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Todah Rabah!

Haftarot for November

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Faye Keyser Memorial Seudah Fund, Malcolm & Ida Kessler, Levys & Burkes, Synagogue

Minyan Breakfasts

Bonnie Templeton, Bernard Mellman, Micki Kingsley, Leo Bressler, Allen Leving, Shelah Feldman, Pat Rosen, Michael Neidorf, Rhonda Grimsky

Mazal Tov!

Anniversaries

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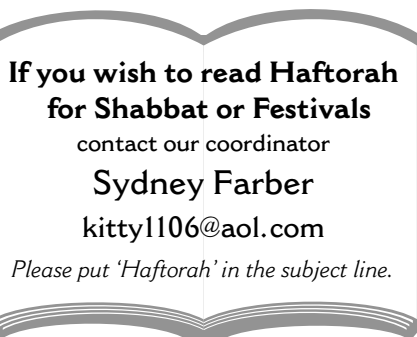
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A Message from the Rabbi

Rabbi Mark Fasman



December. A month of challenges for the American Jewish community. The challenge is not that we are excluded from the religious and cultural festivities of the season. Our challenge is that we are *not* excluded from these festivities.

At one time, this felt more like a season of “them” and “us.” When I was younger I felt excluded from the general merriment all around me. Yet, at the same time I was fully aware that I was invited to the party. It was a season of “goodwill” towards Jews as well as towards Christians. We had (obligatory) gift exchanges in our public school classrooms – even keeping them under a decorated tree. As a musician, my school band, orchestra, and choir all had annual Christmas concerts – my participation was not optional. It seemed to me that many of my friends were surprised, and even mystified, by the fact that I didn’t celebrate their holiday.

So it wasn’t that Jews were kept out of Christmas. It was that we chose to stay out. They had no barriers to our participation. But we still had our boundaries. Christmas was a line we didn’t cross. This isn’t our holiday. This is *their* holiday. For us to celebrate

it was Jewishly unthinkable. Many Jews rationalized that, after all, the tree is a pagan custom, and the winter festival of lights has its origin in the pagan world. Who were they kidding? (Why do some Jews think that it’s okay to celebrate a *pagan* holiday, but not a Christian one? In fact, participation in pagan rituals is a sin of the highest magnitude.)

The way in which the parents of the baby boomers handled this “December dilemma” was to elevate Chanukah to a major holiday. We get eight presents! In Israel, Chanukah

is still a minor holiday – as it should be. But in America, where our suburban Jewish children were a tiny minority in their public school classes, parents felt they had to do *something* so that their children’s hearts wouldn’t break from being left out of a full month of school activities. Truth be told, the parents often felt just as left out as their children.

At Rosh Hashanah, I spoke of the importance of re-establishing boundaries if the American Jewish community is to survive. If the non-Jewish world no longer has barriers keeping us out, then we must reinforce our ever-weakening boundaries. In his book, *Getting Our Groove Back*, Scott Shay likens the American Jewish community to water – frozen, liquid, and gas. He says that the Orthodox are like ice (holding together from the inside due to personal religious and halakhic commitments), the Conservatives

are like water (holding together as long as it is surrounded by a solid boundary), and the Reform are like steam (in fairness, this applies to many Conservative Jews as well). Using Mr. Shay’s analogy, the greatest two dangers to our Conservative Jewish community

are 1) an increase of heat (so that we eventually disappear into the secular culture), and 2) a lowering or cracking of our surrounding walls (so that we dissipate into the surrounding culture).

For Conservative Jews, December is a month of an increase of heat and a weakening of boundaries. We need to cool down and reinforce our boundaries.

Cooling is what happens when we increase our commitment to Jewish principles and

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communal commitments – believing and belonging. We strengthen our boundaries through increased observance – behaving. Commitment is internal. Observance is how our commitments are expressed. Commitment and observance both require knowledge. To *what* am I committed – what is Judaism? *How* do I observe – how do I live an observant Jewish life?

