

June 2013

Sivan - Tammuz 5773

*Join us in commemorating
Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum's
Four decades of Service to the Jewish Community*

*Congregation Shir Shalom
4660 Sheridan Drive ♦ Williamsville, NY*

*Friday, June 28, 2013 at 7:30pm
Special Musical Erev Shabbat Service*

and

*Saturday, June 29, 2013 from 4:30 - 6:00pm
Celebratory evening*

*Family Reception with Portraiture session
Kiddie Cocktails and Light Buffet
Music Presentation*

*6:00 - 9:00pm
Cocktail Reception ♦ Havdallah
Tribute Dinner
catered by Karen Genovese*

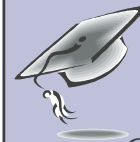
*Klezmer music by Amrom Chodos and
Musical selections by Cantor Sharon Colbert*

*Reservations \$36.00 per person.
Please see page 6 for Reservation Form
and return with payment by June 14th*

SHIR SHALOM FAMILY FUN 4-PACK

Special summer events for you
and your family!
See page 9 for details

JUNE 7, 2013 @ 7:00PM



CLASS OF 2013 FAMILY SHABBAT

Come and Celebrate
the Graduates in your Life!
From Pre-K through
Graduate School -
We will take pride in them all!

Join us at Congregation Shir Shalom this Summer for Pinwheels & Popsicles Story time

for children birth to age 8
and their families

First session
Thursday, June 27th at 7:00pm
See page 11 for details

Celebrate Your Anniversary in June!



A Marriage Re-Consecration event will take place during Erev Shabbat Services on June 14th at 7:30pm. Couples celebrating a "special" anniversary during the year 2013, starting with the 5th year and in five-year increments until the 50th, and every year past 50, are invited to receive blessings on the Bimah with Rabbi Tanenbaum, Rabbi Lazarus-Klein and Cantor Colbert. This joyful way to recommit to the sacred bond of marriage is a most uplifting experience. Please provide your name and anniversary number to Stan and Rella Corris at 636-1541, or via email at scorris@juno.com.

**Upcoming Services
June 2013**

Parashat Shelach-Lecha
Numbers 13:1 – 15:41

Saturday, June 1, 2013
9:00 AM Torah Study

10:00 AM Beit Midrash

10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Zions

Parashat Korah
Numbers 16:1 – 18:32

Friday, June 7, 2013

7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service
Celebrating all our Graduates

Saturday, June 8, 2013
9:00 AM Torah Study

10:00 AM Beit Midrash

10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Troeller

Parashat Chukkat
Numbers 19:1 – 22:1

Friday, June 14, 2013

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service
and Marriage Reconsecration

Saturday, June 15, 2013
9:00 AM Torah Study

10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Holly Stiller

Parashat Balak
Numbers 22:2 – 25:9

Friday, June 21, 2013

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 22, 2013
9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 AM Beit Midrash

Parashat Pinchas
Numbers 25:10 – 30:1

Friday, June 28, 2013

7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service
Honoring Rabbi Tanenbaum's Retirement

Saturday, June 29, 2013
9:00 AM Torah Study

10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 AM Beit Midrash

From the Desk of Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum, D.D.



Dear Friends,

Professor T. M. Luhmann (Anthropology, Stanford University) recently wrote:

"One of the most striking scientific discoveries about religion in recent years is that going to church weekly [or synagogue! addition mine] is good for you. Religious attendance...boosts the immune system and decreases blood pressure. It may add as much as two to three years to your life."

After many thousands of such services, my immune system should last a lifetime, at least! And, while my blood pressure was occasionally elevated by lay decisions and actions which strained Jewish ethics, worship has indeed proven beneficial.

It has been my significant honor to serve magnificent people in wonderful congregations for the past thirty-eight years. Rabbi Morris Adler z"l many years ago wrote that Rabbis are uniquely privileged to "live many lives." We share with our congregants' significant moments in life – joys and sorrows, times of great exultation and depths of despair. Each day adds to our existence and affects our souls. In significant respects, Rabbis gather within us the experiences of so many others, all unique opportunities to appreciate the spiritual journeys of the myriad manifestations of God's image in which we are all created.

My life has been enriched immeasurably in boundless ways by your presence, and the joy of living in your midst these past nine years. As Marta and I embark on this new life in front of us, I thank you all so very very much.

Friends, I have tried my utmost to be present with you and for you. Where I have succeeded, I remain most grateful. Where I have failed, I ask your forgiveness. Human as we are, Midrash teaches that oft times we are all but "little lower than the angels" and "the crown of creation." Yet, too frequently, we need be reminded that we "are created from the dust of the earth."

