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Tavet/Sh'vat/Adar 5772

Morgantown, West Virginia

It is a Tree of Life to
those that hold fast to it.

RABBI

David Feder

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Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Pizza at Noon

Meeting at 12:30 pm



Major Agenda Items

Election of New Board Members

Proposal to amend TOL Constitution

Renewal of Rabbi Feder's Contract

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**For more information,
please see pages 4 & 5**



**Ed
Gerson**

iURJ

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the tallest incoming URJ President ever, says his head is in the clouds but that's ok because his feet are planted firmly on the ground with purpose. "We are the Reform movement. So let's get moving!" One of his first "purposes" was to appoint Rabbi Jonah Pesner to chair the Campaign for Youth Engagement committee, a national effort to stop the revolving door that takes recent bar/bat mitzvah out of active Jewish commitment. Rabbi Eric Yoffie, a slightly built man who has walked not only onto Rev. Jerry Falwell's Liberty University campus but addressed the assembled Islamic Society of North America to seek common ground, said in his final address as URJ President: "We are young enough to have the courage of our doubts." We will need that courage.

The URJ is a relatively short history read yet the effectiveness of its leadership is historically profound in the greater community. Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, the first President of the old UAHC, now the URJ, a dynamo of applied Judaism thru social justice, marched with Dr. King. Rabbi Alexander Schindler welcomed non-Jewish partners, Jews-by-choice, and urged the recognition of patrilineal descent while emphasizing inner spirituality. All these rabbis bring to life a Torah-bound reality. All these rabbis spark to life Torah-based responses to the issues of their lifetimes.

Rabbi Jacobs wants to tweak as many aspects of URJ as possible. Two issues have consistently been angrily debated on "presconf," the congregational presidents' online forum: URJ dues paid by congregations (or "MUM") and the 1984 URJ-CCAR Publication "Guidelines for Rabbinical-Congregational Relationships."

When Rabbi Jacobs and incoming URJ chairman Stephen Sacks entered the Conference of Presidents assembly in the biennial's final hours, they both were on a relationship mission. The majority of Rabbi Jacobs' career has been at congregation level not at URJ level. Mr. Sacks urged the presidents to email both of them: "We're only as good as the information we get." Rabbi Jacobs concurred. Imagine. Now what?

Rabbi Rick Jacobs then offered a role, as yet undefined, to the Conference of Presidents in future revisions of both the CCAR/URJ's 1984 "Guidelines for Rabbinical-Congregational Relations" and the URJ's (possibly by June 2012) revisions to MUM dues which are the dues congregations pay to URJ. We must use this opportunity to forge a more tenable relationship with URJ as 900 congregations need the strength of a thousand more congregations. Rabbi Jacobs is tweaking everything connected to URJ, you might say like Steve Jobs would tweak multiple Apple product lines. What standing congregational presidents have in this new power sharing (?) arrangement remains to be seen.

My most memorable experiences were sharing experiences and ideas

with other congregational presidents. So many communities as a whole are in trouble economically, in some cases synagogues are competing against each other for the same community. Our troubles here are not unique but are cushioned in comparison to others due to our stable economy.

My biennial efforts were leadership oriented and much time was spent in the Presidents' Lounge as stated. On the other hand, on Saturday morning, to be one with 5000 other worshippers, now that is an experience to be cherished. A Torah service conducted by Rabbi's Sagal and Kroloff, a large choir and the voice of Cantor Martha Novick. These moments will be cherished above memory itself for years.

This column is the last of this two-year term as your president. You have trusted me with the care of our synagogue, its membership, physical structure, leadership, and its holiness. If I have succeeded it has not been by my efforts alone, please thank the One who has safeguarded all our own footsteps. Where I have not succeeded please take the lessons learned to heart for the benefit of future leadership. Thank you Rabbi Feder for your friendship and your Torah classes. Finally, I thank our (simply amazing I might add) Board of Trustees who are your blessing first, then are mine as well for it is they who selected me as President. In all these matters you, the Jewish community, have been my rock and for this blessing my gratitude is enduring.

