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JEWISH COMMUNITY OF AMHERST



Jewish Reconstructionist
Federation



CANDLE LIGHTING

June 4 ~ 8:05 pm
June 11 ~ 8:09 pm
June 18 ~ 8:12 pm
June 25 ~ 8:13 pm
July 2 ~ 8:13 pm
July 9 ~ 8:10 pm
July 16 ~ 8:06 pm
July 23 ~ 8:01 pm
July 30 ~ 7:54 pm

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 6

Semi Annual Meeting

June 12

Kiddush and Luncheon in
Honor of Rabbi Bauer

July 19

Erev Tisha B'av
Service and Reading of
Lamentations

MEETINGS

June 2

Ritual Life Committee

June 3

Board Meeting

July 7

Ritual Life Committee

July 13

Art & Culture Committee

July 21

Education Committee

B'NAI MITZVAH

June 5- 4:00 pm
Juliana Cinner

June 19- 10:00 am
Noah Kayser-Hirsh

June 26- 10:00 am
Isaac Siegel

Message from Co-president

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

Relationships

Dear Fellow Members of the JCA:

It's hard to believe that it is June 2010, halfway through the year and more than half way through the Jewish Calendar. This month marks two significant milestones in the communal life of the JCA.

First and foremost, our beloved Rabbi David Dunn Bauer will be completing his duties as spiritual leader of the JCA on June 30th. Rabbi Bauer has imparted us with a great legacy these past seven years. He has officiated at countless shabbatot, holidays, and lifecycle events in our community and for the Pioneer Valley. His pastoral counseling and wisdom have been greatly valued by all those with whom he has connected. His JCA trips to Israel were inspiring and fun. I know this to be true first hand. My daughter Addie reported when sitting next to him on the plane ride to Israel, Rabbi Bauer laughed with her most of the way there; an act I have yet to accomplish myself. His boundless love of our congregation, including our children, our families, and everyone from diverse orientations, backgrounds and circumstances has been a blessing and a gift we will always cherish. On behalf of everyone at the JCA, I want to express our sincerest thanks for sharing his spirit, energy, guidance, and humor. He will be missed and we wish him every happiness as he moves to the next phase of his professional and spiritual journey. Please join our celebration for Rabbi Bauer following Shabbat services on Saturday, June 12th at the JCA.

The second event in June that is significant for every member household is the semi-annual congregation meeting which will be held on Sunday, June 6th at 10:30 am. I know it seems like there is always another meeting especially in Amherst, and that all of the meetings blend one onto the next without a sense of closure or accomplishment; and it is hard to feel motivated to attend a meeting on a weekend in the Spring when there

is so much to do. However our community is at a crossroads and we just can't move ahead without your participation. We will be discussing finances, fundraising, and a new group we have established called the Community Engagement Change Team to help us navigate through several issues that require planning and action to bring about a real and lasting culture shift to promulgate vibrant Jewish life in the 21st century.

Our lay leadership and professional staff have done everything possible to streamline finances and continue to provide great services and educational programming within a balanced budget, but there are critical needs still unmet. We have had successful fundraising, but the entire community needs to be engaged in a dialog about what membership means beyond giving money. What can each of us do to ensure the continuation of the Jewish community we all care about so passionately? We are a very busy group and the number of us who volunteer is amazing - whether at the JCA, for other organizations, and in many cases both. Your efforts are recognized and appreciated. At this juncture, it's time to reflect on how we can do more for the one place that we can truly call home, with fellow members who are our family. Think about it, we worship, celebrate, laugh, cry, disagree and repent together, as Judaism, American Jewish culture, global nationhood, tough economic realities, and assimilation buffet us about. We need you as leaders and doers, planners, and builders who shape the life of the community as we move ahead. It is truly my honor to serve as your co-president and officiate at what will be a great new beginning.

In sum, our relationships to each other are what make us strong and give our lives meaning. Please join me in ways to extend those bonds in friendship and renewed commitment, now and for always.

b'shalom, 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**

In composing my final newsletter column, I find I have very little left to say. My seven years as a rabbi and citizen of Amherst have been a profound source of blessing for my life.

A few hopes and prayers: May the JCA both treasure its uniqueness as a community and continue to form bonds with other Jewish communities regionally, within the Reconstructionist movement, and throughout the progressive Jewish world.

May the JCA keep the land of Israel in its thoughts and prayers. May the JCA engage with the Israel of the present moment and participate in Israel's future in addition to revering Israel's past.

