

# SHAARE ZEDEK

SYNAGOGUE

# News

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## Superstar Group Going To Kindergarden

Ms. Tessa Katan , Teacher  
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- Sofia Fehr** Daughter of Lisa Schmidt and Fred Fehr
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- Travis Marceleno** Son of Angie and Jon Marceleno
- Gillian O'Neil** Daughter of Jona Ross and Danny O'Neil
- Merav Portman** Daughter of Molly and Alan Portman
- Levi Simon** Son of Keri and David Simon
- Ansley Vickar** Daughter of Cynthia and Aaron Vickar
- Charles Whitehead, IV** Son of Christine and Charles Whitehead, III
- Aitana Zamora** Daughter of Juliana Varela and Carlos Zamora

## USY Graduates

- Daniel Iken** - Clayton
- Mital Lyons-Warren** - Ladue
- Laura Rosenberg** - Ladue
- Ellie Rosenblatt** - Parkway Central
- Brenna Shapiro** - Logos
- Mimi Sosna** - Ladue

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# Todah Rabah!

## Haftarot for April

Jaron Asher, Yossi Shapiro, Joe Levy, Steve Keyser, Rabbi Mark Fasman, Jeremy Buhler, Howard Belsky

## Greeters for April

Steven Kayman, Sherry Kaplan, Rhona Lyons-Warren, Elena Aschkenasi

## Kiddushes for April

Synagogue, Erin Mahoney & Family

## Minyan Breakfasts

Ann Frank, Barbara Bahn, Joe Iken, Burton Boxerman, Martin Becker, Marilyn and Bernie Kunitz, Marsha Birenbaum, Micki Kingsley, Leo Bressler

# Mazal Tov!

## Anniversaries in May

Alex Befeler & Serra-Lesa Ivener  
 Matt & Lizzie Berman  
 Hal & Marcia Goldsmith  
 Russell & Rachel Gottlieb  
 Brad & Mindy Horwitz  
 Josh & Cindy Kalachek  
 Kim Portnoy & Constance Mueller  
 David & Sue Propper  
 William & Carol Simon  
 Michael & Julie Waxenberg  
 Kenneth Wilson & Shelli Kastin  
 Gary & Louise Kaufman Yavitz



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 Special Hebrew School Hours:  
 M, W 5:30- 6:30 pm

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

## 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.

## New Plaques in the Guller Chapel

Melvin Aaron Ashkanazi

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**Julie Friedman**  
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**Michael Raileanu**  
 Shaare Shalom Education Director

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**Bob Olshan** Israel  
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# A Message from the Rabbi

Rabbi Mark Fasman



We all know how important education is to Jews. How far back does this go? Beginning with our Exodus from Egypt, our survival as a people has depended upon our success in transmitting culture, history, and behavioral norms to the next generation. Torah commands us to teach our children. For example, we are obligated to respond to our children's questions about the Passover seder. And the most explicit commandment to teach our children is found in the first paragraph of Shema [Deut. 6:6-7]:

והיו הדברים האלה  
 אשר אנכי מצוך היום על לבבך  
 ושננתם לבניך

Take to heart these instructions  
 with which I charge you this day.

Impress them upon your children....

"Impress them upon your children" – if Torah is our *eitz chayim* (our tree of life) then the Jewish people will continue to live only as long as we transmit Torah to the next generation. But notice that *before* we are commanded to teach, we are commanded to learn – "Take to heart these instructions."

As important as it is to teach our children, it is also our obligation to learn. How else will we know what to teach our children? How else will we be able to impress upon our children the importance of teaching *their* children? In his last oratory [Deut. 32:7], Moses charges us:

זכר ימות עולם, בינו שנות דור ודור  
 שאל אביר ויגדך, זקניך ויאמרו לך:

"Remember the days of old,  
 consider the years of ages past;  
 ask your father, he will inform you,  
 your elders, they will tell you."

Again, we are enjoined to learn – "ask your father" – and we are also enjoined to teach – "he will inform you."

Teaching is a relationship; it requires both teacher and student. We teach in various

ways – as mentors, as role models, as authors, as artists. Of course, we can be unintentional teachers and learners, but the intention to teach is about transmission of knowledge from one person to another.

Many years ago, I participated in a program designed to teach professors how to teach our students to write. At the beginning of the first session, we were told to write a couple of paragraphs in answer to the question, 'Why can't our students write?' It was a logical way to

begin, and we all began writing our answer. I had written about half a sentence when the instructor said, "Oh, we will be reading these aloud." My writing changed mid-word.

**"Teaching is a relationship; it requires both teacher and student."**

Suddenly, I was writing to *someone*. I had an audience. I had "students." My ideas were now framed within the context of a relationship.



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# Presidential Matters

Gary Kodner



## “Why does a congregation need to define and know its mission?”

It's a legitimate question to ask. After all, shouldn't a congregation's mission simply be "to live the word of Torah/Scripture in the world?" On a basic level, that's true. But if the mission of the congregation is too general, it falls short of defining its individual spirit, vision and direction. I like the definition that Rabbi David Teutsch uses in his book, *Making a Difference. A Guide to Jewish Leadership and Not-for-Profit Management*. He writes, "...a strong organization articulates both a picture of the world it is attempting to create and its own particular role in creating it. (p.81). Any mission answers the question, why do you exist as an organization?

The skepticism about the need for a clear mission may be related to bad experiences in trying to craft one; or it may reflect the reality that once the work of creating a congregation's mission is complete, no one really seems to use it. However, defining and periodically refining our mission can be incredibly powerful for our congregation.

One of the essential tasks of our professionals and our volunteer leaders is to act and implement policy and programming that is faithful to our mission. With that kind of consistency, our mission will become a driving force for maximizing the impact that our congregation will have on its members and the community.

How many of us know our own Shaare Zedek Mission Statement? Here it is:

Shaare Zedek is committed to the principles of Conservative Judaism and is dedicated to achieving greater: Spirituality, Inclusion, Jewish Learning, *Tikkun Olam*, Community Involvement, and Support for Israel.

It sounds pretty good. But I don't think it is widely known. Are we doing a good job in addressing all of these principles? Do we have the resources, members and leadership to accomplish our mission?

Do we have a clear Vision? Defining mission precedes developing vision. The mission is like the seed and the vision is the tree. Or to take an example closer to home, the "mission" of the Jewish people is "to be holy" (*Am Kadosh*) and our "vision" of what that looks like includes living in the Messianic era: an age characterized by complete justice, peace, compassion, dignity and equality for all human life, respect for animal life and the environment and, more specifically, the Jewish people living peacefully in its historic homeland.

