

Jewish Community of Amherst

הקהילה היהודית של אמהרסט



Jewish Reconstructionist
Federation 

Candle Lighting

May 1 ~ 7:32 pm

May 8 ~ 7:40 pm

May 15 ~ 7:47 pm

May 22 ~ 7:54 pm

May 29 ~ 8:00 pm

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

Special Events

May 3

Holocaust Remembrance
Film: *Steal a Pencil For Me*

May 28

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

June 14

JCA Semi-Annual Meeting

Meetings

May 7

Board Meeting

May 13

Religion Committee

B'nai Mitzvah

May 16- 10:00 am

Lily Harris

Shavuot

May 28

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

May 29

Shavuot- Day 1

May 30

Shavuot- Day 2

Message from Co-president

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

Counting the Plagues, Counting the Omer, and Counting on You

Spring has finally come to Amherst, the seemingly endless winter is over, and the first flowers have begun to appear. The earth has come back to life after a long period of dormancy to renewal. In the Hebrew calendar, we have moved through Passover and are now headed toward Shavuot, celebrated this year from May 28th – 30th

During the second Passover Seder, we began by asking the four questions, then spoke about the four children, counted the ten plagues and then recited the blessing which commences the counting of the Omer. This is the 49 day period between Passover and Shavuot which started as an agrarian holiday when our ancestors brought their first sheaves of barley to the Temple as an offering or tithe. In modern times, the Counting of the Omer has come to symbolize the period between the Exodus and the giving of the Torah, a reminder that we escaped from slavery yet our lives were not complete until after the Jews received the Torah including all 613 commandments.

But it's the giving of the Ten Commandments that receives much of the attention at Shavuot. If you closed your eyes as you read this article, can you recite all Ten Commandments from memory? Are there any you'd forget? If you could add or subtract your own, are there any you would replace? Upon reflection, they are a perfect ten in many ways especially now when rules or prohibitions are few, and common decency is taken for granted as quaint and outdated.

Without being sacrilegious, and without telling my children, I have done my fair share to break almost every commandment, something I prided myself on at one point in my

life. However, this year more than ever before, I am trying to use this period in the way it was intended – as a process to make myself worthy of receiving the law and recommitting myself to fulfilling my responsibility as a Jewish American adult. I am thinking of the commandments, what they mean to me, and what ways I can use the wisdom found in the Torah to give back to my community at the JCA.

As I was researching this article, I came across an interesting meditation for Day 49 of the Counting of the Omer... "It is written that when the Torah was given, the Israelites said 'Na'aseh v'nishma' – We will do, then we will understand". I put it to myself and the community, what can we do to be counted, even before we understand? Can we each take some responsibility, join a committee, help in the office, support a program, become a board member, before we over think it or rationalize it away? I sincerely appreciate the many, many volunteer acts that are performed by hundreds of our members week in and week out, but I am specifically asking you to take up leadership positions at the JCA. Without the next influx of leaders to support those who currently serve the community, we will be like the Jews wandering in the desert without ever getting Torah. We will simply not be able to continue to build upon the strengths of the JCA, and provide the services, events, education, pastoral and lifecycle support without you. So count your days as well as make all your days count. To quote the famous words of Nike, "just do it" and "tell them, Moses sent you."

*With happiness and peace,
Lisa*

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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 minyans, 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**

It is my privilege to spend the last 10 days of the Omer (the 7 weeks between Pesach and Shavuot) in Israel this year. This trip is one to which I have looked forward for a long time: connecting to present-day Israel through its contemporary artists and progressive Torah teachers.

Two years ago at the High Holidays I spoke about my passionate attachment to Israel (and falafel), and the itinerary we will follow on this trip reflects my understanding and experience of Israel. We will encounter multiple eras of Israel's actual and mythic history, but through the lens of the present moment.

At the close of the first JCA congregational tour I led in 2006, our wonderful guide Gilad Peleg urged us to remember that Israel is a living country, not a museum, not a symbol. Seeing the work of innovators in Israeli art, literature, and religious thought as we will this time means joining the contemporary conversation around what it means to be an Israeli today. What is the Israel of this moment in history, as distinguished from the Israel that was dreamt of for millennia, from the Israel that was proposed at the beginning of the Zionist movement a century ago, from the country who declared her independence in 1948?