May the JCA pursue passionate and creative Jewish worship. May each member of the community choose and experiment with wild courage, and may there be admiration and compassion for each other's search for *devekut*, personal attachment to God.

May the JCA find common ground in Jewish worship, study, and play. May the community gather the sacred sparks that inhere in all elements of Jewish civilization and share and bask in the light with both pride and humility.

May the JCA membership of all ages commit themselves and their resources to the establishment of a universally just, safe, and peaceful world.

I'll give the final words to Tony Kushner:

The world only spins forward. We will be citizens. The time has come.

Bye now.

You are fabulous creatures, each and every one.

And I bless you: *More Life*.

Rabbi Bauer

JCA Semi Annual Meeting, June 6th

Don't miss the JCA Semi Annual meeting, Sunday June 6th at 10:30 am to engage the community in a discussion of the current state of the JCA and where we see our community going in the future.

Topics to be discussed are as follows:

- State of the Union
- Finance
- Membership
- Building
- Fundraising
- Community Involvement Plan



Ritual Life Committee

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Shabbat Shelach, Numbers 13:1-15:41

June 4, Friday

5:30 PM

Intergenerational Family Service
 Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

June 5, Saturday

10:00 AM

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

4:00 PM

Bat Mitzvah: Juliana Cinner
 Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer
 D'var Torah: Juliana Cinner



Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Parashat Korach, Numbers 16:1-18:32, 28:9-15

June 11, Friday

6:15 PM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

June 12, Saturday

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer & members of the JCA
 D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer
 Kiddush Luncheon in honor of Rabbi Bauer following services



June 13, Sunday- Rosh Chodesh Tammuz



Shabbat Chukat, Numbers 19:1-22:1

June 18, Friday

6:15 PM

Carlebach style service followed by potluck supper
 Service Leaders: Larry & Deb Fine
 Sgt. Jeff Peddar, USMC, will speak following services.
 (see next page)

June 19, Saturday

10:00 AM

Bar Mitzvah: Noah Kayser-Hirsh
 Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer
 D'var Torah: Noah Kayser-Hirsh



Shabbat Balak, Numbers 22:2-25:9

June 25, Friday

6:15 PM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

June 26, Saturday

10:00 AM

Bar Mitzvah: Isaac Siegel
 Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer
 D'var Torah: Isaac Siegel



June 29, Tuesday- Shive'ah Asar B'Tammuz

Shive'ah Asar B'Tammuz (the 17th day of Tammuz) is a fast day which commemorates the day when the Babylonian army made the first breach in the wall of Jerusalem during the siege of 586 B.C.E.



Shabbat Pinchas, Numbers 25:10-20:1

July 2, Friday

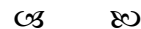
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Intergenerational Family Service
 Service Leader: To be announced

July 3, Saturday

10:00 AM

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



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

July 9, Friday

6:15 PM

Service Leader: To be announced

July 10, Saturday

10:00 AM

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



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Shacharit (morning) Minyan

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

***Kiddush and Oneg
Sponsors***

May 1-

Tom Hidas & Linda Robinson-Hidas, in honor of their daughter Kassia becoming Bat Mitzvah

May 8-

Steven & Debra Ellis, in honor of their son Nathan becoming Bar Mitzvah

May 15-

The Gladstone Family, in honor of Saul's 90th birthday

May 22-

Alison Curran, in honor of her son Alex becoming Bar Mitzvah

May 29-

Maryann Barakso, in honor of her daughter Sarah Martin becoming Bat Mitzvah

June 5-

Aaron & Patience Bousel, in honor of their wedding anniversary and Aaron's birthday

June 5 (mincha)-

Peter and Susan Cinner, in honor of their daughter Juliana becoming Bat Mitzvah

June 12-

The JCA Community, in honor of Rabbi Bauer

June 19th-

Jules & Julianne Hirsh, in honor of their grandson Noah Kayser-Hirsh becoming Bar Mitzvah

June 26-

Adam & Rachel Siegel, in honor of their son Isaac becoming Bar Mitzvah

If you would like to help with or sponsor a kiddush, please contact Barbara Freed at: 256-0355

Meditation Minyan

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

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**Shabbat Hazon, Parashat Devarim
Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22**

July 16, Friday

6:15 PM

Carlebach style service followed by potluck supper

Service Leaders: To be announced

July 17, Saturday

10:00 AM

Service Leader: To be announced

D'var Torah: To be announced



July 19, Monday- Erev Tisha B'Av

8:00 PM

Service and Reading of Lamentations

July 20, Tuesday- Tisha B'Av

7:30 AM

The regular Tuesday morning minyan will meet. That will be the only service that day.



