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Our Shir Shalom

JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Shabbat Balak, Numbers 22:2 - 25:9

July 7 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Shabbat Pinchas, Numbers 25:10- 30:1

July 14 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Shabbat Matot-Masei, Numbers 30:2-36:13

July 21 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Shabbat D'varim, Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22

July 28 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Shabbat Va-et'chanan, Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11

August 4 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Shabbat Eikev, Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25

August 11 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Shabbat R'eih, Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17

August 18 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Shabbat Shof'tim, Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9

August 25 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship



CONGREGATION
SHIR SHALOM
of Westchester and Fairfield Counties



FROM RABBI REINER'S DESK

This summer I will be returning to URJ Camp Eisner (Union for Reform Judaism) in Great Barrington, MA, to serve as a member of the faculty for a week—my third consecutive summer on the faculty. For the past two summers this has been a meaningful and valuable experience and benefitted my rabbinate, and I anticipate that this summer will continue that trend!

For several years, Jewish summer camps have been recognized as being at the forefront of informal Jewish youth education. As I shared in my column last July, a 2011 survey of Jewish adults found that Jews who attended a Jewish camp as a child are 45% more likely to attend synagogue at least once a month, 26% more likely to be members of a synagogue, 55% more likely to feel “very emotionally attached to Israel.” It is helpful for me to experience Jewish summer camp, that I may support the many campers from our congregation, and that I can better understand how the experience of summer camp has had such a significant impact on shaping Jewish life and Jewish community.

As a Jewish professional I am impressed with how campers live Jewish values and how Jewish content is consciously taught and subconsciously absorbed by campers. As a realist, I recognize that the hour of formal Jewish learning that the faculty plans and teaches is probably not the high point of each camper's day or summer, but the Jewish learning at camp extends beyond that hour of daily study, into the interactions, the meals, and the vocabulary. And now, as a father, I am impressed by the inclusive community that is created each summer for campers from diverse backgrounds, how campers include each other in activities—without prompting—and share mutual respect for each other.

Jewish summer camp can be cost prohibitive and I am pleased to share that the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund is being used to provide more than two thousand dollars in scholarships to help students from our Congregation Shir Shalom participate in programs with URJ Camp Eisner this summer. I feel strongly that this contribution is an investment in the future of our Jewish community and the Jewish people, and that the long term return will be significant.

Working at camp, even for a week, uplifts

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THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE by Gale Berman and Hal Wolkin



In an effort to identify and address new and creative temple initiatives, your Board of Trustees organizes periodic Board "retreats". At our Board retreat a couple of months ago, we concluded that we should develop a comprehensive list of areas that could benefit from some attention and refinement. To that end we organized a small group of individuals whose focus is on making positive changes that can be implemented quickly and easily that will enhance our goal of building a stronger Shir Shalom community. This small group which has become known as the "Low

Hanging Fruit Committee" (Lynn Broder, Robyn Cohen, Bobbie Cohan, Emily Wein and Gale Berman), has already come up with several action items that it feels will enable congregants to become more connected with each other.

We all learn through different experiences and when we reach out to share our lives in a cohesive community, often we find some of our greatest blessings in the outpouring of love and strength. Some of the initiatives that we are working on will help to create the kind of connectivity that we hope will result in each of us finding the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of other congregants and, as a result, in our own lives.

In our monthly newsletter, we are planning to introduce two new sections; one which introduces our new congregants and another which profiles our students who are nearing their bar/bat mitzvah. This undertaking is intended to provide a means for existing congregants to reach out to new members of our community, and to provide a means for congregants to recognize our bar/bat mitzvah students.

We are also planning to introduce "college connection" which has the goal of connecting with our children who have gone off to college. We think it is important that they feel a continuing connection with the Shir Shalom community no matter where they may be attending college. They will receive

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THE CANTOR'S CORNER

by Cantor Debbie Katchko-Gray



Summer Enrichment and Learning

While many people enjoy the summer as a time away from school, for many professionals, the summer is a time of learning, conferences and enrichment.

