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Ann Spak Thal School

The Joys of Spring

Sahar Oz

The spring semester has been filled with joyous celebrations, from our Tu B'Shvat seder in Hebrew School and holiday skits in Sunday School, to our recent assortment of Purim festivities.

We now turn our holiday focus to Pesah (Passover), also known as Hag Ha'aviv ("The Festival of Spring"), Hag Ha'matzot ("The Festival of Matzahs"), and Z'man Heiruteinu ("The Time of Our Freedom").

In Sunday School, the children are learning about Pesah through art, songs, games, and stories. Our Hebrew School students are exploring the history, traditions, and overarching messages of Pesah with a variety of multi-sensory approaches. The holiday's unique relevance at different periods of Jewish history and its impact on ethnic and religious groups outside of Judaism will be examined in Hebrew High this month.

This semester, our Hebrew School theme is Israel, and our rotating electives for grades three and four include "Faces of Israel" (ethnic and religious groups), "Israeli Heroes," and "Welcome to Israel: A Hebrew How-To." Students in grades five and six are rotating between "Israeli Art and Architecture," "Israel's Defining Moments," and "Israeli Geography."

The seventh grade concluded its Holocaust studies in early February and is delving deeply into Israeli history, society, and politics. Blue and white pride and excitement are growing as we head toward the celebration of Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day, in mid-April.

Join us on Friday evening, March 15, as our Gimel class (grade five) students lead the Shabbat service. They have been preparing for the service with Cantor Freedman and their teachers and are excited to celebrate Shabbat with you. The service begins at 6:15 PM, followed by dinner at 7:30 PM. To RSVP for dinner, please contact Betty by March 12 at bettyv@societyhillsynagogue.org.

On **Sunday, March 17**, Hebrew High parent and beloved author and illustrator Staci Schwartz will be our special guest for students in grades three and four. Staci will read her new book, *Billy the Baaadly Behaving Bully Goat*, and she will engage the children in an important discussion about bullying.





Rabbi's Column

Join Me for a POWER Lunch on March 9

Avi Winokur

In 1967, Martin Luther King addressed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and made the following observation:

"Now a lot of us are preachers, and all of us have our moral convictions and concerns, and so often we have problems with power. You see, what happened is that some of our philosophers got off base. And one of the great problems of history is that the concepts of love and power have usually been contrasted as opposites—polar opposites—so that love is identified with a resignation of power, and power with a denial of love . . . Now, we've got to get this thing right. What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love. And this is what we must see as we move on."

Not much has changed since 1967. There is still a sense that love and power are antithetical. But I believe King was right in 1967 and, despite what the cynics may say, he is still right today. King was not naïve. King knew the road was long back in 1967, and I suspect he would not be overly surprised to find out that the road is long in 2013.

Today, below the headlines there are organizations that believe in the potent mixture of love, power, patience, stamina and courage. They are the faith-based community organizations that got their start from that not-so-faith-based flaming radical, Saul Alinsky. Among the many organizations that look back at this radical as their progenitor, more and more of them are faith-based and pragmatic; none that I know of that are truly community-based are ideologically radical.

Our Synagogue was a proud and active member of just such an organization: PIA (Philadelphia Interfaith Action), a local affiliate of the IAF

(Industrial Areas Foundation) until PIA ran its course and disbanded several years ago. My prior synagogue was a member of an IAF affiliate in Manhattan. Community organizing is something that I believe in deeply, and for the first time in several years there appears to be a real and viable community organization in Philadelphia: POWER (www.powerphiladelphia.org) - or Philadelphians Organizing to Witness, Empower & Rebuild, an affiliate of PICO National Network (www.piconetwork.org) - or People Improving Communities through Organizing.

Conventional wisdom today is that people do not have the patience and stamina for the hard work required to reshape and rebuild community life to reflect the values of love and justice, and that in any event, an organization built on the ideal of wedding power to love is naïve. I wouldn't call Martin Luther King naïve. An idealist and visionary, yes. Naïve? Not in the least. The truly naïve are those who thought that King actually expected to realize his vision and ideals after a "mere" several decades of struggle. I suspect he knew all along that even several decades would not be long enough. The same is true today with regard to the realization of our own visions. A "mere" several years will not eradicate economic injustice, unequal opportunity, or the emission of greenhouse gasses. Community organizations are built with that understanding in mind. They are built for the long run.

