

Personal and collective journeys intersect Season of growth, celebration at JCOGS

BY AMANDA KUHNERT

June is a big month in the history of JCOGS, and in the life of our religious leader, David Fainsilber. On June 1, David, who joined JCOGS as a part-time religious leader last June, will be ordained at a special ceremony in Boston. Three weeks later, on June 27, JCOGS will celebrate Rabbi David's installation as the community's first full-time rabbi.

Although the ordination, or commencement, ceremony marks the end of a five-year journey of studies, David's path to becoming an ordained rabbi began long before he took his first course at the college. Growing up in Montreal, David attended a Reconstructionist synagogue (Dorshei Emet) and was involved in the community's youth group. He later earned an honors degree in religious studies

from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. It was while pursuing his degree and attending a Renewal synagogue in Vancouver that David says he began to develop a personal relationship with G-d.

He decided several years later to pursue the path of becoming a rabbi. This path, as stated on the Hebrew College's Admissions page, "is an ongoing personal journey as much as a career." Ordination is a significant event in this journey.

"More than a career, becoming a rabbi will deepen my own personal and familial life, while enriching the lives of others," David said. "I have already been greatly impacted by those I have journeyed with in co-creating Jewish community. Ordination is a big step forward into that process of enrichment with the Jewish people, and into the I-Thou relationship with G-d."

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You're invited!

MEMBERS OF JCOGS are invited to attend David's ordination service on June 1 and the installation celebration on June 27.

• Graduation ceremonies for Hebrew College will be held on Sunday, June 1. Due to the large number of attendees, the event will be held at the Congregation Mishkan Tefila in Chestnut Hill, Mass. As part of the graduation exercises, the rabbinical students will be ordained in a two-part ceremony in the morning and afternoon. Commencement exercises will begin at 10 a.m., with speaker Dr. Ruth Calderon, an outspoken Israeli academic and politician who currently serves as a member of Knesset. Following the commencement exercises, JCOGS members are invited to attend a buffet luncheon as guests of the college. The rabbinical ordination ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. Directions to Mishkan Tefila are available at mishkantefila.org/directions.

• Rabbi David will be installed at a festive Shabbat Installation Celebration on Friday, June 27, at JCOGS. The special evening not only marks the beginning of an important journey for our rabbi and JCOGS, but also the kick-off of our summer-long programming. Please see page 6 for details.

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BY THE TIME you receive this Bulletin, you will have taken part in retelling and reenacting the story of our Exodus from Egypt. At the seder, we are asked to make that story our own — and to bring it into our hearts and our lives, each in our own way. I hope you are still basking in the beautiful glow of that experience.

We are now approaching a milestone that is as significant as any in our history as a Jewish commu-



nity in Stowe. We are about to embrace our first full-time rabbi. Rabbi David Fainsilber will be living in our community, and devoting his training, his talent, and his passion to supporting us and leading us. Rabbi Fainsilber embodies a quality that for centuries has been understood by Jewish commentators as the mark of a spiritual leader — the capacity, while guiding a community, to accompany each individual on his or her own unique path.

Wherever you are on your own Jewish journey, this June is truly a reason to come together, to celebrate, to be proud of all that we have accomplished, and to envision the next chapter of our unfolding story as a community. Thank you for helping us reach this moment and enabling us to bring Rabbi David Fainsilber and his lovely family to Stowe. Let each of us, in our own way, help him be successful in this communal journey. From the first chapter of Ethics of our Fathers, Yehoshua ben Perachia said: "Make for yourself a rabbi, acquire for yourself a friend, and judge every person favorably."

With gratitude for how far we have come, and with great hope for the future,

Ron Feinstein (on behalf of the executive committee)

With gratitude, a time to reap

Some days have passed now since the snow has started to melt and spring has begun to blossom. How do we account for the days that have passed us by? By the sight of a flowering tree or by the quality of the air outside? By a milestone in one's family? Or with the passing of a loved one?

"Seven weeks you are to number for yourself, from the start of the sickle in the standing-grain you are to start numbering, seven weeks." These words about the agricultural festival of Shavuot from the book of Devarim/Deuteronomy make note of the ancient process of taking account of each day as sacred time from the beginning of the barley harvest of Passover to the reaping of the wheat on Shavuot. Also known as the Festival of Weeks, Shavuot is a time of great celebration of the full growth of the crops and of the pilgrimage to the ancient Temple with the first fruits.