This question has been much on my mind since the terribly painful Gaza war of earlier this year. As I wrote to the JCA membership when the Israeli military campaign began, I strongly disagreed with the choice to launch or continue the campaign as Israel did. The actual fighting on the ground has stopped, but the trauma of the violence -- like the trauma of the Israeli town of Sderot which has endured years of shelling from within Gaza -- will not dissipate quickly or easily. The circumstances were bad before the war; I didn't and don't believe they were improved by the military action.

During the war, I was asked by others, and I asked myself, whether my disagreement with Israel's military policies should cause me to cancel the trip. Would it not violate my conscience to travel to a country with whose policies I so strongly disagreed? It was not a simple question for me, although I am now clear about my answer to it.

During the campaign I wrote to an Israeli cousin of

mine and asked what had become of the Israeli political left. He wrote back, "The left wing is on the floor. We got crashed these elections. There is nothing. I hate it!" That is how I felt as an American in 2004. My anguish over the American military policies of that year was aggravated by a feeling of impotence -- feeling myself and my voice lost or drowned out on the national level. Despite my anger and anguish over our internal and military politics, so much remained that I loved and love about being an American, about my country. I love America, it's my home.

I love Israel. I often disagree with its internal or foreign politics, but I love it. I love the atmosphere and the sensory experience of Israel. I love so many people there. I am going to Israel not because I approve of it, but because I love it. By traveling there and leading a trip I contribute to its economy, and there is a moral valence to that which I accept. I will make a tzedakah contribution to a Palestinian relief organization in addition to a contribution to Magen David Adom, the Israeli ambulance service, because my conscience calls me to both.

There are fifteen people going on this trip, and I don't assume or ask that any of them (or anyone else) share my politics. Israel has been a source of inspiration and the object of love for so many of us in so many different ways for the decades of its existence and before. Our emotions and thoughts about Israel are necessarily varied and in flux. How could it be otherwise for a very new country with a history and symbolic profile that have changed so radically in so short a time?

The spiritual journey from Pesach to Shavuot is one from liberation to revelation. We all know in our hearts, that journey never ends, and we focus on it anew every year. Israel similarly evolves incessantly from its moment of liberation in 1948. Every year there reveals new challenges and new possibilities of inspiration and revelation. That's a large part of what I love about Israel, and that's why I am so excited to go.

B'virkat shalom -- with a blessing of peace,

Rabbi Bauer

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).



Religion Committee

Paul Charette, Co-chair, 860-559-4926, cyclone411@charter.net
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RELIGION CALENDAR

Shabbat Acharei/Kedoshim *Leviticus 16:1-20:27*

May 1, Friday

5:30 PM

Intergenerational Family Service
 Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

May 2, Saturday

10:00 AM- Reconstructionist Service
 Service Leader: Ruth Love Barer & Randi Stein
 D'var Torah: Randi Stein
 10:00 AM- Masorti Service



Shabbat Emor, *Leviticus 21:1-24:23*

May 8, Friday

6:15 PM

Shabbat in the Groove with Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein

May 9, Saturday

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer
 D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer



May 12, Tuesday- Lag B'Omer

Lag B'Omer, the thirty third day of the counting of the omer, is a joyous occasion known as the "scholar's festival."



Shabbat Behar/Bechukotai *Leviticus 25:1-27:34*

May 15, Friday

6:15 PM

Carlebach style service
 Service Leaders: Larry & Debbie Fine

May 16, Saturday

10:00 AM

Lily Harris: Bat Mitzvah
 Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer
 D'var Torah: Lily Harris & Rabbi Bauer



May 22, Friday- Yom Yerushalayim



Shabbat Bemidbar, *Numbers 1:1-4:20*

May 22, Friday

6:15 PM

Service Leader: Randi Stein

May 23, Saturday

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Paul Charette
 D'var Torah: To be announced



May 24, Sunday- Rosh Chodesh Sivan



Shavuot

May 28, Thursday

8:00 PM- Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

May 29, Friday- 1st Day Shavuot

10:00 AM- Shavuot Services

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

6:15 PM- Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

Speakers: Social workers Susan Crane and Rebecca Russell from the Department of Children and Families will talk about the need for apartments (rent paid for by the Department) and foster care for displaced adolescents in the Amherst area and how Amherst families can help.