A congregational vision should answer these questions:

- By virtue of our work, what do we want our congregational community to ideally look like?
- Through our collective actions, how can we take our congregation as it exists and make it more like the congregation we want it to be?

Taking our mission more seriously may give us better guidance, and perhaps bring more clarity and common understandings that

will enable us to make consensus decisions about our future. Goals become more achievable. Why? Because the mission will help point us to the most satisfactory future and hopefully help us to avoid organizational chaos while pursuing and testing variable ideas, guided by our principles, mission and viability, instead of keeping a steady course. When the mission is strong and commonly understood by leadership, it will guide the creation of a beautifully crafted vision, and together they will remain an ongoing source of energy to complete the work that your congregation or organization has been called to do.

Having a compelling congregational vision motivates people to become involved and act because it gives them a basis by which to pursue an alternative future in which they can feel fully vested.

### SISTERHOOD OFFICER INSTALLATION BRUNCH

Please join us for our installation of new officers on  
Sunday May 16, 2010.

Our program begins at 10:15am.

Following the installation we will serve a delicious brunch  
and you will be entertained with a violin concert.  
This will be a wonderful way to begin your Sunday.

All members of our congregation are invited as well as your guests.  
A \$5.00 contribution is requested.



# HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan



Jews gather together in community to mourn and to celebrate: it is a unique piece of our tradition that speaks to our need to be with each other in times of our greatest sorrow and joy. The *kaddish*, for example, only can be recited by an individual when he or she is standing with nine others in a minyan. Why? Because that person, who has experienced a great loss, must be with others and not cut themselves off from the community at their most vulnerable time.

So too, with *simchas*, happy occasions – celebrating our new babies, marriages, and B'nai Mitzvah, our confirmations and graduations: they are to be acknowledged in community, with blessings of thanksgiving and the words from our tradition, "Siman Tov u'Mazal Tov" – a good sign and good luck for us and all Israel!

A Jewish bride and groom are married underneath a *chuppah*, a canopy, that is open on the sides to symbolize the Jewish home the couple will build together, open to guests, family and friends. The couple stands underneath the chuppah surrounded by their parents and loved ones. Here at Shaare Zedek, we use a large *tallit* as a chuppah to celebrate and bless all of our *s'machot* (simchas). At a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, for example, Rabbi Fasman and I give the Priestly Blessing to the student while his or her parents and close family members hold each the corners of the tallit. Not just the family, but the community participates in the emotion of the blessing – and anyone who has been there can attest to the power of the moment: a family, framed by the Ark, holding a canopy together as blessing is given and received on all sides. What else makes it powerful? Because this moment, charged with emotion, fiercely reminds us of how we are all connected.

The chuppah, for our community, is a multi-purpose "blessing shelter" – a physical representation of both God's sheltering presence and the community's embracing arms. The liturgy for the bedtime Sh'ma

describes the protecting angels Gavriel, Michael, Uriel and R'fael stationed around us in front, behind, and to our left and right, and concludes with the words "and all around us is the *Shechina*, the presence of God." There are many images of God as protector in our texts: God making a shelter of peace, God's embracing arms, God as comforter and constant companion.

Last Rosh Hashana, all of our youngest members came on to the bima for a special blessing, along with their families. These families make up our DorWays chavurah, and the leadership of this group has come up with a wonderful project for our entire Shaare Zedek community to continue to celebrate our happy occasions together: we are embarking on the construction of a

Community Chuppah – an enormous canopy made up of individual "simcha squares" made by our families. This Community Chuppah will hopefully be a permanent piece of art displayed in the shul when it's not being used for baby namings, B'nai Mitzvah, aufrufs, anniversaries, and other happy occasions. On Sunday morning May 16 the DorWays group will gather to kick off the summer season and begin work on what will be a beautiful "garment" for our entire community. If you have any further questions about the project, please let me know!

## Yizkor Memorial Book

Dear Shaare Zedek Member,

As in previous years, Shaare Zedek will be publishing a Yizkor book to be distributed at Yom Kippur.

You can honor a loved one by memorializing their name in this book of remembrance.

A minimum contribution of \$5 is suggested for each of the following:

- Each individual name
- Each entry on the Rabbi Epstein/Rabbi Asher Memorial page
- Each entry on the Holocaust Memorial page

Please respond by May 10, 2010 so your honored names can be included in this year's Yizkor Book.

Sincerely,  
Mitchell Shenker  
Development Committee

Please mail your request and check to:  
Yizkor Memorial Book  
Shaare Zedek Synagogue  
829 North Hanley Road  
St. Louis, MO 63130

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Place a checkmark to have an entry on the following pages:

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_  The 6 Million Who Perished in Holocaust

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(please include name & relation)

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vizkor is May 19 & 20, 2010

# Men's Club

Mitch Shenker, President

## Lag Ba' Omer Celebration

Join in the Lag Ba' Omer celebration on Sunday, May 2. There will be eats for sale, bow and arrows to shoot, and we will build University City's biggest bonfire. It will all begin at 6:00 pm. The Men's Club looks forward to seeing you there.

Lag ba-Omer is the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer, which starts on the second night of Pesach and ends on Shavuot.

The counting of the Omer is a ritual that dates back to ancient times, when the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem. Throughout history, following the tragedies that befell the Jewish people during this period, and particularly the death of 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva from a plague (in the 2nd century CE), these days have become days of national mourning, during which certain prohibitions apply, such as the prohibitions against cutting one's hair or holding weddings. On Lag ba-Omer these mourning customs are halted, as tradition states that on that day Rabbi Akiva's students stopped dying. Another significant event that

happened on this date is the death of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai (Rashbi), who was one of Rabbi Akiva's students. Even so, the full origins of this holiday are unknown and are the subject of many differences of opinion.

Lag ba-Omer is also connected with the story of the Bar Kochba Revolt, whose spiritual leader was Rabbi Akiva, and whose military leader was Shimon ben Kosiba (bar Kochba). In the 2nd century CE, some of the Jewish population of Israel revolted against the Roman regime. The revolt, although initially successful, was brutally quashed and wrought great destruction on the Jewish communities in Israel. This was the last period of Jewish independence in the Land of Israel until the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. There is some conjecture that Lag ba-Omer marks the temporary victory of Bar Kochba's men over the Romans.

The traditions of this holiday developed mostly during the modern period. The Zionist movement emphasized the struggle for



national liberation in the Bar Kochba revolt and turned the revolt into a symbol of the struggle for freedom. Lag ba-Omer is not a holy rest day, so businesses are open as usual. Apart from some special prayers and a few customs observed by certain ethnic groups, Lag ba-Omer is no different than any other day of the year.

