

# SHAARE ZEDEK

SYNAGOGUE

# News

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## *Martinis and Monet*

**Shaare Zedek Art Auction & Fund Raiser**

**Saturday November 7, 2009**

**Patron Reception 6:30-7 pm**

**Viewing 7-8 pm**

**Auction begins at 8 pm**

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# Todah Rabah!

## Haftarot for July and August

Joe Levy, Jaron Asher, Sara Kahn Shapiro, Michael Rauchman, Dovran Olshan, Sam Rubin and Hannah Cooke

## Greeters for July and August

Steve Birenbaum, Elena Aschkenasi, Susan Roth, Kathi Rosenberg, Stephen Selipsky

## Kiddushes for July & August

Synagogue

## Minyan Breakfasts

Ann Frank, Anonymous, Maurice Guller, Eric Flug

# Mazal Tov!

## Anniversaries in November

Steve and Darien Amstein  
 Martin and Barbara Becker  
 Michael and Gina Bernstein  
 Stanford and Rosalie Berger  
 Mark and Alice Fasman  
 Michael Greenfield and Claire Halpern  
 Maurice and Rachel Guller  
 Harold and Karen Karabell  
 Steve and Nancy Keyser  
 Marvin and Doris Lerner  
 Stanley and Ruth Levy  
 Edward and Marla Myers  
 Jerrold and Rosalyn Schwartz  
 Donald and Joanne Singer  
 Marc and Elaine Tenzer  
 Zev and Lori Yudovich



OPEN M-F 10:00AM- 12:30PM  
 Special Hebrew School Hours:  
 M, W 5:30- 6:30 pm  
 Sunday hours by appointment.  
 Arrangements may be made for  
 special occasions (i.e., weddings,  
 b'nai mitzvot, bris melah, etc.)

## Entertainment Books Are Now Available In The Office Or Gift Shop.

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# A Message from the Rabbi

Rabbi Mark Fasman



With the possible exception of the first part of Exodus, the Genesis stories are probably the best known texts of the Torah (and perhaps, of the entire Hebrew Bible). In Sunday school and at bedtime we tell our children these stories: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the Ark, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel, and the Joseph narratives. We tell them as stories, as fantasies, as Jewish mythology. Once our children enter adolescence, the stories of Genesis get filed away under the category of children's fiction, along with other fairy tales and children's stories.

So many adult Jews read Genesis as if it is the Jewish version of Grimm's Fairy Tales or Aesop's Fables: nice moral lessons, packaged for simple minds. Too many read these stories as oral traditions that happened to be written down a long time ago. Thus, the actual biblical text itself is not so important. We read the stories in simplified versions, in sanitized versions, in "improved" versions. We find them in cartoons, Broadway musicals, coloring books, children's books, novels, poetry, music, art work, and comic books. No wonder it is so easy to dismiss Torah. No wonder so many take Genesis about as seriously as

**"Every year brings us new opportunities to bring our Torah to the world."**

they take *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* or *The Tortoise and the Hare*.

Does Genesis deserve the serious attention of serious Jewish adults? Do the Genesis narratives have something important to teach us about humanity, God, and the nature of our world?

To put it simply, yes.

If we are to read Genesis (and the rest of Torah, for that matter), then we must take the text seriously. Above all, the actual text matters, not just a paraphrased version. The text should be read ideally in the Hebrew, but at the very least one should use a good translation. It is important to look carefully

at what the text actually says (and what it doesn't say). Individual words matter, as do individual phrases.

Of course, we each bring a different perspective to the text. But we can also read it through the eyes of Jewish scholars from different disciplines. For example,

Gerald Schroeder's *Genesis and the Big Bang* demonstrates how current scientific knowledge verifies the accuracy of the first chapter of Genesis;

Daniel Matt's *God and the Big Bang* explores the way in which the Genesis narratives are the basis of Jewish mysticism;

Daniel Hillel's *A Natural History of the Bible* reads the texts through the eyes of an environmental scientist;

Bruce Feiler's *Abraham: a Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* is a more in-depth look at our patriarch, explored through the eyes of a Jewish novice. His *Walking the Bible* takes us to the very places mentioned in Genesis;

Alan Dershowitz's *The Genesis of Justice* frames the Genesis stories in terms of legal cases, and concludes that the narratives of Genesis demonstrate why Sinai (i.e., the giving of law) was necessary;

Lawrence Kushner's *God was in this Place & I did not know* is a reading and re-reading of the account of Jacob's ladder (Genesis 28:10-19) through the eyes of Rashi, Menachem Mendl of Kotzk, Dov Baer (the Maggid of Mezritch) and four others;

Rabbi Francis Nataf's *Redeeming Relevance* in the Book of Genesis is a contemporary rabbinic exploration of text and meaning; and finally,

*The Diaries of Adam and Eve: Translated by Mark Twain* [not Jewish!] is a delightful and insightful reading of the beginning of Genesis through the eyes of the first man and woman.

There are also many traditional commentaries and midrashim on the Book of Genesis.

Rashi explicates the *p'shat*, or surface level of the text. Other commentators explore deeper meanings of the text at the level of *derash*. And much of the Zohar, the primary text of Jewish mysticism, is a commentary on Genesis, reading the text allegorically.

Personally, I have spent a great deal of time over the last five years or so looking closely at the first three chapters of Genesis. In particular, I find that (some) answers to the "big questions" are contained within the Creation narratives. What is the nature of our universe? What/who is God? Why was the universe created? What does it mean to be a human being? What is the existential condition of the human being? What does it mean that we are created in God's image? What is the relationship between male and female? What is a human being's proper relationship to the world, to animals, to the environment, to each other? Does life have a purpose? Does *my* life have a purpose? Why is there evil in the world? Where am I? Am I my brother's keeper?

One reason that the world needs the Jews is because there Judaism has a particular way of framing these questions and a particular way of answering them. Contemporary science is not the only source of questions and answers. Neither is popular culture. Issues of public policy are approached differently by Jewish tradition differently than the way they are framed in our public discourse.

If the reason for Judaism to survive is because we *brought* Torah to the world, then we are no longer needed. It isn't just that we *gave* Torah to the world; it is that we *continue* to bring Torah to the world. That is, the Torah is not just a text – we gave that text to the world well over two millennia ago. The Torah that

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# Presidential Matters

Gary Kodner

## HELP WANTED! Thanks Given.

Judaism teaches both the significance of the individual and the importance of providing support to the larger group. This idea has many applications- at work, in a marriage, in other family settings. One application of this idea is here at our shul. It finds its religious expression in the minyan. A minyan is only official when 10 adult Jews gather for prayer. For this reason, the importance of one cannot be overestimated. The quip is true: nine Rabbis do not constitute a minyan. One more individual is needed to complete the quorum. The importance of one speaks for itself.

