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## Moving Ahead

By LISA FRIEDMAN,  
*Contemporary Editor*

This is my final edition as *Contemporary* Editor, a position I have held since July 1997. I leave with nostalgia for the way things were, excitement about the way things are and optimism about what lies ahead. Although I will no longer be putting together this publication, I intend to remain part of the interactions that make our Olam Tikvah community vital, challenging and fun.

In 14 years, OT has moved from a time of upheaval and uncertainty following the 1994 death of our first rabbi, Itzhaq Klirs (z"l), to a position of stability, positive change and growth. The *Contemporary* and our general means of communication have evolved as well.

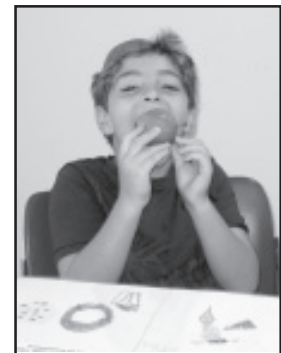
### Then and Now

In 1997, I inherited a 16-20 page document that was our primary means of

conveying the news—largely information about planned events. Paper was relatively cheap, and we regularly inserted multiple colored-paper flyers for synagogue programs. The Office also published and mailed out a two-page “Midmonth” supplement, to keep people current. We lived in a world of 7-digit local phone numbers; “google” was not yet a verb. Digitalization was so far in our future that it took me six months to understand what a pixel was.

Today, we use a variety of electronic media. We supplement the *Contemporary* and the web site with weekly listserv and printed announcements, as well as listserv bulletins and updates to our Facebook page. The *Contemporary* is no longer our main vehicle for time-sensitive news.

Aside from various technical innovations, I believe my main contribution has been using congregants’ own words and photographs to enhance the reader’s participation in the entire spectrum of life-

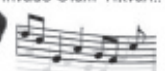


A 2<sup>nd</sup> grader enjoys a taste of the sweet new year.

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See Men's Club Page about our plans to invade Olam Tikvah!!



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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**Wanted: Your Patience and Feedback**

By ANDREA GROSS,  
*President*



Photo by Lisa Gross

I once traveled with a group whose motto was “expect the unexpected.” I took that for an optimistic piece of drivel until the first day of our travels, and then the second day, and the third, when the unexpected continually changed our plans. It should not have been a surprise, therefore, to find ourselves at the wrong train station on the last day of the trip, six weeks of luggage in hand and a brisk two-mile walk ahead of us to our proper destination.

I no longer remember the details of that day 35 years ago; I have only blurred memories of being surrounded by friends whose presence reduced the importance of blisters and strained muscles. I try to remember the lesson of that day: My approach to change can turn a challenging situation into something less stressful, even fun.

Here at Olam Tikvah, we have gone through a number of changes; some with easier transitions than others. We are about to embark on yet another change: The appearance of the *Contemporary* will undergo a dramatic transformation beginning with our next issue. Our monthly newsletter will shift from 20 black-and-white pages to 12 full-color pages. The impetus is our need to save money: By changing printers and price structures, we expect to save between \$12,000 and \$15,000 per year (net).

Clearly, the shift from black-and-white will be easier than reducing our contents from 20 to 12 pages. That is why we have asked our readers to tell us what you need to see in print. We hope to be able to provide you with all the information you want through a combination of our print newsletter, our Shabbat printed announcements, e-mails and the Web site. The December *Contemporary* will be our first iteration of what is sure to be an evolving

style. As we work within our new parameters, I ask you for patience and feedback. Do you like what you see? Do you miss something, and why? You may address your comments to me, at [otpresident@olamtikvah.org](mailto:otpresident@olamtikvah.org)

As we make this transition, Lisa Friedman will step down as *Contemporary* editor. Lisa has devoted 15 years to our award-winning publication, building it into a true reflection of our community. She will continue to provide valuable advice and guidance through our transition, as Betsy MacCarthy takes over the editor’s desk. Betsy brings many talents to the position, in addition to her past work on publications with Lisa and service to Olam Tikvah in several other capacities. I extend my personal thanks to Lisa for her dedication and accomplishments, and to Betsy for her willingness to take on new challenges.

I sometimes ask my religious school students to cross their arms, sit like that for a moment, and then switch arms, so the other one is positioned on top. It feels awkward, and everyone wants to return to the more familiar and comfortable position.

Change can feel awkward and uncomfortable at first. You may not find everything you expect in our December issue; it won’t look like this one. Nevertheless, throughout the coming months, we’ll improve our response to the community’s need for information as we adjust what we present in print and via e-mail or the Web site.

Please thank Lisa and Betsy for their work during our transition, and each of the contributors whose bylines you have seen regularly in the *Contemporary*.

I thank all of you for your support and encouragement.

Andrea Gross

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## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

# Sacred Cycling

By RABBI ITA PASKIND

Judaism's power lies in both its peak experiences and the meaning we create between those peaks. As you read these words, Allon Shiff, Barbara Klestzick (of Agudas Achim) and I are engaging in a major Jewish peak experience, along with 85 other somewhat-crazy, totally committed Jews: We're riding our bicycles across half of Israel, from Jerusalem to Eilat!

Why do such a crazy thing, you might ask? And why call it a peak Jewish experience?

Let me tell you.

The Hazon/Arava Israel Ride involves all the elements of a peak Jewish experience—the individual, the spiritual, and the communal. That's precisely why I did it in May 2008 and why I couldn't resist returning. On the individual level, the Ride encourages each cyclist to be in top physical shape for months in advance, stretching our physical and emotional limits. While we don't often think of this type of exercise as typically "Jewish," those of us who run, swim, play sports, bike or engage in any other kind of serious physical activity know that we need to muster all our resources and push ourselves, just as we sometimes do with our spiritual selves.

