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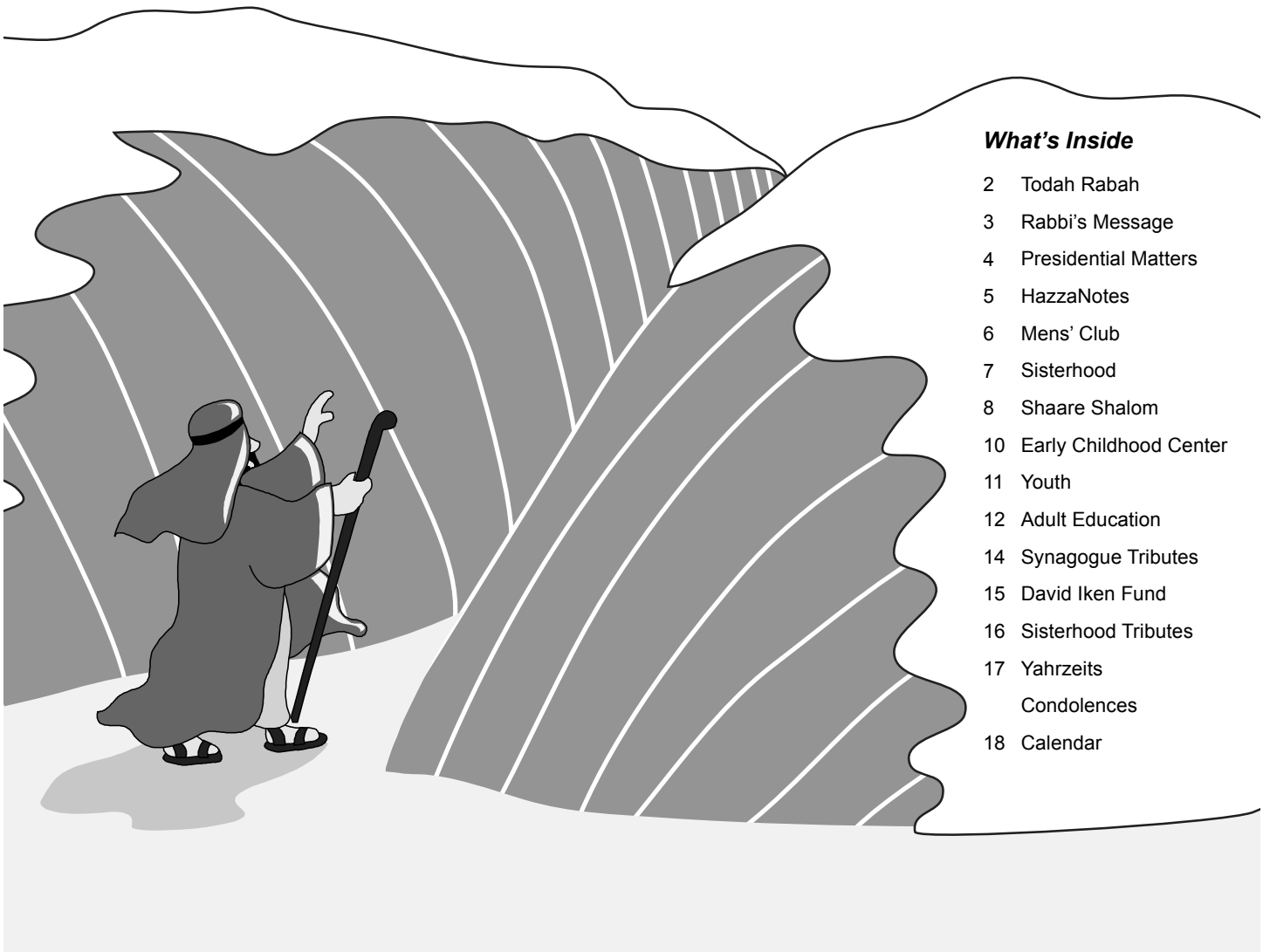
Pesach Service Schedule

1st Day, Thursday, April 9th 9:00am

2nd Day, Friday, April 10th 9:00am

7th Day, Wednesday, April 15th 9:00am

8th Day, Thursday, April 16th 9:00am



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Todah Rabah!

