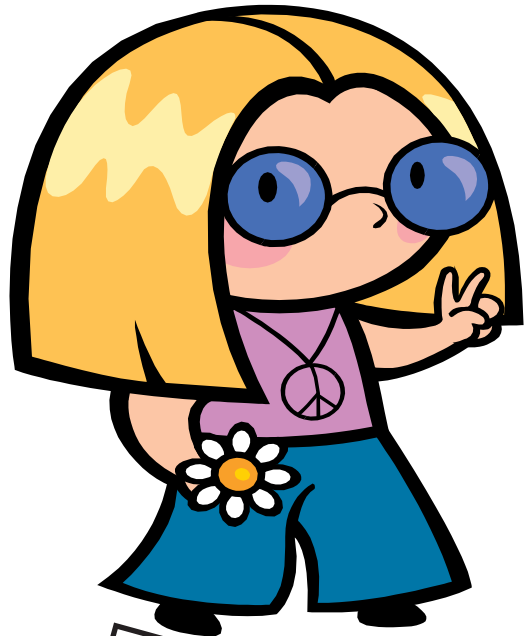


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Fasman, Hazzan Dulkan,
Harvey and others.



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A Message from Rabbi Fasman



Mark Fasman - Rabbi

Mazel tov! With these two words, Jews have offered words of congratulations to countless friends and family over the years. We normally translate the words as “good luck” – and it isn’t unusual to hear someone complain that he has no mazel. Then there’s the schlimazel – the hapless bad luck magnet, the one on whom the schlemiel spills his soup.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines luck as: 1. The chance happening of fortunate or adverse events or fortune; 2. Good fortune or prosperity or success; or 3. One’s personal fate or lot. And the Alcalay Hebrew-English dictionary defines mazel as luck, fortune, fate, destiny, constellation, planet, star. Well, “luck and fortune” certainly are consistent with our understanding of mazel. But what about “fate; destiny; constellation; planet; star”? The Jewish understanding of mazel seems to be more than just “the chance happening of fortunate or adverse events.”

Indeed, galgal ha-mazelot are the signs of the zodiac and the constellations. So does that mean that we Jews are believers in astrology? Yes and no. The Talmud insists ein mazel l’yisrael – Jews do not believe in astrology. However, the colloquial usage of this phrase is just the opposite: “Jews have no luck!”

March is also the month in which we hear a lot about “the luck of the Irish.” The national flower of Ireland is the Shamrock. The Shamrock is three leafed; a four leafed clover is rare and therefore is considered “lucky.” Kissing a Blarney Stone signifies luck. A Blarney Stone is an actual stone set in the wall of Blarney Castle Tower in Blarney, Ireland. (Does this remind us of the Jewish practice of worshipping and leaving petitionary prayers at the Kotel?)

Well, do we Jews believe in “luck?” Do we hold by the constellations? Certainly the popular Jewish culture understood that individuals (and nations) are subject to the whims of nature. And astrology was very much part of Jewish lore and culture over the centuries.

Before we disregard the question of luck as simplistic, we might remind ourselves that the final holiday in our annual festival cycle is Purim. A pur is a lot (pl. purim) – our fate seemed to depend on a roll of the dice, on our mazelot. It was the roll of the purim that caused Haman to select the thirteenth of Adar for the day on which to attack the Jews of Persia. So, was our fate an accident of chance or was it somehow determined by the alignment of the planets (ein mazel l’yisrael)? Did Esther just happen to be in the right place at the right time or is the “Hand of God” directing Jewish history?

One of the messages of Megillat Esther is that we simply cannot tell if history is random or directed by external forces. We cannot step outside of our reality to view it from God’s perspective. **All we know is that things happen. What meaning we ascribe to those things must be a function of personal belief.**

Of course, a central message of Megillat Esther is that just because something appears to be so ... well, it ain’t necessarily so. The very name of the book we read on Purim conveys this theme: megillah comes from the Hebrew root l’galot – to reveal, and Esther comes from the Hebrew root l’hastir – to conceal. Thus Megillat Esther (which we normally translate as “the scroll of Esther”) can also mean “the revelation of that which is concealed.” Esther is the only book in the Hebrew Bible that does not contain God’s Name. But ha-melekh – “the king” – appears over and over, understood according to its plain meaning as referring to Achashverosh, but hinting at a deeper meaning of God’s concealed presence.

On Purim, we conceal our identities behind masks (or in some cases, we safely reveal our alter egos). The Talmud enjoins us to drink ad d’lo yada – “until one does not know” the difference between barukh Mordecai and arur Haman – “blessed is Mordecai” and “cursed is Haman.” **How drunk would you have to be to be unable to distinguish between blessing and curse, between good and evil?** (Jewish tradition gives us an alternative to heavy drinking: take a nap, during which time you are unaware of the difference between good and evil!) *continued on page 15*

B’nai Mitzvah

Brian Jordan Myers

March 24

Son of **Edward & Marla Siegel Myers**. Grandson of **Howard & Annette Siegel** and **Marshall & Sara Myers**. Brother of **Susan Myers**.



Emma Rehfeld

March 31

Daughter of **Miggie Greenberg & Andrew Rehfeld**. Granddaughter of **Rex Rehfeld, Ruth Wolf Rehfeld (z”l)**, and **Beverly Rehfeld; Dan Greenberg, Wanda Reif and Polly Greenberg**. Sister of **Hoben Rehfeld**.

HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan



Spirituality: the word itself elicits either enthusiasm or eye-rolling. You may associate spirituality with an ecstatic, emotionally charged prayer experience, or perhaps with a particular practice, such as meditation, fasting, or chanting. It can also be a more gradual, evolving process: I define spirituality as a search for a personal, intimate relationship with the Divine. It is a process of becoming, of cultivating the divine spark within oneself, and I believe that each Jew is as obligated to explore his or her relationship with God as they are to do the mitzvot. **The paths to God are many within our tradition**, yet do we even begin to talk about or think about our relationship with God, when we don't have a clear concept of what or who God is?

It all begins with the name. What to call God? HaShem simply means, “the name” –made popular because God's true name, the yud-hey-vav-hey, is no longer known to us. Yet, upon closer evaluation, we have many names for God apart from the yud-hey-vav-hey; just examine our liturgy, our text, and our experience. Why so many names? Each one of us relates to God differently, and this relationship evolves throughout life. A child may relate to the image of God as parent (Avinu), while as an adult he relates more to HaRachaman (Merciful One), or El Chai V'kayam (the living God who makes things possible). When tragedy strikes, our relationship to God may be challenged: God seems pushed away (The One whose Face is Hidden), or brought close as a refuge (Tzur Chayyeinu - The Rock of our Lives). There are personal names for God (Elohai – My God, Adonai, My Lord) and communal names for God (Eloheinu – Our God, Elohei Avoteinu – God of our Ancestors). There are names of God that inspire fear and awe (Adonai Ish Milchama – God of War, Adon HaNiflaot - Master of Wonders), and names of God that inspire familiarity (Shekhina – Indwelling presence)

With all these names for God, none of them appear in the Book of Esther, which we read this month. At first glance, it is a story whose plot is completely driven by the human characters. Haman, Esther, and Mordecai interact and affect each other's actions directly. God doesn't step in with a mighty hand and outstretched arm, nor does God call from the heavens. In this drama, not only does God not have a speaking part, God is not even referred to by the characters! The Rabbis, naturally, had trouble with this: how can God not be present at all in the text? They remedied this problem by suggesting that the word “HaMelech” (The King-referring to Ahashverosh) appears as a name for God. Therefore God's name does appear in the text, but only as a hint, a possibility of divinity within the humanity of the story. **The Rabbis invite God in to a story that ostensibly excludes God's presence, and, in doing so, teach us that we must do the same.**

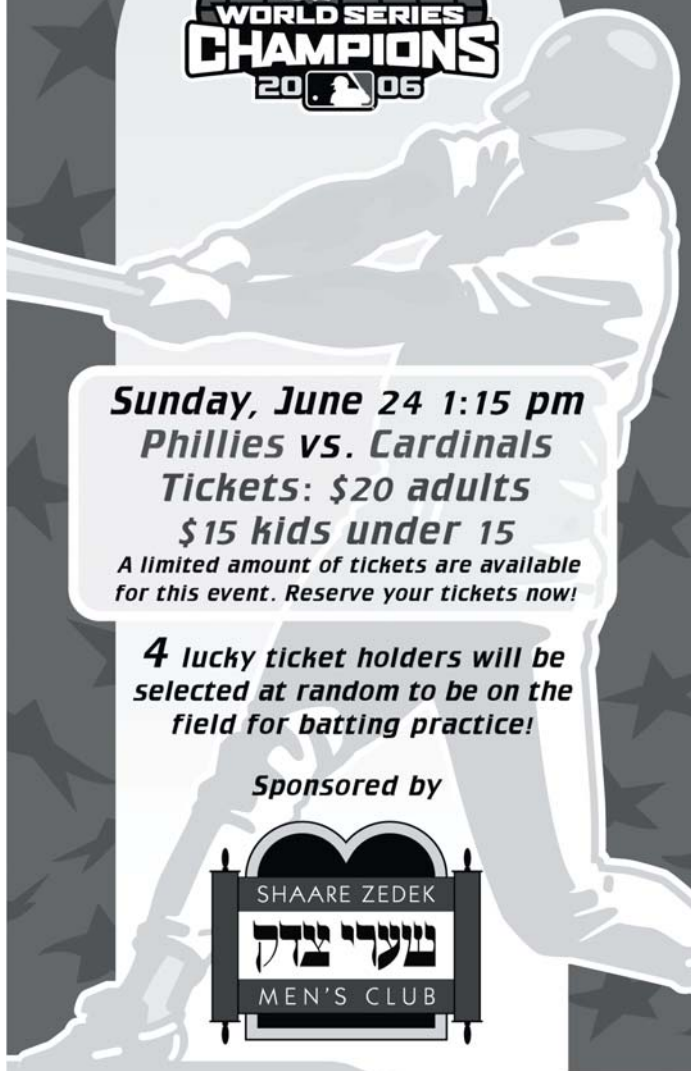
In 21st century America, like in ancient Persia, we don't hear God's voice, and we don't see God: so can God's presence be felt? We use the tools of human expression available to us to attempt to articulate our understanding of who God is. We write, we make art, we compose music and poetry, we meditate and rationalize and experience and live, and somewhere along the way, we may come to an understanding of divinity in the world that works for us at that moment. But the meaning is made in the journey, to finding the name that speaks truthfully to our hearts, minds, and souls.

Dr. Neil Gillman, a professor of Jewish Philosophy at JTS, and my beloved teacher, likes to relate the following story: someone will approach him saying they don't believe in God. Instead of trying to convince them that yes, God exists, and explaining why it's possible, Gillman says to them, “Tell me about the God you don't believe in, and I probably don't believe in that God either.” In other words, many of us have been taught, perhaps by a well-intentioned but misdirected teacher, that who God is, and how God is, is not to be questioned nor explored. **The God-concept we were taught about as children needed to be “un-taught” at adulthood**, such that when adversity struck, there was no choice but to leave God behind. As Jewish adults, we must have the tools to negotiate science and faith: Gillman teaches that it is both possible and necessary to believe in both God and the Big Bang Theory. As Conservative Jews, we consistently negotiate the line between maintaining tradition and balancing changes in that tradition, because we live in a world that is complicated, nuanced, and unpredictable. So too can be our relationship with God.