May 30, Saturday- 2nd Day Shavuot

10:00 AM Shabbat/Shavuot Services with Yiskor

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.

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.

Kiddush and Oneg Sponsors

April 4-

Austin Sarat and Stephanie Sandler in honor of their son Ben becoming Bar Mitzvah

April 18 (Mincha)-

Stephen and Suzanne Severin in honor of their son Matthew becoming Bar Mitzvah

April 25 (Mincha)

Chuck and Cheryl Edgerly in honor of their son Cody becoming Bar Mitzvah

May 16-

Joel Harris and Tobi Sznajderman in honor of their daughter Lily becoming Bat Mitzvah

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!!

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, May 2nd 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 May 15th. The melodies are beautiful, the spirit/ruach is incredible. There will be a potluck supper following the service.

Next Shabbat in the Groove- Friday May 8th

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.

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Shavuot celebrates the giving of Torah at Mount Sinai. In anticipation of this celebration the custom of staying awake for part of, or all of, the night before has become increasingly popular in recent years. Please join us on Thursday, May 28th at 8:00 pm for an evening of teaching and refreshment. Please bring a dairy or parve dessert or snack to share. The program has not yet been finalized, so watch the community emails for more details.

Calling All Torah Tropers!

We need you to announce yourself-- as ready and willing to "take upon yourself the mitzvah" of occasionally or often, chanting Torah (three sentences or thirty) on a Shabbat morning. We are looking to try to plan many months ahead, and want to encourage curious potential Torah leyners, or those who need a bit of skill-brushing up, as well as those willing to serve as teachers/mentors (paid of course) to come and meet each other, gather for support, and plan some "companion" Torah chanting for the spring, summer, and into the fall and beyond. Let's encourage each other, and make a minyan (at least) of leyners! Call Randi Stein 549-0526 or Ruth Love Barer (253-4923) if interested in attending a meeting of such a group.

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.

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

Education News

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



Mazel Tov to Teen Director, Rachael Goren Recipient of a 2009 Unsung Hero Award

Each year, the Harold Grinspoon Foundation acknowledges the efforts of the professionals and lay leaders in our community with four Unsung Hero Awards. This is in addition to their Awards for Excellence in Jewish Education. Rachael was selected from local nominees for her outstanding service as a Jewish professional in building teen community at the JCA and in the region. She receives a \$1,000 cash award as well as recognition during a banquet scheduled this fall. Past recipients, at the JCA have, been **Saul Gladstone** for leadership in education, **Eli Cohen** as a teen leader.

Revised Two-Stage Registration Process for the 2009-2010 School Year

In order to plan for the upcoming school year, we need to know how many students will be attending JCA School. This year we are separating the enrollment process into two stages. The first stage is sending in a form notifying the office of your intent to enroll. In response, the office will respond with the second stage, the forms needed for tuition payment and information required by the end of August and prior to the first day of class. Please watch your mail for the updates.

JCA School Appreciation

At school year's end, we like to acknowledge the caring and dedicated people who make up our school community. Along with our students, parents and congregant support, we thank **Rabbi David Dunn Bauer**; Director of Life Long Learning (DL3), **Jody Rosenbloom**, Family Educator, **Rabbi Steve Nathan**, and our teaching staff: **Felicia Sloin** (Families with Young Children), **Melissa Zeitz** (Shabbat Shalom), **Ruth Love Barer & Amy Epstein** (1st & 2nd grades), **Rachel Smith & Alex Maslow** (3rd & 4th & 5th Grades), **Andrea Olkin** (6th grade & Teen Program), **Adrian Durler** (7th grade), **Rachael Goren** (Teen Director), **Avital Nathman Norman** (spark! & Kehilla), **Josefa "Shafie" Scherer-Williams** (JCAT Advisor); our teaching assistants: **Lena Amick**, **David Gamliel**, **Jordan Diamond**, **Jacob Mooney**, **Addie Gamliel** and **Leah Parker Bernstein**; and our office staff, **Eric Delisle**, **Marcia Howard**, and **Bonnie Webster**.

