



# PATHFINDER

## Living the Dream: 5 Years Serving a Community

*Rabbi Evan Moffic's Remarks in Honor of His 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (April 11, 2015)*

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Thank you for giving me the privilege of being your rabbi. I cannot imagine my life outside of the synagogue. You have given me the greatest gift—a purpose, a community, a way to serve God and the Jewish people.

I know it's a bit cliché to say *I'm living the dream* — but I really am. Outside of being a husband and a father, **nothing makes me feel prouder and luckier than to say I am the rabbi of this congregation.**

And thank you for being part of Solel. Thank you for joining a synagogue. You are a counter-cultural group — I don't mean that in the political or social sense, though some of us might be. I mean it in that **those of us who join a synagogue are making an important statement in a highly individualistic culture.**

We care about being part of the Jewish community. We care about supporting a place where rich and poor, observant and non-

observant, young and old, singles and couples — come together as one. We care about a place dedicated to the ideal that every human being is created in the image of God. You make this place.

A rabbi can hold a ladder, the Baal Shem Tov taught, but only a community can determine how high it goes. The ladder we have constructed continues to reach higher and higher.

It is with that ladder that we live out the key verse of this week's Torah portion. In Leviticus Ch. 10 God says to Moses and Aaron, "Through those who come close to me, my holiness is magnified." We — our community — magnify God's presence in the world.

We are the hands and heart of God. May we continue to move closer to God — and to one another — in the years ahead.

- Rabbi Evan Moffic



# Cantor Glikin's Desk — Why a BM is not a DIY

A congregant recently brought to my attention a Crain's article that discusses the DIY BM – "do-it-yourself B'nai Mitzvah<sup>1</sup>", a growing phenomenon on the North Shore. While the article does contain one quote by an area rabbi decrying this practice as completely missing the point of what it means to become a Bar Mitzvah, the bulk of the article covers the reasons that certain parents choose to have a DIY Bar Mitzvah, as well as the benefits that certain clergy members and Hebrew tutors see in providing these services.

For those who have not read this article, the benefits as described in the article can be summarized as follows: convenience, personalization, cost, privacy, and individualism. Convenience refers to the private tutor scheduling sessions around the child's schedule rather than the synagogue's schedule. Personalization refers to the experience being "anything, but cookie-cutter" versus synagogues, which are allegedly "doing what they've always done" and which is "not working," according to one rabbi who officiates at about 15 DIY B'nai Mitzvah a year. Cost refers to hiring a B'nai Mitzvah tutor for 30-40 sessions at \$75-100/hour and clergy for the service instead of sending their children to Religious School for years, all the while paying membership dues and various fees. Privacy refers to holding the service in the "intimate" space of the local country club/restaurant/hotel/yacht instead of the "huge" synagogue where "anyone who wandered into the temple" could witness the child's ceremony. Individualism refers to the focus of the service being solely on the Bar Mitzvah child. To quote one mother in the article: "His [prayer book] cover had basketballs and soccer balls on it. Instead of just showing up to a temple and opening up a book with a bunch of Hebrew, this gave (congregants) an idea of what it all means. The entire focus was on Nick, and people really got to know what he was all about."

I can imagine some of our readers seeing the list above and feeling somewhat let down by the decision that you have made to go the "traditional" route. But before you beat yourself up *too* much, I want to make the case for the tremendous benefits of joining the synagogue and having your child become a Bar Mitzvah within a community, rather than in a vacuum described in the article.

**1. A Bar Mitzvah is Meant to be a Communal Event**  
A Bar Mitzvah is a rite of passage that a Jewish child goes through in order to demonstrate to the members of his community that he is ready to take on the privileges and responsibilities associated with becoming an adult in the Jewish community. If one does not belong to an ongoing community of fellow Jews, then what are you demonstrating and to whom? Additionally, while it is certainly appropriate to celebrate this momentous occasion and the child, the primary point of the ceremony is to help the young adult realize that he is a part of something much bigger than he is. When this young adult leads the congregation in prayer, reads from the Torah, and interprets and teaches some of the most sacred words in our tradition, he becomes a part of history and a part of a community. He becomes a part of a long line of generations who have come up to the Torah and made it their own; he once again facilitates the giving of the Torah to his community as it had once been given on Mount Sinai (whether actual or mythical.) In the same way that "every man of Israel, your young children, your women, and your convert who is within your camp, both your woodcutters and your water drawers<sup>2</sup>" stood at the original giving of the Torah, so too the modern-day re-enactment of the giving of the Torah must happen within the context of an ongoing Jewish community.

**2. The Point of Jewish Education**  
It is true that it is possible to teach a child the alphabet and to get him/her to read from the Torah in 30-40 lessons. But, most of us want more for our children. Most of us want to teach our children what it means to be Jews and how to make good Jewish choices in our ever-more-complicated world. The Bar Mitzvah is a marker along the way, but it is neither the goal, nor the culmination of a Religious School education. The point of Jewish Education is to teach Jews what it means to be Jews. And, by the way, even if we send our children to Religious School beginning in kindergarten and through Confirmation, these lessons must be reinforced at home because this is the only way that our children will know that Judaism is important to us. As the Kotzker Rebbe said, "If you want your child to study Torah, study Torah in front of them. Because if you only tell them to study, you will instead have children

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<sup>1</sup> "B'nai Mitzvah" literally means "children of the commandment" and is the plural of a "Bar/Bat Mitzvah." Throughout this article, whenever I refer to a "Bar Mitzvah," I mean "Bar or Bat Mitzvah." Bar Mitzvah means the "son of the commandment," Bat Mitzvah means the "daughter of the commandment."

<sup>2</sup> Deuteronomy 29:9-10

## From Our President

Reinhold Niebhur (1892-1971) – renowned Protestant theologian – pinpointed a telling attribute that might enable us to comprehend Congregation Solel: “Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone . . .” His observation uncovers, in my estimation, the immense strength of our congregation. Niebhur has furnished me with a touchstone as I reflect upon the past twenty-four months.

