


# Jewish Community of Amherst

קהילה היהודית של אמהרסט



Jewish Reconstructionist  
Federation 

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

June 1 ~ 8:02 pm  
June 8 ~ 8:07 pm  
June 15 ~ 8:11 pm  
June 22 ~ 8:13 pm  
June 29 ~ 8:13 pm  
July 6 ~ 8:12 pm  
July 13 ~ 8:08 pm  
July 20 ~ 8:04 pm  
July 27 ~ 7:57 pm

*Times shown are  
18 minutes before sunset  
for Amherst, MA*

## Special Events

**June 3**  
Theater Trip  
**June 10**  
Semi-Annual Meeting  
Kosher Que  
David Gerbi:  
*Making Peace With  
Qaddafi*  
**July 1 ~ 13**  
Israel Trip  
**July 20**  
Camping Trip  
**July 23**  
Erev Tisha B'Av

## Meetings

**June 7**  
Board Meeting  
**June 20**  
Religion Committee

## ~ OUR NEW FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE SCHEDULE ~

**FIRST FRIDAY, 5:30 PM FAMILY SERVICE, ALL OTHER FRIDAY NIGHTS, 6:15 PM SERVICE**

## MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT

**Kitty Axelson-Berry, 230-3271, kitty@modernmemoirs.com**

Plans are taking shape for the new Friday night Shabbat festivities at the JCA. Services will begin at 6:15, followed by pot luck and an array of events that will vary each week. Family Services will continue as usual at 5:30. There will be ample opportunities for the events that you want; committees should contact Rabbi David Dunn Bauer until further notice with your proposals regarding events you are offering to organize, from movies to mah jong to lectures and discussions. Further details will be discussed at the Semi-annual Meeting, 3-5 pm on Sunday, June 10 in the Library.

The main focus of the semi-annual meeting will be discussion of the Strategic Plan now being formulated. In that context, the Educational Task Force will report on its progress concerning new directions for all JCA educational programming. Committee chairs and board members will also be introduced, of course, and it is hoped that new and returning volunteers will be inspired to participate. The vitality of our community, our stewardship of Judaism in the early 21st century in the U.S., depends on your participation, volunteer energy, and money. Our active volunteers really need the energy of

additional members who have yet to enjoy the benefits of volunteering in the last few years. The synagogue and community are more like a co-op than a commodity at a store, your active participation is that which makes us vibrant.

After the meeting, from 5 to 7, we will have the JCA's first Kosher-Que (see page 12) and a performance by visiting peace activist David Gerbi, who will be in the Putney area for several weeks as part of a Karuna Peace Center summer program.

Planning ahead is in our minds right now. The High Holidays and budget decisions will be upon us before we know it. On September 9 there will be a retreat for all nine Cluster Coordinators and all thirty-four (!) Committee Chairpersons. Now would be a good time to prepare a draft of your committee's plans for 2008. Try to include any financial information so that the Finance Committee can include your needs and concerns in the budget. The budget is prepared for board review in October, tweaked in November, and voted on by the membership in December. It seems that many committees had NO money included in the budget for the last several years. Perhaps they did not realize they needed to submit a proposal to the Finance Committee in time for the budget preparations. What would you love to bring to the JCA next year?

## Also at the May board meeting:

\* An inordinate amount of time was taken up

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## B'nai Mitzvah

**June 23 - 10:00 am**  
Bat Mitzvah of Kyla Cohen-Amick  
**June 30 - 10:00 am**  
Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Goldman  
**July 7 - 10:00 am**  
Bat Mitzvah of Leah Parker-Bernstein

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reviewing the names of members who have not yet returned their membership forms to the office. Many of these friends and neighbors are active members of the community, so we know they are committed to the JCA. Hasten please! We would like to spend this valuable time on making the JCA the best organization it can be. That can only be accomplished with your participation and membership in the community. Everyone is wanted and appreciated, regardless of financial situation. PLEASE, SEND IN THOSE FORMS!

\* Any member who wants to chant Torah is invited to a meeting called by the Religion Committee on September 8 to explore how to increase participation and streamline scheduling. Among the ideas are chanting in pairs of parents and children, and groups of friends, as well as chanting regularly on the anniversary of one's bar or bat mitzvah. Marathon

chanting? Or perhaps marathon service attendance? Or even Sponsorships?

\* The task force studying new educational directions and programming for the JCA will be inviting community input about what Jewish families and adults in the Valley want AND are willing to support. This encompasses "religious" and secular schooling, adult education, teen programming, and more. This includes any prospective members as well as members. The committee is comprised of Merle Feld, John Loeb, Lisa Perl binder, Randi Stein, Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser, and Ted Trobaugh (Rabbi David Dunn Bauer and Jody Rosenbloom are non-voting members), and co-chaired by Stacy Tobin and Andra Rose.

