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MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 4	6:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Grade service K-3
May 5	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Worship B'not Mitzvah: Eliza and Ruby Lichtman
May 11	7:30 pm	Music Shabbat Worship with Israeli teen emissaries
May 12	10:30 am	Shabbat Morning Worship B'not Mitzvah: Alison and Marlee Lustig
May 18	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship
May 19	7:00 pm	Shavuot Worship Service with Yizkor
May 25	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

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FROM RABBI REINER'S DESK



Though Passover has come and gone, I am using my column this month to share a (slightly edited version of) an original reflection distributed by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism as part of a collection of Passover Social Justice Resources:

The theme of openness and inclusion is emphasized

throughout our Passover seder, from the early expression of “may all who are hungry come and eat” through the penultimate act of opening the door for the prophet Elijah. This Passover many in our nation are living with fear behind closed doors: our students following school shootings; DREAMers and immigrants fearful of deportation; transgender and gender non-conforming neighbors, fearful of harassment and discrimination.

The first day of Passover (March 31) was also International Transgender Day of Visibility, “a day to celebrate the courage it takes to live openly and authentically...” (Human Rights Campaign website), a meaningful coincidence. Passover celebrates the freedom of our ancestors (and our freedom) to live openly and authentically, free from oppression (and servitude in ancient Egypt/*Mitzrayim*). There are many people in our world—including friends and members of our families—unable to live openly and authentically, forced to use a bathroom that does not correspond to their gender. In celebrating our freedom we should also recognize: that there are many who still experience harassment, oppression, and fear.

One of my favorite Seder memories was opening the door for Elijah the Prophet, and the symbolism, historical significance, and tension of this ritual is explained in “The Open Door Haggadah” (CCAR Press, 2002; edited by Rabbi Sue Levi-Elwell):

“But we Jews have not always opened our doors with hope on seder nights. Too often in our history, we have opened our doors reluctantly, with fear. When prejudice and hatred blinded our neighbors, we left our doors ajar to show that we gathered not for an evil purpose...” (page 86)

Opening the door for Elijah is a symbolic expression of our hopes for a better future—the world as it should be—even as it recalls our historical fears (hiding from violence and oppression, especially during Passover when there have been many antisemitic attacks). The closed door reminds us of generations

who hid their Jewish identity to avoid violence and oppression.

The sharp increase in incidents of anti-Semitism in the past year, especially in schools, may cause us to feel that we are again objects of distrust, that living openly and authentically is an ongoing struggle. I am also troubled by a 2016 National Center for Transgender Equality survey of the transgender community, which showed 78% of students who “expressed a transgender identity or gender non-conformity while in grades K-12 reported harassment.” These troubling statistics demonstrate that living visibly as a transgender or gender non-conforming person is brave – and often unsafe. Oppression of transgender and gender non-conforming students is institutionalized when students are denied access to restrooms and other facilities that correspond to their gender identity.

Throughout the Passover seder we are reminded that we were oppressed, forced to live inauthentic lives, in Egyptian servitude and throughout our history. The words of Exodus 13:8 instruct us to “tell your child on that day, saying: ‘This is because of what God did for me when I went free from Egypt.’” And we are reminded to open our doors to those who are hungry, to heed the words of Exodus 23:19 “You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt.”

The Jewish social justice pioneer, Leonard Fein, z”l, shared the response of the Greek philosopher Thucydides to the question, “When will there be justice? When those who are not injured are as outraged as those who are.” We, as Jews, have a sacred obligation to advocate and be as outraged as those injured by oppression. We have known distrust and fear; we have known what it is to hide behind closed doors, we have hidden our identity fearing discrimination and oppression.

On Passover, as we celebrate what it means to live openly and authentically, free from the burdens of servitude and fears of oppression, let us recognize the members of our families, congregations, and communities who live in fear behind closed doors. This Passover, as we celebrate our freedom and International Transgender Day of Visibility, let us open our doors to Elijah and a better future; let us ensure that every door is open for every person who wants to enter. This our hope: Next year in Jerusalem! Next year may all be free!

