



# PATHFINDER

## Rabbi's Corner -- What's Wrong with the Bar/Bat Mitzvah?

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A 13-year old Bar Mitzvah boy in Dallas recently made headlines. In a strident article in the *Washington Post*, Rabbi David Wolpe criticized the burlesque-themed Bar Mitzvah party thrown for the young man, whom he identified as "Sammy."

"To turn a ceremony of spiritual maturation into a Vegas showgirl parade teaches a child sexualization of spirit. Apparently nothing in our society militates against the narcissistic display of short skirted dancers ushering an adolescent into unearned stardom," Wolpe wrote.

He continued with a rhetorical question, "I am leery of being too maudlin but really, our ancestors struggled and suffered and fasted and prayed so Sammy could cavort?"

Wolpe's article went viral (at least among the community of Jewish professionals!), as we asked ourselves about the propriety of Bnei Mitzvah celebrations in our communities.

I agree with Wolpe's central point. Some Bnei

Mitzvah celebrations go too far. The purpose of becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is not to throw a big party. It is to read and teach Torah. It is to assert and celebrate one's Jewish identity. It is to begin to take responsibility for our spiritual lives. When we confuse the party with the purpose, we teach the wrong lessons.

Yet, what bothered me about Wolpe's article was its vituperative tone and singling out of one young man by name. It felt mean-spirited and condescending toward a thirteen year-old-boy.

"Poor Sammy," Wolpe wrote. "What remains to him of the small triumphs of life? When he struggles with math and earns a 'B' when before he could never do better than a 'C' will they purchase an island to mark the occasion? Will he take Air Force One to his prom?"

Is such personal humiliation necessary? Jewish law considers *lashon harah*, malicious language, among the worst transgressions.



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## Cantor Glikin's Desk-- Return Again

Once upon a time, in a far-away land, there lived a Prince. The Prince was very adventurous and he spent many years traveling all over the world, to places that were far, far away from his home and the home of his ancestors. Then, one day, the Prince felt homesick and decided to return. For a moment, the Prince felt shame...he had been away for so long. Will he even be recognized in his home town? But, then, he said to himself: "I must not be ashamed to return! After all, it is to my own home, to my own ancestral inheritance that I am returning."

So it is with us. No matter how far removed we might feel from Torah and our Jewish heritage, it remains our possession. It is ours to claim. Each of us has our own portion in the Torah that belongs to us. When we take up the study of Torah, when we explore our Jewish roots, we are coming home.

The book of Deuteronomy describes Torah as a heritage that is rightfully ours: "Moses charged us with this Teaching (Torah) as the heritage of the congregation of Jacob." The Talmud goes even further, remarking that a teacher who withholds even a single verse of Torah from his students is robbing them of their rightful possessions. The Torah, is ours – it is mine and yours – to come to and to claim whenever we are ready to do so.

On S'lichot, we sang: "Return again, return again, return to the land of your soul. Return to who you are, return to what you are, return to where you are born and reborn and reborn." The sentiment of the High Holiday season is that of returning. T'shuva – the Hebrew word most often translated as "repentance" – is rooted in the word "lashuv," which means "to return." Thus, the very act of repentance is seen in Judaism as a return – a return to better versions of ourselves, a return to what is truly important, a return to Torah and our Jewish roots, a return home.

The gates of T'shuva are open to all. The Jewish month of Elul, which is quickly coming to an end, is seen in our tradition as an opportune time to return to what truly matters to us on the deepest possible level. May each of us feel called to come home this year, to return to who and what we are, and to feel truly reborn into higher versions of ourselves. Shana Tova – may you and your loved ones be inscribed for a good year!

- Cantor Vicky Glikin

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Monday, September 23 at 7:30 pm**

**Russia/Ukraine trip informational meeting**

**RSVP to [soleoffice@solel.org](mailto:soleoffice@solel.org)**

### Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Moffic

**Lunch & Learn at Solel  
September 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at noon**

Join Rabbi Evan Moffic for these special classes as he reflects on events of both Jewish and broader public interest.

## Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast Reception on September 14

Instead of the annual Rosh Hashanah Reception on September 4, the congregation will have a Break-the-Fast Reception on September 14 immediately following the Yom Kippur concluding service.

Please stop by for a welcomed glass of wine, some tasty treats in the social hall, and an opportunity to talk with your fellow congregants.

This event, as is our custom, is generously sponsored by our board of directors.

And YES, the Rosh Hashanah Reception will return to its usual location -- under the big tent -- in 2014/5775!

