


Jewish Community of Amherst

הקהילה היהודית של אמהרסט



Jewish Reconstructionist
Federation 

Candle Lighting

February 6 ~ 4:53 pm
February 13 ~ 5:02 pm
February 20 ~ 5:11 pm
February 27 ~ 5:20 pm

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



Special Events

February 8
Tu B'Shevat Family
Learning Program
Tu B'Shevat Study with
Ellen Bernstein
Tu B'Shevat Seder



Meetings

February 2
Chesed Committee
Social Committee
February 4
Religion Committee
February 5
Board Meeting
February 25
Education Committee
School Committee

Message from Co-president

Lisa Perl binder, 230-3055, lperl binder@aol.com

Strengthening our Community During Difficult Financial Times

February 9th marks the festival of Tu B'Shevat or the "New Year of the Trees" and for the rabbis of the Talmud, the 15th of Shevat became the date for calculating the beginning and end of the agricultural cycle to determine tithes on fruits and vegetables. In the present day, this holiday commemorates the abundance of the earth and in these difficult times, celebrating the simple pleasures found in nature can provide peace, strength, and even optimism. As an optimist, I believe we can strengthen our community even during these hard economic times.

With the economy in crisis, congregations around the country are cutting expenses at the very moment many members need help most. I know that financial issues are impacting most of our members and this will put a strain on the JCA's finances as well. But I also know that if we stay true to our mission, we will ride out this storm and will continue to provide crucial resources, connections and care for all our members.

Recently I read that economists are examining how religious affiliation serves as a kind of "insurance" during periods of extreme financial stress. Looking at spending before and after income goes up or down, economists found that spiritual households have less volatile consumption - about 30 percent less fluctuation in spending than similar, secular households. They also found that religion softens reactions to negative shocks. And, the research indicates that just stating a belief is insufficient; one needs to actively participate in a religious organization to get "happiness insurance." So heed the economists, as well as listen to your heart. Coming to the JCA to

worship or participate will make a positive difference during these hard times.

A synagogue is a communal framework dedicated to helping each other not only in times of joy, but also in challenging times. The JCA is a place where we can make an investment with trust and confidence unlike other institutions that have experienced precipitous declines over the past six months. In times of insecurity and change, it is good to know that the place you trust will be there for you and for those you love.

Realists would say that we should anticipate that falling incomes and assets will lead to a drop in contributions. However this year, we passed a balanced budget at our Annual Meeting based on conservative revenue estimates, and we are projecting slightly higher donations from our Annual Appeal. These are signs that the JCA remains healthy and strong thanks to the commitment of our members. We hope contributions will continue in the form of increased volunteer effort as we all welcome in a new era of community engagement and activism. We need to rely on each other to make the future as bright as it can be for ourselves, our families, our neighbors, friends, and our children. This is the best insurance we can possibly have as we all celebrate the Jewish festival of appreciation for the gifts we all share.

*b'Shalom,
Lisa*

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Community Events
on
Sunday, February 8



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Chesed Committee

The Chesed Committee assists JCA members in times of joy, sorrow and need, coordinating volunteers to help with meals, rides, errands, visits, shiva min-yans, and other needs. We also welcome new members and babies! Please contact us if you would like to join the committee or be added to our list of volunteers.

Also, if you, someone in your family, or someone in the community is ill, hospitalized, or in need of assistance, please contact us right away. Even if visits or phone calls are not desired, it is important to us as a community to be aware of the health and well-being of our members and their families. We realize that providing this kind of information feels awkward to many people, but it is an important facet of being in community. We cannot help if we do not know.

Contact the Chesed Committee through the JCA office at 256-0160.

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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Devarim:**Words from Rabbi David Dunn Bauer****Shalom, JCA~**

It is important that we communicate about the current violence between Israel and the Palestinian territory of the Gaza Strip. As I write this on Sunday, January 4th, there is no expectation of a genuine cease-fire or even a slackening of hostilities. Right now, the advance of Israeli ground troops is continuing, and we can only anticipate increasing numbers of casualties from both sides to be reported over the next few days.

My personal experience of the moment, and I am sure it is shared by many of us, is heartbreak.

I have spent three years of my life in Israel, have many Israeli cousins, friends, and colleagues. I own a profound attachment to various places, vistas, sounds, fragrances, and flavors that compose the Israeli cultural landscape. I have no Palestinian friends, but I have been involved in the peace movement through various Jewish organizations for a number of years now. I care about the health, the safety, and the capacity to hope of both the Israeli and Palestinian peoples.

Circumstances around and within Gaza have been wretched for years: Extraordinary poverty and deprivation are the fact of life for the Palestinians who live in Gaza; trauma and terror haunt the life of citizens of southern Israel who have been the victims of long-range missile attacks from within the Gazan borders. Israeli, Palestinian, American, and world politics have managed to perpetuate and exacerbate a hellish situation.