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Lynn Broder



What does it mean to be a Jew?

Understandably, this is a complicated question. The answer may depend upon who you ask, when you ask, or how you ask. Some feel that being a Jew means observing traditions. Some feel that it means staying connected to the teachings of the Torah. Others feel that it means living Jewish values through social action and mitzvot (good deeds). Given the number of possible answers, and that no answer is more correct than another, how can a synagogue hope to satisfy the needs of all its members and remain relevant to the community it serves?



This is one of the most important questions that synagogues confront today. As lay leaders, we believe it is not our place to decide for anyone how to define what it means to be a Jew. Rather, we see the role of lay leaders as working with the staff and clergy to make Shir Shalom a place where anyone can connect to our community, and/or their Judaism, however they define it. This is our primary goal. Please let us know how we are doing and offer your own perspective on how Shir Shalom and we can meet this goal.

One issue that is universal to every synagogue community and its members is how others perceive us. In this unfortunate time of rising intolerance, bias and anti-Semitism, it is more important than ever that we provide a strong and safe place for our community to grow and thrive. We must keep in mind that those who perpetuate hate do not define and differentiate us the way we do ourselves. Such individuals do not care whether you observe the Sabbath and other Jewish holidays, keep kosher, belong to a synagogue, or practice another faith but belong to a synagogue by virtue of your relationship with a Jew. They don't care if you celebrate the holidays with a Menorah, a Christmas tree, both, or even if you are non-observant. Those who would seek to spread intolerance and prejudice will take aim at anyone they consider to be a Jew or whom supports the Jewish Community.

It is critically important that each synagogue take an active role in promoting the identity of their Jewish community within the larger surrounding community. Our Rabbi and Cantor have been outspoken on matters that are important to our community including and especially matters of anti-Semitism. We must continually remind the world of our presence in and contributions to the broader community. This is one of Congregation Shir Shalom's important responsibilities within Northern Westchester and Fairfield Counties. Our vibrant presence in the area

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FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Leslie Gottlieb



Not One More...

In March, from his iPhone, Derek Greeley, Director of Youth Engagement in the PA area asked other Jewish educational professionals on The URJ Tent Yammer site, "Is anyone adding

an item in honor of gun violence prevention to the Seder plate this year?" This chat room offers clergy, educators, teachers and youth professionals an opportunity to connect with others from across the country in order to share relevant programs and ideas. In the same way that high school students are taking a major role in the fight to keep their schools safe, those of us who are leaders/teachers of these teens in synagogue settings can use the site to better understand how best to approach their needs. Whether our teens ask us to change what we place on our seder plates-- for good reason-- or re-evaluate other set traditions and laws, they are on a journey; we should all be proud of their energy and drive to make their lives a blessing.

Retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, John Paul Stevens, recently published an essay about the commitment of the Parkland high school students who organized rallies and other efforts to put forth their shared agenda. "Rarely have I seen the type of civic engagement schoolchildren and their supporters demonstrated in Washington this past Saturday. These demonstrations demand our respect. They reveal the broad public support for legislation to minimize the risk of mass killings of schoolchildren and others in our society." He argues for the total repeal of the Second Amendment in this piece, but most worthwhile is his observation of the power and dedication of our youth. As new voters—as soon as they turn eighteen-- we have no choice but to recognize their collective voice. They are demanding answers and change and it is inspiring to watch them create a wave of dissent so that lawmakers have little choice but to listen to their cries. The use of Twitter and courthouse rallies in FL are today's tools for real legislative change for this generation. No matter where we stand on this issue, change will happen.

As a former high school teacher, it is easy-- and at the same time impossible for me to imagine what students, teachers and administrators are experiencing today. It all seems unimaginable that we are even having this conversation. How did we get here? What are the changes that most of us can agree on so that tragedies like the ones at Marjorie Douglass Stoneman H.S. and Sandy Hook Elementary School never occur again? What is our obligation as Jews and Jewish professionals to get in

involved, take a stand, organize-- and commit to positive change?

