


# Jewish Community of Amherst

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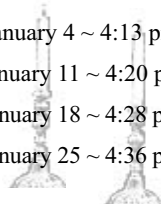


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## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

January 4 ~ 4:13 pm  
January 11 ~ 4:20 pm  
January 18 ~ 4:28 pm  
January 25 ~ 4:36 pm



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

## Special Events

**January 13**  
Community Meeting on  
JCA Educational Vision

**January 18**  
Tu B'Shevat Seder

**January 19**  
Teen Sleepover

**January 20**  
Dr. Justin Cammy:  
*Israel at 60:  
Zionism Then and Now*

**January 27**  
Leadership Retreat

## Meetings

**January 3**  
Board Meeting

**January 7**  
Chesed Committee

**January 9**  
Social Committee  
Religion Committee

**January 17**  
Fundraising Committee

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

John Loeb, 253-0336, JolBioSol@aol.com

Welcome to another new year at the JCA. We have an energetic slate of board members and committee chairs for this coming year. Below you will see the list of JCA board members for 2008. Feel free to contact any of us if you would like to discuss your thoughts and ideas. Your participation is welcomed and encouraged.

*How do we maintain our religious and cultural traditions and heritage while adapting to the ever-growing demands of secular life in society?*

Looking back at this past year at the JCA is quite gratifying. As a community we have accomplished much thanks to the tireless work and dedication of our member volunteers and staff. It is not possible to name them all so I won't even try for fear of leaving someone out. However; I would like to recognize our outgoing board members for all of their contributions to our ongoing success: **Merle Feld, Irv Howard, Randall Furash-Stewart, Eva Sartori, Jenny Heller** and **Flo Stern**. Please accept our deepest appreciation.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to **Kitty Axelson-Berry**, our past Co-President. Kitty has given her energy and creative talents to the leadership of the JCA during a most difficult time for her this past year with the loss of her mother. Kitty will be continuing on the board as Immediate Past President. In addition, Kitty has taken on a new responsibility, publicity. This area of signifi-

cant importance to the JCA is being explored and developed as it touches so many aspects of what we do as a Jewish community. The good we do is diminished if we do not make people aware of the many terrific opportunities the JCA has to offer. Should anyone desire joining the committee please contact Kitty.

Jewish life in America today is once more undergoing a challenging transition. How do we maintain our religious and cultural traditions and heritage while adapting to the ever-growing demands of secular life in society? For me the answer is to maintain a strong Jewish community that appeals to the wide range of interests and needs of Jews and non-Jews who are seeking a Jewish identity and life. What can be a more important mission than guaranteeing our continued viability? To be successful at this mission we have work to do here at the JCA.

To that end the board is focusing on three main objectives:

- An examination and revamping of our congregational learning programs,
- The formation of a sustainable fundraising program including an endowment fund. Both are designed to help ensure a balanced budget going forward, and
- Increasing membership and volunteerism.

I have three requests for all JCA members:

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### **CHESED COMMITTEE**

The Chesed Committee assists JCA community members in times of joy, sorrow and need. We coordinate volunteers who provide the following services to the community: welcoming new JCA members with a Challah; welcoming new babies with a menorah; providing meals, rides to appointments, errands, and visits for those who are ill or in need. In addition, when there has been a death, we transport prayer books for Shiva minyans and provide a fruit platter or bagels and cream cheese. If you have a need, know of someone in need, would like to join our Committee or be added to our list of volunteers, please contact the JCA office at 256-0160 and a Chesed Committee member will be in touch with you.

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**Rabbi David Dunn Bauer**

**Rabbi Emerita Sheila Weinberg**

**Rabbi Emeritus Yechiael Lander** (586-1137)

**Education Director: Jody Rosenbloom** (256-0160 ext. 203)

**President: John Loeb** (253-0336)

**Co-First Vice Presidents: Lisa Perl binder** (230-3055), (to be determined)

**Co-Second Vice Presidents: Ted Trobaugh** (549-5468), (to be determined)

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

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

**Membership: Jenny Heller** (253-6786), **Oran Kaufman** (548-8139)

**Chesed Committee: Please call the office** (256-0160)

**Office Administrator: Marcia Howard** (256-0160)

**Administrative Assistants: Bonnie Webster, Pam Cummings** (256-0160)

**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>

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### **NEWSLETTER**

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### **BEIT SHALOM COMMITTEE**

The Beit Shalom Committee is available to members of the JCA congregation wishing assistance in addressing personal differences that have arisen between individuals, among committees, or with those in leadership positions within the JCA. Accordingly, if you have concerns or disagreements, or feel a desire to enhance communication with another member, a committee, or leader, please contact a Beit Shalom Committee member to facilitate this process. All such communications will be kept strictly confidential unless agreed upon differently by the participants.

