



# PATHFINDER

## The Jewish Genius of Robin Williams: 4 Examples

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In Jewish tradition we have a special greeting for a genius. Upon meeting such a person, we say, *Blessed are You, Eternal God, Source of Life, who has given from His wisdom to flesh and blood.*

Had I ever met Robin Williams, I would surely have said it.

Williams was a singular genius. He brought joy and comfort to so many. Yet, that same joy and satisfaction continued to elude him.

That's one of the reasons his death strikes us so sharply. He seemed to have it all. Yet, he suffered from a horrific illness that many continue to speak of in shadows and soft tones.

As a child of a psychiatrist, I know how serious depression can be. Yet, as his wife urged in a statement released yesterday, let us remember Williams for the laughter and joy he brought so many.

Even though he was not Jewish, his comedy brims with the tones of traditional Jewish comedy. They include the following:

**1. Humor to undermine pretension and pomposity:** Robin Williams managed to be lovable and irreverent at the same time. He did not fear offending anyone.

As one of his obituaries reported, he once called out from a London Stage, "Chuck, Cam, great to see you." Charles, Prince of Wales, and his wife, Lady Camilla Bowles were in the audience. He continued, "Yo yo, wussup Wales, House of Windsor, keepin' it real!"

**2. The Power of the Voice:** Judaism is a religion of the ear more than eye. We hear God's words, as it says in our central prayer, the *Shema*.

This emphasis on the ear over the eye carried over into modern Jewish comedy. If you watch the Marx Brothers, for example, you don't even have to see the action to appreciate the humor.

The same was true with Robin Williams. His voice as the genie in *Aladdin* was instantly recognizable. It conjures up the

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# Days of Awe 5775/2014

## Schedule of Worship and Fall Festivals

### Selichot

Join us on *Saturday, September 20 at 7:00 pm.* We will begin with a light meal then move into the sanctuary for Havdalah, study and a worship service with the Solel choir. This is a great informal opportunity to learn, reflect and prepare for our sacred days.

### Adult Services

A formal service with sermons geared to adults and children in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older. Doors open one hour before services begin. Our seating policy allows you to save one seat for a designated driver. Cards of Admission required.

### Rosh Hashanah

*Wednesday, September 24*  
Evening Service 8:00 PM

*Thursday, September 25*  
Morning Service 10:00 AM  
Board Reception 12:30 PM

*Friday, September 26*  
Second Day Service 9:30 AM

### Yom Kippur

*Friday, October 3*  
Kol Nidre 8:00 PM

*Saturday, October 4*  
Morning Service 10:00 AM  
Afternoon Service 3:30 PM  
Memorial/Yizkor Service 4:30 PM\*  
Concluding Service 5:00 PM\*

*\*Times are approximate*

### Family Services

*Thursday, September 25 and*  
*Saturday, October 4 at 2:00 PM.*

Join us for lively, informal services for families with children. Guests are welcome and Cards of Admission are not required. Bring friends and family!

### Second Day of Rosh Hashanah Worship

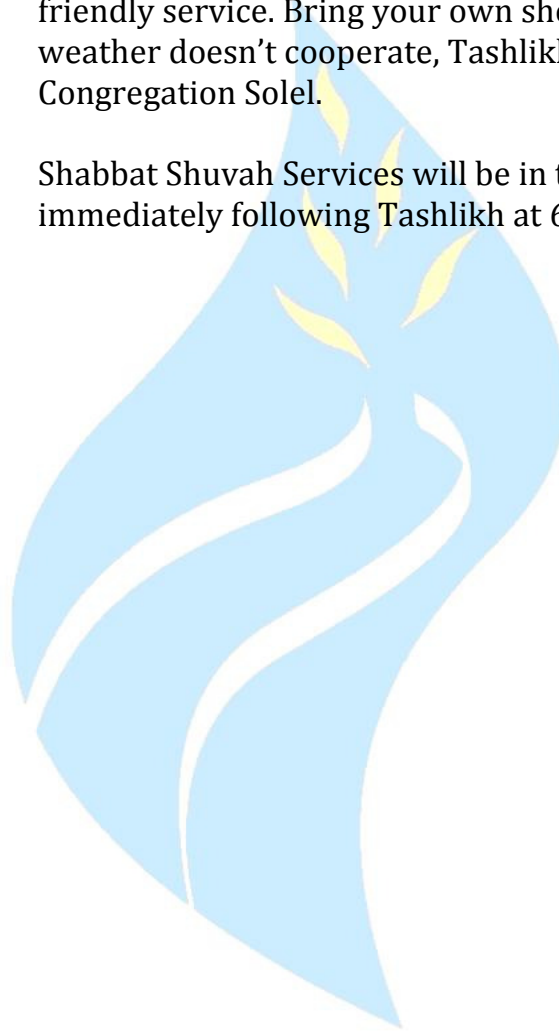
*Friday, September 26 from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.* The service will be in the chapel. Cards of admission are not required.

### Tashlikh and Shabbat Shuvah

*Friday, September 26*

Tashlikh ceremony will start at 5:45 PM by the pond in Fink Park, followed by a short children friendly service. Bring your own shofar! If weather doesn't cooperate, Tashlikh will be at Congregation Solel.

