

Post-holidays are always bittersweet



A month full of holidays has passed. Together, we celebrated Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shmini Ateret, and Simchat Torah! Coming off of the “high” of the High Holiday season, we begin a new month *Cheshvan*, or what is often called *Marcheshvan*, “bitter” *Cheshvan*. We are left with an entire Jewish month bereft of any holidays. Traditionally, this month there are no special religious events to celebrate and no additional prayer services beyond Shabbat.

For Stowe and for JCOGS, these months ahead mark another transition for our community. Stick season is on its way, and with that, many of our members head back to their other homes in New York, Connecticut, and Montreal, and as far away as Florida and Texas, among other places. JCOGS contracts and becomes a more intimate setting to gather. The ebb and flow of both our Jewish calendar and our “Stowe calendar” marches to the same beat.

There is much from the High Holidays that we will bring into the rest of the year – our work of bettering ourselves, the personal commitments we made, the connections realized with friends and family. As our community prepares for more intimate quarters, it is bittersweet for us to see friends and community members leave. Yet we are grateful for the incredible, lively summer we had together. We are humbled by the energy that rippled through the JCOGS building, and the incredible spirit drawn from the connections made during the High Holidays.

We know that those who have left for their other homes will soon be drawn back to the beauty that is Stowe, both the nature and the people, and the communal connections made here at JCOGS. Perhaps the next visit is just a ski weekend away. Those of us who remain in Vermont throughout the year will open our homes and hearts upon your arrival.

There is a T-shirt that has circulated in recent years that many rabbis wear. It reads: “I [heart] Cheshvan.” As a religious leader, *Marcheshvan* is a rewarding time to step back from the intensity of the holidays. It affords time to look ahead to

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Dear fellow JCOGS members and friends:

While the High Holidays are still fresh in my mind, I sit down to share a few thoughts with my fellow JCOGS members and friends. What meaningful and spiritual services we shared together under the skillful guidance of David Fainsilber, our religious leader. David’s message of kindness and forgiveness were heartfelt, words I will try to live by as the year unfolds.

What follows are excerpts from the words I shared with the congregation at the conclusion of Kol Nidre services:

People join JCOGS for many reasons: for spiritual sustenance, for a place to find Jewish life, for their children’s education or for their own. Somewhere along the way, what we do as a whole is as important as why we came in the first place. This past year we came together to Celebrate Community and to honor a long-standing JCOGS member, Al Besser. We have celebrated holidays and bar/bat mitzvahs together, as well

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Music, song, and celebration. Our religious leader David Fainsilber leads the community in song during this year’s Sukkot. Shabbat services were held inside and around the sukkah, an extra special touch on a spectacular autumn evening.

Lessons of humanity, focus of High Holy Days

During this year’s High Holy Days, we explored some of the fundamental challenges and opportunities that we humans face. And as we move into this New Year together, we will try to keep the lessons provided to us through scripture and prayer in the forefront of our daily lives.

In his sermon, “The birthday of an imperfect world,” for the first day of Rosh Hashanah, our religious leader David Fainsilber reminded us that Rosh Hashanah is a time

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JCOGS shofar blowers: shared passion, different paths

by Patti Rubin

Tekiah: a long deep sound that ends abruptly; Shevarim: three medium blasts; Teruah: nine short blasts in succession, and combinations; Tekiah Gedola: that last call and the long sound that wows our JCOGS members and guests year after year.

The ancient musical instrument that helps produce all these sounds is the shofar. It is made traditionally from a ram's horn. All pitch control is carried out by varying the player's embouchure — the use of facial muscles and the shaping of the lips to the instrument's mouthpiece.

JCOGS is fortunate to have its own shofar team: Bernie Nisenholtz, Steve Schneps, and Jake Kahn.

Steve began shofar blowing at age 62, thanks to the encouragement of Rabbi Brian Besser.

Bernie was Steve's teacher and mentor. "I met with Bernie several times that first year, and he gave me my first and only shofar, the one I still have today" Steve said. "Bernie was a patient, excellent teacher."