I'm very excited about the upcoming conferences I'm attending- each one brings new songs, new ideas, new techniques and new friends.

I recently attended the first ever conference on trope— "Chanting the Word of God: Cantillation in the World's Religious Traditions"- I will be writing up a summary of it to share with you.

June—the Women Cantors' Network Conference— A national organization I founded in 1982 when I was the second female conservative cantor in the USA and had very few colleagues to share with. We are now about 300 members with wonderful annual conferences. I look forward to each one!

July—The North American Jewish Choral Festival— The place to be if you love Jewish music. Cantors and choirs from all over the world come together to sing

Jewish choral music- all are welcome, all levels have a place and a choir to sing with- it's incredible!

August— Danbury Chamber Music Intensive— I play cello with the Danbury Community Orchestra and cello duets with our own Dr. Alice Gottlieb. This week of chamber music is truly intense and challenging.

August Martin Taylor Acoustic Guitar Camp— My son David Zimmerman is an excellent guitarist and has wanted to go to a guitar camp with me for some time. We are doing it! I hope to come back with a few new things to try on and off the bima!

After all this wonderful enrichment I hope to return to Shir Shalom with new songs, new prayers, new guitar techniques and even more energy!

To begin the fall, on September 17th I'm very honored to be participating in a celebration of Elie Wiesel's life at Boston University's Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies. I will be sharing some songs that Elie Wiesel sang with us when he had his 70th birthday symposium at BU several years ago. The songs are from his childhood as a Vizhnitzer Chassidic student. I hope to share them with you as well one day.

Have a wonderful summer- I hope you find some enrichment and learning as well!

Shalom,

Cantor Debbie Katchko-Gray

Calling All Choir Singers!

If you enjoy singing, even if you don't read music or read Hebrew, you are welcome to join our Adult Choir at Shir Shalom! Our rehearsals in the summer and early fall will prepare you for singing during the High Holydays and for a few special times during the year. Rehearsals for the High Holydays are:

Sunday Aug. 27	7-9 PM
Sunday Sept. 9	7-9 PM
Thursday Sept. 14	7-9 PM
Wednesday Sept. 27	7-9 PM

If you're thinking about joining the choir, please let me know and music books will be ready for you.

Our accompanist, Barbara Orwick will be joining us for the High Holy Days along with our musical friend, Mark Fineberg!

RITUAL COMMITTEE

by Laurie Dubin and Michael Salpeter



Finally, summer is here! If you've been counting down the days to either the end of school, beginning of a vacation, camp or just longer hours of daylight, you are not alone. For many people, summer months are more relaxed. Summer evokes a less formal or casual feeling – a lightening up both in spirit and daylight hours. Friday night services during the summer months contain the same meaningful songs and prayers with an additional twist of themed Onegei. Please note that services during July and August will start at 6:30 p.m. Here are the Oneg Shabbat receptions planned for the summer months:

June 30--	Shabbat Sha-BBQ
July 7--	Sweet Tooth Shabbat
July 21--	Israeli Foods
August 11--	Sing-a-long Shabbat
August 18--	Bubbles (especially for tots!) & Bubbly
August 25--	Savory Shabbat

We hope to see many of you this summer.

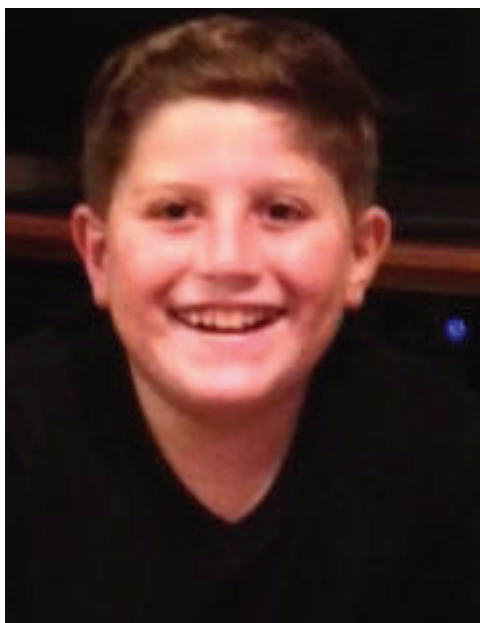
Plans for sending out the High Holy Day packets in August mean the Ritual Committee, clergy, and office staff are hard at work planning the many facets that make up an enriching holiday experience. If you have an interest in volunteering, helping or planning the activities or events scheduled for this summer or for the High Holy Days, please contact the Ritual Committee.