Shabbat Shuvah Services will be in the Chapel immediately following Tashlikh at 6:15 PM.



## Days of Awe 5775/2014 Schedule of Worship and Fall Festivals

### Sukkot

All are invited not to one but two Sukkot celebrations! The first one will be our **Erev Sukkot Family Experience** on *Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00 PM*. Join us with family and friends for the first night of Sukkot for this short, engaging, and song-filled family experience for families with pre-readers. If you like Pray N' Play this is the service for you! The service will be followed by child friendly snacks. Come celebrate and have fun with your children and grandchildren!

If you can't come on Wednesday, don't worry, you can join us at our **Sukkah Decorating and Potluck Lunch** on *Sunday, October 12* right after Religious School. We will start with a potluck lunch and Sukkah decorating at 12:00 PM followed by Sukkot Service under the Sukkah at 1:00 PM. Bring a dish that can be shared with 8-10 people and we will provide dessert. Guests are welcome for both events.

### Simchat Torah Yizkor Service

*Thursday, October 16 at 10:30 AM*  
At the Takiff Center in Glencoe.

### Simchat Torah

*Friday, October 17*

Evening Service/Consecration 6:30 PM

We will celebrate the completion of the reading of the Torah and beginning the new reading cycle.

**NOTE:** Sukkot and Simchat Torah events and services are for members of all ages!



All of us have been pained by the gruesome events taking place in Israel and surrounding areas over the summer. We are pained by the loss of innocent lives, by the fear experienced by all those forced to run to bomb shelters seeking cover and those having nowhere to run, by the brokenness that continues to plague efforts at peace-making in the region. As Israel persists in the struggle for her right to exist, the worldwide Jewish community rises in support of our brothers and sisters in the Jewish homeland who are in harm's way. The concert below will benefit Jewish United Fund's (JUF) Israel Emergency Campaign which works through JUF's overseas partners to provide urgent humanitarian needs and vital services for Israelis most grievously affected by the continued violence in the region. "Kol Israel Arevim Zeh Ba Zeh" - all Jews are responsible for one another. I invite you to claim that responsibility by supporting the fundraising concert below, which will feature beautiful Israel-themed music and give you the opportunity to support Israelis through JUF's Israel Emergency Campaign. I hope to see you on September 7!

- Cantor Glikin

**KOL ISRAEL AREVIM ZE BA ZE  
ALL JEWS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE ANOTHER**



# A CONCERT-FUNDRAISER FOR ISRAEL

hosted by Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah (BHCBE)

*All proceeds from the free concert will go to the JUF  
Israel Emergency Campaign to support Israel during these trying times*

*featuring cantors:*

**Steve Stoehr** Congregation Beth Shalom, Northbrook

**Vicky Glikin** Congregation Solel, Highland Park

**Andrea Rae Markowicz** Am Shalom, Glencoe

**Pavel Roytman** BHCBE, Wilmette

Also featuring **Kol Zimrah Community Singers** conducted by Richard Boldrey

**Sunday, September 7 • 4-5 p.m.**

Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah  
3220 Big Tree Lane • Wilmette

**RSVP to BHCBE at 847.256.1213**

If you have any questions about JUF's Israel Emergency Campaign, please contact JUF at 312.444.2834



## From Our President —

Rabbi Asher Knight recently gained national attention. The spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel, a prominent reform synagogue in Dallas, spoke out forcefully about the plight of the Latino children who find themselves in limbo on the border of the United States and Mexico. He compared their tragic circumstances to the Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany who sought entry – in some instances *unsuccessfully* – into the United States before and during the Second World War. Indeed, Rabbi Knight joined with clergy in Texas to rally public opinion in the midst of this all-too-familiar international humanitarian crisis.

Rabbis taking stands on overheated secular issues? Is this the correct path for our clergy? Consider for a moment the four rabbis associated with Congregation Solel's history.

- **Rabbi Jacob Weinstein**, in the heat of the great clash between organized labor and management during the 1930s, spoke out from his pulpit on behalf of strikers in San Francisco. He soon found himself without a pulpit. Ultimately Rabbi Weinstein gained national recognition as a forceful proponent of fair labor practices during his long tenure at Congregation K.A.M. Isaiah Israel. Presidents Truman, Kennedy, and Johnson appointed Rabbi Weinstein to federal panels dealing with contentious labor-management issues.
- **Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf** opened the doors of Congregation Solel to Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., inviting him to speak from its pulpit during 1966. No other clergy on the North Shore was willing to take this step. Rabbi Wolf also campaigned – vocally and irrepressibly – for fair housing along the North Shore.
- **Rabbi Robert J. Marx** is regarded by historians as the principal Jewish advisor to Dr. King during his Operation Freedom campaign in Chicago during the 1960s. He also established the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, a not-for-profit organization that to this day has constructed cultural and economic bridges. Rabbi Marx exposed exploitative real estate practices within Chicago endured by African Americans in their pursuit of purchasing their own homes.
- **Rabbi Dov Taylor** pointedly focused on his own backyard. When neighborhood opposition surfaced to an affordable housing initiative in

the vicinity of his own residence, he addressed the city council of Highland Park. In this role as an advocate Rabbi Taylor also encouraged – but did *not* require – students in his confirmation class to join him at the public hearing. The complex known as Hyacinth Place gained approval from the municipal authorities. Undoubtedly Rabbi Taylor's students imbibed an invaluable civic lesson about the moral authority of the clergy.