My deep and abiding gratitude must be extended to my excellent colleague and successor, Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein, and to our astonishing Cantor Sharon Colbert: it is with complete confidence and certainty that I know you will continue to raise our Congregation Shir Shalom to new heights of spiritual commitment, learning and involvement. To our tireless maintenance crew and our exceptional office staff, and strong core of volunteers led so ably (and amiably!) by Joanne Rekon who kept all running smoothly, and especially to my Administrative Assistant, N.Jo Tufts, who managed my calendar while aiding me in myriad ways: I offer my grateful thanks. May our excellent Religious School grow ever stronger as our students gather knowledge and Jewish insight under the vigilant leadership of Sharon Jacobs with her excellent hand-picked teachers. And, of course, a special "todah rabbah" to our own "Tutor Extraordinaire," Harvey Horowitz - truly the best.

Please make it a point, friends, to attend two singular events at the end of June. Marta, my family and I hope to see you during our final formal opportunities to share prayer, thoughts and best wishes Friday and Saturday nights, June 28th and 29th, as we worship and enjoy together.

May your own immune systems be boosted and your blood pressure ever normal!

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum, D.D.

**Rabbi Donald Heskins will present Rabbi Tanenbaum with the
Jane Heskins Messenger of Healing, Reconciliation and Peace Award**
at the Kadimah School Annual Meeting Thursday, June 20th at 8:30pm
1085 Eggert Road, Amherst, New York

The Annual Meeting follows the 7:00pm Graduation

From Cantor Sharon Eve Colbert, M.J.S.M.

As summer approaches, it becomes undeniably evident that life is renewed. The petals have come and gone on my tulips, yellow flowers are budding on my tomato plants, and I have moved the etrog trees that weathered the winter chill in my office to my back porch at home. One more turning of the cycle of life is occurring right here at Congregation Shir Shalom and, I must admit, I am not delighted to see it arrive. The retirement of my dear friend and "bimah buddy" Rabbi Tanenbaum.

During my years in Seminary, my fellow cantorial colleagues and I were inundated with stories about relationships between rabbis and cantors who share a pulpit. Not all the stories were good, and so it was with trepidation that I moved into my role. In Rabbi Tanenbaum, I quickly discovered a clergy partner with an understanding of what it was like to take on a new, full-time career. He became more like a considerate and supportive big brother, a colleague, not an adversary, ready to let me spread my wings from the very first day. Simply expressed, I was relieved and grateful.

My husband Paul and I want to express our gratitude to Rabbi Tanenbaum and Marta for taking us in as an extension of their family. We wish them many more happy, healthy and productive years wherever they choose to live, and whatever they choose to do. June 28th and June 29th, please join us as we honor Rabbi Tanenbaum for dedicating his life to the Jewish community.

Blessings, *Cantor Sharon Eve Colbert, M.J.S.M.*

From the Vice President of Administration

It's hard to believe, but we are nearing the end of our first year, and much has happened. We have had meaningful prayer services, held a number of successful and fun events, and begun to work together more as a community. The Board has approved our budget for the coming year. On the recommendation of the Ritual and Liturgy Committee, we established a kosher style policy that is respectful of the traditions of both legacy congregations, yet flexible enough to allow for a variety of events. Later this month, as we come up on our first anniversary as Congregation Shir Shalom, we will be looking back, as we celebrate the career of Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum, who will be retiring. We will also be looking forward, as we anticipate a successful future for our congregation. Let's continue to build a strong sense of community in the coming year.

Jill Hamilton

Chesed Committee

The Chesed Committee of Congregation Shir Shalom wants you to know that we take care of our members in a very special way; namely, by providing freshly cooked meals for families who: have a loved one just returning home from the hospital; are experiencing the birth of a new baby; or are observing Shivah. All we need is a call from someone in the family to let us know that one of the above situations exists, and we will spring into action to provide a delicious meal for the immediate family. Just contact Gilda Laufer at 834-5870, or email her at bubbe618@gmail.com.

We are also looking for volunteers who would be able to pick up the meals (usually at Wegmans) and deliver them to the recipient's home. This does not have to be a long-term commitment. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you will be called to help. To volunteer, please call Adrienne Crandall at 875-7061, or email her at adrienne.crandall@gmail.com.

Thank you for fulfilling this mitzvah.

Congregation Shir Shalom

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August 2013 Chai Notes Deadline

The deadline for articles to be
submitted for inclusion in the

August 2013 issue of
Chai Notes is **June 21, 2013**.