We look forward to seeing you and your family enjoy the themed Shabbat Oneg receptions.

Michael Salpeter and Laurie Dubin



B'NAI MITZVAH CELEBRATIONS



A student at East Ridge Middle School and our Religious School, Matthew Sherter has been working hard to become a Bar Mitzvah. Residing in Ridgefield with his parents, Craig and Suzanne Sherter and his younger sister, Emma, Matthew keeps himself busy. An avid participant, Matthew enjoys playing baseball, soccer, and wrestling- although he favors baseball which he would like to pursue through high school. To satisfy his artistic and intellectual side, Matthew plays the trumpet in his school's Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band and Symphonic Orchestra. His competitive nature got him involved in Scrabble tournaments, and after winning the New England title he went on to the North American School Scrabble Championships.

Matthew will help lead services on Saturday, August 26th at 10:30AM when he is called to the Torah and becomes a Bar Mitzvah.

He hopes that you will be there to celebrate with him and his family at this wonderful occasion.



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Leslie Gottlieb

"It is much easier to initiate change than to sustain it." This astute remark appears in a chapter that late in the book, *Lost at School* by Ross W. Greene, Ph. D. The book challenges traditional discipline modalities and focuses on

approaches that build successful outcomes. Anyone can relate to this bit of general wisdom, but it is a helpful reminder that in schools, much work is needed by all concerned to consistently reinforce our best objectives.

This concept is very important to consider in all school environments, including ours. Class settings that use positive discipline and employ a strong lesson-planning strategy have the best outcomes that impact most children. At Shir Shalom, each child is treated with an individualized approach to enhance learning and deepen engagement. Coupled with that approach is our commitment to supportive relationships that help to create deep bonds-- and a community that upholds a sense of mutual respect. It's a curriculum that considers student and family needs first.

Although we maintain specific educational goals

for each class meeting, it is this idea of respect that helps to foster a community of learners who all feel comfortable no matter what skills students bring with them. In our situation, we combine learners who have more and less experience in a religious school setting. This becomes an important issue when students are studying Hebrew, especially. Additionally, some students have been exposed to a lot of Judaic culture and ritual-- and others, not so much. Our one-day a week program is greatly enhanced with our weekday Enrichment Program option for students in grades 4-7. This year, it will meet on Thursdays from 4:15-6:00 pm. The program is free. In a setting with a very strong teacher to student ratio, the extra day helps students of all stripes to achieve individual learning objectives.

Our teachers work as a collaborative team to make sure we are meeting the needs of all students. Teachers share notes and helpful strategies for what I think of as... happy learning. We all learn best when we are challenged, feel appreciated and loved. Students react with care and respect to each other when given this model by their teachers. The philosophy needs to come from the school administration—a trickle down theory that really works. Greene writes, "These days, many schools are organized by teams or learning communities. That's because somewhere along the line we figured out that the challenges and problems faced by schools and teachers might be better resolved as a collaborative group rather than by individuals working in isolation." At Shir Shalom, our team of teachers-- really cares.

Our organized culture helps to provide structures for the most positive results. We never compromise on this goal. You have our assurance that your child will be given the most personal care and support possible at Shir Shalom Religious School. As we welcome new students and returning ones, as well, we want this ideal to stand clear and foremost; as we aim to impart Jewish values to our students, nothing speaks to this more than modeling behaviors that match our religious teachings. The message and the messenger have to align—and together we can make concepts like *g'milut chasidim*—acts of loving-kindness-- a reality.