The number *seven*, I have learned from Rabbi Moffic, has particular importance in the Jewish tradition. So let me count the ways in the ensuing seven paragraphs.

**# 1:** I remain steadfast in what I have said when asked “What is it like to serve as the president of the congregation?” *Gratifying* continues to be my operative reply. Again and again I have interacted with congregants who have shared with me, in so many ways, their ardor for Congregation Solel. “No disgruntled phone calls?” Surely! In some instances I found them justifiable. Others furnished me with a welcomed teaching moment. And the affirmations outdistanced, by several lengths, words of dissatisfaction.

**#2:** I found the greatest pleasure from my attendance at the Shabbat worship services on Friday evenings when they featured participation, organized by grade levels, by students enrolled in our Religious School. The students revealed themselves as admirably prepared. It is a credit to their teachers as well as their parents. This reinforces why the Jewish education of our youth stands central to the future of the American Jewish community.

**# 3:** Congregation Solel, going back to its founding in 1957, has distinguished itself as a lay-led synagogue. Fifty-eight years hence that tradition remains firmly entrenched. *Congregants* oversee our annual operating budget as well as our endowment funds. *Congregants* attend to maintaining our spiritual home, working hand in hand with our Executive Director. *Congregants* devotedly organize twice-yearly blood drives. *Congregants* organize programs under the rubric of life-long learning. *Congregants* rejuvenated our fine arts committee, launching a well-received series of exhibitions in our lakeside lounge. *Congregants* sustain our longstanding tradition of *Mitzvah* Day in our Religious School. *Congregants*

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## 2015 Annual Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation

Join Congregation Solel for a special evening to recognize the efforts of our volunteers and install our new Officers and Directors.

### Annual Meeting, Shabbat Dinner & Shabbat Services

**Friday, May 15, 2015**

5:45 pm Annual Meeting

6:30 pm Shabbat Dinner

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

We will honor our volunteers and install our new Officers and Directors during services.

**Cost:** \$30/adult, \$10/child (10 & under)

**RSVP by:** Friday, May 8

**\* Please indicate if you would like the chicken or vegetarian option.**

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## An Interfaith Experience of Israel & the West Bank with Rabbi Emeritus Dov Taylor

The point of travel is not to meet others who are like us, but to meet people who are different and to learn how, ultimately, we are all the same.

Did you know that most Israelis living in the West Bank favor a two-state solution? Or that the brand new Palestinian city of Rawabi—the largest construction project in Palestinian history—will be home to 25,000 residents and is both a model of Palestinian entrepreneurship and a little-known example of Israeli-Palestinian cooperation? The media tend to focus only on the extremists.

I'll be leading a small, interfaith group of people interested to learn about the origins of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, to visit Israelis and Palestinians in their homes and to hear some of their competing narratives (yes, there are several) about "the situation." We will experience Israel and the West Bank as very few Americans ever have. It will not be a mission, nor will it be a tour in the usual sense, though we will visit many of the places sacred to the three Abrahamic religions and encounter different voices and perspectives.

If this intrigues you, I invite you to join me. Our journey will begin around February 28, 2016 and continue for 12-14 days. A detailed itinerary with costs and other pertinent information will be available sometime in May. Let me know of your interest ([rabbit@solel.org](mailto:rabbit@solel.org)) and I'll be sure to send you the details as soon as they become available.

For Israelis and for Jews around the world, the 1948 War of Liberation was a miracle—and a new beginning for our suffering people. For Palestinians, it turned out to be a catastrophe. Both narratives are authentic, and paying attention to them is an ethical act. By listening with open hearts and without judging, we become aware of the human dimensions of the conflict, the moral complexity, the pain and the possibilities. More: By listening, we become part of the story.

- Rabbi Dov Taylor  
[rabbit@solel.org](mailto:rabbit@solel.org)

## Solel Blood Drive

Sunday, May 10  
8:30 am-12:30 pm

Give the gift of life this  
Mother's Day by donating blood!

Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Please consider donating this year!

Join your fellow congregant donors for bagels & cream cheese, home baked goodies & shmoozing!

Appointments can be made by contacting:  
Diane Resnick at [dnrphd@gmail.com](mailto:dnrphd@gmail.com) or  
(847) 926-8510.

A poster for a birdwatching event. The background is a light green field with a blue sky. There are three colorful birds: one in flight at the top right, and two perched on a wire at the bottom left. The text is in a white, serif font.

Solel's acclaimed, second annual birdwatching event will take place under the skilled leadership of Donnie Dann, on Monday May 11 at 7:00 am. The group will meet at Fort Sheridan. Come and let your spirit soar with the birds!

Please R.S.V.P. to Michelle Raz in the office at [solelooffice@solel.org](mailto:solelooffice@solel.org).



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AN ENGAGING AND SPIRITED SERVICE  
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JOIN US ON MAY 1 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!*

## OneBook Invites David Laskin to Solel

OneBook Solel's "Evening with David Laskin," author of *The Family: A Journey Into the Heart of the Twentieth Century*, on Thursday evening, April 23, played to an audience of 150 Solel members and community attendees. Laskin told how in the process of exploring his family's history he discovered that its story was the story of the Jews in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century – the emigration from the Eastern European shtetls to America, the pioneering and founding of the State of Israel and the impact of the Holocaust on those who stayed home. He and his story were engaging and inspiring. The OneBook Solel Committee would like to thank all who attended.



