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# Our Shir Shalom

## APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Shabbat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26

April 1      5:00 pm    Shabbat Afternoon Worship,  
Bat Mitzvah:  
Lucy Landzberg

### Shabbat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

April 7      5:30 pm    Pre-service nosh  
6:00 pm    Kabbalat Shabbat Worship  
Grade K-1 participating  
7:00 pm    Oneg Shabbat with a light  
dinner

April 10     8:00 am    Feast/Fast of the first  
born

April 11     10:00am    Pesach Service

### Shabbat , Chol Hamoed Pesach

April 14     7:30 pm    Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

April 17     10:00am    Pesach Service

### Shabbat Sh'mini, Leviticus 9:1-11:47

April 21     7:30 pm    Ruach Shabbat

April 22     5:00 pm    Shabbat Afternoon  
Worship, Bar Mitzvah:  
Harrison Mazlish

### Shabbat Tazria-M'tzora, Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33

April 28     7:30 pm    Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

April 29     5:00pm    Shabbat Afternoon Worship  
Bar Mitzvah: Tyler Alexander

## MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Shabbat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim, Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27

May 5      6:00 pm    Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

### Shabbat Emor, Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

May 12      5:30 pm    Tot Shabbat 2.0  
7:30 pm    Kabbalat Shabbat Worship  
"Celebrate Israel in Song"  
May 13      10:30 pm    Shabbat Morning Worship  
Bat Mitzvah: Marley Bender

### Shabbat Behar-B'chukotai, Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

May 19      7:30 pm    Kabbalat Shabbat  
Worship

May 20      10:30am    Shabbat Morning Worship  
Bat Mitzvah: Harley Zins

### Shabbat B'midbar, Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

May 26      7:30 pm    Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

May 30      7:30pm    Shavuot Worship Service



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## FROM RABBI REINER'S DESK

Passover celebrates our exodus from bondage and the beginning of our ongoing journey as a people. Since the start of the ancient journey, we—Israelites, Jews, Israelis—have faced threats and attacks around the world and throughout history, in the

Diaspora, in America, in the modern state of Israel. Acts of vandalism and threats in recent weeks and months targeting synagogues and other Jewish institutions, prompt the familiar Passover question: Mah nishtana... Why should today be any different?

Congregation Shir Shalom aspires to be a warm and welcoming synagogue, a sanctuary for all our members, like the open tents where our ancestors gathered while wandering. We want our members and guests to feel welcome and comfortable and, in preparing for the High Holy Days this past year, our "Welcoming Task Force" trained greeters and helped to make our space feel more welcoming.

Years ago I celebrated Shabbat at the Great Synagogue in Rome. Upon arrival I was greeted by policemen with machine guns and airport-style security and was subjected to a brief interrogation by an armed guard because I was not a regular. It was the antithesis of warm and welcoming, though a perceived necessity.

It is challenging to find a balance between our aspirations and our need to ensure the security of our building and safety of members and guests. I am troubled and concerned by recent incidents of vandalism and antisemitism directed at Jewish institutions around the country.

Our synagogue has not received any threats. The Anti-Defamation League encourages synagogues and Jewish institutions to regularly review security procedures in consultation with local police. While our staff has already implemented some no-cost or low cost changes recommended by the Ridgefield Police Department, a "Security Task Force" (chaired by Paul Amerling) has been formed to further review our procedures and consider options that may be more costly.

Most changes are unseen and cannot be shared. We have started to keep track of who is in the building during the week. Everyone (excluding parents during pick up and drop off) who enters the building will be asked to sign in and show identification, as you would when visiting a school or hospital.

The security and the safety of our members, guests, and staff is critical, even as we aspire to be a warm and welcoming synagogue. While we cannot put a price on ensuring the safety of our members and guests, the security task force is considering whether major investments will actually make us safer and still a welcoming space. I am grateful for your patience, concern, and consideration, as we continue a thorough review of our procedures. If you have any concerns or questions please let me know or reach out to our co-presidents or Paul Amerling (leader of our Security Task Force).

With warm wishes for a safe spring and a sweet Pesach,

Rabbi David Reiner

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## THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE by Gale Berman and Hal Wolkin



Shir Shalom's Board of Trustees, together with Rabbi Reiner, dedicated most of a recent Sunday to organizing our collective energy in one critical area of "synagogue life". And while we have often focused attention on this area, we feel that the time is now to undertake a concerted effort toward engaging more of Shir Shalom's congregants in the activities and in the life of our community. We see it as critical that Shir Shalom become more of an epicenter for formation of meaningful relationships that evolve from sharing spiritual and learning experiences, from engaging in social action endeavors and from participating in community social activities.

We need to set the bar high to create the feeling of "home" for our congregants so that each of you feel welcome and comfortable within our community and can benefit from making new connections and from deepening existing relationships with others. Community is about sharing and the more we share with each other, the more we each benefit. We can connect to each other in a much wider sense than we do today and what better way to connect than by sharing our passions, our experiences, our hobbies, and our talents.

One way to expand our connections to each other is by joining our "Friends of Shir Shalom" Facebook page where many are already sharing. Are you for example, a sailor with a boat looking for "crew"; do you need a 4th in your golf foursome this weekend; are you interested in sharing your recent experience at a great restaurant; do you need a referral to an electrician, painter, plumber, accountant lawyer,?

