

A Spiritual Vision for JCOGS



What a delight it is to join the Jewish Community of Greater Stowe! It is so clear from my first impressions that the synagogue is a *heimish*, warm and welcoming place of learning, sharing, and growth. Thank you for the wholehearted welcome to me and my family.

As your new spiritual leader, we have entered into an ethical covenant. My contract with JCOGS opens with the following: "The Congregation and the Rabbi recognize that the relationship between the Congregation and the Rabbi is a covenant through which each party undertakes the obligations of working together in the service of God and the Jewish people. The parties enter into this Agreement in the spirit of honesty and the desire to create holy community."

In these words we have unequivocally set out our collective intentions: To each offer our hands and hearts in creating holy community together.

Rabbi Kalonymus Kalman Shapira, the last rabbi of the Warsaw Ghetto, wrote a book called "Conscious Community," in which he wrote: "What is created by the hands of a community cannot be undertaken in any way by the hands of an individual. A community is far more successful."



For years, the individuals who make up the JCOGS community have offered a meaningful place for the Jewish Community of Greater Stowe to come together to celebrate what it means to be Jewish. What the community has been able to accomplish is remarkable.

This year is a transition year for JCOGS. Through 2013-2014, I will act as your spiritual leader in a part-time capacity. Charting new territories for JCOGS, in 2014-2015 I will begin my work as your first full-time rabbi.

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Dear fellow JCOGS members and friends:

On behalf of your board of trustees, I am pleased to introduce our new bi-monthly "Bulletin." Many of you have been asking for more frequent and improved communications within our Jewish community. We hope you will enjoy these newsletters,

and we invite your feedback and recommended enhancements.

This first edition is an opportunity to introduce our new spiritual leader, David Fainsilber, and welcome him and his family to JCOGS. As you may recall, our board voted in 2012 to authorize the hiring of our first full-time rabbi. After a comprehensive search, David has been selected

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Tribute to leader, friend

Al Besser's remarks at the end of a tribute dinner held this spring in his honor brought a touch of levity to an otherwise sentimental affair. "You people cost me a lot of money," he said to event co-organizers Barbara Bauman and Roselle Abramowitz. Taking a long look at his shiny new suit, he said, "I had to buy my first suit since my bar mitzvah."

A total of 130 people attended the tribute dinner, entitled "Evening of Celebrating Community and Honoring Al Besser," held on April 27 at Stoweflake Resort and Spa in Stowe. In her remarks later in the evening, Gretchen Besser said she and Al were left in the dark about the event. She said they had no idea how many people would show up, and that she was touched by all who came out to honor Al.

The evening began with a cocktail hour, followed by a three-course dinner in the black-and-white Dalmatian-themed dining room. The Bessers are long-time Dalmatian lovers, having purchased their first Dalmation in 1963.

After dinner, Rabbinic Intern Philip Sherman and Rabbi Brian Besser led an emotional and inspirational havdalah service to mark the end of Shabbat.

"In so many ways, Al, you have established this community," Philip said in his opening remarks during the Honoree Recognition portion of the event. "You have served on our board, and you continue to support many different efforts, organizationally, financially, and not to mention legally." He credited



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Philip Sherman says good-bye

On June 14th the JCOGS community gathered at a special Shabbat service to bid farewell to Philip Sherman, the rabbinic intern at JCOGS for the past year.

In a recent letter to the membership, Philip thanked the community for the opportunity to learn and grow as he approached his ordination, which took place June 2. He said his experience at JCOGS was instrumental in his formation as a rabbi and that he has been inspired, participating with the community as it has come together over the past year.

He applauded a number of community-wide accomplishments, including increased Shabbat service attendance, the incorporation of music on the bima, a greater variety of adult Jewish classes offered at JCOGS, and strong participation in holiday events, including the largest community Passover Seder in JCOGS history.

With the addition of a full-time rabbi, Philip said the community should anticipate an even more robust religious life, including additional prayer services and observance of all holidays, not just the ones that fall on the weekends.

Philip credited the ritual committee for its long and committed search for a High Holiday prayerbook (Machzor) that represents the wide spectrum of Jews in the JCOGS community. The prayerbook will be introduced this Rosh Hashanah. He also thanked the chesed committee for helping bring the community together to support those in need of support.

“You all taught me more in the last year than I could have ever imagined, and I will take the lessons and experiences with me,” he said. “Thank you for welcoming me with open arms. I wish you all the best as you move forward into this exciting time for the community; I know

you are well positioned for growth, excitement, and strength in the future.”