In this month of Adar, may we reveal what is hidden to us. At the time where we honor Esther, whose name itself means “hidden,” the challenge awaits each of us who asks the question, “who is God, truly, in my life?”

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A big thank you to all who helped make the "Glass Act" event so special! Special thanks to the dedicated volunteers who planned the evening, and made sure every detail was attended to! Thanks to everyone who attended for making me feel so welcome in this city and the congregation.

-- Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan

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Condolences

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

Anna Nakhimovich

January 26th

Grandmother of Mikhail (Anastasia)
Averbukh

Rose Schechtman

January 27th

Grandmother of Rita (Mark) Weinstein

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



President's Gavel

Marsha Birenbaum - President

Because many of you were unable to attend the installation of our officers and Board of Directors on January 13, here is an excerpt of my installation speech:

Today we began the book of Shemot, which means "names" in Hebrew, after the first sentence of the book: "And these are the names." I've looked for some parallels between the book of Shemot and the beginning of this term of officers, and I have found a few.

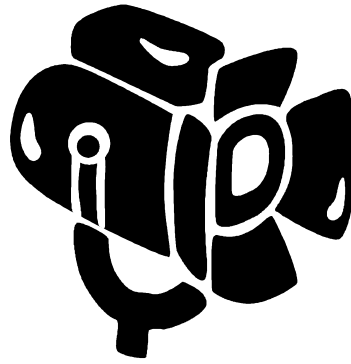
Today we began a new book of Torah; today we installed new officers who will write a new chapter at Shaare Zedek. The book of Shemot continues the story of the Jewish people; today, too, continues the story of the people of this congregation. The book of Shemot recounts the backslidings and discontent of our people; I fully expect to hear enough murmurings to last me until -- well, whenever. Nearly all the foundation for a full and complete Jewish life are in this book; I hope that one day Shaare Zedek can offer a foundation "from womb to tomb." Toward the end of Exodus is described the directions for the construction of the Temple; here at Shaare Zedek we strive for ways to build our own sanctuary and sacred space.

When I was first asked to consider being president, I wasn't sure I was the right person for the job. I just didn't feel I had "the vision thing" figured out. For how good could the president be if she doesn't know where she wants to lead the congregation? It's one thing to be a keeper of the flame. It's another to be the person who actually ignites the torch.

A few years ago, one of our past presidents asked me what I envisioned the future of Shaare Zedek to look like. Flattered that someone was actually interested in what I had to say, I gave him some words about an educational center. In the years since that conversation, having gotten involved in other aspects of synagogue life, that future I envisioned faded to the background. In the last few years, however, in discussions at home with family and friends, that idea resurfaced. Only now, it's not just limited to an educational vision, but a spiritual one as well, full-bodied and sweet, where our hearts and souls and minds are nurtured, nourished, and can find some level of shalom, of peace.

But we can't do it without YOUR participation. The strength of this congregation is in its people; always has been, always will be. Make it a point to attend a holiday service you've never been to before. Join us at morning or evening minyan where you become part of a supportive community. Attend one of our upcoming lectures. Come to our joyous Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service. Come to morning Shabbat service to hear words of Torah. Join the Sisterhood and/or Men's Club. Get your teenager to a USY event.

Groucho Marx supposedly said, "Only one man in a thousand is a leader of men. The other 999 follow women." So I'm asking you, my Shaare Zedek family, to follow THIS woman as we begin a new chapter, a new book and a new year.



Spotlight on... The Faye Keyser Memorial Seudah Fund

Ask Zaide is on vacation! As the temperature in St. Louis has dropped, Zaide had fled to Florida for the next few months. In lieu of his usual column, we bring you "Spotlight on the Fund." We are fortunate to have a number of specialized funds that have been established over the years to support the needs of the synagogue. For the next few months, we will spotlight one of those funds so that you can support needs within the shul that have special interest for you.

The Keyser Family established the Faye Keyser Memorial Seudah Fund in October 2003 in memory of Faye Keyser to support festival meals at Shaare Zedek. Faye grew up at the shul and was a longtime member. The Fund was established with the following acknowledgment: "Faye's life was characterized by her love of family, her kindness, gentleness, and selflessness. She knew that people coming together to share a meal end up sharing themselves, creating community, and becoming a family."

Since it began, the Fund has annually sponsored the 2nd Seder during Passover, Sukkot Luncheon, and Shavuot Dinner. Additionally, the fund started a Yom Kippur Break Fast in 2005 and continued that in 2006. The Fund also sponsors a Kiddush following Shabbat Services once each calendar quarter.

Please consider supporting this Fund when recognizing a Family Life event.

Mazel Tov to...

Ilana Cohen, daughter of **Rabbi Howard & Gail Cohen** and granddaughter of **Dr. Jerry & Marion Cohen** for being honored as Poet Laureate of 2006-07 at the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, NC where she is now in her third year.

Geoff & Shelley Loo on the birth of their daughter Elliott.

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

Contact Hazzan Dulkan or Karen Karabell if interested.

Everyone Has a Story: The Story of Mary Pollack

By Sima Needleman

When asked how she feels, Mary Pollack might answer, "I'm rolling with the punches" or "I'm in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in."