Transforming Words into Action: Volunteer Support is Vital to Our School

All the efforts to transform our ideas and words into action have taken a lot of hard work. Our committees are vibrant groups of volunteers whose energies help advocate for

the needs of the school, develop policies that guide curriculum, and sustain the vision necessary to nurture our process along the way. This year has been one of transition to a wider based Education Committee with a School Subcommittee. Thank-you to:

- Education Committee members – **Lisa Perl binder** (Co-President), **Ted Trobaugh** (VP), **Andra Rose** (Community Education/Board Member), **Stacy Tobin** (School Committee Rep), **David Rabinovitz** (Adult Education Chair), **Rachael Goren** (Teen Director & Camp Shemesh Administrator) & **Jody Rosenbloom** (DL3).
- School Sub-Committee members: **Stacy Tobin** (Co-Chair), **Karen Helfer**, **Jim Levine**, **Ted Trobaugh** (Co-Chair & Board Liaison), **Jody Rosenbloom** (DL3) and **Lisa Perl binder** (Co-President)
- Grade level parents who helped facilitate community and grade level projects: **Anna Robbins & Cheryl Campbell** (1st/2nd grades), **Lisa Blain** (3rd/4th grades), and **Debra Evans** (6th grade).
- Fundraiser Coordinators: **Susan Weinstein** (Dean's Beans), **Suzanne Severin** (Boxtops for Education), **Rachel Flint** (Recycling Ink Cartridges), **Lisa Blain** (Purim Carnival), **Rachael Goren & Teens** (Bingo).

Interested in Starting Your Child in JCA School?

If you are currently a member of the JCA and have children entering 1st grade or older or if you know of anyone thinking of joining a synagogue or interested in a Jewish education for their child, contact the JCA School at 256-0160 X203. Children 4-6 year olds (as of Sept. 2009) are eligible to participate in our monthly Shabbat Shalom program.

Calendar

Sun, May 3	Workshop - 4th & 5th Graders w/Parents Intro to Bar/Bat Mitzvah w/Rabbi Bauer at 10 am
Sat, May 9	Last Shabbat Shalom class (children ages 4-6) 10:30 am
Wed, May 13	Last class for 7th grade
Sun, May 17	Last day for grades 1-6. Parents invited. 10 am-12:15 pm
Thurs, May 28	Shavuot Family Program

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, May 3rd

Pick up: on or after May 8th, 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!

Used Printer Cartirdges?

Bring them to the JCA!

There's a recycling box in the coatroom for all your used cartridges. The funds collected from the recycling go to support the JCA school.

Don't Forget The Food Collection Box

As you enter the JCA, between the outside and lobby doors, there is a food collection box. The next time you're going shopping, why not pick up a few extra non-perishable items for the box. Items will be delivered to The Amherst Survival Center.

Harmoniyah 2nd Biennial Retreat

**Thursday, October 29-
Sunday, November 1, 2009
in Bethesda, Maryland
(just outside Washington, DC)**

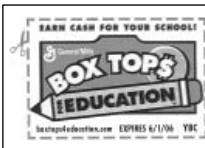
Experience a wonderful opportunity for learning, professional development, spiritual growth, lots of music-making and seeing old and new friends in the JRF world.

This year's retreat is hosted by Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation in Bethesda, Maryland.

More information to come. Check the JRF website:
<http://www.jrf.org/>

Harmoniyah is the music network of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation. It is a group of talented musicians, both professional and volunteer, who serve JRF congregations in a myriad of musical and spiritual ways.

Teen Programming info on pages 8-10



Don't forget to bring in your **Box Tops for Education**. Each one you bring in helps to support our Synagogue!

Adult Reading Group


The 4th meeting of the reading cycle for the JCA Adult Reading Group will take place on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. The book for discussion is *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan. It is available in paperback. From Publishers Weekly: "Tolan personalizes the Arab-Israeli conflict by tracing the intertwined lives of a Palestinian refugee named Bashir Al-Khairi and a Jewish settler named Dalia Eshkenazi Landau... *The Lemon Tree* is a clear-eyed and steady ride into deeply felt and ever-volatile territory." New group members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Ken Talan at 253-2248.