### HOLIDAY CUSTOMS

**Bonfires** - Lag ba-Omer has become the bonfire holiday, perhaps in commemoration of the signal fires the rebels lit on the mountaintops to relay messages, and perhaps in memory of Rashbi. For weeks before Lag ba-Omer children gather any scrap wood they can find, and on the eve of this holiday large bonfires are lit and potatoes and onions (and now marshmallows, too) are roasted in the flames. Among secular Jews, the bonfires are the only custom that has remained from the traditions of Lag ba-Omer.

**Bows and arrows** - In the Diaspora, Jewish youngsters used to go out into the fields on Lag ba-Omer and shoot arrows, perhaps in commemoration of the Bar Kochba revolt; perhaps influenced by the surrounding gentiles. One can still find children here and there who play with bows and arrows on Lag ba-Omer, but this custom is slowly disappearing.

**Celebrations in honor of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai (Rashbi)** - This is a custom that developed among the kabbalists of Safed in the 16th century and has become a popular folk celebration: on Lag ba-Omer thousands of people have adopted the custom of making a pilgrimage to Rashbi's tomb in the Galilee, lighting bonfires there in the evening and picnicking throughout the following day. Many religious Jews also bring their three-year-old sons there on Lag ba-Omer for their first haircut.

Mitch

# Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley, President

April showers bring May flowers. Oddly enough, that reminds me of one of the things you can do under the Women's League *Mitzvah Yomit* projects: decorate your home with greenery for spring. This project was developed to make us aware of all the possibilities for doing mitzvot, large and small. Mitzvot can also be guided by holidays and seasons. Shavuot will be here on Wednesday/Thursday, May 19 and 20; and as we prepare to celebrate the completion of the counting of the Omer and the giving of the Ten Commandments, we could read the Ten Commandments and give them some thought; or we could try to participate on the evening of Tuesday, May 18th in some of the *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* program. It is also a mitzvah to serve dairy meals around these days. The kabbalists said that the number 40 - the numerical value of the word *halav* (milk) - corresponds to the number of days that Moses spent on Mount Sinai. I'm sure that Marvin Lerner could give us more details on this gematria. It is also suggested that it became a custom to feature dairy dishes because cheese was produced during that season. And it is asserted that because the dietary laws were given at Sinai, the meat available was not usable for consumption and it would have taken too long to prepare meat meals in accordance with the new rules. I always use a recipe given to me years ago by an aunt from Borough Park in Brooklyn. It's just noodles, cottage cheese, sour cream, egg yolks, a little sugar and cinnamon, and egg whites folded in, dumped in a glass baking dish, covered with bread crumbs and sprinkled with little dabs of butter, and baked at 350 for about 45 minutes. It couldn't be easier. And with a fresh green salad, it's filling and delicious! Thanks, Aunt Edie. I'm sure you all have your own favorites too.

The last week in April, Cindy Ginsburg and I attended the regional Women's League conference in Dallas. This is the newly-formed (2 years) Intracontinental region, made up of the combined Midwest and

Southwest regions. We had 2-1/2 days full of interesting workshops and seminars. I attended two workshops designed for Sisterhood presidents, covering topics of old and new members, the new Keruv program, and much more. There were two workshops on the related issue of generations - one on how to meld generations titled "My Bubbie, My Mother, and Me," and the other titled "This isn't your Grandmother's Sisterhood." Both dealt with taking advantage of each generation's experience, talents, and ideas. One morning we had a Torah study class led by Rabbi Wendy Pein from one of the Dallas congregations. There was a seminar on the Art of Communications, discussing what we say and what we hear; and another on different ideas for Development (Ways & Means). I hope to be able to use and share a lot of the ideas and materials with you throughout the year.

As I said at the Torah Fund luncheon, there are approximately 600 Conservative synagogues affiliated with WLCJ, and there are a lot that don't meet the goal set for them each year based on their member-numbers. We can be very proud that every year Ruth Levy manages to ensure that our Shaare Zedek Sisterhood meets the goal set for us. Preparing the letters, keeping track of contributions, and maintaining status reports are quite a task. Also, Ruth told me how grateful she is for the help she received in the planning and food preparation from Irene Belsky, Golda Burke, Rhoda Grimsky, Joy Goldfeder, Sherry Kaplan, Ruth Jacob, Jean Marx, and Phyllis Warner. Thank you all.

As for the program at the luncheon, I would like to thank Liz Redler and the USYers for the mother/daughter "fashion show" and the Kadima group for their dramatic presentation about sacrifices. We hope that they will be willing to provide another program in the future.

Thanks, kids!



The Sisterhood Installation is scheduled for Sunday, May 16. Be sure to RSVP for the program. The original date was to have been Sunday, May 9, but that is Mother's Day and we didn't want to spoil any traditional plans. So, we hope you will be able to attend the Installation program the week after Mother's Day. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thanks to all of you who have chosen to use the Sisterhood Kiddush to help celebrate your family *simchas* in the past few months, and to those who have already scheduled a Sisterhood Kiddush for an up-coming *simcha*. We are delighted that you elected to celebrate with your Shaare Zedek "family" and we feel fortunate to have been asked to play a part.

Thanks to all of the officers and board members for your hard work, your advice, good counsel, and dedication over the last two years. You have made my job as president like sailing on smooth waters. Thank you for providing the wind and the current, which have kept our Sisterhood moving in such a positive direction.

## Please join Jewish National Fund for a free community breakfast

Sunday May 23, 2010 at 10am

at the St. Louis JCC, Staenberg Family Complex

The featured speaker is Dr. Jonathan Adelman, Senior Fellow at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracy. The topic will be: The Iranian Nuclear Threat: Can Israel Survive?

There is no cost to attend, but an **RSVP is required** to: Pam Sender at [psender@jnf.org](mailto:psender@jnf.org) or 888-563-0099.

Kosher dietary laws will be observed.

## The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help

The Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry is looking for items to provide well-balanced nourishment for the community in need.



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

The need is great so please help in any way you can. Thank you.

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



I particularly like the counting of the Omer. The Omer is made up by the 49 days that stretch from the second night of Passover to the holiday of Shavuot. The act of counting forces us to stop and reflect, for at least a moment, about the day that has passed and to look ahead to the day yet to come. In our busy world there is precious little time for such reflection, the lesson in the Omer for me is that we all need to stop, pause and reflect from time to time. The time has come for me to reflect on the last two years here at the Shaare Shalom Religious School.

