



PATHFINDER

Four Reasons to Say a Blessing Before Thanksgiving

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**SAVE THE DATE.
SNOWBIRD
SHABBAT**

FEBRUARY 27-28

Contact Allan Litwack for more information:
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A recent article in the Huffington Post urged people to eat out less. The writer suggested connecting with friends and family at home rather than at a restaurant. Why? Lots of noise and people make it easy to avoid the more meaningful conversations. Raised menus can hide expressive faces. At home, however, we are more open. We reveal more of ourselves. We deepen our connections to one another.

Well, I like eating out, but I think the writer is right. The most sacred moments happen at home. The upcoming Thanksgiving is an opportunity for such sacredness. One way to make it happen is to say a blessing before the meal. Why?

1. Blessings create gratitude: It is hard to be grateful when we are rushed. When we focus our minds and say words of thanks, we become more aware of what we are doing. It doesn't matter what we say. (So long as we don't do the famous Bart Simpson grace: "Dear God, we worked for all this stuff, so thanks for nothing.") The act of pausing and acknowledging what is in front of us can make us feel more grateful for it.

2. Blessings elevate the conversation: Have you ever noticed the way the feeling of a meal changes when we say a blessing before it? We become more aware of ourselves. We may feel a little more embarrassed if we start engaging in small talk or petty gossip. The experience becomes more elevated, and thus more meaningful.

This change doesn't always happen. But there is a reason people have been saying blessings for thousands of years. They connect us to one another and to something larger than ourselves.

3. Blessings make memories: By making us more aware of the moment, a blessing can help sear it in our memories. As Rabbi Yael Levy has written, "In Hebrew, the word for thanksgiving--*Hoda'ah*--also means acknowledgment. And when we say prayers of thanksgiving, we are also saying, 'I acknowledge this moment, I am aware of this encounter.'" This awareness is more than simple recollection. It rests in our hearts.

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Cantor Glikin's Desk — Why I Send My Children to Jewish Overnight Camp and You Should Too!

It was during my first year of cantorial school at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion that I first became aware of the far reaching effects of Jewish overnight camping on shaping Jewish identity. While I never had an overnight camping experience growing up (chalk it up to an overprotective mother), as I was meeting my classmates in our first year of seminary study in Israel, I became aware of a common narrative shared by the aspiring cantors, rabbis, and educators. This narrative would begin with the words: “I grew up attending [insert Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) camp name.] Camp was my second home and it was there that I realized that my Judaism was super important to me and that I wanted to learn more.” Very quickly, I understood that I needed to find out what happened at these Jewish overnight camps since they were obviously doing something right.

During the summer following my third year of cantorial school, I became the Worship Services Director at URJ Camp Eisner in the Berkshires. It was a memorable summer where despite being an adult, I was able to internalize some of the magic of camp with which so many of my friends and classmates had grown up. And, perhaps, precisely because my first experience of camp was as an adult, I was able to look at the experience in a more objective way than had I been an impressionable child. Below are some of my learnings from that summer, complimented by my experience of serving on the Faculty of URJ's Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) in Oconomowoc, WI over the past two summers.

Jewish Camp Lives on Jewish Time

Much of Religious School is spent talking about what “the Jewish people do.” We talk about celebrating Shabbat and the holidays. We talk about Jewish ritual and traditions. Much of the time, we talk about Judaism as an anthropological phenomenon, a theoretical abstraction. But, at camp we LIVE and BREATHE Judaism. At camp, the entire week builds up to Shabbat. At camp, Judaism and Jewish values are integrated into every moment of the day.

Jewish Camp Makes Judaism Fun

One of the most frequently cited complaints about supplementary Religious School education is that there is never enough time. I hear this complaint from the teachers: “There’s just not enough time to teach everything that I want to teach!” And, I hear this complaint from the students (most frequently, my own children): “There’s just not enough time to have fun!” Jewish overnight camp is a 24/7 experience and there is enough time! There’s enough time to have fun, there’s enough time to learn

things Jewish, there’s enough time to have Jewish fun with Jewish kids and Jewish staff. Everything about camp is fun. And, everything about Jewish camp is Jewish fun.

Jewish Camp Helps Shape Strong Jewish Identities

Research shows that in conjunction with synagogue affiliation, attendance at an overnight Jewish camp is one of the best predictors of Jewish involvement as an adult. Kids who attend Jewish overnight camp grow up to be more committed Jewish adults and are more likely to raise their children Jewish. If you want to have Jewish grandchildren, then sending your children to a Jewish overnight camp while also belonging to a congregation at home is one of the best ways to assure that the Torah that has been passed down to you from your ancestors continues to be passed down to your descendants.