Steve Schneps

Bernie, now Shofar Blower Emeritus at 79, looked to the late Zal Stern, who had been the shofar blower in his shul in Montreal for his training. Zal presented Bernie with one of his beloved shofars.

Jake, 15, started blowing his shofar two years ago, right before his bar mitzvah on Shabbat Shuva. But Jake had an advantage — he began playing the trumpet just after his sixth birthday.

Steve begins practicing his shofar once a day around mid-July for about 10 minutes. "As the holidays approach, I pick up the shofar and give

a quick blast a couple times a day. My young neighbors think it's the sound of a moose across the road," Steve said. "I have heard dogs start to bark as I blast."

"I used to practice once or twice a week over the weeks before Rosh Hashanah," Bernie said.

Since retiring, his practice is limited.

Shofars can be found in different shapes, sizes, and color hues. Jake's shofar is from a kudu antelope, approximately 24 inches long. Bernie sports a simple, pale-colored ram's horn shofar.

"I had another more elaborate one," he said. "I gave that shofar to my protege Steve."

Steve said his cherished shofar is a curved ram's horn, gray and beige in color, approximately 15 inches long. Admittedly superstitious, Steve said he keeps his shofar in a ski sock in a special drawer.

When asked if a "rush" is experienced after sounding tekiah gedolah, Bernie replied, "No, but maybe just a red complexion." Steve said, "Yes, it's very euphoric; I do feel light-headed and almost floating off the ground when I finish." And young Jake? He routinely practices long tones on his trumpet, so long notes are not unfamiliar or euphoric quite yet.



Bernie Nisenholtz



Jake Kahn

Religious school teaches Jewish faith, tradition and culture

by Barbara Bauman, administrator/teacher



Our religious leader David Fainsilber led the children in song and read a story at a recent religious school gathering. Afterwards, the children were served apples and honey for snack, symbolizing the sweet New Year to come.

The religious school of the Jewish Community of Greater Stowe serves the children of our community by providing a broad Jewish education, while instilling a strong sense of pride in our Jewish heritage and affection for our Jewish identity. Through the study of the Torah, Hebrew, Jewish traditions, history, ethics, prayer, and Tzedakah, our mission is to provide an understanding of the Jewish faith and tradition, as well as to forge a connection and commitment to Jewish culture and the Jewish people.

Jewish learning is life-long and occurs in religious school, at home, in the community, and at times in everyday living. Our religious school teaches the values of learning, tolerance, fairness, kindness, forgiveness, the avoidance of gossip, generosity, Tzedakah, the performance of good deeds, and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world).

Our school year begins with the review of Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot, when we create decorations to adorn our community Sukkah. Before we know it, it is Chanukah, celebrated with a class party and also a community party. In between our study of the holidays, we talk about the Parsha of the week, study Hebrew from workbooks, sing songs, play games, make crafts, and listen to stories that are thought-provoking and encourage lively discussions. Ritual and culture are regular items in our weekly lesson plan.

As winter transitions to spring, we continue to learn about seasonal holidays such as Tu B'Shvat, sampling and learning about the fruits

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Religious School

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that grow in Israel in the spring. We then head into Purim, baking yummy Hamantashen, and this year we will have a Purim carnival. As Passover approaches, we brush up on the Four Questions and discuss the Exodus from Egypt, as we prepare ourselves to eat matzo instead of bagels for a week.

Our school year wraps up with an annual Tzedakah contest, and the students decide to which charity they would like to donate the proceeds. Our year concludes with a student-led Kabbalat Shabbat, at which the students have a chance to show off their Hebrew prayer skills and interact with the congregation. We celebrate the end of the school year with a family and congregation potluck dinner.

In addition to our weekly classes, our religious school also offers a Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparatory class. The class provides peer support and encouragement as the students prepare for their B'nai Mitzvot. They have the opportunity to practice their Torah portions and Haftarah readings, obtain assistance with the D'Var Torah, and get support in selecting and executing their Mitzvah projects.

