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JCA Stimulus Event: Mission Accomplished

While Washington's stimulus plan continues to be a subject for debate, the success of the recent JCA Stimulus Dinner/Dance fundraiser is indisputable. Thanks to the 140+ JCA members and friends who arrived in style at the Social Hall on Saturday night, not only were our objectives met, but our goals for this event were surpassed!

In addition to stimulating the JCA budget, our committee really wanted to create a fun-filled evening, of feasting good food, music, a speaker, and auction items at an affordable price. Our hope was to attract a range of JCA members and their friends, including folks

who don't typically attend these types of events. From the looks of our guest list as well as from our observations on Saturday night, and the feedback we've received, our objectives were met.

In addition to our objectives, we had two goals for this event: to sell out, and to raise at least \$6,000.00 from admission income and the "petite" auction. We can't tell you how delighted we were to see the room filled to capacity with so many of your smiling faces! Equally wonderful, is our ability to announce that we exceeded our financial goal, with a net profit of over \$8,000.00.

In the program, we thanked our

many auction and food donors for their generosity, and hope that you will support them in the future. Again, our heartfelt thanks to all those who RSVPed, as well as to speaker Bob Pollin, Project Rehovot Caterers, and volunteers for fulfilling our wishes and making us proud of our accomplishments!

Hope to see you at the Grand Auction on March 6th....

B'shalom,

Your Retiring Stimulus Committee
 (Lori Friedman, Ellen Kaufman, Melanie Lewis, Amy Rothenberg, Karen Loeb, Chris Denison & Sue Weinstein, Chair)

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

**STAN ROSENBERG IS COMING!
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THE JCA GRAND AUCTION IS COMING!

SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2010!

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The Chanukah Hammer

by **Rebecca Fisher**

On Chanukah the feast of lights
we kindle the candles for eight nights
in the middle of winter's darkest hour
the menorah shows the spirit's power.

Hammer the light! Hammer the fght!
Hammer for life and hammer for right!

We tell of Judah the Maccabee
and of the Jewish fght to be free.
It's said that Antiochus the king
decided that he wanted to bring
the worship of idols to all the land
but the Maccabees made him understand.

Hammer the light! Hammer the fght!
Hammer for life and hammer for right!

Well the Maccabees were a powerful clan.
They fought like hammers to a man.
Mattityahu, father, priest in a town
killed a man who did bow down.
Jews don't bow to idols, for that we will fght
against an army of great might.
With Judah and his seven brothers
the fght was joined by many others

Hammer the light! Hammer the fght!
Hammer for life and hammer for right!

They won the day and were much relieved
but when they saw the Temple they grieved.
For the victory to be celebrated
the Temple had to be rededicated.
With pigs and flth it was corrupt
the holy place had to be cleaned up.
It took much work to make it right
but when the time came to relight
the temple lamp, after all their toil,
they found they were nearly out of oil.
Not much was left after the war
it would take eight days to make some more.
They had enough oil for just one day,
they lit the menorah anyway.
And that is when the miracle came:
For eight more days there was a fame.
And so on Chanukah every night
we add another candle light
until eight branches are ablaze
and for eight nights we sing in praise.

Hammer the light! Hammer the fght!
Hammer for life and hammer for right!



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 (Joan Saperstan & Josette Henschel)
 In Memory of Ethel Goldman (Annette Herda)
 In Honor of my children & grandchildren
 (MaryAnn Grim)

Chesed Committee

To Honor the Chesed Committee (Julie Gerstman)

Children's Scholarship Fund

On the occasion of Jeremy Levine's Bar Mitzvah
 (Cheryl Campbell & James Levine)
 On the occasion of my Bar Mitzvah (Jeremy Levine)
 In Honor of Jody Rosenbloom on the occasion of the
 mikvah of Liliya Elaine Miller
 (Goldie & Stanley Miller, Liliya's grandparents)
 In Honor of Jody Rosenbloom on the occasion of the
 mikvah of Liliya Elaine Miller
 (Martin, Brenda, Aaron and Liliya Miller)

High Holiday Donations

Rebekah Perks
 With thanks for welcoming us as guests of Robin & Ted
 Diamond (Elizabeth & Daniel Lynch)
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 Julie Gerstman
 Chaya & Gerson Kaplan
 Nina Wishengrad

JCA General Fund

In Honor of Susan Weinstein and all her hard work
 (Nina Tetenbaum)

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Madge Clingman
 Robin Harmatz

Condolences

We offer our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who have recently died:
 Marilyn Baltz, great aunt of Rachael and Molly Goren Jackson-Watts
 Leo Edward Mercer, brother of Esther Mercer
 Steven Bauer, father of Rabbi David Bauer

New Members

We warmly welcome the following new members to the JCA community:
 Jules Chametzky
 Bonnie Diamond & Daniel Price

If someone in your family, or someone you know in the community, is ill and/or in the hospital, please contact 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.