- **Rabbi Evan Moffic in tandem with Cantor Vicky Glikin** have actively supported the Envision Scholars program at Waukegan High School. Today some forty congregants have enlisted as tutors – inspired by lay leaders Ellen Rupert, Robin Shapiro, and Cynthia Plouché – guiding high-potential college-bound students in preparing their applications for admissions as well as scholarships. Recently I was struck by a keen observation made by Rabbi Moffic: “The great challenge for Congregation Solel in the twenty-first century is to sustain its legacy as the synagogue from whose pulpit Rev. King spoke on June 30, 1966.”

All of this returns me to Rabbi Knight's championship of the imperiled Latino youths who have made their way to the US border. Our people have long depended upon its rabbinic leaders – Maurice Eisendrath, Abraham Joshua Heschel, Emil Hirsch, and Joachim Prinz come instantly to mind – to speak publically about the compelling public issues of their time. As well, our prominent secular leaders – Louis D. Brandeis, Albert Einstein, Louis Marshall, and Henry Morgenthau among them – have raised their voices in moments of dire crisis on behalf of Jewish causes.

Herman Edwards, founding president of Congregation Solel, received a fraught phone call. On the other end of the line, so this story goes, the irate congregant objected to Rabbi Wolf marching on a picket line in Chicago. Renowned for his poise, wit, and judgment, Herman Edwards answered: “Congregation Solel's Rabbi speaks freely, whether from our pulpit or on the streets of Chicago and I support his doing so.”

I would appreciate talking with you.

- Michael Ebner  
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# Looking for a Place to Celebrate the High Holidays???

## Join Congregation Solel's 2014/5775 Family Services!



*Rosh Hashanah: Thursday, September 25 at 2:00 pm*

*Yom Kippur: Saturday, October 4 at 2:00 pm*

Join us for lively, informal services for families with children. Guests are welcome and tickets are not required. Bring friends and family!



*Tashlich and Shabbat Shuvah: Friday, September 26 at 5:45 pm*

We will begin with the Tashlich ceremony at Congregation Solel, which will be followed by a Shabbat Shuvah service for the whole family. Bring your own shofar!



*Erev Sukkot Family Experience: Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00 pm*

Join us with family and friends on the first night of Sukkot for this engaging and song-filled family experience. If you like Pray 'n Play, this is the service for you! Come celebrate, nosh, and have fun with your children and grandchildren!



*Simchat Torah: Friday, October 17 at 6:30 pm*

We will celebrate the completion of the reading of the Torah and the beginning of the new reading cycle. Join us for singing, dancing, and celebration!

RSVP appreciated to [solelooffice@solel.org](mailto:solelooffice@solel.org) or (847) 433-3555.

*President Michael Ebner and the entire Board of Directors cordially invite the members of Congregation Solel to the annual Rosh Hashanah Board Reception in honor of the New Year, 5775.*

**Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 12:30 pm**



The Board Reception is an opportunity to celebrate and socialize with your Solel family and friends.

Whether you plan on attending Rosh Hashanah morning services, the Family Service or both, everyone is welcome to attend.

## Minyan Leaders Available in Time of Need

Congregation Solel has organized a corps of volunteers who will assist families by leading minyans in Shiva homes in the days following a funeral. This group will be available to support the Rabbi and Cantor. Cantor Glikin is working with the group. The current group includes: Ed Bederman, Marilyn Meyers, Ellen Diamond Waldman, Ellen Gussin, Karen Finerman, Gene Finerman, Gary Salit, Howard Peritz, Judith Golden, Larry Mason, Wendy Rhodes, Marc Horowitz, Phil Kaplan, and Jerry Wolf. Want to add your name to our list? Contact Allan Litwack @ [Allan@Solel.org](mailto:Allan@Solel.org).

When discussing funeral plans, the Solel office will ask the family about plans for minyans and include this information in the funeral announcements emailed to Solel members.

The congregation is pleased to be able to offer this service as a way of supporting our member families. Please contact Allan Litwack for additional information.

**Thank you** to those that have submitted their annual dues commitment forms.

We still have a number of families that need to process their forms.

If there are any questions about annual dues please feel free to call Allan Litwack at (847) 433-3555. Your conversations with Allan are confidential.

Thank you to all in following up on this important activity.

See you for the High Holy Days!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR SNOWBIRD SHABBAT: FEBRUARY 27-28, 2015**

"How I Prepare for the High Holidays" with Rabbi Moffic and Cantor Glikin  
**Sunday, September 14**  
**10:00 am**

Did you know that preparation for the High Holidays begins a whole month before Rosh Hashanah?

Join Rabbi Moffic and Cantor Glikin as they discuss how they prepare spiritually, physically, and emotionally for the High Holidays so as to get the most out of the holidays.