\* At last, we have a fundraising committee, thanks to the efforts of Steve Woolf. The committee is co-chaired by Randall Furash-Stewart and John Loeb as interim co-chair. We are looking for additional volunteers to participate in individual events. Several community members have stepped up and many more are wanted.

\* Our volunteer database will be ready and complete by the time of the June semi-annual meeting, using information from an eclectic mix of current and past membership forms, and information from current committee chairs. Many of you signed up for "as needed," and we now have that in a form that can be accessed!

This is enough for you to read.

*B'shalom,  
Kitty Axelson-Berry*

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**Rabbi David Dunn Bauer**

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**Second Vice President: Randall Furash-Stewart** (253-9754)

**Third Vice President: Eli Kwartler** (253-2929)

**Treasurer: Alan Peterfreund** (253-5485)

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**Events Co-ordinator: Linda Cooper** (256-0160 ext. 207)

A complete listing of committees and chairs can be found on the JCA website at:  
<http://www.j-c-a.org/committees.html>

### NEWSLETTER

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## SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting  
will take place on  
June 10, 3-5 pm.

It will be followed by a  
kosher-que  
(kosher barbecue  
see page 12)

**DEVARIM:  
WORDS FROM RABBI DAVID DUNN BAUER**



On Shabbat, we hold our kiddush cup differently from any other wine glass we might hold during the rest of the week. The Hebrew word for change is *shinui*, and we consciously change our grip on the wine glass to make the uniqueness of Shabbat palpable.

We don't know it's Shabbat by looking outside at the day. Shabbat *looks* like any other day. We recognize Shabbat through the rituals we build around it: the melodies we use in services, the foods we eat, the way we hold a kiddush cup. We train ourselves through our five senses to *feel* Shabbat as special in our week. Each of these rituals is a gift to ourselves through which we can appreciate the Divine gift of Shabbat.

We are going to start feeling Shabbat differently here, by shifting our communal welcome of it to early in the evening on Friday nights. This particular *shinui* will potentially have a substantial impact on our community. Marking Shabbat with the energy of early evening, 6:15pm, reenforces our sense of something *beginning*. Maybe I spent too many years in the theatre, but 8:00pm feels like the time one watches or gives

a performance, it doesn't herald the commencement of something. Even in summer months, when sunset is late, 8:00pm feels to me like the end of a day, not the beginning of one. In every sense of the word, it is time for a change.

I think we can capitalize on this one change with others. May I suggest either choosing from your wardrobe or going shopping for special Shabbat clothes, polish or dust old candlesticks or treat yourself to new ones (perhaps new old ones from one of the zillion yard sales that happen every spring), write the new Shabbat service times into your calendar now and make plans to meet friends for services and dinner, including our additional 3rd-Friday night potlucks here at the JCA. Let's lavish joyful ritual on ourselves with generosity and imagination.

Look for special mailings from the JCA in the next month about our *shinuiim*, our many changes, and let's meet up on Friday night to *feel* the arrival of Shabbat in our community.



**KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

**May 12-**

Rabbi Devorah Jacobson, in honor of the 25th Anniversary of her rabbinic ordination and her receiving an honorary doctorate from Hebrew Union College

**May 19-**

Christine Benvenuto and Jay Ladin in honor of their son, Gabriel

**June 23-**

Nancy Cohen, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Kyla

**June 30-**

Marina and Josh Goldman, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob

**July 7-**

Marian Parker and Ken Bernstein, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Leah

**Please make sure you speak to Linda Cooper and fill out a Kiddush/Oneg sponsor form to assure that the date you want will be reserved.**

**RABBI LIAISON COMMITTEE**

The charge of the Rabbi Liaison Committee is:

*“To provide an effective process that will expand and enhance both the functional and personal relationship between the Rabbi and the JCA community”*

We encourage you to contact any member of the committee whenever you feel there is an issue that you would like them to consider with Rabbi Bauer.

Aaron Bousel 253-3544

Judy Glaser 253-9607

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**RELIGION COMMITTEE**

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**Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser, Co-chair 413-774-5796, shapiro-rieser@verizon.net**

**RELIGION CALENDAR**

**Shabbat Beha'alotecha, Numbers 8:1-12:16**

**June 1, Friday**

5:30 PM

Intergenerational Family Service and  
potluck picnic supper at Groff Park

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

**June 2, Saturday**

10:00 AM

**Reconstructionist Service in the main sanctuary**

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer

**Masorti Service in the small sanctuary**

Service Leader: To be announced

(see next page for more information)



**Shabbat Shelah, Numbers 13:1-15:41**

**June 8, Friday**

6:15 PM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

**June 9, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer



**Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Tammuz**

**Parashat Korach Numbers 16:1-18:32**

**June 15, Friday**

6:15 PM

Carlebach-style service

**June 16, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Catherine Madsen

D'var Torah: To be announced



**Shabbat Chukat, Numbers 19:1-22:1**

**June 22, Friday**

6:15 PM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

**June 23, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Bat Mitzvah of Kyla Cohen-Amick

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer



**Shabbat Balak, Numbers 22:2-25:9**

**June 29, Friday**

6:15 PM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

**June 30, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Goldman

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer



**July 3, Tuesday- 17th of Tammuz**

The 17th of Tammuz is a fast which commemorates the day when the Babylonian army made the first breach in the wall of Jerusalem during the siege in 586 B.C.E.



