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After years of dedicated effort, months of intricate planning and an international outpouring of generous support, the Lost Shul Mural was successfully moved to Ohavi Zedek!

Left: Removing the roof at the Hyde St. location

Below: Arrival of the mural at Ohavi Zedek

Below Right: Lifting the mural into position in the OZ Lobby



Over the next several weeks conservators will be working to remove the various protective layers that cover the face of the mural.

We will be hosting a celebration in the coming months and will be in touch at a future date with details.

For more information or to make an additional gift, please visit www.lostshulmural.org.



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FROM THE RABBI



What are we about when we pray as Jews? From my perspective, religious Judaism has much less to do with teaching and learning ideas than it has to do with nurturing access to spiritual experience.

I remember back in the eighties when some of our teachers at JTS insisted that the very idea of spirituality is foreign to Judaism. That view has softened over the decades as the teachings of Rabbis Heschel, Zalman Schacter Shlomi, Ariel Kaplan and others have rekindled the fire of the spirit about which religious Judaism thrives.

In her book, *The Holy Name: Mysticism in Judaism*, Miriam Bokser Caravella makes clear that the names we use to describe the divine are only our clumsy ways to convey a sense of “the divine power which created and now sustains the universe. It is this creative will or principle...which is the essence of the Torah.”

The names by which we call this divine power are not the power. Indeed, it is easy for us to turn these names into idols when we forget that they are only our best, limited effort to use human language to describe the spiritual essence “that sustains life and infuses us with the finer qualities of kindness, mercy, and inner peace.”

It is through our experience of this essence or power, the very same essence or power which generated the Creation of the universe, that we learn right from wrong; indeed, that we experience the divine love that serves as model for us in our best efforts to be loving human beings.

The wisdom of the first chief rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Kook, is stunning: “The tendency . . . to see the divine essence as embodied in the words [by which we name divinity] is a source of embarrassment to humanity, and atheism, atheism arises as a pained outcry to liberate us from this narrow and alien pit.”

We all know that God is not a bearded white man sitting on a cloud in the sky. What we do not know as well is that God is not an idea. “God” is a spiritual essence with creative power. Trying to relate intellectually to such a powerful spiritual essence is bound to irritate and alienate.

On top of that, this spiritual essence is dynamic. The Creator of the universe did not do the job of Creation once and for all times. Creation is an on-going process through which the infinite power of a dynamic spiritual essence is at work within each one of us all of the time. That’s why after Torah is chanted, we thank God *v’chai’yay olam natah bih’toe’chaynu* (for planting within us eternal life). Spiritual seeds are planted within us all the time, and this is the source of our capacity to choose good over bad; of the gift we are given in being born human to grow in love.

We may not be particularly sensitive to this dynamic spiritual essence. We may be confounded by the very notion, but that does not mean that it does not exist, notwithstanding the plethora of books being published nowadays that claim to prove the folly of religion.

I ignore them, preferring to deepen my capacity to let go of my need to see the world centered around me; of my need to control the flow of life. I practice remembering that, at all times, there is the thinnest of veils separating my bodily existence from its death. Not to worry: planted within me (as within you) is the spiritual essence of eternal life that goes on and on forever. If only we be kinder and gentler with ourselves and each other along the way.

Shabbat Torah Study Session

I want to thank Rabbi Jan Salzman for agreeing to lead the Shabbat morning Torah Study Session each week, 8:30 am to 9:00 am. I’ve enjoyed our sessions and think it is time for new leadership. Much thanks to all who have participated these past years.

~ Rabbi Joshua Chasan

Tisha B’Av

Tisha B’Av is a time of grief, yet ironically, Judaism uses that grief as the foundation for the next round of hope and healing. Our amazing calendar provides us a safe ‘container’ through which we can experience loss and the potent literature of lament. Through this, we find the strength to begin our journey to the month of Elul, and our preparation for the Holy Days.

Please join Rabbi Jan for study and singing before the chanting of the Book of Lamentations on **Saturday evening, July 25, at 8:00 PM.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT



After completing my last piece on “tradition and change” in the May issue of *The Voice*, anticipating a series of joyful events, I anticipated this month’s follow up would be one of pure celebration. At that time, you’ll recall, we were awaiting with deeply bated breath the extraction of the “Lost Shul Mural” from Hyde Street and its relocation to a place of honor in the lobby of OZ. On May 6, a gorgeous Wednesday morning, the countless months of preparation, as indeed the almost three decades of anticipation, were rewarded with a perfect, breathtaking, and—most critically—perfect move. At press time, the mural has been raised into its freestanding position, roughly 11 feet above the floor, where it will to come serve as a unique welcome to our community. Visitors will literally be embraced under Ben Zion Black’s holy Ark of the Covenant, to experience and bear witness to our Eastern European forbears’ simple yet boundlessly joyful expression of life. There is still much to be done before the mural will be fully open and viewable. Tentative plans are to offer viewings in August. Stay tuned (and visit the website – www.lostshulmural.org) for updates.

So, too, we were successful in organizing two well-attended events designed to express our heartfelt gratitude to Rabbi Joshua and Kathy Chasan for their many years of serving this community. At a Shabbos dinner on June 5, attended by more than 100 friends, Gigi Weisman and Raul Guevara expressed on behalf of the congregation their thanks for Kathy’s quiet, humble, yet resolute dedication to OZ’s Sisterhood and its Shuk, and to her larger efforts to foster just and fair educational opportunities for students throughout the Burlington community. Two days later, on June 7, a bright, sunny, and beautiful afternoon, we dedicated OZ’s Holocaust Garden to Rabbi Joshua and Kathy Chasan. Together with the mural, this garden speaks to deeply-rooted congregational commitment to preserve memory while fostering a deeper understanding of the importance of Jewish identity and survival, as well as challenging injustice, indifference and intolerance. As we undertake plans to upgrade the garden and connect it both physically

and spiritually with the mural, via a new entry path, we hope that memory, love, and reflection serve to inspire all who visit to channel the courage and resolve to stand firm in vanquishing hatred and indifference from our community and from the world.

Yet, while there is reason to celebrate, I am fully aware that events in the recent past have not all unfolded either as planned or desired. We did not succeed in landing a new senior rabbi, as Rabbi Geffen opted to accept another offer in a Manhattan synagogue literally within walking distance of his home. This was the best decision for him and for his family. As we move forward, we will apply lessons learned in our previous search, in reaching out earlier to a larger pool of potential candidates, in clarifying some of our solicitation material language, and in striving to deliver in a more timely fashion to the congregation candidates who we believe can and will lead our community for many years to come. Again, stay tuned!

For the upcoming nine months (through March 31, 2016), Rabbi Joshua will remain our Senior Rabbi and *Mara D’Atra*. In recognition of his lengthy and dedicated tenure, the board has arranged to give him time off, including one Shabbos each month. We are fortunate, and the board is grateful, that Rabbi Jan has expressed her willingness to help with rabbinic responsibilities that will arise during Rabbi Joshua’s absences and between his April 1 departure and the arrival of our next Senior Rabbi in late summer. The actions of our Search Committee, our rabbis, and our board, in coming together to address the needs of our community, speak to our resiliency, our dedication, and our confidence for the future.

So, too, we must also rise to the occasion in bidding an unexpected farewell to our Executive Director, Peter Pelaia. Peter’s dedication and his efforts on behalf of our community over the course of the past five years have been indefatigable. We are financially stronger and organizationally better positioned than ever as a consequence of his hard work and the broad set of skills he has shared with us. I’m sure I speak for the entire community in wishing him and his family well in moving forward.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As most of you know by now, this will be my final column as Executive Director of Ohavi Zedek. I have resigned my position effective this coming September. While I'll be staying through the summer to help with the transition, the time has come for me to move on

to new professional opportunities. I do not yet have a new position but we hope to remain in the area. I entered this position hoping, above all, to make a positive difference in the lives of others and to earn the respect of the members of this community. I am extremely thankful for the outpouring of gratitude and support that I have received over the last few weeks that has left me certain that I completed those objectives as I prepare to move on.