Towards the end of that same 1967 address to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, King states:

"The road ahead will not always be smooth. There will still be rocky places of frustration and meandering points of bewilderment. There will be inevitable setbacks here and there. And there will be those moments when the buoyancy of hope will be transformed into the fatigue of despair. Our dreams will sometimes be shattered and our ethereal hopes blasted... But difficult and painful as it is, we must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future..."

"Let us realize that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice... This is our hope for the future, and with this faith we will be able to sing in some not too distant tomorrow, with a cosmic past tense, 'We have overcome! We have overcome! Deep in my heart, I did believe we would overcome.'"



President's Column

Exciting Activities at SHS

Jonathan Weiss

There is a lot going on this spring, and I want to take a moment to reflect on some of our most recent exciting events.

We had a terrific time at our raucous celebration of Purim—with the wonderful Purim Carnival, Purim Cantata, Scotch Tasting, and Megillah reading. For the first time, we also had a “Mini-Megillah” for young children whose bedtimes are much earlier than our regular festivities.

We also enjoyed a very successful Second Annual Inter**NOSH**ional Night dinner – actually, a set of dinners hosted by Synagogue members who live in various parts of the city, each inspired by a different international cuisine. Forty-three congregants attended this year, and enjoyed home-cooked delights ranging from Argentinean to Italian to Modern-Israeli fare. I have heard from hosts and attendees, and all participants reported they had a great time (myself included) and met members of the community they had not known before. I hope you will all think about joining us next year when we do it again. We’ve already had one new volunteer offer to host one of the meals, and we look forward to a large number of participants next year. Thanks to Debbie Stewart for organizing all of the host homes, assigning attendees, and publicizing the delectable menus again this year!

Our Membership Engagement get-together was also held in February, providing an opportunity for teams of interested members to focus on planning new events involving the following categories: Arts and Culture, Musical Events, Shabbat Meals, Social Activities, and New Member Integration. We had a good turnout for the meeting, but there is still room for more people to get involved—either by organizing events or by ensuring that you and your friends attend them. There are a lot of exciting opportunities, and we hope that you will keep contributing your ideas and help us to implement the activities, starting this spring. Some of these events will be at the Synagogue and some will be at other places.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Membership Engagement Initiative, please contact me or send an email to any SHS Board member!

On a personal note, as I write this article, we are starting to get hints of spring-like weather peeking through the bouts of chilly winter temperatures. It seems like each day is a little different than the last, and just when we think it may be time to put the scarves and hats away, those chilly winds return. Recently I have noticed a single portion of the service that really strikes me in this regard. There is a line in the Amidah, where depending on the season, we recite different words. During the fall and winter—between Sh’mini Atzeret and Pesah—we say, “You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall.” In some prayer books, during the rest of the year we say instead, “You bring the dew.” In our lives, where we often take for granted the availability of fresh water and shelter from the elements, I feel that these simple lines help to gently remind me that we are connected with the seasons and with nature, wherever we are.

I look forward to seeing you soon, and I hope that you have a good spring and a festive Pesah!



Rabbi's Column

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If you believe, as I do, that it is a moral and religious imperative to join in the long, hard, and often frustrating struggle for a just society—join me for a Shabbat lunch on Saturday, March 9, when we, along with Reverend Mark Tyler and some congregants from our neighbor Mother Bethel AME church, will explore together what joining POWER would mean for our community.



Ann Spak Thal School

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Please remember that our last Sunday and Tuesday classes before Pesah break will be March 17 and 19, respectively. Classes resume on Sunday, April 7. Hag Same’ah to everyone – have a great Pesah!



Cantor's Column

Guiding Our Children Toward Jewish Maturity

Bob Freedman

On a recent Shabbat afternoon I participated in a round-table rabbis' discussion provocatively called "The End of Bar Mitzvah?" There were six of us speaking, and none of us agreed with the title! What we all agreed on was that the preparation, celebration, and follow-up of becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is a fabulously rich opportunity for educating our students.

Then, ten days later, Rabbi Winokur, Sahar Oz (our education director), and I met with the BMitzvah (short for "Bar/Bat Mitzvah") class of 2014-15. Parents and students shared worries and anticipated joy, and we three talked about how we would guide students and their families through the process. I began my remarks by saying that teaching the BMitzvah students was my favorite part of my work at SHS. Partly that's because the kids at SHS are great fun and also because it is just exciting to work with children of that age.