Haftarot for March

Wendy Love Anderson, Mitch Shenker, Stephen Keyser, Daniel Israeli

Greeters for March

Betul Ozmat, Susan Fleminger, Elena Aschkenasi, Steve Kayman, Rhiannon Kaye, Sherry Kaplan

Kiddushes for March

Adult Education Committee, Men's Club, The Abrams, Frank and Weintrop Families, Shmuel & Deb Israeli

Minyan Breakfast Sponsors

Sherry Weintrop, Sig Adler, Micki Kingsley, Jerry Cohen

Mazal Tov!

Anniversaries in March

Eugene & Eleanor Goldstein
Marvin & Phyllis Kalmes
Lester & Pearl Oppenheim
Stuart & Kathi Rosenberg
Donn & Beth Rubin
Sam & Barbara Rubinson
Edward & Trina Schukar

If you are interested in reading Haftara for the shul, please contact

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Thank You

To all our friends at Shaare Zedek who have raved over the musical ability of our daughter, Golda Burke. That's one of her many talents.

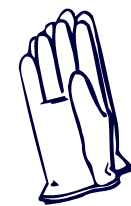
Sincerely,
Stan and Ruth Levy



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



Where was God during the Shoah? I get this question in some form at least once a week. It isn't a simple question. After all, the core event of Jewish memory is the Exodus. God intervened in nature and in history in order to redeem the Children of Israel from slavery in Egypt. The "hand of God" is one of the great images of this narrative – "with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm" God freed us from our bitter degradation. Our Seder is filled with God's role in the Exodus (Moses is virtually absent from the text of the Haggadah).

So if God redeemed us from slavery, and if *yetziat mitzrayim* is the central reason that we owe God our loyalty, so *nu?* Where was God while a million-and-a-half Jewish children went up in smoke?

There are many answers to this question, none of which is truly satisfactory. They range from "God punished each of the six million for the sins of their grandparents" to "there is no God." Even a thoughtful answer, such as "God does not interfere with our freedom of choice," is hardly satisfying when facing personal or national tragedy.

God's Presence is part of the great Jewish narrative.

Hester panim – "hiding of (God's) face" is also part of our narrative. At the center of the Purim story is Esther,

a name that means "I will hide." Megillat Esther is the only book of the Hebrew Bible in which God's Name does not appear. The Megillah tells a story about a Jewish community living outside of the Land of Israel, a community that has to save itself without relying on God's intervention. In the Purim narrative, God is apparently absent.

Pesach may be the foundational narrative of the Jewish People, but Purim better reflects

what it means to be Jewish. We cannot count on a God who manipulates history and who oversees and responds to each of our actions is precisely what we need to truly take responsibility for our own behavior. At Purim, God's absence is empowering.

That is what I hope will be the consequence of my own absence from Shaare Zedek during the coming four months. Sabbatical has its basis in Torah. Just as human beings need one day in seven to reflect and relax and recharge in order to give meaning to the other six days, so too, the earth needs one year in seven to lie fallow in order that it will be more productive in the other six years.

I am not going to be gone for a year. Just four months. I am anticipating that these months will be a time for me to reflect and relax and recharge. I do not know yet precisely what I will be doing or where I will be during my leave, but it is important for me maintain distance (even when I am in St. Louis) ... that is why it is called "leave."

I have learned that Shabbat "works" when I am very careful in guarding its boundaries, when my behavior is qualitatively different for those twenty-five hours. There have been many times in which I have wanted to do things that are not permitted on Shabbat – but it is my commitment to doing Shabbat on its own terms that makes those twenty-five hours so powerful and special to me.

With that in mind, I plan to invest a lot of energy in guarding the boundaries of my sabbatical leave. I love this congregation. I don't want to be away from you. But for sabbatical to work as it is meant to work, I need to be away.

At the same time, I hope that my sabbatical will be good for the congregation. Just as God's hiddenness in the events of Purim

caused Mordecai and Esther to sit up and take leadership in the community, I hope that my absence will empower many of you to do things that you might have otherwise left to me. Too often in the Conservative Jewish community there is an attitude that the rabbi and hazzan should do serious Judaism on behalf of the congregation. But of course, that is not what it means to be Jewish. Everyone should engage seriously with Torah. Everyone should make a serious commitment to living Jewishly – Shabbat and kashrut and Jewish learning and *gemilut chasadim* (acts of loving-kindness) and *bikur cholim* (visiting the sick) and *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests) and so many other expressions of serious and joyous Jewish behaviors are not the exclusive province of Jewish professionals.