Our community needs to be informed about what's going on, and we need to maintain the JCA as a place where we can share our feelings and perspectives in ways that protect the space as safe for all our community. We as a community comprise a wide-range of political and emotional perspectives on Israel. We need to respect each other as we speak and to be content with being heard. I believe we are obligated to find common ground in three things: our concern for the destiny of the Jewish people, our determination to hold the State of Israel in our hearts, and our compassion for all victims of war, violence, and oppression everywhere.

A range of Jewish perspectives on the on-going crisis, as well as opportunities to take action, can be found at (listed alphabetically, and followed by excerpts from their web sites):

AIPAC The American Israel Public Affairs Committee

“A Voice for the U.S.-Israel Relationship. For more than half a century, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee has worked to help make Israel more secure by ensuring that American support remains strong.”

Brit Tzedek v'Shalom: The Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace

“Brit Tzedek v'Shalom is America's largest grassroots Jewish organization dedicated to promoting a negotiated two-state resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This means promoting a U.S. foreign policy which supports Israel, the Palestinians, and the Arab states in making the difficult compromises that are needed for a negotiated solution.”

J Street “J Street is the political arm of the pro-Israel, pro-peace movement. We seek to change the direction of American policy in the Middle East and to broaden the public and policy debate in the U.S. about the Middle East. We support strong American leadership to end the Arab-Israeli and Palestinian-Israeli conflicts peacefully and diplomatically...”

Jewish Council for Public Affairs (see the Press Center part of the web site) “The mission of the Council is to serve as the representative voice of the organized American Jewish community in addressing the principal mandate of the Jewish community relations field, expressed in three interrelated goals: To safeguard the rights of Jews here and around the world; to dedicate ourselves to the safety and security of the state of Israel; to protect, preserve and promote a just American society, one that is democratic and pluralistic, one that furthers harmonious inter-religious, inter-ethnic, interracial and other inter-group relations.”

For comparative analysis one can visit the **Washington Institute for Near East Policy** (Pro-Israel, right of center) and the **Israel Policy Forum** (Pro-Israel, left of center). Obviously, there are many other organizations – this is just a sampling.

DONATIONS

One very tangible thing we can do is to contribute to the courageous relief efforts currently underway to help the innocent victims of this tragic crisis. To this end, here are some links to relief campaigns that are providing much needed aid on the ground:

The United Jewish Communities Israel Emergency Fund, which aids civilians in Sderot and other southern Israeli cities and towns under attack by Qassam rockets.

Save the Children, providing relief to families and children under military attack in Gaza.

As I stated above, political tensions about and within Gaza have been very bad for years. The launching of missiles from within Gaza into southern Israel has been traumatizing and inexcusable. The poverty and deprivation suffered by the Palestinians within Gaza have been deplorable and intolerable. In the interests of full disclosure, know that my own perspective remains fairly consonant with those of Brit Tzedek and J Street. I believe with an unhappy certainty that the current Israeli military campaign is a deepening of the tragedy, not an answer to it. The international community needs to bring all its energies to bear in achieving an immediate bilateral cease-fire followed by fundamental progress towards a peaceful and hopeful future.

*B'virkat shalom -- with a blessing of peace,
Rabbi Bauer*

I am proud to acknowledge the work of Rabbi Maurice Harris, a remarkable colleague and classmate of mine, who assembled the list of resources above, and whose communication with his community helped me shape this letter to you.



Religion Committee

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Shabbat Shirah, Parashat Beshallach

Exodus 13:17-17:16

February 6, Friday

5:30 PM

Intergenerational Family Service

February 7, Saturday

10:00 AM- Reconstructionist Service

Service Leaders: Simchat Cochma (see below)

10:00 AM- Masorti Service



Tu B'Shevat

February 8, Sunday-

10:00 AM

Tu B'Shevat Family Learning Program (see page13)

10:30 AM

Tu B'Shevat Study with Ellen Bernstein (see page 14)

5:30 PM

Tu B'Shevat Seder and Potluck Supper

February 9, Monday- Tu B'Shevat



Shabbat Yitro

Exodus 18:1-20:23

February 13, Friday

6:15 PM

Shabbat in the Groove with Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein

February 14, Saturday

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Paul Charette

D'var Torah: To be announced



Shabbat Shekalim, Parashat Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1-24:18, 30:11-16

February 20, Friday

6:15 PM

Carlebach style service

Service Leader(s): To be announced

February 21, Saturday

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer



February 24/25, Tuesday/Wednesday

Rosh Chodesh Adar



Shabbat Terumah, Exodus 25:1-27:19

February 27, Friday

6:15 PM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

February 28, Saturday

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer



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

Rabbi Liaison Committee

The Rabbi Liaison Committee's charge is "to provide an effective process that will expand and enhance both the functional and personal relationships between the Rabbi and the JCA community." If there is an issue that you would like the committee to consider with Rabbi Bauer, please contact a Rabbi Liaison Committee member:

Aaron Bousel (253-3544), Judy Glaser (253-9607),
 Haim Gunner (549-0447), Ruth Kane-Levit (548-1083),
 Eli Kwartler (253-2929).

