

Mazel Tov to our Confirmands....

Philip Cooke, son of Shelby & Rolf Cooke
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Eliot Markman, son of Janet Rader & Charles Markman
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Matt Reznick, son of Pamela & Harvey (z'l) Reznick
Jamie Rosenberg, daughter of Kathi & Stuart Rosenberg

And Religious School Graduates!

Emily Marx, daughter of Christy & Bill Marx
David Levy, son of Dr. Beth & Dr. Joe Levy
Jennifer Levy, daughter of Gayle & Joseph Levy
Allison Shenker, daughter of Janice & Mitchell Shenker
David Ginsburg, son of Cindy & Dr. Monroe Ginsburg

Please join us in recognizing the hard work of these students on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12. For more details, see page 19.

נסעט טובה

Nesiah Tovah

Have a good journey!

We would like to wish the following people a safe journey for their upcoming trip to Israel.

They will be traveling as part of Solomon Schechter Day School's Annual 8th Grade Trip from April 30 through May 14..

Josh Aroesty, Maayan Olshan, Michael Raileanu, Phoebe Raileanu, & Rebecca Steinberg.

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A Message from Rabbi Fasman



Mark Fasman - Rabbi

During the sixteen winters that Alice and I spent in North Dakota, it was fairly common for the air temperature (not wind chill) to drop to 20 below zero. It was truly chilling to realize that the temperature could rise fifty degrees and still be freezing! If we had a block of ice outside, there would be no essential change... it would remain a block of ice. Of course, if the outside temperature was 31 degrees, a change of just one degree would cause the block of ice to begin to change its essential character from solid to liquid.

In his new book (*Getting Our Groove Back*, 2007), Scott A. Shay compares the American Jewish community to the various physical states of H₂O: solid (ice), liquid (water), and gas (steam). In his analogy, **Orthodox is ice, Conservative is water, and Reform is steam**. He suggests that a movement can “warm” or “cool” (move “right” or “left”) without affecting its essential character.

And certainly that is true of individuals within those movements. Thus, if a Conservative Jew is water at 90 degrees, then an increase of 10 degrees may make the water warmer, but it remains water. However, if the same Conservative Jew is water at 211 degrees, then an increase of just one degree will cause the water to turn to steam. Mr. Shay’s claim is that all of American Judaism has “become warmer” and that the average Conservative Jew in particular is getting so close to Reform that just the slightest shift left will push him or her past the tipping point.

If we push this analogy further, it is interesting to note that we have only one word for H₂O below 32 degrees: ice. And we have just one word for H₂O above 212 degrees: steam. But we have many words for water between 32 degrees and 212 degrees: frigid water, cold water, cool water, tepid water, lukewarm water, warm water, hot water, scalding hot water. This is precisely what Shay recommends to the Conservative Movement: we need to become a consortium of “post-denominational mini-movements.” He quite correctly notes that “post-denominational” is not the same as “non-denominational.” The latter often describes Jews who are on the way out of Judaism. However, “post-denominational” describes many formerly-Conservative Jews who, for one reason or another, have not found a comfortable home in the Conservative Movement – yet they are committed Jews and they are certainly not at home in Orthodoxy or Reform. Shay writes: “The ‘Conservadox’ have a somewhat expansive view of traditional halacha, but consider halacha binding. Other post-denominational Jews approach God through more purely spiritual practices.” Consider: Reconstructionism was once a “mini-movement” within the Conservative Movement. “Traditional Judaism” also grew out of the Conservative Movement, appealing to a different mini-movement of non-egalitarian Jews.

Shay’s thesis deserves some careful thought. He makes a strong case that, if the Conservative Movement is going to survive in any meaningful way, we must move from a theological core to a behavioral one. Between freezing and boiling, there is a vast range of theological positions. But perhaps we can agree on certain behavioral benchmarks irrespective of our faith convictions. Shay suggests the following “boundary principles”:

1. Observance of Shabbat, Jewish holidays, and kashrut in some form;
2. Weekly synagogue attendance;
3. Commitment to making Torah learning a life-long endeavor;
4. Commitment to a serious Torah education for children, meaning day school or effective Hebrew school in conjunction with youth groups, camping and Israel programs;
5. Tzedakah, ethical behavior and social action;
6. Commitment to Israel;
7. Traditional determination of Jewish peoplehood (i.e. matrilineal descent or conversion).

I find this proposal to be fascinating because it so closely parallels my own central commitments as a rabbi, both in my own practice and in what I try to bring to the communities that I serve.

Scott Shay has given the American Jewish community to ponder. His concern is for all American Jews: Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, Renewal, and Secular. We face a demographic crisis in this generation. It is easy for denominational Jews to see that crisis in terms of their own movement, but it truly is a national Jewish crisis with serious implications for the future of Judaism in America.

