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## Women Celebrate Community

*Women's League Convention  
Baltimore, MD  
December 12-15, 2010*

By RACHEL ROTHBERG,  
*Sisterhood Co-President*

I spent the four days of my first Women's League Convention with Deedy Eisenon and Andrea Fabian. Barbara Finkel, Karen Hemmerdinger, Louise Hodin, Sara Pollack and Gerri Sterling were also able to join us for part of the experience. We helped make up the 128-person strong Seaboard Region delegation. While the wind blew outside, inside we were surrounded by women from all over the United States and Canada, representing their Sisterhoods at an amazing gathering... Kehillah Kedoshah: celebrating community woman to woman.

I attended a wonderful Shacharit service, with hundreds of women, about half wearing their talitot and t'filin. The Torah and Aron Kodesh that belong to Women's League were brought from their usual spot, in the Women's League sanctuary at JTS. From the thoughts of Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, Rabbi Naomi Levy, Rabbi Avis Miller, Dr. Anne Lapidus Lerner, Rabbi Bradley Artson and Cory Schneider, there was a lot to take in and bring back to share with you.

Between the eight of us, we attended sessions on membership, ways & means and parliamentary procedure. We attended study sessions and listened while various authors described the inspiration and experience of writing their books. We

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## Calling All Cyclists!

Set out for the ride of a lifetime—from Jerusalem to Eilat

By RABBI ITA PASKIND



The annual Hazon/Arava Israel Bike Ride will take place November 8-14, 2011, to benefit two Jewish environmental organizations (Hazon and the Arava Institute) doing groundbreaking work in the US and Israel. The Israel Ride attracts cyclists from North America, Israel and Australia each year. It is one of the most beautiful and intimate ways to travel through Israel. The entire ride is on-road, and is fully supported for your comfort and safety. The Israel Ride will take us from Jerusalem to Eilat—with riding routes of 200 -300 miles—over five days. We will head west through the hills of the Jerusalem forest and descend to the



*Rabbi Paskind participated in the 2008 Ride*

Mediterranean Sea, then climb up into the Negev and ride to Mitzpe Ramon, where participants will enjoy a restful Shabbat.

Registration fees cover food and housing during the Ride, in addition to flights and fundraising responsibilities.

We will offer a pre-Ride (November 2-8) touring package in the Jerusalem area if enough people are interested. In addition, we will hold training rides throughout the year to help us prepare for this ride.

Please share this information with all cyclists you know in Northern Virginia.



*Sisterhood members with Jewel of the Crown Award  
L-R: Karen Hemmerdinger, Sara Pollack,  
Deedy Eisenon, Barbara Finkel,  
Sisterhood Co-President Rachel Rothberg,  
Gerri Sterling, Louise Hodin, Andrea Fabian*

Want to know more?

A wine-and-cheese informational meeting will be held at Olam Tikvah on Sunday, February 27 at 4:00pm.

RSVP by February 20 to Rabbi Ita Paskind ([ipaskind@olamtikvah.org](mailto:ipaskind@olamtikvah.org)).

Contact Rabbi Paskind or Allon Shiff ([allon.shiff3@verizon.net](mailto:allon.shiff3@verizon.net)) with any questions or to let us know you are interested.

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**Warm Welcomes**

By ANDREA GROSS,  
*President*

Last month, I commented on the pleasure we share each Shabbat as we gather for a Kiddush lunch in our beautiful new social hall. We subsequently received a couple of notes (reprinted below) from non-Jewish observers who attended our Shabbat morning services, not as guests of a simcha family but as students. Each one commented on how friendly and helpful our congregation was to the visiting students.

I am proud to be part of such a community. It is not always easy to be welcoming and open. It's easier to become wrapped up in personal prayers on Shabbat, to dwell on private matters, to exchange greetings with friends, whom we never seem to see frequently enough. Welcoming guests is more than simply greeting people; it's an art of making guests feel at ease and at home.

The letters respond to the genuine responsiveness of OT's congregants. To express such a strong sense of community that we can inspire a high-school student, to be able to relieve the worries of visitors who must have felt awkward, are remarkable feats.

Every Shabbat morning, I look forward to seeing how our congregation enhances the beauty of the space we fill. Whether in the sanctuary during services or the social hall during Kiddush lunch, each person present contributes to creating our community. I am confident that we will continue to inspire and enrich each other, as well as our guests.

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION, *Continued from page 1***

wrote our own prayers and got some cooking tips, too! We watched the installation of the new Woman's League International president, Rita Wertlieb (also from Seaboard Region) and had an opportunity to hear from Dr. Arnie Eisen, the Chancellor of JTS. We even danced a little at Vashti's Banquet!

We accepted our Sisterhood's Jewels in the Crown Award, a testimony to our commitment to community service and education and our connection to Women's League. We also learned that our donation of 165 books became part of the collective donation to the Baltimore City Public Schools via the Books for Baltimore tzedakah project, totaling 11,800 new books for all pre-K and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students!

Rabbi Artson spoke about a focus on quality over quantity. He suggested that if we concentrate on the quality of our organization, the members—new and ongoing—will come. This year, I want to embrace this concept. I'm hopeful that our newfound insights and new ways of looking at our Sisterhood, will help us build on the quality we already have, to become an even more attractive kehillah kedoshah. As I write, I look forward to Saturday, January 22, when we will celebrate community woman to woman at our annual Sisterhood Shabbat!

Dear Olam Tikvah,  
Thank you for extending your welcome to Irene and me when we observed a bar mitzvah for our research paper at Oakton High School. The congregation was warm and helpful towards us and we were inspired by the community expressed during the ritual. Thank you,  
Emily and Irene



*Photo by Lisa Gross*

Dear Congregation Olam Tikvah,  
Thank you so much for hosting us at your synagogue. Observing your practices and learning about the Jewish religion was extremely enriching and interesting. Your friendliness and overall very welcoming nature was relieving. You made an experience that we were doubtful about fun! We were sure to recommend your synagogue to our teachers, so expect more students next year!

Once again, thank you for making our experience a good one.  
Regards,  
Michelle, Jack, and Robert  
(Students of Oakton High School)

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## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

# Shiru L'Adonai Shir Chadash\*

By RABBI DAVID KALENDER

You have frequently heard me state my belief that we experience Judaism most fully when we plant one foot firmly in tradition and place the other confidently in modernity. This sense of balance is at the center of Conservative Judaism, and we aim for it in our Olam Tikvah Judaism as well.

Consider, for example, our Shabbat t'fila. Our liturgy is a powerful mixture of elements that stretch across time. Our service includes readings from the Torah, the prophets and psalms—spanning the breadth of the Tanach (Bible). We pray together in words written over the past 2,000 years, as the voices of our teachers and poets guide us toward praise and appreciation of God and our fellow human beings. Some of those words can be traced all the way back to the Temple in Jerusalem; others were written or adapted as recently as the past decade.

Similarly, the music that wells up from within and deepens our experience is a mixture of the old and the new. We sometimes feel that certain tunes were first sung by Avraham and Sarah when they were charter members of Beth El in Canaan. Others are part of 20<sup>th</sup>-century synagogue life; we grew up with them. Finally, over the past several years, we have been adding brand new tunes to our services. The Kabbalat Shabbat portion of our Friday evening service is now filled with high-energy, participatory tunes that bring us joyfully into Shabbat.

One of the wonderful elements of our community is that we come from a multitude of backgrounds. To celebrate and honor that

diversity, Rabbi Paskind and I have been focusing on removing obstacles and enhancing learning opportunities in relation to communal worship. In January and February, several people have joined the Shacharit 101 class, to increase their understanding of the Shabbat morning service. In the spirit of tradition and modernity, we have undertaken a project to use technology to help enhance communal prayer as well.

When you visit the OT website ([www.olamtikvah.org](http://www.olamtikvah.org)) and click on the “Ritual & Prayers” choice on the left, you will discover a multitude of resources. We have been recording and posting words and music that are central to the OT experience. Some choices are prayers and tunes that have already been part of our tradition here. Their placement on the site is to help you familiarize yourself with what seems to be the “regular” stuff. Simultaneously, we have also begun uploading new tunes to familiar words. This is a great opportunity to become comfortable with new tunes, so that we can all enjoy them in the sanctuary with a sense of familiarity.