While we at Shaare Zedek have a group of dedicated volunteers who help us complete a minyan when necessary, we don't always make it. I would like to see us increase our list of minyanaires. Any Jewish person (post bar/bat mitzvah) can count.

Imagine someone's sadness; who wants to say Kaddish for a loved one, and waits in vain for a tenth person. What would you say to them to ease this disappointment?

These issues are real, and I am concerned that we are growing more complacent about them. Please consider attending once a week, once a month, or as often as you can. You don't need to lead or have any particular skills. All we ask is your presence for about 15-20 minutes. Please seriously consider your responsibility to fellow Jews.

For the past several years our minyanim have been led by two very dedicated members, Jerry Cohn in the morning and Burton Boxerman in the evening. They show up day after day to make sure a door is open and a minyan is provided for those saying kaddish. Below is a list of people who DO help on a regular basis. But its not enough, they cannot make it everyday, all the time. We need your help. It takes little time. Do not have to have any special skills to be counted.

**Thanks again to those who have made the effort to attend our Daily Minyanim you have provided very valuable support to those saying kaddish for a loved one.** Our daily minyans are at 7am and 6pm, Sunday mornings at 8 am.

### Morning Minyan:

Jerry Cohen	Sydney Farber
Marshall Myers	Rhoda Grimsky
Steve Keyser	Adriane Underwood
Joanne Singer	Sherri Weintrop
Don Singer	Herb Fredman
Barbara Bianco	Hilton Epstein
Michael Waxenberg	Sheldon Kessler
Pat Rosen	Linda Kram
Al Leving	Barry Pessin
Dorit Galor	David Geller
Susan Roth	Mendel Rosenberg
Lois Fitter	Bernie Kunitz
Mark Weinstein	Lisa Singer
Rolf Cooke	Matt Singer
Eric Flug	Maurice Guller
Alan Arpadi	Steve Puro
Leo Bressler	Ron Fagerstrom
Michael Greenfield	Pat Rosen comes 7 days a week every morning and helps with the breakfast.
Wendy Love Anderson	
Jeremy Buhler	
Margeaux Buck-Yael	
Karen Karabell	
Bonnie Templeton	
Alan Templeton	
Steve Kayman	
Stacey Gaal	
Mitch Shenker	
Jerry Schwartz	

### Evening Minyan:

Burton Boxerman	Benita Boxerman
Stan Levy	Ruth Levy
Dave Geller	Nira Asher Geller
Stan Gollub	



# HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan

I love niggunim - wordless melodies. After a service a number of years ago, at which I (as usual) incorporated many niggunim, a kid came up to me and called me a liar. "A liar?" I asked, racking my brain for what I had said. "Yeah," he said, "you know, because you go lai lai lai lai lai..."

Yes, I am a lai-er from way back. I collect tunes like some collect baseball cards, paper clips, or ceramic figurines. I have a library in my head of probably close to a hundred wordless melodies by now, and they pop into my head at all times of day or night. They function as mood- or tone-setters, spiritual set-dressers, focusing us on the simple act of kavannah, or devotion.

What is the point of the niggun? What is its power? And why do we need them, anyway?

The Zohar, a seminal mystical text, tells us that "In the highest heavens, there is a certain temple with gates that can be opened only by the power of song." As

Hasidism developed and flourished in Eastern Europe during the 18th century, niggun was a powerful piece of the movement, which, guided by the Zohar and other mystical teachings, strove to cleave the soul to God at all times. If people didn't know Hebrew, or the prayers, or even how to read, it was the niggun, with its simple syllables of "oy yoy" "bam bam" or "lai lai" that became the universal accessible instrument of prayer; a way of transcending earthly concerns

and connecting to the divine. There are certain niggunim meant to inspire *d'veykut* (cleaving), others to reach a state of ecstasy, and others to awaken the soul. Many are complex compositions in their own right, where, with each musical stanza, one is to achieve a higher level of ecstasy, cleaving, or awakening, then always, ultimately, the tune brings the supplicant back down to earth.

Niggunim set a mood for prayer much in the same way a piece of scenery on stage evokes a place or time. A few notes can evoke a memory or transport you to a different place. Niggun is an invitation to travel inward, to cease to focus on the siddur or the people around you, and simply be. A few syllables or notes, sung over and over, function like a mantra. An entire paragraph of prayer, or an

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entire bracha, become distilled into sound, breath, syllable: essence. The idea is, as one continues to sing a niggun, one becomes less and less self-conscious of what is immediately around them, and the tune itself, and begins to experience a deeper and more personal form of prayer.

In addition to being a companion to, or an enhancement of *tefillot*, niggunim are an accessible form of music for singers and non-singers alike, and can be used in a variety of contexts. Many niggunim are as accessible musically as they are linguistically, which makes them great community-builders. And



niggunim are portable: no siddur, songsheet, or sheet music required! As a part of our Legacy Heritage "Ruach Am'cha" project, everyone in the synagogue (and anyone outside the shul who subscribes) will become an automatic member of the "niggun of the month club." Beginning in January, you will receive via email, a link to the niggun of the month, which you can play on your computer, burn to CD, and transfer to your iPods - the idea is to use the niggun of the month during services, meetings, Religious School, Pre-school, at home, at work, and even while exercising! The following month, a new niggun will be released to the "club" - and so on. At year's end, a CD of all the niggunim will be available.

What would happen if we were all singing the same song, during the same period of time? Each niggun will become our monthly soundtrack - in shul, at home, and out in the world. What else might happen? We will find out, come January. In the meantime, I look forward to the day when we all will become lai-ers.

## Book Festival tickets

are available for purchase, in the office or through Marilyn Kunitz.



Please patronize this annual event.

**Attend as many of the speaker events as you like for only \$60.**

Bought separately, the entire schedule of speakers' tickets would cost about \$400.

If you wish to read Haftorah for Shabbat or Festivals

please contact our new coordinator

**Sydney Farber at [kitty1106@aol.com](mailto:kitty1106@aol.com)**

Please put 'Half Torah' in the subject line.

# Men's Club

Mitch Shenker, President



## A Sustainable Shabbat Lights, Compost, Action!

We celebrate Shabbat each week by coming together as a community to create a sacred space in time. Our tradition teaches that we, along with the Earth, are meant to rest on Shabbat. The FJMC has cultivated this atmosphere of Shabbat through the *Shomrei Ha'aretz* - Stewards of the Land **Environmental Sustainability Program**.