Marius Sznajderman Exhibit at the JCA, May and June

On the occasion of the Bat Mitzvah of Lily Harris, May 16th, an exhibit of the art work of Lily's grandfather Marius Sznajderman, a well-known artist of Judaica as well as other artforms will be mounted by his daughter JCA member Tobi Harris. Sznajderman has had over thirty one-person exhibits and has been shown at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, Yad Vashem, Smithsonian Institution, the Library of Congress and the Cincinnati Museum of Art among other museums. To honor Lily's Bat Mitzvah, Marius and his wife Suzanne are donating a hand-tinted lithograph, "Mitzrach for '07", 16 x 18.5 and printed on Lenox 100 paper. The print has an edition of 26. In addition, AS A BENEFIT TO THE JCA, several of these prints will be available for sale with the JCA receiving 30% of the purchase price. The print (unframed) retails at \$450. To inquire about purchasing the print, contact Tobi Sznajderman: 549-1795, tobianjoel@gmail.com or speak with Marcia in the office at the JCA. Our thanks to the Sznajderman's.

To see Marius Sznajderman's work, visit his web site: mariussznajderman.com.

TEEN PROGRAMMING May 2009



JCAT Programming for 6, 7, 8, and 9th graders

These events are open to any interested teen in grades 6-9.

Sunday, May 3rd: Holocaust Remembrance Program: Join the Kehila 8th grade class and JCA community for this special program. We will hear a Holocaust survivor's story and have an opportunity to learn about the campaign that the 8th grade class has been involved with to stop future genocides. Free and open to any interested teen. Email jcateens@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday, May 17th Time TBD: Mini-Golf and end of the year celebration. More information to come!

Friday-Sunday, May 29-31st- CAMPING SHABBATON WEEKEND! Join JCAT and BBYO and teens in grades 6-12 for an end of the year Camping Shabbaton Weekend at Camp Jewell in CT. For more information, email jcateens@gmail.com. Space is limited so register early! You do not need to be a member of BBYO, the JCA, or JCAT to attend.



TODAH RABBAH! (THANK YOU!)

The First Ever Intergenerational BINGO Fundraiser brought over 160 people and helped raise over \$1300 for Teen and Educational Programming at the JCA. Thank you to all the people who attended and helped make this happen as well as all the callers and people on the planning committee. The feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive and it was a wonderful community event.

If you are interested in helping making BINGO or events like it happen again, please email jcateens@gmail.com. Todah Rabbah!



SPARK!: Partnership for Service

Thank you to the following teens who volunteered this year with spark! You completed an important mitzvah by volunteering at the Center for Extended Care.

Zak Tobin
Chava Lansky
Tess Domb Sadof
Murray Wan
Jessie Chasan-Taber
Jovanna Robinson-Hidas

We are planning a new community service learning program for next year at the Amherst Survival Center. Email jcateens@gmail.com if you are interested in giving input or getting involved next fall. **We will need parents to help volunteer for this program.**

Rosh Hodesh New Moon Yoga Wednesday, May 27th, 5:30-7pm

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. **Open to all interested teens. Friends are always welcome!**

Fee: \$5 (for members and non-members)

This will be held at: Inspirit Common,
123 Russell Street, Hadley

This is a collaboration between all Upper Valley synagogues and largely funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Email jcateens@gmail.com for more information.



KEHILA קהילה Program

Classes for this month are from 6-8pm on:

Wed. May 6th

Wed. May 20th— LAST DAY

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: Bringing the Community Together

By: Rachael Goren, Director of Teen Programming

As I looked out at the 160 people of all ages and from the JCA community and beyond at BINGO, I was overcome with joy. It was so beautiful to see this FUNdraiser bringing so many people together, young and old, members and non-members, Jews and non-Jews— all to help support Teen and Education Programming at the JCA for Pre-K through 12th grade.

I appreciate all the work of the BINGO committee and callers who volunteered to help make a successful event!