We know well that humans have major growth spurt at ages 12-14. Changes in stature, large muscle coordination, and brain chemistry make early adolescents inquisitive, rebellious, reckless, awkward, very sensitive to approval and disapproval, and very proud of accomplishment. As they gain awareness of themselves as thinking and feeling individuals, preteens realize that other humans are the same. Complex concepts like the following begin to appear at the verge of their understanding: words have consequences; life is not always fair but justice does exist; and only very seldom is anything really simple. And underlying all this, they are becoming sexual people, able to have children of their own, at least biologically. It is no accident that the early rabbis recognized 12-13 as the age of "responsibility." It is a time of wide possibility that simultaneously dismays and thrills their teachers!

Last fall, I taught the professional development course on BMitzvah at the Academy for Jewish Religion, where I received rabbinic ordination.

One of the guiding frames for my syllabus was a list of all the tools that we might use for influencing our BMitzvah students. I came up with sixteen, and I'm sure I missed a few. At the top of my list were tutoring relationships between Rabbi and student and between Cantor and student and the camaraderie within the class. Learning how to chant Hebrew text is on the list as an excellent way to foster discipline. Classes for parents and students together, field trips, joining a Jewish youth group, attending services, the celebration and the party following all play important educational roles. And after the celebration, teaching in the religious school and continuing to study in Hebrew High School, as many of our Society Hill Synagogue students do, reinforces all that they have learned.

On the day of celebration, the BMitzvah candidate proudly shows what he or she has learned to the congregation and in effect asks to become a member of the adult community. That community is you. Your response is, of course, "Yes," because your preservation is the reason for the entire enterprise.

Now you may be relatives or close friends of the family. At the least you have supported the synagogue that guides the children on their path to becoming mature Jews. You are the village that has raised these children. Think of how meaningful it would be for all of us if all of you, the entire congregation, were to come to services that contain BMitzvah celebrations and show the students with your faces how important and precious they are! It could be more powerful than abstract events like the High Holy Days, more fulfilling than a plain Shabbat of davening, and as moving and as replete with faith and promise as a wedding. You would be amazed and made proud by the treasures in the form of the students in our midst. Luckily, many opportunities await you to do this in the coming years; we are blessed with two large classes in a row. See you there!



Playschool

It May Be Cold Outside, but It's Already Time to Register for Summer Camp

Gloria Parris

SHS Playschool Summer Camp applications are now available. Our camp program provides a wonderful curriculum of summer activities for children who are 2 to 4 years old. Many of our Playschool students continue their preschool experience in our camp program. We also welcome children who will be beginning preschool in September to spend their summer with us, too.

Our camp season begins on Monday, June 3, and extends for eight weeks through Thursday, July 25. Children participate in indoor and outdoor play, themed arts and crafts projects, circle time, storytelling, bike-riding, creative movement, music, and water activities in our wading pools. Each day, a healthy snack is provided by one of our families, and the children bring their own dairy lunch. Summer camp is in session Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Children can be enrolled for the full eight week program or for only certain weeks during the camp season. Children may attend camp on a Monday/Wednesday schedule, a Tuesday/Thursday schedule, or daily. These flexible options allow parents to enroll their children on a schedule that meets their varied summertime needs.

Remember, there are limited spots available in our summer program, and we need time to hire enough fabulous summer staff members to care for the children. So please contact the Playschool office at 215.922.6590, ext. 28, or send me an email at gparris@societyhillssynagogue.org for more information about the Playschool Summer Camp or to receive an application.

On Tuesday, March 12, the 3- to 4-year-old class will be taking their third trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art for the *Museum Looks and Picture Books* lesson. This program introduces both the museum and art concepts to preschool children.

The theme of the museum tour will be "The Art of Make Believe," and our group will focus on animals and creatures found in art.

Finally, our Pre-Kindergarten classes will each be performing original plays with the assistance of their drama teacher. The children chose their own characters and created their own story lines. Their teacher developed and wrote the play using all of the children's ideas. Parents and Playschool friends are invited to watch the acting debuts of our tiny thespians. The AM Pre-K class will perform their play on Wednesday, March 13. The PM Pre-K class will perform their play on Wednesday, April 17.

Philadelphia Interfaith Community (PIC) SHS to Host the PIC on March 6

Debbie Stewart

On Wednesday, March 6 at 7 PM, SHS will host a meeting for the PIC. Please join us as we welcome guests to our Synagogue for a discussion about life cycle rituals as they occur in the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic faiths. Part of a series, this session will focus on the transition to adulthood.

