I would like the official sponsor name to read \_\_\_\_\_ on my booth.

Please make out all checks to Shaare Zedek USY and mail by **February 18** to:

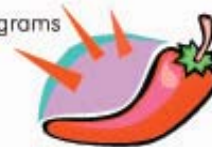
SZSL Purim Carnival  
c/o Sarah Rubinson  
829 North Hanley Road  
St. Louis, MO 63130

Thank you very much!!

The carnival  
is March 4  
11:30 am -  
1:30 pm

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## **Purim Carnival Prize Donation**

**Yes, I would love to donate a prize for the Shaare Zedek USY Purim Carnival raffle and/or silent auction.**

My donation will be \_\_\_\_\_, and I will bring it to the synagogue office/arrange for a USYer to pick it up (please circle one) by February 26.

Please mail this form by **February 18** to:

SZUSY Purim Carnival  
c/o Sarah Rubinson  
829 North Hanley Road  
St. Louis, MO 63130

Thank you very much!

## Youth Programs

Sarah Rubinson - Youth Director

First of all, we'd like to thank **Bob Olshan** for once again leading us in a successful Israeli dancing session at Falaforama. We had a great time with our 5th-12th graders as we ate Israeli food, expressed our feelings about Israel in ice cream, and, yes, Israeli danced.

February is a very busy month for us. We are fortunate to have the Regional USY Shaliach, **Moshe Levi**, in town for a week to do programming with us. While he's in St. Louis, Moshe will be leading programs with Hebrew School, Shaare Shalom, Hebrew High, USY, and Kadima. Everyone who knows Moshe loves him, and this is a great opportunity for us, so I urge everyone to take advantage of Moshe's visit. Also, if anyone is interested in a USY Summer Program or Nativ, Moshe would love to talk to you about these opportunities.

In addition to our Moshe programs, we'll be holding a Superbowl party (thank you to the Rosenbergs for hosting), Casino Night, and several other programs (including NASCAR for Noar and a Kadima SkyZone program). Also, in the middle of February, USYers will be traveling to the Wisconsin Dells for Winter Shabbaton to celebrate Shabbat in true USY style!

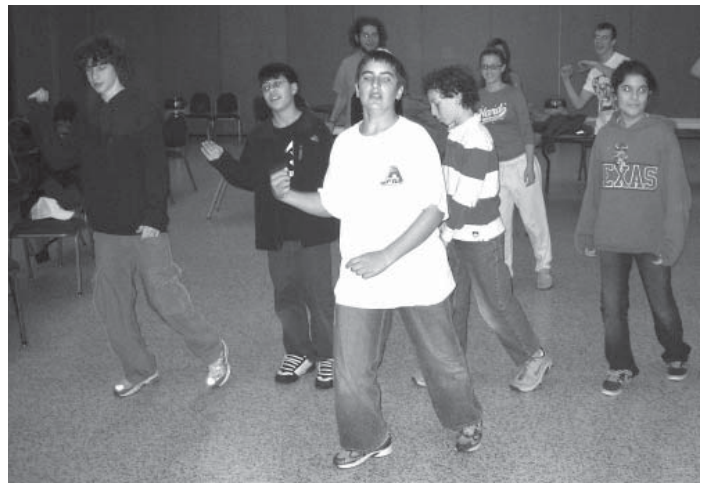
Finally, February is the month of Purim preparation for us. We will be holding lots of Purim preparation programs and would love to have as many of our teenagers as possible come help us. Also, please watch your mail for your opportunity to sponsor a booth at the carnival and mark your calendar for Sunday, March 4 from 11:30-1:30 for the carnival. We will be having lots of new booths as well as the traditional raffle and silent auction. The Purim carnival is the major fundraiser of the year for our youth department, and we need everyone's help to make it as successful as it can be.