The last four and a half years have been very busy for this community: year after year of surplus budgets, growing membership, the construction of a new kitchen, renovated classroom space and the successful rescue of the Lost Shul Mural, to name just a few. And OZ is poised for good times ahead. I'm proud of all of the "big stuff" that's happened during my tenure and the role that I played on your behalf, but I'm prouder still, and gratified more, by the deep bonds I have forged with many of you. While there are hundreds of people that I'd like to thank, space is limited, and I apologize in advance for leaving so many of you out. Operating mostly behind the scenes here is a core of staff and volunteers who care deeply for the well-being of this community and who worked tirelessly to support me and everyone else here over the years.

On our staff are stellar talents like Raul Guevara and Tari Santor, my right and left hand during my time here. Without both of them my job would have been impossible from the start and my successor will be lucky to have them. I know that with both of them here, whoever is chosen to replace me will be in good hands and will have a smooth transition. We were incredibly lucky to add a skilled, kind, and dedicated bookkeeper to the staff in the person of Marcy Carton a few years ago. Somehow Marcy keeps all of the financial balls in the air for us. More recently

we've added Marguerite Bogle and Sabina Kaus, our administrative and facilities assistants, as valuable members of a team that I know will hold the course during this time of change. I can't fail to mention Kathy Guevara, our kitchen *balabusta*, who not only has risen to every catering challenge we've thrown her way but has kept me supplied with samples from the kitchen on many long days and nights at work (much to the detriment of my waistline!). As you'll read further on, Melanie Kessler, our Chavurah Program Director, will also be transitioning from her position this year. Melanie brought a unique perspective and energy to our community, coupled with her skills as a community organizer. I know she will be missed, but I look forward to seeing the fruits of her labor both with the new, innovative Hebrew School program she'll be leading for Naomi and her work with Living Tree Alliance. As you can tell, I was blessed with an amazing staff. Nothing that I did during my tenure here would have been possible without them. They have my unflinching gratitude.

Of course, an outstanding staff is only one part of the equation to a well-run organization. The volunteers are just as critical. This past winter we honored over 160 of you who gave generously of your time to OZ during 2014. Obviously I can't name you all here, but each of you is special and important in your own way. There are a few, though, who were so vital to my role here that I probably would not have been successful without them, so they deserve special thanks. People like Rose Pels and Judy Hershberg made working here not only a pleasure, but a treat. The support of the powerhouse team of former president Vivien Rabin Brown and treasurer Peggy Munro was indispensable, not only for navigating the many challenges of Jewish congregational life, but in achieving all of the major changes in the community over the last few years. The passion and dedication of Aaron Goldberg working tirelessly to save the almost forgotten mural has been a source of inspiration. And Kay Stambler Greenberg who, through her work in transforming the Shuk, has truly strengthened OZ for the future. They say that one passionate volunteer is worth forty who are merely interested. The passion of folks like these and many others for this community were the source of

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PROFILE: DAVID COEN AND SANDRA BERBECO



Although David Coen didn't settle in Vermont until the age of 30, his family's roots were deeply planted in the soil of the Green Mountains. Names of his relatives

include Fishman, Cohen, Gould, Wolk, and Lazarus, familiar to old timers in many Jewish communities throughout Vermont. Sandy Berbeco is a newcomer, having moved here in 2000 to be with David, whom she'd met at a wedding three years earlier. Married in 2004, they have five adult children between them.

The patriarch of David's family, his maternal grandfather Max Fishman, emigrated as a young man from what is now Belarus and made his way to Vermont. Having left his first job on a farm because of allergies, Max worked as an assistant bricklayer at Fort Ethan Allen. Unhappy with that job, he eventually made his way down to Vergennes, and with a pack on his back and later with a wagon peddled from farm to farm in Addison County. In 1905, having saved enough money, he was able to open Max Fishman's Red Door Store on Green Street, which eventually became Fishman's Department Store on Main Street in Vergennes.

Max married Carrie Wolk, daughter of Solomon Wolk, the first Hebrew teacher in Burlington, and between 1908 and 1915 they had four children: Sarah (Gould), Freda (Stroh), Sam, and Gertrude (Coen), David's mother. He was able to send money to brothers and sisters back in Czarist Russia and bring them to America, where they settled in Vergennes, as well as in Burlington, Middlebury, Bristol, Rutland and Brandon. Max was among the founding members of Ohavi Zedek, and his relatives, some being the only Jews in their small Vermont towns, all supported the synagogue. Of the four siblings, only Sam and Sarah remained in Vermont, where Sam became a noted attorney, legislator and judge, and Sarah, along with her husband, Ben Gould, kept Fishman's a flourishing Main Street enterprise. At a Fishman family reunion three years ago, Philip Fass, a videographer who specializes in family documentaries, recorded many of the family's cherished stories and memories through interviews and historical investigation.

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In 1977, Sarah and Ben were looking to retire and put out a call to other family members to buy into the store and take over its management. David answered that call. Having earned a degree from Colgate University and worked as an English teacher, he left his position at the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and moved to Vermont with his then wife, Judy Danzig. Though he'd grown up in Longmeadow, MA, the second of the three sons of Dr. William and Gertrude Coen, David was familiar with Vermont, since the Coen family had always summered on Lake Champlain. Together with his aunt (Sam's widow, Betty Fishman), he owned and operated the store until 1985, and then on his own until 1997.

He and Judy lived in Monkton and then in Vergennes. David recalls driving their children, Stephanie and Thomas, to Hebrew School at OZ, where Judy also taught for a number of years. David served as chair of the synagogue's Education Committee, on the Long Range Planning Committee, and for two terms on the Board of Directors. "It wasn't easy," he says. "I think I was the first member of the Board living outside of Chittenden County." The Coen family eventually moved to Shelburne, but David's marriage to Judy ended after 22 years, around the same time in the late 1990s that he closed the store.

In 1995 Governor Dean appointed him to the Public Service Board. Reappointed in 2001, and again by Governor Douglas in 2007, he extended his term until 2014 at the request of Governor Shumlin. During his 19-year tenure he participated in regulatory work on the state, national and international level, and was the first Vermonter and the first Jew to serve as President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners in its 122 year history. In Addison County he had served his community as deputy mayor, as an alderman, and as Water Commissioner for the city of Vergennes. He also has held a wide variety of local and statewide leadership positions in business, government and community organizations. In retirement, David is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) as well as Starbase Vermont and as a member of the Vermont Transportation Board.

In September of 1997 he attended the wedding

of his brother's son, Matt Coen, in St. Louis, where he met Sandra (Goldberg) Berbeco, a close friend of Matt's mother. Sandy had been divorced since 1995, after 30 years of marriage. Her paternal grandfather had also come from Russia, arriving in America in 1905. Having been trained in "the needle trades," he was put on a train from New York City to Rochester, the home of Hickey Freeman and Bond Clothiers, both well-known men's clothing manufacturers. Her mother's family, the Leveys, were in the retail business. A framed photo of the two stores, Fishman's and Levey's, reveals that the establishments looked nearly identical. Her dad was in the plastics industry, and founded the Nalge Corporation. Sandy and her older brother grew up in a strong Reform Jewish community in Rochester.

Active in Jewish groups throughout her youth, Sandy made her first trip to Israel at 17. She graduated from Boston University with a degree in sociology and an active interest in archaeology. As a married woman raising three children in Newton MA, she maintained a lifelong connection to Israel and to other Jewish causes through various support groups in the Boston area, and was active in community causes as well.

"In mid-life," Sandy says, "I developed an interest in painting." Enrolling in a watercolor class at the Newton Art Center in 1982, she studied drawing, painting and printmaking there during the 1980s and early '90s. At the Museum School in the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston she studied sculpture. While she and David were dating she spent a month painting at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson. "It rained every day," she recalls. "It was a good introduction to Vermont in Mud Season!" To earn a Certificate of Museum Studies in 2001 from Harvard Extension, she completed her program with an internship at the Shelburne Museum. A founding member of 215 College Gallery that was open from 2006-2011, she currently sits on the Board of Directors of Burlington City Arts and Shelburne Museum.