For additional information about this event, please contact me at beachethic@gmail.com or 609.713.0828.



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SHS InterNOSHional Night 2013— It's a Wrap!

Debbie Stewart

Feedback is still pouring in after our 2nd Annual SHS InterNOSHional Night held on Saturday, February 9! This year's gastronomic celebration featured the following cuisines: Italian cuisine inspired by a trip to Luca, Italian-American, Modern-Israeli, Argentinean, French, and Eastern Mediterranean/North African.

It is fair to say that the evening was once again a great success! Forty-three guests traveled to six host homes where they enjoyed warm and generous hospitality, amazing cuisines, and endless laugh-filled conversations. We achieved our goals of building community among our congregants while raising funds for our annual giving campaign.

SHS extends special thanks to our hosts:

Mona and Al Sutnick, Abigail Wolf and Jonathan Weiss, Fran and Jeremy Newberg, Eleanor and Harry Oxman, the team of Dana and Dan Feinberg and Margot Palley and Jeffrey Bladen, and Debbie and Bill Stewart.

Kudos to Libby Cone and Tom Borawski who planned to host, and practiced preparing Burmese cuisine, but because their home is located outside the city, we were unable to book their table. They enjoyed dinner at another host home.

Without our enthusiastic dinner guests, this event would not have been a success. Many thanks to all members who participated, including those members who had to cancel but graciously sustained their contribution.

Thanks a bunch to all those who helped to get the word out, prepared communications, and handled the payment process. What a team – only at SHS!

We hope that everyone nurtures the relationships that were enhanced by this lovely evening spent together, and that the many new relationships that were established through this event are celebrated. Check out some of the testimonials and pictures below and contact me at beachethic@gmail.com if you would like to host a dinner during SHS InterNOSHional Night 2014!

"Our dinner was great. I didn't know any of the people before we arrived so it was nice to meet members of the community that we didn't know."—Judy Gelles

"Ellen and I had a great time...the food, drink, conversation, and the ambience were all delightful. ... made everyone feel welcome. We did not know anyone there prior to this evening, but we made lots of connections. We strongly suggest making this an annual event."—Marty Rosenberg

"... were awesome hosts! The evening was a lot of fun, superb food, conversation and laughs."—Betta Kolansky

"...It was a lot of fun... nice people... great food... how could you go wrong?"—Steve Greenberg

"It was a great event!"—Debby Freedman

"The evening ... was delightful, delicious, fun, friendly, elegant, gracious, and memorable."—Iris Levine



"Ric and I had such a fabulous time. It was such a lovely group, and the food was sensational! InterNOSHional Night is a very special event."—Carmen Hayman



"They say a picture is worth a thousand words... We are handsome, happy, well-fed (and wined), clearly having a great time in a great place."—Flora Wolf and Laslo Boyd

Join Us for a Special Torah Study With Dr. Noam Flinker on Saturday, March 9, 9-10 AM

Avi Winokur

Professor Noam Flinker was born in Israel, lived in Philadelphia, and currently teaches English at the University of Haifa. On Saturday, March 9, from 9–10 AM, Dr. Flinker will share poetry from Yehuda Amichai about the theme of creativity, tying it to the building of the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

Over the years, Professor Flinker has given a number of talks at Society Hill Synagogue, and we are most fortunate that he considers SHS his synagogue community in Philadelphia.



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Young Families Group

Join Us for a Pasta Meal at the end of Pesah!

Laurel Landau

As a reminder, the Young Families Group includes families with a child under the age of 5 (and of course older siblings are welcome). We go on excursions around town and attend age-appropriate happenings at the Synagogue, including Tot Shabbats, Family Services, or other special events.

We enjoyed a wonderful evening at the annual SHS Havdalah Pajama Party in January, organized jointly by the Playschool and Sunday School. The children and parents had a blast with their glow sticks and handcrafted spice bags, which they readily put to use during the lovely, engaging service led by Cantor Freedman and Education Director Sahar Oz. We were so lucky to be entertained by Staci Schwartz who performed an interactive reading of her children's book, *The New Bear on the Block* – complete with props for audience participation! As our mitzvah component of this special evening, we collected children's pajamas that were donated to Cradles to Crayons!

As this issue goes to press, we are celebrating Purim at SHS's first Mini-Megillah celebration which will be held at an earlier time than the regular Purim festivities for the younger set! Also, of course, the children love the Purim Carnival!!