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

July 23, Friday

6:15 PM

Service Leader: To be announced

July 24, Saturday

10:00 AM

Service Leader: To be announced

D'var Torah: To be announced



**Shabbat Ekev,
Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25**

July 30, Friday

6:15 PM

Service Leader: To be announced

July 31, Saturday

10:00 AM

Service Leader: To be announced

D'var Torah: To be announced



Sgt. Jeffrey Peddar to Speak about the JCA's "Support the Troops" Project

After Shabbat services on Friday night, June 18, 2010, Sgt. Jeffrey Peddar of the U. S. Marines will speak about his experiences serving in Iraq. JCA members were very active this year in sending care packages to soldiers in his unit, and it will now be our opportunity to hear stories of those men and women and their service. An oneg will follow the service. Services start at 6:15 PM.

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.

Foot Stomping Melodies for Welcoming Shabbat

The next two Carlebach-style services will be on June 18th and July 16th at 6:15 pm.

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

There will be a potluck supper following the service.

Torah Reading

Can you chant Torah? And if you don't know how, would you like to learn? There is now a group of people who are meeting to support each other in developing our skills in this area. Members have a wide range of ability, from experienced to beginners. Our goal is to encourage as many JCA members as possible to learn this skill and participate in chanting Torah at services. For more information please call Randi Stein (549-0526) or Ruth Love Barer (253-4923)

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 the JCA. Thank you.

Education News

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



From Andra Rose, Chair, Education Committee:

I hope your family is having a splendid spring, filled with picnics and end of year parties, etc. Jody sends her regards from England where she is having a wonderful time. Todah rabah (a big thank you) to Adrian Durlister, aka Moreh D, for his inspired leadership the past few months.

Todah rabah also to those of you who have begun the registration process for next year. It is so helpful for our planning (see below).

June offers several community-wide events that will interest our families. On June 6th, the Board will gather the community for the Semi-Annual Meeting. A special program is planned for your input on leadership development and community engagement.

Then on June 12th, after services we will hold a big farewell Kiddush for Rabbi Bauer. Many of us had the opportunity to wish him well on the last day of JCA school. This event is for the whole community, so bring the family. You do not have to attend services to join in the celebration afterwards, but wouldn't it be great to pack the sanctuary? Kiddush will start at about 12:15pm.

Summer Support Makes a Difference

Over the summer months, families are encouraged to reinforce the lessons of the school year. Here are three easy ways: 1) Pick a Jewish book to read together (For book sug-

gestions, check out BabaBooks.com), 2) When you travel, visit Jewish sites (a synagogue, museum, Jewish book store/neighborhood), 3) Reuse your child's Hebrew text and make games for reading practice to maximize retention of the Hebrew alphabet.

Recruitment and Registration for Next Fall

The sooner we know who will be attending JCA School in the fall, the better. Lots of planning happens over the summer. We meet new families and consider placement of their children. We hire teachers, set up rooms and make adjustments to curriculum. We consider class composition; smaller classes may be combined, larger classes may be split. Registration information was sent to families with students currently enrolled in JCA School in April. If you are interested in beginning JCA School, call 256-0160 for registration information. Registration is processed only if you are current in fulfilling your financial obligations to the JCA. So take the time to get your registration in as soon as possible. Encourage any of your friends or acquaintances that may be interested in starting their children in JCA School, to contact the office now! There is a DISCOUNT of \$25/child for registration received before June 1 or within one month of joining for new members.

Wish List

Carpet squares or seat cushions

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.

June Orders

Order forms are due: Sunday, June 6th

Pick up: on or after Friday, June 11th

July Orders

Order forms are due: Sunday, July 4th

Pick up: on or after Friday, July 9th



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

Special request: If you are dropping off your order at the JCA (versus mailing Sue directly), please contact her so she knows to expect it.

great coffee, great price, great cause!

JTOV & JCAT want to thank everyone for a GREAT year!

