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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mornings:

Sundays 8:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.
Shabbat 9:00 a.m.
Evenings Sunday - Friday 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays (Minchah-Maariv)
December 7, 14, 21 & 28 5:00 p.m.

SHABBAT TORAH PORTIONS

DECEMBER 7
Vayigash

DECEMBER 14
Vayechi

DECEMBER 21
Shemot

DECEMBER 28
Vaera



Adat Shalom
invites you to laugh along with

YISRAEL CAMPBELL

December 6 & 7

FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

- ★ 5:00 p.m. - *SHABBAT-APPELLAI*
- ★ 5:30 p.m. - Shabbat Shaboom for young families
- ★ 6:15 p.m. - Shabbat Dinner
- ★ 7:15 p.m. - Child care begins
- ★ 7:30 p.m. - *Children's Entertainment*
The Little Creatures
- ★ 7:45 p.m. - CIRCUMCIZE ME
A family-friendly performance with Yisrael Campbell

SHABBAT MORNING

- ★ 9:00 a.m. - Traditional Service
- ★ 10:00 a.m. - Shabbat Torah Study with Ruth Bergman
Repentance, Forgiveness & Reconciliation: Joseph & His Brothers Make Peace
- ★ 10:15 a.m. - Torah Yoga with Rabbi Shere
- ★ Kiddush following Services

SATURDAY EVENING

- ★ 8:00 p.m. - For Adults Only!
CIRCUMCIZE ME
"THE RISQUE VERSION, RATED R"

All members have received invitations. Please respond immediately for the Friday evening dinner.

SYNERGY CHAIRPERSON:
KAREN KAHN



- ADULT ONLY -
NEW YORK PRODUCTION
CIRCUMCIZE ME
"THE RISQUE VERSION,
RATED R"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
8pm at Adat Shalom
\$20 PER PERSON
(INCLUDES SHOW & 2 DRINKS)
BAR OPEN 7 - 8PM

*A perfect blend of
genuine sentiment
and hilarious
one-liners from your
average Irish, Italian
Catholic kid from Philly,
Comic Actor, Sober
Alcoholic,
Recovering Drug Addict,
Husband, Father, Reform,
Conservative,
Unorthodox and
Orthodox Jew*

Save - the - Date

2ND ANNUAL

MISSEBABA

THE COOLEST PARTY EVER

saturday, march 8
7:30 in the evening
cocktails, dinner & dancing
at adat shalom

Programs



Finding a Spiritual Place for Yourself

Join Rabbi Aaron Bergman

9:30 a.m. on these upcoming Sundays
December 8, January 12 & 26

- Find your internal spirituality and realize that Judaism can make you happier.
- A refreshing hour for individuals of all ages
- Sessions continue throughout the year.
- Attend any one or all – each session is an individual experience.

There is no charge.

Torah Yoga & Shabbat ReSOULed with Rabbi Shere

.....TORAH YOGA.....

“The body is the temple of the soul”
- Rambam

- Torah study - Yoga with Mindy Eisenberg -
- Closing Meditation -

No experience necessary. Dress for yoga, and bring a mat if you have one.

Join us in the Youth Lounge:

December 7 & 21, January 18 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.



.....SHABBAT ReSOULed.....
a musical meditation service

Experience a deeper understanding of the Shabbat prayers through this musical meditation service with Rabbi Shere. Casual dress.

January 11, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

ADAT SHALOM TO BEGIN CLASSES IN JANUARY

We are pleased to announce the beginning of another Adult B'nai Mitzvah program, which will culminate in a Bar/Bat Mitzvah Service on Shavuot, May 24, 2015.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. beginning January 15. They will be taught by Rabbi Aaron Bergman, Rabbi Rachel Shere, Hazzan Daniel Gross and Dr. Melissa Ser.

The program is open to adults of all ages and abilities. The classes will cover Hebrew literacy, Jewish rituals, customs, holidays, prayer, chanting and much more. No knowledge of Hebrew is necessary. It is intended for those who have never had the opportunity to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

The B'nai Mitzvah service on Shavuot will be the acknowledgment and celebration as a community of the participants' achievements.

This B'nai Mitzvah program is open to the community. There is no fee. Interested individuals should respond to Caren Harwood, 248-851-5100, ext. 231 or charwood@adatshalom.org. Questions? Contact Hazzan Gross at hazzangross@adatshalom.org.

Read
Hazzan Gross'
related article
on page 3



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Sunday, December 22 4:30pm
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Purchase tickets at
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\$5/person
For more info, contact:
Lisa Soble Siegelman at lsoble@jewishdetroit.org
Learn about the Detroit SIBC Regional Conference
(Dec. 22-23) at songleaderbookings.com

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SHABBAT-APPELLA

Friday, December 6 5pm

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Messages

FROM THE PRESIDENT

CONSIDER THESE THOUGHTS...

I recently read an article published in The Forward entitled "How Conservative Judaism Lost Me" by Michah Gottlieb, an associate professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University. Gottlieb cites a recent Pew Research Center survey of Jews in America, which reported the significant decline of Conservative Judaism in our country. In 1990, 43% of American Jews affiliated with Conservative Judaism, while that percentage has declined to just 18% today.

Gottlieb argues that the Conservative movement lost many of its most ardent followers because its principal focus became

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DAVID
SHERBIN

FROM RABBI YOSKOWITZ

DURHAM'S HALL OF HONOR

Of all the tourist places that I visited for the first time in 2013, Durham, North Carolina's Hall of Honor made the deepest impression on me.

Located adjacent to Duke University's Cameron Hall basketball arena, the Hall of Honor touts Duke University's basketball players who have brought honor to themselves, to the University and to our country through their achievements on and off the hardwood. There are Halls of Fame but this is the only Hall of Honor with which I am familiar.

As we continue to celebrate Chanukah during the last month of 2013, it is appropriate to reflect on how the Hebrew language reflects Judaism's prioritization of "honor" over fame.

