



# PATHFINDER

## Did Yogi Berra Read the Bible?

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The late great Yogi Berra famously said, "If you come to a fork in the road, take it." The not-so-subtle point of Yogi's saying was that we sometimes overthink our decision. Sometimes we just need to make a choice and stick with it.

Unfortunately, making the wrong choice can get us in trouble. And the more trouble it causes, the harder it is to turn back.

### Abraham and Lot

Amongst the most searing biblical illustration of this truth is Lot. In Genesis 13, he and his uncle Abraham come to a fork in the road. They have decided to go their separate ways. Lot chooses to go toward the land of Sodom. It promises comfort and riches. Abraham goes the opposite way. We know what then happens.

Abraham has to rescue Lot and his family when God decides to destroy Sodom on account of its wickedness and immorality.

### Does Greed Lead to Happiness?

What made Lot choose to go to Sodom? Was he simply greedy? Was he unaware of its immorality and destructive culture, or did he simply not care? Perhaps Lot suffered from what sometimes afflicts all of us. *The grass always looks greener on the other side.*

Sodom was like the new job with a higher salary and bigger office... except we are not sure about the culture of the company. Sodom was like the bigger fancier house... except we would be using up most of our savings to get it.

"All the rivers empty into the sea," says the Book of Ecclesiastes, "but the sea is never full." Our desires are not fully satisfied.

### Mastering Our Emotions

The challenge, however, is not to eliminate our desires. It is to master them. That is the path of Abraham. Abraham always controls his desires, even when such control borders on the extreme. He controls his desire to

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## Cantor Vicky Glikin — Why I Marched in North Carolina

First-hand experience has taught me what it feels like to be unwanted. I grew up in Ukraine, where as a Jew, I felt that I was a second-class citizen. Even though my family immigrated to the United States when I was only 13 years old, numerous memories bring back the painful sting of discrimination. There was the time when in the opening week of first grade, I went to the library to pick up my textbooks. I was carrying my newly-minted library card. Written on it were my last name, first name, and nationality. I noticed that everyone else's library card listed the nationality of the holder as "Russian" or "Ukrainian." Mine read "Jewish." I remember carrying the card strategically so as to cover the word "Jewish" with my index finger. I was 7 years old. There was also the time in 4<sup>th</sup> grade when one of my classmates ran through the school hall screaming derogatory comments about Jews because he knew that I was within ear-shot. And, then, there was the time when someone rang the doorbell to my family's 5<sup>th</sup> and last floor walk-up apartment. When we opened the door, there was no one there. We could hear the hurried steps of someone running down the stairs and we could smell the nauseating fume of the fresh defecation smeared all over our doormat.

When my family immigrated to the United States in 1992, we did so in an attempt to leave behind the anti-Semitism that defined our lives in Ukraine. We moved to this country because we no longer wanted to feel unwanted and unwelcome. While my early experiences with discrimination had been painful, as I have grown, the pain has transformed into an empathy toward those who are treated unfairly and into the fire that pushes me to work toward a more just society.

None of us need to be reminded of the tremendous injustices that have transpired within our country over the past year. These injustices have brought into focus a broken justice system, ugly racial tensions, and an absence of opportunity for certain segments of our society. As a nation, we have been shaken as the very moral fabric supposedly undergirding our nation has been exposed to contain gaping holes and deep rifts that are impossible to ignore. It is because I cannot ignore these injustices and because I am commanded by God to pursue "tzedek" (justice) that I chose to participate in America's March for Justice in early September.

America's March for Justice, organized by NAACP in partnership with the Reform Movement, commenced on August 1, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. The march was meant to do more than commemorate history. Rather, the ambitious march from Selma, Alabama to

Washington DC was meant to highlight the many injustices that continue to plague our society today and to "mobilize activists and advance a focused national policy agenda that protects the right of every American to a fair criminal justice system, uncorrupted and unfettered access to the ballot box, sustainable jobs with a living wage, and equitable public education."<sup>1</sup> As had happened 50 years ago, clergy and sympathizers from around the country, many of them Jewish, joined the March during its duration from August 1 through September 16, along each of the 1,000 miles.