**Shabbat Pinchas, Numbers 25:10-30:1**

**July 6, Friday**

5:30 PM

Intergenerational Family Service and  
potluck picnic supper at Groff Park

Service Leader: To be announced

**July 7, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Bat Mitzvah of Leah Parker-Bernstein

Service Leader: Kelilah Miller

Divrei Torah: Leah Parker-Bernstein



**MEDITATION MINYAN**

The weekday meditation minyan continues to meet every Wednesday at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary.

**WEEKDAY MASORTI MINYAN**

A masorti minyan meets Tuesdays at 7:30 am.  
Latecomers welcome.

Religion Committee, continued

**Shabbat Mattot/Masei, Numbers 30:2-36:13****July 13, Friday**

6:15 PM

Service Leader: To be announced

**July 14, Saturday**

10:00 AM-Masorti Service

Note: There will only be one service.

Service Leader: To be announced

D'var Torah: To be announced

**July 16, Monday- Rosh Chodesh Av****Shabbat Hazon, Parashat Devarim,  
Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22****July 20, Friday**

6:15 PM

Carlebach-style service

Service Leader: Catherine Madsen

**July 21, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser

D'var Torah: To be announced

**July 23, Monday- Erev Tisha B'Av**

8:00 pm

Service and reading of Lamentations

**July 24, Tuesday- Tisha B'Av**

No Service

**Shabbat Nachamu,  
Parashat Va'etchanan,  
Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11****July 27, Friday**

6:15 PM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

**July 28, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer

**FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE AND POTLUCK SUPPER**

Please join us on the first Friday of each month at 5:30 pm for a brief child oriented service followed by a potluck supper. Although the service is geared towards young children, it contains all the elements of a regular Friday evening service, including mourner's kaddish. People of all ages are encouraged to attend. It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. From June through September we will meet at Groff Park, weather permitting.

**MASORTI LAY-LED SHABBAT MINYAN:**

The next egalitarian masorti minyanim will meet on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 14<sup>st</sup>.

*(a masorti service means an older, "traditional" liturgy and includes Haftarah and Musaf.)*

We will use the Silverman siddur because the JCA has copies, but feel free to bring another siddur if you wish. All are welcome to attend, including families with children, and to take leadership roles.

For details contact Catherine Madsen, 253-2930.

**FOOT STOMPING MELODIES FOR WELCOMING SHABBAT**

The next Carlebach-style services will be on June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM.

We have transliterated prayerbooks and buddies to help you.

The melodies are beautiful, the spirit/ruach is incredible.

**FINAL ROSH CHODESH CELEBRATION JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Come join us Sunday, June 17 at 7:30 PM at the JCA for Rosh Chodesh, the new moon festival. Jackie Katz and Barbara Burkart will guide us in celebrating the month of Tammuz, whose energy focuses on the healing quality of sight.

This will be our last gathering for an indefinite period. All women and girls past the age of bat mitzvah are welcome to join us in celebrating the Sacred in a community of women. No prior knowledge or experience is necessary. Please bring round food to share - use your imagination and have fun with this! - plus \$1 to defray expenses.

*E-mail barbruth@comcast.net if you plan to attend.*

*B'shalom, Barbara Burkart.*



Check the JCA website at:  
[www.j-c-a.org/services.html](http://www.j-c-a.org/services.html)  
for updated religion calendar information.



**EDUCATION NEWS****Jody Rosenbloom, Director of Education, 256-0160, ext. 203****Explorations with the Education Task Force**

This spring and summer, representatives from the Board and education related committees along with Rabbi Bauer and Educator, Jody Rosenbloom, are meeting to review education at the JCA. Some of the ideas we are chewing on are in the excerpts from research described by Jeff Lasday (following this article). We are fortunate that representatives from some of these initiatives will be in the area in June to meet with local synagogue school leadership. There will also be a series of conversations within our congregation. We are hoping to build quality educational experiences for all ages by focusing and prioritizing our congregation's efforts. Watch your mail for updates.

**Summer Support Makes a Difference**

Over the summer months, families are encouraged to reinforce the lessons of the school year. Here are five easy ways: 1) Pick a Jewish book to read together (For book suggestions, check out BabaBooks.com), 2) When you travel, visit Jewish sites (a synagogue, museum, Jewish book store/neighborhood), 3) Join us for our summer family picnic and Shabbat in Groff Park (1st Fridays of each month), 4) Reuse your child's Hebrew text and make games for reading practice to maximize retention of the Hebrew alphabet and of course, 5) Jewish summer camp is a great way to blend summer play with enhancing Jewish identity.