Please submit articles
to the editor at

laura.yellen@shirshalombuffalo.org

Director of Education Welcomes Guest Columnist

From time to time, I share my column with a guest. This month, as we take a break from the Religious School routine, Erin Zimmerman, who teaches students in the Mercaz Limmud (Study Center) has chosen to share her feelings about our school.

As a young child, growing up in the Temple Beth Am Religious School, gave me the foundation I needed to develop my Jewish identity. It was a warm and nurturing environment that provided me with great role models and lifelong friends. I have many cherished memories of the lessons learned in these classrooms, and the Teachers I learned from. My experiences continued as a Teacher's Assistant, and through Confirmation at Hebrew High. It still makes me proud to walk by the pictures in the hallway and see that our confirmation class was one of the biggest around at that time. During my years as a Teacher's Aide, I developed a further understanding of the passion behind the teaching staff, and the joy of sharing my knowledge of Judaism with the next generation. When I joined the Religious School staff in the fall of 2011, it felt like I had come full circle. After everything my years in this school had given me, I was finally getting the chance to give something back. Some of the faces might be different, but the energy and passion is the same. It is the same warm and nurturing environment, providing the same valuable life lessons. It is such a joy for me to be able to share in the same experiences that shaped the Jewish woman I have become.



Isaac Bluestein, Aaron Fleshler, Mrs. Jacobs, Wilsson Eisenbaum and Millie Topper sing Yom Huledet Sameach - Hebrew for Happy Birthday - to Israel.



(L to R) Rabbi Alex, Nate Gellin, Kayla Yellen, Aliza Berger, Director of Education Sharon Jacobs, Comparative Religions Teacher Gail Lewis, Hallie Kenyon & Rachel Wolfe (missing Leah Finkelstein) joined together at the Network of Religious Communities Awards Dinner where these students were honored with Community Service Awards.



Evan Wolfson, Lillian Usen, Millie Topper, Ethan Yellen and Cooper Laczowski enjoy the Religious School Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration with a "Happy Birthday Israel" cake.



The Jewish Repertory Theatre of WNY
Presents

The God of Isaac
by James Sherman

May 9 - June 2, 2013

Directed by: Saul Elkin

Starring: Kristen Bentley,
David Butler, Darleen Pickering Hummert,
Tom Laughlin, Lisa Ludwig and
CSS member Adam Yellen

Tickets are available at both JCC buildings,
or call 688-4114 ext 391, or visit
Showclix.com

**Mazel Tov to our June B'nai Mitzvah
and Their Families**



Sophie Zionts
June 1st, 10:30 AM



Ethan Troeller
June 8th, 10:30 AM



Holly Stiller
June 15th, 10:00 AM

**2013 - 2014 Religious
School Registration**

Take advantage of our **Early Bird savings** when you pay tuition, in full, by June 30, 2013, or get a new family to register for K - 7 in our Religious School by September 10th, so that you can receive a \$100 discount on one child's tuition! One discount per family.

Attention Parents!

Please send us names of families who might like an invitation to visit our Religious School, and speak with members of our school community.



Please join your family, friends and Rabbi Alex at Shir Shalom for a

Tot Shabbat Service

Friday, June 21st @ 6:30pm

A complimentary pizza dinner will be provided prior to the service at 6:00pm.

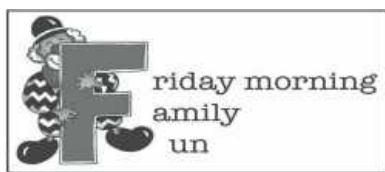
- Mini Service with lots of joyful singing
- Shabbat craft
- Make new friends and catch the Shabbat spirit!

Don't miss this chance to share Shabbat with the little people in your life!
Open to the community

**Attention
Temple
Members!**



Don't forget to save and drop off your "pop tabs" from beverage and other cans in the box in the Temple Office to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.



*Jewish Stories, Songs, Crafts, Playtime and Shabbat
Celebration for Babies, Toddlers & Their Families*

Summer Session
at Congregation Shir Shalom
under the Tent

6/21, 6/28, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2 from 10:00-11:15am

\$36 per family per session (may be brought to first session)
please make checks payable to BJE of Buffalo.

For information or to enroll,
email Ashirah at ashirah76@yahoo.com



L'Chaim Column

Mazel Tov to
Zelda and Marwin Feldman
on the marriage of their son,
Howard, to Gertrud Kosanke.



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The 28th Annual
**Buffalo International Jewish
Film Festival**
June 6 - 16, 2013

16 internationally acclaimed films
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Shir Jazz at Congregation Shir Shalom on Sat., April 20th with the George Scott Big Band from the "Colored Musicians' Club," at which 103 patrons were present. It included refreshments, an auction, and professional dancers demonstrating dance steps.



