Highlights this Month

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot, June 8
Shavuot Services, June 9
Shabbat Ne’imah, June 21
Tzofim Friendship Caravan Performance, July 2
Shabbat Ne’imah, July 19
Dear Friends,

At this time of year, two things coincide: the counting of the Omer and the planting of my crops.

The Omer is the period of seven weeks that stretch between the second seder of Passover and the holiday of Shavuot. They represent the time that elapsed between the moment when the Israelites were finally free of their Egyptian bondage, and the moment when they stood at the foot of the holy mountain to receive Torah. We count them each year, as if journeying ourselves, once again, out of narrow conceptions and into a deeper understanding of our relationship with what is holy.

According to mystical tradition, we mark these days by reference to seven of the kabbalistic sefirot, understood to be aspects or emanations of the divine, including, among others, abounding love, restricting firmness, splendor, endurance, and majesty. Beyond any single one of them, though, I am struck by how the totality of the system challenges us to relinquish the monomania that often passes for monotheism—inspiring us not to perceive the oneness of the divine as a simple, reductive dictatorship of any one single entity, but rather as the interactive tension of a multitude of forces held in balance.

I am thinking of them this year, in particular, after reading the reporting surrounding the latest UN study on species extinction, which confirmed, in the starkest of terms, what those who are aware already knew. We are at the beginning of a “sixth extinction” in which human activity is driving a staggering number of species of fauna and flora out of existence. This is not simply a moral or aesthetic crisis but also imminently threatens the future of the clever biped that thinks it is running the show.

In the light of the sefirot, I see this crisis as perhaps the ultimate expression of a monomania substituted for the sacred complexity of a whole and variegated fabric, and find myself wondering if there is, in fact, any way we can still escape from this Egypt, and toward a holier understanding of our relationship, as humans, to the holiness that is more than just us.

So, as I plant this season, seeking to draw my family’s food, sustainably and regeneratively, from the earth entrusted to my care, I am paying special attention to the insect life and the bees, in their reduced number, as they zip around me, to the milkweed and wild clover, to the hawks overhead and the worms and rodents in the soil, to the cluster of bats that paid a call a few nights ago at sunset. And I am thinking: whatever I find at Sinai this year, I hope it helps me, truly, to “choose life.”

b’shalom, Rabbi Benjamin Weiner

Rabbi Weiner wants to make sure the community knows he is available and eager to visit at home, or in the hospital, with people who are unwell or otherwise in need of some spiritual support. The important step is to make sure he knows you are in need! Please don’t hesitate to contact him directly at rabbiweiner@jcamherst.org, or through the JCA office, if you would like a visit.
Programs and Events Calendar

Mark your calendars for community activities, programs, study opportunities, and more. Please see the Ritual Life Calendar for information on Shabbat and other services.

June 2, Sunday

SEMIA-ANNUAL MEETING
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
ADULT B’NAI MITZVAH CLASS
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

June 3, Monday

PRAYERBOOK HEBREW LITERACY FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS WITH JANIS LEVY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Become more comfortable participating in Hebrew in services and at times of prayer. A program specifically developed for mature learners. Registration is required. See the Adult Education Brochure for more information.

June 5, Wednesday

LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
GREATEST HITS OF THE TALMUD WITH RABBI DEVORA JACOBSON
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm
End your day with a taste of Talmud! In this class, we will encounter some of the most fascinating discussions of the ancient sages as recorded on various pages of the Babylonian Talmud. Join us in exploring these different “gems” of the Talmud and attempting to wrestle with their meanings in their time and in our own. This class is for beginners and beyond, seekers, and lovers of Jewish learning! No prior experience with Talmud study is needed. Registration is required. See the Adult Education Brochure for more information.

June 6, Thursday

YIDDISH LEYNER’S GROUP
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
We welcome anyone who enjoys reading Yiddish to join us.
June 10, Monday  
PRAYERBOOK HEBREW LITERACY FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS  
WITH JANIS LEVY  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Adult Education class. Registration is required.

June 12, Wednesday  
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER  
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm  
GREATEST HITS OF THE TALMUD WITH RABBI DEVORAH JACOBSON  
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm  
Adult Education class. Registration is required.

June 17, Monday  
PRAYERBOOK HEBREW LITERACY FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS  
WITH JANIS LEVY  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Adult Education class. Registration is required.

June 19, Wednesday  
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER  
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm  
GREATEST HITS OF THE TALMUD WITH RABBI DEVORAH JACOBSON  
6:30 pm – 7:45 pm  
Adult Education class. Registration is required.

June 20, Thursday  
JCA KLEZMER WORKSHOP  
7:15 pm – 8:45 pm  
An ongoing workshop for instrumentalists interested in learning how to play Klezmer music. Instructor Brian Bender (Wholesale Klezmer Band, Yiddishkeit Klezmer Ensemble, Little Shop of Horas) teaches Klezmer repertoire and style in a fun, relaxed setting. All instruments welcome. The workshop periodically performs as an ensemble for JCA events. Fee is $15/class.