During Chanukah, we focus in our prayers on Psalm 30 which ends with our desire to sing of God's honor - *L'Maan*

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RABBI
YOSKOWITZ

FROM HAZZAN GROSS

A ST. LOUIS CONNECTION



HAZZAN
GROSS

No, I'm not talking about the Cardinals, the World Series or beards. What I'm referring to is Songleader Boot Camp (SLBC), which Adat Shalom is hosting on December 22 and 23. Back in February, several Jewish professionals from the Detroit community, including myself, went as emissaries to the SLBC National Conference in St. Louis to investigate whether this program would be worth bringing to our community. It was unanimous - we all thought it should take place here.

What is SLBC? *Al regel achat* (a Hebrew idiom similar to "in a nutshell"), it is a conference to strengthen leadership qualities. This applies to anyone who is in a situation of guiding others, be it educators, clergy, lay leaders and, of course, songleaders. One of the founders of SLBC is Rick Recht, a nationally acclaimed Jewish rock musician who grew up in St. Louis as I did. Rick has created a concrete and dynamic system of developing leadership skills. These techniques are thoroughly explained, demonstrated, and then put into action throughout the conference.

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FROM RABBI BERGMAN

THE RAMBAM



RABBI
BERGMAN

December 13th is the 810th anniversary of the death of Moses ben Maimon, known to the world as Maimonides, and to our people as the Rambam. It is hard to overestimate how important the Rambam was to the development of Jewish law and philosophy, as well as medicine and inter-faith relations. His devotion to rationality and reason is needed today more than ever in a world that is becoming increasingly fanatic and anti-intellectual.

Maimonides grew up in Spain, lived briefly in the Land of Israel, and spent the rest of his days in Egypt. He grew up in a world that was controlled exclusively by Islam. Many of those years were of enlightened tolerance, but many were also those of persecution. Maimonides and his family even had to live publicly as Muslims to escape oppression.

He understood first hand the dangers of those who lived by blind faith. He devoted his life to studying the best of the world's thinkers, including a number of Muslim teachers who had been adherents of Greek philosophy. Maimonides shared an idea that became very controversial around the world, among many Jews. He said there was no such thing as Jewish truth. There was only the truth. He believed that Judaism contained the highest levels of truth, but that we must be open to the thinking of all moral peoples.

He also said that when there was a conflict between reason and a sacred text, we were not to take the text literally but treat it as a metaphor. He would not have tolerated the Biblical literalists today. For example, the story of the Garden of Eden and the beginning of human ancestors cannot be taken literally, because the only way Adam and Eve could produce all of humanity through themselves

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FROM RABBI SHERE

LAUGHTER



RABBI SHERE

There is a passage in the Talmud that asks, "Who gains automatic entry into the Kingdom of Heaven?" And the answer is, "The one who made people laugh." If that is truly the case, then our December Synergy guest is going to have a very enjoyable afterlife.

I can honestly say that Yisrael Campell is one of the funniest people I have ever had the pleasure to know. Our friendship goes back fourteen years. When Danny and I lived in Los Angeles, Chris Campell was a frequent guest at our Shabbat table. At the time, he was not a professional comedian, and he was in the middle of a Conservative conversion. He once invited us to come watch him do some comedy for a private birthday party. From the moment he opened his mouth, it was obvious that he had found his calling.

Danny and I have since heard him perform live in many venues across the United States and in Israel. His routine is both deeply moving and side-splittingly hilarious. I hope to see you this weekend at Synergy Shabbat.

If laughter is the best medicine, then Adat Shalom will be ending 2013 in the best of health.

Groups On the Go

Painting with a Twist

Adat Shalom Women's Event
arranged by the Young Adult Committee
Thursday, November 7
Take a peek at our very own Picassos!



For information on future Young Adult events, email Jackie or Marc Issner
jackiebissner@gmail.com
or issnerma@gmail.com



■ MEN'S CLUB HAPPENINGS

MEN'S CLUB EUCHRE NIGHT Saturday, December 14



6 p.m. - Schmooze, lessons



if you need them, snacks & drinks

6:30 p.m. - Euchre Tournament

7:30 p.m. - Dinner

Beginners welcome. 12 years and older, please.
\$6 - Men's Club members and families, Empty Nesters
\$10 for all others.

Please send checks to Adat Shalom. Questions?
Contact Chairperson George Dickstein at 586-431-9432 or
gddoec@gmail.com.

ANNUAL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Tuesday, December 24, 6:45 p.m.

Films - Snacks - Lots of Fun

Watch for your flyer with all the details!



MEN'S CLUB - SISTERHOOD BREAKFAST & PROGRAM Sunday, January 12, 9:30 a.m.



Tara Forman will speak about:
Birthright Israel:
where it's been, where it's going,
and what's happening in Detroit

Sean Martin will tell his own story
as a Birthright participant.

Adat Shalom is very proud to host this year's MEN'S CLUB INTERCONGREGATIONAL DINNER Thursday, February 13

featuring
WWJ Legal Analyst
Charlie Langton



Please be sure to join in the
Men's Club activities this winter!

Special thanks to these chairmen for their assistance:

Larry Kaplan
for Guys' Night Out & Chillin' With the Clergy
Don Davis, Hal Baker
for the Youth Sing-Along at Senior Residences

All About Sisterhood

**November 12 Paid-Up Membership Dinner
featuring Julie Feldman**



See all of our pictures
online at www.adat-shalom.org

a note from three sisterhood leaders

Sisterhood has had a busy fall. We had a lovely Torah Fund Brunch and Paid-Up Membership Dinner. We participated in Tikkun Adat and have had two Book Club meetings. Every Shabbat, our delicious Kiddush is enjoyed by our congregants and guests and our gift shop continues to have beautiful Judaica items for your buying pleasure.

As a Sisterhood member, you help support our Synagogue, Gift Shop, Kiddush, Jewish programming, scholarships for our youth, and Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Sisterhood helps perpetuate Conservative Judaism inside and outside the home. Your Sisterhood dues will help make all this possible. As a paid-up member of Sisterhood, you can proudly say that you support this organization that helps empower women by bringing them together for a common purpose.