Special Service led by Simchat Cochma

Come join us, Simchat Chochma, at 10 am on February 7th as we gather to celebrate a special shabbat. This shabbat will honor the wisdom that comes with approaching 60 and beyond. Members of the Simchat Chochma group will lead the service.

A special blessing will be offered for members of our communities of "wisdom age". A delicious kiddush will follow.

We are.....Hayat Nancy Abuza, Kitty Axelson-Berry, Ruth Love Barer, Merle Feld, Judith Fine, Hadar Gabel, Elinor Levine, Laurie Nisonoff, Batya Perman, Cyd Reiman, Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser and Randi Stein.

Kiddush and Oneg Sponsors

January 31-

Marilyn Lewis, in honor of her granddaughter, Madison J. Couture

February 21-

Madeleine Charney and Rudy Perkins in honor of the 1st birthday of their son, Eli

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.

Start Your Day In Community

The Tuesday morning minyan is a wonderful way to start the day. Join with us in gratitude for the many blessings in our lives. Your presence is a gift that allows those who are in mourning or celebrating a *yahrzeit* to be able to say Kaddish. Please join us once a month, or **every Tuesday morning from 7:30-8:30 a.m.** Try it! It's amazing how energized your day will be!!

Wednesday Morning Meditation Service

Each Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. 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.

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 next Masorti Minyan will be on Saturday, February 7th at 10:00 am. All, including families with children, are welcome to attend and to take a leadership role. For details contact: Catherine Madsen, 253-2930

Foot Stomping Melodies for Welcoming Shabbat

The next Carlebach-style service will be on February 20th. The melodies are beautiful, the spirit/ruach is incredible. There will be a potluck supper following the service.

Next Shabbat in the Groove- Friday February 13th

This musical, interactive, and energetic service utilizes new and traditional melodies in a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere. This unique experience with instrumental accompaniment aims to deepen your spiritual awareness, to put you in touch with your Jewish neshama/soul. Led by Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein.

Chemical Sensitivities

A number of our members have allergies to perfumes, colognes and other fragrances. Please try to minimize the use of these products when coming to JCA services and other events. Please inform your guests about this policy as well.

New Chumashim

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.

Volunteer Needed for Interfaith Committee

Did you know that in Amherst there is a committee that meets to address interfaith issues and inform all the faith communities about programs that are happening? The JCA needs a volunteer to join this committee and go to meetings once a month. The committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 11:30-1:30 at Flayvors. It is very important that events involving different faiths be announced in our community and attended by our members. The representative from our community brings this information to us. Please contact Batya Perman for more information. 549-4853 or batya1818@gmail.com.

Tu B'Shevat

Our annual Tu B'Shevat seder and potluck supper will take place on Sunday, February 8th beginning at 5:30.

All are welcome.

Also, see pages 13 & 14 for information about Tu B'Shevat learning opportunities earlier the same day.

Education News

Jody Rosenbloom, Director of Life Long Learning, 256-0160, ext. 203



Strong Staff, New Education Committee Structure, and We Need You, Too!

Our community has put in several years of hard work to strengthen our Education Programming and make the best use of our resources. We have the most qualified teaching staff in over 10 years, a blossoming teen program, family education programming, supportive office staff and adult education prospects in the works. Our committee needs new members to bring new energy, ideas, and resources to help our education programming continue to serve the needs of our community. Through committees, we need partners to share the process with our staff; to support and provide oversight for the development and implementation of programs in keeping with the 5 year plan developed last year. Current members are Rachael Goren, Lisa Perl binder, David Rabinowitz, Andra Rose, Jody Rosenbloom, Stacy Tobin, and Ted Trobaugh. The sub-committee responsible for JCA School is Karen Helfer, Jim Levine, Jody Rosenbloom, Ted Trobaugh & Stacy Tobin. We generally meet once/month for a few hours. This is a great way to get to know our community and make a difference in the evolving Jewish journeys of our members of all ages. Contact Jody Rosenbloom, Director of Life Long Learning at 256-0160X203 or eddir@j-c-a.org.

Snow Days and Budget Cuts Taking Their Toll

We lost the last day of programming before winter break and the first few days of class returning in January. Teachers, parents and students spent the remainder of January getting back on track. The Education Committee will be discussing ways to make up some of the missed programming later in the year. This is further complicated by the budget cuts voted on in December for 2009, which included extending February break, using some volunteers to staff electives in place of class in March, and cutting back on Family Education programs tentatively set for the summer. Offsetting the difficulties is the good news of welcoming three new households to the school this semester.

