Friday Night Service Time Changes March 2

As all of you have probably read in the February issue of the Kesher, Friday Night Services will now begin at 6:15 PM, with the exception of the third Friday of the month, which will begin at 7:30 PM.

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Come and Celebrate Purim with us!

Come join the fun at our joyful, Annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 4, 11 AM to 1 PM. Play games, enjoy food, and win prizes!

Then on the Eve of Purim, Wednesday, March 7—Our world famous Purim Cantata begins at 6:30 PM. Then, adults can partake in a Single Malt Scotch Tasting at 7:30 PM, followed by our Megillah Reading at 8 PM.

It has been scientifically proven that the folks who wear costumes to the Purim celebration have the most fun!

The Eatz Chaim cookbook will be available for pick-up or purchase at the Purim Carnival for those who pre-paid for or reserved a copy. The cookbook is $18!

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Jewish Heritage Night at CitizensBankPark

Phillies vs. Braves
Tuesday, August 7, 7:05 PM
Reserve your tickets now!

We have tickets for a 100 seats in Sections 309 and 310. Join us for a fun night at the park. To purchase your tickets call the office at 215.922.6590. A Sign up sheet will also be made available at the Purim Carnival.
N
ormally when one thinks of Purim, one
does not necessarily think of
Philabundance. One thinks of the story of
Esther in the Megillah, or of hamantaschen, or of
carnivals (come to our carnival on March 4, from
11 AM to 1 PM. Here at SHS, we also think about
our annual Purim Cantata (because Ms. Salkin will
be retiring soon, this will be her final production), our
somewhat nutty Megillah reading, and our oh-so-
wonderful Single Malt Scotch Tasting—all of these
latter Purim activities will begin at 6:30 PM on
March 7.

Other than reading the Megillah, there are, however,
additional mitzvot associated with Purim, and two
prominent ones have to do with generosity. The first
mishloah manot, the sending of gifts (shalah mones
in Yiddish), describes the tradition of sending little
gifts of food to friends, usually two different kinds,
like hamantaschen and a small box of raisins or
some small treat.

Philabundance can be associated with a second
mitzvah, that of matanot l’evyonim, gifts to the poor.
Both mishloah manot and matanot l’evyonim come
from the verse in the scroll of Esther (9:22) which
states that Purim was to be observed “as days of
feasting and merrymaking, and as an occasion for
sending gifts to one another and presents to the
poor.”

To observe the mitzvah of matanot l’evyonim, I have
rescheduled previous obligations for Tuesday,
March 6, at 6:15 PM, and instead will be joining our
cadre of volunteers down at Philabundance (3616
Galloway Street) to pack up food for distribution to
the needy in our community.

Our volunteers do this every first Tuesday and the
times that I have joined them have been wonderful.
Even though I know that I am not solving the hunger
crisis when I volunteer at Philabundance, I know

that I am doing my part. I also know that I’m not sitting
back wringing my hands, helplessly.

By all means, come to our Purim celebrations for the
merrymaking and for the Talmudically mandated
drinking of spirits known as ad lo yadah, “until you
don’t know” (until you don’t know the difference be-
tween blessed is Mordechai and cursed is Haman)
which describes the state of inebriation that appears
to be a mitzvah on Purim according to the rabbis. But
as we enjoy this holiday of pure fun, let’s also remem-
ber those for whom this kind of enjoyment is a luxury,
far removed from their hard scrabble lives of hunger
and poverty. Join me on Tuesday evening March 6.

Adult Education

Introductory Hebrew Course

Staci Schwartz

What do you get when you cross one excel-
 lent, patient, and thoughtful teacher who is
armed with books from the National Jewish
Outreach Program’s The Hebrew Reading Crash
Course, with 10 eager students willing to meet once a
week, for about an hour and a half, for a couple of
months? Answer: ten more people who can now read
Hebrew at SHS!

This amazing course, arranged for by Cantor Freed-
man, and taught by Bruce Hirsch, was a smashing
success. If you have always wanted to learn to read
Hebrew, but didn’t know how you would find a place
and the time to do it—SHS is the place, and now is
the time! Think it’s too expensive to learn? Guess
what? The Hebrew Reading Crash Course was free.
Think you will only learn the Aleph Bet by the end of
the course? Wrong! You will be reading Hebrew
words and prayers. If you would like to learn Hebrew,
please contact Cantor Freedman at
cantor@societyhillsynagogue.org, and if enough folks
are interested, perhaps he can arrange for another
class to be offered at SHS.