We can look with pride to some innovations and programs the Shaare Shalom Religious School has brought about in the last two years. First of all, the new Hebrew curriculum (Mitkadem) we have piloted this year has been very successful and sets SSRS up for greater success in the future. Students move at their own pace, study either alone or with friends, and enjoy the fruits of their labors. The curriculum is perfect for the realities of the SSRS community and will serve the school well for many years into the future. The Shabbatonim continue to be tremendously successful. This year with the addition of administrative support from the Solomon Schechter Day School we have had

great weekends with great programming and we have sent kids home exhausted, happy and inspired. The increased on-line and e-commerce presence of SSRS is clearly still in its infancy but has already made a difference and helped us to cut postal costs and communicate with our parent community more efficiently. Finally, and along the same lines, we have added computers and enhanced A/V technology to the school. I still look forward to the day when all of the classes will be wired for the internet but for now we have taken what we have, and what our grant applications have provided for us, and sincerely enhanced the Religious School experience.

Thank you to Rabbi Fasman, Rabbi Miller, and Hazzan Dulkin. It has been a pleasure to work with you and I appreciate your guidance, friendship and good counsel. Thanks to Harvey Leader and Jeff Miller, you have been valued team players and infinitely patient with the on-going demands of the Religious School. Ellen Scholten and Beth Rubin, SSRS co-chairs, the three of us have made a great team and

it has been a pleasure to work with you. Jeannie and Nancy, thanks for the help and cooperation. Lauren Malm, Religious School Administrative Assistant, you have been hard-working and creative in your solutions. You learned on the job and never ducked any of the assignments I threw your way. Jennifer Newfeld at Bnai Amoona has been a genuine partner and a trusted confidant. It is always a pleasure to work collegially with such a thoughtful professional. The students and parents have given the school the reason to exist and always demanded our very best. Finally, a heart-felt thanks and yasher koach to the teachers. You have been fun to work with and have given the students (and so in turn you have given the Jewish people) your very best each and every class day.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that the Shaare Shalom community will continue to grow and evolve and that the school will achieve heights as of yet unimagined in the years to come.

B'shalom,

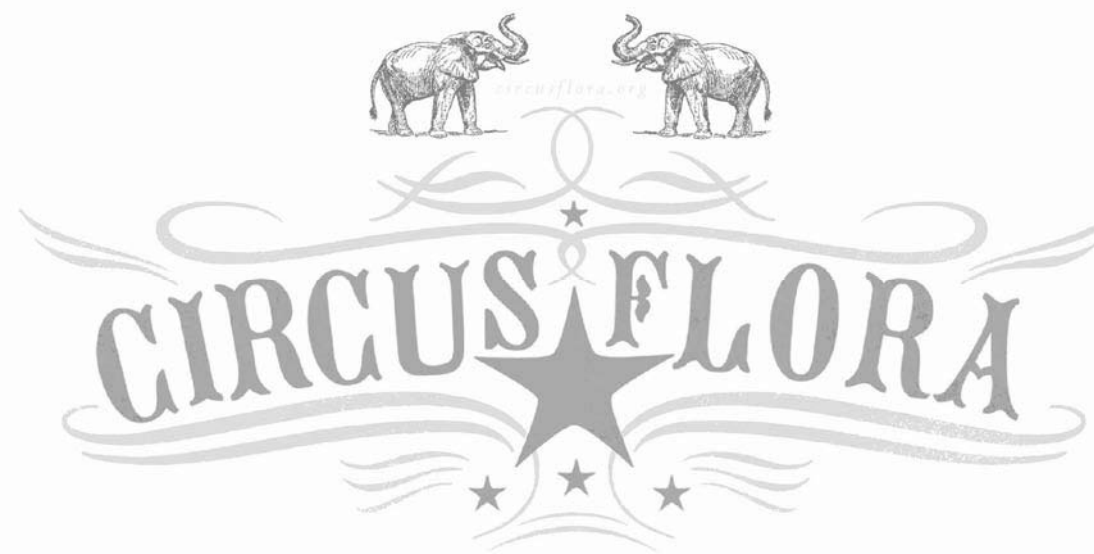
Michael S. Raileanu, M.A.Ed.

Teach your passion to someone!



Model Seder pre-k thru 2nd

# Shaare Zedek DorWays invites everyone to the Circus!



**Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm**  
**At Grand Center (near Powell Hall)**  
**Tickets - \$20**

*All proceeds will benefit the Shaare Zedek Family Education Fund!*

**Join us before the circus at 4:30 PM for a picnic in Strauss Park**  
**(corner of Washington and Grand) - BYOP: Bring Your Own Picnic**

**For more information about Circus Flora**  
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**To purchase tickets and to RSVP for the picnic, contact Melissa Berk: 314-727-1747**  
**Email: [szyouthandfamily@gmail.com](mailto:szyouthandfamily@gmail.com)**

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# Everyone Has A Story

By Sima Needleman

## The Story of Patsy and Gershon Spector

Both Patsy Tanenbaum and Gershon (Jerry) Spector lived in Baltimore, MD. They were members of the same synagogue and went to the same high school; both were in Israel in 1963; both went to graduate school in Boston; but, because there is a 5-year difference in their ages, their paths didn't cross for many years.

Patsy's maternal grandparents emigrated from Germany and settled in Baltimore, MD, where her grandfather started an Orthodox *shul* in Druid Hill Park. Her paternal grandparents, who were from Russia, went to Augusta, Georgia. Patsy's father, Sol Tanenbaum, who grew up and went to medical school in Georgia, did his residency at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, where he met and married Patsy's mother, Esther Cordish. The couple made their home in Baltimore, where Dr. Tanenbaum, who was a general practitioner, had two offices in working class neighborhoods.

Patsy's mother was a homemaker, who was not only involved in raising money for philanthropic causes but who was a prolific and proficient crocheter and knitter. (She opened a needlepoint shop in the lower level of their home later in Patsy's life.)

Patsy, who was the oldest of the Tanenbaums' three children, was born on November 9, 1942. Her brother, David, who is 4 years younger than she, currently lives in Okinawa with his family and works in talent management for a Japanese company. Her sister, Rosalind, eight years Patsy's junior, lives in northern CA, where she supervises a Federal nutrition program for daycare centers.

The family belonged to *Beth Tfiloh Synagogue*, which was Orthodox, and her parents were observant and quite active in their *shul*. In addition, they supported many Jewish causes, including Israel Bonds and Hadassah as well as their synagogue. The

family lived in a Jewish neighborhood "with lots of kids," where Patsy fondly remembers playing step ball and riding bicycles. She also remembers the family's two annual trips to Georgia (to visit her father's parents) and to Atlantic City for *Pesach*.

Patsy attended *Beth Tfiloh* Day School through the 6th grade. Then she went to public schools - - Garrison Junior High School and Forest Park High School, where she was in the honors program and graduated in 1960. After school, Patsy attended Hebrew School (three times a week) through the 8th grade and continued her studies after school in the 9th and 10th grades at Baltimore Hebrew College (which was actually a high school).