Chanukkah means “dedication.” The holiday commemorates the re-dedication of the Temple after its defilement by the introduction of improper, non-Jewish things into the sanctity of the Temple. This year make a commitment to re-dedication of your Jewish life. Increase your commitment to Jewish beliefs, principles, and knowledge. And make a commitment to raise your level of Jewish observance. Take some serious, but joyous, steps. Call on me for help. It’s what I’m here for.

Chag Urim Same’ach – May you have a joyous festival of lights.



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Presidential Matters

Gary Kodner



It's been a fast 2 years!

It's already December. It has been a fast two years. That tells me I have been busy. It also says that I have enjoyed my time as president.

I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the members and staff of this great congregation. I am equally grateful that Mitch Shenker will be succeeding me as our next president.

When I took office, some thought I was "crazy" to take on such a responsibility and time commitment, for a second time! Maybe I am a little crazy. But I am also secure in my assertion that it takes volunteers and leaders who are a "little crazy", very committed and capable of looking forward. Most people I have encountered have been supportive and encouraging.

I have learned so much over the past two years. I have emerged myself in Shaare Zedek. I started my presidency with rabbi Fasman taking a sabbatical. that was a learning experience. We negotiated contract renewals for both the rabbi and Hazzan. We applied for grant funding and launched Ruach Am'cha. We saw our Youth programs, Sisterhood and Men's Club continue to grow and thrive. We were nationally recognized with a number of awards. We saw the birth of our DorWays group for young families. We raised money, helped those in need, continued the best Kabbalat Shabbat service in St. Louis. We had incredible Scholar-in Residence programs, improved and re energized our Shalom Religious School, gained new (many younger) members and provided meaningful services daily, Shabbat and Holidays.

Here is the key... I was surrounded by dedicated leaders, talented professionals, supportive staff and caring members. TOGETHER, we managed the needs of our congregation while encouraging an open dialog about improving and ensuring our future.

I came in to office talking about change. Change is always hard to embrace. Even harder for a 105 year old institution. Change is a constant necessity. No institution has survived without it. It requires:

Trust, Vision, Compromise, Trial, Open Minds, Leadership, Listening, Understanding and Innovation.

The reality is, change will happen with or without our guidance or participation. We will be better served to WORK TOGETHER and anticipate, plan, evaluate and optimize all opportunities that may be available to us.

I am not going to say farewell. I am still going to be an active member of Shaare Zedek and serve our members as the next Board Chair. I only ask for your continued love, support and encouragement.

Look forward to the next two years. Maybe it will slow down a bit?

See you in Shul

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In our continuing efforts to be more environmentally aware, beginning in January we are planning to publish the Shaare Zedek newsletter electronically.

Each month you will be sent a link to our newsletter via e-mail. Those who want to continue to receive a paper mailed version can request the service from the office. Printed copies will continue to be available in the synagogue office as well as in the communication racks.

Do we have your current email address?

Does more than one person in your family want to receive the newsletter e-link?

(multiple emails in your household)

Let us know at execdir@shaarezedek.org

HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan

We start 'em early here, from birth, to be exact. Our youngest members experience a joyful, creative, warm and welcoming Judaism, from Tot Shabbat with Shelley and Jeff Dean, to Shaare Shalom's booming Sunday class of 3-5 year olds, to DorWays programs and, of course, the wonderful institution that is our SZ Early Childhood Center. Two years ago, with the help of some very creative people and funding from the Gladys K. Crown Foundation, we began a Jewish parent-child Shabbat class, *Shabbat is Here!* In the class, parents and children learned experientially about Shabbat and parenting. The babies in that class are big boys and girls turning three this year, and they, along with their families, remain an integral part of our Shaare Zedek membership. These kids are quite literally the future of the Jewish people (no pressure!)

The first track on my new CD, entitled **sing * dance * bless: Friday Night Family Grooves**, is a song for Shabbat entitled *Mizmor Shir*. We sing it each Friday night, and there is a special "Shabbat Rinah Band" spin on the song. The lyrics are taken from Psalm 92 and composed by Shlomo Carlebach: he writes:

The whole wide world is waiting

To sing a song of Shabbat

I am also waiting

To sing a song of Shabbat!

