



PATHFINDER

The Secret of Achieving Your Dreams: Lessons from the Bible's Greatest Dreamer

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As the year turns, we dream. We dream of what we might have done this past year. More importantly, we dream of the future. We plan and set goals.

My friend Michael Hyatt teaches an amazing process for this, and one of his key insights is "Dream big, even delusional, then dial it back a bit."

But I have a counter-intuitive suggestion. *The best way to achieve our dreams is to help others achieve their own.*

This idea did not originate with me. It's right out of the Bible. In particular, we see it in the life of Joseph, the youngest son of the Israelite patriarch Jacob and Prime Minister of Egypt.

Joseph the Immature Dreamer

Joseph is a dreamer, and his first two dreams center on himself. In chapter 37, he dreams he is a tall sheaf of wheat, and all the other sheaves bow low before him. Then he dreams the sun, moon and stars are bowing down to him.

He reveals his dreams to his brothers. They resent his self-centeredness and sell him to roving slavetraders. Joseph ends up in Egypt and is thrown into prison.

This imprisonment is both physical and figurative. Joseph is behind bars, but he is also caught in the prison of the self. His own needs trap him. He is unable to appreciate and feel the needs of others.

We have all met people like the young Joseph. Everything is about them. They are friendly to you to the extent you can help them. Everyone else is a means to their end, which is themselves.

Joseph the Mature Dreamer

Ultimately, if they do not change, such people end up unhappy. They achieve little. As Rabbi Louis Mann once said, "A person wrapped up in himself makes a very small package."

But then Joseph changes. We do not know what triggers it. Perhaps it was the time in prison. Perhaps it was simply growing up and matur-

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



Cantor Glikin's Desk — I Can't Breathe

"I can't breathe... I can't breathe..." These words have shaken up our nation and cast a shadow of dark doubt over one of the founding principles of our great nation, the "immortal declaration," claiming that "all men [people] are created equal." The idea of natural equality is very Jewish. In the opening of the Torah, we learn that human beings are created in God's image (*b'tzelem Elohim*.) This teaching implies that each human being has a Divine spark within them and that each life is inherently holy and worthy. Yet, as our nation reflects on the circumstances surrounding the death of Eric Garner, as well as hundreds of other black lives cut down well before their time, we are forced to consider the question of whether this case is an anomaly or symptomatic of a deeper, systemic problem. Are all people in our country truly "created equal"? Or, are black lives worth less, as many social critics have been suggesting of late?

The latter question is one which has been considered widely in the Chicago area, particularly in light of what has been described as a "trauma center desert" on the South Side of Chicago. A trauma center specializes in the treatment of patients with acute and especially life-threatening traumatic injuries. Despite the fact that gun violence plagues the South Side, there are currently no adult Level I trauma centers in the area. Adult trauma patients in need of critical care face 30-40 minute ambulance run times, two to three times the city standard, as they are taken to Advocate Christ Hospital in the southwest suburb of Oak Lawn or to Northwestern Memorial Hospital on the northern edge of downtown. While some researchers do not see a correlation between a life or death outcome and the length of the ambulance ride to a trauma center, Dr. Marie Crandall of Northwestern Hospital analyzed a decade of gunshot wound data in Chicago and found that people who travel more than 5 miles to a trauma center are 23% more likely to die than those who do not. The fact that one's life or ability to thrive in the Chicago area is determined by one's ZIP code brings to light the disturbing fault lines of our city.

Recognizing that the trauma center desert is a social justice issue, in September a group of cantors and rabbis from the Chicagoland area participated in an action entitled "Sing for a Trauma Center" organized by the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA) in partnership with the Trauma Center Coalition, an initiative consisting of several grassroots organizations. This action was meant to put pressure on the University of Chicago (UC), which is in an excellent position to provide trauma care on the South Side, but has refused to address

the issue due to financial implications. Surrounded by Jews and non-Jews, by people of all races from very different walks of life, we sang prayers for peace and healing in Hebrew and in English in front of UC Medical Center. It was an incredibly powerful afternoon of connection with people with whom we normally do not cross paths and – in the words of Abraham Joshua Heschel - of "praying with our feet." It was also highly rewarding to share this experience with several Solelites, including Danny Kaplan, a community organizer for JCUA, who grew up at Congregation Solel and learned here what it means to raise his voice for those who do not have a voice of their own.