Our communal response will have to be global, but individuals and congregations will respond in fixing the areas we can fix. Of course, we need to know what the problems are and we need to agree on a plan of action. The nice thing about being the “liquid” movement is that we have flexibility and substance. I believe that we should seriously consider Mr. Shay’s thesis to determine if it “holds water.” If so, we may need to take the lead in “pooling” our human and physical resources and providing the “elixir” of change. Who knows? Maybe it will “spill over” into other movements. We dare not be frozen in indecision. The Conservative Movement is uniquely positioned to be at the forefront of the “groundswell” of the change that will be necessary to sustain American Judaism throughout this century. Or am I all wet?

HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkin



At this time of year, our thoughts especially turn to Israel, with the back-to-back commemorations of Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Independence Day). In honor of this, I wanted to share with you this month an excerpt of a journal I kept while living in Jerusalem during the years 2001-02.

April 15, 2002

Everyone wants to know why we're still here in Jerusalem; why we didn't leave when it got "bad." Simple answer, really: because our life is here right now, and we wouldn't want to be anywhere else. I maintain that the most scary event of the year was getting on the plane in NY last October: leaving my city, its downtown tip in ruins and ashes, its people -- heartbroken, depressed, and angry; leaving my community of close friends, my family, the routine of school and apartment; leaving the rhythms of Manhattan and the 'comforts' of America - in short, everything I knew -- to come to Israel for the first time in my life and start virtually all over again, and then only for eight months.

Once we got here, it was fine. It was better than fine. We are part of a phenomenal community in Jerusalem, for learning and davening and thinking and sharing and being. At the Conservative Yeshiva, I study 15 hours of Talmud every week, plus classes in Midrash, Chumash, Philosophy, and Hebrew Grammar. Here, we are active members of a brand-new, completely egalitarian, traditional, and spiritual minyan. We are in the incredible position of "living in interesting times" - a curse to some, to us a gigantic blessing.

I will not attempt to downplay the horrors of the conflict that is ravaging the Middle East: but we live near, not in, a war zone. It is indeed easy to despair these days, and impossible to escape the reality here. Yes, it is true that your life takes on a whole new meaning when you have death all around you. But the amazing fact is, death really isn't there all the time, all around. There is so much life here, the same way there is life around you wherever you may live. People go to work and school and do laundry and go shopping and pay their bills and pay the rent and pay the mortgage and love their families and eat dinner and play music and go for a run and listen to speeches and compose poetry and go to the doctor and have conversations and make breakfast and go out to clubs and call friends and email family and take road trips and feel pride in themselves and their community: that's life.

But you know and I know that life doesn't make news. Nobody reports, "Today, over one million children went to school and came home!" or "Today, 457,000 Israeli households purchased a gallon of milk!" It's when you watch too much TV that you start to believe death is all around you. Make no mistake that death casts a long and horrific shadow, and that lost lives bring devastation and anguish. Make no mistake that there is a fine line these days, living here on the thread between life and death. But that doesn't mean we live feel like we live in a war zone, doesn't mean that most people wake up and decide NOT to do one or a few of the above life activities. Perhaps instead we go about said activities with increased deliberateness or more anxiety. Perhaps our shoulders are tight, our necks stiff, our eyes puffy from lack of sleep. But perhaps a hug or word of encouragement from someone who is also feeling deeply and in the same situation can temporarily relax and refresh everything.

So why are we here, stressed and tired and all? I will say it simply again: we have a life here, and to leave it abruptly and without closure would be even more detrimental. Living in Israel, we acutely feel the future of the Jewish people resting on our shoulders, and the topic of conversation at any and all hours of the day is a heated one of Jewish survival. Living here gives us perspective we sadly cannot achieve living anyplace else, and for this we are grateful.

B'nai Mitzvah

Benjamin Goldsmith

May 5

Son of **Marcia & Hal Goldsmith**. Grandson of **Guenter & Ann Goldsmith**, **Diane Goldsmith (z"l)**, **Gloria Bender**, and **Howard & Barbara Bender**. Brother of **Jacob Goldsmith**.



Sarah Levy

May 26

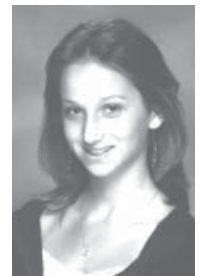
Daughter of **Beth & Joe Levy**. Granddaughter of **Livia & Sheldon Kessler** and **David & Maud Levy**. Sister of **Stephanie, David, and Debbie Levy**.



Emily Rose Ginsburg

June 2

Daughter of **Monroe & Cindy Ginsburg**. Granddaughter of **Effie & Alvin Pollack (z"l)** and **Ruth (z"l) & Nathan Ginsburg (z"l)**. Sister of **David Ginsburg**.



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President's Gavel

Marsha Birenbaum - President

How many of us have actually read the prayer for those who serve the community? Most of us mumble it every Shabbat, but if you look at the words, you'll find some interesting guideposts for yourself and for Shaare Zedek. The words in **LARGE TYPE** are mine.