**Above: David Laskin speaking at Solel on Thursday, April 23, 2015.**

- Gary Salit

## Lunch & Learn at Solel

**May 12 at noon**

### **Downtown Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Moffic**

**May 6 at noon**

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

**Future Downtown L&L Dates:  
June 3**

## Earth Day - A Very Jewish Holiday

Just like so many other holidays, it happens once a year but the message is to be carried throughout the year. There is a multitude of Jewish teaching and wisdom that relates to the care of the earth. The Earth is only on loan from God. It is ours to care for and protect. Each of us doing his or her small part will make all the difference. As we are all excited about spring, imagine a world where climate change has altered this thrilling time of year. If we each do our part, we can affect change and be part of repairing the world:

1. Walk or bike more... drive less.
2. Reuse more... throw away less.
3. Buy locally more... buy shipped foods less.
4. Use high recycled content products more... buy virgin content less.
5. Turn off water more... let it run less.
6. Purchase foods and supplies that are toxin-free more... consume chemicals less.
7. Use your own containers more... use disposable cups & plates less.

- Andy Amend

## Nancy Goodman May/June Artist in Solel Lobby



Nancy Goodman has been a member of Congregation Solel for 18 years. She lives in Highland Park with her husband, Alan and daughter, Haley. Growing up in a family where the mantra was, “Do something creative every day,” Nancy had strong role models. Her father was a skilled craftsman who took historical architectural house plans and made doll house replicas, miniature antique furniture and furnished all rooms with wall paper and accessories which matched the time period. Memories also include Nancy’s grandmother who embroidered, crocheted, smocked dresses, and sewed doll clothes for her. Nancy’s education focused on the sciences with a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing and a Master’s Degree in Nursing Management. She does not hold any formal education in the arts and thinks of herself as a crafter more than artist.

At 16 years old Nancy made her first big purchase of a Viking Sewing machine which cost around \$800.00 (a lot of babysitting money at the time) and used that sewing machine to keep her busy and out of trouble during her teen years to the present.

In addition to quilting, embroidery, quilted postcards, and photo quilts, Nancy makes personalized greeting cards for friends and family.

Nancy is a member of a web based international quilted postcard group and has exchanged quilted postcards with members in Europe, Finland, and Dubai, as well as friends and family in the U.S. Her work has been on display as part of an exhibition on the history of postcards at the Lake County Discovery Museum in Wauconda, IL. She has made memory quilts of people who have passed away, using favorite clothing from their closets, incorporating photos on fabric for loved

ones to cherish. At a Congregation Solel family retreat, Nancy coordinated a quilt making session where families made Passover themed blocks which were sewn together. One quilt was sent to the Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum in Lithuania and the other still hangs in the Solel hall by the water fountain.

Quilting is an essential part of Nancy’s “me time” and a way she expresses her thoughts, feelings and love. Nancy would like to thank her family for their patience and support in giving her the freedom, space and time to nourish her hobby.

### **Using Quilted Postcards to Communicate with My Mom**

My mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease in 2005. The next 8 years she slowly faded away, eventually losing her ability to say more than a few sentences at the end of her life. She passed away in January of 2013. In the 28 years I have lived in Chicago, my mom, who lived in Eugene, Oregon visited me twice. She had claustrophobia and was afraid of flying. She didn’t like being in unfamiliar territory. We kept in touch through weekly phone calls and visits I made back to the Pacific Northwest every summer and winter. There was so much of my life I wish I could have shared with her, but the geography put a strain on our relationship. My weekly calls with my mom were frustrating. I didn’t realize until the end, that she cleverly had a script she used to cover up how potentially confused she may be at any given time. It went like this, “Hello Honey. How are you feeling? How’s the weather? Thank you for calling”. Click. It became difficult for her to read, especially books with a story line that jumped back and

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## Nancy Goodman

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forth in time. Then she had trouble keeping up with conversations between more than 2 people, and following the story lines in TV shows. She stopped going to movies, reading books, being with friends. Her world got smaller and smaller. My mom knew she was losing her mind. She looked at a family photo and wrote down our names hour after hour to remember us. The one thing she never forgot was her family. She couldn't always remember who was married to whom, and once she asked me if I was her mother. My mom was slipping away, and I couldn't have a meaningful conversation with her. Alzheimer's is truly a long good-bye. My brother would ask me, "What are we suppose to learn from this?" We didn't know.

I would sit for hours at her house when I visited, bored and watching *Wheel of Fortune*. Resentful because there were a million other things I would rather be doing. In the end, I learned to appreciate the gift of time with my mom and being with her, *really* being **present** in her company. In the last year of her life, I learned this lesson.

I couldn't talk to my mom but I could send her things. I could keep her oriented to time and place, or maybe just holidays, with some cheerful mail. I realized that the quilted postcard was easy enough to send and had a visual and tactile attraction to it. My Mom loved them. She would sit and look at them for hours. I ordered postage stamps with a photo of myself, and used these personalized stamps when I mailed them so she would know for sure, this postcard was from me. It was my attempt to communicate with her, and send her a little love. It was the only thing that I felt had a longer lasting effect than our stiff phone calls where she was careful not to reveal how bad she really was. Near the end, her phone was removed from her room at the long-term care facility. She had called 911 too many times, but the quilted postcards were still nearby within easy reach. When she couldn't look at them, her visitors would touch them and comment on them. When she died, I took all of the postcards home, and put them in a closet. I needed proof of my attempts to communicate with her. I didn't always understand my mom, but I loved her. My love is painstakingly sewed into each postcard. I hope although I couldn't tell her, she knew.