Count. Count each day therein. Count each week of the seven weeks. Count the full cycle of seven weeks. Count the holidays and the days between.

With this holiday, we are called on to mark as holy the milestones and events that occur in our families or in our communities, as well as the "mundane" days in between. Each day in the process is one step toward the gratitude of abundance, as we grow closer and closer to the full harvest of our lives. Not only when it is easy and simple to conjure up



the feelings of thankfulness, but everyday we must ask ourselves the question: "What am I grateful for, today?"

June 1 marks a significant milestone for me as I become an ordained rabbi through the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College. I come to this experience with deep gratitude as I reap the rewards of the past five years of daily learning.

So, too, this June 27 marks yet another important date, as JCOGS takes on its first ever full-time rabbi. A great deal of work and commitment has been involved in getting JCOGS to this point. Shavuot teaches that we are to pause and account for how we have reached the here and now. One step at a time; one day at a time; one contribution at a time.

Equally as significant as the particular poignant moments in our lives is the collection of moments and days that came before and that will come afterward. As we move forward together at JCOGS, the road ahead is already filled with blessing; the blessing of each interaction and each opportunity for connection in the service of building community. So may we harvest with gratitude from all of the hard work that has brought us to this point, reaping from the crops of our tradition so that we might build a vibrant, thriving future together.

Each day is an accounting. Let's make it count.

Rav brachot, many blessings of abundance and gratitude, each and every day,

David Fainsilber
Religious Leader of JCOGS

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While Rabbi David celebrates this significant occasion in his life, JCOGS prepares to celebrate a milestone of its own. In 2013 community leaders made the strategic decision to bring on a full-time rabbi. The community agreed that hiring a full-time religious leader was key to the continued growth and prosperity of the organization.

This decision is a significant milestone for both JCOGS and the greater community of Stowe.

"When my uncle skied in Stowe in the 1930s, there was no place in town where he could spend the night," said Gretchen Besser, past-president, trustee, and member of the rabbinic search committee at JCOGS.

"Fast forward 20 years, when Al and I visited in the summer, we were among the first Jews to stay at the Lodge. Never could we have foreseen a vibrant Jewish presence encapsulated in a beautiful building with religious services, educational opportunities for children and adults, life-cycle events, and now, for the first time, a full-time rabbi to lead us into the future. I pinch myself and imagine I'm dreaming."

At a special installation service to be held on Friday, June 27, JCOGS' members and guests will come together to celebrate this new chapter in our community's history and welcome Rabbi David as our first full-time rabbi.

For details on both the ordination and installation ceremonies, please see the adjoining article on page 1.

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Rabbinical School of Hebrew College, will speak and perform the installation. After graduating from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1990, Cohen Anisfeld spent 15 years working in pluralistic settings as a Hillel rabbi at Tufts, Yale, and Harvard universities. She has been a summer faculty member for the Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel since 1993 and is co-editor of two volumes of women's writings on Passover. From 2011 to 2013, Cohen Anisfeld was named to Newsweek's list of Top 50 Influential Rabbis in America.

For more information: hebrewcollege.edu.

Member Spotlight

This special feature of the newsletter — a “get-to-know-you” Q-and-A with members of the JCOGS community — is a fun, simple way to share our unique stories and connect as a community.

WENDY AND COLIN MCCREIGHT, and their children, Eli (2) and Toby (2 months), are newcomers to Stowe and JCOGS. Although Wendy is extremely busy with a two-year-old and newborn, we are delighted that she set aside time to tell us a little about her family. We are thrilled that the McCreights have joined our community, and wish them heartfelt congratulations on the birth of their son, Toby, in March.

Where are you and/or your family from originally?

I'm originally from southern New Jersey (Cherry Hill area) and Colin is from the San Francisco Bay area.

When did you move to Stowe, and what brought you here?

We moved to Stowe in May 2013. We wanted to be close to family, since most of my extended family is still in the South Jersey/Philadelphia area. We also wanted to be in a nice community with an accessible synagogue and close to the outdoors.



How much time do you spend in Stowe on an annual basis?

We're full-time residents, especially with two young children.

What do you enjoy about life in Vermont?

A strong sense of community, friendships, beautiful outdoor scenery, and recreation.

What are your personal interests, and/or activities you enjoy as a family?

We all enjoy skiing, hiking, and mountain

The McCreight Family

biking. We're starting to do more car camping with the boys. Eli always enjoys swimming at the Swimming Hole.