In the meantime, the members of our class wish to
extend our heartfelt thanks to Bruce for making the
Hebrew language so interesting, fun, and accessible.

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President's Column
And the Rabbi Was Speechless
Walter Ferst

For those of you who were unable to join us for last Friday night’s TGISHabbat service you missed a real treat! Not that all TGISHabbat services are not special, because by their nature, I assure you that they are, but last Friday night stood out as a truly unique experience. If you will forgive the expression, the evening was almost surreal. But first, let me tell you about the numbers.

Without actually counting, I believe almost 150 people filled the Sanctuary. That’s right, 150 people coming to Kabbalat Shabbat services at Society Hill Synagogue when there was no Bar or Bat Mitzvah, no outside speaker. So people, lots of people, came to services just because. To be fair, we were again fortunate to welcome wonderful jazz musicians, Jud Aaron and Josh Nadel, to enhance our Shabbat experience, and we also had the participation of the Jewish Collaborative—an organized group of young professionals. The good news is that members of the Collaborative elected to join us, and the even better news is that the overwhelming majority of those members were our own fellow congregants.

Of course with that many participants came a level of energy and physical sense of community that I do not think I have ever felt at a regular Shabbat service during my 35-year tenure at SHS. As Jews have been want to say this time of year for thousands for years, dayeinu!

If drawing that kind of attendance was not enough, to add to the celebration, thanks to Dana Feinberg’s behind-the-scenes preparation with Cantor Freedman, most of us danced around the shul following a special rendition of L’cha Dodi. This was followed by the rare, and I mean extraordinarily rare, experience of seeing our own Rabbi Avi Winokur speechless when a group of individuals (again organized by Dana) flashed cards from the rear of the Sanctuary wishing Avi a colorful Shabbat Shalom. Imagine Avi being speechless. It boggles the mind!

If I sound energized, it is because I am. What we started a year ago when we first conceived TGISHabbat, with a fair amount of trepidation, appears to have developed a life and a spirit all of its own. Thank you all for helping to make it so, and I look forward to sharing many more occasions with all of you!

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The following are testimonials from some of my classmates:

“Let me first say that it was a very inspiring class in that it took something I thought would be complicated and made it simple. I looked forward to every class as well as my pre-class ritual of studying at Zekes. I hope to continue towards my goal of reading Hebrew as well as I do English.” - Andy Bottaro

“It was a privilege to take the journey from Aleph to Tav, led by a knowledgeable teacher and accompanied by enthusiastic fellow students. Taking the class has enabled me to more fully enter into the prayer of the community during services and has increased my understanding of Judaism.” - Bonnie Flanagan

“I had not thought it possible for me to have fun learning to read Hebrew, but this class and Bruce teaching it, proved me wrong. His supportive, non-judgmental teaching (with an occasional touch of humor), combined with the innovative learning approach taken by the text, enabled me not only to stick it out for the full course, but also to actually look forward to each week in the company of motivated learners.” - Jim Rosenstein

“When I started this class, I didn’t know a single Hebrew letter, and now I can read prayers. I can participate in services more than ever before. The only thing I can’t figure out is why I waited so long to do this!” - Andrea Appel
Perhaps you are thinking about joining my course on Jewish liturgy that begins at 7:15 PM on Tuesday evening, March 13, and is called “Travel the Road of Jewish Prayer with 4-World Drive.” May I offer you a short, guided meditation as an appetizer? Relax and give yourself a three-minute vacation, but don’t close your eyes because then you won’t be able to read.

You get up early in the morning, put on comfortable clothes and good shoes, and pack a peanut butter sandwich, some water, and an apple. You also take your wallet, to keep yourself connected. Then, waking up sleepy muscles, you step out the door and stretch.

It’s a glorious morning. The sun is peering over the hills from a bright blue sky. Dew turns spider webs into glittering diamond necklaces and makes sparkles in the grass by the side of the path that winds up and away. You give thanks for all this incredible beauty and feel ready to enjoy your walk, a celebration of being alive in a lovely world.

After a half an hour of walking, the traffic noise has all but faded. You arrive at the top of the first high hill and stop to look around. Glaciers must have been here; it’s obvious from the way the rocks are scraped. Groves of beeches and firs and patches of flowers tended by butterflies are spread out around you. Animal droppings and the calls of birds are clear evidence that many, many creatures share this space with you. You sense a system, a complex interwoven pattern that you can only begin to understand. “Does it have a purpose?” you wonder. “What is my part in it?”