## From Our President --

Recently, with a gentle prod from Rabbi Moffic, I read *Ben-Gurion, A Political Life* (Shocken, 2011). Its author is Shimon Peres, the president of Israel. Peres previously served as the minister of defense and twice as prime minister; save for a brief interruption, his service in the Knesset spanned sixty-six years. He also won a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to bring about the Oslo Peace Accords of 1993. Another virtue of *Ben-Gurion* is that it runs just over two-hundred pages!

Notably Shimon Peres published *Ben-Gurion* at age eighty-nine, a fact that impresses me to no end. Obviously this octogenarian has composed, to borrow a trope from Mary Catherine Bateson, a meaningful and long-lasting life. (If you have not come across Bateson's wonderful book *Composing a Life* [1989], I recommend it highly. I read it over twenty years ago and think about it regularly.)

I found *Ben-Gurion* – the book as well as the man -- enthralling. I think I first learned about him, circa 1950, while attending Hebrew school. To this very day he symbolizes the very embodiment of Israel's inception. Not unlike Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the longest serving American president, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion also tenaciously endured. I consider myself blessed that earlier this year I stood before his austere grave site at *Sde Boker* in the Negev. *Ben-Gurion*, the book, filled in numerous blank spaces in my knowledge of Israel and the decades which preceded its independence. I also relished what Shimon Peres shared in his narrative about his own, longtime relationship with Ben-Gurion.

So – justifiably – you might wonder where does Congregation Solel fit into all of this? As professor of history for thirty-eight years, I always have wanted to learn about the origins of places and things. I had a wonderful teacher whom I listened to attentively. His name was Herman Edwards, who served as our congregation's first president (1957-1959). He was blessed to live a very long life (1900-1991). I had the great good fortune, upon moving to the Midwest, to sustain a long friendship with Herman that I cherish. It was rooted in his love of learning as well as his longtime devotion to our congregation. As an aside, he also knew a good deal about where to dine (e.g., Max & Benny's, The Bagel, and Capriccio's). Most of all, Herman shared with me wonderful narratives about Solel. Among the most memorable: the urgency attached to establishing a Religious School; the fierce debate over the selection of chairs for our sanctuary; protracted debates about worship; wonderful stories about Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf; the virtues of lay leadership; and why presidents

of our congregation only hold the office for only two years. Herman also told me that one of his children once had inquired why the family didn't belong to a country club. With a twinkle he related to me his succinct response: "We belong to Solel." And there is a delicious coda to the last anecdote: both Larry Edwards and Lisa Edwards became rabbis!

As we prepare to enter our much-transformed sanctuary on Erev Rosh Hashanah, each of us – individually and collectively – have much to contemplate about the past, present, and future. Do remember the lives and lessons of Israel's David Ben-Gurion and Solel's Herman Edwards. They furnish us with a source of inspiration that enable us to shape our own lives and experiences.

Darryl joins me in wishing each of you and your loved ones our heartfelt wishes for the New Year. *L'Shana Tovah Tikatevu.*

-Michael Ebner  
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## Rabbi Moffic's Corner

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We need to be extraordinarily careful with our words. Even if we apologize (which Wolpe has done), we cannot erase them.

Words are like feathers. An old Jewish folk story tells of a man who sought to make amends as he neared the end of his life. He recalled many of the awful words he had said to those he loved. He asked his rabbi what he needed to do.

The rabbi instructed him to place a bag of feathers in front of the homes of each person he had hurt with his words. The man did so. He felt good. It seemed like an easy way to make amends.

Then the rabbi told him to go out and retrieve every feather he had placed in front of each home. The man turned white. "That's impossible," he said. "They have flown off around the world. There is no way I can get them all."

"So it is with our words," responded the rabbi. "They spread out like feathers, and we can do nothing to get them back."

We need to be extra-careful with the words we say. "Life and death," King Solomon reminded us, "lies in the power of the tongue."

- Rabbi Evan Moffic

# Days of Awe 5774/2013

## Schedule of Worship and Fall Festivals

### Selichot

Join us on *Saturday, August 31 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 4*  
Evening Service 8:00 PM

*Thursday, September 5*  
Morning Service 10:00 AM

*Friday, September 6*  
Second Day Service 9:30 AM

### Yom Kippur

*Friday, September 13*  
Kol Nidre 8:00 PM

*Saturday, September 14*  
Morning Service 10:00 AM

Afternoon Service 3:30 PM

Memorial/Yizkor Service 4:30 PM\*

Concluding Service 5:00 PM\*  
(followed by a break-the-fast reception)

### Family Services

*Thursday, September 5 and*  
*Saturday, September 14 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!



