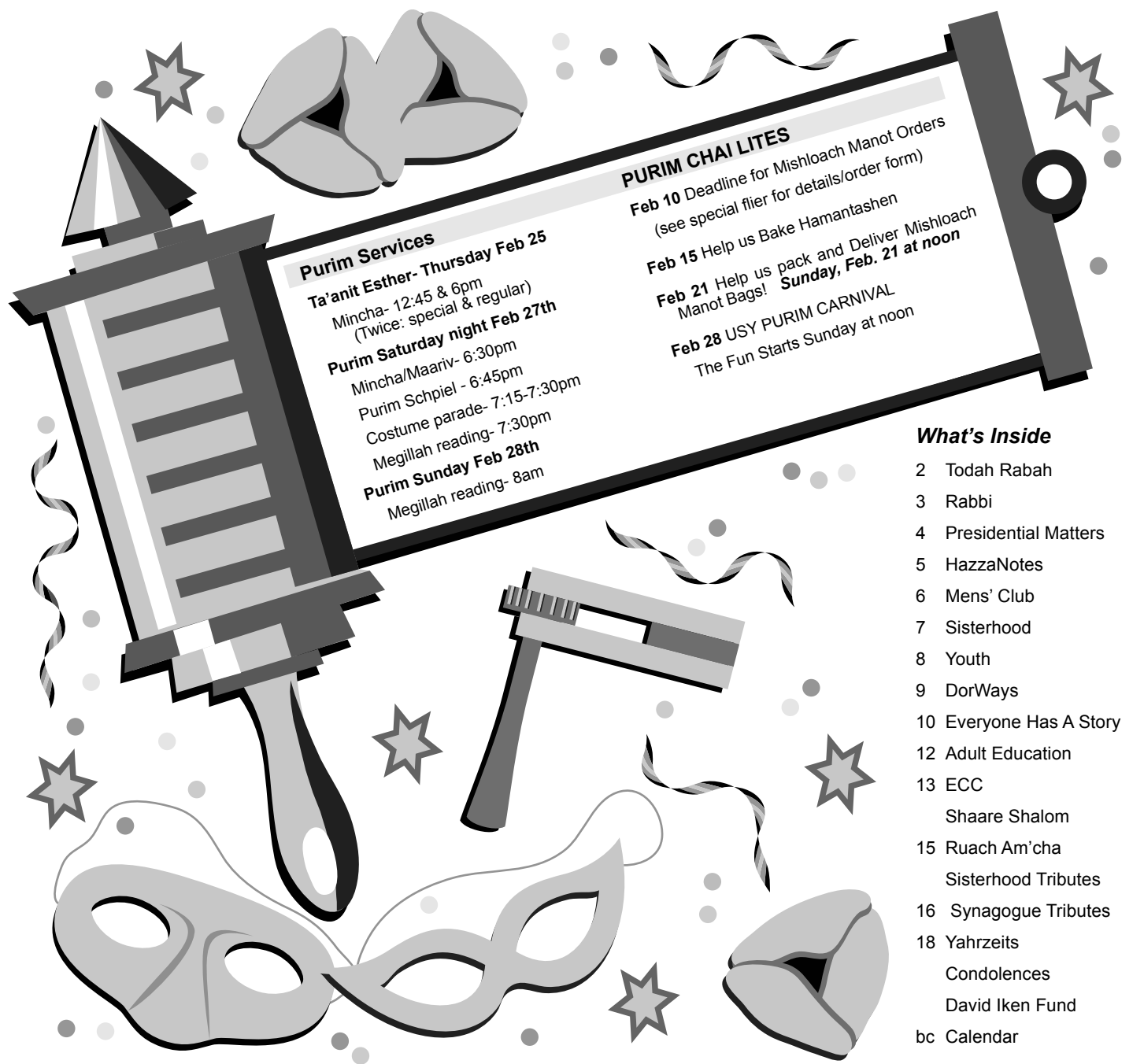


# SHAARE ZEDEK

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# News

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### Purim Services

**Ta'anit Esther- Thursday Feb 25**  
Mincha- 12:45 & 6pm  
(Twice: special & regular)  
**Purim Saturday night Feb 27th**  
Mincha/Maariv- 6:30pm  
Purim Schpiel - 6:45pm  
Costume parade- 7:15-7:30pm  
Megillah reading- 7:30pm  
**Purim Sunday Feb 28th**  
Megillah reading- 8am

### PURIM CHAI LITES

**Feb 10** Deadline for Mishloach Manot Orders  
(see special flier for details/order form)  
**Feb 15** Help us Bake Hamantashen  
**Feb 21** Help us pack and Deliver Mishloach Manot Bags! **Sunday, Feb. 21 at noon**  
**Feb 28** USY PURIM CARNIVAL  
The Fun Starts Sunday at noon

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# Todah Rabah!

## Haftarot for January

Julia Lieberman, Jaron Asher,  
Simon Handmaker, Noah Engel,  
Women's League

## Greeters for January

Elena Aschkenasi, Golda Burke, Darien  
Arnstein, Florence Cohn, Larry Goodman

## Kiddushes for January

Synagogue, Billy Handmaker & Betul  
Ozmat, Mark & Karen Engel, Faye  
Keyser Seudah Fundt

## Minyan Breakfasts

Shirley Fredman, Sue Roth & Les  
Birenbaum; Anonymous (JM), Dorit  
Galor, Joann Singer, Leo Bressler &  
Esther Bressler, Stacy Gaal, Allen Leving,  
Martin Becker, Marsha Birenbaum, Joann  
Singer, Bernard Mellman

# Mazal Tov!

## Anniversaries in February

Eric & Dana Emmenegger  
Gary Kodner & Peggy Nehmen  
Matvey & Klara Rybak  
Joseph & Aileen Shanker  
Alan & Helene Spetner  
Robert & Rosalie Stein

## New Plaques in the Guller Chapel

Judy Rimel  
Graham Green  
Mary Pollack

## If you wish to read Haftorah for Shabbat or Festivals

contact our coordinator  
Sydney Farber  
kitty1106@aol.com

Please put 'Haftorah' in the subject line.



OPEN M-F 10:00AM- 12:30PM  
Special Hebrew School Hours:  
M, W 5:30- 6:30 pm

Sunday hours by appointment.  
Arrangements may be made for  
special occasions (i.e., weddings,  
b'nai mitzvot, bris melah, etc.)

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# A Message from the Rabbi

Rabbi Mark Fasman



Why did my parents' generation so believe in public schools? They were a gateway into American culture and opportunity. And these first-generation American children (the "greatest generation") succeeded beyond anything in Jewish history.

Their success was due in large measure to the public schools.

But *that generation* grew up in Jewish neighborhoods. All of their friends were Jewish. They went to *cheder* four times (or more) a week (after school). They learned with their grandparents as well as their parents and friends.

After the Second World War, this "greatest generation" moved to the suburbs and raised the baby boom generation. We "boomers" had Hebrew school three or four times a week, including Shabbat morning, of course. They hoped that these supplemental schools would teach their children all we needed to know to live a meaningful Jewish life.

The baby boomers went to public schools – their parents believed in public education. It had worked splendidly for them. Along with their Jewish neighborhoods, *cheder* was enough to have connected them to Judaism and the Jewish community. They learned everything they needed to learn to be successful Jewish adults through a combination of public school and *cheder*. And most hoped that public school and *cheder* would be enough for their suburban children.