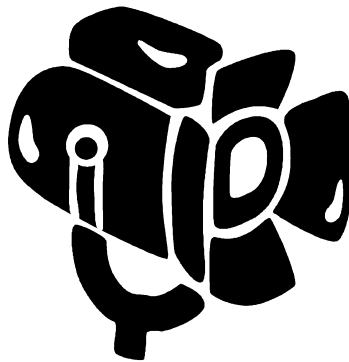
The prayer starts off by asking for God's blessing of this **ENTIRE** congregation. Not just those who come or who pay or plan programs or lead services. But all of us, wherever we are. It asks for the blessing of **ALL OTHER** congregations and **ALL THAT IS THEIRS**. This means the one down the street or the one across town that we don't agree with; the Reform temple or the Orthodox shul. **ALL** holy congregations in the spectrum. Next for blessing are those who **UNITE** to establish synagogues **FOR PRAYER**; in other words the builders of a synagogue for prayers to God; not as a social hall. Next is to bless those who enter to **PRAY**. That's us; whoever comes for whatever service.

We ask for blessing for those who **GIVE FUNDS** for heat and light and wine for kiddush and havdalah, bread to the stranger, and charity to the poor. This group of people are the sustainers of a congregation, who keep it operating so the community and the synagogue can do acts of kindness for ourselves and others. And finally, we ask for blessing for **ALL** who involve themselves in the needs of this community. This means not only the SZ community, but the greater Jewish community, no matter what the organization or whether it's here in St. Louis or the United States or Israel. This prayer seeks to unite all of us, starting with our own synagogue and expanding us ever outward so that we feel we are a part of **ALL** the Jewish people.

May you keep this in mind in your actions as a member of Shaare Zedek and as a Jew of the world.

Happy May Anniversary to...

Melvin & Zendra Ashkanazi
Hal & Marcia Goldsmith
Josh & Cindy Kalachek
David & Sue Propper
William & Carol Simon
Michael & Julie Waxenberg
Kenneth Wilson & Shelli Kastin
Gary Yavitz & Louise Kaufman-Yavitz



Spotlight on... The David Iken Memorial Fund

Shaare Zedek Youth Programs offer a wide variety of opportunities for youth in 5th-12th grades. In addition to the funding received from

the synagogue, Sisterhood, and fundraising (such as the Purim Carnival), money contributed to the David Iken Memorial Fund helps to subsidize programming and conventions.

The David Iken Memorial Fund was started by a donation by a cousin of Julie Iken's in Chicago after David Iken (son of Joe and Julie Iken) passed away from a swimming accident in 1968. Initially, the money went towards the establishment of a youth lounge (named after David Iken), but it is now essential to providing programming and other activities.

Jerry Cohen was the first chairman of the fund. In 1974, Frances Oppenheim took over managing the fund and has done so ever since. For more information about making a donation to the David Iken Memorial Fund, please contact Frances at 721-0026.

Dear Fellow Shaare Zedek Members,

I am asking you to **help me with my Bat Mitzvah project**. Please join me in collecting items for the **Back to School Store** organized and managed by the National Council of Jewish Women-St. Louis Section.

This store is a free one day event, held each August, that provides the opportunity for elementary school children, from low-income families, to "shop" for new supplies needed to begin the school year. Some suggestions include backpacks, folders, loose-leaf paper, rulers, pencil boxes, pens, pencils, glue, crayons, spiral notebooks, etc....

Please **bring your donations to the synagogue by June 3** and help me fill the collection box located in the foyer. I will be volunteering to work on the actual event, as well as delivering your donations!

Thank you so much,
Emily Ginsburg



Men's Club

Dave Propper - President



The officers and Board of Directors of the Shaare Zedek Men's Club hope that you and your families had a good Pesach. Each family should have received their Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle in time for the Memorial

Day. Please let us know if you did not receive your candle prior to April 15! If you did receive your candle on time, we would like to extend our thanks to those who have already made a contribution to our Yom HaShoah campaign. Your contribution enables Men's Club to support a wide variety of synagogue and community activities, including USY and the Federation's Holocaust Memorial Center. Please remember to send your Yom HaShoah contribution to Men's Club as soon as possible.

On Sunday, March 25 at the FJMC (Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs) Midwest Region Satellite Training - Leadership Development Institute, SZ Men's Club members **Joe Iken** and **Rudy Oppenheim** were presented with the FJMC Midwest Region "2007 Man of the Year" award in recognition of their combined 100 plus years of service to Shaare Zedek Synagogue and SZ Men's Club. The awards were presented by **Sandy Victor**, President, Midwest Region, FJMC Spring brings back not only the World Series Champion Cardinals, but the Shaare Zedek Macabees Co-Ed Softball Team. Please contact **Gerard Burke** at 993-2059 or GBurke5775@cs.com. While we are talking baseball, don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Shaare Zedek Men's Club Day at Busch Stadium on June 24, featuring **Hazzan Dulkan** leading the singing of our National Anthem! Tickets are going fast, so don't be left out! Remember to make your check payable to "Shaare Zedek Men's Club."