What are you and/or your spouse's professional pursuits?

I'm a physical education teacher by training but am home with our two young boys at the moment. Previously, I was a program director for a nonprofit in Boston which led adventure trips for adults and children with disabilities. Colin is a hospitalist physician at Central Vermont Medical Center, caring for adult patients who are admitted there.

Why did you join the Jewish Community of Greater Stowe?

We were very excited to have a Jewish community in town and to raise our boys there. We had also heard very positive things about JCOGS from friends as we were moving to town.

What do you hope you and/or your family will receive from your experience at JCOGS? And what do you hope you'll be able to contribute as members?

We were just blessed with having our second son Toby, and the outreach and support from many synagogue members was fantastic. We look forward to being more involved with the synagogue community and helping to welcome new members with young children to JCOGS, too.

Shavuot 101: why and how we celebrate

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SHAVUOT, THE “FEAST OF WEEKS,” is celebrated seven weeks after Pesach (Passover).

Since the counting of this period (sefirat ha-omer) begins on the second evening of Pesach, Shavuot takes place exactly 50 days after the (first) seder. Hence, following the Greek word for “fifty,” Shavuot is also referred to sometimes as Pentecost in Christian traditions. Although its origins are to be found in an ancient grain harvest festival, Shavuot has been identified since biblical times with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

History

Shavuot combines two major religious observances. First is the grain harvest of the early summer. Second is the giving of the Torah on

Mount Sinai seven weeks after the exodus from Egypt. The first determines the ritual for the holiday, which was one of the three pilgrimage festivals of ancient Israel, when Israelite males were commanded to appear before God in Jerusalem, bringing offerings of the first fruits of their harvest. The second determines the significance of the holiday for Judaism, tying it in with the seminal event of Jewish religious memory, namely the entering into a covenant between God and Israel, exemplified by Israel's assumption of Divine law.

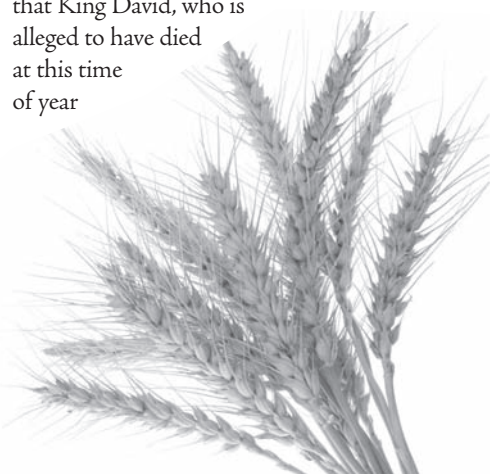
At Home

Since Shavuot is an ancient pilgrimage holiday, it is not surprising that its ritual focuses on the community. Nonetheless, there are a number of customs associated with personal practice. Chief among them is the eating of dairy products on Shavuot. Although the reasons for this custom are not completely clear, it has become traditional to eat milk and cheese products as part of the celebration of Shavuot.

In the Community

Much of the observance of the holiday centers

on the synagogue and its rituals. The special readings for the holiday include medieval poems (piyyutim) and the Book of Ruth. A number of reasons are given for the inclusion of the latter. Among them are that the book takes place at the time of the barley harvest, that Ruth's assumption of Naomi's religion reflects the Israelites' acceptance of the Torah at Sinai, and that King David, who is alleged to have died at this time of year



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Religious school wraps up a busy year

BY BARBARA BAUMAN
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

We've had a busy winter and spring at Religious School. In celebration of Purim, students made their own hamentaschen — rolling, filling, and shaping the tri-corner pastries. Many thanks to parent volunteers Sarah Ellner and Kerry Glanz for assisting the students and cleaning up afterwards.

In class we continue to work on Hebrew and parsha, and we are currently in the middle of a Tzedakah drive.

In preparation for Passover, the students made Seder plates with tissue paper and modge podge. We have some pretty neat looking plates. We also baked mandel bread, practiced the four questions, and had a model seder where we en-

joyed Charoset (many thanks to Shelly Schaffer for her creation), matzo ball soup, and many other foods representative of the Seder table.

On Friday, May 2, at 6 p.m., the Religious School will host a student-led Kabbalat Shabbat service and potluck dinner. The students are hard at work in preparation for our final Shabbat of the school year. Where does the time go?