**Come, learn, be inspired!**

## Solel Helps Gran Fiesta

Members of Congregation Solel's Just Congregations committee once more showed their commitment to Nuestro Center and Lake County Family Services by volunteering at the group's annual outdoor fundraiser, "Gran Fiesta." This is the second year that they have been a part of the event.

The group did everything from painting faces and selling popcorn, to peddling raffle tickets and serving as aides to a clown, who was showing off her facility making balloon animals, flowers, swords and hats to the delight of the children. Despite the cool and slightly damp weather, there was a good turnout for the fundraiser, which was held at Everts Park in Highwood.

Sharon Stein, Andy Amend, Pete Stein, Laura Frisch, Hana Frisch, and Meta Levin volunteered at the event.



*Meta Levin (on the left) with a clown at the Gran Fiesta.*

**Hava Nashira!**

AN ENGAGING AND SPIRITED SERVICE FEATURING FRESH AND FAMILIAR MELODIES.

JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 5 AT 7:30 PM FOR AN EVENING OF SONG AND INSPIRATION, ACCOMPANIED BY SOLEL'S OWN INSTRUMENTALISTS AND SINGERS.

*It's Shabbat....Let's Sing!*

**Future Dates:**  
 November 14  
 January 9  
 March 6  
 May 8

**WELCOME** to Our New Members!

1. Robert and Arleen Blatt
2. Mark and Lexis Blitstein
3. Richard and Judy Eichner
4. David and Susan Fireside
5. Eric and Elizabeth Levin
6. Murray and Joan Levin
7. Norman Fox and Rhonda Malina
8. Alexander and Marina Ofer
9. Harold Rafson
10. Michael and Caren Wax
11. Michael and Leslie Zuckerman



## New Member Dr. Murray Levin to Speak on The Lown Institute

Please join us on Sunday, September 7, 2014 at 10:30 am for a presentation by Dr. Murray Levin on The Lown Institute.

The Lown Institute was founded by Dr. Bernard Lown, a world-renowned cardiologist who helped to develop the cardiac defibrillator used in all hospitals. He then joined with a Russian colleague to found the "International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War" for which he and his colleague won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985. Dr. Lown recently has been concerned (as are many) about the high cost of medical care in this country while many people (poor in both cities and rural America) have not received sufficient care. The Institute now is seeking ways of reducing the >30% of our health care money that is overspent by over testing, over-proceduring, and inappropriate over-use at the end of life, while trying to provide the "right care", including appropriate doctor/patient communications, for as many people as possible.

We are pleased to welcome our speaker, Dr. Levin, a member of Congregation Solel and Professor Emeritus of Medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Levin was Chief of the Medical Service at the VA Lakeside, Chief of the Section of Nephrology/Hypertention at the Northwestern Medical Center including Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chief of a Teaching Firm responsible for teaching over 1/3 of all house officers on the Medical Service at the Medical Center. He has been President of two Medical Societies and received many teaching awards. Dr. Levin received 100% positive ratings when the Faculty Foundation surveyed patients about their satisfaction with their physicians. In Dr. Levin's retirement, he has become active in the Lown Institute.

Please don't miss this interesting and timely discussion! Mark your calendars now.

- Nancy Goodman

<http://lowninstitute.org/>



# AJC Special Event

**AJC Chicago First Thursday Series Presents:  
Israel in the Jewish and Christian Perspectives**

**Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 12 pm  
at Congregation Solel**



Join AJC Chicago for our next First Thursday lunch to hear from Rabbi Evan Moffic and Reverend Lillian Daniel on Israel in the Jewish and Christian imaginations. They will explore the concepts of homeland and Zionism and the connections between Jews, Christians and Israel.

**Register with AJC: (312) 251- 8800  
(\$15 per person includes lunch)**

**Rabbi Moffic** is an AJC Chicago Board member and has served as the rabbi of Congregation Solel in Highland Park since 2009. He is a sought-after teacher, and his commentary has appeared in the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Forward*, among others.

**Reverend Daniel** has served as senior minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn since 2004. Her book, *When Spiritual but not Religious is not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church*, has been called "a provocative case for why religious community matters."

## Next Year in Jerusalem



The following article was published in *The Times of Israel* on August 10, 2014 at <http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/next-year-in-jerusalem-2/#>.

*Leah Susman is the daughter of Cheryl and John Susman.*

*Leah Susman spent the summer working at Project Harmony Israel, an integrated Arab-Jewish day camp in Jerusalem that strongly values coexistence and normalization. She will begin college at Brandeis University in the fall.*

Today, I leave Israel. I leave family, new friends, and inspiring campers. I leave war, hatred, chaos, and the inescapable racism that followed me throughout the entirety of my six weeks here in Israel. I leave behind what Israelis and Palestinians cannot. I feel guilty.