The first year of JTOV was a huge success! We had over 150 teens involved in programming this year! With over 50 programs since September, there was plenty to be involved in. Special Todah Rabbah to our wonderful staff: **Sarah Alper** (JVCorps Madricha), **Corinne Andrews** (JYoga), **Eric DeLisle**, **Jonathan Eisen** (JVCorps Madrich), **Amy Epstein** (JTOV & JCAT), **David Gamliel** (JTOV), **Hilary Golis** (Rosh Hodesh), **Jocelyn Gordon** (JTOV), **Becky Lederman** (Rosh Hodesh), **Avital Nathman** (JYoga), and **Shafie Scherer-Williams** (JTOV & JCAT). We look forward to seeing you in the fall for even more amazing programming!



Mazel Tov to our Graduating Seniors:

- ✳ Sarah Alper
- ✳ Hendrix Berry
- ✳ Alex Bloom
- ✳ Rebecca Clingman

- ✳ Spencer Diamond
- ✳ Jonathan Eisen
- ✳ Maxwell Faytell
- ✳ Michael Friedman
- ✳ Noah Goldman
- ✳ Jonah Herscu
- ✳ Sarah Hutchenson
- ✳ Benjamin Israel

- ✳ Charlie Kannel
- ✳ Gordon Kaufman
- ✳ David Roud
- ✳ Lena Sclove
- ✳ Jamie Sharken
- ✳ Hannah Tessler
- ✳ Marianne Wald
- ✳ Ariel Wigdor

Todah Rabbah to our JVCorps Parent Volunteers!

תודה רבה

- ✳ Maryanne Barakso
- ✳ Susan Cinner
- ✳ Peggy Davis

- ✳ Mindy Domb
- ✳ Adrienne Levine
- ✳ Stacey Tobin

- ✳ Shirley Vernick
- ✳ Kathy Weilerstein
- ✳ Jessica Wolff

And our JVCorps Teens!

- ✳ Leah Alper
- ✳ Julianna Cinner
- ✳ Aaron Davis
- ✳ Sarah Martin
- ✳ Allie Ryan-Ackerman

- ✳ Tess Domb Sadof
- ✳ Kailey Tobin
- ✳ Zak Tobin
- ✳ Marianne Wald
- ✳ Murray Wan

- ✳ Joanna Wan
- ✳ Kira Weilerstein
- ✳ Nina Wolff Landau

Have a safe and great summer and see you in the fall!

~Rachael Goren-Watts

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The Deadline for the August Newsletter is July 12th

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.

PLEASE RESPECT THE DEADLINE!

Thank you, Aaron Bousel,
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The Hampshire Young People's Chorus
KC Conlan, Director
Reka Peterson, Interim Director

Sunday, June 6, 4 pm
Buckley Recital Hall, Amherst College

Suggested Donation - \$10.00 adults/\$5.00 children



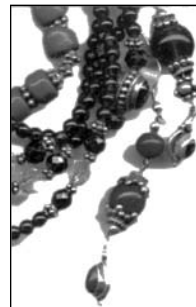
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The process of replacing our chumashim in the sanctuary continues.

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.



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April 21, 2010
Dear Friends at JCA,

On January 19th, Martin Luther King Day, The Literacy Project's Amherst classroom moved to JCA. Working with volunteers from Amherst College, Amherst High School, Smith College, Greenfield Community College and the local community, we were able to start classes at JCA the very next day. Since that date we have been very happy to hold our classes in the beautiful library and Hebrew School classroom on Monday through Friday mornings. Our teachers, volunteer tutors and adult GED students are enjoying the space very much.

Here are a few examples of the work our students at the JCA are doing:

- Two students have said that they finally feel comfortable sending text messages to their friends, because they are now proud of how they write.
- One student set up her first email account so she can email her nephews in Afghanistan.
- One student started her first "on the books" job and has been doing very well.
- In the GED class, students are learning to calculate percent interest on loans, bank accounts, and credit cards, a skill that will help them pass the GED exam; and they can use in their lives.

I'm sure you know that these are difficult times for local nonprofits. With state and federal revenue down, social service agencies are under pressure to meet more needs with fewer resources. The Literacy Project has had a 45% reduction in our revenue for Amherst.

We've had a wonderful relationship with our former landlord, Gillen and Associates, but sharing space with the JCA helps us to keep our costs down while we keep the doors of opportunity open for our students. The JCA has been extremely welcoming, and we hope that we've been able to create a collaboration that benefits both communities.

While Amherst has a high percentage of residents with advanced education, those at the other end of the educational spectrum have few options. 1 in 7 residents in the Pioneer Valley do not have a GED or high school diploma. Without a diploma or GED, a woman living in Hampshire County can only expect to earn \$17,000 – not enough to survive without public subsidy.