Please join us on Tuesday, April 2, to end Pesah with pasta at a restaurant to be determined. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Prospective members are always welcome at these events, so if you know anybody who may be interested, please pass on the information and invite them to join us.

To join our mailing list, please contact me at laurelsiegel@yahoo.com.



SHS Movie Night for the Whole Family!

Sunday, March 10 at 4:00 PM

**Come join Society Hill Synagogue members and friends
to watch the movie,**

Bend It Like Beckham!

**Light refreshments will be served, and wine will be available for
adults.**

Mix n' Mingle - 4-4:30 PM

***Bend It Like Beckham* - 4:30 PM**

Admission fee: \$5 per person; \$10 per family

Please RSVP to Janis Dubin at janisdubin@gmail.com

or call the SHS office at 215.922.6590

Bend it like Beckham

**Bend it like Beckham is brilliant! Prepare to be amazed!
Jess's parents want her to be a nice, conventional Indian girl.**

**They pray she will settle down, study for law school, and
learn to cook the perfect chapatti. But Jess has other plans.**

She wants to play football like her hero, David Beckham.

After all, anyone can cook aloo gobi, but who can bend it like Beckham?

Member Engagement Interest Groups

Debbie Stewart

On Wednesday, February 6, members of our congregation came together with common interests and a willingness to engage with others to enrich their relationships within our special Synagogue community. Each Member Engagement Interest Group (MEIG), including a liaison from the SHS Board of Directors, enjoyed wine, cheese, sweet treats, and schmoozing, while they brainstormed about ideas for community-enhancing activities. Some of the groups took the next step and identified a facilitator who will coordinate one activity this year and to set a tentative plan for the next year. Many groups scheduled their next planning meeting either at a member's home, a coffee shop, or at SHS.

All events will be publicized to the full congregation via the Keshet and email. The Social Activities group has already scheduled a movie night (see page 8 for more details)! The New Member Integration group is planning for a New Member Mentoring Program, including a special welcoming event for all of our new members.

MEIG facilitators will collaborate with their Board liaisons to schedule the use of SHS facilities with Executive Director Betty van de Rijn. This process is critical so that we avoid scheduling conflicts, make sure support staff are available, and space out events to maximize participation. To paraphrase our Rabbi ... we should be so lucky as to have too many events to juggle!

Individuals within groups have already begun to form relationships and may wish to plan some offshoot activities such as book discussions or small group outings. While they need not coordinate their activities through their MEIG, any use of the SHS facilities must be arranged with Betty.

A Member Engagement Steering Committee will be formed in the near future to provide additional support and guidance and to develop additional welcoming strategies that can be employed to attract members to attend scheduled events.

SHS members are the key to engaging and welcoming other members. We need your help to build relationships through shared experiences so that all members feel at home at SHS.

If you are interested in participating in one or more of the Membership Engagement Interest Groups, please contact me (beachethic@gmail.com), or any of the Board liaisons or facilitators listed below. We need your help. Take the leap and deepen your relationship with SHS and its members!

Many thanks to our Board Liaisons, Group Facilitators, SHS Executive Director, Board President, Rabbi, Communications Chair, support staff, and all those who have already taken the leap!

Membership Engagement Initiative Groups

Social Activities

Facilitator: Janis Dubin (janisdubin@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Lisa Eizen (lisa2e@aol.com)

Arts and Culture

Board Liaison:

Jonathan Feinman (jon46feinman@hotmail.com)

Music at SHS

Board Liaison: Judd Aaron (jaaron@cogr.com)

Shabbat Meals

Board Liaison:

Bonny Hohenberger (bjh711@gmail.com)

New Member Integration

Facilitator:

Libby Cone (cone@effectivemedicalenglish.com)

Board Liaison:

Debbie Stewart (beachethic@gmail.com)

Miscellaneous Ideas (for example Holiday Meals)

Facilitator:

Barbara Spector (barbaraspector@verizon.net)

Barbara volunteered to create and maintain a database of congregants interested in connecting for holiday meals. Please contact Barbara to discuss your interest in this initiative.