### Tashlikh and Shabbat Shuvah

*Friday, September 6*

Tashlikh ceremony will start at 6:45 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 at 7:30 PM.

### Sukkot

All are invited not to one but two Sukkot celebrations! The first one will be our **Erev Sukkot Family Experience** on *Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 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 liked 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, September 22* 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, September 26 at 10:30 AM*  
Location to be determined

### Simchat Torah

*Friday, September 27*

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!

# Looking for a Place to Celebrate the High Holidays???

## Join Congregation Solel's Family Services!



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

All of these events are free and open to the community.

No tickets are required.

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



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# Pray 'n Play



*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!!**

Led by Cantor Vicky Glikin

**Saturday Mornings**

**10:30 am**

**Congregation Solel**

1301 Clavey Road Highland Park

**October 12**

**January 11**

**April 12**

**November 2**

**February 8**

**May 10**

**December 7**

**March 1**



Questions?

Please contact our office at 847.433.3555 or [soleloftice@solel.org](mailto:soleloftice@solel.org)



# Rosh Chodesh Celebration for Women



Rosh Chodesh is a celebration of ourselves, our uniqueness as women, and our relationship with the Divine. Every celebration offers the opportunity to meet other amazing women of Solel, grow spiritually, and deepen our understanding of Judaism. Activities at last year's celebrations included learning sessions, making lunches for PADS, Jewish yoga and meditation. Participants at last year's Rosh Chodesh celebrations ranged in age from 12–92.

Everyone is welcome... especially newcomers! Join us!

If you have any questions, please be in touch with Cantor Glikin at [VGlikin@solel.org](mailto:VGlikin@solel.org).

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Rosh Chodesh celebrations!

Sunday, November 3  
Wednesday, December 4  
Thursday, January 30  
Wednesday, April 30  
Sunday, June 29

Most celebrations are held 7:00 – 9:00 pm, but please check the Pathfinder and Shavu'on for the latest information.

## Solel College Committee Seeks Names of Your Student

Each year Congregation Solel's college committee takes an active role in maintaining communication with students who are attending college or graduate school.

At three key intervals on the Jewish calendar -- the High Holidays, Hannukah, and Passover -- our college students receive a meaningful message and some Jewish goodies from Rabbi Moffic and Cantor Glikin.

Please send names and a complete US Mail address to [solelooffice@solel.org](mailto:solelooffice@solel.org). It would be helpful if the subject line of your message read "College student."

## Global Zero For High School Students Meet at Solel September 29

Global Zero is the international movement for the elimination of nuclear weapons worldwide. Powered by a group of 300 leaders and experts who support our bold, step-by-step plan to eliminate all nuclear weapons by 2030, the relentless creativity, energy, and optimism of young people and half a million citizens worldwide, we're challenging the 20th century idea of basing national security on the threat of mass destruction.

We've spent years building a nonpartisan, international community of influential political, military, business, civic, and faith leaders – matched by a global grassroots movement. We've got a plan. The challenge now is getting world leaders to act on it.

Young people all around the world play a huge role. Global Zero is the world's first post-Cold War generation. We offer opportunities for leadership, education, and personal and professional growth, and a unique chance to make a global impact. There are more than 150 chapters in 20 countries around the world.

If you're a university or high school student, take the first step and visit our website for more information on how to get involved.

- Robert Meyers

## CONGREGATION SOLEL'S YOUTH CHOIR



Would you (or your child) like to sing at Solel's Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Family Services?

Join Cantor Glikin and the Youth Choir in this fun experience that is open to all 2-7th graders!!

### Rehearsal Times

For Rosh Hashanah Family Service:  
Tuesday, August 27, 4:30-5:30 pm

For Yom Kippur Family Service:  
Sunday, September 8, 12:00-1:00 pm

Solel's Family Services will be held on:  
Thursday, September 5 at 2:00 pm  
(Rosh Hashanah)  
&  
Saturday, September 14 at 2:00 pm  
(Yom Kippur)

*These services are open to the community-  
Please invite your friends and neighbors and help spread the word about Solel!*

*Questions? Please contact Cantor Glikin at [vglikin@solel.org](mailto:vglikin@solel.org) or (847) 433-3555.*

## Solel Volunteers Help Make Nuestro Center's Gran Fiesta A Yummy, Hopping, Neighing Success

Six Solelites volunteered Thursday, August 15, at the Nuestro Center's Gran Fiesta fundraiser. Solel's Just Congregations initiative recently took on Nuestro Center, a Highwood based education group targeting elementary school age youngsters, as an outreach project.