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### **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

Haim Gunner 549-0447

Ruth Kane-Levit 548-1083

Eli Kwartler 253-2929

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



“For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider, every green tree is far more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver.” (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

On January 21st and 22nd, we encounter two significant days in our year cycle as Jews and Americans, Martin Luther King Day and *Tu B'Shevat*. In a perfect world, with no more *tikkun olam* required, we could celebrate the peaceful existence of an integrated, pluralistic society and the uncompromised beauty of an ecologically sound earth. Instead, we need both days to keep us mindful of our ongoing obligations and unfinished work. We commemorate the life of a great teacher, we stand in awe of natural world around us.

***On January 21st and 22nd, we encounter two significant days in our year cycle as Jews and Americans, Martin Luther King Day and Tu B'Shevat.***

*V'ahavta l're'acha camocha* -- You must love your fellow creature as yourself. Our liturgy reminds us that this

is a *mitzvah aseh*, a positive mitzvah that must be enacted. We don't wait around for a warm, fuzzy feeling to arise, we don't simply eschew prejudice as convenient for us. We need to stretch ourselves to know how our neighbors are similar to us and we must look for the opportunities to act with generosity and care towards them.

*Baruch merachem al habriot. Baruch merachem al ha'aretz.* Blessed is God who is merciful to the earth and its inhabitants. We bless God for nurturing people and the planet. Do we operate with the same compassionate energy? God's essence fuels birth, renewal, and life. Do we channel or impede the flow of benevolent Divine power?

On the 21st and 22nd, let's each take action for people and the planet, by giving money or time to combatting prejudice or healing our wounded planet. In either task we demonstrate love and mercy for ourselves, our neighbors, and the generations who will follow us.



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1. First, send in your membership packet NOW. We spend an incredible amount of effort reminding members to send in their forms. This effort takes time and money better spent on more worthwhile JCA services.
2. When you fill out your dues form – do the very best you can. We encourage all members to give further consideration - What truly is your FAIR SHARE?
3. Third and most IMPORTANTLY - Get involved! Do not assume someone else will do what needs to be done. Do not stand on the side-lines. Our future is up to YOU.

Please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

*b'shalom,  
John Loeb*

**2008 JCA BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>President</b> John Loeb	<b>Membership Chair</b> Oran Kaufmann
<b>Co-First vice-president</b> Lisa Perl binder	<b>Education Co-Chair</b> Ted Trobaugh
<b>Co-First vice president</b> -----	<b>Personnel Chair</b> Judi Fonsh
<b>Co-Second vice president</b> Ted Trobaugh	<b>Communication Chair and Immediate Past President</b> Kitty Axelson-Berry
<b>Co-Second vice president</b> -----	<b>At-large board members</b>
<b>Third vice president</b> Eli Kwartler	Jerry Friedman
<b>Treasurer</b> Alan Peterfreund	Randi Stein
<b>Religion Co-Chairs</b> Paul Charette	Robyn Miller
Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser	Michael Chernoff
	Marian Wolfsun
	Mark Israel
	Molly Jackson
	Judith Loischild



**RELIGION COMMITTEE**

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**RELIGION CALENDAR**

**Shabbat Vayera, Exodus 6:22-9:35**

**January 4, Friday**

5:30 PM

Intergenerational Family Service followed by potluck supper  
Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

**January 5**

10:00 AM

**Reconstructionist Service (main sanctuary)**

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer

**Masorti Service (small sanctuary)**

Service will be led by community members

D'var Torah: John Clayton



**January 8, Tuesday- Rosh Chodesh Shevat**



**Shabbat Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16**

**January 11, Friday**

6:15 PM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

**January 12, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Paul Charette

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer



**Shabbat Shirah, Parashat Beshalach**

**Exodus 13:17-17:16**

**January 18, Friday**

6:15 PM

**Carlebach Style Service**

Service Leader: To be announced

**Potluck supper & Tu B'Shevat Seder** following the service

**January 19, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer and Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser

D'var Torah: Ted Slovin



**January 22, Tuesday- Tu B'Shevat**



**Shabbat Yitro, Exodus 18:-20:23**

**January 25, Friday**

6:15 PM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

**January 26, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser

D'var Torah: To be announced



**Shabbat Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1-24:18**

**February 1, Friday**

5:30 PM

Intergenerational Family Service followed by potluck supper

**February 2**

10:00 AM

**Reconstructionist Service (main sanctuary)**

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer

**Masorti Service (small sanctuary)**

Service will be led by community members

D'var Torah: To be announced



**YOU ARE NEEDED!**

Every Tuesday morning several people meet in the small sanctuary for a morning service. Often, we are not able to make a minyan and what's frustrating is that more often than not we are eight or nine people. This is a wonderful way to begin your day. The service begins at 7:30 and is over by 8:30. Latecomers are always welcome. Your attendance could make the difference between someone being able to say Kaddish for a loved one or not.

Please consider coming when you can.

**KIDDUSH SPONSORS**

**December 8-**

The Slovin family, in honor of Barbara & Ted's anniversary

**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.**

**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.

Donating a chumash is a wonderful way of acknowledging a special occasion or honoring a loved one while also making an important contribution to the JCA.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION SERVICE**

Each Wednesday at 7:30 AM there is a morning service of meditation, prayer and singing. This is a very special time to sit in quiet in the beauty of our small sanctuary. You do not have to be a meditator to join the service. Come try it out and see what it can do for the rest of your day and week.