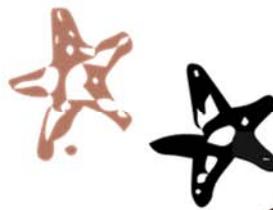
(Laura Frisch and her children, Hana and Ari, at the "Sing for a Trauma Center")

Two months after we sang for a trauma center, we received the news that due to outside pressure, the University of Chicago has decided to raise the age limit of its pediatric Level I Trauma Center from 15 to 17 years of age. Clearly, our work is not done as the South Side remains a trauma center desert for victims aged 18 and over. However, this is still an exhilarating victory, which for some teenagers may make the difference between life and death. As we learn from the Talmud "Whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world." This decision will save whole worlds for the patients, their families, and entire communities.

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A Women's Seder to celebrate

*Join us for dinner,
with song, wine,
friendship and freedom.*



Date: Sunday March 22

Time: 4:00 pm

Cost: \$36/person, or \$360 to reserve a table of 10

RSVP: By February 24th

Bring: A Passover-friendly side dish or a dessert to serve 8-10 people

Submit: The recipe for your side dish by February 20th

- CELEBRATE TOGETHER AS WOMEN
- TELL AND HEAR OUR STORY OF FREEDOM IN A DIFFERENT WAY
- LEARN ABOUT THE WOMEN WHO MADE THE EXODUS HAPPEN AND WHO CONTINUE TO DO SO EVERY DAY
- SING WITH CANTOR GLIKIN AND YOUR FELLOW CONGREGANTS



Mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and friends are welcome. Daughters in 5th grade or older are welcome to attend. Please register at www.solel.org, or return this form to the Solel office. Tables will be assigned. **If you would like to be seated with someone else, please register your ENTIRE party on this form.**



Name	Email address and/or phone number	Chicken	Vegetarian
_____	_____	___	___
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_____	_____	___	___

Number attending _____ x\$36 per person (10 people per table)

My side dish I will bring: _____ (optional)

Added donation to help offset cost \$ _____

Total amount \$ _____

Credit card (Visa, MC, Discover) _____ Exp.: ___/___ Security Code _____



Join the Solel Fine Arts Committee for our First Special Fundraising Event!



August Wilson's Tony-winning masterpiece, *Two Trains Running*, is praised by *Variety* as "perfection...a work by a writer at the peak of his powers."

The Goodman Theatre description is as follows: "The civil rights movement is sweeping across Pittsburgh's Hill District in 1969, but the promise of a better tomorrow hasn't quite reached all of the city's residents, some of whom gather daily at Memphis' diner to gossip about the neighborhood, dream about their futures and confront the brutal realities of the present. Now Memphis must decide if he should allow the government to take over his building or sell the property to a ruthless businessman. In one of his most affecting plays, legendary writer August Wilson explores a time of extraordinary change—and the ordinary people who get left behind."

We have secured a block of tickets for Sunday, March 8 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$40 each (discounted rate). Please RSVP to Michelle in the Solel office by January 30, if you would like to attend. Please contact Susie Mason (847) 420-3919 or Anne Kleinerman (847) 922-8768 for additional information.

**You won't want to miss this great opportunity to see
wonderful theatre in Chicago!**

From Our President —

There are multiple topics – mostly downbeat – that I could raise, but you can read about and contemplate their ramifications for yourselves in publications with wider circulations than *The Pathfinder*. The intent of my message this month – supplementing the ongoing efforts of Rabbi Moffic and Cantor Glikin – assumes a tenor best described as unabashedly spiritual.

I have, again, taken my cue from the not-so-conservative – but very Jewish – *New York Times* columnist David Brooks. Last month he wrote about the virtue of focusing upon small achievements that prompt our spirits to soar.

Let me begin with Congregation Solel's recently re-constituted Fine Arts Committee. It is co-chaired, with energy and imagination, by Anne Kleinerman and Susan Mason. Also serving on this committee are Joanie Holleb, Ted Lowitz, Wayne Rhodes, and Barbara Volin. David Riesman, the esteemed sociologist of the mid-twentieth century, surely would regard this committee as *self* directed rather than *other* directed. Already the Fine Arts Committee has elevated our sensibilities. It has organized a series of monthly exhibitions, featuring local area artists. During the High Holidays the committee – in a moment of inspiration – exhibited in our display case treasures from Congregation Solel's priceless collection of Artistic Judaica. Elsewhere in this issue of the *Pathfinder* you will read about a special Solel outing to the Goodman Theatre on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 pm. Proceeds from this event will enable our Fine Arts Committee to do even more.