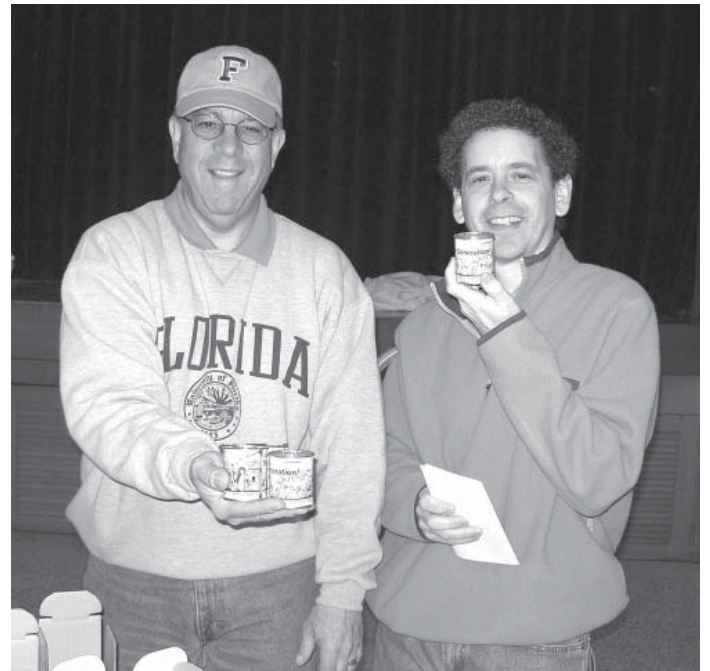
Men's Club is compiling its updated 2007 Membership Roster. If you have not yet sent in your 2007 membership application and dues, please do so immediately so that your phone numbers and e-mail addresses may be added to our membership roster, and so that we may keep you informed of all upcoming Men's Club activities.

MEN'S CLUB CALENDAR

May 9: Genealogy Project Kick-Off



Shaare Zedek Men's Club members Rudy Oppenheim and Joe Iken are presented with the 2007 Man of the Year award in recognition of their contributions to both the Men's Club and synagogue in general.



Dave Propper and Gary Kodner display the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles that the Men's Club distributed to the congregation. Proceeds from the Yellow Candle Project benefit a wide variety of programs.

Mazel Tov to...

Jennifer Levy, daughter of **Joe & Gayle Levy**, on her receiving the Pessin scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to two students who have demonstrated commitment to Judaism and the St. Louis Jewish community.

Sisterhood

Cindy Ginsburg - President



We had a productive general membership meeting and elections last month. As a result, I am happy to present the 2007-2008 Sisterhood Board. I would like to thank the nominating committee for its dedication and hard work. This committee was chaired by our Past President, **Marion Cohen**. The committee members were **Zendra Ashkanazi, Marsha Birenbaum, Cindy Ginsburg, Dorrie Lerner, Sherry Kaplan, Helene Spetner, Phyllis Warner, and Esther Zuckerman**. **Sue Propper**, Vice President of Programs, made sure we didn't go hungry. She served a delicious breakfast with the assistance of her faithful helpers. Thank you to all!

This month we have our Installation to look forward to. It will take place on Sunday, May 20 at 10:15 am. Please show your support for our hard-working Sisterhood members by attending this important morning. Whether you attend every meeting, attend once in a while or show your support of Sisterhood by paying dues, you are important to us. This is a morning dedicated to each and everyone of you! Breakfast will be served.

The Installation will be our last formal program until August. Be assured that the board members and committees will continue to meet and make plans for the upcoming year. See you on the 20th!

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SISTERHOOD CALENDAR

May 20: Installation

Religious School

Chani Pinsberg - Education Director

We met during Chol Hamoed Pesach (the intermediate days), when the students had the opportunity to discuss their experiences at the Seder. This was a great opportunity for reflection.

On Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), **Maria Szpazewicz** came to the school and talked to the older students about her experience during the Holocaust. Maria shared some of the poems she wrote. It was a moving morning accompanied by singing "Ani Ma'amin" ("I Believe"), the song that was sung by many Jews who perished in the Holocaust. It was a difficult morning, but we know that it is important to educate our older students about this subject. The 6th graders went to the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and were impressed with the exhibits there. Many parents accompanied the group, and we really appreciated it.

Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, was celebrated at school. The students learned about Israel with the use of the big interactive map of Israel. This helped Israel come alive, and all of the fun and educational activities were a great experience for all!

Confirmation and Graduation will be celebrated this year on Friday evening, May 11 at Shaare Zedek. We wish the 10th Grade students Mazel Tov on their confirmation, and we hope to see all of them back next year as assistants in the school, continuing their Jewish education.

We wish a big Mazel Tov to our 12th grade graduates. They have been involved in Jewish education throughout their entire schooling, and contributed tremendously to Shaare Shalom these last two years. Congratulations to: **David Ginsburg, David Levy, Jennifer Levy, Emily Marx, Orli Pinsberg, and Allison Shenker.**

The year is coming to an end with May 12th as the last day and as Shaare Shalom Shabbat. This will take place on Shabbat at BSKI. The theme will be receiving the Torah. All families are invited to participate. A festive Kiddush will follow at the end of the day.

We wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day and to everyone a wonderful holiday of Shavuot!