B'shalom – Ed Gerson 12/2011



**Rabbi
David
Feder**

One of the core principles of the Jewish experience is understood by most Jews who have never opened a page of Talmud, "Ein simchah b'lo achilah v'shtiyah – There is no happiness or celebration without eating and drinking (Mo'ed Katan 9a)." From platters of latkes at Chanukah to plates of hamantaschen at Purim, from mounds of macaroons during Pesach to the Bar Mitzvah buffet, food and drink are central to our idea of celebration.

Tu B'Shevat is no exception to this general rule. When we celebrate Tu b'Shevat with our Seder on Tuesday night, February 7, there will be plenty of fruit products for us to sample and as is the case with any seder, there will be questions to answer, explicitly and implicitly: "How central is food to our happiness? Is happiness possible for those who go to bed every day hungry? How have the means by which we get our food changed from Biblical and Rabbinic times? Are we less sensitive and in tune to the changes in seasons when we can get almost any food in almost any season? How aware are we of the conditions of the workers who harvest and process the food we eat? How aware are we of the impact to ecological systems of the production of our food?"

In the spirit of these questions, we will be offering two new ongoing education classes on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm. In January, we will be looking at Jewish views of economic justice and in February, we'll be looking at Jewish views of the environment.

Please make this Tu B'shevat a meaningful one, not just by participating in our Seder, but also by struggling with

many of the difficult questions raised by the observance of the New Year for Trees.

TU B'SHEVAT

The 15th Day of the Hebrew month of Shevat is one of four new years in the Hebrew calendar. The most famous of these new year celebrations is Rosh Hashanah on the 1st of Tishri, but the 1st of Nisan marks the beginning of the festival calendar and the new year for vegetation and the 1st of Elul marks the new year for cattle. The 15th of Shevat marks the new year for trees, when, according to tradition, sap begins to flow once more, and the date used for determining when to begin tithing the tree's fruit. Because the Mishnah (Rosh Hashanah 1:1) refers to this as Rosh Hashanah L'ilan - the New Year of the Tree, our mystics have taught that the Tree refers to the Tree of Life. The significance of trees and the natural world have made this a celebration of Jewish environmental ethics. And the founding of Israel has made this a natural means of strengthening our ties with Israel.

Traditional observances for Tu B'Shevat include making a special effort to eat fruit, some eating seven Biblical species (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates), others eating fifteen fruits. Many attend a Seder Tu B'Shevat, a mystical observance having its origins in the early sixteenth century, and others see Tu B'Shevat as a special time to purchase trees for the land of Israel.

This year Tu B'Shevat falls on Wednesday, February 8. We will celebrate Tu B'shevat with a seder on Tuesday evening, February 7, at 7:00 pm, emphasizing more of the mystical elements of this observance. Our Religious School celebration on Sunday, February 5, will emphasize our connections to nature and to the land of Israel.

ONGOING EDUCATION

JUDAISM & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

So much of our attention these days has been focused on the economy and the issues of economic justice with the Occupy Wall Street movement and reactions to it. What does Judaism have to say about the rights of workers? The rights of employers? Competition? A fair wage? And what happens when values are in conflict? In light of current events we will be taking a look at classical Jewish sources from Torah, Talmud, Codes and Responsa to examine the range of Jewish responses. *Sundays at 7:00 pm beginning January 8th. Cost is \$25 for non-members.*

JUDAISM & THE ENVIRONMENT

On February 7/8 we celebrate Tu B'Shevat and the New Year for Trees. In doing so we consider our relationship with our environment: How should we treat the world in which we live? Is the world made for our sake to use and enjoy? Are we to be stewards and take care of the earth? Is there a balance between the two? How do we reconcile the need for profit with the need for protection? We'll be looking into Jewish sources for the answers to these questions. *Sundays at 7:00 pm beginning February 12th. Cost is \$25 for non-members.*

JUDAISM: THE BASICS

Our class in Basic Judaism continues on Wednesday nights, beginning with the unit of Significant Jewish Concepts. Please join us at 7:00 pm if you're interested in exploring or just refreshing your knowledge.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The Religious School has wrapped up a successful first semester for this year. Under the direction of Miriam Sokoloff we have had two holiday art projects for this semester. Our students created paper mache and other decorations for our congregational sukkah that can be used for years to come. For Chanukah, beautiful chanukiyot were created out of scrap material and children's toys that we hope our families will treasure for many years.