**Students Contribute Tzedakah and Community Service**

As a school wide lesson in tikkun olam, repairing the world, students were encouraged to bring either food for the food shelf, money for their class pushke or a description of a mitzvah they performed. Each class votes on where their tzedakah money goes, and are encouraged to choose both a Jewish organization and a non-Jewish organization. This year, students raised about \$250, which will be divided among: The Children's Defense Fund, the Jewish National Fund, the New Israel Fund, Doctors Without Borders, Safe Passage, Israeli Guide Dogs, the National Wildlife Federation, Israeli National Therapeutic Rider's Association, and Mazon (A Jewish Response to Hunger).

**Recruitment and Registration for Next Fall**

The sooner we know who will be attending JCA School in the fall, the better. Lots of planning happens over the summer. We meet new families and consider placement of their children. We hire teachers, set up rooms and make adjustments to curriculum. We consider class composition; smaller classes may be combined, larger classes may be split. Registration infor-

mation was sent to families with students currently enrolled in JCA School in May. If you are interested in beginning JCA School, call 256-0160 for registration information. Registration is processed only if you are current in fulfilling your financial obligations to the JCA. So take the time to get your registration in as soon as possible. Encourage any of your friends or acquaintances that may be interested in starting their children in JCA School, to contact the office now! There is a DISCOUNT of \$25/child for registration received before mid-June or within one month of joining for new members.

**Thanks to**

**Jana Silver**, for guiding 1st graders in making clay candle stick holders.

**Ted Trobaugh**, for the CD help.

**Ellen Augarten** for donating her time and photography expertise.

**Tobi Sznajderman** for coordinating Family Photo Day.

**Ken Schoen**, of Schoen Books, for his assistance in getting texts and gift books.

**Wishlist**

Celebrating a simcha and want to make a donation? Cleaning house and upgrading some of your technology? Think of us. The school could use:

- \* Walkman-CD players
- \* Digital camera

**Excerpts from Research by Jeff Lasday, Director of the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education:**

Jack Wertheimer (Provost at the Jewish Theological Seminary and a keynoter at this year's annual CAJE Conference) tracks this new interest in the recent (March 2007) report on "Recent Trends in Supplementary Jewish Education," published by the Avi Chai Foundation. After a decade of focusing its energies and resources on other forms of Jewish education, there is a growing national realization that:

- The large majority of children who receive a Jewish education are still found in congregational schools.
- There are new and exciting initiatives taking place in congregational schools.
- Congregational schools can be successful when supported by other informal educational experiences (youth group, family education, camp, adult education, Israel experiences).

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*Online at [www.j-c-a.org](http://www.j-c-a.org)*

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**Exciting new efforts** can be found in the Reform Movement, the Conservative Movement, publishing houses (Torah Aura and Behrman House), the Experiment in Congregational Education (ECE) of the Rhea Hirsch School of Jewish Education, central agencies for Jewish education and a new national initiative housed at JESNA called Partnership for Effective Learning and Innovative Education (PELIE).

**Scott Shay's new book, *Getting our Groove Back: How to Energize American Jewry*** (Devora Publishing, 2007). In his book, Shay describes the major challenges facing the North American Jewish community and then presents his own provocative ten-point platform for meeting these challenges in order to reinvigorate Jewish life. Interestingly, four out of the ten prescribed planks focus upon some aspect of Jewish education. His very first plank describes "fixing our Hebrew schools."

In his chapter on **Hebrew School and More**, Shay reflects on a sermon presented over ten years ago by Rabbi Rick Jacobs entitled "The End of Religious School as We Know It." Shay points to this sermon as a starting point for how one congregation "reinvented its Hebrew school to include weekly Shabbat morning family programs, enriched Hebrew language learning, parallel parent learning, and a tremendous focus on teens." Shay goes on to describe how several other congregations have **reinvented their congregational programs**.

Based upon his experience as the Chair of NYC UJA Federation Task Force on Congregational Education, Shay presents five critical drivers for positive change in the congregational school:

- 1 **Recreate new invigorated models of education.** Almost every Hebrew school needs to be reinvented, using outside facilitators (central agencies, movement resources, national agencies, CAJE) to help each congregation work out its own best model for change. Shay powerfully muses, why is it, given the total autonomy that allows each congregation to create its own education program, that most programs look so similar?
- 2 **Invest in developing strong Hebrew school leadership.** Congregations will only change when there are strong, well-trained educational directors who have the support of their rabbi and congregational Board.
- 3 **Improve the quality of Hebrew school teaching.** We must invest in greater professional growth opportunities for our teachers. In addition, there is a need to elevate the status of our teachers

"because teaching our children is a great responsibility.