June 24, Monday  
PRAYERBOOK HEBREW LITERACY FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS  
WITH JANIS LEVY  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Adult Education class. Registration is required.
UPCOMING EVENTS

June 26, Wednesday
LUNCH & LEARN WITH RABBI WEINER
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

June 27, Thursday
JCA KLEZMER WORKSHOP
7:15 pm – 8:45 pm

July 1, Monday
PRAYERBOOK HEBREW LITERACY FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS WITH JANIS LEVY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Adult Education class. Registration is required.

July 4, Thursday
YIDDISH LEYNER'S GROUP
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
We welcome anyone who enjoys reading Yiddish to join us.

July 8, Monday
PRAYERBOOK HEBREW LITERACY FOR ADVANCED BEGINNERS WITH JANIS LEVY
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Adult Education class. Registration is required.

July 11, Thursday
JCA KLEZMER WORKSHOP
7:15 pm – 8:45 pm

July 25, Thursday
JCA KLEZMER WORKSHOP
7:15 pm – 8:45 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Reading Group
Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 pm
For the first meeting of the 2019-2020 cycle of the JCA ARG, we will discuss the book *Gateway to the Moon* by Mary Morris. It has been described as follows in the Kirkus review: “A history of suffering and oppression, traced from the Spanish Inquisition to modern day New Mexico, is exposed through the generations of a single family. At its best, this historical novel achieves affecting, poetic notes, (with) its vignettes illuminating one thread of the Jewish diaspora.” JCA book group first timers, and old timers, are welcome. Any questions, please call Ken Talan at 413-896-3372.
JCA 50th ANNIVERSARY!
CELEBRATING FROM SEPTEMBER 2019 - JUNE 2020

With acknowledgement to Irving and Linda Seidman for the research and language in the publication, The Jewish Community of Amherst: The Formative Years, 1969-1979, we offer the following dedication for our upcoming 50th anniversary:

To the founding generation of the JCA, who had it in their hearts and minds to give birth to and nurture the Jewish Community of Amherst, and to all of our members today who contribute to our growth and wellbeing now and for the coming years

On April 6, 1969, according to the Amherst Record, at a meeting of the existing Amherst Joint Committee for Jewish Community Development, “...a unanimous vote adopted a proposal to establish the Jewish Community of Amherst, Inc. The aim of this organization will be to incorporate into a single coordinated vehicle those activities of an educational, religious, cultural, social and community-relations nature that are considered essential for the preservation and advancement of the Jewish experience in Amherst...” On August 25, 1969, papers were filed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts making official the name of the organization.

And so we began...

We are celebrating this significant decision by the few for the many by offering activities and programs at the JCA throughout the year from September 2019 to June 2020. We will have a number of events that highlight the different aspects of our community that our founders considered so important, and that are our strength and vibrancy today: education, spirituality, culture, community activities and social action. More information will be coming soon, but for now, these are our plans:

- **Sunday, September 15, 2019**
  - JCA Voices – How Did We Get Here From There?
- **Friday, November 1, 2019**
  - Celebrate JCA Youth & Family Education
- **Saturday, November 30, 2019**
  - Reunion of JCA School Alumni
- **Friday & Saturday, December 13/14, 2019**
  - Community Shabbaton
- **Saturday, February 8, 2020**
  - JCA Musical Evening
- **Friday - Sunday, March 27-29, 2020**
  - Adult Study Weekend
- **Sunday, April 26, 2020**
  - Yom Ha’atzmaut Program
- **Sunday, May 3, 2020**
  - Mitzvah Day and Tikkun Olam Month
- **Saturday, May 16, 2020**
  - Compassionate Community Shabbat
- **Saturday, June 6, 2020**
  - 50th Anniversary Gala

There will be many opportunities for you to participate and volunteer. In fact, we are relying on each of you to make all this possible! We look forward to coming together throughout the year to honor and celebrate the JCA.

With warm regards,

*JCA 50th Planning Committee:*
-Janis Levy, Eliza Gouverneur, Mara Hahn, Jeff Roth-Howe, Ina Porth, Stan Rosenberg, Connie Songer*
Mazal Tov to our June B’nai Mitzvah

Pearl Strong is completing 7th grade at Amherst Regional Middle School and will become a bar mitzvah on June 15, reading from parashat Naso after a year of study and preparation for this special day. He’s thankful to Ruth Love Barer, who helped him with Hebrew, and Jane Myers, his tutor. Pearl loves rock climbing, biking, hiking, and all things outdoors, and is excited to climb Mount Katahdin this summer with his dad. He cares a lot about climate change and hopes to stop it. Pearl equally shares his time living with his mom and stepmom, Jena and Mani Schwartz, and with his dad, River Strong, in the Pioneer Valley Cohousing Community. He’s also close to his older sister, Aviva, and his cousins, Hannah and Caleb Ballantine of Amherst.

