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The Moment of *Kol Nidre*

By LISA FRIEDMAN,
Contemporary Editor

It is dusk as Olam Tikvah's yearly *Kol Nidre* service begins. We stand, the Ark is opened, and a small group of congregational presidents lifts the white-robed Torahs and carries them to the prayer table. With each successive repetition of the ancient chant—soundlessly, in the darkening room—the group reconstitutes itself. By the time the congregation sits again, we have enacted a multifaceted pageant of both our Jewish and congregational history.

The chant itself dates back to before the ninth century; the choreography—the Torah holders surrounding the cantor are meant to configure the *bet din*—is equally old. At this same moment, Jews all over the world engage in the same ritual. Our Congregation was founded in 1964; Andrea Gross, our current president, is the 26th person to lead us.

Andrea is OT's fourth woman president. The first was our 15th president, Roberta Wulf, 1986-88. The others are Brenda Klemow, 1988-92 (16), and Susan Kristol, 2004-06 (23).

Roberta relates how she became aware, in the early 1980s, through increased participation at OT and in United Synagogue,

See *KOL NIDRE MOMENT* page 10

Jacob Shankman Receives Yad Award



The Yad Award was established in 2001, to recognize the accomplishments of our post-B'nai Mitzvah Torah readers. In order to receive the award, one must read Torah 18 times. Immediately after the eighteenth reading, the honoree receives a wooden yad, handcrafted by Joseph Samuels, our resident wood carver. Beginning in 2008, an anonymous donor added a gift of an individual Tikkun, to facilitate lifelong reading.

Jacob Shankman received his Yad Award during Shabbat morning services on July 30. He read his actual eighteenth aliyah on Masada on August 22, during his first trip to Israel.

See *YAD AWARD*, page 2

The Northern Virginia Conservative Community and The Jewish Theological Seminary present:

A Day of Study Encountering God From Sinai to Today

Sunday, October 30, 1:00-4:00pm

Featuring a keynote address
by
JTS Scholar
Dr. Benjamin Sommer



Followed by
small group discussions to consider
revelation throughout Jewish history
and in our own lives, led by your
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Rabbi Steven Glazer, Congregation Beth Emeth;
Rabbi David Kalender, Congregation Olam Tikvah;
Rabbi Jack Moline, Agudas Achim Congregation;
Rabbi Ita Paskind, Congregation Olam Tikvah; and
Rabbi Michael Ragozin, Congregation Sha'are Shalom.

Light refreshments will be served.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required.
Free childcare provided if reserved in advance.

For more information, or to RSVP, please e-mail
novajts@gmail.com or call Steve Dienstfrey.

See *ADULT EDUCATION*, page 3



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



See *INVASION OF THE SINGING TERPS*, page 7

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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5772: We Expand and Collaborate

By ANDREA GROSS,
President



Photo by Lisa Gross

This time of year always seems special. We've got the initial awkwardness of the new year behind us (I move on Jewish and school time; January is far less exciting to me), yet we still have so much opportunity ahead. We can try out new ideas and tweak those that still need a little more finesse.

At Olam Tikvah, we're introducing a lot of new ideas, and in some cases, reintroducing some old ones. Last month we began a whole new approach to youth Shabbat programming. With the help and advice of a number of interested parents over the past year, we now offer four different age-appropriate services for children from 18 months old through sixth grade, each designed to enhance the Shabbat experience for the children. What a change from past decades, when Saturday morning youth services were limited to sixth and seventh graders or toddler programs!

Our adult education programming is also expanding into new times and themes, with regular Sunday morning offerings as well as evenings and weekday mornings. We'll continue with traditional subjects such as Mishna and Talmud, while adding new topics, such as the Rise of American Jewry.

YAD AWARD, Continued from page 1

Jacob is an 11th grader at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. A regular attendee since he was about four weeks old, he became a Torah reader just a few weeks after his Bar Mitzvah. He has helped out in Junior Congregation and participated in the first Shacharit Band. In addition, he and his father enjoy their participation in Sukkot in April and playing basketball with the Men's Club when possible. Jacob's desire to learn Torah and being an active member of the Jewish community comes from his home environment, years of religious school, attendance at Shabbat Services, and being active in B'nai Brith Youth Organization (Bisno AZA).

Jacob's name has been added to the plaque in the lobby. Sarah Tamburrino, Jessica Finkel, Joseph Kristol, Helen Taubman, Michael Sushner, Sam Gross, Racheli Schoenburg, Joseph Muldoon, Joel Taubman, Toby Loewenstein, Ryan Benson, Aryeh Kalender, Ben Pafe, Ethan Mendelson, Marnie Kremer, David Engelberg, Arielle Schoenburg, Indiana Berman, Joshua Cohen and Madelaine Shiff are past award recipients.

Looking over the social action programs planned by Men's Club, the coordination between Sisterhood's fundraiser and the Men's Club dance, the collaboration between our preschool and youth directors, ABBA's mix of social, community service and family programs, and Hazak's event lineup, I am amazed. Not only do we offer many and varied activities, but we are comfortably overlapping and sharing our interests.

We will soon close a circle, with the long-awaited dedication of our new youth lounge. Some of you may remember the old youth lounge, once a library and meeting room, later a school office, then a classroom. When we converted the old youth lounge, we promised the previous generation of teens that we would build a better space. Many years have passed, but we have finally fulfilled that promise!

I close with two thoughts: 5772 is going to be an incredible year, and we couldn't do it without you.