Our Annual Sisterhood dues are \$40 and are due by January. If you are a life member, your dues are \$10. This enables us to continue to list you as a Sisterhood member who is affiliated with Women's League for Conservative Judaism and helps pay our per capita fee to Women's League.

We will look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and to having you as a Sisterhood member.

- Trudy, Bev and Joyce



Annual Sisterhood Dues \$40

Life Member Dues \$10

Checks payable to Sisterhood of Adat Shalom

Please remit by January 31



SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

SUNDAYS 10 AM - NOON

Or please call for a convenient shopping appointment:

Carol Vieder, 248-661-9008,

Stacy Brickman, 248-310-4600

or Lillian Schostak, 248-310-2018

Our newest merchandise is made from 4 different types of different stone taken from various religious sites in Israel - *Jerusalem* (reddish/beige), *Pikien* (grey) - from one of the oldest synagogues in the world, *Hebron* (white) - the city of our forefathers and mothers, and (yellow) - the city of David. This havdalah set is one of our many new Israeli items. Thank you for your support and patronage as always.



We Are a Caring Community

"Clean Machine" Lunch & Introductions



were followed by an afternoon of volunteer activities



►► SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION ►►

HOPE HOSPITALITY AND WARMING CENTER
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 7-10 PM

Hope Hospitality and Warming Center is a safe overnight shelter for the homeless in Pontiac. Without this center, many of the guests would be staying on the streets and at great risk. Our volunteers serve a warm, filling meal in a caring atmosphere. There are usually about 50-60 men and women who stay at the warming center. Many of them have spent the day on the streets, and this is a safe haven for a few hours. The meals are prepared in advance and reheated and served at the facility. We need 6-8 volunteers, over the age of 18, each night. The guests are very appreciative of our kindness. Volunteers will carpool to the center. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please call Evva Hepner, 248-798-7673, if you are able to participate.

In addition to providing dinner we would like to collect men's white athletic socks to donate to the center. In a recent letter, Elizabeth Kelly emphasized the importance of socks to the homeless population. Most are forced to sleep with their shoes on to prevent them from being stolen. This need is especially critical during the winter months when frostbite is a real threat. Changing socks, something we take for granted, can save lives. A box will be in the main office area to collect your sock donation.



BOOK DRIVE, DECEMBER 2-20

Please donate new books for pre-schoolers and early elementary age children. The Adat Shalom gift bookplate will be included in every book. Unwrapped books, in plastic bags for their protection, may be placed in

drop-off boxes in front of the main office and the religious school office. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase books.

YAD EZRA, RONALD McDONALD HOUSE & MORE...see page 10

Tikkun Adat Sharing more than bricks & mortar



It was Sunday, October 20, and the sun shone on the small but mighty Tikkun Adat Clean Machine as they went about their tasks to make the world a little sunnier right here at home.

Some Tikkun Adat Day volunteers, both adults and Youth Department teens, worked at home sites, lending a hand to those who could use one. Others remained at the synagogue, sorting *machzorim* and prayer books for repair and burial. Members of Adat Shalom Sisterhood prepared lunch for the troops, and the Men's Club and Empty Nesters also pitched in.

We are most appreciative to our Clean Machine volunteers: Ariel Bergman, Bobby Blum, Hannah Bradley, Charlotte Dubin, Danielle Goldberg, Kelly Goldberg, Paul Goldsmith, Lily Grier, Evva Hepner, Ruby Kushner, Nate Lawler, Sharon Moss Lebovic, Beryl Levin, Charm Levine, Stuart Logan, Daphne Logan and Megan Rosender, Bob Rubin, Judy Rudy, David Shevrin, Susan Shevrin, Rena Tepman, Joyce Weingarten, Trudy Weiss, Joe Wener, Matthew Wener, Mike Weil, Zoe Weil, Debbie Williams, Beverly Yost, Kyle Zaback and Ruth Zerin.

"It made me feel overwhelmed..."

Tikkun Adat Day volunteers received this note from a homeowner who accepted their assistance with fall chores she couldn't manage herself:

"I can't thank you enough for your kindness in including me in your Tikkun Adat program. I so appreciate the efforts of the crew, not only their physical labors but also the graciousness with which they approached their volunteerism."

"It made me feel overwhelmed to be at the receiving end of such wonderful assistance. It is so difficult to accept help from others, but you were so wonderful in your approach..."

"Please let me know if I can assist with Adat Shalom's needs (not physical labor) at another time. I am so grateful for all you did to make this wonderful mitzvah happen!"

- Comfort Food -

They know the way to a man's - and a woman's - heart.

In recent months, these members have prepared Shabbat meals for members in need of a little TLC: Marcy Colton, Nancy Handelman, Evva Hepner, Ruby Kushner, Alison Lee, Rochelle Lieberman, Shelly Perlman, Margaret Shere and Trudy Weiss. One woman recuperating from illness wrote: "How can I begin to thank you...Your kindness meant more than you'd ever guess."

Meanwhile, Charm Levine and Ruby Kushner have launched the Tikkun Adat Soup Brigade for folks who can use some old-fashioned Jewish medicine.

To request an assist, please contact any one of our clergy to be connected with Tikkun Adat. **To lend an assist**, please email Charlotte Dubin at cmd67@mi.rr.com, Charm Levine at charm-leyl@hotmail.com, or Evva Hepner at evva987@aol.com.



- MOADON IVRIT - THE HEBREW LOUNGE -

IMAGINE A HEBREW CLASSROOM that's not a classroom. A classroom where every student works at his or her own level, in small groups or one-on-one, with a tutor or teacher. A classroom where sitting on the floor is encouraged, and where different learning modes are used every class period.

That's the Adat Shalom - Beth Achim Learning Community's Hebrew Lounge.

As we evaluated our classes and programs of last year, I asked the question: "Why are we pulling kids out of class for ten minutes with a tutor, and giving them ten minutes of success, when we could be giving them 45 minutes of success instead?" This thought sparked the creation of a modern resource room, a space where students could go to get one-on-one attention in Hebrew reading and prayer.