### YOUTH CALENDAR

- February 2:** USY Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner
- February 2:** Shabbat Unplugged
- February 3:** USY Seudah Shlishit Program
- February 3:** USY An Evening of Excitement Program
- February 4:** Kadima Program with Moshe
- February 4:** USY Superbowl Party
- February 10:** USY Shabbat
- February 10:** USY Casino Night
- February 11:** Noar at NASCAR
- February 15-18:** USY Winter Shabbaton
- February 16:** Shabbat Unplugged
- February 19:** Kadima SkyZone program
- February 25:** Purim Carnival Prep
- February 28:** USY Purim Program



*Youth Director Sarah Rubinson poses with Jenny Levy and Allison Shenker at the Hadag Nachash concert at International Convention. Over 1200 USYers attended the convention in Boston over Winter Break.*



*Maayan Olshan, Brian Myers, Ben Levy, Isaac Walker, and Hannah Rainey partake in Israeli dancing at Falaforama. The annual event attracts about 40 5th-12th graders each year.*



*Mital Lyons-Warren, Emily Marx, and Allison Shenker look on as Eliot Markman models a bikini for the USY Scavenger Hunt. The team, which also included Ben Arnstein, went on to win the competition.*

## Early Childhood Center Marty Schaeffer - ECC Director

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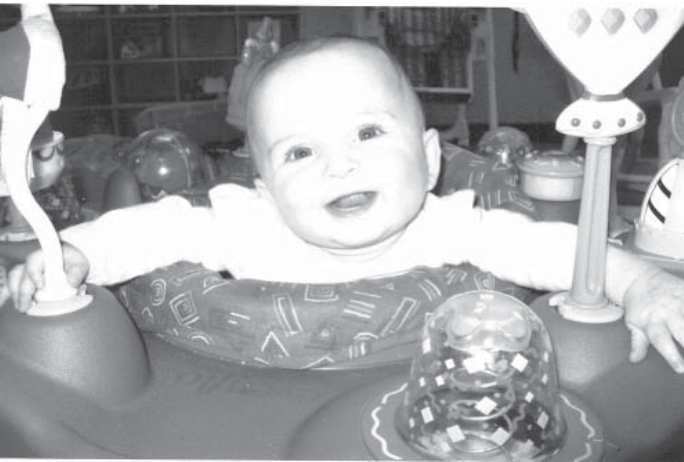
### YOUNGEST SYNAGOGUE MEMBERS JOIN THE ECC

We are proud to announce that Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center's Infant Room has gained new members whose families also belong to our synagogue. Also, we have additional future ECC members from the synagogue membership who have already made their reservation for the infant room.

Shaare Zedek Synagogue members receive priority when placing children of all ages in our center. The infant room is one that has a waiting list and requires advanced notification. Should any member of Shaare Zedek Synagogue wish to enroll an infant in the future, it is important that the center office be advised as early as possible so a spot will be reserved.

Take a moment and go to the Shaare Zedek ECC web site where you can find an enrollment form that can be printed, completed, and mailed to our office. Our web site offers additional information about our center with accompanying delightful children's photographs.

