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TOL’S CHARM INITIATIVE

Campaign Report

The building project is well underway. As of this writing, the Roof is complete!

Our Air Conditioning vendor has ordered our new equipment, and we anticipate its arrival very soon. In all likelihood, this portion of the building should be complete by the time you receive this newsletter.

The building committee and the board are preparing to review drawings and estimates for the social hall upgrade, and according to the builder, we are on track to get that complete before the B’nai Mitzvah season kicks off.

While the building is getting improvements, we can’t forget that we still are in need of donations to cover the cost of the build out.

So far, the fundraising campaign has been very subdued, but the campaign committee is planning some fundraisers, so keep an eye out for details.

I would like to thank the Sisterhood which generously donated \$1,800 to the CHARM campaign as well as donating a new refrigerator for our kitchen.

So far, the fundraising has been slow. We need every member of this community – and our extended community - to dig deep into your pockets and make the most generous contribution that you can make to the CHARM campaign (beyond your annual membership). We owe it to the generations that follow to give them a spiritual home as sound and as welcoming as it is today!

Linda, Sarah and I are pledging \$3,600 to help fund the project. I challenge you to step up as well and help us meet our goals.

*Shalom
Adam Rosefsky*

**Thank You to Our
First Responders**



**Tree of Life
Building for our Future
Please join the effort**

Albert and Denise Berrebi

Shirley and Ed Hirsch
to honor the memory of the
Levine family, long time
members of Tree of Life

Barbara and Larry Jacowitz

Lee Kass and Bob Hunt
in memory of Lee’s mother
Shirley Basevin

Barry and Doreen Pallay

Deva and Heidi Solomon

Merle and Alan Stolzenberg

Daya and Rodney Wright
thanks to Rabbi Joe Hample
for Ilan’s Bar Mitzvah training

Adam, Linda and Sarah Rosefsky

The Tree of Life Sisterhood



**Adam
Rosefsky**

I'd like to start off my note this month with 2 personal notes of gratitude.

First thank you goes to Steve Markwell for organizing and Steve Sharkey and Lakeview Resort for hosting our Passover Seder this year. I was unable to make it to the Seder, but with almost 90 attendees, this marks one of (if not the) most highly attended Seders for Tree of Life. From all accounts the event was a huge success and everyone was treated to great food, great company and made from scratch gefilte fish.

Also kudos to Margalit Persing,

Rachael Spero and the religious school students for a fantastic Haggadah and a special shout out to Alana Works for the fabulous illustrations.

Second thank you goes our Sisterhood, who has generously voted to donate \$1,800 to our CHARM campaign as well as donating a (much needed) new refrigerator and gift certificates to our religious school students as an end of the year gift.

I won't go into great detail on the CHARM campaign in this note, except to say that I challenge everyone to step up and help us raise the money we need to improve our Synagogue. (See Campaign Report on page one for details)

Time does fly, and it is hard to believe that summer is almost here. And we have a VERY busy summer. From mid

-June until mid-August, we have 6 B'nai Mitzvah. I have not seen this many Bar and Bat Mitzvahs in my entire time in Morgantown. With only a couple weeks rest from the B'nai Mitzvah celebrations, we will jump right into the High Holidays.

As always, we are looking for people willing to volunteer to either serve on committees, or chair committees. We are specifically beginning our High Holiday preparations now. It might seem like we are starting early, but it is surprising how fast September will sneak up on us. If you want input or want to volunteer time to help ensure a smooth and successful High Holiday season, please send me an Email (adam.rosefsky@gmail.com).



SISTERHOOD

Shalom.

The Tree of Life Sisterhood invites you to Our Spring Celebration, June 16, 2013 at 7pm in the social hall. We have engaged Matoko Hatori to demonstrate Ikebana flower arranging. Motoko's grandmother founded one of the schools of Ikebana in Japan. Motoko will instruct us in the basics and provide the necessary supplies. (\$5.00 per person) You will go home with a beautiful arrangement!

We welcome all women of the Tree of Life congregation to come and enjoy a night of beauty, education and fellowship and of course, refreshments.

Check your E-Mail for further information next month.