Mary Pollack, who was born and raised in St. Louis, will be 89 years old on her next birthday. Her parents, **Isador and Sarah Feder**, were immigrants who met in New York and got married before moving first to San Francisco and then to St. Louis, where they settled down to raise a family. Mary was the fourth of five children. She had an exceptionally close relationship with her father, who was a baker all his life and who had a wonderful garden that supplied the family with fresh fruits and vegetables. Mary described her father as "a gentleman's gentleman" and considered him her best friend. Sometimes he took her with him to a meeting he was attending or out to lunch. As for extended family, Mary remembers how her parents brought family members to this country from Europe and helped them get settled once they arrived. The Feder household was often buzzing with relatives.

Another of Mary's childhood memories while living on Gamble Street in the city was playing outside in nice weather and going to a playground near her elementary school. She spent a lot of time at that playground. It was there that one of her friends taught her to sew, and Mary learned quickly. She actually made a dress for herself by hand when she was about nine years old.

Later, while attending Blewett High School, Mary got a job after school at a dress shop. That was just the beginning. After graduating, Mary worked in a number of different settings including a library, a bank, and (later in life) the Defense Department.

At the age of 22, Mary got married and in time had three daughters -- **Isabel, Rita, and Adriane**. Over the years, Mary became an exceptional seamstress and dressmaker. When the children were young, she made all of their clothes, including their coats and a beautiful formal dress that Isabel wore on a special occasion, as well as extraordinary costumes for Rita's dance recitals. She even made exact copies of Ken and Barbie doll clothes with tiny bows and zippers.

In addition to her sewing skills, her family benefitted from her great prowess in the kitchen. Adriane considers her mother to be a great cook and an excellent baker.

At the age of 40, Mary took the Civil Service Exam and was hired by the Department of Defense where she worked in the mapping division until her retirement in 1986.

A member of Shaare Zedek from childhood, Mary attended Shaare Zedek's Hebrew School, as well as its Sunday School when it was on Page and West End. She even bought a home on Colgate Avenue in University City about 50 years ago so that she could walk to shul. She lived in that house until last year when she went to live with Adriane. Although she had been active at Shaare Zedek much of her life, when she retired, Mary became even more involved in shul activities, helping with Sisterhood projects, and, of course, spending hours cooking for synagogue functions. To this day, Mary and daughter Isabel can be seen in shul almost every Shabbat.

Looking back over her life, in addition to sewing and cooking, certain things stand out. For example, Mary really enjoyed dancing when she was younger. She frequently attended dances at The Jewish Old Folks' Home and at Shaare Zedek. Also, she had a great experience on a 3 week trip to Israel with a group called Volunteers for Israel. Much later, Mary became seriously interested in gardening. But, when asked, Mary says her whole life was the kids and the shul. Isabel's summation is that her mother has always been a hard worker and a survivor with many talents. And, after all, in Mary's own words, she's "in pretty good shape for the shape she's in."

For the past year Sima Needleman has been interviewing some of our long-time members for a series called Everyone Has A Story. It began as a way to familiarize the congregation with people they may never have met or whom they had not seen for quite some time. If you would like to tell your story or can suggest someone to interview, please call Barbara Bianco at 727-2399.

A Fond Thank You to Rabbi Lynn Goldstein

Rabbi Lynn Goldstein has been helping Rabbi Fasman and the Chesed Committee provide pastoral services to our members for more than a year. She has brought comfort and has become a friend to talk with for many of our members who are in the own homes, nursing homes or in the hospital. For example, when one of our members had a loved one in the hospital, Rabbi Goldstein spent hours in the waiting room with the family to provide support, as well as follow-up calls for additional support. We wish her well with her future endeavors, and we're all going to miss her.

Sisterhood

Cindy Ginsburg - President



We have had another successful Torah Fund year. Sisterhood has met its goal of \$4,000. With donations continuing to arrive in our office mailbox daily, we will certainly surpass this amount.

Dr. Rachel Dulin, internationally renowned scholar and dynamic lecturer in Biblical and women's studies, was our Keynote speaker. She gave a wonderful presentation on "Women in the Bible." Sisterhood truly appreciates the foresight of **Wendy Love-Anderson** for arranging our speaker in coordination with the Scholar-in-Residence weekend.

The success of our Torah Fund drive is due to many people. **Ruth Levy** and her committee members, **Irene Belsky**, **Golda Burke**, **Arleen Kerman**, **Rhoda Grimsky**, **Pat Rosen**, **Kate Blumenfeld**, and **Phyllis Warner** worked tirelessly planning and arranging our annual campaign events. **Arleen Kerman** graciously volunteered to assist the group with planning and cooking our delicious meal. **Sarah Myers** and Arleen purchased all of the ingredients necessary to make sure we did not go away hungry. **David Gellman** prepared our dessert and **Stan Levy** was our photographer. We always appreciate our faithful kitchen helpers.

A huge thank you goes out to our general membership for generously giving to Torah Fund. The money you have donated goes directly to fund our future conservative Rabbis' and Cantors' education. Your continued support and dedication, on behalf of The Jewish Theological Seminary, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, and the Seminario Rabbinco Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, are greatly appreciated. Thank you for investing in the future of Conservative Judaism.

Torah Fund has issued distinctive pins, designed by outstanding artists, which have been worn with pride by women across the continent. For 50 years, these pins have served as a thank you to individuals who have annually donated a minimum of \$180. Shaare Zedek Sisterhood is proud of our new display featuring the different pins given throughout the years. A special thank you goes to **Audrey & Byron Katcher** for providing the shadow boxes which display our collection. Be sure to stop in and see these in the Evelyn Shanker Judaic Gift Gallery.

SISTERHOOD CALENDAR

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It's Time to Learn Hebrew!

Sisterhood is sponsoring a revival of "Ivrit with Dorit." Dorit Galor will hold classes with beginners as in the past. Anyone interested should contact the synagogue office at 727-1747 or Dorit at 692-8541.