We must never stand still. Judaism thrives and speaks most resonantly to us when we keep both feet solidly planted—exploring our tradition in both ancient and modern ways.

\*From *Psalm 96*, “O sing unto the Lord a new song.”



Photo by Susan Coren

### RESUMING THE CONVERSATION

#### ***Olam Tikvateinu*, Volume 7, Number 2**

is accepting contributions through Friday, March 11, 2011.

**The theme is “Sacred Space.”**

This edition will be devoted to written work—poems, essays and short stories—some of which could not be included in the High Holy Day exhibit that made up the first part of this volume.

Please go to [www.olamtikvah.org](http://www.olamtikvah.org) for submission details and optional writing prompts.

As you know, *Olam Tikvateinu* is funded by congregant contributions.

**Please contact Rabbi Kalendar if you would like to help defray our publication costs.**

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### Plan Ahead for These Events

- Sunday, February 6 ..... World Wide Wrap Hypothermia Project (p. 13)
- Saturday, February 26 ..... Men's Club Party
- Sunday, February 27 ..... Men's Club Brunch
- Sunday, March 6 ..... Sisterhood Fashion Show & Tasting
- Sunday, March 13 ..... JTS brunch and/or dinner at OT
- Saturday, March 19 (Purim) Megillah reading & festivities
- Saturday, April 2 ..... Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat
- Sunday, May 1 ..... Rebuilding Together (formerly Sukkot in April)
- Sunday, May 8 ..... Blood Drive
- Sunday, May 22 ..... Men's Club Picnic
- Sunday, June 5, 6:00-8:00pm ..... Membership Dinner & Meeting

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

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**Sisterhood Voice Mail, (703) 425-1880 x243**  
**For individual members' phone numbers and e-mail addresses, please use the OT Directory.**

### CALENDAR

Monday, February 7	N/A	February Challah Order Due
Tuesday, February 8	7:30pm	Sisterhood Book Club Discussion
Sunday, February 27	9:30am	Board Meeting
Sunday, March 6	2:00pm	Afternoon of Food, Fashion, & Fun
Monday, March 7	N/A	March Challah Order Due
Sunday, March 27	9:30am	Board Meeting
Monday, April 4	N/A	April Challah Order Due

### CASSEROLES FOR SOME (SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT)

Sisterhood prepares extra-large casseroles each month at OT for SOME, an interfaith, community-based organization that exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital. All casseroles should be delivered frozen to Olam Tikvah on the Wednesday before the third Thursday of the month, no later than 8:30pm.

The 2011 casserole drop-off/delivery schedule is as follows: February 16, March 16, May 18, June 15 and July 20. (There will be no delivery in April, due to Pesach.) If you are unable to deliver on one of the above dates but would still like to make a casserole, please contact



Shirley or John Baer (contact information in the OT Directory). For more information about SOME and the casserole recipe, please see the OT Social Action web page, [www.olamtikvah.org/social-action](http://www.olamtikvah.org/social-action).

*John Baer delivers 20 casseroles to SOME in December*

### MITZVAH CORPS

By DIANE FERTMAN

After an operation or an illness that slows you down some,

The Mitzvah Corps will bring you

A wonderful meal when they come.

If further assistance is needed, to be sure,  
Someone will be there for you at your door.

*Sis-Sis- Sisterhood Mitzvah Corps  
Preparing a Kosher meal so well  
of mandarin chicken, kugel and peas,  
a fresh challah, and even dessert—  
A complete meal, sure to please.*

*Sis-Sis- Sisterhood Mitzvah Corps  
Preparing a Kosher meal so well  
is looking for extra hands  
to help in the kitchen on occasion.*

Or we gratefully accept monetary donations.

### MISHNAH TEXT STUDY CLASS

Mishnah study with Rabbi Kalender meets on Wednesdays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23, at 9:15am. Enjoy exploring the foundations of Jewish ethics, ritual and theology. Everyone is welcome. Your desire to learn and share ideas is the only prerequisite. No prior experience or attendance is necessary!

### COUPON CLIPPING

By JOANNE STRYER

#### *Keep 'Em Coming...*

We have been sending product coupons to two American bases in Germany for over a year now, at the rate of 12 to 14 pounds a box, every six to eight weeks. (Someone else can do the math!) I know they really appreciate our efforts.

#### *Your Help is Needed*

Most of the coupons come in cut, but sometimes the uncut ones pile up. From time to time, Sisterhood volunteers do the cutting, and this year we were lucky enough to have a b'nai mitzvah student help with the cutting. To help us continue this effort, we are seeking a few volunteers who would be willing to come in once or twice every couple of months to help with the clipping. You can either take some home, or we can have a "cutting party." Please call Joanne Stryer if you can help.

Thank you to everyone who is sending in coupons!

#### **PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE OT LISTSERV!**

**Send an e-mail to:** [pcollier@olamtikvah.org](mailto:pcollier@olamtikvah.org),  
using the account where you wish to receive information.

On the subject line, type Join OT Listserv.

In the body of the e-mail,  
type your first and last names.

### CHALLAH FOR SHABBAT

Upcoming ordering deadlines are Monday, March 7 and Monday, April 4. For more information, contact Deb Gould, (703) 356-3825.

Please mail the order coupon below and your check to OT Sisterhood (Attn: Challah Orders), 3800 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax VA 22031, or leave it in the Challah Mailbox outside the OT Office.

You may also e-mail your order ([otchallah@yahoo.com](mailto:otchallah@yahoo.com)). Deb will record the order and then you can drop off or mail a check to the office.

#### Challah

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of braided challah pairs @ \$7.50 per pair \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to OT Sisterhood, and write the number of  
challah pairs on the check.*

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

### Annual Mishloach Manot FUNdraiser



*Spread Purim joy around;  
Mishloach manot bags abound.  
We will deliver to a house  
With just a click of your mouse.*

One of the mitzvot of Purim is to send baskets or bags of delicious treats to friends and neighbors. This is called Mishloach Manot. Once again, OT and Sisterhood would like to make it easier for you to fulfill this mitzvah and help the Capital Campaign at the same time. In the next few weeks, you will receive information in the mail about how you can order attractive bags filled with yummy goodies. We will deliver the bags to your friends and neighbors.\*

Help our Capital Campaign and spread the joy of Purim. Watch your mail for full details. Any questions, please call Brenda Klemow or Joanne Stryer.

**\*Please note: There are some delivery restrictions, which are explained in the mailing.**

### TORAH FUND

By JANE BEHRMANN AND BARBARA FINKEL

Ever wonder where your generous Torah Fund contributions go? The Torah Fund supports residence halls and provides financial aid for the Jewish Theological Seminary library. It created the Women's League Seminary Synagogue and established the Women's League Educational Pavilion. Its current project is funding scholarships for students of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies. Your support will help these students become rabbis, cantors, educators and lay leaders.

Do you know what the tuition costs are? For academic year 2010-2011, JTS costs range from \$14,900 to \$27,900, depending on the program:

- Tuition at Ziegler School for Rabbinic Studies is \$22,584.
- Living costs range from \$18,543 to \$24,910, depending on off- or on-campus, married or single status.
- Joint/Double Degree Programs—Add between \$23,940 and \$30,534 for students enrolled in the Columbia/Barnard program.

While it may cost students more than \$60,000 a year for tuition, it costs JTS and Ziegler much more than it receives in tuition. *Your* Torah Fund gift helps offset the difference! *Your* Torah Fund participation will help keep higher Jewish education within reach for our future rabbis, cantors, educators, scholars and lay leaders.

All contributions are welcome. For Benefactor level contributions and higher, receive a 5771 pin as Torah Fund's gift to you, in recognition of your generous support.

Contributions may be paid by check or credit card, in one or multiple installments. Contact Jane Behrmann, [janeyellen@cox.net](mailto:janeyellen@cox.net), or Barbara Finkel, [bfinkel@cox.net](mailto:bfinkel@cox.net), for further information.