3rd/4th Grade Tops 20 Students

New teacher, Alex Maslow

Joins teaching team of Rachel Smith & David Gamliel

With the unexpected growth of this combined class, we find we can no longer physically contain the group in one room. So we have hired a new teacher and each session will

have homeroom for each grade, then activities with a mix of students depending on the activity and attendance at the discretion of the teachers. Rachel Smith will be the 3rd grade homeroom teacher and be primarily responsible for the Jewish values and life cycle curriculum. Alex Maslow, who worked with the JCA School 3rd/4th grade class last year, will be the 4th/5th grade homeroom teacher and be primarily responsible for the Torah study curriculum. Hebrew will continue in working groups on Wednesday with Master Teacher, Andrea Olkin. Teaching Assistant, David Gamliel, will work with both groups as needed. Alex is a senior at UMASS finishing up a degree in Classics & Jewish Studies. He is a veteran counselor at Camp Eisner (Reform Movement summer camp in the Berkshires) and most recently, their Program Director. Throughout high school, Alex worked in classrooms, youth groups, and with field trips for students at Temple Isaiah in Lexington, MA.

Shabbat Bear Begins His Visits

How do we link what we do in JCA School with what our students do in their homes? For Second and First Graders, they take turns hosting 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.

Thank-You To:

Sue Zarchen for the calendars

Foster-Farrar Hardware for the paint stir sticks

CVS Pharmacy/Amherst for the donation of Hannukah cookies and crafts.

Calendar

Sun, Feb. 8	Tu B'Shevat Family Program 10:00 -12:15
Sat, Feb. 14- Sun, Feb. 22	No Classes- President's Holiday Week
Wed, Feb. 25	Education Committee at 6:00 pm, School Sub-Committee at 7:30 pm
Sat, Feb. 28	Shabbat Shalom Class 10:30 -12

**Dean's Beans Organic Coffee
Fundraiser**

Order Dean's Beans for your home or office. It's what is served at the JCA, and all profits benefit the JCA School as well as indigenous coffee farmers world-wide.



Order forms are due: Sunday, February 1st

Pick up: on or after February 6th, at the JCA or the Leading Edge (formerly Gold's Gym).

Order forms are available in the JCA lobby or online by contacting susanweinstein1@yahoo.com.

great coffee, great price, great cause!

Adult Education Workshop

**Sitting in Presence
Jewish and Buddhist Interspiritual
Approaches**

With Daniel Berlin, Psy.D. and Mark Hart, Ph.D.

Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist teacher once said: "It is my understanding that the purpose of all Jewish practice is to live every moment in the awareness of God's Presence... and that is Mindfulness." The capacity to be present with awareness is at the core of Jewish and Buddhist spiritual practices. The goal of these spiritual practices is to cultivate an awareness of Presence in all aspects of our lives, to act and to speak skillfully, and to consciously draw upon our innate kindness.

The intent of this interspiritual workshop is to explore the common roots of Judaism and Buddhism and to introduce participants to Jewish and Buddhist spiritual practices such as meditation, mindfulness, and recitation of blessings. The format will include learning some basic vocabulary of Jewish and Buddhist spirituality, contemplative practice, and group discussion.

The workshop is open to people of all backgrounds and all levels of knowledge or experience with Judaism or Buddhism. The only requirement is one of receptivity and intention to living with greater awareness.

February 22, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

JCA library

Fee: \$50

Registration: Call Daniel at 549-2773 or Mark at 259-2145

Lunch: 12:30-1:45 p.m. (bring your own)

Daniel Berlin, Psy.D. is a licensed psychologist and a certified Jewish spiritual director in private practice in Amherst and a member of the JCA.

Mark Hart, Ph.D. is the guiding teacher of the Bodhisara Dharma Community in the Amherst area, the adjunct religious advisor for Buddhist students at Amherst College, and a psychotherapist in private practice.

Dress like a queen, twirl a grogger, nibble some hamantaschen...

**at JCA's annual Purim Carnival
Sunday March 8th, 10:30am-1:30pm.**

Play games, earn "shekels" to trade in for prizes, and lots more in store at this year's carnival.

Games are designed by JCA students, and run by teachers, teens and volunteers.



The carnival is open to the community,
Cost is \$5/child, \$10/family

Attendees in costume who bring Box Tops for education or a food donation for the Survival Center receive a "shekel" toward prizes at the prize booth.

Refreshments will be sold.

All children should be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

Teen Programming info on pages 8-9

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TEEN PROGRAMMING February 2009



JCAT Programming for 7, 8, and 9th graders

DATE Feb. 8th
Movie Night- more information to come!

DATE Feb. 19th
5:30pm Leadership Meeting
6-7:30pm Jewish Comedy Mini-Festival
More information to come!