Whether you are the parent or the grandparent, please consider sending the child in your family to an overnight Jewish camp this summer. As at any other overnight camp, your child will have the experience of a lifetime – zip-lining, horseback-riding, swimming, sailing, singing, dancing, painting, developing new skills and interests, making new friends. But, at a Jewish camp, your child will also grow Jewishly, having lived on Jewish time, having celebrated Jewish holidays with Jewish friends, having learned more Jewish values, and having had Jewish fun.

Overnight camp can be expensive. Please know that last year OSRUI offered over \$300,000 in financial assistance to those interested in attending and there are also national foundations that help sponsor first-time campers at a Jewish overnight camp. If you have any questions, or would like to learn more, please be in touch with me. When I serve on faculty at OSRUI this coming summer, I would love to be able to visit your child there and to send you pictures of our adventures together!

- Cantor Vicky Glikin

SAVE THE DATE:

This year's Women's Seder will be
on **Sunday, March 22 at 4:00 pm!**



Questions? Email Cantor Glikin at
cantorglikin@gmail.com.

From Our President —

Planning! Not necessarily exhilarating. But essential, whether in the corporate or the not-for-profit sectors. Strategic planning furnishes much-needed focus, vision, and discipline in our competitive environment. It also – and this is the essence of the matter – enables us to devise well-informed decisions about how to allocate our financial and human resources. Ideally all of this will yield beneficial outcomes.

On a grand scale among the most effective strategic planners in American history was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Foreseeing the magnitude of the global storm ahead late in the 1930s, he utilized the private sector – financial as well as resources and manufacturing – to mobilize our nation’s military and naval might for the conflict that loomed ever closer on the horizon. Perhaps you know of Bernard Baruch (1870-1965). Renowned as a Wall Street financier, he served as special advisor to President Roosevelt for war mobilization. A single example underscores the virtues of planning. When the president addressed Congress in 1942 he spoke of the need for “a crushing superiority of equipment” to serve our uniformed forces stationed in overseas theaters of operation. When the North African campaign hung in the balance early in 1943, the Allied forces required an immediate infusion of supplies. American production centers quickly answered the call. A convoy of twenty cargo vessels left American ports transporting 5,000 two-and-a-half ton trucks, 400 dump trucks, and 80 fighter planes. By the time the Allied forces defeated the German army in the spring of 1943 in North Africa, the total number of American tanks in combat totaled 1,400. The enemy count was 80. General Lucius D. Clay, who served as the American military’s chief of procurement, stated the matter succinctly: “We were never able to build a tank as good as the German tank. But we built so many of them that it didn’t really matter.”

At Congregation Solel’s annual meeting – in May of 2014 – I spoke of an eleven-month process to prepare our next strategic plan. Our new document, scheduled for completion in April of 2015, will extend into 2020. Unless I am mistaken, the current deliberative exercise amounts to our third strategic planning process since the onset of our new century. Many Reform Jewish congregations – and surely other faith communities – invest themselves in this very same process. And so do our colleges, museums, fine-arts organizations, and public service associations.

Congregation Solel is most fortunate. Leading us through our strategic planning process – tentatively entitled *Envisioning Solel, 2015-2020* – is Ken Dickman,

our Vice President for Finance. Working with the congregation’s clergy and staff as well as our vice presidents, a series of *kick-start* papers have been developed (e.g., education, lifelong learning, worship, community, finance, and administration.) At each of our monthly board of directors meetings we focus on one or more of these evolving documents with an eye toward refining our focus.

Kick-start paper: *Worship* (an excerpt)

Worship encompasses three issues at the most basic level: **1)** prayer; **2)** study, and **3)** good deeds.

The objective is to begin to identify the core characteristics of worship at Solel and how they meet the differing needs of our very diverse set of congregants.

It is best to think of strategic planning as a conceptual exercise. Avoid mistaking our prospective strategic plan as akin to hardened concrete or an inescapable straight jacket. Strategic planning goals and tactics are supple and tactile. Importantly, they are subject to recalibration as circumstances warrant. In fact, during 2016 our then one-year old strategic plan will be carefully reviewed and tweaked by the congregation’s board of directors. This review-and-revise process will occur annually during each succeeding year until it is time for Solel to again develop yet another brand new strategic plan during 2020.