### ISRAELI AFFAIRS

#### Wingate Institute

#### Sports Training in Israel

By CAROL ANN COHEN

Over the decades, Israeli Jews have transformed the image of a Jew from one of frailty to a vision of energy—strong Sabra soldiers and top athletes.

Military skill has helped build Israel's image of strength, but sports achievements add to the picture. The nation now is part of the international sports community, sending stars to Olympic competitions, competing against soccer teams from the Eastern and Western Hemispheres and winning championship trophies.

Tennis stars Shahar Pe'er, Andy Ram and Yoni Erlich are among the sports training alumni of Israel's national sports center, the Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sports, just south of Netanya, in central Israel.

The Wingate Institute is a training and research center for the nation's athletes. It provides educational, professional and scientific resources for physical education, general and elite sports activity and social and physical rehabilitation. The 125-acre institute is the home of both the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and the Israel Sports Hall of Fame. The campus also includes the Ribstein Centre for Research and Sport Medicine, the Nat Holman School for Coaches and Instructors, the Terner Pedagogical Centre, the Center for the Development of Sports Giftedness and the Elite Sports Division of the Israel Olympic Committee, operated jointly with the Sport Authority.

The Center takes its name from the late British Major General Orde Charles Wingate, known in pre-statehood years as "the Friend" to supporters of the hoped-for Jewish nation. An ardent Christian Zionist who trained Haganah leaders, Wingate died in 1944, 13 years before the sports training institute opened.

Accomplishments by more than 290 Jewish athletes all over the world are honored at the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and 210 Israeli sportsmen and women in the Israel Sports Hall of Fame.

The work of the Ribstein Centre at Wingate extends beyond athletics to joint programs with medical institutions working on how physical activity relates to conditions such as osteoporosis, cystic fibrosis and hemophilia. The center studies psychological and pediatric activity and nutrition, as well as offering medical services,

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## SISTERHOOD

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diagnoses, treatment, examinations and other services to professional and amateur athletes.

Referees learn their skills on the same campus with the coaches and athletes they later will meet on the fields. Both competitors and mediators can view the institute's permanent Physical Education and Sport Exhibit, attend seminars and conferences, sleep in a residence hall room, dine in a cafeteria or dining room and check a reference in the sport and physical education archives or the Central Reference Library.

The Center for the Development of Sports Giftedness offers medical supervision along with training in judo, swimming, volleyball and tennis to talented youngsters. The Elite Sports Division oversees and prepares the nation's Olympic Squad for the Olympic Games and other world championship competitions.

The institute guides Israel's Olympic Team, trains national teams and welcomes international sports conferences. In 1989, Chaim Herzog, then President of the State of Israel, awarded the Israel Prize to the Wingate Institute.

Israel's athletes and Wingate work toward the day when Israel will only need to show its might on the courts and fields of international sports.

### JUDAICA SHOP NEWS

By JOANNE STRYER,

*Judaica Shop Coordinator*

There are some special items available in January in the Judaica shop. These include our new Machzor, *Lev Shalem*, edited by our Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Edward Feld; beautiful handmade Israeli earrings; and handmade wire kippot by our own Shula Friedman. We also have our unique selection of talitot, b'nai mitzvah gifts, ritual items and more. If the shop is not open, someone in the Main Office will be happy to help you.

#### Gift Shop Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-4:00pm,  
Friday, 9:30am-1:00pm,  
Sunday, 9:00am-12:00pm.

### HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS AT FAIRFAX NURSING CENTER

By MYRA FALCK

#### Chanukah

On December 3, Sisterhood members sponsored a Chanukah celebration for the Jewish residents of the Fairfax Nursing Center. Many residents and their families enjoyed a beautiful Chanukah service, conducted by Rabbi Aft from Congregation Adat Reyim, who retold the story of Chanukah and the miracle of lights. Participants sang, ate latkes and spun dreidels. The morning ended with blessing the wine and challah, in celebration of Shabbat.

#### Purim

The next visit will be a mid-March Purim celebration for Nursing Center residents. For more details or if you would like to participate, please contact Myra Falck (contact information in the Directory).



## Sisterhood Spring Event



### *Afternoon of Food, Fashion & Fun*

*Spring Fundraising Event*

*Sunday, March 6*

*2:00-5:00pm*

Ticket Price: \$18 or

Higher Sponsorship Categories:

\$36 Bronze, \$90 Silver, \$180 Gold, \$360 Platinum  
(Donations at these higher levels include admission,  
recognition in the event program  
and 12 free raffle tickets).

*\* Pesach pastry tasting*

*\*Coffee, tea, wine & fruit \*Prize raffle*

*\*Schmoozing*

*\*Fashion show and sale \*Door Prizes*

*Vendors include The Kosher Pastry Oven,  
Odaybea Jewelry,*

*Hearts Desire Jewelry, Beijo handbags,  
Mary Kay Cosmetics,*

*OT Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop and more*

All contributions are tax deductible.

*Personalized candelabra  
can be rented for candle lighting at your  
b'nai mitzvah celebration.*

**Contact Lisa Shankman, (703) 207-9756,  
or the Office, (703) 425-1880, for details.**

Proceeds benefit Sisterhood. Thanks for your support.

## SISTERHOOD

### SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB NEWS

*Discuss Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English*  
*Tuesday, February 8, 7:30pm*

By GERRI STERLING

Both Jewish and secular sources have positively reviewed *Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English*, by Natasha Solomons (2010). Here is a description from *Publisher's Weekly*:

Screenwriter Solomons's debut novel is the story of German exile Jack Rosenblum and his unlikely postwar quest to build a golf course in the Dorset countryside. Fresh off the boat, with a "Helpful Information and Friendly Guidance for Every Refugee" pamphlet in hand, Jack dives passionately into assimilation, starting a booming carpet business, buying his suits at Henry Poole and his hats at Lock of St. James, and avoiding his native tongue at all costs. But while he can afford golf clubs at Harrod's, he can't check off the last item on his list: join a golf club. On impulse, he buys a damp acreage and embarks on the final leg of his assimilation. Meanwhile, his wife, Sadie, obsesses over the past, churning out *Baumtortes* and other confections. The details of postwar Britain are nicely observed, and the narrative offers a new perspective on some heavily traveled turf.

Natasha Solomons lives in Dorset, England. *Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English* is her first novel and was inspired in part by her childhood memories of her grandparents' cottage, bought with restitution money from Germany. The recipes in the novel are from her grandmother's cookbook.

The book is available through Fairfax County Public Library, Amazon (where it can be found in both audio and kindle format) and \*Borders.

Please RSVP, by Tuesday, February 1, to either Gerri Sterling or Sara Pollack, using the contact information in the Directory.

**\* OT is now a Borders affiliate.**

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Order your books and other media through the link on the OT web site, [www.olamtikvah.org](http://www.olamtikvah.org). OT will earn a percentage of the purchase price, and it won't cost you any extra! All advertised coupon codes can be applied to orders initiated through OT's web site. You can have your order shipped free to your local store.

### *Wine & Cheese Tasting Event* *December 19, 2010*



*Glenn Taubman chats  
with wine expert Steve Kerbel  
Photo by Mark Weber*



*Sisterhood members learn about wine  
Photo by Karen Hemmerdinger*

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## MEN'S CLUB

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### THE PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MEMO

## A Museum Not to be Missed

By JACK KLEVAN,

*Men's Club President*

About two weekends before the end of December, Carol and I traveled to Philadelphia to do some sightseeing with friends (also OT members). We had a wonderful time being together and visiting both the Franklin Institute and the National Museum of American Jewish History.

The visit to the Franklin Institute was educational and fun and, for me, also brought back memories. I grew up in Camden, NJ, and visited it while in grade school. In particular, I remembered walking through the giant heart, which is still there, complete with sound effects. Actually, the reason we went to the Franklin Institute was for the Cleopatra exhibit. It was fascinating to see the artifacts recovered during recent archeological exploration, on friedmDan, side-by-side with videos of these same objects being raised from the floor of the Mediterranean Sea. But Cleopatra probably did not know any Jews.