Much the same is happening with our College Connection Committee, whose intrepid chair is Alice Kohn. No nepotism here either. (Alice's offspring are well beyond college age!) Serving with Alice is Lila Bondy – beyond nepotism – and Ellen Goldsher. The committee persisted in contacting hundreds of congregants in its quest to create an updated roster of college-age students. Relying on email, the College Connection Committee has organized appropriate occasions – the High Holidays, Hannukah, Purim, and Pesach – to send greetings and words of wisdom to our students from Rabbi and Cantor. If you want to verify whether your student is on this list, kindly send an email to the synagogue office at soleoffice@solel.org. And if you have a hankering to join our College Connection Committee, please contact Alice Kohn at alicenkohn@gmail.com.

Finally, here I direct your attention to Congregation Solel's twice-yearly blood drive. The Israeli-American sociologist Amitai Etzioni enumerated, many years ago, several indicators of community-focused people. High

on Professor Etzioni's list were people who volunteer to donate blood. What he didn't make note of are the volunteers who organize these blood drives. In our synagogue – you shouldn't be surprised – we can recite the honor roll: Phil Kaplan and Diane Resnick have been our longtime stalwarts. Most recently Julie Bringas and Debbie Zucker stepped forward – with no arm twisting – to join Diane. (Thank you to Phil Kaplan for many years of service). I also should mention that during our recent November blood drive more than fifty congregants donated. For those of you interested in metrics, Life Source reports that our number of donors stands near the upper level. I suspect that if Professor Etzioni visited Congregation Solel he would surely comment that given the history of this Reform Jewish community our devotion to the twice-yearly blood drive is altogether *unsurprising*.

I derive immense pleasure from writing this month's message. It reinforces in my mind – and I trust yours as well – the many virtues that epitomize our fifty-eight year old congregation. Join with me in expressing your pride in Congregation Solel – past, present, and future. Think of our devoted volunteers – your fellow congregants – as an unending blessing to our faith community. Thank you very much. *Todah Rabbah*. תודה רבה

- Michael Ebner
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president@solel.org

New Member Brunch! **Sunday, January 11 at 10:00 am**

The New Member Brunch will be a wonderful opportunity to meet people, find out about Solel committees and how you can become more involved in our community!

Feel free to bring your children and any friends who may be interested in Solel.

Please RSVP by Monday, January 5.

Questions? Feel free to call (847) 433-3555 or email Michelle Raz at soleoffice@solel.org.



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



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.**

Hands of Peace Looking for Host Families

Hands of Peace is looking for interested families to host brave Israeli and Palestinian teens for 2 1/2 weeks this summer as they participate along with American teens in the Hands of Peace program of daily serious dialog as well as personal interaction and fun. Hosting is especially rewarding if the family has a participating teen although teen-less families, too, find the hosting experience can be enlightening and worthwhile. Hands of Peace is in its 12th year of creating a coterie of Israeli and Palestinian youth committed to each other and to peace in the Middle East.

Please visit the Hands of Peace
website www.handsofpeace.org

and get in
touch with the
Hands of Peace
office if you
are interested.



HANDS OF PEACE



We have a special day planned but, we need your help to really make it work.

Starting in January, watch the *Shavu'on* for supplies needed for soldier care-packages; for food items to support local families and items for seniors and special needs residents living nearby. It's never too late to volunteer, leave a message at 847-602-0488 or call the Solel Office at 847-433-3555.

A day of hearts and hands committed to social justice.

Mitzvah Day 2015 Congregation Solel

January 18, 2015

Join in as we showcase and support organizations and people (including our students) doing inspired work including:

- Abbott House
- Advance Illinois
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Community Partners for Affordable Housing
- Deerfield Food Pantry
- Jewish War Veterans
- Judy Meikle
- Just Congregations
- Libenu Foundation
- Lone Soldier
- Night Ministry
- Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Orphans of the Storm
- Project Linus
- Sunrise Assisted Living

Schedule for the Day

Sunday, January 18th

9:15am - 9:45am.....Participants and families check in

9:45 am - 10:15am.....Words of Welcome and Kick off in the Sanctuary

10:15am -11:00am.....Introductions and Remarks from Organization Leaders

10:30am - 12:00pm.....Mitzvah Projects and Programs (All ages)

12:00pm - 1:00pm.....Adult Programs/Roundtable Lunch (Bring your own)

More details to come

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

Volunteer!