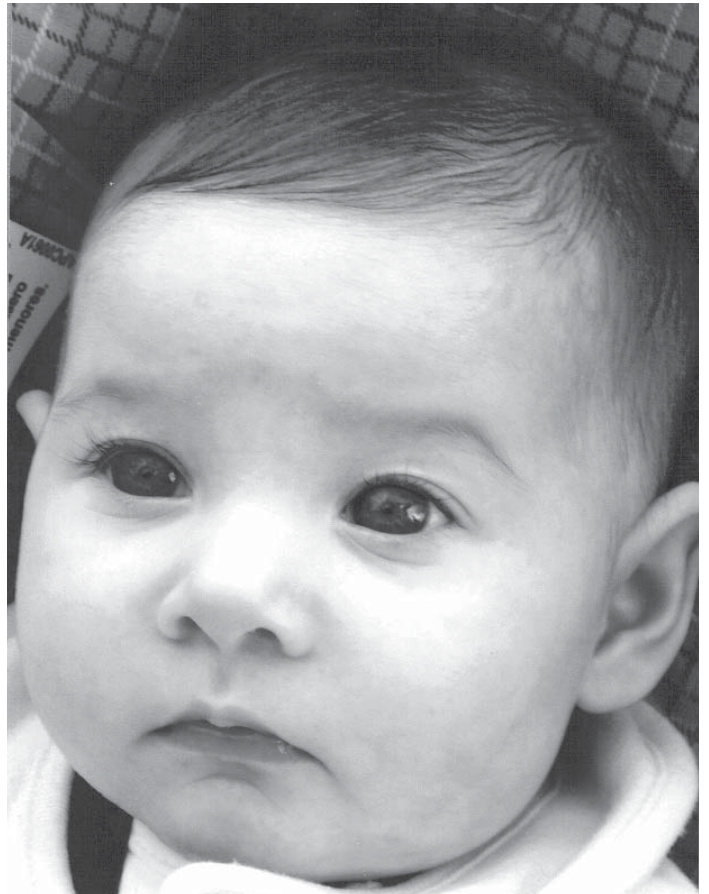
Please feel free to contact the center office at 727-2565 at any time. Either **David Lieberman**, office assistant or **Marty Schaeffer**, Director, will be able to answer any questions you may have. New members of any age are welcome to join the Center at any time.



*Top: Jesse Dulkan, son of Rabbi Ryan & Hazzan Joanna Dulkan, joined the ECC shortly after the Dulkan family moved to St. Louis.*

*Above: Ella Lazaroff, daughter of Jeff & Julie Lazaroff, joined the ECC in October.*

*Right: Claire Spector, daughter of Lvav & Marc Spector, joined in November.*



## Religious School

Chani Pinsberg - Education Director

I read an article by **Jack Wertheimer** that was published recently entitled “How to Accelerate the Momentum in Jewish Education Today.” These are a few interesting findings in his paper:

- Parents feel a greater sense of responsibility to reinforce Jewish education than in the past. Today’s parents will not cede their parental responsibility in order to supervise every aspect of their children’s lives, though as some candidly declare their embarrassment when they cannot answer their children’s questions, they therefore seek answers by engaging with the school and with Jewish education for themselves.

- Teen education is receiving far more attention today. Whereas the Bar/Bat Mitzvah was once viewed as the culmination of Jewish education, today we develop creative programs to keep young people in a Jewish educational environment through their teen years. We are offering elective classes for the high school students, and some students choose to attend both Shaare Shalom as well as the Community High School, while we also have some families that send kids to one and not the other. According to the teen study, adolescents perceived their parents as being influential in the initial decision to continue with – or drop out of – Jewish education after the Bar/ Bat Mitzvah.

- Today, Jewish families and educational programs don’t operate in separate spheres, rather they mutually reinforce one another. The family’s engagement with Jewish education ranges across a wide spectrum, but there are multiple points of intersection among learners, their families, and Jewish educational settings.

- Parents regard themselves as agents of Jewish education. Here are comments from one couple who enrolls their children in a Conservative synagogue’s religious school:

*Father: “Children learn from parents and by what parents DO more than what parents say... you’ve got to teach by example... I don’t mean you’ve got to stand up there every Saturday and preach to them and yell the words to them. In my opinion it is more of a daily example of doing.”*

*Mother: “And I would agree with that... When they see us light the candles and say the blessings on Shabbat or go to services a couple of times a month, or... participate in the holidays... they are learning by example to do that as well, one day.”*

So I commend you, the parents, for seeing the importance of Jewish education for your children! I recommend also looking into the youth groups, if applicable for your grade, and the summer camps for all ages. Attending a Jewish summer camp, even a day camp, but surely a sleep away camp, will help in building students’ Jewish identity and their pride in being Jewish. And isn’t this what we all strive for?