On the spiritual level, the Ride enables each cyclist to use his or her body to crisscross our sacred homeland, meter by meter and minute by minute. As I pass ibexes and IDF desert training fields, oases and kibbutzim, I feel that I'm walking in Abraham's sandals. As he walked the perimeter of the Land, he laid claim to it for himself and his descendants; I do the same. No matter how many times one tours Israel by bus or hikes in the Galil or the Negev, the experience of traversing *so* much of our land using sheer muscle power is unparalleled.

The Israel Ride brings together an incredible Jewish community for one week each year. Riders range from 13 years old (yes, this *is* how some people celebrate becoming B'nai Mitzvah!) into their 80s, from observant to secular, from Orthodox to Conservative to

Reconstructionist to Reform to Renewal, from the US to Israel to Australia. The Ride is staffed by the spirited, encouraging students of the Arava Institute, housed at Kibbutz Ketura, just 30 minutes north of Eilat. What holds us all together is our tremendous commitment to the Jewish values of peace and caring for the environment, particularly in the Negev. Many wonderful relationships are forged on the seat of a bike, cruising through the desert on a warm Israeli November morning. Shabbat, which falls in the middle of the Ride, is an opportunity for real rest (you'd want it, too, if you'd been riding straight for three days!), prayer, yoga, study and getting to know each another.

There's one more "peak Jewish experience" aspect to the Ride: it benefits two outstanding Jewish organizations, Hazon and the Arava Institute. Hazon, which means "vision," is a New York-based Jewish environmental organization whose mission is to create healthy and sustainable communities in the Jewish world and beyond. Students at the Arava Institute study a range of environmental issues from a trans-boundary and interdisciplinary perspective, while learning peace-building and leadership skills. Knowing that we, as a cycling community, are supporting the work of these organizations is great motivation and an amazing application of *tikkun olam*, perfecting our world.

Allon, Barbara and I will be back midway through the month—a little tired, a lot sore, and so excited to share our peak Jewish experience with you.

To track our progress and participate in our adventure, Like our Facebook Page: Northern Virginia Riders. And if you want to join our efforts for *tikkun olam* by contributing to our group fundraising campaign, click on the Northern Virginia Riders team at <http://arava.kintera.org/2011israelride>.



### THEN AND NOW, *Continued from page 1*

cycle events at Olam Tikvah. For a long time, I purposefully spotlighted every synagogue arm, creating new columns (Director's Chair and Welcome New Members) as I recognized the need or possibility. I have tried to embody the warm, inclusive and often playful spirit of OT itself, so that everyone feels welcome, important and included, young and old, new and longtime members alike.

With so many other media helping us see and hear and learn about each other, the *Contemporary* needs to morph again, to provide a unique reflection of the 21st-century OT community. I imagine it profiling individual congregants of all ages, practicing

See **THEN AND NOW**, *next column*

### THEN AND NOW, *Continued from previous column*

their Judaism in this and other communities, in terms of ritual participation, teaching, artistic expression, *tikkun olam*. I imagine it including fewer pages and articles than today, but providing a forum to explore some Jewish ideas more deeply.

I also know that I *cannot* imagine where this new path will lead, or how your feedback and interactions will help our new Editor, Betsy MacCarthy, take it there. And that's the most interesting piece. With affection and appreciation for everything the OT community has taught and given me over the years, I transfer the *Contemporary* to Betsy's capable hands and step into the background, to guide and advise, to admire and enjoy.

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

**Sisterhood Voice Mail, (703) 425-1880 x243; [sisterhood@olamtikvah.org](mailto:sisterhood@olamtikvah.org)  
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### CALENDAR

Monday, November 7	N/A	Challah Order Due
Sunday, November 13	TBA	Membership Event
Thursday, November 17	7:30pm	Book Club
Sunday, December 4	TBA	Chanukah Bazaar
Monday, December 5	N/A	Challah Order Due

### MITZVAH CORPS

*By* DIANE FERTMAN

Mitzvah Corps provides Shabbat meals for OT members when a new baby arrives, someone is ill or an immediate family member passes away. This classic meal includes chicken, kugel, vegetables and a challah.

You can support Mitzvah Corps with a donation, or you can join a dedicated team responsible for preparing and distributing the meals. Please contact Diane Fertman or the OT office to request a meal for yourself or someone else, or if you would like to help.

### SHOP AT THE JUDAICA SHOP

*By* JOANNE STRYER

Thank you to all our supporters!

We invite you to come by and see what we have to offer. We are open on Sundays during Religious School, or the Main Office staff will be happy to help you. Call Joanne Stryer if you have a special request.

Remember: All profits benefit Sisterhood and Olam Tikvah. Judaic objects make the home a small sanctuary of Jewish life

### CHALLAH FOR SHABBAT

Upcoming ordering deadlines are Monday, November 7 and Monday, December 5. For more information, contact Deb Gould.

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**

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

### CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS

#### *Annual Membership Event Sunday, November 13*

This year's "paid up" event will showcase Sisterhood members' artistic talents. Do you have a creative endeavor that you would like to share with us? Interested in displaying your creativity? Want to sell too? All are welcome. Some examples are: ceramics, jewelry, painting, drawing, fiber art, needle work, glass work, singing, playing an instrument and so much more. This is a BY-U event—we want to see work that is "by you"! To be part of the showcase of talent, please contact us at [sisterhood@olamtikvah.org](mailto:sisterhood@olamtikvah.org).