The CD is dedicated to the kids of Shaare Zedek, and the names of each of the children in our inaugural *Shabbat is Here!* class are featured in this song. "Naomi is waiting to sing a song of Shabbat, and Ben is waiting to sing a song of Shabbat..." etc. The CD was a long time coming, and I thank these



families for their patience and support as we traveled the long road of recording, mixing, packaging, repackaging and waiting!

We are always waiting to sing that song of Shabbat: some weeks it is a slow, meditative song after an exhausting week; some weeks it is a jubilant cry of gratitude, other weeks it is a toe-tapping, energetic tune. The idea of **sing * dance * bless** is that it takes the listener through the Friday night experience. It begins with some tunes from Friday night services, continues with blessings and songs for the Shabbat table, and concludes with lullabies for nighttime (including my own melody for *Good Night Moon*, the famous children's book by Margaret Wise Brown). The CD also features the talent and voice of my dear friend and colleague, Rabbi and Hazzan Neil Blumofe. He is the spiritual leader of a vibrant Conservative shul in Austin, TX, Congregation Agudas Achim. He combines his training in New Orleans Jazz and traditional Hazzanut to create a unique and beautiful service.

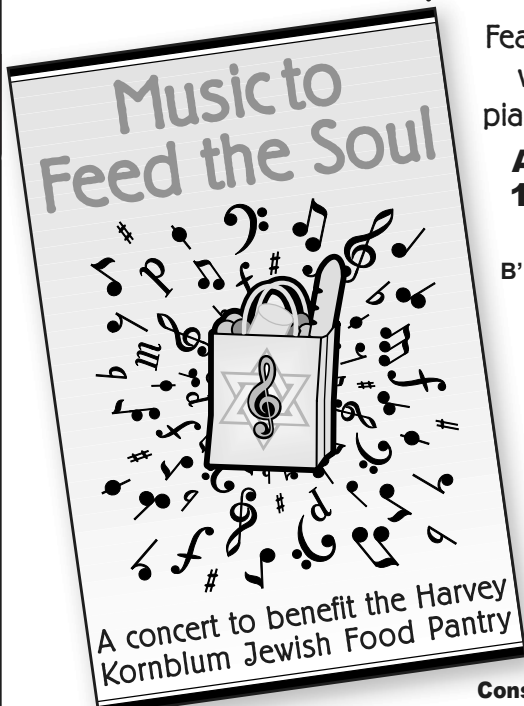
The CD will become available in time for Chanukah, on December 1, 2010, for \$15. Your purchase of this CD will help to support future musical endeavors at the shul, including our Shabbat Rinah band, concerts, and visiting artists. I hope you will enjoy the songs of Shabbat and have a happy and healthy holiday season!

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Informational Meeting

for ALL interested in participating in this summer's Family Trip to Israel.

**Monday Night, December 13
at 7pm**

Bring friends, bring family...

We will be going over plans and itinerary, and answer any and all questions.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Donn Rubin: drubin@stl-lifesciences.org, or Hazzan Dulkan: hazzan@shaarezedek.org

Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley, President



♪ Oh, Chanukah, Oh, Chanukah, Come light the Menorah!

It's that time of year again. Beginning with the first candle on Wednesday evening, December 1, we add another candle every night for eight nights. Somehow, we remember from year to year that the candle count increases from right to left and that we light them from left to right, beginning with the newest (guest) candle. But, whether we're rejoicing in the miracle of the oil, the military victory or the re-dedication of the Temple, we celebrate by eating *latkes* and *sufganiot* (jelly donuts), singing *Ha-nerot Ha laalu* and *Maos tzur Ye shuati*, and playing *dreidel* games.

Are you looking for a Chanukah gift? Stop by your Gift Shop. Make Ann Frank and Julie Iken happy. There are all sorts of beautiful items at discounted prices; and you don't have to limit yourself to Chanukah.

The joint Sisterhood/Men's Club Trivia Evening was a success thanks to the very hard work of a lot of people. Thank you to Cindy Ginsburg and Sue Propper for chairing this effort on behalf of our Sisterhood, and to their team of Benita Boxerman, Joyce Gang, Arlene Kerman, and Rosalie Stein.