Unfortunately, for many of us born after 1945, we grew up with an impoverished sense of Jewish identity. *Cheder* wasn't enough; not without a Jewish neighborhood. We are proud Jews, but we don't really know much about Judaism. And most don't even know what we don't know.

We know that Jewish identity is more than Bar/Bat Mitzvah skills. Now that there are virtually no social barriers between Jews and non-Jews, what do our children say to their friends and potential life-partners when

asked what it means to be Jewish? What do we hope they will say to a potential spouse when asked why they should make a Jewish home for their family? What do we answer them when they ask us why they should remain Jewish, or do traditional Jewish things (such as observing Shabbat, kashrut, and Jewish holidays), or affiliate with a synagogue (especially a Conservative synagogue)?

We did the best we could. We are still doing the best we can. Or perhaps there is more that we could do to them to understand why they should keep a committed, joyous, Jewish home as adults.

This is the season when we need to be thinking seriously about the two most effective ways we have to help our children experience a rich Jewish experience, filled with learning and filled with Jewish community – their Jewish peers in a Jewish setting.

Our first opportunity is Jewish day school. We have access to a wonderful local Solomon Schechter Day School, one of a network

of schools created by the Conservative Movement designed precisely to give our children the best of public school education *and* the best

of Jewish education. (The argument of the value of diversity in the classroom is more than balanced by our children's need to learn what it means to be Jewish; they will have plenty of exposure to our diverse world, through Internet, and through the culture in which we live.) Day school education is not just about Hebrew language skills and Jewish history and Jewish culture; it is also a place where our Jewish children will learn to be Jewish along with their Jewish friends. It may be an artificial "neighborhood" but it is the closest thing we have to providing an environment in which our children can experience Judaism as a way of life within a Jewish community rather than through isolated experiences in synagogue and Hebrew school.

Synagogues do the best they can to provide supplemental Jewish education. The problem is that the less-than-150 hours a year that they actually get can't possibly create a strong core Jewish identity. And in a way, supplemental Jewish education is a way of reinforcing the idea that Judaism is only a supplemental component of their overall identity. Again, we do the very best we can.

Our second opportunity is Jewish summer camp. Camp Ramah was created for the express purpose of immersing our children in a fun, stimulating, educational, and recreational Jewish world – 168 hours a week. To experience Shabbat for the full 25 hours, more than once. To learn that keeping kosher is possible. To learn that Jewish learning can be exciting, especially when it takes place all day instead of just two hours three days a week.

**"...day school and summer camp are the two most effective ways we have to create a positive, strong, knowledgeable Jewish identity."**

Times are hard. Many can no longer afford day school or summer camp. So grandparents may need to help out (even more than they already do). The Solomon Schechter Day School and Camp Ramah are two treasures of the Jewish world – we need to consider them as more than "luxuries." They need to be higher on our priority list – either for our children or grandchildren, or for other people's children and grandchildren. There are no guarantees; this we all know. But these day school and summer camp are the two most effective ways we have to create a positive, strong, knowledgeable Jewish identity.

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# Presidential Matters

Gary Kodner

## Do Conservative Jews play musical instruments on Shabbat?

One easy answer is... Yes, we do at Shaare Zedek with "Shabbat Rinah", a participative, musical Kabbalat Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Fasman and Hazzan Dulkan, with singing and *ruach*. The service brings together traditional prayers, contemporary melodies, and musical instruments. Hazzan Dulkan brings her guitar and voice to lead us in song and welcoming the Shabbat. On select Fridays, the Shabbat Rinah band also takes part with percussion, bass and guitars.

Included in this program are special Friday evenings targeted to specific groups who may or may not attend services on a regular basis, including new members, singles, *B'nai Mitzvah* families, and empty nesters. On occasion, wine and cheese or Shabbat dinners are offered for these special group opportunities following the service. To enhance this service, the Rabbi and Hazzan designed a special, user-friendly, "*Kol Rinah Siddur*". Is this service achieving its goal? Based on the increased participation and diversity of attendees, I would say YES.

On January 8, we kicked off a year-long initiative called *Ruach Am'Cha* (Spirit of the People) designed to infuse music into all aspects of Shaare Zedek's congregational life, in the synagogue and in the home. *Ruach Am'cha* is generously funded by a grant from the Legacy Heritage Foundation. Funds were very selectively given to a handful of congregations who showed outstanding proposals that outlined plans for innovatively enriching and deepening the Jewish identity of adults and children from a variety of backgrounds and observances.

The notion is not entirely new - music has frequently played a role in the history of the Jewish liturgical experience - but according to observers and participants, the trend is now moving far beyond limited corners and into the mainstream establishment. In the most recent indication, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's

biennial conference featured, for the first time in its history, a Saturday worship service that included singing the traditional prayers while a musician strummed a guitar and another tickled the ivories of an electronic keyboard.

This service was viewed by many as a watershed in the history of music in Jewish life, an issue that has sparked controversy, and sometimes outrage, among more traditional Jews. But to its proponents, live music is a fundamental cornerstone of enticing Jews back to religious observance.

"Those Jews who don't know the structure, or don't know Hebrew, will only give you an hour," said Ron Wolfson, president of the not-for-profit organization Synagogue 3000, which is dedicated to revitalizing synagogue life. "You've got to grab them spiritually and emotionally right off the bat, and music is the key to engaging them."

Many Conservative rabbis hold that playing a musical instrument on Shabbat is a violation of a rabbinic law, and thus prohibit it. Other Conservative rabbis hold that it is a violation of halakha (Jewish law), and do permit it.

**According to a 2007/2008 USCJ Survey, the use of Musical Instruments in Conservative synagogues on Shabbat: 66 % of Conservative synagogues do not use musical instruments on Shabbat and/or holidays. Of the 34% who do, the most popular instruments used are the guitar, keyboard, piano, drums/percussion. These numbers are changing as we move forward.**

Instrumental music was an assumed part of worship in the biblical period, but in the rabbinic period Jewish legal authorities began to question its permissibility on Shabbat and Jewish holidays, as an expression of mourning for the loss of the temple. To this day, the issue of musical instruments in Shabbat and holiday services remains controversial, with different communities embracing divergent



practices. Orthodox congregations do not use instrumental music on Shabbat or Yom Tov, although many use vocal music as a means of enhancing worship.

While many Conservative communities do not permit the use of instruments on Shabbat or Yom Tov, there have been a series of Conservative *teshuvot* (responsa) which have permitted various types of instrumental music. In 1958, the Conservative Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) published a paper from Rabbi Philip Segal, which permitted playing organ music in a synagogue on Shabbat. This paper cited the ways that organ music could enhance services, categorizing an organ as a permissible "mitzvah accessory" (*d'var mitzvah* or *machshir*). The paper also pointed out that the prohibition of musical instruments on Shabbat and Yom Tov was rabbinic (*shvut*), and argued that the principle that rabbinic prohibitions do not apply in the Temple sanctuary (*ein shvut ba'mikdash*) could be extended to include the synagogue sanctuary as well. In 1970, the CJLS published another responsum which echoed the 1958 resolution and asserted that one could play other acoustical instruments, such as the guitar, as part of Shabbat services. Finally, Rabbis Elliot Dorff and Elie Spitz wrote a *teshuvah* in 2008 that would broadly permit musical instruments on Shabbat, but that responsum, to date, has not become an accepted halakhic position in the Conservative Movement. Though the main arguments for and against this most recent responsum have not been made public outside the CJLS, the fact that the responsum was not accepted by the rest of the CJLS seems to indicate continued disagreement about what should be Conservative practice.