Who attends the Hebrew Lounge? Every student who attends the Hebrew Lounge shares one characteristic: he or she is working at a different pace than the majority of the class. Some of our students go to the Hebrew Lounge because of a learning disability. But most of our students attend the Hebrew Lounge because they are accelerated learners. We are blessed to be able to create a space for learning that works for everyone - and our hope is to integrate this approach into every classroom over the coming years.

Farewell to Ruthe Levy

The Adat Shalom - Beth Achim Learning Community would like to express its heartfelt thanks to Ruthe Levy for more than a decade of service to the students and families of Adat Shalom.

May you go from strength to strength.



A Message from Melissa Ser Director of Congregational Learning

- PRAYERBOOK HEBREW FOR ADULTS II -

OUR EXCITING Prayerbook Hebrew for Adults class continues in the Winter Semester! Whether you've taken the fall semester class or not, you can join in.

Learn about the siddur, basic Hebrew grammar and vocabulary, and make your prayer experiences more meaningful. Basic Hebrew reading skills are suggested.

We will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday mornings: January 10, 17 and 31, February 7 and 28, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, and April 4

Continuing students: \$25
New students: \$50 (includes textbook)

To join the class, please call 248-626-2153 or email Tamar Dvir at tdvir@adatshalom.org.

- KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE -

WHEN ENTERING ADAT SHALOM for class, please use the Middlebelt Road entrance ONLY. The Thirteen Mile Road access is EXIT ONLY.

If you are coming in for pickup, please park in a marked space in our parking lot and enter through the Canner Entrance. If you are picking up in the carpool line, please use the circular drive at the far entrance, closest to the 13 Mile Road exit.

Please do not block the fire lane outside the building by the Canner Entrance.

DECEMBER SHABBAT TORAH STUDY

Learn about the weekly parasha and enhance your Shabbat experience

December 7
with Ruth Bergman

December 21
with Ruth Bergman

December 14
with Rabbi Shere

December 28
No Shabbat Torah Study

10 A.M. EVERY SHABBAT
FINISHING IN TIME FOR THE RABBI'S SERMON

LUNCHTIME LEARNING WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 8, 15 & 22



THIS CLASS
WILL ALSO BE
OFFERED ON
THURSDAY,
JANUARY 23
AT 7 P.M.

WAS CINDERELLA JEWISH?

A HISTORY OF JEWISH FOLKLORE
with Rabbi Aaron Bergman

11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. You are invited to bring your own dairy/parve lunch. Adat Shalom will offer complimentary drinks and dessert. THERE IS NO CHARGE.

Reservations are requested by the preceding Friday. Please call Sheila Lederman, 248-851-5100, ext. 246, or send her an email at slederman@adatshalom.org.

YOUTH SCOOP FROM JODI

Jodi Gross, Associate Director, Education & Youth

WHAT'S UP WITH MCUSY?

BY BRIAN DICKSTEIN

MCUSY STARTED OFF the 2013-2014 programming year with new leadership, renewed excitement, and a fresh calendar of events. Whether playing extreme dodgeball at the Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park in Canton or doing *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) at Beaverland Farms in Northwest Detroit, this fall's MCUSY teens have already built a strong community of Jewish leaders.

In October, our chapter sent 15 members to Congregation B'nai Israel in Toledo for Fall Boards/Freshman Kinnus. This included all seven board members and eight incoming freshmen. Our chapter not only had the most freshman attending freshman Kinnus, but we also had more USYers in total than in any other chapter at the convention, which has never happened before. Everyone had a fantastic time learning about Israel, welcoming Shabbat together, and singing ruach songs at the top of our lungs.

I could not be prouder as President to see the impact that we have made and continue to make in our Metro Detroit Jewish community and throughout the region. USY makes a difference in so many lives and I hope that many other teens across the entire community can get involved with MCUSY. To learn more, contact me at bdthriller48@gmail.com.

Brian Dickstein is the Co-President of Motor City USY (MCUSY). He also serves as a madrich (teacher's assistant) in our sixth grade class and attends ATID: Alliance for Teens in Detroit. He is in the 11th grade at North Farmington High School.

December Youth Calendar of Events:

Wednesday, December 4 – Rabbi Shere and Jodi Gross will visit students at Hillel during lunch

Wednesday, December 11 – Hazzan Gross, Rabbi Bergman and Jodi Gross will treat the students at the Frankel Jewish Academy to lunch.

Sunday, December 22 – Rick Recht and Sheldon Low Concert as part of the Song Leader Boot Camp Conference hosted by Adat Shalom. (See pages 2 & 3)



COLLEGE, GRAD SCHOOL & YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH

Special thank you to the parents who assembled our Chanukah mailing. We hope that your undergrad or grad student and/or young adult enjoyed it. Starting in December we will begin to mail birthday cards. Everyone enjoys knowing that they are thought of, especially on their birthday.

Updating our database is an ON-GOING project. Help us stay connected to your son or daughter. It is not too late to email jgross@adatshalom.org your son/daughter's name, mailing address, email address, cell phone, date of birth and expected year of graduation (if in school).



Putting Their Best Feet Forward



OUR YOUTH SORTED THE MANY PAIRS OF SHOES WHICH THEY COLLECTED THIS FALL AS PART OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN "SHARE YOUR SHOES" DRIVE.



ELI JACOBBER: RAMAH FELLOW

Eli Jacobber is excited to be working in our Adat Shalom - Beth Achim Learning Community as part of the local *Ramah Bayit* (Ramah House) program.

Eli grew up in Oakland, California, worked as a kindergarten teacher and a baker and has spent his past seven summers working at various Ramah camps.

Eli is a part of the the first *Ramah Bayit*, based in Royal Oak. He looks forward to being associated with "such a vibrant and diverse community, and hopes to be able to participate in the wide range of activities that are available here, while adding a little bit of the Camp Ramah spirit where it fits."

Eli will be working with Adat Shalom's family and youth programming. He recently led an activity about Jewish values towards food during the *Kids Take Over the Kitchen* class in November. He also assisted with the Kids Night Out program and is co-organizing and leading the *Kids Volunteer and Fun Day* on MLK Jr. Day in January. That entire day will focus on making a difference and the Jewish value of recycling.