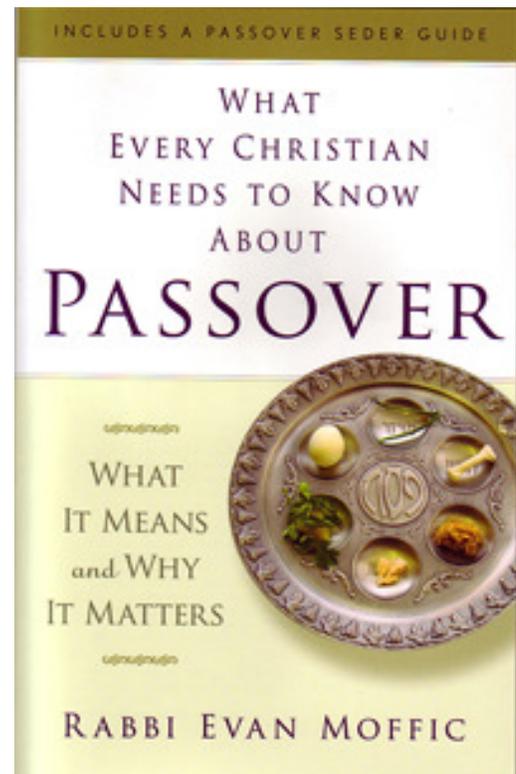
- Nancy Goodman

## Rabbi Moffic Discusses His New Book

Please join us on  
**Sunday, May 17 at 10:30 AM**  
in the Chapel for an insightful discussion  
with Rabbi Moffic on his new book  
*What Every Christian Needs to Know about  
Passover: What It Means and Why It  
Matters* (available on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)).

The Passover celebration holds so much meaning for Jews, but members of other faiths are beginning to grasp its depth and significance.

Lessons for all faiths will be discussed, as well as how Jews and Christians can work together to honor the holiday.



## Holly Krakow Awarded a Sheva-Covenant Fellowship

Holly Krakow is the recipient of a Sheva-Covenant Fellowship, awarded by the JCC Association of North America.

She is the current vice president for community at Congregation Solel and previously served as chair of the Religious School Council.

“This nationally recognized fellowship,” Rabbi Evan Moffic told the *Pathfinder*, “underscores what our congregation already knows about Holly Krakow’s capabilities as a leader who inspires community building.”

Sheva Center for Excellence devotes itself to early childhood education and family engagement.

Based upon the JCC Association’s research, over the next five to seven years approximately 40 percent of active JCC ECE directors will retire. JCCA determined that currently no plan exists to ensure a steady stream of qualified candidates to assume these positions.

To remedy this, with support from the Covenant Foundation, JCCA has created an Early Childhood Education and Family Engagement Directors Institute. Its goal is to develop the high quality of leadership required to ensure excellent programs in the field of JCC Early Childhood Education.

Curriculum for Sheva-Covenant Fellows include:

- study of Jewish music, art, and literature to raise the level of Jewish discourse in the JCC ECE directors’ network
- participation in an educational seminar in Israel
- training through a course for ECE directors, focusing on developing fellows administrative and leadership capacities
- techniques for community building
- skill development for mentoring, coaching, and supervising staff
- fostering ongoing professional development

Holly, her husband Jeff, and their three children – Ross, Carly, and Samantha – joined Congregation Solel in 2003.

For the past seven years Holly has been on the faculty of the JCC Z Frank Apachi in Northbrook, where she currently is a lead teacher.

Holly has also participated in the Chicago Early Engagement Leadership Initiative, underwritten by the Crown Family Philanthropies and administered by the Union for Reform Judaism.

Michael Ebner, president of the congregation, has worked closely with Holly for eight years: “She is known to our congregants as someone who selflessly demonstrates her capacity for leadership and encouraging inter-generational inclusion.”



# Vanilla Challah Recipe

(Tim Cohen led a challah baking workshop with Solel congregants on Sunday, April 26, 2015. Below is the delicious recipe they used & wanted to share. Enjoy!)

*This challah is sweet and fragrant, with an almost boozy aroma to it. It's a sweet treat for Shabbat!*

## Ingredients:

- 4 cups flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 ¼ cup warm water
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 package dry yeast
- 1 tablespoon coarse salt or 1/2 teaspoon regular salt
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

## Eggwash:

- 1 egg
- 1 tsp water
- ½ tsp vanilla
- ½ tsp sugar

## Directions:

Place very warm (but not hot) **water** in mixing bowl. Add **yeast** and **¼ tsp. sugar**, mixing lightly. Allow to sit for 10 minutes or so, until yeast is foamy. Add **2 eggs, 1 tbsp. vanilla, 3 tbsp. sugar**, and **2 tbsp. vegetable oil** and mix with wooden spoon.

Add **flour and salt** and beat with a dough hook on standmixer or by hand. If the dough is not holding together as a ball, add a bit more oil or water. If the dough is very sticky, add more flour.

The dough is ready when it sticks together as a ball and is not sticky to the touch when you poke your finger in (5-10 minutes of beating or kneading). Turn the ball out onto a floured work surface and punch a few times until very smooth.

Place dough ball in oiled bowl and cover in plastic or a warm, damp towel.

Allow to rise at least one hour, preferably more (usually about an hour and a half), until dough has doubled in size.

Punch down the ball in the bowl and remove. Punch out all air bubbles. Braid in your preferred method and place on parchment-lined or oiled baking sheet. Let challah rest for 20-30 minutes for a second rise. Baste with an egg wash of **1 egg** plus **½ tsp. sugar** and **1 tsp. vanilla**. and **1 tsp. water**.

**Bake at 380 degrees for 25-30 minutes**, rotating 180 degrees after the first 15 minutes. You may also baste with the eggwash again after 15 minutes for a browner, sweeter challah. You can use a bread thermometer (180-200 degrees) or poke at the seams to test if challah is done. Foil if browning too quickly on top.



Above (from left to right):  
Mara Treves, Tim Cohen,  
Elizabeth Levin, Sharon Stein.  
Not in photo (but also participated):  
Ellen Diamond at Solel's Challah  
Baking workshop on  
Sunday, April 26, 2015.

# Introducing the Nut Awareness Policy

At the March 22 meeting, the Board of Directors approved a Nut Awareness Policy for Congregation Solel. This policy is an important measure in ensuring the safety of our congregants while in our sacred building. The incidence of tree nut and peanut allergies has doubled in the last decade. 1 in 13 children in our country (nearly 6 million total) are allergic to these common allergens. Anaphylaxis (an allergic response, which can culminate in cardiorespiratory failure and can be fatal) is the most extreme presentation of food allergies.