We also appreciate the work done by Steve Birenbaum, Monroe Ginsburg, Alan Levin, Dave Propper, Mitch Shenker, and Jim Singman. Thank you also to Joe and Julie Iken and Phyllis Blalock Patton for keeping the drink/popcorn tables stocked. Thanks also to Alan Spetner for the prize tee shirt.

Our thanks also to Burton Boxerman, emcee and question-maker extraordinaire, who once again kept us guessing.

Thank you, USY'ers, for roaming the tables between rounds selling raffle tickets.

Last, we appreciate the generosity of our sponsors: Haberberger, Marshall Myers and Steve Arnstein on behalf of Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney, the Spetner family, Sylvia Silver, Copying Concepts, Lisa and David Gellman, EMCO Refrigeration and Lee Green.

★ **Sunday December 5, 2010 Sisterhood Chanukah Program.** If you haven't already brought something for the Hanukah Hugs box sponsored by the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry, remember to bring a gift to the Hanukah program. Please keep

in mind that gifts for teens, ages 12-16 are always in short supply.

★ **Thursday evening, December 9**, the last day of Hanukah, plan to attend "Music to Feed the Soul", a musical program to benefit the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. It will be held this year at BSKI Synagogue. The program, which was held at Shaare Zedek last year, is sponsored by BSKI, Shaare Zedek and B'nai Amoona. Refreshments will be provided by the Sisterhoods.

★ **Saturday January 29, 2011 Sisterhood Shabbat.** Please get in touch with me or Wendy Love Anderson if you want to participate in the services. We would like to have as many women involved as possible.

Are you thinking about what you want embroidered on your special white linen napkin? Your special square will be stitched into a tablecloth to be used at the dessert table at Sisterhood kiddushes and programs. For only \$36 per square, you can commemorate a wedding, an anniversary, the birth of a child or a grandchild, or ask about using your own original idea. For more information and to order squares, please call Cindy Ginsburg at 314-983-0607 or Sue Propper at 314-862-5698.

Cindy Ginsburg will be attending the Women's League convention in Baltimore the middle of this month. We wish her well and will be waiting to hear all about it.

Mazel tov to Eva Walker on her *bat mitzvah* and we thank her parents, Susan and Peter for choosing to have a Sisterhood *Kiddush*.

I wish you all a bright and happy Chanukah, and a joyous 2011!

The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help

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



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

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

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

Memorial Plaques in the Guller Chapel are available.

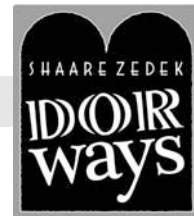
DorWays: Families & Young Members

Gerly Rich

I am so excited to be helping out with DorWays at Shaare Zedek. DorWays is Shaare Zedek's group for families with young children. 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. Over the past few months we have had a musical celebration for Sukkot and had a family Shabbat dinner. We also planted vegetables and herbs in our garden outside

of Synagogue. DorWays is also celebrating Hanukah. On Saturday, December 4th, we will have a Hanukah Havdalah Program for all of our DorWays families to celebrate together.

I'm sure most of you have also seen our Community Chuppah. This Chuppah was used during the High Holidays and is also used for special occasions such as a wedding, brit milah, baby naming, and other community events. We hope that more families will make



their mark on the Chuppah by purchasing a "Simcha Square" for \$18. You and your family can decorate your "Simcha Square" and become a permanent fixture in our community. Extra design features are available. To buy a Simcha Square, or for more information, email Amy Doughty at amyleahs@yahoo.com.

Shaare Shalom

Anita Kraus, Education Director

I hope the Thanksgiving holiday was a relaxing and fun time spent with family and friends. Life gets busy so quickly. I often marvel at how much we can fit into one day, or week or month.

Shaare Shalom has certainly been a busy place. October ended with a bang with our visit from Pizmon as well as Shaare Shalom celebrating the Consecration of all the Kindergarten (Gan) and First Grade (Aleph) students. The students enjoyed receiving their torahs as a symbol to the formal beginning of their Jewish educations.

