



Solomon Schechter Day School Students during the 2007 Tikkun Certmeony. Shaare Zedek Members Sophie Aoeresty, Bobby Boxerman, Rebecca Sheinbein, & Atara Raileanu were among them.

**October 20**  
**10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.**

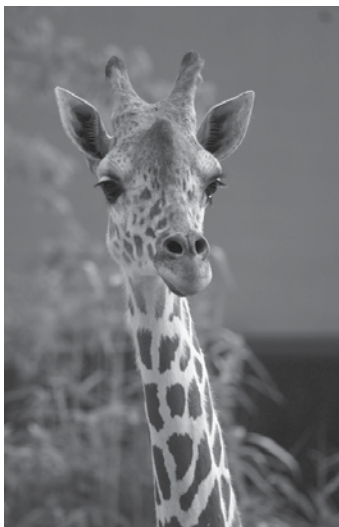
Mishpacha Morning  
Families w/kids 6 and under -  
enjoy free play in the gym, a Tot  
Shabbat service, snacks, stories,  
and songs.

**October 28**  
**6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.**

2008 B'nai Mitzvah family  
workshop: D'var Torah 101

### Important Note:

*The October issue of the Shaare Zedek  
News was delayed due to the holidays.  
We apologize for any confusion this  
may have caused.*



October 21:  
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**SHABBAT SERVICES FOR EVERYONE**

**Babysitting** (1-5 years)

*10:00 a.m. in the Early Childhood Center*

Fun and games for those too young to experience the other options, complete with snacks and juice.

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

*10:25 am in the Guller Chapel*

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

**Shacharit in the Sanctuary**

*8:45 am in the Epstein Sanctuary*

All are welcome in the sanctuary for our main service. Children are welcome; they are especially encouraged to attend towards the end for Adon Olam and other prayers before helping the Rabbi and Hazzan with Kiddush.

*Todah Rabah!*

**Haftarot for September:**

*Corey Rosenberg, Jeremy Buhler, Nira Asher Geller, Joe Levy, Jerry Schwartz, Wendy Love Anderson*

**Greeters for September:**

*Sherri Weintrop, Ed Fitter, Beth Levy, Larry Goodman*

**Kiddushes for September:**

*September 1 – Stuart & Kathi Rosenberg*

**Break Fast & Lunch in the Sukkah**

*The Faye Keyeses Memorial Seudah Fund*

*Mazel Tov!*

**Birth Announcement**

**Lilly Tama Doughty**

daughter of

Amy & Chad Doughty

Alan & Helene Spetner, grandparents

Sherry & Sol (z"l) Kaplan, great-grandparents

Lil (z"l) and Buddy (z"l) Spetner

great-grandparents

**October Wedding Anniversaries**

*Siegfried & Carol Adler*

*Steven & Alla Grossman*

*Joseph & Beth Levy*

*Bill & Christy Marx*

*Elliot & Kim Rich*

*Amos & Barbara Shamir*

*Herbert & Gloria Thal*



# A Message from Rabbi Fasman

*Rabbi Mark Fasman*

For several years I have been waiting for Shaare Zedek to commission a new Torah scroll for use in our services. My wait is over.

It was on a sabbatical leave in the fall of 1979 (shortly before the earthquake) that I visited the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Berkeley, California. I was at the museum for a special program on Jewish arts and crafts. There were a number of Jewish artisans on the grounds, weavers and painters, and ceramics experts.

But what drew my attention and held it for at least an hour was a sofer, a scribe, who was sitting at a table outside of the museum, writing mezuzot (I think). I was captivated by the beauty of the Hebrew letters, by the use of quill and ink on parchment, and by the sense of sanctity attached to the activity of the sofer. When I asked the sofer where I could learn to write like that he told me: Jerusalem or New York. Since neither was possible I had to set aside my interest temporarily.

But over the years I continued to look for opportunities to learn Hebrew calligraphy. When I began rabbinical school in Los Angeles, I again asked about finding someone to teach me to be a sofer. Again: Jerusalem or New York.

My third year of rabbinical school was in Jerusalem. And I finally got my shot at learning Hebrew calligraphy. After many calls, I was directed to a safrut shop in Mea Shearim. Despite the fact that the class was technically full, the teacher let me into the class.

We barely fit around a small table. We met twice a week for three months, just learning the laws of writing each of the letters. It was at that point that I started to understand how profoundly different safrut is from calligraphy. Safrut is about the creation of sacred texts. I learned that when something is sacred, the rules really matter.

Finally we began working with a second teacher, this one to guide us through the actual writing of letters. We learned to cut and shape the feather into a quill. And we learned, letter by letter, the entire aleph-bet. Each week I practiced at home on scraps of parchment (klaf).