In many communities, a section of the Mishnah, Pirke Avot, the Ethics of Our Ancestors (Forefathers) is read every Shabbat since it offers such wisdom and valuable discussion points. Rabbi Tarfon-- who makes an appearance in our haggadah each year-- was known to say, "The day is short, the work is great, the workers are lazy, but the reward is great, and the master of the house is knocking at your door." He would also say, according to a translation by Hillel, "It is not upon you to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." As we prepare our next generation of students, not a "lazy" group of workers in any sense, we must learn from them and help them with their work, work that means to ensure their futures so that they might live to teach others one day.

We hope our 8th through 12th graders in the fall will register for SAJE—a new concept on an old tradition—Social Action As Jewish Learning at Shir Shalom. Together we can learn from our traditions, put Jewish/human values into action and perform acts of loving kindness in our communities... and together make change happen!! As Fredrick Douglass said (and as shared so many times by Rabbi Joshua Heschel that he often got credit for the quotation), "I prayed for twenty years but received no answer till I prayed with my legs." Both men were talking about taking real action. Interestingly for this discussion, he also said, "The thing worse than rebellion is the thing that causes rebellion." His wise words make sense for then and now.

Thank you for sharing your children and teens with us this past school year. We had a great time and look forward to another school year together in the fall. Class meeting dates have been posted on our website calendar, so don't wait too long to jump in and register! Early discounted registration for Religious School ends on June 15, 2018. Have a safe and fun summer until we meet again...



Ellie Branson, center, was among the many teenage participants in the Not One More rally for gun legislation held at the federal courthouse in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Saturday. Credit-Saul Martinez for The New York Times.

MAY B'NOT MITZVAH

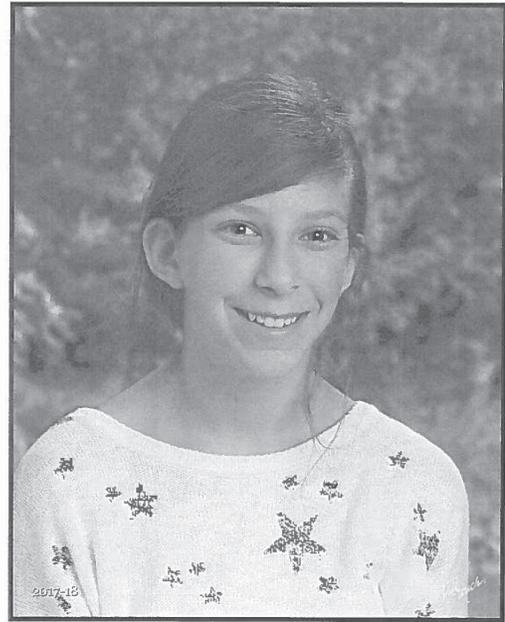


Alison Lustig

As twins, Alison and Marlee have much in common with one another, yet are different and unique in many other ways.

They both share a love of Hebrew culture, their favorite holiday is Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year, and they enjoy the TV show "Rise".

It's their differences that make these two young ladies so interesting. Marlee enjoys the arts and aspires to be an artist in the future. Her favorite activity is drawing and art is her favorite school subject.



Marlee Lustig

When we switch gears we find a student whose favorite subject is science, someone who enjoys athletics and just plain ol' hanging out with friends....and that would be Alison.

Please join the Lustig family on May 12th at 10:30AM. Both twins have worked hard towards becoming a Bat Mitzvah and their pride shines through. Mazel Tov to Alison and Marlee and their family for a job well done!

Eliza Lichtman

(photo not available)

It's hard to imagine during this one month of May that our B'nai Mitzvah would be comprised of two sets of twin girls.

Eliza and Ruby Lichtman will become B'not Mitzvah on Saturday morning, May 5th. The girls

Ruby Lichtman

(photo not available)

are the daughters of Cheryl Chess and have two siblings, Daylin and Phoebe.

The girls have put forth a great deal of effort towards becoming B'not Mitzvah and we congratulate them on this achievement. Mazel Tov!