### NURSING CENTER HOLIDAY VISIT

*By* TRACI GOLDBERG

Thank you to Sisterhood members Michelle Avda, Shirley Baer, Joan Hahn, Sandra Mickelson and Jennifer Ricciardi, for making time on Wednesday, September 28 to visit Fairfax Nursing Center for Rosh Hashanah. Volunteers visited with residents and participated in a service led by Rabbi Aft of Adat Reyim. They brought homemade holiday desserts. Thank you to Amy Glaser for contributing her delicious homemade challah and to Bernice Kaufman for her homemade honey cake.



*L-R: Michelle Avda, Joan Hahn, Sandra Mickelson, Shirley Baer, Jennifer Ricciardi, Traci Goldberg*

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

### OPENING BRUNCH

#### *We witness a personal holocaust story*

By SARA POLLACK

On Sunday, September 18, artist and OT member Paul Malc spoke about his father's experience as a young man during the Holocaust and how that influenced one of his recent art works, which chronicles Jewish life from the Holocaust to modern Israel. The work is on display in the OT Beit Midrash (library), located just past the Rabbis' offices.

Paul's father has led an extraordinary life. Born in Poland in 1922, he was exposed to anti-Semitism from a young age. During the 1939 Blitzkrieg, when he was 17, he was captured by the Nazis, and he spent the rest of the war being sent from one concentration camp to another. He was able to survive in large part because he was never in one place long enough and because, at 17, he was physically able to provide labor in the camps.

At the end of the war, he was freed when an Oklahoma National Guard unit with a single Sherman tank stopped the train he was aboard that was headed to Dachau. His father was so sick and frail that the unit watched over him while he regained his strength and health and gave him a job in the displaced persons camp they were overseeing. Paul's father eventually settled in New Jersey, where he still resides, and worked for 40 years in a factory and as a general contractor until he retired to due a job-related disability.

#### **Paul's Art**

Paul creates themed collages, using museum-grade artifacts. His Holocaust/Israel piece features an actual arm band from a concentration camp, postcards and photos from the early days of Israel's statehood, and a Jewish star made in Nazi-occupied France from the stems of broken Oneida soup spoons. Paul obtained many items from a Holocaust museum in Canada that was closing, and others from ephemera dealers in the US and Israel. A staunch advocate of Holocaust education—lest we ever forget what happened—Paul is honored that his work will be used as an educational tool for OTRS students.

Thank you to everyone who joined Sisterhood and Men's Club in our first event for the year, and thank you, Paul, for sharing your father's story with us!

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#### *Note Deadline Change:*

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The regular size card is \$7, and the large print is \$8

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### SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

By GERRI STERLING

#### **Enter *The Sabbath World***

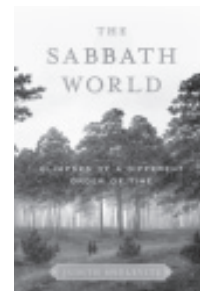
*Thursday, November 17, 7:30pm*

Join us to discuss the nonfiction work, *The Sabbath World: Glimpses of a Different Order of Time*, by Judith Shulevitz.

The *NY Times* and the *Jewish Daily Forward* both named it among their best books of 2010.

*The Sabbath World* considers the Jewish and Christian day of rest, from its origins in the ancient world to its complicated observance in the modern one. It delves into the legends, history and philosophy that have grown up around the shared day of nonwork, which has built communities, sustained cultures and connected us to the memory of our ancestors and to our better selves, but has also aroused as much resentment as love. *The Sabbath World* tells this surprising story together with an account of Shulevitz's own struggle to keep this difficult, rewarding day. (Amazon.com)

It is available in paperback through Amazon, as well as at Fairfax County Library.



### WHY GIVE TO THE TORAH FUND?

By ROZ SLOAN

There is a midrash that says that every soul has its own letter in the Torah. Without all of us uniting, we don't have the text of the Torah. If you remove one letter, the Torah isn't complete. Everything we do darkens, strengthens and increases the readability of our. Everyone contributes to making the Torah whole.

Jewish Theological Seminary students study the Torah with your help. They students graduate to become rabbis who offer wisdom and leadership, hazzanim who enhance the beauty of our prayers, educators who transmit the richness of our heritage to our children and grandchildren, professors of Jewish studies, professionals with deep Jewish knowledge who serve the community, and lay leaders who are informed, educated and committed Jews.

Today the Torah Fund raises money for scholarships as well as for renovations to libraries and residence halls. It has also provided money for other worthwhile projects to enhance the students' experiences while in the Seminary. And it has raised over \$1,000,000 for student aid.

You can add strength to your letter of the Torah and so strengthen the entire Jewish community by donating to educate the next generation of our Jewish leaders. Any amount of giving is welcome. Please contact Barbara Finkel or Roz Sloan for more information.

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### THE PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MEMO

#### Thank You, Everyone!

By JACK KLEVAN,  
*Men's Club President*

Thanks to the willing efforts of many people, Olam Tikvah and Men's Club are off to another great year! The response to our Membership mailing has been positive, but we want to remind those men who have not as yet responded to send in the membership form with their check. Join a committee and help manage an event. Your participation for one event, or many, will be valued. As Rabbi Kalender said in a Rosh Hashanah sermon, we all have choices to make. I sincerely hope you choose to take part in Men's Club.

Men's Club and Sisterhood started September off with a highly successful brunch. Many members contributed behind the scenes, and about 150 people listened with rapt attention as congregant Paul Malc spoke about his father's Holocaust experiences and his own journey in sharing his family legacy. If you missed this special morning, visit the OT Library (near the rabbinic offices) and see Paul's artwork, constructed of original artifacts from our collective past.