Thank you to: **Mike Friedman, Ben Breger, Jamie Sharken, Rachel Madowitz, Lily Blain, Madison Couture, Addie Gamliel, David Gamliel, Josh Wolfsun, Emily Porter, Tess Trobaugh, Lily Harris, Matt Severin, Ethan Kannel, Jordy Diamond, Sarah Horowitz, Stacy Tobin, Tobi Sznajderman, Karen Helfer, Andra Rose, Suzanne Severin, Janet Kannel, Melanie Lewis, Amy Mittleman, Lisa Perl binder, Ted Trobaugh, Oran Kaufman, Rabbi Steve Nathan, Rabbi David Dunn Bauer, Jody Rosenbloom, Eric DeLisle, Josefa Scherer-Williams, and Molly Jackson-Watts.** Thank you to **Brielle Diamond** and **Nadja Shannon-Dabek** for collecting signatures for the SAVE DARFUR petition that will be sent to president Obama later this month. I hope that you and others will consider volunteering for one of the many opportunities the JCA offers to connect to the community and help make a difference.

On April 5th, we hosted the Jewish Teen Arts Festival for regional teens in grades 6-12. This program offered workshops in Israeli Dancing, Drumming, Theatre, and Candle Making all surrounding the theme of Havdallah—bridging the separation between the holy and the mundane. Teens had an amazing time and **Ben Breger** and **Sarah Horowitz** raised over \$30 towards the Food Bank Farm. **Leah Alper** helped to collect signatures for the SAVE DARFUR petition. It was wonderful to see teens from all over the region come together for this fabulous program that was largely funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and co-sponsored by Congregation B'nai Israel and BBYO. As I watched each workshop take its own spin on bridging separation, I thought about how we can each bridge this separation in our own lives.

How do we acknowledge and recognize transition from one thing to the next?

As we end our fabulous year of teen programming, where

over 80 teens have attended at least one program since August, I encourage you to sign up your teen for the end of the year Camping Shabbaton Weekend to help bring this wonderful year to an appropriate recognized close. Not only will your teen have an amazing time bonding with peers and enjoying the wonderful opportunities of Camp Jewel in Connecticut, but they will maintain the connection to something bigger than themselves as they move into the summer and whatever next year brings. As the 6th graders move towards their B'nai Mitzvah year, the 8th graders towards switching schools, and the 12th graders towards graduation— there is a lot to recognize and honor in their transitions.



Photo taken atop Masada, Israel in May 2008. A tree growing in the middle of the desert atop a fortress— a reminder of how the sacred and mundane are not as separated as we tend to make it.

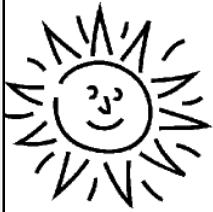
As teen programming comes to a close for the summer at the end of May, I want to take this time to thank our amazing staff: **Josefa Scherer-Williams, Amy Epstein, Avital Nathman, Corinne Andrews, Rabbi Steve Nathan, Rachel Smith, Lauren Kanner, and Andrea Olkin.** These staff members have put in countless hours to make teen programming as fabulous as it has been this year.

Take the time to thank your teen's adviser and/or teacher for their hard work in keeping your teen connected to Judaism during the transitioning years of adolescence.

Also, a special thanks to **Eric DeLisle** for helping with everything administrative— he has made it possible for teen programming to continue throughout the transition of software and more.

Lastly, I was to take the time to thank all the parents that have made it possible for their teen (and other teens) to attend programming this year. I know how challenging it is to balance carpools and all the activities that your teens are involved in, and I appreciate that you have decided to prioritize Jewish teen programming amidst everything else. As I look ahead to next year's programming, I am grateful for all the parental support I have had over the past 5 years and know that we can continue the amazing programs we have because of the parents we have that are dedicated to Jewish teen programming in the Upper Valley.

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Friday-Sunday, May 29-31st
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Meet and Pickup at the JCA- Times TBD

Cost \$400 (includes housing, food, and transportation)
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Email jcateens@gmail.com for registration information or to help plan this event!

News...About Us!

Longtime Mount Holyoke College crew coach and JCA member **Jeanne Friedman** has been selected for induction into the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. The induction ceremonies are scheduled for May 18, 2009 at the Gershman YMHA. In addition to Friedman, the Class of 2009 will feature Ruben Amaro Jr., Morton Shiekman, Gary Martin, Cliff Bayer, Michael Tollin and his father Sol Tollin.