### SHAARE SHALOM CALENDAR

February 18: No class

## CAJE

Maxine Weil - Jewish Community Hebrew School  
Rabbi Ari Vernon - Jewish Community High School

*The almond tree is flowering, and the golden sun is shining.  
Birds from the rooftops are heralding the coming of the holiday.  
Tu B’shvat has arrived, the holiday of the trees.*

-- Israeli Folk Song

You’ve probably sung this song hundreds of times without thinking about its implications. Tu B’Shevat, the new year of the trees, falls at the beginning of February. In Israel, you might not notice it, but in the United States, it’s obvious that this is not the best time of year for vegetation. Wouldn’t it make more sense to celebrate trees in the summer when they’re in full bloom? At this time of year, our trees stand seemingly dormant because in only a few short weeks, everything will spring back to life and will no longer be standing still to be counted.

As we approach the middle of the year at our schools, we know the challenge of keeping our charges still enough to take stock of where we are, and we also know that with the spring approaching, we will lose track of our students in the burst of activity that comes at the end of our year.

The Jewish Community Hebrew School students dove right into second semester. They have been focusing on skill sets and mastering specific prayers which will be shared with parents in a variety of interactive parent programs which will occur in February through May. This month our Bet students will teach their parents about the Shema, V’ahavta, and make Mezuzot together. Our Gimel students will participate in a Purim program with their parents. The students love to have their parents share in their Hebrew School experience and love an opportunity to shine. We are truly proud of our students’ accomplishments.

Our Hebrew High Spring semester is in full gear with an ever-growing student body and our continually outstanding staff. If you are in 8th-12th grade and are interested in Hebrew High, please give us a call or come try out a night. If you are currently in the 7th grade, it is not too early to start thinking about Hebrew High for next year. For more information, you can contact **Rabbi Ari** at 442-3758 or [avernon@cajestl.org](mailto:avernon@cajestl.org).

We are looking forward to a wonderful February, when all of our programs foreshadow the energy we’ll see when nature sheds its winter coat and bursts into new life. Until then...Chag Sameach!

### CAJE CALENDAR

February 19: No Hebrew School

# Member & Community News...



*Yonit Olshan and Sarah Rader spend the evening with friends on Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem. Yonit and Sarah are in the middle of the USCJ gap-year program Nativ.*

## Gary Kodner: USCJ Calendar Art Photo Contest Winner

A photograph of our stained glass windows submitted by **Gary Kodner** has been chosen by United Synagogue to appear in their 5768 (2007-2008) calendar that will feature synagogue art and architecture in Conservative congregations throughout the US.

Our stained glass windows were created and designed by nationally known artist, **Rodney Winfield** (American born 1925). Winfield created two sets of windows in collaboration with **Rabbi Ephraim Epstein**. He designed the windows for the Guller Chapel in 1954 and windows for the Epstein sanctuary in 1957. The Guller Chapel windows are internationally recognized as the first three dimensional windows in the United States. Winfield is also known for windows he designed for the National Cathedral in Washington D.C.

**Do you need a little extra help with your pet and want to support one of our B'nai Mitzvah student's Mitzvah projects?**

Contact Emma  
Rehfeld at  
862-8839



## The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Your Help

For the month of February, the St. Louis Jewish Food Pantry is looking for these specific items in order to provide well-balanced nourishment for the community in need:

1. Macaroni & Cheese
2. Healthy Snacks
3. Canned Fruit
4. Peanut Butter
5. Personal Care Items

Items should be brought to the collection areas at the synagogue. For further information, please contact **Louise Levine** at 636-227-1259.