Students are not the only ones that learn at Shaare Shalom. November brought two wonderful education opportunities for the Shaare Shalom teachers, specialists and assistants to broaden their horizons and continue their own educations. CAJE held their annual Education Fair on Nov. 7th. Teachers throughout St. Louis came together to learn together and share ideas. Many dedicated and thought-provoking speakers and facilitators presented at the fair. Our second Shaare Shalom Staff Development was the other education opportunity. Our

Shaare Shalom teachers spent the afternoon of Nov. 14th learning together. Susie Fleisher was fabulous as she facilitated a workshop about acknowledging the individual differences in students. Everyone took away a newer perspective about teaching students regardless of their style of learning.

A week later, our 4th and 5th grade students enjoyed celebrating Shabbat with classmates, peers, friends, and teachers at our community wide Conservative Shabbaton. This program is a collaboration with Pardes, B'nai Amoona's religious school, as well as the Conservative community. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate the beauty of Shabbat together and foster friendships across the St. Louis Conservative Community. The students spent Shabbat studying the stories of Genesis. They read, studied, acted, sang and learned, it was fun for all.

Now that December is here so is The *Festival of Lights*. I hope to see everyone as the BSKI Chanukah Family Celebration on December 5th from 12:00-2:00 right after religious school. The afternoon will begin

as religious school winds down with an all school sing with Jay O'Brien. Stay for lunch and activities!

I wish you all a wonderful festival of lights.

B'Shalom,

Anita



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Adult Education

Sydney Farber

November review and December happenings:

1. **The knitting/crochet club** met and we began making our squares. It's not too late to join us. We will meet again December 19th in the Community Room. If you couldn't make our first meeting and would like to get started, we're knitting squares - cast on 30 stitches, knit one row, purl one row, and continue until you've made a 5 x 5 square, any color and needle size 5-10. Bring your yarn and/or needles, though we will have materials for you to use if you don't have any. If you do have extra yarn and/or needles that you no longer need, please drop them off in the office - there will be a box for all donated materials.

2. **Shabbat Skills**, started was led by Rabbi Fasman. He will continue to offer this workshop on Friday afternoons before Kabbalat Shabbat services. Check your Shabbat bulletin or call Nancy (727-1747) for dates on the next class.

3. **The Scholar in Residence**, Roy Doliner, was also held on November 17-20. I hope you were able to attend at least one of his sessions.

4. **Rabbi Dulkan's book discussion** continues. His next session will be December 18th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the chapel.

Did you know....

★ **27 Kislev 2105 BCE** it is said that the forty days and nights of rainfall (Noah's flood) ended in 1656 (2105 BCE). The flood itself lasted a full year (according to Genesis 6-8.).

★ **20th Tevet 1483** the first volume of the Babylonian Talmud, the tractate Berachot, was printed in Soncino, Italy?

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving, and now I'm wishing you a meaningful Chanukah with lots of yummy foods to eat and times spent with family and friends. And so because the next time we get together it will be January, I hope you have a fantastic end to 2010. Of course, 5771 will still be going on.



Save the Date !!! Shaare Zedek Sisterhood's "I Luv Mah Jong Tournament"

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Thank you.



Youth Programs

Liz Redler, Youth 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 and our annual Latkapalooza party.

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 DATE

- December 7** 7pm Kadima/Noar Latkapalooza Hanukkah party
- December 8** 7pm Latkapalooza Hanukkah party/Lounge Night
- December 10** 7pm-9pm USY Shabbat Dinner at Liz's House
- December 12** 1-5pm Kadima Goes To The City Museum
- December 26-30** International Convention Orlando, Florida

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- Rappel down the Ramon Crater
- Meet teens from our Partnership community of Yokneam/Megiddo
- Snorkel and swim in Eilat
- Ride the cable car to the Rosh Hanikrah ocean caves
- Relax along the Mediterranean Coast
- Visit the mystical city of Tzfat
- Kayak on the Jordan River
- Reflect at the Kotel, the Western Wall

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SZSL Change For Change



Bring us your tzedakah!

Shaare Zedek USY (SZSL) is teaming up with Rabbi Fasman to collect Change for Change.

Last Purim, SZ members were sent a personal pushke to collect coins for this special project.

Collect your spare change every day. Bring in your spare coins and our USY members will load 'em into our counting machine and donate YOUR tzedakah to a worthy organization.