Rosh Hodesh New Moon Yoga Tuesday, February 24th 6-8pm

Co-led by: Corinne Andrews, Registered Yoga Teacher
& Avital Nathman, MA

Come join us to celebrate *Rosh Hodesh* (new moon or
“head of the month”) with yoga and light refreshments.
**Open to all interested teens. Friends are always wel-
come and encouraged to attend!**

Fee: \$10 (for members and non-members) Kindly RSVP
to jcateens@gmail.com by Feb. 22nd Min. 6 Teens
needed for event to occur.

This event will be held at someone’s
house. Email jcateens@gmail.com for the
location.



Upcoming Events and Trips!

March 22– **BINGO Intergenerational Fundraiser**
Come have some fun playing BINGO to help raise money
for Education and Teen Programming at the JCA.

April 5th 5-8pm- **Jewish Arts Festival**
Join teens from all over the region for a musical, theatre,
dance, and arts festival.

Upcoming Trips-

March 6th- 8th Grade Kehila Class–
Boston trip to Holocaust museum

April 17-19th- 9th/10th Grade Kehila Class–
NYC weekend trip

May 1-3rd- **Mini-New England College Tour**

Email Rachael for more information.



SPARK!: Partnership for Service

*Make a difference in someone’s
life- volunteer!*



Spark! Is a program that volunteers
once a month at the Center for Extended Care,
Amherst on Sundays 2:30-4:30pm. This program
is open to 8th and 9th graders from all over the
Valley.

This month’s spark! session will be held on
Sunday, February 8th, 2:30-4:30pm at the
Center for Extended Care, Amherst.

For more information or to RSVP contact Avital
at avihistory@gmail.com.

KEHILA קהילה Program

There are still spots open for the winter session!

Contact Rachael for more information.

Classes for this month are from 6-8pm on:
Wed. Feb. 4th
Wed. Feb. 25th

Contact teendir@j-c-a.org with any questions!

Want more info? Contact the Director of Teen Programming, Rachael Goren at jcateens@gmail.com or 256-0160 x208.

These programs are largely funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation Teen Initiative.

**Teen Programming:
Breathe Into It**

**By: Rachael Goren,
Director of Teen Programming**

YOGA for Teens

With the new year, JCA Teen Programming is offering a new opportunity for regional teens— **Rosh Hodesh Yoga for Teens**. This monthly program is open to any teen in grade 7 and above that is interested in a yoga class taught by **Corinne Andrews** and **Avital Nathman**. It is a physically spiritual experience and wonderful way to honor the new moon, the new Jewish month, get centered, and have a chance to breathe! I hope you and your friends can join us. Through a generous grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, we are able to offer this program to any interested teen for \$10 each month.

BINGO

We are currently planning an Intergenerational BINGO fundraiser for March 22nd 2009. We are looking for dona-

tions, from small \$5 prizes and gift certificates to bigger prizes for raffles.

Kehila

If you are registered for Kehila in grades 8, 9, and 10— sure to register for the class trips we have coming up! The 8th graders will be traveling to Boston for a Holocaust Day Trip, including a visit to the Peabody Holocaust museum, the Holocaust memorial, and more. The 9/10th graders will be traveling to New York City for a fun filled weekend to explore what it means to be Jewish in the big city.

College Tour

We will be hosting our first ever College Tour for high school students May 1-3rd. Registration is limited, so contact me ASAP if you are interested in attending.

January's successes!

We had 12 teens attend the sleepover in January— while we barely got any sleep— a goodtime was had by all!

Bee Shally (B'shalom)

Rachael


SAVE THE DATE

Intergenerational BINGO Fundraiser

**Sunday, March 22, 2009
12 noon**

**Help raise money for JCA's Educational
and Teen Programming.**

**We are still looking for donations and volunteers,
email jcateens@gmail.com for more information.**






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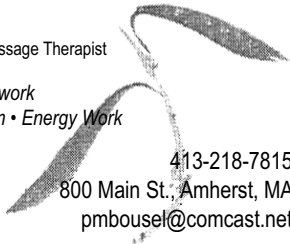
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News....About Us!

Sarah Thomson is showing some new watercolors at the office of Barbara and Gordon Freed.

You are cordially invited to the opening on Sunday, February 8, from 2-5 at Newmarket Family Dentistry, 28 University Drive, Amherst.

Irv Seidman has been appointed Justice of the Peace by the Governor Deval Patrick.

Do you know of someone in the JCA community whose special achievements, accomplishments or awards should be shared with all of us? If so, please let us know so we can put it in the Newsletter.

Send your news to: news@j-c-a.org.

Adult Reading Group

The third meeting of the reading cycle for the JCA Adult Reading Group will take place on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. The book for discussion is *Everyman* by Phillip Roth. It is available in paperback. From the Washington Post: "Philip Roth's 27th novel is a marvel of brevity, admirable for its elegant style and composition (no surprise), but remarkable above all for its audacity and ambition." New group members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Ken Talan at 253-2248.