Rabbi Moffic and I joined the march on September 3, 2015 outside of Raleigh, North Carolina. At 6:30 am, we gathered at a church with the other participants. From there, we were bussed to the location where the march had left off the night before so that we could continue the journey that others have begun before us. Before we started to march, we were led in heartfelt prayer by Cornell William Brooks, the President and CEO of NAACP. As we stood in a circle, arms linked, black and white, policemen, NAACP staff members, and volunteers, together we listened to Brooks' passionate words calling on each person walking to do so in the name of justice and God. Brooks spoke about the Torah scroll, along with the aspirational values that it contains, which has accompanied the march for the entire route, carried at the front by Jews and non-Jews.

When you walk with others, you hear their stories. There was Jake, the 30-something writer, who was marching on his first day of ten because it was "the least he could do." There was Kevin, the NAACP staffer who works with the Department of Justice. He had just returned from Iowa where he advocated for employment and voting rights of people with a felony on their criminal records. There was Ann, a retired nurse who had converted to Judaism just three years ago and who was marching with her congregation, located an hour away in Greensborough, NC.

And, there were also those who had marched the entire way, since the journey's very beginning. There was Middle Passage, a 68-year old veteran, with a warm smile, who carried an American flag at the front of the march every day. I asked Middle Passage why he had left his hometown in Colorado to spend over 40 days walking 25 miles per day. There is a lot of work that still remains to be done, said Middle Passage. It's about justice and it's about love. Middle Passage was walking in memory of his brother who had been active in NAACP. Tragically, Middle Passage died on September 13, having walked

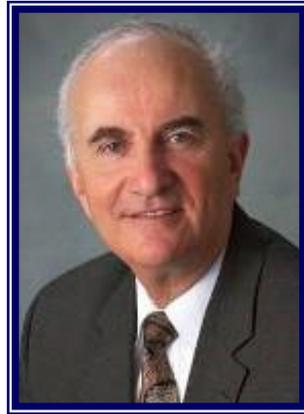
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*PLEASE JOIN US*

**RABBI DOV TAYLOR**

**SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND**

**NOVEMBER 13-15, 2015**



**Friday, November 13 at 7:30 pm**

"A House Divided" - sermon given by Rabbi Taylor

**Saturday, November 14 at 4:00 pm**

"It is difficult to get the news from poems....." talk in the chapel followed by Havdalah with wine and cheese

**Sunday, November 15 at 10:00 am**

Contemporary Jewish Issues followed by light brunch

## From Our President

Our congregation comes together in many ways. Together we educate our children and participate in life-long learning. We commit to social justice and we share lifecycle events. And perhaps most importantly, in our sacred community, we pray together. Over the high holidays, we really all pray together – in one room at one time. And on a recent Friday evening, I was reminded how powerful it is when any group of us prays together.

On that Friday evening, a young man about to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah helped lead our prayer. Clearly he had studied and was ready to participate in our sacred community – especially with his proud family and his Solel family's support.

On that Friday evening, Cantor Glikin sang her Yih'yu L'ratzon/Oseh Shalom after the Amidah and our congregation's prayers and spirits were lifted to the heavens. The first time I heard Cantor Glikin sing this "new" melody, I was transfixed and then I found out that she wrote the music while studying to be a Cantor and that Solel's accompanist Phil Orem created the arrangement. It is no surprise that this composition has been published and is being sung in more and more synagogues.

On that Friday evening, Rabbi Moffic delivered a sermon about being "good enough". It was thoughtful and thought provoking and helped each of us get a little closer to our best (or good enough) selves. Rabbi Moffic's gift for communicating complex and timeless ideas in easily understood ways brings a level of sacred understanding to all of us.

On that Friday evening, we said Kaddish as a congregation; praying with those mourning their parents and loved ones. Our holy community is at its best when we support each other in difficult times.

And on that Friday evening, we enjoyed a lovely Oneg Shabbat. We caught up with old friends and met new ones, reflecting on the week and on years past. We wished each other Shabbat Shalom and we meant it.