On the other hand, The National Museum of American Jewish History, which is affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution, is all about Jews. It was founded in 1976 and, until earlier this year, shared a building with Congregation Mikveh Israel, one of the oldest Jewish congregations in this country. Then, on November 14, 2010, the present museum building opened to the public. Some of

what the museum has to tell us is probably not new to anyone. After all, we grew up hearing about the role that Jews have played in the early days of the United States, the Revolution, the Civil War, the entertainment industry, the civil rights movement and much more. The real value of the museum is having all of this in one place; in addition, the free docent tours add a further richness to the experience.

I mentioned Mikveh Israel. At the entrance to the building where the Museum used to be is a forged iron sculpture entitled "The Seed." The sculpture itself is several feet wide, and just as tall. Next to it is a reference to Deuteronomy 8:7-8:11 ("...for the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land..."), and a short interpretive paragraph, which reads: "THE SEED symbolizes the generation of creative life in America, the Good Land which has made us welcome. In its roots exist the reminder of our origins and traditions. In the leaves are the elements of continuing growth. From the pod and its emerging flower comes the promise of the future."

And so it is at Olam Tikvah, the spiritual center of our lives. As we move through the years ahead, we build on the foundation of what was done before, and leave for others the fruits of our labors.

### SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS AND TROOPS

*Let's Hear from Our Vets and Active Duty Military  
Save the Date: Saturday, May 14*

By ERIC ROTHBERG,

*Men's Club Social Action Chair*

Men's Club wants to assemble a list of OT members who are US military veterans or active-duty military personnel, for distribution at the OT Shabbat service on Saturday, May 14, which will honor their service. We also will include active-duty soldiers who are immediate family (parent, child or sibling) of OT members. Please send us the following information:

1. Name, military service (army, navy, etc.), years served, where you served overseas, and rank (optional);
2. Highlight of your service, story you want share, Jewish memory, etc. (all optional); and
3. Interest in planning or helping with OT troop-related activities, such as visiting nursing homes, sending care packages to troops overseas for Jewish holidays, Veteran's Day brunch, weekend Scholar-in-Residence with Jewish military theme or visit by West Point Jewish choir.

You can e-mail it to Eric Rothberg, [ericandrachel@verizon.net](mailto:ericandrachel@verizon.net), mail it to OT, attention Men's Club & Troops or leave it in the Men's Club box in the office lobby.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 6	World Wide Wrap
Sunday, February 27	Brunch, Speaker: Norman Polmar
Sunday, April 3	Yom HaShoah candle packing
Sunday, April 10	Brunch, Speaker: John Baer
Sunday, May 1	Yom HaShoah observance—out
Saturday, May 14	Shabbat service honoring military service
Friday, June 10	Men's Club Shabbat

### Save the Date

*Saturday, February 26, 8:00pm*

It's cold outside, but we're ready to party! Calling all partiers, dancers, and fun lovers! Take a break from the stress of the world, relax with friends and enjoy the music of great Washington Talent Deejay Johnny. Delicious, hot hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a cash bar with soft drinks, wine, and microbrew beer. There will be fun for everyone. Enjoy the Twist Contest, Line Dance Clinic and games.

Your check is your RSVP, payable to "OT Men's Club." Please RSVP no later than February 13. The cost is \$18 per person. Mail to OT, Attn: Men's Club Judaism is for Lovers Party, or put it in the Men's Club box in the office.

**MEN'S CLUB**

**NORMAN POLMAR  
TO SPEAK AT BRUNCH**

*Sunday, February 27, 9:30am*

One of our own, Norman Polmar is an internationally known analyst, consultant and award-winning author, specializing in naval, aviation and intelligence issues. He has written or coauthored 50 books, as well as scores of articles and reviews in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and other newspapers, as well as in professional magazines. He has consulted on naval and aviation subjects to U.S. and foreign commercial firms and government agencies, and to members of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.



Norman recently coauthored *Project Azorian: The CIA and the Raising of the K-129*, which will be his subject at the brunch. Despite incredible political, military and intelligence risks, and after six years of secret preparations, the CIA attempted to salvage the sunken Soviet ballistic missile submarine K-129 from the depths of the North Pacific Ocean in early August 1974. This audacious effort was carried out under the cover of an undersea mining operation sponsored by eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes. "Azorian" was the most ambitious ocean engineering endeavor ever attempted and can be compared to the 1969 moon landing for its level of technological achievement.

In addition to his comments on the operation—still considered highly classified by the CIA and the Navy—Norman will show an amazing film clip of the salvage effort,

Norman served on the OT Board of Directors for 11 years and as president of the Men's Club for three years. He received the first OT President's Award for service to the synagogue.

We hope to have copies of the book for purchase at the end of the session, and Norman will be happy to autograph them. OT Men's Club will make some money from the sale of his books.

**AROUND OLAM TIKVAH**

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*Director's Chair*

By RACHELLE PALLEY,  
*Synagogue Administrator*

**Thank you, PMM Staff!**

After the September holidays, I recommended to PMM that our staff, Miguel, Jose and Willy, receive recognition for their hard work in getting the building clean and ready for the holidays. It was definitely a challenging task, and they put in a lot of hard work. In December, PMM supervisor Edwin Endara and area manager Julio Guzman presented the PMM staff with certificates and a bonus for their outstanding work.



L-R: Julio Guzman, Miguel Sosa, Edwin Endara  
Photo by Rachele Palley

**Chinese Shabbat Dinner**

On Friday, December 25, 140 people celebrated Shabbat together with a "traditional" Chinese dinner from David Chu's in Baltimore. We want to thank ABBA members Ari Dallas, Gary Gamerman, David Goldberg and Ilan Sussan, who picked up the take-out order in Baltimore. Thanks also to all who helped with setup and cleanup.

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### MEMBERSHIP

## Welcome New Members!

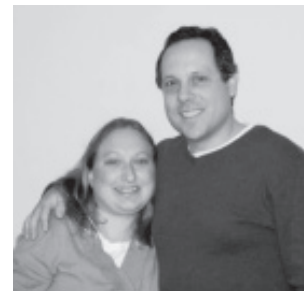
By DEBBIE WEBER and KITTY TIMMES



**Lisa and Mark Goldey** moved from New York to Northern Virginia in September 2010 and joined Olam Tikvah because they love our warm, friendly community. Lisa grew up in New Rochelle, New York and attended Rutgers College and Penn Law, where she met Mark. Born in NYC, Mark grew up in Harrison NY and attended

Columbia University. He is currently a freelance attorney, working from home and exploring other opportunities. Lisa works for CSC in Falls Church, as Head of Compensation and Benefits. They have two children—**Ann, 3 1/2** and **Felix, 18 months**—who both attend Merritt Academy. The Goldeys enjoy chasing children, learning their new area and doing some outdoor activities in the spring. They look forward to Torah for Tots.

Olam Tikvah's warm community and excellent programs and events were the driving forces for **Ian and Suzanne Meyeroff** to join. Ian grew up in Thiells, New York and attended Bradley University. Suzanne grew up in Teaneck, New Jersey and attended Barnard College. They met online at Saw You at Sinai. Eight years ago, Ian moved to the area from the Midwest, while Suzanne moved to the area two years ago from Manhattan. Currently, Ian is a Protocol Officer for the U.S. Department of State, and Suzanne is a trade specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Meyeroffs enjoy hiking, exploring the outdoors, meeting people and enjoying food and wine. Look for them at services, Sisterhood and ABBA.



### HAZAK

By SHARYN STAHL  
*OT Board of Directors*

Please join your fellow congregants in these exciting Hazak events, available in February and March.

- Pro Musica Hebraica presents:  
*A Yiddish Winterreise Elegy for a Vanished World*  
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011  
Time: 7:30pm  
Place: Kennedy Center Terrace Theater  
Cost: \$38; groups of 20+ get a discount  
RSVP by February 1, 2011 to Zenia Bielsker; send your check to OT
- City of Fairfax Band Movie Mania  
Date: Saturday, February 26, 2011  
Place: W.T. Woodson High School  
Cost: \$9 (seniors)  
RSVP by February 16, 2011 to Sharyn Stahl; send your check to OT
- Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel  
Date: Sunday, March 13, 2011  
Place: GMU Center for the Arts  
Cost: \$30 (looking into a group rate)  
RSVP by March 1, 2011 to Sharyn Stahl; send your check to OT
- *The Chosen*  
Date: Sunday, March 27, 2011  
Place: Arena Stage  
Cost: \$31  
RSVP a.s.a.p. to Leona Shoon; your check is your reservation

Member contact information may be found in the print edition.

