

A New Voice & A New Look for Shaare Zedek

We welcome Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan
and her family to St. Louis



A New Voice

Hazzan Dulkan joins us as our full-time Hazzan starting August 1. At her previous position at Beth El Synagogue in New York, she created innovative musical, spiritual, and educational programs for congregation services, school, camp, and youth groups. Hazzan Dulkan is an award-winning writer and composer. She recently had three of her compositions selected by Shalsholet, the foundation for new Jewish liturgical music, to be performed at their annual June festival. Most importantly, Hazzan Dulkan is a dynamic, accessible Shalach Tzibur who brings to her davening an energy and enthusiasm that is inspirational. Along with her cantorial leadership for weekly Shabbat services, Hazzan Dulkan will be coordinating Bar/Bat Mitzvah training, and be involved in Family Life Programming, the Early Childhood Center, and Educational Programs. One of her goals is to bring a consistency to educational programming from early childhood through adulthood. With Hazzan Dulkan's arrival, Shaare Zedek will be on the cutting edge of Conservative Judaism.

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A New Look

Those of you who have attended Shabbat services over the summer have noticed that we have been davening in the Mirowitz Auditorium instead of the sanctuary. In addition to providing a more appropriate setting for our smaller summer crowd, the change of location has allowed for some minor renovation to the Epstein Sanctuary. After years of discussion, we have lowered the reader's stand to make it handicapped-accessible and to create a more intimate and spiritual feeling for prayer. The construction will be complete in time for Hazzan Dulkan's first Shabbat on August 4.



Mark Fasman - Rabbi

A few days ago, I stood at an overlook in a relatively new community called Eli. It is located in the same place as the biblical Shiloh – the location of the Mishkan for 369 years, the location of the sacred shrine supervised by the priest Eli, the place where the young women of Israel would come to dance in the fields and would be chosen as brides, the place where Hannah came to pray for a child, the place where she brought her son, Samuel, and the place from which Samuel “ruled” over Israel before anointing the first king, Saul. (Cool, huh?) I davened mincha alone, but in the presence of history. My history. Our history.

Eli was the high priest of the time. On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, we will read the haftarah in which Hannah comes to the shrine to pray for a child. When Eli sees her sitting silently, with her lips moving, he assumes that she is drunk and admonishes her. But she was praying – the first recorded silent prayer – and her prayer was answered by God. Eli was wrong; Hannah was right. And normative Judaism, as it developed in subsequent centuries, tended to institutionalize this distinction between men, who were responsible for public religion, and women, who were limited to private devotion.

At one time it was considered inappropriate for a woman to lead the congregation in worship *mipnei k'vod ha-tzibbur* – “because of the honor of the congregation.” And perhaps we might understand that if a woman could not represent us in court or in our civic life, then it would be shameful for us to be represented by a woman as we stand before the King of Kings.

Times have changed. Women are no longer treated as wards of their fathers, brothers, sons, or husbands. Women now participate fully in the public sphere, as professionals, as entrepreneurs, as civic leaders, as lawyers and judges, as heads of state, as athletes, as ministers, as rabbis, and as cantors.

And thus the election of **Hazzan Joanna Dulkan** to lead us in worship as our *shelichat tzibbur* – “agent of the congregation” – is completely appropriate and natural for a community that accepts the principle of gender egalitarianism (not equivalence) to seek out the individual who most closely represents who we are, who “fits” the ethos and values of our community, and who brings a high degree of learning and personal integrity to the position she now has.

Hazzan Dulkan is my esteemed partner. I am honored to work with her to serve the needs of Shaare Zedek, to shape the programs and rituals of this congregation, a task for which we were both elected by this congregation.

You will notice changes. The sanctuary has been modified in order to create a more intimate feeling during Shabbat and Festival worship, a move from the theatrical

style of the 1950s to the participatory aesthetic of our time. Our services will sound different – after all, there is a different “voice” leading us – but we have become accustomed to being led by many different voices.

What will not change? We will continue to come together as a community of American Jews who seek to stand in the presence of God (if not always, at least at certain sanctified moments). We are Americans, living in a secular culture. But we are also Jews, and we continue to seek meaningful ways to understand God’s call to us to be a *mamlechet kohanim* – a kingdom of priests, to make significant life choices in accordance with our understanding of God’s will, to be part of the chain of generations past and future, to enrich our personal and family lives through the sacred traditions and teachings of our ancestors.

We are not a museum of a vanished race. We are a living, growing, changing community of Jews, connected to each other and to God by a common calling and a common purpose. We take our Judaism seriously by engaging with it seriously. We are a Conservative, not Preservative Movement. We conserve that which is at the core of Jewish belief, values, and practices. But we are not a museum of Eastern European 19th-century Judaism.

The possibilities are endless. The opportunities to engage, to learn, to grow, to connect, to pray, to teach, and of course, to eat, are limited only by our time and strength. With Hazzan Dulkan, I expect to be able to offer twice as many opportunities of all kinds to an even greater segment of our community. You can help by telling us what you need (or asking us what you need), and simply by showing up.

What an exciting time to be part of such a vital and creative and striving community of Jews! On July 31, I complete my fifth year at Shaare Zedek. All I can say is what we traditionally say when we complete each of the five books of Torah: *Hazak, hazak, v'nit'hazeik* – “Be strong, be strong, and let us strengthen one another.”

Mazel Tov to...

Barry & Carol Pessin on the birth of their first grandchild, **Daniel Abraham Pessin**, on June 1. Proud great-grandmother is **Lillian Spetner** and proud great-grandfather is **Herman Drifon**.

Sue & David Propper on the birth of their granddaughter, **Allyssa Brooke Viente**, on June 24 to parents **Lyndsie and Adam Viente**, of Dunwoody, GA.

Shira Small, daughter of **Harvey & Ava Small**, and **Danny Lantner**, son of **Karen and Louis Lantner**, on their wedding June 25.

HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan



Shalom! I want to begin by expressing how excited and privileged I feel to be serving the Shaare Zedek community. In my search for a position and your search for a cantor, I think we have found a great match! I look forward to celebrating holidays together, marking s'machot, learning with you and your

children, and adding a musical dimension to our spiritual life here at the synagogue. Together with my husband, **Rabbi Ryan Dulkan**, and our sons **Zac** (3 years) and **Jesse** (3 months), I thank everyone, especially **Harriet Shanas** and **Harvey Leader**, for making our transition from New York to St. Louis so successful!

In the summer months, we often have time to reflect on the year that is to come. This year at Shaare Zedek you will notice an extra voice on the bima. When I lead the davening, my goal is to empower rather than entertain. I look forward both to continuing the musical traditions of our synagogue, and adding new voices and melodies to our services. Either way, I look forward to adding my voice to yours as we get to know each other. To that end, I want to share a unique text with you, found in the cave next door to the cave where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Introducing another ten commandments which will hopefully inspire you to a higher ground.

The Ten Commandments of Congregational Singing

1. Thou Shalt Sing!
2. Thou Shalt Sing with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
3. Thou Shalt Sing Fearlessly, striving to ignore the possible wondering glances of thy neighbors. Thou shalt know in thy heart that they would like to sing with you, if they only had the nerve. Never lose faith that they will sing with you if only you continue.
4. Thou Shalt Sing Joyfully, as it is written by the prophet Isaiah: Sing, O Heaven, be joyful, O Earth, and break forth into Singing, O mountains.
5. Thou shalt Sing Reverently, for music is prayer.
6. Thou Shalt Not Hesitate to Sing, for though an individual may pray in a whisper or even in wordless silence, a congregation must sing.
7. Thou Shalt Not Resist New Melodies, for we have been taught to never let our prayer become rigid. Seek to fulfill the words of the Psalmist: Let us sing a new song unto the Lord.
8. Thou Shalt Never Mumble but sing out loud. Never be deterred by an occasional mistake.
9. Thou Shalt Not Hesitate to Sing with the Hazzan for she fervently wants you to join with her.
10. Thou Shalt Never Forget the words of the Psalmist: I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live. True and certain it is that God loves us when we work, but God really loves us when we sing.

I look forward to meeting all of you, to hearing your ideas and concerns, and of course, to making beautiful music together. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the synagogue or through email at Hazzan@ShaareZedek.org.

B'nai Mitzvah

Oliver Kodner

August 5

Son of **Peggy Nehmen & Gary Kodner**. Grandson of **Sue & Marvin Kodner** and **Octavia (z"l) & Raymond Nehmen**. Brother of **Rachel Kodner**.



Alyssa

Burke

August 19

Daughter of **Gerard & Golda Burke**. Granddaughter of **Stan & Ruth Levy** and **William & Evelyn Burke (z"l)**. Sister of **Melinda, Daniel** and **Brigit Burke**.



Sarah Marx

August 26

Daughter of **Bill & Christy Marx**. Granddaughter of **Jean & Eric (z"l) Marx** and **Kenneth & Rosemary Crady (z"l)**. Sister of **Emily** and **Rachel Marx**. Pal of dog **Sidda**.



Zachary Praiss

September 2

Son of **Omri & Julie Praiss**. Grandson of **Israel & Judith Praiss** and **Stanley & Anna Daschke (z"l)**. Brother of **Aaron** and **Lauren Praiss**.



Ask Zaide

Since we all know that our Zaides know everything, Ask Zaide will be used to address your questions about the synagogue. To have your question answered, submit it to office@shaarezedeck.org.



Dear Zaide,

I love Shaare Zedek. I love the Rabbi; I love the staff, and I love being part of the Shaare Zedek family. How can I help spread the word to my friends about what a wonderful place this is?

Sincerely,
Wanting to Help

Dear Wanting,

As Shaare Zedek members, we know how satisfying it is to be part of a vibrant synagogue that offers opportunities to experience Judaism through all of our senses. We want to let everyone know why we love Shaare Zedek. Here is a sneak preview of two ways we plan to communicate this spirit...

Beginning in late August, we'll be placing in The Jewish Light the ads you see to the right. You can help spread the good word by watching for these ads and pointing them out to others. You might even clip them out and send them to folks who don't get The Light.

We also plan to distribute flyers like the ones inserted in this News. Please hand flyers to family members, friends, and acquaintances so they understand why you belong here. Or take them to stores you patronize and ask the proprietors to put them in the window. We have lots of flyers; just call the office or e-mail Harvey Leader (ExecDir@shaarezedeck.org) to get as many copies as you need!

B'Shalom,
Zaide

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Happy August Anniversary to...

Jaron & Jennifer Asher
Arthur & Barbara Bahn
Steve & Marsha Birenbaum
Irving & Josephine Cassel
Gerald & Marion Cohen
Benjamin & Jordana Cooperberg
Herb & Shirley Fredman
Stanley & Simmie Gellman
Robert & Carol Glick
Joseph & Julia Iken
Alex & Phyllis Kane
Sheldon & Livia Kessler
Ari & Rimma Khagi

Douglas & Marilyn Miller
Phillip & Sima Needleman
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Abe & Isabelle Schultz
David & Lori Sheinbein
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Donald & Betty Siegel
Jacob & Jean Sosna
Gershon & Patsy Spector
Garry & Bonnie Vickar
Meir & Shawna Waizman
Mark & Margarita Weinstein
Roger Young & Deborah Wenkert

*In honor of their 60th anniversary,
Joe & Julie Iken invite the
congregation to celebrate with
them on Shabbat, August 12.*

President's Message

Harriet Shanas - Synagogue President

August ushers in a sense of new beginnings here at Shaare Zedek with the arrival of **Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan**. She brings her music, knowledge, energy, and her spirit to enrich our congregation. And while the High Holidays aren't that far away, we encourage you to come and meet and hear her now. Whether on Shabbat morning or on a Friday night Shabbat Unplugged, you are invited, as we say in our upcoming High Holiday publicity campaign, to "experience Judaism with all your senses."

Rabbi Fasman is back from his month of learning and study, and will have much to share with us as well. We are so fortunate to have the spiritual and professional leadership of these two talented individuals and look forward to their partnership growing from strength to strength.

Another new face at Shaare Zedek this month will be **Michael Landy**, the new Executive Director for the Mid-Continent Region of the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. How exciting to have a satellite office of USCJ right here in our home on Hanley Road! Michael is relocating to St. Louis with his wife, a native St. Louisan, and children to better service the vast region of United Synagogue of which we are a part. It will be wonderful to be able to get the latest news about what's happening in our movement from our new colleague.

We welcome back our Shaare Zedek youngsters and teens who are returning from camps and trips to Israel, Europe, and across the country; some are going off to college and some returning to school later in the month. We hope to hear from them about their experiences and emotions as Jewish Americans. Our youth programs will be gearing up for lots of activities by month's end to usher in another school year.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks and thank you for being a part of the growing Shaare Zedek community.

Guidelines for submission to the News:

Submissions must be received by Sarah Rubinson, editor, by the 10th of the previous month.

Submissions in electronic form are preferable.

The editor and Communications Committee have the right to decide what will and will not be printed and to edit any submission that are printed.

Personal messages (such as those of gratitude) are subject to a \$25 charge.

Sisterhood

Cindy Ginsburg- President



It's hard to believe that summer is winding down and predictable schedules are starting to take form. Shaare Zedek Sisterhood is also finalizing our fall program schedule. **Sue Propper**, Vice President of Programming, has arranged for a very interesting kickoff brunch on Sunday, September 10 at 11 am. The program will be "Family Violence Awareness" presented by Ilene Joseph. Brunch will be served, and the cost is a donation of non-perishable food items for the kosher kitchen at the woman's shelter. RSVP by Tuesday, September 5 to Sue Propper at 862-5698 or email suemeryl@charter.net.

Our first board meeting will take place Sunday, August 13 at 10 am. All board members should attend this important planning and budget session. In addition, please let me know if you would like to attend the National Conference in Philadelphia on November 12-15. I will be happy to share the details. Email CindyMSN@charter.net or call 983-0607. See you soon!

Keep Those Recipes Coming!

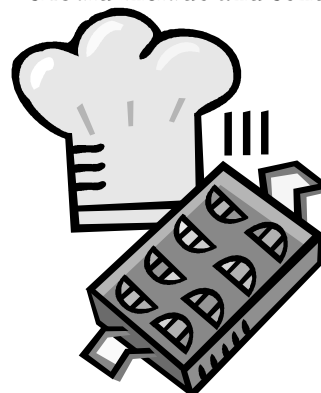
Sisterhood is putting together another sure-to-be-great cookbook (with your help).

Write down all those recipes for special meals, family favorites, and anything else you think we should include and send them to the office by **November 15.**

Let's get cooking!

Thank you & Bon Appetit!

Cookbook Chairs:
Arleen Kerman,
Carol Simon, &
LaVerne Zeid



SISTERHOOD CALENDAR

August 13: Sisterhood Board Meeting
September 10: Kickoff Brunch

Religious School

Chani Pinsberg - Education Director

Shaare Shalom Religious School is gearing up for its fourth exciting and fulfilling year. The staff has been hired, and we are all thrilled to start the year and meet the students. We are offering classes for students ranging from age three through 12th grade.

Our younger students will be introduced to the different Jewish activities that take place in the synagogue and at home. The curriculum will explore the Jewish holidays and our connections with the State of Israel. Hands-on activities will reinforce the importance of the holidays, special foods connected with each festival, and the blessings we recite. Each Sunday will be filled with stories, arts and crafts, games, music, activities, and T'fillah.

The older students will have the opportunity to discuss the holidays on a more mature level, to study Israel in depth, to learn about the Holocaust, and to explore biblical passages for the relevance and parallels to their own lives.

We are adding a new component this year: elective classes for the high school students. Students can choose from a wide variety of courses including drama, in-depth Jewish history, text classes, and Jewish cooking. The electives will change each semester.

Registration forms were mailed in the beginning of June, and I hope most have been returned by now. If you did not return your registration forms, please do it as soon as possible. Classes will again be held at BSKI (1107 E. Linden) from 10 am to noon. Teachers will meet on August 27 for orientation, and classes will start on Sunday, September 10. Opening Day promises to be filled with special activities related to the High Holidays since it will be just a few days before Rosh Hashanah.

We would like to invite parents to join the students on the first day at 11:40 in the main sanctuary for a special open house.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 27: Teacher Orientation

September 10: Open Day of Religious School

CAJE CALENDAR

September 5/6: Hebrew School 1st Day

September 7: Jewish Community High School 1st Day

CAJE

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

"And you will love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."

-- Deuteronomy 6:4

How many of us have paused to contemplate the meaning of this familiar phrase and apply it to our lives? What does it mean to love God? How can we be commanded to have an emotion? The Torah's answer to that question is that love is expressed through action. We love God by fulfilling God's expectations of us as expressed through the mitzvot. We show love for our family members by taking care of one another and doing for one another. We also know that the expressions of love which go beyond the expected are the most treasured of all. It is why simple gifts like Shabbat evening flowers are so treasured and why we put a premium on hiddur mitzvah – going above and beyond the letter of the law by choosing to wear a finely decorated tallit or having every member of the family light Chanukkah candles.

We know that our Hebrew school students love the annual Siddur-A-Thon and Bowling Bash. This opportunity allows our students to keep up their Hebrew skills in an informal manner during the summer break. Don't forget to keep track of your reading throughout the summer so that you can join all of the Siddur-A-Thon participants at our September Bowling Bash. And, we know you can't wait for the start of school which re-opens on Tuesday, September 5 at the West Branch (B'nai Amoona) and on Wednesday, September 6 at the East Branch (Shaare Zedek).

For students who have reached the age of B'nai Mitzvah, there are a variety of ways to express love of Judaism, but there is nothing more highly regarded than continued Jewish education. The Jewish Community High School provides a variety of ways for teenagers in grades 8-12 to continue to learn and grow as Jews. Hebrew High registration is ongoing through the first day of class on Thursday, September 7. Course listings and registration materials can be found at www.cajestl.org. Register early to guarantee your class selections and secure the early-bird registration rates. We are looking forward to the first day of school when we gather with our new and returning students and teachers for another year of exciting Jewish exploration.

We wish you all a wonderful end of summer and look forward to seeing you soon.

ARE YOUR KIDS ON THE LIST?

Don't let a little paperwork keep them from the place to be this fall....

Hebrew School

Who: 3rd-7th graders not attending Schechter

What: Classes to learn Hebrew and develop prayer skills in preparation for B'nai Mitzvah

Where: East Branch meets at Shaare Zedek; West Branch meets at B'nai Amoona

When: Mondays and Wednesday for the East Branch, and Tuesdays and Thursdays for the West Branch from 4-6 pm starting September 5/6.

How: Contact **Maxine Weil** at mweil@cajestl.org or 442-3757.

Why: Because it's the place to be weekday afternoons!

Religious School

Who: 3 years old through 12th graders

What: Diverse curriculum even including electives

Where: Classes are held at BSKI

When: Sunday mornings from 10 am to noon starting September 10.

How: Contact **Chani Pinsberg** at director@shaareshalomstl.org or 725-6230.

Why: Because it's the place to be Sunday mornings!

Hebrew High

Who: 8th-12th graders

What: A great opportunity to continue Jewish education through interesting, dynamic classes of your choice.

Where: Classes are held at B'nai Amoona.

When: Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm starting September 7.

How: Contact **Ari Vernon** at avernon@cajestl.org or 442-3758.

Why: Because it's the place to be Thursday evenings...and did we mention that our very own **Sarah Rubinson** will be teaching!?!

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The Marx family cordially invites the congregation to join us in celebrating Sarah's bat mitzvah on August 26.



Honor your loved ones and celebrate your Simchas with an Ashreinu leaf today!

Early Childhood Center Marty Schaeffer - ECC Director

Summer Fun Camp is filled with a wide range of activities. Sprinkler fun is top of the list, but when Ms. **Linda Kram**, summer camp science specialist, brought in live worms, well that was even better. Most of the children used magnifying glasses and discovered many new things about worms. A few kids and a couple of counselors were not too sure about the worm discovery experience. Laughter and squeals were heard all day throughout the center so we know some fun learning was taking place.

Our youngest children have enjoyed getting messy. Water play is great but so is pudding painting. At first the littlest ones were not sure what to do, but it didn't take long for them to get into the experience.

Fall is just around the corner. The ECC staff will be having its Staff Orientation starting August 21. We will be reviewing First Aid, CPR, and topics of Emergency preparedness. The annual ECC Family Ice Cream Social will be the evening of Tuesday, August 29 at 6 pm. New families are welcomed by current ECC families and the Center Staff.

Until then, keep cool!

ECC CALENDAR

August 21: Staff Orientation

August 29: Family Ice Cream Social



Above and top left: Preschoolers learn all about worms using hands-on activities.

Left: One of the preschoolers gets messy during pudding painting time.

Youth Programs

Sarah Rubinson - Youth Director

I recently sat down to write an email to the USY board and realized that it probably wouldn't do me any good. Two of our board members are in Israel for the summer on USY Pilgrimage, two at Camp Ramah, one at Herzl Camp, one at Camp Taum Sauk, and one on USY on Wheels. This is just a selection of the programs in which our youth are participating this summer. I urge those who are not yet involved in one of these great opportunities to talk to me in the coming months so that we can get you signed up for next year!

But as for what I've been up to this summer, as you read this issue of the News, there is a good chance that I am sleeping...in a time zone that is eight hours ahead of St. Louis...in Israel. I have the honor of being the recipient of the Legacy Heritage Scholarship for Youth Jewish Communal Workers and participating in a program through the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. Over the course of the three weeks, I am participating in an Ulpan Hebrew program each morning and studying a variety of topics such as Midrash, Halacha, Prayer book, and Women of the Bible in the afternoon. During my lunch hour, I will be participating in seminars led by experts from around the world (including the International Director of USY, **Jules Gutin** and St. Louis' own **Rabbi Pamela Barmash**) on how to incorporate what I am learning into the programming at the synagogue. Earlier this summer I took part in the Youth Director Summer Seminar at Camp Ramah Wisconsin. I joined other youth directors from around the mid-west for a week of professional development.

As the summer comes to an end, we are looking forward to the new programming year! Soon we will be holding our board retreat to do leadership training and planning for the coming year. We'll also be holding a kickoff program for each of our youth groups in the second half of the month. I very much look forward to bringing all that I have learned this summer back to the youth program and incorporating it into what is sure to be another fantastic year. Remember, our youth programs start in 5th grade, so if you or someone you know should be on our mailing list, please let us know so that he or she doesn't miss all the fun!

YOUTH CALENDAR

August 12: College Send-off

August 15/16: Board Retreat

August 20: Noar Kickoff at Tee Time Family Fun

August 20: USY Pool Party and BBQ Kickoff

August 27: Kadima Kickoff at Raging Rivers
Water Park



SZSLers Brendan Lyss, Jake Shanas, Racheli Schoenberg, and David Feldman with youth Director Sarah Rubinson at Camp Ramah in Conover, Wisconsin.



St. Louisans Ben Arnstein, Sarah Rader, and Shira Berkowitz with Youth Director Sarah Rubinson at Herzl Camp in Webster, Wisconsin.



SZSLers Hannah Rosenthal and Mital Lyons-Warren participate in Faith Beyond Walls' summer program SLICE; other participants included Hannah Rainey, Delia Rainey, and Emma Lapp. Thirteen Jewish youth from six different congregations participated with three other faith groups. On Day 1 the participants experienced a poverty simulation exercise. During the other four days the youth cleaned up areas in the College Hill area of North County including two days at the Senior Citizen complex that was the Jewish Center for the Aged from the 1920's until the 70's.

Men's Club

Dave Propper - President



Summer is a great time to kick back and relax. It's an opportunity to review the events of the past year and look forward to the coming Men's Club 2006-2007 program year! Men's Club closed out its 2005-2006 schedule with two diverse and exciting events. **Cynthia Kramer**

presented an educational presentation on the current status of stem cell research, and **Rudy Oppenheim, Alan Schwartz,** and **Gary Kodner** led a superb tour to the Lincoln Mesuem. Approximately 50 participants enjoyed a tour of the Springfield, Illinois Lincoln home site, cemetery, and Presidential Museum.

The recent 35th World Zionist Congress was attended by FJMC (Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs) National President **Bob Braitman**. You can follow his experience by reading his web-log on the FJMC web site at <http://web.mac.com/bobbraitman>

Next summer, the 2007 National Convention of the Federation of Jewish Mens Clubs will be held in Chicago at the Indian Lakes Resort. This will afford our membership the opportunity to spend time with 400 of the most dynamic personalities and best minds in North America, participating in activities that will educate and inspire, excite and exercise, serve and satisfy! Our Men's Club is looking forward to having several representatives from our Membership participate in this event. This is the same convention I attended in 2005 and provided me with many of the organizational and developmental ideas that our club has implemented this past year. More information can be found at the FJMC 2007 Convention web site: <http://convention.fjmc.org/>

Your Men's Club officers and Board of Directors are hard at work developing another year of exciting and meaningful programming for our membership! We will hold programming such as a Sports Night, Casino Night with the Sisterhood, Jewish Lyricists, Chanukah Making with Shaare Shalom, Monday Night Football and Poker Party, and the World Wide Wrap in addition to other events dealing with current events, politics, and genealogy.

Finally, the Men's Club welcomes **Hazzan Dulkan**, and we look forward to working with her closely in the coming year! Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!



The following is an excerpt from the translation of the signed "preamble" to the MERCAZ Olami/Kadima coalition agreement in which the head of the Kadima Party, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, refers to the Conservative Movement in significant words:

The Joint Party of Kadima, the Zionist Youth, the Pensioners and the Conservative (Masorti) Movement are bringing back the unique and primary purpose of the Zionist Movement, that of Jewish unity.

The delegates that Herzl gathered at the first Congress in 1897 came to portray the unity of the Jewish people, in taking action together – secular and religious, socialists and liberals, workers and bourgeoisie, young and old. From all over the Jewish world, they came to ensure the future of the Jewish people and their return to their historic homeland.

Our new party continues this tradition today, unifying four different bodies, each of which decided on its own, to put aside its political differences and unite around joint principles.

With the first three bodies of the new party being Kadima, the Pensioner's Party, and the Zionist Youth, the fourth partner, the Conservative (Masorti) Movement, represents the middle road that Maimonides praised—a golden path of tradition that distances itself from all extremes and advances a vision of unity through tradition, faith and Jewish heritage.

The alliance that we have built among these four bodies portrays the central stream of Zionism, the Zionism of Herzl and Weitzman; a Zionism that incorporates ideals with pragmatism, dreams with reality, keeping to tradition while understanding the changing reality.

I am convinced that this alliance of enlightened and moderate voices, dedicated with their heart and soul to the Zionist cause, will become a major factor in the Zionist Movement, leading it towards fruitful action for the future of the Jewish People.



Left: Participants from the Lincoln trip to Springfield.

Above: Speaker Cynthia Kramer with Men's Club President Dave Propper.

Member and Community News

Everyone Has a Story: The Story of Viola Beckerman

by Sima Needleman

Although **Viola Beckerman** was born in Russia, her family emigrated when she was very young. They lived in Canada for 2 years before moving to St. Louis, where three of her father's siblings lived and where a fifth sister was born to Viola's parents. Viola's father had a furniture store in Canada and a grocery store in St. Louis. According to Viola, her parents were wonderful people and very religious. She can remember her father closing his store so that he could go to shul. As a child, Viola used to like to read, but she didn't have much time for that because, as the oldest of 6 children, she was expected to help care for her siblings. She can recall being spanked when one of the children fell or ran away from her.

Viola, who went to Soldan High School, dated Rabbi Epstein a few times. Then, at the age of 16, she met **David Beckerman** at a party, but he was nine years her senior, and she felt that she didn't want to date that "old man." However, in time, he won her over. For one thing, she appreciated how nice he was to her parents. David was also good to his own parents. He turned down a scholarship to Washington University so that he could get a job to help support the family. David and Viola got married at Shaare Zedek when Viola was 19 years old. For 3 ½ years, the couple lived in East St. Louis with her husband's family. David took some university courses over the years and worked for the Southern Railway, holding a position that was essential during the war years. Later he worked for the Continental Grain Co. and the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

Viola and David had three children, all of whom graduated from college (one earned a Ph.D) and went on to have families of their own. Today, there are 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

According to Viola's daughter Rita, Viola was the ideal, traditional homemaker. She was caring and sensitive and devoted to her parents and sisters, as well as to her husband and children. She sewed, prepared beautiful meals, dressed for her husband before he came home from work, made every Shabbat and holiday a special occasion, and was an active member of Hadassah and the Meals on Wheels program. After her children were grown, she worked in retail clothing stores.

Viola and her husband had nearly 66 happy years together. For the past year, Viola, who will celebrate her 90th birthday this month, has called Delmar Gardens West her home, but don't try to find her in her room there. She is engaged in various activities throughout the day. Viola Beckerman is a congenial, friendly person with a positive attitude, who has touched the lives of everyone who knows her.

The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help

For the month of August the St. Louis Jewish Food Pantry is looking for these specific items in order to provide well-balanced nourishment for the community in need:

1. Macaroni & Cheese
2. Peanut Butter
3. Canned Pasta with Meat
4. Toothpaste & Shampoo

Items should be brought to the synagogue and placed in one of the Food Pantry collection bins. For further information, please contact Louise Levine, 636-227-1259.



Please remember to call the office if you know of someone in the hospital. Due to HIPA regulations, we are not able to get this information otherwise.

Today Rabbah

We would like to thank the following people for chanting Haftarah during July: **Lvav Spector, Elliot Wilson, Joyce Olshan, Sandy Boxerman, Jeremy Buhler**

Sharing our Simchas

The synagogue thanks the following for hosting a Shabbat Kiddush in July:

Gershon & Patsy Spector in honor of **Marc Spector's** birthday

Micki Kingsley in honor of everyone not away on vacation.

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Shaare Zedek acknowledges with gratitude the following contributions:

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Eddie Schukar's Bar Mitzvah
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Rabbi Lynn Goldstein's Visit and dinners
 Kate Blumenfeld

Sara Wolf's continued good health
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Tami Klayman's speedy recovery
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Walter Ehrlich
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Barry & Carol Pessin's new grandson, David Abraham

Gerry Goodman

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Gerry Goodman

Douglas & Lauren Schukar's new baby, Davis Kole

Sylvia Thea

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Condolences

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

The mother of Julie (Omri) Praiss.
Grandmother of Aaron, Zachary, and Lauren.

Get Your Chumash Today!

The cost to give a Chumash as a tribute has increased to \$100, but for the month of August, the old price of \$85 is still valid. Take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and donate a Chumash before they're gone!

What's Happening This Month...

For more information about any of these programs, please call the office at 727-1747 or visit our website at www.ShaareZedek.org.

Every day of every month

MINYAN

That's right...you don't need to check the upcoming events page to know that, no matter what the month, we hold daily minyan! Monday through Friday services are at 7 am and 6 pm, and no reservations are necessary.

Shabbat, August 12

COLLEGE SEND-OFF & MICHAEL RAILEANU JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Join us during services as we send our high school graduates off to their next chapter. Also featured on this Shabbat is another entertaining and educational Junior Congregation service led by special guest **Michael Raileanu**.

Sundays, August 20 & 27

NOAR, KADIMA, AND USY KICKOFFS

The programming year has begun, and we're off to a great start with three exciting programs. On Sunday, August 20 from 1 until 4:30 all 5th and 6th graders are invited to join us for an outing to Tee Time Family Fun Center for miniature golf, bumper boats, go-karts, and much more! Later that day we'll be holding our annual USY Pool Party and BBQ at the Weintrop's house for all 9th-12th graders. And on August 27, all 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to meet at 10 am to partake in a day at Raging Rivers Water Park. For more information or to RSVP, contact **Sarah Rubinson** at 727-1747 or YouthDirector@ShaareZedek.org.

Friday, August 25 at 5:30 pm

SHABBAT UNPLUGGED, SHABBAT DINNER, AND MEMBERSHIP OPEN HOUSE

Our special monthly service has returned from summer hiatus and will feature **Hazzan Joanna Dulkan** and **Andrew Rehfeld**. The service will be followed by a Ruach-filled Shabbat dinner. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids; please make your reservations to the office by August 21. This program will also serve as a membership open house, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

Join Us Shabbat Morning For...

Babysitting (1-5 years old)

10 am in the ECC

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

Junior Congregation (K-4th grades)

10:45 am in the Chapel

A dynamic and engaging service for our younger members. Parents and families are encouraged to attend. Special guest **Michael Raileanu** from SSDS leads this service once a month (other weeks are led by USYers or other professionals).

The Mitzvah Years (5th-8th grades)

10:30 am in the Youth Lounge

A special service several times a month for those of B'nai Mitzvah age (plus or minus a few years) run by Youth Director **Sarah Rubinson**.

USY Shabbat (9th-12th grades)

11 am in the Youth Lounge

This is a monthly service run by our USYers for our USYers, complete with an original D'var Torah.

Shacharit in the Sanctuary

8:45 am in the Sanctuary

All are welcome in the sanctuary for our traditional egalitarian service. All children are welcome; they are especially encouraged to attend towards the end of Adon Olam and other prayers before helping the **Rabbi Fasman** and **Hazzan Dulkan** with Kiddush.

Shaare Zedek Garage Sale September 17 from 8 am - 4 pm

Mirowitz Auditorium

Your junk is our treasure! Drop off items in the office or we can pick them up. Call Susie Tenzer, 997-1443 for information.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The deadline for the September News is August 10.</p>		<p>1 7</p> <p>8 am Text Study</p> <p>7 am & 6 pm</p>	<p>2 8</p> <p>Erev Tisha B'Av</p> <p>7 am & 6 pm</p>	<p>3 9</p> <p>Tisha B'Av</p> <p>6:45 am, 1:45 pm, & 6 pm</p>	<p>4 10</p> <p>Candlelighting 7:52</p> <p>7 am & 6 pm</p>	<p>5 11</p> <p>SHABBAT NACHAMU VA'ETCHANAN</p> <p>Hazzan Dulkan's First Shabbat</p> <p>Oliver Kodner Bar Mitzvah</p> <p>8:45 am & 7:10 pm</p>
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