Welcome, Eli!



ELI HELPING OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT KASHRUT DURING KIDS TAKE OVER THE KITCHEN ENRICHMENT

More Kids Take Over the Kitchen NOVEMBER COOKING ENRICHMENT

with Evie Dickman and Sammi Supowit





JEWISH FAMILY EDUCATION

SYNergy is a special Shabbat when there is something for everybody. This December we have a great SYNergy for you. We are going to start off on Friday night, December 6 with an incredible **Shabbat-Appella!** We will be accompanied by the beautiful voices of Jason Biederman, Hazzan & Lauren Gross, Marty Liebman, Jeffrey Maisels and Dan Shere.

This month we are also bringing back **Shabbat Shaboom**, a musical Shabbat experience for families with young children. Join Rabbi Rachel Shere and Lisa Soble Siegmann for snacks and an interactive family experience. Following both services we will all come together as one community for a delicious Shabbat dinner (the only part of the evening requiring registration and payment). Our special guest of the evening will be Yisrael Campbell, a hilarious comedian, who is doing a family (teen) friendly show. Younger children will be entertained by *The Little Creatures*.

With such a full night, everyone is sure to sleep well – a good thing because Shabbat is not over and Saturday will be another full day. We will have our traditional service, which you can find every Saturday in our Main Sanctuary. Ruth Bergman will lead a Torah Study on “Repentance, Forgiveness & Reconciliation: Joseph & His Brothers Make Peace.” If you feel the need to reflect and stretch, Rabbi Shere is offering Torah Yoga. All of the above are followed by Kiddush.

In the evening, **for adults only** Yisrael Campbell will perform an adult version of “Circumcize Me,” rated R for mature audiences only. Tickets will be \$20 and will include two drinks. For more information or to reserve your spot, see page 1.

- *L'shalom, Debi Banooni*
Jewish Family Educator



The **MAGIC** of Jewish Books Free for your family

The PJ Library program offers the gift of free, high-quality Jewish books each month to children ages 6 months through 8 years. PJ Library books celebrate important aspects of Jewish culture, values and tradition, and become cherished bedtime stories for the entire family to share.

Sign up at pjlibrary.org
Questions? Call Lisa at 248-205-2534



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Jewish Federation
OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

LOVING OUR CHILDREN TO THE MOON AND BACK

Parents of
Adat Shalom
Learning Community
Supporting Each Other

Guided by Rabbi Rachel Shere

Wednesdays, December 11 & January 22
7 p.m. at a private home

~ Discuss common parenting topics ~

R.S.V.P. for location information. Email:
Jen Weinstein, jlweinstein@sbcglobal.net
or Danielle Ruskin, ruskindds@yahoo.com

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

*Family Education programs are endowed in memory
of Oscar Cook and in honor of Jeanette Cook*

SHAKE, RATTLE & TWIST - Friday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 18. Braid challah and sing songs with Rabbi Rachel and Hazz'n Dan on both the first Friday of every month at 11:15 a.m. and on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Morning programs are free; evening programs are free and followed by a light dinner (\$3/person). Geared to children three and younger and a parent, grandparent, or caregiver. Older siblings are always welcome.

SYNERGY SHABBAT - Friday-Saturday, December 6-7. SYNergy Shabbat is an opportunity to celebrate Shabbat in traditional and alternative ways. If you are looking for meaningful prayer, a family service, music, and old and new friends, look no further. Come to Adat Shalom for a SYNergy Shabbat and let your mood guide you. Guest Comedian will be Yisrael Campbell. Children will be entertained by *The Little Creatures*. There is no cost for this program except for dinner. Childcare is provided. See article in left column for more information.

For more information or to reserve your place, call 248-626-2153 or email Debi at dbanooni@adatshalom.org.

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JCC MACCABI GAMES & ARTFEST

Join us this summer for a fantastic experience! Whether you are 12 or 92, there is a way to be involved with the 2014 JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest.

Host families, volunteers, donors, sponsors and participants are needed to make our Detroit Maccabi a success.

For information, visit www.2014detroit.org, call 248-432-5500, or email jccmaccabi2014@jccdet.org

Happenings

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YAD EZRA DELIVERIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 11 AM - 1 PM

We will deliver groceries to homebound recipients of Yad Ezra. This involves driving to Yad Ezra on Sunday morning with your family or friends and picking up pre-bagged groceries to deliver to two or three clients in the area. It only takes about 1½ hours. Without this "home delivery" many homebound recipients would not receive their weekly groceries. They are so appreciative of our help. This is a great family activity. If you would like to participate in this mitzvah, please contact Martha Zinderman at marthazinderman@me.com.



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

On Sunday, November 3, we served dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. The residents were, as always, very complimentary of the dinner. There were leftovers to snack on over the next couple of days. Many of these families are in Detroit at a great distance from home and family. Thanks to Trudy Weiss, Debbie Portney, Amy Olender, Amy Strauss, Beth Bradford, Linda Warner and Alissa Lusk for providing the delicious meal. A special thank you to Deb Lapin for coordinating the dates, arranging for the food donations, and for going down to the Ronald McDonald House with her family to serve dinner.



No one has ever become poor by giving – Anne Frank

Evva Hepner, Social Action Chairperson
248-798-7673 or evva987@aol.com



MITZVAH DAY 2013 the tradition continues

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25

Celebrate the strength of our community by volunteering to work at a service project in Metro Detroit.

Sign up online at detroit.org/mitzvahday2013.

Questions? Call the Mitzvah Day Hotline: 248-658-8252 or email cohen@jfm.org

WE'RE PLEASED TO LET YOU KNOW...

ED KOHL was recently re-elected to the national board of Volunteers for Israel and will continue as the Great Lakes Regional Director for Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Volunteers for Israel-USA is associated with Sar-El, a non-profit organization in Israel. Volunteers typically spend two or three weeks living and working alongside Israelis at an army base, in Israeli Defense Forces warehouses, or at service bases. The program offers a way to contribute to the State of Israel in a very direct way.