Leslie Gottlieb
Religious School Director





FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

by Jane Emmer

Summer is here and the last day of school has come and gone. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of those who made this year a magical one.

The Early Childhood Center is a supportive, inclusive and wonderful community. We are brought together by our love of children and we survive and encourage each other every day.

Thank you to the families that allow us the privilege of watching their children grow, learn and flourish. We are honored to be a part of your family's journey.

Thank you to the teachers who encourage each other and inspire me every day. The educators in our program share a passion for learning and growing. It is wonderful to watch and participate in a truly collaborative team approach.

Thank you to our Rabbi and Cantor who share their passion of Judaism with our staff and children.

Thank you to Laura and Lori who work behind the scenes.

Thank you Miguel and Leidy for taking care of our building.

Thank you to Bobbie Cohan for being not only my mentor, but my board liaison and friend. Bobbie wears more hats than anyone I know ... and does it all so well.

Thank you to Hal and Gale and the rest of the Board of Trustees for your support of The Early Childhood Center.



I know that we have created something very special... please share how special we are so we can continue to grow and flourish!

Here are some photos of our End of Year Celebration.

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE (con't. from pg 3)

"care" packages, e-mails and cards from time to time on certain holidays or perhaps on their birthday.

We are planning special Shabbat services throughout the year, when we will honor, for example, new congregant families, and volunteers and staff for the contributions they have made.

We will also be encouraging our congregants to use our Facebook pages to share photos and simchas, large and small, with each other.

These are just a few of the initiatives that this new committee is working on. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, we encourage and invite you to contact any of the individuals mentioned above. Their contact information is included in the congregant directory that was distributed a couple of months ago.

Your Co-Presidents,
Gale Berman and Hal Wolkin

continued FROM RABBI REINER'S DESK

my spirits; there is something very special about being part of an immersive Jewish environment. At camp I also learn about living and learning and teaching Judaism including techniques for creating a learning environment where students thrive. Camp is also an epicenter of our movement, a place where new Jewish music is created and dispersed, a laboratory for innovative approaches to prayer, a classroom for learning about the social justice issues that are being pursued nationally, a center for experiencing Israel with staff and campers imported for the summer to help American Jewish youth feel more connected to our Jewish homeland. I am privileged to work with colleagues from around our region, rabbis, cantors, and educators who share my passion for and commitment to a vibrant future for Judaism—I learn a lot from our interactions with campers as well as conversations late into the night. We are not alone in many of the challenges and growing edges faced by our congregation and it is very helpful to hear the responses and ideas of colleagues.

Rabbi David Reiner

Congregation Shir Shalom

is pleased to present

Israeli Dance

for members of our synagogue

Sunday, July 9, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Israeli Dance is great fun; it is culture,
great exercise for your mind,
body and soul!

Come experience and share a passion
for Israeli music & dance.

Reap the physical and mental benefits
of dance! Prior experience not required!

Please contact the instructor, Leng, to
register for the class.

**It is free for members of
Congregation Shir Shalom**

Call 203.912.4086

or email: leng@ctisraelidance.com

A donation to the Jewish National Fund's Forestry & Green Innovations program is being made to honor all of the Religious School teachers for their dedication to our school this year. We honor their teaching service with this program—one that matches our teachers' creative spirit with the JNF's effort to enhance our planet.

SOCIAL ACTION

by Debbie Landzberg and Debbie Lavin

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Our Midnight Run on May 20th was a success!

We brought bagged dinners, clothing and toiletries to approximately 60 homeless clients including 5 women.

They were all very appreciative and helpful in showing us where to park!

Many thanks to all who helped out.

The following folks attended the run into the wee hours of the morning, drove vehicles, purchased socks and made bagged dinners: Paul and Zachary Amerling; David and Ethan Margulies; Frank, Susan, Max and Adam

Andrade and Debbie Lavin. Big thanks to Paul for bringing his truck. Thanks also to others who helped in advance by making bagged dinners and purchasing socks: Vicky Yolen, Debbie Landzberg, Elizabeth Amerling and Amy Margulies. And, finally, to Debbie Landzberg and Suzanne Sunday for helping to organize the donated clothing.