Julia Cohan, Event Chairperson Adrienne Crandall, Todd Sugarman and Pam Sugarman enjoyed the evening of music and socializing.

ARTWORK DISPLAY

We are still looking thru our collection of artwork from both legacy synagogues. If you have a piece of artwork that you or a family member donated to our Temple and you do not see it, please let us know. Thank you.

A Message From the Men's Group

If you are not already on the Men's Group email list and would like to be, send an email to mensgroup@shirshalombuffalo.com and we will be glad to add you.

Events scheduled by the Men's Group for June include a Family Bowling day, a Golf Outing, as well as our monthly poker game.

We also will be having our monthly Men's Group meeting; this month it will be on Sunday, June 23rd. Note that we usually hold our meetings on the third Sunday of the month, but since this month that is Father's Day, we will hold the meeting on the fourth Sunday in June. Join us for bagels and lox and good conversation.

The Family Bowling Party will be on June 9th at Transit Lanes, 7850 Transit Road in Williamsville, from 12:30 to 2:30pm. The cost is \$11 per person, which includes bowling, shoes, pizza, pop, and fun! Please RSVP as soon as possible, to Dan Ferber at 867-1192, or email him at dwferber@aol.com. Everyone is welcome!

On June 25th, we will be joining a Golf Outing at the Westwood Country Club, followed by food and drinks at Lumber City Pizza. The cost is \$60, which includes food and prizes. Contact Todd Sugarman at 228-3201 for further details, or to sign up.

We continue to have monthly poker nights. These are low-stakes games, and are a lot of fun. No previous poker experience is needed. Games are either at the Westwood Country Club or the Eastern Pearl Restaurant. We have dinner at 6:00pm, and start playing around 7:00pm. Dates are announced by emails; if you are not on the Men's Group email list, send a note to one of the addresses below.

It is not too late to pay Men's Group dues for 2012-2013. Dues are \$36, and go towards supporting Temple activities and needs not covered by the budget. Send checks, made out to "CSS Men's Group," to the Temple Office.

We look forward to seeing you at our activities this month!

Congregation Shir Shalom Men's Group
mensgroup@shirshalombuffalo.com

Dan Kester
daniel@thekesters.net

Dan Ferber
dwferber@aol.com

Rabbi Irwin Tanenbaum's Tribute Dinner ~ June 29, 2013

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

I would like _____ tickets at \$36 each for a total of: \$_____

Please make your check payable to Congregation Shir Shalom and return by June 14th

Congregation Shir Shalom ♦ 4660 Sheridan Drive ♦ Williamsville, NY 14221

Greetings From Sisterhood

Sisterhood extends a huge thank you to the entire congregation for your donations of clothing and housewares for our Spring Rummage Sale held April 14th. We made over \$3,200 due to your generosity. This money goes back to Temple, to support the Religious School and also help with needed purchases around the building. Sisterhood provides funds for building repairs, and replacement of equipment. In addition, money raised from all our fund raisers goes toward the weekly onegs, as well as student gifts for Consecration, B'nei Mitzvah, Confirmation/Affirmation and Hanukkah candles. With your support throughout the year, Sisterhood funds College Connection, which sends small packages to college students living away from home at Hanukkah and Passover. We care about them, and realize they often wish they could be home for holidays.

Did you know your rummage items also support low income women seeking jobs through EveryWoman Opportunity Center, and local refugees through Journey's End? Some of the costume jewelry goes to ladies in Florida who sell it to make money for cancer research. Everything that remains goes to Goodwill. Please continue to support our rummage sales because we really do make a difference throughout the community. These are the volunteers who set up, sold, and cleaned up from our Spring sale. We apologize if we missed anyone. We are grateful to our co-chairs, Rella Corris and Jennelle Whitcomb, and all who spent part of their weekend with us.

Francis Benz	Sue Frawley	Robin Macks	Mark Rubenstein
Faith Chvala	Ariel Goldstein	Carol Marcus	Millie Saks
Chris Cohan	Eva Goldstein	Jean Messinger	Carol Schmeidler
Julia Cohan	Jill Hamilton	Joni Milgram Luterman	Janet Slonim
Terry Cohen	Maddy Hamilton	Cary Moscato	Irv Sugar
Bruce Corris	Phil Hamilton	Ellen Pine	Josh Usen
Rella Corris	Tobi Horwitz	Jennie Pohl	Mary Usen
Nancy Davidson	Bob Kanner	Larry Possess	Jennelle Whitcomb
Alyssa Dewes	Marlene Katzel	Edie Rae	
Sam Dudek	Ann Kellman	Joe Rae	
Marina Finkelstein	Jackie Korchowsky	Robin Raphael	

This is Julia's last article as co-president. Thanks to everyone for your support this year. Jean Messinger and Marina Finkelstein will be co-presidents next year. Please volunteer for our summer and fall events. Let's all continue to work together for the benefit of Congregation Shir Shalom.