### ABBA INVITES YOU

#### What is ABBA?

ABBA, which means "father" in Hebrew, is a group for fathers of young children who want to socialize with other fathers and participate in wide-ranging Jewish activities.

#### Upcoming ABBA Functions and Dates

##### 2011

February .....	TBD .....	GMU Basketball
Saturday, March 12	7:00pm .....	Poker Night
April .....	TBD .....	Movie Night
Sunday, May 15 .....	6:00pm .....	Steak & TBD
June .....	TBD .....	Kickball & Highballs
July .....	TBD .....	Pool & Darts

#### Cheer GMU Basketball with ABBA

Please join us on Wednesday evening, February 2, as George Mason takes on conference rival Hofstra at the Patriot Center in Fairfax

The cost for this event is \$16, payable at the event. We'll meet at the Patriot Center box office (West Entrance) at 6:30pm. Free general parking is available in Lots A, C, J or K.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 1, to Jim Kaplan ([jim@jimkaplan.com](mailto:jim@jimkaplan.com)).

## AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

### OT CHORALE

#### OT Chorale Returns to Greenspring

*With New and Traditional Jewish Music*

By FRED COOPER

On February 11, the Olam Tikvah Chorale will lead Friday evening services at the Greenspring Village retirement community in Springfield, as we have several times in the past. We always look forward to singing at the Greenspring service, because it gives us the opportunity not only to chant familiar Shabbat melodies, but also to showcase the Jewish choral music tradition from years gone by, along with the work of contemporary Jewish liturgical composers.

Music has been an important part of Jewish life and culture since Biblical times. A commemorative stele excavated on the site of the Assyrian capital Nineveh relates that around 700 BCE, tribute sent from Jerusalem to Assyrian King Sennacherib by Hezekiah, king of Judah, included musicians. By contrast, the OT Chorale is only traveling across Fairfax to sing this month, but musically we will travel a distance through time. The span includes the traditional nusach for *V'ahavta*; a setting for *Tzadik Katamar* by Louis Lewandoswki, a composer of synagogue music in mid-1800s Germany; and a melody for *L'chu N'ran'nah* by Austin, Texas singer/songwriter and cantorial soloist Abby Gostein. Always adding new music to our repertoire, the Chorale will perform a piece written by our own musical director, candles of your soul Carol Boyd Leon, "Lights of Shabbat," and a song written by American-Israeli singer/actor/playwright Danny Maseng, "Candles of Your Soul."

Chorale Executive Director Jeff Ackerman notes, "The Chorale is a wonderful way to bring Olam Tikvah members' musical and Jewish lives together." Its meeting days and times are listed in the calendar in the *Contemporary* and on the web site, as well as in the weekly Shabbat bulletin. New members are welcome.

### ADULT EDUCATION

By ROB YUNICH,

*Adult Education Chair*

#### The Whole Megillah

*Wednesday evenings, February 2, 9, 16 & 23,*

*March 2, 9 & 16, 7:30pm*

*with Rabbi Paskind*

So you know how to read Torah. What comes next? Why not the "Whole Megillah?" Prepare for Purim this year by learning to read *Megillat Esther*! Participants will learn to chant all the tropes and will have the chance to sign up to read a portion of *Megillat Esther* at OT. Purim is Saturday night and Sunday, March 19 & 20, 2011. The only prerequisite is familiarity with trop (Torah, Haftarah or other).

#### Seekers, Searchers and Sellers

*Sunday, March 13, 10:00am*

A speed networking event for those seeking employment, searching for employees and selling products. Help others while helping yourself. Things to bring: a one-minute speech regarding what you are looking for and a resume, application, or business card so others can get back to you. Please reply by March 1 with contact information, your networking goal, and how many are in your group, to Neal Sereboff, (571)-449-6246 or [otnetworking@chooseprotection.com](mailto:otnetworking@chooseprotection.com).



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## AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

### SOCIAL ACTION

## Christmas Outreach Projects

By CLARE VOGEL BACHNER,  
*Chair, Social Action Committee*

### *Facets Hypothermia Project*

We have traditionally reached out to help Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with their homeless guests on Christmas eve and Christmas day. This year, we volunteered on Thursday evening, December 23 through, Friday morning, December 24.

Sara Astrow and Clare Bachner bought all the food needed for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks.

Sara Astrow supervised the preparation of dinner for that evening and lunch for the following day. Preparing and serving dinner Sara & Paul Astrow, Anita Dienstfrey, Ed Faggen and Pat & Jeff Freilich. Laura and Jeremy Conover prepared brown-bag lunches for the following day.



After dinner, the guests played BINGO, with Clare Bachner and Ed Faggen calling the numbers. The prize was a small box of chocolates, which was well received!

Eric Rothberg coordinated the effort to have volunteers stay through the night. Along with Fred Cooper, Mel Felber and Ben Freeman, he spent the evening. They also began the breakfast preparation for the following morning.

Breakfast consisted of 250 homemade pancakes, brought to the church the previous evening with tubs of butter and syrup by Paul, Debra, Ethan, Ana and Miryam Mendelson. They were a huge hit!

Supervising the breakfast was AnnEllen Felcorn, who also made hard-boiled eggs. Helping her serve breakfast and interacting with the guests were Judith & Paul Anderson, Ed Felcorn and Ilan Sussan.

Kraig Stoneman, who is in charge of the Hypothermia Program for Prince of Peace, expressed his deep gratitude to Olam Tikvah for providing their guests with full coverage and meal preparation.

### *Katherine Hanley Family Shelter*

As the Shelter looks forward to our Christmas breakfast, event coordinator Mimi Krauss decided to deliver the prepared food on Friday morning, so that they could heat and serve it on Christmas morning, the next day.

When, at the last moment, we thought we wouldn't have enough food, Rachele Palley asked OT congregants to help bake food, and we sure came through! For example, Leona Shoon had three dozen professionally made muffins donated.

In addition, those who baked food for the Katherine Hanley Shelter were as follows:

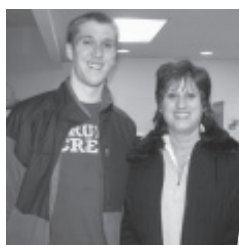
Laura and Jeremy Conover made three potato casseroles, Peter, Madeline, Elliott and Pierce Eggan made individually and beautifully wrapped brownie gift bags, Josh and Sarah Estryng baked pumpkin muffins, Amy Friedman baked cranberry bread, Leslie Friedman baked coffee cake, Zohar, David and Adam Golub baked two spinach quiches and blueberry muffins, Elaine and Lili Komarow baked two bread puddings, and Sharon Sherry made an egg casserole soufflé and cranberry muffins.

Mimi Krauss and her husband, Gary, also made fruit salad and two egg-and-turkey-bacon casseroles. Their son, Nathan, bought all the necessary ingredients at Costco and the grocery store. He then delivered all the baked goods to the Shelter. As a result of all these efforts, the Shelter families enjoyed a special breakfast Christmas morning!

Mimi wrote, "I was told that there were about 50 people at the shelter Christmas morning, and that there were leftovers for the following day, too! They were very appreciative of all the good food!"

Shelter Director Jennifer Schiller wrote, "Dear Ms. Krauss, On behalf of the staff and residents of the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter, I would like to thank you, as well as the other members of Olam Tikvah, for your generosity this holiday season. May you all have a blessed 2011."