SHAARE SHALOM CALENDAR

May 6: Last of Religious School

May 11: Confirmation/Graduation at Shaare Zedek

May 12: Shaare Shalom Shabbat at BSKI

CAJE

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

"The Children of Israel did not accept the Torah until God lifted up the mountain and held it over their heads like a roof, as it says, 'they stood beneath the mountain (Exodus 19:17)'.... God said to them: If you accept the Torah, good! If you do not accept the Torah, this will be your grave."

-- Midrash Tanhuma

This story of the giving and receiving of Torah implies that our ancestors had no choice but to accept God's offer. Who could say no with an entire mountain suspended above his head as an incentive? We know that this kind of assent is not backed up by much conviction, so rather than using coercive techniques to encourage learning we use positive reinforcement. The end of the school year is full of these kinds of rewards.

Over 30 students from the Jewish Community Hebrew School and Kulanu will participate in our annual Siyyum marking the culmination of their Hebrew School experience. We call it a siyyum, because in keeping Jewish tradition, it marks only the end of a chapter in our student's Jewish education. Their Jewish education does not stop here, and we look forward to seeing them next year in the Jewish Community High School. Many of them have already shown their ongoing commitment to Jewish learning even when their Bar or Bat Mitzvah has long passed.

Our Aleph class Siddur Ceremony celebrates our students' achievements in Hebrew reading and their new-found skill with our prayerbook.

Finally, all Hebrew School students will share our annual Ice Cream truck treat in preparation for Shavuot, our milchig holiday. We look forward to seeing you all when school begins again next Fall. You should have already received Hebrew School registration materials for the coming year. Don't forget to return the registration forms by the Monday, May 14th deadline prior to the end of the school year. For more information on Hebrew School, contact **Morah Maxine** at 442-3757 or mweil@cajestl.org. For information about Jewish Community High School registration, contact **Rabbi Ari** at 442-3758 or avernon@cajestl.org.

As the academic year draws to a close and as we approach Shavuot, we wish that all of your future learning will be inspired not just by a sense of external obligation but by a deep desire to explore and enjoy the riches that Judaism has to offer. Mazal tov to our students, our graduates, and their families. Have a wonderful summer!

CAJE CALENDAR

May 2/3: Aleph Siddur Ceremony

May 14: Hebrew School Registration due

May 17/21: Hay Siyyum/Last Day of Class

Youth Programs

Sarah Rubinson - Youth Director

In April, we attended our final regional convention of the year. Spring Kallah was held in Sioux City, Iowa and featured some amazing programming as well as regional awards (tune in next month to see how SZSL fared). **David Feldman, David Ginsburg, Jenny Levy, Eliot Markman, Jamie Rosenberg, Jake Shanias, Allison Shenker, and Claire Waxenberg** attended the convention. Additionally, **Harriet Shanias** joined us in the festivities. Harriet was recently named the Regional Youth Commission Chair. Among her duties is to attend regional conventions and programs.

Coming up in May, we have some great programs including a trip to see the Cardinals play, a USY sleepover (not to be missed), our final Shabbat dinner of the year, and trips to both Swing Around Fun Town (for our 5th-7th graders) and Six Flags (for our 8th-12th graders).

As we near the end of the year, I want to make sure everyone has two programs on their calendars. On June 1-3, all 8th-12th graders are encouraged to join us for Chapter Membership Training to take place in the Ozarks. This is really one of my favorite programs of the year! Also, June 7 will be our End of the Year Banquet. We invite all 8th-12th graders and their families to join us - - our younger members are also welcome to join us if they'd like! We'll recognize our outgoing board, install our new board, say goodbye to our seniors, formally initiate our 8th graders, and generally celebrate a great year!



Eliot Markman, Jamie Rosenberg, Jake Shanias, and David Feldman stand along SZSL's adopted road. SZSL adopted Hanley Road from Amherst to Shaftesbury over a decade ago.



USYers participate in Rick Recht's Tear Down the Walls Concert. The concert also featured choirs from churches of various denominations.



Kathlyne Cooke, Amanda Rainey, Allison Shenker, Hannah Rosenthal, Phoebe Raileanu, Melissa Bilger, Oliver Kodner, Daniel Kopp, Maayan Olshan, Sarah Kaplan, Jacob Bashkin, Abby Abrams, Sarah Rothberg, Sarah Rubinson, Delia Rainey, Emma Lapp, and Hannah Rainey pose before loading the bus after Kadima Kinnus. The convention was held at Lake Doniphan in Excelsior Springs, MO.

YOUTH CALENDAR

- May 4:** Shabbat Unplugged
- May 5:** USY Shabbat
- May 6:** USY and Kadima Cardinals Game
- May 12/13:** USY Sleepover
- May 18:** Shabbat Unplugged
- May 18:** USY Shabbat Dinner
- May 20:** 5th-7th Graders Swing Around Fun Town
- May 27:** USY + 8th Graders Six Flags

Save the Dates:

- June 1-3:** Chapter Membership Training
- June 7:** End of the Year Banquet

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Member & Community News...