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March 29th, April 4th and 5th The JCA along with Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI) and the Pioneer Valley Hadassah have received a grant from the Grinspoon Foundation to organize events to celebrate SEPHARDIC CULTURE during the week of March 29th - April 4th.

- **March 29th** at CBI at 3 PM to 6 PM-
Talk on Sephardic Culture, a concert by Mak'hela AND a tasting of Sephardic food.
- **April 4th** at JCA, 7:30 PM-
Concert by Susan Gaeta, nationally known Sephardic singer. a prodigy of Flory Jagoda
- **April 5th** at JCA, 1 PM-
A participatory workshop with Susan Gaeta, families most welcome, bring your tambourines

We are delighted to celebrate a Jewish culture that is not as well known to some of us and to coordinate with other Jewish organizations. There is a small fee for the March 29th tasting and the April 4th evening concert.

Would you like to sponsor an arts event (a performance, film, talk)? We welcome your suggestions. Please contact Anita Page (apage@english.umass.edu or Eva Sartori (leosartori@comcast.com) to discuss any ideas.



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- ☆ Find out what Tu B'shevat can teach us about caring for and repairing our environment!
- ☆ Parents and children learn together and separately.

**Sunday February 8
10:00 – 12:15**

**The JCA congregational Tu B'shevat seder and
potluck supper will be held that day at 5:30 pm**

☆ All Children must be accompanied by an adult. If a parent/guardian cannot attend, please have your child(ren) come with another school family.

☆ Please collect all the “junk mail” you can and bring it in a paper bag on Feb. 8 for a special project!

For more information please contact Rabbi Steve Nathan,
Family Educator for School and Community Programs, at spn1007@gmail.com

This program largely funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's Family Education Initiative

The Kabbalistic/Mystical Origins of Tu B'shevat

An adult learning session with
congregant and scholar
Ellen Bernstein

Tu B'Shevat is the Jewish New Year of the Trees;
it was first celebrated with a Seder by the
Kabbalists/mystics of Safed in the 1700's.

Ellen Bernstein, founder of Shomrei Adamah,
keepers of the earth—the first Jewish environmental
organization—will be teaching some of the original texts
that the kabbalists would contemplate in celebration
of the Trees' Birthday.

All are welcome; no Hebrew required.

Sunday Feb. 8
10:30 - 11:45 am
at the JCA (room TBA)

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JCA Business Network

On February 26, 2009 at 5:30 we will be having the first organizational meeting of the **JCA Business Network**. We often see each other at the JCA, pray together, attend events together without knowing much about each other professionally. There is vast amount of talent at the JCA that is untapped. Similarly, many people at the JCA own, operate or work at businesses, which other JCA members might want to avail themselves of if they knew about them. One of the goals of the network would be to provide information to the JCA community about the various businesses and talents of JCA members as well as providing a forum for business networking. **During the meeting, we will draw three names from those present and those folks will receive a free one month listing of their business in the JCA newsletter.** If you are interested in helping to organize this venture please email me at orankaufman@verizon.net. If you plan to attend please email me as well by February 20, 2009.

Are YOU the one?

Major mitzvah opportunity for a special person with numerical know-how.

Our patient and knowledgeable treasurer, Alan Peterfreund, needs an understudy ... a person who will learn the ropes from Alan this year and become JCA Treasurer next year.

If you are good with numbers and think this might be the time for you to serve the JCA, or if you know of someone you think might be just the person for this important role, please contact nominating committee co-chair Judy Glaser at 253-9607 or at judyglaser@comcast.net.

Membership

The membership committee would like to thank **Wheatberries Bakery in Amherst** for donating challahs which the membership committee delivers to new members. Wheatberries carries artisanal breads and pastry, soups, sandwiches. All baked items are baked with organic and local grain and other local ingredients. If you have never been there, please stop in and try their challahs (and other breads) and thank them personally. The membership committee is now also delivering bagels to new members on Sunday mornings. It is a nice time to connect and find out more about each other. If you are a new member and we have somehow missed arranging for a challah or bagels, please let us know by emailing Robyn Miller at rjmiller@email.smith.edu.

Photos of Grandparents and Kids Needed

The Fundraising Committee is looking for photos of grandparents with their grandkids, with some connection to a JCA member. If the photo shows them doing something Jewish together, or actually at the JCA, so much the better, but it's not necessary. (Don't send me 100, just a few!) We will use some in a new brochure announcing the Grandparents Fund, and others in a poster in the JCA. What's the "Grandparents Fund", you ask?

Details are still being worked out in consultation with the Education Committee and the Board, but the Grandparents Fund is intended to be a new way to involve grandparents in the JCA.

Contributions to the Grandparents Fund will support the JCA's Education Program:

- purchasing materials and special programs for the Religious School,
- supporting scholarships for those in need,
- teaching enduring Jewish values through B'Nai Tzedek,
- improving school facilities, teacher development, sustaining the innovative (and popular) teen program.