When the rabbi left Fargo in 1985, it forced many of us to step up to do the work of the congregation, work that we had formerly left for the rabbi to do. I liked that rabbi, but he gave me his greatest gift by leaving – forcing me to learn to do things that I had never done before.

I am not leaving. But I will be on leave. And I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity. Give a D'var Torah. Come to daily services (my 10% needs to be replaced). Learn to lead Psukei D'Zimra or Shacharit or Mincha or Ma'ariv. Visit the sick. Get involved with the Chesed Committee. Reach out to potential new members of our congregation. Own the congregation. Own your Judaism. More.

I will miss you. I hope that you will miss me. I may be "hidden" in the coming months. But that does not mean that I will stop caring, that I will stop rejoicing with you, that I will stop grieving with you, that I will stop *shepping nachas* from you.

See you in August.

Presidential Matters

Gary Kodner

What is KERUV?

The Hebrew word KERUV means “to bring close.” KERUV is a program that can improve and organize a synagogue’s efforts to reach out to intermarried couples, to couples and families in which both spouses are Jewish but their in-laws and other relatives are of another religion, or to Jews who are marginally affiliated or not affiliated with a Synagogue or any part of the Jewish community.

The goal of KERUV, as articulated by the Leadership Council of Conservative Judaism, is the strengthening of Jewish identity among Jews, and affiliation with the Jewish community leading to the establishment of a Jewish home and family in which Judaism is the only religious tradition that is practiced. The target population for KERUV should include Jews and their non-Jewish significant others, together with unaffiliated couples, and people in search of their Jewish roots.

Many Conservative Jews, who grow up and are educated as Jews tend to drift, turn away or just feel no longer welcomed after they marry outside the religion.

Initiating a KERUV programming is by no means an endorsement of intermarriage. Those of us with children must continue the expectation that our children will grow up to be practicing Jews. Observing Shabbat and Jewish holidays at home, affiliating with a synagogue, giving children a Jewish education, attending a Jewish camp, participating in Kadima/USY, Birthright trips, gap year spent in Israel, and attending a college with an active Jewish student body all increase the likelihood our kids will marry someone Jewish. Even these efforts are no assurance our children will marry someone Jewish.

Statistics show that a growing number of our children our marrying outside the Jewish

faith. The question is do our synagogues and the policies that govern them serve to reject intermarried couples are welcome them? By starting a KERUV program, we will be in a better position to support intermarried couples.

There has been a gradual evolution in the decisions of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards that began with an attempt to discourage intermarriage (1963), then allowed non-Jews to sit together with their Jewish families on the High Holidays, and moved to a subtle acceptance of these non-Jews in many phases of synagogue life. This trend is also paralleled, though in a somewhat different fashion, in the materials published by the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. These powerful changes in both instances document the institutions’ efforts to reflect the realities of the community. The lay leadership of the congregations can further this evolution by rethinking how they account for families with intermarried adults in the membership rolls. Currently most Conservative synagogues in North America restrict their membership to Jews. Synagogue membership policies reflect a 1950’s culture, i.e. in order to be a member of a synagogue one must be Jewish.

KERUV programs also begin to resolve a demographic problem. The national Jewish population survey of 2000-2001 reports approximately 46% of currently married couples are intermarried couples. These numbers lead us to the assumption that intermarriage is here to stay. Two researchers, Antony Gordon and Richard Horowitz, in an article “Will Your Grandchildren Be Jewish?” used this data and the fertility rate of Jews to predict the



number of Jews in the future. They predict that in three generations there will be a 75% decrease in Conservative Jews.

Perhaps the best reason for promoting KERUV is quite simply that Judaism teaches us to respect people of other faiths. Respecting non-Jewish spouses is not only acting in

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accordance with the Jewish tenet that all people are created in the image of God, it also holds out the greatest chance that Jews and non-Jews in interfaith marriages will want to come close to us and to the Jewish tradition. If we are open and respectful, the possibility that some of the non-Jewish spouses will choose to become Jews increases. After all, most conversions occur within the first ten years of marriage, not before marriage.

The challenge facing us is: How do we create the appropriate atmosphere, which will attract and retain these families to Conservative Judaism and still retain our commitment to Halachic Judaism? Effective Jewish outreach can grow the ranks of our Conservative Jewish community, if not slow the pace of decline. By enabling non-Jewish family members to participate and join in Jewish communal activities, they will ultimately come to identify with the life and culture of the Jewish people, resulting in Jewish inclusion and growth.

HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan



As Pesach approaches, we fill with excitement, anxiety, anticipation, maybe dread – you fill in the blank. The flurry of activity can feel overwhelming, even if you are not hosting any of the seders nor overhauling your kitchen. The aisles of Schnucks have been carrying Passover food since the week before Purim, and by now the shelves have been picked over, as if people were preparing to go underground for a week with nothing but canned Pesadike mandarin oranges, chocolate, gefilte fish and farfel. Oh, and eggs. Lots of eggs. While I can’t take away the anxiety of preparing your home, once again, I offer you the annual cornucopia of ideas for making this year’s seders new, different and interesting.

Have seder in the living room and the meal in the dining room. The seder is based on a Greek symposium, with people lying about on pillows drinking wine while leaning to the side. Questions and answers about the rituals, obligations and Big Ideas of the holiday buzzed across the room like honeybees, jumping from flower to flower. Set up your living room with pillows and comfortable places to lounge, and conduct the beginning of the seder (either until you begin to eat matzah or until you begin the meal). Then, have an “exodus” from the living room to the dining room to begin the feast.

Don’t be afraid to go “off book.” We are so married to our text, we Jews. We treat the

words of the Haggadah like a siddur, or Bible, which is ironic considering that the Haggadah in its entirety is a midrashic conversation between sages, and across the

generations. Seize the opportunity to create your own conversation around the topics or

illustrations in the Haggadah. Encourage your guests to share their personal experiences and knowledge, and their questions: that kind of conversation is exactly what a seder is supposed to be. Which brings me to the next suggestions:

Incentivize questions. There are far more questions that may arise in the seder other than the famous 4, but they all revolve around a theme: how is this night different? Go around the room and brainstorm together about all the ways Pesach is different from all other nights. I bet you could come up with 50 ways. One family I know would give a piece of candy to anyone who asked a question at the seder table. What about visibly altering the table landscape to provoke questions? This can be as simple as using a special tablecloth, scattering the table with plastic frogs, putting secret messages under people’s plates, or serving dessert first!

Use a different Haggadah. One great way to switch up your seder is to buy a different haggadah, or simply swap books with another family. So many have come out in recent years it is hard to catch up! However, many of the newer haggadot, with their beautiful illustrations, new and different interpretations and lots of ideas, are fantastic for use as they are, and take care of innovating your seder in and of themselves. Some suggestions I have: *A Different Night* (available at <http://haggadahrus.com> (no kidding), *A Night of Questions* (Reconstructionist Haggadah), and

Family Haggadah, both available at Amazon.com. Also, the Conservative movement has a great Haggadah called *The Feast of Freedom* which is available at uscj.org, click on “Publications,” then “Book Service” to order. Two more suggestions: the Ma’ayan Women’s

Haggadah, *The Journey Continues*, is a great resource for a more inclusive seder

- <http://www.mayan.org>. Finally, the Hillel (Jewish college campus organization) Haggadah called *On Wings of Freedom* is also recommended. Order at <http://www.ktav.com>. **A suggestion for the advanced seder leader: make your own seder book using many of the sources above, or your own ... or have everyone bring and use their own Haggadah! That way, each participant offers their own insights or readings or illustrations from their own book at any point in the seder.

Use props. The more hands-on, the better. Many of us now use the plague bags, with a tchotcke for each plague. One teacher of mine, Dr. Steve Brown, has a different, decorated painter’s cap for each part of the seder. For example, his “Karpas” hat had the plastic vegetables glued to the top, his “Rachatzta” (handwashing) hat was painted blue to look like water, and his “tzafun” (looking for the afikomen) hat was equipped with binoculars. At each point of the seder, he would switch hats to indicate what part we were on.

Hopefully, you will utilize one or more of these tips and tricks, to help enrich and enliven your seders this year. I wish everyone a *Zissen* Pesach.

Men's Club

Mitch Shenker, President



The Yellow Candle™ Program Branching Out and Reaching Out

The FJMC's Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle™ Program builds an awareness of the Holocaust and fosters observance of Yom HaShoah through the distribution of the candles and related programming. Since its inception in 1981, the program has grown in its scope and the impact it makes throughout our community. With the inclusion of the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism, United Synagogue Youth, and the Men of Reform Judaism, the program has expanded its reach by involving and touching so many others in connecting to the Shoah.