Board Liaison: Harry Oxman (hioxman@comcast.net)

General Fund**Speedy Recovery to****Marilyn Seltzer**

Judy Spiller

In Appreciation of**January TGIShabbat Dinner**

Lore Bryan

Linda Weiner

Barbara Manfredi

Bob Blacksberg & Terry Novick, February TGIShabbat

Lore Bryan

Libby Cone, Transportation to Services

Lore Bryan

Gloria Steinberg, Transportation to Services

Lore Bryan

In Memory of**Doris Casper**

Staff of Judge Slomsky's Chambers

Selma Jacowitz

Ellen Horner

Jonathan & Beth Glixon

Seymour & Miriam Mandell

David Wycoff

Steve & Susan Leshnoff

Yahrzeit Remembrance**Adam Levy, Friend of Joseph & Dorene**

Joseph & Dorene Rosenthal

Leon Lefkovitz, Uncle of Doris Casper

Doris Casper z'l

Miriam Shore, Mother of Joanna Bottaro

Andrew & Joanna Bottaro

Arthur Shore, Father of Joanna Bottaro

Andrew & Joanna Bottaro

Lawrence Bottaro, Father of Andrew Bottaro

Andrew & Joanna Bottaro

Naftalie & Esther Konigshofer, Parents of Lore Bryan

Lore Bryan

Henry Miller, Husband, Father, Grandfather

Barbara Miller

Alexa Miller

Andrew & Fabiola Miller

David and Morgan Miller

Louis Blender, Father of Burton Blender

Burton Blender

Perri Miller, Daughter, Granddaughter, Sister, Niece

Andrew & Fabiola Miller

Barbara Miller

David and Morgan Miller

Alexa Miller

Annual Giving Fund**In Appreciation of****SHS's Adult Education**

Bonnie Flanagan

In Honor of**Mitchell & Cindy Bach, dedication to SHS**

Richard A. Rubin

Conversion of Carey Myers

Barbara Spector

Danny & Lisa Davis, birth of twin daughters

Judy Spiller

In Memory of**Rabbi J. Harold Romirowsky**

Rita Altman

Yahrzeit Remembrance**Samuel Feinstein, Father of Evelyn Eisenstadt**

Evelyn Eisenstadt

Rose Eisenstadt, Mother-in-Law of Evelyn Eisenstadt

Evelyn Eisenstadt

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Natalie Cohn

Marc, Staci & Jamie Schwartz

SHS Silver Heit Salkin Fund

In Appreciation of

Merle Salkin's involvement in Jacob's Bar Mitzvah
The Hayman Family

Social Action Fund

In Honor of

Birth of Grandson, Oscar Milosz Elitzer
Murray Dubin & Libby Rosof

Yahrzeit Remembrance

Ben Dubin, Father of Murray Dubin
Murray Dubin

Stanley Dubin, Brother of Murray Dubin
Murray Dubin

Playschool Fund

In Memory of

Jim Gorelick, Father of Susan Eizen
Laurel Landau and Family

Cantor Discretionary Fund

In Appreciation of

Cantor Freedman for supporting Jacob & Carmen in their Torah Studies
The Hayman Family

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

In Appreciation of

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Hayman
Ric & Carmen Hayman

Nuts & Bolts Class

William Shapiro & Aichila Vasthare

In Memory of

Dr. Irvin Gerson, Grandfather of Leah Popowich
Nancy Hohns

H. Murray Hohns, Grandfather of Andrew Hohns
Nancy Hohns

Adele Adess, Grandmother of Lindsey Morgan
Alan & Elaine Shechtman

Yahrzeit Remembrance

Henry Blask, Father of Judy Woloff
Stanley & Judy Woloff

Hy Blask, Uncle of Judy Woloff
Stanley & Judy Woloff

Isadore Goldenberg, Father of Marc Goldenberg
Marc, Nancy, Jack, & Alice Goldenberg

Beatrice Chernock, Mother of Joel Chernock
Joel Chernock

Mary Dubin, Mother of Murray Dubin
Murray Dubin & Libby Rosof

J. Morton and Rose Orman, Parents of James Orman
James Orman

Philip Retter, Father of Melody Goldberg
Michael & Melody Goldberg

Morton H. Lieberman, Grandfather of Andrew Hohns
Nancy Hohns

Selma Brown, Mother of Stephen Brown
Stephen & Pelley Brown

Lillian Dictor, Mother-in-Law of Joel Chernock
Joel Chernock

Baruch Blumberg, Husband of Jean Blumberg
Jean Blumberg

Jo Ellen Pizzillo, Sister of Carole Le Faivre-Rochester
Carole Le Faivre-Rochester