Contributions will be welcome any time but we expect that grandparents may want to recognize bar/bat mitzvahs and or significant milestones in a child's life with a gift to the JCA via this fund.

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A Literary and Arts Trip to Israel -May 17th - 28th, 2009

Rabbi David Dunn Bauer is leading a JCA trip to Israel May 17-27 that will explore the country through its contemporary artists, writers, and religious innovators. Travelers will engage directly with the people who give Israel its unique vibrancy.

Our daily activities will include:

- encounters with authors to discuss their stories, essays, and articles;
- visits to studios and art galleries, talking with painters and sculptors about their creative process and their life in Israel;
- studying Jewish texts in the new, egalitarian batei midrash (houses of study) that have sprung up in recent years; and
- trips to the Bezalel Art School, stunning historic sites around Israel, the Museum of Islamic Culture, music and theatrical performances;

- exploring the unparalleled religious and cultural splendor of the country.

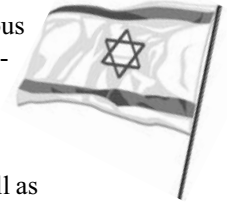
We will combine our immersion in Israel's art and culture with explorations of the geopolitics of Israel as well as the energy of daily life in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

There will be plenty of free time to explore on our own. The tentative itinerary is online at www.j-c-a.org. The basic cost is \$2,400 plus airfare. This trip is open to any interested person in and outside of our congregation.

All individuals residing in Western Massachusetts are eligible for a Harold Grinspoon Foundation grant of up to \$1000 for Israel travel.

Go to www.hgf.org to download an application.

If you are interested in the May 2009 trip, please contact Karen Loeb at 413-253-0336 or email at kloeb@comcast.net.



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The work of UJC and NIF helps strengthen Israel and world Jewry. Many thanks to those who generously contributed at this time of crisis:

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News from The Social Committee

Despite having to postpone the Chanukah party due to snow everyone had a great time at the rescheduled event. We would like to thank all the people who helped including Jana Silver, Deborah Evans, Karen Helfer, Rachel Madowitz, Bruce Klotz, Av Harris, Barbara Slovin, Peter Wood, Chaia Wolf, Esther Mercer, Bob Stern, Judy Glaser, Kitty Axelson, Libby Army and Lydia, Hadar Grabel, Deb Levheim, Jeff Cohen, Helena Donovan, Ruth Love Barer, Louis Berman, Alan Berman, Aaron Berman, Oran Kaufman, Marina Goldman, Felicia Mednick, Jody Spitz, Aaron Bousel, Amy Rose, Jason Moses and Rabbi Steve Nathan. If you helped, made latkes or did anything for the party and we haven't mentioned your name, please accept our apologies and thanks.

The next Social Committee meeting will be February 2 6:30 p.m. at Whole Foods. All welcome - help plan exciting events including the Kosher Q. New ideas always appreciated.

March 1, 3 pm Amy Mittelman will give a talk on "Jewish Beers and Brewing, 1880- 2009". There will also be a beer tasting. Amy is the author of *Brewing Battles: A History of American Beer* (Algora, 2007).

**Amy Mittelman
"Jewish Brewers, and
Brewing, 1880 -2009"
Book Talk and Beer Tasting**



**Sunday
March 1, 2009
3 pm
JCA Social Hall**

**Amy is the author of
Brewing Battles:
A History of
American Beer**

The Deadline for the February Newsletter is
January 12thth

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, Aaron Bousel, news@j-c-a.org 253-3544

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In Honor of the marriage of Josh Feldman and Julie Binder, August 2008. Mazel tov! (Jaymie & Michael Chernoff)
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New Members

We warmly welcome the following new members to the JCA community.

Richard Cohen & Eliza Gouverneur and son Sam
Eric & Jessica Wilkinson and children Joshua and Ethan

Condolences

We offer our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who have recently died:
Gertrude Hofrichter, mother of Neil and Richard Hofrichter and grandmother of Jesse Hofrichter
Rose K. Hood, mother of Alison Ellis and Sheila Levine, mother-in-law of Richard Ellis, grandmother and great grandmother

Community Announcements

Gan Keshet Preschool

Gan Keshet Preschool is accepting enrollment applications for the 2009-10 school year. Please note your family might qualify for a grant from the HGF Right Start Program. "The Harold Grinspoon Foundation knows that early childhood education is essential to launching your family's Jewish journey. It will help pay the tuition of the first child in each family to enroll in a Jewish preschool." The eligibility guidelines are few. Visit the HGF website, www.pjlibrary.org/rightstart.php to learn more. This year four of our families qualified and received grants from \$500 to \$1000 towards tuition. For additional information and/or to arrange a visit, please contact our Director, Wendy Stein at 584-3593 x204

Passover Cooking Class

Does cooking for Passover, especially for vegetarian friends, seem too confusing? Join us as kosher culinary artist Dawn LaRochelle of Apogee Catering (www.apogee catering.com), demonstrates a meatless main dish, a delicious dessert, and three kinds of haroset for the seder meal. LaRochelle is well known for her delicious culinary creations that are sure to wow your guests and family. The meaning of the holiday and seder traditions will be taught by Jewish educator, Shoshana Zonderman.