One of the most well respected coaches in the region, Friedman’s teams have captured five Seven Sisters titles, one NEWMAC Championship and numerous medals at ECAC and New England Regional Championships since she joined the Mount Holyoke staff in 1991. Under her tutelage, four Lyons have earned All-America accolades.

JCA member **Kip Fonsh** will be appearing in the Arena Civic Theatre production of the Pulitzer Prize drama-*The Diary of Anne Frank* at the Shea Theater in Turners Falls Fridays and Saturdays April 24, 25, May 1, 2 at 8 pm and Sundays April 26 and May 3 at 2 pm. Call 413-863-2281 ext 3 for reservations. Prices are \$12 general and \$10 seniors and students. Cast features Robert Freedman, Paul Rothenberg, **Kip Fonsh**, Kaileela Hobby as Anne and other local actors. The play is supported in part by a grant from the Jewish Arts and Culture Initiative of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Tickets are also on sale at Jones Library.

JCA member **Ted Trobaugh** wrote the music for “Emily of Amherst,” an original ballet of interpretive biography created by Amherst Ballet in collaboration with the Emily Dickinson Museum. In four acts, the ballet follows the poet from her early years as a student at the Amherst Academy through her young adulthood and years as a working poet, and closes with a grand finale that demonstrates the impact that Dickinson has had upon readers around the world. With narration from Dickinson’s letters and poems and an original score based on music found in the Dickinson family library, the ballet will help to familiarize audiences with the poet and her daily life in Amherst.

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JCA Business Network Meets JCA Yearbook

We are trying to put together a list of JCA members and their businesses. So if you are a photographer, doctor, lawyer, own a retail business, are a shmatta salesman we would like to hear from you. Information about your business will eventually be included in the JCA yearbook which is in the process of being put together. Please include:

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The Polaks will be with us after the film to answer questions about their experiences and will sign books.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

This event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community of Amherst and Northampton/Amherst Hadassah Organization.

Fall Event Being Planned

With all the recent debates about the national budget, the JCA has a stimulus plan of its own, and we're bringing it to (742) Main Street this fall.

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**Saturday, November 14,
2009**

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Event Planning Committee:

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The instructors, **Linda Cooper** and **Karen Loeb**, the cooking mavens of the JCA, will lead the groups in preparing the following authentic Jewish dishes:

Class I (April 20th) **Ashkenazi**—Blintzes with blueberry sauce

Class II (April 27th) **Sephardic**—Dag Ha Sfarim (whole fish), fattoush (salad)

Class III (May 4th) **Israeli**—falafel, chopped salad

Class IV (May 11th) **Bene Israel** (Jewish Indian) - Calcutta Curry of Chicken and Vegetables

TIME: 6:30 TO 9:30 PM

WHERE: First three classes at the JCA
Class IV at the home of Karen Loeb

COST: \$100 for all four classes plus a \$5 lab fee for each class
\$30 per individual class + \$5 lab fee

EXTRAS: All students will take home a recipe book of the food we prepared that night, and resources on where to purchase ingredients. We will plan on making enough so that each participant will also have some to take home. Aprons with course logo will be free for each participant who signs up for all four classes and will be available for sale.

All proceeds will go to benefit PROJECT REHOVOT—since 1989, improving learning and social skills of troubled immigrant and disadvantaged children by providing direct support for a teacher/therapist within a responsive, caring educational environment at Ma'a lot Meshulam Elementary School in Rehovot, Israel

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Call or email after June 1st:

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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.

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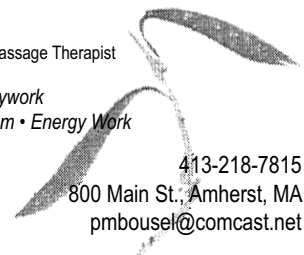
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Condolences

We offer our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who have recently died:
Jonathan Souweine, husband of Judith Souweine, father of Jesse, Isaac and Daniel

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.



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May 12thth

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Torah Yoga at LGA

Torah Yoga, May 17th 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.