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Program Schedule (replaces traditional Confirmation program):

Includes in-house service workshops, regional field trips, collaborating with our temple Social Action Committee/local organizations/Jewish agencies and the NFTY Youth Group

Meets (with pizza all month):

Twice monthly, Wednesdays: 4:15–5:15 pm

(Extended hours for service projects and youth group collaboration)

Sundays—Two annual meetings with students and families (if available): 12:15–1:15 pm with lunch

Instructors: Rabbi Reiner, Jamie Kaplan and Gerry Hecht, Facilitator: Leslie Gottlieb

- 2018–19 Calendar dates/details to follow
- Program tuition per year: see tuition schedule for details
- NFTY Youth Group Membership—temple fees included
- Community Service documentation for National Honor Society, college, employment, etc.
- Membership must be in good standing and all Religious School fees must be paid in full in order for Religious School registration to be processed.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

by Laurie Dubin and Michael Salpeter



Shavuot is most likely the festival that we as Reform Jews know the least about. Let's discuss a bit about why we celebrate what should be a rather important holiday and what the customs are that we can observe.

Starting on the second day of Passover we begin counting the omer, that is the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot. In the days of the Temple a certain sized sheaf of grain (the omer) was brought as an offering to count the days until Shavuot. This custom was believed to allow us to prepare for Shavuot, the day that God gave the Torah to Moses.

Shavuot is celebrated for one or two days depending on your

minhag (an accepted tradition), typically one day for the reform movement. It is customary to study Torah or Talmud all night and to include a Yizkor (memorial service) to remember loved ones as we do on Yom Kippur, the last day of Sukkot and the last day of Passover. Typically we eat dairy foods such as cheesecake, cheese blintzes and ice cream to signify the receiving of the laws of kashrut as part of the Torah. Numerologists have also indicated that the letters for the Hebrew word for milk, chalav, add up to the numerical value of 40, the number of days Moses spent upon Mount Sinai receiving the Torah from God.

Each year at Congregation Shir Shalom we have a celebration of Shavuot. Our observance of this festival will take place on Saturday evening May 19 at 7 pm. If you have never attended we urge you to give it a try as the service tends to be quite interesting with a particular topic to discuss followed, of course, by delicious dairy foods.

We hope to see you at this and other festivals and at Shabbat evening services each week.



Cantor Debbie welcomed these musicians for a classical concert in our sanctuary.

“LIFE IN A JAR” - THE IRENA SENDLER STORY

This is the tale of a Holocaust hero whose life exemplified the Talmudic saying, “Whoever saves one life, it is as if he saved the whole world”, and about three high school girls from Kansas who restored the memory of her exploits.

Irena Sendler, a Polish Catholic social worker born in 1910, was a member of the Żegota Resistance of the Polish underground during World War II. Operating under the code name of Jolanta, she, along with her comrades, was credited with saving the lives of 2500 Jewish children from the Nazis. For this she was honored with the title of “Righteous Among the Nations” in 1965 at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Israel.

Irena Sendler’s name fell into oblivion for the next 34 years, not surprisingly, since Yad Vashem currently contains about 25,000 such names. In 1999, three high school girls, Megan Stewart, Elizabeth Ambers, and Sabrina Coons from Uniontown, Kansas, were shown an article by their history teacher, Norman Conrad, from U.S. News and World Report, written five years earlier. It mentioned Irena Sendler and the extraordinary number of lives that she saved. As a project for a Kansas State History competition, the girls wrote a play entitled, “Life in a Jar”, based on that article. Before actually writing the play, they did much additional research, particularly, since the number of lives reported to have been saved did not seem believable. That play propelled Irena Sendler into the spotlight of history, and in 2007 she was actually nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. The play has been performed about 250 times in the United States, Canada, and Poland, and even led to a Broadway play based on Irena Sendler’s life called “Irena’s Vow”.