We look forward to an exciting and educational year! Hope to see you there.

Classes are held every Wednesday afternoon, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., throughout the school year.

For tuition and registration information: www.jcogs.org.



During one of the first Religious School gatherings of the year, Lucy Andrus' "Pop-Pop" demonstrated how to blow the shofar. Each student had an opportunity to give it a try, as well. It looks easier than it is.



Pictured, left to right, are Sadie Ellner and Olivia Horton. Olivia led this year's Sukkah decorating team. Olivia celebrated her Bat Mitzvah in July and is continuing her Mitzvah Project of mentoring students. Students created strings of macaroni and miles of colorful paper chains to adorn the ceiling of the Sukkah.



David Fainsilber leads the children in song at Religious School this fall.

New prayer book introduced after committee's year-long search

Anyone attending High Holy Days services this September had a chance to sample our new prayer book, Machzor Lev Salem. So far, the book has received glowing reviews. Not only does it incorporate the full Hebrew text with an up-to-date English translation, but it also provides historical commentary, poetic readings, transliteration of songs and

blessings, and service directions. These were all considerations that went into the ultimate choice of "Lev Shalom" to replace the old "On Wings of Awe" High Holy Days prayer book.

Under the chairmanship of Larry Dunn and the direction of intern Philip Sherman, ritual committee members Hillel Becker, Dr. Gretchen Rous Besser, Judy Dunn, Lynne Gedanken,

and Patti Rubin met several times over the past year to review High Holy Day possibilities. The selection process was lengthy, detailed, meticulous, and eventually, unanimous. The committee ultimately chose "Lev Shalom" as the best match for JCOGS. We look forward to the new prayer book's place in our community.

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when we're invited to see the world as we did on the day we were born. To feel as though we are reborn.

"Like a baby-child, we aspire to see the world with eyes bright and curious, seeing everything for the first time, soaking it all in, enthralled by the renewal of creation that surrounds us," he said. "If only we all lived in this way, every day."

He said that on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, we celebrate life. It is a day to thank God for giving us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day. "God, you have given us life, again and again," he said. "And what a miracle it is, the most epic act in a grand play: the creation of life itself, each and every day, each and every moment."

David went on to talk about the celebrations of life — the births, the new beginnings. But alongside these moments of joy, he said, there are also moments of great loss and mourning.

"Today the world stands at its birth, a birthday of an imperfect, sometimes heartbreaking world," he said.

"As we celebrate the world's birthday, we bring our awareness equally to the fundamental precariousness and preciousness alongside the joys and simchas of life," he said. "It is not easy to hold these truths as one, to know that on the one hand, life is an astounding, intricate gift, and that on the other, with a passing breath, it can all fade away. Yet, this is the task on this day. Nothing less."

We must turn to God, he concluded, to find hope even in times of pain.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

On Erev Rosh Hashanah, David told the story of the Baal Shem Tov — the founder of Hasidic Judaism. The story tells of a queen who wanted more than anything for her subjects to be close to her. In order to test the loyalty and love of her subjects, she built an imaginary palace with imaginary walls and invited her subjects to come visit her. She then placed imaginary treasures outside of the walls. After the palace was built, she invited the people to come and be close to her.

But as each of the subjects approached the imaginary walls of the castle, they were sidetracked in their mission to visit the queen by all of the treasures that lay outside the palace walls: a shiny new car, a gift certificate to the Apple store, two tickets to Nepal, and so on.

"And I could keep going on and on until all of us in the room might take one of the

treasures and walk away from meeting the queen," David said. "It is so easy to give up searching for what brings us true fulfillment and to decide instead to do other things, hardly bad things, but things that have taken the place of that which brings us the most abiding happiness in life."



Over 75 guests enjoyed a Kosher meal and music at the Shabbat-Sukkot dinner on Sept. 20.