Finally, it was time to begin to write a Megillat Esther. This is traditionally the first book that a sofer writes because it is the only book of the Hebrew Bible that does not include God's name. To this day, I have never written God's name in sofer script. That name has sanctity. I am not yet ready to write the shem ha-meforash – the ineffable name of God.

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*- Rabbi Fasman*



Most of us do not have the skill or the time to write a sefer Torah. How do we then fulfill this Torah commandment? Answer: we enter into a relationship with a sofer and provide the funds and materials necessary for the production of a new sefer Torah.

This is the power of our year-long *Just Write !!* Torah project. You will be able to participate in the creation of a scroll that will be used at Shaare Zedek for decades to come. You will have opportunities to dedicate Torah portions, individual aliyot, and special readings (like the Ten Commandments or Shema/V'ahavta). Your act of dedicating one or more words fulfills that 613th commandment: your participation is counted as though you wrote an entire sefer Torah.

There is a very special feature to this project. Our sefer Torah is already being written. But the sofer (who lives in Bnai Brak, Israel) has been instructed to only outline the first fifty and last fifty letters of each of the five books. Thus, there will be 500 letters that are incomplete.

It will be up to us to complete those letters. As the sofer actually writes, you will be invited to hold on to the quill as one or more letters are filled in.

One letter. Big deal, you say? According to Jewish law, if even one letter of a sefer Torah is incomplete or incorrectly written or damaged in some way, that entire sefer Torah is pasul – unfit for use. The letter that you helped to write is an absolutely necessary part of the complete Torah. Without it, we could not use the scroll at all. We would have to place it in the ark until we could arrange for a sofer to complete it.

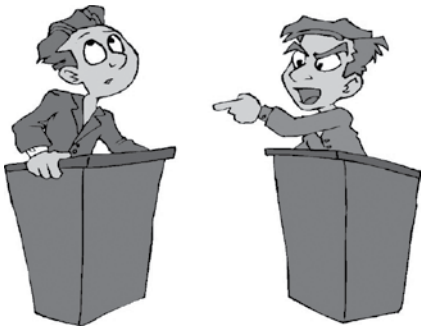
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*Rabbis message continued*

Thus, you will have the opportunity to complete a sefer Torah – and thus fulfill that 613th mitzvah. Without “your” letter, the entire Torah is pasul.

This scroll will be the first that our Bnai Mitzvah read from. It will be light enough for even a young person to perform hagbahah (raising of the scroll). It will be used in Shabbat services throughout the year and into the foreseeable future. A scroll can last for well over a century. We just completed our centennial year. Imagine being able to participate in creating a sefer Torah that may still be in use at our bi-centennial!

What an opportunity for your entire family. Join us as we create a new scroll together.



*Life Long Learning Proudly Presents*

## **The Great Debate – Jewish Style November 2, 2007**

Taking on the emotional charged current issue of just “Where Does Torah, God and The Commandments Belong in Public” with, at least, three sides- after all, this is a Jewish Debate. Come and join us **Election Night, November 6 from 7 until 8:30** as we face our issues both secularly and Jewishly.

Our own talented and erudite **Karen Aroesty** and **Stanley Goldstein** will form and frame the secular positions for us in traditional debate style. Rabbi Mark Fisman and Rabbi Pamela Barmash will take us on a lesser traveled path, citing sources and wisdom of Torah, Talmud and the wisdom of our sages dealing with this question.

You won't see or hear this anywhere else. Join us **TJEWSZDAY (Tuesday)**, November 6 and vote for your side. It will be an exciting, volatile, subject and evening.

This is offered at no charge to our Shaare Zedek members and guests.

# President's Message

*Marsha Birenbaum*

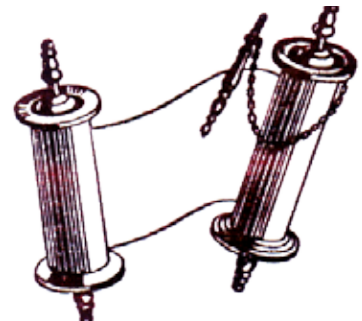
On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors, I want to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year, and I hope the holidays brought you renewed vigor and a chance to re-connect with the very best of yourself. I am very excited about our Torah Project! In the next year we will have many interesting, engaging, stimulating and fun activities, all revolving around the Mark Raiffie Torah. Please be sure and keep your calendar ready because I know you won't want to miss an event that just might re-ignite the Torah spark that's in your soul.