B'shalom,
Andrea

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

God's Gifts

By RABBI DAVID KALENDER

Beginning with the 1st of Elul, we acknowledge that we are in the holiday season. But unlike other times of the year, this season isn't a day or a week; it stretches on for nearly two months. We spent Elul getting ready for the holidays, sounding the Shofar each morning as a wake-up call, an alarm that urges us to act. As we reach Rosh Hashanah, we offer God praise and express appreciation for our blessings. On Yom Kippur, we commit ourselves to doing better in the year to come. As we celebrate Sukkot, eating and sleeping in our precarious Sukkah, we honor the natural world. Finally, we reach the last days of the holiday season. In Israel, they are celebrated on the same day, but here we honor them successively—Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

With all the cooking, cleaning, praying, shaking and dancing, it is easy to lose sight of what these two final days can add to our lives.

Though Sukkot and the accompanying Shemini Atzeret prayer for rain, *Geshem*, are described in the Torah and discussed in depth in the Mishna, Simchat Torah does not appear there. Therefore, we may wonder, "What does reciting the prayer for rain have to do with dancing in the parking lot?"

Each holiday celebrates the completion of a significant time and the start of a new critical period. Shemini Atzeret is the end of

the harvest season, and saying the *Geshem* prayer begins the next cycle. Finishing Moshe's words and returning to "B'reishit Barah Elohim" on Simchat Torah is crucial for Jewish life.

Rain is obviously a gift from God. When we learn how to capture and direct it (as our brethren in Israel do so well), it will sustain the world. Torah can be understood in the same fashion. The words and directives are a gift from God. When we place them at the center of our lives, the impact of God's directions guides us toward justice and happiness. Both rain and Torah nourish us.

The holiday season challenges us to discover the fuel that will power us through the rest of the year. Perhaps the juxtaposition of these two dissimilar-seeming holidays, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, provides us an opening to reflect on God's great gifts to us... water and Torah. May we appreciate them and look toward a year of richness that comes from possessing and using such powerful resources.

Rabbi David Kalender



Photo by Susan Coren

ADULT EDUCATION *Continued from page 1*

By ROB YUNICH,
Adult Education Chair

Talmud Study

Sundays, about 9:45am (after minyan)

Taught by Rabbi Paskind. First session: Sunday, October 16 in the Sukkah, around 10:15am.

A weekly, continuous study of *Masechet Brachot*, the tractate dealing chiefly (but not solely!) with prayer. We will study in English, focusing on rabbinic ideas and argumentation, as well as making connections to our own prayer lives. You will probably want to acquire your own volume of the Schottenstein Daf Yomi edition of "Berachos" (artscroll.com or at any Judaica store); copies will be available for the first few sessions.

Mishnah Study

Wednesdays, 9:15-10:15am, beginning October 19

Taught by Rabbi Kalender. Gather each Wednesday morning to discuss the first Jewish law code. Join this lively group as we consider this core text for Jewish ethics, ritual and theology. No prior knowledge necessary, and the English translation is used. New students are welcome at any time.

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Learn Torah Trop

*Thursday nights, eight sessions beginning October 27,
7:00-9:00pm*

Are you musically inclined? Are you curious about the chanting of the Torah? Are you interested in learning Torah Trop, the cantillation notes that govern the proper chanting of the Torah? We have a class for you!

Glenn Taubman will teach a multi-session Torah Trop class over eight successive, weekly Thursday-night sessions and culminates with students reading Torah at a Shabbat Mincha service over the winter.

You must be able to read Hebrew with moderate fluency, and be able to attend just about all eight Thursday night classes (because each class builds upon the prior classes).

If you have questions or want to register for the class, contact Glenn at (703) 280-1261 or gtaubman@cox.net.

The Rise of American Jewry

Wednesdays, November 2, 9 & 16 from 7:30-9:00pm

Taught by Rabbi Kalender. The class will explore the history of the Jewish experiences in the United States, including the establishment of the movements, the institutions and the historical (and future) developments. No replies are necessary to attend.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

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

CALENDAR

Monday, October 3	N/A	Challah Order Due
Sunday, October 16	9:30am	Board meeting
Thursday, October 27	7:30pm	Rosh Chodesh Discussion
Monday, November 7	N/A	Challah Order Due
Thursday, November 17	7:30pm	Sisterhood Book Club

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.

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By JOANNE STRYER

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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, October 3 and Monday, November 7. 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). 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.

TORAH FUND

By BARBARA FINKEL

OT Sisterhood's Torah Fund campaign is off to a great start, thanks to the generosity of many people. As of early September, we have raised \$6,400 toward our 5772 goal of \$8,000. Please consider joining in this important mission and help us to meet and *surpass* our goal. Resources raised by Woman's League for Conservative Judaism (a total of more than \$2,100,000 last year!) fund scholarships, gifts and building projects for the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, and Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano, strengthening and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism throughout the world.

Contributions at all levels are welcome. In recognition and appreciation of your generous support at the Benefactor (\$180), Guardian (\$300) or higher levels, you will receive this *Hiddur Mitzvah* Torah Fund Pin. The pin's pomegranate imagery has multilayered meaning. Pomegranates (*rim-monim*) are one of the bountiful fruits of the Land of Israel. *Rim-monim* is also the term used for the silver adornments on the *atzei chaim* (Torah rollers) of the *Sefer Torah*.



Your donation can be made in installments through the year. Please contact Barbara Finkel or Roz Sloan if you have questions.

ROSH CHODESH DISCUSSION GROUP

By SARA POLLACK

Thursday, October 27, at 7:30pm

Have you ever wondered why we and so many other women get together for Rosh Chodesh? What is the history, and how did the groups evolve? Come to the first Rosh Chodesh discussion of the New Year and find out.