One of the objectives of the Sisterhood of Tree of life congregation is to bring the women of our community into close association. There will be a membership initiative which will contain programs of interest to women of the community and contribute to the benefit of our congregation. In the planning stages are a game night, an archiving project and a revision to the Sisterhood Constitution. Kathy Abate and Marti Lass are busy revising our Constitution to reflect the emerging goals of Sisterhood.

We are supporting the CHARM initiative: The Sisterhood will donate a Chai gift of \$1800. The Charm initiative involves repairing the roof, updating the air conditioning and other much needed improvements to our building. We are also planning to purchase a new refrigerator for the Kitchen.

We plan to distribute ten-dollar gift certificates from Barnes and Noble to each Sunday school student, teachers and support staff. Rosa Becker will distribute the certificates on May 19. Sisterhood will distribute the book On The Door Post of Your House to our B'na Mitzvahs with our best wishes for further achievements.

*Barbara Jacowitz and Rosa Becker,
co- chairs*

COOPERS ROCK SPRING SHABBAT

Friday, May 17th
6:00 pm
Shelter One

Bring your favorite
Dairy/veggie dish



**Rabbi
Hample**

Are We There Yet?

At this season we are reading the book of Numbers, called in Hebrew *B'midbar*, In the Wilderness. The book recounts our lengthy wandering in the desert en route to the promised land. It is not only a road trip, but also a spiritual journey to the heart of our people.

In this book, the critical questions about Israel's purpose are asked and answered. Who's the boss: Moses? Aaron? Korah? (Moses, but it's Miriam who knows how to find water in the desert.) Who's the *real* boss? (God, as Moses learns after his temper tantrum at Meribah.) When are we getting to the destination? (No time soon, as most of our scouts lack faith in the endeavor.) Who wears the pants in the family? (Still mostly men, but the daughters of Zelophehad strike the first blow for women's rights.) What's the right way to sanctify each other? (With the haiku-like Priestly Blessing of three short lines, ending with the word *shalom*.)

Like the rest of the Torah, Numbers teaches God's law. But the focus is not on laws for a settled community of houses and cities. We are in transit throughout the book. There is no mention of building laws: we are not doing any construction as we ramble around. There is no mention of dietary laws: in the desert you eat what you can find, or rather, what God provides.

Instead we learn the laws of fidelity, which are applicable both at home and on the road. The Torah doesn't encourage jealousy, but a procedure is defined in case a husband is jealous. (His wife must drink muddy

water, but if she suffers no ill effects, he has to take her back and stop complaining.) The Torah doesn't encourage asceticism, but parameters are established for those who insist. (They may forgo wine, haircuts, and funerals.) Most important, the traveler's ritual of fidelity to God is revealed. (Fringes on the four corners of one's garments.) *L'ma'an tizk'ru*, says the text, in order that you may remember: a formula now used as the conclusion of the *V'ahavta* prayer.

Numbers also reviews the laws of holidays, which can be observed on the highway as well as in town. The parallel list of holidays in Leviticus did not mention the new moon, but the new moon is included here. No doubt the phases of the moon are more noticeable when one is traversing the desert and sleeping in the open.

The most colorful story in Numbers is that of the witch doctor Balaam, hired by an evil king to curse Israel. Balaam sets off on this unworthy assignment only to be scolded by his own donkey. When Balaam meets his customer, the king takes him up the mountain to view the intended victim. Balaam looks down and sees us Hebrews assembled in the valley in our tents. Go ahead, says the king, curse them! But when Balaam opens his mouth to curse us, blessings come out instead. This is a good omen. The blessing of a friend could be mere flattery, but the blessing of an enemy must be sincere.

The words Balaam finds himself saying are *mah tov u ohalecha*, what fine tents you have. This phrase now serves as one's first utterance upon entering the synagogue, especially in the morning. The expression is appropriate to a camping trip, of course, not a visit to the big city. Balaam's words teach us to appreciate not mansions or inns, not places of permanent habitation, but temporary dwellings on our ever-extended Jewish journey. What's important is not when we get there, but why we're going. We're going because it's a blessing to travel with God.