Environmental Sustainability is concerned with achieving our daily living needs without hindering the needs of future generations. Our actions today will effect the environment of future generations, and planning for the future is an inherent Jewish value.

### Lights of Soy

Shabbat is also a time of joy. We enter into *Shabbat* by lighting candles. However, the candles we use are made from a petroleum-based paraffin wax, a non-renewable resource. It is time to shift gears and sanctify both *Shabbat* and the Earth by using the *Shabbat* Eco-Candle ([www.EcoShabbat.com](http://www.EcoShabbat.com)). These candles, are made from soy, completely biodegradable, burn much more cleanly, and are made from renewable resources. Best of all, they now are compatible with any set of candlesticks. Take this opportunity to introduce this new symbol into your home Shabbat blessings - know that you are making a difference as you enjoy the special glow of the Shabbat Eco-candles.

To clarify, through [www.EcoShabbat.com](http://www.EcoShabbat.com) :

For:	You can purchase:
\$7.00 plus shipping	2 Glass Holders
\$6.75 plus shipping	24 candles designed for glass holders (1 box)
\$5.00 plus shipping	18 tea candles (1 box)
\$90.00 plus shipping	20 boxes (1 case) of 18 tea candles
\$60.00 plus shipping	10 boxes (1 case) of 24 candles for glass holders

### Settings of Sugar

You can also make a difference each Shabbat by substituting your disposable plastic plates and utensils with compostable tableware.

Food is a major component of our *Shabbat* experience. The paper and plastic tableware that we often use has no sustainable value, and is, in fact, detrimental to the Earth. Used once and tossed in the garbage, it is shipped great distances, only to sit in a landfill for decades. Here, again, we can incorporate the *Shomrei Ha'aretz* program, specifically through Biodegradable tableware made from corn and bagasse (sugarcane residue) byproducts. If these products end up in a landfill, at least they will biodegrade at a much quicker pace, and hence will return back to the earth. The added benefit of these products is that they can be composted, and within just months, become soil used to plant the same corn and sugarcane that were used to produce them initially.

The FJMC has set up joint purchasing agreements with two major distributors of these products and has made it easy for you to purchase them **at significantly reduced prices**.

The two companies are

**World Centric** <http://worldcentric.org/>  
(Contact Lisa Nesson: Phone (650) 739 0699 x 31/lisa@worldcentric.org)

**Edward Don** <http://www.don.com/> (Contact Lisa Sheehan: Phone (972) 624 7487/ lisasheehan@don.com)

Biodegradable and plastic tableware price comparison:

Item	World Centric	Edward Don	COSTCO
Hot Cups (8 oz.)	\$56.95 (1000 cups)	\$72.41 (1000 cups)	\$74.16 (1000 paper cups)
6" Plates	\$31.40 (1000 plates)	\$42.10 (1000 plates)	\$53.52 (1000 Solo Plates)
Forks	\$32.30 (1000)	\$35.76 (1000)	\$60.70 (1000)

\*To maximize your discount make sure to inform the company that you are a part of the FJMC *Shomrei Ha'aretz* Program.

The FJMC is committed to enhancing environmental awareness - filling every

aspect of our tradition with sustainable initiatives. To learn more about FJMC and this green movement, all are welcome to attend the opening of the **FJMC Biennial Convention** where Jerry Lawson, National Manager of ENERGY STAR Congregations Network of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will bring us up to date on how we can care for the environment in our own communities.

The *Shabbat* Eco-candles and The Biodegradable/Compostable tableware are two simple and very effective ways to promote environmental awareness and a sustainable future in our communities right now.

Mitch

## Men's Club Bowling Event



**November 21st**  
**7 PM - 9 PM**  
at Pin-Up Bowl  
6191 Delmar 63112

\$10 per person

Shoe rental is \$3 (\*required)

RSVP to Nancy at the office  
**no later than 11/10/09**  
(space is limited!)

[Please note: After 9 PM guests must be age 21 or older to stay. Prior to 9 PM all guests under 18 need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.]

*Memorial Plaques in the Guller Chapel are available.*

# Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley, President



If you blinked, you won't believe it's already November. Back in June and July, when the Sisterhood officers and Board started to put together program dates for the upcoming year, the Women's Night in celebration of *Sukkot* seemed so far away. The evening was lovely. We started out with *brachot* in the Sukkah, followed by dinner, prepared and served by Sue Propper, Sue Roth and their gang of Sherry Kaplan, Aleene Zawada, Shelby Cook, Beth Rubin and Ruth Levy. Also pitching in were Howard Belsky and Liz Redler, who just came "to help", and help, they did! After dinner, Chazzan Dulkan gave us an introduction to the Nigun of the Month program, a part of the musical entwinement program for which Shaare Zedek won one of the Heritage Legacy Foundation grants. Everyone enjoyed the guitar accompaniment and the explanation. We are looking forward to the first "niggun" sometime in January. Once again, it was pleasant to get together with a group of our Shaare Zedek community for an interesting evening. Thanks to the several young couples who participated with their children. And thank you to all who attended the event. We had a big crowd and we appreciate everyone who supports our programming.

Again, I want to thank Sue Propper, Cindy Ginsburg, Sherry Kaplan, Marion Cohen and Rhoda Grimsky for all the preparations for the Break the Fast meal under the auspices of the Faye Keyser Memorial Fund. It was delicious after a long fast. Thank you, ladies!

If you can, please plan to attend our **Chanukah brunch program** scheduled for **Sunday, December 13, 2009**. In addition to the program, we will also be collecting again this year for "Hanukah Hugs" sponsored by the Jewish Family and Children's Service with the collaboration of the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. More information will be made available soon.

And speaking of Chanukah, Ann Frank is once again in charge of the **Chanukah**

**packages that are sent to our college students**. If you have kids in college who are living away from home, and would like them to receive the Sisterhood "Chanukah Package" before the holiday, please call Linda in the office and give her the name and address of your college student. **We will need to have a list by the end of November** in order to assemble and pack the gift boxes for mailing.

Do you remember this special November event? On the 29th day of November, 1947, the United Nations voted on the partition plan for Palestine and the establishment of the State of Israel. I think I can remember my parents and aunts and uncles sitting around a big Magnavox radio in our living room, with a note pad, tallying the yes and no votes. Maybe I just think I remember this scene because of the many times I heard the story. The U.N. resolution was not a sure thing, and it hung in the balance until the final votes. But what excitement there was in the soon to be formed State of Israel and in the homes of Jews around the world. This is not a public forum, but I doubt if the U.N. voting today would have approved the mandate for the Jewish State in Palestine. But, on May 14, 1948, Jews around the world

celebrated the establishment of the State of Israel. **Am Yisrael Chai!**

And don't forget:

- **Book Festival tickets** are available for purchase, in the office or through Marilyn Kunitz. Please patronize this annual event. Attend as many of the speaker events as you like for only \$60. Bought separately, the entire schedule of speakers' tickets would cost about \$400.