If you haven't done so before, now is the perfect time to join us. At our meetings, you'll meet new people and learn more about different aspects of our traditions. For more information, contact Sara Pollack.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

ISRAELI AFFAIRS

IDF Redesigns Combat Vests for Women

By CAROL ANN COHEN

Function leads to fashion for women serving in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Comfort-conscious men are also eyeing the IDF's new military vests for women.

Responding to women's complaints that the men's vests were loose and floppy, caused chafing, irritation and strain fractures and interfered with equipment loads, Israel's military has introduced a redesigned, lighter weight, better-fitting vest for women serving in combat.

After compiling survey results, the military worked on a variety of designs and field tested them with women combatants. The "model soldiers" wore samples as they jumped, crawled and simulated battle conditions.

The weight of the vests was almost halved, from 5.8 to 3.5 pounds. Female soldiers felt that they were able to carry equipment more comfortably. The vest straps are narrower and chafe less, and the form adapts better to a woman's pelvis. New ventilation openings add comfort, and pockets can be removed. A soldier can add individual protective plates to the garment.

According to the IDF, women in antiaircraft, atomic, biological and chemical units, the Oketz Unit, Carcal Battalion and the Artillery Corps now possess the new vests.

See WOMEN IN COMBAT, page 7

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

By GERRI STERLING

Enter *The Sabbath World* Wednesday, November 16, 7:30pm

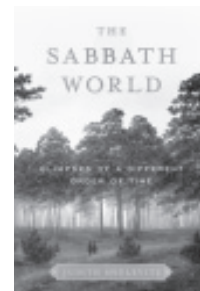
In our first meeting of the year, we will discuss the nonfiction work, *The Sabbath World: Glimpses of a Different Order of Time*, by Judith Shulevitz.

The *NY Times* named it one of the 100 Notable Books of 2010, and the *Jewish Daily Forward* called it one of five best nonfiction books of 2010.

In *The Sabbath World*, Judith Shulevitz explores the Jewish and Christian day of rest, from its origins in the ancient world to its complicated observance in the modern one. She delves into the legends, history and philosophy that have grown up 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 it 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)

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

Please feel free to e-mail me with other books you are reading, whether they are Jewish or not.



Thank you to everyone who supported our High Holy Day Floral Fund.

Rachel Abrams	Tammy Cohen	Sandra Gabriel	Aurora Malakoff	Sara Ratafia-Brown	Deborah Spitzer
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Shelley Adler	Susan Coren	Hemda Gold	Marcy Marcus	Madeleine Rich	Debra Stein
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MEN'S CLUB

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THE PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MEMO

A Dramatic Start

By JACK KLEVAN,
Men's Club President

Who could have anticipated the events of the last week of August!

My family—including children and grandchildren—spent the preceding week at the Jersey Shore. It was our first time renting a beach house for all three generations, and it was delightful. The weather was nearly perfect. Playing in the sand with the grandkids brought back many memories of doing the same thing with their mothers when they were young. What joy it was, too, to have a real Shabbat dinner at the beach, with the young ones leading the brachot. Relaxing together made us realize that what is most important in life is family, not the daily grind.

Then came 1:51pm, Tuesday, August 23, and the earthquake. This was easily the strongest of the earthquakes I have experienced. Thankfully, no one we knew was injured. On Saturday night, August 27, Hurricane Irene passed through the Washington metropolitan area. Carol and I were touched by the number of calls and e-mails we received after these events from out-of-state friends. They reminded us once again of what means the most to us—family, friends and community such as OT.

Thoughts of community were still dominant as we sent out this year's Membership mailing. Yasher Koach to all who helped on this project: Elliott Dubin, Al Fuchsman, Bruce Gordon, Bridget Hone, David Hone, Joshua Hone, Greg Krasovsky, Al Spitzer Bob Watts and Zachary Watts. Please fill out the Membership Form and return it if you have not already done so. We want you to join us and make this the best Men's Club year. The fall events described in these pages will give us opportunities to spend time, learn, perform mitzvot and relax together.

About Raising and Taking Down the Sukkah:

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.

Please let us know that we can count on you!

Fall Dates to Remember

- Sunday, October 9 Raise Sukkah
 - Tuesday, October 18 BBQ in the Sukkah
 - Sunday, October 23 Take down Sukkah
 - Sunday, October 23 Tailgate Party (after taking down Sukkah)
 - Sunday, November 6 Brunch honoring Veterans,
Speaker, Eric Schmitt
 - Saturday, November 19 Concert, Jewish a capella groups
- RSVP at (703) 425-1880 x 245, or mensclub@olamtikvah.org

Redskins Tailgate Party

Sunday, October 23, noon until the game ends

Everyone's invited to our annual Redskins Tailgate party, to watch the Skins whip the Carolina Panthers on a big screen TV in the Social Hall. BBQ burgers, hotdogs, chili, microbrew beer, soda and other goodies will be served. There will be a halftime pickup game in the parking lot, in addition to the game on TV.

Cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children; family maximum \$25. Please RSVP no later than October 16 by sending your check to OT, attention: Men's Club BBQ. Your check is your RSVP.



*Men's Club Membership Mailing crew, August 28, 2011
(L-R) Jack Klevan, Al Fuchsman, Elliott Dubin, Bruce Gordon, Joshua Hone, Zachary Watts, Bob Watts, David Hone, Bridget Hone, Greg Krasovsky, and Al Spitzer
Photo by Bridget Hone*

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Military Brunch

With Eric Schmitt

Pulitzer-Prize Winning NY Times Journalist

Author of Counterstrike:

**The Untold Story of America's Secret
Campaign Against Al Qaeda**

Sunday, November 6, 9:40am

By ERIC ROTHBERG

Recognize our veterans and the newest military generation protecting our country and learn from one of America's most respected national security correspondents, Eric Schmitt, who will speak about his new book on the US war against Al Qaeda since 9/11. According to Lee Hamilton (co-chair of the 9/11 Commission) and leading counterterrorism experts such as Peter Bergen, "*Counterstrike* lays bare the provocative new ideas that are driving the war on terrorism.... This is essential reading for specialists and concerned citizens alike [that] should inform our nation on how best to counter this most urgent threat."