The Three Faces of Ruth

The book of Ruth is a *m'gilah*, a Biblical volume neither legal or nor prophetic, assigned to a particular holiday. There are five *m'gillot* for five different holidays: the best-known is Esther, read at Purim; another *m'gillah* that tells the story of its holiday is Lamentations, read at Tish'ah b'Av (the midsummer Temple fast). Ruth is the *m'gillah* for the late spring festival of Shavu'ot, May 15 this year.

The character Ruth is remarkable in several ways. First, she is a proselyte, a newcomer to the faith of Israel. In her day (around 1100 BCE), no formal process of conversion had yet been established. Nevertheless, as Ruth tells her Hebrew mother-in-law Naomi, "Your people shall be my people and your God shall be my God." There could hardly be a clearer oath of affiliation than that. Ruth is apparently accepted as a co-religionist by all she meets, though her foreign origin is no secret. From Ruth we learn that a convert does not cease to be her former self, but adds a new Israelite identity to the range of qualities she already has.

Second, Ruth is a *y'vamah*, a childless widow seeking remarriage within her husband's family. This is a recognized administrative concept in the Torah: the rights and responsibilities of the *y'vamah* are spelled out in Deuteronomy 25. Having outlived her Israelite husband, Ruth follows Naomi to the ancestral hometown (Bethlehem) in the hope of a favorable match. Shrewdly, Naomi sends her to the farm of a wealthy, aging bachelor, Boaz. Sure enough, Ruth catches Boaz's eye and boldly presses her advantage, coming to him at night in what seems an intimate situation, though the text is ambiguous. The story is similar to that of Tamar, Judah's daughter-in-law, in Genesis 38. But Ruth is a more fully developed personality than Tamar, and we find ourselves cheering her on as her dreams begin to pan out.

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Finally, Ruth is an individual, an ambitious young woman undaunted by her precarious social position. She is determined to find an honorable place in the community, and with courage and perseverance, she prevails. She sets a revered example for posterity: as she weds Boaz before ten elders of Bethlehem, our sages deduce that a *minyan* (quorum of ten) is required at nuptials. The concluding verses of the book disclose that Ruth is the great-grandmother of King David (and thus of the messiah, who is, by definition, a descendant of David). This is the original rags-to-riches tale: homeless immigrant becomes royal ancestress.

One mystery remains: why do we read Ruth specifically at Shavu'ot? Many imaginative explanations could be offered. There are three festivals of pilgrimage: Passover in the spring, Shavu'ot on the brink of summer, and Sukkot in the fall. Their respective *m'gillot* are Song of Songs, about young love; Ruth, about getting married and starting a family; and Ecclesiastes, about looking back in old age and wondering what it all meant. At Passover we reflect on the springtime of life, at Sukkot on the autumn of life: but Shavu'ot is a time to ponder the prime of life and its powerful opportunities for changing the world.

Children's Education

Religious school staff and parents met on February 17 and identified several ways to improve communication and participation. All religious school staff and families, and their friends, are now encouraged to attend every family Shabbat. All religious school lesson plans are now published to parents as well as staff, particularly when the subject matter is sensitive, as for Yom ha-Sho'ah (Holocaust Remembrance Day).

In Sunday school this spring we have addressed the Jewish experience in Europe and America. We also studied Passover, and the religious school children produced the beautiful

haggadah for our congregational *seder* on March 26, with guidance from Margalit Persing and Rachel Spero. On March 16 some of our Sunday school students visited the local Hindu temple, which prompted much discussion of similarities and differences among religions.

In Hebrew school we now have four classes. Monique Gingold and Margalit Persing run the two larger classes on Sunday afternoon. Aric Agmon, Ilana Chertok, and I lead the two smaller classes on Wednesday afternoon. The children are often surprised to find they know a word that seems unfamiliar at first. They will sound out *ha-ga-da* and fail to recognize it. Then the teacher will ask, what do you call the storybook at your Passover *seder*, and the student will answer *haggadah*.

We have three more weeks before summer vacation, and will focus on summing up the year's learning. A picnic on May 19 will conclude the school year. I have submitted a draft of next year's religious school curriculum to the Education chair Brian Lemoff. The plan for 2013-14 is to teach a different *mitzvah* each week, bearing in mind that *mitzvah* can mean commandment, good deed, tradition, or folkway. We will explore these *mitzvot* with skits, songs, games, and art projects, the same methodology used for presenting stories in 2012-13.