In 1939, after Germany’s invasion of Poland, Irena became aware of the plight of the Jews. She aided them in the ghetto by disguising herself as a nurse and bringing them food and medical supplies. She helped falsify identification cards for many Jews. In 1942 she joined the Polish underground and adopted the code name Jolanta. Irena, with some friends, embarked on dozens of precarious trips into the Warsaw Ghetto to rescue children from parents who were obviously reluctant to surrender them. Every mother would ask, “can you guarantee that my child will be safe”, but Irena could only say, “I can’t guarantee that, but every child who stays here will die”. Irena smuggled the children out by any means possible, in suitcases, tool boxes, sacks, and even coffins. The children were placed in Catholic homes or orphanages. All told, Irena saved about 2500 Jewish children. Not all were

taken from the ghetto. Some were saved who had been in hiding. She went one step further hoping to reunite as many children as possible with their parents after the war, and also helping them maintain their Jewish identity, Irena wrote the name of every child on pieces of paper, sometimes even toilet paper. She placed the papers in glass jars and buried the jars in an apple orchard (hence the name of the play). Sadly, very few parents survived the war.

Irena risked her life with every trip into the Ghetto. Eventually, she was captured by the Nazis, tortured, but never revealed her mission. She was sentenced to execution, but miraculously escaped as a result of the Polish underground bribing a Nazi guard.

After the war, Irena Sendler suffered additional grief, pain, and the supreme insult, when she was imprisoned for a period by the Russians for collaborating with the Polish government in exile, a powerless group which existed along with Communist Poland.

A Jewish educator, John Schuchart attended a performance of the play, “Life in a Jar”, and was so moved by it that he raised \$6500 for the four girls and their teacher to travel to Poland to visit their hero, Irena. It was 2001 and she was now 91 years old and living in poverty. The girls started a fund (Life in a Jar Project) to help move Irena into a nursing home, where she was able to live out her life in reasonable comfort.

Irena Sendler passed away on May 12, 2008 at the age of 98. She left the world these words: “Every child saved with my help and the help of all the wonderful messengers who today are no longer living, is the justification of my existence on this earth, and not a title to glory”.

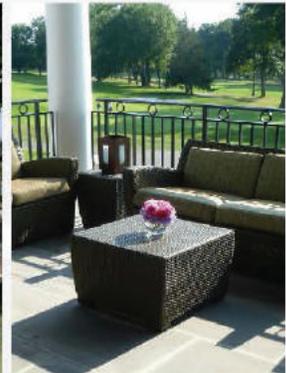
Where are the three High School girls now? All three are college graduates, have careers, their own families, and were still affiliated with the Life in a Jar Project in 2014 (and may still be), which has provided assistance for remaining Holocaust rescuers. The play, “Life in a Jar” continues to be performed throughout the United States.



“Excerpts in Jewish History” is a regular feature in our Shir Shalom newsletter, written by Lewis Siegel, who wrote a similar series for Focus, the newspaper of the Jewish Federation of Greater Danbury. He is also the author of A Brief History of Modern Israel and The Evolution of Zionism.

Celebrate Jewish Arts and Culture

April 13	11 AM	Hartford, CT State Capital Holocaust Remembrance Songs of the Resistance, Cantor Debbie Katchko-Gray
	7:30 PM	Beth Styles, Spirited and Soulful Shabbat
April 17	12-2PM	Have I Got a Story For You—Ezra Gliner, author Federation-sponsored author lunch and learn Bring a lunch and enjoy!
April 27	7:30 PM	Cantor Leon Sher, guest musician In honor of Cantor Debbie’s 18th year Oneg sponsored by Scott and Cantor Debbie Katchko-Gray
May 11	7:30 PM	Israeli Songs—Israeli Teen Emissaries to participate
May 25	7:30 PM	Mark Fineberg—Spirited and Soulful Shabbat
June 3	12-2 PM	Classical Concert, Paul Frucht, director Mika Sasaki, piano Danbury Music Center at Shir Shalom
June 8	7:30 PM	Beth Styles, Spirited and Soulful Shabbat



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FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

by Jane Emmer



The following is part of an article by RABBI P.J. SCHWARTZ of Congregation Shir Hadash of Los Gatos, California. Rabbi Schwartz summarizes my sense of children and the importance of instilling an early sense of engagement in community. I share this with you with the permission of Rabbi Schwartz.