As our first mission, Nuestro Center leaders asked if we could help them out at the Gran Fiesta. That's how Sharon Stein and son, Pete, Cynthia Plouche, Ellen Rubert and Larry and Meta Levin found themselves doing everything from helping with the pony rides to serving pizza to riding herd on excited children in the "bounce house."

This is not the first time that Congregation Solel has helped the Nuestro Center. The Human Needs Committee recently gave them an \$1800 donation.

Just Congregations plans to be more active with the Center in the future. If any other Solel members want to help, please contact either Meta Levin at [meta.levin@comcast.net](mailto:meta.levin@comcast.net) or Sharon Stein at [sps505@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sps505@sbcglobal.net).



## Mazel Tov on Elizabeth Erlebacher's Bat Mitzvah!



Elizabeth (Lizzey) Erlebacher, daughter of Ross and Susan Erlebacher, will become a Bat Mitzvah on September 21. Lizzey will read from the book of Exodus *Ki Tisa*. From her Torah portion, she learned the importance of giving people second chances. For her mitzvah project, Lizzey raised money for and volunteered with the National Association for Downs Syndrome. Lizzey also worked with a variety of organizations that help the hungry in our local community. She volunteered her time at Maot Chitim, PADS and the Uptown Café. One of the most challenging things Lizzey did in preparing for her Bat Mitzvah was learning the Haftarah trope. Lizzey is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Edgewood Middle School and enjoys dance, soccer, running, hanging with her friends and spending time with family. The most important thing she learned from this experience was to never give up and always practice.

# WELCOME

## TO ALL THE NEW MEMBERS!!

1. Angie, Dan, Jenna, and Jake Adelman
2. Andrea Richard and Andrea Amend
3. Wendy Bloom and Art, Benjamin, and Ryan Kessler
4. Brian, Benjamin, Emily, Joseph, and Lily, Melanie Browdy
5. Lilya, Igor, Mia, and Sophia Elkin
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7. Ruth Freer
8. Elaine and Richard Heuberger
9. Debbie Kanter and Andrew, Caitlin, and Matthew Sawula
10. Sharon and Jeffrey Karp
11. Vicki and Daniel Kriser
12. Judith Sarnat
13. Don and Alice Schindel
14. Caroline Shapiro and Barry, Landon, and Sydnie Smith
15. Ami, Gabe, and Noa Treves



## Solel Trip to Russia/ Ukraine Being Planned -- New Lower Pricing

**We are excited to announce that a Solel trip to Russia/Ukraine is being planned for May 19-29, 2014.** Barb Kessler is helping to plan it. The trip will be lead by Cantor Vicky Glikin, who lived in Kiev until she was 13 years old. Three cities will be visited: St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Kiev. The trip will visit cultural sites, as well as sites of Jewish interest. Included amongst the cultural sites will be: the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, Red Square, the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow, and St. Sophia Cathedral and the Golden Gate in Kiev. Of Jewish interest will be a visit to the Grand Choral Synagogue in St. Petersburg, Shabbat services, meeting with the Progressive Jewish community in Moscow, and a trip to Babi Yar in Kiev. This trip is being laid out by Mitchell Slotnick, of Ridgebrook Travel, who planned our recent very successful trip to Israel.

**Below are the new prices for the trip:**

- **40-50 registered participants -- \$3869 per person**
- **35-39 registered participants -- \$4049 per person**
- **30-34 registered participants -- \$4199 per person**
- **25-29 registered participants -- \$4399 per person**
- **Single supplement is now \$1639**

**There will be an informational meeting at Solel on Monday, September 23 at 7:30 pm.** If you are interested in learning more about the trip, please RSVP with the Solel office at [solelooffice@solel.org](mailto:solelooffice@solel.org) or at (847)433-3555. If you have urgent questions that need answers before the September 23 meeting, please call Cantor Glikin or email at [vglikin@solel.org](mailto:vglikin@solel.org).

We are looking forward to this exciting, once-in-a-lifetime trip!



**Malcom Gladwell**  
**When Underdogs Break the Rules**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 7:00 pm**

Why are we so often surprised when underdogs win? Do Goliaths make mistakes in spite of their strength—or because of it? Why are the childhoods of people at the top of so many professions marked by deprivation? Malcolm Gladwell uncovers the hidden rules that shape the balance between the weak and the mighty. Malcolm Gladwell has been a staff writer with *The New Yorker* magazine since 1996 and is the author of several books.