The sun is high in the sky when you stop for your peanut butter sandwich and a rest. The grassy field is warm. You doze a little and dream of speaking to someone. You awake with the memory of being heard and the feeling of a transaction completed.

Now you’re back reading this article, and I’m telling you that you have just traveled the path of every Jewish worship service, through the four worlds of Jewish prayer—body, relationships, thought, and spirit—and back. Traversing the prayers is a walk through metaphorical realms, except that they won’t let you bring peanut butter sandwiches into the Sanctuary. Eat it and the apple at the reception afterward.

Like any off-road travel, the Jewish prayers go through challenging territory. Yes, there is a lot of “You’re so great God,” and yes, there is medieval language, and yes, there are requests that we may not see answered. Yes, we get distracted and confused and occasionally lost. It’s all part of the journey, a journey that is much more rewarding if you have a map and a metaphorical four-worlds all-terrain-vehicle.

I hope I’ve whetted your appetite for learning more. Bring your curiosity, and I will be your guide. If you want to bring a peanut butter sandwich and an apple too, that’s fine.

Philadelphia Interfaith Community (PIC)
An Interfaith Discussion About the Meaning of Creation
Debbie Stewart

Our Interfaith experiences continue with an evening of learning and conversation to be held on Wednesday, March 14, at 7PM, at Old St. Joseph’s Church in Barbeline Hall. Old St. Joe’s is located at 321 Willings Alley, off of 4th and Walnut Streets. We will explore and discuss the meaning of creation as described in the Torah and the Quran. Please mark you calendar and bring a friend!

For more information, please contact Debbie Stewart at 609.713.0828 or beachethic@gmail.com.

2012 SHS Nominating Committee
Chair: Staci Schwartz
Fran Gallun                          Laurel Landau
Jack Treatman                     Andrea Appel
We are in our busy season! Purim, Pesah, and Shavuot are on the horizon. Students in grades Pre-K through seven are in holiday mode. Look for handmade treasures for Purim and Pesah and hear about our great discussions about the Ten Commandments as we approach Shavuot.

Our Fourth Grade Bible class has been studying Solomon’s Temple. Teacher Talia Gottesman has guided her students to discoveries of the lost artifacts!

Tzedakah collections are an important part of living in our community, be it Philadelphia, Israel, or the world at large. In response to students’ suggestions, we have supported breast cancer research, the American Jewish World Service (helping people at the grassroots level all over the world), Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Magen David Adom, the George Washington Elementary School food drive, and Jewish Family and Children’s Service. As you can see, the children have made it a point to support a variety of organizations. At the end of February, we sent holiday cards along with a $300 check to Connections Israel, the Israeli organization that sends cards and Purim baskets (mishloah manot) to Israeli soldiers on duty at Purim time. In return for our cards and baskets, we will receive a picture of our unit of soldiers with baskets in hand. It’s a very exciting piece of mail!

Thanks to the 2012 Purim Cantata cast who did an out-of-this-world job with our Star Wars presentation. Many of the students played multiple parts—a difficult assignment, to be sure. In order of appearance: Lily Hayman, Sydney Bladen, Rachel Ladenson, Isaak Popkin, Jacob Hayman, Lena Popkin, Abby Shapiro, Ben Rosin, Amalya Weiss, and Mayah Gold. Thanks also to directors Talia Gottesman and Dave Posmontier.

Our Annual Purim Carnival is such a fun-filled event! Tickets for the games and refreshments will be sold at the door. In order to make the Purim Carnival a success and fun for all, we need volunteers to assist with the games, craft projects, food, set-up, and clean-up. If you would like to help, either for the entire carnival or for a specific period of time, please contact Gloria at gparris@societyhillsynagogue.org or call the Playschool office at 215.922.6590, ext.28.

The children are looking forward to their class Purim Parades and Luncheons on Thursday, March 8, and Friday, March 9. They can wear costumes that are traditional to Purim or they may be dressed in a costume of their choice. Families will attend the parades to hear the children sing the Purim songs that they have learned. Following their performances, the children and their guests will have lunch together. Our Purim celebrations are always a highlight of Playschool programming for the children and their families.

On Tuesday, March 20, the 3- to 4-year-old class will be taking their third trip to the Philadelphia.
Playschool

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This program introduces the museum and art concepts to preschool-aged children. The theme of the museum tour will be color and feelings. The museum tour will focus on art of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Exciting and original plays will be performed by the children in the Pre-Kindergarten classes. The children chose their own original characters, and their drama teachers developed and wrote plays using these characters. Parents and Playschool friends are invited to attend the acting debuts of both of these classes. The Pre-K PM Class will present their play on Friday, March 16, and, on Wednesday, March 21, the children in the Pre-K AM Class will demonstrate their acting skills.