- **Entertainment books** are still available in the office at a cost of \$30. Just using two or three of the hundreds of coupons in a book will pay for the book itself.

- **Walter Knoll Florist discount cards**. We have a new supply. Please check with the office or the Gift Shop. They are \$10 each and on my first floral purchase I save \$15! The card gives you several freebies and much more.

Have a lovely Thanksgiving holiday weekend. While you're shopping for your family, remember those who go hungry, and please support the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry!

## The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help

Please continue to bring in donations to your synagogue collection site for those in need.



The current need is for...  
**Hearty canned soups and stews**  
**Canned Fish (Tuna, Salmon, etc.)**  
**Peanut Butter & Jelly**  
**Dry Cereals**  
**Boxed Pastas and Rice**  
**Toiletry Items/Paper products**

Please no glass, no frozen meals, no perishables.

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

## Youth Programs

Liz Redler, USY Director

I have to admit that after Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur I am exhausted. Ok, during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur I was exhausted as well. Those of you who know me, know that usually I am just the opposite, always goofing around, trying my hardest to keep myself (and my USYers) out of trouble. This year was different. Maybe I was a little overwhelmed this year, and because I am a perfectionist and very sensitive, when everything didn't go as well as I felt it should, I got a little down. Then the most wonderful thing happened: Sukkot.

That particular Wednesday on September 30, I was feeling as though I was spinning my wheels with a bunch of different projects, and yes, USY was one of them. I was feeling like I hadn't really achieved anything this year, that the group wasn't vested in each other, that somehow I was failing them.

Meissa Berk, Kadima/Noar Director

Greetings from your Kadima/Noar Director,

A warm welcome to our newest members:

<b>Kadima</b>	<b>Noar</b>
Noah Levy	Jonah Levy
Dovran Olshan	

*Keep on growing!*

Congratulations to the winners of our Rosh Hashanah Iron Chef Competition. In first place: Edan Goldfarb, Abby Miller, Alex Zvibleman, and in second place Ken Weinstein! Teams were judged on the criteria of creativity, use of apples, Rosh Hashanah theme, and aesthetic presentation. Kudos to Hannah and Delia Rainey, Kadima co-chairs, for leading such a wonderful and engaging program. A special thank you to our judges: Corey Rosenberg, Emma Lapp, and the younger but wise, Daniel Israeli as well as our many, many participants. Fun was had by all!

Then a couple of USYers showed up. Then a couple of more. Then a couple of more whom I had never seen before. Before the night was over, there were approximately twenty teenagers eating pizzas and cookies, laughing, and building the sukkah here at Shaare Zedek. New members were gained, many new friends were made, and the Sukkah was put up (well, sort of...we tried). This brings me to my point: Blessings and Patience.

I was reminded of two very important lessons. Number one is that USY and Shaare Zedek are such a blessing to me. Number two is that patience is indeed a virtue. The night we were putting up the Sukkah, laughing and bonding, was such an incredible night. I realized that although I am an instant gratification person, some times it takes a while to see the rewards of the effort that is

Now a word from our very own Hannah and Delia:

The combined Kadima and USY excitement continued during our Progressive Sukkah program on Thursday, October 8th. Even though it was raining, our sukkah hopping could not be stopped! We began with awesome appetizers and socializing at Rabbi Fasman's, then to Liz's sister-in-law's for a main course of hotdogs, hamburgers, and sukkah symbolism, and finally back to Shaare Zedek for delicious desserts and our Kadima tradition of playing Apples to Apples! What an awesome night!

We would also like to congratulate Dovran Olshan on his Bar Mitzvah on October 17th and welcome him as a member to Kadima! Great job, Dovran!

Don't worry Kadimanicks! This fun is not short-lived! There are more awesome programs coming your way!

put out. This shul and EVERYONE I work with really are so supportive and generous, and in the end, I truly believe I am one of the most blessed people I know.

Thank you, each and every one of you, Linda Kelting, Nancy Greene, Hazzan, Rabbi, Sydney Farber, Kathi Rosenberg, my entire USY, and a very special thank you to Jeff Miller, who puts up with me on a daily basis. I love coming to work every day and being a part of USY and all of your lives.

B'shalom

Liz Redler

**Up next month for Kadima:**

Movie Night, November 14th 7PM in the Youth Lounge!

**Up next month for Noar:**

Parsha Players, November 21st 10:45 AM in the Youth Lounge!

RSVP to Melissa at [szyouthandfamily@gmail.com](mailto:szyouthandfamily@gmail.com) and send in your movie votes!

Melissa Berk  
Delia Rainey  
Hannah Rainey

## Adult Education

Sydney Farber

In November, from Nov. 1-17 it's Cheshvan [the other 13 were in October] and the rest of the month is Kislev. So let's learn a little bit about Cheshvan before we get to the November Adult Ed programming.

*Cheshvan* (in Hebrew: **חשוון**), or as it is also known, *Mar* (bitter) *Cheshvan*, is the eighth of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. (Remember, the Jewish calendar actually starts with Nisan.) Cheshvan is the only month which has no holidays or special mitzvot. We are taught that it is "reserved" for the time of Mashiach, who will inaugurate the third Temple in Cheshvan. (Info was taken from Wikipedia.)

Some important dates in (Mar) Cheshvan are- Rachel, wife of Yacov, died 11th Cheshvan, Yitzchak Rabin, PM of Israel was assassinated in 1995 on the 12th Cheshvan, Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) was in 1938, 15th Cheshvan. As for me (and many others), my birthday is the 4th Cheshvan (YAY!).

Okay, now for some November Adult Ed programming:

• **Rabbi Fasman's Tuesday evening classes** (7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) on the topic *Jewish Time, Space, and Prayer* (begun in October). Details on them will be updated on the website. Classes are free, but please call the office to reserve your spot. Light refreshments will be served. **Classes are on 11/03, 11/10, 11/17, and 11/24.**

• We're all looking forward to hearing **Sid Rosen on Veteran's Day evening, November 11th**. The program is from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. beginning with dinner (\$8.00 with a RSVP, or \$10.00 at the door), a video presentation at 7:00 p.m., and then Sid talking on *World War II Memories... From N. Africa to Palestine*. You won't want to miss this talk. The dinner is deli, with a vegetarian option. Call the office to RSVP the talk, or the dinner and talk. **Reservations are being taken through November 9th.**

## Shaare Shalom

Michael Raileanu, Education Director



Shaare Shalom 3rd, 4th and 5th graders learn to use the lulav and etrog while enjoying a giant chocolate chip cookie and some Q&A with Rabbi Miller.