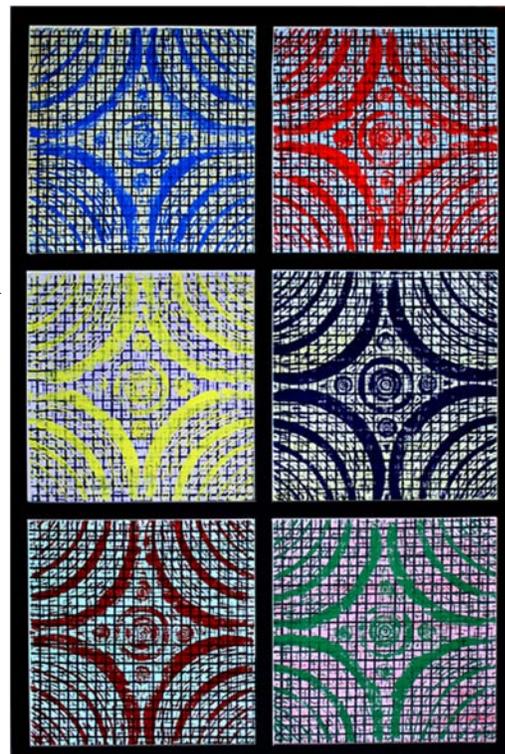
Artist of the Month: Jason Ulman

Jason Ulman is our featured artist for the months of January and February. **Join us on Friday, January 9 at 6:30 pm for a reception where he will be introducing his artwork.**

Jason is a printmaker from Deerfield, Illinois. He has displayed and sold his artwork in art fairs throughout the Chicagoland area. Jason graduated from Deerfield High School in 2012 and is currently a Junior at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he is double majoring in Accounting and Studio Art with a concentration in printmaking. Jason has always been a very active member of Solel. During high school he was a Hebrew tutor for the sixth grade class, the president of the temple's youth group, and is still a member of Solel's adult choir when he is home in Deerfield.

Jason utilizes many methods of printmaking, such as linoleum block prints, woodcuts, copper etchings, and screen prints, to explore abstract geometric shapes, patterns (both organic and symmetrical), portraits and landscapes.

Throughout his pieces he emphasizes a great contrast between positive and negative space, black and white, and the relationship between colors. Jason enjoys creating complex abstract designs, drawing inspiration from forms found in nature or simply his own imagination, as well as realistic images depicting people and places from his own life.



Mazel Tov to Phil Orem!

Congratulations to Phil Orem, Solel's accompanist and composer-in-residence on his composition of Langston Hughes' poem "I Dream a World" being selected as a winner in the Labor of Love Composition Contest for Composers and Songwriters administered in partnership with Sheet Music Plus and Hal Leonard Publishing!!

Phil's piece was selected as the winner for the Best Choral Work category from among 2,800 total submissions. Congratulations, Phil, on your wonderful accomplishment! Solel is so lucky to have you as our accompanist and composer-in-residence!



**SIGN UP WITH THE OFFICE
FOR SNOWBIRD SHABBAT!!**

FEBRUARY 27-28

Please call the synagogue office at (847) 433-3555 or email Michelle Raz at solelooffice@solel.org to register and make your deposit. The deposit is \$125/person.

Feel free to call the Hyatt Regency Sarasota at (941)363-2618 and ask for Carol Danisi to make your room reservations. Mention you are with the Solel group to receive the special rate.