We again want to thank our six donor families for their contribution to our *Just Write It!* campaign: Seymour and Yetta Raiffie; Marshall and Sara Myers; Barry and Carol Pessin; Dan and Sheri Weintrop; the Shaare Zedek Sisterhood; and Leo and Sara Wolf. Their devotion to this project and to Shaare Zedek is immeasurable.

Outside of Shaare Zedek, in the greater St. Louis Jewish community, there are many educational opportunities that I hope you will take advantage of. My favorite, of course, is the Florence Melton Adult Mini School, with classes at all levels, including some graduate classes. Please call the CAJE office if you're interested. Then there is the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, five Wednesday night classes of your choice, presented by many of our community's rabbis, as well as some special anniversary presentations. And, of course, there will be our own study at Shaare Zedek; Lunch and Learns; a return of the Needleman Lecture Series, and guest scholars and artists throughout the year. So many choices; only so many hours!

I also want to encourage all of you to come to Shabbat Rinah, our Kabbalat Shabbat service every Friday night at 6 PM. Now that you have the CD, you need to hear it in person to experience the warmth and shalom, peace, that fills our sacred space every week. Come to Shaare Zedek to experience Judaism with all your senses.

Shalom. - *Marsha*





# HazzaNotes

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*Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan*

At the beginning of this month, we celebrate Sukkot – the fall harvest festival, a sort of Jewish Thanksgiving. It is “z’man simchateinu” the season of our joy, and we celebrate family, friends and togetherness. We gather in huts decorated with gourds and other fall fruit, sheltered from above by autumn leaves, enjoying (what we hope will be) the crisp Autumn weather. In the spirit of the season, I wanted to take the time for a Thanksgiving of sorts, to thank all the volunteers who have helped to enrich and enliven our ritual life here at the synagogue. It truly takes a village to run one!

Thank you to our weekday Torah reading cohort: Wendy Love Anderson, Jaron Asher, Margaux Buck, Jeremy Buhler, Karen Karabell, Harold Karabell, Michael Landy, Woty Reagan, Michael Waxenberg, Suzanne Broddon and Bonnie Templeton. Thank you to our regular Shabbat Mincha leyners, Dr. Michael Rauchman. Thank you to our Shabbat gabbaim Rudy Oppenheim and Bernie Mellman. Thank you to our morning minyan and breakfast chefs Dr. Gerald Cohen and Pat Rosen, and our evening minyan coordinator Burton Boxerman. Thank you to Harriet Shanas, Alice Fasman, Sandy Boxerman, Hannah Boxerman, Liz Singer, Jeremy Buhler, and Karen Karabell for filling in on the bima in my absence this summer. Thank you to Mendel Rosenberg for being our unofficial ba’al P’sukei d’Zimrah on Shabbat morning, and to Alan Spetner, for being our unofficial ba’al Mincha on Friday nights. Thank you to the Shabbat Rinah Band: Andrew Rehfeld, Wendy Hyman-Fite, Rob Birenbaum and Michael Shanas, for enlivening our davening. Thank you to our regular Shabbat floor Gabbaim Monroe Ginsburg, Barbara Bianco, Bill Marx, Alan Schwartz, and Steve Keyser. Thank you to Rhona Lyons for organizing and running our Shabbat and holiday Family services, and to Alice Fasman, Michael Ralineau, Andrew Rehfeld and Joyce Olshan for your time and help. Thank you to our official and unofficial Shabbat greeters who stand and welcome members and guests week in and week out. A huge thank-you to our trusty and talented Ba’al Koreh, Marvin Lerner, and to Karen Karabell, who has been working as our “haftarah czar.” After ten years of dedicated service, Karen will be retiring her post.

Now, on to the many who helped leading and leyning during the High Holidays: to the S’lichot ensemble, Michael Shanas, Harriet Shanas, and Alice Fasman. Todah Rabbah to Joyce Olshan, Jeremy Buhler, and Sandy Boxerman for leading,

respectively, mincha, P’sukei d’Zimrah, and Shacharit, and to those who stepped in at the last minute to help with the davening (whose names were not yet available at the time of publication). Thanks to those who chanted Haftarah on the High Holidays: Mendel Rosenberg, Alan Spetner, Marshall Myers, and Leo Wolf, and thanks to all the haftarah readers who have participated and will participate during the year.

While the adults davened upstairs on the High Holidays, a whole alternative universe was going on in the rest of the building, namely, childrens’ services and activities. Thank you to Rhona Lyons, Michael Ralineau, Linda Kram, Marty Schaeffer, Beth Levy, Iris Hinderliter, and Liz Singer for making the High Holidays meaningful and safe for our children.