This year we are looking to reach out to unaffiliated Jews who by definition are also connected to the Shoah. It was their ancestors who perished, either directly and specifically, or by their broader association as a member of the Jewish people. Yet they have no easy way of expressing that connection. Hitler and the Nazis made no distinction between affiliated and nonaffiliated Jews. Why should we? All Jews have a stake in the Holocaust. It will be a Mitzvah to provide a vehicle for them to express that connection.

In addition to our traditional candles we now have available non-flaming candles (powered by mini batteries) that can bring the ability to connect to the Shoah to those who are not able to light flaming candles, e.g. colleges, nursing homes, hospitals, or while traveling. Information about these products is on the FJMC website at <http://www.yellowcandles.org/>

The Yellow Candle™ Program can further reach out to all people, encompassing a message of hope and meaning. National tragedies and genocides are still with us today, and have a long, sad history of afflicting many communities. As expressed by Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis of Valley Beth Shalom, Encino, CA, "Genocide is not private property. It is and it belongs to the public domain."

The mitzvah of Tikun Olam can be expressed through the Yellow Candle Program. As we memorialize our six million, so may we reach out to the world and their tragedies so that they may also know of our call to NEVER FORGET.

Who benefits from the Yellow Candle™ Program? The men's club, the synagogue, and the local community all do! The program provides the men's club a purpose with a significant project upon which to focus. The program benefits the Synagogue because it provides a vehicle that coordinates and unites the Synagogue through a common inter-age effort.

It benefits the communities by bringing the resources that men's clubs have at their disposal to aid and assist community observances. It also benefits the community by giving a deeper meaning to the Shoah and the impact it can have in fostering worldwide brotherhood.

The need for Holocaust study and observance, for both youth and adults, has never been stronger. The benefits of the program are significant. We hope that you will consider a donation when you receive your Yom HaShoah candle.

Mitch

Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley, President



It's that time of year again. Pesach begins with the first Seder on Wednesday evening, April 8th. Having put off the March meeting because of all the wonderful events and activities in the middle of the month, our April Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 12th, during chol ha-moed Pesach.

Speaking of Pesach, there is a definite lack of women mentioned in the Haggadah. Matter of fact, we only mention "Hadassah" (Esther) in one of the songs we sing on the second night. But, women were very important pieces of our Passover story. First the midwives Shifrah and Puach defied Pharaoh's orders to kill all the newborn male children of the Israelites. Yocheved, Moses' mother, nursed him and kept him hidden until it was no longer safe; and Miriam, his sister, was also responsible for saving his life by putting him in a basket of bulrushes in a body of water near the palace grounds, used by the women of the royal palace for bathing, so that a daughter of the Pharaoh had the basket with baby Moses pulled from the river. The princess enlisted Jocheved and Miriam in Moses' weaning and upbringing before he was returned to the royal palace. The Egyptian and Greek cultures, as well as the rabbis at the time, did not, at least publicly, promote or encourage the participation

of women in ritual observances or even in business or the public domain. But, in the Haggadah itself, we read: "Whoever tells about the story of the Exodus is deserving of praise." Today, many families have added a Miriam's Cup to their Seder table; women often lead the reading of the Haggadah; girl-children are included in the "Four Questions"; and, at least in our Conservative homes, women participate in all phases of the Seder customs and rituals, discussions and singing...after having prepared the ritual Seder plate, and a delicious holiday meal!

And, as Pesach is almost here, do you need a Seder hostess gift? Are you in the market for a new baby gift, a new home gift, a graduation gift, an engagement or wedding gift? or a thank you gift for out of town hospitality? I have just the place: Your Gift Shop, located in the lobby of your synagogue. Make it one of your mitzvot for April. Just think: it's convenient, and your support enables our Sisterhood to continue helping many worthy synagogue projects.

The Torah Fund luncheon was held last month. I thank our hard-working devoted Chairman, Ruth Levy, and her committee for their work throughout the campaign. Once again, we met the goal assigned to

us. And I appreciate the work of those who helped with the set up and to ensure that our palates were well taken care of. As a result of their efforts, we enjoyed a lovely get-together, a delicious meal and an Israeli travelogue, all for supporting this year's Torah Fund campaign for the benefit of the Conservative seminaries.

If you would like to volunteer for any committee or know more about what we do at Sisterhood so you can get involved, please call the office and they will let me know; or e-mail me at makingsley@gjn.com. That reminds me, if your e-mail has changed recently, or if you now have e-mail, please notify the office or Becky Shimony, who, as Membership Chairman, keeps track of all of this information.