*See SHOEBOXES FOR SOME, p. 13*



*Top left: Ed Faggen calls Bingo; Clockwise from bottom left: Morning crew Paul & Judith Anderson, AnnEllen & Ed Felcorn, Ilan Sussan; Dinner Crew Jeff & Pat Freilich, Paul & Sara Astrow, Anita Dienstfrey; Clare & Herb Bachner; Jeremy Conover and Laura Conover; Overnight Crew Eric Rothberg, Ben Freeman; Fred Cooper (not pictured, Mel Felber)*

*Photos courtesy of Clare Bachner*

## AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

**SHOEBOXES FOR SOME,** *Continued from previous page*

### **Over 50 Shoeboxes for SOME (So Others Might Eat).**



*John Baer with shoeboxes*

Shoebboxes for SOME provides Christmas gifts to homeless persons. Each Christmas shoebox includes the following new items: For men and women: a hat, scarf, pair of gloves, pair of socks, large or extra-large underwear, deodorant, razor, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste. For boys and girls: a hat, scarf, pair of gloves, socks, and a pair of underwear and a toy or game.

This year OT members donated a record number—50—of Christmas shoeboxes. In spite of the snow, John Baer drove them to SOME for distribution to the homeless on Christmas Day, along with Sisterhood's monthly donation of (15 regular and five double) tuna noodle casseroles.

The following congregants contributed boxes:

Clare Bachner	Bernice Kaufman	Irene Smith
Florence Bernstein	Phyllis Keith	Sharyn Stahl
Zenia Bielsker	Shelia & Steve Klein	Bernice Stern
Susan Bloom	Brenda Klemow	Ray Stone
The Felsen Family	Francine Lasken	The Stravitz Family
Barbara & Jim Finkel	Zoe Loevner	Joanne Stryer
Shula Friedman	Jane & Herbert Myers	Susan Weltz
Traci Goldberg	Layne Seelig	Roberta Wulf
Bunny Kaplan	Leona Shoon	

### **Hypothermia Project**

**Sunday, February 6**

For the sixth year, we will partner with Lord of Life Lutheran Church as they begin their week of housing the homeless. Volunteers are needed to make breakfast, lunch and dinner, interact with the guests and serve breakfast the following morning. If you are interested in volunteering for these activities, please call Clare Bachner at (703) 978-5722 or e-mail her at [clarebach@aol.com](mailto:clarebach@aol.com).

**Volunteers are also needed to stay overnight.**

Please e-mail Eric Rothberg at [ericandrachel@verizon.net](mailto:ericandrachel@verizon.net) if you are interested in doing this.

### **Sukkot in Spring**

**Sunday, May 1**

On Sunday, May 1, Olam Tikvah will once again participate in our annual tikkun olam home-repair project, along with more than 25 other metropolitan Washington-area groups. The program improves the living conditions of elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners by helping them maintain their homes. Its sponsors include Yachad, the Jewish Housing and Community Development Corporation. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed, and teenagers over age 14 are welcome, with adult supervision. House captain Allen Lebowitz will oversee the project, and Eric Rothberg will serve as OT's volunteer coordinator. Alan Chickinsky will again serve a delicious breakfast and lunch.

Contact Eric, (703) 425-8120 or [ericandrachel@verizon.net](mailto:ericandrachel@verizon.net), to volunteer, give your preferred shift and note any home-repair skills.

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### B'NAI MITZVAH

*Saturday, February 5*

*Parashah Terumah*

**Morgan Reese Ricciardi,**

son of Jennifer & John, is an eighth grader at Geshem Jewish Day School. He has spent the last four summers at Capital Camps and enjoys listening to music, sculpting, summer tennis and target shooting. For his Bar Mitzvah project, he is collecting supplies for the local animal shelter. He looks forward to celebrating with family and friends from New York, New Jersey, Arizona and South Carolina.



**Sophia Elyse Ricciardi,**

daughter of Jennifer & John, is a sixth grader at Geshem Jewish Day School. She has spent the last four summers at Capital Camps and enjoys playing lacrosse, tap dancing and summer swim team. She has been in girl scouting since Kindergarten, with the last five years Congregation Olam Tikvah troop. For her Bat Mitzvah project, she is collecting books for children in foster care. She looks forward to celebrating with family and friends from New York, New Jersey, Arizona and South Carolina.



*Saturday, February 12*

*Parashah Jetzaveh*

**Hallie Sara Malina,**

daughter of Nancy and Joel, is a seventh-grader at the Holton-Arms School. She loves to participate in a variety of music, dance and theater activities. She plays viola with her quartet, *Tira Misu*, at school, sings in the middle-school chorus and performed in November in the Middle School Production of *The Music Man* as Amaryllis.



Hallie is working towards her black belt in Tae Kwon Do. She also enjoys reading, drawing, painting, traveling with her family, running and playing soccer. For her mitzvah project, Hallie will sing and play violin at a senior center and she is also raising money for the World Wildlife Fund. Hallie will be celebrating with her parents, her brother Ben and seventy of her relatives from California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

*The Editor thanks*

*Betsy MacCarthy for reading galleys,  
Andrea Gross for pre-publication consultation,  
and Debbie Weber for assistant editing.*

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## AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

### B'NAI MITZVAH

*Saturday, February 19 Parashah Ki Tissa*  
*Samuel Ryan Rutzick,*



son of Cynthia & Mark, is a seventh grader at Geshur Jewish Day School. Sam enjoys reading, history, swimming, playing piano and scouting.

Sam will celebrate with his parents, brothers Josh and Jacob, sister and brother-in-law Karen and Robbie Silverman, and sister and brother-in-law Liz and Michael Cohen and their baby, who

recently made Sam an uncle. Sam is happy that all his aunts and uncles and many friends from the Pacific Northwest and other parts of the country have traveled here to share this happy day with him.

For his bar mitzvah project, Sam made and sold cookies to raise money for Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children in Oregon, in memory of his brother, Mathew (z"l), who passed away at that facility in 1997.

*Saturday, February 26 Parashah Vayakhel*  
*Courtney Sara Sloan,*

daughter of Eva & Howard, is a seventh grade honors student at Frost Middle School. Courtney's passion is horseback riding. She also loves drawing and painting, scrapbooking, and hanging out with her friends as well as spending summers at the beach and horseback riding camp.



For her tzedakah project Courtney has been raising money for "Save Japan Dolphins," which helps save dolphins from being slaughtered by Japanese fishermen.

Courtney looks forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her parents, younger brother Scott, "Poppy" Morton Sloan from New York and her many loving aunts, uncles and cousins from New York, Florida, Arizona and Minnesota.

### OT PRESCHOOL

#### January Fun at OTPS

By STEPHANIE SUSSAN  
*OT Preschool President*

January was a jam-packed month at Olam Tikvah Preschool. Our kids (and teachers!) were so excited to come back after winter break that they couldn't contain themselves. Laughter and squeals were said to be heard as far away as the OT Beit Midrash!



We started the month off with the long-anticipated Pajama Day. Who knew so flannel came in so many styles and patterns?! The PJ fun continued at our second annual Havdalah and pajama party. Everyone really enjoyed singing, snacking and celebrating together.

We then welcomed several potential OT families at our Open House, where dozens of students and parents were entertained and mesmerized by the famous Kaydee Puppets. Don't worry if you missed this event. You still have time to check out OT Preschool and sign up for next year.

If you have a child who will turn two by December 31, 2011, make sure she or he doesn't miss the opportunity to grow and thrive at Olam Tikvah Preschool. Contact Director Sharon Sherry at [director@olamtikvahpreschool.org](mailto:director@olamtikvahpreschool.org), or call the school at (703) 425-1886 and schedule a tour today!



*Above, Pajama Day.*

*Below, OTPS students play outside.*

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### TOT SHABBAT

#### Leadership Lessons from the Book of Exodus

By MORAH NECHAMA RETTING AND MORAH ELIZABETH WEINER,  
*Teachers*

As we start to read the book of Exodus, the Torah tells us that a new generation of Israelites grew, and HaShem instructs Moses to go down to Midian to negotiate with Pharaoh to free the Israelites. Moses becomes the leader of the children of Israel. His actions illustrate some basic principles of good leadership: 1) A leader needs to look beyond his own environment in order to assess the outside situation; 2) A leader needs to recognize the existence of problems and to propose viable solutions to solve them; 3) A leader needs to be humble and respect others, while still gaining the respect of all; and 4) A leader needs not to focus in his or her own weaknesses and must never avoid responsibility. Moses had a weakness—a speech problem—but it did not hold him back, because HaShem provided his brother, Aaron, to assist him in speaking to Pharaoh and support him in taking the Israelites out of Egypt.