The Literacy Project is an independent non-profit agency offering free adult literacy and GED classes in Amherst, Northampton, Greenfield, Orange, and Ware, and serving students throughout the region since 1984. For more information about The Literacy Project, call me at 413-774-3934 ext. 17 or visit www.literacyproject.org.

I want to thank all JCA Members and staff for sharing your wonderful space with The Literacy Project.

Very sincerely,

Judith Roberts, Executive Director
The Literacy Project

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צאתכם לשלום מלאכי השרת



*Luncheon in Honor
of Rabbi Bauer*

**Saturday, June 12
JCA Social Hall**

You are cordially invited to honor Rabbi Bauer
at a kiddush and community luncheon.

The community is encouraged to attend shabbat services at 10am.
Kiddush and luncheon follow at approximately 12 noon.

*Donations would be appreciated towards the cost of the luncheon.
Checks may be made payable to "JCA"
with "Rabbi Bauer kiddush" written in the memo area.*

*The JCA is also planning a scholarship fund in Rabbi Bauer's name.
There will be more information about this soon.*

Tzetchem l'shalom malachey hashareit — צאתכם לשלום מלאכי השרת
Go in peace, you messengers who serve God.

Metzger Brown Holocaust Remembrance Award

Holocaust Child Survivor, Eva Metzger Brown and her husband, Norman Brown have established the *Metzger Brown Holocaust Remembrance Award* at Amherst Regional High School in Amherst, MA to honor her parents, Ernest and Doris Metzger, and to remember those who died in the Holocaust (www.evametzgerbrown.org/award-article.pdf). The yearly award will be given to the Senior who has written the best essay on the topic: Lessons From The Holocaust And Implications For Present Day Genocides. If you want more information, Eva can be reached at evambrown13@gmail.com.

Visual Arts Committee

The Visual Arts Committee wants to announce that starting in mid-June we will be exhibiting the work of JCA member Randi Stein. Her show can be seen over the course of the summer. We invite you to enjoy our fourth exhibit and to share the pride that we feel in our talented membership.

JCA Library

The JCA Library is open and ready for business! Thanks to all who helped, and all who came and bought books and made donations. **The book sale made over a hundred dollars**, which the committee is planning to use toward new bookshelves for the children's collection. **Further cash donations are always welcome:** just put 'JCA library' on the memo and send to the office. It's a great way to honor our bnai mitzvah.

If you have books to donate, please first check that we don't already have a copy of the books. The majority of the many, many books that went into the book sale were simply duplicates. We also cannot use any book that is moldy, water damaged or coming apart. We just don't have the resources to repair broken books. But we're delighted to have your new, clean and wonderful Jewish books. Please leave them on the specially designated shelf (near the floor across from the doors) and let us know what information to put on a donation sticker.

We do have a book 'wish list' that includes clean, bright **children's books**, particularly books about learning Hebrew for children; Jewish identity; Jewish communities throughout the world; newer middle-grade fiction; children's Bibles; and books on tikkun olam and mitzvot for kids.

Adult books that we would love are new Israeli fiction, volumes of Talmud in English, especially the Artscroll edition, and the *How to Be a Perfect Stranger* series on other religions.

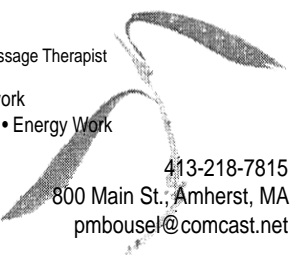
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Condolences

We offer our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who have recently died:
Ferne Finger, wife of Burt Finger, mother of Gail Finger and grandmother of Michael, Matthew and Eli Cohen

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.

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National Yiddish Book Center A Check-Room Romance musical theater

by Ben Katchor and Mark Mulcahy

The Yiddish Book Center presents the new graphic musical tragicomedy, *A Check-Room Romance*, by Ben Katchor and Mark Mulcahy, on Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$18/general admission; \$9/students. Reservations are suggested.

In *A Check-Room Romance*, one man’s casual obsession with the architecture and culture of coat checkrooms ensnares him in a desperate struggle

between employment agents, maitre ‘d’s, lovesick podiatrists, low-budget contractors, and paraphilic playboys. After a successful debut at Lincoln Center, *A Check-Room Romance*, will be performed in concert to a projected backdrop of Katchor’s evocative illustrations. Libretto, projections and direction by Ben Katchor. Music by Mark Mulcahy.