Co-Presidents,

Marina Finkelstein
mfinkl@aol.com

Julia Cohan
mgtcohan@buffalo.edu

**Thank you to all the
volunteers who help to
make our Onegs so special!**

**If you have any pictures or
information regarding
Congregation Shir Shalom
that you would like to see
posted on our facebook page, please
email the information to
facebook@shirshalombuffalo.org**

**Sunday, June 2, 2013
12:30pm
Windows on the Green
at the Westwood Country Club**

Sisterhood's Annual Donor's Luncheon

Basket auction with
entertainment by the
Amherst Victorian Dancers.
Prior reservations were required.

Parkinson's Support Group Meeting June 13, 2013

The Parkinson's Support Group will
hold its monthly meeting on
Thursday, June 13th at 6:30pm at
Congregation Shir Shalom.

For additional information, please
call Joyce Gafter at 689-1559,
or email her at joyceelg@aol.com

Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop

Shop at Shir Shalom

The gift shop summer hours
are by appointment only.
Please call Tracy at 636-7477 and
she will be glad to meet with you.



SAVE THE DATE

**Join Congregation Shir Shalom on
Friday, July 19th at 6:00pm
as we are guests of the JCC for
Pray, Play and Splash
at the Benderson Building.**



We will meet poolside on
Friday, July 19, 2013 at 6:00pm for a brief service.

Complimentary pizza and beverages will be provided by the Temple.
If you would like to bring your favorite summer salad to share,
please avoid meat or shellfish.

Enjoy the pool and playground after dinner.

We hope to have a volleyball game
for kids and parents.



Look for more information in the July Chai Notes.

LIBRARY CORNER

With the most famous example being Stieg Larsson's series beginning with *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, mysteries by foreign authors have been increasingly popular over the past several years, possibly because, in addition to the mystery, they offer readers a glimpse into the life of a different society. Now, with D.A. Mishani's *The Missing File*, Israel enters the fray.

A teenage boy has gone missing in a suburb of Tel Aviv, and, at first, Inspector Avraham (Avi) Avraham, is not too concerned. This may be a case of a simple runaway, and even if it isn't, most criminal activity on his path is relatively straightforward. As time goes by, however, and no clues whatsoever are found, it becomes clear that this is an unusual case. Things are complicated by the suspicious behavior of Ze'ev Avni, a neighbor of the boy's family who once tutored him in English, and who seems to know more than he is telling.

Told by alternating between the viewpoints of the detective and the tutor, the story slowly builds to a surprising solution, and then ends with yet another twist that even the detectives have missed.

Like many modern detectives, Mishani's detective is a thoughtful, serious type, with professional insecurities and a troubled personal life, which leaves much room for development in future books. He and Inspector Avraham Avraham are definitely worth watching.

The Missing File can be obtained through the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library system.

Leslie Jaszczak
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Mishebeirach Prayers

If you, or someone you know, is in need of healing, please call the Temple Office at 633-8877 and let us know. We would be happy to add the name to our weekly Mishebeirach List that is read at Shabbat Services on Friday evenings and on Saturdays, followed by a healing prayer.

In addition to the prayer being said, if you would like a call from our clergy, please let us know that as well.

ONEG MEANS JOY

Onegs help us to share in the blessing of Shabbat, and build and nurture our community by giving us an opportunity to gather, informally, on a regular basis.

You can sponsor an Oneg for a Shabbat evening service in honor of a simcha-birthday, anniversary, b'nai mitzvah, graduation, new baby, loved one's accomplishments, or to honor the memory of someone close to you. It is a wonderful way to celebrate or honor people in your life. Every family at Shir Shalom is welcomed and encouraged to sponsor an Oneg. Oneg means "joy." Share the joy with your Temple family!

If you would like to sponsor an Oneg, please call Joanne M. Rekoon, Temple Administrator, at 633-8877. Thank you.



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follow list.



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for the lovely challahs you donate
to Congregation Shir Shalom
each and every Shabbat.



SHIR SHALOM FAMILY FUN 4-PACK

Save the dates for these special events for you and your family!



Sunday, June 9th @12:30pm

LET'S GO BOWLING!