As the school year winds down, I would like to thank our teachers, Teacher Joyce Kahn and Volunteer Teacher Susan Rogers, for their commitment and dedication to our students. I would also like to thank Lynne Gedanken and Wendy Jacobson for filling in and acting as substitute teachers during the year. I also owe a multitude of thanks to Lisa Carrick, JCOGS administrator, for her never-ending support, guidance, and trust throughout the school year.



Joseph Ellner and his mom Sarah.



Students learn to make hamentaschen. From left to right: Gabbie Schafer and Lucy Andrus.



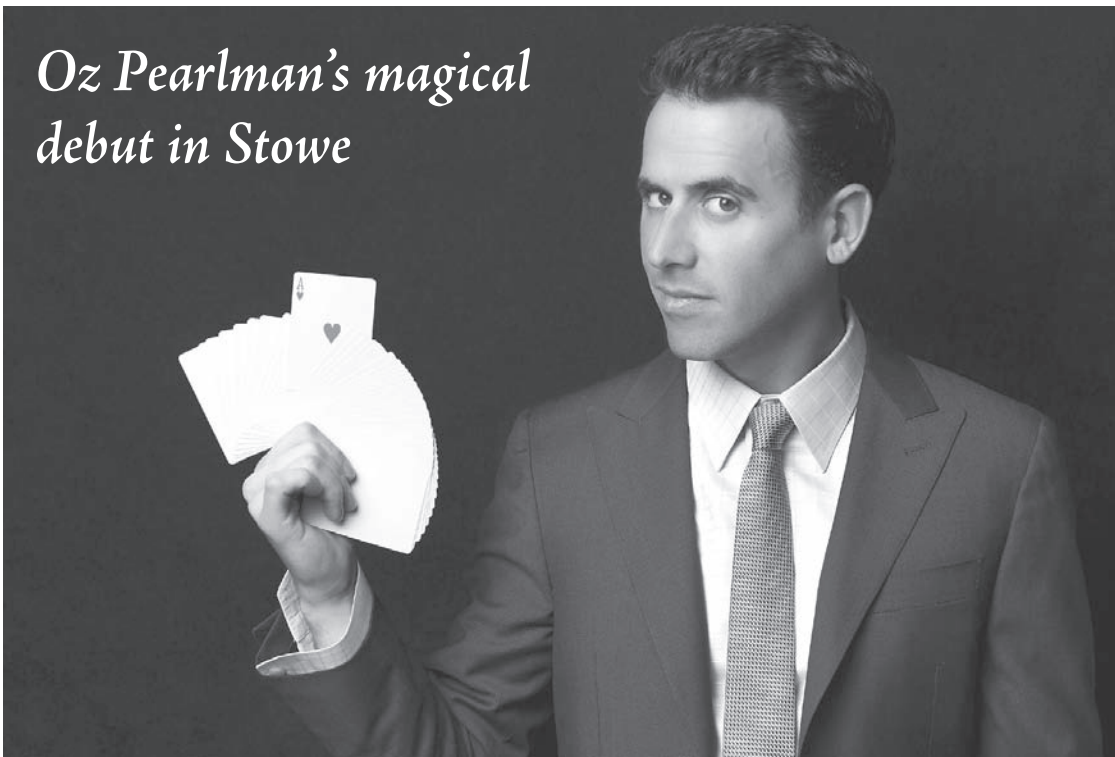
The students make Seder plates. From left to right: Teacher Joyce Kahn, Augie Leven, and Adam Glanz.

PASSOVER About 50 community members gathered for the Second Night Seder at JCOGS. Religious leader David Fainsilber led a warm, family-friendly, song-filled evening, complete with Passover skits. The delicious kosher dinner was prepared by kosher caterer and mashgiach, Katherine Guevara of Ohavi Zedek Synagogue in Burlington. Thank you to Patti Rubin for organizing such a beautiful evening.



Après-ski gathering. In late February JCOGS hosted its first après-ski get-together at the Sunset Grille in Stowe. Our religious leader, David Fainsilber, and his wife Alison greeted the approximately 25 people who attended the late-afternoon social. A complimentary buffet of assorted hot and cold appetizers was served. Everyone seemed to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and opportunity to spend time with friends and meet new members of our community. We're looking forward to holding similar events in the future.

Oz Pearlman's magical debut in Stowe



Popular mentalist performs at JCOGS on July 17

Can he truly read your mind? Is this real or is it magic? The mentalist Oz Pearlman will present "An Evening of Magic" on Thursday, July 17, at 7 p.m. at JCOGS. Guests can meet Oz in person at a reception preceding the family-

friendly show.