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# HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan



Purim comes early this year: the end of this month coincides with the 13th of Adar, the day that Esther's wit and patience saved the Jews of Shushan. Towards the end of the Megillah, the congregation reads a line together, then the reader repeats:

*Lay'hudim haita ora v'simcha v'sasson vi'kar, keyn ti'h'yeh lanu!* For the Jews, there was light, happiness, joy, and honor – may it be so for us! (8:16).

For us, the Hebrew month of Adar brings joy and silliness – we are commanded to rejoice once it arrives, and Esther, as the central figure in the Purim narrative, is an example of a leader that brings light to her people: light in the form of hope and salvation from a cruel edict. We look to her example in hard times: someone whose power shone from within. Esther knew how to "work the system" between her relationships with her Uncle Mordechai and her husband the King, who was able to overthrow Haman, and he was defeated through what we would call today "backroom deals." While Haman issued his edict from on high, Esther negotiated his demise with a series of meetings and parties. She teaches us not to underestimate the power of the *relationship*, especially today, when face-to-face conversations take place far less frequently. Even phone calls have been supplanted by faceless conversations over email and social media like Twitter and (the ironically titled) Facebook. Acquaintancebook doesn't quite have the same ring. We gather online with our Friends to chat, share pictures and accomplishments, rather than calling or writing, or meeting face-to-face. It is certainly convenient, but does it qualify as relationship-building? We all enjoy keeping tabs on our friends and friends-of-friends all over the world through social media, yet do we feel comfortable calling them to get together if we are in their area? Or just calling to catch up?

Queen Esther, whose victory we celebrate as the days begin to feel longer and the beginning of spring approaches, is a light-bringer: one who was able to transform

her reality and the reality of her people less through her official power as Queen and more through her unofficial power as a loving wife and niece. May she inspire us to strengthen our relationships, maybe to call an old friend to catch up; and may she empower us to use the strength of our relationships to improve our lives and the lives of those around us. May we find light, joy, honor and happiness this month, and may we share this blessing with all our loved ones, friends and acquaintances.


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Think seriously about day school and summer camp. Either for your children or for your grandchildren. Or think about the next generation of American Jews. For those without children of this age, think about how worthy these places are for our charitable dollars. It is an investment in the future of American Judaism.

You may be surprised to find out how much the good folks at the Solomon Schechter Day School are willing to do to help you make this possible. The same is true for Camp Ramah.

Is it more important that your child carries into his or her adult life a solid background in soccer and gymnastics or in his or her Jewish identity?

And if not now, when?



# The WIZARD OF Schnoz

an ORIGINAL PURIM MUSICAL WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY:  
Hazzan JOANNA DULKIN  
STARRING: MEMBERS OF OUR SHUL  
FOR: ALL AGES!

One-time ONLY PERFORMANCE:  
SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 27 at 7:00PM  
COSTUME PARADE, HAMENTASHEN, and  
MEGILLAH READING TO FOLLOW

## Men's Club

Presidential Matters  
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Mitch Shenker, President



### "Man of the Year" Award

The Shaare Zedek Men's Club is proud to announce that Alan Spetner has been selected as the recipient of the 2010 "Man of the Year" award. Alan will be honored at a luncheon on Sunday, March 7th at 1:00 pm to be held at Shaare Zedek. Tickets will be \$15 per person. Alan is being honored for his lifetime dedication of service to the Shaare Zedek Men's Club and our synagogue community. Please call the office to make reservations. Additional information can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

### World Wide Wrap Ready to Roll

Brotherhoods around the world will join the Shaare Zedek Men's Club in celebrating World Wide Wrap X. Since the inception of the World Wide Wrap, nearly 200,000 people have participated in this great event, and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs has become one of the worldwide leaders in the promotion, education and distribution of tefillin. Again, this Super Bowl Sunday, thousands of Jews will gather in synagogues from Boston to Sydney and Vancouver to Buenos Aires to wrap tefillin, as Jews have done for ages. Shaare Zedek Men's Club members will be meeting at BSKI at 10:00 am. Members will teach the nuts and bolts of putting on tefillin. In addition, we will hold a "Build A Pair" on that morning to teach the students of Shaare Shalom some of the basics of making tefillin. So while you're waiting for the game, join us on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 10:00 am at BSKI for the World Wide Wrap, and let's "wrap and roll."

### It's Time for Men's Club Shabbat

The Shaare Zedek Men's Club is happy to announce plans for the next Men's Club/Brotherhood Shabbat, scheduled this year for March 6th. This annual lay led Shabbat service helps us reaffirm our eagerness to involve ourselves in the spiritual activities of our synagogue. So let's get enough guys to lead the entire service and read

all the Torah portions, so we can give our clergy a break. If you'd like to join us on the bimah, please contact Alan Schwartz or the synagogue office.

### Follow the Thread of the Unraveller

The Unraveller has been enlightening members of the Shaare Zedek Men's Club for several months, and you, too, can join us as we read the weekly commentary on the haftarah from the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. The mailing, written by Rabbi Charles Simon and others, is intended to help us understand the reading from the Prophets that accompanies the weekly Torah portion. The commentary offers an explanation of the context of the writing and, on occasion, discusses why our ancestors selected it to accompany a given Torah reading. If you are interested in subscribing to this weekly publication, please visit the following website, <http://www.fjmc-consultants.org/seferhaftarah-sign-up.html> and please recommend it to your friends.

Mitch

My family and I are deeply touched by our community who has reached out to us upon the passing of our husband, father and grandfather, Melvin A. Ashkanazi.

We thank you for all you have done for us during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Zendra K. Ashkanazi and Family

Memorial Plaques in the  
Guller Chapel are available.

## Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley, President

I have made a decision that I hope will not disrupt the basic principles of the monthly Sisterhood newsletter columns. Since the beginning of my term as president of Sisterhood on July 1, 2008, I have had real misgivings about writing about programs that have yet to happen. Setting aside my superstitions in this regard, having to write about - as if in the past - an event that has yet to occur, I was unable to tell you, with any detail, about the program or event, and I was unable to thank the group of women who helped make it a success. So, I am not going to 'review a program' or thank 'a group of ladies' before any event takes place. I know that in waiting, any recap of a program and my appreciation will be a month late, and I will take responsibility for any disadvantages this may cause. That being said, I am not going to talk about Women's League Shabbat on January 30 until next month. But this decision does allow me to thank Jennifer Rogers Asher properly for the wonderful craft program she brought to us at our Chanukah brunch. She brought all the "fixin's" - a page of detailed instructions, craft wrapping paper sheets, stock card sheets, envelopes, and sample pictures and greetings, for us to make our own Chanukah cards. We all had so much fun. I didn't know we had such talent in our midst. So, thank you, Jenny, for bringing out the artist in us. And, the brunch was delicious. Anyone who didn't attend certainly missed a lovely few hours, and it was free - it was our paid-up membership program. Also, I apologize for having not included Betty Siegel in the group of women who "man" our Gift Shop. Thank you, Betty.

I promised that I would pass along from time to time additional mitzvot from the *Mitzvah Yomit* program from Women's League, so here I go: (i) Be careful of what you say to children, to your parents and to your spouse. We should, of course, be mindful of what we say to anyone, but we can't work on everything at once. (ii) Read a book on any

aspect of the history of the State of Israel. (iii) Listen to someone when they are telling you a story, really listen. (iv) Extend a helping hand to someone without being asked; and (v) Pay a compliment to someone, at least once every day. I'll be back with more. As I said last month, the opportunities that we are given to do mitzvot are endless.