Of course we are a place of worship and learning, but we can be so much more! We hold a vital presence in Northern Westchester and Fairfield Counties and our synagogue is the vibrant focal point for our many functions and activities but that is not enough. We acknowledge that we all lead incredibly busy lives but notwithstanding, it is important to one's emotional wellbeing to take a break from the daily routine. Consider coming to a Friday evening Shabbat service, or to a Saturday morning Shabbat service to experience and help celebrate the Bar/Bat Mitzvah of a child in our community that you do not know (it is so interesting to watch and to listen), or come to a Saturday morning Torah study class or perhaps, to a weekday "lunch and learn" program (who knows, it can become a habit).

When you drop your kids off for religious school on Sunday morning, you might consider parking your car and joining your child's class or taking the time to visit our great Jewish library, have

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## THE CANTOR'S CORNER

by Cantor Debbie Katchko-Gray

**More Cultural Arts at Shir Shalom**

**F**riday April 21st at 7:30 PM, Spirited and Soulful Shabbat with Mark Fineberg and The Earthtones.

Mark Fineberg is active on the Broadway, pop, rock, blues and orthodox wedding scene.

His wailing clarinet, flute, and sax can be heard in bands from Billy the Band, Motown Review, Blues Brothers and Neshama Orchestra.

The Earthtones are a Westchester female acapella group. They are presenting a short program on Songs for the Earth. Our own choirs will also participate.

**Sunday, April 23rd at 4:00 PM**, The Danbury Music Centre and Shir Shalom will co-present a concert featuring the two of the country's top emerging musicians, cellists Julian Schwarz and pianist Marika Bournaki. The duo will present a program of works written by Jewish composers and in particular

Jewish-American composers, including Paul Frucht, the Artistic Director of the Danbury Music Centre's Chamber Music Intensive, and Gerard Schwarz, Julian's father and a well-known national conductor.

**Thursday May 4th at 12 noon-2:00 PM**, Rich Cohen, best-selling author of *Tough Jews*, *The Sun and The Moon* and *the Rolling Stones* and more will discuss one of the many fascinating books he's written.

*The Fish That Ate the Whale- The Life and Times of American's Banana King*. Rich Cohen is a contributing editor of *Vanity Fair* and *Rolling Stone* magazines. A banana treat will be served. Please bring your lunch, there is no fee for this program.

**Friday, May 12th at 7:30 PM**, Celebrate Israel in Music Shlomo Shai, accordian. Shlomo Shai has been a fixture on the Jewish wedding and simcha scene. His sound and spirit are uplifting and exciting! We are thrilled to welcome him back again! The Israeli Teen shlichim/ leaders from Federation will be joining us for this service as well.

For programming information please contact Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray [cantordebbie@our-shirshalom.org](mailto:cantordebbie@our-shirshalom.org)

**A Teen's Perspective...**

My school was in the news! Usually, this would be something I, along with my peers, would think is cool and exciting. However, this time, I am embarrassed. My school, John Jay High School, has been on *Lewisboro Daily Voice*, *News 12 Westchester*, *Lohud* - a branch of *USA Today*, and other news sources. We did not make the news for anything to be proud of; rather, we made the news for the repeated incidents of vandalism involving swastikas found on our campus since January. There have been multiple incidents of this vandalism, the first being carved into a tree, then multiple in bathrooms around the school. In response to this, Judith Altmann, a Holocaust survivor, came in to speak to my student body to promote understanding of the horrific history behind this symbol, that surely our temple community is well aware of. Though the majority of my peers, myself included, saw her speech as very powerful and inspiring, some must not have gotten the message as a couple days later, there was yet another swastika drawn in a bathroom. So we've made it to *News 12 Westchester* with a report titled: "Swastika found after Holocaust survivor visits school," voicing the same disappointment that I personally feel. It is appalling to me that my peers could brand our campus with such an incredibly hateful symbol even after hearing a story of the brutal realities that surrounded it during the Holocaust. Though I don't think our school has done the best job handling this problem, as evident in its persistence, I understand the difficulty of figuring out how to stop this problem. If they give the vandalism too much attention, they will likely just be giving the culprits exactly what they want, but if they don't give it enough attention, it sends the message that this is not such a serious issue, which it most certainly is. After seeing that educating on the meaning behind the swastika was not successful in stopping the vandalism, surveillance has majorly increased, and I can only hope, along with the majority of my community, that the students behind this will be caught and reprimanded. Being "only teenagers" is no excuse, and they should know better regardless of their age.

by Laurel Levinsohn

## RITUAL COMMITTEE

by Laurie Dubin and Michael Salpeter



The signs of spring are finally here. Spring brings thoughts of renewal, gradual greening of lawns, buds on trees and plants and longer hours of light. Passover is just around the corner.

Every spring, Jews celebrate Passover, marking God sparing the Israelites and delivering them from slavery in Egypt, as detailed in the book of Exodus. For seven days Jews abstain from leavened bread to mimic the deprivation of their forefathers as they left Egypt through the Sinai desert.