Oz Pearlman has been dazzling audiences with his world-class sleight-of-hand and mind-reading ability for over a decade. His client list includes politicians, professional athletes, celebrities, and Fortune

500 companies. He recently appeared on NBC's Late Night with Jimmy Fallon and the Elvis Duran show in the morning.

Tickets can be purchased by sending check to JCOGS or online. For more information: 253-1800.

Nearly New Sale planned for Aug. 10: new and gently used items needed

Have you started your spring-cleaning yet? 'Tis the season for cleaning out closets and organizing cluttered spaces. As you sort and discard, please keep in mind the JCOGS annual Nearly New Fundraising Sale, on tap for Sunday, Aug. 10. We're looking for new and gently used items to fill our "store shelves."

How can you help?

Donate: We're looking for items that could be priced at \$5 or more. This year we will not be accepting clothes, except high-end designer outfits and ski jackets with no tears or stains. Some of our best sellers are: antiques; collectibles; kitchen appliances; art; lamps; rugs; furniture; lawn care items, such

as mowers and trimmers; power tools; sporting equipment; bikes; toys; dishes and glassware; cooking supplies; jewelry; handbags; craft items, such as quilts; electronics, such as stereo or computer-related devices; pet supplies; and baby furniture.

Organize: We need a committee to help with pricing and organizing items during the months, weeks, and days before the sale.

Volunteer: We desperately need associates to help provide sales assistance, collect money, and help manage the food sales.

Shoppers peruse the merchandise at last year's Nearly New Sale.



Candlelight service begins Weekend of Hope

BY PATTI RUBIN

The Interfaith Candlelight Service for Remembrance and Hope, an event that kicks off Stowe's Weekend of Hope, will be held at Stowe Community Church on Saturday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m.

This hour-long interfaith service, now in its 14th year, is one of the most spiritual events of the weekend. Attendees will honor and remember cancer survivors through singing, readings, music, liturgical dancing and memorial candle-lighting (luminaries).

The event is coordinated by Deb Clark of St. John's in the Mountains Episcopal Church and assisted by the Greater Stowe Interfaith Coalition members. JCOGS has been a proud member of the Interfaith Coalition since its inception. The other houses of worship include: St. Johns in the Mountains, Stowe Community Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Stowe, and the Mountain Chapel.

Founded in 2001, the Stowe Weekend of Hope offers an educational and inspirational retreat for cancer survivors and their families, and inspires the search for new and innovative research and education in the fields of cancer treatments and therapies.

Special musical Shabbat and dinner on July 25th

Rabbi David and special guest Arielle Rosenberg will co-lead a special Shabbat service and dinner on Friday, July 25, at 6 p.m. at JCOGS. Arielle, who just completed her fourth year of studies at the Hebrew College Rabbinical School's trans-denominational training program, will present the D'var Torah/sermon, and then perform a short concert at dinner.

As a five-year-old, Arielle recorded with her mother, Ilene

Safyan, who performed Jewish folk-music. Since then, Arielle has performed for Jewish audiences around the world as an accomplished singer, accordion player, and composer of liturgical and klezmer-inspired songs.

At the special event at JCOGS, Arielle will present the music of Reb Aryeh Hirschfeld, a noted musician who performed and recorded original and traditional Jewish music before his death in 2009. Reb Aryeh wrote beautiful, soulful melodies for liturgy, pairing them with sensitive and evocative translations. Arielle's performance of Reb Aryeh's music is designed to engage the whole community. To listen to some of Reb Aryeh's music: rebaryeh.com/music.html.

For more information about the event: 802-253-1800, jcogs@jcogs.org.

Feinsteins receive award for community leadership

Deborah and Ron Feinstein will be presented with the Hebrew College President's Award for Community Leadership at the Rabbinical School's 10th anniversary celebration on May 7 in Massachusetts. The award recognizes individuals and organizations who have exhibited a long-standing commitment of time, leadership, and philanthropy to the Greater Boston community.

Deborah received a master's degree in Jewish studies at Hebrew College in 2006.

The Feinsteins have been second homeowners in Stowe for 40 years and members of JCOGS since its inception. They live in Weston, Mass.

New apps help repair the world one click at a time

BY LYNNE GEDANKEN, CHAIR OF THE TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

The Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) committee will meet in May to plan the schedule of activities and programs for the coming year.