• **November 15th** from 12:30p.m.- 2:45 p.m. in the Community Room we'll be having a **joint talk with Sherri Weintrop and Don Singer** primarily for adults who are 50+. Sherri's topic will be on the book *The Family Love Letter*, which is "a gift, of time, love and clarity. It is a Legacy for the Living. We all leave a legacy. Will it be legacy of confusion or of information? Will we add to the trauma of our death or incapacity by adding to its inherent confusion or leave a roadmap for those who follow?" Sherri will help get you started on writing your own Family Love Letter. Don's topic will be about Ethical wills, Mission statements, Guardian letters, Advanced Directives, and more. The talk is free and there will be a question and answer period following each talk. RSVP through the office (727-1747).

• Due to a recent illness, Howard Schwartz, our Scholar-in-Residence speaker for December, will be unable to speak to us. We extend to him and his family a *refuah shlema*.

Future projects include a Passover project with Jennifer Rogers Asher, more Lunch and Learns, Needleman Lecture series, Asher Lecture Series, and more. So stay tuned to the Adult Ed monthly articles and to the website for updates (under Adult Ed).

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Cya next month,

Sydney



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# Everyone Has A Story

By Sima Needleman

## The Story of Mendel and Sandra Rosenberg

Mendel Rosenberg, who was born on September 18, 1928 in Königsberg, Germany to Recha and Simon Rosenberg, was their second child. When Mendel was very young, he, his parents and older brother, Shmuel, moved to a town in Lithuania called Siauliai. His maternal grandmother lived with them in a second floor apartment in a three-story building that had shops on the first floor and a total of 6 apartments.

Growing up, Mendel spoke Yiddish at home, Hebrew in school, and Lithuanian in the community. Until he was 13 years old, Mendel attended a private school, in which all his subjects were taught in Hebrew.

All his friends - - both those in school and those in the neighborhood - - were Jewish. Mendel's father was in the clothing business, and their family was Orthodox. They attended synagogue every Friday night and Saturday morning. Mendel remembers that his grandmother gave him the equivalent of 50 cents just prior to *Shabbat* to deliver *challas* by bicycle or (in winter) on his skates to neighbors who couldn't afford them. Mendel also remembers that every Passover he got a new school uniform with a black Mao-style jacket.

However, events in Lithuania at the time precluded his having a Bar Mitzvah. In 1940, Russia (which was at war with Germany) occupied Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, and that was the year that Lithuania became a Communist state. The Russians confiscated all businesses and private property. Two Russian pilots moved into the Rosenbergs' apartment. One took over his grandmother's room and the other chose the room Mendel shared with his brother. The boys continued to go to their school, but it

was no longer a Jewish day school. Hebrew could no longer be heard, and only secular courses were taught.

In June of 1941, the Germans occupied Lithuania. Non-Jewish Lithuanians began to help the German invaders and turned against the Jews. Jewish men and older boys were arrested and often shot. Mendel's father died on June 16 or 17, but somehow Mendel and his mother were able to save Shmuel, who, along with Mendel and their mother and



grandmother, was sent to the local ghetto, where Mendel was assigned to a carpenter shop and learned the carpentry trade. His grandmother died in the ghetto, but Shmuel, Mendel and their mother remained there for nearly 3 years. In 1944, the family was sent to the Stutthof Concentration Camp, where men were separated from women. After 3 weeks, Mendel and Shmuel were sent to the Dachau Concentration Camp in Germany, but his mother remained behind. At Dachau, Mendel was given an outdoor assignment with a construction crew but later he was reassigned to do carpentry work inside the camp. Unfortunately, Shmuel died in Dachau in February 1945 - - just 3 months before the Americans liberated the camp. At the time of liberation, Mendel was "skin and bones" and very malnourished. He initially was sent to a displaced persons camp called Feldafing where he learned that his mother was alive. The two were reunited in the American zone, and in March 1947 (when Mendel was 18) they came to the United States, settling in Youngstown, Ohio, where his mother's cousins lived.

Mendel got a job with a company that made wooden storm doors and windows and at

that time was called Stormsash Window and Door, which was owned by Ben Friedkin, who happened to be the uncle of Mendel's future wife, Sandra (Sandy) Cohen. (However, Sandy, who is 9 years younger than Mendel, was just a little girl in 1947.) Although he could speak 5 languages (Hebrew, Yiddish, Lithuanian, Russian, and German), Mendel could not speak English. Therefore, while working for the company during the daytime, Mendel went to night school to learn English and to finish high school. In January 1951, after 4 years in this country, Mendel (not yet an American citizen) was drafted into the U.S. Army. Mendel didn't dispute the draft. He felt that he couldn't refuse the Americans after they had liberated him. After basic training, Mendel went to a military intelligence school in Indiantown Gap, PA where as a military police officer, his assignment was to guard a stockade. When one of the prisoners escaped, Mendel's commander wanted him to go after the prisoner and shoot him, if necessary. Mendel told the officer there was no way he was going to shoot Americans who had freed him. Two weeks later, Mendel's position changed from military police to company clerk (- - an action Mendel thinks is comical since he couldn't type or even speak good English). (However, Mendel did pass his G.E.D. exam while in the army.) The next thing he knew he was sent to Korea, but at Christmastime, he was given a furlough and then was legally separated from active duty.



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 *Martinis*   
*and Monet*

A Shaare Zedek Art Auction and Fund Raiser

**Saturday, November 7, 2009**  
Patron reception: 6:30 to 7:00 pm  
Viewing: 7-8 pm • Auction begins: 8 pm  
"Second chance" Sunday Morning Nov. 8, 2009  
*(for those unable to attend Saturday night)*

**\$10 per person (advance reservation) \$15 (at the door)**  
Includes: refreshments, ticket to door prize Raffle (Selection of Art work)  
Bring a non-congregant and receive \$10 credit towards your purchase.

This event is going to be a fun evening and a great way to support our synagogue. The art collection will be custom framed and specially selected for us. Pieces will range from \$25 to \$10,000 in value. Various mediums such as oils, enamels, engravings, batiks, silkscreens, watercolors, drawings and 3-D cast paper are among the items you can expect to see.

We will also feature art works from our ECC and Shaare Shalom students.