Philip led his last Shabbat service at JCOGS on June 14, followed by a l’hitraot (until we meet again) oneg in his honor.

Philip has joined Temple Beth Elohim, an 1,100-member reform congregation in Wellesley, Ma., as an assistant rabbi. He said he and his wife, Leah, plan to spend future Shabbat and holidays with the JCOGS community.



Letter from JCOGS leadership

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to fulfill that role. In his first year, he will have dual responsibilities as both our spiritual leader and a fifth-year rabbinical student at Hebrew College in Boston. He will maintain dual residences during this coming year as he integrates into our community and begins to get to know us. He will be ordained in June, 2014, at which time he and his family will become full-time residents of our community.

This is a major milestone in JCOGS’ young 17-year history. You can read about David’s experience and background on our website, jcogs.org. We are all very excited about hiring David and having our rabbi living in our community. We anticipate his presence and leadership will create a new level of vibrancy in our community,

as he takes on a broad array of pastoral, religious, educational, and spiritual roles. I encourage you to seek out and welcome David; his wife, Alison; and their two sons, Adar and Yonah.

Finally, we want to offer best wishes to our rabbinic intern, Philip Sherman, and his wife, Leah, as they embark on their new journey. Philip is joining Temple Beth Elohim, an 1,100-member reform congregation in Wellesley, Ma., as one of their assistant rabbis. We thank Philip for his leadership this past year and how much he gave of himself to JCOGS and the difference he has made.

Respectfully,

Ron Feinstein (on behalf of your executive committee)



Meet the Editor

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the JCOGS Bulletin, a bi-monthly newsletter to keep you informed about news and happenings in the JCOGS community.

As a resident of Stowe for the past eight years, I've been impressed by your beautiful building and the wide range of JCOGS' events publicized in the local paper. But it wasn't until this spring, when I became involved with the tribute book, that I got a glimpse of the inner workings of your organization and the warm, wonderful people who make up the JCOGS community. As editor of the new JCOGS Bulletin, I look forward to gaining a greater understanding and appreciation for the ever-evolving, ever-growing Jewish Community of Greater Stowe.

Before moving to Stowe in 2004, my husband and I lived in Vail, Colorado, where for seven years I oversaw communications, including a monthly newsletter and bi-annual magazine, for a private resort community. Like JCOGS, our community was made up of full-time, part-time, and "sometimes" residents and visitors. There I learned to appreciate how clear and consistent communications support the health and vitality of any community, especially a transient community. Over the past decade I have worked as a freelance editor and writer for print and online publications, most recently as interim editor at the Stowe Reporter/Waterbury Record.

I am delighted to be a part of this exciting time in the life of JCOGS, and to work with you to create a newsletter that becomes a living, breathing part of your community. Our hope is that the Bulletin will not only bridge the divide created by geography and the busy nature of our lives, but will become something you look forward to receiving, as a tangible link to a place and community that is close to your heart.

Over the next year, we will be eager to see how our members respond to this new communications initiative. Your engagement and feedback will be essential to its success. I look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions, and to receiving your contributions.

Warmly,
Amanda Kuhnert
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A new chapter for JCOGS



On June 28 the JCOGS community welcomed our new spiritual leader, David Fainsilber, and his family in a special Shabbat service followed by a community dinner. David will become JCOGS' first full-time rabbi after his ordination next spring. We look forward to getting to know David and his family over the coming year. Pictured above: David; his wife, Alison Link; and their two sons, Adar and Yonah.

Clergy message

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You have hired me to help you continue to build a vibrant religious community by serving you in so many ways: leading meaningful services, teaching from the wellsprings of our Jewish tradition, offering pastoral care, developing organizational leadership, working on interfaith initiatives, performing life-cycle events, and more. Yet, in Rabbi Shapira's words, we have a hint of what it means to truly create holy community. For it is only *together* that we can create a congregation so successful that it is bursting with life. What the group can achieve is far greater than what the individual could have ever imagined.

Nonetheless, each group is only a collection of individuals. From Lisa and Patti, to the board and committee members, to all of JCOGS' members, each

person uniquely contributes her or his gifts and services to the community. Rabbi Shapira says that in creating conscious community, "each person must work within his or her own means." As the newest member of JCOGS, I have only begun to meet you all. As I set intentions for this coming year, my first priority is to get to know you, as individuals and as a community.

I so look forward to the opportunity to help grow JCOGS in its next stage of development, working *together* to create a community where each person's gifts are invited and appreciated.