I'm not a close or far planner, and I hate to look as far ahead as June, but if you are even remotely thinking about sending a child or two to a Jewish overnight camp this summer, the application forms for Sisterhood help scholarships will be available in the synagogue office by the middle of February. They will be due back by Friday, April 16th, so we will have time to assess the applications and know what we can provide financially.

Never having attended a Jewish overnight camp when I was young, I was reading through last year's applications from the kids on why they wanted to attend a Jewish overnight camp and here are some excerpts from what they had to say:

"I look forward to being with other Jewish kids for fun stuff";  
"I want to get better at *birkat ha mazon*";  
"My parents want me to learn new prayers and songs";  
"My parents told me I should go";  
"I made some really good friends last year";  
"It helped me learn more about my bigger Jewish community"; and  
"I like to find out more about what it really means to be Jewish".

I am happy that Sisterhood is able to be a small part of their summer fun and Jewish education.

Since Purim is the end of February, now might be a good time to start working on a costume. And make it a priority to try to take part in all or some of the activities being planned.

I hope you have Sunday, March 14 highlighted on your calendar for the Torah



Fund Luncheon. I hear whispers that the USY and Kadima are planning the program for us, but they are keeping it a secret. You'll have to attend to find out. So, if you have not made your pledge to the JTS Torah Fund, please do. Without being overly dramatic, the future of our Conservative movement rests on the students in all branches being educated, trained, guided and motivated by the JTS institutions that are the recipients of the Torah Fund contributions. Also, on a more local level, it would be nice to have a big crowd to encourage the kids from USY and Kadima to come back in the future for another Sisterhood program.

As always, if you have any ideas for making Sisterhood stronger, or if you would like to be involved to help make us stronger, we need you.

## Solomon Schechter Day School Main Event 2010 Build A Sanctuary in Your Heart

Honoring Sanford & Gloria Spitzer  
and

Dr. David & Lynnsie Balk Kantor

**Sunday March 7, 2010**

**5:30pm**

**at Congregation B'nai Amoona**

*Honoring our Special Teachers  
for their Years of Dedication &  
Commitment:*

**Debbie Garbow (Morah Devorah)**

25 years

**Mimi Baden & Suzanne Sloane**

15 years

# Youth Programs

Liz Redler, USY Director

Melissa Berk, Kadima/Noar Director

What a fantastic February this is going to be! USY is fresh off the heels of an incredible January filled with lounge nights and sleepovers then ending the month with the most well attended Winter Shabbaton by our USYers in years (10 in all). For one USYer Winter Shabbaton even provided her with her first opportunity to fly! All indications point to this decade being an awesome one for our Shaare Zedek youth!

This month we are gearing up for the Purim Carnival which is on February 28 at 12:00. We will be working hard to make sure everyone has a wonderful time, so mark your calendars now!! There will be food, games, a bounce house, and of course lots of other fun activities! Also get ready for the phone calls to ask you to sponsor a booth. This is USY's biggest fund raiser of the year and we need your help to make it successful. No amount is too big or too small. We are hoping to make this year's carnival the best yet!

Liz Redler

Thank you to everyone for participating in our wonderful SATO program at the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry on Sunday, December 13th! Thirteen Noars and Kadimanicks gathered together for a day of giving, learning, and fun! We packed bags with kosher soup ingredients, heard about Kadima Kinnus, and sang the Adam Sandler Hanukkah song! Due to an overwhelming response from the Kadima and Noar families, we raised \$266 for the Jewish Food Pantry, including our donation of 50 healthy and delicious bags of soup! We really came together as a community! A special thank you to Sue Rundblad, for being a wonderful host, Hedva Levy for chaperoning, and Mark Gulner, our Emtza Regional Coordinator, for joining us!

Now a word from Alex Zvibleman, our December Bar Mitzvah and Kadimanick, on the importance of giving to the Jewish Food Pantry:

In the story of Miketz, we hear that the brother of Joseph came to Egypt for food because of the famine. The "crop market" was bad and there was no "food income". Right now the stock market is doing poorly, people are losing jobs, and they don't have enough money to buy food. People have to come to food pantries like the Jewish Food Pantry for food. But right now, so many people have to rely on food pantries that food pantries are giving more food out than they are receiving. That's why I decided to make my Mitzvah Project the Jewish Food Pantry. I am encouraging all my friends and family to donate food to the food pantries and I am personally donating to the Jewish Food Pantry too.

Let's join Alex and continue to give to the Jewish Food Pantry throughout the year!

On Deck:

Kadima Kinnus – March 5th, 6th, 7th

Calling all 7th and 8th graders to join 7th and 8th graders from B'nai Amoona, BSKI, Colorado, Minnesota and more! The theme is Clue! Contact Melissa for more information at [szyouthandfamily@gmail.com](mailto:szyouthandfamily@gmail.com).

Daniel Israeli



Leor Goldfarb and Isaac Shapiro



Sam Rubin

## The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help

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

- The current need is for...**
- Hearty canned soups**
- Canned Tuna Fish**
- Canned Pasta with Meat**
- Healthy Snacks**
- Canned Fruit**
- Dry Pasta and/or Rice Mixes**

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

Currently, the Jewish Food Pantry is feeding over 3,500 individuals in a month. They have an increase of 48% in new clients. The need is great so please help in any way you can. Thank you.

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

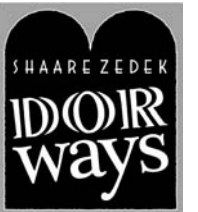
Permanently commemorate your families' Simchas on our Ashreinu wall.

Beautifully engraved leaves with your personal message are available.

Contact the Synagogue office.

# DorWays: Families & Young Members

Melissa Berk, Program Coordinator



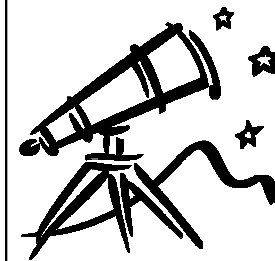
**DorWays is Shaare Zedek's group for young members and their families. Dor in Hebrew means generation and it is our hope that DorWays serves as an entryway for young members and their families into synagogue life at Shaare Zedek! We currently have forty member families, and many prospective families participating in our programs and enriching their lives and the lives around them.**

February promises to be full of family fun!

On Saturday February 6th, families from across the St. Louis Jewish Community will gather at the St. Louis Science Center for Havdalah, and activities! Come represent Shaare Zedek and be part of the magic! Doors open at 6:45PM! For more information or to RSVP contact Hazzan Joanna Dulkan at [hazzan@shaarezedek.org](mailto:hazzan@shaarezedek.org).

On Saturday the 27th, Erev Purim, join the entire Shaare Zedek Community at 6:30PM for Maariv and Havdalah, followed by a family friendly Purim Spiel, and a 7:15PM Costume Parade and Megillah Reading! Get a good night sleep because Sunday, February 29th is Purim!!! We will start Purim off at 8:00 AM with a Minyan and Megillah Reading, followed by the annual USY Purim Carnival from 12 noon – 3PM. This year's theme, The Wizard of Oz!

As always, remember to check your calendar for our regular Shabbat Service and activities including Tot Shabbat, Family Services, and *Shabbat is Here*, our parent/baby Friday morning class!



## WHERE WILL YOU COUNT THE STARS ON FEBRUARY 6?

Our sages taught that Shabbat ends when three stars can be counted in the evening sky. Even if the night is cloudy, the stars at the Planetarium will shine brightly.