**IT'S COMING ON SUPERBOWL SUNDAY!  
FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> - WRAP UP WITH GOD AND THEN HAVE A BAGEL**

Join us for the annual WORLD WIDE TEFILLIN WRAP. Learn about Tefillin, a spiritual practice that is over two thousand years old. Last year we were one of 5000 congregations and groups that participated in this program.

**FOOT STOMPING MELODIES FOR WELCOMING SHABBAT  
PLUS A**

**POTLUCK SUPPER & TU B'SHEVAT SEDER**

The next Carlebach-style service will be on January 18<sup>th</sup>

The service will be followed by a pot luck supper and Tu B'Shevav Seder.

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

**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.

**MASORTI LAY-LED SHABBAT MINYAN**

The Masorti Minyan continues to meet on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am.

All are welcome to attend, including families with children, and to take a leadership role.

For details contact:  
Catherine Madsen  
253-2930

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**



**Community-Wide Education Discussion on Education**

The Education Review Task Force has spent the last year looking at Jewish education in our region as well as nationally to get ideas for improving and clarifying the options for the JCA as a learning community. There was a brief presentation at the annual meeting and a request for a more interactive “working” meeting as follow-up. The Task Force would like to share what they have found and get your feedback. The meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13th at 10:00am. See page 11 for more information.

**Sunday Morning Coffee Talk/Tea Time for Parents**

Drop off your children and join us! Sip warm coffee, hot chocolate, tea and nosh as the Education Committee hosts short chats on Sundays this winter from 10-10:45. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the parents of children in their child’s class. Education Director, Jody Rosenbloom, will be available for questions and conversation tailored to parents with children in specific grade levels. Again, for the exact dates, watch the JCA Thursday email.

**Shabbat Bear Begins His Visits**

Second and first graders are taking turns hosting the Shabbat Bear. He comes with his own little house and visits each student for a week. Students and their families help the Shabbat Bear keep a journal of his adventures and create household items to enrich his life (eg. student/parent made mezuzah, poncho, tallit and kippah). Shabbat Bear enriches the class unit on Shabbat by bringing student lessons home.

**In the Event of Inclement Weather**

Just a reminder that the school phone line has the latest notification for weather cancellations pertaining to JCA school programming. For weekends, a decision is made by 8 am and weekdays by 2pm. If Amherst Public Schools cancel during the week, we will not have school that day. Dial 256-0160 x203.

**Parent Teacher Conferences Scheduled for Wednesday, January 30**

At mid-year, we take time for reflection on how the year is going. This process includes teachers writing progress reports, parents of children in grades 3-6 attending a parent-teacher conference, and students surveyed in their classes. Watch your mail for details of scheduling a conference time. If anyone has any questions, concerns, or compliments as we head into the reflection zone: feel free to contact an Education Committee member (Stacy Tobin, Ted Trobaugh, Lisa Perlbinder, Karen Helfer, Jim Levine) or Jody Rosenbloom, Education Director at

256-0160 X203.

**Wishlist**

If you have upgraded your computer, camera and/or music system over the last few months, please consider donating your older models to the school-call first to check if it is compatible with our needs. We could use:

- A digital camera
- Laptop computer
- Printer
- CD players



*Calendar*

Sat, Jan. 5	7th grade meets at 10:00 am
Sun, Jan. 6	Grades 1-6 meet from 10:00 am-12:15
Sat, Jan.. 12	Shabbat Shalom class 10:30 am-12:00 noon
Sun, Jan. 13	Community wide meeting on educational vision 10:00 am
Sat/Sun, Jan. 19/20	No Classes-Martin Luther King Weekend Holiday
Wed, Jan. 30	No Class-Parent/Teacher Conferences
Sun, Feb. 3	Tallit/Tefillin Workshop for 6th Graders with Parent

**MORE REASONS TO SUPPORT  
THE DEAN'S BEANS ORGANIC COFFEE FUNDRAISER.....**

OK, so you know that Dean's Beans coffee is organic, fair trade, kosher, and offered at a great price, but did you also know that:

- 1) You can order any blend that Dean's Beans offers (in addition to the JCA blend)?
- 2) Once the pre-paid orders are delivered and separated, they are ready for pick up in the JCA kitchen anytime the building is open—not just on the official, Sunday pick-up date when they are set out on the lobby bench?
- 3) Gold's Gym members may opt to pick-up their orders at the facility's front desk?
- 4) You may place a standing, pre-paid order for multiple months, eliminating the need to remember monthly order deadlines?
- 5) Chai tea bags and dark chocolate covered beans are also available?
- 6) We've raised over \$3,000 in profits since 2005 to help the religious school meet its budget requirements???