A big thank you to Jeremy Buhler, Ritual Committee Chair, and all the members of the Ritual committee who assigned all the honors and took care of the many details leading up to the holidays: they made sure there were clean Torah covers, wine in the Kiddush cups, people to open and close arks, and more. Thanks to all who came and helped spruce up the shul in the weeks before the holidays, those who wrapped candy bars, helped in the office, set up chairs and Machzorim, polished and cleaned. Thanks to Dave Propper for organizing our ushers and thanks to all who ushered. Thanks to Benita Boxerman, Gary Kodner and the Communications Committee for preparing ads and pitching stories to the press.

Thank you to Marsha Birenbaum, our dedicated President, and her cabinet of officers who make sure that everything runs smoothly not just at High Holidays, but year round. Thank you to the wonderful office and synagogue staff, with whom I am privileged to work. Please note that while they are not volunteers, they routinely work above and beyond the time they are paid for to make sure everything runs smoothly: Harvey Leader, Marty Schaeffer, Iris Hinderliter, Tessa Katan, Nancy Greene, Linda Kelting, Paula Giratos, Dion Shaffer, and of course, Rabbi Fasman.

May this truly be the season of our joy, z’man simchateinu, as we gather together to give thanks.

# Jewish Community Hebrew School

*Rabbi Ari Vernon & Maxine Weil*

*Israel and the Torah of the Holy  
Blessed One are One.- Hassidic Folk Song*

It is exceedingly wonderful to have our schools again full of students engaged in the study of Torah, our people's age-old means of communicating with God. As the Jewish Theological Seminary's professor Louis Finkelstein once put it, "When I pray I speak to God. When I learn Torah, God speaks to me." Through our Jewish schools, we teach not just the skills that are important to being a member of the Jewish community, but far more importantly, we convey the means by which our people individually and communally have maintained our thousands year-old relationship with God. It is our hope that each of our students will take hold of their own portion of that relationship as they grow into adults.

Our Jewish Community High School students are busily cultivating their Jewish communication and connection skills through Hebrew and text study, by learning our history and examining current events, and through the cultural arts, dance and food that are representative of Jewish communities throughout the world.



Live. Love. Learn Jewish.

The Jewish Community Hebrew School students and faculty have enjoyed these few weeks of the new school year and preparing for the Fall holidays. Following Sukkot and Simchat Torah, we look forward to our Parent Open House at which time, parents have an opportunity to be in the classroom with their children as well as meet the teachers and learn about the curriculum. Open House will be held at the EAST branch on Wednesday, October 10th and at the WEST branch on Thursday, October 11th.

As we reach the conclusion of the Fall festivals, we hope that in celebrating each and every one of us will feel at one with Torah and excited for the year of learning that is only just beginning.

Moadim L'Simcha,

*Rabbi Ari Vernon*

*Morah Maxine*

## Want to Learn How to Read Hebrew?

Ever wonder about the sacred traditions of chanting Torah and Haftarah?

How do people read the Torah with no vowels anyway?

Did you *never* have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or if you did, have you forgotten everything?

You might be a perfect candidate for our Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class.

Please contact Hazzan Dulkan if you are interested.

Classes are forming now.

## The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Your Help

All year, the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry asks for our help in providing food for the hungry.

But, with a successful food drive at the High Holidays, they are able to restock the almost empty shelves of summer, and have something to put away for later.

To that end, every Fall, the Jewish congregations of St. Louis support a community-wide collection for the food pantry.

There is a "shopping list" next to the Food Collection Basket at the entrance of the synagogue. We ask that you take a list home with you. Any time it's possible, please pack a bag or two of foodstuffs and/or other necessities and bring them with you when you come to the synagogue.

For further information, please contact:  
Micki Kingsley at 314-997-4479, leave a message with the office, or send an email to:  
makingsley@gjn.com

# Shaare Shalom

*Chani Pinsberg, Director of Education*

The first day of Shaare Shalom Religious School was filled with excitement! Activities in preparation for the High Holidays took place in all classes. From tasting apples and honey to understanding the special liturgy, the students were introduced to it all through age-appropriate activities.

At the end of the day the whole school gathered in the Sanctuary with teachers and parents for a welcoming assembly. This was an opportunity to meet the faculty. Most of the teachers on the staff are veteran educators, and we're happy to welcome the few new teachers who have joined us this year. Rabbi Fasman's demonstration of the different shofarot was amazing!

We are excited that some of the 11th grade students are joining the Religious School as part of a special program of studying and doing Tikkun Olam. They will be part of the J.C.I. – Jewish Civics Initiative, with the goal of fostering a higher sense of civic awareness and responsibility among high school students. They will join Jewish teens from across the country in Washington, D.C., for four intensive days as participants in the Panim el Panim program.