The Midnight Run is a very labor-intensive mitzvah, especially in sorting and labeling the donated clothing.

If we are to continue this very treasured mitzvah, we will need more volunteers to help throughout the months to come. Please let us know if you can help us anytime during the next 6 months.

Also, please consider these meaningful and important volunteer opportunities:

1. Federal Corrections Institute

We need you!

Join our small team of dedicated volunteers – Rabbi Jon and Jean Haddon and Resa Fremed – for monthly Friday evening visits/discussions with a small group of Jewish female inmates.

Truly a moving way to reach out on Shabbat.

2. Daily Bread Food Pantry

Man this Danbury food pantry while needy clients shop!

Next dates are:

Monday, July 24th from 9:15 am – approximately 12:30 pm

Monday, September 25th from 9:15 am – approximately 12:30 pm

Monday, October 30th from 9:15 am – approximately 12:30 pm

3. Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

Help prep and serve a meal to our neighbors in need.

Our team works alongside a dedicated church group on the first Sunday of every month!

Next open dates are:

Sunday, September 3rd from 1:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Sunday, October August 6th, 1:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Please let us know of your interest and availability

....and share this information with others who might want to join us!

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out:

SocialAction@OurShirShalom.org

Many thanks for all that you do!

THE JEWS AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Although the Jewish involvement in the American Revolutionary war was limited, the contributions of two Jewish heroes and the backfiring of virilant anti-Semitic activity helped win the war against the British..

The story can begin with the description of a one-dollar bill. The back of the bill shows an eagle with 13 stars above it. The 13 stars are arranged to form a six-pointed star, very similar to the Star of David. There was a myth that the inclusion of that Star of David in the Great Seal of the United States was a gift from George Washington, honoring Hayim Solomon, a Jewish immigrant from Poland. The truth is that Washington probably had nothing to do with the design, which in turn had nothing to do with Hayim Solomon. The great Seal was designed as the result of the contributions of Charles Thomson, William Barton, and Francis Hopkinson in 1782, and ratified by the first Congress in 1789. From that time on it has been the official seal of the United States. It was first used on the one-dollar bill in 1935.

So, who was Hayim Solomon, and how did he come to be part of that myth? Hayim Solomon was born in Poland in 1740, traveled around Europe for several years, and came to New York City in 1772. He quickly became a successful merchant and was active in the Revolutionary cause. In 1776, when the war began, he received a contract to supply American troops with their basic needs. He was captured by the British, imprisoned, but released, because his

knowledge of German was helpful in recruiting German troops to fight with the British. He used this skill, however to discourage their involvement, and was arrested again, but managed to escape. Solomon fled to Philadelphia, where he resumed his business affairs. Within a short time he became very wealthy, and loaned huge sums of money to the rebels. This was a major contribution to the war effort. Solomon suffered severe financial setbacks in his later years, and died penniless in 1785. This was very likely due to the large sums of money he lent the Revolution and never recovered.

Hayim Solomon was not forgotten. The U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp calling him, "The Financial Hero of the American Revolution", and a monument was erected on East Wacker Boulevard in Chicago, honoring Hayim Solomon, George Washington, and Robert Morris. Solomon's family and descendants attempted to recover the money that the Federal Government borrowed, but failed to do so. That sum of money has never been accurately determined, but according to one estimate (which could be an exaggeration), by today's monetary value, could be as much as 20 billion dollars.

Francis Salvador was another Jewish hero of the American Revolution. He was born in 1740, the great-grandson of Joseph Salvador, a leader of the Sephardic Jewish community. Francis Salvador came to the New World in 1773 and bought land in Charleston, SC. He became close friends with leaders of the Revolution in the

South and was elected to South Carolina's General Assembly. In 1774, Salvador was chosen to be a delegate to the revolutionary Provincial Congress of the colony. He helped frame a bill of rights, and compile a list of grievances against the Crown. Salvador lobbied his fellow committee members to vote for independence, which was not successful.