**Alan Dershowitz and Jeffrey Toobin**  
**Monday, November 4, 7:00 pm**



You know that Alan Dershowitz, the preeminent defense lawyer in America today, has had an impact on the lives of storied clients like O. J. Simpson, Claus von Bülow, Bill Clinton, Julian Assange, Jeffrey MacDonald, Patty Hearst, Mike Tyson, and many more. But who has affected Dershowitz himself? The attorney and author is now Taking the Stand in a new memoir and on 92Y's Stage. Jeffrey Toobin, author (*The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court*), New Yorker writer and CNN analyst, interviews Dershowitz. Thane Rosenbaum will moderate.

**Ari Shavit with David Remnick:**  
**The Tragedy and Triumph of Israel**  
**Tuesday, November 19, 7:15 pm**



Haaretz senior correspondent Ari Shavit joins *The New Yorker* editor David Remnick for an incisive analysis of the Jewish state's fraught history—and its prospects for the future. Shavit's new book, *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel*, is the sweeping result of his 30 years in the trenches of Israeli society and politics. Ari Shavit is a leading Israeli columnist and writer. David Remnick, editor of *The New Yorker* since July, 1998, is the author of several books, including *King of the World*, *Resurrection*, and *Lenin's Tomb*.

**Cost: \$10/person per event or all 3 for \$25**

**Payment options: log in to [www.solel.org](http://www.solel.org),  
check by mail, or credit card by phone.**

## We Honor our Campaign for Solel Donors

Throughout the course of the entire Campaign for Solel thus far, there has been an outpouring of love and support from members of our Solel family. The following list has been printed to honor all of our current and past members, clergy, and senior staff who saw the need for these important improvements to our spiritual home and stepped forward in support of Solel's future. These individuals have enabled us to create a beautiful new lounge and administrative suite, increase the size of our Endowment, and will allow for additional necessary improvements to Solel including a Highland Park-mandated sprinkler system to improve safety in our congregation, better accessibility, lighting and sound in the Sanctuary, Main Lounge and Social Hall and other key renovations to our *Bima* and other important spaces. These improvements will secure our future for generations to come.

Thank you to all who have participated. You honor us all through your commitment and passion for our shared spiritual home. The *Campaign for Solel* is a project for the whole Solel family.

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*Rabbi Moffic leading a discussion with the board of directors on August 11th in the nearly completed construction zone.*

## NON-PARTISAN TOWN HALL MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN BRAD SCHEIDNER AT CONGREGATION SOLEL



**Representative Brad Schneider (10th Congressional District) will speak at Congregation Solel on Sunday, September 29 at 2 pm.**

This non-partisan town hall format is open to the public. It will focus on international affairs.

Congressman Schneider recently returned from a visit to Israel and Jordan.

For further information, contact [soleloffic@solel.org](mailto:soleloffic@solel.org) or (847)433-3555.



A WORLD WITHOUT  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Please join us for a special event at Congregation Solel (847-433-3555)  
1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park, IL 60035

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

RSVP TO: [entsinus@aol.com](mailto:entsinus@aol.com)

## THE ROAD TO ZERO:

### A GATHERING OF STUDENTS, PARENTS, & GRANDPARENTS

The goal is to engage parents and grandparents in a subject their children and grandchildren have already embraced, by having become student chapter members of GLOBAL ZERO. Student chapters bring the pioneering spirit and dedication that are essential to building a 21st century movement to eliminate all nuclear weapons by 2030. GLOBAL ZERO has a global network of 150+ University chapters, with 75 in the US alone, and 75 in 20 other countries including Pakistan, India, Russia, the UK, France and many others. Today, we have a growing high school interest in the US with 10 chapters, including Highland Park High School.

Nuclear proliferation is a subject high on President Obama's agenda. This past June students from the D.C. area (Georgetown University and Walter Johnson High School) were invited to the White House to present their GLOBAL ZERO declaration to Ben Rhodes, Obama's Chief Speechwriter!

The event will host student leaders from Notre Dame and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, as well as representatives from our local Highland Park High School. Bruce Blair, co-founder of GLOBAL ZERO, a former Air Force missile launch officer, a longtime senior fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institute, and recipient of the MacArthur Genius Grant, will be key speaker. Bruce was recently appointed to Princeton University's research faculty, a highly coveted position. The event will feature free interchange among college and high school students and a collection of short video clips illustrating the accomplishments made thus far on the road to global zero. This is a unique opportunity for you to see and appreciate what our students are doing to make the world safer for all of us.