In 1958, when Patsy was going into 11th grade, her family moved from the city of Baltimore to Baltimore County. Soon after moving, her father became a charter member of Greenspring Valley (Orthodox) Synagogue, paving the way for his family to transition from *Beth Tfiloh* to a *shul* in their new neighborhood.

During her school years, Patsy was a member of Young Judea, and she took piano, tap dancing and ballet lessons. Later, she added Israeli folk dancing to her repertoire. Dancing became a big part of her life.

For three summers, starting when she was 12, Patsy went to a Jewish girls' overnight camp called Camp Louise. The next three summers she was a counselor at Camp Mildale, a Jewish day camp. Patsy made friends easily over the years - - in her neighborhood, in *shul*, at school and at camp. In spite of living in different cities, she



and some of those friends still keep in touch with each other today.

Meanwhile, Jerry's early life was very different from Patsy's. Jerry was born on October 20, 1937 in Rovno (Poland), a city that at various times was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Poland, Russia, and the Ukraine. His family can trace its ancestry to the 1680's. Several of his forefathers were Orthodox rabbis, the most famous of whom was Itzhak Elhanan Spector, the one-time Chief Rabbi of Europe, after whom Yeshiva University in New York named its Rabbinical School.

Jerry's father, Paul Spector, who was conscripted into the Polish army as a young man, was a military champion in the 100 meter dash and the broad jump. However, he was imprisoned for reading Karl Marx, but later was released in a barter agreement in which Paul's family made a leather jacket and shoes for the *commandant* in exchange for his freedom. Once Paul was free, he escaped to France where he enrolled in the Sorbonne University, from which he graduated with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. (While at the Sorbonne, he patented a tool to insulate electrical wire.) After graduating, Jerry's dad became the principal of a Jewish vocational school near Rovno.

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Jerry's mother, Nechama Tushman, who came from a wealthy family that owned a general store, earned a B.A. degree in teaching from the Hebrew Seminary in Viinius, Lithuania. By this time (1933), both of Jerry's parents came back to Poland and taught in the Hebrew school there. In 1935, they got married and Jerry was born 2 years later.

Jerry and his parents lived in Rovno until 1939, the year that Poland was partitioned. The Spector family, along with Jerry's aunt and uncle, managed to avoid capture while the Russians and Germans were battling each other. First, they headed east (behind the advancing German army) until they reached Kizil Arda, Kazakhstan, but when the tide turned and the Russian army began overtaking the Germans and pushing them back, the Spectors were right behind the Russian troops heading west (back toward Poland).

By May, 1945 when the war ended and they were back in Poland, they managed to get to Rovno and found that their house was still standing, but they knew that the Polish and Ukrainians had killed more than 5,000 returning Jews fearing that they would try to reclaim their property. Therefore, his parents decided to go to the American zone of Germany, and they stayed in *Neu Freiman*, a Displaced Persons Camp near Munich from 1945 to 1949. (While there, Jerry went to Hebrew day school and his parents found jobs.)

In 1949, distant cousins in Baltimore, MD sponsored Jerry and his parents to come to America. For a short time after they arrived in Baltimore, Jerry's parents had a grocery store, but in time they sold the store and both became teachers at *Beth Tfiloh Synagogue*. (His father also taught at *Ner Israel Rabbinical College* and at the *Talmudical Academy*, while his mother continued to teach at the *shul* for 50 years!)

When Jerry was 12 years old he went to school at the Baltimore *Talmudical Academy*, but his parents, who were dissatisfied with the education Jerry was getting in English and secular courses, enrolled him in a public elementary school and sent him to summer school every summer for several years. Jerry attended the public elementary school for just three months and then transferred back to *Talmudical Academy*, where he completed the 6th grade and was given the opportunity to go to the Robert E. Lee Junior High School #49, a unique accelerated public school where students were selected from all over Baltimore based on their academic success to complete the 7th, 8th and 9th grades in 2 years instead of 3.

When Jerry graduated from #49 he went to Forest Park High School (FPHS), which was located in a Jewish neighborhood of Baltimore (similar to University City in the 1960's and 1970's). During his high school years Jerry had a very full social life (possibly to make up for the war years when he had no friends). For one thing, he was a member of two youth groups: B'nai Brith's AZA Fraternity and *Habonim*. In addition, he not only played varsity football and "went out" for track, but he joined the swimming team and served as team captain for 2 years. Also, he was in the Lawyers' Guild, in the high school's Glee Club, was head of school monitors, and was President of the National Honor Society.

When Jerry graduated from FPHS in 1956, his parents wanted him to choose a nearby college. As a result, Jerry went to Johns Hopkins University where he commuted by streetcar. At first, he majored in Chemistry, but later changed to a double major in Biological Science and English Literature (which he loved). At Hopkins, Jerry joined the Glee Club and a fraternity (Alpha Epsilon Pi). He did research in psychology and biology and became a member of the Psi Chi Honor Society. When he found that he was too short to play football, he became a cheerleader!

Both Jerry and Patsy graduated in 1960 - - Jerry from Hopkins and Patsy from FPHS. Jerry then went to the University of Maryland Medical School (located in downtown Baltimore) on a scholarship. While there,

he became co-editor of his yearbook and a member of AOA (Alpha Omega Alpha), the Medical Honor Society.

Meanwhile, after high school Patsy also attended the University of Maryland, but she was an undergraduate in College Park, MD (similar in some ways to the University of Missouri's Columbia campus) with a major in psychology and a minor in sociology.

Patsy and Jerry finally met each other briefly (near the end of their third year at their respective schools) at a party where they discovered that they had many things in common. However, their relationship didn't develop until after they both graduated from the University of Maryland in 1964 - - Jerry with an MD degree and Patsy with a B.A. in Psychology.

After graduating, Jerry went to Boston to do an internship at Harvard's Beth Israel Hospital. At Christmas time, he went home to Baltimore and happened to talk with a mutual friend of both his family and Patsy's family, who suggested to Jerry that he call Patsy. When he called, Jerry learned that Patsy was also living in Boston, where she was a graduate student at Simmons College School of Social Work. Soon after returning to Boston Jerry called Patsy, and this time it didn't take them long to realize that they had met the person who would share the rest of their lives.

Two months later, at Spring break, they got engaged, and on August 29, 1965, they were married in Baltimore at the Greenspring Valley Synagogue. At the time of their marriage Jerry was taking a general surgical residency at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, and Patsy had completed one year toward a master's degree in Social Work at Simmons College, but she arranged a deferment in her graduate studies so that she could go with Jerry to Baltimore. There, she got a job with the Division of Family and Children's Services.