A key dimension of strategic planning involves community participation. In March of 2015 a draft of the congregation’s strategic plan will be circulated. The next step will entail a widely publicized *listening* session. What we hear from our fellow congregants will surely add texture and shape to our final document, scheduled for submission to the board of directors at its meeting on April 19.

Strategic planning is something many of us do in our everyday lives. We routinely examine our household balance sheets, we scrutinize our long-term investment practices, and we think ahead to our future needs (e.g., planning for a family *simcha*, adding to college funds for our children or grandchildren, setting aside resources in an IRA, etc.) Some of us consult a planner periodically to gain the benefits of expert guidance.

Much the same is happening at Congregation Solel. Admittedly it is not as much fun as taking in a well-

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CHALLAH BAKING WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
9:45 AM — 11:15 AM

Would you like to amaze your friends and family with homemade challah on Shabbat?

Have you always wanted to make your own challah, but didn't know how?

Join Rabbi Evan Moffic, and challah enthusiast and congregant, Tim Cohen, in a **Solel challah baking workshop**. Each participant will leave with a loaf of home-made challah! Bring an apron and your enthusiasm!

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE GLUTEN FREE NEEDS.

This FREE event is limited to 10 adult participants.

RSVP to the office at solelooffice@solel.org or (847) 433-3555.

Rosh Chodesh Tevet ★ Celebration for Women

★ Sunday, December 21
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 tzedakah, 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.

This Rosh Chodesh Celebration is hosted by Mara Sands Treves.

Please RSVP to Solel's office at solelooffice@solel.org.

Questions? Please be in touch with Cantor Vicky Glikin at vglikin@solel.org.

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event for women! Save the date for the Women's Seder on March 22!

Future Rosh Chodesh Celebration Dates:

February 19

May 18



Hava Nashira!



AN ENGAGING AND SPIRITED SERVICE
FEATURING FRESH AND FAMILIAR MELODIES.

JOIN US ON JANUARY 9 AT 7:30 PM FOR AN
EVENING OF SONG AND INSPIRATION,
ACCOMPANIED BY SOLEL'S OWN
INSTRUMENTALISTS AND SINGERS.

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



Future Dates:

March 6
May 8



From Our President

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reviewed film, attending a sporting event, reading a compelling book, visiting a thought-provoking museum exhibition, attending an inspiring symphony, or taking a beautiful scenic walk. But strategic planning is a fundamental exercise with its own intrinsic rewards. It stands essential – indeed unavoidable – in our purposeful journey as we mindfully envision the future Congregation Solel.

- Michael Ebner
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Solel Goes to Northwestern!

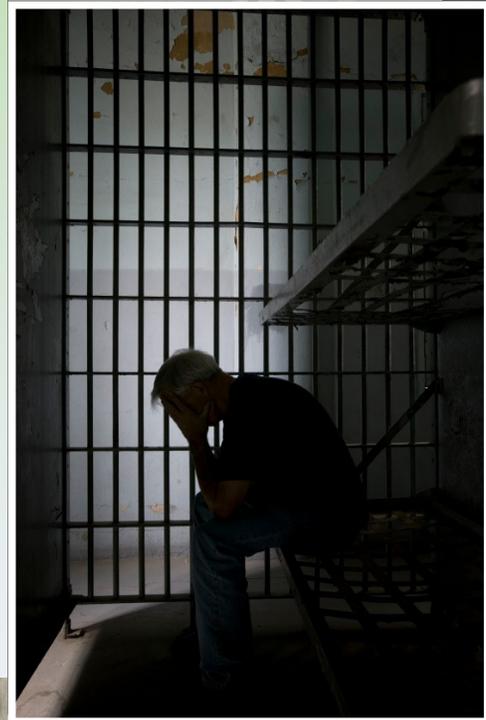
Solel's Youth Choir has once again been invited to sing the National Anthem at Northwestern University's Jewish Heritage Day. Northwestern University will be facing Mississippi Valley State in a game on December 14 at 5:00 pm. Come, enjoy the game with other Solelites, and support the members of the Youth Choir as they lead the singing of the National Anthem! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling Mike Zoller at (888) 467-8775 ext. 0969 (tell him that you're part of Solel's Youth Choir so that he knows to seat you with our group.) Hope to see you at what promises to be a fun intergenerational event!