The scattering of the Jews around the world over the past 2,000 years, to nearly every con-

tinent, has meant that these traditions have evolved and been adapted to different settings. Here are some of the most unique Passover traditions from around the world as gathered from an article written by I. Carmon in Beliefnet.com

Jews in Gibraltar add the dust of real bricks to their charoset recipe. Hasidic Jews from the Polish town of Gora Kalwaria, re-enact the crossing of the Red Sea by pouring water on the floor, lifting up their coats, and naming the towns that they would cross in their region of Poland. Jews living in Afghanistan developed the tradition of lightly “whipping” each other’s backs with scallions to re-enact the Egyptian slavemasters. Some Ethiopian matriarchs would destroy all their earthenware dishes and make a new set to mark a true break with the past. Ethiopian Jews also refrained from eating dairy during Passover. A Sephardic tradition has the seder leader walk around the table three times tapping

the seder plate lightly on the head of each guest, as a blessing. In another Sephardic tradition, an elder member of the family poses in costume and enacts a skit depicting the exodus from Egypt. Placing the afikoman matzah in a bag and posing with a cane as a traveler, the head of the household in the Caucasus region, Iraq, Kurdistan, Yemen, would tell the story of the Israelites. Jews in the Syrian community broke Matzah into Hebrew letters with meaning attached to each letter. Hungarian Jews had a tradition of placing all their gold and silver jewelry on the seder table. Jews from the Indian state of Kerala prepare for Passover immediately following Hanukkah. Cochín’s tiny Jewish population in India, scrub and paint their houses keeping their special Passover dishes in a separate room. Wells are drained and cleaned for fear of chametz (bread and any fermented grain) and every grain of rice is inspected for defects! Wow! Compared to that, bringing a dish to the Second Night Seder is a pleasure!

Celebrate the Feast of the Firstborn Monday morning April 10th at 8:00 a.m. followed by a breakfast sponsored by Michael Bergman. It is open to all temple members. Passover begins at sundown on Monday April 10th. Enjoy your family seders.

Please join us for the second night of Passover at Shir Shalom’s Second Night Seder on April 11th. Last year’s Second Night Seder was well attended so make your reservations early. Sign up information will follow in an e-mail blast.

Don’t forget to sign up to sponsor a Shabbat Oneg. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor, remember, or celebrate someone special or something special in your life. Please share your special moments with us! Call Laura in the office for details.

*Michael Salpeter and Laurie Dubin*



## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Leslie Gottlieb

## Making Every Day at Shir Shalom Like the Purim Carnival

**H**ow do we make what we teach worthwhile to students? It is a question that should never go away. Educators need to keep material targeted to students'

developmental needs and connect curriculum goals to an approach that considers the specific learning audience. I believe our dedicated teachers continue to do an outstanding job of this; these dedicated individuals form the backbone of our success because they understand how to truly engage students. They help make every day fun and interesting—bringing the kind of joy we see on children's faces at events like the Purim Carnival.



Recently, a mother and her four-year old son attended our Tot Shabbat program and the Purim Carnival. Chase loved it so much that he told his mom, "I want to go 1,000 times," when asked what he thought of Shir Shalom. We need to capture that kind of excitement and wonder in our children—whether it is in our homes, at Religious School or at temple services or events. Real engagement is essential and we are given this rare opportunity by parents to make a difference in the lives of our children. Every class meeting is important.

Other institutions have to do a lot of soul-searching, too, in order to keep the commitment of their supporters. Recently, the Metropolitan Museum of Art took a good look at itself as it was transitioning from one chief executive officer to another. This moment gave the institution a chance to take a hard look at its failures and successes. In an article, *How to Fix the Met: Connect Art to Life* by

Holland Cotter, we learn that even an art museum has to keep in step with its changing audience and the times in order for it to stay relevant and rewarding. We need to keep religious instruction germane and meaningful.

Cotter writes, "With the precipitous decrease in art and history education in schools, much of the museum's encyclopedic collection now means little to younger viewers. It feels foreign and remote and unsociable in a way that contemporary art, with its familiar references, does not. The Met has its own strong education program, but its effects seem to be uncertain and selective. A generation or two ago, the museum's Renaissance painting galleries were crowded places; today, even after a splendid refurbishment, they draw scant traffic."

We need to take the same concerned approach to teaching children in a congregational school setting. We need to create a caring audience every time we meet. We need students to feel that there is a point to what they are learning. Cotter continues...

What I can talk about is art, and how a museum can make people care about it. If historical art is now a hard sell, and it is, learn to sell it hard. That means, among other things, start telling the truth about it: about who made objects, and how they work in the world, and how they got to the museum, and what they mean, what values they advertise, good and bad. Go for truth (which, like the telling of history, is always changing), and connect art to life. Mix things up: periods, functions, cultures. (You can always unmix them.) Let audiences see that old is always new, if viewed through knowledge.

To present art this way — to pitch it, advocate it, make it snap to life — is to rethink the basic dynamic of a museum, turn it from passive to active, from archival to interactive, while letting it be all of these."

It seems strange to connect art appreciation to our goals at the Religious School, but there are definite overlaps. We need to go from passive to active learning-- and we reach for this objective all of the time. Teachers are infusing lesson plans with activities-- like asking students to create theme parks built around ideas presented in various Torah parashat. Project-based learning is very helpful in an emergent curriculum that takes off after established goals are considered. Going from the archival to interactive is also a useful approach. To pitch Judaism and make it snap to life for students creates palpable excitement in the classroom—as well as in museums.

Perhaps many of you reading this attended our very festive Purim Carnival last month. Thank you for supporting this event sponsored by our 7th grade families and supported by our youth groups and staff members. Something interesting occurred to me that afternoon. As I looked around I saw happy children whose very participation created the magic of the day. The enthusiasm in





## FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

by Jane Emmer

**W**e teach kindness. We teach our youngest children that we are responsible for one another, and we must model this for them. We teach kindness and inclusivity. Two of my favorite books that help illustrate the value that we all

can have a great impact on our world are:

*Have You Filled A Bucket Today? A Guide To Daily Happiness For Kids* by Carol McCloud

**What It's About:** This book introduces an idea that everyone has an "invisible bucket." These buckets are used to hold your good thoughts and feelings about yourself. When you do something kind, you help fill someone else's bucket.