On June 28, 1966, their first child, Marc, was born and a few days later Jerry completed his commitments to Sinai Hospital and they moved back to Boston for the completion of

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Jerry's Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) residency at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary of Harvard Medical School.

Patsy returned to Simmons as a part-time student and completed her MSW degree in 3 years. Then, from 1969 to 1971, the family moved to an army base in Atlanta, Georgia because Jerry, whose military service had been deferred by the Berry Plan until he completed his medical training, was obligated to serve in the U.S. Army for 2 years. During that time, their daughter, Rachel was born -- on May 21, 1970.

When Jerry was discharged from the army, the family moved to St. Louis because Jerry was hired as an assistant professor in the ENT (Otolaryngology) Division of Washington University's Medical School. They bought a house on Maryland Avenue in Clayton where they lived for 4 years. In 1975 they moved to a larger house on Westmoreland in University City where they still live today.

Over the years they have made many trips to Israel to visit Jerry's relatives. There, Jerry has been invited to operate on VIP's and has taught and done surgery at a number of venues including the Rambam Hospital. (Jerry has done the same in other countries, such as Thailand and Turkey.)

Patsy began doing volunteer work at the Epstein Hebrew Academy even before Marc was enrolled there. She also has worked for other charitable causes and served on a number of boards. In 1978 she began working for the Women's Self Help Center (now known as Safe Connections), first as a volunteer and then as a part-time paid employee. At the same time, she became a real estate agent. In her spare time over the years Patsy has enjoyed doing craft work. Following in her mother's footsteps, she has done a lot of knitting for her children and has made *kippot* and even a *tallit* for Marc at the time of his bar mitzvah.

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## Kick the summer off right with DorWays!

Bagel Brunch,  
Open Gym,  
& Community Craft Project\*  
May 16, 9:30-11:30am



We'll eat, schmooze, play, and begin work on our community chuppah, a special canopy to be used on all of our happy occasions at Shaare Zedek!

**\*DRESS FOR MESS!**

Please RSVP by Wed. May 12 to: [szyouthandfamily@gmail.com](mailto:szyouthandfamily@gmail.com)

Patsy continues to work part-time at Safe Connections and in her real estate business, which allows time for her to serve on the Board of the Jewish Council Against Family Violence and to take care of each of her two St. Louis grandchildren (on two separate days) every week.

Since coming to St. Louis, Patsy and Jerry have been members of two Orthodox congregations and have attended services at other Conservative synagogues, but in 1977, they joined Shaare Zedek, which has

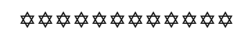
been their spiritual home ever since. Their son Marc celebrated his bar mitzvah at SZ in 1979, and Rachel's bat mitzvah was in 1982. Jerry served as President of the congregation for two years, 1986 - 1987. Their family was joined with the Shamir family when Marc married Lvav Shamir in 2005, a union that produced Claire (age 3 1/2) and Ben (age 1 1/2).

The Sectors' daughter Rachel, her husband Brian and son Samuel (1 year old) live in San Diego, where Rachel works for Home Depot

as district manager of Human Resources and Brian works for Hewlett-Packard as a financial officer.

In thinking back over her life, Patsy stated that she's proud of her work at Safe Connections, of being able to pass on their family's heritage to their children, and having such a growing family. She's happy that everyone is doing well and that at least some of their children are in St. Louis, and she is grateful that she and Jerry have had such a good life.

Jerry stated that he's "proud of having a nice, Jewish family with kids and grandkids, who are well-educated and successful," adding that he never thought he'd have such a family. He went on to say that if the war taught him anything, it taught him what's most important in life -- "not just making a fortune but doing something meaningful and good for humanity to vindicate my reason for survival."



### Postscript from Sima:

In the 4+ years that I've been writing these biographical articles, I have found myself identifying with other people's experiences but never more than this article about the Sectors. For me, this has been a nostalgic walk back in my life. My reasons for saying this are: (1) I, too, come from Baltimore and actually knew Jerry there; (2) my family also belonged to *Beth Tfiloh Synagogue*; (3) Jerry was actually placed in my 5th grade class for 3 months when he went to public elementary school; (4) like Jerry, I went to the accelerated junior high; (5) like Patsy, I went to Camp Louise; and (6) all 3 of us went to FPHS and had the great music teacher, Mr. Wechsler! There's even more, but that is enough. Suffice it to say: writing this article was really fun for me!

## Youth Programs

Liz Redler, USY Director

On April 1, I was given some very sad news that one of our SZSL members had lost her father suddenly and unexpectedly. Although her family belongs to another synagogue, this USYer has been a good friend and a wonderful addition to our SZSL family. As soon as word got out (within the span of an hour), the USYers started sending tributes, flowers, and food. The support has continued with visits everyday, dinner at various places, and late night phone calls. Our SZSL members have lovingly rallied, and in the most difficult of times have provided a safe and secure place for our member to vent, to not say a word, and actually to do a lot of laughing.

What makes SZSL so special is not that we have the most prolific and original programming. Simply put, it is not a chore to be a part of our group. Many parents have actually called, stopped by, or emailed me during this time to thank me for loving and supporting their children. I can only respond that it takes no effort at all to be with this outstanding group of people and every day I am humbled and honored to be part of their lives. We have managed in two short years to form a cohesive, loving, and supportive chapter. When I've ask my members why they come to programs, so many of them have said to me that they feel SZSL is like being with family. For all of our members, we have made SZSL become part of their extended family by opening our doors to any

Jewish teen who wants to experience USY regardless of their synagogue affiliation, level of observance, or financial abilities. By doing this, we have not only increased our membership, but we have broadened our friendships, and as our members would say, we have broadened our families.

The following days, weeks, months, and years to come are going to be filled with many ups and downs for our Lila. Indeed, there will many ups and downs for all of our SZSL members to varying degrees. Through it all, SZSL will be there to share and participate in each others lives, to laugh and cry together, and to even argue with each other. Through it all, we will be with each other, as a family.

B'shalom

Liz Redler



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Melissa Berk, Kadima/Noar Director

Yasher Koach to the Parsha Players on their performance of the Sedra Scene "Vayikra" at the Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon! Among the Parsha Players were, Pardes Lyons-Warren as the Director of the play within a play, Leora May-Rauchman as the Cow and the Bull, Batyah Selis as Moses, Livie Redler as G-d, Haley Juroviesky as the

Sheep and the Goat, and Katie Juroviesky as the Narrator. These young ladies deserve a round of applause for their insightful input into the production! A special thank you to USY Director, Liz Redler, USYers Alyssa Burke, Mital Lyons-Warren, Laura Rosenberg, and Rhona Lyons, for helping out!