In concluding his sermon, David said, "How often we humans turn back in the other direction before we even get to our destination. How often we do a partial job, not fulfilling the hopes and dreams that we had once yearned to reach. How often we make up excuses in our minds that take us away from what we really and truly want."

"On this Rosh Hashanah, let us break down these illusions of our minds and hearts and souls," he said. "Let us not fall prey to the misconceptions rampant in our society, which stand in the way of our doing what ultimately is of importance in our lives. Let us live up to our highest values by embracing with all our hearts and all our souls, with everything that we have, the path that will lead us to a deep and abiding fulfillment."

Erev Yom Kippur

During the Erev Yom Kippur service, David spoke about forgiveness. He said forgiveness is the righteous gateway to a kinder world: "On Yom Kippur, we hunger for one of the greatest gifts this world has to offer, the gift of forgiveness."

He said that as we gather together, we seek forgiveness for our sins — for those places throughout this past year and throughout our lives where we have missed the mark, whether in small or significant ways, whether consciously or unconsciously, whether as individuals or as a society. We ask God to forgive us for all that we have done wrong, all of the places we have not lived up to our highest values.

"As we look to open the gates of righteousness, letting more light pass into our

lives, the righteous have always understood that forgiveness — of the self and of others — is the gatekeeper into that kinder, more compassionate world," he said. "One of the exceptional qualities of the righteous is their ability to forgive, and in particular, to forgive someone who has hurt or wronged them."

As an example of a righteous life, David shared the story of Nelson Mandela: "In his fight against apartheid, Mandela was imprisoned from 1964-1990. He spent 27 years in jail, including 18 years on the notorious Robben Island penal colony ... In clinging to his humanity, he was able to forgive even as he was held captive by those who sought to break his spirit."

He said that forgiving does not mean forgetting: "Forgiveness, too, can mean preparing to face head-on the wrongs done to an individual or society."

He then quoted the words of Mandela: "Forgiveness liberates the soul. It removes fear. That's why it's such a powerful weapon."

"If we could only be more like Nelson Mandela," he said. "It is righteous people like him who set the bar high; who teach us that if we are to change this world, we must seek and grant forgiveness."

Yom Kippur

On Yom Kippur Day, David offered an invitation to confess those things that one has committed against God. He said: "The great medieval Rabbi Maimonides ... says that anyone who seeks to atone or turn away from the sin which they committed, must confess that sin before God, the Holy Blessed One. To move beyond our transgressions, Maimonides claims, we are obligated to speak out loud our sins before God."

Before beginning the communal prayers of confession, he said: "There is great power in bringing to light our communal sins. These admissions offer us an opportunity to cast a wide net, to recognize that we all play a part in our societal ills. But these confessions, as valuable as they are, were never meant to substitute for our individual need to take responsibility for our own actions."

He said that although the prayers the community would repeat together were an opportunity to confess shortcomings in the eyes of God, they were not meant to replace the act of seeking forgiveness and reconciliation with someone we have wronged.

— Amanda Kuhnert

Summer season at JCOGS filled with fun, friendship and community

JCOGS was abuzz this summer with plenty of activity for the entire family. At the end of June, at a beautiful Shabbat service and delicious dinner under the big tent, we welcomed our new religious leader David, his wife Alison, and their sons Adar and Yonah. It was a full house — 140 people turned out for the event, with plenty of new faces from near and far.

In July the Vermont Vaudeville Troupe performed for their first time in Stowe to a sellout audience of 185 people. Everyone left with huge smiles on their faces after thoroughly enjoying the evening.

Tzofim Friendship Caravan scouts brought us all closer to Israel's history, culture and music through their energetic performance to a capacity crowd of 140 people in mid August. Vermont Kosher catered the yummy Israeli-themed dinner that followed.

In August, Sera Bonds of Circle of Health International inspired us with a compelling story of women on two sides of a conflict, Palestinian and Israeli midwives, who have come together to bring healthy babies into this world. Needless to say, everyone who attended was touched by her lecture.