**Why It's Important:** This provides kids with a visual representation of the importance of kindness. It focuses on social interactions and how our actions positively or negatively affect other people. This book would be especially beneficial as kids begin to develop empathy towards others.

*Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* by Emily Pearson

**What It's About:** Can one good deed from an ordinary girl change the world? It can when she's Ordinary Mary - an ordinary girl from an ordinary school, on her way to her ordinary house - who stumbles upon ordinary blueberries. When she decides to pick them for her neighbor, Mrs. Bishop, she starts a chain reaction that multiplies around the world.

One of our core values at the Early Childhood Center is that each and everyone one of us is important and can help make the world a better place. It's our job to show them that adults have the ability to listen to each other, to care for each other. It's our job to show them that we expect from ourselves what we hope for them.

Shir Shalom, and our Early Childhood Center here, is a safe space for you and your family. Our most important job is to ensure that you and your child are welcome and secure in our community. Our school community is a kind space for all of our students, parents, teachers, and all the other people that care for our children, no matter whether they belong to our faith community or not.

Our Jewish values are rarely unambiguous or without argument, but they are here. Every year in

our haggadah, we read that we must remember that we were wanderers in the land of Egypt. It is our job to provide safety and comfort for those who are in need of it most. In our school, we are committed to continue this tradition in our own way.

We are dedicated to providing our children with the opportunity to learn in an inclusive environment based on these values. We want to ensure that our children learn that they are safer and stronger when they work together and embrace their fellow students. We want them to learn that there is a future for them to inherit and know that we are going to fight for their right to live in a safe, peaceful, and clean world.



## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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the room felt familiar. It is that excitement that we try to create in our classrooms all year long... whether it is a fun game created in grade 6 Hebrew or presentations on students' favorite famous Jews in grade 4... the learning has to be connected to children's real lives and interests.

Whether it is our Confirmation students in Grades 8 & 9 or our kindergartners, making students active learners is the key. Last month several students attended a weekend of events in Washington, D.C. at the Religious Action Center. It was the first time our synagogue participated — and we plan to participate every year going forward. Our students took their Jewish identities and connected themselves to the wider community. They took risks, spoke their minds, wrote speeches, prayed with 400 others their age, met with congressional leaders to discuss social action issues that concern them... and so much more. We are continuing to try more and more ways to make Judaism a lifestyle and mindset in which our students can

embrace. We also need RS families to support our goals by bringing students to as many Shabbat and special services as possible. This helps make all the right connections for them and is a great way to be involved in our Shir Shalom community.

Pirke Avot teaches that, "It is not incumbent upon [us] to complete the work, but neither are [we] at liberty to desist from it." We take that charge seriously at the school at Shir Shalom and know that we have been given a wonderful opportunity to engage our youngest Jews... who will one day reflect on this time of their lives. As they look backward in their lives, it is our hope that they will end their thoughts with a smile and a nod knowing they were treasured learners here once. Then it will be their time to teach the next generation.

*Leslie Gottlieb*

Religious School Director

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a cup of coffee and read a book. There are so many opportunities to bond and strengthen our community.

Another way to bond is to share with others in our community, the events in which you have participated and the events that you intend to participate in within the broader community — our Facebook page is a great place to share information. One of our congregants recently visited another synagogue in the area and heard a lecture on "Evolution of the Temple Structure" over the decades; another synagogue hosted Rabbi Joel Hoffman who spoke about his book "The Bible Doesn't Say That." What about sharing information on our Facebook page about what's happening at Ridgefield High School's great theater program, the local public library, WCONN, Fairfield University, Jacob Burns Film Center, the Performing Arts College at Purchase College, etc. so that others may participate. Recently, Bruce and Karen Winters, Vlad and Christina Gogish and Rabbi Jon Haddon attended the Israel Defense Forces' band concert at the Conservative Synagogue in Westport. Shir Shalom was a sponsor along with 16 other Jewish organizations in the area. There, the community came together to sing, celebrate Israel and youth and to hear about the IDF.

We invite you to become more involved in the life of Shir Shalom so that you will benefit in all these ways and more! "Hineni," (Here I am!) is how we can respond to one another in our Shir Shalom community as none of us can make it alone in the world;

not physically, not emotionally.

What if you are not ready to become more involved right now? That's okay. You can drop in and visit whenever you feel like it because our welcome sign is ALWAYS out!

Your Co-Presidents,

Gale Berman and Hal Wolkin





## SOCIAL ACTION

by Debbie Landzberg and Debbie Lavin

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Shir Shalom Mitzvah Day-**  
Sunday, May 7th from 12:30  
pm – 4:30 pm.

We need VOLUNTEERS to help plan and/or lead an activity and lots of PARTICIPANTS to join us for this meaningful day of community service and community building. Mark your calendars and let us know of your interest!

In recent years, over 120 volunteers have participated and helped many local agencies such as Kids in Crisis, SPHERE, the Women's Center of Danbury, ASPCA of Westchester, Laurel Ridge Nursing Home,

Daily Bread Food Pantry and many more!

Please look for the Social Action Committee's blog on the Shir Shalom website for details about some of these worthwhile organizations! .

**Midnight Run—**

We will once again reach out to New York City's homeless this spring.