Affirm children's creativity and imagination: Allow children to lead you into their world of make believe and you will experience awe and wonder through their eyes. As Miss Frizzle from The Magic School Bus says, "Get messy and make mistakes." When you play with children and let them lead you in play, you not only get to embrace your inner child, you also can get a good sense of how children process information, and what excites and disappoints them.

Encourage children to verbalize their feelings: When children are sad or angry, help them verbalize and explain their feelings. Children are easily discouraged when they don't feel they are being heard, so active listening is a crucial skill for adults who interact with children.

Adapt parenting strategies to help you interact with children: When possible, find opportunities to observe how children's parents engage with them and mirror those techniques that seem to be effective. Parents appreciate when you compliment their own parenting styles.

Learn children's likes and dislikes, their strengths and areas for growth: As in any friendship, knowing and caring about the other person not only strengthens the relationship, but also allows you to help facilitate how children and their families interact in group settings.

Ensure children feel a sense of belonging: Families want their children to feel a sense of belonging and community throughout their lives. Although it's not possible to know precisely what this means for each family or each child, it's important to make sure that families' concerns, interests, ideas, and more are heard and, when necessary, to have the community respond to needs and concerns.

Begin building Jewish connections with children as soon as possible: Providing meaningful Jewish experiences that foster personal, physical, cognitive, and spiritual

development of children from the get-go, means that children (and their families) are more likely to feel connected to their Jewish community throughout their lives – from childhood through adulthood.



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Child's Name: _____ Gender _____ Birthdate: _____
 Street Address: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
 Fall 2017 my child will be attending (school name): _____
 Parent name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 Parent name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 Siblings: Name: _____ birthdate: _____
 Name: _____ birthdate: _____

Local emergency contacts:

Name/Relation: _____ Phone# _____
 Cell: _____

Name/Relation: _____ Phone# _____
 Cell: _____

Child's Doctor _____ Phone# _____
 Allergies: _____
 Special Needs/Services: _____

My child will attend Summer Fun:
3 days per week (T-W-Th)

Session 1 - June 19,20,21,26,27,28	_____	\$400
Session 2 - July 10,11,12,17,18,19	_____	\$400
Session 3 - July 24,25,26,31 & August 1,2	_____	\$400
Full Summer	_____	\$1100

Payment is due in full by 5/1/2018

SOCIAL ACTION



SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

By Debbie Lavin and Debbie Landzberg



Our Annual Mitzvah Day is Sunday afternoon, May 6, 2018. This is a community-wide day of social service, when we will be helping more than a dozen local causes. In the past we have had over 120 congregants and community members participating. We're hoping to have an even bigger turn-out this year! We will have pizza lunch and wrap-up ice cream sundaes. Please bring donations of gently used children's books; school supplies (2-pocket folders, marble composition books, markers, pencils, pens, colored pencils, glue sticks, eraser, 3x3" Post-Its, ruler, pencil case) and summer camp supplies for the Northern Westchester Community Center. Please bring your friends and register at: <http://tiny.cc/mitzvahday>

Our Midnight Run outing to help the homeless in NYC is set for Saturday evening, May 19. This is an exciting opportunity for families to work together to help homeless folks. Adults and teens of at least 12 years of age are welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to complete a Mitzvah for B'nai Mitzvah preparation. Usually a parent will accompany a teen, as this is a gratifying shared experience. If you cannot come on the evening adventure, we encourage you to participate in other ways: make bagged dinners for that night, or a big pot of hearty soup; help us to sort and label donated clothing or donate clothing and toiletries! We need the following donations:

Gently used men's jeans, pants, shirts, hoodies, belts and shoes
 NEW men's underwear and socks
 Travel-size toiletries, toothpaste and disposable razors
 Backpacks and tote bags

We would like to acknowledge and give thanks to the individuals who have volunteered with our partner agencies this month. At the Daily Bread Food Pantry: Cantor Debbie Katcho-Gray, Amy Margulies, Lynne Stark, Bobbie Cohan. At the Dorothy Day Hospitality House: Polly Schnell, Carrie Chanin, Lou Haber. At the Federal Corrections Institute: Polly Schnell, Resa Fremed.