The Men's Group invites you to a family bowling outing at Transit Lanes.

Sunday, July 14th ~ Opening pitch 1:05pm

Take me out to the ball game!

BUFFALO BISON'S BASEBALL GAME

Join your Shir Shalom friends at the ballpark.



Saturday, July 27th

Registration begins 5:00pm, Walk at 6:00pm

WALK OFF HUNGER



CSS is proud to co-host this year's 6th annual walk to benefit The Food Bank of WNY, being held at Island Park in Williamsville. Be sure to stick around for a family-friendly party in the park, featuring food, children's games, music, and more.

Friday, August 2nd

Immediately following the 6:00pm Friday night service

BARBECUE & POT LUCK DINNER UNDER THE TENT



We provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers & drinks... please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

SUMMER IS HEATING UP AT SHIR SHALOM!

Watch your weekly emails for more information, or call the Temple Office at 633-8877.

Between the Covers

Although June has no book meeting, I want to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to organize and lead *Between the Covers Book Group* since 2005. Together, we read more than 60 books of modern Jewish fiction, poetry and biography. Our rotating leadership has allowed many people to share their gifts as incisive readers of literature. For me, it has been illuminating to research and choose books, work with the Temple Office staff and Communications Committee, experience Sisterhood's support, including the handcrafted bookmarks by Jean Messinger each year. Thank you, Grace and Judith Bluestone, for providing continuity and advice for this wonderful book series.

What makes this group delightful is the intelligent participation of more than 50 readers, over many years - some regular, some occasional, all important. I wish everyone well for future Jewish book reading at Congregation Shir Shalom.

Good luck to all in the future, dear readers!

-- Marta Braiterman Tanenbaum



Between the Covers' summertime titles and dates:

- ◆ Friday, July 19th at 11:30am - Rav Hisda's Daughter, Book I: Apprentice, by Maggie Anton (2012)
- ◆ Friday, August 16th at 11:30am - The Arrogant Years, by Lucette Lagnado (2011)

*Brown-bag lunch (one-half hour), followed by the book talk (one hour)

Temple member Dr. Philip Glick was recently featured on an NPR story regarding health care reform.

The Road to a Successful Career is Always Under Construction

by Philip L Glick, MD, MBA, FACS, FAAP, FRCS

Just as our congregations Temple Beth Am and Temple Sinai, felt many endogenous and exogenous forces in the last few years, which resulted in the birth of this new and reenergized Congregation Shir Shalom. The health care industry, health care professional, and specifically myself were feeling seismic forces that required me to internally reflect on my career. Almost 25 years ago, after four years of college (UC Berkeley), four years of medical school, (UC San Francisco), seven years of general surgery and fetal surgery training (UC San Francisco), and two more years of pediatric surgical training (U of Washington), Drucy (Borowitz) and I moved our family to WNY, so both of us could specifically join the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences faculty and the Children's Hospital of Buffalo staff. Ironically, even after all that training, I was naïve and unprepared to completely understand the business of medicine. So, with the incredible understanding of my wife and children (Zoey and Zack), I went back to get an MBA (Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University) in 2003, commuting to Chicago every other weekend for two years. Just as my medical training changed the way I think, so did my MBA experience. This knowledge base, skill set, greater than 35 years of clinical practice, and almost 24 years of teaching and research (Professor, UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences) allows me to level the playing field in the evolving landscape of health care and health care policy. All of us are in the second of a five year roll-out of the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare), and medicine will never be the same. But, my patients, my trainees and I will be optimally equipped to face these changes, and to continue to provide high-quality care in a responsible and sustainable manner.

And, then the phone rang. In the late summer of 2012, the UB VP of Health Affairs (Michael Cain) and the Dean of the UB School of Management (Arjang Assad) asked Associate Dean for the UB School of Management (Katherine Gerstle-Ferguson) and me to better prepare all of our Health Care Schools' (University at Buffalo Academic Health Center) (Medicine, Nursing, Dental Medicine, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Public Health and Health Professions, and Basic Science PhD candidates) students, trainees, faculty, and working health care professionals in financial and business literacy and health care policy. After analyzing the status and the skill sets that will be necessary for their successful careers, I am co-championing a multifaceted set of new initiatives. Beginning immediately, we are offering Health Care School students, residents, faculty, and working healthcare professionals the opportunity to get a dual degree (adding an MBA with a concentration in Health Care Management and/or focused course work in leadership, informatics and entrepreneurship, MBA - New York - Dual Degree Programs - UB School of Management) or special non certificate programs in financial literacy, health care policy, and or interprofessional education. In most cases, this MBA can be obtained in ~ one year of full-time class work, ~ two years of weekend classes, or three to five years of part time night classes. These efforts fit seamlessly in the Realizing UB2020 initiative, which includes: 1) Seeking excellence for students and stakeholders; 2) think as one institution across units and disciplines; 3) enable innovative "out of the box" thinking; 4) be inclusive of every willing voice; 5) reach beyond building strength to problem-solve important societal and economic problems; 6) enhance diversity of our students, partners and friends; 7) be the best community partner in the Western New York region and in the city of Buffalo, as a distinctive national public research university and; 8) develop implementable plans that are achievable and deliverable (Realizing UB 2020 - UB 2020: University at Buffalo's strategic plan). These new responsibilities have been invigorating and quite challenging.