Sandy maintains a studio on the lower level of their home on Dorset Street in Shelburne, with separate spaces for her watercolor work, which she does in the summer, and acrylics, which occupy her in the winter. She has exhibited widely in both Massachusetts and Vermont. (Visit her website, www.sandraberbeco.com). Because of her interest in Judaica, in art and in preservation, the Lost Mural project at OZ was a perfect fit for her. "The mural needs to be preserved

and the story around it needs to be told," she says. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to help make that happen."

Both Sandy and David are avid art collectors and their combined works of art and Sandy's own paintings grace the walls of their home. "We started out with my collection in one room and hers in another," David says, but gradually the two have intermingled. "It was easier to blend our children than our artwork," Sandy adds.

Their children blended very smoothly. Steven, Ross and Minda, Sandy's offspring, are all older than Stephanie and Thomas; all five have advanced degrees from prestigious academic institutions and impressive jobs. Sandy and David are grandparents, thanks to Ross's three children and Minda's 8-month-old son, Leo. And just recently, Steven and his new bride Daisy announced that they are expecting in December.

Now, after 15 Vermont winters, Sandy is happy in the Green Mountain State, though she concedes that moving from the Boston suburbs to the Shelburne countryside has taken some adjustment. The relationship that she and David have built is strong, due, in part, to their similar backgrounds and shared interests. In addition to her new Fishman and Coen relatives, Sandy has also discovered a Vermont relative of her very own, living in Montpelier. Nothing has surprised her more!

~ Judy Hershberg

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HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



I'm very excited about this coming school year. I've been working closely with the OZ Board and the OZHS staff to introduce and build new curricula and programming for this fall.

Currently we are looking to adopt a preschool program for kids aged 4-5 and their families. Sessions, including stories, crafts, movement and more, will meet at OZ and family homes once a month. This will dovetail nicely with our already offered Tot Shabbat and Tot Chavurah.

The family-based learning alternative for 12 and 13 year olds is coming together as well. This program will meet three times a month and include parent/student classes, student only classes and a once-a-month holiday celebration for both. The curriculum here will create a bridge between synagogue tradition and home practice.

Our new SUPER Electives for students 8-12 years old will offer students the opportunity to delve deeper into our rich traditions through their many senses – touch, smell, taste, hearing and sight. These sessions will meet during the second hour of school at OZHS on Wednesdays.

With our president Jeff Potash's vision of community in mind, I now ask you to join me in educating our children.

I've been told many times that when you put the word out for volunteers it's helpful to ask for help with very specific tasks. So here goes:

- Are you a Jewish artist? Do you paint, craft, sing, dance, direct, write? Come and share your expertise and talent with our students. Make a presentation, do an art project, sing a song, lead a play reading, or anything else you can think of!
- Do you have a favorite Jewish recipe? A favorite food tradition around the holidays? Share your stories with the kids, bake a challah, make a cholent!
- Are you passionate about protecting the environment? Come and meet with the kids and challenge them to find ways to make OZ a greener

space, design and lead a project!

- Have you had an interesting experience in Israel? Studied there? Lived there? Born there? Share your adventures and help make a connection for our kids to this small country that is so far away in so many ways.
- Do you have a favorite way to celebrate Shabbat? An old pair of Shabbat candlesticks with a story to tell? You'd be surprised at how many of our students at OZHS don't ever celebrate Shabbat. Share the joy with them!
- Are you a Hebrew speaker? Come and spend some time in the Language Learning Lab where you can work with a student one-on-one.

You'd be surprised at how much you have to share with our students. And you'd be surprised at how much they will share with you. Wouldn't it be nice if our Hebrew School community and our synagogue community came together in this way?

What a mitzvah it is to educate our children. Let me know how you can help!

~ Naomi Barell



Class of 2015 on
Graduation Day, May 17



Hebrew School Principal
"getting dunked" in the
dunk tank

CHAVURAH PROGRAM



Many of you know me as the Chavurah Director, but as I write this article to transition out of my position, I thought I would complete my work with a story of my own beginning at Ohavi Zedek 12 years ago. In 2003, I came back to Vermont for the mountains

after a few years gathering inspiration and work experience in the hills of rural Oregon near Eugene. Twenty-two years old with little money and a lot of ideas, I began a job teaching the B'nai Mitzvah class with Cantor Jerry and directing the Tsofim YJ group while working at Recycle North. Mid-year, amidst costumed skits of Ezekiel's colorful visions of the *Merkabah* and pajama fashion shows at YJ sleepovers, I rushed home one bitterly cold day in late January to see firefighters shoveling the ashed remains of my first apartment. Soon after, my boyfriend pulled up stakes and returned to Oregon. Upon hearing of my situation, the Ohavi Zedek community responded by raising more than \$1,000 and filling Rabbi Chasan's office with furniture, handwoven rugs, tapestries and all the things that I needed to move into a new place. Forever moved by this experience, I committed to being part of creating the community aspect of congregations: assuring that the home of worship and education also became a place of connection and multigenerational community.

Over the past two years, I have experimented with different ways to expand the community of Ohavi Zedek and to connect families to Judaism in their home lives. I was challenged to ask many questions about Jewish life, and through asking these questions with others my roots to our traditions have deepened. Here are some of my leading inquiries. What are yours?

- What does it mean to gather together?
- What skills are needed to hold a circle of ritual that is inclusive, universal and personal?
- What role does the synagogue play in helping to encourage Jewish life in the home and the Chavurah community?
- In our virtual world, how do we build communities based on personal connection and monthly emotional commitment?

- How best is the rhythm of Judaism's sacred calendar experienced in family life?

More than anything, this job has allowed me to share my love of children, Judaism and Vermont with great people who are courageous and open enough to share their yearnings for more moments of grounded spiritual connection. In Chavurah, it is my belief that we can feel cradled enough by the Jewish holiday rhythm that we can be transformed by this holy movement of time that is shared with our ancestors and friends. I have discovered that in order to really experience the power of Chavurah, monthly commitment is necessary but increasingly challenging in our busy world. I have also discovered the power of home-based community Jewish Sabbath dinners and how important it is to make Shabbat holy by inviting people to gather in song, reflection and hope.

Next steps for the Chavurah Program:

We will announce a new Chavurah Director in the Sept/Oct issue of *The Voice*. The Chavurah Director will continue to support the five existing Chavurot: Tot Chavurah, Pre-School Chavurah, Elementary Chavurah, Renewal Chavurah and the Arts and Culture Chavurah. She/he will work to increase opportunities for members to connect with each other out of the synagogue. If you are curious about the Chavurah program, please be in touch through email at chavurah@ohavizedek.org.

I will be focusing my efforts on creating multigenerational, seasonal Jewish celebrations through the Jewish startup, Living Tree Alliance (www.livingtreealliance.org). I hope you will come to experience Vermont-style Jewish spirituality at the Second Annual Sukkot on the Farm Festival, the Tu B'Shvat Shabbat Ski, and the Shavuot on the Mountain Festival next year.

As well, I am honored to take the work that I have done teaching a family-based, spirituality-focused Hebrew School for the Richmond Chavurah to Ohavi Zedek. Next year, OZHS is launching *Makom*, an alternative family-based middle school program for families as they prepare for b'nai mitzvah ceremonies in the 6th and 7th grade. This program

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SOCIAL ACTION

The Interfaith/Social Action Committee sponsored a special Lunch & Learn event to focus on issues associated with aging. Nearly eighty members of our synagogue and broader community came to hear Jim Leddy, former AARP Vermont State President and Chittenden County Senator, and a long-time neighbor of Ohavi Zedek. Jim provided us with a demographic, policy, and personal context of aging here in Vermont, the state in the nation with the second oldest population, after Maine. He gave an informative and sobering talk that touched on the necessity and the limitations of current government programs that exist for seniors. Jim also spoke of the importance of family and community in addition to government. Channel 17 filmed his excellent talk and Q&A; you may watch the program on line by visiting <https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/issues-aging>.