Adult Education

We now have adult education three Wednesdays a month. The first and third Wednesdays, Aric Agmon teaches Hebrew to adults from 5:30 to 7:00. The second Wednesday of the month, I teach a variety of subjects from 7:00 to 9:00. On March 13 we met some "Offbeat Jewish Heroes" and on April 10 we enjoyed "A Brief History of Chutzpah."

In May and June we will focus on the Modern Jewish Crisis. In the 1800s the Jews seemed to be gradually assimilating into a liberalizing Europe. Antisemitism was softening

even in despotic Russia, home to the world's largest Jewish population. What changed everything was the assassination of Tsar Alexander II in 1881, blamed on the Jews. Overnight, pogroms and persecution resumed, triggering experimentation with all kinds of newfangled ideologies: socialism, Zionism, Yiddishism, feminism. There was also a flood of emigration to Western Europe, stimulating increased antisemitism in *those* countries. Of course, some emigrés went farther, to America or Palestine.

The Jewish world of today is the reflection of 1881. On May 8 we consider the implications for the early 20th century, including the Holocaust; on June 12 the implications for the late 20th and early 21st century, including the State of Israel. Please join us for one or both sessions.

Wine and Cheese Shabbat

The next "Wine and Cheese Shabbat," sponsored by The Tree of Life Sisterhood, is Friday, May 31st. Plan to join us at 6:30 pm to enjoy wine, snacks and good fellowship followed by a congenial Shabbat service at 7:00 pm. Check the web page for ongoing "Wine & Cheese" gatherings.



IN MEMORY'S KITCHEN

Donna Bolyard Gerson prepared a special Holocaust Remembrance Oneg on April 5th. Donna made the following information available. In addition she donated a copy of the cook book. Many of the desserts were from this book. For those who were unable to attend, here is what she wrote.

This Oneg is dedicated to the brave women of the Czechoslovakian Terezin ghetto/concentration camp who, although starving and malnourished, made a recipe book for a time when they would be able to cook again in their own kitchens. They hoped the recipes would preserve a part of them for the day when life would "Spring" anew in a better world. Most of those women perished in the Holocaust. Decades after they were recorded, the hand written recipes found their way to the daughter of author Mi-na Pachter. She eventually published them as *IN MEMORY'S KITCHEN A Legacy From The Women Of Terezin*

I have attempted to provide refreshments in the spirit of those recipes. Although most of the recipes in the book are incomplete, I have taken the essence of some of them . (For more recipes, check our web page, www.etzhaim.org)

Rich Chocolate Cakes (page 10)

4 oz	bittersweet chocolate, chopped	1 ½ tsp	espresso powder
½ cup	unsalted butter	3	eggs
2/3 cup	granulated sugar	½ cup	unsweetened cocoa powder
2 tsp	vanilla	2 tbsp	powdered sugar for dusting

- Preheat oven to 375. Yield:24
- Grease 2 mini muffin pans (total of 24 mini cakes)
- Combine chocolate and butter in metal bowl set over saucepan of simmering water. Stir until melted.
- Off heat, whisk in granulated sugar, vanilla and espresso powder. Whisk in eggs until well blended. Sift cocoa over top and whisk until smooth.
- Divide batter among muffin cups and bake until risen, 8-12 minutes.
- Cool in pans on rack for 10 minutes then carefully remove and cool on racks. Just before serving dust with powdered sugar.

Gingerbread Cookies (page 70)

½ cup	shortening	1 tbsp	vinegar
2 ½ cups	Flour	1 tsp	Baking powder
½ cup	sugar	1 tsp	Ground ginger
½ cup	molasses	½ tsp	Baking soda
1	egg	½ tsp	cinnamon
		½ tsp	cloves

In a mixing bowl beat shortening with mixer for 30 seconds. Add about half the flour. Then add sugar, molasses, egg, vinegar, baking powder, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon and cloves. Beat until combined, scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Stir in remaining flour. Chill about three hours.