Through my experience I have seen that if

we strengthen the classroom-home partnership, the learning just gets better. Judaism can create a greater influence on the parents and this influence can transfer from 'only at school' to the 'way of life.'

I hope that we can create this special transfer of Judaism to the home by bringing the family into the classroom. The ideal situation is to do it every Sunday, but we'll start with one unit for each primary grade. You will get an invitation before each program.

Mordecai Kaplan said: "To educate a child without educating and involving the parents and the entire family, can be compared to heating a house while leaving the window open."

Wishing you K'tivah Vachatimah Tovah, may you be inscribed in the Book of Life. -*Chani*



# Sisterhood - Show Your Support

*Cindy Ginsburg & Lisa Gellman, Co-Presidents*

It's that time of year to show your support of Shaare Zedek Sisterhood by paying your annual dues. Your membership and support for your local sisterhood, as well as National Women's League, is greatly appreciated. Our minimum dues requirement is just \$27.50. This is below the national average!

Your dues help maintain a variety of programs here at Shaare Zedek. These include Kosher Meals on Wheels, USY, Religious School, Youth Scholarships, Early Childhood Center, and many more. Your support of Sisterhood not only helps here locally, but also directly helps Israel as well.

Some of you may be thinking that you don't have time to attend Sisterhood functions or to work on a variety of sisterhood projects, and that

is understandable. Just paying your dues is an enormous help!!!

Please continue to support us and send in your dues by October 31, 2007. You will be included in our Sisterhood Year Book/Roster for 2007/08, too!!

If you have any questions, please contact Dorrie Lerner at 314-434-3676 or [marvin3@juno.com](mailto:marvin3@juno.com).

Don't forget to be collecting items for our Rummage Sale November 4th. We are looking for anything and everything you need to clear out of your home/office/storage. Contact Sue Propper for further information and to help with this fundraiser- 862-5698 or [suemeryl@charter.net](mailto:suemeryl@charter.net).



# Youth Programs

*Iris Hinderliter, Youth Director*

As I reflect on the month of August, I have mixed emotions. I am thrilled that USY had a successful kickoff! As is our tradition, this year the USYers enjoyed a pool party and BBQ at the Markman's home. More than 20 kids showed up for the party. Water balloons were thrown, Jake Shanas was thrown into the water quite regularly, and many new faces attended the program and joined in the fun.

Only a little more than a week later, USY went on their annual float trip down the Meramac River. Once again, more than 20 kids enjoyed a day of sun, water, good food, and friendship. Liz, my husband Jon, and I went with the kids too. It was truly a relaxing way to spend the holiday weekend. My husband, who had never attended a USY event before, commented to me later just how nice the kids are to one another, and how they are eager to have a good time and just be together. I could not have said it better myself!

# Early Childhood Education

*Tessa Katan & Marty Schaeffer*

Each year as fall approaches and preparations are complete for the coming school year, I review in my mind the mission and goals of the Early Childhood Center. Reflecting over the past twenty years as director of the ECC, I realize that immense changes have taken place, yet the center has been able to retain its hamish atmosphere. We have reached an enrollment high of ninety children and thirty-two staff. We meet the needs of our seventy-four families through our flexible and full time scheduling. Our Jewish curriculum has become stronger than ever due to hiring of well qualified Jewish Educators and the exciting musical contributions of Hazzan Joanna Dulkan. With a strong revenue base, we are able to make a substantial financial contribution to the synagogue.

By "word of mouth," our reputation in the community as a "wonderful place to send your child" has made our days packed with inquiries and our wait list lengthy. According to the latest census study of the Central Agency of Jewish Education, Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center is the only St. Louis school that has shown growth in the past year. We are a thriving early childhood center.

As we kvell over our accomplishments we need to remind ourselves that it took a whole community to make it happen. Through volunteerism, donations and financial contributions of all sizes, including the generosity of our Sisterhood,

## Sizzlin' Activity

*Mark Your Calendars Now!!*

**October 21:  
USY Goes to the Zoo**

It saddens me to write, however, that I cannot report the same good news about the Noar and Kadima kickoffs. I had to cancel these events due to the low response rate. While I have had a blast getting to know the USYers, I regret not having the same chance with Noar and Kadima. I am hoping that August was just a fluke, and I will meet everyone in the months to come.

Let me conclude by saying If you have any questions or concerns at all about SZSL, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here for your children just as much as I am here for their families. - *Iris*

we were able to persevere through lean times to reach this day. To all who gave of themselves, thank you.