## Sharing our Simchas

The synagogue thanks the following for hosting a Shabbat Kiddush in January:

**Synagogue** and **Sisterhood** in honor of the Installation of New Officers.

**Sisterhood** in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat.

**Malcom & Ida Kessler** in honor of **Isaac Walker's** Bar Mitzvah.

## JCC Women's Shabbat Retreat

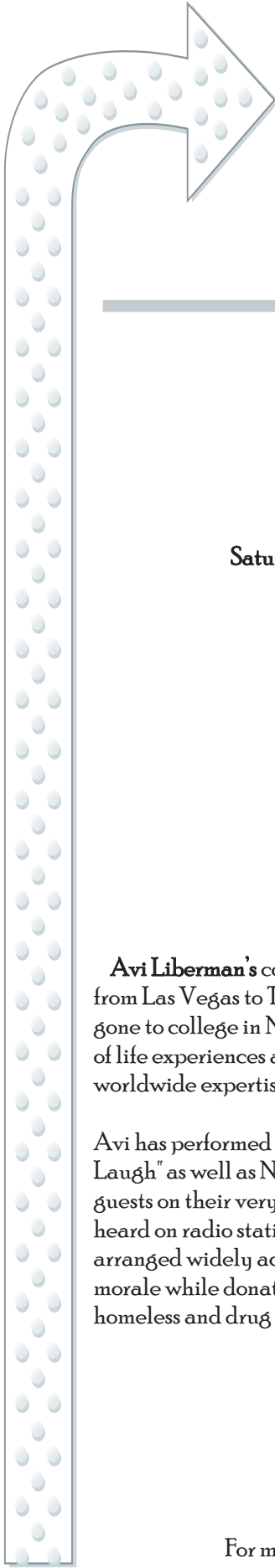
The JCC is planning the third Woman's Shabbat Retreat to take place February 9-10 at the Innsbrook Resort and Conference Center. Chair people **Joy Fisher** and **Mimi Pultman** are heading up a committee of thirty-five dynamic St. Louis women, all from different affiliations. Women who attend the Shabbaton will enjoy gourmet vegetarian cuisine, educational and entertaining programs, as well as time to bond with old friends and create new friends all during a restful and spiritually dynamic 25 hours.

For more information please contact Sara Winkelman at 442-3268 or [swinkelman@jccstl.org](mailto:swinkelman@jccstl.org).



Want to see your name in the News?  
Chant Haftarah!

Contact Hazzan Dulkan or Karen Karabell if interested.



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**Arleen & Dr. Phillip Korenblat**  
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**Saturday, March 10, 2007**

**20 Adar 5767**

**7 P.M.**  
**Congregation B'nai Amoona**

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Havdallah Service (led by SSDS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2007)

Vegas-style evening with:  
Hors D'oeuvres Buffet and Cocktails

GALA AUCTION

**Headliner: Comedian Avi Liberman**

**Avi Liberman's** comedic style has been a favorite in comedy clubs from Los Angeles to Miami, from Las Vegas to Tel Aviv -- and everywhere in between. Born in Israel, raised in Texas, having gone to college in New York, and now living in Los Angeles, his style is a winning combination of life experiences and topical issues told through a varied blend of characters and voices with worldwide expertise.

Avi has performed stand-up comedy on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and "Make Me Laugh" as well as NBC's "Friday Night!" Avi can be seen regularly on E! as one of their frequent guests on their very popular countdown series. Avi is a successful commercial actor and can be heard on radio stations throughout the country. Most notably, perhaps, Avi has successfully arranged widely acclaimed stand-up comedy tours in Israel in the past three years to help boost morale while donating all of the proceeds to a charity called "Crossroads," working with homeless and drug addicted teens in the Jerusalem area.

General tickets: \$118 per person

Additional Sponsorship levels for:  
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For more information or to reserve your tickets - SSDS 314.576.6177

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In his 45th teshuvah, Rabbi Oshry writes on the following question: We Jews of the Kovno ghetto in Lithuania were completely enslaved by the Germans; we were worked to the bone night and day without rest; we were starved and paid nothing. The German enemy decreed our total annihilation. We were completely dispensable. And, in the end, most of us would die.