To help shape programming for the coming year and beyond, members of the Social Action Committee initiated discussions at each table to learn about our community's concerns and needs relative to aging issues. Questionnaires designed to capture this information were at each place to be filled out. The input from the questionnaires and the discussions will be used to help us plan interesting and responsive programs for the coming year. This could include holding seminars or panel discussions, joining interfaith or community efforts, helping to form support groups of people dealing with similar issues, and expanding the *G'mach* (Acts of Loving Kindness) effort.

If you are interested in programming on senior issues, but were unable to attend, please give us your input by completing the questionnaire, copies of which are available in the synagogue office. If you would like to get a copy electronically, email ecorbman@verizon.net and you will receive a copy that you can print. Once filled in, please send to Eric and Karen Corbman, 67 Northshore Drive, Burlington VT 05408 or email it back.

Thank you!

~ Eric and Karen Corbman
ecorbman@verizon.net

THANK YOU



I am extremely honored to have the playground named after my wife and me. I care so much about the community, especially the kids that have grown up while I have been here for 30 years, and I look forward to continuing to watch today's kids play and grow up on this playground. We are absolutely thrilled to forever be a part of this community. Thank you everyone involved and special thanks to Naomi Barell for all her efforts.

~ Raul Guevara



Playground Dedication
May 17, 2015

Raul and Kathy
with daughters and
grandkids

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences

- To Edie Goldberg on the death of her husband, Mayer Goldberg.
- To Keith Kasper on the death of his father, Francis Joseph Kasper.
- To Sara Sussman on the death of her husband, Yaesef (Joe) Sussman.

Tree of Life

- Friends of Jeff Rubman have purchased a leaf on the Tree of Life in honor of his 70th birthday.

Mazel Tov

- To Marilyn Cohen on the celebration of her 90th birthday.
- To Michael and Dana Engel on the marriage of their son Seth to Ilana Pearlman.

Thank You

- A *BIG* thank you to our anonymous donor for the purchase of both the picnic table AND park bench for the Raul and Kathy Guevara Playground!
- To everyone who participated in our Fourth Annual Online Auction (OZ-Bay). And thanks to all who shared the link with your friends and family.
- To everyone who made the kiddush in celebration of my 80th birthday so special – my husband and daughters, my grandchildren, the OZ catering crew, everyone who attended, and all who have sent along their good wishes. It was a wonderful day for my family.



One of Judy's photo centerpieces

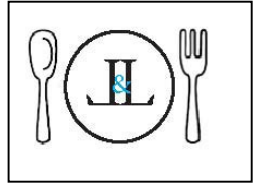
~ Judy Hershberg

Please Note

- The Playdate originally scheduled for June 28 at the home of David & Vivien Brown will be rescheduled in the fall.

LUNCH & LEARN

On June 18 our special Lunch & Learn program, sponsored by the Interfaith/Social Action Committee, launched a year-long project to begin in the fall with a focus on issues of aging.



[See page 10 for further information.]

This has been another exciting year of eclectic programming and delicious luncheons. As always, our heartfelt thanks to Kathy Guevara, Barbara Silver and Rose Pels for their outstanding efforts in preparing these luncheons. This year they were joined by OZ member and former chef Bruce Cohen and others who pitched in in big ways and small, notably Jeff Potash, Barrie Silver, Steve Ades and junior OZers Faye Cohen and Hannah Ades.

We are grateful as well for the L&L flyers designed by Tari Santor, and to Raul Guevara for setting things up and keeping everything on track.

And, of course, a great big chocolate kiss for Gary Coffey and Lake Champlain Chocolates for the yummy confections that always sweeten our L&L afternoons.

Finally, many thanks to all the attendees who support our Events Committee efforts.

Have a great summer, and be sure to look for the Lunch & Learn column in the September/October issue of *The Voice*.

~ Judy Hershberg

LAST CALL FOR YIDDISH THEATRE 2015!

- If you'd like to join us on SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 for this year's theatre trip to Montreal to see a production of "The Dybbuk" please send a check in the amount of \$100/person, payable to Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, to Judy Hershberg, 32 Glenwood Lane, Burlington, VT 05408 NO LATER THAN JULY 10. (Cost includes transportation, theatre ticket, dinner and taxes). Call Judy at 863-4214 for further details, or email jhersh@burlingtontelecom.net.



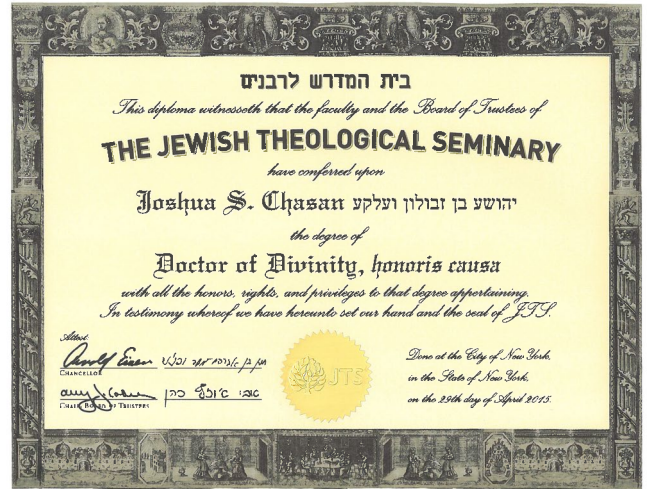
RABBI JOSHUA AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE

On April 29 the Jewish Theological Seminary awarded Rabbi Joshua Chasan the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, with the following statement:

The religious faith you found as an adult sustains you in fulfilling your childhood identity: called, as a Jew, to repair the world.

Raised in a culturally Jewish but secular home, you discovered traditional Judaism after studying 19th century American Christianity for your doctoral dissertation in history at the University of Pittsburgh. Your book *God Hold Me* supports others seeking a secular-to-sacred path of their own. As senior rabbi at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue in Burlington, VT you have woven a heterogeneous group of Jews into an inclusive congregation. But your tapestry of peace envisions a much wider picture. Bringing Jewish, Christian and Muslim children together, you helped create the camping program Kids4Peace Vermont, later serving on the Kids4Peace USA board. And when you arrived at your position 24 years ago, Burlington's Sister City agreement had become a platform for criticism of Israel. You helped reconfigure it into a tripartite connection, among Burlington, Bethlehem and Arad, Israel: the first-ever Sister City pact linking American, Palestinian, and Israeli communities.

You are a maker of peace among religions and a defender of Israel.



THANK YOU

Todah rabbah, much thanks to all of you at OZ who honored us with wonderful celebrations of our time



with you here in Burlington. We are very grateful—for the really loving dinner in honor of Kathy, the dedication of the Holocaust Garden in our names, and the magnificent guitar hand crafted by David Whitmore. Knowing how many of you helped to create these events and gifts, we hesitate to mention any names, but we do feel much gratitude for Barbara McGrew who organized the dinner, Raul Guevara and Gigi Weisman who spoke, Michael Schaal and Jeff Potash for all of their leadership and kind words. It is good to feel so much love after these close to twenty-five years. We expect to be bi-local, in Maine and in Vermont, and look forward to many more years of loving friendship.

Thanks as ever to Kathy Guevara and Rosie Pels and the kitchen team, as well as to Miriam Mayer for the very loving photograph.

~ Kathy and Joshua Chasan

HOLOCAUST GARDEN DEDICATION

On Sunday June 7, after the Congregation Meeting, a large group of OZ members gathered in the Holocaust Garden to honor Rabbi Joshua and Katharine Chasan, and to acknowledge both the end of an era in Joshua's role as our rabbi and the beginning of a transition that will lead to his retirement.

The congregation presented him with a one-of-a-kind gift in gratitude for his nearly 25 years of service and leadership. The gift, a beautiful guitar crafted by David Whitmore, a fine woodworker and guitar maker, recognizes Rabbi Joshua's talents as a musician and an artist.