Garry Le Faivre, Brother of Carole Le Faivre-Rochester
Carole Le Faivre-Rochester



Memorial Plaque

In Memory of

Eugene Lizenbaum

Mildred Lizenbaum and Curtis Lizenbaum

March Birthdays

Theodore Danoff
 Daniel Sackett
 Libby Rosof
 Cindy Elliott
 Sadie Margolin
 Raphael Englander
 Mayah Gold
 Linda Rosenstein
 Sloan Uygur Petersohn
 Amy Finkel
 Ronnie Landau
 Ann Lebowitz Steinberger
 Diane Siegel Danoff
 Alan Casnoff
 Jack Epstein
 Marjorie Goldstein
 Rachel Ladenson
 Lysander Michaels Koenig
 Richard Braemer
 Ronald Krasnick
 Raphael Licht
 Charlotte Rotter
 Amy Shapiro
 Jeremy Newberg
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 Charlotte Coran
 Margot Englander
 Jacqueline Goldfinger
 Noah Herman
 Charlene Hirsch
 Staci Schwartz
 Benjamin Kauderwood
 Odilia Kirshenbaum
 Carolyn Ballen Stanish
 Nathaniel Sackett
 Mira Isaac Treatman
 Amalya Wolf Weiss
 Jessica Balderston
 Nancy Moses

March Birthdays

Sophie Coran
 Sally Gendler
 Diane Luckman
 Eleanor Oxman
 Risa J. Stolker
 Rita Bernstein
 Nina Datlof
 Cheri Cutler
 Todd Cohen
 Carole LeFavre Rochester
 Jennifer Weiner
 Louis Golding
 Stephanie Wolson
 Rachel Kadish
 Emma Luckman

March Anniversaries

Jeffrey Bladen and
 Margot Palley

 Benjamin Berman and
 Suzanne Fierston

 Scot and Marcie Ziskind

 Michael Yudell and
 Jacqueline Rick

 Steve Morley and
 Liz Abrams-Morley

 Judith and Tony Lalli

 Edgar and Barbara Einhorn

 Howard Sedran and
 Martha Levine

InterNOSHional Night From the Hosts' Perspective

Dana and Dan Feinberg, Margot Palley, and Jeff Bladen

Some may think the name of the SHS InterNOSHional Night sounds kitschy, but our mostly vegetarian and fish modern-Israeli-themed meal (inspired primarily by the newly released and widely acclaimed cookbook, *Jerusalem*) was not kitschy in any way. Rather, it involved a deep exploration of Middle Eastern spice blends and cooking techniques from the multicultural country of Israel.

After hearing what a success last year's event was, we all decided to "team up" and prepare a meal together. Concerned that SHS members might not want to travel out to our (Feinberg's) home in Moorestown, we agreed to jointly host our meal at Margot and Jeff's lovely Center City home. Although serious cooking went on in our kitchens on both sides of the river—choosing the menu items, researching the cuisine, and setting a beautiful table for our guests provided wonderful excuses for our families to get together during our preparation for the big night.

We served Israeli wine from the grapes of the Galilee and highlighted the fruits and vegetables readily available in and around Jerusalem. We had great fun embarking on a new culinary cultural journey that pushed us to take risks in the kitchen.

During dinner the conversation flowed effortlessly, and we were able to schmooze and connect with our fellow congregants (and Cantor and Rabbi) in a relaxed setting that was very different from seeing one another in shul. It was truly a delightful evening that went by entirely too quickly.

We are already thinking about the cuisine options for next year's InterNOSHional Night!

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Here are two simple recipes that were a huge hit at our dinner. We served these two salatim/salads accompanied by plenty of fresh pita for scooping and raw vegetables for dipping.

Basic Hummus

1 1/4 cups dried chickpeas/garbanzo beans
 1 Tbsp. baking soda
 6 1/2 cups water
 3/4 cup light tahini paste
 4 Tbsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice
 4 cloves garlic, crushed
 6 1/2 Tbsp. ice cold water
 Kosher salt

Soak chickpeas in a large bowl of cold water overnight until they increase to at least twice their volume in size.

The next day, drain the chickpeas. Place a medium saucepan over high heat and add the drained chickpeas and baking soda. Cook for about 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add the water and bring to a boil. Cook for 20-40 minutes (depending on the type and freshness, sometimes even longer), skimming off any foam and skins that float to the surface. Once done, they should be very tender, breaking up easily when pressed between your thumb and finger until they are almost, but not quite, mushy.