# 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.

In preparation for Passover, sixty DorWays children, parents, and grandparents gathered for our Plague Bag Event! They enjoyed pin the band-aid on the cow, the hail toss, and jumping lice, as well as filling their bags with crafts like frog hats, and foam wild beasts for their Seders. Then they topped off their Pre-Pesach fun with Hazzan Joanna and the Shabbat Rinah Band for a rockin' Pesach sing-a-long, followed by Shabbat services. Yasher Koach to our wonderful event chair, Jessica Wax, for all of her hard work, time, and creative ideas! A special thank you to our grandparent volunteers who ran the activities and crafts for the children, Courtney Cerulo and Annalee Zweig for their help in the kitchen, and Peggy Nehmen for her fabulous photos! Make sure to check them out. A huge thank you goes out to the Zaidman and Vickar families for generously sponsoring our delicious meal!

**Sunday, May 16th**, DorWays will kick the summer off right! Young families, join us from 9:30 – 11:30 AM for a bagel brunch, playtime, singing and the launch of our brand new Community Chuppah Project!

**Join us in June** as DorWays heads to the circus! Check out the flyer for more details and contact Melissa at [szyouthandfamily@gmail.com](mailto:szyouthandfamily@gmail.com) with any questions or RSVPs!



# Adult Education

Sydney Farber

There's a lot going on in May, so let's start out with what's happening at Shaare Zedek:

✧ *Jewish Prayer* - Rabbi Mark Fasman's Tuesday night classes started back in April and continue through May, starting with May 4, 11, and 25, skipping the 18th for Tikkun Leil Shavuot.

✧ *Encountering God in Jewish Theology* - May 15th with Rabbi Ryan Dulkan, from 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Community Room. Last class until mid-October;

✧ *Haftarah Trope classes* - Come learn haftarah trope with Joyce Olshan starting Sunday, May 16th, from 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. Just bring your enthusiasm; we'll provide your lessons. This class will meet every Sunday morning in the Library, so contact me to sign up;

✧ *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* - May 18th - a learning session on Erev Shavuot. There will be a dairy dinner after Ma'ariv services, followed by some SZ learning, and then more learning throughout the evening with other congregations in the area joining us here. More details to follow in e-mail blasts and fliers on the Shabbat table;

✧ AH-TEM MUZMANIM L'BAIT CAFE SHEL MENDEL!! BO-UH NEDABER RAK IVRIT B'SHABBAT 22 MAY. NAH-SHAVE B'YACHAD B'ZMAN HA KIDDUSH B'ME-SHECK CHATZI SHAAH.

For some of these classes/programs, you will need to RSVP me, so here are several ways to contact me. You may also call Nancy in the office:

- Seeing me in person
- Sending me e-mail ([Kitty1106@aol.com](mailto:Kitty1106@aol.com))
- Calling me 314-692-7560 and leave a message
- Calling the office (have Nancy leave a note on my shelf)
- OR go to <http://www.shaarezedek.org>; then click on EDUCATION at the left side; next click on Adult Education and voila' you

are there - a facebook page for all to view - though I think you have to join Facebook in order to leave a message (I'm not positive on this).

On Facebook, there's an area where you can start a discussion, or send an e-mail, or just wander through to see what Adult Ed is doing besides what you read in your Shabbat bulletin!

As a preview to the summer's activities, we'll be starting a Torah trope class; Israeli folk dancing with Bob Olshan; Kashrut 101: How to Start/Keep a Kosher Home with Irene Belsky as our Maven, Learner's Shabbat, and other classes and events. Details on these and more will be on the Facebook page and the e-blasts.

Here are several interesting facts about May/Sivan. For starters, **Jewish American Heritage Month** (JAHM) is the remembrance of Jewish American contributions and of the history (past, present, and future) of Jewish Americans in the United States of America. It is celebrated in the U.S. and is held annually in the month of May. It was set into law by President George W. Bush in 2006.

Last month I told you about Iyar, so it's only fair that I tell you something about Sivan. The third month of the Jewish calendar is Sivan (Hebrew: סיוון) which correlates to late May/early June and is a spring month having 30 days.

**Lag BaOmer** (Hebrew: ל"ג בעומר) (Sephardic Jews refer to this holiday as **Lag LaOmer**), and is celebrated on the thirty-third day of the counting of the Omer, which is on the 18th of Iyar (also in May). FYI: The Hebrew letters Lamed and Gimel total 33. Judaically, Lag B'Omer is also the ONLY day between Pesach and Shavuot where one can get married, a haircut, or shave (plus some other things, too).



**Don't miss the last Ruach Am'cha weekend of the year!**

We were one of two synagogues to receive a renewal of our funding from the Legacy Heritage Foundation, so look forward to even more music next year. If you haven't yet had a chance to experience these unique services and events, this is the time! Also present this weekend is a videographer who will be profiling our own Hazzan Dulkan for a promotional video for the Cantors Assembly.

## MAY ACTIVITIES

### Friday night May 7

- 5:15-6pm Wine, cheese & frilach, featuring performances by our Intergenerational Choir and brass ensemble
- 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah with the band, featuring our SSRS students

### Sat May 8

- 9:30am Chanting service with Lynnsie Balk Kantor
- 7:45pm Drum Circle with Adam Rugo and Hazzan Dulkan

For information, contact Hazzan Dulkan, [address@shaarezedek.org](mailto:address@shaarezedek.org), or Program Coordinator Julie Friedman, [Julie@shaarezedek.org](mailto:Julie@shaarezedek.org)

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Marcy Brodsky <b>Mildred Keyser</b>	Beatrice Hollander <b>Sam Hollander</b> <b>Sanford Rubin</b>
Josephine Cassel <b>Fannie Fishkop</b>	Maxine & Murray Kalina <b>Harry Sandler</b> <b>Sydney Kalina</b>
Frances Cohen <b>Louis L. Cohen</b> <b>Isadore Loiterstein</b>	Stephen H. Keyser <b>Mildred Keyser</b>
Florence Cohn <b>Sonia Greiver</b>	Tami Klayman <b>Ethel Kramer</b>
Alice Fasman <b>Albert Rife</b>	Bernie Kunitz <b>Esther Schragar</b>
Lois Fitter <b>Sandra Shifrin</b> <b>Eugene Shifrin</b>	Pamela Lazaroff <b>Lorraine Greenblott</b>

Ida Legow <b>Himan Imber</b>
Pat Leve <b>William Leve</b>
Allan Leving <b>Phyllis Leving</b>
Elsie Levy <b>Emilie Levy</b> <b>Carl Levy</b>
Howard & Ellen Mirowitz <b>Joseph Levin</b>
Sima Needleman <b>M. Alfred Kolman</b>
Rudy & Frances Oppenheim <b>Gertrude Oppenheim</b>
Bob & Sandra Rudman <b>Oscar Rudman</b>
Donn Rubin <b>Sadie Schneider</b> <b>Dolores Rubin</b>
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Gloria Sirkin <b>Fishel Wishnuff</b>

## David Iken Memorial Fund

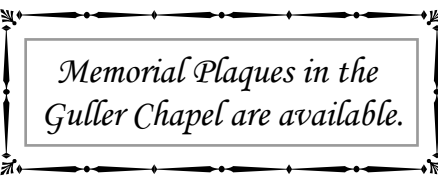
### IIN HONOR OF

Alan Spetner, Men's Club Man of the Year  
Martin & Barbara Becker  
Bat Mitzvah of Shoshana Grossman  
Rudy & Frances Oppenheim  
Joe Iken's birthday  
Micki Kingsley  
Joann Baron  
Rhoda Grimsky  
Good health of daughter of Murray & Eva  
Gail Bresler  
Joann Baron  
Birthday of Barbara Becker  
Rhoda Grimsky

### IN MEMORY OF

Florence Silverstone  
Martin & Barbara Becker  
Mollie Stone  
Martin & Barbara Becker

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



# Condolences

**Mollie Stone** passed away on March 17th.  
Mother of Arthur (Henda) Stone.

**Alicia Karpati** passed away on March 19th.  
Mother of Noemi (Michael) Neidorff.

**Irene Kalman** passed away on March 27th.  
Sister of Stan (Ruth) Levy, aunt of Golda  
(Gerard) Burke.

## PLEASE ATTEND A MINYAN AND BE COUNTED

We have daily minyanim, 7am & 6pm,  
8am on Sundays, 9am on Saturdays.

Choose a time that is convenient for you.  
Become a regular. You will appreciate it.  
We will appreciate it.

Those saying Kaddish for a loved one  
will appreciate it even more!

## Do you want SISTERHOOD to do the work?

Please keep us in mind when you  
celebrate a Simcha... a Bar or Bat  
Mitzvah, an auf ruf, an anniversary,  
a birthday, a new baby, or any other  
occasion you want to celebrate with a  
**SISTERHOOD KIDDUSH.**

You can also join with another person  
or group and co-sponsor.  
We do the work, you'll enjoy a  
delicious Shabbat Kiddush,  
and the synagogue will  
benefit from our fund-raising.

**Call the office for information.**  
*We'll be glad you did.*  
Thank you.



**Shaare Zedek Calendar** **May 2010 Iyar/Sivan 5770**

<p><b>Saturday, May 1</b> Parashat Emor Jacque Fern Bar/M 9:00am Shabbat Service 11:00am Tot Shabbat 7:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:35pm Shabbat Ends</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 2</b> Lag B'Omer Regular Minyanim 11:30am Intergen Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Lag B'Omer, Celeb @SZ</p> <p><b>Monday, May 3</b> Regular Minyanim 9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class 6:45pm Ritual Niggunim 7:00pm Ritual Comm.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, May 4</b> Regular Minyanim 8:00am Herb Fredman Class 7:15pm Jewish Prayer Class</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 5</b> Regular Minyanim</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 6</b> Regular Minyanim</p> <p><b>Friday, May 7</b> 7:00am Shacharit 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Band 7:30pm Ruach Am'cha Wine &amp; Cheese Reception 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Band 7:40pm Candle lighting</p> <p><b>Saturday, May 8</b> Parashat Behar-Bechukotai 9:00am Shabbat Service 9:30am Ruach Am'cha Chanting 10:45am Family Service 12:00pm Ruach Am'cha Zmirot 7:05pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:45pm Havalah Drum Circle 8:42pm Shabbat ends</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 9</b> Regular Minyanim 9:30am Men's Club Meeting</p> <p><b>Monday, May 10</b> Regular Minyanim 9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 11</b> Regular Minyanim 8:00am Herb Fredman Class 7:15pm Jewish Prayer Class</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 12</b> Yom Yerushalayim Regular Minyanim</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 13</b> Regular Minyanim 12:30pm 60 Plus Lunch @ SZ 7:00pm Exec Board</p> <p><b>Friday, May 14</b> Rosh Chodesh Sivan 6:45am Rosh Chodesh 6:00pm Shaare Shalom Confirmation 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service 7:47pm Candle lighting</p> <p><b>Saturday, May 15</b> Parashat Bamidbar 9:00am Shabbat Service 10:00am Rabbi Dulkan's class 10:45am Noar Parsha Players 11:00am Tot Shabbat 7:10pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:48pm Shabbat ends</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 16</b> Sisterhood Installation Lunch Regular Minyanim 10:00am Confirmation Shaare Shalom @BSK</p> <p><b>Monday, May 17</b> Regular Minyanim 9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class</p> <p><b>Tuesday, May 18</b> Erev Shavuot Tikun Leil Shavuot at SZ Regular Minyanim 8:00am Herb Fredman Class 7:50pm Candle lighting</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 19</b> Shavuot I 9:00am Festival Service 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 20</b> Shavuot II</p>	<p>9:00am Festival Service 11:00am Yzkor 6:00pm Mincha/Ma'ariv</p> <p><b>Friday, May 21</b> 7:00am Shacharit 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Band 7:53pm Candle lighting</p> <p><b>Saturday, May 22</b> Parashat Nasso Bar/M Jonah May- Rauchman 9:00am Shabbat Service 10:45am Family Service 7:20pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:54pm Shabbat ends</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 23</b> Regular Minyanim</p> <p><b>Monday, May 24</b> Regular Minyanim 9:45am Rabbi Fasman Class</p> <p><b>Tuesday, May 25</b> Regular Minyanim 8:00am Herb Fredman Class 7:15pm Jewish Prayer Class</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 26</b> Regular Minyanim</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 27</b> Regular Minyanim 7:00pm Board Meeting</p> <p><b>Friday, May 28</b> 7:00am Shacharit 6:00pm Shabbat Rinah Service 7:59pm Candle lighting</p> <p><b>Saturday, May 29</b> Parashat Beha'alotcha Bar/M Cameron Wolf 9:00am Shabbat Service 7:25pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 9:00pm Shabbat ends</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 30</b> Regular Minyanim</p> <p><b>Monday, May 31</b> Regular Minyanim</p>
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We hope you enjoy this new format that allows us to provide you with more complete information.

Minyan times are  
7am & 6pm weekdays,  
8am & 6pm Sundays,  
unless otherwise noted.