According to legend, in 1776, Francis Salvador became the Southern Paul Revere. The British recruited a Cherokee Indian tribe to attack the South Carolina frontier as a diversionary operation. Salvador rode on horseback 28 miles, alerting the South Carolina Militia of the impending attack. He then led an army of 330 men into battle, in which he was shot and killed at the young age of 29.

Francis Salvador never lived to hear the delegation vote for independence and join the United States of America. However, he was not forgotten. In 1960, a plaque was placed in Washington Park, Charleston SC, containing the following inscription, "He was the first Carolinian of his faith to hold an elective public office, and the first to die for American independence."

Finally, one British Admiral's anti-Semitic forays against an innocent Jewish Community helped turn the outcome of the Revolutionary War **. In 1781, when the outcome of the war was still not decided, rebel armies in the colonies were receiving large shipments of arms from the trading island of Dutch St. Eustatius. The British were determined to block this process, so Admiral George Rodney was sent to capture the island and end the trading activity. Rodney discovered a fairly large Jewish population there, and being

the anti-Semite that he was, set out to confiscate their property, burn their homes, and imprison many. He destroyed the second oldest synagogue in the Western Hemisphere, Honen Dalim, built in 1739. Rodney was so obsessed with the "Jewish Problem" that he spent many months dealing with it. Meanwhile, back in Yorktown Virginia, the British army led by General Cornwallis, was in desperate need of supplies, The British fleet bringing these supplies, was so severely weakened by Rodney's divergence in St. Eustatius, that made it easy prey for the French fleet under Admiral DeGrasse. The British were easily defeated. General Washington seized the opportunity to pounce on a weakened Cornwallis led army, and while that victory for the colonies did not end the war immediately, it was a significant turning point. So, the Jews of St. Eutstatius, by their mere existence, contributed to the victory of the colonies over the British.

The Jewish involvement in the American Revolutionary War was both direct, and also incidental, but certainly not insignificant.

Reference:

** Jerry Klinger; American Jewish Society for Historic preservation, Jewish Magazine, Installment 3/9, 2004



"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 Nancy Cavillones



Happy Summer, Sisterhood! I'm excited to be writing this as your new Sisterhood president. For those of you that don't know me, I'm a relative newcomer to the area, having lived in Riverdale, in the Bronx before moving to Redding in 2012. My husband, Henry, and I have three children-- Alice (4th grade), Stella (2nd grade) and Micah (pre-K). I own my own social media management business, and serve on the board of Pathways Togo, a non-profit that helps remove barriers to education for Togolese girls and women. I recently stepped down as Communications and Marketing chair for the Redding Elementary School PTA Executive Board in anticipation of assuming my new role

in the Sisterhood.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead and will be spending the summer getting feedback from members and developing a program schedule for the upcoming year! I invite you to get in touch with me if you have ideas or feedback for Sisterhood programs, or if you just want to say hi. I hope to get to know all of you better, and strengthen the Sisterhood bond!

We'll be sending out a survey to Sisterhood members to help us meet the needs (and wants!) of our membership, so make sure you're on our mailing list. Sign up on the website! <http://our-shirshalom.org/get-involved/sisterhood>

Please join us on Facebook, too! Just search for Shir Shalom Sisterhood and stay tuned for upcoming fall events, starting with our Sisterhood Kick-Off Dinner, right here at the temple.

Stay Cool!
Nancy Cavillones



Sisterhood Year End Dinner — A good time was had by all in Mount Kisco

Special Summer Shabbat Celebrations at Congregation Shir Shalom

Mark your calendar for these special Friday night services.
Services are at 6:30 PM.

Arrive at 6 PM for a pre-service nosh and then linger after for
the Oneg Shabbat.

July 7: Sweet Tooth Oneg Shabbat

Featuring many tasty and varied desserts.



July 21: Israeli Foods

Hummus, pita, and other
wonderful Israeli foods.



August 11: Singalong Shabbat

Music for all of us! Come, lend your voice!



August 18: Bubbles and Bubbly (for tots and adults!)

