



MARCH

✿ Friday, March 1 | 6 p.m. | Friday night Shabbat services

Come early and stay late! Every Shabbat you are invited to join us for a glass of wine at 5:30 p.m. before services and stay afterward for our enhanced oneg.

✿ 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 to 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 8 | 6 p.m. | HEARTSTRINGS Friday night services with cellist Jia Kim + sponsored oneg

Join Rabbi David and acclaimed cellist Jia Kim for this remarkable Friday night experience. Kim leads a dynamic musical life as a performer, educator, and a passionate advocate for the arts. She serves as faculty for New York Youth Symphony's Chamber Music Program, The Brearley School, and International Music Sessions, as well as artistic director of Central Chamber Series in NYC and Spruce Peak Chamber Music Society in Stowe. Special thanks to Rabbi David and Alison for sponsoring this week's oneg in honor of the March birthdays of Adar, Yonah, and Hersh.

✿ Saturday, March 9 | 9:30 to 11 a.m. | Kinderlach & Gesher Saturday morning Shabbat program

What's the connection between strength and noise? Join us as we celebrate the bravery of a girl named Esther and explore the joys of loud AND quiet. Get out your sillies and come hear the Purim spiel. Let's make some fun!

✿ Friday, March 15 | 6 p.m. | Secular Musical Shabbat + catered 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.

✿ Wednesday, March 20 | 4 p.m. | PUR!M at Olam Chesed with Modern Times Theater

Join us 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 and enjoy a low-tech old-time classic Punch and Judy show. Discover what an Adloyada is. Bring a yummy vegetarian dish to share for the potluck dinner.

✿ Friday, March 22 | 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, interspersed with some delightful schmoozing with food + wine + old and new friends.

✿ Saturday, March 23 | 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.

✿ Sunday, March 24 | 2 p.m. | The Megillah of Itzik Manger

Join Janie Respitz in her one-woman show performing a parody on the Story of Purim by the great Yiddish Poet Itzik Manger. The narration will be in English while all songs will be sung in Yiddish.

✿ Wednesday, March 27 | 7 p.m. | Community Prayer Gathering at JCOGS

The Lamoille County Clergy Group, feeling an urgent need to pray for our community, nation, and world at this critical time, will sponsor a monthly Community Prayer Gathering to be held at member congregations. Come represent JCOGS as we host this month. All are welcome.

✿ Friday, March 29 | 6 p.m. | Shabbat Jewish Renewal service with Rabbi Jan Salzman + oneg

We are delighted to welcome back Rabbi Jan for this special Renewal service. Come for the service and stay for the oneg. Ordained in 2010 by ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, Rabbi Jan is the founder and rabbi at Congregation Ruach haMaqom in Burlington.

✿ Weekend of March 29-31 | Ateed trip to Boston

Our intrepid teens head out with Rabbi David, Beth, and Amy D for an incredible weekend exploring the eighth largest Jewish community in the world. We'll experience different facets of Shabbat and Jewish life with unique communities, explore cultural highlights of Boston, and spend some serious time bonding with one another and getting a taste of urban Jewish teen life.

APRIL

✿ Monday, April 1 | 7 to 8:30 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 Doc Ponds (294 Mountain Rd, Stowe). First round and appetizers are on Rabbi David.

✿ Friday, April 5 | 6 p.m. | Friday night services + Chametz-filled potluck

T-minus 2 weeks until Passover. Cook or bake something filled with chametz and bring it to this month's potluck.

✿ Saturday, April 6 | 9:30 to 11 a.m. | Kinderlach & Geshet Saturday morning Shabbat program

Let's get ready for Passover with a rollicking interactive musical gathering led by special guest and music educator Joanna May. We'll get into the rhythms of this special spring celebration, learn about and create ritual items, and make yummy foods for the holiday.

✿ 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. For details, visit: jewishcommunitiesofvermont.org.

✿ Friday, April 12 | 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. RSVP encouraged.

✿ Friday, April 19 | First night of Passover: No Friday night services

✿ Saturday, April 20 | Second night of Passover at JCOGS

3:30 to 5 p.m., Passover Fun for Young Families, for children ages birth-7 and their families

Come play hide-and-seek with Pharaoh, find out what it's like to cross the Red Sea, move and sing, and taste delicious ritual foods from our favorite experiential holiday. This event is free.

5:30 p.m., Community Seder, for all-ages

All are encouraged to attend this interactive, participatory, and delicious seder, catered by Vermont Harvest Catering. Special programming for children will be provided. Register by April 8 for best pricing.

✿ Friday, April 26 | 6 p.m. | Friday night services for the final day of Passover + oneg

Coming off the heels of the Passover seders, this service will capture the themes of exodus, freedom, and liberation. Stay for the Kosher for Passover oneg to follow.

✿ Saturday, April 27 | 10 a.m. | Torah Study + Yizkor memorial service

On this last day of Passover, we will memorialize those beloved who have passed. At 10 a.m., we'll begin with a Torah Study, exploring our tradition's way of commemorating the lives of lost ones. At 11:30 a.m., we will hold a Yizkor memorial service. This is a time to consider those in our lives who have made an indelible impact and the loss left in their passing from this world. Join us for one or both.

✿ Sunday, April 28 | 4 to 6:30 p.m. | Ateed, JCOGS's forward-thinking teen program

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

✿ Wednesday, May 1 | Yom haShoah

3:45 p.m., Olam Chesed meets for special age-appropriate programming

6:30 p.m., adult program and ceremony co-sponsored by JCOGS, the Vermont Holocaust Memorial, and the Greater Stowe Interfaith Coalition

✿ Saturday, May 4 | 7:30 p.m. | Candlelight service for Remembrance of Hope at Stowe Community Church

This interfaith service, presented by the Greater Stowe Interfaith Coalition, is one of the most poignant elements of Stowe's Weekend of Hope. Through meditative music, heartfelt readings, and memorial candle-lighting, those gathered will honor and remember cancer survivors.

✿ Wednesday, May 8 | Yom haAtzmaut celebration and last day of Olam Chesed

Stay tuned for more information about this joyous event. And prepare your dance shoes for the hora!

✿ Friday, May 10 | Family & Friends Final Friday Shabbat services

Kabbalat Shabbat celebrating the culmination of a wonderful year at Olam Chesed with the entire JCOGS community. Vegetarian potluck dinner.

✿ Saturday, May 11 | 3 p.m. | Mincha afternoon service and Jude Fidel's bar mitzvah

✿ Saturday, May 25 | 4 p.m. | Mincha afternoon service and Lucy Andrus' bat mitzvah