*Paul Malc  
Photo by Ira Gold*

The Men's Club also arranged a gleaning on September 25 at Pablo Elliot's farm, to gather food for the needy. This was a new experience for all of us, and a special way to help those in need in our greater community.

In service to our immediate community here at OT, Carl Villarruel, Al Fuchsman and John Baer resized the Sukkah so that it fits better on the patio outside the Social Hall without infringing on the egress paths from the Social Hall. Several weeks ago, Carl and I cleaned the s'chach (the roof of the Sukkah). On Sunday morning, October 9, a group of dedicated volunteers raised it. On Tuesday evening, October 18, we hosted the annual BBQ dinner in the Sukkah for the religious school, friends and families. Finally, we took down the Sukkah on October 23. Our thanks to everyone who helped to make these events successful. As our volunteers will tell you, "The more hands we have, the easier and more enjoyable it is for everyone". No experience or special skills are needed, just a willingness to help.

On Sunday, November 6, our Brunch will feature NY Times journalist and OT member Eric Schmitt, speaking about his new book, *Counterstrike, The Untold Story of America's Secret Campaign against Al Qaeda*. Come hear what should be a riveting talk. We will also honor our OT veterans and active duty personnel at this time.

Then, on Saturday, November 19, it's the Invasion of the Singing Terps. Get your tickets now, and enjoy the show! Proceeds

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benefit the Capital Campaign and the Religious School.

RSVP for any or all of these activities by leaving a message on the OT Men's Club Voice Mailbox (703) 425-1880, x245) or sending an e-mail to [mensclub@olamtikvah.org](mailto:mensclub@olamtikvah.org).

Saving the best for last, Carol and I send our thanks to Rabbi Kalender, Rabbi Paskind, the Ritual Committee and all the other people who participated and contributed to the moving and inspiring High Holy Day services. Our special thanks to the polite and understanding people sitting near us who did not complain when our 7½-month-old grandson, Ari, began to tire and became a little vocal. We were thrilled that his first Rosh Hashanah was at OT, and he had a good time helping me check tickets on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Already a volunteer!

### A SUCCESSFUL GLEANING

By ERIC ROTHBERG

Over 40 volunteers gathered for OT's first gleaning at the farm of OT members Esther and Pablo Elliott. Everyone had a great time performing the important mitzvah of picking vegetables for the poor, and the Capital Area Food Bank in Northern VA was very appreciative of the green beans and tomatoes. Rabbi Paskind discussed this mitzvah's connection to Sukkot and led the children in songs. Thanks to Bruce Gordon, Mike and Karen Sultan, Rabbi Paskind, and the Hopkins, Rothberg, Sussan, Ricciardi, Fischer, Goldberg, Avda, Neifeld, Gorowitz, Redler and Voelker families.



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**MEN'S CLUB**

**NINETEEN DAYS TILL THE INVASION**

**Of the Singing Terps**

*Featuring Kol Sasson*

*Saturday, November 19, 8:00pm*

By BRUCE GORDON

Come hear the award-winning University of Maryland Jewish a cappella group Kol Sasson perform. The outstanding University of Maryland Jewish women's a cappella group, Mezumenet, will open the concert. (See the October *Contemporary* for more details.)

Tickets are \$36 for premium seating (\$50 at the door), \$18 for general admission (\$25 at the door), \$12 for students. For tickets, send your check to Olam Tikvah Men's Club, 3800 Glenbrook Rd., Fairfax, VA 22031. Include an e-mail address for confirmation. For questions, leave a message at (703) 425-1880 x 245, or e-mail mensclub@olamtikvah.org.



**HONOR AND SUPPORT ALL VETERANS**

*And Our Jewish Troops Overseas*

By ERIC ROTHBERG

They've done so much to protect our freedoms and keep us safe; we should do what we can to show our appreciation for their service. Below are ways you can help:

1. Contribute to care packages for Jewish troops serving overseas so they can celebrate Chanukah. Donate by November 20:
  - Drop in the lobby box: Personalized Chanukah cards, current DVDs or books, boot socks, travel size toiletries, anti-itch cream, and anti-bacterial hand sanitizer, or
  - Bring gift cards in any amount to the Olam Tikvah office: Best Buy, Amazon, Walmart, Target, Barnes/Noble.
2. Honor OT veterans and active duty military by attending the Men's Club Brunch on Sunday morning, November 6.
3. Honor all our veterans on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11, by visiting a local nursing home. On last year's visit, we sang patriotic songs, and the residents appeared to have a great time and appreciate our visit. Please RSVP by November 6 to Men's Club Social Action Chairman Eric Rothberg, [ericandrachel@verizon.net](mailto:ericandrachel@verizon.net) or (703) 425-8120.

**RITUAL**

**Safeguarding the Torah Parchment**

By JERROLD MARKOWITZ,

*Ritual Committee*

The Torah is the holiest and most important ritual object in the synagogue. To maintain its sanctity and avoid making it pasul (not kosher), we are forbidden to touch the Torah parchment with our bare hands. Moisture from a finger could smear a letter or word.

When you receive a Torah aliyah, avoid touching the parchment with your hands before saying the blessing (Birkot Ha-Torah). It is customary to touch the word that begins the reading lightly with the edge of your talit, one of the tzitzit or the sash used to bind the Torah. Then place the talit, tzitzit or sash to your lips. When the reading is completed, touch the material lightly on the portion's last word and say the other blessing.