In October and November, our 6th/7th Grade Class participated in two inter-faith events for youth in our community. In October, they attended an event hosted by First Presbyterian Church during which they were able to attend a Sunday worship service and

learn more about Christianity. In November, we hosted middle and high school students and their parents for our Family Shabbat Service. Our 6th/7th Grade class explained some core elements of Jewish practice and belief prior to services, including Jewish ideas about God, Torah, Jewish Peoplehood, Mitzvah and Prayer and then led services. The potluck following services was a wonderful time for sharing food, conversation and insight. The 6th/7th Graders did a wonderful job of welcoming our guests and making Judaism accessible to them.

Also, in November, we joined with congregations around the world and across the movements to observe the Global Day of Jewish Learning. All of our Religious School classes focused on some aspect of the Shema, as did our adults. The adult discussion, in fact was an impetus for regular ongo-

ing adult discussions on Jewish issues on Sunday mornings over bagels and coffee. Our second discussion in December focused on Christmas and Chanukah and the difficulties of the season. We will continue with these discussions in January.

Our 4th/5th Grade class has been exploring Jewish Identity in preparation for creating an online museum exhibit during the second semester. Our 2nd/3rd Grade class has been making tremendous strides in their mastery of Hebrew. And our youngest grades are continuing to delve deeply into Jewish experiences.

In the next semester, we look forward to the celebration of Tu B'Shevat, as well as to major arts and crafts projects for both Purim and Passover.

Rabbi David Feder

Tree of Life Congregation Annual Congregation Meeting Feb 12, 2012

Call to order
Brit Kodesh
Minutes from the Jan 2011 annual meeting - Deva Solomon

Rabbi's Report - Rabbi David Feder
President's Report - Ed Gerson
Treasurer's Report - Merle Stolzenberg

Committee Reports:

Education Committee - Brian Lemoff
Sisterhood Committee - Barbara Jacowitz
House - Marty Sippin

Old Business

New Business:

Constitution Revisions & Amendments
Rabbi re-selection vote
Election of Trustees
Good of the organization
Adjournment

POST MEETING - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dear Tree of Life Congregants:

The annual meeting of the Tree of Life Congregation will convene promptly at 12:30 PM on Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2012. In order to manage our time more effectively, copies of the agenda and all written reports will be available beginning at 12:00 PM. Pizza will also be provided beginning at noon.

There are several important items that will require our immediate attention:

I. Election of new members of the Board of Trustees.

The Nominating Committee has put forth the following congregants for two-year terms on the board:

Joan Addicks
Al Berrebi
Lee Kass
Adam Rosefsky
Deva Solomon

II. Proposed amendments to the Tree of Life Constitution.

The TOL Board is considering several constitutional amendments. When the proposals are complete, they will be posted on the TOL web site etzhaim.org. In addition, all relevant material will be e-mailed to everyone on our list serve. Hard copies will be mailed to congregants who do not have web access.

III. Renewal of Rabbi David Feder's contract will be discussed.

Please make every effort to attend as it is essential the entire congregation has the opportunity to discuss and consider these very important matters. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to talk to any Board member.

We hope to see you all at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Ed Gerson,
President Board of Trustees of the Tree of Life Congregation

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NO JEW LEFT BEHIND

Monique Gingold

So, some thoughts on URJ ...
What an inspirational event. 6,000 Jews walking around. It was like being in Israel. We were NOT a minority in spite of all the Christmas activity going on around us.