This summer, we all made new friends, reconnected with old, and felt the lively spirit of JCOGS. A big thank you to all who attended, brought new visitors and friends, and especially to those who volunteered!

Thank you!

Miriam Rosenbloom

Edee Simon-Israel

Rita Schneps

Betsy Blechman

JCOGS events committee



The JCOGS community celebrates the events and festivities of the summer season. Pictured above, left to right: Gary Feibus, Miriam Rosenbloom, Suzan Feibus, Edee Simon-Israel, Rita Schneps, Steve Schneps and Betsy Blechman.

Letter from JCOGS leadership

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as shared in one another's pain and loss. We have been able to expand on programs such as Torah study, Tikun Olam, and adult education, and will continue to grow these programs with David's assistance.

But we need you to engage as well. To be engaged means to be fully connected to the community. It means participating in the life of JCOGS, checking the calendar to know when services are, when there is a call for social action, what new class David might be

offering, who is becoming a bar/bat mitzvah, who might be in need. If it has been too long since you have felt engaged at JCOGS, only you know why that is. You can decide if now is the right time to offer your skills and energy to the life of our community.

As we move from the High Holidays, the days of awe, to our less awe-inspired days, it is my sincere hope that this is the year you will add your voice at JCOGS.

In this New Year, may you challenge

yourself to learn something new about your Jewish life, increase your participation at JCOGS and within the larger community. May we all be inscribed for a sweet, healthy, and peaceful year, and may we find ways that are meaningful to each of us, to invest in our Jewish community.

Robin Trowbridge
(on behalf of your executive committee)

Clergy message

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the spiritually and communally nourishing year that is to come. After the intensity of the holidays, it is a gift to be able to focus on the more humble work of building community during the "mundane" days of the year, reflecting on what has been, while planning

ahead for the coming year. And the months ahead have much to offer those who live in the area, and are worth an extra trip up to Stowe.

Rav brachot, many blessings to all of you, in the high seasons and in the low seasons, in

the valleys and atop the mountains.

David Fainsilber
Religious leader of JCOGS



Sukkah raising

Pictured above is Joyce Kahn, one of our classroom teachers, demonstrating the shaking of the Lulav and Etrog in the Sukkah during Sukkot.

Fifteen volunteers, including our religious leader David Fainsilber, his wife Alison Link, and their two children Adar and Yonah, put up the frame and constructed the Sukkah. The children decorated the Sukkah.



B'nei Mitzvah

Harry Raddock will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at JCOGS on Oct. 5.

Harrison "Harry" Raddock is the son of Dan and Liz (First) Raddock. Harry was born in Tokyo, Japan, where he spent his first five years. After a stint in London, Harry became a full-time resident of Warren, Vermont in December 2006. He completed his elementary schooling in Warren and is currently an eighth

grader at Crossett Brook School in Duxbury.

Speed is one of Harry's defining characteristics. He runs fast, talks fast, and eats fast. Soccer is Harry's favorite activity, and he is very proud that his Nordic Premier team won the State Cup this year. He also enjoys skiing, computer games, reading, and texting and hanging out with friends. Harry's thirst for knowledge, quick wit, and love of a good debate can be traced back to his forebears.

Prayer books for honoring loved ones

Our new prayer books are available as a means of honoring someone and making a contribution to our community. Do you have an event to commemorate, a person to memorialize, or someone's accomplishment to honor? A JCOGS Prayer Book Plate is a wonderful way to do this. Book plates are available for \$36 through the JCOGS website at jcoogs.org. Or mail in a request and payment to JCOGS, 1189 Cape Cod Road, P.O. Box 253, Stowe, VT, 05672.