How can I leave in the middle of a war? How can I go back to la-la land when I have a cousin fighting in Gaza? How can I leave all of this? This morning I woke up to an alert from Haaretz that a 72 hour humanitarian ceasefire is to take place. Finally! Now I can feel a little better about leaving: we're making progress. As soon as I got out of the shower, I checked my phone to find a Red Alert, notifying me of rockets shot toward the south. Of course. More Red Alerts went off as I zipped my duffel, and again as I ate breakfast. Today was a day of goodbyes. But I wouldn't call them goodbyes. Just byes. They didn't feel good. Hugging each of my co-counselors and roommates who taught me so much about this conflict and the world was harder than I ever could have imagined. As much as I was their friend, I also felt like a naïve little sister at times— whose older sisters were eager to share their education and point of view with me. Who still valued my thoughts and my perspective although aware of my minimal education of the situation. Who wished me good luck with my first year of college as they become upperclassmen or grad school freshmen. The bond I have with the new friends I made through Project Harmony is really special.

The friends I've made in the past six weeks are like no friends I have ever had. As I've said in past blog posts, this is the first time I've been able to have intellectually stimulating conversations in a social setting. These friends long for knowledge and answers. They encouraged me to explore new interests by attending museums and religious sites that I don't identify with, and listening to speakers discuss the conflict (among other things). The friends I made through Project Harmony are each so unique and intelligent. I am so thankful to

have met such a fantastic and inspiring group of people here. If it weren't for them, my experience living in Jerusalem would be nowhere near as magical (for lack of a better word) as it was. I planned to spend my last day in Israel in Tel Aviv with my family. Sara and I took the bus together to Ra'anana, and saying goodbye was not good. It was just bye. I'm so lucky to have created a friendship here that I am confident will last the rest of my life. When Tamir, my cousin, picked me up, Sara and I hugged for one last time and headed our separate ways. I spent the rest of the day with the Davidis and the Linders. For lunch, Tamir treated me to one final shawarma pita sandwich. Definitely the perfect last lunch in Israel. In the afternoon, Miri picked me up to visit Nery, her mother. On the car ride there I asked her about my cousin and her nephew, Guy, who is fighting in Gaza. She told me that tomorrow, the whole family is getting together to say goodbye to Guy's dad (and her brother), Razi, before he returns to working in California for the year. Everyone was so excited because Guy would be coming home for the weekend— except as soon as his bus got to Tel Aviv, he was told to turn around and come back to Gaza. Miri said this to me through tears, and I couldn't help but wipe my own eyes. I gave her a hug. This is life in Israel. She told me to put on a smiling face to see her mother because she couldn't see us upset. So I took a deep breath and I did.

It was so nice finally getting to see Nery after seven years. She couldn't believe how big I had gotten. Typical. I told her about how I am beginning Brandeis in the fall, and that while psychology was the plan, perhaps it is now peace and conflict studies. Or both. Or neither. I told her about Eli's plan to take a semester off to travel to Southeast Asia, and I told her about Nathan's internship in New York this past summer. It felt so comfortable being with her. She reminds me of my Bubbe. I saw some of her quilts that decorate her apartment and told her that the one she made for my family is the first thing you see when you walk into my house, hanging up in the front hall, illuminated by its very own light bulb. We talked and talked until I had to say goodbye. After visiting with Nery, Miri took me back to her home where I visited with her family. It was nice hanging out with them. "But what a terrible time to come to Israel," they said to me apologetically. I countered that

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it was in fact the best time for me to come to Israel. The work I did in Jerusalem, working at an integrated Arab-Jewish summer camp that strongly values coexistence, would not have felt nearly as real nor as relevant had the conflict not been flaunted right in front of my face. My campers' friendships and their ability to coexist with each other give me hope at such a time of despair. Within the Hand in Hand community, peace among Jews and Arabs is so close, but when I read the headlines, peace seems so incredibly far. However, in terms of coexistence, the positive growth I've witnessed this summer keeps me optimistic about Israel's future. I went back to the Davidis' home for dinner and a quick shower before my flight. Dinner was delicious— some kind of steak, mashed potatoes, and Israeli salad.

While trying to fight back tears and my voice cracking, I said goodbye to Omri, Hadar, and Yael. I told them that I'll be back very soon. Maybe next year. Maybe the year after. Definitely soon. Tamir then took me to the airport, and Inbar came along for the ride. I took my last breath of Israeli air and walked into the airport with Tamir and Inbar. They dropped me off at the first security line, where again I tried my best to be strong while saying goodbye. The intense security at Ben Gurion reminded me that Israel is a target for terrorists. Yes, this is obvious. But now it was really in my face. Once I finally got through security and to my gate, I plugged in my computer to start writing this final blog post. I couldn't help but full on cry in the middle of the airport. Because as I thought about my experience here, I thought about my campers and how they coexist today, but one day they will be split up when the Jews go off to fight in the IDF and the Arabs do not. I imagined them joking around together and trying to push mine and Audrey's buttons. At Project Harmony, my campers get along as if you'd never know about their backgrounds or the conflict. I thought about how it took me almost three weeks to figure out which of my campers were Jewish and which of my campers were Arab. I couldn't tell. Working at Project Harmony was exhausting, but seeing positive results among my campers left me hopeful and eager to figure out how to facilitate more coexistence among Jews and Arabs living together in Israel.