The program was exceptional. Outgoing URJ President Rabbi Yoffie is an outstanding speaker. He spoke about his family, his presidency, and the future. The goals of his presidency were to increase youth involvement,

bring Torah back to the forefront, and remind us of the importance of Shabbat. These were accomplished. His message for the future is, "No Jew left behind." We must reach out. Incoming President Rabbi Jacobs is also an exciting speaker and his presidency promises greatness.

You can hear speeches by the various speakers if you google URJ biennial speakers. President Obama gave a spirited, humorous speech. Dr. Wendy Mogul, the author of *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* and *The Blessing of a B-* was a huge hit. If you want a good laugh and to learn something about

parenting, listen to her speech and read her books. Also speaking were Ehud Barak, current Defense Minister of Israel, and a very funny Orthodox comedian. Natan Sharansky received an award and gave an inspiring speech. There were wonderful musicians, both American and Israeli including Theodore Bikel and David Broza. Also, great vendors, artists and artisans from Israel and the U.S. were present. So many ways to spend money!!

I highly recommend others consider attending the next Biennial in two years. It will be in beautiful, sunny San Diego. We could be roommates!!



Mazal Tov

Emily Lederman
member of the
MARS Rovers

Winners of the
2011 West Virginia
FIRST LEGO League
State Championship

Todah Rabah

to the
"Tree of Life Teens"
and
Michelle Leversee
for visiting
TOL shut-ins
and bringing them
beautiful
door decorations,
and to the
TOL members
who volunteered
to help out
at the
Ronald
McDonald House
Christmas Day
so the regular
employees
could have the
day off.

JOBS WELL DONE

Mazal Tov Shabbat



*We note with sorrow
the passing of
Dan Solomon's
Grandmother
Esther Rivka
bat
Aryeh Yehuda Leib*

*May her memory
be as a blessing.*



*Dan Solomon wishes
to thank the
Congregation
for your expressions
of sympathy on his
Grandmother's
recent passing.*

**Share Your Simcha
Buy a Leaf on
THE SIMCHA TREE**

**\$250/leaf
\$2500/Small Stone
\$5000/Large Stone
Contact
Merle Stolzenberg/
Barbara Jacowitz**

Remember a loved one
with a
Yahrzeit Plaque
\$400 DONATION
Contact: Bennett Millstone

MI SHEBEIRACH / WELLNESS PRAYERS

Please remember to consult with those who are in need of healing, before publicly adding their names to the Mi Shebeirach list. With their permission, we would like to add whatever support we can to their recovery and healing.



Three short pieces from

Stateside

by JEHANNE DUBROW

SECURE FOR SEA

maritime terminology

It means the moveable stays tied.

Lockers hold shut. The waves don't slide

a metal box across the decks,

or scatter screws like jacks, the sea

like a rebellious child that wrecks

all tools which aren't fastened tightly

or fixed.

At home, we say *secure*

when what we mean is letting go

of him. And even if we're sure

he's coming back, it's hard to know:

The farther out a vessel drifts,

will contents stay in place, or shift?

AGAINST WAR MOVIES

I see my husband shooting in *Platoon*,

and there he is again in *M*A*S*H* (how weird

to hear him talk like Hawkeye Pierce), and soon

I spot him everywhere, his body smeared

with mud, his face bloodied. He's now the star

of every ship blockade and battle scene—

The Fighting 69th, A Bridge Too Far,

Three Kings, Das Boot, & Stalag

17. In *Stalingrad* he's killed, and then

he's killed in *Midway* and *A Few Good Men*.

He's burned or gassed, he's shot between the eyes,

or shoots himself when he comes home again.

Each movie is a training exercise,

a scenario for how my husband dies.

NONESSENTIAL

EQUIPMENT

The dog and I are first among those things

that will not be deployed with him. Forget

civilian clothes as well. He shouldn't bring

too many photographs, which might get wet,

the faces blurred. He only needs a set

of uniforms. Even his wedding ring

gives pause (what if it fell? — he'd be upset to dent or scratch away the gold engraving).