These events will be designed to enable JCOGS, as a community, to become more involved in and learn more about ways in which we can all help to repair

the world in our local, national, and international communities. So watch this space in the bulletin and in the weekly JCOGS email for news and information.

In the meantime, we can all think about how we can make a difference. When you're biking, running or walking outdoors this spring, you should consider downloading the Charity Miles app. Charity Miles will donate 10 cents per mile for biking and 25 cents per mile for running or walking to the charity you select from their list. For example, if you select Feeding America, the Vermont Foodbank will benefit. Another neat app, Volunteer Match, will help you find the volunteer opportunity that best suits your interests. If you like to share photos, consider downloading the Donate a Photo app. Johnson & Johnson will donate \$1 to the cause you pick from a changing list for each photo you share through the app (up to one photo a day).

Special JCOGS announcement in local magazine

The summer issue of the Stowe Guide magazine, published bi-annually by the Stowe Reporter, will include a short article on David's installation in June. We are thrilled to have this unique opportunity to share this exciting chapter in the life of our community with the greater Stowe community and out-of-town visitors. Free copies of the Stowe Guide will be available at local stores, as well as at the Stowe Reporter on School Street, after Memorial Day. Our article will appear in the Rural Route section at the beginning of the magazine.



Arielle Rosenberg



Celebrate the installation of Rabbi David Fainsilber

Friday, June 27, at the Jewish Community of Greater Stowe

Join us for a festive Shabbat Installation Celebration followed by a "Kick Off The Summer" Shabbat dinner in the tent, catered by Rachel of Vermont Kosher.

Tickets for dinner are \$25 per person (includes wine) and free for children 12 and under. Vegetarian options will be available.



Distinguished professor and mentor Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, dean of the Hebrew College Rabbinical School, will install Rabbi David Fainsilber.

Save the date! Annual meeting on tap for June 22

The JCOGS Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, June 22. A bagel breakfast will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the meeting at 10 a.m. We will welcome in a new slate of JCOGS officers to the board of trustees, as well as welcome David Fainsilber as our first full-time rabbi. For more information: 802-253-1800, jcogs@jcogs.org.

April 20 - June 28

20 Nisan - 30 Sivan

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.

April 20 - May 3

20 Nisan - 3 Iyar

Service: May 2

Delmar L. Craft
Julius Goldstein
Lena Jacobs
Charlie Croft
Gerald Good
Albert "Jack" Burleson
Sarah Goldstein
Emanuel Siegal
Millicent T. Jacobs
Jack Feibus
Shirley Levine

Eva Andrews
Nathan Blumsack
Celia Zamvil Siegal
Thea Klein

May 25 - June 21

25 Iyar - 23 Sivan

Service: June 20

Bertha Wevrick
Bradley Michael Piccirillo
Rebecca Antelman
Leonard Pass
Morton Pepper
Stella Savage Zamvil
Irving Jack Feibus
Edward Klein
Lotte Klein
Louis Zamvil
Beth Danziger Keyes
Norman Redlich
Burton S. Rubin
Beatrice Roth

May 4 - 24

4 Iyar - 24 Iyar

Service: May 23

Janice Grover
Jacob Schneps
Jacob Levine
Ann K. Walden
Eric Smith
Dean Justin Solomon
Allen Kole
Renee Zwerin
Sophie Brown
Leonard Fox
Norman Rosenbloom
Jack Waldman
Freda Danziger

June 22 - 28

24 Sivan - 30 Sivan

Service: June 27

Elaine Posnick
Louis Heimann
Gary Patch
Stella Kurland Wise
Max Allen

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according to rabbinic tradition, is mentioned at the end of Ruth. Another tradition is to participate in a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, an all-night study session marking the holiday. And finally, Shavuot is one of the holidays on which both Hallel, the Psalms of Praise, is recited and Yizkor, the memorial service, is observed.

Themes and Theology

By associating an ancient holiday of the grain harvest with the exodus from Egypt, Jewish tradition has imbued Shavuot with religious significance derived from the foundational event in Jewish historical consciousness. In the specific case of Shavuot, this takes the form of the entering into a covenant or formal agreement between God and Israel at Mount Sinai. This is a joyous time, since it is the moment at which God and Israel entered into a figurative marriage with each other, the hopeful springtime of their relationship.

"Who donates much to charity becomes richer for it ..."