Rav brachot, many blessings,

David Fainsilber
Spiritual Leader of JCOGS

Al and his wife of 60-years, Gretchen, for the spiritual leadership of their son Rabbi Brian, whose hard work and determination brought the JCOGS community to where it is today.

Al's long-time friend, Art Lloyd, spoke next. "I am blessed to be a friend of yours," Art said as he took the podium. He described Al as tenacious, intelligent, courageous, funny, and "a little bit stubborn," not unlike a bulldog, which is part of Al's email address. But, he said, unlike a bulldog, Al embodies *Mentshlehkeyt*. He helps others and is a champion of social liberties, while managing to take time out for skiing, tennis, and skinny dipping in the pond, Art said.

Referencing Al's book, "Old Lawyers Never Die, They Just Lose Their Appeal," he suggested a new title, "Old Lawyers Never Die, They Just Lose Their Briefs." He said Al is the essence of wit.

Al represented his clients vigorously, he said, adding that Al is part of what Tom Brokaw calls, "The Greatest Generation." "The best testimony to Al is Al himself," he said in closing.

Brian Besser, who took the podium next, said he acquired some of his best habits from his father.

"I like to strew," he said. Along with a fondness for being messy, he said, father and son also have been known to misplace things: wallets, keys, etc. "Why do we enjoy hunting for lost possessions?", he asked rhetorically. "I keep coming back to my father's tenaciousness," he said.

"I learned drive and determination from my father, which is a side of tenaciousness that's indispensable," he said.

He said his father believes that inequity is fundamentally unjust. "In his life and work, he always took the position of fairness and equity," he said. "He exhorted me to do the right thing. His essence of integrity — for me, that's his greatest legacy."

During his presentation, Ron



Feinstein, chair of the JCOGS Executive Committee, turned the attention away from Al for a moment and toward his wife Gretchen, and the Bessers as a couple.

"Thank you for being such an important part of Al's life journey," he said.

He said instead of living life on cruise control, "You and Al attack life every day. You compete every day and drive this thing called life with a philosophy and set of strategies." You are role models on how to enrich life, he said. He then presented Gretchen with a dozen yellow roses.

The Besser's son, James, provided the musical interlude, along with vocalists Lynda Schiller and Stephen Falbel of Counterpoint. James echoed Art's earlier comment, saying his parents are part of the greatest generation. Most veterans stayed with their spouses, he said, bringing a sense of unity and collaboration to their personal lives. With James on piano, the trio performed several Gershwin tunes in honor of the Bessers.

It's safe to say that every jaw in the room dropped when Gretchen Besser took the floor. Her poise and eloquence were simply mesmerizing. When the microphone malfunctioned as she was beginning her talk, she said, "I want my husband to hear me." To which Al responded from his seat at one of the front tables, "I hear you all the time,"

which drew a quick laugh from the audience.

Gretchen began her remarks by saying, "I'm so lucky to have met Al," recounting how the couple had met through Al's sister, Edith. Gretchen and Edith were college roommates. After Gretchen and Al began dating, Gretchen said she knew Al was "the man" when his mother left him to clean the pots after a standing rib roast dinner.

"He was a real helpmate in a day when men retired to the smoking room and women scrubbed," she said.

She said that thanks to Al's willingness to help with the children, even during a time when he was busy establishing his law practice, she was able to pursue her doctorate degree.

Although he went on to become partner in one of New Jersey's leading law firms, she said, "money never mattered to Al. He viewed law not as a profession but as a passion for justice." He was always upright and ethical in all of his dealings, she said.

In closing she said to the JCOGS community as a whole, "You mean so much to us. You are tops."

Al kicked off his speech with a few stories that brought more laughs from the audience, then Al's voice took on a more serious tone when he said, "This dinner is not really in honor of me. You could have picked anybody. This dinner is in honor of all of us." He then spoke about how important the JCOGS community has been in their family life.

"I lived a sheltered life in my youth," he said. He said he wasn't aware of the Great Depression and didn't realize the extent of what was going on in Europe prior to World War II.

"My military service woke me up to what was going on in the world," he said. "It's amazing how times have changed since the war." He said the world still faces its challenges, but hope remains. He recalled the powerful experience of seeing Jackie Robinson play in Newark.

"I believe in the rule of law, and that justice does triumph in the end," he said.

~ Amanda Kuhnert

Graduation & Honors

We wish our graduating seniors strength and good fortune as they transition into this new and exciting time of life. Congratulations to Harrison Barr, Zach Gershman, Eliza Krakower, Maddie Nunez, and Josh Wolfgang.