The seabag must be light enough to sling

across his shoulder, weigh almost nothing,

each canvas pocket emptied of regret.

The trick is packing less. No wife, no pet,

no perfumed letters dabbed with I-love-yous,

or anything he can't afford to lose.

Thank you Cheryl for sending us the poems.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For all of you who have pledged for this fiscal year, thank you for your support. We rely on the contributions of each of you to maintain our financial stability. Please remember that if you would like to make any payments before the end of 2011, the IRS requires that your payment must be postmarked by December 31, 2011. The date on the check is not

what counts – it is the postmark on the envelope. If you have not yet pledged, you must pledge and pay at least half of your financial obligations (dues, donations and religious school tuition) to be able to vote at the upcoming congregation meeting.

Merle Stolzenberg

SISTERHOOD

Happy Chanukah, Happy New Year. The Sisterhood of Tree of Life Congre-

gation wishes you the Happiest and Healthiest of New Years.

Sisterhood has been busy making plans for an open meeting in the new year. Dates and time will be announced at the January Board meeting. We have scheduled a Spring Fashion Event at Talbots on April 29. We will have a paid up membership dessert in May. We plan to distribute book awards for attendance in Sunday School at the closing assembly.

Chanukah Celebration 2011

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**We came.
We fried. We imbibed.
We ate.
We sang.
We had a wonderful time!**



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Donations and Hadassah Message

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*Tree of Life Donations from
September 1 through
December 20, 2011.
Donations are listed in
chronological order.*

General Fund

Larry and Barbara Jacowitz
Laurie Gutmann
Frances Ness

Building Fund

Shirley Hirsch
Marty and Terry Sippin

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Laurie Gutmann
Frances Ness

Holy Days Donation

Steve and Bonnie Sharkey
Bonnie Coradetti
John and Carole Wilson
Harold and Lillian Klein

Roberg and Carol Lilienfeld
Gary Oxman
Shirley Basevin

Yizkor Donation

Bennett and Muriel Millstone
Jean DeLynn
Sharon Hildebrand
Shirley Rosenbaum
Larry and Barbara Jacowitz
Gloria Lees
Emily Layman
Marty and Terry Sippin
Judith Stitzel
Barry and Sylvia Cooper
Bill and Shirley Bellman
Adam Komisaruk and
Stacey Elza
Norman and Martha Lass
Shirley Hirsch
Alan and Merle Stolzenberg
Ed Gerson and
Donna Bolyard Gerson
Laurie Gutmann

Stan and Judy Cohen
Sheila Wexler
Alan and Gwen Rosenbluth
Bob Cohen and Kathy Abate
Leonard & Eleanor Simmons
Harry and Monique Gingold
Jacky Prucz
Franc and Lean Stern
Kathleen Territo
Dan and Daya Solomon
Barry and Darlene Pallay
Richard and Laura Cohen
Marty and Terry Sippin

Prayer Book Fund

Neal and Susan Newfield

Building/Redecoration Fund

Bill and Joan Addicks
Paul and Laurie Brager
Joan and Bill Addicks

Hadassah's Chanukah Party

On the second night of Chanukah, an overflow crowd gathered at Joan Addicks' home to light their menorahs, socialize, eat the delicious food, socialize, enjoy "Torah Yoga" with Roz Becker and, of course, to socialize. A few photos are below. A more complete set can be found on the TOL web page, etzheim.org. When the calendar turns over to 2012, Hadassah's celebration of its Centennial will begin. Morgantown's plans for year 100 are still in the incubator stage. We'll let you know when we know. What we do know is that the year will end, as always, with our annual Hadassah Book Brunch and Pool Party. See you then!



Visit <http://etzheim.org>

Calendars /MLK Jr. Day/& more URJ!