A group of volunteers will head to New York City to distribute clothing, toiletries and bagged

dinners to several dozen homeless folks. Whether or not you are able to attend the run itself, we are in great need of the following donations to benefit this extremely needy group: Please place the following items in the collection box in the foyer:

\*Gently used hoodies, jeans, belts, shoes, sneakers

\*New men's underwear and socks

\*Please also let us know if you are able to prepare simple bagged dinners!

We would like to thank this month's partner agency volunteers:

**Daily Bread Food Pantry:**

Nancy Cavillones, Debbie Landzberg, Polly Schnell, Maddie Sobel, Lynne Stark, Vicky Yolen

**Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen:** Jessica Brooks and Linda Hirschfeld

**Federal Corrections Institute:** Jean Haddon and Rabbi Jon Haddon

**Laurel Ridge Nursing Home:** Matthew Sherter

We need volunteers to sign up for shifts at these Partner Agencies each month – it is a mitzvah and much appreciated!

For more information contact:

Debbie Landzberg and Debbie Lavin, Social Action Co-Chairpersons at [SocialAction@OurShirShalom.org](mailto:SocialAction@OurShirShalom.org)

## Please support one of our partner agencies, the Community Center of Northern Westchester

as they work to help young children and their families...

Without diapers, babies cannot participate in early childhood education.

Without childcare, parents cannot go to work.

Please consider making a donation of formula, baby food, cereal, diapers or wipes.

To learn more about CCNW, call 914-232-6572 or visit our website at [communitycenternw.org](http://communitycenternw.org)

## THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT AND THE STRUGGLE FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL

Here are two questions:

1. What is Zionism?

2. Is the Zionist movement necessary for the survival of the Jewish people?

Long before the State of Israel existed, Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis defined Zionism as the following:

1. Zionism seeks to establish in Palestine for those Jews who choose to go and remain there, and for their descendants, a legally secure home.

2. Zionism seeks to establish this home in Palestine because it feels that the underlying longing of the Jews for Palestine is a fact of deepest significance.

3. It is believed that only in Palestine can Jewish life be fully protected from the forces of disintegration.

4. Finally, ever since the destruction of the Temple, 2000 years ago, the longing for Palestine has been ever present with the Jew. It was the hope of return to the land of his fathers that buoyed up the Jew during persecution, and remains deeply ingrained in the prayers of the devout.

So, the Zionist movement has two major goals: to satisfy the yearning of the people to be able to return to the land of their biblical ancestors, and to create a state, able to defend itself against any outside forces, and be a safe haven for the Jewish people.

While the Zionist movement clearly had a purpose, was it really essential for the survival of the Jewish people? Consider the following chronology:

722 BCE— Tiglath-Pileser and his Assyrian army conquered the Northern kingdom of Israel and banished the Jewish people from their homeland. As a people, they were never heard from again.

586 BCE— Nebukadnezzar and his Babylonian forces conquered the Southern Kingdom of Israel, and sent the Jews into exile. It wasn't until about 540 BCE when the Persians led by Cyrus defeated the Babylonians, and allowed the Jews to return.

164 BCE— Antiochus IV Epiphanes desecrated the Temple, built a Pagan altar to the Greek God Zeus, which led to the Hasmonean revolt, the victory of Judas Maccabeus and his forces over the Greeks, and the restoration of the Temple.

63 BCE— Pompey and his Roman armies conquered the Jewish nation and the people lost autonomy over their land for 2011 years.

70 CE— Titus conquered Jerusalem, the second Temple was destroyed, and at least 600,000 Jews were killed.

132 to 135— The Rebellion led by Bar Kochba against the Romans was suppressed, and over 500,000 men were killed or sent into slavery.

350— Emperor Constantine barred the Jews from Jerusalem and imposed the harshest restrictions on them.

379— St. John Chrisostom and St. Ambrose in Milan said, "Jews are the most worthless of men. They are lecherous, greedy and rapacious. They worship the Devil. It is essential that Christians hate them."

415— Antioch Jews were accused of ritual murders. Many synagogues were taken over by Christians, and the Jews were ousted.

1012— Emperor Henry expelled the Jews from Mainz. This was the beginning of Jewish persecution in Germany.

1066— 5000 Jews were massacred in Granada, Spain. This was during the Golden Age of Judaism in Spain, when Jews were for the most part treated better under Moslem rule than they were in Christian countries.

1144— This was the first recorded blood libel. In Norwich England, Jews were accused of torturing and killing a Christian child, and using his blood for a Passover ritual.

1190— All the Jews in York England were massacred, reminiscent of the last stand at Massada.

1290— The Jews were expelled from England

1298— There were multiple massacres of Jews in Germany.

1306— The Jews were expelled from France

1348— Jews were blamed for the Black Death that killed 75-200 million people. It was claimed that they poisoned the wells to kill Christians.

1478— Pope Sixtus IV issued a Papal Bull ushering in the beginning of Spanish Inquisition. Jewish converts to Christianity were accused of perverting Christians and were put to death.

1492— The Jews were expelled from Spain.

1510— The Jews were expelled from Brandenburg, Germany.

1516— The first Jewish ghettos in Europe were built in Venice

1544— The Reformation began. Martin Luther's anti-Semitic writings encouraged persecution of the Jews.

1593— The Jews were expelled from Italy and Bavaria.

1648— Chmelnitsky and his Cossack army led the massacre of at least 100,000 Jews in 300 communities in Poland and the Ukraine.

1768— 20,000 Jews in Poland were murdered

1840— Damascus was the scene of the infamous blood libel, where again Jews were accused of killing Christians and using their blood for Passover rituals.