ONEBOOK SOLEL

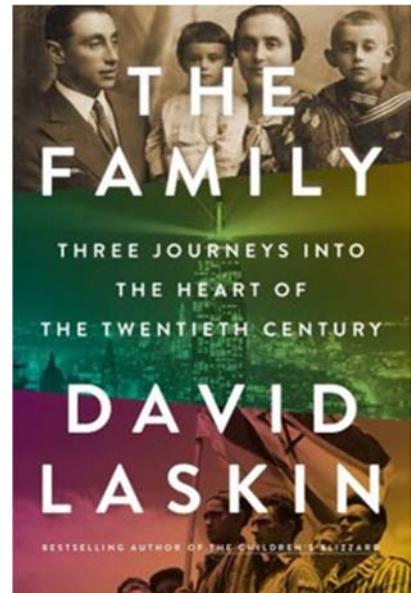


Our OneBook Solel Selection for this Spring is David Laskin's

The Family

Three Journeys into the Heart of the Twentieth Century

In tracing the roots of his family, Laskin captures the epic sweep of the twentieth century. A century and a half ago, a Torah scribe and his wife raised six children in a Jewish enclave at the western fringe of the Russian empire. The torrent of history took the scribe's family down three very different roads. One branch immigrated to America and founded the fabulously successful Maidenform Bra Company; another went to Palestine in the 1920s as pioneers and participated in the contentious birth of the state of Israel; the third branch remained in Europe and suffered the onslaught of the Nazi occupation.



We heartily recommend that you read this book before the book discussion on April 26 at 1:00 pm.

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Pray 'n Play

Saturday, January 10
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

February 14

April 11

March 14

May 9

Cantor Glikin

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The problems our communities face are complex and are not subject to easy solutions. It is difficult to know what to do when we are faced with systematic injustice and inequality. It is frustrating to feel angry and powerless. Nevertheless, Rabbi Tarfon teaches: "It is not up to you to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it." We are called upon to think about people who do not share our privilege, to support work that addresses systemic issues plaguing our society, to learn about becoming allies to the people who need our help, and to begin to act in some way. As Jews, we are called upon to proclaim that *all* lives matter, regardless of race or social and economic status. The time is now.

- Cantor Vicky Glikin

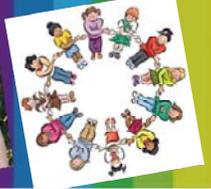
¹ American Journal of Public Health, June 2013
² Babylonian Talmud Sanhedrin 4:9
³ Pirkei Avot 2:16

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.

Lunch & Learn with at Solel

January 13 & 27 at noon

Downtown Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Moffic

January 7 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:

- February 4**
- March 4**
- April 7**
- May 6**
- June 3**



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.

Congregation Solel's Sixth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Shabbat

Friday, January 16, 2015 at 7:30 pm

Featuring the Solel Choir

Guest speaker: Tim Ferrin, an independent film producer with Morning Bugle Productions

Tim will discuss screen clips of his forthcoming documentary entitled, *Ella Jenkins: We Sing Together*.

Ella Jenkins -- a St. Louis native who grew up on Chicago's Southside -- is regarded as "The First Lady of Children's Folk Songs." Although receiving no formal musical training, she benefited from her rich musical surroundings. Gospel music became a part of her soundscape as neighborhood churches broadcast their services on the street." Inspirations included Cab Calloway, Count Basie, and Peg Leg Bates. Jenkins also picked up songs of Jewish culture from her friends while attending San Francisco State University. During Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Operation Freedom in Chicago, she performed at a massive rally at Soldier Field. Also speaking on that occasion was Robert J. Marx, future Rabbi of Congregation Solel.



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

Sunday, January 11
9:45-10:45 am

Building on the success of the formal Jewish Parenting 101 sessions, we are now creating opportunities for parents to come together in an informal way to discuss, share our successes and struggles, learn from each other, and create community. These conversations make us ask the tough questions so that we can better ourselves and raise “mensches”.

Sunday, March 15
9:45-10:45 am

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

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

Please join us!!! If you have any questions, please be in touch with Alex Wendt at alexandrazak@gmail.com

RSVP with the office at soleoffice@solel.org or (847) 433-3555.

*This workshop series draws 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.***

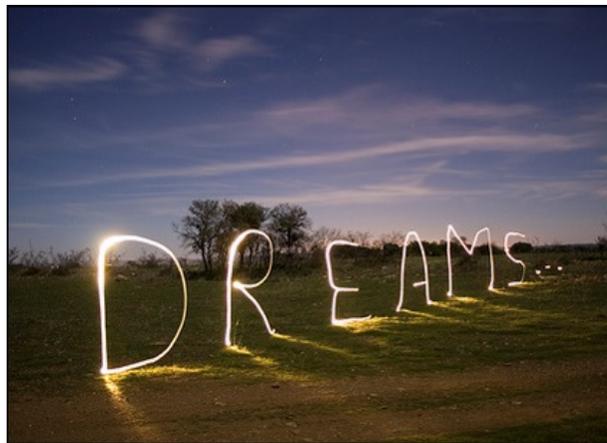
Rabbi Moffic

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ing. But he begins to look outside of himself. And he begins to focus on other people's dreams rather than his own.