A *New York Times* terrorism correspondent, Eric has been embedded with troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia and Pakistan. He has twice been a member of Times reporting teams awarded the Pulitzer Prize. He and his family also belong to OT.

The cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. We expect a large crowd, so please RSVP by October 23. Send your check to OT, attention: Men's Club Brunch. Your check is your RSVP. Please also bring a donation for care packages for our troops for Chanukah (details to follow).

Veterans and active-duty military personnel attending, please contact OT Men's Club Social Action Chair Eric Rothberg, ericandrachel@verizon.net or (703) 425-8120, by October 23 to ensure we include your name on the list of those to be honored.

Other Ways to Honor our Veterans and Active Duty Military

Men's Club will provide two other opportunities to support our veterans and troops overseas: 1) visiting veterans at a local nursing home on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11, and 2) organizing care packages for delivery to our Jewish troops serving overseas for Chanukah. Stay tuned for more details and how you can help out.

WOMEN IN COMBAT, Continued from page 5

Military service by women predates Israel's 1948 independence, with women serving in combat roles in pre-statehood defense forces and in special wartime units. Approximately 1,500 women are drafted into the IDF each year. The IDF estimates that almost half of the total number of soldiers in officer courses are women.

On International Women's Day, the IDF recognized the roles of women in its ranks, citing their service as signal officers, in combat engineering, the artillery corps, in electronic warfare, guarding Israel's borders with Egypt and Jordan, as aerial defense system operators, in in-flight teleprocessing and as Israel Air Force pilots.

For more information about women in Israel's military, Google "Women in the Israel Defense Forces."

Invasion of the Singing Terps

Featuring Kol Sasson

Saturday, November 19

By GABE TARADAY

People will come from miles away to hear turtles sing in 8-part harmony!

We are thrilled to announce that we will host a Jewish a cappella concert, with award-winning a cappella group Kol Sasson headlining the event.

Men's Club is bringing this national musical phenomenon to the OT Social Hall to perform for our congregation and the community at large.

A cappella music combines unmasked lyrical vocals with mimicked instruments and percussion that can be easily mistaken for actual instrumental accompaniment. This style of singing new and classic Jewish songs has grown rapidly in popularity over the past several years, especially on college campuses.

Kol Sasson is the premier Jewish a cappella group from the University of Maryland at College Park; they won second place at the National Collegiate Jewish A Cappella singing competition at Adas Israel this past April. These Terrapin students impressed the audience of nearly 2000 with their mesmerizing vocals and smart choreography.

Founded in 1997 by college students who wanted to share their love of music with the local Jewish community, Kol Sasson has since recorded five original CDs, performed around the country for audiences ranging from religious school children to senior citizens, and provided music at functions ranging from Jewish simchas to government agency events. Most notably, Kol Sasson has performed for the National Security Agency, the 2008 International Hillel Summit, former Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich, and in the White House!

"We are thrilled to have an opportunity to perform and support the Men's Club in its fundraising," proclaimed Kol Sasson's Lizzy Davidson.

The University of Maryland is a hotbed of Jewish a cappella music. The highly-regarded all-women's group Mezumenet will open for Kol Sasson, and there are also plans to secure Maryland's all men's Jewish a cappella group, Shmacappella.

Program chair Elliott Dubin is targeting the event to raise funds for the Capital Campaign and the religious school. "We expect college-age fans from all over the area to attend, so we encourage our OT patrons to get their tickets early," since there will be a limited number of tickets available.

Don't be left in the lobby. For information on tickets, go to www.otmen.org.



AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

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Director's Chair

Save These Dates!

Highlights of the Olam Tikvah Calendar

By RACHELLE PALLEY,
Synagogue Administrator

Congregants frequently tell me, "If I only I had known, I would have saved the date on my calendar." Below you will find a listing of the major events that will be taking place at OT, exclusive of Sisterhood, Men's Club, ABBA and Adult Education programming. To find out more details about any of our events, please check our web site, www.olamtikvah.org.

October

Monday, October 17, noon, HAZAK lunch in the Sukkah. See below.

Thursday, October 20, 6:00pm, Pizza Dinner before Simchat Torah. RSVP to Leona by October 17. \$6/person ; \$25/max per family.

Sunday, October 23, Youth Lounge Dedication, time TBA.

Sunday, October 30, 1:00-4:00pm, at OT. Jewish Theological Seminary Regional Day of Study..

November

Sunday, November 13, Blood Drive at OT in the morning; Sisterhood membership event in the evening.

Saturday, November 19, Kol Sasson at OT, sponsored by Men's Club. See Invasion of the Singing Terps, page 7; hear their music at www.kolsasson.com.

December

Sunday, December 11, "Festival of Lights," a new musical by the Sandy Spring Players, sponsored by Men's Club.

Sunday, December 25, Community Volunteer Day, followed by Chinese dinner and movie at OT.

January

Sunday, January 22, 9:30am, Jazz Brunch. We hope you will join us for a morning of live jazz and brunch as we honor the Fine Arts Committee for their endless work, making our expansion so beautiful.

Sunday, January 29, We will host the Men's Club Blue Yarmulke Award Dinner.