*Global Zero is the international movement for the elimination of nuclear weapons worldwide. Powered by a group of 300 leaders and experts who support our bold, step-by-step plan to eliminate nuclear weapons by 2030, the relentless creativity, energy, and optimism of young people and half a million citizens worldwide, we're challenging the 20th century idea of basing national security on the threat of mass destruction.*

*We've spent years building a nonpartisan, international community of influential political, military, business, civic and faith leaders - matched by a global grassroots movement. We've got a plan. The challenge now is getting world leaders to act on it.*

*Young people all around the world play a huge role. Global Zero is fueled by the creativity, energy, and optimism of students -- the world's first post-Cold War generation. We offer opportunities for leadership, education, personal and professional growth, and a unique chance to make a global impact. There are more than 150 chapters in 20 countries around the world.*

*If you're a university or high school student, take the first step and visit our website for more information about how to get involved.*

[HTTP://WWW.GLOBALZERO.ORG/](http://www.globalzero.org/)

# Help us feed families in need.



Food Donations for the West Deerfield Township Food Pantry is at an all-time **LOW.**

The number of families in need has **DOUBLED.**

The number of single recipients (mostly seniors) has **MORE THAN DOUBLED.**

**Below is a list of the items needed:**  
**(Most important is the need for protein.)**

- **Protein** – Canned meat, tuna, stew, hash, baked beans, chili, peanut butter, etc.
- **Canned fruit** – peaches, pears, fruit cocktails, applesauce.
- **Side dish mixes** – rice, potatoes, pasta.
- **Fresh Fruits & Vegetables** – including tomatoes
- **Paper products** – toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, etc.
- Cereal, juice, soup, laundry detergent small size, dish detergent, cleaning products,
- toothpaste and toothbrushes.

**\*\* Donations can be dropped off at Congregation Solel.**



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# “*Not for Women Only: A Spirited Solel Symposium*”

Discussing a diverse range of opinions on Sheryl Sandberg’s best-selling book *Lean In*

**Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 pm**

**Moderator: Allen Siegel**

## **Panelists –**

**Francie Arenson**, author of a much-discussed rejoinder to *Lean In* published in the *Chicago Tribune*

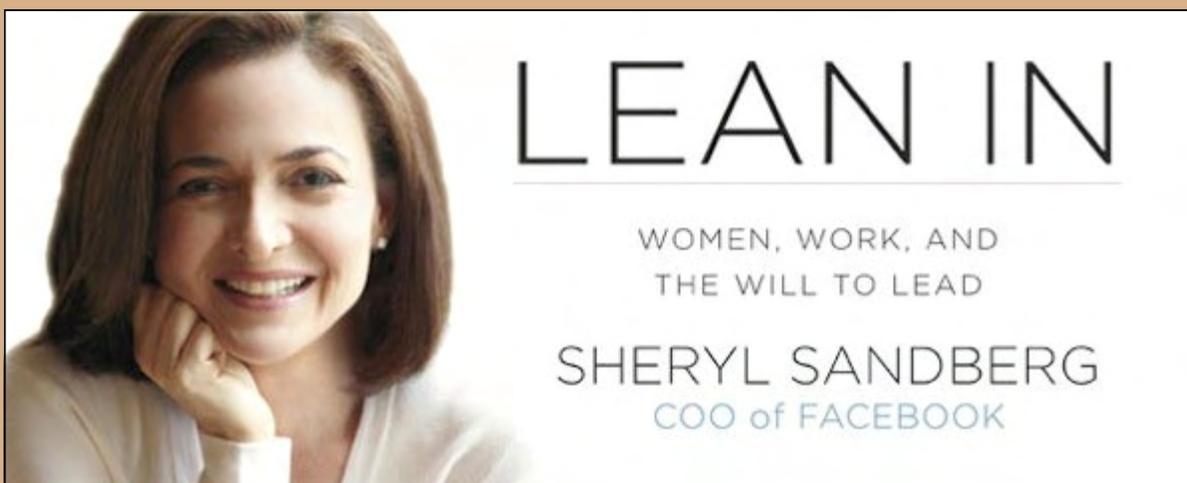
**Professor Siobhan Moroney**, Department of Politics, Lake Forest College

**Robin Shapiro**, corporate executive

**Deborah Siegel**, Visiting Scholar in Gender Studies at Northwestern University.  
Author of *Sisterhood, Interrupted: From Radical Women to Girls Gone Wild* (2007).

**Free admission and open to the public**

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The West Deerfield Township Food Pantry recently sent Solel a heartfelt letter recognizing our efforts in aiding the community's needs.