One morning, during prayer, Reb Avrohom Yosef, who was leading the congregation in the morning service, reached the blessing [she-lo asani aved – “Blessed are You, Adonai our God, king of the universe,”] “Who has not made me a slave,” [the Conservative text of this blessing is changed to the positive statement she-asani ben/bat chorin – “who has made me free.”] and shouted bitterly to the Master of all masters, “How can I recite the blessing of a free man? How can a hungry slave, repeatedly abused and demeaned, praise his Creator by uttering ‘Who has not made me a slave?’”

Every morning as Reb Avrohom Yosef led the prayers, he let out the same cry! And many of those who joined him in prayer felt the same way. I was then asked for the Torah ruling on this question: Should the blessing be omitted because it seemed to be a travesty—in which case it would be forbidden to recite it—or was it forbidden to alter or skip any part of the prayer text established by our sages?

To this question, Rabbi Oshry’s responded: One of the earliest commentators on the prayers points out that **this blessing was not formulated in order to praise God for our physical liberty but rather for our spiritual liberty.** I therefore ruled that we could not skip or alter this blessing under any circumstances. On the contrary, despite our physical captivity, we were more obligated than ever to recite the blessing to demonstrate to our enemies that even if physically we were slaves, as a people we remained spiritually free.

The Jews of Kovno were enslaved just as their ancestors in Egypt had been enslaved. And one of the consequences of this slavery was that every day was precisely like the day before and the day after. The sun could tell them the cycle of the year and the cycle of the day. The moon could tell them the cycle of the month. But there was nothing to tell them the cycle of the week. There is no meaning to the statement “the first day” or “the seventh day” or “Shabbat.” Slaves have no Shabbat – both because it is not permitted and because the concept of Shabbat has no meaning in a life that does not distinguish between behavior on most days and behavior on each seventh day. And thus our most powerful statement of personal freedom is the observance of Shabbat.

From the outside, Shabbat looks like anything but freedom; from the inside, those who do Shabbat know very differently. Shabbat is freedom, not enslavement. Jews who have never experienced Shabbat – every week, for a substantial period of time – often find it easy to forego Shabbat, and still easier to find all manner of rationalizations as to why the primitive and quaint customs associated with Shabbat are simply not relevant in the modern world. But those who come to Shabbat as adults rarely look for or even consider those rationalizations. Only a the situation of true compulsion – the need to support my family (not simply with enhanced income, but meeting basic minimum survival needs) or an external enemy (God forbid) that would not permit Shabbat observance – could cause me to mechallel Shabbes. Desanctifying Shabbat desanctifies my life. Jettisoning Shabbat would make me like any other animal, responding only to the cycles and urges of the natural world (described by the Rabbis as yeitzer ha-ra, the inclination to the non-holy, the inclination to do that which is profane). As The Elephant Man cried out in anguish: “I am not an animal.” Those who keep Shabbat know that they are not animals. And they are not slaves (to themselves or to others).

Are you a slave to others – who deny you the opportunity to distinguish one day in every seven? Do your employers truly insist that you must profane the Shabbat in order to work for them? Do your family members insist that you profane the Shabbat?

Are you a slave to yourself, for you deny yourself Shabbat? Is there any difference in your life between Friday and Saturday and Sunday? Is the only way that you know what day of the week it is due to the television schedule for that evening (increasingly the same each day) or your cycle of beauty shop appointments or the day that the shopping coupons appear in the newspaper?

Slavery is hard. Freedom is harder. **But Shabbat makes freedom possible.** If you cannot (or will not) make Shabbat, then you are not free. No matter what you think. I know how hard it is to make Shabbat in our world. I had to leave a tenured full-professorship, my principal trumpet chair in a symphony and an opera company and a dance company. I had to leave a community that I loved. I did it “on spec.” I did it because I needed to live as a free man and as a Jew. I needed Shabbes, but I did not know how much I needed it until I had finally achieved it.

God has given us Shabbat – a double portion on Fridays so that we can prepare and so that we can make Shabbat different from the other days of the week. Different. Separate. Kadosh. Holy. Different for us as a sign of our special and sacred relationship with God and the universe that God created, weekly oases of timelessness in our time-bound lives, twenty-five hours out of every 168 that give meaning and sanctity to those other 143 in which we do the work of living.