We must honor our teachers by recognizing them in the community and compensating them appropriately."

- 4 **Develop measurable goals and outcomes for Hebrew school programs.** Each school needs to develop its own benchmarks for success and then be held accountable for reaching its own articulated goals.
- 5 **There need to be a greater variety of supplementary schools.** In addition to congregations, Shay contends that day schools, Jewish Community Centers, and other communal organizations should be encouraged to start new schools.

Shay goes on to argue that the reinventing of the congregational school is only the first step toward building a thriving American Jewry. **For congregational schools to truly succeed, they will need to be coupled with parental involvement, active complementary informal educational programs, and Jewish camping.**

**Do we agree with Shay's five critical drivers?**

**Mah Nishtanah** - How is our congregational education program different (alternative) from all others?



### THE ANNUAL CAMPING TRIP FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

**Come join us for the day or the weekend:**

**For the day: July 21st, anytime from 9am to dark**

**The weekend: July 20th – 22nd (if space is still available)**

**Tully Lake, Royalston, MA (45 minutes away)**

Many of us will be camping out for the weekend but if you're unable to, please join us for a wonderful day of storytelling, singing, and convening with nature and friends. Those of us who went last year had a fantastic time and our children have been talking about it ever since. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us all to spend time with each other, relax, splash in the water and celebrate Shabbat.

David Arfa, a dynamic storyteller and environmental educator dedicated to celebrating Judaism's vibrant storytelling heritage and ancient environmental wisdom, will be joining us for the weekend with his fantastic tales.

**If you have participated in the Havdallah Gatherings for Families with young children (or have wanted to) then this is for you!**

*For more info contact Liz Friedman at [lizfriedm@gmail.com](mailto:lizfriedm@gmail.com)*

**WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE...**

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**Last Chance to Order Until September**

Support the JCA by ordering Dean's Beans Organic Coffee each month (September through June). It's a fundraiser for us and a bargain for you (\$8.50/lb and \$9.50/lb for decaf). Chai tea and chocolate covered coffee beans are also available.



For details, pick up an order form in the JCA lobby or contact [susanweinstein1@yahoo.com](mailto:susanweinstein1@yahoo.com) (413-548-9552) to get on the e mail list.

The next order date is: June 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Pick up will be June 8<sup>th</sup>, or thereafter  
(contact Sue -see above- for more details)

The process of replacing our chumashim in the sanctuary continues.

Our only source of revenue for this is from your donations to the prayerbook fund. Please consider aiding this effort.

Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted, however a minimum donation of \$65.00 is required for a book dedication plate.

**CO-PRESIDENTS' AREAS OF SPECIAL ATTENTION**

KITTY AXELSON-BERRY	JOHN LOEB
Religion	Education
Social Justice	Executive
Strategic Planning	Facilities
Community Building	Finance

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Judi Fonsh, Chair**

The Personnel committee is looking for a new member. Please call Judi Fonsh at 548 -9053 if you are interested.

**It's Where You  
Want To Be!**

**JUNE 2007 JCA TEEN PROGRAMMING**

**Sunday, June 3rd, 12-3pm-**

***End of the Year Celebration at Groff Park (Rain Location- JCA)***

Come hang out with friends, play games, eat a BBQ lunch and learn about teen programming options for next year!!!! Wear appropriate clothing for outdoor games. Open to all JCAT, BBYO, and Spark! members, as well as any teens in grades 6-12.

Free to Chai members. 6th & 7th graders and new members- \$5, Alef - \$8

RSVP by emailing Rachael at [rbgoren@gmail.com](mailto:rbgoren@gmail.com) or calling 256-0451

*This program is partially funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation Teen Initiative & spark! and Sponsored by JCAT, SPARK & BBYO.*



**TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE NEWS BRIEF****The Amherst Survival Center  
(Cheryl Zoll, Director)**

The Amherst Survival Center (ASC) helps individuals and families improve their quality of life by providing immediate response to needs for food and material resources, advocacy, training opportunities, and referral services. The only organization of its kind in the immediate Franklin/Hampshire region, each year it prepares 10,000 hot nutritious lunches, provides boxes of food staples to 3,000 households, distributes 15,000 pounds of fresh produce and bread, and makes roughly 12,000 pounds of donated clothing and housewares available to anyone in need. The Center is guided by a client-centered approach and respect for the dignity of each individual.

I first learned about the Survival Center (ASC) when I joined the JCA five years ago. The congregation's commitment to collecting food for the Center—at the front door, through the school, during the High Holidays, in the form of macaroni and cheese box groggers on Purim, during the annual Stop & Shop food drive—is an incredible testimony

to the generosity and compassion of JCA membership. Later, as a member of the Tikkun Olam Committee, I observed again the depth of feeling for the Center and was inspired to volunteer in the kitchen with my husband Eric, as had so many other members before us.