Bubbles for the kids, bubbly for the
grownups!



August 25: Savory Shabbat

Savory hors d'oeuvres as a prelude to
Shabbat services



JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Carly Alterman	David Fiderer	Spencer Kaplan	Leah Rendon
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Rich Cohen	Seth Hisiger	Diane Parson	Alan Waldman
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JULY YAHRZEITEN



Friday, July 7th, 2017

Lena Bank grandmother of Arnold Leitner
 Shirley Berk mother of Tesa Baum
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mother of Michael Berman

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 aunt of Judith Strom
 grandfather of Bruce Winters

Friday, July 14th, 2017

Ruth Drawec mother of Roger Drawec
 Minnie Fremed mother of Charles Fremed
 Diane Kalish mother of Jonas Kalish
 Herbert Markham uncle of Richard Mishkin
 Katharine Reynolds mother of Jean Haddon
 Max Schattner
 Fannie Schoenholz aunt of Laura Steinhorn
 Hyman Sherr father of Eric Sherr
 Sheila Solomon Rose mother of Lisa Baran
 Shirley Winters mother of Bruce Winters

Helen Eydenberg
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 father of Louis Haber
 mother of Allen Kopfstein
 mother of Richard Mishkin
 grandmother of Karen Brenner
 aunt of Karen Conti
 father of Michael Shalett
 grandmother of Elyse Davis
 father of Meridith Sonnett

Friday, July 21st, 2017

Al Arenson father of Linda Arenson
 Seymour Barth father of Edward Barth
 Paul E. Busch friend of Barbara Manners
 Sam Ginsberg grandfather of Jamie Garrett
 Harold Hagen father of Ellen Lipton
 Norman Hirt father of Judy Hirt-Manheimer
 Fran Kupersmidt grandmother of Karen Winters
 Fannie Rotenberg grandmother of Elise Aries
 Hannah Vandervelden daughter of Steven & Judy Vandervelden

Susan Aufsesser
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 Richard Dutka
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 Sheldon Kempler
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 Herbert Waldman

father of Michael Bergman

husband of Renee Hagen
 mother of Lindsay Held
 brother of Felice Kempler
 mother of Lorraine Lazarus-Morley
 father of Maggie Seligman
 father of Alan Waldman

Friday, July 28th, 2017

Beatrice Alper mother of Lonnie Shapiro
 Jerry Blum father of Joshua Blum
 Sadie Dutka
 Sarah "Sally" Kalem grandmother of Beth Waldman
 Henry Langer grandfather of Karen Gerard
 Edith Sherr mother of Eric Sherr
 Minnie Teitler grandmother of Laura Leitner

Rheba Alpert
 Kenneth Bookspan
 Warren Isman
 Lillian Kayser
 Ronald Rose
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 Janet Treitman

grandmother of Karen Blum
 father of Dawn Roberts
 father of Ken Isman
 grandmother of Laura Leitner
 father of Lisa Baran
 father of Maddie Sobel
 mother of Jo Drawec

AUGUST YAHRZEITEN

Friday, August 4th, 2017

Sam Feinleib	grandfather of Leslie Gottlieb	Daniel Fox	father of Lauren Sugar
Harry A. Goodman	grandfather of Marla Kay	Edward Gray	father of Scott Gray
Charles Karsch	grandfather of Karen Blum	Leo Klotz	father of Jeffrey Klotz
Philip Manners	father of Barbara Manners	Edward Mendell	
Jennie Mirsky	grandmother of Carlyn Bergman	Joseph Salpeter	father of Michael Salpeter
Raphael Schwartz	husband of Zelda Schwartz	Larry Sheptinsky	father of Alan Sheptin
Hugo Sternberger	grandfather of Alice Gottlieb	Tamara Uchetel	mother of Lynn Cotumaccio
Matthew Weber	brother in law of Barbara Manners		

Friday, August 11th, 2017

Helga Allen	mother of Rona Salpeter	George Brody	great uncle of Joan Isman
Richard Glass	brother of Michelle Blum	David Malat	father of Lynne Malat
Seymour Sapadin	father of Brian Sapadin		