ILJS Weekend

May 31st, June 1st and 2nd

The Institute of Liberal Jewish Studies (ILJS) is a local organization that sponsors educational events for the Jewish Community. Bi-Annually, a Shabbaton is held with the collaboration of Congregation Havurah, Congregation Shir Shalom and Temple Beth Zion.

This year, we are honored to announce that Dr. Fred Lazin will be our Scholar-in-Residence. Professor Lazin is Professor of Israel Studies at American University. He will be exploring several topics about contemporary Israel. At Friday evening services at Temple Beth Zion, we will hear about "Religious Conflicts Among Israeli Jews." Saturday morning, he will continue his presentation with the Dvar Torah at Congregation Havurah, where Professor Lazin will explore "Israel's Changing Collective Identity." This will be followed by a luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00 per person. The concluding event will be held Sunday morning at Congregation Shir Shalom. We will have an opportunity to explore the previous topics in more depth, and enjoy a light breakfast.

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for children birth to age 8 and their families

DATES: Thursdays - June 27th, July 11th & 25th, August 8th & 22nd
TIME: 7:00 - 7:45pm
PLACE: Under our Tent/ rainy days in the Open Area (look for the pinwheels)
DRESS: Children are welcome to join us in pajamas

**Program will include:
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If you need either of our Rabbis for guidance, advice, or if you just want to schmooze, here are their schedules. Rabbi Tanenbaum is available every Tuesday, from 3:00 to 4:00pm; Rabbi Alex is available every Thursday, from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Check with N.Jo at 633-8877 to make sure you are on the schedule, or just stop by the office and they will see you on a first come, first served basis.

**Congregation Shir Shalom
Bingo
Join in the Action!**



June Dates:

Monday, June 3rd
Monday, June 10th
Monday, June 17th
Monday, June 24th

**Doors Open at 6:30 PM
Games Start at 7:30 PM**

**All money raised helps out your
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Bingo Volunteers Needed

We urgently need your help. Bingo is held every Monday night at 7:30pm; the doors open at 6:30pm.

We do not have enough volunteers to operate properly. Our Annual Budget includes Bingo Revenue of \$45,000. Please help us raise the money to meet the budget in order to cover Operating Expenses.

It is a fun and social way to help Shir Shalom. Please contact Phil Herzbrun at phil.herzbrun@shirshalombuffalo.org if you would like to volunteer. If you have any questions, please call the Temple Office at 633-8877. We appreciate your help!

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Our Congregation extends its sympathy to the families of:

Matthew Cole
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**June 2013
Memorial Anniversaries**

June 7, 2013

Sultana Berger, Harry Berman, Nathan Berman, Louis Borins, Toni Bovenkerk, Philip Brody, Dr. Peter M. Cohen, Sam Cutler, Sandra Gale Klein Davidson, Solomon DeBruin, Howard Feinstein, Norman Friedman, Betty Galinsky, Irving J. Grass, Hyman Greene, Charles Herman, Marion Kaplan, Lena Kaufman, Maurice Kohn, Sidney Lettman, Jennie Loonsk, Allen Maren, Rhea Markel, Rose Meyers, Irving Millman, Marvin Palanker, Ira L. Powsner, Frieda Rubinstein, Lois Satuloff, Irving Schlissel, Edith Schnittman, Abraham L. Schwartz, Jack Segal, Hannah Shapiro, Sadie Simon, Betty Snitzer, Claire Spector, Henry Stein, Blanche Subotnick, Morris Wartley, Israel Westerman, Kensett Whitcomb.