So, what are you waiting for? Get your name on the Dean's Beans email list and order this month! **Contact Sue Weinstein: susanweinstein1@yahoo.com or 548-9552.**

Thanks to all of our supporters for contributing to the success of this fundraiser!

**The next order date: January 6th  
Pick-up (in the lobby): January 13th**

**LEADERSHIP RETREAT II- SUNDAY  
JANUARY 27, 2008 FROM 4:30- 8:00**

We will be holding a follow-up to our retreat in September for JCA board members, officers, cluster chairs, committee chairs and at least one other person from each committee. The purpose of the retreat will be to finalize committee goals for the year, discuss how to improve and stimulate more community involvement, discuss how to better advertise JCA activities and further improve communication among committees, board etc.

1. Please let me know if you plan to attend (and which committee you represent) by email at [oran@orankaufman.com](mailto:oran@orankaufman.com).
2. If you are a board member/committee chair and have not received this invitation along with a questionnaire by email, please contact Oran Kaufman [oran@orankaufman.com](mailto:oran@orankaufman.com).
3. Please make all efforts to have at least two people from each committee at retreat.
4. Please try and share agenda with your full committee before retreat for feedback, comments and response.

As was the case last time, thanks to Karen Loeb and company, there will be a delicious dinner served (just this alone makes it a worthwhile venture!).

**See Teen Programming info on the following three pages**

**All Community Meeting on JCA Educational Vision- see page 11**



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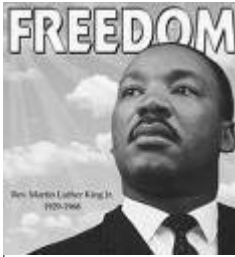


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# TEEN PROGRAMMING CALENDAR

## January 2008

						Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Snow Tubing	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					5:30– Confirmation Officers Meeting 6-8– Conf. Class w/Rabbi	
13			15	16	17	18
13 TA training 11:45-1:15 Schmooze & Movie 1:30-4pm					19 MLK SLEEP-OVER 8pm—	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pickup at 10am.						
27			28	29	30	31
Schmooze & Movie 12:15-4pm					 Jews & Radicalism 6-8pm	

**Sat. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>– Time TBA**– Snow tubing at Berkshire East!!! More info to come– contact Rachael for more information. Open to all 7-12th graders!

**Sun. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 2-4:30pm**– Center for Extended Care, Amherst– Spark!

**Wed. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>– 5:30pm @ JCA**– Confirmation Class Officers meeting for planning MLK sleepover and Mean Girls Teasing and Bullying event.

**Wed. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>– 6-8pm @ JCA**- Confirmation Class with Rabbi Bauer.

**Sun. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>– 11:45-1:15pm @ JCA**– Mandatory training for all school TAs. Lunch provided.

**Sun. Jan 13<sup>th</sup>– 1:30-4pm @ JCA**– Schmooze and Movie (Live & Become)- Open to 8th-12th graders. 2 credits for CC. Free to confirmation students and Chai members, \$8 for alef members.

**Sat-Sun, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 8pm-10am @ JCA**– MLK Sleepover– more information to follow open to all 7th-12th graders. Free for confirmation students and Chai members, \$18 for alef member, \$36 for non-members.

**Wed. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6-8pm @ JCA**– Homelessness in the Valley Confirmation Class elective. Open to 9-12th graders. Free to confirmation students and Chai members, \$8 for alef members. Bring your own dinner and bring canned food (2 credits for attending, 1 credit for bringing canned food for donations).

**Sun. Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:15-4pm @ JCA**– Schmooze & Movie & Confirmation Class led discussion on teasing and bullying. We will be watching Mean Girls and talking about bullying and teasing. 2 credits for CC.

**Wed. Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm @ JCA**– Jews & Radicalism Confirmation Class elective. Open to 9-12th graders. Free to confirmation students and Chai members, \$8 for alef members. Bring your own dinner (2 CC)

**Want more info? Contact the teen adviser Rachael at [rbgoren@gmail.com](mailto:rbgoren@gmail.com) or 256-0160 x208.  
These programs are partially funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation Teen Initiative.**



**Bond with new friends**



**Watch Movies**

**Games**

**TEEN SLEEPOVER  
JAN. 19-20, 2008  
8PM-10AM  
@ JCA**

**Talent Show @ Midnight  
Talent Show @ Midnight**



**Laugh**

*Late night snacks*

**Hang out with Friends**

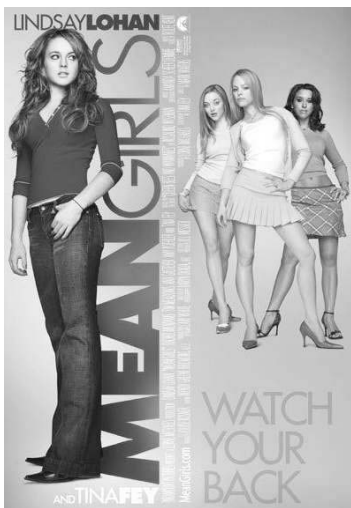


**SUNDAY, Jan. 27th**

**12:15-4pm**

**@ JCA**

**Open to 7th-12th graders**



**Confirmation class students will be leading the discussion after we watch MEAN GIRLS for the 7th-9th graders about teasing and bullying in the middle school and how to handle it.**