Divide chilled dough in half and roll on lightly floured surface to thickness of 1/8 inch. Cut to desired shapes. Place 1 inch apart on parchment lined baking sheet. Preheat oven to 375 and bake 5-6 minutes until edges are lightly browned. Cool on cookie sheet for 1 minute, then remove to wire rack to cool completely. May be decorated as desired. Makes about 3 dozen.

Powdered sugar icing: Stir together 1 cup powdered sugar, ¼ tsp vanilla and 1-2 tbsp. milk to drizzling consistency



**Merle
Stolzenberg**

Message from the Treasurer

This is the usual reminder that if you have not yet pledged for the year, it is never too late! We rely on every member to pledge. I hope that you have attended services, programs, classes, and/or events so that you can appreciate how important it is to support Tree of Life. As one recent example, over 85 people attended the Passover Seder at Lakeview Resort. It was an event memorable for great food spirit, and fellowship. The students of our Religious School wrote the Haggadah we used and were rightfully proud of their efforts.

Please consider making donations to Tree of Life to commemorate special events or memorialize loved ones. Donations made this year appear adjacent to this message. Donations to CHARM are found on the front page.

*Merle Stolzenberg
mpstolzen@yahoo.com
304-292-66767*

Tree of Life thanks the following people who have made donations since January

Yahrzeit Donations

Rusty Mall in memory of Carmella Mall
Merle and Alan Stolzenberg in memory of Merle's father, Max Persky

General Donations

Rusty Mall in honor of the birthday of Gloria Lees

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

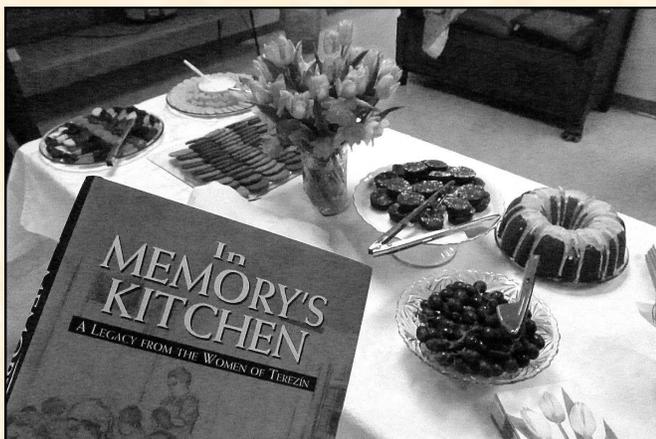
Stacy and Todd Mages in honor of the birth of their son, Ahuvi (Benjamin Shiloh) Mages

In Memoriam

- In Memory of Shirley Basevin
Laura and Richard Cohen
Judy and Stan Cohen
Merle and Alan Stolzenberg
- In Memory of Arthur Gordon
Paul and Laurie Brager
- In Memory of Rubin Saitzky
Paul and Laurie Brager
- In Memory of Suzanne Kossak
Laura and Richard Cohen
Judy and Stan Cohen
- In Memory of Ruth Krawetz
Laura and Richard Cohen
Merle and Alan Stolzenberg



We Remember



Photos: Ed Gerson

Torah at Daybreak

Rabbi Joe Hample

An underappreciated Jewish holiday is Shavu'ot, the late spring festival, May 15 this year. Unfortunately, Shavu'ot occurs just as we are heading out on a hike or a picnic, or concluding the school year, or planning our summer vacations. Besides, the Torah is not very clear about the meaning of this holiday, or how to celebrate it. What can we make of this neglected festival?

Like many of our holidays, Shavu'ot began as an agricultural observance, the season when the wheat and the fruit begin to ripen. After we lost our land and became an urbanized minority in other people's empires, the rabbis were forced to discover a new reason for the festival. Since the Scripture (Exodus 19:1) says we reached Mount Sinai in the late spring, our sages decided Shavu'ot commemorates God giving us the Torah at Mount Sinai.

That is why the Ten Commandments are read at Shavu'ot, and why it is often selected as the date of confirmation or graduation from religious school. The association with Sinai dovetails nicely with Shavu'ot's status as a pilgrimage festival. Anciently observed with a yearly pilgrimage to Jerusalem, it recalls the one-time pilgrimage to the mountain of revelation.

