



February

GATHERINGS AT JCOGS

✧ **Friday, Feb. 1 | The Core of Shabbat: an abbreviated service + schmooze**

5:30-6:30 p.m., appetizers, wine + schmoozing

6:30-7:15 p.m., abbreviated Friday night service

7:15 p.m., enhanced Oneg

At this Core of Shabbat experience, we will pray the most integral parts of the service, sandwiched by some delightful schmoozing with food + wine + old + new friends.

✧ **Saturday, Feb. 2 | 10 a.m. | Torah study**

Come participate in this lively, meaningful discussion as we look deeply into the age-old source of our tradition's wisdom.

✧ **Friday, Feb. 8 | 5:30 p.m. | Family & Friends Friday: Shabbat services + potluck**

Family and friends come together to welcome the spirit of Shabbat at the end of our busy week with joyful singing and thoughtful prayer. Join us as Rabbi David leads a truly special evening of connecting to our ancients and celebrating the soul and origin of our Hebrew names. Vegetarian potluck to follow.

✧ **Saturday, Feb. 9 | 9:30 a.m. | Kinderlach and Gesher**

Shabbat morning program for young families of children ages birth to 7. Join us for a special day inspired by a Vermont author's children's book highlighting the Jewish value of *bikur cholim* (comforting the sick). We'll warm our hearts with *ahava* (love) and our bellies with soup.

✧ **Friday, Feb. 15 | 6 p.m. | Musical Shabbat with Rabbi David + catered oneg + childminding for young children**

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 has the potential to move us toward joy and transformation. Please RSVP.

✧ **Saturday, Feb. 16 | 10 a.m. | Torah study**

All are invited to participate in this lively and meaningful discussion group as we look deeply into the age-old source of our tradition's wisdom.

✧ **Sunday, Feb. 17 | noon to 4 p.m. | ALICE Training**

The Stowe Police Department will conduct an ALICE training at JCOGS. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. Public schools across the country have been engaging in ALICE training to prepare students and teachers for active crises. This is a site-specific training to prepare adults for emergency situations, and JCOGS adults who would like to attend this training should email jcogs@jcogs.org.

✧ **Friday, Feb. 22 | 6 p.m. | Deepening Prayer Shabbat service + potluck**

Do you crave more English when you pray? Do you have questions about the meaning and experience of prayer? At each of 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. Bring a vegetarian dish to share for the oneg.

..... LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH AND APRIL

■ **Sunday, March 3 | 2 p.m. | A History of the Concept of Race, a Vermont Humanities Council Speakers Bureau event hosted by JCOGS**

Professor William Edelglass will trace the intellectual history of the concept of race in the West.

■ **Monday, March 4 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Torah on Tap: Hot Topics with Rabbi David**

Come make some sense of this crazy world, while grabbing a drink and nosh with your rabbi. We'll enjoy some Torah and tasty grub at von Trapp Brewery & Bierhall (1333 Luce Hill Rd, Stowe). The hot topic: "Can we talk? Wisdom on civility for the Twitter age." First round and appetizers are on Rabbi David.

■ **Friday, March 15 | 6 p.m. | Secular Musical Shabbat + oneg + childminding for young children**

Did you know that everything is *umop əpɪsdn*? At least once a year with Purim, that crazy holiday of debauchery and costumes. Do not come, or do, as you wish, to this most secular Shabbat. Israeli classics and Yiddish favorites will be featured by our JCOGS band and Spontaneous Jewish Choir. Wear your best hat and stay for the funky oneg. Special thanks to Rabbi David and Alison for sponsoring this week's oneg in honor of the March birthdays of Adar, Yonah, and Hersh.

■ **Wednesday, March 20 | 4 p.m. | PURIM at Olam Chesed**

Join our Olam Chesed families for a Purim Festival to remember. There'll be drama! There'll be laughs! And there'll be lots of fun and hamantaschen. Come in costume to the ancient city of Shushan.

■ **Weekend of April 5-7 | Jewish Communities of Vermont Shabbaton & Summit**

Join JCOGS friends and Jews across the state for a vibrant weekend of programming at Killington Grand Hotel in Killington, Vt. The Shabbaton will take place on Friday and Saturday; the Summit will be held on Sunday.