At the airport, I bought one last shoko, the best chocolate milk known to man, and walked onto the airplane. A Haaretz alert on my phone reminded me of the chaos still happening here in Israel. Obama strongly condemned the kidnapping of the Israeli soldier, Hadar Goldin. Right when I thought things could get better here, they got so much worse. I felt guilty. I have the luxury of leaving conflict, war, and hatred behind when

it is real life for my campers and family in Israel. Again, I tried to fight back my tears, but this time I really couldn't. I sat down in my seat on the airplane and cried. And cried. And cried. And again, I keep crying while reflecting on my time here and writing this last post. And now I recall a couple Hebrew phrases I can take away from my time in Israel this summer: בלי ביחד כולנו — all of us together without hatred and fear and איויבים מסורבים וערבים יהודים — Jews and Arabs refuse to be enemies. Next year in Jerusalem.



- Leah Susman

Join us for...

# Chocolate Shabbat!

Friday, September 12

7:00 pm Wine and Cheese  
7:30 pm Shabbat Service  
8:30 pm Chocolate Oneg



# The *Parokhet's* Circuitous Return to Its Rightful Place Among Congregation's Treasures of Artistic Judaica

At the beginning of 2014 the *Pathfinder* reported that the *Parokhet* – also known as the Ark curtain – was missing.

You read the report – viz., January issue – detailing how two founders of Congregation Solel traveled to New York City more than fifty years ago. Guided by curators at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, so the story goes, they set their sights upon Lenore G. Tawney (1907-2007), a talented fabric artist of the Bauhaus school and commissioned her to create our *Parokhet*.

Back to the present. After nearly a half century of dignified service the Ark curtain revealed signs of deterioration, verging upon disintegration.

But our connoisseurs, among them Gail Goldstein and Barbara Volin, knew about its distinguished lineage. After all, the *Parokhet* is a cherished artifact of our congregation's history.

Today the work of Lenore Tawney is in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum.

"Our *Parokhet* is transparent," Rabbi Moffic has observed, "affirming Congregation Solel's tradition of Torah study."

Okay, surely a talented fabric artist could restore the *Parokhet* to its rightful place among the treasures of Congregation Solel's collection of artistic Judaica.

With some outstanding detective work, via the Lenore Tawney Foundation, we identified a qualified fabric artist who accepted our commission.

We sealed the deal. The curtain was shipped to Minneapolis. The expert fabric artist agreed to return our *Parokhet*, refurbished and cleaned, in time for our Rededication Weekend in late March of this year.

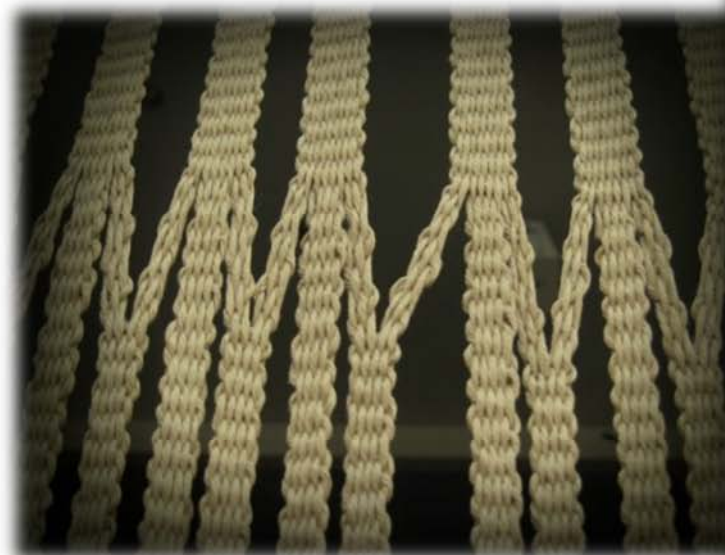
It did *not* happen! Why? The fabrics required for the restoration could not be readily obtained.

Back at Congregation Solel there was much wringing of hands.

Ultimately, after considerable delay, our fabric artist obtained the necessary materials.

The restoration of the *Parokhet* was generously underwritten by longtime congregant Jerry Rudman as a tribute to his beloved wife Marianne Fell Rudman. Indeed, multiple Rudman generations assembled in the sanctuary on May 21, 2014 for a memorable rededication as our resplendent Ark cover resumed its rightful place.

"I'm not just patiently doing it," Lenore Tawney once observed about the methodology infusing her artistic weaving. "It's done with devotion."



Photos: Michelle Raz

# Rabbi Moffic

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character of the genie in all its dimensions. And who can forget the powerful voice proclaiming "Gooooood Morning Vietnam!"

**3. Comedy as Healing:** Jewish history is filled with destruction. Hatred and persecution have plagued us for so long, and they continue to do so in the Middle East and Europe.

One of the great healing balms of Jewish life has been humor. It has helped us maintain perspective, seeing possibilities for joy amidst pain, for sweetness amidst the harshness of life.

Robin Williams' humor — along with his many acting roles — helped heal so many. His life mirrored the role he played so beautifully of Patch Adams, the doctor who used humor to heal his patients.

**4. Comedy as a way of poking fun at ourselves:** Robin Williams knew his own foibles. He did not shy away from admitting his struggles with addiction and relationships.

And he would turn those struggles into brilliant one-liners. Indeed, he once described cocaine as "God's way of saying you make too much money."

Williams' apparent suicide is a tragedy. We can never know the pain he felt and struggles he underwent. What we do know, however, is that his life was a blessing.