Today Rabah:

We thank the people who chanted Haftarat during February: **Hannah Boxerman**, **Jerry Schwartz**, **Taylor Wolf**, and **Howard Belsky**.

Be In the Know!

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.

It's not too late to sponsor a booth!!!

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.

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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 to:

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Thank you very much!!

The carnival
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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 to:

SZUSY Purim Carnival
c/o Sarah Rubinson
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Thank you very much!

Youth Programs

Sarah Rubinson - Youth Director

It's almost time for the Purim Carnival, but don't worry, it's not too late to show your support for this annual event, sponsored by Shaare Zedek USY. All proceeds from the Purim Carnival go directly back into Noar, Kadima, and USY programs, so this is a great cause.

One of our main sources of income is through booth sponsorships. Friends of USY (like you) who sponsor a booth with a donation get their names placed above one of our games. Also, as in past years, we'll be holding both a raffle and a silent auction. Local businesses have been very generous, and we have accumulated some great prizes like a night's stay at the Hilton Frontenac, a Wellbridge Health Club package, Grand Prix Speedway package, and much more! Come to the Carnival on Sunday, March 4 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm to see your booth and take part in the fun! There will be new games (for those tot to teen and beyond), an inflatable, lots of food, and tons of fun! Also, the Sponge Toss will feature **Rabbi Fasman, Hazzan Dulkan, Harvey Leader**, and others!

Also in March is Kadima Kinnus. This is a special opportunity for 8th graders from across the region to get their first taste of USY. We have a great group of 8th graders, many of whom are attending the convention.

YOUTH CALENDAR

- March 3:** USY Purim Prep
- March 4:** Purim Carnival
- March 9/10:** USY Shabbaton
- March 10:** USY Shabbat
- March 11:** Noar vs Kadima Improv
- March 11:** Pre-Kadima Kinnus meeting
- March 16:** Shabbat Unplugged
- March 16-18:** Kadima Kinnus
- March 25:** USY Chocolate Seder
- March 30:** Shabbat Unplugged



Jenny Levy and Sarah Rubinson stand outside the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia during J-Serve training day. Roughly a dozen communities were represented at the conference.



Mital Lyons-Warren, Allison Shenker, and David Feldman participate in a leadership session with Shaliach Moshe Levi. Representatives from the three St. Louis USY chapters were in attendance.



Shaliach Moshe Levi uses Hoben Rehfeld as a prop in teaching Israeli geography. While in town, Moshe taught in Hebrew School, Sunday School, and Hebrew High.



Laura Rosenberg, David Feldman, Mital Lyons-Warren, Jenny Levy, and Ben Arnstein pose after taking part in the Kalabari Water Park at Winter Shabbaton.

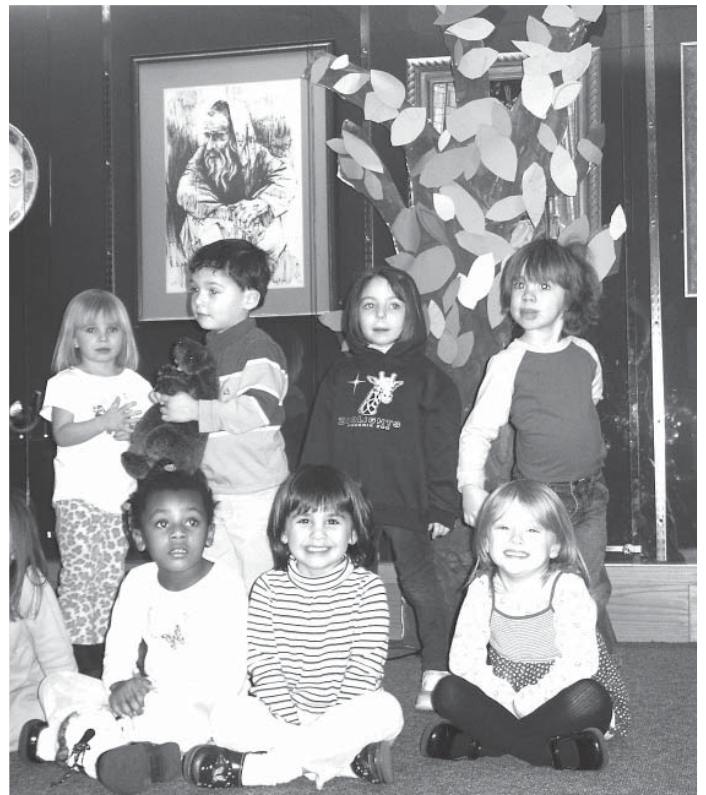
Early Childhood Center Marty Schaeffer - ECC Director

TU B'SHEVAT VISITOR

This year, Tu B'Shevat was the same day as Groundhog's Day, so it seemed appropriate to have a groundhog as a guest at our Seder. Sylvia the groundhog proved to be a hit with both the children and adults. The children had been studying several weeks before about the environment and the meaning of Tu B'Shevat. They were able to help answer Sylvia's questions about trees and why we had three different trays of fruit and four different colors of grape juice on our table. **Hazzan Joanna** helped the children sing the songs they learned for the occasion and introduced some enjoyable tunes of her own that everyone joined together to sing.

Following the Seder, parents, children, and staff enjoyed tasting both dried and fresh fruit. It was amusing to watch the children try some of the unusual fruits for the first time. Most, but not all of them, carefully tasted everything. Some went back for seconds and even thirds.