The Shaare Zedek Sisterhood expresses our deep condolences to the family of our dear friend and Sisterhood member Ruth Rubin Katz, z"l, who passed away last month. Her smile and positive attitude will always be with us.

Chag Pesach Kasher v'sameach!

Micki Kingsley, President

Purim on Parade





Dear Parents,

When a child attends a Jewish summer camp they get a lifetime of rewards that cannot be measured. The friendships, the education and the memories provided by Jewish summer camping are in large part why I do what I do today. Now 20 years later the experiences are just as valuable and worthwhile. I very strongly encourage you to send your child to a Jewish summer camp throughout their elementary, middle and high school years. If you do not know of a good camp or cannot make up your mind, please feel free to call me in the office and I will sit down with you over a cup of coffee to discuss your options.

As a way of rewarding your children for your good decision I have a tradition that I started in previous Religious School Directorships that I am going to continue now as a part of the Shaare Shalom community: simply provide me with your child's name, the name and address of the camp and the dates your child will be attending and I will write them a personal letter while they are away. We all know how important it is to receive mail while away at camp, no matter the source. Furthermore, if your child writes back to me they will receive a special gift and if they bring in our correspondence at the beginning of the next school year, they will receive a further gift.

I look forward to corresponding with your child and to hearing about the great times being had at Jewish Summer Camps.

B'shalom,

Michael Raileanu, M.A.Ed.

Director

Shaare Shalom Religious School

Name(s) and Age(s) _____

Camp name and address _____

Dates your child(ren) will be attending summer camp _____

Thanks to all of the cast, crew and staff who helped make our Shaare Zedek Purimspiel "Shushan Idol" a success:

- Alyssa Burke
- Rico Crane
- Edan Goldfarb
- Leor Goldfarb
- Nancy Greene
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- Olivia Redler
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- Batyah Selis
- Ben Sheinbein



Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer & Tessa Katan



Ari Perryman Making a Purim Cards



Raquel Fellman and mom Jalaine making hamantaschen



Hazzan Joanna makes every holiday fun with her songs and great ideas.

Purim Celebrating At Its Best

ECC and Synagogue Families enjoyed being together at Shaare Zedek's Mishpacha Family Life Programs

- Making Hamantaschen
- Singing Songs
- Making Shalach Manot
- Talking with Friends
- Meeting New Families

Ansley and Nelson Vickar found the hamantaschen too hard to resist.



Alan Portman helping Sophie Saur put her hamantaschen on the baking sheet. Our volunteers are appreciated.



Stephanie and Lila Saur

Lvav and Claire Spector



Youth Programs

Liz Redler, Youth Director

This past month was an incredibly busy one for our USYer's. We began the month with Kadima Kinnus at Lake Delton, WI, in which Corey Rosenberg, Greg Markman, Eli Karabell, and Elkayam Boyd all took part. We got our ruach going, davened, ate great food, and topped it all off with a trip to an indoor water park. The kids all had a spectacular time and left wanting to know when the next convention was.

A week after we returned from WI, USY put on the annual Purim carnival that they had been working on since January. I must admit that I had never thought about the work that went into putting a carnival together, but after having experienced it first hand I will

never again look at them the same way. Our Purim Chair Jacob Goldsmith, along with our USY Board Members: Jamie Rosenberg and Eliot Markman (Co-Presidents), Claire Waxenberg, Laura Rosenberg, Mital Lyons-Warren, Emma Lapp, and Jacob Bashkin, all spent hours planning, designing, and setting up this great event. They, along with tons of help from our Youth Commission including Kathi Rosenberg, Harriet Shannas, Shelley Shray, Stuart Rosenberg, Steve Keyman, Laura Rainey, Sherry Korner, and Rhona Lyons really outdid themselves and raised over \$4,000 which goes toward subsidizing our programs and to SATO. Thank you one and all for an outstanding carnival!

Now with another month upon us we have a lot more on the way and want to see all of USY at our Chocolate Seder on Monday, April 6, and Spring Kallah April 23-26. Be looking in the mail for the coming information.

Have a wonderful and restful Pesach!