- Josh Lowitz  
[president@solel.org](mailto:president@solel.org)

## From the Desk of the Executive Director

As we move away from the High Holy Days towards fall and winter it is important for everyone to be careful when driving and walking into Solel as we will have some invisible ice and slippery spots in the parking lot. It is time to keep in mind the need for sweaters and wraps during services and activities in the building.

As we prepare for year end it is also time to consider upcoming income tax season and year end giving. Congregation Solel is a 501c3 non-profit organization, meaning that your contributions and donations are tax exempt to the extent allowed by law. So consider Solel at the top of your list of organizations to which you will be making end of year donations. All gifts are acknowledged in writing for your tax folders.

Your donations help support the ongoing children and adult education programs, special scholar in residence presentations, speakers on specific topics of interest, and other special activities for our membership and the Jewish community at large.

Happy Thanksgiving and Hannukah.

- Allan

Please Note: November  
Downtown Lunch & Learn will  
be at the Standard Club on  
Wednesday, November 4  
RSVP to [evelyn@solel.org](mailto:evelyn@solel.org)

Lunch & Learn at Solel with  
Rabbi Moffic will be on  
Tuesday, November 10 at 12:00 pm

Join Rabbi Moffic for this  
special class as he reflects on  
events of both Jewish and broader  
public interest.

**Moraine Township  
Food Pantry  
Needs Help from YOU,  
our Solel members!**

Anything you can bring to Solel  
would be great.

Donations can be brought directly to  
the Moraine Township Food  
Pantry or Solel.

**Moraine Township Food Pantry  
777 Central  
Highland Park, IL 60035  
(just west of Sunset Foods)**

**They accept donations  
Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm**

**THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

**tuna  
canned fruit  
crackers (all kinds)  
cereal  
pasta sauce  
vegetable oil/olive oil  
jellies & jams  
pinto & black beans  
coffee, rice  
canned veggies (peas, corn, etc.)  
toiletries**

**Solel Film Group Presents:  
*De-Lovely***

starring Kevin Kline & Ashley Judd  
Film & Discussion

**Tuesday, November 24**

Film: 7:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm (**Advance reservations  
for dinner \$10 by November 20 to  
[finerman@comcast.net.](mailto:finerman@comcast.net)**)



What is delightful, delicious and de-lovely? How about an evening with Cole Porter! Enjoy his wit, sophistication and irreverence in a film that offers a bold biography of the great composer and lyricist.

*De-Lovely* stars Kevin Kline as the brilliant charmer and Ashley Judd as his very tolerant wife.

[http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0352277/?ref\\_=nv\\_sr\\_1](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0352277/?ref_=nv_sr_1)

*De-Lovely* is free and open to the public.  
We are looking forward to seeing you.

**THE SOLEL FILM GROUP:**  
Phil Cohen, Eugene Finerman, Sandy Kaminsky  
and Susan O'Neill

## Director of Congregational Learning, Ashley Plotnick

This year, our Religious School has begun a practice based on *mussar*, a system of Jewish ethics. Each month, we will focus on a new *middah*, or character trait. The word *middah* literally means measure; with each value that we study, we must reflect on our own lives as students, teachers, and community members. Do we need more of this trait in our lives? Do we need less? Are our lives in good measure?

After a rich month learning about gratitude and recognizing the good things in our lives, we now turn our focus toward generosity. When we are generous, we open our own hearts, and contribute toward the Jewish ideal of *tikkun olam*, making the world a better place. Through giving, we experience the joy of sharing what we have with one another. There are of course many ways to be generous – with words of kindness, with time, with patience, with money.

Here at Solel we are proud of our generous spirit, and we continually strive to give more. This month, we have opened our hands to provide Hanukah gifts for children at Jewish Child and Family Services and for families at the Ark. We have provided food and clothing for residents of the Abbott House, as well as clients of the Ark. We have given to the Deerfield Food Pantry, and will soon be filling backpacks for local children who do not have enough food to eat over the weekend. We give in these ways and so many more. There is always work to do, and I invite you to cultivate your own spirit of generosity this month.

According to the Talmud, “Generosity is equal in importance to all the other commandments combined” (Bava Batra 9a). We give not just to help others or to heal our world; we give because we must first heal ourselves, by remembering our obligation to live up to our highest potential, by remembering that we are made in the Divine image. May this month be a generous one for us all, and may we receive just as many blessings as we give out.