Charles Harary, a great modern educator and lecturer ([www.charlieharary.com/about-charlie/](http://www.charlieharary.com/about-charlie/)), mentions three requisites of good leadership: passion for the work to be done;

commitment to the truth, and readiness to fight for justice, not fearing the enemy. Moses demonstrates these traits throughout the book of Exodus, leading the Jewish people until the end of his own life.

As responsible Jews, we also must recognize and solve problems, seek to engage various people and situations in supporting others and be humble, tolerant and charitable in our everyday actions.



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## AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

### EDUCATION AND YOUTH

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#### Building a Kitchen Cabinet For Marguerite's Attic

By DEBRA BELAND,  
*Director of Education and Youth*



*Photo by Susan Coren*

As we move into the second half of the school year, I'm pleased to announce that the Youth Wing has lost its "new car smell". In just a few short months our students and teachers have made the space their own. Come stroll our halls and you'll see posters, created by our high school students, detailing Israel's journey to statehood. Our first-graders have planted a life-sized tree, with their handprints serving as both the leaves and roots. There are always new photographs posted outside our second-grade classroom, illustrating their learning. And at the end of the hall, you can try out the new, comfy couch in our Youth Lounge. Just as a house becomes a home because of the people who live there, the Youth Wing has become a school, a gathering space and a place of prayer because of the children and adults who spend their time there.

In this spirit of making a house a home, the OTRS seventh grade has taken on the responsibility of spearheading an exciting new project that we invite the entire congregation to join. During February, the religious school will collect household items to stock the shelves of the James Mott Community Assistance Program's (JMCAP) new thrift shop, Marguerite's Attic. The JMCAP is a local organization that helps individuals and families create greater independence. Marguerite's Attic will serve as a source of additional funding, so that JMCAP can provide more food and financial assistance with rent and utilities to their ever-growing list of clients.

We are focusing our collection around the theme of "Building a Kitchen Cabinet" and assigning each grade a different kitchen item to collect. The seventh grade will manage the project—creating advertising, energizing the OTRS community, documenting our progress and making the final delivery to Marguerite's Attic. OT community members are invited to help us in this endeavor. Throughout February, you can fill the collection box just outside the Youth Wing with gently used kitchen items like pots and pans, baking sheets, small electrics, kitchen linens, utensils and plates and dishes. And while you're dropping off your items, we invite you to come and visit us and see what makes our Youth Wing space so special.

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#### Shacharit Live Program Beginning

By SUSAN SCHWARTZ,  
*Youth Committee Chair*

When you stop to think about the scheduling challenges that occurred because the High Holy Days fell in September, it is pretty amazing to realize how much energy has been reinserted into our youth programs in such a short amount of time. Along with the Machar, Kadima and USY Advisors, Debra Beland has been working hard to reach out to our youth. Attendance at the various youth programs is increasing. Kudos to everyone—our staff, our parents, and our kids: great things always begin with small steps. Peek into the youth lounge, and you will see the first furnishings. It is exciting to hear our teenagers discuss plans for their space.

I also would like to introduce Arthur Levine, who has agreed to become the Shacharit Live Musical Director. The Olam Tikvah Shacharit Live program will offer our youth, ages 12-120, an opportunity to perform an alternative daily prayer service with a rock-and-roll beat. Initial plans look toward specially scheduled Sunday-morning time frames, two or three times during the year. Everyone's schedule is so busy—this is meant to be a fun, enriching activity, not an onerous task.

We are fortunate to be able to share in the wealth from Art's extensive musical career. Most recently, he served as musical director for Sandy Spring Theatre Group's production of *Called Up To Life—Legends of the Baal Shem Tov*, for which he wrote both the music and the lyrics. In 1997, his song 'Jerusalem Stone' won the North American Zionist Songwriting Competition. Art worked as an arranger at the Marty Robbins recording studio in Nashville for a number of years and holds a degree in music composition from Berklee College of Music in Boston. He is also the author of *A Seder Serenader—Seder Songs Everyone Can Sing*, available through Tara Music.

L'hitraot,  
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## AROUND THE BELTWAY

### FJS EVENTS

#### Northern Virginia Lunch & Learn

*Presented jointly with the JCCNV*

**Meets Tuesdays, 12:00-1:30pm, in the library at JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax,**

John Rybicki, a noted lecturer at various locations in and around Virginia, teaches on Tuesdays, February 22, March 1, 8 & 15, on "Heschel: A Modern Prophet & His Interpretation of Biblical Prophets."

Abraham Heschel was a 20th-century Jewish religious philosopher. During his life, he came to the conclusion that the god of the philosophers was not the God of the Hebrew scriptures. Heschel's understanding of God was based on a "theology of pathos," in which God is a god of pathos, "revealed in a personal and intimate relation to the world ... He is also moved and affected by what happens in the world and reacts accordingly."

Heschel's book, *The Prophets*, is a fascinating exploration of a God of emotion—love and anger and compassion and chastisement.

Lunch is scheduled at 12:00pm (hot beverages provided), and study 12:10-1:30pm. Bring a brown-bag pareve or dairy lunch.

Information may be found on our web site, [www.foundjs.org](http://www.foundjs.org).

Inclement Weather Policy: When the JCC is closed or opens late due to weather conditions, class is cancelled.

#### Bible Study Center Series

*Presented jointly with the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum*

**Meets Sundays, 10:30am-12:00pm**

**The Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Please bring your own Bible.**

Gideon Amir is teaching The Book of Samuel I. Session Two: Saul, The First King of Israel (Chapters 11-20), January 9-March 13, 2011, excluding February 20 and March 20. Session Three: David, The Second King of Israel (Chapters 21-31), April 3-June 26, 2011, excluding April 17, April 24, May 8, May 29 & June 19.

This program is made possible through a generous grant from Donna and Murray Comarow.

All sessions begin promptly each Sunday at 10:30am and end at noon. Inclement weather policy: when the Dennis and Philip Ratner Museum is closed or opens late due to weather conditions, Bible Study is cancelled.

Advance registration is required. Registration and further information may be found at The Foundation for Jewish Studies, (301) 770-4787, [info@foundjs.org](mailto:info@foundjs.org), web site [www.foundjs.org](http://www.foundjs.org).

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**Tuesday, February 8, 7:30-9:00pm**

**JCC of Greater Washington**

Dr. Michael Brenner, Chair of Jewish History and Culture at the University of Munich in Germany, will present, "On the Eve of Destruction: Jewish Life in Germany Before Hitler."

Contrary to common belief, Jewish life in Germany before the rise of the Nazis was culturally thriving. While one segment of the Jewish community was assimilated, there was a tendency, especially among the younger generation, to show renewed interest in Jewish matters. German Jewry in the 1920s was perhaps the first Jewish community that lived in a relatively open and democratic society and began at the same time to look for modern expressions of its Jewish identity. In many respects, it serves as an example for modern American Jews, even though the circumstances of its existence were quite different.

Dr. Brenner will look at everyday life among German Jews, their religious expressions, and some of their important intellectuals, like Franz Rosenzweig, Gershom Scholem, and Leo Baeck.

Please join us after the lecture for coffee and light snacks.

#### Presidents Day Weekend 2011

**Sunday-Monday, February 20-21, 2011**

**Capital Camps and Retreat Center**

Dr. Daniel C. Matt, one of the world's foremost authorities on Jewish mysticism, will speak on, "From Kabbalah to the Big Bang."

Cost includes one night's lodging, four kosher meals, all gratuities and four lectures.

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#### PORT CITY PLAYERS PRESENT

**"No Niggers, No Jews, No Dogs,"**

**by John Henry Redwood**

**February 18 – March 6**

**The Theatre Lab at Convergence**

**1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, [portcityinfo@aol.com](mailto:portcityinfo@aol.com)**

**Directed by Frank Pasqualino**

OT congregant David Berkenbilt sends word that he will appear as Yaveni Aaronsohn in "No Niggers, No Jews, No Dogs," a play that uses the difficult subjects of racism and prejudice to delve deeply into other issues, such as hate, love, vengeance and forgiveness. It tells the story of a close-knit, church-going Southern black family, struggling to make ends meet in 1949. In order to supplement their income, they allow Yaveni Aaronson, a Jewish sociologist, to do research on their family. Yaveni is gathering material, comparing the trials and tribulations faced by the blacks under racism with that of the suffering of the Jews under racism, both in Europe and in America. The play's provocative title refers to a sign that Yaveni saw in a town where he once resided. In reality, it is a sign the author himself saw the sign in Mississippi, while traveling as a young football player for the University of Kansas.