Donin notes, however, that the sages advised against touching the words, even lightly, because "it may hasten a wearing away or erasure of the letters." They recommend touching only the margin near the beginning of the reading.

The Torah reader uses a yad to avoid touching the parchment. The yad is usually made of silver, wood, or ivory and is shaped to resemble a hand with a pointing finger. Sometimes it is overlaid with semiprecious stones, bracelets and rings. While reading the Torah, hold the yad gently and move it lightly back and forth above the surface of the parchment to avoid chipping the ink off the letters.

Dating at least to the 16th century, the yad was originally community-owned. Today it is not unusual to give a Torah reader, such as a B'nai Mitzvah, a yad as a personal gift representing his or her "personal commitment to Torah" (Frankel and Teutsch).

**Dates to Remember**

- Sunday, November 6 ..... Brunch honoring Veterans, Speaker, Eric Schmitt
- Sunday, November 6 ..... Respond by today to Eric Rothberg for Veteran's Day nursing home visit
- Saturday, November 19 ..... Concert, Jewish a capella groups  
RSVP at (703) 425-1880 x 245, or [mensclub@olamtikvah.org](mailto:mensclub@olamtikvah.org)
- Sunday, November 20 ..... Donate by today for Chanukah gifts for troops

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### *Director's Chair*

By RACHELLE PALLEY,  
*Synagogue Administrator*

#### After the Holidays

It is amazing how fast time goes by—last month I was preparing for the High Holy Days and before I knew it was over. I enjoyed greeting all the OT families on Rosh Hashanah. I hope your holidays were meaningful and that you will take advantage in the coming year of everything the synagogue has to offer, both educationally and socially.

Todah Rabbah to the office staff—Melissa Benson, Priscilla Collier, Shula Friedman and Leona Shoon—for all their work for the holidays; to Mark Weber for setting up the sound system in the social hall; to Beth Felsen for arranging all the ushers and security volunteers, to our PMM staff, Miguel Sosa, Andres Vigil and Willy Lopez, for all their hard work before, during and after the holidays.

#### When It Rains It Pours

The synagogue fared well in the September rains, with only a few ceiling leaks. The parsonage (3730 Glenbrook Road) did not do as well.

The house basement flooded, due to the 1960s-era foundation construction. I learned that at that time, foundations were created with a space between the inner and outer walls: if there is a hole in the concrete blocks, water will get in. This was the first time we had a water problem in the front of the house, and we filled in the space between the two walls to ensure that it will not happen again. We repaired the drywall and replaced the carpeting in part of the room. We also took the precaution of replacing the very old water heater, since a break and leak would created major flooding once again.

#### Enjoy the Enhancements to Our Space

I hope you have had a chance to appreciate the enhancements to our building, inside and out. A new garden has been planted between the Office and Youth Wing entrances. The planting was made possible through a bequest in Trudy & Bernard Scheps's will, leaving funds for the purpose of beautifying Olam Tikvah. We incorporated some of Trudy's favorite flowers—Black-eyed Susans and Irises—in the garden, and Henry and Roberta Wulf donated a bench in their memory.

In the sanctuary, we have added railings to the amud (center bimah) to assure that there is a safe way to navigate the two steps. In the new lobby, you will notice a wall hanging dedicated in honor of Julian & Natalie Levine's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary by family and friends. It appears below. Exiting the Sanctuary, we have installed a wooden frame track in the back hallway, to accommodate more Confirmation pictures.

### FINE ARTS

#### Donations Brighten Our Walls

By MAURINE SIMON,  
*Fine Arts Committee Chair*



Two new decorative additions are now on display in the Sanctuary lobby.

At the top of the stairs is an original tapestry, created by Israeli artist Bracha Lavee and made especially for Olam Tikvah. This colorful work, titled "Jerusalem Mosaic," was created to honor Julian and Natalie's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and donated by Julian and Natalie, their children, grandchildren and extended families.

"Like Jewelry for Our Walls": Kitty Timmes has donated three mixed media sculptures by Juan Cukier and framed them in shadow boxes. On your way into our cloak room, examine the Star of David, the Torah Scroll and the Israeli Stamp. They are brought to life with bursts of brilliant color.

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## AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

### HAZAK NEWS

By SHARYN STAHL,  
*OT Board of Directors*

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Please join us for one or all of the following events:

#### National Symphony Orchestra

##### Rehearsal Concert

**Thursday, November 10, 9:30am, Kennedy Center**

Leonard Slatkin conductor, Gautier Capuçon cello. 20 lucky Hazakniks will be able to participate.

RSVP to [lshoon@olamtikvah.org](mailto:lshoon@olamtikvah.org) by Monday, November 7. Metro to Foggy Bottom or carpool. Carpoolers should plan to meet at OT and leave no later than 8:00am.

Contact Stuart Glickman for additional details. Additional information on OT web site on left under tab Hazak.

#### Jewish Military Museum Tour

**Sunday, December 11, 1:00pm**

Tour with a docent at 1811 R St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Metro to Dupont Circle or carpool from OT. RSVP to [lshoon@olamtikvah.org](mailto:lshoon@olamtikvah.org) by Friday, December 1.

#### Save the Dates and Plan Ahead:

April 22 or 29, 2012, Theatre J, *The Whipping Man*

May 20, 2012, Walking Tour of Jewish Washington

June 24, 2012, Bus trip to the Jewish Museum of Philadelphia

### 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.

#### Enjoy an Evening of Scotch and Study!

**Saturday, November 5, 7:15pm, at OT**

**RSVP to Daniel Strouse ([djstrouse@gmail.com](mailto:djstrouse@gmail.com))**

Please join us as Rabbi Kalender leads us in Torah study and we enjoy sampling a bissel of several Scotches!