Solel's Nut-Awareness policy is presented below. Please read it carefully. Beginning May 15, 2015 please do not bring tree nuts, peanuts or products containing these items into the building. This includes food items used for onegs and catered events (congregational or private).

The safety of our congregants is our top priority. We ask your cooperation and support in compliance with Solel's Nut Awareness policy. If you have questions, please contact the main office.

## USE OF NUTS AT CONGREGATION SOLEL

### Introduction:

*Pikuach Nefesh* (פיקוח נפש), the obligation to protect or save a life, is a fundamental Jewish value, which prevails above all interests. As a Synagogue we also believe in and practice *Derech Eretz* (דרך ארץ), respect, consideration, and kindness for each other, and we are all a part of our caring community. In keeping with our values, Congregation Solel is a **peanut/tree nut aware** synagogue.

An increasing number of school-aged children are being diagnosed with food related allergies. The most common allergens include peanuts and tree nuts (most common: walnuts, almonds, cashews and pecans). It has been estimated that at least 8% of children in the U.S. suffer from a food allergy. Anaphylaxis (an allergic response, which can culminate in cardiorespiratory failure and can be fatal) is the most extreme presentation of food allergies.

Congregation Solel strives to be a safe and inclusive environment for all of our students and members alike. In keeping with our mission, this policy addresses peanuts and tree nuts, the food allergens most often associated with fatalities. Although we cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, we believe that it is important to have a policy with the goal of making Congregation Solel **peanut/tree nut aware**.

### POLICY:

Congregation Solel, in all of its activities and Religious School classes, as well as caterers and others authorized

to use the building or grounds will not use peanuts, tree nuts or any products which may contain these ingredients. Tree nuts include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Almond
- Brazil nut
- Cashew
- Chestnut
- Coconut
- Filbert/Hazelnut
- Macadamia Nut
- Pecan
- Pine nut (pignolia nut)
- Pistachio
- Walnut

The Congregation Solel staff will work closely with caterers, committees, and the teaching faculty to ensure that any food item that is brought into the building will not contain these ingredients. Careful consideration should be made to read the list of ingredients on pre-made items before they are purchased. By law, ingredient lists must clearly identify if peanuts/tree nuts are used, either in the list itself or with a "contains" statement.

It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians of any child enrolled in the Religious School or participating in a youth group or any other activity at Congregation Solel who has a medically documented food allergy to notify the Director of Congregational Learning and to provide all applicable written medical and other plans.

Congregation Solel communications that relate to food (*e.g.*, lunch or dinner announcement, potluck meals, onegs), should state that Congregation Solel is a **peanut/tree nut aware** Synagogue and that such food should not be brought into the building.

Congregation Solel will work with the Montessori school to ensure that the school adheres to this policy.

This policy also is intended to protect adults who have these food allergies.

While Congregation Solel strives to be a **peanut/tree nut aware** facility through the purchasing of individual items, at this time the Congregation will not be moving to vendors whose facilities are completely nut free (*e.g.*, bakeries, caterer).

### TIME FRAME

This policy is to go into effect on May 15, 2015.

- Susan Kaden



## Religious School Committee Hosting Two Special Events:

**Sunday, May 3**

**11:30 am–12:00 pm**

**Honoring Geoff Prass**

Please join us for a special program to honor Geoff Prass for his service to the congregation, and to allow our congregants, young and old, an opportunity to extend their thanks for all he has done in the Religious School. Parents and congregants are encouraged to join the Religious School students for this event.

**Friday, May 8**

**7:30 pm**

**Honoring the Religious School Teachers**

Please join us for this lovely opportunity to honor our teachers and their commitment to educating our children and the difference they make in the lives of our students.

The Congregation will host a special Shabbat service honoring our wonderful Religious School teachers, The service will be followed by a festive Oneg.

### First Annual Community-wide Tikun L'eil Shavuot

May 23, 2015 ~ 6 Sivan 5775

Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Ave., Glencoe

## Jerusalem through Music, Words and Art

with Nava Tehila\* and Friends

7:30pm Havdalah Service and Concert

8:30pm Study/Learning

9:15pm Dessert Reception

#### Participating Congregations:

Am Shalom  
B'nai Joshua Beth Elohim – BJBE  
Congregation Hakafa  
Congregation Solel  
Congregation Sukkat Shalom  
Har Shalom  
Lakeside Congregation  
North Shore Congregation Israel  
Temple Beth-El Northbrook  
Temple Jeremiah

\*Nava Tehila is a post denominational Jerusalem-based congregation rooted in Jewish renewal.

# Ringling True

Can a Roma with a wedding ring,  
four rabbis out of antiquity,  
and an anarchist lawyer  
on the streets of Paris help this  
New Yorker make up her mind?

**Thursday, May 7**  
**6:30–8:30 pm**  
**at Congregation Solel**

A staged reading of a new one-woman show  
with music by Rebecca Joy Fletcher  
followed by discussion with  
Cantor Vicky Glikin



Rebecca Joy Fletcher is a touring Jewish theater artist and educator. Come experience her staged reading of a new one-woman show **Ringling True** first-hand, in this in-progress presentation. The show is a mash-up, a mostly true story of spiritual awakening with live, wonderfully eclectic music by longtime Chicago musician Stuart Rosenberg and performed by a live band. Explore questions of blessings and cons, making big choices, and the hidden connections between all things.

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Rosh Chodesh Sivan ★  
Celebration for Women ★

★ Monday, May 18  
★ 7:00 pm-9:00 pm



ראש חודש

Rosh Chodesh is a celebration of ourselves, our uniqueness as women, and our relationship ★ with the Divine. Join us as we make new friends, see familiar faces, and learn more about ourselves and each other. In the spirit of tzedakkah, please bring non-perishable food donations for the Deerfield Food Pantry and Moraine Township Food Pantry.