Have you checked out the JCA Judaica Store lately?
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Community Announcements

Gan Keshet Preschool

Gan Keshet Preschool is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2010-11 school year! We offer a rich, nurturing, play-based Judaic/Secular environment where children, families and staff of diverse backgrounds together explore "being a community". Meet our staff; visit our classrooms at our Open House for Prospective Families on Friday, December 4th (Dec. 11th - snow date), from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Parents and children are welcome!

Jewish Holiday Cooking: Celebrate Chanukah with Delicious Food

Wednesday, December 9, 2009,
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Move beyond latke and jelly donut recipes. Join this cooking class with Chef Dawn LaRochelle, as she prepares new recipes to be used for Chanukah. Jewish Educator Shoshana Zonderman will teach about the meaning of the Holiday and share resources.

Instructors: Dawn LaRochelle and Shoshana Zonderman, LICSW, MEd.

Cost: \$10 per person

Location: Whole Foods, 327 Russell Street, Hadley, MA

Registration: Pre-registration is strongly recommended. To register by e-mail, contact JewishLife@jfswm.org; to register by telephone, please call (413) 737-2601.

Major funding for these programs from the Family & Teen Initiative of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

Yoga With A Jewish Twist

Drop in to "Yoga with a Jewish Twist" led by Amy Reed, Anusara yoga Instructor and Judi Wisch, Jewish Educator. Sunday December 20th, 9:45 to

11:15 at Lander Grinspoon Academy. Fee \$10. Beginners welcome. For info call Rachel Valitt 413.658.5806.

National Yiddish Book Center

The National Yiddish Book Center is now accepting applications for its Steiner Summer Internship Program and its Graduate Fellows Program. The application deadline for both programs is February 1, 2010.

Detailed information and an application form are available on-line at www.yiddishsummer.org.

Lander ~ Grinspoon Academy

Lander ~ Grinspoon Academy invites families to visit the school and classrooms at the next Open House, December 15, 9-11am. LGA is now accepting applications to all grades for the 2010-2011 school year, including a junior kindergarten for children who will be turning 5 after October 1st. LGA is a K-6 elementary school that offers a \$2500 Grinspoon Tuition Incentive Program, Amherst van transportation, and tuition assistance. Applications to kindergarten and junior kindergarten '10-11' are due January 29, 2010. For more information call Director of Admissions, Marla Shelasky, at (413) 584-6622, and visit www.LGASchechter.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

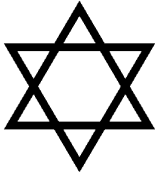
Wesley United Methodist Church Seeks Someone for Childcare on Sunday Mornings

We are looking for a person to work with our infants/toddlers on Sunday morning generally from 10 - noon. There might be occasional needs to begin at 9 am. We have been working with college age girls, but we run into difficulty every holiday break time of having them go out of town to their families. These are times that we really need them the most. One discussion has been to look for a more established, experienced person (like a mother/grandmother) who isn't involved in their own faith community on Sunday morning. Might you know of a person within JCA who might be interested. We can only pay \$10 an hour, but the person would find a very friendly environment in which to work. We would provide a volunteer helper each week in order to maintain our Sexual Abuse Prevention policy of having at least two workers with our children.

You or a person you recommend can either email me or phone at one of the numbers listed below.

Thanks for your consideration.