Ed is available to speak to groups and individuals about the VFI/Sar-El program. For information, call or email Ed at 248-420-3729, michigan@vfi-usa.org, or visit the VFI website, www.vfi-usa.org.

Minyan Musings

FROM BARRY L. LIPPITT, RITUAL DIRECTOR

OVER THE PAST YEAR I've shared with everyone the difficulty Adat Shalom Synagogue has experienced providing a weekday minyan, morning and evening, for our congregants and greater community. Daily synagogue attendance no longer has the same priority for people in our modern, overly-busy world that it did for our ancestors. (And, this is certainly not a situation unique to Adat Shalom.)

This month, rather than just emphasizing the valuable, no-cost service you can provide to the synagogue by helping to make a minyan for those saying *kaddish*, I want to share a few thoughts expressed by those who have joined our minyan on a regular basis over the past few years. Perhaps there will be a theme in their journeys that will also resonate with you:

"The daily minyan was extremely important to me during the period of mourning for my wife. The community support made it possible for me to handle such a trying experience. The support was so important that I still attend daily minyan whenever I can to offer support to others." – Dennis Phillips

"When I was saying Kaddish, I found the minyan to be very comforting. What I found that I hadn't thought about were new friends. Minyan connected me to Adat Shalom and in the minyan I found a community." – Sandy Shapiro

"I think our Adat Shalom faithful minyan recalls for me the commitments of my powerful generations of fathers, their gentle dignity, isolated southern Jewish covenants, and humble nature of my great-grand-and birth mothers who prepared my childhood routine to support our fathers There's a bond among the Jewish minyan folks...and it's for me a sacred connection. It's good to know the traditions continue." – Tanya Walker

I invite all of you to join us at minyan to find your own source of inspiration and commitment to the ideals of Conservative Judaism.

Please remember that our evening weekday minyan meets at 5 p.m. Sunday – Friday, through February. Morning minyan remains at 7:30 a.m. Monday – Friday, and 8:30 a.m. on Sundays.



We still have Haftarat available for our congregants to chant on Shabbat, from now until March. If you're interested, send me an email at blippitt@adatshalom.org to ask about a particular date or sedrah.

FROM RABBI BERGMAN (continued from page 3)

alone would require a violation of one of the strictest laws given later in the Torah.

Religion can be a powerful force for good, benefiting all of humanity and the world itself. Let us make sure that those who speak most violently and intolerantly about their fanatic views of their faith do not win. Let us demand a world of compassion, tolerance, and belief in the human reason that God gave us.



THE RAMBAM

Happenings

HAZZAN GROSS IN CONCERT THIS MONTH AT STEINWAY GALLERY along with Neil Michaels and The Cliff Monear Trio

- Tickets -
248-560-0358



Join the Adat Shalom Empty Nesters Group for parents of children in college or beyond

2ND ANNUAL CHANUKAH PARTY

(dairy potluck dinner)
at the home of Ruth & Michael Zerin
Sunday, December 8th 4:30 PM

This year's party should be even better than last year. Expect loads of latkes and laughs. Everyone brings a delicious dish to share, and the White Elephant Gift Exchange keeps the group in stitches.

All Adat Shalom Empty Nesters, both returning members and new members, are welcome.

Please respond to Alex Wener at awener@comcast.net or 248-738-9912. Since space is limited, please RSVP by December 2.

Save the date now: EMPTY NESTERS BOWLING PARTY

Saturday, January 18, 7 pm
at Langan's in Farmington Hills

Watch for your flyer!



IN THE NEWS...

THREE MEMBERS OF THE ADAT SHALOM FAMILY WERE FEATURED IN RECENT JEWISH NEWS ITEMS:

OWEN ALTERMAN, son of the late Susan & Irwin Alterman, was highlighted in the November 7 JN series about young Jewish Detroiters making their mark around the world. Owen is a researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies in Israel.

MARGIE DUNN & MARC DAVIDOFF wrote a November 7 JN article on the 2013 Michigan Legislature's Economic Development Mission to Israel.

Beaumont Hospital spotlighted **JUSTIN TRIVAX**, son of Valerie & Geoffrey Trivax, for his accomplishments as an interventional cardiologist at Beaumont, Royal Oak.

Attention Snowbirds!



We want to make sure that you receive the VOICE and other mailings this winter. If you plan to be away during the next few months, please call Nancy Wilhelm at 248-851-5100 or send her an email at nwilhelm@adatshalom.org with your winter address and phone number.

Have a healthy, happy winter.

- YEAR-END PLANNING -

The government allows you to count your synagogue dues payments, Missebaba donations, and other contributions as tax deductions. In order to take advantage of these deductions when you file your taxes this spring, we encourage you to remit this year's Adat Shalom dues and building fund payments before the end of December. You are also encouraged to pre-pay next year's dues.

For answers to your year-end and gift-giving questions, call Executive Director Alan Yost, 248-851-5100.

Celebrate

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Lillian Efros Kaufman	6 - Carol Vieder	11 - Sharon Rocklin	24 - Gerald Gershune	29 - Eugene Smoler
2 - Harvey Klein	7 - Madelon Seligman	12 - Shirley Carp	Rochelle Lieberman	Marc Wasser
3 - Marsha Baker	Helene Little	14 - Bryan Anstandig	26 - Jeffrey Kraft	30 - Marshall Lett
Abe Pearlman	8 - Cliff Dubowski	16 - Karen Crane	27 - Fred Brown	Hanna Linden
Jackie Perlman	Alice Muskovitz	17 - Eliana Loomer	29 - Howard Babcock	Marilyn Logan
6 - Beth Berk	Elysa Weil	Elissa Miller	Stacey Columbus	31 - Dina Ashmann
Myles Hoffert	10 - Michael Feldman	21 - Eugene Perlman	Robert Shapiro	Robert Pangborn

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Marsha & Harold Baker	19 - Ellen & Edward Betel	21 - Carrie & Roger Kushner	22 - Fay & Larry Kritzer
5 - Marlene & Gary Kraft	20 - Rochelle & Allen Klegon	Jackie & Aaron Perlman	23 - Beverly & Alan Yost
6 - Dahlia & Harvey Klein	Lauren & Mark Rosenberg	22 - Dina & Sanford Ashmann	24 - Carol & Sidney Lifton
16 - Deborah & Stuart Logan	21 - Harriet & Michael Kovacs	Maureen & Sanford Kornwise	25 - Sheila & Ronald Schechter
			26 - Claire & Eugene Richmond

EACH MONTH WE LIST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE ADULT CONGREGANTS WHO HAVE REQUESTED THAT WE PRINT THEIR "SPECIAL OCCASIONS" IN THE VOICE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE LISTED IN THIS COLUMN, PLEASE SEND THE INFORMATION TO NANCY WILHELM AT ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE, 29901 MIDDLEBELT RD., FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48334, OR CONTACT NANCY WILHELM, 248-851-5100 OR NWILHELM@ADATSHALOM.ORG.