In April, I became director of the Survival Center and was thrilled to discover there a tremendous affection for the JCA in turn! Over its thirty-year history, ASC has drawn some of its most dedicated and effective ASC board members from the ranks of the JCA. Moreover, the annual JCA Stop & Shop solicitation is renowned at the Center, bringing in more food than many of the other Interfaith Council food drives combined.

ASC this summer has some special needs. We are currently in a period of major transition, with a new board, new director, significant turnover in staff and new expanded programming. This is exciting but also somewhat daunting, as it increases demands on our lean resources. Moreover, as is true every summer, we stand to lose the significant student segment of our volunteer crew at the end of the college semester in May, leaving

us with many potential gaps in service. Presuming on the historical relationship between our organizations, and with the wish to strengthen it further, I hope that the JCA will be able to help us to meet some of our most pressing seasonal demands. These include:

- 1 Volunteers to work 3 hour shifts on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—between the hours of 9 and 3—cooking, cleaning and distributing food at the Center. Families with older children (12+) are welcome to work as a team
  - 2 Volunteer drivers (25+) who can pick up donated food at local businesses one morning a week at 9:30
  - 3 New board members with expertise in accounting, business or real estate
  - 4 Financial contributions toward our June 30th goal of \$61,000 to support strengthened and expanded staffing and programming as we plan a dynamic new future at ASC
- Please contact me if you would like to participate, or if you have questions. I can be reached at (413) 549-3968 x202 or by e-mail at [asc.czoll@gmail.com](mailto:asc.czoll@gmail.com).

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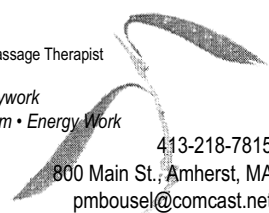
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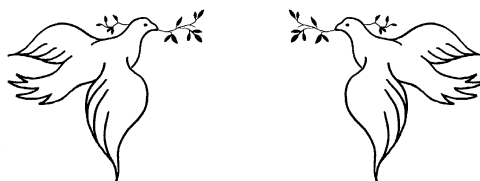
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## WORLD JEWISH CONCERNS AND ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS BRIEF

*The World Jewish Concerns and Action Committee submits articles each month with the intention of presenting varying viewpoints on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The viewpoints expressed are not intended to represent the opinions of the Committee or of the membership of the JCA.*

### **No right of return, but Israel must offer a solution**

By AMOS OZ

Saturday, May 12, 2007

Each time we Israelis hear the words “the problem of the 1948 refugees,” our stomachs knot in anxiety and repudiation. For us, the “refugee problem” has become a synonym for the “right of return,” and granting Palestinian refugees the right to return to their original homes means the end of Israel.

Perhaps the time has come for us to put our thoughts in order - to make a distinction between the refugee problem and what is called the right of return. After all, the refugee problem can and must be solved, but not by returning the refugees to the territory of the state of Israel within its peace borders. The demand that the refugees be returned to Israeli territory must be rejected, because if that were to happen, there would be two Palestinian states and no state at all for the Jewish people. But the problem of the 1948 refugees needs a remedy. Moreover, solving the refugee problem is a vital Israeli interest because as long as the problem is not solved - as long as hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees rot in camps in inhuman conditions - we will have no peace.

Who is guilty of the Palestinian refugee catastrophe? According to Israel, blame lies with the Palestinians’ leaders, who began a war with Israel in 1948, and with the refugees themselves, who fled their homes in panic. According to the Arabs, Israel is guilty of cruelly expelling Palestinians from their homes by force. There is truth on both sides:

The 1948 war was a total war, village versus village, neighbourhood versus neighbourhood, home versus home. In such wars, populations are uprooted. About a dozen Jewish towns and villages, among them the Jewish Quarter in Jerusalem’s Old City, were conquered in 1948 by the Arabs. The entire Jewish populations of these places were either murdered or forcibly expelled by the Arabs. Conversely, hundreds of Arab towns and villages, inhabited by hundreds of thousands of civilians, were uprooted in 1948. Some of those Arab civilians fled, and some were expelled by the Israeli army.

The time has come to acknowledge openly that Israelis had a part in the catastrophe of the Palestinian refugees. We do not bear sole responsibility, and we are not solely to blame, but our hands are not clean. The state of Israel is mature and strong enough to admit to its share of the blame, and to reach the necessary conclusion: It behooves us to take part in the effort to resettle the refugees, in the framework of peace agreements, and outside Israel’s future peace borders.

Israel’s admission of its share in the blame for the Palestinian refugee catastrophe, and its expression of willingness to bear part of the burden of a solution, are capable of causing a positive shiver to run through the Palestinian side. It would be a kind of emotional breakthrough that will make further dialogue much easier. The catastrophe of the 1948 refugees is the single most bloody wound in the flesh of the Palestinian nation.