JANUARY 2012			
Date	Day	Event	Time
January 1	Sunday	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	
January 4	Wednesday	NO HEBREW SCHOOL	
January 6	Friday	Family Shabbat Service	6:30 pm
January 7	Saturday	Torah Study	10:00 am
January 8	Sunday	Religious School	10:00 am
January 11	Wednesday	Judaism and Economic Justice	7:00 pm
January 13	Friday	Hebrew School	5:00 pm
January 14	Saturday	Judaism: The Basics	7:00 pm
January 15	Sunday	Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 pm
January 16	Monday	Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 am
January 18	Wednesday	Religious School	10:00 am
January 20	Friday	Judaism and Economic Justice	7:00 pm
January 21	Saturday	MLK Jr. Day Celebration	2:00 pm
January 22	Sunday	Metropolitan Theater	
January 25	Wednesday	Hebrew School	5:00 pm
January 27	Friday	Judaism: The Basics	7:00 pm
January 28	Saturday	Mazal Tov Shabbat	7:30 pm
January 29	Sunday	Torah Study	10:00 am
January 31	Tuesday	Religious School	10:00 am
February 1	Wednesday	Annual Meeting	12:30 pm
February 3	Friday	Judaism and Economic Justice	7:00 pm
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February 5	Sunday	Judaism: The Basics	7:00 pm
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February 24	Friday	Shabbat Evening Service	7:30 pm
February 25	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 am
February 26	Sunday	Religious School	10:00 am
February 27	Monday	Judaism and Economic Justice	7:00 pm
February 28	Tuesday	Hebrew School	5:00 pm
February 29	Wednesday	Judaism: The Basics	7:00 pm

FEBRUARY 2012			
Date	Day	Event	Time
February 1	Wednesday	Hebrew School	5:00 pm
February 3	Friday	Judaism: The Basics	7:00 pm
February 4	Saturday	Family Shabbat	6:30 pm
February 5	Sunday	Torah Study	10:00 am
February 7	Tuesday	Religious School	10:00 am
February 8	Wednesday	Tu B'shevat Seder	7:00 pm
February 10	Friday	Tu B"shevat	
February 11	Saturday	Hebrew School	5:00 pm
February 12	Sunday	Judaism: The Basics	7:00 pm
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Sixth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The "Community Coalition for Social Justice" and "Main Street Morgantown" will co-sponsor the Sixth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Celebration, at 2 p.m. on January 16th at the Metropolitan Theatre, 389 High Street, in Morgantown. This year's theme is "Focus on Service." The event is designed for families and is free and open to the public.

Those attending are asked to bring non-perishable food items for Bartlett House, which provides services to the homeless in the Morgantown area.

For further information, please contact CCSJ at ccsjwv@hotmail.com, go to www.ccsjwv.org, or call Barb Howe at 304-599-6743 .



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FIRST CLASS MAIL



MAZAL TOV SHABBAT

On the third Friday of every month, we recognize, honor and treat all congregants who celebrate a birthday or anniversary in that month. The honorees for January and February are:

January 2012

Erik Abrahams
Justin Addicks
Abby Becker
Ruth Krawetz
Ken Mitchell
Samuel Snider
Lisa Stern
Steven Tanner
Eva Segert Tauger &
Mark Tauger

Max Weber
Sheila Wexler
Rachel Works
Sylvia Cooper
Sylvia and Barry Cooper

February 2012

Michael Berrebi
Suzannah Bailey
Edith and Marcus Levy
Muriel and Bennett Millstone
Debbi and David Pariser
Lee Petsonk
Adam Rosefsky
Shirley Rosenbaum
Eleanor and Leonard Simmons
Kathleen Territo
Ed Gerson
Rich Gutmann
David Gutmann
Deva Solomon

ONEG VOLUNTEERS

January 27th
Merle Stolzenberg
February 10th
Donna Bolyard Gerson
February 24th
Kathy Abate
March 9th
Albert & Denise Berrebi
April 27th
Roger & Linda Abraham
May 9th
Laura Cohen
June 22nd
Sherry Hildebrand

Obviously there are many opportunities available for you to volunteer. Please call Linda Jackowitz (304-292-1777 or ljackowitz@frontier.com) and add your name to the list.