FROM RABBI YOSKOWITZ (continued from page 3)

Yesamerchah Chavod – and with the pledge that we will give thanks to God as long as we live.

It is interesting to note that in the *Alcalay* Hebrew-English Dictionary (columns 984-985) there are several important teachings which include the Hebrew word *Kavod* – honor. *Yehi Chavod Chaverchah Chaviv Alecha K'Shelcha* – "Let your neighbor's honor be as dear to you as your own" is an important emphasis in Judaism as is the wise lesson "*Harodef Achar Hakavod, Hakavod Boreach Mimenu ...*" Pursue honor and it will flee, flee it and it will follow."

All of us have a "*Chov Shel Kavod*" – a debt of honor. I believe that the debt is owed to God for the many blessings that God gave to us and continues to give to us.

There is nothing wrong with a Hall of Fame, but to me a Hall of Honor is of a higher level.

What are your thoughts on these two types of Halls?

May each of us give honor to God and to our fellow man as we conclude one secular year and prepare for another.

FROM HAZZAN GROSS (continued from page 3)

I am very proud that Adat Shalom is hosting SLBC; it is a unique and wonderful program. I am always looking for people to help me as "songleaders" in our shul, whether it's as a shaliach tzibbur or as a leader in one of our choirs. Effectively guiding and inspiring others through music is a skill that can be developed and cultivated.

If you are interested in attending the conference, the registration deadline is December 8. In addition to the conference, there will be a concert featuring not only Rick Recht, but also Sheldon Low, another great Jewish musician from St. Louis. The concert, which is open to the community, is on Sunday, December 22 at 4:30 p.m. and tickets are available at www.jewishdetroit.org/events. For more information on the concert see the flyer on page 2. For more information on Songleader Boot Camp, go to www.songleaderbootcamp.com. While the conference may or may not be of interest to you, the concert will be a sure way to warm things up during this cold December! Please join us!



Mazal Tov!



Marriage of Ilyssa Tackel, daughter of Laurie & Jeffrey Tackel and **Brent Shapiro**, son of Sally Shapiro and Dennis Shapiro

Naming of Becca Brooke Horowitz, daughter of Nicole Overbey & Todd Horowitz, granddaughter of Sharon & David Horowitz, Tom & Irene Lombard and Sidney & Barbara Overbey and great-granddaughter of Sam & Mickie Orechkin and Tova Horowitz

Naming of Elli Rose Smolitsky, daughter of Yana & Edward Smolitsky, granddaughter of Anatoly & Regina Smolitsky and Larisa Itkin and Alex Itkin, great-granddaughter of Bluma Charach

Birth of Caleb Samuel Ehrenfried, son of Dahlia & Josh Ehrenfried, grandson of Anita Hoffman Ehrenfried, Jaimee & David Ehrenfried, and Sara & Leonard Aronson. great-grandson of Evelyn Hoffman Kasle



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FROM ADAT SHALOM

One card will now offer exclusive discounts at 16 locations, including Stage Deli and Johnny Pomodoro's. We all benefit: you get great savings in the community, and it's an Adat Shalom fundraiser. Cards are on sale for \$20 in the Synagogue office during regular weekday and Sunday morning office hours. The Synagogue will receive \$10 per card sold to help offset the expenses of our many programs. Payments can be made by cash, Mastercard, Visa, American Express or check payable to Adat Shalom Synagogue.

Tributes

Adat Shalom Synagogue Tribute Contributions

ADAT SHALOM'S tribute funds provide support for our many important synagogue programs and services, which help to define us as an outstanding congregation.



We have set a \$10 minimum price for tribute cards, on par with other area congregations. Prayer Book Fund contributions are \$36 for the daily *Sim Shalom* Prayer Book, \$50 for the Shabbat *Sim Shalom* Prayer Book, and \$50 for an *Etz Hayim* Chumash.

We are very grateful to members and friends who have consistently purchased tributes, marking lifecycle events and other significant occasions, and we encourage your continued support. Each greeting is individually prepared on a handsome card.

To arrange for a tribute, please send the following information to the Synagogue office:

1. **Name of Fund**
2. **Occasion:** (In memory of ... In honor of ... Speedy recovery to ... (Please print names.)
3. **Name(s) (first & last) and address of person(s) to be notified**
4. **Your name(s) & address**
5. **Check for \$10 per tribute**

We will process your tribute and mail it promptly.

To make a tribute online, go to: www.adatshalom.org/donate.php

Tributes received by the 1st of the month will appear in the following month's **VOICE**.

If you would like information about how to establish a fund, please contact Executive Director Alan Yost.