Look for the collection boxes and our change counting machine at synagogue events.

Together, we can help change the world!

Tzedakah is commonly translated as charity, but the word itself is based on the Hebrew word צדק, (tzedek) meaning righteousness, fairness, or justice. Tzedakah refers to the religious obligation to perform charity, and philanthropic acts. Unlike philanthropy, tzedakah is seen as a religious obligation.

It is argued that the Biblical regulations concerning left-overs only applied to corn fields, orchards, and vineyards; and the classical rabbinical writers were very strict in regard to who could receive the remains. It was stated that the farmer was not permitted to benefit from the gleanings, and was not permitted to discriminate among the poor. The farmer was not even allowed to help one of the poor to gather the leftovers.

It is also argued that the law was only applicable in Canaan, although many classical rabbinical writers who were based in Babylon observed the laws there.

Maimonides lists his Eight Levels of Giving, as written in the Mishneh Torah, Hilkhot Matanot Aniyim (Laws about Giving to Poor People) Chapter 10:7-14

1. Giving an interest-free loan to a person in need; giving a grant to a person in need
2. Giving tzedakah anonymously to an unknown recipient via a person (or public fund) who is trustworthy, wise, and can perform acts of tzedakah with your money in a most impeccable fashion
3. Giving tzedakah anonymously to a known recipient
4. Giving tzedakah before being asked
5. Giving tzedakah publicly to an unknown recipient
6. Giving adequately after being asked
7. Giving willingly, but inadequately
8. Giving "in sadness" - it is thought that Maimonides was referring to giving because of the sad feelings one might have in seeing people in need (as opposed to giving because it is a religious obligation; giving out of pity)

Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer



Children Fulfilling the Mitzvah of Tza'ar Baalei Chaim

The organization Paws for a Cause brought two dogs, Rocky and Scooter, to visit the children of the ECC. The organization collects dog and cat food to help feed animals of people in need and animals in shelters. Working with the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry, the organization collects pet food items from different schools and centers in the area.

Shaare Zedek ECC and Synagogue families have contributed large amounts of food to the cause. By doing so the children have learned about the Mitzvah Tza'ar Baalei Chaim and have helped prevent the suffering of these animals. Each person in the center who contributes animal food items puts their name on a leaf that is then hung on our Mitzvah Tree in the ECC hall.

The synagogue animal food box is located at the east entrance by the elevators. If you wish to help fulfill this Mitzvah you may drop off bag or can food items. If your child wants a leaf on our tree, call the center and let us know of your donation and we will be glad to put their own leaf on our tree.





**The Ecc Is Collecting
Dog & Cat Food
for Pets of Families
Who Use The
Jewish Food Pantry**

A box to collect pet foods is next to the Food Pantry box by the elevator.

Thank you for helping our children care for pets.



**Be Part of Making Our
Community Chuppah.**

Decorate a "Simcha Square".

The Community Chuppah is used during the High Holidays, weddings, brit milahs, baby namings, and other community events.

Each "Simcha Square" is \$18. You and your family can decorate your "Simcha Square" and become a permanent fixture in our community. Extra design features are available.

To buy a Simcha Square, or for more information, email Amy Doughty at amyleahs@yahoo.com.

**WANT A FAMILY MEMBER
IN A NURSING HOME
TO GET A VISIT?**

Chesed Committee volunteers, headed by Ed Fitter, regularly visit our members and even former members in nursing homes.

If you know a member who is in a nursing home or have a family member in a nursing home, please call the office **(314) 727-1747** if you think they would like a visit.

Donations To the Synagogue

Shaare Zedek acknowledges with gratitude the following contributions

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IN HONOR OF

My Hagbahah on Simchat Torah
Steven Birenbaum
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Sherri & Dan Weintrop
The Birth of Rudy & Frances Oppenheim's twin grandchildren
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Ruth Jacob
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Charlotte Singman's Continued good Health
Ruth Jacob
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Ileane & Irv Fagin
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Zendra Ashkanazi
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Zendra Ashkanazi
Sima Needleman's Continued Recovery
Zendra Ashkanazi
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Esther Zuckerman

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**We are looking for
volunteers to work
in the Gift Shop
from 10-12:30pm.**

**Please contact Ann Frank
if you are interested, 434-5603.**

Sara Goodman Tribute Fund

Tribute Chairman **Dorris Lerner** (314) 434-3676
1997 Seven Pines Drive St. Louis, Mo 63146

The Sisterhood acknowledges with thanks the following contributions in support of our many projects.