Zohar, iii 110b

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of these thoughtful contributions in honor and memory of friends and loved ones. The following gifts were made between February 5, 2014 and April 10, 2014.

GENERAL FUND

In celebration of Bernie Nisenholtz's 80th birthday...

Susan & Mike Heitner

In honor of the birth of Alice Maeve Dunn, granddaughter of Judy & Larry Dunn...

Anne & Bruce Rosenberg

In honor of the birth of Anne & Steve Fried's grandson, Finnian...

Charlene & Sig Baltuch

In honor of the birth of Fraida Rachel Rosenbloom, granddaughter of Miriam & Steve Rosenbloom...

Anne & Bruce Rosenberg

Speedy recovery to Bob Katz...

Charlene & Sig Baltuch

Speedy recovery to David Siegel...

Charlene & Sig Baltuch

In memory of our parents: Harold & Hattie Rosen and Jacob & Reva Schneps...

Rita & Stephen Schneps

In honor of the marriage of Deborah & Ron Feinstein's daughter...

Robin & Scott Trowbridge

In memory of Ed Bronstien...

Sandy & Bernie Nisenholtz

In memory of Stanley Sakol, uncle of Stephen Schneps...

Rita & Stephen Schneps

Mazel Tov

Simchas in our community

Alix Newpol of Montreal, granddaughter of Hillel and Mitzi Becker, will marry Richie Scheim, also of Montreal, at Stowe Mountain Resort on July 13.

Danielle Bauman Epstein, daughter of Barbara and Robert Bauman, was accepted at the University of Illinois at Chicago for her doctorate in English Literature.

Emily Becker, granddaughter of Lucille and Bob Becker, will enter the freshman class at Middlebury College this fall.

Julia Feinstein, daughter of Ron and Deborah Feinstein, and Markus Weiss were married on April 27th in Montreal.

Carole and Steve Lichtenstein both celebrated birthdays in April.



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Calendar

MAY

Thursday, May 1: 3 p.m., Bob Manning, an artist and art historian, will present a program about Stonehenge and other amazing places dating back to the Neolithic Period. Free event. To RSVP: Carole 253-7408.

Friday, May 2: 6 p.m., end-of-year Kabbalat Shabbat Service for our Religious School participants and families, followed by a potluck dinner. To RSVP: Barbara at bdbauman@yahoo.com or 802-999-6370.

Saturday, May 3: 10 a.m., Torah study. **7:30 p.m.,** Stowe Weekend of Hope's interfaith candlelighting service. See page 5 for details.

Friday, May 23: 6 p.m., Shabbat service.

Saturday, May 24: 10 a.m., Torah study.

JUNE

Sunday, June 1: Ordination ceremony for our religious leader, David Fainsilber. See page 2 for details.

Sunday, June 1: 2 p.m., second Mah Jong lesson for beginners. \$10 per person. Contact: Carole, 253-7408.

Monday, June 2: 1:30 p.m., book club meeting. To RSVP: Carole, 253-7408.

Sunday, June 8: 2 p.m., Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy, a program by Fern Greenberg Blood covering the basics of genealogy research and topics specific to Jewish genealogy. To RSVP: Carole, 253-7408.

Thursday, June 19: 3 p.m., Yiddish Club meeting at JCOGS. Contact: Carole, 253-7408.

Friday, June 20: 6 p.m., Shabbat services.

Sunday, June 22: 10 a.m., JCOGS Annual Meeting. See page 6 for details.

Friday, June 27: 6 p.m., installation of Rabbi David Fainsilber, followed by a Shabbat dinner in the tent. See page 6 for details.

Monday, June 30: 1:30 p.m., book club meeting. To RSVP: Carole, 253-7408.

JULY

During the months of July and August, Friday Night Shabbat services will be held weekly at 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 17: 7 p.m., An Evening of Magic with the amazing Oz Pearlman. See page 5 for event details. Info: 253-1800.

Friday, July 25: 6 p.m., a musical Shabbat service with Rabbi David and special guest Arielle Rosenberg, followed by a kosher catered dinner in the tent.

AUGUST

Friday, Aug. 1: 6 p.m., August Anniversaries special Shabbat service with a delicious oneg to follow.

Sunday, Aug. 24: 5 p.m., Community Kosher BBQ and Family Picnic in the tent.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, Oct. 10: 6 p.m., Sukkot service in the sukkah followed by a Harvest Shabbat dinner. Info: 253-1800.