- Ashley

## *ARK Chanukah Gift Wishes program was a success!* *Thank you so much!!!*

**Below is a recent letter Congregation Solel received from the ARK in appreciation:**

On behalf of The ARK, I wanted to thank you and the entire Congregation Solel community for your tremendous support of the ARK. Just a few weeks ago, I delivered toys to our office in Northbrook- toys generously provided by your congregants celebrating birthdays. These toys have brought smiles to the faces of three little children who couldn't have been more thrilled –and desperately in need of a happy moment. And just today, I received more names of Congregation Solel members participating in our Chanukah Gift Wishes program. To date, your congregation will provide more than 30 gifts- which is tremendous! These gifts (many which are requests for blankets, cookware, and other basic necessities) will, for most of our clients, be the only present they receive this year.

As an organization that is 100% reliant on community support to provide basic necessities to Chicagoland Jews in need, I want you to know how truly grateful we are for Congregation Solel's generosity.

Karen Flayhart Stoller

## Rabbi Moffic

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reach out and protect his son when God calls upon him to sacrifice Isaac on the mountain.

He controls his desire to let the residents of Sodom and Gomorrah perish instantly so that he can ensure they receive a just hearing before God.

No one — not even our biblical heroes — are free from desire. What they can teach us, however, is how to master them.

Lot let his desire master him. By following God's ways, Abraham learned to master them.

- Rabbi Evan Moffic

## November/December Artist Joanie Holleb

We will be hosting an artist reception introducing long-time Solel member Joanie Holleb's work on Friday, November 6, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

### Joanie Holleb Artist's Statement

My paintings occupy an unusual place between painting and sculpture, between process and image, between poetry and narrative. The three-dimensional qualities of my work set them apart from most paintings, generating the unexpected effect of slowing down and looking carefully at the small events on the surface of the work.

I begin a painting by selecting a pristine sheet of copper. Sometimes I will then bend, fold, crimp, and hammer the copper until the dimensional, tactile qualities of the surface become compelling to me. Other times, I will leave the copper unbent. I begin the act of painting by using a patina solution, pouring it on the bent, distressed surface of the copper and letting it run in various directions. In some cases, the patina will end up being covered, but more often, it dictates the direction the composition will develop, and this use of chance and spontaneous activity becomes the foundation for all that follows. The original paintings that I generated on copper were my response to the idea that copper is a metal that is changed by the environment and the passage of time. Therefore, I chose to go back in time, to my family archives and paint from old family photos. Later I expanded my imagery to emulating the Old Masters from the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. My most recent work is abstractions on nature. I can be contacted at: [joanieholleb@comcast.net](mailto:joanieholleb@comcast.net).

I am presently represented by two galleries:

Addington Gallery  
704 N. Wells St.  
Chicago, IL 60654  
[www.addingtongallery.com](http://www.addingtongallery.com)

Waterstreet Gallery  
98 W. Center St.  
Douglas, MI 49406  
[www.waterstreetgallery.com](http://www.waterstreetgallery.com)



## Solel Comes Close to Breaking Blood Donation Record

Sixty-six people came to the October 25<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive to give the gift of life, and 61 of the 66 people were eligible to donate. As a result, Solel's drive will provide 183 units of blood to patients who are in need and depend on the generosity of blood donors. Our record is 62 donations in 2012.

With new Blood Drive co-chairs Debbie Zucker and Julie Bringas joining long time co-chair Diane Resnick, we had several new donors including two religious school teachers. Once Upon a Bagel again donated bagels for donors participating in the drive. With our bagels and cream cheese and home baked goodies, Solel has the reputation of having the best post donation spread of food.

Help us break our record at the **Spring Blood Drive scheduled for May 1, 2016**. Please call or email Debbie Zucker, Julie Bringas or Diane Resnick or sign up on the Lifesource website at: [www.lifesource.org/](http://www.lifesource.org/).

## Cantor Glikin

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920 miles. He fell ill while marching and was not able to be revived. Those of us who had been lucky enough to walk beside him, however briefly, felt the strength of Middle Passage's character and have been forever altered by having met him.