The rabbis assigned *m'gilot* (scrolls), literary books from the later part of the Bible, to be read on various holidays. The *m'gillah*

designated for Shavu'ot is Ruth, the story of an auspicious marriage. This works because Israel's receipt of the Torah can also be understood as a marriage, our people's marriage to God. The prophets frequently use the metaphor of a troubled marriage to explore God's frustration with an unfaithful Israel. But the first Shavu'ot must have been the joyful wedding ceremony, the happy honeymoon. In this formulation, the Torah serves as our *k'tubbah* (marriage license).

Shavu'ot's position on the brink of summer informs the customs of the holiday. The synagogue may be decorated with flowers. Refreshments are typically

light: Shavu'ot is conventionally a dairy holiday, a good time for cheesecake or blintzes. Various explanations are offered for this menu. The most charming is that a pair of blintzes looks like the Tablets of the Covenant.

As we are nearing the solstice, there is also the tradition of a *tikkun leil* (all-nighter) at Shavu'ot. The legend says we overslept at Sinai and almost missed the big event. We make up for it yearly by staying up till dawn studying the Torah, or any Jewish subject, since everything Jewish is in some sense Torah. As you might guess, this custom did not catch on until coffee was introduced, in the 16th century.

At Tree of Life Congregation, we will be observing Shavu'ot on the preceding Friday evening, May 10. The synagogue will be open all night for singing, studying, snacking, films, and workshops.



Feel free to stay as late as you want, to doze in the corner now and then, or to head home when you've had enough. Those still present at sunrise will feel like the original pilgrims at Sinai. They'll hardly believe they've made it.

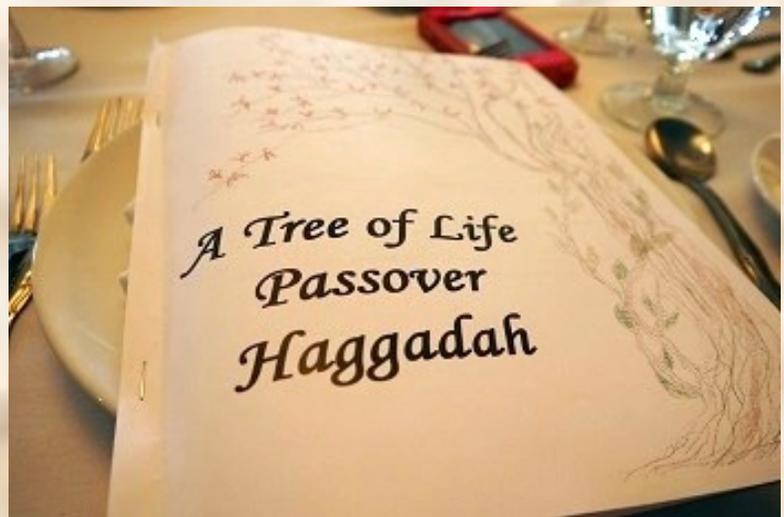
Transition Committee Report

Rabbi Joe Hample and TOL President Adam Rosefsky attended the Shallat Rabbinic Transition Retreat sponsored by the URJ in January. Following up on a key recommendation from this retreat that open communication is the key to success, the Transition Committee is facilitating a series of small group meetings, or "conversations with the rabbi".

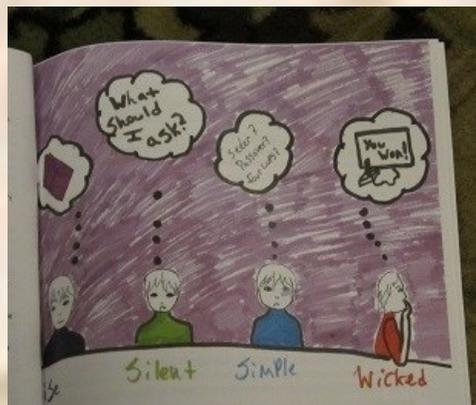
The first meeting was held on April 13 with families that the rabbi hadn't met during his time here, and plans are in the works for several more focus groups throughout the coming year. If you would like to attend one of these meetings, please call Daya Solomon (304) 685-3660 or Michelle Leversee (304) 685-4003.

Of course, if you don't want to wait for an organized event you can visit the Rabbi during his drop-in office hours on Thursdays from 1- 5, contact him at (304) 685-0990 or by email at rabbi.joe.wv@gmail.com.