An assortment of nonalcoholic refreshments will also be provided. Eighteen dollars, payable at the event, will cover the evening's activities.

### ADULT EDUCATION

By ROB YUNICH,  
*Adult Education Chair*

#### The Rise of American Jewry

*With Rabbi Kalender*

**Wednesday, November 2, 9 & 16; 7:30-9:00pm**

Jews have been in America for more than 350 years. Our experience has been a unique combination of maintaining existing rhythms and ways, while creating new American Jewish expressions. This class will explore the history of the Jewish experiences here, including the establishment of the movements, the institutions and the historical (and future) developments.

#### Ten Years after 9/11

*Muslim-Jewish-Christian*

*Perceptions and Progress in Our Community*

**Tuesday, November 15, 7:00-9:30pm**

**Registration begins at 6:30pm**

Members of different faiths will meet to share personal experiences after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and learn from one another in facilitated small-group discussions. We'll consider the impact of the tragedy and its aftermath on our families and respective faith communities, what we have learned, how we've addressed emerging challenges and what more needs to be done to build a stronger, more cohesive community. *Please reply by Friday, November 11 to Eric Rothberg, [ericandrachel@verizon.net](mailto:ericandrachel@verizon.net) or (703) 425-8120.*

#### Mashgiach Boot Camp

*With Rabbi Paskind*

**Wednesday, December 7 & 14; 7:30-9:00pm**

Our new kitchen, social hall and *very* full activities calendar mean that a lot of food is enjoyed at OT. Every time the kitchen is used, a trained representative is there to ensure we adhere to the laws of kashrut. In this class, we will study the most current OT kitchen kashrut policies and then have the opportunity to supervise some cooking. This class is required for all current OT *mashgichim* and anyone interested in taking on this important role in our community..

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## MEMBERSHIP

### Welcome New Members!

By DEBBIE WEBER and KITTY TIMMES

**Stacey and Andrew (Andy) Salsman** joined OT because of the welcoming environment and our traditional Conservative service. Andy grew up near St. Louis, Missouri and attended the University of Maryland. Stacey grew up in near Philadelphia and attended George Washington University. Both remained in the area after graduating. They met through a mutual friend, married in June 2008 and recently purchased a home in Fairfax. Andy is a television producer for NBC4's morning news, and Stacey works as a Senior Account Executive at an advertising agency. They are expecting their first child in February. They enjoy cooking, dining out and playing with their dog, a Goldendoodle named Kramer. Look for them at services. Andy would love to read Torah and Haftorah and is looking forward to joining ABBA. Stacey looks forward to becoming involved with Sisterhood and meeting other mothers with young children. They both look forward to making new friends.



**Michelle Avda and Stephen Underwood** were impressed by our excellent Religious School. Michelle grew up in South Florida, attended the University of Florida (Go Gators) and is completing a Masters Degree at George Mason University. Stephen grew up in South Korea, graduated from RPI and received his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh. They moved to Virginia in 2001 from the Boston area. It was a compromise location for Michelle, as it was all her poor Southern bones could handle! Stephen is a Unix Administrator for CSC, currently on assignment to the American Red Cross in Annandale. Their daughter, **Shira, 5**, attends kindergarten and OTRS. They enjoy camping, hiking, sewing, board games and swimming. Look for them at Shabbat morning services and OTRS. Shira hopes to join the OT Girl Scout troop, and Michelle hopes to be active with Sisterhood, as well as the Education and Social Action committees.



**Nancy and Alex Goltsman** were attracted by both our community and our Rabbis. Nancy grew up in Connecticut and Alex grew up in Rochester, New York. Both attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). After graduating, they moved to the DC area—Alex in 2004 and Nancy in 2007.



Alex is a software engineer at Lockheed Martin, and Nancy is a consultant at Deloitte. They enjoy hiking and biking. Look for them at Shabbat morning services. They hope to get involved in many OT activities and are looking forward to meeting young Jewish couples.



**Phillip Glazier** joined Olam Tikvah because of our easygoing congregants who are actively involved in services and activities. Phillip grew up in North Carolina, attended the University of North Carolina-Asheville as an undergraduate and received his graduate degree from North Carolina State. He moved here from Raleigh in 2008.

Currently, Phillip is a financial analyst at Freddie Mac. He enjoys biking, exercising, going to 80s cover bands, hanging out with friends and attending Gesher City and OTYP. Look for him at services, OTYP events and Men's Club. He looks forward to volunteering at OT.

Meet our recent new members, **Fred Rednor and Elana Wolin**. Elana grew up on Long Island. She received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees at Hofstra University. Fred grew up in New York City and received his Bachelor's Degree from Elmira College, where he studied Economics and Computer Science. They met in a



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### MEMBERSHIP

photography class at Hofstra. Since 1991, Elana has been an Art teacher at Geshar Jewish Day School. Fred is a Computer Systems Architect at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Elana enjoys art, gardening, and reading, while Fred enjoys bicycling and reading. They are interested in joining the Fine Arts Committee and eventually the Ritual Committee.



Our convenient location and friendly community attracted **Rachel and Eric Trest** to Olam Tikvah. Rachel grew up in Chicago and Eric in Rochester, New York. They met while attending American University. Because they are a Navy family, they've lived in Chicago, San Diego and D.C. In February 2010, Rachel and Eric moved to Annandale. Rachel is an active duty JAG officer in the Navy (lawyer), and Eric is a civilian, working for the Department of the Navy. They have 2 sons—**Nathan, 4**, and **Zachary, 20 months**—both attend Ft. Myer daycare, where Nathan is in Preschool. The Trests enjoy swimming, traveling and spending time with family and friends. Look for them at Tot Shabbat. They plan to join the Security Committee and get involved with children's activities.