The first example is in chapter 40, where one of Pharaoh's servant asks Joseph about a strange dream he has. Joseph interprets it for him and helps the servant get back into Pharaoh's good graces.

The servant had dreamed of getting out of prison and returning to work. Joseph helped him achieve it.



Joseph the Greatest Dreamer

Once he has returned to Pharaoh's service, the servant helps Joseph, telling Pharaoh he knows a young Hebrew in prison who can interpret the dreams Pharaoh is having. Pharaoh calls for him, and Joseph is freed.

Then Pharaoh tells Joseph his dreams of seven thin cows eating seven fat cows, and seven thin heads of grain consuming seven healthy ones. Joseph interprets it, telling Pharaoh of the seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine, and he advises Pharaoh on how to prepare for and survive it.

Joseph understood that Pharaoh's ultimate dream was to help Egypt survive. And then Joseph helped him achieve it. And once again, Joseph benefits from his work. Pharaoh's appoints him Prime Minister and gives him the authority to prepare Egypt to survive the famine.

Joseph has ascended from a lowly prisoner to the second-most powerful man in Egypt. His position ultimately allows him to save his family and bring them to safety in Egypt. In helping Pharaoh's achieve his dream, Joseph has achieved his own.

The late Zig Ziglar said "You will get all you want in life, if you help enough other people get what they want." It was true for Joseph. And it is true for us.

- Rabbi Evan Moffic

Abbott House Clothing Drive

Congregation Solel is collecting men's and women's gently used warm clothes, coats, hats, gloves, and socks to help the residents of Abbott House to stay warm this winter! They appreciate the community's support.

Abbott House is a family owned intermediate care facility located at 405 Central Ave. in downtown Highland Park. It is a residence for individuals ages 20-80 years old with chronic mental illness. The family owned facility is run by its staff and psychiatrist who is the Medical Director. Abbott House's goal is to try to rehabilitate its residents back to society.

Please place your gently used items in the bin by Congregation Solel's coat racks. They will be delivered to the Abbott House.

For more information about Abbott House, please see their website: <http://www.abbotthousenursing.com/>.

Thank you,
The Mitzvah Committee



SOLEL'S NO DOG POLICY

Solel loves Lassie, Rin-Tin-Tin, Snoopy, Marmeduke, Beethoven, Asta, Benji, Hooch, Lady, Old Yeller and ALL of your dogs. However, because many of our members, unfortunately, are allergic to or frightened of your pets, Solel now has a "Don't Bring Your Dog to Solel" policy.

So....if you have a dog,
please love'm
but leave'm at home.



Rosh Chodesh Celebration for Women

★ Wednesday, February 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.

Please RSVP to Solel's office
at soleloffice@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:
May 18**

Thank You For Your Contributions

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Gershen and Sally Abraham, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Ed and Judy Bederman, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Michael and Darryl Ebner, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Ellen and Lee Gussin, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Nancy Kullman, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Larry and Susan Mason, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Julie and Robert Schlossberg, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Gail and Lew Segal, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Solel's Trex Guys
Thomas and Suzanne Tolpin, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Sue, Cary, Jason, and Ben Ulman, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Richard and Susan Wellek, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Jan and Jerry Wolf, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Daniel and Alisa Zucker, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Laura Zuckerman, in memory of Alisa Barskaya

Education Fund

Marcy and David Kirshenbaum
Shana Lowitz, in honor of Josh Lowitz becoming President of Solel

Human Needs Fund

Coleen and Marc Friedman, in memory of Elliot Hoppenfeld
Joe and Dottie Zoller, in memory of Dorothy Kessler

Music Fund

Ed and Judy Bederman, in honor of Phil Orem
Natalie Belrose, Bruce Belrose, and Robin Pierce, in memory of Marc Belrose
Harold and Linda Chizewer, in memory of Jack Heiman
Larry and Susan Mason, in memory of Jack Heiman and in honor of the baby naming of Arthur Segil's great grandson
Shelley Rochell, in memory of Jack Heiman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Richard and Janet Mintzer