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

Stanley Young

early March

Lee Young

March 9

Brothers of Isaac (Marilyn) Young and uncles of Roger (Deborah Wenkert) Young

Dolores Rubin

March 13

Mother of Donn (Beth) Rubin

Harold Satz

March 18

Brother of Beverly (Rubin) Leve

Joel Schatzman

March 19

Son of Jean Schatzman

Ruth Leon

March 28

Beverly Roth

April 1

Mother of Susan (Leslie Birenbaum) Roth

Elliot Lesevoy

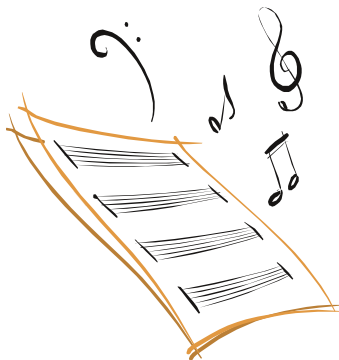
April 9

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Circle of Jewish Music Spring Concert

The St. Louis Circle of Jewish Music will perform its annual Spring Concert Sunday, June 3 at 4 pm at United Hebrew Congregation. The cantors and music directors will perform Jewish art songs in a variety of languages, emphasizing Yiddish, and congregational choirs will also participate. The concert will also serve as the Circle's official welcome to our own **Hazzan Joanna Dulkan**. **Alice Fasman** will also be featured.

For further information, call 772-2171



The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Your Help

For the month of May, 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. Uncooked Spaghetti
2. Canned Pasta with Meat
3. Hearty Soups
4. Tuna Fish
5. Healthy Snack Foods
6. Jelly (no glass please)

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

Thank you for all the cards and visits during my illness. I appreciate your care, consideration and your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Carol Simon

Passport to Israel

The Passport to Israel program enables high school and college students to have an Israel experience as part of their Jewish education. It is a cooperative savings plan in which the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, congregations, and families all participate. Passport to Israel is administered through the St. Louis Israel Experience Center, a department of the Federation's Central Agency for Jewish Education. **All Jewish students in grades 3-8 are eligible to enroll in Passport.**

Brochures with information about the program are available at the synagogue.

Recruitment for 2007 is now in progress. All families of potential enrollees should have been contacted either recently or in prior years. **Were you missed?** If so, please call Shaare Zedek's representative, **Rita Rothschild** at 878-0592 right away.

Current Passport to Israel families should have sent their annual contributions to the synagogue office by now. If you have not, please do so immediately in order to maintain your active status.

Everyone Has A Story - The Story of Lorraine Schankman

by Sima Needleman

In 1907, **Morris Hartstein** came to the United States from Russia and married **Frieda Rabinovitz** soon afterward. At first, Morris was a paper hanger, but in time he and his wife moved to East St. Louis, where they bought and worked together in a grocery store while raising their children. **Lorraine Schankman**, who was born January 7, 1931, was the sixth of Frieda and Morris Hartstein's seven children.

According to Lorraine, East St. Louis was a great place to grow up. It had a marvelous Jewish community of 300 families. Lorraine's parents were actively involved and well-known, and they seemed to participate in everything that went on in the city. During the Second World War, her mother taught adults how to make bandages and children how to knit afghan squares and put them together for the Red Cross. Her father was one of the founders of the city's only shul. He had a very fine singing voice, and, besides teaching Lorraine how to sing, he sometimes served as a lay-cantor at the synagogue. The Hartsteins were open-minded and hospitable individuals. Their home was always full of people.

At the age of 12, Lorraine had a terrible accident. Her mother had asked her to go to the kosher butcher to buy hot dogs. While she was riding her bike to the store, she was hit by a car and dragged 75 feet. Everyone thought she would be crippled for life, but miraculously she recovered. Her doctor then gave her advice that she never forgot. He said, "Don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't do anything. You've got to try."

Lorraine, who had many friends, was an active youngster. During WWII, she sold defense stamps. At that time, when \$18.75 was accumulated, a person could buy a \$25.00 U.S. War Bond. Also, she was often heard singing on the radio at the invitation of her music teacher who was a Southern Baptist and had a radio program on Sunday mornings.

At the age of 16, when Lorraine was president of her shul's youth group in East St. Louis, she met **Raymond Schankman**, who was the president of a youth group in St. Louis. It was love at first sight, but the couple did not get married until four years later; they had to finish high school first. Around that time, Lorraine began teaching Sunday School at her shul. She did that for eight years. After graduating from Eastside High in 1948, Lorraine found jobs doing office work. Her last job was at Union Electric, where she was a billing clerk.

Meanwhile, Ray, who completed a two-year program at Harris Teachers' College, got a scholarship to Washington University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in retailing and a Master's degree in Business Administration. Lorraine and Raymond got married in 1951. Ray served in the army in the Korean War as an engineer and was stationed in Granite City. In 1957, the Schankmans moved across the river, bought a house in University City, and became members of Shaare Zedek, which is no surprise since they were related to many people in the congregation including **Julie Iken, Marion Cohen, Micki Kingsley, Shirley Hartstein, Ruth Hartstein, and Lil Spetner**. In the next few years, they had three children: **Paul, Debbie, and Michael**. Sadly, Debbie died when she was just four days old. In those days, Ray was a buyer for Redi-Wares Co., but in 1965 he changed careers and taught in the St. Louis public schools until 1991, interviewing prospective employers, helping students find jobs, and evaluating their performance.