1881— Pogroms began in Russia. 60,000 Jews were murdered.

1894— Alfred Dreyfus, a Jewish captain in the French army, was convicted of treason, although the accusation against him was false. He wasn't exonerated until 12 years later. His trial led to violent outbreak of anti-Semitic activity in France

1903— The Protocol of the Elders of Zion appeared in Russia. This false malicious document tells of a Jewish conspiracy to rule the world and destroy Christianity. The Protocols spread all over the world. Henry Ford used it in his anti-Semitic publications.

1903 to 1906— Frequent pogroms against Jews in Russia, the worst one was in 1905 in Odessa, where about 2500 Jews were killed.

1920— The Arabs began multiple attacks on Jewish villages in Palestine

1929— There were wide-spread Arab attacks on Jews in Palestine, particularly in Jerusalem, Hebron, and Safed. Hebron and Safed suffered the worst, with a total of 85 Jewish deaths.

1936 to 1939— The Arabs began a three-year rebellion in Palestine. Jewish villages were under constant attack during this period. The main military force, the Haganah, began the defense of Jewish towns, and the Irgun, a more militant group, began offensive activity against the Arabs.

1938— November 9 ( Kristallnacht)- Violent pogroms in Germany and Austria took place against Jewish homes, synagogues, and places of business. This was the beginning of the Holocaust.

1938 to 1945(The Holocaust period) — Six million Jews were murdered throughout Europe.

1939— British issued a White Paper, limiting Jewish immigration into Palestine. If the conditions set in that White Paper had succeeded, it would have negated any chance for a Jewish state in Palestine. However, the White Paper was never rescinded, and the British blocked Jewish immigration into Palestine, even after World War II.

1947, November 29— The British were unable to maintain any semblance of order in Palestine and were under constant military attack from Arabs and Jews. Consequently, the British relinquished their Mandate over Palestine, decided to leave the territory, and handed the problem over to the United Nations. The United Nations General Assembly voted to partition Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states. The Jewish Agency of Palestine accepted the partition plan, while the Arab nations reject the offer.

1948— On May 14, the British were gone from Palestine. That afternoon, David Ben Gurion addressed a group of Jewish leaders in the Tel-Aviv museum and spoke the following words: "...By virtue of our natural and historic right, and on the strength of the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, hereby declare the establishment of a Jewish state in Eretz Yisrael, to be known as the State of Israel..."

So is Zionism essential for the survival of the Jewish people? Jewish history seems to makes the answer obvious. While there are many examples in which the Jewish people have lived successfully in the Diaspora, one thing is unmistakable. If the State of Israel had existed in the 1930's, an enormous number of Jews could have survived the Holocaust. As far as the future is concerned, we can only hope that Israel will always be available as a safe home for Jews fleeing persecution.



*"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.*



## SISTERHOOD

by Susan Bard



**H**appy Spring ! Our first Sisterhood movie at the Jacob Burns Film Center for the Jewish Film Festival was a big success! Thanks for joining us! Our new spring event happens on Sunday, April 23rd- join us for an exciting morning of brunch and shopping at Wave in New Canaan (see back cover for details).

Also, please mark your calendars for Thursday evening, June 1st for our Sisterhood end-of-year dinner in Mt. Kisco at the trendy Little Drunken Chef at 7pm. Join us for sangria, tapas, salad and paella for \$30 per person. Please RSVP by May 15th by paying online at <https://squareup.com/store/shir-shalom-sisterhood/>

Finally, our apologies that the March blizzard, Stella, forced us to cancel our Painting & Nosh. We hope to reschedule this fun night again soon!

This month's Sisterhood tzedakah donation will go to KIDS FOR KIDS: Youth Organization for the Recovery of Young Victims of Terrorism. KIDS FOR

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We hope to see all of you at an event soon! A reminder that Mitzvah Day is coming up on May 7th and it would be great to see a strong turnout from Sisterhood members. Bring your family and spend a day of service with your fellow Shir Shalom congregants.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Susan Bard



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# APRIL/MAY BIRTHDAYS

Laura Agisim	Wendy Wallach-DeLucia	David Kramer	Eileen Segalman
Tyler Alexander	Jason DeLucia	Braden Kurtz	Jordan Segalman
Neil Alexander	William Dewar	David Kurzweil	Emma Sherter
Laila Alvarez	Alix Drawec	Marc Kutscher	Craig Sherter
Phyllis Amerling	Evy Drawec	Rhonda Lackow	Christopher Shore
Daniella Amerling	Lara Parker-Edson	Dr. Rita Landman	Justin Showstead
David Amerling	Ellen Elias	Lucy Landzberg	Peter Showstead
Paul Amerling	Laura Fiderer	Lawrence Lapine	Samantha Shulman
Alexandria Andrade	Amy Freidenrich	Susan Lapine	Michael Silva
Garrett Aries	Abigail Friedlander	Eric Larson	Molly Silva
Jesse Baer	Laurence Furic	Maia Leibowitz	Andrew Stark
Rachel Bangser	Jennifer Gelfand	Philip Levens	Zachary Stark
Andy Baran	Lee Glicklich	Gavin Levi	Jessica Stark
Michael Bard	Vladimir Gogish	Jordana Levine	Ali Stein
David Baum	Robert Goldman	Susan Levine	Paul Stevelman
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Logan Chang	Jake Kessler	Andrew Rappaport	Karen Winters
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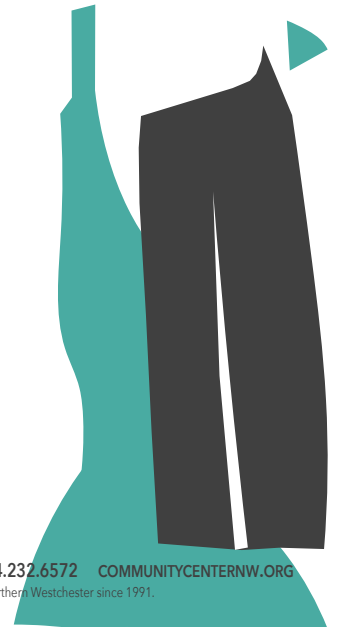
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# APRIL/MAY YAHRZEITEN