HAVDALAH UNDER THE STARS • JAMES S. McDONNELL PLANETARIUM IN FOREST PARK  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM • HAVDALAH SERVICES AT 7:15 PM & 8:15 PM

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ACTIVITY BOOTHS FROM 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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Havdalah separates Shabbat from the work week, the holy from the mundane. Under twinkling stars and glowing planets, families will participate in Havdalah and enjoy related activities.

For more information, contact Hazzan Joanna Dulkan (314.727.1747), call CAJE (314.442.3760), or go to [www.cajestl.org](http://www.cajestl.org)

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HAVDALAH REGISTRATION FORM

## We Want to Count the Stars!

TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE (LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE - RESERVE EARLY), RETURN THIS FORM TO: HAVDALAH, CENTRAL AGENCY FOR JEWISH EDUCATION, 12 MILLSTONE CAMPUS DRIVE, ST. LOUIS, MO 63146 OR REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.CAJESTL.ORG](http://WWW.CAJESTL.ORG) (SEARCH KEY - HAVDALAH) BY JANUARY 27.

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 WE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING HAVDALAH & STAR SHOW:  7:15 + 7:45 p.m.  8:15 + 8:45 p.m.  
 TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ (please make checks payable to CAJE)

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# Everyone Has A Story

By Sima Needleman

## The Story of Irene Belsky

Irene Belsky's father, Harry Chervitz, and his first wife emigrated from the Ukraine to the United States and lived in Omaha, Nebraska where his wife's relatives lived. When his wife died during childbirth at a young age, Harry moved to St. Louis to be near his family. Not long after arriving, Harry became re-acquainted with his first cousin, Bluma Chervitz (the daughter of his father's brother), and the two fell in love and got married. (It should be noted that Irene's maternal grandfather was the Reb Yehuda Lieb Chervitz, who was not only a rabbi and Torah scribe but also a *shochet*, a cantor, and the one who blew the *shofar*.)

Irene, who was born on August 31, 1927, was their first child. Since it was during the Depression and jobs were scarce, Harry and Bluma moved, when Irene was 11 months old, to Chicago (where another part of their extended family lived), thinking the job market might be better there. Although Irene's father was a "natural-born" teacher and had taught Hebrew School in Russia, he found employment in a laundry in Chicago. He and Bluma didn't have much money, but when they learned that a brother of Harry's in Russia was really struggling financially, Bluma said, "We have to help him." As a result, Irene's parents sent her uncle one third of Harry's wages for two years.

Irene's mother was not only a kind and compassionate person, but she was an articulate speaker. She was well-read and always carried a little notebook with her so that she could write down any unfamiliar words to look up in the dictionary. In 1931, Irene's sister, Annabelle, was born. Annabelle was very bright, and Irene was always proud of her. As they grew up, they looked so much alike that people sometimes mistook one for the other. In addition, they were about the same size and found themselves trading clothes from time-to-time.

In Chicago, Irene went to public elementary school, and after school, she attended Hebrew School, which she genuinely loved! During those years, Irene began thinking about her future and was torn between becoming a teacher and being a nurse.

Family always played an important role in the lives of Irene, Annabelle and their parents. Unfortunately, Irene's paternal grandparents died before she was born, but her mother's parents were a very significant part of her life. In fact, besides her parents, her maternal grandmother, "a truly righteous person," (more than anyone) influenced the person Irene has become.

When Irene was 11 years old, her parents moved the family back to St. Louis to be near her mother's relatives. At first, Irene's family lived with her grandparents in a very crowded apartment. But, after her father bought a newspaper route, Irene's family moved to their own flat. Over the years, Irene and her sister spent a lot of time playing and going out with their cousins. The whole family belonged to *Bais Yisrael* Congregation, which was named after Irene's great-grandfather, Yakov Yisrael. Irene remembers sitting with the women upstairs in the balcony and looking down at her father and her uncle singing in her *zadda's* choir.

In addition to spending time with the family during her pre-teen years, Irene went to Emerson Elementary School through the 8th grade, went to parties and to the movies, attended Achad Ha'Am Hebrew School, and filled any free moments she had reading, a pastime which she loved. Irene had many friends, one of whom was Jackie Berger (Liepzinger) with whom she has maintained a friendship over the years.

Although Irene was a quiet child (who didn't really come "out of her shell" until she went to Nursing School), she remembers one time when she asserted herself in Hebrew school



(when she was about 12 years old) in the defense of a classmate who had a learning disability, (like a "dysfunctional synapse" that caused a delay in her ability to verbally express what she had read). Instead of being sympathetic, the girl's teacher laughed at her, and Irene became irate. (She was reminded of a boy with a similar problem in her Chicago school; but there, the teacher was patient and always gave the boy extra time.) One day, Irene got so furious that she blurted out to the teacher "I don't think you should laugh at her." Instead of getting into trouble, Irene was actually asked to talk to each teacher in the school about the incident and explain what she had said and why. As a result, the teachers treated the girl differently and her situation improved.

Irene's Hebrew School training ended when she became a freshman at Soldan High School in 1941. There, she found that she liked Science and English courses more than any of the others. During her high school years, Irene and her long-time friend, Jackie, were members (along with many of Irene's other friends from University City and Soldan) of a social club called Gamma Phi Beta, which the girls referred to as a "sorority." In the summer, Irene found ways to earn money. For example, she baby-sat and worked part-time in the Stix Baer and Fuller Department Store. In addition, she did some traveling. The summer before her sophomore year (when she was just 14), she went by bus to see her relatives in Chicago,

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and when she was 17 and graduated from Soldan in 1945, she traveled to Detroit by train to visit her cousins (as a graduation gift from her parents).

By this time, she had ruled out becoming a teacher and had begun exploring and comparing various schools of nursing. She liked the Jewish Hospital School's three-year program the best; but, before enrolling, she consulted her cousin, Dr. Abe Margulis, who was a pediatrician. When he said that Jewish Hospital had an excellent nursing school, Irene enrolled as a full-time student in the fall of 1945, and she joined the U.S. Nursing Corps, which not only paid her tuition in exchange for her commitment to serve in the armed services but also provided a stipend.

Irene went to school six days a week, and had a hard schedule, but she thoroughly enjoyed her years of training. Nursing students then were required to stay in the School's dormitory, which Irene realizes was good for her because she became more independent. Irene graduated in 1948 with an RN degree and then took the State Boards. The financial help she had received from the Nursing Corps was just wonderful in itself, but even more remarkable was that World War II had ended, but her agreement to serve in the army was forgiven without a loss of her tuition or stipend.

Soon after she graduated from Nursing School, while Irene was at a dance with a date she met Morris (Morrie) Belsky, who had also come to the dance with a date. Irene and Morrie enjoyed talking to each other, but Irene thought he was practically engaged and didn't expect to hear from him again. However, a few days later Morrie called her and asked her out. At the time, she didn't even know his last name but was embarrassed to ask him. Instead she asked, "How do you 'spell' your last name?" His answer didn't help. He said, "Oh don't worry. It's with a 'y' (Jewish spelling) not an 'i' (Polish spelling). Irene soon learned his last name and began dating Morrie. She learned that his college education had been interrupted when he was drafted and served in the U.S. Army for 2 ½ years. After he was discharged, though, he returned to St. Louis University, but he found that he couldn't concentrate. Consequently,

he left school and got a job as a bookkeeper, a choice that bothered Irene, who told Morrie she thought he shouldn't put off getting an education. His reply was that if she would marry him in August, he'd go back to school in September. Irene agreed, and they got married on August 21, 1949. As promised, Morrie entered Washington University's night school in September and worked at his bookkeeping job during the daytime. (It took him 5 years to get his bachelor's degree, but he wanted to feel that he was earning his own way.)