The ECC's next family event is the Purim costume parade and Superstar Class Shpiel on Shushan Purim. Monday, March 5, from 11:30 -12:30 all families are invited to enjoy the shpiel, parade with the children, and share in a seuda prepared for them ending with "child-made" hamentashen. Synagogue members with children or grandchildren up to age five are encouraged to join in the festivities. It promises to be fun for all.



Top: Marty Schaeffer and the groundhog Sylvia look out over the Seder.

Middle: Students explain to their parents the meaning of the different fruits used in the Seder.

Bottom: Parents join their children in celebrating Tu B'Shevat.

Right: Students have their picture taken in front of the Tu B'Shevat tree.

Religious School

Chani Pinsberg - Education Director

The "World Wide Wrap" was a great success thanks to the cooperation of Shaare Zedek & BSKI Men's Clubs! It was great seeing so many members of the congregations, both men and women, participating in the program. The students in the 6th and 7th Grades had the opportunity to put on tefillin as part of the program, as Conservative synagogues all across the country participated in a simultaneous 'wrap session.'

Tu B'Shevat was celebrated at school with fruit treats, and the 2nd and 3rd Grade students held a Tu B'Shevat Seder. The students tasted special, unique kinds of fruit which are among the seven species of fruit that grow in Israel.

Why do we have a seder on Tu B'Shevat? About 500 years ago, in the city of Tsefat in northern Israel, a group of scholars gathered to celebrate Tu B'Shevat. Their leader, **Rabbi Isaac Luria**, led them in a brand new ceremony which he had composed -- a Tu B'Shevat seder. They ate the fruits of Israel and drank four cups of wine. They studied the parts of the Bible and the Talmud which mentioned trees. The seder was written down in a book called Pri Etz Hadar, the Fruit of the Goodly Tree. We did one version of it with the younger students, while the 9th Grade students were involved in a more sophisticated seder.

The younger students had an experiential Tu B'Shevat program with many activities: eating the special fruit, planting grass seeds in a funny pot, and making a gift for the birds on the tree.

At the beginning of March the students will be participating in Mitzvah Day activities. Some examples are painting and planting flower pots for Mary Ryder Home, packaging ready-to-cook food packets for the Jewish Food Pantry, decorating "Happy Hats" for sick kids, and more. Mitzvah Day is a day dedicated to Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), with social action projects for people of all ages. The students will have lessons in the classrooms to go along with this special day.

The month of Adar is going to be celebrated in class with preparations for the holiday of Purim. We encourage all students to come and hear the Megillah in the synagogue on Saturday, March 3 and attend the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 4. There are no classes held that day.

SHAARE SHALOM CALENDAR

March 4: No class

March 25: No class

CAJE

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

The one who transmits a teaching in the name of its author brings redemption to the world, as it is written: "Esther spoke to the King in the name of Mordechai (Esther 2:22)."

-- Avot, 6:6

Anyone who has learned Mishna or Talmud knows that this teaching, based on the Purim story, is meticulously applied in our rabbinic literature. Because Esther properly credited Mordecai, King Ahasuerus sought to reward him, ultimately leading to Haman's downfall and the redemption of our people. Acknowledging our teachers is an act of gratitude for the sources of our wisdom, the people who provide us with a foundation for growth and success.

This year, parents of Jewish Community Hebrew School students established a Teacher Appreciation and Recognition Fund. This new project reflects our gratitude to our exceptional teachers not only through the wonderful words, but also through seasonal gifts at Chanukah and the completion of the school year. Torah is called the Tree of Life, and our teachers, as the transmitters of Torah, bring life to our students, so we encourage you to make contributions in multiples of Chai (\$18). Contributions to the Teacher Appreciation and Recognition Fund may be sent to CAJE (12 Millstone Campus Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146). We appreciate your help in recognizing the value of our exemplary teaching staff who make our school such a successful learning environment.

Hebrew High's success owes much to the talents of an outstanding faculty. Many students attend not only for the content of the class, but because they have built a connection with a teacher. It is our privilege to have teachers representing as broad a range of affiliations, expertise, and experience, including: **Rachel Armoza, Harry Cohen, Bob Cohn, Rabbi Ryan Dulkan, Mitch Furman, Roberta Gornish, Jordan Kadosh, Michael Raileanu, Zvia Talor, and Sarah Rubinson.**

With the proximity of Passover to the weeks of Spring Break, please find below the schedule for our schools.

We hope that in the spirit of Purim, we will all continue to recognize and remember the contributions of our teachers and thereby bring redemption to our world.

CAJE CALENDAR

March 19 & 21: No Hebrew School - East Branch

March 22: No Hebrew High

March 27 & 29: No Hebrew School - West Branch

March 29: No Hebrew High

April 2, 4, & 9: No Hebrew School - East Branch

April 3, 5, & 10: No Hebrew School - West Branch

April 5: No Hebrew High

Member & Community News...

CAJE Announces Pessin Scholarships

The Central Agency for Jewish Education and the Jewish Federation announce the availability of merit-based scholarships for high school students participating in an Israel experience program in 2007.

Israel scholarships will be awarded to two outstanding students on the basis of their activities in the Jewish community and their commitment to continued Jewish education and participation. The merit-based scholarships provide an alternative means for select students to receive community funds by demonstrating their commitment to Judaism and the St. Louis Jewish community.

To apply for the Pessin Scholarships, contact Karen Rader for an application at CAJE (12 Millstone Campus Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146). Completed submissions are due by March 30. Winners will be announced at the community Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration on April 23.

For more information, call 442-3756 or e-mail krader@cajestl.org.

Happy March Anniversary to...

Roger & Marcia Brockman
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Want to Be a Phone Buddy?

We're considering creating a phone buddy system to contact our senior members who might like a call, perhaps daily or a few times a week, from another congregant. At Shaare Zedek we're a family and family members look out for each other to make sure everything is OK. If you are interested in making calls or in getting a call, please call the office at 727-1747.