**Attendance numbers are critical to the success of our program.**

**Agam • Boulanger • Buckels • Calder • Chagall • Dali • Delacroix • Erte  
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When he returned to Youngstown, Mendel resumed working for the same company, which now was making aluminum windows and doors instead of wooden ones, and it's name had changed to Benada Aluminum Company. Mendel worked in the company's Girard, Ohio plant during the daytime and attended Youngstown College on the G.I.Bill at night.

Meanwhile, Sandy, who was born on August 29, 1937, grew up in Youngstown. Her parents, Gus Cohen and Ruth Glikman Cohen were both immigrants. Her father, who was born in Poland, pursued various business opportunities over the years, but his major source of income came from the grocery business. Sandy's mother emigrated from Russia with her family when she was quite young. The Cohens had 4 children - - two boys and two girls. Sandy was the youngest.

They lived on the south side of the city whereas most of the Jewish community resided in the north. As a result, the majority of their neighbors and the students at Sandy's public school were not Jewish. However, Sandy went to both Hebrew School and Sunday School; and, although Bat Mitzvah wasn't customary at the time, she was later confirmed at her family's synagogue, Temple Emanuel, which was Orthodox then. In junior high school, Sandy

joined B'nai B'rith Girls (BBG), which became the center of her social life even though some of her closest friends were from her school. When her brother, Art, who was 10 years older than she, completed his military service, Sandy's life changed. Art wanted to open a grocery store (separate from their father's business) and asked their mother to go into business with him. When she agreed, they began operating a neighborhood store together, and Sandy at the age of 13, became the homemaker and cook for their family. Sandy's life essentially centered around B'nai Brith, school work and her domestic responsibilities. (In time,

the Cohen family businesses grew and later became part of a grocery conglomerate which was named the Sparkle Market.)

Sandy graduated from Youngstown South High School in 1955 and went to Ohio University in Athens, OH, majoring in accounting. While living on campus in a time before cell phones and e-mail, Sandy, who was used to having family around her, missed regular contact with family members so much that she decided to return to Youngstown. Shortly after returning, she began to work as a bookkeeper in her Uncle Ben's window and door business. Incidentally, Mendel, who was dating Sandy's older sister, Rita, at that time worked at the same company. As co-workers, they got to know one another and became friends. When Mendel bought a new car (a 1957 DeSoto), Sandy asked him "When are you going to take me for a ride?" An older woman who worked in the office overheard her and said, "What do you mean 'take you for a ride'? When is he going to take you on a date?" They were both embarrassed by her remark, but Mendel must have thought she had a good idea. He not only took Sandy for a ride in his new car but he did begin asking her out, and it didn't take long before he was ready to marry her.

In April 1957, Mendel's mother died. By this time, Mendel was in charge of manufacturing, and he was asked to go to St. Louis to open a manufacturing plant. Before leaving for St. Louis, Mendel asked Sandy to marry him and go with him. Sandy at first couldn't make up her mind. She finally agreed at the end of August. In September, Mendel left for St. Louis and Sandy stayed in Youngstown to plan their wedding. Mendel didn't return until December, just days before their December 28th wedding date. Mendel and Sandy were married at Temple Emanuel in Youngstown and honeymooned in Miami Beach before beginning their life together in St. Louis.

When they arrived in St. Louis, Mendel, a Jewish War Veteran (JWV), contacted Sam

Shaikowitz, who was Commander of the local chapter of the JWV, and Sam recommended an accounting firm, a lawyer, a doctor and a synagogue - - Nusach Hari, which Mendel attended from time to time.

Mendel and Sandy first lived in the Delcrest apartments in University City and began their new jobs as president and bookkeeper, respectively, of the manufacturing company. The company moved to a new location in 1966, and the next year Mendel oversaw the building of a new plant on Third and Shenandoah. After completing that assignment, Mendel, along with Sandy, decided to go into business for themselves and called their business Delsan (combining the "del" from his name with the "san" from hers) Industries.

In 1959, their first child, Renee was born. Then, in 1960 Sandy and Mendel moved into their first house, which was on Meadow Lake Drive in Creve Coeur, and the family joined Shaare Zedek Synagogue where Rabbi Epstein officiated. The next year, their son Stuart was born. In 1973, the Rosenbergs moved into the new home they built on South Graeser Road in Creve Coeur. Mendel and Sandy worked together (first in Sandy's uncle's company and then in their own business) from the time they came to St. Louis until they retired in 1995.

Today, their daughter Renee and her husband, Sam Silverstein (members of Shaare Emeth), have four children - - all of whom are currently in college, and Stuart, his wife, Kathi, and their three children, all 3 of whom have held key offices in USY, belong to Shaare Zedek.

In thinking back over her life, Sandy feels that coming to St. Louis was the best thing that happened to Mendel and her. Youngstown, which was an old steel town, had begun to deteriorate when they left, and St. Louis had so much more to offer. From the time their children were born to this day, Sandy has considered her role as wife and mother to be her most important job even though she continued to work in the business with Mendel until they retired in 1995. Of all the organizations that Sandy has supported

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## 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.**

Just think back to Rosh Hashanah. Whether you were a beautiful young family on the Bimah receiving a blessing or a congregant in the sanctuary kvelling at Shaare Zedek's future, you were a part of a special moment! So many people commented on the amazing number of young families in our synagogue, or on their positive experience they had as a young family during the High Holidays at Shaare Zedek. What a wonderful way

to start the year, a year full of many more opportunities for connection and community.

If you are a young family and you want to extend your positive experience we have an array of Shabbat services and monthly programs to help you connect. Perhaps you would like a lively and fun way to welcome Shabbat. Look no further, our Friday Night Shabbat Rinah service is full of music and families waiting for you to join them! Or maybe you need some time to yourself, but want to make sure your children are in kind and caring hands. In that case we encourage you to utilize the babysitting available every Shabbat morning, and to delve into davening in the main sanctuary. If Shabbat morning is your family time, gather your three and under children and join Shelley and Jeff Dean for Tot Shabbat services the first and 3rd Shabbat every month. If your children

## Ruach Amcha

Julie Friedman, Project Coordinator

### Ruach Amcha is underway!

You read about it in last month's newsletter and you heard about it over Yom Kippur. Now is your opportunity to get involved.

We've chosen the name Ruach Am'cha - Spirit of the People, for the umbrella projects that we'll be launching as one of the few, select recipients of the Legacy Heritage Music Innovation Grant.