Seeking Volunteer Docents at the Yiddish Book Center

Open to the public six days weekly, the Yiddish Book Center is a destination for visitors from around the world. We need volunteers to greet and interact with visitors. Volunteers should be comfortable with groups and public speaking and interested in learning more about Yiddish culture. We provide enjoyable training sessions. No prior knowledge of Yiddish is necessary.

If interested, please contact Arielle Jackson (413) 256-4900 ext. 124 or ajackson@bikher.org.

Meditation Group

Thursday Morning “Lecha Dumiyah Tehillah” * Meditation Group
Every Thursday in the CBI Library,
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- Arrive & Settling In:
8:00 – 8:15 a.m.
- Setting of Kavvanah/Teaching:
8:15 – 8:25 a.m.
- Bell to begin silent meditation:
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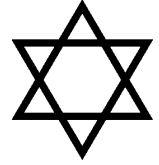
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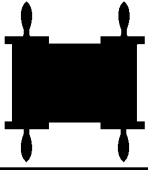
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June 2010

19 Sivan ~ 18 Tammuz 5770



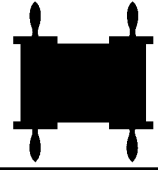
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		1 19 SIVAN 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	2 20 SIVAN 7:30 am Meditation Minyan 7:30 pm Ritual Life Committee Office Closed for Administrative Work	3 21 SIVAN 7:00 pm Board Meeting	4 22 SIVAN ⚡8:05 5:30 pm Intergeneration Family Service followed by potluck supper	5 23 SIVAN ⚡Shelach 10:00 am Service 4:00 pm Mincha Service Bat Mitzvah: Juliana Cinner
6 24 SIVAN 10:30 am Semi Annual Meeting	7 25 SIVAN	8 26 SIVAN 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 7:30 pm Prayer Class	9 27 SIVAN 7:30 am Meditation Minyan 7:00 pm School Committee	10 28 SIVAN	11 29 SIVAN ⚡8:09 6:15 pm Service	12 30 SIVAN ⚡Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - Day 1 ⚡Korach 10:00 am Service Kiddush and Luncheon in honor of Rabbi Bauer
13 1 TAMMUZ ⚡Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - Day 2	14 2 TAMMUZ	15 3 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	16 4 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Meditation Minyan	17 5 TAMMUZ	18 6 TAMMUZ ⚡8:12 6:15 pm Carlebach Style Service followed by potluck supper	19 7 TAMMUZ ⚡Chukat 10:00 am Service Bar Mitzvah: Noah Kayser-Hirsh
20 8 TAMMUZ	21 9 TAMMUZ	22 10 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 7:30 pm Prayer Class	23 11 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Meditation Minyan	24 12 TAMMUZ	25 13 TAMMUZ ⚡8:13 6:15 pm Service	26 14 TAMMUZ ⚡Balak 10:00 am Service Bar Mitzvah: Isaac Siegel
27 15 TAMMUZ	28 16 TAMMUZ	29 17 TAMMUZ ⚡Seventeenth of Tammuz 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	30 18 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Meditation Minyan			



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July 2010

19 Tammuz ~ 20 Av 5770



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 19 TAMMUZ	2 20 TAMMUZ 11:13 5:30 pm Intergenerational Family Service followed by potluck supper Office Closed	3 21 TAMMUZ Pinchas 10:00 am Service
4 22 TAMMUZ Independence Day	5 23 TAMMUZ	6 24 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	7 25 TAMMUZ 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 7:30 pm Ritual Life Committee	8 26 TAMMUZ	9 27 TAMMUZ 11:10 6:15 pm Service	10 28 TAMMUZ Matot - Masei 10:00 am Service
11 29 TAMMUZ	12 1 AV Rosh Chodesh Av	13 2 AV 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 2:30 pm Arts and Culture Committee	14 3 AV 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation	15 4 AV	16 5 AV 11:06 6:15 pm Carlebach Style Service followed by potluck supper	17 6 AV Devarim 10:00 am Service
18 7 AV	19 8 AV 8:00 pm Service and reading of Lamentations	20 9 AV Tisha B'Av 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	21 10 AV 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 6:15 pm Education Committee	22 11 AV	23 12 AV 11:01 6:15 pm Service	24 13 AV Va'etchanan 10:00 am Service
25 14 AV	26 15 AV Tu B'Av	27 16 AV 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan	28 17 AV 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation	29 18 AV	30 19 AV 11:54 6:15 pm Service	31 20 AV Ekev 10:00 am Service

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