**7:00–7:20 pm** – Social time – get to know the other women of Solel and nosh.

**7:20–7:50 pm** – Rosh Chodesh ritual led by Cantor Glikin.

**7:50–9:00 pm** – A special activity led by our hostesses.

This Rosh Chodesh Celebration is hosted by Judy Eichner and Karen Finerman.

Please RSVP to Solel's office at [solelooffice@solel.org](mailto:solelooffice@solel.org).

Questions? Please be in touch with Cantor Vicky Glikin at [vglikin@solel.org](mailto:vglikin@solel.org).

*We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event for women!*

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*CONNECTING with our GRANDCHILDREN,  
SHARING OUR GIFTS*

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015**

**9:00 am - 1:30 pm - Program**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm - Discussion**

**Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim · 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield**

Key Note Speaker: **H. Steven Moffic, MD**

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# Larry Mason's Remarks in Honor of Rabbi Evan Moffic's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (April 10, 2015 Shabbat Service)

At the time of the rabbinic search, I was serving as a member of the Board of Directors. Each Board member was asked to provide input to the search committee regarding their activities. Never shy about expressing my opinions, I pleaded my case concerning the qualities most desirable for Solel's next Rabbi:

*"Whatever you do, please find us a rabbi you can hug."*

Thankfully, the answer to my pleas [and my prayers] arrived in July 2009. Back then I could never have imagined that in 2014 I would have the joy of performing in the Solel Purim Spiel next to my singing rabbi dressed up in costume as the ultimate "warm hugger": Olaf from Disney's *Frozen*.

But, having a *rabbi you can hug* goes far beyond the literal physical contact that a hug can bring. A *rabbi you can hug* has a warm and generous spirit, is compassionate, has an ability to connect with others in diverse and meaningful ways, and has a caring, sensitive outlook on life. Rabbi: you have all of these extraordinary qualities.

Rabbi: it has been my great honor and privilege to work with you in Solel lay leadership during these past 5 years. Your commitment to respecting Solel's traditions and history, while strengthening Solel's future has been commendable. Your creativity, your vision, your keen intellect, your wisdom, and your leadership all significantly help make Congregation Solel grow.

It is no surprise that our "bromance" continued throughout my term as Solel's President. Those were truly extraordinary times where your special skills and ever-increasing maturity brought Congregation Solel to even greater success.

As we celebrate this special anniversary marking this milestone during your tenure at Congregation Solel, I am reminded of another anniversary that is coincidentally timed with this momentous occasion: the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the movie release of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*. Rabbi: here is my list of just a "*few of my favorite things*" about you:

- You brought new music into our hearts and minds when you repeatedly challenged the Solel Choir to add unique Rosh Hashanah sermon anthems with songs originally made popular by Michael Jackson, Simon & Garfunkel, U2 and others to our typical High Holy Days repertoire.
- Your self-confidence and vision for what was in the best interests of Solel helped make it possible for our congregation to welcome Cantor Vicky Glikin to Solel in July 2012.

- Together, with Cantor Glikin, you have developed a collaborative, committed, inspirational, and highly effective "dream" clergy team that makes our congregation so very proud.
- You have consistently remained focused on both membership recruitment and retention of our congregant families.
- You introduced Downtown Lunch & Learn, which brings a thoughtful and meaningful dialogue of important Jewish issues to those of us who work in the City.
- You consistently encourage and help make it possible for Congregation Solel to offer high quality, diverse programming that appeals to all demographics of our membership and continues to raise the public profile of our great congregation.
- You were a true "superstar" fundraiser in helping us achieve our Campaign for Solel goals to ensure the successful completion of the Phase II construction project.
- Our 2014 AIA award-winning new bimah reading table design was inspired in great part by your thoughtful input and desire to foster a closer connection to your congregation from the pulpit.
- You have truly emerged as an important and dynamic force in the Reform Movement.
- Your prolific writings, television appearances, and presentations continue to raise both your and Congregation Solel's public profile and reputation.
- You warmly greet all our religious school students each Sunday morning as they enter the synagogue and you are engaged in their education long before the final Confirmation Class year. Thanks to you, our students grow-up at Solel knowing, forging a relationship with, and having an important connection with their rabbi. Unlike at other congregations, the first time our students meet their rabbi is not on the day of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Through your mentorship, our children are developing a love for their synagogue, for Israel and for Judaism.

I have been challenged with only a few minutes this evening to express my admiration for your many achievements and how much you mean to Congregation Solel. Let me simply close with my personal and heartfelt thanks for your friendship, for your wisdom, for your leadership, for your counsel, and for always helping make me be a better person every day.

- Larry Mason

## Mazel Tov to Maxwell Kaplan on his Bar Mitzvah!



Max Kaplan, the son of Adam and Lisa, will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 2, 2015. He is in the seventh grade at Elm Place Junior High in Highland Park. His hobbies are soccer, baseball and he loves video games! Max's Torah portion is *Acharei Mot*, from the Book of Leviticus. From his Torah Portion, Max learned the importance in Jewish tradition of honoring your parents and how holiness may be defined. For his Mitzvah Project, he collected used shoes, soccer balls and cleats for Share Your Soles, a local Chicago area non-profit that provides shoes for communities of need. From his Mitzvah Project, Max learned that there are families in our midst, as well as afar, that have needs as basic as a pair of shoes. His greatest challenge was actually collecting the shoes! But he thanks all of his friends and Solel families that have donated extra and worn shoes from their closet. The most important thing Max learned from this experience is that sometimes all it takes is a request and people are so happy to help!