Human Rights Shabbat Service Friday, December 5 at 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker: David Shapiro
*Professor at Northwestern Law School
Attorney at the MacArthur Justice Center*

Join us as we address the issue of solitary confinement with David Shapiro, a professor at Northwestern Law School and an attorney at the MacArthur Justice Center will be speaking at services.

Mr. Shapiro represents clients seeking redress for injuries caused by the criminal justice system. Prior to joining the faculty at Northwestern, he was a staff attorney at the ACLU National Prison Project, where his litigation and advocacy work focused on immigration detention, privatized incarceration, access to information about jails and prisons, and prisoners' First Amendment rights.





Who wants to do a MITZVAH?

I DO!!!

I DO!!!

SAVE THE DATE!

for Congregation Solel's Annual Mitzvah Day
Sunday, January 18, Starting at 9:30am
...make a difference...be a part of the Solel community...
put Jewish values into action

Programs and projects for all ages.

If you have a bar/bat mitzvah project that you are working on, sign up for a spot at the Mitzvah Mall-- a fun way to get your project done.

We need volunteers to help make this day special.
For more information and to get involved, contact
Cynthia Plouché at cplouche@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care at Congregation Solel

Rabbi Moffic, Cantor Glikin, and your Solel community want to support you in times when you or someone close to you is in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing.

➔ Please notify the office if you would like to have your name or the name of a loved one added to the MiSheberach list.

➔ Please notify us if you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like a visit or a phone-call from your clergy.

➔ If you are in need of meals, rides, or companionship, please contact the office, so that we can put you in touch with the Mitzvah Committee.

Your congregation cares about you! Please help us to know when you are in need of extra care at clergy@solel.org.

Rabbi Moffic

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4. Blessings make the food taste better: I admit this is entirely subjective. Yet, I recall the old Jewish story about a King who once dined at a Jewish home on the Sabbath. He was amazed by the food.

The next day he asked his chef to figure out why the chicken tasted so good. The chef went to the family, got the recipe and made it for the King. The King lifted up his fork and knife, cut the chicken, put it in his mouth and said it didn't taste the same. "It's the exact same recipe!" said the chef. So the King went back to the family and asked why their chicken tasted so good. They replied, "we used the secret Sabbath spice." "What is that spice?", asked the King. They said, "the blessing of family and friends."

- Rabbi Evan Moffic

Jewish Parenting 101
with Cantor Vicky Glikin &
the Religious School Committee

December 7 & March 15
9:45-10:45 am

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

December 7:

Topic: *Giving, Receiving, and Food*
Suggested reading: Chapters 5-7 of
The Blessing of a Skinned Knee

March 15:

Topic: *Discipline and Our Goals in Raising our Children*
Suggested reading: Chapters 8-10 of
The Blessing of a Skinned Knee

Attend all or just one of the sessions.

RSVP by email the synagogue office at
soleloffice@solel.org
or call (847) 433-3555.

Solel Members Perform Life-Saving Mitzvot

The Fall Blood Drive on November 9, 2014 was a success. Thanks to the generosity of Solel members and other members of the community, 53 people successfully donated blood that will supply 159 units of blood to patients who are in need. Once Upon a Bagel again donated three-dozen bagels for donors participating in the drive. It was a nice opportunity for Solel members to shmooze and feel good about performing life-saving mitzvot.

Solel's Holocaust Torah to be Restored on February 24, 2015



Rabbi Yochanan Salazar, a *sofer*, or Jewish scribe, will be restoring Solel's Czechoslovakian Holocaust era Torah, saved from the Nazis, utilizing the ancient biblical text and instruments on this Torah. **Rabbi Salazar will be working on the Torah at Congregation Solel on Tuesday, February 24 at 4:15 pm - 8:00**

pm. Please join us to observe the restoration and ask Rabbi Salazar any questions you may have about the process.

Rabbi Yochanan Salazar-Loewe is a master sofer (scribe), educator and lecturer. Born in Ecuador, South America, he moved to the US as a teen. Before becoming a scribe he studied in Hudson College and later attended NJIT where he majored in electronics engineering and public speaking. While in college he met his wife, Hanna, together they moved to Florida where they now live with their six children. He received his rabbinic ordination in 2004 from Rabbi Daniel Channen in Beit Shemesh, Israel. In Miami, Rabbi Salazar studied the art of Sofrut as an apprentice under Rabbi's Druin at Sofer on Site. After years of training he received his ordination as a Sofer from Rabbi Eliyahu Ben Hayyim the Head of Shephardic studies at Yeshiva University in New York. With his expert and gifted talent for precise and accurate Torah repair work, he now heads the Torah Restoration Department of Sofer On Site.