Mazel Tov

Simchas in our community

- Judith and Larry Dunn became the grandparents of Alice M. Dunn.
- Laura Fried, the daughter of Ann and Stephen Fried, was married.
- Bob Katz celebrated his 80th birthday.
- Dr. Gretchen Rous Besser was inducted into the inaugural class of the National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame in February.
- Danielle Bauman, Barbara and Robert Bauman's daughter, was married to Max Epstein in Chicago on Sept. 5.
- Carole and Steve Lichtenstein celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.
- Rachel Ariel Becker, grand-daughter of Robert and Lucille Becker, was married to David Edward Olson in Stowe on Sept. 22.
- Miriam and Stephen Rosenbloom celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.
- Ron and Deborah Feinstein's daughter, Julia, and Markus Weiss will be married in Montreal on April 27.
- Harry Raddock will become a bar mitzvah on Oct. 5.
- The following young people celebrated their bar/bat mitzvah at JCOGS this summer: Jeremy Segal, Tobias Hess, Rosalie Wasser, Olivia Horton, Toby Black Lanser, and Jasper Goodman.



A festive Sukkot

On Friday night, Sept. 20, an enthusiastic group of 75 guests enjoyed Sukkot with plenty of delicious food catered by Rachel Jacobs of Vermont Kosher Catering. The guests spent the evening visiting with one another, singing, clapping, and dancing together. David led us all on guitar with song sheets, plus personal requests. One could feel the warmth filling the room! Lots of folks stepped forward to help, and we thank them sincerely!

We will definitely do it again. Next year Sukkot falls on Oct. 10, the height of leaf peeping season.

JCOGS events committee

Advisory committee seeks input

A rabbinic advisory committee has been formed to help provide our religious leader David Fainsilber with feedback and input from our membership. The committee members are Roselle Abramowitz, Gretchen Besser, Lynne Gedanken, and Nancy Krakower. Of course, we encourage you to give feedback directly to David, as he very much wants to know how best he can fulfill the expectations and aspirations of congregants. Otherwise, we hope that you will reach out to the advisory committee if you have feedback and/or concerns. David is committed to striving to meet or exceed our membership's hopes and visions for our community, so he and all of our lay leadership encourage your feedback. Contact: Roselle Abramowitz (253-8372, roselle@stowe.nu), Gretchen Besser (888-3967, grbesser@gmail.com), Lynne Gedanken (472-3411, lgedanken@gmail.com), and Nancy Krakower (253-6922, nkrakower@earthlink.net).

Sept. 1 – Nov. 30

26 Elul – 27 Kislev

The following Yahrzeits go by the Gregorian calendar unless the Hebrew date observance was specifically requested by the family. The names of loved ones will be read at the indicated services.

Sept. 1–7

26 Elul – 3 Tishrei

Service: Sept. 6

Charlie Croft
Florence Cohn
Marvin B. Gameraff
Roger Montgomery
Jack Walker
Joel Baltuch
Hattie Rosen

Oct. 6–19

2 Chesvan – 15 Chesvan

Service: Oct. 18

Carol Arrick-Wells
Fella Friede
Fred Nisenholtz
Richard Pepper
Sam Adelson

Oct. 20 – Nov. 9

16 Chesvan – 6 Kislev

Service: Nov. 8

Abraham Spielvogel
Marilyn Pass
Leroy Goldstien
George Goodman
Walter Wolfgang
Samuel Wise
Rose Lichtenstein
Pauline Smith
Roselle Brown
Lyla Pinsky Klein
David Scribner
Nita Rous Manitzas
Edith Lichtenstein
Morris Rosenberg
Rose Barr

Sept. 8–14

4 Tishrei – 10 Tishrei

Service: Sept. 13

Ralph Miller
Dr. Noah Wevrick
William B. Roskam II
Menno Denneboom
Sheila Grace Ross

Sept. 15–21

11 Tishrei – 17 Tishrei

Service: Sept. 20

Joseph Lichtenstein
Herta Adler Weichsel
Dr. Isadore Samuel Zfass
Barry Neal Lichtenstein

Nov. 10–16

7 Kislev – 13 Kislev

Service: Nov. 15

William Samuel Rauch
Helen Katz

Sept. 22–28

18 Tishrei – 24 Tishrei

Service: Sept. 27

Lothar Skedzuhn
Arthur Boreisha
Ovadia Black
Philip "Buddy" Jacobs
Henry Morris Kaplan