February

Saturday, February 4, Israel Quest Shabbat. Four OT teens traveled to Israel this past year through different programs. Hear their experiences and learn how Israel changed their lives.

Sunday, February 11, Sisterhood and Men's Club are creating an evening of gambling and karaoke. You won't want to miss this!!

March

Saturday, March 17, in the evening, we will preview a movie selected from the JCCNV's Jewish Film Festival as a kickoff event.

May

Sunday, May 20 will be a busy day at OT: last day of religious school and celebration, Confirmation of our 10th grade students, and in the evening we will host a Geshet event.

June

Sunday, June 3, 9:30am Membership Brunch and Meeting.

HAZAK NEWS

By SHARYN STAHL
OT Board of Directors

Please join us for lunch in the Sukkah on Monday, October 17 at noon. There is no cost, but you do need to reply to lshoon@olamtikvah.org by October 6, so Leona can order enough food. Remember, there is limited seating in the Sukkah!

We are planning a trip to the Jewish Military Museum on Sunday,

See HAZAK NEWS, next column

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December 11 at 1:00pm. It is Metro accessible, and there are 10 parking places for people who carpool.

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

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AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

Contemporary Survey

For many decades, the *Contemporary* has been OT's primary form of print communication with our membership. In recent years, however, information sharing has changed dramatically. We now communicate through e-mail, the Web site, Facebook and other media, in addition to our printed newsletter. Consequently, we are revisioning and reducing the size of the *Contemporary*. This change will save on printing and mailing costs. We want to continue to meet your needs for information in PRINT form. Please let us know what's most important for you to get in print each month by completing our brief survey.

(Use this form ONLY if you do not use the online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJ3V237).

1. Which columns are most important for you to read in PRINT format?

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2. For sections such as Sisterhood, Men's Club, and the School & Youth pages, as well as the ABBA, Hazak, Social Action, and Preschool columns, what do you want to see in PRINT? You may choose more than one answer.

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Comment: _____

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Comment: _____

6. Is there anything you want to read in PRINT that is not currently in the Contemporary? _____

7. Is there anything else you want to tell us about the PRINT version of the Contemporary? _____

Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts with us! Please return to:
Congregation Olam Tikvah, Attn: *Contemporary* Survey, 3800 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax, VA 22031

AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

OT CONGREGANTS RECOGNIZED

Lorraine Fischer Receives JCCNV President's Recognition Award

Since her 1998 arrival in Northern Virginia, Lorraine has volunteered for the JCC. Initially she co-chaired the Volunteers Committee for the 2008 JCC Maccabi ArtsFest program, helping recruit and coordinate the activities of more than 400 enthusiastic volunteers—many of whom are still active on our Volunteer Corps today.



Next she combined her passion for film with her desire to give back to the community by chairing the NoVa International Jewish Film Festival. Working with director Roz Engels and the committee, Lorraine built the film festival into a flagship program for the Center. The 2011 Festival drew more than 3,000 movie patrons, fulfilling its mission of promoting understanding of the diversity within Jewish life and culture by using film's broad appeal and educational programming to create opportunities for dialogue within the community.

Adapted from President's remarks

Melissa Hochberg Receives Federation's Ted B. Farber Professional Excellence Award

For conceptualizing and leading Going Places! Social Club



Jewish Social Service Agency Clinical Supervisor Dawn Kaye and JCCNV Resource Specialist Melissa Hochberg, who met as preschool parents at Congregation Olam Tikvah, conceptualized and launched a social outing club for young adults with Asperger's Syndrome. The three-year-old program, "Going Places!"

has created a thriving social community for this previously isolated population. Dawn's and Melissa's talent, enthusiasm and exemplary collaborative work have combined to establish a service model that has been recognized by the Mutual of America Foundation.

Adapted from http://www.shalomdc.org/blog_post.aspx?id=3996

FINE ARTS

Hang Out with Us, in the Beit Midrash

By MAURINE SIMON,

Fine Arts Committee Chair

Have you explored Olam Tikvah lately?

Next time you are in the building with some time to spare, please visit the Beit Midrash, our library. Pull up a chair, set up your laptop, charge your battery and use the wireless network! In addition to "Starbucks-style" seating, you will find two work tables surrounded by nine comfortable, upholstered chairs donated by Alice & Ed Marion.

Less obvious to the casual passerby is the expert paint job

See FINE ARTS, next column

KOL NIDRE MOMENT, Continued from page 1

that in the area of women's involvement in ritual life, "we were out of step with the rest of the [American Conservative] movement." While OT Bat Mitzvahs were held on Friday or Saturday evenings, and girls were not yet reading from the Torah, women began attending JTS rabbinical school in 1983, and in May 1985, Amy Eilberg was the first woman ordained by the JTS.

Feeling the time was not yet right, Roberta declined to carry the Torah in the first year of her presidency. Over the intervening year, however, Rabbi Klirs began to allowing girls to carry the Torah on non-Shabbat mornings. In 1987, prior to Yom Kippur, the Ritual Committee requested that Roberta carry the Torah that year.

Trudy Scheps (z"l) sewed a special kipah and talit, and feeling "terrified and aware of the symbolism," Roberta took her place among the presidents for that *Kol Nidre* moment. Soundlessly, in the darkening room, another chapter of our history began.

FINE ARTS, Continued from previous column

adding a little more color to our Youth Wing lobby. Julian Levine and volunteers Mark Roth and Al Spitzer added Humble Gold to the Youth Education Wing entry and repainted each soffit in the surrounding lobby. A little bit of paint goes a long way, and even that was donated! Thank you Julian, Mark and Al, for your time, expertise and attention to detail!