We record with sincere appreciation the following generous contributions designed to maintain the programs of Adat Shalom:

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Hazzan Gross and Max Gross with the High Holiday Choir *by Susan Edelman & Peter Ostrow*
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Anniversary of Myra Greenwald & Larry Lawson *by Evelyn & Fred Freeman*
High Holiday honors *by Dennis Phillips*
Recent marriage of Harriet Trager & Herbert Cohen *by Lisa & Michael Betman*
Birth of David Lawrence Yoskowitz *by Lisa & Michael Betman; Amy & Bob Folberg*
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50th anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. David Kaplan *by Judy Keller & Howard Schulist*
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SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

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Yahrzeits of:

Ted Rotblatt, Mary Weizen

by The Rotblatt family

Mary Schlosberg *by Jacqueline Cohen*

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Candy & Bernie Alper, Marcy Colton, Ruby

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by Andrea Rogoff

Birth of Cindy Posen's granddaughter, Shiri

Anne *by Evva, Michael & Sarah Hepner*

Birth of David Lawrence Yoskowitz

by Rachel & Harry Maisel

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Rachel Maisel *by Fran & Phil Wolok*

Marsha Trimas *by Evva & Michael Hepner; Andrea Rogoff*



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IN MEMORY OF:

Mike Judikovic *by Rochelle & Joel Lieberman*

Sol Lesnick *by Andrea & Sheldon Gordon*

Abe Nemeth *by Sharon & Tom Lebovic*

Michael Weintraub *by Julie & Marty Wiener*

IN HONOR OF:

Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Hannah Driker *by Rosalie Rosen*

Birth of Cindy Posen's granddaughter,

Shiri Anne *by Rochelle & Joel Lieberman and family*



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IN HONOR OF:

Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Kahn

by Ruth & Charles Danto

Birth of Cindy Posen's granddaughter,

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IN MEMORY OF:

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Yahrzeits of Max Berlin, Morris Berlin, Jack Whiteman *by Louis Berlin*

IN HONOR OF:

Birth of Karen Rosender's granddaughter,

Willow *by Bonnie & Allan Shapiro*

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IN MEMORY OF:

Zalman Kohen *by Etki Goldenberg*

Michael Weintraub *by Milton Wohl*

IN HONOR OF:

Birth of David Lawrence Yoskowitz

by Etki Goldenberg; Judy & David Goldis;

Sheila & Marty Lederman

Tributes



BREAKFAST & SEUDAH SHELISHIT

October

In memory of Dr. Abe Nemeth & Mike Judikovic *by Morning Minyan Bunch*
 In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Kahn *by Sheri & Anthony Kahn*
 In memory of Fannie Clinton *by Frances Holtzman*
 In memory of Edith & Larry Kowalsky and Joan & Norman Shapiro *by The Kowalsky & Shapiro Families*
 In memory of Leslie Davidson *by Nancy Handelman*
 In memory of Ben Feldstein *by Bob Feldstein*
 In honor of Jordan Bross's Bat Mitzvah *by Shari & Chuck Bross*

November

In memory of Harriet Berke *by Judith & Martin Miller*
 In memory of Marty Guyer *by Dan Guyer*
 In memory of Benjamin Shifman *by Rosalie Gold*
 In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Katz *by Addy & Jeff Katz*
 In memory of Ethel Phillips *by Dennis Phillips*

Minyan Breakfast Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

Gladys Barr *by Rhoda & Ted Kahn*



In Memoriam

We send heartfelt condolences to the families of:

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JOSEPHINE JACKSON, aunt of Janet (Ron) Strote and Bruce (Julie) Shaffer, great-aunt of Justin (Erika) Strote, Seth (Vivian Tran) Strote, Sierra, Zane and Maya Shaffer

BERNARD KLISMAN, husband of Sophie Klisman, father of Mark (Anne) Klisman and Lori (Jeffrey) Ellis, grandfather of Rachel and Aaron Klisman and Michelle and Joshua Ellis

ZALMAN KOHEN, husband of Sheri Kohen, father of Jerry (Belle) Kohen and Eddie (Cathy) Kohen, grandfather of Ari (Sara) Kohen and Ilana (Zachary) Liss, great-grandfather of Judah and Talia Kohen and Lily and Eden Liss, brother of Esther (Yermiahu) Friedman

MICHAEL WEINTRAUB, husband of the late Rose Sherman Weintraub, father of Carol Weintraub Fogel (Ron Fogel) and Gerald (Lise) Weintraub, grandfather of Jeremy (Naomi) Fogel and Sarina (Robert) Gerson, great grandfather of Zachary, Max and Molly

ADAT SHALOM MEMORIAL PARK



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the pursuit of egalitarianism, which distracted movement leaders from the real problem, which was that Conservative Jews were not committed to Halacha and Jewish learning. Gottlieb's solution to the continuing decline in Conservative Judaism is to "Support and nurture the most committed Conservative Jews at local synagogues. Give them outlets for their religious curiosity and passion." He continues, "These Jews may not write big checks. They may sometimes make the less committed members of the synagogue feel uneasy. But they are the future."

I could not disagree more strongly with Gottlieb's premise. I believe that recommitting ourselves to a more traditional service would further hasten the demise of the Conservative movement. Conservative Judaism represents the religious center of Jewish worship. We have aspects of our service that reflect both Orthodox and Reform Judaism, and, importantly, we're committed to tinkering and experimenting with our traditional service until we strike the right balance. I believe that at Adat Shalom and other Conservative congregations our future is dependent upon connecting spiritually and communally with our members. Our clergy and our lay leadership understand that one approach to religious worship will not satisfy all of our

members, and we have to connect with those for whom our traditional service is a turnoff. For that reason, we've begun to offer alternative and intimate Shabbat services in other parts of our Synagogue, such as Torah Yoga, Shabbat ReSOULed, and family services such as ShirLaLa last month.

We've tracked the members whom we've lost in the recent past, and excluding those who have moved out of the area, we continue to lose the most members to the Reform movement; very few leave to join an Orthodox congregation. My strong sense is that our members want to feel passionately about a service they understand and connect to, not one, as Gottlieb suggests, that appeals to the most observant, which would only serve to alienate many of us. I also believe that Conservative synagogues that have concluded they must emulate the Reform movement to survive have lost their identity, confused their membership and hurt the Conservative movement.

I certainly don't have a prescription for our future success. But, I sense a change is beginning to occur, and it's one in which we can all have a role in shaping. Whether you're coming to Adat Shalom for a wonderful program such as the recent *Divas on the Bima* concert, for morning minyan, for our regular Shabbat services, Torah study or Torah Yoga, please let us know what works for you.

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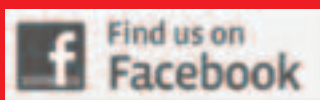
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