The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Your Help

For the month of March, 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. Hearty Soups
2. Cereal (hot and cold)
3. Canned Fruit
4. Healthy Snack Foods
5. Shampoo

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 February:

Burton & Benita Boxerman in honor of **Hannah Boxerman's** Bat Mitzvah.

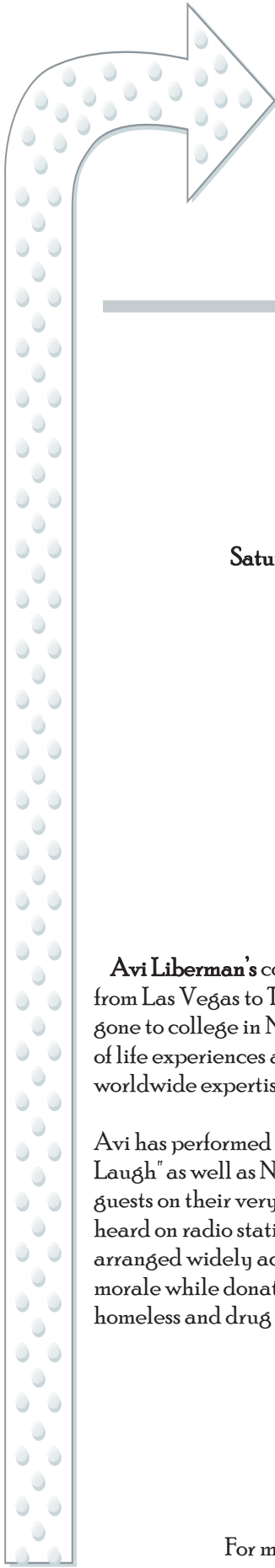
Leo & Sara Wolf in honor of **Taylor Wolf's** Bat Mitzvah.

Helene Meyer Spearheads Fundraiser for Lymphoma Research

Helene Meyer, long-time member of Shaare Zedek, is organizing an event to take place on Saturday, March 17 at 6 pm. Soundstage Productions will present *To Life*, a celebration of life through five decades of Broadway's show-stopping music. Meyer will perform selected Broadway hits along with a cast of talented singers. The event, dedicated to the memory of **Stanley Chorlins**, will take place at Rose Hill Masonic Association Hall (11122 Olive Blvd) in Creve Coeur. The event will begin with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. At 6:30 pm, an elegant dinner buffet will be served, and the show will start at 8 pm.

Individual seats are \$75, patron seats \$125, and tables of eight are \$600. Reservations may be made by sending your check (payable to Lymphoma Research Foundation Benefit) to Soundstage Productions c/o Helene Meyer at PO Box 26043, St. Louis, MO 63126.

The evening is being underwritten by Chorlin's former law firm Paule, Camazine, and Blumenthal. All proceeds will benefit the Lymphoma Research Foundation.



Honoring
Arleen & Dr. Phillip Korenblat
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Leo I. Mirowitz Distinguished Service Award

Saturday, March 10, 2007

20 Adar 5767

7PM

Congregation B'nai Amoona

Havdallah Service (led by SSDS 8th 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:
High Stakes Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament
Dessert Reception with Avi Liberman

For more information or to reserve your tickets ~ SSDS 314.576.6177

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Traditional Jewish textual interpretation learns from the pshat of the text (that is, its surface meaning, what it actually says, what is revealed to us). But we also learn from hidden, concealed levels. The first of those concealed levels is called remez, or hint. Within the category of remez is gematria, the interpretation of words and phrases according to the numerical value of the letters that make up those words. Thus, the numerical value of “blessed Mordecai” is the same as “cursed Haman”:

Barukh Mordecai	Arur Haman
ברוך מרדכי	ארור המן
ב = 2	א = 1
ר = 200	ר = 200
ו = 6	ו = 6
ך = 20	ך = 200
מ = 40	ה = 5
ר = 200	מ = 40
ד = 4	ן = 50
כ = 20	
י = 10	
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So much is concealed in our world. There are things we cannot know with certainty. And one of those things is the extent to which God’s hand operates in history, either on a global level or on the individual level. It comes down to what we believe is true, and no belief is entirely satisfying. We are taught that, only with the coming of the Mashiach will we learn the answers to these questions – and yet, the Rabbis teach that **even at the end of days, when all other holidays and observances will become unnecessary, we will observe Purim**. Perhaps this is the Rabbis’ way of teaching us that some things will always remain concealed from human knowledge. Alternatively, this may be their way of teaching us that only with the end of days will that which is concealed become revealed: Megillat Esther.

There is another mystery concealed within Megillat Esther that has only recently become “revealed” (or at least, understood). There are scribal rules for the way in which any sacred scroll is written: shapes of letters, spacing between words and sections, unusual symbols (e.g., dots above certain letters, backwards letters), and occasional larger or smaller letters. In the list of the ten sons of Haman who were hanged, all of which are written in a very large size, there are three letters that have always been written very small: tav (ת), shin (ש), and zayin (ז). No one ever knew why these letters were to be written differently from the other letters in the list of names. Albert Speer, architect of the Final Solution, was one of the ten Nazi defendants to be hanged at the conclusion of the Nuremberg Trials in 1947. His last words: “Purim 1947.” The three small letters in the list of the ten sons of Haman who were hanged have a gematria value of 707. תשז is the way in which we indicate the Jewish year 5707 (the millennium is understood). The Jewish year 5707 corresponds to the secular year 1947.

Were these three letters a remez of the events following the Shoah? Are they a hint that, as out of control as our world often feels, nonetheless God is present to insure that justice is ultimately done?