**Laura Ahearn and Rick Black** appreciate the vibrancy of our community as well as our excellent Religious School. Laura grew up in Massachusetts and served in the Peace Corps in Nepal after attending Williams College and the University of Michigan. Rick grew up in New Jersey and attended NYU and Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In August, they moved to Northern Virginia from New Jersey. An anthropologist, Laura works as a program director at the National Science Foundation. Rick is a writer; he owns a small publishing company called The Turtle Light Press. Their daughter, **Melanie, 7**, is in second grade at McKinley Elementary School in Arlington and attends OTRS. Laura enjoys reading and knitting, and Rick enjoys gardening, reading, and playing sports and chess. Laura looks forward to Talmud study, community service and social action. Rick is interested in our library, social action and community service.



### SOCIAL ACTION

#### Rabbi Kalender's Annual Christmas Outreach

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

As Rabbi Kalender reminded us over the High Holy Days, the Christmas holiday provides OT congregants with a unique opportunity to serve those most in need in our community and allow the Christian volunteers to celebrate the holiday with their families.

We need volunteers for Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24) and Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25), for the following projects:

#### ***FACETS Hypothermia Project***

FACETS is a nonprofit organization that helps people meet their emergency shelter, food and medical needs and gain safe, sustainable and permanent housing and works with them to end the cycle of poverty.



Volunteers are needed for the evening of December 24 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Springfield. Volunteer activities include preparing and serving dinner, preparing lunch, staying overnight, and preparing and serving breakfast Christmas morning.

*Christmas 2010 Overnight Crew* See CHRISTMAS OUTREACH, page 13  
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# AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

## SCHOOL AND YOUTH

School office, (703) 425-3237; [otrs@olamtikvah.org](mailto:otrs@olamtikvah.org)

### K-7 T'filah Program

By DEBRA BELAND,  
*Director of School and Youth Activities*



Photo by Susan Coren

why do I pray, and how do I pray?

Our new OTRS t'filah (prayer) program is in full swing, and all of our K-7 students are participating. Our Kindergarten-2nd graders come together each Sunday morning for Kehillah T'filot (community prayer), where they sing, dance and pray together. Our 3rd-7th grade students have begun their work by exploring the meaning behind prayer and answering four key questions: When do I pray, where do I pray,



Students in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade begin each Sunday with Kehillah T'filot Time (community prayer time).

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade created flowers that illustrate their exploration of prayer through the other four questions: When do we pray, where we pray, how do we pray, and why do we pray?



Confirmation (10<sup>th</sup> grade) students begin their study of the Jewish lifecycle with our rabbis.

## AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

### B'NAI MITZVAH

*Saturday, November 12*

*Parashat Vayera*

**Michelle Hana Massarik,**

daughter of Bonnie & David and sister of Shoshana and Rebecca, attended JCC Preschool and continued at Gesher JDS from kindergarten through sixth grade. Now a Lake Braddock Middle School eighth-grader, she has also been an active, enthusiastic dancer at the NVJCC Dance Academy for 10 years. She attended their dance choreography program over the summer, and now participates in multiple dance classes and their Dance Company.



Michelle is thrilled that all her grandparents, Linda Levy & Daniel Blatt of Florida and Marline & Ronald Massarik of Chicago, are here to celebrate with her. She enjoys having many of her JCC and Gesher teachers here to celebrate, and she warmly welcomes all her family and friends who are participating with her in the service.

Recognizing the importance of Tikkun Olam, Michelle volunteered, for her Bat Mitzvah project, at the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, an organization that helps adults with disabilities.

*Saturday, November 26*

*Parashat Toldot*

**Jacob Maxwell Nash,**



son of Michelle & Paul and brother of Zachary, Alyssa and Alex, is a Gesher JDS seventh-grader.

An avid athlete, Jake enjoys playing on Gesher's soccer, basketball and softball teams. In addition, he plays county basketball and travel soccer. His first love is soccer. Since age 7, he has spent most of his spare time training and playing with his travel soccer teams, and at home he can rarely be found without a soccer ball at his feet.

We are especially pleased that his grandparents, Phyllis & Bernard Nash of Maryland and Kathy & Whitcomb Morris of Louisiana, will join Jacob on the bima. We commemorate his great-grandparents—Ruby & Ida Nash, Manny & Esther Sternberg, William Morris, Jewell Anderson, James William Armshaw and his namesake, Maxine Armshaw—on this occasion.

We welcome family and friends from around the country and are grateful that they join us at this special time.

### CHRISTMAS OUTREACH, *Continued from page 11*

#### *Meals on Wheels*

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals on December 25. This is a wonderful opportunity to deliver Christmas meals to those shut-in people who have no one with whom to spend the holiday.

#### *Family Shelters*

We will provide and serve Christmas breakfast to families residing in the Katherine Hanley and the Patrick Henry Shelters. In addition to participating directly, baked goods are also needed.



*Breakfast servers*

### Excellent Activities For Individuals or Groups

#### *Baileys Crossroads Shelter*

Preparing brown bag breakfasts and lunches and delivering them to Bailey's Crossroads during Christmas week.

#### *Shoebboxes for SOME (So Others Might Eat)*



*John Baer delivers shoeboxes to SOME*

This project provides Christmas "gifts" to homeless persons. SOME is the same organization Sisterhood supports with tuna noodle casseroles. During the Christmas holidays, SOME will deliver decorated shoebox gifts of urgently needed items to homeless men, women and children.