He fulfilled the definition of a successful life captured so brilliantly by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

- Rabbi Evan Moffic

## Pray 'n Play Saturday, September 6 10:30 am



*This isn't your ordinary Tot Shabbat!*

Join other families with children 0-5 years of age for a fun, interactive "Gymboree-style" Shabbat program, featuring music, maracas, puppets, & parachutes.

Followed by a complimentary bagel brunch and playtime.

Older siblings are welcome to attend!

**Come, sing, play, make friends!!**



### Saturday Mornings 10:30 am

<b>November 8</b>	<b>January 10</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>February 14</b>	<b>May 9</b>
	<b>March 14</b>	

## Shabbat Shalom!

### A Service for the Whole Family

### Friday, October 31







**Future Dates:**

- November 28
- January 30
- February 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May 29

With its high energy and casual atmosphere Shabbat Shalom! is the perfect way for families and Solelites of all ages to celebrate Shabbat.

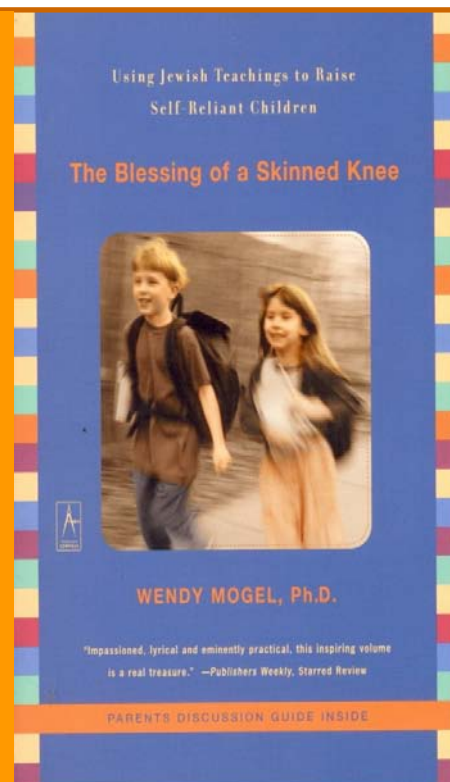
5:30 pm - Pizza dinner  
6:15 pm - Enjoy a warm and meaningful service led by Cantor Glikin and Rabbi Moffic, with participation by Solel's Youth Choir "Rimonim"

Shabbat. Friendship.  
Community. Family. Song.

# Jewish Parenting 101 with Cantor Vicky Glikin and the Religious School Committee

"Raising Jewish Kids: The Blessing of a Skinned Knee"  
This is an opportunity to informally get to know other  
religious school parents and to learn more about  
Jewish parenting.

**October 19, December 7 & March 15**  
**9:45-10:45 am**  
**at Congregation Solel**



***This workshop series will draw on the bestselling phenomenon among parents and educators, *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*, an essential guide that offers an inspiring roadmap for raising children.***

## **Session 1 (Sunday, October 19):**

Topic: *Helping Our Children Realize their Potential without Creating Stress and Granting our Children Freedom*

Suggested reading: Chapters 1-4 of *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*

## **Session 2 (Sunday, December 7):**

Topic: *Giving, Receiving, and Food*

Suggested reading: Chapters 5-7 of *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*

## **Session 3 (Sunday, March 15):**

Topic: *Discipline and Our Goals in Raising our Children*

Suggested reading: Chapters 8-10 of *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*

**Attend all or just one of the sessions.**

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## Mazel Tov to Ben Miller on his Bar Mitzvah!



Ben Miller, son of Carol and Randell, will become a Bar Mitzvah on September 13, 2014. He is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Wood Oaks Junior High. Some of Ben's favorite hobbies are playing baseball, basketball, football, and video games. For his Mitzvah Project, Ben volunteered on numerous occasions at Buddy Baseball. From the Mitzvah project, Ben learned that he could make a difference by helping others. Ben's Torah Portion is *Ki-Tavo*, from the Book of Deuteronomy. The greatest challenge Ben faced in preparing for his ceremony was memorizing his Torah portion. Ben learned the importance of practicing a lot and re-reading his lines. From this experience, Ben learned to study and practice hard.

## Mazel Tov to Gracie Dickman on her Bat Mitzvah!



Gracie Dickman, daughter of Francie and Ken, will become a Bat Mitzvah on September 20, 2014. She is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwood Junior Highland Park. Gracie's favorite hobbies are dancing and water skiing. From her Mitzvah Project, Gracie learned that a lot of people never have the chance to experience the things that she gets to experience, such as summer camp. Gracie's Torah Portion is *Nitzavim Vayei-lech*, from the book of Deuteronomy. The most important thing Gracie learned from her Torah portion was that God will always give Jews a second chance. The important thing Gracie learned from her experience becoming a Bat Mitzvah was that you need to work hard and devote yourself to your goal in order to succeed. The greatest challenge she faced in preparing for her ceremony was learning her Torah portion without vowels.