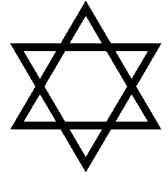
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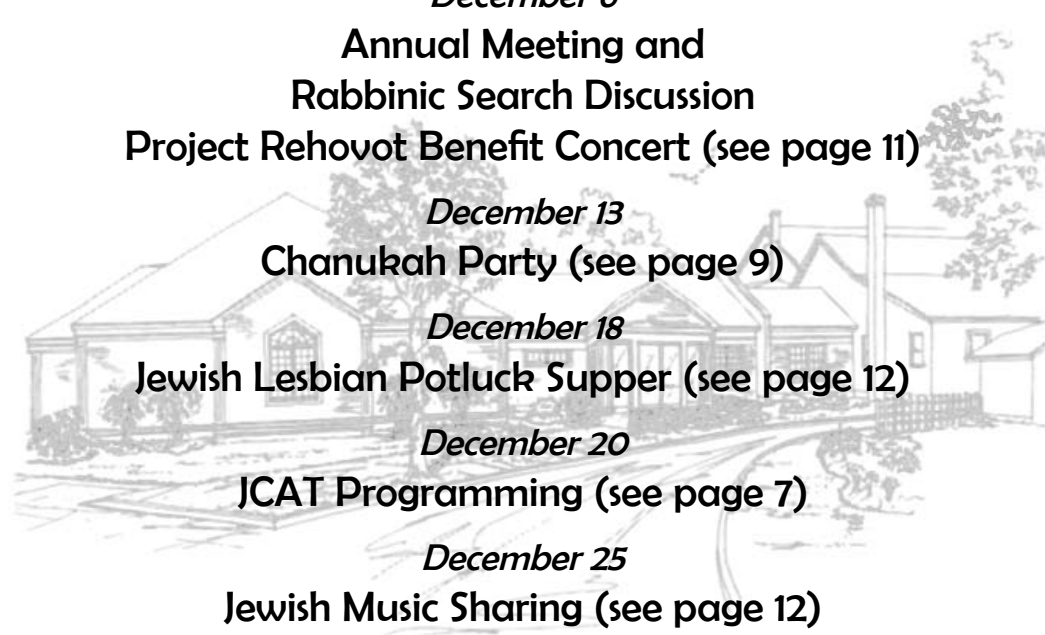
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 14 KISLEV 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	2 15 KISLEV 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 8:00 am JCA Business Network 7:30 pm Religion Committee	3 16 KISLEV 7:30 pm Board Meeting	4 17 KISLEV ⚡4:00 5:30 pm Intergenerational Family Service followed by potluck supper	5 18 KISLEV 🕒Vayishlach 10:00 am Service
6 19 KISLEV 10:00 am ANNUAL MEETING followed by Rabbinic Search Discussion 4:30 pm Project Rehovot Benefit Concert see page 11	7 20 KISLEV	8 21 KISLEV 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 8:30 am Tikkun Olam Committee	9 22 KISLEV 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation	10 23 KISLEV	11 24 KISLEV ⚡4:00 6:15 pm Service	12 25 KISLEV 🕒Chanukah - Day 1 🕒Vayeshev 10:00 am Service 10:30 am Shabbat Shalom for enrolled 4-6 year olds
13 26 KISLEV 🕒Chanukah - Day 2 4:30 pm Chanukah Party see page 9	14 27 KISLEV 🕒Chanukah - Day 3	15 28 KISLEV 🕒Chanukah - Day 4 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	16 29 KISLEV 🕒Chanukah - Day 5 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 6:00 pm Education Committee 7:00 pm Camp Committee 7:30 pm School Committee	17 30 KISLEV 🕒Chanukah - Day 6 🕒Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Day 1	18 1 TEVET 🕒Chanukah - Day 7 🕒Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Day 2 ⚡4:01 6:15 pm Carlebach style service and potluck supper 6:30 pm Jewish Lesbian Potluck Supper, see page 12	19 2 TEVET 🕒Chanukah - Day 8 🕒Miketz 10:00 am Chanting Service
20 3 TEVET JCAT Afternoon Programming see page 7	21 4 TEVET	22 5 TEVET 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	23 6 TEVET 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation No JCA School	24 7 TEVET	25 8 TEVET 🇺🇸Christmas Day ⚡4:05 2:00 pm Jewish Music Sharing, see page 12 6:15 pm Service	26 9 TEVET 🕒Vayigash 10:00 am Service No 7th grade
27 10 TEVET 🕒Tenth of Tevet No JCA School	28 11 TEVET	29 12 TEVET 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	30 13 TEVET 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation No JCA School	31 14 TEVET		

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December 6
**Annual Meeting and
Rabbinic Search Discussion
Project Rehovot Benefit Concert (see page 11)**

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Chanukah Party (see page 9)

December 18
Jewish Lesbian Potluck Supper (see page 12)

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