## Mazel Tov to Dylan Drury on his Bar Mitzvah!



Dylan Drury, the son of Scott and Shelby, will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 9, 2015. He is in the seventh grade at Northwood Junior High in Highland Park. His hobbies are basketball, baseball, guitar and videogames. Dylan's Torah portion is *Emor*, from the Book of Leviticus. From his Torah portion, Dylan learned that the Torah has blemishes. His Mitzvah Project is working in sports programs for kids with disabilities at NSSRA. From his Mitzvah Project, Dylan is learning that helping others is important and fun. His greatest challenge was chanting the Haftarah. The most important thing Dylan learned from this experience is that rites of passage are important.

## Mazel Tov to Jordan Keyser on his Bar Mitzvah!



Jordan Keyser, the son of Adam and Kathy, will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 16, 2015. He is in the seventh grade at Northwood Junior High, in Highland Park. His hobbies are tennis, guitar, biking, and spending time with friends and family. Jordan's Torah portion is *B'har -B'chukotai*, from the Book of Leviticus. From his Torah portion, Jordan learned that in life there are consequences for actions, both good and bad. His Mitzvah Project comes from a recent trip to Belize. While on that trip, he saw firsthand the struggles some children face to get a good education. He hopes to raise money for a local school to help sponsor tuition and also plans to send school supplies there. From his Mitzvah Project, Jordan learned that he should not take his education and home for granted and be grateful for what he does have. His greatest challenge was mastering all the Hebrew and prayers for his Bar Mitzvah. The most important thing Jordan learned from this experience is that he can succeed when he works hard.

## From Our President

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gather together bake *challah*. *Congregants* provide musical accompaniment for our *Hava Nashira* services. *Congregants* have constructed bridges, via Just Congregations, to neighboring communities in Lake County. *Congregants* sing beautifully in our choir. *Congregants* assemble on Shabbat for Torah Study as well as our *minyán*. *Congregants* offer consolation and prayer to families who have suffered a loss. *Congregants* take the essential steps to maintain a connection to our students enrolled in college or graduate programs. *Congregants* devotedly serve on search committees. *Congregants* organize and staff our wonderful end-of-summer cookout. *Congregants* sing in our choir. *Congregants* serve on our Human Needs Committee. *Congregants* say YES much more often than saying NO. All of this, and so much more, affirm the values of community building which distinguish Congregation Solel.

**#4:** Many congregants – more than you know – reveal themselves as open handed in their ongoing support of Solel. Some come forward unprompted, selflessly eschewing recognition, to make a difference. They underwrite special events or replenish a fund that has dwindled. It is heartwarming to know that Congregation Solel inspires appreciation as well as loyalty.

**#5:** I have stated on other occasions that the men and women who serve on our administrative and custodial staff stand essential to our smooth operation, year after year. It has been my honor and pleasure to interact with each of them. They are deeply committed to the well-being of our congregation, and for that I am most grateful.

**#6:** Our multi-generational congregation family – as we approach our sixtieth anniversary in 2017 – proliferates. This represents a source of strength that we cherish. Again and again I have heard congregants proudly lay legitimate claim to the fact that multiple generations of their family have affiliated with our synagogue. It is a mark of our longevity and strength. Our incoming president, Josh Lowitz, will be the first to stand upon a noteworthy multi-generational plateau. Donald Lowitz z'l, his father, served as our congregation's president from 1977 to 1979.

**#7:** Rabbi Moffic and Cantor Glikin represent an unending blessing to Congregation Solel. Their vitality, talent, devotion, and intellectual gifts defy easy calculation. Rabbi and Cantor, together and individually, offer our congregational family endless sources of inspiration. We pray with them. We learn from them. We

sing with them. We study with them. And we share with them the inevitable mix of joy and sadness that every mortal experiences.

**Postscript on the number 7** (in an abbreviated form):

- Shabbat is the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week.
- There are 7 weeks in counting of the *Omer* between Passover and *Sha'vuot*.
- The Menorah has 7 branches.
- The first verse of the Torah contains 7 words.
- Each plague in Egypt lasted 7 days.
- *Rosh Hashana* occurs in the 7<sup>th</sup> month (*Tishrei*).
- The Talmud lists 7 female prophets (Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Avigail, Chuldah, and Esther).

- Michael Ebner  
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**Pray 'n Play**  
Saturday, May 23  
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!!**

Led by Cantor Vicky Glikin



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# Cantor Glikin

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who will one day tell their own children to study Torah.” In other words, if we want to raise our children Jewish, we cannot completely outsource Judaism, let alone cram it into 30-40 tutoring sessions. Rather, we must raise our children with the understanding of why Judaism is important to us. It is less important how we express our Judaism, so long as we express it in some way and exhibit to our children that it is important to us.

### 3. What It Means to Join a Synagogue

Many people join a synagogue because they want to give their children a quality Jewish education, including a meaningful Bar Mitzvah experience. This is a valid reason to join, but there are other reasons to belong. Joining a synagogue symbolizes our commitment to a significant Jewish future. When we join a synagogue, we are investing in a living and breathing local Jewish community. This is the community that will be there for us in times of joy, as well as in times of hardship. This is the community that will advocate on our behalf for the rights of the less fortunate and bring to light ancient Jewish values, which are as relevant today as they were thousands of years ago. This is the community that will collectively carry into the present and the future the conversation that has been taking place over millennia by our ancestors whom we have never met, but to whom we are inextricably connected. This is the community that will offer us moments of awe, grandeur, and inspiration in a world where so little remains sacred. This is the community that will help us to be grounded in our oftentimes rootless society. How can this Jewish community and the wisdom that it contains thrive if Jews opt out? “If I am not for myself, who will be for me?”<sup>3</sup> If each of us does not support the local Jewish community, then who will?

### 4. B’nai Mitzvah at Solel

Finally, a word on what it means to become a Bar Mitzvah at Solel. We are not a Bar Mitzvah factory and there is no cookie-cutter process. Over the years that our families are a part of Solel, as well as through the B’nai Mitzvah process, we get to know them and what they care about. We spend a significant amount of time with the students and families individually, striving to build a meaningful relationship with them. And, each ceremony and process is tailored to the abilities of the student and the needs of the family. Each of our services looks a bit different. We have had families create their own prayer books, we have had students sing or play instruments within the service, we have had as many or as few family members participate in the service as desired, in ways that felt most appropriate and authentic to the family.