Immediately after the presentation of the gift, the Holocaust Garden was named after Rabbi Joshua and Kathy, with an unveiling of an engraving on the meditation stone facing the memorial monument and next to the sculpture of the musician with broken fiddle, which represents the broken and and horrific consequences of the Holocaust. I wish to thank Yoram Samets and Linda Kelleher for making the engraving possible. It is itself a work of art.

Shortly, I will be calling together a small working group to actualize the refreshing and revitalizing of the Holocaust Garden. I believe the garden should be seen as intimately connected with the mural. One day it is my hope that those viewing the mural will walk through an Interpretive Center displaying and explaining the mural, the Jewish history of Burlington and the connections with the Holocaust. Viewers would then walk out a door into the garden. The garden is now, and will continue to be, an outdoor meditation space where we can contemplate the Holocaust and meditate. Landscape plans have already been created for this project.

The dedications on June 7 were the culminating events in a series honoring Rabbi Joshua and Kathy that began with a wonderful folk concert in the spring. There was an event honoring Rabbi Joshua by the OZ Hebrew School and an Interfaith Seder sponsored by Vermont Interfaith Action and dedicated to Rabbi Joshua. On June 5, a wonderful Shabbat dinner was held honoring Kathy, with speeches by Gigi Weisman and Raul Guevara. Still to come is a Memory Book now in the making, to which many of you have submitted reminiscences and pictures about Rabbi Joshua. A photographic portrait of the rabbi, also still to come, will hang on the walls of OZ so that in the future all will be reminded of the presence and impact of our spiritual leader of 25 years.

I wish to thank all those who organized and implemented the many events in honor of Joshua and Kathy. It was a team effort and I am very proud to have been part of the team.

~ Michael Schaal



YOUNG JUDAEA NEWS



This summer we have a huge contingent of youth going to numerous Jewish camps and programs. We wish to thank the Greenberg family and Annette Lazarus, whose generous contributions to the Greenberg-Lopkin and Howard Richie Lazarus Camp Scholarship Funds make this possible year after year. We wish you all a wonderful summer!

Now that the hustle and bustle of the school year is over, we hope you'll take some time during these long, beautiful, summer days to reflect on where Young Judaea fits into your children's lives. I know it's hard. We are all so busy; our kids have school, sports, music lessons, and other summertime activities. But some things are important.

Young Judaea's five pillars: Pluralism, Zionism (belief in the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish State), Social Action, Jewish Identity and Peer Leadership, contribute to the development of our youth in becoming the strong Jewish leaders of the future. Our graduates are activists in their college communities as well as out in the world at large.

Young Judaea welcomes kids of all Jewish backgrounds, and it's so wonderful to watch the bonds of friendship bloom between kids from Ohavi Zedek and those from Temple Sinai, Beth Jacob, JCOGS (Jewish Community of Greater Stowe), Chavurah groups and unaffiliated Jewish youth. Through Young Judaea, these friends learn about and develop connections to each other, their Jewish community, Israel, and *tikkun olam* (doing "good" in the world).

We have three groups, divided by age: Ofarim for 2nd - 4th graders, Tsofim for 5th -7th graders, and Bogrim for 8th-12th graders. Ofarim and Tsofim meet approximately four times a year for events and Bogrim meets monthly. Our *mazkirut* (youth board, or the Maz as they are known) are responsible for running the Bogrim club with adult supervision. Everyone works hard to ensure that our events are fun and educational, incorporating a component of *tikkun olam*.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead with incredible advisors and amazing kids. We hope

you will encourage your children (and their Jewish friends) to join us. You will not be sorry.

Our Ofarim and Tsofim groups had a wonderful year, led by advisors Topaz Weis and Edorah Rubin. They went apple picking and made apple pies, which they donated to the Respite House. They made terrariums, went hiking, climbing and ice-skating, and made many, many hamantashen. We thank them for their great work with our kids and wish them all the best in their new endeavors.

~ Youth Director: Francine Pomerantz
kasperantz@gmavt.net or 434-3443

Welcome Ofarim Advisor - Melanie Needle

Melanie Needle is a New Jersey native who has called Vermont home since 2003. She is super enthusiastic to be part of the Young Judaea community. Melanie makes 10 lbs of latkes every Chanukah and loves sharing Jewish holiday traditions with Vermont friends, when traveling back home to NJ is just not possible. She hopes to become a bat mitzvah as an adult and wants to learn how to play mah jong. Her favorite Jewish children's book is *Five Little Gefiltes* and she still has the Passover Seder plate she made in Jewish preschool. She loves using Yiddish words daily and enjoys exploring what it means to be Jewish with her kids.



Tsofim

We are in the process of looking for a new Tsofim advisor. This is a paid position that can work flexibly into your schedule. If you are interested in this position or have someone to recommend please contact me, Francine Pomerantz, kasperantz@gmavt.net or 434-3443.

YOUNG JUDAEA NEWS

Bogrim Advisor

Gail Issenberg lives in Shelburne with her husband Bob and daughters, Erica and Holly, both active Young Judaeans. She loves to cook, garden, cross country ski, hike and spend time with her family – and is very excited to be spending her third year with the inspiring and fun group of Bogrim kids.



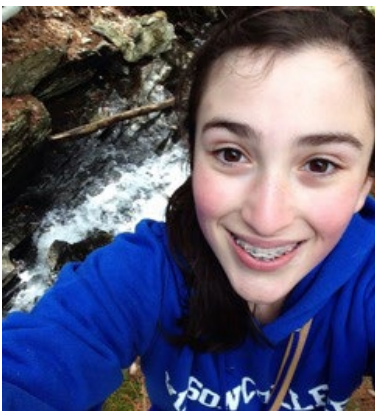
Gail says:

What a splash everyone had at the Jay Peak Pump House Water Park. We held our annual Asepha elections to vote in and welcome our new Mazkirut leaders, Holly Issenberg, Renee Dauerman, Abby Rosenthal and Matt Ellison. They planned many fun and exciting events last year and are very proud of the beautiful rain garden they planted at Ohavi Zedek in May. The Maz have been very busy planning the events for next year, with the kickoff event on August 30. We will be sending details of this event soon, and it will sure to be another great splash, one that Bogrim kids won't want to miss out on.

We look forward to seeing old and new faces at our upcoming event.

Meet our Maz

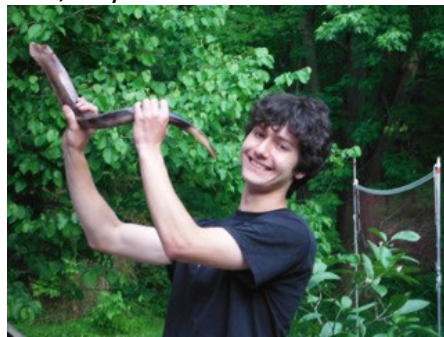
Hello! I'm Abby Rosenthal I am co-president of Young Judaea. This will be my third year on Maz, and I'm excited for it!! I go to CVU High School. I play field hockey and I do track. I also do debate and other clubs. You should come to our events! See you there!



Hello everyone, my name is Holly Issenberg. I am co-president this year on the Maz. This will be my second year on the Maz as I go into my sophomore year at CVU High School. I am on the rowing team at CVU as well as the Nordic ski team. I am very excited to be spending another year on Maz as president and I am looking forward to another fun year with Young Judaea.



Hi, my name's Matt Ellison and I'm YJ's Pirsum (Communications leader) for the 2015-2016 year. I enjoy running, playing tennis, juggling and spending time with family and friends. I look



forward to expanding Young Judaea and keeping up the great events for this coming year!

Hi, my name's Renee Dauerman and I am YJ's Social Actions Programmer for the 2015-2016 year. Currently, I am a sophomore at CVU High School. This will be my second year on Maz. I enjoy playing tennis, spending time with friends, art, music and playing piano. I look forward to planning and participating in all of our events this coming year. Additionally, I can't wait to meet all of our new Young Judaeans!



