

2017

# JCOGS SUMMER OF GATHERINGS

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## ONGOING

**Judaism's Best Ideas + Basic Hebrew class** will be held on Thursdays in July and August, beginning July 13 (5 to 6:15 p.m., Judaism's Best Ideas; 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., Basic Hebrew class). Join us for this series of engaging evenings on Judaism's Best Ideas, a class co-led by Rabbi David and Susan Rogers, plus a basic Hebrew reading class led by Lynne Gedanken. Delicious snacks provided! Feel free to bring some to share.

**Holocaust Memorial Exhibit: "From Generation to Generation ... We Are Here!"** On view through the summer in JCOGS' classroom #2.

## JULY

**Sunday, July 2: 5 p.m., Summer Barbecue.** Celebrate community, volunteerism, and the long days of summer with your neighbors and friends. The Shalom Committee will provide delicious kosher food with vegetarian options, and we are incorporating a festive "fiesta" theme that highlights our Viva Acapulco vacation villa raffle drawing, to take place the evening of the BBQ. RSVP online at [jcogs.org](http://jcogs.org) or contact Olivia Easdale at [802-253-1800](tel:802-253-1800).

**Thursday, July 6: Festive opening event for the Stowe Jewish Film Festival** with music and dinner at **6 p.m.**, followed by a screening of "The Wandering Muse: A Jewish Musical Journey" at **7:30 p.m.**

**Friday, July 7: 6 p.m., Shabbat services with Rabbi Jan Salzman**, founder and rabbi of Congregation Ruach haMaqom. She was ordained in 2010 by ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal and served as the assistant rabbi and cantor for six years at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue in Burlington, Vt.

**\*Saturday, July 15: Special Torah Study at the home of Rabbi David, Alison, Adar, and Yonah.** **10 to 11:30 a.m.**, Torah study; **11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, Shabbos lunch and schmooze. Join us for this relaxing, casual Shabbat afternoon. Get to know other community members and families. All are welcome, family friendly. For directions, please RSVP to [jcogs@jcogs.org](mailto:jcogs@jcogs.org).

**Friday, July 21 (and Sept. 1): 6 p.m., Musical Shabbat.** With musicians, singers, and spirit, this intimate musical service is a participatory experience for all. We come together in prayer, chant, and meditation, tapping into ancient words and new and old melodies. We come to find out what happens when prayer can be joyous, soul-centering, and transformational.

**Sunday, July 23: 10:30 a.m., A Bagel Brunch at the Beach!** Join us for a family swim party at the Waterbury Reservoir. We'll bring the bagels, and you can bring swim gear, beach toys, towels/beach furniture, and a potluck item to share.

**Thursday, July 27: 7:30 p.m.**, the **Stowe Jewish Film Festival** presents "Above and Beyond," a dramatic story of the courageous role of American pilots in Israel's War of Independence.

**Friday, July 28: Special evening on organ donation** with Andrea Goldman, a double-lung transplant recipient. **6 p.m.**, Shabbat service; **7:15 p.m.**, dinner and speaker.

**Monday, July 31: 8:30 p.m., Erev Tisha Bav service.** This is one of the most important holidays of the Jewish year. Join with community in a candlelit service commemorating the past calamities that have befallen the Jewish people. We will reflect on the personal and communal consequences in our own day as we chant the ancient words of Eicha/Lamentations. Please bring blankets or seat pads to sit on, as well as flashlights, as we gather in tradition to sit on the ground, for those who are able.



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### AUGUST

**Friday, Aug. 11: 6 p.m., Deepening Prayer.** Do you often feel lost during services? Do you have questions about the meaning and experience of prayer? During these services, we look in depth at one prayer in our Friday night tradition and have a meaningful conversation on its themes. We also explore some of the historical background and linguistic meaning of our liturgy, as well as focus on the meaning of prayer itself.

**Sunday, Aug. 13: 11 a.m., an all-ages concert with children's musician Joanie Leeds** at the Stowe Farmers' Market. This free show, which marks Joanie's Stowe debut, is sponsored by JCOGS. After the concert, Rabbi David will lead a band in some Jewish and secular music at the Stowe Farmer's Market. The band will play '50s and '60s tunes and old-time Jewish music! Come enjoy the festivities, and maybe even dance and sing along.

**Sunday, Aug. 13: 7 p.m.,** the **Stowe Jewish Film Festival** presents "The Women's Balcony," a good-natured comedy from Israel. Find out what happens in a traditional Israeli community when the women insist on having their space in the congregation.

**Wednesday, Aug. 16: A screening of "Falstaff,"** the first in a series of three Metropolitan Opera films. Dessert at **6:30 p.m.**, followed by the film at **7 p.m.**



**Friday, Aug. 18: 6 p.m., Summer Celebrations Shabbat and Oneg.** Please join us for an enhanced *Oneg* to celebrate all important summertime events in your life — weddings, birthdays, b'nei mitzvahs, etc. The service will be followed by a potluck *kiddush*. Vegetarian food contributions are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Schneps at 802-888-5848.

**Thursday, Aug. 24: 7 p.m.,** the **Stowe Jewish Film Festival** presents the family-friendly film "Rosenwald," the true story of a Jewish businessman and his life-changing establishment of schools for poor, black American children throughout the rural South. Free admission for students!

**Saturday, Aug. 26: 10 a.m., Mahzor study.** This is a special class that seeks to unearth religious meaning from our High Holy Days prayer-book. For newcomers and those experienced with Jewish study.

**Wednesday, Aug. 30: The second in a series of Metropolitan Opera films.** Film TBD. Dessert at **6:30 p.m.**, followed by the film at **7 p.m.**

## HIGH HOLY DAYS | 2017-5778

*The High Holy Days will be here before we know it. Save these dates!*

### SELICHOT

**Saturday, Sept. 16,** at 8 p.m.

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

**Wednesday, Sept. 20,**  
at 7:30 p.m.

### ROSH HASHANAH, DAY 1

**Thursday, Sept. 21**

9 a.m., Spontaneous Jewish Choir  
9:30 a.m., service  
10:00 a.m., children's services  
12:45 p.m., Tashlich and lunch

### ROSH HASHANAH, DAY 2

**Friday, Sept. 22**

8:30 a.m., Yoga for the New Year  
9:30 a.m., service

### KOL NIDRE

**Friday, Sept. 29,** at 7 p.m.

### YOM KIPPUR

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

9 a.m., Spontaneous Jewish Choir  
9:30 a.m., Yom Kippur service  
(incl. Yizkor)  
10 a.m., children's services  
4:30 p.m., Yoga for Yom Kippur  
5:30 p.m., afternoon service (Mincha)  
6:15 p.m., closing service (Ne'ilah)  
7:14 p.m.: Havdalah & Break-the-Fast

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