**Come to this great program to discuss some important issues that affect all teens at some point in our lives.**

**Free to confirmation class students & Chai members; \$8 for Alef members; \$12 for non-members.**



## CONFIRMATION CLASS WINTER CALENDAR OF CLASSES, ELECTIVES & EVENTS

\*=MANDATORY

### January

Sun. 6<sup>th</sup>; 2-4:30pm- spark (3 credits)

Wed. 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6pm- Officers meeting to plan sleepover & Mean Girls event

Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm- Confirmation Class with the Rabbi\* (2 credits; dinner provided)

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> 11:45-1:15pm- TA training for School TAs only (lunch provided, 2 credits)

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4pm Schmooze & Movie (Live and Become) (lunch provided, 2 credits)

Sat-Sun 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>- MLK Sleepover (more info to follow, 6 credits for attending plus 1 credit if Little Sib attends)

Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> 6-8pm- Homelessness in the Valley Elective; BYOD; 2 credits plus 1 credit for bringing canned food for donations

Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> 12:15-4pm- Schmooze & Movie & Discussion (Mean Girls)- Big/Little Sib event- 3 credits for attending, 3 credits for planning, plus 1 credit if your little sib attends

Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm- Jews & Radicalism; BYOD; 2 credits

### February

Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:15-4pm Schmooze & Cooking Seminar (Challah-off); 2 credits, lunch provided

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6pm- Officers meeting

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm- Confirmation Class with the Rabbi\*

Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> 2-4:30pm- spark!

Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm- Confirmation Class with Rachael\*

Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm- Jewish Arts Seminar; BYOD; 2 credits

### March

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:45-1:15- TA training for school TAs only (lunch provided, 2 credits)

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-8pm- Comedy Night Big/Little Sib event (2 credits for attending, plus 1 credit if Little Sib attends)

Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6pm- Officers meeting

Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm- Confirmation Class with the Rabbi\*

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> 2-4:30pm- spark!

Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm- Panim el Panim Mandatory Prep meeting (2 credits)

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>-Wed.19<sup>th</sup>- Panim el Panim in Washington, DC (12 credits)

Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Time TBD- Elective

Wed. 26<sup>th</sup>- 6-8pm- TBD Elective

Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> 12:15-4pm Schmooze & Jewish Values Through Theatre Elective; Lunch provided; 3 credits

Join the process of envisioning our future

# All-Community Meeting on JCA Educational Vision

*Hear and discuss the findings of the  
Education Directions Task Force  
As promised at the December 2007 Annual Meeting*

Sunday, January 13th, 2008

10:00am – 12:15pm

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**NEWS FROM THE TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE**

Throughout the year, the JCA gives tzedakah to worthy human services organizations located in our town, our region and our planet. Please consider making a contribution to the JCA Tzedakah Fund, so that we may continue this mitzvah. And remember, if you have a bar/bat mitzvah, yahrzeit, or other occasion, the JCA Tzedakah Fund is a wonderful way to both honor someone you know and to help out many in need.

**Event to Support Immigration-Raid Victims:** On Tuesday, January 29, Casa Obrera/Anti-Displacement Project of Springfield is sponsoring a fundraising dinner in support of undocumented immigrants in Amherst and the larger Pioneer Valley. The event, to be held at the Amherst Regional High School cafeteria from 6-9 p.m., will feature food and entertainment by local artists. It is hoped that enough monies will be raised to initially offset legal defense expenditures for those facing imminent deportation. Half of the proceeds will be allocated to Amherst residents (many of whom are minors in the Amherst schools), and the remaining half will go to other Pioneer Valley residents. The bad-weather date is January 30.

This event will also serve to launch the “Good Neighbor Campaign,” an ongoing program to raise funds for our immigrant neighbors and to increase awareness of their plight.

You can support the January 29 fundraiser by attending the event, donating food, or contributing financially. For more information, contact Deb Bix at [deb.bix@verizon.net](mailto:deb.bix@verizon.net) or Caroline Murray at [caroline@a-dp.org](mailto:caroline@a-dp.org).

**Thanks** to all who have brought food items to the Survival Center donation box in the JCA lobby. Please note that this box is for food only (not clothing), and please keep those food items coming!

**The next meeting of the Tikkun Olam Committee** will be on **Tuesday, January 8, 8:30-10 a.m.**, in the JCA library. New members are always welcome.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**Alan Peterfreund, [alanjca@gmail.com](mailto:alanjca@gmail.com) 253 5485**  
Going into 2008, the JCA is financially well. We have an approved balanced budget and over \$100,000 in cash reserves.

This is not to say we don’t have some real challenges. We approved \$562,000 of expenses, including a number of new activities. With just over 300 households, that averages over \$1800 per household. To meet this, the approved budget relies on our members committing and paying \$300,000 through our fair share system. An increase of 6% was approved for the coming year. Donations, annual giving and fund-raising is expected to yield about \$75,000. The rest we look to come from tuition, fees, summer camp, and grants.