Drain the chickpeas. You should have roughly 3 2/3 cups now. Place the chickpeas in a food processor and process until you get a stiff paste. Then, with the machine still running, add the tahini paste, lemon juice, garlic, and 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt. Finally, slowly drizzle in the ice water and allow it to mix for about 5 minutes, until you get a very smooth and creamy paste.

Transfer the hummus to a bowl, cover the surface with plastic wrap, and let it rest for at least 30 minutes. If not serving immediately, refrigerate until needed. Make sure to take it out of the fridge at least 30 minutes before serving.

Pureed Beets with Yogurt and Za'atar:

2 lbs. beets (about 1 lb in total after cooking and peeling)
 2 cloves garlic, crushed

Community News Mazel Tov to

Debbie and Bill Stewart on the birth of their granddaughter, **Olive Viola Morton**.

Rick Summers and Merrily Williams on the birth of their granddaughter, **Yaeli Zhang**.

Larry and Jackie Goldfinger on the birth of their twins, **Ezra Anshel and Hava Louise**.

Micah and Joanna Hart on the birth of their son, **Tobias Albert Hart**.

Dan and Nicole Perkins on the birth of their daughter, **Zoe Jane**.

Condolences to

Alan Casper and Family on the death of his mother, **Doris Casper**.

Debby Freedman, Isaac and Jacob Wycoff on the death of their husband and father, **David Wycoff**.

Herbert Cohn and Family on the death of his wife, **Natalie Cohn**.

Neil Cohen and Family on the death of his father, **Julius Cohen**.

Susan Eizen and Family on the death of her father, **Jim Gorelick**.

Welcome New Members

Harry and Sheri Feinberg
Nina and Charlotte

Melanie London and Derek Little
Jack and Finley

Daniel and Carol Weil
Giacomo, Camille, and Henry

Pureed Beets with Yogurt and Za'atar:

1 small red chile, seeded and finely chopped
 1 rounded cup plain Greek yogurt (non-fat works well)
 1 1/2 Tbsp. date syrup (or maple syrup)
 3 Tbsp. olive oil, plus extra to finish the dish
 1 Tbsp. za'atar
 Kosher salt

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Pureed Beets with Yogurt and Za'atar:

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To Garnish:

- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp. toasted hazelnuts, coarsely crushed
- 2 oz. goat's milk cheese, crumbled

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Wash beets and place in a roasting pan. Put them in the oven and cook for about an hour, uncovered, until a knife slides easily into the center. Once they are cool enough to handle, peel the beets and cut each one into about 6 pieces. Allow them to cool.

Place the beets, garlic, chile, and yogurt in a food processor and blend to a smooth paste. Transfer mixture to a large mixing bowl and stir in the date or maple syrup, olive oil, za'atar, and 1 teaspoon Kosher salt. Taste and add more salt if you like. Transfer the mixture to a flat or shallow serving plate and use the back of spoon to spread it around the plate. Scatter the green onions, hazelnuts, and cheese on top and finish off with a drizzle of olive oil. Serve at room temperature.

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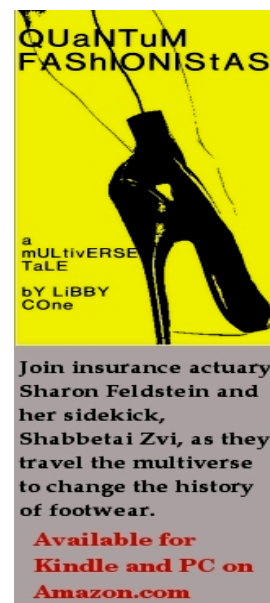
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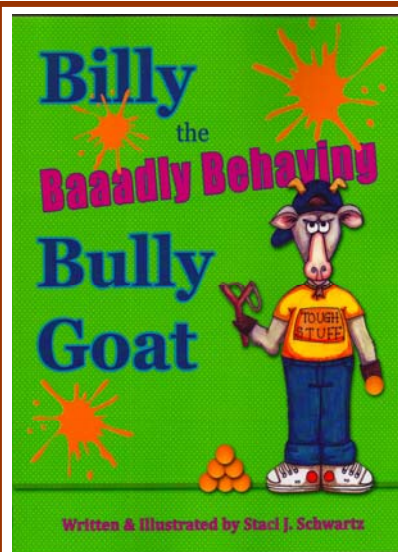
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