## Mazel Tov to Lilly Dickman on her Bat Mitzvah!



Lilly Dickman, daughter of Francie and Ken, will become a Bat Mitzvah on September 20, 2014. She is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwood Junior High Highland Park. Lilly's favorite hobbies are dancing, skiing and hanging with friends. From her Mitzvah Project, Lilly learned that it feels good to help people who aren't as fortunate as you even if it is a lot of work. Lilly's Torah Portion is *Nitzavim Vayeilech*, from the book of Deuteronomy. The most important thing Lilly learned from her Torah portion was that no matter how bad of a person you are, if you change your ways, God will always accept you. The important things Lilly learned from her experience becoming a Bat Mitzvah were a lot about Judaism and that to achieve something you have to work very hard. The greatest challenge she faced in preparing for her ceremony was learning to chant a portion without vowels and being able to memorize the tune.

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*As of August 25, 2014*

## Mazel Tov to...

**Coleen and Marc Friedman**, on the birth of their first grandchild, Celeste, on July 2, to Joanna Friedman and Flavio Ambrogiani.

## Condolences to...

**David and Alexis Kanarek**, on the passing of his father, Jesse Kanarek  
**Alice and Robert Kohn**, on the passing of their mother, Betty Nusbaum  
**Marcie and Michael Lance**, on the passing of their father, Irving Walchirk  
**Phyllis Loeff**, on the passing of her brother, Richard Saxon  
**Charla Reinganum and Daniel Schwartz**, on the passing of their mother, Maurine Reinganum  
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# September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>7</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Religious School New Family Welcome Breakfast <b>9:45 am</b> Religious School	<b>1</b> Office Closed <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>2</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Hava Nashira Rehearsal	<b>4</b> <b>12:00 pm</b> AJC Program on Israel Rehearsal <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Hava Nashira Service	<b>6</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:30 am</b> Pray 'n Play <b>10:35 am</b> Morning Minyan
<b>7</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Religious School New Family Welcome Breakfast <b>9:45 am</b> Religious School	<b>8</b> <b>9:30 am &amp; 11:00 am</b> Joyce Schragger Current Events (choose one time) <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> <b>4:15 pm</b> Religious School <b>7:30 pm</b> Just Congregations	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Joyce Schragger Short Stories <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Chocolate Shabbat Evening Service	<b>13</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:30 am</b> Ben Miller Bar Mitzvah <b>10:35 am</b> Morning Minyan
<b>14</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>9:45 am</b> Religious School <b>10:00 am</b> How I Prepare for the Holidays	<b>15</b> <b>9:30 am &amp; 11:00 am</b> Joyce Schragger Current Events (choose one time) <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> <b>4:15 pm</b> Religious School <b>7:00 pm</b> Jewish War Veterans Meeting	<b>17</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Shabbat Evening Service	<b>20</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:30 am</b> Lilly & Gracie Dickman Bat Mitzvahs <b>10:35 am</b> Morning Minyan <b>7:00 pm</b> Selichot
<b>21</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>9:45 am</b> Religious School	<b>22</b> <b>9:30 am &amp; 11:00 am</b> Joyce Schragger Current Events (choose one time) <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> <b>4:15 pm</b> Religious School	<b>24</b> <b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b>	<b>25</b> Office Closed <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>	<b>26</b> <b>5:45 pm</b> Tashlich <b>6:15 pm</b> Shabbat Shuva Service	<b>27</b> <b>Shabbat Shuvah</b> <b>9:15 am</b> Torah Study <b>10:35 am</b> Morning Minyan
<b>28</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>9:45 am</b> Religious School	<b>29</b> <b>9:30 am &amp; 11:00 am</b> Joyce Schragger Current Events (choose one time) <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> <b>4:15 pm</b> Religious School				Kindle Shabbat Candles at dinner or at the following times (CDT): 5.....7:01 pm 12.....6:49 pm 19.....6:37 pm 26.....6:24 pm

# Shabbat Services Schedule

## Friday, September 5

Hava Nashira Service.....7:30 pm

*D'varim, Deut. 1:1-3:22*

## Saturday, September 6

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Pray 'n Play .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

## Friday, September 12

Chocolate Shabbat Evening Service .....7:30 pm

*Va-et'chanan, Deut. 3:23-7:11*

## Saturday, September 13

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Ben Miller Bar Mitzvah .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

## Friday, September 19

Shabbat Evening Service .....6:30 pm

*Eikev, Deut. 7:12-11:25*

## Saturday, September 20

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Lilly & Gracie Dickman Bat Mitzvahs.....10:30 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

## Friday, September 26

Tashlich .....5:45 pm

Shabbat Shuva Service.....6:15 pm

*R'eih, Deut. 11:26-16:17*

## Saturday, September 27

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

### Updating Your Solel Calendar with Future Events in 2014

**Saturday, September 6, 10:30 am:** Pray 'n Play

**Sunday, September 7, 10:30 am:** Dr. Murray Levin

**Friday, September 12, 7:30 pm:** Chocolate Shabbat

**Sunday, September 14, 10:00 am:** "How I Prepare for the High Holidays"  
with Rabbi Moffic and Cantor Glikin

**Sunday, October 19, 9:45 am:** Jewish Parenting 101 with Cantor Glikin

**Friday, October 31:** Shabbat Shalom Service for the Whole family

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