There is a tremendous amount of room for the family and for the students to express their individuality, as well as for the service to be personal and intimate, even as it takes place within the walls of the synagogue and I would add, *because* of this.

And, our process is not the same as it always has been. We are constantly re-evaluating what we do in the B’nai Mitzvah process at Solel so as to make it as relevant and fulfilling for the whole family as possible. This year alone, we have introduced several innovations in the B’nai Mitzvah process. One was a workshop for families where they learned about the structure of a Shabbat morning service and created visual representations of a prayer that they got to study in more depth. Another one was a new ceremony called Kabbalat Parsha, a moving experience for the families where they received their Bar Mitzvah Torah Portion and officially began their B’nai Mitzvah adventure.

In partnership with the B’nai Mitzvah Revolution, an initiative sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism, we are re-evaluating the role that the mitzvah project plays within the B’nai Mitzvah process. Our goal is to elevate the mitzvah project to more accurately express Solel’s historical commitment to social justice. As part of this process, we held a highly successful workshop for families in which they learned that social justice is a Jewish value. The families, then, drew a specific value out of the student’s Bar Mitzvah Torah portion, such as helping the elderly, or not standing idly by in the face of injustice, or honesty, to name a few. Based on the value, the family designed a “mitzvah action plan,” which included specific ways in which the Bar Mitzvah student can express the value at home, at Solel, and in the larger community. Currently, we are working on a framework of volunteer opportunities that would be available to B’nai Mitzvah families at Solel and in the broader community through the auspices of Solel.

Becoming a Bar Mitzvah at Solel is special and meaningful. It is a personal and individualized experience, where each family is valued and each individual child is honored. It is also a process in which the child becomes a part of the bigger Solel community and gains new rights and responsibilities. Most importantly, it is a process through which the child and the family as a whole have the opportunity to appreciate the importance and relevance of Judaism in their lives.

- Cantor Vicky Glikin

<sup>3</sup> Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Ancestors) 1:14

# Thank You For Your Contributions

## Human Needs Fund

**Marilyn Browdy**, in honor of Brian Browdy's birthday  
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## Tribute Fund

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**Wendy and Wayne Rhodes**, in honor of Adele Lowitz's Bat Mitzvah and in memory of Courtney Shanken  
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*As of April 27, 2015*

## Condolences to...

**Lee Karon**, on the passing of her husband and founding member Sheldon Karon

**Edith Shanken**, on the passing of her husband and founding member, Courtney Shanken

**Frances Tabin**, on the passing of her husband, Seymour Tabin

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**Congregation Solel**

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If there are any questions, please call Allan Litwack, Executive Director, at (847) 433-3555, ext 225. Thank you for your continued support.

# May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Kindle Shabbat Candles at dinner or at the following times (CDT): 1.....7:31 pm 8.....7:38 pm 15.....7:46 pm 22.....7:53 pm 29.....7:59 pm				<b>1</b> 7:30 pm Hava Nashira	<b>2</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Maxwell Kaplan Bar Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan
<b>3</b> 9:45 am Religious School 10:30 am Israel Solidarity Day 11:30 am Program Honoring Geoff Prass	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Current Events 11:00 am Current Events 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 4:15 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Jewish War Veterans Executive Meeting	<b>6</b> 12:00 pm Downtown Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm Religious School Committee Meeting	<b>7 Lag B'Omer</b> 6:30 pm Shabbat with Rebecca Joy Fletcher	<b>8</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service Honoring Teachers	<b>9</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Dylan Drury Bar Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan
<b>10 Mother's Day</b> 8:30 am Blood Drive 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Religious School	<b>11</b> 7:00 am Birdwatching 9:30 am Current Events 11:00 am Current Events 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 4:15 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Just Congregations Meeting 7:00 pm Human Needs	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Joyce Schrager's Short Stories	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:45 pm Annual Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	<b>16</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Jordan Keyser Bar Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan
<b>17</b> 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Religious School (Last Day) 10:30 am Rabbi Moffic Discusses His New Book	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Current Events 11:00 am Current Events 7:00 pm Women's Rosh Chodesh Celebration	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm Jewish War Veterans Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm Artist Reception with Nancy Goodman 7:30 pm Shabbat Torah Service & Confirmation	<b>23</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Pray 'n Play 10:35 am Morning Minyan 7:30 pm Tikun L'eil Shavuot at Am Shalom
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# Shabbat Services Schedule

## Friday, May 1

Hava Nashira.....7:30 pm

*Ki Tisa, Exod. 30:11-34:35*

## Saturday, May 2

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Maxwell Kaplan Bar Mitzvah .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

## Friday, May 8

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

*Vayak'heil-P'kudei, Exod. 35:1-40:38*

## Saturday, May 9

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Dylan Drury Bar Mitzvah .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

## Friday, May 15

Annual Meeting .....5:45 pm

Dinner.....6:30 pm

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

*Vayikra, Lev. 1:1-5:26*

## Saturday, May 16

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Jordan Keyser Bar Mitzvah .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

## Friday, May 22

Artist Reception with Nancy Goodman.....6:30 pm

Shabbat Torah Service & Confirmation .....7:30 pm

*Tzav, Lev. 6:1-8:36*

## Saturday, May 23

Torah Study .....9:15 am

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

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

## Friday, May 29

Shabbat Shalom, Graduation Blessings & Teen

Awards.....6:15 pm

*Tzav, Lev. 6:1-8:36*

## Saturday, May 30

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

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Future Events in 2015**

**Sunday, June 14 at 4:00 pm: Kol Zimrah Concert**

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

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or

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