Josh received the Stowe Women's Club award for community service and the Booster Club "Love of Learning" Award for Academic Excellence. Josh, Eliza, and Maddie were recipients of the President's Gold Awards for Educational Excellence honoring academic success in the classroom.



Tzofim Friendship Caravan will take the stage at JCOGS on Sunday, Aug. 11, at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner under the big tent.

The upbeat performance, presented by a group of Israeli teens, will feature song and dance about Israel. Dinner will be light summer fare.

Tickets for the show and dinner are \$15 per adult and \$5 per child; available at Stowe Craft and Design at 55 Mountain Road and 34 South Main Street in Stowe village (cash only). Also available at JCOGS during office hours.

B'nei Mitzvah

The following young people will celebrate their Bar/Bat Mitzvah at JCOGS this summer:

Jeremy Segal (Bar): June 15
Tobias Hess (Bar): June 22
Rosalie Wasser (Bat): July 6

Olivia Horton (Bat): July 20
Toby Black Lanser (Bar): Aug. 3
Jasper Goodman (Bar): Aug. 24

TOBIAS JACKSON HESS JUNE 22

Tobie Hess lives in Los Angeles, California and attends a progressive school called Wildwood. The school teaches and encourages students to look at their education as a journey rather than as a test result. This journey is framed and evaluated by following a complex rubric called the Seven Habits of Heart and Mind: evidence, convention, perspective, connection, collaboration, service to the common good, and ethical behavior. It is with these tools that Tobie approached his Bar Mitzvah and his d'var torah.

Tobie's parents, Heidi Levitt and Charlie Hess, say they are thrilled to celebrate Tobie's Bar Mitzvah at JCOGS. They were married in Stowe in 1990, so they say Stowe is a special place to them. Tobie's grandparents, Art and Marion Levitt, have been longtime members of JCOGS. Tobie's sister, Eloise, will be attending Bennington College in the fall.



ROSALIE WASSER JULY 6

Rosalie is in eighth grade and has been very active in dance since age four. This year Rosalie brought down the house as Sarah Brown in the school production of "Guys and Dolls." She also won the middle-school spelling bee and competed in the state spelling bee. Rosalie loves horses, lacrosse, singing in the shower, hanging out with friends, and listening to music. For her mitzvah project, Rosalie planned a car wash to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital for Cancer Research. She chose this charity because she was touched by their ads and the hopeful faces of the children with cancer tugged at her heartstrings.



TOBY BLACK LANSER AUG. 3

Toby lives in Fayston with his parents, Lisa Black Lanser and Marc Lanser. He moved to Vermont from Dover, Mass. when he was three. He has two siblings, Eric and Amanda Lanser, who are in graduate school.

Toby has been attending JCOGS since first grade and has enjoyed learning from his Hebrew School teachers Joyce Kahn and Barbara Bauman. Toby is home schooled and just took the SAT Biology subject test. He is a competitive alpine ski racer who trains with Green Mountain Valley School and finished the season ranked # 4 in Giant Slalom in North America for his age group. In addition to ski racing, he plays lacrosse and is a road cyclist.

Due to Toby's busy schedule, he has been preparing for his Bar Mitzvah via Skype with Joyce and they both love the flexibility of it!



High Holiday Schedule of Services

5774/2013

Mark your calendars!
The High Holidays arrive early this year.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

Erev Rosh Hashanah — 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

Rosh Hashanah: Day 1 — 10 a.m.

Tashlich — 1:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

Rosh Hashanah: Day 2 — 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

Kol Nidre — 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

Yom Kippur – Morning (inc. Yizkor)
10 a.m.

Yom Kippur – Evening

Afternoon service — 5:30 p.m.

Closing Service (Ne'ilah) — 6:45 p.m.

Havdalah — 7:45 p.m.

Reservations only: Break-the-Fast after Havdalah

Watch your weekly emails for more information as the High Holidays approach. We look forward to celebrating as a community during this special time of year.



Community berry-picking benefits Food Share.

Last year twenty-seven members of JCOGS gathered at Brown's Beautiful Blueberry Farm in Craftsbury and picked 140 pounds of blueberries for the Lamoille County Food Share. The event will be held in late August again this year. Keep an eye to your weekly emails for details.

New trustees elected

Lynne Gedanken and Helenmarie Patashnick were elected as new trustees at the JCOGS annual meeting held on June 16.