Shalom!
Michelle Leversee



A Seder to remember!
Thank you to the two Steves and to
all who worked on the Hagaddah.



Mazal Tov New Baby Boys!

Benjamin Shiloh Mages
Ahuvi ben Pinchas v'Sarah
son of
Todd and Stacy Mages

Emmanuel Joseph Brodsky
son of
Melissa Brodsky

May God make them like
Ephraim and Menashe

Thank You

To our wonderful congregation,

I wish to thank everyone for their cards of condolence and donations on behalf of my mother, Shirley Basevin.

I am also most grateful for your prayers and warm greetings at services, which have been a great comfort to me.

With warm appreciation,
Lee B. Kass

*We note with sorrow
the passing of*

Abby Jacknowitz
Niece of
Art & Linda Jacknowitz

*May her memory
be a blessing*



Lederman Bar Mitzvah

With love, joy and pride
We invite you to share
a special day with us
as our son

Jonathan Geza Lederman
Is called to the Torah
As a Bar Mitzvah

*Saturday, June Fifteenth
Two thousand thirteen
At ten o'clock in the morning,
Tree of Life Synagogue
Luncheon will follow
David Lederman and Michelle
Leversee
RSVP: (304) 284-9727
mleversee@hotmail.com*

Save the Date

Samuel Snider will be Bar
Mitzvah on Saturday July 20th.
The congregation is invited and
an Oneg will follow on the first
floor of the Synagogue.

Bonnie and Dan Snider

From the Solomon family

Daya and Dan Solomon announce that their daughter Meera and her long-time companion Matt Facemyer decided to tie the knot. They were married in Atlanta, in March.

The Solomons wish to thank everyone for the help, donations, cards, and all other acts of kindness during Ruth's last weeks and during her funeral and the period following. We especially thank: the Rabbi and Barry for their visits and guidance, Chevra Kadisha, Sisterhood, Hadassah, CARE Comm, those who helped clean up the synagogue for the funeral and meal of consolation, those who came to her funeral and shiva, and all who made a very difficult time a little easier because of your support and concern.

Congratulations to Matanya Solomon, who has received scholarships to dance this summer at the Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts in Torrington, CT, the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet in Carlisle, and the French Academie of Ballet in NYC.

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

TOL offers many donation opportunities.

For a complete listing
please visit

[http://www.etzhaim.org/
aboutus/temple/](http://www.etzhaim.org/aboutus/temple/)

Mazal Tov Shabbat

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Mazal Tov Shabbat

On the third Friday of every month, we recognize, honor and bake a cake for all congregants who celebrate a birthday or anniversary in that month.

For the summer we combine June and July as well as August and September. The honorees for May will be recognized Friday, May 17th. June and July's honorees will be honored Friday, June 21st. Their names are below. If anyone has been inadvertently omitted, please contact Linda Jackowitz at ljackowitz@frontier.com

May 2013

Joan and Bill Addicks
Laurie and Paul Brager
Ben Addicks
Helene and Jim Friedberg
Olivia Kaddar
Millie and Al Karlin
Lee Kass
Al Karlin

Alex Lubman
Jacob Lubman
Sharon Hildebrand
Leonard Simmons
Heidi Solomon
Daya and Dan Solomon
Reis Snyder
Reed Tanner
Nathan Tauger

June 2013

Alex Behr
Judy and Stan Cohen
Alex Berrebi
Lily Bailey
Elana Gutmann
David Lederman
Nicholas Lemoff
Sony and Brian Lemoff
Julie Penn and Mark Brazaitis
Susan Brown and Lee Petsonk
Gwen and Alan Rosenbluth
Jonathan Rosenbaum
David Pariser
Leah and Franc Stern
Merle and Alan Stolzenberg
Cindy and Reed Tanner

Andrea Works
Austin Works
Andrea and Austin Works

July 2013

Hanna Behr
Mark Brazaitis
Rich and Laura Cohen
Bob Cohen and Kathy Abate
Laurie Brager
Jean Gould
Jack Golden
Carole Hart
Linda Herbst
Heather Meit
Marilyn Manilla
Max Meit
Ruth and Paul Siegel
Terry and Marty Sippin
Heidi and Deva Solomon
Eva Segert Tauger
Franc Stern
Marty Sippin
Matanya Solomon
Ariel Stern
Naomi Tauger
Ariana Tauger
Anthony Weber