There was also Keshia Thomas. Keshia is a charismatic African-American woman with a bright smile and a twinkle in her eyes. She is a civil rights activist who quit her day job so as to be able to march the entire journey from Selma to Washington DC. If you were to look up Keshia's name online, you would see an iconic picture of her taken in Ann Arbor, Michigan when Keshia was just 18 years old. In June of 1996, the Ku Klux Klan had announced plans to hold a rally in Ann Arbor, which resulted in a counter-protest on the same day. Keshia was one of the people attending the counter-protest. At a certain point, several of the counter-protesters noticed a middle-aged white man in the crowd wearing a t-shirt depicting a Confederate flag and sporting an SS tattoo. The white man tried to run, but was knocked down, kicked, and beaten with placards. Seeing this, Keshia threw herself over the white man, shouting for the others to stop, shielding the man from the attackers, and saving his life. When I asked Keshia why she had done this, why she had risked her own life to save the life of someone who hated her, her answer was unassuming and simple: "Because it's the right thing to do." This was also the reason that she quit her job to join the march – because it's the right thing to do.

So much can happen in a short period of time. I feel forever transformed by my experience on America's Journey for Justice. I am acutely aware of the work that remains to be done. Simultaneously, I am humbled by the incredibly dedicated people whom I had encountered on my part of the journey and with whom I had the honor to walk side-by-side. I know that real change is possible when we march together in the light of God, toward a more just and equitable Promised Land.

Fifty years ago, many from our congregation walked alongside Martin Luther King and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel for justice in their time. Reflecting on his journey, Heschel wrote: "When I marched in Selma, my feet were praying." I feel incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to pray with my feet at America's Journey for Justice. The march leaves me with the recognition of the tremendous work that remains to be done before we can stop marching on this journey.

- Cantor Vicky Glikin

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.naacp.org/news/entry/naacp-announces-americas-journey-for-justice>

# Choir Shabbat

Friday, November 20  
7:30 pm

Join us as Solel's Adult Choir leads us in harmonious prayer. From time-honored classics to contemporary gems, this service is certain to elevate and inspire.

Do you enjoy singing? Then, join the choir! The ability to read music is beneficial, but not required. Just bring your enthusiasm and a smile.

For more information, please contact Cantor Vicky Glikin at [cantorglikin@gmail.com](mailto:cantorglikin@gmail.com)



Sharing  
the  
Magic of Music

### Future Dates:

December 18

January 15

February 19

March 18

April 15

May 13



**Human Rights Shabbat**  
**Friday, December 18 at 7:30 pm**  
**Guest Speaker: Jeanne Segil**

Jeanne Segil, daughter and granddaughter of Solel members, will share information about her experience as a Law Fellow at the Equal Justice Initiative and will address some of the issues endemic to our legal system. EJI is a nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to indigent defendants and prisoners who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system.

**Solelites Support Nuestro Center**

Congregation Solel’s Just Congregation initiative has been supporting Nuestro Center in Highwood for several years. Once again three volunteers helped at the Family Services/Nuestro Center Gran Fiesta fundraiser.

Sharon Stein and her daughter, Leslie, helped serve food, and Meta Levin became the office photographer. Sharon Stein and several other Solel members have been volunteering at the center, which provides after school and vacation programming for elementary school youngsters, as well as daytime programs for adults.



**Solelites Support Waukegan to College/Envision Scholars**

Eight Solelites trekked to the Lake County Fairgrounds for the third annual Waukegan to College (W2C) Oktoberfest fundraiser. The event, which featured food, music, talks by youngsters who have benefited from the organization and a silent, as well as a live auction, raised money for the joint W2C/Envision Scholars program, which works with Waukegan area middle and high school students and their families to help them to get a college education.



## Congregation Solel Funeral Plan

During the past year there have been a number of questions from congregants regarding the Congregation Solel Funeral Plan. It has changed somewhat from the old plan some of our more senior members may recall.