Friday, August 18th, 2017

Beverly Baer	mother of Lawrence Baer	Belle Baier	mother of Shelby White
Pauline Binstick		Jack Darvick	father of Murray Darvick
Reuben Ginsberg	great uncle of Jamie Garrett	Julius Goodman	
Claire Markham	aunt of Richard Mishkin	Goldie Mitzelman	grandmother of Karen Taylor
Dax Nemerov	friend of Susan Stillman	Helen Orlan	mother in law of Adrienne Orlan
Robert Wallach	son of Margery Wallach and brother of Wendy Wallach DeLucia		

Friday, August 25th, 2017

Rose-Mary Binstock		Charlotte Broder	mother of Stanford Broder
Fred Goetz	uncle of Rosalind Kopfstein	Robert Hammer	father of Michael Hammer
Morris Henner	father of Howard Henner	Joseph Hodas	father of Elinor Darvick
Colette Horvilleur	mother of Laurence Furic	Jacob Levine	grandfather of Stephanie Herbstman
Mitchell Perrin	father of Charles Perrin	Perry Reynolds	father of Jean Haddon
Henry Salmon	grandfather of Brian Chipman	Sarah Schatten	grandmother of Mitch Rapoport
Ruth Schichman	grandmother of Joe Altman	Fred Schwartz	husband of Anabel Schwartz
Fred Schwartz	father of Victoria Yolen	Rochelle Simson	sister of Andrea Jacobs
Roy Wallach	husband of Margery Wallach and father of Wendy Wallach DeLucia		

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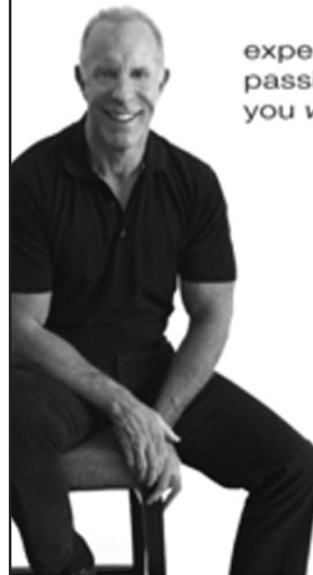
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						1 9:00 am Torah 101: Shabbat Morning Study
2	3	4 Independence Day- Office Closed	5 9:30 am camp ECC	6 9:30 am camp ECC	7 9:30 am camp ECC 6:00 pm "Sweet Tooth" nosh 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	8
9	10	11 9:30 am camp ECC	12 9:30 am camp ECC	13 9:30 am camp ECC 7:15pm- Board of Directors meeting	14 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	15
16	17	18 9:30 am camp ECC	19 9:30 am camp ECC	20 9:30 am camp ECC	21 6:00 pm "Israeli Foods" nosh 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	22 9:00 am Torah 101: Shabbat Morning Study
23	24 Rosh Hodesh- Av	25 9:30 am camp ECC	26 9:30 am camp ECC 3-5pm Ice Cream with Rabbi Reiner	27 9:30 am camp ECC 12noon-2:00pm Lunch & Learn	28 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	29
30	31 Erev Tisha B'av					

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6	7	8	9	10 7:15 pm- Board of Directors meeting	11 6:00 pm "Sing-A- Long" Shabbat 6:30 pm— Kabbalat Shabbat	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 6:00 pm "Bubbles & Bubbly" nosh 6:30 pm— Kabbalat Shabbat	19 9:00 am Torah 101: Shabbat Morning Study
20	21	22	23 3-5pm Ice Cream with Rabbi Reiner	24 12noon-2:00pm Lunch & Learn	25 6:00 pm "Savory Tasting" nosh 6:30 pm— Kabbalat Shabbat	26 9:00 am Torah 101: Shabbat Morning Study 10:30 am Morning Shabbat service- Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Sherter
27	28	29	30 3-5pm Ice Cream with Rabbi Reiner	31		

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