The first and most important step in this process is your timely response to the membership dues commitment forms you should have received by now. Last year we were still chasing down non-respondents right up to the high holy days. The impact is two-fold: uncertainty in knowing our revenue and a huge amount of work on the part of the board (making calls), the office and me as treasurer. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORMS BY JANUARY 25th.** If you have questions, email or call me at 253 5485.

Finally, as many of you will receive this before the end of the year, please consider a gift to the JCA funds. Two in specific are in need of support: the Children’s Fund, which we draw upon to cover scholarships for the school programs and the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund, which is used by the Rabbi in a multitude of ways that support individuals in need, special unbudgeted activities at the JCA, and support for various community causes.

**NEEDED:**

**Photo of the Social Hall**, all decked out and looking good for parties! If you have a photo, great! If you can take a photo, great! Thanks --

Also, **we need a few people to volunteer for the Communications Committee.** First step is to figure out some policies about what is and isn’t permitted. Second step is to review our internal and external communications, and how they can be improved with minimal funding.

Please contact Kitty Axelson-Berry at: [kitty@modernmemoirs.com](mailto:kitty@modernmemoirs.com), or at home, 413-230-3271

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The JCA's Hanukkah party was held December 9th and was a great success. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time. I would like to thank all the people who helped with the party. Karen Loeb, Felicia Mednick, Ruth Love Barer, Peppy Barer, Anita Page, Gordon Freed, Barbara Freed, Judith Loischild, Ted Trobaugh, Hannah Trobaugh, Jaymie Chernoff, Robyn Miller, Gabrielle Miller, Oran Kaufman, Aaron Berman, Alan Berman, Erica Loeb, Abby Loeb, Barbara Slovin, Jody Spitz, Benny Docter, Jesse Docter, Zoe Weizenbaum, and Rabbi Bauer. Thank you so much.

The Hanukkah party is well on its way to becoming an event that the JCA is known for. If you would like to help plan other signature events as well as work on the Kosher Q and Family Fun Day please come to the next meeting of the Social Committee on January 9, 2008 at 7 p.m.

**All the best,  
Amy Mittelman, Chair Social Committee**

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**Tuesday - Friday 10:30 - 4:00**

**Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00 pm &**

**Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
for Religious School support.**

**CAMP SHEMESH**

**Director Job Posting (11/07)**

The Jewish Community of Amherst's (JCA) Camp Shemesh is seeking a Camp Director for the 2008 summer season. Camp Shemesh, located on the Amherst College Campus, has a 22-year tradition of providing children, ages 6-11, with a joyful, creative, spiritually rich, and educationally sound Jewish day camp experience.

The Camp Director is responsible for planning and implementing a successful camp program, including hiring/supervising summer staff, program development, insuring the safety of the campers, and written documentation and the end of the season. Successful applicants must be energetic, creative, organized and should possess the following qualifications:

- Experience and skill working with children
- Knowledge of Jewish customs and traditions
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with Camp Committee and Amherst College personnel
- Ability to supervise staff

The Director must be available (on a flexible basis) in the spring to hire staff and prepare for the camp season, and full time from June 25 through August 8, 2008. Depending on the interests and qualifications of the candidates, an opportunity exists for this position to expand to a part-time, full year position, incorporating multigenerational education and additional vacation camps.

Interested applicants may send a letter of interest and resume by January 11, 2008 to: JCA, 742 Main Street, Amherst, MA 01002, Attn: Shemesh Search Committee or email to: [info@j-c-a.org](mailto:info@j-c-a.org), Subject: Shemesh Search Committee. A detailed job description is available upon request.

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Guest Speaker: Dr. Justin Cammy

Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.  
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Dr. Cammy teaches Jewish Studies and Comparative Literature at Smith College. He is co-director of the Program in Jewish Studies and a member of the college's Program in Middle East Studies for whom he regularly teaches a course on literatures of Zionism. He holds a BA in Middle East Studies and Political Science from McGill University and a PhD in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard.

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**JCA ADULT READING GROUP**

The third meeting of the new cycle for the JCA Adult Reading Group will take place on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. The book for discussion is *Joshua Then and Now* by Mordechai Richler. It is in paperback. Each cycle for the Adult Reading Group goes from September to June; four books are read during that time-about two months between each meeting. We focus on Jewish authors, alternating male and female, and the members decide at each meeting what the next book to be read and discussed will be. New group members are always welcome. Come to one meeting or all remaining two!

If you have any questions, please call Ken Talan at 253-2248.