We're excited to introduce our "Ambassadors" who have generously committed their time and energy in order to share their enthusiasm for Jewish Music and assist Hazzan Joanna in leading our congregation in song. Over the next nine months they will be immersing themselves in Jewish song and Shabbat ritual, in order to instruct and inspire us in the creation of uniquely meaningful, musical Shabbat celebrations both in our homes and

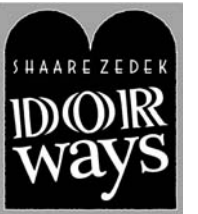


at shul. As of the time that this article is going to print, we welcome Harriet and Mike Shanas, Sara Kahn Shapiro. Kevin Dern, Rachel Glass, Alice Fasman, Shelley and Jeff Dean, Susan Walker, Karen and Harold Karabell and Jan Goldman and offer them a very special thanks!

Would you like to partner with one of these Ambassadors in order to create Ruach Am'cha celebrations in your home? We are looking for "Host Families" who would enjoy the opportunity to do just that! If you're interested in learning more, please contact our Project Coordinator, Julie Friedman via e-mail - Julie@ShaareZedek.org.

Stay tuned for more exciting events, which we'll be sharing in next month's newsletter.

Julie Friedman



are a little older, bring your Pre K - 3rd grade children to the Family Service to the Guller Chapel this November 14th for services with Julie Friedman and Melissa Berk.

A special reminder to take pictures of your children wearing their DorWays T-Shirts so we can create a beautiful and inspiring poster!

## 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.

## Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer & Tessa Katan

over the years, the only one in which she was a very active member was B'nai B'rith Women. (In addition to holding various positions and working on committees, she served as president of the local chapter a number of years ago.) Since retiring, Sandy now has time to play canasta, mah jongg and especially golf (which she really enjoys) with friends on a regular basis, but the joy of her life is her family, of which she is very proud. According to Sandy, "They are loving, very close, and have always been a very important part of my life."



Ever since its inception in 1995, Mendel has been actively involved in the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center, where he volunteers as a speaker two or three times a week. He also plays golf twice weekly, exercises every day in the gym in the lower level of his home, plays cards and frequently goes out with friends. In addition, he and Sandy go to West Palm Beach, FL from December to April each year where they enjoy playing golf and going to the beach. Furthermore, he is a member of a number of organizations, including B'nai B'rith, Jewish War Veterans, SZ Men's Club and American Architectural and Manufacturers Association. In 1989, he was named Small Business Person of the Year by the Small Business Administration of Missouri, after which his name was put into the Congressional Record of the United States. In his home, Mendel has an office with one wall, which he calls the "Wall of Achievement," devoted to memorabilia (plaques, metals, newspaper articles, photographs, etc.) representing honors and awards that he has received from various sources including the U.S. Army, the Israeli government, the Post Dispatch, his employees, the JCA, the JCC (which selected him Mitzvah Star of 2005-06). Sandy explained that as a survivor, Mendel had certain goals that he wanted to achieve, and this wall denotes those accomplishments. But, Mendel made clear that in spite of all those accomplishments, "I am most proud of my wife. We have a very good marital relationship."



### ECC FAMILY CELEBRATIONS REALLY ROCK WITH RABBI AND HAZZAN

The ECC enjoys all of the Fall Holidays but Sukkot seems to be the children's favorite. Families came together to celebrate by singing and rocking with Hazzan Joanna, listening to Rabbi Fasman as he taught everyone about the holiday and making decorations for the Sukkah. The heavy rain did not stop families from coming out for the fun and food.



## Sid Rosen Presents...

Veteran's Day evening, November 11th

6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Program includes dinner (deli/vegetarian- \$8.00 with a RSVP or \$10.00 at the door), a video presentation, and Sid Rosen's World War II Memories...

From North Africa to Palestine.

RSVP through the office for the talk, or the dinner and talk (727-1747).

**Reservations are being taken through November 9th.**

## Donations To the Synagogue

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Tom and Esther Goldenberg – hope you are feeling better soon – Happy Healthy New Year  
Alan & Helene Spetner  
Joe and Julie Iken – hope you are feeling better soon – Happy Healthy New Year  
Alan & Helene Spetner  
Sherry Kaplan's new Great Granddaughter, Macey – Happy Healthy New Year  
Alan & Helene Spetner  
Hazzan Dulkan's formation of the DOR ways New Generation Group  
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Rabbi Fasman's Safe Return from Sabbatical – we welcome you back  
Alan & Helene Spetner

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Alan & Helene Spetner  
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we bring to the world is an attitude, a Jewish perspective on the world, a Jewish way of asking important questions, a Jewish way of framing the discussion of these questions, and a rich treasury of Jewish answers to these questions.

If all that we know of Torah is the Bible stories we learned in Sunday school, then we have nothing uniquely Jewish to bring to the world. The world doesn't need our stories (it already has them). The nations of the world don't need our holidays (they have their own). They don't need Jewish culture (they have their own cultures). They don't need our history. They don't need our best and our brightest. They don't need our money. They don't (really) need our land.

The world needs our Torah. It always has, and it always will. It needs our questions. It needs our answers. The world doesn't need the text of Torah; it needs the people of Torah. But if we are going to bring our Torah to the world, then we had best bring it to ourselves

first. The stories of Genesis are not just "kid's stuff." If they are, then who needs them?

We just began a new year. We just completed and re-started reading Torah. Every year, we have another opportunity to engage seriously with Torah. Every year, we have the possibility of enriching our lives with a serious study of Torah. Every year brings us new opportunities to bring our Torah to the world. The more we study Torah – through Jewish eyes, the more our attitudes towards all of life's big questions will be reflected in the ways in which we think, behave, speak, and teach.

If we just re-read the stories of Torah this year, then next year we will be no better equipped to bring Torah to the world than we are today. But if we read Torah more deeply and more seriously and more Jewishly this year, then next year at this time each of us will bring a little more Torah to the world. The world still needs our Torah, perhaps now more than ever.



**"Calling all parents of college students!"**

**Once again, the Sisterhood will be sending Chanukah packages to our students at college.**

If you would like your students to receive a package before the Chanukah holidays, please send their names and addresses to the office and Nancy will give this information to Ann Frank in the Gift Shop.

**Any questions, please call the office or stop by the Gift Shop.**

Tribute Chairman **Dorris Lerner** (314) 434-3676  
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Kate Blumenfeld

## Yahrzeits

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**Cecil Taryle**

Michael Wetmore  
**Trudy Wetmore**

Esther Zuckerman  
**Pearl Zuckerman**



## Condolences

The family of **Doretta Goldenberg** who passed away on August 28th. Sister-in-law of Tom and Esther Goldenberg.

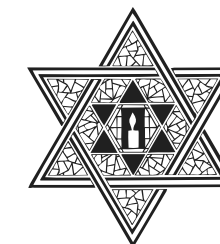
The family of **Roland Hanson** who passed away on August 28th. Father of Phyllis Hanson (Steve Selipsky).