Solel does not own cemetery lots at any of the Chicagoland Jewish Cemeteries. Each family is responsible for the purchase of cemetery plots in the cemetery of their choice. Since its construction in the 1960s, Solel has had a relationship with Shalom Memorial Park. Many deceased members are buried at Shalom Memorial Park, as at one time there was a Solel section, which is long filled. Some are at Memorial Park, Skokie, some are at Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, and elsewhere. Cemetery plots are currently in the \$4,000 to \$6,000/plot range, and are purchased directly from the cemetery management. The cemetery will also charge an opening and closing fee at the time of use of the plot, which must be paid before the funeral.

Solel has had an agreement with Chicago Jewish Funerals (CJF) for a number of years. It has been our practice to call CJF, when a family calls the Executive Director, Allan Litwack, about a death in the family. CJF then arranges the transfer of the deceased to their facility, perform necessary preparations such as supplies for Tahara (ritual bathing), the shroud, file permits, direct the service either at their chapel, gravesite, or at Solel, the hearse, register book, and Shiva package. They also provide a simple, dignified, dark-stained, semi-oval traditional casket. The current cost of a Solel CJF funeral is \$5,850. CJF funeral directors will meet with the family to answer other questions. Additional services from CJF may be at an additional charge.

As part of Solel's relationship with CJF, the invoice for the funeral comes to Solel, and is initially paid by Solel. 30 days after the funeral, Solel sends an invoice to the family, after giving the family time to regain their composure. At the time of the funeral it is also customary to offer an honorarium to the rabbi and cantor for leading the service. Rabbi Moffic, Cantor Glikin or members of the Solel Shiva committee will come to the home to lead the shiva minyan, as desired. For non-member family members that use the Solel plan it has also been customary for the member family to offer a \$500 honorarium to the congregation's funeral fund to assist those in need.

Solel's relationship with CJF is not exclusive and members have chosen to use other funeral directors. For

non-CJF funerals, the financial arrangements are handled directly between the family and funeral director.

Procedurally, at the time of decease the family calls our Executive Director, Allan Litwack, day or night, at either the congregation (847) 433-3555 or his emergency (night) number (847) 571-4349. Allan will start the process in motion with CJF funeral directors and work with them and the family, Rabbi, and Cantor to set a date and time for the service. If the family is using another funeral director, the family should contact them directly and they will start the process and get in touch with the Congregation to set a time, date, and clergy.

If there are ever any question about funerals at Congregation Solel, please do not hesitate to call Allan Litwack at Solel.



# Hava Nashira

## December 4 at 7:30 pm

**An engaging & spirited service  
featuring fresh & familiar melodies.**

**Join us for an evening of song &  
inspiration, accompanied by Solel's own  
instrumentalists & singers.**

**Future Dates:**  
February 5  
April 8



**Register for  
Snowbird Shabbat !!  
with Rabbi Moffic  
Sarasota, Florida  
February 26-27, 2015**



**Hyatt Regency Sarasota  
1000 Boulevard of the Arts  
Sarasota, FL 34236**

**For more information or  
to reserve your spot,  
call the Solel office at  
(847) 433-3555**

**A \$125/person deposit  
to Solel requested in advance.**

**For special room rates, contact  
Carol Danisi at (941)363-2618  
or [carol.danisi@hyatt.com](mailto:carol.danisi@hyatt.com)**

# Rosh Chodesh Celebration for Women

**Sunday, December 13  
7:00 pm–9:00 pm**

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.

**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** – Activity led by members.

Please RSVP to [solelooffice@solel.org](mailto:solelooffice@solel.org).  
Questions? Please be in touch with  
Cantor Vicky Glikin at  
[cantorglikin@gmail.com](mailto:cantorglikin@gmail.com).

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

### **Future Dates:**

**February 9**

**June 6**

# SHABBAT SHALOM

A SERVICE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**November 27**

5:30 PM Pizza Dinner  
6:15 PM Shabbat Service

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

**If you celebrated a birthday or anniversary in the month of November, please join us at this service for a very special blessing celebrating your milestone.**

To help celebrate, we encourage you to bring a children's present or gift card to donate to the Ark for those who are less fortunate.