BAR MITZVAH

**Bradd and Tracy Rubman
invite the Congregation to attend
the Bar Mitzvah of
Samuel Rubman**



**Shabbat, August 29, 9:00 am
Kiddush following services**

As the peonies bloom and the air is sweet with the aroma of the mock-orange bushes, I write to laud the beauty of our bar and bat mitzvah students. Each and every one of them have stepped through their own personal challenges, to stand before us and chant and sing and lead the congregation. In this week's Torah portion, that of *Chukat*, we learn that the wandering Israelites were in constant need of water, the lack of which made them very grumpy and long for those golden days when they were slaves! One midrash tells us that the water was all around them, but they could not access it because they couldn't see it. We here at OZ can see the living waters of our youth around us, and it quenches a thirst in us that brings our community not only joy, but also an assurance that we are nourishing the future. May our young ones go out into the world, and know how very delighted we are in who they are, and who they are becoming.



Blessings Abound
~ Rabbi Jan

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I close on a far different note than I had imagined back in May, drawn to the biblical verse from Ecclesiastes: "To every thing, there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." We will, in future months, find time and reason to celebrate as I imagined in May. Speaking for the board, the Rabbinic Search Committee, and all OZers willing to help, it is time for us to work hard to put in place a new leadership team (Senior Rabbi and Executive Director) by next year at this time. It is our time to plant seeds, so that we can sow benefits in the coming months and years to come.

~ Jeff Potash

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my strength and perseverance in a challenging role.

It's amazing to think just how impossible my job would have been without any one of them, and they are just the tip of the iceberg. To all of you who have participated in ways big and small at OZ, thank you so much for your support.

I wish the community and each of you all the best, and I hope to see you all soon! Thank you for making my time here so special.

~ Peter Pelaia

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includes home-based chavurah celebrations, field trips, outdoor retreats and parent/child classes designed to explore Jewish identity and personal spirituality. We are urging people to sign up now for this program and an innovative new preschool program called Shalom Explorers. Please contact Naomi@ohavizedek.org for more information or call Melanie at 802-385-1039. You may also check our website.

May we be inspired by our ancestors, who only knew community living. May we remember to show up for each other, to have the courage to share the truths in our hearts, and to listen deeply to our friends, neighbors, family members and to ourselves. May we have the motivation and curiosity to search our Jewish heritage for its many gems of tradition and wisdom that inspire us to be the holiest people we can become in this one life we have here together.

~ Melanie Kessler

SHALOM SHUK HAPPENINGS



Over and over we realize that we are “all in this together.”

A lady came in on a hot day and said, “This is the place to be today.” She lives nearby without air conditioning in her home. She needs your store on very hot days not only to shop, but also to cool off.

“Your store.” Why did I just call the Shalom Shuk your store? My reasoning is: the Shalom Shuk is truly a place where we are all a part of our community and our Jewish community. We are out back, in the white barn, sharing what we have with our neighbors and they with us. Both Ohavi Zedek members and the wider community give and receive within the Shuk. Some folks even meet friends that they haven’t seen in years and take the time to catch up on personal and family happenings.

Some folks don’t have a lot of money to spend on household goods and clothing, and yet they truly value quality merchandise. They shop with us and have a sense of worth not only in their purchases but also in how we respect and care for them. When we ask,

“How are you feeling today?” it is not an idle question. We listen to the response and delight in good news and share the sad happenings in their lives. When the same customers come in the next time, they will frequently update us on what is happening in their lives.

Recently, a woman, Margaret, listened to my story of my daughter Marni having been diagnosed with cancer. She told me about her grandson Joshua struggling for life after being born premature. We said we would each pray for the other’s family. Each time Margaret comes into the shop she asks for Marni and I for Joshua. So far our prayers are working and we gather strength from one another.

And Rose comes in with more energy each time. She is now five years past her last cancer radiation and doing fine. These days she shops for family that she visits in France. Michael, a refugee 10 years ago, now a United States citizen, shops for his sister back home in Burundi. Knowing the size of her shoes, he selected many pairs to travel with a friend who was returning home for a visit.

Then there are the folks who are working to build a classroom in Haiti. Marilyn bought 15 dresses and as many pairs of shoes to take with her when she goes this summer to work with her project to build the classroom. Accompanying her was Joseph, who has been in Vermont for a semester and will be bringing back clothing for his family.

It is our community: Jewish, Moslem, Christian, Hindu. It is your store, and everyone is welcome.

~ Kay Stambler Greenberg



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In Loving Memory of Leo Cohen by Jeff Priest & Nazly Guzman

Rabbi Wall Endowment

In Loving Memory of Jed Picoff and Ronald Picoff, M.D. by Ghita Orth

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

David & Helen Samuels
In Honor of
Rabbi Joshua and Rabbi Jan for the lively, warm, meaningful Seder by Mike Strauss & Rebecca Sherlock
Rabbi Joshua's honorary doctorate by Mindy Evnin
In Loving Memory of
Esther Cohen Brown by Dr. Stanley Brown
Goldie Horn by Irwin & Maria Horn
Rose E. Cohen, M. Mark Klein and Howard Lawrence Cohen by Jacqueline Klein
Julius Stern by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Breckenridge
Harriet Krieger by Bertram Hoffman & Lillian Golovin
Gertrude Bick, Marion Foss, Esther Scheinfeld by Robert & Carol Bick
Harry Press and Samuel Isaacson by Betty Press
In Memory of
Joe Sussman by Floyd & Vonetta Lapidow
Ida Rosenberg Broide by Mace Broide
Sam Hand by Sally Hand

Sydney Samuelson Endowment

In Loving Memory of Carrye Glass by Irving Glass

Scholar in Residence

In Memory of Harold Brody by Barbara Brody & Martha Abbott

Torah Repair

In Honor of Judy Hershberg on her 80th birthday by BG H. Michael & Cheryl Goldstein

Wool - Cohen Fund

In Memory of Joe Sussman and Robert Wool by Edythe Wool

YJ Program Support

Eric Hall & Elizabeth Greenberg and Elaine Greenfield
In Memory of Francis Joseph Kasper by Drs. Gary & Miriam Sturgis

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Wednesday 7/1/2015

George Levin
Rachel Rose Kropsky Helfand*
Rachael Lash*
Harvey Lester Rose
Dr. Siegmund Wildholz*

Robert M. Rosenberg Jr.
Harry Levine*
Selma G. Minsky*
George L. Solomon*
Kenneth Patton

Jennie Glass
Samuel Lamden Bornstein*
Morris G. Zaetz*
Dr. Julius L. Alpert*
Jeanette Dorothy Lewis
Murray Tulis
Harold Landsman

Rose Lillian S. Shafran*
Alex Colodny*
Evelyn Schein Cohen
Joseph Solomon
Gladys (Nan) Parker*
Mindy Rosenthal*

Thursday 7/2/2015

James Kremer
Sigmund Witt*
Edith Wallace Lurie
Max Ahrens
Anne Leah Stoler*
Augusta Trattner Peyser*
Frances Emmons Carver*
Joel Gordon Thomas*
Florence Rubin

Thursday 7/9/2015

Bessie Margolis Gladstone*
Dinah Press
Ida Shushine Goldberg
Phillip Oklan
Molly Sussman*
Murray J. Gimbel
Louis Lublin
Harry Abraham Keller*
Arnold Schein*
Alfred Lurie

Saturday 7/18/2015

Ida B. Kropsky*
Rebeka Scharf*
Mary Ann Pels*
Patricia L. Glickstein
Marilyn Grossman

Saturday 7/25/2015

Yetta Wasserman
Fanny Allen Feen
Tillie Chinks Hoffman
Sara London Hinman*
Julius Shapiro

Friday 7/3/2015

Harry Cohen*
Rose Levine Dworsky*
Morris Gittleson*
Lena Dora Luria*
Harry Schwartz*
Anna Goodkin Litsky
Audrey Weiss
Chaya Heller

Friday 7/10/2015

Rose Alpert*
Bertha Miller
Bernard Harold Zais*
Max Speier*

Sunday 7/19/2015

Mildred B. Agel*
Minnie Epstein*
Abraham M. Tabatsky
Harry Gewirtz*
Joseph Steirn
Harry Samuel Cohen*
Dorothy Hazel Harris