The Bang's Community Center in Amherst hosts this free cooking class on Thursday, March 5th from 7-8:30pm at 70 Boltwood Walk. The class is open to

all adults and is offered by the Mothers Circle, a program for women of other faith traditions who are raising Jewish children. The Mothers Circle, a national program of the Jewish Outreach Institute, is funded locally by The Harold Grinspoon Foundation and Jewish Family Service of Western Mass.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited to twenty participants.

For information or to register, please call Roz Torrey at Jewish Family Service before February 27th at 413-582-6790.

National Yiddish Book Center

The National Yiddish Book Center will present Professor Michael Hoberman discussing his new book, *How Strange It Seems: The Cultural Life of Jews in Small-Town New England* on Sunday, February 22, 2009 at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$5.

What Does it Mean to Be Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Religious?

Please join us for these two unique programs sponsored by UMass, Hampshire and Amherst Colleges.

- How Different Religions Address GLBTQ Experience - a panel discussion featuring Rabbi David Dunn Bauer, Faisal Alam, founder of Al-Fatiha - an international Muslim GLBT organization and Chris McMillan, Co-Director of the Amherst College Multi-Cultural Resource Center. Wed. Feb. 11 @ Memorial Hall Lounge, UMass Amherst.

- Hidden Lives: the Hidden Lives of GLBT Muslims, featuring Faisal Alam. Thursday Feb. 12 @ 7:00 pm. Hampshire College, Franklin Patterson Hall. For more information contact Rabbi Steven Nathan at snathan@hampshire.edu or 413-559-5282.

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

Torah Yoga at LGA

Torah Yoga, February 1st and March 8th from 9:45 to 11:15 at Lander-Grinspoon Academy, 257 Prospect Street, Northampton. Experience Jewish concepts through classic yoga poses with Judi Wisch, Educator, and Amy Reed, Anusara-Inspired Yoga Instructor. All levels welcome. \$7/session.

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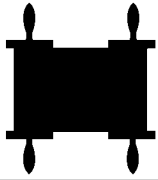
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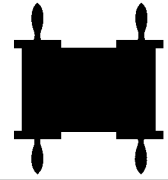
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 7 Shevat ~ 4 Adar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7 SHEVAT	2 8 SHEVAT 6:30 pm Social Committee at Whole Foods 7:30 pm Chesed Committee	3 9 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	4 10 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 6:00 pm Teen Kehila Program 7:00 pm Religion Committee	5 11 SHEVAT 7:30 pm Board Meeting	6 12 SHEVAT ⛔ 4:53 5:30 pm Intergenerational Family Service followed by potluck supper	7 13 SHEVAT ⛔ Beshalach 10:00 am Reconstructionist Service, Simchat Chochma. See page 4. 10:00 am Masorti Minyan
8 14 SHEVAT 10:00 am Tu B'Shevat Family Learning Program see page 13 10:30 am Tu B'Shevat Study with Ellen Bernstein see page 14 5:30 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder and Potluck Supper	9 15 SHEVAT ⛔ Tu B'Shevat	10 16 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 7:00 pm Prayerbook Hebrew Class	11 17 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation	12 18 SHEVAT 🇺🇸 Lincoln's Birthday	13 19 SHEVAT ⛔ 5:02 6:15 pm Shabbat in the Groove with Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein	14 20 SHEVAT ⛔ Yitro 10:00 am Service No 7th grade
15 21 SHEVAT No JCA School	16 22 SHEVAT 🇺🇸 Presidents' Day	17 23 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	18 24 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation No JCA School	19 25 SHEVAT	20 26 SHEVAT ⛔ 5:11 6:15 pm Carlebach style service	21 27 SHEVAT ⛔ Mishpatim ⛔ Parashat Shekalim 10:00 am Service No 7th grade
22 28 SHEVAT No JCA School 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Adult Ed Workshop- Jewish and Buddhist Interspiritual Approaches see page 7	23 29 SHEVAT 7:30 pm Adult Ed Prayer Class	24 30 SHEVAT ⛔ Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 1 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 7:00 pm Prayerbook Hebrew Class	25 1 ADAR ⛔ Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 2 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation JCA School Resumes 6:00 pm Teen Kehila Program 6:00 pm Education Committee 7:30 pm School Committee	26 2 ADAR 5:30 pm JCA Business Networking Meeting see page 15	27 3 ADAR ⛔ 5:20 6:15 pm Service	28 4 ADAR ⛔ Terumah 10:00 am Service 10:30 am Shabbat Shalom for enrolled 4-6 year olds

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