There is one person to whom we owe our deepest gratitude, the ECC

Board chairperson Karen Wetmore. Through her vision, commitment and tenacity we have become who we are today. Karen and I began our journey together in 1989 when Derek, her son, was a preschooler, and have continued until this past May when her own schedule dictated that she step down.

Through the years she has been a mentor for our staff, a representative voice to the Synagogue Board and a never failing support and guide to me as director. As we progress through future school years, Karen has promised to continue to guide our staff, sharing her knowledge and experience from her years with Learning Consultants. We are grateful for her continued support and will always sincerely appreciate her long term commitment. - *Marty*



*Karent Wetmore & Mary Schaeffer*

# Men's Club

*Dave Propper, President*

Another year has passed and a New Year is upon us! Men's Club Needs You! Shaare Zedek Men's Club serves our Shul, our Congregation, our Community and our Men. Many have already joined Men's Club, but to those who have been reluctant, just take a look at the planned programming for the upcoming New Year!!!! Join us and you will enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of the "Men of Shaare Zedek."

Our Men's Club is affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, the International Organization of Conservative Men's Clubs. Representing several hundred thousand members and approximately 270 clubs, our Shaare Zedek Men's Club benefits from this affiliation in numerous ways. FJMC provides leadership training for our club that is second to none and sets the standards for training volunteers for the Conservative Movement. FJMC's Keruv initiative (outreach to families with interfaith family members) is recognized as a guiding light in the Movement. The Yom HaShoah commemorative candle program reached over 200,000 households nationwide last year and FJMC is now exploring ways to link our remembrance with positive actions

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which will resonate with children and their children. FJMC is spearheading an Energy Awareness Program

to encourage our synagogues to think about ways to use renewable sources of energy rather than fossil fuels. The program is known as FJMC Shomrim Haaretz (Guardian of the Land) and is an innovative approach to increasing awareness and decreasing energy usage in the Jewish community. A "green" (solar powered) N'er Tamid (Eternal Light) was demonstrated this past summer at the FJMC Biennial Convention. The FJMC also maintains the strongest ties with the worldwide Conservative/Masorti community.

Join Men's Club and you too can participate in the exciting, educational and spiritual activities of "The Men of Shaare Zedek" and benefit from our affiliation with FJMC. At the conclusion of the High Holiday season, our representatives of our Board of Directors and Officers will be calling you to encourage you to help strengthen our Men's Club with your membership. Shana Tova! *Dave*

## Men's Club Programming Calendar

*Fall 2007*

- **World Series of Poker and Baseball**
- **Hagbaha Training Program for Shaare Shalom Religious School - teaching the children how to perform Hagbaha using a small, specially made "Torah simulator"**

*November 2007*

**Men's Club Recognition Dinner**

*December 2007*

**Make Your Own Hanukiah with Shaare Shalom Religious School**

*January 2008*

**Men's Club Sports Night**

*February 2008*

- **World Wide Wrap VIII, sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and SZ Men's Club with Shaare Shalom Religious School (includes "make Your Own Tefillin" project)**

*March 2008*

- **Men's Club Shabbat**
- **FJMC Satellite Leadership Development Institute**

*Spring 2008*

**Scavenger Hunt Road Rally with the Sisterhood**

*April 2008*

**Men's Club Health Fair**

*May 2008*

**Yom Ha'Shoah - yellow candle distribution/Holocaust Memorial Program**

*June 2008*

**SZ goes to a Cardinals Ballgame**

## Shaare Zedek Life Long Learning

*proudly presents*

### The Sacred Craft Series



Throughout the next 3 years we will have a series of craft classes which will be grounded in Torah and our tradition. At the end of the series each participant will have their own collection of Judaic handcrafts, created under the guidance of renowned local and visiting artists. Each of these items will have its foundation in our Jewish history; they will be created in our community and sanctified in our Shaare Zedek Synagogue. This will provide each of us an opportunity to pass along a tangible piece of our personal Judaism l'dor vador.

Our opening event on **Tuesday, October 16, 7-8:30** is appropriately, a Mezuzah. Jennifer Rogers Asher is our guiding artist and inspiration. Jennifer will guide our hands as we form our own signs for mounting "upon the doorposts of your homes." Many of you are familiar with the creative talent of our member.

Rabbi Fasman will lead a Lunch and Learn on **Shabbat, October 13** about the Mezuzah. In this way we will be guided both by our hands and our minds. On **Friday, October 19th at 5:30** just before our Shabbat Rinah, Hazzan Dulkan will lead our group of crafters in a family sanctification and dedication of our Mezuzot. The crafts will be on display in the synagogue throughout Shabbat. Included in the cost of this event are the materials, the instruction, and a Kosher scroll. The cost of the mezuzah project will be \$36.00 each – the mitzvah comes at no additional charge!