Mazal Tov Shabbat — March 15, 2013



Photos: Ed Gerson

JUNE 2013			
Date	Day	Event	Time
6/1/13	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah service & potluck	10:00 am-1:00 pm
6/5/13	Wednesday	Hebrew for adults	5:30-7:00 pm
6/6/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
6/7/13	Friday	Shabbat & oneg	7:30-9:00 pm
6/8/13	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah study	10:00 am-12:00 noon
6/9/13	Sunday	Hadassah Book Brunch	11 am – 1:00pm
6/12/13	Wednesday	Adult Ed: Modern Jewish Crisis II	7:00-9:00 pm
6/13/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
6/14/13	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat for Jonathan Lederman	7:30-9:00 pm
6/15/13	Saturday	Jonathan Lederman bat mitzvah	10:00 am-1:00 pm
6/16/13	Sunday	Sisterhood Spring Celebration	7:00 pm
6/19/13	Wednesday	Hebrew for adults	5:30-7:00 pm
6/20/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
6/21/13	Friday	Mazzal Tov Shabbat	7:30-9:00 pm
6/22/13	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah study	10:00 am-12:00 noon
6/27/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
6/28/13	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat for Annabel Brazaitis	7:30-9:00 pm
6/29/13	Saturday	Annabel Brazaitis bat mitzvah	10:00 am-1:00 pm

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Date	Day	Event	Time
5/1/13	Wednesday	Hebrew for adults	5:30-7:00 pm
5/3/13	Friday	Healing Shabbat service & oneg	7:30-9:00 pm
5/4/13	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah study	10:00 am-12:00 noon
5/8/13	Wednesday	Adult Ed: Modern Jewish Crisis I	7:00-9:00 pm
5/9/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
5/10/13	Friday	Religious school in lieu of 5/12/13, Mothers' Day	5:30-6:30 pm
5/10/13	Friday	Family potluck & Shabbat & Shavu'ot all-nighter	6:30 pm-7:00 am
5/11/13	Saturday	Dawn service to conclude Tikkun Leil (all-nighter)	6:30-7:00 am
5/12/13	Sunday	No religious school	
5/15/13	Wednesday	Hebrew for adults	5:30-7:00 pm
5/16/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
5/17/13	Friday	Cooper's Rock - Mazzal Tov Shabbat	6:00-8:30 pm
5/18/13	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah study	10:00 am-12:00 noon
5/19/13	Sunday	Religious school picnic (last day of term)	10:00 am-12:00 noon
5/23/13	Thursday	Sorry, no rabbi office hours	
5/24/13	Friday	Sorry, no Shabbat service	
5/25/13	Saturday	Sorry, no Shabbat service	
5/30/13	Thursday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
5/31/13	Friday	Wine & cheese Shabbat	6:30-7:30 pm



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Hadassah's Annual Book Brunch

**Sunday, June 9, 2013
11-1 pm
at the home of
Barbara Jacowitz
3502 Cardinal Circle**

Bring a friend, a dairy-vegetarian dish to share, your good winter reads, best summer picks as well as your cutest swimsuit for the post brunch Pool Party. (Barbara hopes to have the pool open in time.)

Please RSVP to Merle
(mpstolzen@yahoo.com
or 304-292-6767)

POETRY CORNER

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...at a very small gate of a little green village,
there are two trees with little white flowers
two trees there are with lovely white flowers,
like two chandeliers with shining silver lights,
on the high ceiling house, from the big grand opera.
at a very small gate of a little small village,
winds are shaking branches and leaves.
winds are shaking trees with white flowers,
people like jews-in their white large caftans,
are shaking themselves, with faith and respect,
when silent they pray to find the right way...
at the very small gate of a little green village,
a very little bird is singing thrilling songs.
the bird is singing well known psalms,
from an old sinagogue in a little town-shtatle,
and madame butterfly, from the big grand opera...
at a very small gate, of a little green village