If you would like to participate in any of these upcoming activities, please email us at: SocialAction@OurShirShalom.org.

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Klare Heller	mother of Paul Heller	James Jolly	father of Robert Jolly
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Friday, May 11th, 2018

Art Arenson	uncle of Linda Arenson	Ruth Cohen	grandmother of Steven Kaye
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Friday, May 18th, 2018

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Marilyn Eslofsky	mother of Ellen Barth	Judge William Gindin	stepfather of Janine Gordon
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Della Speckman	mother of Emily Nossan	James Sullivan	beloved friend of Shir Shalom
Ruth Teich	mother of Matt Teich	Mary Varty	mother of Gail Henner

Friday, May 25th, 2018

Philip Abrams	father of Elyse Davis	Helen Bergson	mother of Phyllis Amerling
Pauline Block	grandmother of Barbara Manners	Eileen Brody	cousin of Joan Isman
Mildred Geller	grandmother of Jamie Garrett	Samuel Gerard	grandfather of Ira Gerard
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Ludwig Sternberger	uncle of Alice Gottlieb		

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is critical to ensuring our collective legacy. As with those who came before us, it is our responsibility to make sure that Shir Shalom has a strong and healthy future, not only as a home for our members current and future, but also as a platform to stand up for basic human rights and equality, and for fighting hatred and intolerance.

We each have a role in our collective future and thank you for your continued support of Congregation Shir Shalom.

Lynn Broder and Hal Wolkin, Co-Presidents

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		1	2 ECC Photo Day Religious School 5:30 pm- NFTY 7-9 pm- Sisterhood knitting class	3 Religious School 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	4 10:00 am- Sister- hood Art Program @ Storm King ART Center 11:30 am-Young Community Shabbat 6:00 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat-Grade service K-3	5 10:00 am- Shabbat Morning Worship B'not Mitzvah: Eliza & Ruby Lichtman
6 Religious School- Year End 12 noon- Mitzvah Day	7	8	9	10 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	11 11:30 am- Young Community Shabbat 5:30 pm- Tot Shab- bat 2.0 7:30 pm- Music Shabbat w/ teen emmissaries	12 10:00 am- Shabbat Morning Worship B'not Mitzvah: Ali- son & Marley Lustig
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Rosh Chodesh Sivan	16 7-9 pm- Sisterhood knitting class	17 12 noon- "Lunch & Learn" w/ Rabbi Haddon 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	18 11:30 am- Young Community Shabbat 7:30 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat	19 9:00 am- Torah 101 Shabbat Morning Study 7:00 pm- Shavuot worship w/ Yizkor
20	21	22	23	24 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	25 11:30 am- Young Community Shabbat 7:30 pm- Ruach Shabbat w/ guest Mark Fineberg	26
27	28 Memorial Day- Office closed	29	30 7-9 pm- Sisterhood knitting class	31 7-9 pm- Mah Jong		

SHIR SHALOM'S MITZVAH DAY



**Sunday, May 6th,
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

Spend the afternoon with old friends and new ones too!

Work at Shir Shalom or as a member of an off-site team
to help people and organizations in need

*Food pantry work, blanket making for Kids in Crisis,
dog toy braiding for the SPCA,
potting flowers for nursing home,
cookie baking for the homeless,
outdoor work and clean-up and much more!*

Members and non-members of all ages welcome!

**Perform a mitzvah as a family, individual, or for a bar/bat mitzvah!
Enjoy a pizza lunch and an Ice Cream Sundae Wrap-up Party with
a slide show montage of our volunteers in action!**

Please sign up by **Sunday, April 22nd
to help us with event planning and to secure your spot!
(we will accommodate late registrants however)**

To register, please go online: **<http://tiny.cc/mitzvahday>**
Questions? Contact Social Action Chairpersons
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