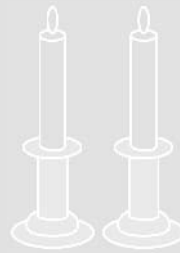
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The St. Louis Jewish Women's Choir is directed by Cantor Adina Frydman. The choir practices once a week and performs several times a year. Past performances have included participation in St. Louis Circle of Jewish Music concerts and the community Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) celebration, and Chanukah concerts at Covenant House and the Crown Center.

For more information about the women's choir, please contact Adina Frydman at [adinafriedman@yahoo.com](mailto:adinafriedman@yahoo.com).

## Sara Goodman Tribute Fund

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

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Jerry Cohen  
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### Thinking of You

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Phyllis Katz - in memory of mother, Sarah Burstein  
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## Condolences

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

*The family of Dr. Jacob Levin, who passed away in Chicago in early September.  
Uncle of Rabbi Mark (Alice) Fasman and great-uncle of David Fasman.*

*The family of Edythe Lederman, who passed away in early September. Aunt of Kim (Elliot) Rich, great-aunt of Jennifer, Blair, Alexis, Ryan & Brett.*

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# Protestant-B.Not.

## The Experience of Mike Neulander

When you get right down to it, the military's dog tag classification made me reclaim my Judaism.

In the fall of 1990, things were heating up in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. I'd been an Army Captain and a helicopter maintenance test pilot for a decade and received notice that I'd be transferred to the First Cavalry Division, which was on alert for the Gulf War.

Consequently, I also caught wind of the Department of Defense "dog tag dilemma" regarding Jewish personnel.

Saudi law forbids Jews to enter the country. But our Department of Defense told the King Fahd: "We have Jews in our military. They trained with their units and they're going. Blink and look the other way." With Kuwait occupied and the Iraqis at his border, King Fahd did the practical thing and blinked. We shipped out, but there was still the issue of the dog tag classification.

Normally, the dog tags of Jewish servicemen are imprinted with the word "Jewish." But the Department of Defense, fearing that maintaining this customary marking for Jewish soldiers would put them at further risk should they be captured on Iraqi soil, substituted the classification "Protestant-B" on the tags, "B" being a secret code for Jew.

I didn't like the idea of reclassifying Jews as Protestant anything and decided to leave my dog tag alone. I figured if I were captured, it was in God's hands. Changing my tags was tantamount to denying my religion, and I couldn't swallow that.

In September 1990, I went off to defend a country I was prohibited from entering. The "Jewish" classification on my dog tag remained, clear and unmistakable as the American star painted on the hood of every Army truck.

A few days after my arrival, the Baptist battalion chaplain approached me. "I just got a message through channels," he said. "There's going to be a Jewish gathering. Simkatoro or something like that. You want to go?"

"Simkatoro" turned out to be Simchat Torah, a holiday that hadn't registered on my religious radar in eons. But it registered then and there.

Services were held in absolute secrecy in a windowless room in a cinderblock building in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Rabbi Romer, the chaplain who helped keep us together during the war, led a swift and simple service.

We couldn't risk singing or dancing, but the rabbi had managed to smuggle in a bottle of Manischewitz. Normally I can't stand the stuff, but that night the wine tasted of Shabbat and family and Seders long gone. My soul was warmed by the alcohol and the memories swirling around me and my fellow soldiers.

Soon after that service, things began coming to a head; the next time I could do anything remotely Jewish was Chanukah. Maybe it was coincidence, or maybe it was God's hand that placed a Jewish Colonel in charge of our Division's intelligence unit. Colonel Schneider's presence enabled him to get messages of Jewish gatherings to us immediately. When notice of the Chanukah party was decoded, we knew about it right away.

The first thing we saw as we entered the tent were care packages from the States with cookies, latkes, sour cream and applesauce, and cans and cans of gefilte fish. The wind was blowing dry across the tent but inside was this incredible feeling of celebration. As Rabbi Romer talked about Chanukah and the rag tag bunch of Maccabee soldiers fighting off Jewry's oppressors thousands of years ago, it wasn't hard to make the connection to what lay ahead of us. There in the middle of the desert, we felt like we were Maccabees ourselves. If we had to go down, we were going to go down fighting.

We blessed the candles acknowledging the King of the Universe Who commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights. We said the second prayer praising God for the miracles He performed "in those days and now." And being the first night of Chanukah, we also sang the third "Shehechyanu"

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*Dog Tags continued*

blessing, thanking God for keeping us alive and enabling us to reach this season.