For information
call Rachel Valitt, 549-1212

National Yiddish Book Center

The National Yiddish Book Center will present folklorist Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett delivering the Annual Melinda Rosenblatt Memorial Lecture on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 2:00 pm. This lecture is free and open to the public. A wine and cheese reception will follow the lecture.

Author and Professor of Performance Studies at New York University, Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett is leading the core exhibition development

team for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews on the site of the former Warsaw Ghetto, due open in 2010. She will present an illustrated lecture on the making of the museum, highlighting the role that Yiddish and Yiddish culture plays in the creation of the core exhibition.

The National Yiddish Book Center will present a concert with Italian klezmer clarinetist Amit Arieli on Sunday, May 10, 2009 at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$10. Reservations suggested.

Clarinetist Amit Arieli will perform his own compositions, which he calls New Old Klezmer, along with traditional tunes in this unique collaboration between Italian and American klezmer musicians. The band also includes Brian Bender, trombone; Cory Pesaturo, accordion; Grant Smith, drums; and special guest vocalist Dayana Gnarra, who will sing Italian-Jewish songs.

For more information, call (413) 256-4900, email yiddish@bikher.org, or visit our website at www.yiddish-bookcenter.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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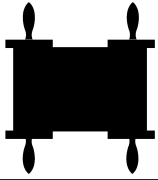
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UMASS Amherst Hillel Presents: Comedy for a Cause Fundraiser Event

Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 pm

The UMass Amherst Hillel is pleased to announce its spring fundraiser, Comedy for a Cause, on Sunday, May 3rd, at 3:00 pm. The event will be held at the Improv Asylum in Boston's North End and will feature a Improv comedy show and sports-themed silent auction to support Jewish student life at UMass Amherst.

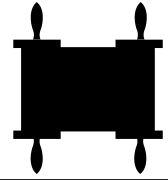
To purchase tickets for the event, become a sponsor, or bid on silent auction items, visit <http://www.umasshillel.org/comedyforacause> or email Courtney Pupkin at cpupkin@external.umass.edu.



Jewish Community of Amherst

May 2009

7 Iyar ~ 8 Sivan



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7 IYAR 7:32 5:30 pm Intergenerational Family Service Followed by Potluck Supper	2 8 IYAR Acharei Mot - Kedoshim 10:00 am Reconstructionist Service 10:00 am Masorti Service
3 9 IYAR 7:00 pm Holocaust Remembrance Film, "Steal a Pencil for Me" (see page 12)	4 10 IYAR	5 11 IYAR 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 7:00 pm Prayerbook Hebrew Class	6 12 IYAR 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 6:00 pm Teen Kehila Program	7 13 IYAR 7:30 pm Board Meeting	8 14 IYAR Pesach Sheini 7:40 6:15 pm Shabbat in the Groove with Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein	9 15 IYAR Emor 10:00 am Service 10:30 am Shabbat Shalom for enrolled 4-6 year olds
10 16 IYAR	11 17 IYAR	12 18 IYAR Lag BaOmer 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 7:00 pm Prayerbook Hebrew Class	13 19 IYAR 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 7:30 pm Religion Committee	14 20 IYAR	15 21 IYAR 7:47 6:15 pm Carlebach Style Service Followed by Potluck Supper	16 22 IYAR Behar - Bechukosai 10:00 am Service Bat Mitzvah: Lily Harris
17 23 IYAR Last Day of JCA School Israel Trip Begins	18 24 IYAR	19 25 IYAR 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	20 26 IYAR 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 6:00 pm Teen Kehila Program	21 27 IYAR	22 28 IYAR Yom Yerushalayim 7:54 6:15 pm Service	23 29 IYAR Bemidbar 10:00 am Service
24 1 SIVAN Rosh Chodesh Sivan	25 2 SIVAN Memorial Day	26 3 SIVAN 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	27 4 SIVAN 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation	28 5 SIVAN 7:59 8:00 pm Tikkun Leyl Shavuot (see page 5)	29 6 SIVAN Shavuot - Day 1 8:00 10:00 am Shavuot Services 6:15 pm- Service Speakers: See page 4 Office Closed	30 7 SIVAN Shavuot - Day 2 10:00 am Service (Yiskor)
31 8 SIVAN						Sunday, June 14 Semi-Annual Meeting

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