Ultimately, the message of Purim is that **we must not depend upon luck or blessing or the constellations or even on God. It is up to us to act in our own interests**, to see to our own welfare and security, to see to the needs of our families and our communities. If we do, we are assured that God’s hand will somehow insure that justice will be ultimately delivered. We cannot know the future, no matter how sophisticated we read the stars, no matter how complex our understanding of nature.

But we can know the present. We can act with justice, with compassion, with kindness. We can work for the common defense, and provide for our families and communities. We can develop new strategies for combating illness and conflict and evil in our world. We can learn Torah and we can come to deeper understandings of what God expects of us. We can become more sensitive to that which is revealed and that which is concealed in all of us, in all of our relationships, in all of our interactions with the world and with God. And perhaps we can learn to accept how much is concealed from us – as a way of deepening our faith rather than as an excuse for abandoning our faith. Purim isn’t just kid stuff!

Chag Purim sameach. See you in shul.

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Complete recovery of Vivian Kransberg

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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, led by one of our high schoolers. Parents and families are encouraged to attend.

Family Service (K-4th graders & families)

These services are led by dynamic adult 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.

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 by email at rhonalyons@earthlink.net.

Shabbat Calendar

March 3

Shabbat Zachor

Mitzvah Years

Junior Congregation

March 10

Shabbat Parah

USY Shabbat

Family Service led by Alice Fasman

March 16

Shabbat Unplugged

March 17

Shabbat Hachodesh

Junior Congregation

March 24

Brian Myers Bar Mitzvah

Mitzvah Years

Junior Congregation

March 30

Shabbat Unplugged

March 31

Emma Rehfeld Bat Mitzvah

Shabbat Hagadol

Mitzvah Years

Junior Congregation



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.

Tuesdays at 7:15 pm

BASIC JUDAISM FOR ADULTS

The third eight-week session of Rabbi Mark Fasman's basic Judaism for Adults class will discuss Sanctifying Life: Prayer & Life Cycle Events.

Thursday, March 8 at 12:30 pm at BSKI
60+ LUNCHEON

Lunch and a musical program featuring Sue Broddon, Rabbi Miller, Phyllis Hyken, Suzanne Schoomer, and Jayne Hanlin. Cost is \$6 for lunch (please request vegetarian if wanted at time of RSVP). RSVP directly to BSKI at 725-6230 by March 6.

Wednesday, March 14 at 7:15 pm
NEEDLEMAN LECTURE SERIES ON FAITH

Rabbi Ryan Dulkan will present "Beyond Reform Extra Strength & Orthodox Lite: A Confident Conservative Judaism for a New Century."

Fridays, March 16 and 30 at 6 pm
SHABBAT UNPLUGGED

Our special monthly service, complete with a band and lots of Ruach.

Thursday, March 15 at 6:30 pm
SISTERHOOD MARCH MADNESS: BUNKO

Join us for a fun filled evening of a "bite" and BUNKO at the Lin Capri Club House. The cost is \$6 for dinner, and no experience needed to play. RSVP to **Sue Propper** by March 12th at Suemeryl@charter.net or 862-5698.

Sunday, March 18 at 9:30 am
BOXERMAN BOOK TALK

Burton and Benita Boxerman will discuss their latest book "Jews and Baseball -- Entering the American mainstream 1871-1948 Vol I."

You know you want to...

Come to weekday Minyan!

Monday through Thursday

7 am and 6 pm

It's Climate Controlled!

Thursday, March 1st is Taanit Ester

On Thursday, March 1, we observe the fast immediately preceding Purim. This is a daylight fast (sunrise to sunset). There will be a special fast-day Mincha service at 12:45 pm in the Guller Chapel, lasting approximately one hour. We will need a minyan and at least 6 people who are fasting.

THE TIMES...THEY ARE A CHANGIN'

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward an hour on the night of Saturday, March 10. Daylight Savings starts Sunday, March 11.



Also, starting Friday, March 16, Kabbalat Shabbat will begin at 6 pm.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Submissions for the April News are due March 7.				1 11 Fast of Esther <i>7 am, 12:45 pm & 6 pm</i>	2 12 Candlelighting 5:37 <i>7 am & 5:30 pm</i>	3 13 TETZAVEH Shabbat Zachor 6:45 Purim Shpiel & Kids Program 7:30 Megillah Reading <i>8:45 am & 5:05 pm</i>
4 14 No Sunday School Purim 11:30-1:30 Purim Carnival <i>8 am & 6 pm</i>	5 16 Sushan Purim 9:45 am Women in the Bible Class <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	6 16 8 am Text Study 7:15 pm Sanctifying Jewish Life <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	7 17 <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	8 18 60+ Luncheon at BSKI 7 pm Executive Committee <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	9 19 USY Shabbaton 3rd Grade Shabbaton Candlelighting 5:44 <i>7 am & 5:30 pm</i>	10 20 KI TASA Men's Club Shabbat Shabbat Parah 3rd Grade Shabbaton <i>8:45 am & 5:10 pm</i>
11 21 Daylight Savings JNF Brunch Noar vs Kadima Improv Games <i>8 am & 6 pm</i>	12 22 9:45 am Women in the Bible Class <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	13 23 8 am Text Study 7:15 pm Sanctifying Jewish Life <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	14 24 Needleman Lecture Series <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	15 25 Sisterhood Bunko Night <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	16 26 Shabbat Unplugged Kadima Kinnus Candlelighting 6:51 <i>7 am & 6 pm</i>	17 27 VAYAKHEL/PEKUDE Shabbat Hachodesh Kadima Kinnus <i>8:45 am & 6:20 pm</i>
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