Sunday 7/26/2015

Rebecca Lash Press*
Steven Bruce Candiotti*
Max Penchina
Lena T Lebeck
James Ritvo
Abe Candiotti*

Saturday 7/4/2015

Morris D. Garbo
Jacob A. Segal
Morris Brown*
Barney Kobel
A. Louis Balnor

Saturday 7/11/2015

Ethel Bayer
Isaac B. Levin*
Adolph "Al" Newman*
Newman Rome

Monday 7/20/2015

Reuben Wolfe
Michael Rome
Myron H. Cohen*
Nathan London
Golde Stoller*
Lawrence Lipson
Roberta Levin Goldstein*
Ruth Prager
Elizabeth Fichman Lashman*

Monday 7/27/2015

George Levine*
Samuel Bayer
Henry Golovin*
Frank Henry Lapidow*
David Roskein
Bertha Klein Nahmias
Monroe Caslowitz
Arthur Datnoff

Sunday 7/5/2015

Abraham Charles Schwartz*
Leonard H. Frank*
Sophie Jacobson
David Hawranek
Toba Merson
Norma Lane Nusman*
Jack Goldman*
Charlotte Metz
Mimi Wall*

Sunday 7/12/2015

Ida Goldberg
Sarah Alfred
Rabbi Samuel Moishe Broude*
Sarah Adler*

Tuesday 7/21/2015

Minkah Brown Glasston
Rebecca Likovsky
David Shindel*
Beatrice Sellinger*
Jeffrey Blanchard
Leo Louis Cohen
Gisella Shapero

Tuesday 7/28/2015

Sonia Klarfield
Idah R. Hirshon*
Blanche Banks*
Rabbi Myron L. Datnoff*
A. Pearly Feen*
Donna Jean Hershberg*
Ferdinand May*
Judge Samuel H. Rothman*
Ben Towle
Rachel Frank Finkel*
Beatrice Kurlander Albert*
Lillian Cohen Shubert

Monday 7/6/2015

Anna Silverman Rosenthal*
Tessie Michaelson
Abraham Moses Fishman
Dorothy Schaffer Rosenthal*
Sarah Ginsberg
Benjamin Greif*
Samuel Goldman
Temaly Jacobs
Morton Kass

Monday 7/13/2015

John Schneller
Dr. Lydia Katz Schaffer
Harry Simon
Sylvia Solotar
L. Edward Lashman, Jr.*

Wednesday 7/22/2015

Bessie S. Hill*
Irvin Berger
Samuel Kling*
Carrie Levin Sussman*
Charles Kamins *
Suzan J. Orris Nichols*
Sylvia Brown Romberg
Sharon Held*
Eva Schaal*

Wednesday 7/29/2015

Hyman Goldberg*
Judy Wolche Schaffer*
Israel Nathan Likosky*
Mary Strasmich Brown
Nell Mendlovitz Portnow*
Andrei Wohl*

Tuesday 7/7/2015

Rachel Spira
Sam Shapiro
Evan Bellis
Duncan Fasier Brown

Tuesday 7/14/2015

Robert Cannon *
Julius M. Winner
Fraidell Epstein Medivetsky*
Honee G. Frait
Esther Eunice A Grossman*
Yetta Cohen Juskowitz
Barney Magram*
Jean Wise Harris
Phyllis Marlene Grossman Smith*
Richard Salzman
Dr. Philip Levin

Thursday 7/23/2015

David Isaac Siegel
Daughly Gould*
Rebecca Asner Wiedman*
William Coen, M.D.*
Irene Gewirtz Cohen*
Doris Milestone Ronnick*

Thursday 7/30/2015

Samuel J. Cohen*
Abraham Moskovitz
Philip Hyman Gladstone*
Clara Sperber Faigel*
Pauline Weisinger
Samuel Gordon
Bertha Kraut Stroh*
Rosa Katzoff Rosenow

Wednesday 7/8/2015

Anna Mersky Rosenthal
Melvin Cohen*
Harris B. Brown
Betty Luck Goldman
Bessie M. Garbo Satinsky*

Thursday 7/16/2015

Louis Joseph Shubovitz
Dr. Leo M. Seltzer
Judith Nadworny*

Friday 7/24/2015

Becky Klinkostein*
Lippman Levinson
Samuel Dworsky*
Toibe Levine
Miriam Gordon

Friday 7/31/2015

Gertrude Oppenheim*
Maurice L. Mintzer*
Schmuel Kudishevich

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Abraham Marcus
Israel Cohen*
Sylvia Klein
Mark Jay Libstag
George Davis*

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Cecelia Block
Jean Held
Bernice I. Brody*

Monday 8/3/2015

Pincoss Singerman
Herman Reich
Harry B. Kropsky*
Sylvia Harris Grodzinsky*

Tuesday 8/4/2015

Morris Rosenberg
Leon Jacobson
Rose (Schein) Manheim*
Sylvia Friedman*
Herman William Zais

Wednesday 8/5/2015

Eugene M. Hexter*
Celia Dacks Schobel*
Murray Newman
Michael Frank*
Florence Case Bode
Peggy Pepper

Thursday 8/6/2015

Bessie Zeskind Rogove*
Rachel Alpert*
Esther Rose Witten*
Joseph Agel*
Eva Kasden Markle
Ruth Weiss Gladstone*
Semond Ebenhart*
Jane Abrams Goldberg*
Nettie Schobel Likosky*
Lena Goldberg Rothman*
Edith Colodny Feen*
Bart Lapin

Friday 8/7/2015

Albert Marks*
Frances M. Bloomenthal
Charles Rome*
Sarah Gould*
Dorothy Feldscher Beck
Ruth G. Baskin*

Saturday 8/8/2015

Rachel Klinkostein
Samuel Baron*
Gertrude Milstein Cohen*
Dr. Lester Wallman
Maxine Yarwood

Sunday 8/9/2015

Dora Frank*
Linda Susan Yett
Linda Ann Pyrtle*
Isadore Harry Sockol*
Samuel Robert Epstein*
Katherine Press Green
Jack Press*

Monday 8/10/2015

David Charles London*
Philip Saks
Ruth Hand*
Lee Black Lichtenstein
Renee Bloch May*
Ann Weinstock Towle
Helen Beckenstein Pilcer

Tuesday 8/11/2015

Harris Yett*
Madge Lewis
Herman W. Stoller*
Dr. Ralph D. Sussman*
Hyman Rothman*
Lillian Sklar
Lillian Koplewitz Oklan
Noah Jolles
Marcelline Fallick*

Wednesday 8/12/2015

Shirley Trotsky
Esther Anna Saiger*
Abraham Fine*
Gerald D. Berkowitz*
Joseph Goldfield*
Cady Goldfield*
Aaron L. LeWinter*
Marsha Epstein Schwartz
Ethel Pollack Libson*
Steven Auderieth*
Esther Moskovitz Perlmutter*

Thursday 8/13/2015

Jacob Alpert*
Goldie Feinberg
John Gladstone*
Benjamin Cohen
Sol Sugarman*
Stanley Gordon*
Lottie Press Mehl

Friday 8/14/2015

Bessie Morris Sackin
Sarah Alpert
Avadi Taviss
Phillip Fine
Lena Pearl Hoffstein*
Paul Paresky
Eva Matlatsky Colodny*

Saturday 8/15/2015

David Feluren
Kerana Brown Gladstone*
Philip M. Cohen*
Simon Wolk
Nehemiah Levin
Sarah Perlmutter
Annie Silverman
Sam Hill*
Charles Desman
Carrie 'Bub' Samuelson Saiger*
Anna Lakovsky
Frieda May Lazarus Lipman*
Sarah Antonoff *
Roslyn Schwartz

Sunday 8/16/2015

Herbert Cohen
Isaac A. Gould*

Simon Abrams
Harry Lincors

Monday 8/17/2015

Leibe Taviss
Morris Grodzinsky*
Leonard Witt*
Theodore David Weiss
Sylvia Bernstein
Anne Kaplan*