In 1970, the Schankmans moved to a condo, but 32 years later, when Ray had his first heart attack, they moved again, this time to Brentmoor Place. About two years after Ray died in 2004, Lorraine moved to her present address at Crown Center. Lorraine, who stated that she has never been shy, lives an active life to this day. She recently was elected to be Corresponding Secretary of the SZ Sisterhood. This is a woman who loves to sing, and performs in the community whenever asked. Lately, she and a friend, who is a tenor, do programs together. Another friend of hers entered her name in the Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant, and on July 7, 2007 at the Florissant Civic Center she will compete against 11 other seniors for the title.

Lorraine is very proud of her family: her husband of almost 53 years; Paul (who majored in Communication at SIU-Edwardsville and who has been a key member of the news team on Channel 2 – TV for the past 23 years); and Michael (who is a professional musician living in Florida. She stated that she has had a wonderful life, always remembering what her doctor told her at the age of 12: that she can do anything she wants to do. One outstanding thing about Lorraine Schankman is that at the age of 76, she is still having fun!

Todah Rabah!

Thanks to the following for making the 4th Annual 2nd Night Seder such a rousing success: **Rhona Lyons, Sue Propper, Cindy Ginsburg, Sydney Farber, Steve Keyser, Alan & Joel Schwartz and Nancy Pollock**. Special thanks to **Harvey Leader** and **Rico** for the setup and Kohn's for preparing the meal and service. Special thanks also to **Rabbi & Alice Fasman** for leading the Seder and for all who participated in the reading and songs that evening, as well as serving the food. Finally, thanks to the **Faye Keyser Memorial Seudah Fund** for again supporting the Seder this year. Additionally, thank you to **Lvav Spector** for hosting the Kashering Party.

Sara Goodman Tribute Fund

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

Tribute Chairman: Doris Lerner (314) 434-3676
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We thank the people who chanted Haftarat during
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Levy, Jeremy Buhler, Alan Spetner, Daniel
Sheinbein, Herb Fredman, and Barry Freedman.**

Join Us on Shabbat 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.

Family/Youth Services (K-4th grades & families)

10:45 am in the Guller Chapel

A lively and engaging service led by adult guests such as **Andrew Rehfeld**, **Alice Fasman**, and **Joyce Olshan** for our younger members. The services are designed as an age-appropriate combination of prayer, song, stories, and discussion of Jewish themes. In December we had a song fest of everyone's favorite Chanukah songs; in February, we had a discussion of Tu B'Shvat complete with a feast of fruit, and in March we prepared for Purim with story and song; in April, we held a Passover-themed service and celebrated Israel's Independence Day.

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.

HELP WANTED

In addition to your attendance at our family services and other activities, we would love to have your input, ideas, and assistance in creating and providing a service that you want for your families and children.

If you have any thoughts or ideas please contact **Rhona Lyons** at rhonalions@earthlink.net.

Shabbat Calendar

May 4

Shabbat Unplugged

May 5

Benjamin Goldsmith Bar Mitzvah

USY Shabbat

Family Service led by Andrew Rehfeld

Mitzvah years

May 11

Confirmation/Graduation Ceremony

May 12

Shaare Shalom Shabbat at BSKI

Family Service

Mitzvah Years

May 18

Shabbat Unplugged

May 19

Mitzvah Years

Family Service

May 26

Mitzvah Years

Family Service

Sharing our Simchas

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

David & Lori Sheinbein in honor of **Daniel's** Bar Mitzvah

Barbara Shamir in honor of **Amos'** birthday

Is Your Child Spending the Summer in Israel or at Camp?

Shabbat, June 9 will be Israel and Camp Summer Send-off Shabbat.

Please email Office@ShaareZedek.org with the name of your child so that we can make sure to include him or her -- and plan to attend!



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.

Fridays, May 4 and 18 at 6 pm SHABBAT UNPLUGGED

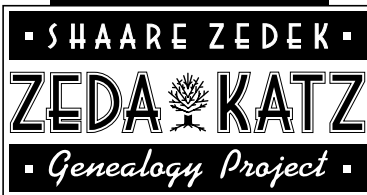
Join us for a ruach-filled service, welcoming Shabbat.

Saturday, May 5 at 8:30 pm LAG B'OMER BON FIRE AND PROGRAM

Join us for our annual bonfire to be followed by a kumzits (bonfire-style singing). There is no charge for the program, but food will be sold ala carte.

Wednesday, May 9 at 7 pm MEN'S CLUB GENEALOGY PROGRAM

With special funds provided by The Zeda Katz fund, The Shaare Zedek Men's Club, in conjunction with **Alan Spetner**, is pleased to announce an exciting Shaare Zedek family genealogy project. The project will kick-off with a starter course and presentation by **Monroe Ginsburg** and **Gary Kodner**. The Zeda Katz fund has purchased a computer system and software to begin the process of compiling our family trees. A Men's Club Deli Dinner will be provided at 7 pm followed by the program at 7:30 pm. Be ready to get back to your roots!