## Friday, April 7, 2017

Irwin Bassett	brother of Annabel Schwartz	Bernie Gerard	father of Ira Gerard
Mary Benjamin		Wallace Kalter	step-father of Marcia Needleman
Jack Berkowitz	grandfather of Stephen Heit	Meyer Katz	father of Claire Katz
Sarah Buchman	aunt of Donald Gordon	Ted Krulwich	brother of Jeffrey Krulwich
Marilyn Cohen	mother of Susannah Altman	Arthur Margolis	father-in-law of Robi Margolis
Arnold Eydenberg	grandfather of Susan Westlake	Thelma Reichenthal	mother of Sandra Rosenhouse
Norma Friedman	wife of Joshua Friedman	Isidore Resnick	father of Anita Quasha

## Friday, April 14, 2017

Alan Bangser	brother of Robert Bangser	Adolph Ratner	grandfather of Judith Strom
Millie Bernstein	aunt of Alan Pilch	Patricia Ravitch	
Isadore Cohen	grandfather of Gail Henner	Mary Salpeter	mother of Michael Salpeter
Leah Fergenson	grandmother of Michael Bergman	Mark Shapiro	husband of Naomi Shapiro
Lillian Gordon		Ben Stern	brother of Barbara Manners
Rita Katchko	mother of Cantor Katcho-Gray	Natalie Weinstein	mother of Ted Weinstein
Cyril Lesser	father of Diana Friedlander	Isaac Weintraub	grandfather of Karen Gerard
Belle Lubetsky	mother in law of Joshua Friedman	Fay Weisberg	

## Friday, April 21, 2017

Edward Carroll	father of Jim Carroll	Rose Leitner	grandmother of Ian Leitner
Murray Fischberg		Esther Oks-Ponczyk	
Charles Gantwerker	father of Scott Gantwerker	Joshua Ponczyk	
Phyllis Goldfield	mother of Laurie Wolkin	Lilyan Simels	mother of Toba Stutz
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Murray Haddon	father of Rabbi Jon Haddon	Hilda Vendig	mother of Richard Vendig
Annette Holson	grandmother of Robin Heit		

## Friday, April 28, 2017

Ruth Auerbach	mother of Michelle Auerbach-Sherr	Lillie Landsberg	great-aunt of Karen Gerard
Ruth Fox	mother of Barbara Hisiger	Edward Modest	father of Betsy Brand
Nathalie Alexander		Ruth Muchnick	grandmother of Jason Muchnick
Rose Gantwerker	mother of Scott Gantwerker	Rose Pecker	mother of Sunnie Colen
Joseph Hubsher	grandfather of Jeffrey Hubsher	Sol Saleem	grandfather of Kate Alvarez
Debbi Jacobs-Eckert	former member and RS teacher	Rebecca Shimkin	grandmother of Janine Gordon
James Jolly	father of Robert Jolly	Louis Warton	father of Gale Berman
Cipa Kupferberg	grandmother of Margaret Sapir		

## Friday, May 5, 2017

Rae Arenson	aunt of Linda Arenson	Diane Ravitch	aunt of Michael Gitlitz
Emilia Custodio	grandmother of Frank Andrade	Dora Resnick	mother of Anita Quasha
Selma Gimple	mother of Debra Bush	Henrietta Ringler	grandmother of Elyse Arnow
Paul Harris	uncle of Ian Harris	Florence Rubin	grandmother of Susan Dufner
Klare Heller	mother of Paul Heller	Marvin Stark	father of Andrew Stark
Andrew Krulwich	brother of Jeffrey Krulwich	Harold Teich	father of Matt Teich
Joseph Price	grandfather of Terry Henry		

# APRIL/MAY Yahrzeiten (Continued)

## Friday, May 12, 2017

Art Arenson	uncle of Linda Arenson	Sherry Levy-Reiner	mother of Rabbi David Reiner & wife of Rabbi Fred Reiner
Ruth Cohen	grandmother of Steven Kaye	Jeanette Moskowitz	great-grandmother of Stacey Rubinfeld
Robert Greenberg	brother of Adrienne Orlan	Evelyn Rubinfeld	grandmother of Adam Rubinfeld
Gerald Held	father of Lindsay Held	Sheldon Schatten	uncle of Mitch Rapoport
Andrew Hyman	friend of Richard Mishkin	Leib Varticovsky	grandfather of Gail Henner
Irving Ipp	father of Lisa Ipp-Voellmicke	Walter Vendig	father of Richard Vendig
Therese Levinsky	wife of Ron Levinsky	Gisela Warton	mother of Gale Berman
Rosalyn Levitt	mother of Bonnie Dietzek		