Below is what they wrote:

*Thank you for your most recent ongoing food drive for the West Deerfield Township Food Pantry, it is so thoughtful. It takes many able hands to make this happen and we appreciate the donations and a special "thank you" to the delivery people. You have been very generous at a time when we have needed it the most.*

*Your consistent support is a meaningful acknowledgement of the importance of the Food Pantry in our community. On behalf of all those who benefit from your kindness, please accept our sincere thanks.*

*Alyson M. Feiger  
West Deerfield Township Food Pantry*

## Updating Your Solel Calendar with Future Events in 2013-2014

**September 23, 2013 @ 7:30 PM:** Informational meeting with Cantor Glikin about Solel trip to Russia and Ukraine in May, 2014

**September 29, 2013 at 2:00 pm:** Congressman Brad Schneider (IL 10<sup>th</sup> CD) will conduct a public nonpartisan informational session hosted by Congregation Solel. This is a new date.

**October 6, 2013 at 2:00 pm:** "Not for Women Only: A Spirited Solel Symposium on Sheryl's Sandberg's *Lean In*"

**November 1-3, 2013:** Scholar in Residence Weekend with Rabbi Emeritus Dov Taylor

**November 8, 2013 at 7:30 pm:** Fourth Annual Veterans' Day Commemorative Shabbat

**January 17, 2014 at 7:30 pm:** Fifth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Shabbat

**February 7-9, 2014:** Snowbird Shabbat in Florida

**March 21-23, 2014:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Re-dedication of Congregation Solel

**April 13, 2014 at 1:00 pm:** One Book/One Solel (reading assignment pending)

**May 4, 2014 at 2:00 pm:** Kol Zimrah Concert at Congregation Solel

Please contact Michelle Raz at  
[soleloffic@solel.org](mailto:soleloffic@solel.org) or call (847) 433-3555.

# Thank You For Your Contributions

## Campaign for Solel

*New and additional donations during the past month are identified on Pages 12, 13, & 14.*

## Cantors Discretionary Fund

**Suzanne and Thomas Tolpin**, in memory of Gil Gordon and Julie Shapera.

**Robert Nadler and Alice Anson**

## Human Needs Fund

**Natalie Belrose**, in memory of Julie Shapera and Gil Gordon

**Bobbie and Ken Brown**, in memory of Julie Shapera

**Alan and Carol Greene**, in memory of Jerry Greene, Marvin Greene, and Richard Allen Lake

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**Beth Keller**

## Music Fund

**Barbara and Ron Altman**, in memory of Ruth Umemoto

**Larry and Susan Mason**, in memory of Ruth Umemoto

**Larry and Susan Mason**, in honor of Barbara and Dennis Kessler's 50th Wedding Anniversary

**Gail and Lewis Segal**, in memory of Ruth Umemoto

## Oneg Fund

**Edie and Phil Reese**, in memory of Terry Reese and Marvin Goldberger

**Alice and Bob Kohn**, in honor of the marriage of their son Danny Kohn to Emily Ruda on August 4.

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Gail and Lewis Segal**, in memory of Julie Shapera

**Robert Nadler and Alice Anson**

## Tribute Fund

**Marcia and Bruce Balonick**, in memory of Julie Shapera

**Dolores Borowitz**, in memory of Jim Borowitz

**Darryl and Michael Ebner**, in memory of Herbert Tucker

**Albert and Dolores Erlebacher**

**Marc and Coleen Friedman**, in honor of the marriage of Danny Kohn, son of Alice and Bob Kohn

**Lisa and Nicholas Frisone**, in memory of Barry Brown

**Gail and Donald Goldstein**, in memory of Julie Shapera

**Alan and Nancy Goodman**, in memory of Ruth Umemoto

**Faye Grossman**, in memory of Ida Erman

**Howard and Carolyn Haas**, in memory of Marie Haas

**Greta and Jack Heiman**, in memory of Erma and Harry Meyer

**Marcia C. Kernes**, in memory of Seymour Cohen

**James and Gail Marovitz**, in memory of Stanley Florsheim, and Ivan and Harold Marovitz

**Wendy and Wayne Rhodes**, in memory of Ruth Umemoto and Julie Shapera

**William and Suzanne Samuels**, in memory of Tillie Gilford

**Barbara Tuch Cohen**, in memory of Ralph Tuch  
**Fred and Brenda Turner**, in memory of Meyer Turner and Iris Kirshner

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**Susanne Weiskopf**, in memory of Nina Tyser