On the Israeli side, there is a habitual tendency to postpone, for as long as possible, the conflict’s “core issues”: refugees, Jerusalem, borders, settlements. This postponement may well have been the bane of the Oslo agreements, and it certainly is not good for

the current state of negotiations. Israel’s tendency to evade talk about these main issues makes the Arab side justifiably suspicious that Israel wants quiet, but is not prepared to reach a comprehensive solution.

Perhaps it would be worthwhile for Israel’s leaders to initiate a discussion of the refugee problem, and to offer Israeli participation in its resolution - the removal of all the refugees from the camps where they currently rot, and the provision of work and citizenship for every refugee who wishes it within the boundaries of the future Palestinian state. Of course, to resolve the problem comprehensively will require Israel to acknowledge its partial guilt for the Palestinian nakba (catastrophe), and the responsibility that is the corollary of that guilt. A comprehensive solution will also need to address the fact that hundreds of thousands of Jews were uprooted from their homes in Arab countries, with all that implies.

Both for moral reasons and for its own security, Israel must seek a solution of the 1948 refugee problem. The solution will bear a price tag that will have to be borne by the Western world, by Israel, and by the wealthy Arab countries. Violence will diminish and the despair that gives birth to fanaticism will begin to fade when those camps of suffering and degeneration hear that their life in the trash heap is coming to an end. For Israel’s part, even if we sign peace agreements with all our enemies, we will have no peace as long as there is no remedy for the plight of the refugees.

AMOS OZ, Israeli novelist and a founder of Peace Now

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*Eli Cohen receiving the Unsung Hero award from Harold Grinspoon (left) at the B'nai Tzedek Banquet on May 7, 2007.*



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# Community Announcements

## National Yiddish Book Center

*Fighting the Fires of Hate:  
America and the Nazi Book Burnings*  
The National Yiddish Book Center will display *Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings* a traveling exhibition from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. The exhibition will be open from May 18 – July 12, 2007. It includes displays of period artifacts, documents, and news coverage, along with film, video, and newsreel footage

*Leonard Lehrman and  
Helene Williams in concert*

The National Yiddish Book Center, will present pianist/composer Leonard Lehrman and soprano Helene Williams in concert on Sunday, June 3, 2007 at 2:00 pm. This unique performance tells the musical story of the founding of the Berlin Juedischer Musiktheaterverein and the first Yiddish song recital held there. Reservations are suggested. Tickets are \$8.

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## Shir Delight

An Outdoor Concert of Jewish Music  
For Families with Young Children.

Sunday, June 17, 2007  
10 am - Noon

National Yiddish Book Center,  
Amherst

\$3 per family ( a free alef-bet beach ball to the first 50 families to arrive)

*For more information please contact  
Rachel Jackowitz at [rachel@hgf.org](mailto:rachel@hgf.org) or  
413-439-1942.*

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## Women's Interfaith Scripture Group

The First meeting of a monthly Women's Interfaith Scripture Group will be Sunday June 3rd from 3:00 to 4 PM at First Church on Main St. Muslims, Jews and Christians are invited to come and share their sacred scriptures with those gathered. For more information call Rosemary Morgan at 253-3880.

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## Mak'hela: The Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetts

Open Rehearsal  
Prospective Members Welcome

Tuesday, September 18, 2007  
at 7:30 pm in Northampton

*Join us for our New Season!*

Mak'hela seeks choral singers on all voice parts. We perform music representing a diversity of Jewish Heritage. Our music embraces the classical tradition, sacred and secular music, folk and world music. We perform in synagogues and concert halls throughout the Pioneer Valley.

For more information,  
contact Bonnie at 413-567-3927 or  
[bpmikesh@comcast.net](mailto:bpmikesh@comcast.net)

Visit us online at [www.makhela.org](http://www.makhela.org)

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## Food for the Survival Center

There is a food collection box in the entrance to the JCA. Please remember those among us who are hungry and bring non-perishables to leave in the box when you are coming to the JCA.

Thank you.

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## Meditation Group

Thursday Morning "Lecha Dumiyah Tehillah"\* Meditation Group

Every Thursday in the CBI Library,  
from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Led by Rabbis Nancy Flam and Sheila Peltz Weinberg

Please know that is not an instructional group. Rather, each of us comes with our own silent meditation or prayer practice and draws strength and affirmation for our deep, inner work by being together in community.

Arrive & Settling In:  
8:00 – 8:15 a.m.

Setting of Kavvanah/Teaching:  
8:15 – 8:25 a.m.

Bell to begin silent meditation:  
8:25 a.m.

Bell to end silent meditation:  
8:55 a.m.