I remind you of the powerful words of that cultural Zionist Achad HaAm: “More than Israel has kept the Shabbat has the Shabbat kept Israel.” Shabbat has kept the Jewish community alive.

But Shabbat has also kept individual Jewish souls alive. And so, for those who have chosen to minimize or ignore Shabbat completely, for those who have chosen to enslave themselves in a world of the profane, I can only say, with profound sadness and with confusion as to why any human being would choose to enslave himself this as did that Chassidic Rebbe to his cigarette-smoking-on-Shabbat congregant: “Shabbes!?”

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# Join Us Shabbat Morning For...

## Babysitting (1-5 years)

*10 am in the ECC*

Fun and games for those too young to experience the other options, complete with snacks and juice.

## Junior Congregation (K-4th grades)

*10:45 am in the Guller Chapel*

A lively and engaging service for our younger members. Parents and families are encouraged to attend.

## Family Service (K-4th graders & families)

These services are led by dynamic guests. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children as it is truly fun and educational for all ages.

## The Mitzvah Years (5th-8th graders)

*10:45 am in the Youth Lounge*

A special service held most Shabbat mornings for those around B'nai Mitzvah age led by Youth Director Sarah Rubinson.

## Shacharit in the Sanctuary

*8:45 am in the Epstein Sanctuary*

All are welcome in the sanctuary for our traditional egalitarian service. Children are welcome; they are especially encouraged to attend towards the end for Adon Olam and other prayers before helping the Rabbi and Hazzan with Kiddush.

## Shabbat Calendar

### February 2

Shabbat Unplugged

### February 3

Hannah Boxerman Bat Mitzvah

Shabbat Shirah

Tu B'Shevat

Mitzvah Years

Junior Congregation

### February 10

USY Shabbat

Junior Congregation

### February 16

Shabbat Unplugged and Dinner

### February 17

Taylor Wolf Bat Mitzvah

Shabbat Shekalim

Junior Congregation

### February 24

Mitzvah Years

Junior Congregation



## Shabbat, February 3 is Tu B'Shevat

Join us for a food buffet featuring fruits and wines as well as cards and trees to celebrate the holiday!



## Coming Soon: A Shabbat Learner's Service



Look for more details soon.

## What's Happening This Month...

For more information about any of these programs, please call the office at 727-1747 or visit our website at [www.ShaareZedek.org](http://www.ShaareZedek.org).

**Tuesdays at 7:15 pm**

### **BASIC JUDAISM FOR ADULTS**

The second eight-week session of Rabbi Mark Fasman's basic Judaism for Adults class will discuss Sanctifying Space: Judaism in the Home and Synagogue.

**Fridays, February 2 and 16 at 5:30 pm**

### **SHABBAT UNPLUGGED AND DINNER**

Our special monthly service, complete with a band and lots of Ruach, followed by a festive dinner (February 16 only). Dinner is \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids. RSVP to the office by January 15.

**Saturday, February 24 at 6:30 pm**

### **BOOMER'S MOVIE NIGHT**

Boynnton Beach Club will be shown, and games will be played! Cost is \$6 for Kohn's deli food, but chips and popcorn are free. Please note that the Boomer's Chavurah is not just for singles anymore, rather all those born between 1946 and 1964 are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to the office by February 20. Contact Steve Keyser, Alan Schwartz, or Sydney Farber with any questions.

**Sunday, February 25 at noon**

### **SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND LUNCHEON**

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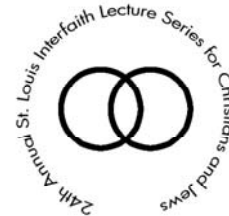
## **DR. RACHEL DULIN TO SERVE AS SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE**

Shaare Zedek will be welcoming its first Scholar in Residence of 2007 at the end of February: **Dr. Rachel Z. Dulin** will be speaking several times over the weekend of February 23-25. Dr. Dulin is an internationally renowned scholar and a dynamic lecturer in Biblical and Women's Studies. She currently serves as Professor of Bible and Hebrew Language at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago. Dr. Dulin's Shaare Zedek schedule will run as follows:

**Friday, February 23:** Come meet Dr. Dulin and listen to a brief preview of her upcoming remarks at our Kabbalat Shabbat service.