**Richard and Susan Wellek**, in memory of Julie Shapera

**Jerry and Jan Wolf**, in memory of Gil Gordon and Julie Shapera

**Elliot and Pamela Young**, in memory of Edgar Pinnow

*As of August 22, 2013*

## Mazel Tov to ....

**Alice and Bob Kohn**, in honor of the marriage of their son Danny Kohn to Emily Ruda on August 4.

**Phyllis Loeff**, on rebeautifying the Children's Holocaust Memorial Garden.

**Courtney and Edie Shanken**, on the birth of their great granddaughter, Victoria Rose, on July 29.

**Lynn and Howard Tatar**, and on the marriage of their son, Ben Tatar, to Dr. Ilene Auerbach.

## Stock Transfers to Congregation Solel

In order to make stock transfers from your accounts to Congregation Solel, the congregation works with First Midwest Financial Network. Your broker will need the following information to forward stock to our broker:

DTC # 0075

Account # 19324342

As always, your contributions to Congregation Solel are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. If there are any questions, please call Allan Litwack, Executive Director, at (847) 433-3555, ext 225.

Thank you for your continued support of your beloved Congregation Solel.

# September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Office Closed Labor Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Eve of Rosh Hashanah 8:00 pm Evening Service	<b>5</b> Office Closed Rosh Hashanah 10:00 am Morning Service 2:00 pm Family Services	<b>6</b> Office Closed Rosh Hashanah 9:30 am 2nd Day Morning Service 6:45 pm Tashlikh 7:30 pm Shabbat Shuvah Services	<b>7</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan	
<b>8</b> 9:45 am First Day of Religious School	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 4:15 pm First Tuesday of Religious School 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Eve of Yom Kippur 8:00 pm Kol Nidre	<b>14</b> Yom Kippur 10:00 am Morning Service 2:00 pm Family Service 3:30 pm Afternoon Service 4:30 pm Memorial/ Yizkor Service 5:00 pm Concluding Service followed by break-the-fast	
<b>15</b> 9:45 am Religious School	<b>16</b> 7:30 pm Just Congregations Meeting	<b>17</b> 4:15 pm Religious School 7:00 pm Jewish War Veterans Meeting	<b>18</b> Eve of Sukkot 6:30 pm Erev Sukkot Family Experience	<b>19</b> Office Closed Sukkot	<b>20</b> Sukkot 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	<b>21</b> Sukkot 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Elizabeth Erlebacher Bat Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan	
<b>22</b> Sukkot 9:45 am Religious School 12:00 pm Potluck Lunch & Sukkah Decorating, followed by services	<b>23</b> Sukkot 7:30 pm Trip to Russia/ Ukraine Meeting	<b>24</b> Sukkot 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 4:15 pm Religious School	<b>25</b> Sukkot	<b>26</b> Office Closed 10:30 am Simchat Torah Yizkor Service	<b>27</b> Simchat Torah 6:30 pm Simchat Torah & Consecration Service	<b>28</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 pm Jack Rosenblatt Bar Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan	
<b>29</b> 9:45 am Religious School 10:30 am Global Zero 2:00 pm Congressman Schneider presentation	<b>30</b>	Kindle Shabbat Candles at dinner or at the following times (CDT):					
6.....6:59 pm 13.....6:47 pm 20.....6:35 pm 27.....6:23 pm							

# September Shabbat Services Schedule

## Friday, September 6

Tashlikh.....6:45 pm  
Shabbat Shuvah Services.....7:30 pm

## Haazinu, Deut. 32:1-52

### Saturday, September 7

Torah Study.....9:15 am  
Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

## Friday, September 13

Kol Nidre Service.....8:00 pm

## Deut. 29:9-14; 30:11-20

### Saturday, September 14

Yom Kippur Morning Service.....10:00 am  
Family Service.....2:00 pm  
Afternoon Service.....3:30 pm  
Memorial/Yizkor Service.....4:30 pm  
Concluding Service.....5:00 pm

## Friday, September 20

Shabbat Services.....7:30 pm

## Exod. 33:12-34:26

### Saturday, September 21

Torah Study.....9:15 am  
Elizabeth Erlebacher Bat Mizvah.....10:30 am  
Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

## Friday, September 27

Simchat Torah Services & Consecration.....6:30 pm

## Gen. 1:1-6:8

### Saturday, September 28

Torah Study.....9:15 am  
Jack Rosenblatt Bar Mitzvah.....10:30 am  
Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

Want to inquire more deeply into a passage after the Shabbat service? Find the weekly parashot and commentaries at these links:

Weekly D'var: <http://urj.org/learning/torah/> or <http://www.reformjudaism.org/>

Parashot Summaries: <http://urj.org/learning/torah/summaries/>



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Please submit material by email on or before September 15,  
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