**Shabbat. Friendship.  
Community. Family. Song.**



**Future Dates:**  
December 25  
January 29  
February 26  
March 25  
April 29  
May 27  
June 24

# Pray 'n



## This isn't your ordinary Tot Shabbat!

**Saturday, November 21  
10:30 am**

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**

**Future Dates:**  
December 19  
January 23  
February 27  
March 19  
April 30  
June 4



## Mazel Tov to Ben Wax on His Bar Mitzvah!



Benjamin Wax, son of Michael and Caren, will become a Bar Mitzvah on November 14, 2015. He is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Caruso Middle School in Deerfield. Benjamin's favorite hobbies are basketball, soccer, tennis, waterskiing, and anything to do with Beber Camp. For his Mitzvah Project, Benjamin is taking a portion of his Bar Mitzvah money to purchase food for children in Highland Park who don't have enough food on the weekends. This taught Benjamin that hunger is a big issue and that there are many people that live near him who are food insecure. He is also playing his saxophone at Nursing and Memory Care homes which brings tremendous joy to the residents. Benjamin's Torah portion is Toldot, from the book of Genesis. The most important thing Benjamin learned from his Torah portion is that there are consequences for every decision you make. The most important thing Benjamin learned from his experience becoming a Bar Mitzvah is that to be successful you must practice. The greatest challenge he faced in preparing for his ceremony was balancing his school work and extra-curricular activities.

## Mazel Tov to Albert Kaskel on His Bar Mitzvah!



Albert Kaskel, son of Larry Kaskel and Sara Gordon, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 28, 2015.

**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2015

**Time:** 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Location:** **Lou Malnati's:**  
**HIGHLAND PARK**  
1890 First Street  
**847.266.9000**

**Carryout and Delivery (within zone)**

## FUNDRAISING EVENT

**Lou Malnati's**  
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*As of October 25, 2015*

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# November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Pre-K Session 9:45 am Religious School 12:15 pm 8-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Joyce Schrager Current Events 11:00 am Joyce Schrager Current Events 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 4:15 pm Religious School 7:00 pm Jewish War Veterans Executive Meeting	<b>4</b> 12:00 pm Downtown Lunch & Learn at the Standard Club	<b>5</b> 1:15 pm Hebrew Class 7:30 pm Religious School Committee Meeting	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Artist Reception with Joanie Holleb 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	<b>7</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Executive & Board Meeting 9:45 am Religious School	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Joyce Schrager Current Events 11:00 am Joyce Schrager Current Events 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 4:15 pm Religious School 7:00 pm Just Congregations Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Joyce Schrager Short Stories Class	<b>12</b> 1:15 pm Hebrew Class	<b>13</b> <b>Rabbi Dov Taylor Scholar in Residence Weekend</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	<b>14</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 pm Ben Wax Bar Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan
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<b>22</b> No Religious School	<b>23</b> 9:30 am Joyce Schrager Current Events 11:00 am Joyce Schrager Current Events	<b>24</b> No Religious School 6:00 pm Film Night	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving <b>Synagogue Office Closed</b> No Hebrew Class	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Pizza Dinner 6:15 pm Shabbat Shalom	<b>28</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Albert Kaskel Bar Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan
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# Shabbat Services Schedule

## Friday, November 6

Artist Reception .....6:30 pm  
Shabbat Service .....7:30 pm

## Saturday, November 7 — Chayei Sarah, Gen. 23:1-25:18

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

## Friday, November 13

### Rabbi Taylor Scholar in Residence Weekend

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

## Saturday, November 14 — Tol'dot, Gen. 25:19-28:9

Torah Study .....9:15 am  
Ben Wax Bar Mitzvah .....10:30 am  
Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

## Friday, November 20

Choir & Torah Service .....7:30 pm

## Saturday, November 21 — Vayitzei, Gen. 28:10-32:3

Torah Study .....9:15 am  
Pray 'n Play .....10:30 am  
Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

## Friday, November 27

Pizza Dinner .....5:30 pm  
Shabbat Shalom .....6:15 pm

## Saturday, November 28 — Vayishlach, Gen. 32:4-36:43

Torah Study .....9:15 am  
Albert Kaskel Bar Mitzvah .....10:30 am  
Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

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