Tuesday 8/18/2015

Joseph Shay
Harry Gross
Rose Glass
Rose Winner
Ian Samuel Kaminsky

Wednesday 8/19/2015

Abraham I. Baker*
Sidney L. Cohn
Charles Moses Samuelson*
Ella Kasden Weinstein*
Ben Isaacson
Ida Perelman Ahrens

Thursday 8/20/2015

Esther Spigelblatt
Bessie Kaufman*
Rebecca G. Kobel
Kay Robin Horn*
Herla Stern
Elga Kron Stulman
Manuel Levinsky*
Peter Roskein

Friday 8/21/2015

Max Weiss*
Bessie Allen
Michla Ralans
Gertrude Fishman Coen*
Norman S. Leader*
Herbert Saul Bloomenthal*
Melvin Pearlmutter
Herman Paikowsky
Joshua Saul Stambler*

Saturday 8/22/2015

Edith Neiburg*
Hyman Miller*
Jennie Kassel*
Louis Albrand
Sanford I. Gimbel*
Samuel Robert Saiger*
Olga Zimmerman Stark*
Isaac Bukanc
Sam Gitlan
Abraham Datnoff
Karoline Bacharach Steinberg*
Jean Steinberg*

Sunday 8/23/2015

Louis Carr*
Carole Leah Hartstein*
Lena Yett Colodny*
Marilyn Stone Greenfield*

Monday 8/24/2015

Leah Block
Joseph Rome

Miriam Kaplan LeWinter*
Frank Messie*
Rose Mendelson*
Ruth Frankel Nezhni

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Sally Schleifer Riven
Dorothy Stewart Stein*
Elsie Goldsmith Gould*
Blanche Greenfield Turner*

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Julius Laeb Brown*
Rose Sacks Pasackow*
Isaac Shapiro
Leon Mendelson*
Marc Glickstein
Vicki Leff

Thursday 8/27/2015

Paula V. Honet*
Godel Fraint

Friday 8/28/2015

Robert Fabricant*
Benjamin Ricardo
Irvin Horowitz
Harry Rogrove*
P. Gregory Brown*

Saturday 8/29/2015

Jennie Isenstein
Mary Shelansky Kudan
David Paul Rosenberg
Morris Samuel Goldman*
Sylvia Landsman
Fania Grishko
Anne Greenberg Witkin
Sharon Wright

Sunday 8/30/2015

Isaac Wolk
Moses Aaron Bailey
Sarah Schneider Bagdan*
Max Jacob Shafran*
Lillian Rosenbloom
Hyman Harris*
Anne Feinman
Donald Glickstein

Monday 8/31/2015

Sarah Solomon Medivetsky*
Gertrude Lapidow Sobel*
Sherman H. Saiger
Labe Bayarsky*

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE NOTES

Shalom Chaverim,

We are in the process of helping Rabbi Joshua transition into his retirement by relieving him of some of the extra duties that he has taken on over the years. Case in point; our daily minyan. Rabbi Joshua will no longer be a minyan captain.

I want to thank Basha Brody, who has volunteered to take over the Sunday morning minyan captain duties in addition to her Sunday evening duties. I also want to thank Miriam Mayer for volunteering to be the Wednesday evening minyan captain. Harvey Klein has stepped forward to lead the Sunday morning service and Basha Brody and Aaron Goldberg will cover Sunday night.

Ready for the plea?

First priority: We need a volunteer who would be willing to lead *Mincha* and *Maariv* services on Wednesday night.

We also are once again finding ourselves struggling to make a minyan throughout the week. There is someone from within our community or visiting from out of town saying *kaddish* every night. I would like to update and increase our "regular" minyan maker lists and need your help to do so. At this time, Monday is the only night that is not in need of more volunteers. Please e-mail or call me if you are willing to come on a regular basis, be that weekly or bi-weekly, for any of the daily minyanim. Let me know if you would prefer to be on the infamous "back-up" list (those who prefer to not commit to a specific day on a regular basis, but don't mind last minute begging.)

Please help us keep this important tradition alive!

Thank you,

Marv Greenberg
Religious Committee chairman, minyan maker
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shalom@gmavt.net
802-453-6128

THEATRE KAVANAH

Brundibár at Burlington City Hall in March 2016

Theatre Kavanah, VT's Jewish theatre company co-directed by OZ members Wendi Stein and Sharon Panitch, is deep into the planning process for its next show, *Brundibár: A Musical Tale*. Along with Artistic Director Trish Denton of In Tandem Arts, Theatre Kavanah will be staging a new conception of the children's opera *Brundibár* by Jewish Czech composer Hans Krása. Krása composed the opera shortly before his imprisonment in the concentration camp at Terezin. This powerful tale of children banding together to defeat their oppressor, the brash and unmusical organ grinder *Brundibár*, was miraculously performed by the children of Terezin no fewer than 55 times in the camp. In a conversation with Sharon Panitch, Terezin survivor Ela Weissburger, who played a magical cat in the original show, stated, "To us there was no doubt that the character of *Brundibár* was Hitler." Performing and witnessing the show gave hope to the many children and adults who passed through Terezin's gates.

The message of *Brundibár* is still relevant and powerful, particularly since Burlington is home to many recent immigrants who have fled oppressive regimes in their home countries. The show's producers will reach out to people in our community to convey the history and the message of the show while engaging children and adults from diverse backgrounds with the production. In Tandem Arts will conduct residencies in area schools and work with children from the Very Merry Theatre in Burlington's Old North End to form the two choruses that the show requires. Most importantly, Theatre Kavanah and In Tandem have entered into a partnership with Burlington City Arts which will allow the show to be performed in Burlington's Contois Auditorium. Bringing the show to a well-known and accessible public space will help break down some of the barriers that keep people from participating in the performing arts.

Theatre Kavanah is running a fundraising campaign specifically for *Brundibár* now through July 31. To make a tax-deductible donation, go to hatchfund.org/project/brundibar. Or visit the Facebook page at [Facebook.com/BrundibarBTV](https://www.facebook.com/BrundibarBTV) for project updates, process photos, and more.

CALENDAR

JULY 2015

July 3
Office Closed

July 8
7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting

July 16
5:30 PM Board Meeting

July 25 - Tisha B'av
8:00 PM: Study Session led by Rabbi Jan
9:00 PM: Evening Service

July 26
7:00 AM: Morning Service (Includes Torah Service)
10:00 AM Tot Chavurah Gathering
7:00 PM: No Regular Minyan

AUGUST 2015

August 6
2:00 PM Events Committee Meeting

August 12
7:15 PM Religious Committee Meeting

August 16
10:00 AM Yiddish Theatre Trip to Montreal

August 20
5:30 PM Board Meeting

August 29
Sam Rubman Bar Mitzvah

August 30
10:00 AM Tot Chavurah Gathering



**Please note the following ongoing activities:*

- *Daily Minyan: Every Sunday at 9 am and 7 pm; every Monday - Thursday, 7:00 pm*
- *Wednesday morning group: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am*
- *Services: Every Friday at 6 pm; every Saturday at 9 am (including Federal holidays)*
- *Torah Study: Every Saturday at 8:30 am and Every Tuesday at 6:00 pm*

FOR FULL CALENDAR INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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Friday	Candle Lighting	Ma'ariv	Saturday	Shacharit	Shabbat Ends
July 3	8:23 pm	6:00 pm	July 4	9:00 am	9:23 pm
July 10	8:21 pm	6:00 pm	July 11	9:00 am	9:21 pm
July 17	8:16 pm	6:00 pm	July 18	9:00 am	9:16 pm
July 24	8:10 pm	6:00 pm	July 25	9:00 am	9:10 pm
July 31	8:03 pm	6:00 pm	August 1	9:00 am	9:03 pm
August 7	7:54 pm	6:00 pm	August 8	9:00 am	9:54 pm
August 14	7:44 pm	6:00 pm	August 15	9:00 am	9:44 pm
August 21	7:33 pm	6:00 pm	August 22	9:00 am	9:33 pm
August 28	7:21 pm	6:00 pm	August 29	9:00 am	9:21 pm