**CHESED COMMITTEE BLOOD DRIVE**

The Chesed Committee recently hosted its 4th Annual Thanksgiving Blood Drive for the American Cancer Society. We are happy to report that 54 precious pints of blood were collected which will be used during the upcoming holiday period. Thank you to all who donated blood. Many of you have now made it a yearly tradition. What a meaningful way to give back at the holiday time. Thank you to the following volunteers who helped staff the Registration and Recovery Canteen tables: Reed Alper, Susan Zarchin, Amy Rothenberg, Jillian Diamond, Robin Diamond, Kitty Talan, Judith Souweine, Jonathan Souweine and Jane Mellor. The Red Cross staff was very appreciative of our help. Thank you also to the following local businesses who helped provide such amazing treats that several donors exclaimed, "You guys have the best canteen of all the Blood Drives in the area!" Hopefully that will keep them coming back! Thank you Black Sheep Deli, Brueggers Bagels, Henion Bakery and Wheatberry Cafe. See you all at our Summer Drive in August!

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### Camp JRF Scholarships Available

By Lisa Tuttle

Camp JRF is still accepting applications for scholarships for Summer 2008. One special grant for campers is the Jessica Kaufman Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in Jessica's memory by her family. Jessica was a committed camper and nurturing counselor whose memory lives on at Camp JRF and whose scholarship enables campers the opportunity to experience the magic of Camp JRF.

Register now at [www.campjrf.org](http://www.campjrf.org). To request a scholarship form please call (877) 226-7573 or e-mail [info@campjrf.org](mailto:info@campjrf.org).



### Register for the JRF North American Leadership Workshop on Congregational Growth, Sunday, March 2nd, 2008, Skokie, IL

By Lisa Tuttle

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### Art Green on "Let us make man in our image" - a call for the dignity of each person

By Rabbi Shai Gluskin

**Rabbi Ed Feld**, Education Director at Rabbis for Human Rights—North America, has recently posted an inspiring excerpt from a chapter of a future book by Rabbi Arthur Green, the former president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Currently Rabbi Green is the Rector of the Rabbinical School at Hebrew College in Boston.

The piece is an interpretation of Genesis 1:26, "And God said, 'Let us make man in our image.'" He argues that understanding human beings as having been created in the image of

God must lead to a profound commitment to treating all human beings with dignity. What follows is an excerpt of that piece. You can read the whole thing on the RHR-NA web site.

*You can't make God's image; you can only be God's image. The Genesis account begins with two words for what we call "the image of God." Tselem is "image" in a representational sense, and it clearly originally referred to the human form, both body and face. Some versions of the early Aramaic translation of the Torah render the word by the Greek "icon;" every human being is God's icon.*

*An icon, well known in the Christian art that by the fourth century was part of the dominant culture amid which Jews lived, is a depiction of God, a saint, or a holy scene that comes to bear within it the presence of that holy being, and hence is revered in itself.*

*To call each person an icon of God is to say that each human both resembles and contains the divine form. Each person is to be held aloft, revered, and kissed, as we have seen the Christians do with their icons. No wonder we have no icons in the synagogue! The synagogue is filled with icons as soon as we walk in!*



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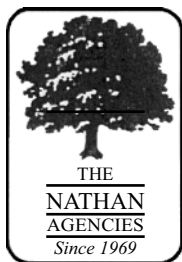
If someone in your family, or someone you know in the community, is ill and/or in the hospital, please contact Rabbi Bauer or the Chesed Committee by calling the office (256-0160). Even if visits or phone calls are not desired, it is important for us as a community to be aware of the health and well being of our members and their families. We cannot help if we don't know.

The Deadline for the February Newsletter is  
**January 12<sup>th</sup>**

All submissions MUST be made either by e-mail or e-mail with a file attached. If you do not have access to a computer or email, please contact the editor.

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Thank you,  
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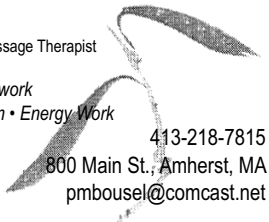
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# Community Announcements

## Hadassah

*A Special Hadassah-JCA Joint Program*

Sunday, January 20, 2008  
in the JCA Social Hall

ISRAEL AT 60: ZIONISM THEN  
AND NOW

Guest Speaker: Dr. Justin Cammy  
Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.  
Program at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Cammy teaches Jewish Studies and Comparative Literature at Smith College. He is co-director of the Program in Jewish Studies and a member of the college's Program in Middle East Studies for whom he regularly teaches a course on literatures of Zionism. He holds a BA in Middle East Studies and Political Science from McGill University and a PhD in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard.



## National Yiddish Book Center

The National Yiddish Book Center will present a Winter Music Festival in January 2008. Join us to explore the rhythm and range of Jewish music - from traditional klezmer to classical compositions during the month of January. All concerts are on Sundays at 2:00 pm from January 6 - 27, 2008. Reservations are suggested and all tickets are \$8.

## Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>-

*Traditional Jewish and Klezmer Music*

Brandon Seabrook (mandolin),  
Jazer Giles Schwartz (accordion),  
Yaeko Miranda Elmaleh (violin)

## Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>-

*The Hevreh Ensemble*

Jeff Adler (bass clarinet, soprano saxophone and Native American flute),

Judith Dansker (oboe, oboe d'amore, english horn and Native American flute),

Laurie Friedman (clarinet, percussion, Native American flute and shofar),  
Donald Sosin (keyboard)

## Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>-

*Dutch Jewish Composers*

Flutist Sarah Swersey and pianist Nadine Shank present a program of recently discovered music by pre-World War II Dutch composers as well as works by Copeland and Mendelssohn.

## Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>-

*Cantabile & Friends present Music of Salamone Rossi*

The vocal ensemble Cantabile, (Deanna Joseph, Kayla Werlin, Dorie Goldman, David Olsson, Jim Mead, and Peter Shea) perform a variety of sacred and secular music by the eminent late renaissance Jewish composer Salamone Rossi (ca. 1570-1630).



## Adoption Link

*An Information Meeting on Adoption*

AdoptionLink will present a free information meetings about international and domestic adoption Programs on Thursday, January 10, 2008 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the West Springfield Library, 200 Park Street, West Springfield, MA.

Adoption services are available to individuals and couples of all races,

religions and sexual orientation.

For more information, or to register, please call AdoptionLink at 413-746-2027.



## Celebrate Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday-- in Israel!

*Yom Ha'atzmaut*

*Community Mission to Israel  
May 4 - 15, 2008*

Space is limited & reservations will be taken in the order received! For more information, contact Harold Berman, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts, at (413) 737-4313 x139 or [hberman@jewishwesternmass.org](mailto:hberman@jewishwesternmass.org).



## Meditation Group

Thursday Morning "Lecha Dumiyah Tehillah"\* Meditation Group

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

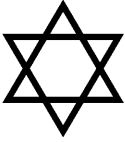
Led by Rabbis Nancy Flam and Sheila Peltz Weinberg

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

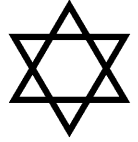




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January 2008

23 Tevet ~ 24 Shevat 5768



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 23 TEVET New Year's Day 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan OFFICE CLOSED	<b>2</b> 24 TEVET 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 12:00 Noon Text Study No Religious School	<b>3</b> 25 TEVET 7:30 pm Board Meeting	<b>4</b> 26 TEVET 11:4:13 5:30 pm Intergenerational Family Service followed by potluck supper	<b>5</b> 27 TEVET Va'era 10:00 am Reconstructionist Service 10:00 am Masorti Service 7th Grade Resumes
<b>6</b> 28 TEVET Religious School Resumes	<b>7</b> 29 TEVET 7:30 pm Chesed Committee	<b>8</b> 1 SHEVAT Rosh Chodesh Shevat 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 7:00 pm Adult Ed Class with Rabbi Bauer	<b>9</b> 2 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 6:00 pm Confirmation Class with Rabbi Bauer 7:00 pm Social Committee 8:00 pm Religion Committee	<b>10</b> 3 SHEVAT	<b>11</b> 4 SHEVAT 11:4:20 6:15 pm Service	<b>12</b> 5 SHEVAT Bo 10:00 am Service 10:30 am Shabbat Shalom for enrolled 4-6 year olds
<b>13</b> 6 SHEVAT 10:00 am Community Meeting on JCA Educational Vision (see page 11) 1:00 pm Strategic Planning 6:00 pm Teen Schmooze	<b>14</b> 7 SHEVAT	<b>15</b> 8 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 7:00 pm Adult Ed Class with Rabbi Bauer	<b>16</b> 9 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 12:00 Noon Text Study Religious School	<b>17</b> 10 SHEVAT 7:00 pm Fundraising Committee	<b>18</b> 11 SHEVAT 11:4:28 6:15 pm Carlebach style service followed by potluck supper and Tu B'Shevat Seder	<b>19</b> 12 SHEVAT Beshallah 10:00 am Service No Religious School for 7th grade Teen Sleepover
<b>20</b> 13 SHEVAT No Religious School 10:30 am WJC Speaker: Zionism Then and Now (see page 16)	<b>21</b> 14 SHEVAT Martin Luther King Day	<b>22</b> 15 SHEVAT Tu B'Shvat 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 7:00 pm Adult Ed Class with Rabbi Bauer	<b>23</b> 16 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation	<b>24</b> 17 SHEVAT	<b>25</b> 18 SHEVAT 11:4:36 6:15 pm Service	<b>26</b> 19 SHEVAT Yitro 10:00 am Service
<b>27</b> 20 SHEVAT 4:30 pm Leadership Retreat (see page 7)	<b>28</b> 21 SHEVAT	<b>29</b> 22 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	<b>30</b> 23 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation No Religious School 4:00-7:00 pm Parent Conferences	<b>31</b> 24 SHEVAT		



*January 13*  
**Community Meeting on JCA Educational Vision (see page 11)**

*January 18*  
**Carlebach style Service, Potluck Supper & Tu B'Shevat Seder  
(see page 5)**

*January 20*  
**World Jewish Concerns Speaker:  
*Israel at 60: Zionism Then and Now (see page 16)***

*January 27*  
**Leadership Retreat (see page 7)**

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