June 14, 2013

Harry (Heshy) Balsom, Jack Bartfield, Sam Baumgarten, James Boness, Nathan Cassover, Ida Chodorow, Suzanne Cohn, Stephen Dohn, Joseph Engel, Mary Etkin, Harry Freedman, Sadie Freedman, Jacob Freudenheim, Allen Goldberg, Barbara Goldstein, Bertha Krupnick, Morris Kushner, Sandra Lynn Lodge, Dr. Robert Mintzer, Dr. Walter Neustatter, Sam Paris, Pilar Perez-Carrillo, Albert A. Pierce, Reva Pozner, Samuel M. Reznick, Mary Rosenberg, William A. Rosenthal, Max Schaeffler, Rudolph Schiller, Ethel Schraiberg, Mary Segal, Rose Segarnick, Joseph Seidel, Sarah Seidel, Arkady Sharogradsky, Paul Sohmer, Faye Tomchin, Esther Tubin, Samuel Wexler, D. Beverly Winston, Sybil Yaloff, Estelle M. Yood.

June 21, 2013

Evelyn Alt, Morris Bardach, Esther Brody, Enid M. Brown, Anne Bunis, Allan Cohn, Jim Ellis, Samuel Fertig, Louis Fishman, Lena Freed, Cecelia Freedman, Carl Frey, Golda Gafter, Avrom Gilden, Hortense Goldstein, Helen Hersh, Louis Karnofsky, Goldie Kaufman, Adolph Lansing, Deborah Sue Levin, Rose Lieberman, Samuel Mullman, Samuel Neberg, Thelma Nidle, Maurice J. Powsner, Ruthann G. Raiken, Irene Raphael, Henri Reinhard, Harry Rekoon, Martha Rosner, Charles Schwartz, Essena Schweitzer, Harry Seitz, Harry Serota, Yevgeniy Shustorovich, Frank B. Simmons, Clara Sohmer, Max Sohmer, Arthur Stein, Samuel Stromberg, Ida Tauben, Ethel Ward, Ada Wolpin, Louis Zelikofsky, Leah Ziller.

June 28, 2013

Eva Bachner, Jacob Berkowitz, Ethel Berman, Harold Bernstein, Cecelia Breitbart, Edith Cohen, Michael P. Davis, Yetta Falk, Bernard Goldman, Helen Gross, Dora Herman, Bernice Hoffenberg, Amrum Moshka-Kivovie Kaplan, Ben Kaufman, Harold Korn, Lois Kurtzman, Sophie Kweller, Edwin E. Leff, Geraldine Lemanski, Miriam Kaufman Lester, Fred Lippa, Philip Lippa, Ruth Liss, Nathan Loonsk, Harry Mackler, Marion Macks, Albert Miller, Francine Morris, Joseph Peller, Harry Rachlin, Herman Rekoon, Ida Rickler, Flora Rosen, Samuel Rosengarden, Bertha Rubin, Charles Sellers, Tina Silverman, Sadie Sirkin, Sara Smith, Gerald Stromberg, Jerry Stromberg, Sonya Yurovitsky, Ann Zimmerman.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Our calendar is prepared more than one month in advance of publication and is subject to change.						1 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Beit Midrash 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Zionts
2 10:00 AM I.L.J.S. continues at C.S.S. 12:30 PM Sisterhood Donors Luncheon at Windows on the Green	3 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM BINGO	4 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Tanenbaum 7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting	5	6 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Alex	7 6:00 PM Potluck Dinner 7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Family Service Celebrating Graduates	8 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Beit Midrash 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Troeller
9 12:30 PM Men's Group Bowling Outing	10 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM BINGO	11 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Tanenbaum	12	13 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Alex 6:30 PM Parkinsons Support Group Meeting 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting	14 9:30 AM Vus Tut Sich? Discussion Group <i>RSVPs for Rabbi Tanenbaum's Tribute Dinner Due</i> 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service and Marriage Reconsecration	15 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Holly Stiller
16	17 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM BINGO	18 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Tanenbaum 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	19	20 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Alex	21 10:00 - 11:15 AM Friday Family Fun <i>Submissions for August Chai Notes Due</i> 6:00 PM Tot Pizza Dinner 6:30 PM Tot Shabbat Service 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	22 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 11:30 AM Beit Midrash
23 9:00 AM Men's Group Meeting 30	24 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM BINGO	25 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Tanenbaum	26	27 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Alex 7:00 - 7:45 PM Pinwheels & Popsicles Story Time Program	28 9:30 AM Vus Tut Sich? Discussion Group 10:00 - 11:15 AM Friday Family Fun 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service Honoring Rabbi Tanenbaum's Retirement	29 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 11:30 AM Beit Midrash Rabbi Tanenbaum's Retirement Celebration: Family Event 4:30 PM Tribute Dinner 6:00 PM