"More than the Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews" - Ahad Ha'am



December 12 at 7:30pm at Lakeside Congregation

Join us for a special Shabbat service featuring Congregation Solel's and Lakeside Congregation's adult choirs, as our communities join together to celebrate the power of connection and Shabbat.

The service will feature special music prepared just for this occasion. Cantors Vicky Glikin and Michael Davis will deliver a sermon-in-song on the themes of Shabbat and community.

92Y LIVECAST



**Dalia Rabin, Dennis Ross and Ethan Bronner
Thursday, December 4, 7:15 pm**

Join Dalia Rabin, the former Israeli Deputy Minister of Defense and current chairperson of the Yitzhak Rabin Center, and Ambassador Dennis Ross, who played a leading role in shaping US involvement in the Middle East peace process, for an enlightening discussion on the future of Israel.

Cost: \$10/person

Payment options: log in to www.solel.org, check by mail, or credit card by phone (847) 433-3555.

**Lunch & Learn with at Solel
December 9 at noon**

**Downtown Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Moffic
December 3 at noon**

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

Future Dates Downtown L&L Dates:

January 7

February 4

March 4

April 7

May 6

Pray 'n Play

Saturday, December 13
10:30 am



This isn't your ordinary Tot Shabbat!

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

Followed by a complimentary bagel brunch and playtime.

Older siblings are welcome to attend!

Come, sing, play, make friends!!



Saturday Mornings 10:30 am

January 10	March 14	May 9
February 14	April 11	

Announcement of Religious School Director Search Committee

At the November meeting, the Board of Directors approved the Religious School Director search committee, appointed by Michael Ebner. We are very pleased to announce the members of the committee below. This team represents a cross section of our congregation and is committed to finding a director to shape the future of education at Solel. We thank its members for their willingness to serve in the congregation in this capacity.

Co-chairs:

Ross Erlebacher
Susan Kaden

Committee Members:

Art Kessler
Kathy Keyser
Shara Lieberman
Jeffery Schrimmer
Carol Schweidel
Lisa Wasserman

Ex Officio Members:

Rabbi Evan Moffic
Cantor Vicky Glikin
Allan Litwack
Josh Lowitz
Laura Frisch

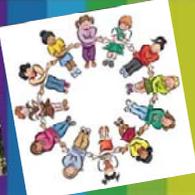
Please look for updates regarding the search in future editions of the *Pathfinder*. For further information, please contact Susan Kaden at skaden20@gmail.com or Ross Erlebacher at rosserlebacher@illinoisalumni.org.

Joyce Schragers Short Stories class will resume on March 25, 2015 & her Current Events class will resume on March 16, 2015.

Shabbat Shalom!

A Service for the Whole Family

Friday, January 30



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

Future Dates:

February 27
March 27
April 24
May 29

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

Shabbat. Friendship.
Community. Family. Song.

Thank You For Your Contributions

Human Needs Fund

Robbie and Jotty Friedland, in memory of Dorothy Kessler
Michael Kohn, in memory of Dorothy Kessler
Elliot and Frances Lehman, in memory of Dorothy Kessler

Music Fund

Harold and Linda Chizewer, in memory of Robert Pattis
Michael and Darryl Ebner, in memory of Dorothy Kessler
Larry and Susan Mason, in honor of Franklin Wolf's marriage to Tracy Lande and in memory of June M. Balonick and Stacy Rago

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Alice Belgrade and Ivory Moss, in honor of Rabbi Moffic
Marjorie Biederman, in honor of Rabbi Moffic
Lisa and Barry Rossen, in honor of Anna's Bat Mitzvah
Burton and Deborah Zirin, in memory of Dorothy Kessler

Tribute Fund

Natalie Caplin, in memory of Arthur Caplin
James and Donna Gottlieb, in memory of Ben Marks and Sandi Weinberg
Howard and Carolyn Haas, in memory of Andrew Haas
David and Lisa Helfand, in memory of Alan Goldman and Sylvia Helfand
Suzanne , Meldman, in memory of Jack Carter
Wendy and Wayne Rhodes, in memory of Dorothy Kessler
Janice Ross, in memory of Jerome Ross
Ellen Rubert, in memory of Dorothy Cordes
Frances Salpeter, in memory of Robert Salpeter
Charles Sonneborn, III, in memory of Dorothy Kessler
Barbara Tuch Cohen, in memory of Louis Pollak
Brenda and Fred Turner, in memory of Jakob Wildberg
Susan and Richard Wellek, in memory of June M. Balonick and Dorothy Kessler

As of November 25, 2014

Condolences to...