War was imminent. All week we received projections of the mass destruction chemical weapons likely to be unleashed. Intelligence estimates put the first round of casualties at 12,500 soldiers. I heard those numbers and thought, "That's my entire division."

I sat back in my chair. Here we were going into war, singing songs of praise to God Who saved my ancestors in battle. The feeling of unity was as pervasive as our apprehension, as real as the sand that found its way into everything from our socks to our toothbrushes. I felt more Jewish on that lonely Saudi plain, than I ever felt with talit, prayer book and yarmulke in shul.

That Chanukah in the desert solidified my urge to reconnect with Judaism. I felt religion welling up inside of me. Any soldier will tell you there are no atheists in a foxhole and I know a good deal of my feelings were tied to the looming war and my desire to get with God before the unknown descended in the cloud of battle.



It sounds corny, but as we downed the latkes and cookies and wiped the last of the applesauce from our plates, everyone grew quiet, keenly aware of our link with history, thinking of what lay ahead and what had been done by soldiers like us so long ago.

The trooper beside me stared ahead at nothing, absent-mindedly fingering his dog tag. "How'd you classify?" I asked, nodding to the tag. Silently he withdrew the metal rectangle and its beaded chain from beneath his shirt and held it out for me to read. Like mine, his read "Jewish."

Somewhere in a military supply depot I'm sure there are boxes and boxes of dog tags, still in their wrappers, all marked Protestant "B."

*Ms. Darvick is a freelance writer. This story is excerpted from her book: A Jewish Life: Fifty-Two Stories of Joy, Meaning, and Connection. www.jewishstories.com. Mr. Neulander is now a Judaica silversmith in Newport News, VA.*

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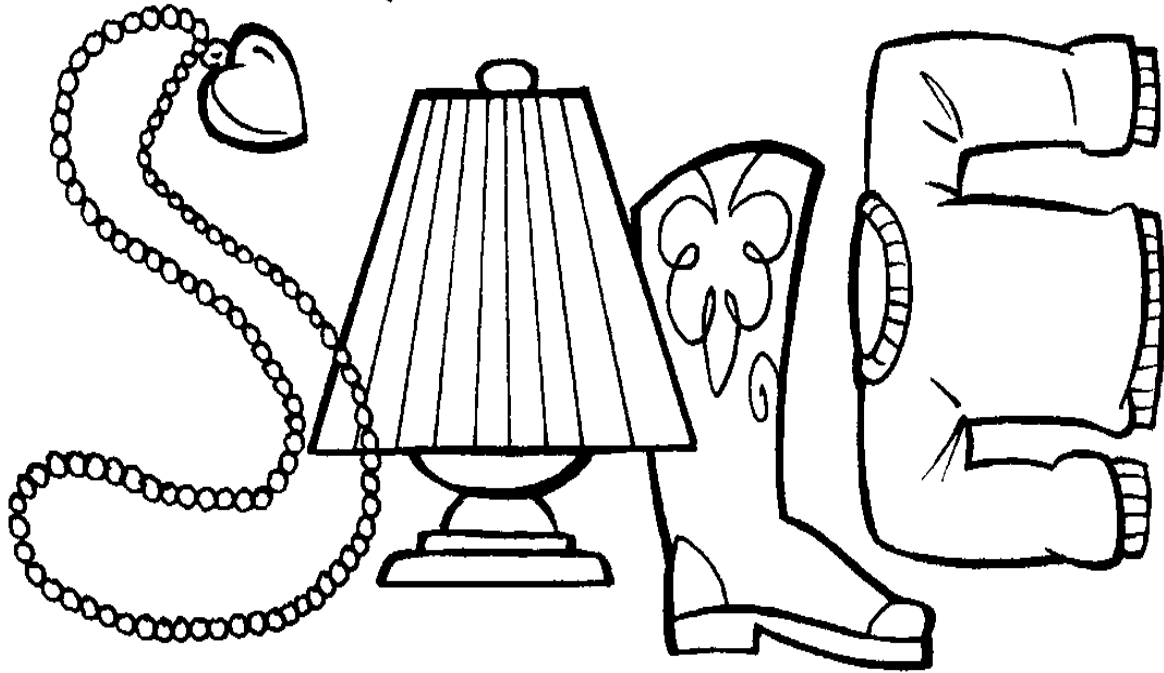
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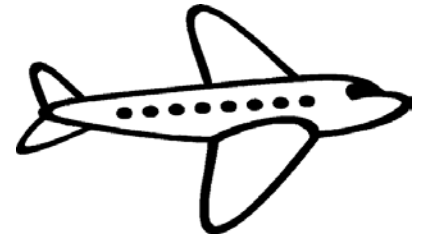
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