\* "To You silence is praise." Psalm 65:2

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## Karen Loeb to be Honored by Western MA State of Israel Bonds

SAVE THE DATE!!!!  
as the

Western MA State of Israel Bonds  
pays tribute to our own

**Karen Loeb**

&

**Joseph Boucher**

at a

Cocktail Buffet

with guest speaker Dr. Kenneth Stein

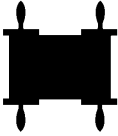
Tuesday, June 5, 2007  
6 P.M.

at Chez Josef in Agawam

Invitation to follow

For information call the Israel Bonds  
office at 800-916-1918

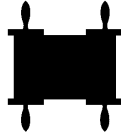
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*Jewish Community of Amherst*

**June 2007**

*15 Sivan ~ 14 Tammuz*



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					<b>1</b> 15 SIVAN 11:02 5:30 pm Intergenerational family service and potluck supper- at Groff Park	<b>2</b> 16 SIVAN Beha'alotecha 9:00 am Yogat haShachar 10:00 am Reconstructionist Service 10:00 am Masorti Service
<b>3</b> 17 SIVAN JCA Theater Trip to New York	<b>4</b> 18 SIVAN	<b>5</b> 19 SIVAN 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	<b>6</b> 20 SIVAN 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation	<b>7</b> 21 SIVAN 12:00 Noon Text Study 7:30 pm Board Meeting	<b>8</b> 22 SIVAN 11:07 6:15 pm Service	<b>9</b> 23 SIVAN Shelach 10:00 am Service
<b>10</b> 24 SIVAN 3:00 pm Semi-annual Meeting 5:00 pm Kosher Que 7:00 pm Making Peace with Qaddafi David Gerbi see page 13	<b>11</b> 25 SIVAN	<b>12</b> 26 SIVAN 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	<b>13</b> 27 SIVAN 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 7:30 pm Adult Ed - Prayer	<b>14</b> 28 SIVAN	<b>15</b> 29 SIVAN 11:11 6:15 pm Carlebach-style Service	<b>16</b> 30 SIVAN Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - Day 1 Korach 10:00 am Service
<b>17</b> 1 TAMMUZ Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - Day 2 7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Group	<b>18</b> 2 TAMMUZ	<b>19</b> 3 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	<b>20</b> 4 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 7:30 pm Religion Committee	<b>21</b> 5 TAMMUZ 12:00 Noon Text Study	<b>22</b> 6 TAMMUZ 11:13 6:15 pm Service	<b>23</b> 7 TAMMUZ Chukat 10:00 am Service Bat Mitzvah of Kyla Cohen Amick
<b>24</b> 8 TAMMUZ	<b>25</b> 9 TAMMUZ	<b>26</b> 10 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	<b>27</b> 11 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation	<b>28</b> 12 TAMMUZ	<b>29</b> 13 TAMMUZ 11:13 6:15 pm Service	<b>30</b> 14 TAMMUZ Balak 10:00 am Service Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Goldman



Jewish Community of Amherst

July 2007

15 Tammuz ~ 16 Av 5767



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 15 TAMMUZ Departure for Israel Trip	2 16 TAMMUZ	3 17 TAMMUZ ⊗Seventeenth of Tammuz 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	4 18 TAMMUZ Independence Day 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation OFFICE CLOSED	5 19 TAMMUZ	6 20 TAMMUZ ⚭8:12 5:30 pm Intergenerational family service and potluck supper at Groff Park	7 21 TAMMUZ ■Pinchas 10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Leah Parker-Bernstein
8 22 TAMMUZ	9 23 TAMMUZ	10 24 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	11 25 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation	12 26 TAMMUZ	13 27 TAMMUZ ⚭8:08 6:15 pm Service	14 28 TAMMUZ ■Matot - Masei 10:00 am Masorti Service <i>There will only be one service this morning.</i>
15 29 TAMMUZ	16 1 AV ⊗Rosh Chodesh Av	17 2 AV 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	18 3 AV 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation	19 4 AV	20 5 AV ⚭8:04 6:15 pm Service Camping Trip - Community Education Families with young children See Page 7	21 6 AV ■Devarim 10:00 am Service
22 7 AV	23 8 AV 8:00 pm Erev Tish B'Av- Service and Reading of Lamentations	24 9 AV ⊗Tisha B'Av 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	25 10 AV 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation	26 11 AV	27 12 AV ⚭7:57 6:15 pm Service	28 13 AV ■Va'etchanan 10:00 am Service
29 14 AV	30 15 AV ⊗Tu B'Av	31 16 AV 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan				

*June 3*

Theater Trip to New York (see page 13)

*June 10*

3:00 pm: Semi-Annual Meeting

5:00 pm: Kosher-que (see page 12)

7:00 pm: David Gerbi- *Making Peace With Qaddafi*  
(see page 13)

*July 1 - 13*

JCA Trip to Israel (see page 11)

*July 20*

Camping Trip (see page 7)

*July 23*

Erev Tisha B'Av-  
Service and Reading of Lamentations

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