Bruce and Marcia Balonick, on the passing of their mother, June M. Balonick, and sister, Stacy Rago

Gary and Cheri Robinson, on the passing of his mother, Jean Robinson

Tax Season is Upon Us

As we move towards year end it is now time to consider the tax implications of your annual donations and gifts to non-profit organizations. At the top of our members list should be Congregation Solel. The congregation is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donations and gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please remember your congregation in determining your year-end gift giving.

Any questions please call
Allan Litwack at Solel at (847) 433-3555 or
email: allan@solel.org.

Stock Transfers to Congregation Solel (New Location)

In order to make stock transfers from your accounts to Congregation Solel, the congregation works with Mesirow Financial, Inc.

Please Note: This is a NEW location for gifting stocks to Congregation Solel:

Mesirow Financial, Inc.

DTC# 0226

F/B/O NFS Account#WMP-002738

Congregation Solel

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.

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30 am Current Events 11:00 am Current Events 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 4:15 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Confirmation	3 12:00 pm Downtown Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm Religious School Committee Meeting	4 7:15 pm 92Y: America & Israel: The Way Forward	5 7:30 pm Human Rights Shabbat	6 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan
7 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Religious School 9:45 am Jewish Parenting 101	8 9:30 am Current Events 11:00 am Current Events 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn at Solel 4:15 pm Religious School 7:00 pm Just Congregations 7:00 pm Human Needs Committee Meeting	10	11 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal at Lakeside Congregation	12 7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Solel & Lakeside Choirs at Lakeside Congregation	13 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Pray 'n Play 10:35 am Morning Minyan
14 9:15 am Executive Committee Meeting 9:45 am Religious School 10:15 am Board Meeting 4:00 pm Youth Choir at Northwestern	15	16 1st Candle 4:15 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Jewish War Veterans	17 Hannukah	18	19 6:15 pm Hannukah Celebration with Youth Choir	20 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan
21 No Religious School 7:00 pm Women's Rosh Chodesh Celebration	22	23 No Religious School	24	25 Office Closed	26 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Torah Service	27 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan
28 No Religious School	29 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	30	31	Kindle Shabbat Candles at dinner or at the following times (CDT): 5.....4:02 pm 12.....4:02 pm 19.....4:03 pm 26.....4:07 pm		

Shabbat Services Schedule

Friday, December 5

Human Rights Shabbat Service7:30 pm

Vayishlach, Gen. 32:4-36:43

Saturday, December 6

Torah Study9:15 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Friday, December 12

Shabbat Service with Choirs at Lakeside7:30 pm

Vayeishev, Gen. 37:1-40:23

Saturday, December 13

Torah Study9:15 am

Pray 'n Play10:30 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

Friday, December 19

Hannukah Celebration with Youth Choir6:15 pm

Mikeitz, Gen. 41:1-44:17

Saturday, December 20

Torah Study9:15 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Friday, December 26

Shabbat Evening Service7:30 pm

Vayigash, Gen. 44:18-47:27

Saturday, December 27

Torah Study9:15 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Updating Your Solel Calendar with Future Events in 2014-2015

Thursday, December 4, 7:15 pm: 92Y Live: America & Israel - The Way Forward

Friday, December 5, 7:30 pm: Human Rights Shabbat

Sunday, December 7, 9:45 am: Jewish Parenting 101

Friday, December 19, 6:15 pm: Hannukah Celebration with Youth Choir

Sunday, December 21, 7:00 pm: Women's Rosh Chodesh Celebration

Sunday, January 18: Mitzvah Day

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/>

Many Paths. One Community

We are a spiritual home that engages our members and community in *prayer, learning, and the pursuit of social justice*. We prize *inclusiveness, innovation, and involvement* in our programs, life cycle events, and leadership. Everyone who walks into our building should feel *inspired, uplifted, and connected*.

Pathfinder

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Pathfinder Deadline for Submissions:
The next Pathfinder will be published January 2015
Please submit material by email on or before December 15,
2014 in order for it to appear in the January Pathfinder.