We hope to see you at the Purim Carnival!

Mark Your Calendars for LimmudPhilly 2012: April 27-29
Phyllis Denbo

Society Hill Synagogue is proud to be a partner of LimmudPhilly 2012. The annual Jewish learningfest will take place April 27-29 at Friends Select School, located at 17th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway. In the fourth year of this exciting communitywide experience, there will be something for everyone. The main event will begin with Havdalah on Saturday, April 28, followed by music from the delightful male acapella group, The Maccabeats. The next several hours and all day Sunday will be filled with a vast array of simultaneous sessions on everything from Talmud to tap dancing.

The quality and range of speakers and topics promise to make this the best LimmudPhilly yet. Here are a few of the presenters who will make this happen:

- **David Makovsky**, Middle East Peace Process Project Director at the Washington Institute and co-author with Dennis Ross of Myths, Illusions and Peace: Finding a New Direction for America in the Middle East, will talk about the Arab Spring.

Baby & Me and Young Families Groups

Lots of Activities for Young Families at SHS
Laurel Landau

The Baby & Me and Young Families Groups are growing! We are so lucky to have such a wonderful population of young families at our Synagogue. As a reminder, Baby & Me generally serves infants and toddlers under the age of 2 and their parents or caregivers; the meetings for this group are usually during the week. The Young Families Group includes families with a child(ren) under 5 (and of course siblings are welcome!); this group generally participates in activities on weekends.

On Sunday, February 12, we had an enjoyable trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art for the Early Bird Read and Look Tour and lunch. On Friday, February 24, we had our annual trip to Expressive Hand for “Read, Sign, and Paint,” where we heard a story and then painted a piece of related pottery.

In March, we encourage you to attend the many Purim activities planned at the Synagogue, including the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 4, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

**Baby & Me will meet on Wednesday, March 21, 3 – 5 PM, in Miss Terri’s classroom.**

To join our expanding mailing list for all of the latest details, contact me at laurelsiegel@yahoo.com.

March Anniversaries

Jeffrey Bladen & Margot Palley
Benjamin Berman & Suzanne Fierston
Scot & Marcie Ziskind
Michael Yudell & Jacqueline Rick
Steve Morley & Liz Abrams-Morley
Judith & Tony Lalli
Edgar & Barbara Einhorn
Howard Sedran & Martha Levine
March Birthdays
Theodore Danoff
Daniel Sackett
Libby Rosof
Cindy Elliott
Raphael Englander
Mayah Gold
Maya Rosenberg
Linda Rosenberg
Justin Backal-Balik
Joshua Greenblatt
Soozee Caplan
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Amy Shapiro
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Josh Owen
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Charlotte Coran
Margot Englander
Noah Herman
Charlene Hirsch
Staci Schwartz
Benjamin Kauderwood
Odilia Kirshenbaum
Carolyn Ballen Stanish
Nathaniel Sackett
Amalya Wolf Weiss
Jessica Balderston
Nancy Moses
Sophie Coran
Sally Gendler
Diane Luckman
Eleanor Oxman
Risa Stolker
Rita Bernstein
Cheri Culter
Carole LeFaivre-Rochester
Jennifer Weiner
Megan Weisman
Emma Luckman

Talkin’ Jewish: A Rabbi’s Guide to Common Jewish Terms
Avi Winokur

**Purim:** The name of the holiday comes from the Scroll of Esther 3:7 in which *pur* is defined as “the lot” as in lottery and in casting lots. The evil Haman casts lots to determine which day he would destroy the Jews. Purim is to Pesah what Mardi Gras is to Easter, both of which are based on older paradigms of letting loose prior to rededicating oneself to a life of virtue.

**Hamantaschen:** (literally Haman’s pockets) are triangular pastries sometimes understood to be in the shape of Haman’s hat. Traditionally filled with *mohn* (Yiddish for poppy seeds) they are now filled with all sorts of sweet jellies, chocolate etc.

**Megillah:** (scroll) and **Megillat Esther:** (scroll of Esther). Megillah (plural megil-lot) is Hebrew for scroll. It is a generic term that has come to be used to in reference to the scroll of Esther. In fact there are five megillot of which Esther is only one. The others are: Song of Songs (chantedd during Pesah), Ruth (chantedd on Shavuot), Lamentations (chantedd on Tisha B’Av) and Ecclesiastes (chantedd during Sukkot).