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SOCIAL ACTION

Mitzvot for the New Year

By CLARE VOGEL BACHNER,
Chair, Social Action Committee

Yom Kippur Food Drive

Friday, October 7

In keeping with our tradition, please bring one of the following items to donate to ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others) when you come for services: Peanut butter, powdered milk, vegetable oil, tomato paste/sauce, sugar (2 lbs), flour (2lbs), jelly (grape, strawberry), canned fruit, evaporated milk, baked beans, tuna, pancake mix.

ECHO, established in 1968 in Springfield, provides temporary or emergency assistance to about 1000 families every year.

Join the Reading Mentor Team

We would love to have more reading mentors for this school year. The requirement is a desire to help children improve their reading skills and a willingness to meet for an hour weekly with the children assigned. You pick the hour, in coordination with the assigned teacher and the Reading Specialist.



Photo by Clare Bachner

For questions or information regarding volunteering, please contact Clare Vogel Bachner, (703) 978-5722 or clarebach@aol.com.

OT CHORALE

Come Sing With Us!

Tuesdays, October 4 & 11, 7:30-9:00pm

By FRED SINGER

After the High Holy Days, the Olam Tikvah Chorale will resume its schedule of weekly Tuesday evening rehearsals. Consider joining us as we learn traditional and modern arrangements of Jewish choral and liturgical music.

During the past year, Chorale members led Friday night services at Greenspring Village, a senior living community in Springfield, sang at the Men's Club sponsored dinner in the OT Sukkah and led a Chanukah sing-along at The Jefferson senior living community in Arlington. We also sang at the Rockville JCC and at an Israel Street Festival at Fairfax Corner. The Chorale was well represented in the combined choir that sang during the Northern Virginia Memorial Observance of Yom HaShoah at George Mason University.

The Chorale is directed by Carol Boyd Leon, with the able assistance of our accompanist, Natalie Levine. Rehearsals begin at 7:30pm and end at 9:00pm on Tuesdays, with a break for evening minyan.

We invite you to join us at our October rehearsals, as we prepare to sing in the Sukkah. Please contact Carol at (703) 250-0554 or at cbleon@hotmail.com.

Blood Drive

Sunday, November 13, 8:00am-1:00pm

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AROUND OLAM TIKVAH

SCHOOL AND YOUTH

School office, (703) 425-3237; otrs@olamtikvah.org



By DEBRA BELAND,
Director of School and Youth Activities

Celebrate Sukkot With Us
Thursday, October 13, 10:45am
Youth Wing

Kids of all ages are invited to join us for a morning of prayer, song, stories and snacks as we celebrate Sukkot. Beginning at 10:45am on Thursday, October 13, we'll offer two different services in the Youth Wing.

For our youngest congregants, there will be a **Tot Sukkot** service in Room 3, led by Morah Nechama.

Grades 1-5 to join us in Room 6 for a Sukkot experience led by Debra Beland. Both services will be interactive and engaging, and will end with a snack.

Grades 6-12 Invited to Help Lead

We'd also like to invite our oldest students to join us in leading these two services. If you are in Grades 6-12 and would like to participate, please email dbeland@olamtikvah.org.



Machar and Kadima members wait for their turn on the giant inflatable water slide at our kick-off event.



Michelle Pearlstein and Karen Hemmerdinger offer help and advice to families on opening day.



Kindergarten class pauses on the way to the playground to pose for a picture with Rabbi Paskind.



Fourth graders gather in the Resource Room for music, where they practice the Shecheyanu blessing and Ha'Tikvah.



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B'NAI MITZVAH

Saturday, October 22

Parashat B'reishit

Jessica Brooke Simon,



daughter of Lisa & Tony, is a Frost Middle School seventh grader. She has spent her last two summers at Camp Timber Tops and enjoys playing soccer and field hockey. She also enjoys listening to music, drawing and dancing. Jessica is very funny and likes to makes everyone laugh! Jessica will be doing a mitzvah project in memory of her dear friend, Marlee, who passed away at age 7 from a brain tumor. Jessica looks forward to celebrating with her parents, older brother Steven,

grandparents, other relatives and her many friends. She especially appreciates everyone who is traveling to Virginia to celebrate this special day.

Saturday, October 29

Parashat Noach

Allison Goldblatt

daughter of Tina Ellerbee & Alan Goldblatt, is a Luther Jackson Middle School seventh-grade honor student. She attended Gesher Jewish Day School from kindergarten through sixth grade. A dedicated year-round competitive swimmer, Allison's US Swimming Team is the FISH and her summer team is the Camelot Knights. This year she qualified for both the PVS Zone team and the NVSL All Star meet. Allison also runs her own jewelry-making business and volunteers with Four Paws, a pet rescue organization.

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Allison is raising money for Nadar Por Vida, a local nonprofit organization that provides water safety and swimming lessons as well as a swim team for low-income children, especially minority children. Allison would like to thank her family and friends, who will join her from California, Arizona, North Carolina, Connecticut and New York for her Bat Mitzvah.



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.

Watch for the announcement of ABBA's 2011-2012 activities.

Sukkah Raising

*For Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (JFGH)
Residents, Sunday, October 9, 10:00am*

Please join us to perform the mitzvah of raising a Sukkah for adults with disabilities.

We are also interested in decorations to make for a warm and inviting Sukkah! Please have your kids create something for the Sukkah and either drop it off in ABBA's box at OT or bring it with you on October 9.

RSVP or questions: Dan Werbel (dan@werbel.org) by Sunday, October 2. Location will be given to confirmed attendees.