Please label each box, Man Woman or Child. Please wrap each gift box with different Christmas paper on the top and

bottom of the shoebox.

Men's and Women's boxes contain: hat, scarf, pair of gloves, pair of socks, large or extra-large underwear, deodorant, razor, soap, shampoo, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste.

Children's boxes contain: a toy or game, a hat, scarf, pair of gloves, socks, and a pair of underwear. Please label the box for a boy or a girl.

Please e-mail me at [clarebach@aol.com](mailto:clarebach@aol.com) if you donate a shoebox. Also please put your name on the sign-in sheet, so that we can be aware of everyone who participated in this wonderful Christmas activity.

**Please contact Clare Bachner,**  
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## Yahrzeits

*During November, we observe the Yahrzeiten of our loved ones:*

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#### Annual Fall Fundraiser

##### “A Night of the Arts”

*Saturday, November 12, 7:30pm*

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The evening features performances by Israeli pianist Dotan Nitzberg and the Bowen McCauley Dance Company, and it includes a jazz club and an art show and auction.

This year, we honor community leaders and volunteers Dotty and Al Fuchsman for the special role they have played and continue to play in our community. We also present our second annual Eleanor Sue Finkelstein Award for Special Needs to Judy Polivy and Jill Berman, in recognition of their work to enrich the lives of individuals and families with special needs.

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Dr. Judith Hauptman

Temple Shalom; Thursday, November 3, 7:30- 9:00pm

##### *Looking in on Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden*

Dr. Ziony Zevit

Agudas Achim Congregation; Thursday, November 10, 7:30- 9:00pm

##### **"Mystics and Legal Scholars" Series, with Rabbi Dr. Levi Cooper**

##### *The Villager and the Flute: Hasidic Tales that Contravene Jewish Law*

Washington DC JCC; Thursday, November 17, 7:30-9:00pm

##### *Rabbi Akiva: The Mystical Prayer of a Legal Authority*

Ohr Kodesh Congregation; Sunday, November 20, 7:30-9:00pm

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Birth of Lilah Rose Shaman, granddaughter of Carol & Paul Shaman, by Debbie & Mark Weber; Marie & Glenn Taubman  
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Birth of Eli Louis Winston, grandson of Sara & Lenny Heimowitz, by Fraida & Alan Zusman  
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**SANCTUARY SCHEDULES****Shabbat Services**

Friday 6:15pm, November 4, 11, 18 & 25  
 Saturday 9:30am, November 5, 12, 19 & 26

**Parshiot**

Saturday, November 5 *Parashat Lech L'cha*  
 Saturday, November 12 *Parashat Vayera*  
 Saturday, November 19 *Parashat Chaye Sarah*  
 Saturday, November 26 *Parashat Toldot*

**Moadon Shabbat**

10:00am, Shabbat mornings, November 5, 12 & 19

**Tot Shabbat, Shorashim, Jr. Cong**

10:45am, Shabbat mornings, November 5, 12 & 19

**Other Services**

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

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[Sources: *The Complete Book of Jewish Observance*, by Leo Trepp; *To Pray as a Jew*, by Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin; *Encyclopaedia Judaica*; *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Symbols*, by Ellen Frankel and Betsy Platkin Teutsch]

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November 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7:30 PM OT Chorale	<b>2</b> 7:00 AM Shacharit  9:15 AM Mishnah study  7:30 PM Am Jewry (p 9)	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM Torah Trop	<b>4</b> 6:15 PM Service  <i>Candles. 5:48pm</i>	<b>5</b> *MS, *TS, *Jr Cong *Shor 9:30 AM Service  1:00 PM Niggunim  7-15 PM ABBA Scotch & Study (p 9)
<b>6</b> 9:30 AM Men's Club Brunch  No OTRS  Begin Standard Time	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30 PM OT Chorale  No OTRS	<b>9</b> 7:00 AM Shacharit  9:15 AM Mishnah study  7:30 PM Am Jewry (p 9)	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM HAZAK NSO (p 9)  7:00 PM Torah Trop  8:15 PM Bd of Directors mtg	<b>11</b> 6:15 PM Service  RSVP Interfaith (p 9)  <i>Candles. 4:41pm</i>	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM Service  *Ms, *TS, *Jr Cong *Shor  Michelle Massarik
<b>13</b> 8:00am Blood Drive  Sis Membership Event	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM Interfaith Program (p 10)  7:30 PM OT Chorale	<b>16</b> 7:00 AM Shacharit  9:15 AM Mishnah study  7:30 PM Am Jewry (p 9)	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM Torah Trop  7:30 PM Sis Book Club	<b>18</b> 6:15 PM Service  <i>Candles. 4:36pm</i>	<b>19</b> Kehilah 9:30 AM Service  1:00 PM Niggunim  8:00 PM Singing Terps  *MS, *TS, *Jr Cong *Shor
<b>20</b> 9:45 AM Talmud study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 AM Shacharit  9:15 AM Mishnah study	<b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED  Thanksgiving Day  9:00am Shacharit	<b>25</b> 6:15 PM Service  <i>Candles. 4:32pm</i>	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Service  Jacob Nash
<b>27</b> 9:45 AM Talmud study  No OTRS	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:30 PM OT Chorale	<b>30</b> 7:00 AM Shacharit  9:15 AM Mishnah study			

### Shabbat Youth Activities

\*MS: Moadon Shabbat, 10:00am, November 5, 12 & 19

\*TS, Jr Cong, Shor: Tot Shabbat, Jr. Cong, Shorashim, 10:45am, November 5, 12 & 19

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