Friday, May 11 at 6 pm CONFIRMATION/GRADUATION CEREMONY

You are all invited to honor our Confirmation and graduation students. The program will start at 6 pm, with dinner at 7:30. RSVP is required for the dinner portion.

Tuesday, May 15 at 12:30 pm 60+ LUNCHEON BUS TRIP

Join your friends for a fun-filled program. Details will be announced soon.

Do you have graphic design abilities? Are you good at news gathering, writing, and grammar? The synagogue is looking for someone to edit the Monthly Newsletter, create program fliers, and produce our High Holiday Program Guide. Please call Harvey Leader in the office if you're interested in becoming a part of our team.

Thursday, May 17 at 7:15 pm Shabbat, May 19

FAITH & CONSERVATIVE JEWISH IDENTITY

Rabbi Ari Vernon will present "Did You Hear What You Just Said?: Theology from the Prayerbook." Our prayers are full of interesting statements about God, the world, and our function in it. It is something easily forgotten when you are reciting the Ashrei for the 700th time. We'll look at the program of the prayerbook, its goals, contents, and some of the interesting ways it has been adjusted in recent times. The Thursday class will be continued on the following Shabbat with a Lunch 'n Learn.

Sunday, May 20 at 10:15 am SISTERHOOD INSTALLATIONS

Join the Sisterhood as they install the 2007 Board of Officers. Breakfast will be served.

Tuesday, May 22 at 6 pm SHAVUOT PROGRAM

We will begin the evening with Mincha and a festive dairy dinner, followed by a PowerPoint presentation of the Book of Ruth (accompanied by a live performance). After dessert, we will hold two learning sessions starting at about 8:45 pm before we head over to the Community Tikun Leil. Cost for the dinner is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. RSVP to the office by May 17.

2nd Annual Community Tikun Leil

The second annual St. Louis Community Tikun Leil Shavuot will take place on Tuesday night, May 22, beginning with light refreshments at 10:30 pm at a central University City location to be announced. Shavuot-themed classes taught by a variety of local rabbis and educators (including a few of our own!) will begin at 11 pm and run through 3:45 am. Sponsors of this event include not only Shaare Zedek, but also Bais Abraham, B'nai El, Central Reform Congregation, the JCC, and the Washington University Hillel. If you missed the inaugural event last year, now's the time to experience the premier overnight party of the Jewish ritual cycle, complete with caffeinated beverages and cheesecake bites. The event is free to all and reservations are not required, but please feel free to contact the Shaare Zedek office for more information.

May 2007

Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 13 8 am Text Study <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	2 14 <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	3 15 <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	4 16 Shabbat Unplugged <i>Candlelighting 7:38 7 am & 6 pm</i>	5 17 EMOR Benjamin Goldsmith Bar Mitzvah Lag B'Omer Program <i>8:45 am & 6:55 pm</i>
6 18 Lag B'Omer <i>8 am & 6 pm</i>	7 19 9:45 am Women in the Bible Class <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	8 20 8 am Text Study <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	9 21 Men's Club Genealogy Program <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	10 22 Executive Committee Meeting <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	11 23 Confirmation/ Graduation Ceremony Shabbat Dinner <i>Candlelighting 7:44 7 am & 6 pm</i>	12 24 BEHAR/ BECHUKOTAI Confirmation/ Graduation Recognition USY Sleepover <i>8:45 am & 7 pm</i>
13 25 Mother's Day <i>8 am & 6 pm</i>	14 26 9:45 am Women in the Bible Class <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	15 27 8 am Text Study 60+ Bus Trip <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	16 28 Yom Yerushalayim <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	17 29 Last Day Hebrew School West Branch Faith Program <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	18 1 Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Unplugged <i>Candlelighting 7:50 6:45 am & 6 pm</i>	19 2 BEMIDBAR Faith Lunch 'n Learn <i>8:45 am & 7:05 pm</i>
20 3 10:15 am Sisterhood Installations 5th-7th Graders to Swing Around Fun Town <i>8 am & 6 pm</i>	21 4 9:45 am Women in the Bible Class Last Day Hebrew School East Branch <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	22 5 8 am Text Study Erev Shavuot Shavuot Program <i>Candlelighting 7:54 7 am & 6 pm</i>	23 6 Shavuot <i>8:45 am & 6 pm</i>	24 7 Shavuot Yizkor <i>8:45 am & 6 pm</i>	25 8 <i>Candlelighting 7:56 7 am & 6 pm</i>	26 9 NASO Sarah Levy Bat Mitzvah Berman Auf Ruf <i>8:45 am & 7:10 pm</i>
27 10 Jewish War Veterans Program USY + 8th Graders to Six Flags <i>8 am & 6 pm</i>	28 11 Memorial Day <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	29 12 8 am Text Study <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	30 13 <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	31 14 Board Meeting <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	Submissions for the combined June/ July News are due May 10.	

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