## FROM OUR HEARTS

### R'FUAH SH'LAYMAH

Mark Ackerman, brother of Jeffrey Ackerman  
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### CONDOLENCE

*We extend our deepest sympathy on the loss of...*

Marcia Berman, sister of Joseph Samuels  
Sylvia Richman, mother of Dvorah Richman  
Richmond Robinson, father of Seth Robinson  
Vivian Weinstein, sister of Bernice Kaufman

### TREE OF LIFE

*A leaf has recently been mounted for...*

60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bernice & Alvin Kaufman  
Love, Chavurah Maskelim, December 24, 2010

### THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

*The office staff would like to thank our faithful volunteers—we could not get along without them.*

Andrea Fabian, Edith Krantzman

*Please keep the office informed of your life-cycle events and let us know when you need our help.*

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#### February 18-24

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Please do not confuse this fund with the *Capital Campaign*, which is solely for the Olam Tikvah expansion project.

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35th wedding anniversary of Carol Gordon & Steven Rosenthal, by Roberta & Henry Wulf

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#### IN MEMORY OF

Harry Weber, by Beulah & Marvin Bleiberg

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Olam Tikvah, by Martha & Mark Pohl

Our daughter, Michelle, successfully defending her  
dissertation in Clinical Psychology at the  
University of South Carolina, by Desere & Greg  
Segal

#### IN MEMORY OF

Brian Troshynski, father of Don Troshynski and  
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Birth of Eli Jacob Lasus, grandson of Clare & Herb Bachner, son of Rebecca & Jay, by Ellen & Rafe Katkin

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**SANCTUARY SCHEDULES****Shabbat Services**

Friday 6:15pm, January 7, 14, 21 & 28  
 Saturday 9:30am, January 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
 Mincha 4:15pm, February 19

**Parshiot**

Saturday, February 5 *Parashah Terumah*  
 Saturday, February 12 *Parashah Tetzaveh*  
 Saturday, February 19 *Parashah Ki Tissa*  
 Saturday, February 26 *Parashah Vayakhel*

**Tot Shabbat**

11:00am, Shabbat mornings, February 5, 12, 19 & 26

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10:30am-12:15pm, every Shabbat morning

**Other Services**

Sunday, 9:00am & 8:00pm  
 Monday-Thursday, 8:00pm  
 Wednesdays, 7:00am

**PROMPTS, Continued from page 3****Sacred Space Writing Prompts**

Here are some quotes to get you thinking:

Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is present in this place, and I did not know it!" Shaken, he said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the abode of God, and that is the gateway to heaven."

*Genesis 28: 16-17*

And let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.

*Exodus 25:8 (italics mine)*

As I moved about wherever the Israelites went, did I ever reproach any of the tribal leaders whom I appointed to care for my people Israel, "Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?"

*2 Samuel 4-7*

And here are some questions:

- What does it mean to you for something to be sacred?
- We have now be living in our new OT sacred space for almost 10 months. Is there something about the space that makes it sacred for you? Can you put your finger on it?
- What other space(s) is(are) sacred to you, and why?

# February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7:30 PM OT Chorale No OTRS	<b>2</b> 7am Shacharit 9:15 AM Mishnah class  7:30 PM Circle of Life 7:30 PM Megillah trop with RP	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:15 PM Shabbat Service  Rosh Chodesh Adar I  <i>Candles. 5:15pm</i>	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM Shabbat Service  Shacharit 101  Morgan Ricciardi Sophia Ricciardi
<b>6</b> 9:00 AM OTRS K-7  <b>9:00 AM World Wide Wrap</b>  6:00 PM OTRS 8-10 Hypothermia Project (see p. 13)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4:15 PM OTRS 2-7 7:30 PM OT Chorale	<b>9</b> 7:00 AM Shacharit 9:15 AM Mishnah class  7:30 PM Megillah trop with RP	<b>10</b> 8:15 PM Bd of Directors mtg	<b>11</b> 6:15 PM Shabbat Service  <i>Candles. 5:23pm</i>	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM Shabbat Service  Shacharit 101  Hallie Malina
<b>13</b> 9:00 AM OTRS K-7 12:30 PM OTRS Pre-College  6:00 PM OTRS 8-10	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4:15 PM OTRS 2-7 7:30 PM Organ Donation class  7:30 PM OT Chorale	<b>16</b> 7:00 AM Shacharit 9:15 AM Mishnah class  7:30 PM Megillah trop with RP	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:15 PM Shabbat Service  <i>Candles. 5:31pm</i>	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM Shabbat Service  Shacharit 101  Samuel Rutzick
<b>20</b> No OTRS	<b>21</b> Office Closed  Presidents Day	<b>22</b> 4:15 PM OTRS 2-7 7:30 PM OT Chorale	<b>23</b> 7:00 AM Shacharit 9:15 AM Mishnah class  7:30 PM Megillah trop with RP	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:15 PM Shabbat Service  <i>Candles. 5:39pm</i>	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Shabbat Service  Courtney Sloan
<b>27</b> 9:00 AM OTRS K-7  4:00 PM Israel Ride Wine & Cheese  6:00 PM OTRS 8-10	<b>28</b>					

### Shabbat Youth Activities

**Tot Shabbat**, 11:00am, February 5, 12, 19 & 26

**Jr. Cong, Shorashim**, February 12 & 26

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**February 5**

F. Lerner-Fischbein  
N. Leshan  
B. Levine  
A. Levine  
D. Levine  
J. Levine  
**M. Pearlstein**

**February 12**

M. Perlberg  
L. Maher  
D. Mahn  
G. Malafsky  
G. Malakoff  
P. Malc  
**M. Simon**

**February 19**

P. Mendelson  
M. Meyer  
W. Meyer  
I. Meyeroff  
A. Meyers  
J. Michaels  
**S. Gould**

**February 26**

H. Myers  
P. Nash  
R. Neifeld  
K. Newman  
H. Newman  
L. Nisenoff  
**R. Rothberg**

**MINYAN** is held on Sundays, 9:00am & 8:00pm, and Monday-Thursday at 8:00pm. Any Jewish person above B'nai Mitzvah age can and should participate. Please call the Ritual Committee coordinator in charge (in **Bold**, below) if you cannot be part of our daily service. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are available through the Directory or the main office.

**January 30-February 3**

M. Kremer  
R. Lascano  
R. Lasken  
R. Lasken  
V. Lazarowitz  
R. Lazarus  
K. Leahy  
A. Lebowitz  
P. Leibow  
L. Leibowitz  
H. Leiner  
H. Lempel  
**F. Cooper**

**February 6-10**

H. Levy  
F. Levy  
K. Linde  
M. Lippman  
E. Litt  
E. Locke  
Z. Loevner  
L. Lubing  
M. Lumer  
G. Lustig  
J. Lustig  
B. MacCarthy  
**G. Frishman**

**February 13-17**

J. Malina  
C. Mann  
H. Mappen  
M. Marcus  
S. Marcus  
D. Margulies  
E. Marion  
J. Marzouk  
D. Massarik  
R. Mayer  
D. Meiselman  
M. Melnicove  
**I. Gold**

**February 20-24**

G. Michaelson  
S. Mickelson  
A. Miller  
T. Miller  
S. Miller  
M. Miller  
J. Miller  
R. Montag  
A. Moshell  
S. Muller  
A. Munro  
E. Murray  
**A. Hiller**

**February 27-March 3**

L. Noble  
B. Nussbaum  
L. Oleinick  
J. Oppenheim  
S. Oshry  
L. Oskin  
S. Otto  
L. Pafe  
H. Palchik  
I. Pardo  
J. Paul  
B. Paz  
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