In the early years of their marriage, Irene and Morrie lived in a series of three apartments as their family grew. Rhona, was born in 1951. Howard came next in 1953, followed in 1954 by Jonathan. In 1956, Irene and Morrie bought their first house on Crixdale in University City, where they lived for 16 years and where they completed their family with Barbara in 1958 and Gary in 1961.

In 1957, Morrie wanted to teach high school history, but at the time, there were no positions available. Because Irene was then pregnant with Barbara, Morrie went to the St. Louis Board of Education and they certified him to teach on the basis of his bachelor's degree, but they said he would still have to return to school to take education courses, which Morrie agreed to do. He then applied for teaching positions in St. Louis County and accepted the offer made by Ritenour Elementary School to teach the 6th grade, a move which turned out to be a very good one because Morrie worked at Ritenour for 26 years.

Meanwhile, Irene, whose career centered around obstetrical nursing, worked primarily at Jewish Hospital with two short breaks: one, at St. Mary's Hospital (also in Obstetrics); and the other, with the Grossberg family, helping them prepare for the opening of their first Delmar Gardens Nursing Home. At Jewish Hospital, Irene worked full-time on the maternity floor after she and Morrie got married until she became pregnant with Rhona in 1950. For the next 10 years until her youngest child Gary was 1½ years old, she worked part-time, then resumed her full-time schedule. Over the years she went from a staff nurse in each of the

maternity divisions - - labor and delivery; post-partum; and nursery - - to head nurse in postpartum for one year and then head nurse in labor and delivery.

In 1965, a wonderful professional opportunity opened for Irene at the hospital when the medical director of Obstetrics, Dr. David Rothman wanted to offer classes in Natural Childbirth to pregnant patients. Irene was recommended to teach those classes by the Nursing Supervisor, Marie Kuppinger, who worked with Irene to design a 7-week course for expectant couples. Irene soon began teaching the course in the School of Nursing in the evenings. Those classes were such a big success that before long other courses were offered - - one for postpartum patients (which included the care of newborns, bathing the baby, breastfeeding encouragement and assistance); and later, a brush-up course for grandparents. Irene was the inaugural instructor in each but in time she taught other nurses how to conduct the classes. Her own daughter, Rhona, even got permission to teach the classes when she demonstrated that she was proficient in doing so after repeatedly observing her mother. It didn't take Rhona long to decide that she didn't want to be a paraprofessional. She soon enrolled in Forest Park Community College and obtained her RN degree (when she was in her late 30's and the mother of 4 children). It's also interesting to note that Irene's younger daughter, Barbara, who went to Northwestern University majoring in Special Education (for 3 years), surprised Irene by changing her major and graduated with a B.S. in Nursing!

Not only did Irene teach courses; she went back to school, herself, to take classes at St. Louis University and Washington University with thoughts of eventually getting a bachelor's and master's degree, but her busy personal and professional life got in the way of her ambitions. She eventually retired from Jewish Hospital in 1983.

However, in 1972, while Irene was still working at the hospital, she and Morrie moved into a new home, which was on Aldan Drive in Olivette (where they lived

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## Adult Education

Sydney Farber

It is now Adar, אדר, the twelfth month of the Hebrew calendar. It is a winter month, that typically has 29 days though, in a leap year (has intercalary months), it is preceded by a 30-day month named Adar Aleph, Adar Rishon (First Adar), or Adar I, and it is then itself called Adar Bet, Adar Sheni (Second Adar) or Adar II. Occasionally instead of Adar I and Adar II, "Adar" and "Ve'Adar" are used. Adar I and II occur during February–March (on the Gregorian calendar).

We all know that Purim occurs in Adar but here are some more specifics:

- 13 Adar (II in leap years) - Fast of Esther [on 11 Adar when the 13th falls on Shabbat - (Fast Day)]
- 14 Adar (II in leap years) - Purim
- 14 Adar I (does not exist in non-leap years) - Purim Katan
- 15 Adar (II in leap years) - Shushan Purim - celebration of Purim in walled cities existing during the time of Joshua

And although this is out-of-order, did you know this important fact:

- 7 Adar (1393 and 1273 BCE) - Moses was born in Egypt on the 7th of Adar of the Hebrew year 2368 (1393 BCE) and is said to have died on his 120th birthday, Adar 7, 2488 (1273 BCE).

And now for some Adult Ed happenings in February:

•Rabbi Fasman's Tuesday evening class (Jewish Space) started back up in January and continues on February 2, 9, 16, & 23. The third section (Jewish Prayer) will begin after Pesach (Passover) - details on this in April.

•Rabbi Ryan Dulkan's Shabbat class continues on February 13th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. The text that he's focusing on is Neil Gillman's Encountering God in Jewish Theology. Though it's suggested that you read the book, there will be handouts at each class.

•Ivrit with Dorit: This beginners class is on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 am. So if you've been wanting to learn to read Hebrew, now's your chance. There is no cost to Shaare Zedek members; materials are provided for you. Get more details on this from Dorit (dorit\_g@sbcglobal.net).

Upcoming events include a Passover workshop with Jennifer Rogers Asher in March. You won't want to miss this. Details forthcoming in the March newsletter.

And as always, if you'd like to do a haftarah, please let me know (Kitty1106@aol.com) or leave a note for me in the office.



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

### Join us for any or all of the exciting projects this year!

- \* Be a host family, creating special musical Shabbat celebrations in your home.
- \* Become a "Niggun of the Month club" member
- \* Join our monthly Havdalah Drum Circles (Really Cool)
- \* Shabbat afternoon Zemirot (Singing and Schnapps)
- \* Find serenity with Shabbat morning Chanting & Meditation
- \* Sing with an intergenerational choir
- \* Rabbi Fasman is gathering individuals to lead our first Shaare Zedek brass ensemble! If you play the trumpet, trombone, tuba or any other brass instrument, we want you to join us!

### FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

**Intergenerational Choir Rehearsals**  
Sunday Mornings 11:30am– 12:30pm  
at BSKI (1107 E. Linden,  
in Richmond Heights)

**Ruach Am'cha Meditation Service**  
Saturday, Feb 13, 9:30am – 10:30am  
Mirowitz Auditorium (SZ lower level)

**Ruach Am'cha Zmirot**  
Saturday, Feb 13, 12:00pm – 1:30pm  
SZ Foyer (just outside kiddush)

**Mincha/Maariv Drum Circle**  
Saturday, February 13, 6:15pm  
Mirowitz Auditorium (SZ lower level)

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

## Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer & Tessa Katan

During cold winter months often because children cannot get outside to run and play, their ability to focus on learning diminishes. Brain activity is stimulated by movement that translates into active learning. Action Based Learning has moved to the forefront of education not only in the early years but throughout school age to adulthood.

Action Based Learning encourages and incorporates movement throughout the day to increase learning. Brain research findings support the belief that early motor development, intentional movement, and increased physical action translates to improved cognition.

Sarah Anne Patz, our movement specialist, has implemented developmentally appropriate motor activities in her movement classes for the past fifteen years. The children eagerly await her class and emerge enthusiastic

Sarah Anne has a B.A. degree in dance from Washington University, a M.A. degree from Lesley University, Boston in Body Therapies and most recently a Certificate in Authentic Movement.