Tribute Fund

Gershen and Sally Abraham, in memory of Leonard Abraham
Lawrence and Carol Adelman, in memory of Lynn Adelman
Bernie Berkin, in memory of Alice Berkin
Harvey and Ellen Cohen, in memory of Meyer Goldman
Barbara and Steven Dibble, in memory of Harold Kramer
Don and Gail Goldstein, in celebration of Art Segil's new great grandson
Faye Grossman, in memory of Maurice Levey
Beverly and Alan Lavitt, in memory of Frank and Margery Shurman
Rhoda and Daniel Pierce, in memory of Sally Kaplan
Donald Schaumberger, in memory of Erma and Sidney Schaumberger
Bruce and Benilda Schiff, in memory of Beverly Schiff

Robert and Roberta Washlow, in memory of Anna Washlow

Jerry and Jan Wolf, in memory of Jack Heiman
As of December 29, 2014

Condolences to...

Cantor Vicky Glikin (Vlad Leybovich), on the passing of her grandmother, Alisa Barskaya

Greta Heiman, on the passing of her husband, Jack Heiman

Paul Silverman, on the passing of his wife, Alison Brett Silverman

Mazel Tov to...

Coleen and Marc Friedman, on the birth of their granddaughter, Celeste Friedman-Ambrogiani

Larry and Debbie Segil, on the birth of their grandson, Noah Segil

Ben Tatar, son of Howard and Lynn Tatar. Ben's first recording of original music for children and young families ("Food" by Ben Tatar and The Tatar Tots) was recently featured on WXRT-FM and Ben was a guest contributor on the station's 23rd Annual Local Anesthetic Holiday Spectacular.

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

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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.

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Kindle Shabbat Candles at dinner or at the following times (CDT): 24:13 pm 94:19 pm 164:27 pm 234:36 pm 304:44 pm		New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 Office Closed 9:00 am Envision Scholars 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	3 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan
4 No Religious School 7:30 pm Hava Nashira Rehearsal	5 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 4:15 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Confirmation	7 12:00 pm Downtown Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm Religious School Committee Meeting	8	9 6:30 pm Guest Artist Speaker: Jason Ulman 7:30 pm Hava Nashira Service	10 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Pray "n Play 10:35 am Morning Minyan
11 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Religious School 9:45 am Jewish Parenting 10:00 am New Member Brunch	12 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 4:15 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Just Congregations 7:00 pm Human Needs	14	15	16 7:30 pm MLK, Jr. Shabbat	17 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan
18 Mitzvah Day 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Finance Committee Meeting 9:45 am Religious School	19 MLK, Jr. Day	20 4:15 pm Religious School 7:00 pm Jewish War Veterans Meeting	21	22	23 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	24 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan
25 9:15 am Executive Committee Meeting 9:45 am Religious School 10:15 am Board Meeting	26 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	27 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 4:15 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Confirmation	28	29	30 6:15 pm Shabbat Shalom	31 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan

Shabbat Services Schedule

Friday, January 2

Shabbat Evening Service7:30 pm

Va-y'chi, Gen. 47:28-50:26

Saturday, January 3

Torah Study9:15 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Friday, January 9

Hava Nashira Service7:30 pm

Sh'mot, Exod. 1:1-6:1

Saturday, January 10

Torah Study9:15 am

Pray 'n Play10:30 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

Friday, January 16

MLK, Jr. Shabbat Torah Service with Solel Choir .7:30 pm

Va-eira, Exod. 6:2-9:35

Saturday, January 17

Torah Study9:15 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Friday, January 23

Shabbat Evening Service7:30 pm

Bo, Exod. 10:1-13:16

Saturday, January 24

Torah Study9:15 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Friday, January 30

Shabbat Shalom6:15 pm

B'shalach, Exod. 13:17-17:16

Saturday, January 31

Torah Study9:15 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Updating Your Solel Calendar with Future Events in 2015

Sunday, January 11, 10:00 am: New Member Brunch

Sunday, January 18, 9:30 am: Mitzvah Day

Sunday, February 1, 9:45 am: Challah Baking
Workshop

Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 pm: Women's Rosh
Chodesh Celebration

Tuesday, February 24, 4:15pm-8:00 pm: Holocaust
Torah Restoration Viewing and Q&A

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/>

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