Make Casseroles for SOME

(So Others Might Eat)

Sunday, October 16, 7:00pm, at OT

The men from ABBA are supporting SOME and Olam Tikvah Sisterhood's tuna casserole community service project.

Please join us to socialize while we make tuna casseroles for SOME. With only four steps to the directions, anyone can do it!

Your cash contribution of ten dollars will help buy ingredients, supplies and some refreshments while we cook. It's always a fun time when ABBA takes to the kitchen!

RSVP or questions: Barry Hemmerdinger (behemmer@gmail.com) by Sunday, October 9.

PRESCHOOL, Continued from previous column

This month, the preschool will host one of my favorite events—our preschool Sukkah dinner. Our annual gathering is a strong display of the community the families and teachers have created. The event will be held on Monday, October 17, and OT families are welcome to join us. If you are interested in learning more, you can contact me at mamatepp@yahoo.com.

OT PRESCHOOL

Fall in the Preschool

By RONNIE TEPP

OT Preschool President

Fall is an exciting time at Olam Tikvah Preschool! The kids have been busy learning about the Jewish holidays and the changing seasons. Our incredibly creative teachers are at work not only in the classrooms, but also in the preschool kitchen and the vegetable garden, on walks around the building, and during music classes. Backpacks are stuffed with art projects every week, and the kids can't wait to pull out their creations and share them. Seeing them rip open their backpacks in the OT lobby to show their work with such pride would make any passerby smile!

See **PRESCHOOL**, next column



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AROUND THE BELTWAY

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Annual Fall Fundraiser

“A Night of the Arts”

Saturday, November 12, 7:30pm

*Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel
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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.

Make your reservation now for a special night of visual and performing arts to benefit JCCNV special needs programming. For more information, visit www.jccnv.org, or call (703) 323-0880.



*OT members and honorees
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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,*

Rabbi Ita Paskind of Congregation Olam Tikvah teaches Tuesdays, October 18 & 25 and November 1 on *Aggadah's Influence in Development of Law in the Torah*

In a world where halacha (Jewish law) and aggadah (people's personal experience) are sometimes separated, we will examine the sections of the Torah where aggadah helps to decide halacha.

Lunch is scheduled at 12:00pm (hot beverages provided), and study 12:10-1:30pm. Bring a brown-bag pareve or dairy lunch. Single class \$35 (members); \$45 (nonmembers).

Information and registration form may be found online, www.foundjs.org.

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The Distinguished Scholar Series brings scholars of international reputation to the greater Washington DC community to lecture on a variety of subjects of Jewish interest. Events are generally held on weekday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm at various venues in and around Washington DC. Unless otherwise noted, these events are free of charge. Advanced reservations are encouraged. Please contact us at rsvp@foundjs.org or 301-770-4787.

Upcoming Events:

- Dr. Michael Berenbaum, *Three German Jews Rediscover Their Judaism*
Ohr Kodesh Congregation, Monday, October 17, 7:30-9:00pm
- Dr. Hasia Diner, *Between History and Memory: Rethinking the American Jewish Past*
JCC of Greater Washington, Thursday, October 27, 7:30-9:00pm

CREATE FOR A CURE

Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia Sunday, October 30, 9:30-11:30am

Renowned sculptor Gary Rosenthal combines copper, brass and steel with fused glass to create his beautiful sculptures. He has designed a special Woman of Valor series, incorporating a geometric glass piece in shades of pink. A portion of the profits from these pieces are donated to help find a cure for breast cancer. We will be provided with kits—"no artistic ability needed", just a passion for helping to find a cure.

This program is *free* of charge, and you will have the opportunity to purchase your project materials at a discounted rate. If you choose not to purchase your project, it will become part of Gary's Woman of Valor collection.

Please come and schmooze, celebrate Rosh Chodesh, nosh and help in the battle against breast cancer. Bring your Sisterhood, neighborhood group, friends and family to participate in this wonderful program.

For more information and to register, contact Laurie Albert, (703) 537-3064 or LaurieA@jccnv.org



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FROM OUR HEARTS

MAZAL TOV

We wish a hearty mazal tov to..

Rachelle & Joel Palley, on the marriage of their daughter,
Glenna, to Tony Rodriguez
Layne Seelig on the birth of her grandson, Matan Gabriel,
son of Milena & Jeff Seelig
Carol & Paul Shaman, on the marriage of their son,
Michael, to Diana Villanueva-Pulido, and on the birth of their
granddaughter, Lilah Rose, daughter of Amy & Jeffrey Shaman

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CONDOLENCE

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

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if you are able to make 20 calls once a year!

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

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TZEDAKAH

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions, which were received by August 31, 2011.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Capital Improvement Fund enables us to provide funds for major, unbudgeted capital improvements to the current facility. We ask congregants to keep the Capital Improvement Fund in mind when making contributions to Olam Tikvah, whether to honor someone's memory or a simcha.

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

IN HONOR OF

Aufruf of Michael Shaman and Diana Villanueva, by Debbie & Mark Weber
 Birth of Maxwell Thomas and William Phillip Rose, grandsons of Millie & Michael Rose, by Debbie & Mark Weber
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IN MEMORY OF

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IN HONOR OF

Joel Miller—Career best golf round—well done!
 by Joanne & Tom Stryer

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IN MEMORY OF

Louis Endick, by Michele, Stuart and Elyse Endick

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IN HONOR OF

Birth of my grandson, Nathan Shane Engel, son of Stephanie & Stuart Engel, great-grandson of Gertrude Langsner, by Sherryl Engel

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IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Kalender leading a fantastic trip to Israel, by Cheri & Harold Belkowitz

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My Holocaust family, by Alan R. Zinn

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Birth of Marissa Berrie Rose Rubin, by Stephanie, Ilan, Alexa, Lia and Noa Sussan

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Birth of Eli Winston, grandson of Sara & Lenny Heimowitz, by Anita & Steve Dienstfrey

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IN MEMORY OF

Isaac Taubman, by Patty & Bruce Gordon

Jim Timmes, by Carol & Paul Shaman

Marge Tovey, by Deedy & Ed Eisenson

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Contributions to help support the Olam Tikvah Chorale may be so designated on your check. They are held in the Adult Education Fund for the sole benefit of the OT Chorale and are noted below as **(OTC)**.