**Grogger:** The name of the noisemaker used to drown out the name of Haman during the reading of Megillat Esther.

**Ad lo yada:** until you don’t know. From the Talmud’s command to become so inebriated on Purim that you don’t know the difference between blessed is Mordechai and cursed is Haman.

**Esther:** Not Esther’s real name. Her real name is Hadassah. Esther comes from the word “hidden.” Esther hid her identity as a Jew until she was forced to reveal it in order to save her people from the evil Haman’s machinations.

**Ta’anan Esther:** (the fast of Esther). Observed just before Purim by traditional Jews to recall the fast that the Jews undertook on Esther’s behalf as she approached the king to try (successfully) to foil Haman’s evil plot.

**Shushan Purim:** In Jerusalem and other walled cities in Israel, Purim is celebrated one day later based on a rabbinic understanding of Esther 9:18. In Israel, Purim can be crazy. Those who find Purim too overwhelming will spend regular Purim in Jerusalem (where it is not celebrated) and then go to Tel Aviv the next day while they celebrate Purim in Jerusalem. And vice versa, but the latter may be too hung over.

**Mishloah Manot** (giving of gifts) and **Mattanot L’evyonim** (gifts to the poor): See the rabbi’s column and the column Kehillah Kedoshah: Holy Community.

**Amalek:** a tribe/nation that attacked Israel in the wilderness during the Exodus, particularly evil because they targeted the weak, and the stragglers. Jews are commanded to destroy them utterly and completely. Haman was an Amalekite. In common parlance, any person or nation that wishes to destroy the Jews, such as Hitler.
Condolences to Carl Dranoff and Family on the death of his brother, Steven Dranoff.

Mazel Tov to Holman and Gail Massey on the engagement of their son, Alan to Jessica Shapiro.

Steve Morley and Liz Abrams-Morley on the birth of their grandson, Calvin Ezold.

Howard and Judy Levin on the birth of their grandson, Sawyer Levin.

Bob and Sally Freedman on the birth of their first grandchild, Evelyn Jane Sare.

Welcome to New Member Flora Wolf

Gil Marks, author of the James Beard Award-winning Olive Trees and Honey and The Encyclopedia of Jewish Food, will do a cooking demonstration and share recipes for vegetarian springtime dishes, in addition to signing copies of his books.

Naomi Chazan, former Deputy Speaker of the Knesset and President of the New Israel Fund, will talk about taking the pulse of democracy in Israel and address growing concerns about women’s rights.

The Black-Jew Dialogues, a two-person play about the history and absurdity of prejudice and the power of diversity, will have us laughing about two American minorities that have slavery, the KKK, and chicken livers in common.

Rabbi Jill Jacobs, author of There Shall Be No Needy: Pursuing Social Justice through Jewish Law and Tradition, will talk about why social justice is a Jewish imperative and how we can take action on critical issues.

Deborah Ugoretz, a Master Cut-Paper Artist and member of an artists’ collaborative that studies Jewish texts and creates visual interpretations, will teach participants to produce their own cut-paper works of art.

We are especially proud that three members of the SHS family will be presenting at LimmudPhilly. Rabbi Winokur will lead a thought-provoking session on “Re-thinking God and Spirituality in a Jewish Context.” Marty Rosenberg will have just returned from Israel and will present information about his new project, “Contemporary Israeli Women Artists.” And Rafi Licht will be offering one of his famous Talmud and Brews sessions, but without the brews. Come support them! Come enjoy all of LimmudPhilly! For further information and to register, please visit www.LimmudPhilly.org.

Social Action

Your Help is Needed at the George Washington Library
Phyllis Denbo

We did a great job of supplying the George Washington Elementary School with books. There are approximately two thousand new and gently used books in the school’s renovated library, thanks to two SHS book drives. When we donated these books, we made the commitment that we would also organize and shelve the books, in addition to volunteering to help out in the library on a part-time basis.

For a variety of reasons, however, we’re only about halfway through the organizing process. As a result, the students have not had access to the books in the library. The principal and the teacher who oversees the library, among her many other responsibilities, would like to start giving students limited access to the library while the organizing and shelving process continues. They have proposed that each class visit the library once a week for the purpose of selecting books to borrow. Unfortunately, there are no funds for someone to supervise these visits, which would require little more than being in the library when each class arrives, checking off returned books, and checking out books the students would like to borrow. The principal has asked if SHS volunteers would be willing to take on this activity.