The family of **Ruth Ziskind** who passed away on September 12th. Mother of Burt and Sam Ziskind.

The family of **Lester (Bud) Oppenheim** who passed away on September 23rd. Husband of Pearl Oppenheim.

The family of **Sara Friedman** who passed away on September 23rd. Sister-in-law of Phyllis (Gilbert) Warner.

The family of **Gerry Goodman** who passed away on September 28th. Sister of Goldye Stupp, sister-in-law of Gwen Sosna, mother of Zelda (Jeff) Eisen, Renee (Jeff) Kanefield, Jackie Goodman (z"l) (Alvah) Levine, Sheila Ruth (z"l), John (Julie Hannah) Goodman.



### David Iken Memorial Fund

#### IN HONOR OF

Laura & Dennis Rainey & family  
Dolores Kling  
Recovery of Jerry Legow  
Sidney & Sylvia Rosen  
Recovery of Bill Simon  
Martin & Barbara Becker

#### IN MEMORY OF

Lester "Bud" Oppenheim  
Sidney & Sylvia Rosen  
Myron Kopperman  
Martin, Barbara, & Jodi Becker  
Gerry Goodman  
Martin & Barbara Becker & family  
Myron Kopperman  
Rudy & Frances Oppenheim  
Sidney & Sylvia Rosen

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

### PLEASE ATTEND A MINYAN AND BE COUNTED

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

Shaare Zedek, Adult Education, Ritual Calendar, USY SZ

Nov 2009 (Central Time)

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	7 am Minyan 6 pm 9:45am - Rabbi 7pm - Ritual Comm.	7 am Minyan 6 pm 8am - Herb Fredman 6pm - Ruach Am'cha 7:15pm - Judaism	7 am Minyan 6 pm 8am - Herb Fredman 6pm - Ruach Am'cha 7:15pm - Judaism	7 am Minyan 6 pm 10:30am - Lori Sh 7pm - KINNUS Info	7 am Minyan 6 pm 7am - Linda out	7 am Minyan 6 pm Linda out 4:39pm - Candle 6pm - Rinah Band	Art auction/ Parashat Vayera @ Tot Shabbat @ comm. Veterin's Day Shabbat 9am - Shabbat Service 10:45am - Youth
10am - Sisterhood 1pm - USY Apple	8 7 am Minyan 6 pm Linda out 9:45am - Rabbi	9 7 am Minyan 6 pm 8am - Herb Fredman 11:30am - JCRC 6pm - Ruach Am'cha 7:15pm - Judaism	10 7 am Minyan 6 pm 8am - Herb Fredman 11:30am - JCRC 6pm - Ruach Am'cha 7:15pm - Judaism	11 7 am Minyan 6 pm 6:30pm - Sid Rosen:	12 7 am Minyan 6 pm 7pm - Exec Board	13 7 am Minyan 6 pm 4:32pm - Candle	14 Parashat Chayei Sara 9am - Shabbat Service 10:45am - Family 7pm - Kadima Movie
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
12:30pm - Speakers-	7 am Minyan 6 pm 9:45am - Rabbi	7 am Minyan 6 pm 9:45am - Rabbi	7 am Minyan 6 pm Rosh Chodesh Kislev 8am - Herb Fredman 6pm - Ruach Am'cha 7:15pm - Judaism	6:45 am Minyan 6 pm Rosh Chodesh Kislev	7 am Minyan 6 pm 11 am - 60+ Lunch @ 7pm - Board	7 am Minyan 6 pm 4:27pm - Candle 6pm - Rinah Band	BM:David Braude Parashat Toldot @ Tot Shabbat @ Comm. 9am - Shabbat Service 10:45am - Parscha 7pm - Shul Bowling@
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	7 am Minyan 6 pm 9:45am - Rabbi	7 am Minyan 6 pm 8am - Herb Fredman 6pm - Ruach Am'cha 7:15pm - Judaism	7 am Minyan 6 pm 8am - Herb Fredman 6pm - Ruach Am'cha 7:15pm - Judaism	7 am Minyan 6 pm	7 am Minyan 6 pm	7 am Minyan 6 pm 4:24pm - Candle	B/M Ariel Miller Parashat Vayetzei @ 9am - Shabbat Service 10:45am - Family
	29	30					
	7 am Minyan 6 pm 9:45am - Rabbi	7 am Minyan 6 pm					

Visit the Shaare Zedek website for a full interactive calendar with the latest additions and corrections. [www.ShaareZedek.org](http://www.ShaareZedek.org)

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### **St. Louis Jewish Community Responds to Difficult Economy with Historic Event: 'LightFest'**

People of all ages & affiliations to join together for day-long community-wide event.

**Save the Date! Sunday, Dec. 6, Millstone Jewish Community Campus**

**Shaare Zedek Synagogue** will be joining the entire Jewish community on Sunday, Dec. 6, on the Millstone Campus to help our friends, families and neighbors combat these tough times. "**LightFest: Share.Give.Connect,**" launched by Jewish Federation, invites everyone of all ages and affiliations – individuals, congregations, Jewish agencies and organizations – to participate in some way at "LightFest."

We hope you will help make sure our congregation will be well represented that day. Activities will take place at the Staenberg Family Complex and Jewish Federation Kopolow Building on the Millstone Campus. Here are just some of your opportunities:

- **Just show up! The Staenberg Family Foundation will donate \$5 for each person who attends, so your presence makes a big difference.**
- **Sign your name on the World's Largest Menorah.**
- **Bring toys, clothing and/or food items for Hanukah distribution.**
- **Help raise 1,000+ donations for the Jewish Community Campaign.**
- **Hop, skip, jump for the *LifeLine Fund***
- **Purchase meaningful Hanukah Tributes at our One Stop Mitzvah Shop**
- **LightFest's Volunteer Fair will hook you up with opportunities to keep the LightFest burning.**

There's something for everyone of any age to do at LightFest.

An important part of "LightFest" will be family fun and entertainment. Keith Alper and Susan K. Goldberg will chair the community event. Honorary Chairs are Carol and Michael Staenberg & Family.

**Jewish Federation** is the St. Louis Jewish community's central fundraising and planning organization. Donations to Federation's Annual Community Campaign support a family of 48 social, human service and relief agencies, programs and services in St. Louis, Israel and around the world. Federation agencies serve people of all ages, races and religions. They include the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family & Children's Service and Holocaust Museum & Learning Center and Jewish community. Find out more at [www.jewishinstlouis.org](http://www.jewishinstlouis.org).