IN HONOR OF

Marriage of our daughter, Dina Zusman, to Eric Santucci, by Fraida & Alan Zusman
 50th wedding anniversary of Alice Sue & Arnie Hecht, by Natalie & Julian Levine (OTC)

IN MEMORY OF

Anna Grodzka, by Ruth Plotkin (OTC)
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TZEDAKAH FUND

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IN MEMORY OF

- Adeline Rosenthal, by Jane Behrmann
- Alvin Handler, by Martin H. Schindler
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Shabbat Services

Friday 6:15pm, October 21 & 28
Saturday 9:30am, October 1, 15, 22 & 29

Parshiot

Saturday, October 1 *Parashat Ha'azinu*
Saturday, October 8 *Yom Kippur*
Saturday, October 15 *Chol Hamoed Sukkot*
Saturday, October 22 *Parashat Bereshit*
Saturday, October 29 *Parashat Noach*

Moadon Shabbat

10:00am, Shabbat mornings, October 1, 15, 22 & 29
Tot Shabbat, Shorashim, Jr. Cong
10:45am, Shabbat mornings, October 1, 15, 22 & 29

Other Services

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

Yom Kippur

Friday, October 7, Kol Nidre Service
6:20pm Concurrent services will be held in the Sanctuary and Social Hall. We will once again collect canned goods for ECHO.

Saturday, October 8

9:00am Sanctuary & 10:00am Social Hall

Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah

(sunset Wednesday, October 12 through Friday, October 21)

Erev Sukkot

Wednesday, October 12, Candle lighting, 6:18pm, Service, 6:30pm

Sukkot

Thursday, October 13, First Day

Service, 9:30am
Ma'ariv, 7:15pm, **Candle lighting, 7:17pm**

Friday, October 14, Second Day,

Service, 9:30am
Candle lighting, 6:15pm, Ma'ariv, 6:30

Erev Shemini Atzeret, Hoshanah Rabbah

Wednesday, October 19

Candle lighting, 6:08pm
Service, 6:15pm

Shemini Atzeret

Thursday, October 20
Service, 9:30am, including Yizkor

Erev Simchat Torah

Thursday, October 20
Ma'ariv & Hakafot, 7:10pm, Candle lighting, 7:07pm

Simchat Torah

Friday, October 21
Service, 9:30am
Candle lighting, 6:05pm
Ma'ariv, 6:15pm

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30 AM Service 10:00 AM *MS 10:45 AM *TS, Jr Cong, Shor
2 OTRS	3	4 6:30 PM Teen Lounge Night 7:30 PM Chorale rehearsal OTRS	5 7:00 AM Shacharit	6 8:15 PM Board mtg	7 Food Drive for ECHO, p. 11 Kol Nidre Office closes at noon. <i>Candles. 6:26pm</i>	8 Consult your tickets for service information. Yom Kippur
9 Men's Club Raise Sukkah No OTRS	10 Columbus Day	11 6:30 PM Teen Lounge Night 7:30 PM Chorale rehearsal OTRS	12 7:00 AM Shacharit 6:30 PM Service Erev Sukkot	13 9:30 AM Service 10:45 AM Youth Service 7:15 PM Service Sukkot	14 Sukkot <i>Candles. 6:15pm</i>	15 9:30 AM Service 10:00 AM *MS 10:45 AM *TS, Jr Cong, Shor
16 9:30 AM Sis Board mtg OTRS	17 12:00 PM Hazak Sukkah Lunch 5:00 PM Preschool Sukkah party	18 6:15 PM BBQ in Sukkah 6:30 PM Teen Lounge Night OTRS	19 7:00 AM Shacharit 9:15 AM Mishnah class 6:15 PM Service Erev Shemini	20 Shemini 9:30 AM Service 6:00 PM Simchat Torah Dinner 7:10 PM ST	21 Yizkor 9:30 AM Service 6:15 PM Service Simchat Torah <i>Candles. 6:05pm</i>	22 1pm Niggunim 9:30 AM Service 10:00 AM *MS 10:45 AM *TS, Jr Cong, Shor Jessica Simon
23 10:15 AM Talmud study Men's Club take down Sukkah, Tailgate party OTRS	24	25 6:30 PM Teen Lounge Night OTRS	26 7:00 AM Shacharit 9:15 AM Mishnah class	27 7:30 PM Sis Rosh Chodesh 7:30 PM Torah Trop	28 6:15 PM Service Kadima Kallah <i>Candles. 5:56pm</i>	29 1pm Niggunim 9:30 AM Service 10:00 AM *MS 10:45 AM *TS, Jr Cong, Shor Kadima Kallah Allison Goldblatt
30 Kadima Kallah 9:45 AM Talmud Study 1:00 PM JTS Study Day OTRS	31					

Shabbat Youth Activities

*MS: Moadon Shabbat, 10:00am, October 1, 15, 22 & 29

*TS, Jr Cong, Shor: Tot Shabbat, Jr. Cong, Shorashim, 10:45am, October 1, 15, 22 & 29

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