There are eight classes, each of which would visit the library for half an hour weekly, requiring library coverage for a total of four hours a week.
This time could be divided among several volunteers, each of whom need to spend as little as an hour a week at the school. Ideally, the volunteers would be at the school the same time every week.

Think about how often, and in how many different settings, our own children spend time with books and how important that is to them and to us. Nothing comparable exists for most students at Washington School. We can make a difference. Please contact me at prdenbo@gmail.com or 215.755.2734 if you would like to donate an hour or more a week to help give the kids access to the library. Training by a representative of the Philadelphia School District will be provided before you begin.

Inter-NOSH-ional Night 2012
Post-Game Wrap-Up
Deborah Stewart

Italian – Mexican Fiesta – Middle Eastern/Israeli – Vietnamese – Southwest – Veracruz Mexican

Feedback is still pouring in after our first SHS Inter-NOSH-ional Night held on Saturday, February 4! It is fair to say that it was a smashing success! Forty-nine guests were distributed among six host homes where they enjoyed warm and generous hospitality, amazing cuisines, and endless conversations. We were able to build community among our congregants, while raising funds for our annual giving campaign. At a contribution of $54 per person, we raised $2,626 for Synagogue operations! We thank each of our hosts and guests, as well as all those who helped to get the word out, prepared communications, and handled the payment process. What a team – only at SHS!


**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**General Fund**
- In Appreciation of Kesher
  - Rosemarie Weinberg

- In Honor of Alan Massey’s Engagement to Jessica Shapiro
  - Rina, Bill, and Alex Mitchell

- In Memory of
  - Gloria Hoffman, Mother of Karen Kauffman
    - Robin Schatz

  - Yahrzeit Remembrance
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    - Lewis Weiss, Father of Stephanie
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    - David Naidoff, Father of Michael
    - Michael & Stephanie Naidoff

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    - Evelyn Eisenstadt

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    - James Orman

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      - Leonard Hoffman

  - Rochelle Felixon, Wife
    - Paul Felixon

  - Stephen Dranoff, Brother
    - Carl & Roberta Dranoff

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    - Philip Retter, Father of Melody
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  - Frank Katz, Father of Eleanor
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  - J. Morton Orman, Father
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    - Rita Altman

  - Yahrzeit Remembrance
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      - Rita Altman

    - Rita Bellarmeno
      - Rita Altman

    - Adelina Ciotti, Mother
      - Rita Altman

**Tree of Life**
- Leaf
  - Caroline Rosen's Bat Mitzvah
    - Cheryl & David Rosen

**Memorial Wall**
- Plaques
  - Helene Shirley Rieder
  - Joan Roller

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**Ann Spak Thal Hebrew School**

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 Hebrew High student Lindsay Saligman is spending the spring semester in Russia. Her blog, pa-pa-ruski.blogspot.com provides a fantastic look into Russian life. Don’t miss it!

A reminder: we close if Philadelphia public schools close, dismiss early, or cancel after school activities due to inclement weather. Check your e-mail for closings on Sunday morning. **School Closing # 261 KYW 1060 AM.**

**Event Calendar:**

- **Sunday, March 4, 11 AM to 1 PM:** Purim Carnival
  - **ALL CLASSES MEET 9-11 AM ON MARCH 4**

- **Wednesday, March 7, 6:30 PM:**
  - 2012 Purim Cantata

- **Saturday, March 10, 9:30 AM:**
  - Ellie Zack becomes a Bat Mitzvah

- **Friday, March 16, 7:30 PM:**
  - Gimel Class leads Shabbat Services

- **Wednesday, March 28 to Saturday, April 14:**
  - Spring Break

**ALL CLASSES RESUME ON SUNDAY, APRIL 15**
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We hope that everyone nurtures the relationships that were established or enhanced through this event. Check out some of the participant testimonials below and feel free to contact me at beachethic@gmail.com with suggestions for 2013 Inter-NOSH-ional Night!

“When I sat down to dinner, I knew three people. By the end of the meal, I felt that I had discovered a table full of friends, creating new bonds to develop over time…”

“The food was to die for and the conversation sparkling.”

“It was a super fun event and I would be happy to do it again next year.”

“The food and wine were outstanding, and the lively conversation flowed all night…this should be repeated.”

“…perfect host, presenting a fabulous dinner and entertaining us so graciously.”

“Everyone got to know each other more than they had before. Certainly an event to do on a yearly basis.”

Please Note….There will be no Friday Night Services at SHS on Friday, April 6; this is the night of the first seder of Pesah.