Liz Redler



Hundreds to Commemorate 'Acts of Righteousness' At 2009 St. Louis Holocaust Commemoration Event

Hundreds of St. Louisans will fill the sanctuary at Shaare Zedek Synagogue at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 19, for a communitywide Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) to pay tribute to the extraordinary people who risked their lives to heroically rescue others during the Holocaust. The event is sponsored by the St. Louis Holocaust Museum & Learning Center, a department of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

Both before and after the commemoration, volunteers will read aloud the names of Holocaust victims as part of an international effort coordinated by B'nai B'rith St. Louis. The effort, entitled "Until Every Person There is a Name," will begin at 3 p.m.

Then at 4 p.m., St. Louis Survivors, their children and witnesses will share personal testimonies of acts of righteousness, courage and valor and how lives were saved. There will be testimonies by

or about such St. Louisans as Rachel Benrubi, a rescuer, Jerry Koenig, Elizabeth Meyer, survivors, and members of the late Elia Telman's family. Elia was also a survivor.

The commemoration will include music performed by St. Louis Symphony Orchestra musicians, liturgical readings and memorial prayers.

"Each year Yom HaShoah takes on more urgency because our St. Louis survivor population is shrinking. Today, most are in their 70s and 80s," said Daniel A. Reich, Holocaust Museum & Learning Center curator and director of education. "After World War II, about 300 survivors came to St. Louis. Today fewer than 200 survivors remain in St. Louis and they are eyewitnesses to one of, if not the... worst, atrocities in history."

Survivors who will be accompanied by family members for a special candle

lighting ceremony include: Survivors Siegfried Adler, Liesel Aschenbrand, Ruth Jacobs, Elsie Levy, Rudy Oppenheim, Maria Szapszewicz and Sara Wolf.

Presenting a floral tribute to honor the "righteous among nations" will be Ben Slodkowski, son of Emilia Jasinski Slodkowski, recognized for her family's rescue of Polish Jews during the Holocaust. Mrs. Slodkowski, who resided in St. Louis, passed away in 2001. Said Reich, "We are honored that her son and other family members will join us for this important and solemn commemoration."

Kent Hirschfelder is chair of the Yom HaShoah Commemoration Committee.

The Holocaust Museum opened in 1995. Each year, more than 30,000 people visit the Museum. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

Jewish Federation of St. Louis

Adult Education

Sydney Farber, Chair

It was quite a weekend for those of us who had the pleasure to attend the Scholar-in-Residence program, presented by Leo & Sara Wolf and the Adult Education Committee, to hear Dr. Richard A. Freund speak on archaeological-related topics. He was also able to do a book signing after Saturday evening's lecture and sold out all the books he had brought with him.

"Dynamic" was how Irene Belsky described it, while Hilda Markowitz said he was "exuberant." Others (whose names shall remain anonymous to protect their innocence) said the "weekend was very entertaining," "I hope we have more of these programs," "He was an animated and knowledgeable advocate of scientific analysis of our roots," "He was engaging and brought the subject to life," "He took a complex topic and presented it in terms everyone could understand," "The Shabbat dinner was the best I have ever enjoyed from Kohn's," "He made archaeology come alive," "Kudos," "such a well-attended series of talks of lectures at our synagogue," and one last comment "How are you going to top this one?" (I couldn't resist that last one.)

Members of the St. Louis Archaeological Society were there, as were those who had seen the ad for the Jewish Book Festival, and in the Jewish Light. Then there were others from area Synagogues, so we had a pretty good representation of people coming to hear Dr. Freund.



Adult Learning of a different kind is coming to Shaare Zedek on April 26th, Sunday morning from 9-11:00 a.m. It's an "online" experience you won't soon forget! If I've piqued your interest, contact the office (and Sydney) at 727-1747. More details to follow.

A teaser for May is the return of Rabbi Ryan Dulkan on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Stay tuned for the topics. Entry fee for each class is a can/box of food for the food pantry! Light refreshments will be served.

And in closing, if you learned nothing else from the March 6-8 Scholar-in-Residence weekend, take this away with you: "Donkeys are good and camels are bad!"

Hope to see you at the 2nd Night of Pesach Community Seder.

Chag Kasher v'Sameach Pesach and Cya next month,

Sydney



The Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle™ Program Let's keep 6 million memories alive.



What is the Yellow Candle Program?

The Yellow Candle™ was conceived in 1981 by members of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs to help keep alive the memory of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. It is modeled after the traditional Jewish memorial candle that burns for 24 hours during periods of mourning and on the anniversary of the death of a family member.