**Saturday, February 24:** Lunch 'n' Learn following Shabbat services. Dr. Dulin will speak on "Wisdom in Biblical Literature."

**Sunday, February 25:** Torah Fund Luncheon. Dr. Dulin will speak on "Women in the Bible." This event requires reservations; for more information, please see page 7.



## **Do the Needs of the Many Outweigh the Needs of the One?**

Sunday, February 25, 2007  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm at Temple Israel

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Kavanaugh, SJ  
*Director, Ethics Across the Curriculum,  
St. Louis University*

Response: Jane Sherwin Shapiro  
*President, Alliance for Adult Jewish Learning*

Continuing Sessions at Temple Israel  
11:45am-1:30pm  
Wednesdays February 28, March 7, 2007, &  
March 14

For more information, contact the office at  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Don't forget -</b> Every Kabbalat Shabbat now includes music, and twice a month, we feature the "Shabbat Unplugged Band."</p>				1 13  7 am & 6 pm	2 14  Shabbat Unplugged USY Shabbat Dinner  Candlelighting 5:06 7 am & 5:30 pm	3 15 BESHALLACH Shabbat Shirah Tu B'Shevat Hannah Boxerman Bat Mitzvah USY Program Glass Act 8:45 am & 4:20 pm
4 16 World Wide Wrap Kadima Program USY Superbowl Party  8 am & 6 pm	5 17 9:45 am Women in the Bible Class  7 am & 6 pm	6 18 8 am Text Study  7:15 pm Sanctifying Jewish Space  7 am & 6 pm	7 19  7 am & 6 pm	8 20 7 pm Executive Committee Meeting  7 am & 6 pm	9 21 6th Grade Shabbaton at BA  Candlelighting 5:14 7 am & 5:30 pm	10 22 YITRO  USY Casino Night  8:45 am & 4:30 pm
11 23 Super Sunday of Learning Noar Program  8 am & 6 pm	12 24 9:45 am Women in the Bible Class  7 am & 6 pm	13 25 8 am Text Study  7:15 pm Sanctifying Jewish Space  7 am & 6 pm	14 26  7 am & 6 pm	15 27 USY Winter Shabbaton 7:15 Faith & Conservative Identity  7 am & 6 pm	16 28 Shabbat Unplugged and Dinner USY Winter Shabbaton  Candlelighting 5:22 7 am & 5:30 pm	17 29 MISHPATIM Shabbat Shekalim Taylor Wolf Bat Mitzvah Lunch 'n Learn: Faith USY Winter Shabbaton 8:45 am & 4:40 pm
18 30 Rosh Chodesh No Religious School USY Winter Shabbaton  8 am & 6 pm	19 1 Rosh Chodesh 9:45 am Women in the Bible Class Kadima Program No Hebrew School  6:45 am & 6 pm	20 2 8 am Text Study  7:15 pm Sanctifying Jewish Space  7 am & 6 pm	21 3  7 am & 6 pm	22 4 7 pm Board Meeting  7 am & 6 pm	23 5 Scholar in Residence  Candlelighting 5:29 7 am & 5:30 pm	24 6 TERUMAH  Scholar in Residence  8:45 am & 4:45 pm
25 7 Torah Fund Luncheon Scholar in Residence  8 am & 6 pm	26 8 9:45 am Women in the Bible Class  7 am & 6 pm	27 9 8 am Text Study  7:15 pm Sanctifying Jewish Space  7 am & 6 pm	28 10 USY Program  7 am & 6 pm	<p>Submissions for the March News are due February 10.</p>		

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