The children are asked to create shapes with their bodies such as:

Round, flat, low, wide, narrow, pointed or challenged to move at high level, mid level or low level.



For more information about Active Learning go to [www.movingandlearning.com](http://www.movingandlearning.com)



## Shaare Shalom

Michael Raileanu, Education Director

Someone recently said to me that Purim and Passover are coming really early this year. I laughed because I know that I used to say that myself. It has taken me years to change my perspective. The Jewish holidays come at the same time every year. They come on their proper day on the Jewish calendar. We would never say, "Boy, the Fourth of July is coming early this year." It is a question of perspective and I am as guilty as anyone as looking at it with my American glasses on.

Kids look to us for leadership in all things Jewish. We need to look at the calendar with Jewish glasses. We need to look at Saturday as the last day of the week, and Sunday the first. We need to talk about the New Year (Rosh Hashanah), the New Year (Tu B'shvat), and the New Year (Passover) with the same kind of enthusiasm we look to the New Year (January 1). It is not easy and certainly does not come naturally to us but it is a small thing that can help to make our homes more Jewish. We're in the depth of winter. It is cold outside. The ground is hard

and doesn't look too inviting but we are also just getting past Tu B'Shvat, the new year for the trees. This is a good time to talk to your kids about ecology, global warming, greening your home and deciding looking to the arrival of Purim just a few short weeks away. We can count the days until the pitchers and catchers report to spring training, and that's fine, but we can look with the same enthusiasm to the arrival of Esther, Mordecai, Haman and King Ahashuerus.

Furthermore, people like to have their beds point a certain direction or have windows in the dining room look out on a certain scene. As Jewish parents we also need to make sure that our kids know which wall in the house, or better yet which wall in their own bedroom, is the eastern wall. Helping them figure this out and mark it, will help to direct their everyday life towards Jerusalem. Do they have a mezuzah on the door of their bedroom? Do you have one on yours? If yes, good for you. Kiss it when going in, going out or both. If not, why not go to the synagogue

gift shop and help your child select a special one for their door. Purchase a kosher claf (piece of parchment) and make a point of working together to hang it up. You can also go on-line and purchase a mezuzah that your child can decorate, that will make the whole procedure even more personal.

There are small and important actions that we can all take, and with a little practice they can become second nature, that will make a huge difference in the lives of our children. We have the future of the Jewish people running around our homes, what are we doing every, single day to ensure that future?

Have a fun, funny, silly, goofy and meaningful Purim!

Michael S. Raileanu, M.A.Ed.

Director

Shaare Shalom Religious School



## CASTING CALL

**ALL Kosher Hams ages 10-110 report to the shul for the annual fabulous Shaare Zedek Purimspiel, performed on Saturday night, February 27, 2010!**

An original, brief, and hilarious show, written by our Hazzan, entitled... **The Wizard of Shnoz**

Rehearsals will take place on Sunday evenings, February 7, 14, 21, and Wednesday evening February 24, from 6:30-8pm.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Hazzan Dulkan at [Hazzan@shaarezedek.org](mailto:Hazzan@shaarezedek.org).

for the next 35 years). One day soon after their move, Morrie, at the age of 49, had a terrible accident. He and Irene had gone to a baseball batting-cage that was located on Old Olive Street Road to watch youngsters practicing, and Morrie, who was hit in the eye with a ball going 90 mph, lost that eye. Fortunately, his vision was good enough in his other eye for him to continue to teach and carry on his life. He took early retirement in 1984 and lived until December of 1995 when he died of complications of diabetes.

In the past, Irene and Morrie had been *shomar* Shabbat and members of Nusach Hari for almost 50 years. Their membership came to an end when their granddaughter, Elianna (Rhona and Myron Yolkut's daughter) entered Rabbinical School and eventually became an ordained Conservative Rabbi, who today serves as an assistant rabbi in Valley Village, CA. Since a female rabbi is inconsistent with Orthodox Judaism, Nusach Hari asked Myron to step down as *Ba'al Koreh* and high holiday *hazzan*. When that happened, the entire Belsky family resigned from the *shul* and became members of Shaare Zedek. And as Irene said, "Out of something bad, something good happens." That was the best thing that happened to me. When I joined SZ, I knew I had done the right thing. People were very friendly, and I just felt at home right from the start."

Today, Irene, who has 5 children, 7 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with one more on the way, is actively involved in Shaare Zedek where she serves on both the Board of the Sisterhood and the Board of the *shul*; chairs SZ's 60+ Program, and attends the Rabbi's classes. In addition, she is an avid reader, travels a great deal to visit her children and goes out with her friends. Irene has (and has had) an active and full life and feels very blessed.

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A special luncheon will be held in his honor on  
Sunday, March 7th at Shaare Zedek, 1pm - \$15 per person  
Call the SZ office for reservations: 314-727-1747



## It's Time for Mishloach Manot

Celebrate Purim with beautiful Shalach Manot bags filled with gifts and traditional and tasty holiday treats. Every Shaare Zedek member family will receive one so that we may all celebrate together. You can participate in this Mitzvah of giving Mishloach Manot to Shaare Zedek families and others by adding your name to the Purim greeting scrolls that will accompany every bag.

**PLATINUM GREETINGS:** For \$1000, your name is written on EVERY scroll, PLUS you get to send 10 non-member bags for free!

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**GOLD GREETINGS:** For \$118, your name is written on EVERY scroll!

**SILVER GREETINGS:** For \$54, your name is written on scrolls of 10 members of your choice!

Send a bag with your name on it to a Shaare Zedek member for \$9!

Send a bag with your name on it to a non-member for \$18 (plus shipping for out-of-towners)



 Please help us load & deliver bags on Sunday,  
February 21st at noon. It's "loads" of fun!

YES, I want to send Purim greetings as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 PLATINUM GREETINGS \_\_\_\_\_ \$118 GOLD GREETINGS  
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(Use back of paper to list names of recipients & addresses of non-members)

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_ I can help deliver packages \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Shaare Zedek Synagogue - Orders must be received by February 10, 2010.  
Mail to: Shaare Zedek, 829 N. Hanley Rd. 63150, Phone: 314-727-1747, or Fax: 314-727-0080



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Julie Friedman, Project Coordinator



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## SAMUEL FRANK CHESED FUND

### IN HONOR OF

Carol Adler's Speedy Recovery  
Rhoda Grimsky  
Marty & Marilyn Warren  
Linda & Ken Wallace  
Daniel Birenbaum's Wedding  
Ann Frank  
Sima Needleman's Special Birthday  
Ann Frank  
Sherri Weintrop – Happy Hanukkah  
Kim, Jan, Monica, Renauta & Martin  
Harry Baker's 100th Birthday  
Lillian Spector  
Rabbi Fasman's "Under 15 Minute" Sermon  
Sherri Weintrop  
Alex Zvibleman's Bar Mitzvah  
Sherri Weintrop

Ariel Miller's Bat Mitzvah  
Sherri Weintrop  
Gary Kodner and Peggy Nehmen  
Rabbi Mark and Alice Fasman

### IN MEMORY OF

Melvin Ashkanazi  
Sandy Taryle  
Don, Betty & Lori Siegel  
Suzie Broddon  
Barbara Bianco  
Ann Frank  
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### IN HONOR OF