The candle's yellow wax, Jewish star and strand of barbed wire serve to remind us of the yellow arm band which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime. The photo on the candle showing youngsters departing a concentration camp emphasizes the importance of teaching our youth the lessons of the Holocaust and of remembering the six million who perished.

In an age of terrorism and violence, we are sensitive to the fact that genocide is not a private matter limited to the Jewish community.

We encourage everyone to take a fresh look at the Yellow Candle program this year. Show your support by lighting your candle on Monday (at sundown), April 20. Please return the enclosed envelope with your contribution. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Our Men's Club – Our Synagogue – Our Community – Our Youth



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



The Men's clubs of Shaare Zedek and BSKI instructed Shaare Shalom students on how to make Tefillin. Students learned about the basic components as well as the meaning and purpose of Tefillin in our tradition. The "Build A Pair Program" is an annual program developed by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

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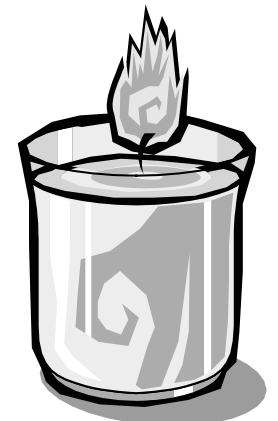
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The family of **Mollie Cohen** who passed
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April 2009 (Central Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			7am - Minyan 6p	7am - Minyan 6p 5:30pm - Kashering	7am - Minyan 6p 6pm - Rinah Band 7:08pm - Candle	Shabbat HaGadol 9am - Shabbat Service 6pm - Kadima 6:45pm - Mincha 8:10pm - Shab_ends
Men's Club 106 8am - Minyan 6p	7am - Minyan 6p 6:30pm - Ritual cm.	7am - Minyan 6p 8am - Study/Fredman 7pm - USY Seder @ YL	Erev Pesach Taanit Bechorot @ 6:30am - Shaharit 7am - Siyumi 6pm - Ma'ariv 7:13pm - Candle	1 Omer Pesach I 9am - Festival Service 6:30pm - 2nd Seder @	2 Omer Pesach II 9am - Festival Service 12pm - Matzo Brie 6pm - Minyan 7:15pm - Candles @ St	3 Omer Pesach III (CH"M) 9am - Shabbat Service 6:50pm - Mincha 8:17pm - Shab_ends
4 Omer Pesach IV (CH"M) 8am - Minyan 6p 10:15am - Sisterhood	5 Omer Pesach V (CH"M) 6:45am - Minyan 6p 7pm - Y Has rehearsals	6 Omer Pesach VI (CH"M) 6:45am - Minyan 6p 8am - Study/Fredman 7:18pm - Candle	7 Omer Pesach VII 9am - Festival Service 6pm - Minyan	8 Omer Pesach VIII 9am - Festival/Yizkor 8:10pm - Ma'ariv 8:50pm - Pesach Ends	9 Omer 7am - Minyan 6p 7:21pm - Candles @ St	10 Omer 9am - Shabbat Service 7pm - Mincha 8:24pm - Shab_ends
11 Omer Yom Hashoah 8am - Minyan 6p 10am - Men's Club	12 Omer 7am - Minyan 6p	14 Omer Yom Hashoah 7am - Minyan 6p 8am - Study/Fredman 11:30am - JCRC	15 Omer 7am - Minyan 6p	16 Omer 7am - Minyan 6p 5:30pm - ECC Photo 7pm - Board Meeting	17 Omer Rosh Chodesh Iyyar @ 6:45am - Rosh 6pm - Rinah Band 7:28pm - Candles @ St	18 Omer Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 9am - Shabbat Service 7:05pm - Mincha 8:32pm - Shab_ends
19 Omer 8am - Minyan 6p	20 Omer 7am - Minyan 6p	21 Omer 21 Omer 7am - Minyan 6p 8am - Study/Fredman	22 Omer Yom HaAtzma'ut 7am - Minyan 6p	23 Omer 7am - Minyan 6p		
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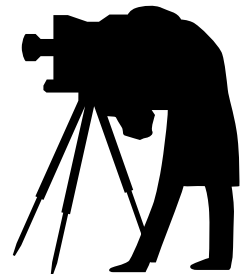
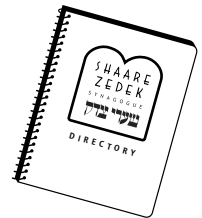
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Wednesday, May 20 2:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursday May 21 2:30 pm - 9:00 pm



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