Nov. 17–30

14 Kislev – 27 Kislev

Service: Nov. 29

Sara Stoler
Elizabeth Wolfgang
Moe Fishman
Dr. Maurice Jacobs
David Roth
Leatrice Lonn
Fifi Danziger
Leon Brown
Bernard Bauman
Anne Pinsky
Theodore Tunick
Ruth Miller

Sept. 29 – Oct. 5

25 Tishrei – 1 Chesvan

Service: Oct. 4

William Arohson
Samuel Savage
Josef Klein
Dorrie Goodman
Jacob S. Karkus
Sandra Sorrel Gameraff

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

Zohar, iii 110b

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Carol Good*

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Barbara & Mervin Brown*

*In honor of the birth of Alice Dunn, grandchild of Larry & Judy Dunn...
Rita & Stephen Schneps*

*In honor of the marriage of Laura Fried, daughter of Ann & Steve Fried...
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Oct. 4: 6 p.m., Friday service.

Saturday, Oct 5: 10 a.m., Harry Raddock's Bar Mitzvah.

Sunday, Oct. 6: 3 p.m., Popcorn and Movie in the sanctuary. Movie to be announced.*

Tuesday, Oct. 15: 3 p.m., Yiddish Movie Club in the lounge. Movie to be announced. Afternoon will include a sing-a-long in Yiddish.*

Friday, Oct. 18: 5 p.m., kids' service and pizza; 6 p.m., Friday service.

Saturday, Oct. 19: 10 a.m., Torah study.

Thursday, Oct. 24: 7:30 p.m., talk and book signing by Nancy Richler, author of "The Imposter Bride." In the sanctuary.*

Tuesday, Oct. 29: 7:30 p.m., the opera film "La Centenerola" by Rossini, presented by the Stowe Area Opera Lovers and JCOGS adult education. In the sanctuary.*

Wednesday, Nov. 6: 7:30 p.m., talk by Mary Fillmore, Vermont Humanities Council speaker and author of "Anne Frank- What did her neighbors do?" In the sanctuary.*

Friday, Nov. 8: 6 p.m., Friday service.

Saturday, Nov. 9: 10 a.m., Torah study.

Thursday, Nov. 14: 3 p.m., Yiddish Movie Club. Movie to be announced. In the lounge.*

Friday, Nov. 15: 6 p.m., Friday service.

Saturday, Nov. 16: 10 a.m., Torah study.

Thursday, Nov. 21: Noon. JCOGS Book Club lunch and meeting. Book to be announced. Pie in the Sky on Mountain Road. Attendees will purchase their own lunch.*

Sunday, Nov. 24: 3 p.m., Popcorn and Movie in the sanctuary. Movie to be announced.*

Thanksgiving & Chanukah weekend

Friday, Nov. 29: 6 p.m., Friday service, Chanukah candle-lighting, and vegetarian post-Thanksgiving potluck dinner at the home of our religious leader David and his wife Alison. Kid friendly. Call the office for directions.

Sunday, Dec. 1: 2-5 p.m., our community Chanukah party. Bring your chanukiyot and get ready to eat latkes, sing and enjoy the holiday and the company.

Sunday, Dec. 8: 3 p.m., Vermont Humanities Council speaker, Rick Winston, will discuss "Classic Films of the 1950s." In the sanctuary.*

Sunday, Dec. 15: 3 p.m., Yiddish Movie Club in the lounge. Movie to be announced.*

Friday, Dec. 20: 6 p.m., Friday service.

Sunday, Dec. 22: Noon. JCOGS Book Club. Book to be announced. Pie in the Sky on Mountain Road. Attendees will purchase their own lunch.*

Events take place at JCOGS, unless otherwise noted.

**Presented by the JCOGS Adult Education Committee. All events are free and refreshments will be served, unless otherwise noted. For more information and to RSVP: Carole, 253-7408.*