Honors & Thank You's

Micki Kingsley – thank you for your
generosities and kindnesses
Jack & Arlene Kerman

Accomplishments

Shelah Feldman – a tribute on completion
of year of Kaddish for your father, Mel
Ashkanazi

Anniversaries

Barbara & Martin Becker
Zendra Ashkanazi
Maurice & Rachel Guller
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Zendra Ashkanazi
Amos & Barbara Shamir – 36 years
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Rhoda Grimsky – grandson Jaxon
Zendra Ashkanazi
Philip & Phyllis Katz

Birthdays

Sid Rosen's 94th
Micki Kingsley
Kenneth Wilson
Micki Kingsley
Mildred Hoffman's 90th
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Leo Bressler
Micki Kingsley
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Becky Shimony
Shelley Simon
Becky Shimony

New Baby

Marvin & Barbara Becker – new grandson
Zendra Ashkanazi
Marion & Jerry Cohen
Micki Kingsley
Philip & Phyllis Katz
Dorrie & Marvin Lerner
Jodi & Sam Sanders – new son
Philip & Phyllis Katz

Recovery

Sima Needleman
Zendra Ashkanazi
Seymour & Yetta Raiffie
Rhoda Grimsky
Hilton Epstein
Rhoda Grimsky
Ruth Jacob
Rhoda Grimsky
Marvin & Dorrie Lerner
Carl Max
Rhoda Grimsky
Marilyn Kunitz
Philip & Phyllis Katz
Frances Cohen
Rhoda Grimsky

In Memory

Howard Loiterstein – mom, Ella Rosenberg
Jerry & Marion Cohen
Carol & Bill Simon – sister, Marilyn Seltzer
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David Iken Memorial Fund

IN HONOR OF

Martin Becker's 75th birthday
Rhoda Grimsky
Sig & Carol Adler's 50th anniversary
Rudy & Frances Oppenheim
Sidney & Sylvia Rosen
Speedy recovery of Frances Oppenheim
Sidney & Sylvia Rosen
Martin & Barbara Becker
Continued good health of Barbara Becker
Audrey Berns
Speedy recovery of Marilyn Kunitz
Audrey Berns
Good health of Wallace Cohen
Martin & Barbara Becker & family
Birthday of Randy Zielinske
Martin & Barbara Becker & family
Sidney Rosen's 94th birthday
Martin & Barbara Becker
Rudy & Frances Oppenheim
Birth of Martin & Barbara Becker's
grandson
Rhoda Grimsky
Rudy & Frances Oppenheim
Sidney & Sylvia Rosen
Audrey Berns

IN MEMORY OF

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

**Do we have your
correct email address?**

If not, please email
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Yahrzeits



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Erwin Taryle passed away on October 13th. Uncle of Sandy Taryle & Donna Tepper.

Marvin Rothman passed away on October 18th. Brother-in-law of Bernard Mellman.

Lee Roy Handler passed away on October 29th. Father of Shelley (Michael) Simon and grandfather of Matthew and Samantha Simon.

Joseph Gargotta passed away on November 3rd. Father of Joanne (Don) Singer; grandfather of Liz, David, Matthew and John Singer.

Merton Millman passed away on November 5th. Father of Pam (Neil) Lazaroff; grandfather of Jeff (Julie), Josh & David Lazaroff.

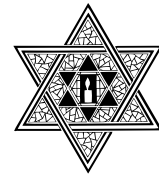
PLEASE ATTEND A MINYAN AND BE COUNTED

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!



Their are many ways to recognize or give tribute to a friend or loved one.

- Ashreinu Leaves
- Chapel Memorial Plaques
- Book Fund
- Torah Fund
- Our Yizkor Books

Go to **shaarezedek.org** and click on the link "Donations"

The Title on the front cover comes from this Chanukah song.