Sidney Rosen's 93rd Birthday  
Vicki Rosen  
Sylvia Rosen's 92nd Birthday  
Vicki Rosen

### IN MEMORY OF

Mel Ashkanazi  
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Mazel Tov on your Grant and Best Wishes on  
Ruach Amcha Program  
Helene & Alan Spetner

### IN MEMORY OF

Mel Ashkanazi  
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### IN HONOR OF

Sara Myers – Thanks for the cookies  
Rabbi Mark and Alice Fasman

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Barry Pessin – Happy Hanukkah  
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Rhoda Grimsky  
Sam Finbloom's 90th Birthday  
Fred & Cecile Spiegelman  
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Tov!  
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The 50th Anniversary of Alan Spetner's Bar  
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Ruben Epstein  
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### IN HONOR OF

Lois Richman's Special Birthday  
Charlotte Singman and Family  
Esther Zuckerman  
Sylvia Silver's new Granddaughter  
Esther Zuckerman  
Sam Rubin's Bar Mitzvah  
Esther Zuckerman  
Dovran Olshan's Bar Mitzvah  
Esther Zuckerman  
Daniel Birenbaum's Marriage  
Esther Zuckerman  
Zendra Ashkanazi's Daughter, Judy, receiving  
research grant

Esther Zuckerman  
Zendra Ashkanazi's grandson, Gabriel,  
graduating Magna Cum Laude  
Esther Zuckerman  
Goldye Stupp's new Great Granddaughter  
Charlotte Singman  
Barry Zuckerman's Speedy Recovery  
Evelyn Schultz  
Charlotte Singman & Family  
Cindy Schultz's Speedy Recovery  
Charlotte Singman & Family

### IN MEMORY OF

Melvin Ashkanazi  
Charlotte Singman and Family  
Esther Zuckerman  
Ruth Goldberg  
Charlotte Singman

## HERMAN SHANKER EDUCATION FUND

### IN MEMORY OF

Faith Ellis  
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## SIDDURIM

### IN MEMORY OF

Melvin Ashkanazi  
Sima & Phil Needleman

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### IN HONOR OF

David Geller's Birthday  
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### IN MEMORY OF

Melvin Ashkanazi  
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## ANNA BORNSTEIN SCHWARTZ FUND

### IN HONOR OF

Carol Adler's Speedy Recovery  
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### IN HONOR OF

Kathi Rosenberg's Birthday  
Micki Kingsley

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# Yahrzeits



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# Condolences

## CORRECTION to Melvin Ashkanazi condolence:

The family of **Melvin Ashkanazi** who passed away on December 5th. Husband of Zandra Ashkanazi, father of Shelah Feldman and Judy (Lori Helmstetter) Reaven; grandfather of Margaret (Doug) Warman, Naomi, Gabriel, Meir and Shayna Feldman and Nate, Daria & Elliot Reaven and Erik Helmstetter.

The family of **Irv Rainey** who passed away on December 8th. Father of Dennis (Laura) Rainey and grandfather of Amanda, Nicole, Delia and Hannah Rainey.

The family of **Evelyn Burke** who passed away on December 12th. Mother of Gerard (Golda) Burke, grandmother of Daniel, Melinda, Brigit and Alyssa Burke.

The family of **Joel Wexelman** who passed away on December 15th. Husband of Randi Mozenter and father of Zachary and Addy Wexelman.

## David Iken Memorial Fund

### IN HONOR OF

- Sylvia Rosen's birthday
- Martin & Barbara Becker
- Ann Frank's daughter Sherri Weintrop's 50th birthday
- Sidney & Sylvia Rose
- Anniversary of Rudy & Frances Oppenheim
- Micki Kingsley
- Sidney & Sylvia Rosen
- Anniversary of Craig & Liz Redler
- Micki Kingsley
- Complete recovery of Carol Adler
- Martin & Barbara Becker
- Rudy & Frances Oppenheim
- Micki Kingsley's being nice & considerate
- Sidney & Sylvia Rosen

### IN MEMORY OF

- Mel Ashkanazi
- Rudy & Frances Oppenheim
- Martin & Barbara Becker
- Audrey Berns

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

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**Shaare Zedek Calendar February 2010 Sh'vat/Adar 5770**

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

**Monday, February 1**

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

**Tuesday, February 2**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class  
7:15pm Class-Jewish Space w/  
Rabbi Fasman

**Wednesday, February 3**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm

**Thursday, February 4**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm  
6:45pm Ritual Niggunim

**Friday, February 5**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm  
5:09pm Candle lighting  
6:00pm Rinah Band

**Saturday, February 6**

Parashat Yitro  
Cameron Redler B/M  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
11:00am Tot Shabbat  
4:35pm Mincha  
6:11pm pm\_Shabbat ends

**Sunday, February 7**

8:00am Minyan 6 pm  
10:00am Sisterhood Meeting  
11:30am Intergenerational Choir  
Rehearsal

**Monday, February 8**

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

**Tuesday, February 9**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class  
11:30am JCRC Meeting  
7:15pm Class-Jewish Space

**Wednesday, February 10**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm

**Thursday, February 11**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm  
9:00am ECC ZOO  
7:00pm Exec Board

**Friday, February 12**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm  
10:30am Shabbat is Here  
5:17pm Candle lighting  
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service

**Saturday, February 13**

Parashat Mishpatim  
Shabbat Shekalim  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
9:30am Ruach Am'cha Chaning  
10:00am Rabbi Dulkan's Class  
10:45am Family Service  
12:00pm Ruach Am'cha Zmirot  
4:45pm Mincha  
5:30pm Havdalah Drum Circle  
6:19pm pm\_Shabbat ends  
7:00pm Havdalah Drum Circle

**Sunday, February 14**

Rosh Chodesh Adar  
8:00am Minyan 6 pm  
9:30am Men's Club Meeting

**Monday, February 15**

Minyan 6:45 am & 6 pm  
Rosh Chodesh Adar  
9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class

**Tuesday, February 16**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm  
7:15pm Class-Jewish Space  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class

**Wednesday, February 17**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm

**Thursday, February 18**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm  
12:00pm 60+ Luncheon  
@ Shaare Zedek

**Friday, February 19**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm  
10:30am Shabbat is Here  
5:25pm Candle lighting  
6:00pm Rinah Band

**Saturday, February 20**

Parashat Terumah  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
10:45am Noar Parsha Players/  
Youth Lounge  
11:00am Tot Shabbat  
4:50pm Mincha  
6:00pm Shaare Shalom Shabbaton  
6:26pm pm\_Shabbat ends

**Sunday, February 21**

8:00am Minyan 6pm  
11:30am Intergenerational Choir  
Rehearsal

**Monday, February 22**

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

**Tuesday, February 23**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm  
8:00am Herb Fredman Class  
7:15pm Class-Jewish Space

**Wednesday, February 24**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm

**Thursday, February 25**

Minyan 7am/12:45pm & 6 pm  
Ta'anit Esther

**Friday, February 26**

Minyan 7am & 6 pm  
10:30am Shabbat is Here  
5:32pm Candle lighting  
6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service

**Saturday, February 27**

Parashat Tezaveh  
Shabbat Zachor  
9:00am Shabbat Service  
10:45am Family Service  
5:00pm Mincha  
6:34pm pm\_Shabbat ends  
Purim

**Sunday, February 28**

Purim  
6:45pm Purimspiel  
7:15pm Megillah Reading  
8:00am Minyan 6 pm  
8:00am Megillah Reading  
12:00-3pm USY PURIM Carnival