## Friday, May 19, 2017

Ruth Bromberg	aunt of Ted Weinstein	Janice Seligman	mother of Maggie Seligman
Fred Dietzek	father of Alan Dietzek	Leon Shimkin	grandfather of Janine Gordon
Hyman Ellis	father of Joseph Ellis	Della Speckman	mother of Emily Nossan
Sadie Hankin	grandmother of Andrew Bodner	Dov Stern	step-father of Barbara Manners
Regina Henry	mother of Robert Henry	Ludwig Sternberger	uncle of Alice Gottlieb
Evelyn Levine	grandmother of Andrew Levine	James Sullivan	friend of Congregation Shir Shalom
Edith Redman	mother of Debra Lavin	Ruth Teich	mother of Matt Teich
Murray Rose	father of Andrew Rose	Mary Varty	mother of Gail Henner
Josephine Fuchs	mother of Susan Stillman		

## Friday, May 26, 2017

Philip Abrams	father of Elyse Davis	Diana Kalter	mother of Marcia Needleman
Pauline Block	grandmother of Barbara Manners	Claire Levens	mother of David Levens
Eileen Brody	cousin of Joan Isman	Alan Levinsohn	brother of Kenneth Levinsohn
Marilyn Eslofsky	mother Ellen Barth	Irene Moskowitz	grandmother of Jordana Levine
Mildred Geller	grandmother of Jamie Garrett	Max Moskowitz	cousin of Stacey Rubinfeld
Samuel Gerard	grandfather of Ira Gerard	Thomas B. Newman	father of Kelly Lash
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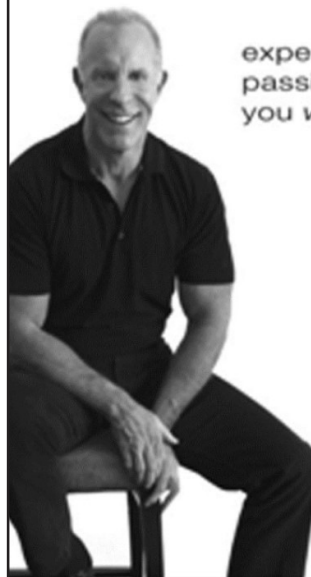
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2 Hebrew School	3	4	5 12 Noon— Shir Shalom Stitchers  Hebrew School	6 Hebrew School	7 11:30 am Young Community Shabbat  5:30 pm Pre-service nosh  6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Grade K-1  <b>7:00 pm—</b> Oneg Shabbat + dinner	8
9 No Hebrew School	10 8:00 am Fast/Feast of the First Born  Office CLOSED Erev Pesach  No ECC	11 10:00 am Passover Service  Office CLOSED  No ECC 6:00 pm 2nd Night Seder	12 12 Noon— Shir Shalom Stitchers  No ECC No Hebrew School	13 No Hebrew School	14 No ECC  <b>7:30 pm—</b> Kabbalat Shabbat	15 9:00 am Torah 101
16 No Hebrew School	17 10:00 am Passover Service w/Yizkor  Office CLOSED Pesach- last day  No ECC	18	19 12 Noon— Shir Shalom Stitchers  Hebrew School	20 Hebrew School  7:15pm- Board of Directors meeting	21 11:30 am Young Community Shabbat  7:30 pm— Ruach Shabbat w/ the Earthtones & Mark Fineberg	22 5:00 pm Afternoon Shabbat service- Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Mazlish  "If I Forget" theatre outing
23 Hebrew School 4:00 pm Chamber Music Concert w/ dessert reception  Yom HaShoah ser- vice @ St. Stephen's in Ridgefield  10:00 am-12 noon Sisterhood Shop- ping at WAVE, New Canaan	24 Yom HaShoah	25	26 Hebrew School  Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	27 Hebrew School  Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	28 11:30 am Young Community Shabbat  7:30 pm— Kabbalat Shabbat	29 9:00 am Torah 101  5:00 pm Afternoon Shabbat service- Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Alexander
30 Hebrew School						

*The deadline for submission for the June 2017 Shir Shalom is Monday, May 1, 2017. Thank you.*

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	1 Yom Hazikaron	2 Yom Haatzma'ut	3 12 Noon— Shir Shalom Stitchers  Hebrew School	4 12 Noon- 2:00pm "Author Talk" with Rich Cohen	5 11:30 am Young Community Shabbat  6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	6 9:00 am Torah 101
7 Hebrew School- LAST DAY  MITZVAH DAY! 12 noon-4pm	8	9	10 12 Noon— Shir Shalom Stitchers	11 7:15 pm- Board of Directors meeting	12 11:30 am Young Community Shabbat  5:30 pm Tot Shab- bat 2.0  7:30 pm Ruach Shabbat "Celebrate Israel in Song"	13 10:30 am Morning Shabbat service- Bat Mitzvah of Marley Bender
14 Lag B'Omer	15	16	17 12 Noon-2:00pm "Author Talk" with Beth Kurlander	18	19 11:30 am Young Community Shabbat  7:30 pm— Kabbalat Shabbat	20 9:00 am Torah 101  10:30 am Morning Shabbat service- Bat Mitzvah of Harley Zins
21	22	23	24 12 Noon— Shir Shalom Stitchers	25	26 11:30 am Young Community Shabbat  7:30 pm—Kabba- lat Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Sivan	27
28	29 Memorial Day: Building Closed  No ECC	30 Erev Shavuot Service with Yizkor- 7:30 pm	31 Shavuot Building Closed  No ECC			

*The deadline for submission for the June 2017 Shir Shalom is Monday, May 1, 2017. Thank you.*





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