**Chanukah, Chanukah
Chag yafeh kol kach
Or chaviv misaviv
Gil l'yeled rach.**

**Chanukah, Chanukah
Sevion, sov, sov
Sov, sov, sov, sov, sov, sov
Chag na'im va tov.**

*Chanukah Chanukah
Joyous holiday
Candles bright, cheerful light
Old and young are gay.*

*Chanukah, Chanukah
Sevion sov sov
Spin and turn, spin and turn
While the candles burn.*

Shaare Zedek Calendar **December 2010** **Kislev/Tevet 5771**

Wednesday, December 1 Chanukah: 1 Candle 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv	7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 7pm Exec Board 7pm Feed the Soul concert @ BSKI	3:20pm Mincha 5:23pm Havdalah
Thursday, December 2 Chanukah: 2 Candles 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv	Friday, December 10 7:00am Shacharit 4:22pm Candle lighting 5:00pm Making Shabbat with Rabbi Fasman 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service	Sunday, December 19 8am Shacharit/6pm Mincha Ma'ariv 6:30pm reserved
Friday, December 3 Chanukah: 3 Candles 7:00am Shacharit 4:22pm Candle lighting 5:00pm Making Shabbat with Rabbi Fasman 6pm Shabbat Rinah w/ Band Service	Saturday, December 11 Parashat Vayigash Sosna 50th Bar Mitzvah 9:00am Shabbat Service 3:20pm Mincha 5:22pm Havdalah	Monday, December 20 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class
Saturday, December 4 Parashat Miketz Chanukah: 4 Candles 9:00am Shabbat Service 11:00am Tot Shabbat 3:20pm Mincha 5:22pm Havdalah 5:30pm DorWays Chanukah Havdalah Party	Sunday, December 12 8am Shacharit/6pm Mincha Ma'ariv 9:30am Men's Club Meeting 1:00pm Kadima to City Museum	Tuesday, December 21 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 8:00am Herb Fredman Class 7:15pm Beyond B'nei Mitzvah - Foundations of Judaism
Sunday, December 5 Chanukah: 5 Candles 11:00am Sisterhood Bunko Hannukkah Party	Monday, December 13 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class 7pm Hazzan Duikin's Israel Trip Mtng	Wednesday, December 22 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv
Monday, December 6 Chanukah: 6 Candles 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class 6:30pm Ritual Com. Meeting	Tuesday, December 14 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 8:00am Herb Fredman Class 7:00pm SSRS Board @ BSKI 7:15pm Beyond B'nei Mitzvah - Foundations of Judaism	Thursday, December 23 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 7:00pm Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 7 Chanukah: 7 Candles Rosh Chodesh Tevet 6:45am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 8:00am Herb Fredman Class 11:30am JCRC Meeting 7pm Kadima/Neor Hannukkah Party	Wednesday, December 15 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv	Friday, December 24 7:00am Shacharit 4:27pm Candle lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service
Wednesday, December 8 Chanukah: 8 Candles Rosh Chodesh Tevet 6:45am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 7:00pm USY Hannukkah Party	Thursday, December 16 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv	Saturday, December 25 Parashat Shemot 9:00am Shabbat Service 3:25pm Mincha 5:27pm Havdalah
Thursday, December 9 Chanukah: 8th Day	Friday, December 17 Asara B'Tevet 7:00am Shacharit 4:23pm Candle lighting 5:00pm Making Shabbat with Rabbi Fasman 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah w/ Shira	Sunday, December 26 8am Shacharit/6pm Mincha Ma'ariv
	Saturday, December 18 Parashat Vayechi Bar Mitzvah Matthew Simon 9:00am Shabbat Service 10:00am Rabbi Dulklin's book discussion	Monday, December 27 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class
	Sunday, December 19 Parashat Vayechi Bar Mitzvah Matthew Simon 9:00am Shabbat Service 10:00am Rabbi Dulklin's book discussion	Tuesday, December 28 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 8:00am Herb Fredman Class
		Wednesday, December 29 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv Thursday, December 30 7am Shacharit/6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv
		Friday, December 31 7:00am Shacharit 4:31pm Candle lighting 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah