

# SHAARE ZEDEK

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# News

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## SISTERHOOD Torah Fund Brunch

featuring the music of  
**Hazzan Howard Shalowitz**

**February 26, 2012, 11am**  
At Shaare Zedek  
RSVP by February 20

With a Special Presentation to Ruth and Stan Levy for their longstanding support of the Torah Fund.




**"Who wrote the songs that made the whole shul sing"**



# Don't Miss These Two Great Events!

## MEN'S CLUB Man of the Year Award Luncheon

**March 4, 2012, 1pm**  
At Shaare Zedek  
RSVP by February 22

Honoring Gary Kodner, in recognition of his devotion, dedication and service to Shaare Zedek Men's Club and our Synagogue community.

See ads on pages 5 and 13 for more details

# Todah Rabah!

## Haftarot for January

Ken Weinstein, Karen Karabell,  
Wendy Love Anderson, Benjamin  
Schneider

## Greeters for January

Laura Rainey, Susan Roth,  
Julia Lieberman, Beth Levy

## Kiddushes for January

Mark & Rita Weinstein and Samuel  
& Mira Zilberberg, Sisterhood, Eric  
Schneider & Debbie Chase, Rochelle &  
Arnold Schneider

## Floor Gabbaim for January

Steve Birenbaum, Sherri Frank Weintrop,  
Mark Weinstein, Howard Belsky

## Minyan Breakfasts for January

Shelah Feldman - father's yahrzeit;  
Maurice Guller\*\* - yahrzeit of sisters-in-  
law Mildred and Bobette Guller;  
Dorit Galor - mother's yahrzeit;  
Sherri Frank Weintrop - grandfather's  
yahrzeit;  
Richard Lerner - son's Bar Mitzvah;  
Irene Belsky - yahrzeit;  
Leo Bresler - yahrzeit;  
Harvey Friedman - his birthday;  
Jean Marx - marriage of granddaughter  
Emily to John;  
Marsha Birenbaum - father's yahrzeit ;  
Jerry Cohen - father's yahrzeit ;

\*\* indicates multiple sponsorships

# Mazal Tov!

## February Anniversaries

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

## New Plaques in the Guller Chapel

Stanley Goldstein  
South Wall, Col 12, Row 6  
Yetta Raiffie  
South Wall, Col 6, Row 20

## Do you know someone who has been missing the newsletter?

Have them send their email address to  
[nancy@shaarezedeck.org](mailto:nancy@shaarezedeck.org)  
and get put on the list!

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Shaare Zedek Newsletter designed by Tovah Enger



Thanks to our Rabbi's tireless efforts, we have a stunning new Friday night siddur. The new siddur, hardbound and in full color, is the product of many hands, including, of course, Rabbi Fasman, but also Gary Kodner, Alan and Helene Spetner, and Ken and Anita Kraus. We hope it will last for many years, and we are able to use it every Friday night, whether holiday, festival, new month, or any other period where special liturgy is employed. There is a short healing service between Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv, which we started almost a year ago with Rabbi Fasman's illness, which continues to be a meaningful moment in the Friday night experience. Readings, poems, prayers, and songs help us to get into the Shabbat mood. There is clear and complete transliteration of the entire Hebrew text, down to which syllables are to be emphasized. The beautiful graphic layout is clear and easy to follow, with musical notes to indicate when a tune can be used, and triangles demarcate the spots where the service leader picks up and continues the service. Rabbi Fasman offers the choreography of and commentary on the various prayers, adding an extra layer of engagement and interest to the prayer experience.

At the end of December, we celebrated our first time using the new book at the Friday night service with a *Shehechyanu*: the *bracha* that marks special occasions along the path of life. The *Shehechyanu* is a prayer for first times, whether it is the first time we use a new Torah or siddur, but also, it is appropriate the first night of a holiday, the first time one visits Israel or embarks on another new experience such as college, but also the first time one wears new clothing or shoes! Curiously, we do not recite *Shehechyanu* for momentous life cycle events such as a *brit milah*/baby naming, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, or a wedding. Why not? The *Shehechyanu* thanks God for keeping us in life, sustaining us, and allowing us to reach this special time – why are these times

of life, clearly unique and incredibly special, not marked by this *bracha*?

The answer our Rabbis give is that the *Shehechyanu* is recited on occasions that cycle back and forth, that ebb and flow with the seasons. Occasions that occur once in one's life, celebrated at particular ages and seasons (*brit milah* or *bar mitzvah* for example) are special in and of themselves, and already possess a prescribed set of *brachot*. A wedding also has its own set of *brachot*, and more importantly, the marriage that follows the wedding is meant to last

(unlike new clothing or shoes). Thus, these occasions do not require *Shehechyanu*. The beauty of the *Shehechyanu* is that it affirms the uniqueness of special times and seasons but also affirms that these seasons and times are part of a cycle. The ebb and flow of the Jewish year makes being part

**" The Shehechyanu thanks God for keeping us in life, sustaining us ... The ebb and flow of the Jewish year makes being part of our people so special..."**

of our people so special, and if you have ever celebrated an entire holiday cycle in Israel, you know what I mean. It was there that I truly understood what it means to celebrate the fullness of a year, celebrating milestones along the way with *Shehechyanu*.

The new siddur is called "Kol Rinah" – the voice of joyous song. It comes from the language of Psalm 118, which reads: "God is my strength and my song, and God has become my deliverance. The dwellings of the righteous echo with the

voice of joyous song and deliverance!" It is my hope and prayer that our voices continue to lift in joyous song each Friday night, aided by our fabulous band and our beautiful new *siddurim*, as we continue to pray for *refuah shleyma* for our Rabbi. May we be fortunate to share many more *Shehechyanu*-worthy moments in the years to come.

## The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help

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



- Pasta or Rice
- Beef Stew or Chili
- Hearty Soups
- Hot or Cold Cereals
- Canned Tuna Fish
- Canned Pastas with Meat
- Healthy Snacks of all Types
- Toilet Paper

Items should be brought to your temple or synagogue collection site. *Thank you.*  
For further information, please contact Louise Levine, 636-227-1259.



## Update: “Create a Jewish Legacy” Endowment Fund For Shaare Zedek Surpasses \$1,000,000

**Mazel Tov!** Thanks to the generosity of 25 families/individuals the “Create a Jewish Legacy” endowment fund in the name of Shaare Zedek has just surpassed the \$1,000,000 mark. **Due to this outpouring of support, Shaare Zedek will receive an \$18,000 matching fund grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater St. Louis.**

We are off to a fantastic start. After just three months, we are on our way to ensuring the future of Shaare Zedek. I have reprinted my article from September, as a friendly reminder. As the article states, we will be reaching out to you within the next six months. We hope you will consider a gift to Shaare Zedek so that future generations can create their identity and eventually leave their legacy.

*“I did not find the world desolate when I entered it. And as my parents planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me.”*  
– Talmud Ta’anit 23a

Jewish tradition teaches that one of our key duties is to make the world a better place for future generations.

Chances are you already donate generously to Shaare Zedek and other Jewish charitable organizations of your choice. But have you considered including Shaare Zedek in your will, so you can continue to make a difference for generations to come?

Over the next six months, we will be contacting all members asking you to consider making a legacy gift to Shaare Zedek. Our congregation has never attempted to launch an endowment campaign but now is the time. Shaare Zedek Synagogue was formed over 100 years ago as an orthodox congregation. We have evolved over the years and now we

must ensure that future generations have the opportunity to create their own vision.

Whether you use a will or other estate planning vehicle, your generosity can do a world of good. We have professionals within our congregation that can help you start this rewarding process.

Your legacy can reflect everything that is most important and meaningful to you. The legacy planning process can engender heartfelt conversations with your family and build bonds with your partners in the community.

Everyone has a unique family and financial situation. Your legacy gift of any size can be designed to match your personal circumstances. These options include:

### • Charitable Bequest in Your Will

You can create a permanent legacy by leaving a bequest of a specific amount of cash, a percentage of your estate or the remainder of your estate.

### • Gift Using Appreciated Assets or Cash

When you create a legacy with a current gift of cash or other property, your fund may be used to pay an annual gift to Shaare Zedek.

### • IRA or Pension Plan

Naming Shaare Zedek as one of the after-death beneficiaries of your IRA pension fund can save on income and estate taxes while supporting a cause close to your heart.

### • Life Insurance Policy

Life insurance is an advantageous and inexpensive way to create a legacy. You can purchase a new policy naming

Shaare Zedek as owner and beneficiary, or transfer an existing policy and name Shaare Zedek as owner.

## Other Ways to Create a Jewish Legacy

### • Charitable Gift Annuity

Charitable gift annuities allow you to safely increase your income. Transfer cash or stock directly to Shaare Zedek, and you will get a guaranteed fixed return for life.

### • Charitable Remainder Trust

Charitable remainder trusts allows you to provide an income for yourself and/or your family, receive significant tax advantages, and make a meaningful contribution.

### • Charitable Lead Trust

Charitable lead trusts offer a creative giving strategy if you want to reduce or eliminate gift and estate taxes on transfers to family while providing significant support to Shaare Zedek.

### • Gifts of Property or Art

If you own real estate and have held it for more than twelve months, giving a gift of property can be a great way to minimize the taxes paid on your current income and your estate. A gift of art must be appraised to determine fair market value.

The act of creating a legacy empowers you to complete the work of your heart, and to enjoy the peace that it brings. You are assured that your work will continue and the Jewish future will be bright.

*Mitch*



THE SHAARE ZEDEK MEN'S CLUB  
*is proud to award our*  
**“Man of the Year”**  
*to*  
**Gary Kodner**

*in recognition of his devotion, dedication  
and service to Shaare Zedek Men's Club  
and our Synagogue community.*

*A special FJMC Award Luncheon  
will be held in his honor*

**March 4, 2012, 1pm**  
*at Shaare Zedek.*

*Tickets are \$18 per person.*

*Contact the SZ office for reservations  
no later than February 22.*

*314.727.1747 nancy@shaarezedeck.org*

# Men's Club

Bob Olshan, President



I'm writing this article after fasting today on Asara B'Tevet. How many of you know what the 10th of Tevet is? I didn't, but because it's my grandfathers Yahrzeit, I looked into it. The fast commemorates the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylonia—an event that began on that date and ultimately culminated in the destruction of Solomon's Temple (the First Temple). It really was a nice way to start out a work day by waking up early to have breakfast before dawn, then putting on Tefillin, leading Shachrit, and participating in a Torah service - and still getting to work before 8:30am. The reason I bring this up is back to my goals for Men's club from a year ago which is spirits and spirituality. As we begin 2012 I'd like to continue our push for engaging programs that will be enjoyable but also ones that will stimulate us spiritually and intellectually. Please consider participating and perhaps joining us as we develop new programs for Shaare Zedek men and continue our joint activities with Bnai Amoona and BSKI.

In December, we initiated a younger men's branch of Men's Club (Abba) and we sponsored a successful Chanukah Program with Dorways. On January 28th, we had an Abba Bowling Outing for young men in their 20's thru 40's.

I'd like to congratulate our Men's Club Man of the Year for 2012 - Gary Kodner. I don't know how Gary does all that he does, for our Men's Club, for Shaare Zedek, for Shaare Shalom and for numerous other organizations in St. Louis. Please reserve March 4th to come to the lunch to honor Gary Kodner!

We have a number of exciting programs coming up. In particular I'd like to mention the Federation of Jewish Men's Club Midwest Retreat in April. I was surprised when I went in 2010. It really made me look at Men's Club and the Federation with different eyes. We had a very moving Shabbat with very engaging programs and really bonded with

men who come from Chicago and other cities and a number who come from Bnai Amoona.

Once again we'll join with BSKI for the World Wide Wrap - please come and join us with Shaare Shalom.

We were asked to move Sports night and we're now looking at a few options for speakers - keep an eye on weekly bulletins. Also be on the lookout for some additional weekday events such as Guy's Night Out - Hearing Men's Voices.

Please see me if you'd like to be on the Men's Club Board of Directors.

Looking forward to a year with our spirits lifted.

**Bob Olshan**

## Upcoming Activities

- Feb 5** World Wide Wrap
- Feb 19** Poker Night
- March 4** Men's Club / FJMC "Man of the Year" luncheon
- March 10** Mens' Club Shabbat
- March 18** Yellow Candles Packing
- April 27-29** FJMC Midwest Region Retreat in Springfield Illinois
- TBD** Sports Night, always a special event

# Youth Programs

Liz Redler, Youth Director

The year 2012 is off to a fabulous start at SZSL! After a much needed winter break in which some of our members attended the International Convention, we have welcomed new members, had our fun Wednesday Lounge Nights, and participated in Shabbat Services. Even Kadimas had a chance to get together at the Butterfly House in Chesterfield.

February is even more action packed as our outstanding group attends the Regional Winter Shabbaton in Kansas City from Friday the 3rd through Sunday the 5th. We travel with B'nai Amoona and BSKI for a Shabbat full of ruach, prayer, and of course fun. Due to the EMTZA Region recognizing SZSL as the winning chapter at KINNUS for having the most food donations for the Jewish Food Pantry, one of our members is allowed to attend the Shabbaton for free!

After the wonderful Shabbaton in Kansas City, SZSL and BSKI are teaming up and working together this year on our Purim Carnival to be held at Shaare Zedek on March 11. Both groups are excited to combine their ideas and talents to make this year's carnival the best ever. We have already been busy gathering up fabulous auction prizes!

There's still more to come this month, with our continued famous Lounge Nights and our Winter Wonderland Sleepover on the 18th. Save the Date of February 12th as well for Kadimas to get together and have some fun. There is so much happening and something for everyone at SZSL, so encourage everyone to try it out! We look forward to seeing everyone!

**Liz Redler**

*Memorial Plaques in the Guller Chapel are available.*

# Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley, President



It's February and Shevat, almost *Tu B'Shevat*. The rescheduled paid-up membership brunch will be on Sunday February 12th, at 11:30am just a few days after the holiday. Hope you will be there.

If you haven't sent in your reservation for the Torah Fund Brunch scheduled for Sunday, February 26, there is still time. If you have not sent in your donation or made a pledge, you may pay for the luncheon and the Torah Fund when you attend. Arleen Kerman and her crew have been busy for months with all the preparations. I'm sure we'll all enjoy the brunch and the program.

I want to thank all the ladies who participated in Sisterhood Shabbat last month. Special thanks to Karen Karabell and Marion Cohen for leading us in Shachrit, Torah Service and Musaf. And thanks to Wendy Love Anderson for the interesting drash on the Torah portion before her beautiful reading of the Haftarah. Thanks also to Sue Propper and Cindy Ginsburg for arranging for the special Kiddush. I hope everyone enjoyed it.

We thank Eric and Debbie Chase Schneider for sponsoring a Sisterhood Kiddush in honor of their son Ben's bar mitzvah on January 28. Mazel tov to you all.

There have been times when the Meals on Wheels crews couldn't pack meals quickly enough, but over the past six months, the number of requests has dropped significantly. We don't know how to account for this, but if you or anyone you know would like to receive prepared meals from this program, please call the office and tell Nancy, who will contact Joyce Gang, chairman of the

Meals on Wheels program; and Joyce will get in touch with you. This program is set up to allow the person requesting the prepared delivered meals to set up a convenient schedule for a short period of time after returning home from the hospital, for an extended period of time after an illness, or for other necessity. The price of the meals is small, and the program is flexible, so if you or someone you know would like to arrange a plan, please let us know.

I'm always checking around the country for what's up at other Sisterhoods; and it's interesting to note that most of us are continuing to experience similar issues. Gift shops are having problems making profits, vying with on-line sales; new leadership is

not coming forward; membership is shrinking; but I am still proud to say that we seem to have the best-structured, most profitable Kiddush program out there. Most of the Sisterhoods hire outside companies or have an affair catered in and they help; or they do part of the cooking and serving themselves; no one has a group of women who organize, prepare and carry out a Kiddush like we do!

We note with sadness and extend our sympathies to the family of Charlotte Singman who passed away in December. We will miss her smile, her love, and her kindnesses. May her memory be for a blessing.

We continue to pray for the full recovery to good health of our Rabbi Mark Fasman.

**Kiddrash**  
Storytelling Shabbat Service

**A monthly initiative for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade families**  
Generously funded by the Crown Family Foundation & Shaare Zedek's  
DorWays Young Family Chavurah

**Join us on...**  
Feb 25, Apr 14, May 5, June 9

## Shaare Shalom students support “Fed Up with Hunger”



The Torah commands us to be a nation of sharing and philanthropy. The Torah does not measure donations and giving by purely the amount. The fact that donations are given is what counts. In other words, the intent of the giver is more important than the amount. The Torah explains that the contributions for the Mishkan were to be taken “...from every person whose heart prompted him to donate...” to the holy project. On behalf of the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry and Jewish Family and Children’s Service, thank you to everyone who filled their green bags and helped the “Fed Up with Hunger” campaign. If you did not yet return your bag, it is never too late. You can fill and return it anytime. We will be sending them again just before Purim.

Each of our classes collects Tzedakah as a group each Sunday and has decided where their classroom Tzedakah collections will be sent. Look for more information from your students and classroom teachers.

I often wish that parents could be a fly on the wall in their child’s classroom. So much interaction and learning from one another

goes on any given Sunday morning and weekday afternoon. I invite you to look in and take a peek anytime you like. Many of our parents attend Havdalah at the beginning of our Sunday mornings and our 5:30pm minyan Wednesday afternoons. You do not have to be a parent to visit Shaare Shalom on a Sunday, Monday or Wednesday. Maybe you know someone who is interested in Jewish education for their children and should visit us. Give me a call so I can be sure to invite them in as well.

### SSRS Calendar Highlights

- Feb 5** All 5th – 10th graders will participate in the World Wide Wrap  
*Sponsored by the Men’s Clubs of BSKI & Shaare Zedek*
- Feb 11** 9:45am Shabbat Initiative at BSKI
- March 3** Community Wide Conservative 3rd grade Shabbateeny  
*Registration information will be sent via mail*
- March 7** SSRS Family Purim Dinner prior to congregational festivities

I have included a few pictures that have been taken along the way....



Enjoying Havdalah on a Sunday morning



Morah Esther’s students looking for the Shema in the Torah



*You don't need to be a*  
**BUBBE OR ZAYDE**  
*to ensure future generations  
can experience Judaism with all their senses*

*A gift of any size can create a Jewish Legacy.*

Whether you're adjusting to retirement or starting a family of your own, you can provide a vibrant Jewish future for generations to come. Your legacy gift can help safeguard your values and ensure that Shaare Zedek Synagogue continues to be a dynamic center

for Jewish life in St. Louis. Planning a bequest to Shaare Zedek is easy and may provide tax benefits for your estate. No matter your stage in life, you can make provisions that will impact the future of our community. Begin planning your legacy to Shaare Zedek today.

*Anyone can be a philanthropist.*



The Jewish Community  
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To learn about leaving a legacy to Shaare Zedek, contact our chair, Sherri Weintrop at 314.614.4397 or [sweintrop@gmail.com](mailto:sweintrop@gmail.com). For information about The Jewish Community Foundation, call 314.442.3740 or visit [jewishinstlouis.org/jcf](http://jewishinstlouis.org/jcf).

# Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer, Director



## FOOD SCIENCE TEACHES CHEMISTRY AND MATH: A CONSTRUCTIVIST APPROACH TO EARLY LEARNING

When the children of the ECC cook and bake, they are learning many concepts. The teacher talks about math concepts such as measuring and counting as the children pour and stir. Reading the directions out loud to the children, explaining the meaning of the words and the importance

of following the directions connects them to the process especially when they see the end product. They are engaged as they combine substances, make solutions and alter outcomes by using heat (oven) or cold (freezer). In the end they get to eat the product, wonderful cookies, bread or treats.

Following the wonderful snack, the results can be evaluated and charted on a graph for them to see. Early learning is the recipe for success made more fun when children can explore hands-on *constructivist* learning.



There are many ways to recognize or give tribute to a friend or loved one.

- Ashreinu Leaves
- Chapel Memorial Plaques
- Book Fund
- Torah Fund
- Yizkor Books
- Synagogue & Sisterhood Tributes

Go to [shaarezedek.org](http://shaarezedek.org) and click on the link "*Donations*"



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

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

# Shaare Zedek Gift shop has registry for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs

*Please support the gift shop  
as all profits go back to Shaare Zedek!*



*Permanently  
commemorate your  
families' Simchas on our  
Ashreinu wall.*

Beautifully engraved leaves  
with your personal message  
are available.

Contact the Shaare Zedek office  
for more details  
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Community  
Chuppah.**

Decorate a  
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## Our Community Chuppah

is used during the High Holidays,  
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and other community events.

Each "Simcha Square" is \$18. You  
and your family can decorate your  
"Simcha Square" and become a  
permanent fixture in our community.  
Extra design features are available.

To buy a Simcha Square, or for  
more information, email Amy  
Doughty at [amyleahs@yahoo.com](mailto:amyleahs@yahoo.com).

## WANT A FAMILY MEMBER IN A NURSING HOME TO GET A VISIT?

**Chesed Committee volunteers** regularly visit our members and even  
former members in nursing homes.

If you know a member who is in a nursing home, have a family member in a nursing home, or would  
like to volunteer be a visitor, please call Barbara Bianco 314-727-2399 or email [barbara2@aol.com](mailto:barbara2@aol.com).

# Adult Education

Sydney Farber

January has come and gone, and February (on the Jewish calendar: Shevat/Adar) bursts out with us thinking about Purim (early March) and Pesach (early April) being right around the corner.

In Shevat, on the 11th (corresponding to February 4th), we have that beautiful Shabbat Shirah (Parshat Beshalach), the Sabbath of Song, which is the celebration of Moses, Miriam, and "Israel" after successfully crossing the Reed Sea\*\*\* (see below) and defeating the Egyptian army by the hand of God. During the chanting of this reading, it is customary to stand. Some verses are highlighted primarily to alert the congregants that something special is coming up.

On 15th Shevat is Tu B'Shevat, New Year of the Trees (Tu meaning 15th), (corresponding to February 8th). We refer to it as the New Year of the Trees - which comes from the explanation of the fruit trees blossoming after the 15th of Shevat, as they were then counted as belonging to the next year of crops (mainly for tithing purposes).



One way to celebrate Tu B'Shevat is to hold a seder (which we will) and eat fruits (from Israel) but especially those we haven't yet eaten this season.

Torah trope class are beginning on February 5th. There is still room for you to join the class, which meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. For more information about this class, please speak with Howard Belsky, who is teaching the class, or me. Starting back up again are the Beginning Hebrew classes (better known as Ivrit with Dorit) taught by Dorit Galor, also on Sunday mornings. If you need a refresher on your Haftarah trope, please see Howard.

We look forward to a new series of Lunch and Learns led by Dr. Burton Boxerman, **Important Jewish Americans**, for which we will start with Nathan Frank, who was the first and only member of the House of Representatives for Missouri.



February marks 160 years since his birth, so it seems fitting to have this talk on Saturday, February 18th from 12:30 - 1:45 p.m., with a Q & A period following the talk. I'm sure you won't want to miss this series. There will be other Lunch and Learn discussion throughout the year, so check your upcoming bulletins for more details.

Rabbi/Dr. Ryan Dulkan's Shabbat morning book discussion will return on Saturday, March 10th, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.. He will be discussing the book *Sage Tales: Wisdom and Wonder* from the Rabbis of the Talmud by Rabbi Burton Visotzky. Don't rush out just yet to get your own copy, as he will be making "pages" for you until you decide you want to continue with the class.

Rabbi Fasman's Monday morning and Tuesday evening classes are on hold until his health has improved. A new series will begin shortly on Jewish Holiday Cooking. Further details are still being worked on. In addition there will be a Scholar-in-Resident in the next couple of months.

We hope that 2012 will be filled with interesting learning opportunities, as well as fun projects, for Adult Education. If you would be interested in joining this inter-generational group, or if you have any ideas on a class or another learning opportunity, please let me know, or leave a message with Nancy for me.

In closing, thought you might be interested in knowing more about Yom Suph, the Reed Sea.

\*\*\* (from Wikipedia) **Yam Suph** (Hebrew: יַם־סוּף) is a phrase which has traditionally been understood to refer to the salt water inlet located between Africa and the Arabian peninsula, known in English as the Red Sea. In Jewish sources I Kings 9:26 "yam suph" is translated as Sea of Reeds at Eilat on the Gulf of Eilat.



The Gulf of Eilat. Also visible are the Gulf of Suez to the west/left, the Sinai Peninsula separating the two gulfs, and part of the Red Sea in the lower left corner.

In the Biblical narrative of The Exodus the phrase *Yam Suph* refers to the body of water that the Israelites crossed following their exodus from Egypt. The appropriate translation of the phrase remains a matter of dispute, as does the exact location referred to. One possible translation of *Yam Suph* is "Sea of Reeds", (*suph* by itself means 'reed', e.g. in Exodus 2:3). This was pointed out as early as the 11th century, by Rashi.

And so, I look forward to seeing you next month,

**Sydney**

## Hiddur Mitzvah –

Embellishing a mitzvah through aesthetics – is attributed to a midrash (Mekhilta de Rabbi Ishmael) on a verse in the Song of the Sea: “This is my God and I will glorify Him” [Exodus 15:21]. With enhancement and adornment, the mitzvot appeal to the senses and the heart, and sacred objects and activities become more precious.

*Hiddur Mitzvah*, this year’s Torah Fund theme, resonates with many Jewish women, particularly those who have been involved in artistic activities. Whether they used their embroidery skills to decorate the woven curtains for the Ark or Torah mantles in 17th-century Italy and Prague or are crafters in 21st-century women’s groups, women continue to be committed to this most ancient of Jewish values.

The pomegranate imagery of this year’s Torah Fund Pin has multi-layered meaning. In addition to

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being beautiful, pomegranates [*rimmonim*] are one of the bountiful fruits of the Land of Israel. *Rimmonim* is also the term used for the silver adornments [finals] on the atzei chaim [Torah rollers] of the Sefer Torah [Torah scroll]; just a little something extra that has adorned our Land, our Torah, our rituals, and mitzvot for centuries, and added meaning to our daily lives. May this year of Torah Fund activities and events be a blessing to one and all.



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6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Friday, February 3, 2012

7am Shacharit  
5:07pm Candle lighting  
6pm Shabbat Rinah/With Band

## Saturday, February 4, 2012

Parashat Beshalach

9am Shabbat Service  
11am Tot Shabbat  
4:00pm Mincha Ma'ariv  
6:07pm Havdalah

## Sunday, February 5, 2012

8am Shacharit  
10am World Wide Wrap/Men's Club  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Monday, February 6, 2012

7am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv  
6:45pm Ritual Meeting

## Tuesday, February 7, 2012

7am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Tu B'Shevat  
7am Shacharit  
ECC/Family TuB'Shevat Celebration  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Thursday, February 9, 2012

7am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Friday, February 10, 2012

7am Shacharit  
5:15pm Candle lighting  
6pm Shabbat Rinah

## Saturday, February 11, 2012

Parashat Yitro

9am Shabbat Service  
4:15pm Mincha Ma'ariv  
6:14pm Havdalah

## Sunday, February 12, 2012

8am Shacharit  
9:30am Men's Club Board Meeting  
12pm Sisterhood TuB'Shevat Program Brunch  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Monday, February 13, 2012

7am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Tuesday, February 14, 2012

7am Shacharit  
11:45am JCRC Meeting  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv  
7pm Shaare Shalom Brd @ SZ

## Wednesday, February 15, 2012

7am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

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6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Friday, February 17, 2012

7am Shacharit  
5:23pm Candle lighting  
6pm Shabbat Rinah

## Saturday, February 18, 2012

Parashat Mishpatim

Shabbos Shekalim  
Tot Shabbat  
9am Shabbat Service  
4:30 Mincha Ma'ariv  
6:22pm Havdalah

## Sunday, February 19, 2012

8am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv  
7pm Poker Night/Men's Club

## Monday, February 20, 2012

7am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Tuesday, February 21, 2012

7am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Wednesday, February 22, 2012

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6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Thursday, February 23, 2012

Rosh Chodesh Adar  
6:45am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv  
7pm Board Meeting

## Friday, February 24, 2012

Rosh Chodesh Adar  
6:45am Shacharit  
5:30pm Candle lighting  
6pm Shabbat Rinah/With Band

## Saturday, February 25, 2012

Parashat Terumah

9am Shabbat Service  
10:30am Chanting Service  
10:30am Kidrash  
12:30pm B/M Family Lunch and Learn  
4:30pm Mincha Ma'ariv  
6:29pm Havdalah

## Sunday, February 26, 2012

8am Shacharit  
10:30am Free Trip to Israel  
11am Torah Fund Brunch  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Monday, February 27, 2012

7am Shacharit  
6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Tuesday, February 28, 2012

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6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

## Wednesday, February 29, 2012

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6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

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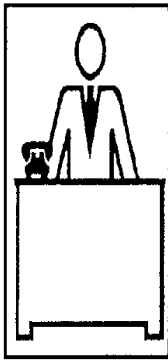
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