Lynne is very excited to be joining the board of trustees at JCOGS. She says she sees this as an opportunity to deepen her connection with the community and help JCOGS grow. She has been an active member of the ritual and membership committees, most recently helping to organize this year's Purim party. After splitting her time between Vermont and DC for a number of years, Lynne now lives full-time in Hardwick, where she telecommutes as a lawyer working on renewable and conventional electric power projects, mostly in Africa and the Middle East, and most importantly, gets to spend time with her grandchildren, Jack and Tess. Lynne is fighting the good fight against Bishop's weed and learning how to throw pots.

Helenmarie Patashnick has been a member of JCOGS with her husband Mel for 7 years. They live on Elmore Mountain Road in Morrisville. She is a member of the membership committee, the chesed committee, and is also a student of Talmud. Helenmarie has studied at the Ontario College of Art (Toronto Ontario, Canada), and holds degrees from: the University of Iowa, New York University, and Hunter College. She has had a graphic design business, been involved in Community Access Cable, and was a member of an artist book group whose work is in museums and private collections. She has shown at the Newark Museum and her work is on public display and in private collections. She is both a printmaker and an oil painter. She thinks that the position of trustee "is a very responsible position in any Temple. To be of service to the community is both a pleasure and is an honor."

Also at the annual meeting, the 2013-14 budget was voted on and unanimously approved.



Vermont Vaudeville will perform at JCOGS on Thursday, July 25, at 7 p.m. Join us for a theatrical performance that combines comedy, music, and circus stunts.

July 1-6

Pearl Meshnick
Nathan Wolfin
Freda Rosner Finkelstein
Barbara J. Kole
Philip Zell

July 7-13

Richard Aronsohn
Rebecca Savage

July 14-20

Jay Robinson
Diane Kalish
Ceil Davis

July 21-27

John Saxby
Rose Siegel
Victor Danziger
Theodore Manuel Gold

July 28-August 3

Beth Kaen Kenuk
Erna Nachman
Claire Edith Levenstein
Ray Rubinstein
Chana S. Smikun
Shirley Magier
Michael Harding
Jane Lande

August 4-10

Newman Freedman

August 11-17

Hester Black Striber
Edward K. Hamburger
Sherry Rosenberg
Margareta Baltuch

August 18-24

Hy Yanow
Jack Bayer

August 25-31

Dr. Louis Levenstein
Irving Gedanken
Benjamin Cohen
Sarah Stepper
Rose Posnick

“Who donates much to charity becomes richer for it ...”

Zohar, iii 110b

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(Members of the JCOGS

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Sandy & Bernie Nisenholtz
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly Shabbat services on Fridays at 6 p.m. through Labor Day

Torah Study

Sat., July 13, at 10 a.m.

Erev Tisha B'av Service

Mon., July 15, at 8 p.m.

Vermont Vaudeville*

Thursday, July 25, at 7 p.m.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Theater veterans blend physical comedy, live music, and circus stunts in an action-packed performance for all ages. Tickets: \$12 per adult and \$5 per child.

Torah study

Sat., July 27, at 10 a.m.

August Anniversaries service and special oneg

Friday, Aug. 9

Our New Mahzor: Anticipating the High Holidays

Sat., Aug. 10, at 10 a.m.

Tzofim Friendship Caravan*

Sunday, Aug. 11, at 5:30 p.m.
Performance followed by light

summer-fare dinner under the big tent at JCOGS. Tickets: \$15 per adult and \$5 for children under 12. Home hospitality needed.

Community blueberry picking

Late August; date and location TBD. Benefits the Lamoille County Food Share. Watch your weekly emails for details.

Nisht Geferlach Klezmer Band

On the lawn of the Helen Day Memorial building
Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.
Free show features traditional Jewish Klezmer music. Info.: stowperformingarts.com.

Presentation by Sera Bonds*

Aug. 15, at 7:30 p.m.
The founder and executive director of Circle of Health International will give a presentation about the impact of war on women, making peace through health, and how her Jewish faith impacts her work

to protect and serve moms and babies in Israel and around the world.

Our New Mahzor: Anticipating the High Holidays

Sat., Aug. 17, at 10 a.m.

Selichot

Sat., Aug. 31

Religious School

Begins Wed., Sept. 11, at 4:30 p.m. Information: jcogs.org. Follow link for Education to view the school calendar and all registration forms. Information: 253-1800 or Barbara Bauman at bdbauman@yahoo.com or 802-999-6370.

Shabbat Sukkot Dinner

Sept. 20, following the evening services.

Unless otherwise noted, events take place at JCOGS.

*Tickets for special events are available at JCOGS. To volunteer: Miriam at 888-5056, miriamrosenbloom5@gmail.com.