Rabi David Mednicoff-Misra, son of Joya Misra and David Mednicoff and brother of Amina, will be called to the Torah on the occasion of his bar mitzvah on June 22, the 19th of Sivan 5779. He will read from the parshat B’ha-alot’kha and the Maftir: Zechariah 2:14-4:7. Rabi is a seventh grader at Amherst Regional Middle School. He has been playing travel soccer with his teammates for many years. He also plays guitar, including in a rock band, and enjoys listening to music. He loves being outside in nature, hanging out with his friends, travelling with his family, and eating spicy foods. Rabi has been in Hebrew School at the JCA since Shalom Sunday, and especially liked baking at the JCA. He would like to thank his tutors, Batya Perman and Ephraim Eisen, Rabbi Weiner, his cohort, and his family for helping him prepare for his bar mitzvah.

Benjamin Wolfson will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on June 29 and will be reading from parashat Sh’laḥ L’kha. Ben has attended Kesher / JCA School for nine years (beginning with Shalom Sunday when he was five), and attended Camp Shemesh for seven summers. He is currently in the seventh grade at the Williston Northampton School. Ben sings in Hampshire Young Peoples’ Chorus, plays the cello in Springfield Youth Orchestra, and studies the piano. He has performed as a soloist with Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Youth Sinfonia. After his bar mitzvah celebration, Ben will head straight to Cummington for five weeks of chamber-music-making at Greenwood Music Camp. Ben lives in Amherst with his parents, Amanda Walling and Boris Wolfson.

Seeking Your News

We would like to hear from you! Please send us your good news or anything significant you would like to share. We welcome your announcement up to 120 words and an accompanying jpeg photo up to 1MB in size. Please send by the 12th of the month before the publication of the next newsletter to: news@jcamherst.org.

Joining the Jewish Community of Amherst

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the JCA, or you are ready to receive membership application materials, please contact Ann Wetherbee, Administrative Director, at 413-256-0160 or admindir@jcamherst.org. Shalom, and welcome!
Message from JCA President

For this month's column, I am informing all of you of the important steps we are taking at the JCA board level, and through our upcoming semi-annual meeting, to expand, reinforce and improve our outreach and education functions. This year, as part of the budget development process, the board of directors has taken steps in concert with the rabbi, our education director, and administrative leadership, to reconfigure how we provide outreach and education services.

We are revamping the education director’s position into a new position called Director of Communal Life and Learning. We will describe this new position in more detail at the semi-annual meeting, but the goal is to find more ways to reach out to the JCA congregation, and to go beyond the JCA to help us grow.

To accomplish this bold goal, we have found ways to work with the rabbi and our staff in a fully cooperative manner organizationally and financially. This is an exciting new direction for the JCA, and we look forward to the next year. We will all work to make sure this change is successful.

Also, as a reminder, this year the JCA is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Starting in the fall, there will be many events recognizing this important time for the JCA. An email was sent out recently giving you preliminary information on the programs related to the anniversary that will occur as part of our yearlong celebration. Stay tuned for much more to come! Thank you to the planning committee for all of their hard work on this important effort.

I urge each of you to go to as many events as you can and to consider ways you can support the JCA moving forward.

   b’shalom, Eric Weiss

New Members

We warmly welcome the following people to the JCA community:
Renee Moss & Eric Bachrach
Allen Ross

Condolences

We offer our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who have recently died:
Monte Blau, father of JCA member Hannah Blau. We offer our condolences to Hannah, along with her brother Saul and his wife Melanie and their son Cory, and to Monte’s sister-in-law Beatrice Blau, niece Cathy Betts, and nephew Eric Blau.
Shabbat B’ḥukotai, Leviticus 26:3-27:34

May 31, Friday
SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service leader: Rabbi Weiner

June 1, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

Shabbat B’midbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20

June 7, Friday
NO FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

June 8, Saturday
SHABBAT YOGA
8:45 am in the social hall
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Rabbi Weiner

Shavuot
Exodus 19:1-22, Numbers 28:26-31

June 8, Saturday
TIKKUN LEYL SHAVUOT
7:00 pm
Join us for an evening of teaching and desserts.
Please bring a dessert if you can. More details to follow in a community email.

June 9, Sunday
SHAVUOT SERVICES (YIZKOR)
10:00 am
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner

Kiddush & Oneg Sponsors
June 8
Rabbi Ed Feld and Merle Feld in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary

June 15
Jena and Mani Schwartz, and River Strong in honor of their son, Pearl, becoming Bar Mitzvah

June 22
Joya Misra and David Mednicoff in honor of their son, Rabi, becoming Bar Mitzvah

June 21
The family of Frieda Howards, in celebration of her birthday

June 29
Amanda Walling and Boris Wolfson in honor of their son, Benjamin, becoming Bar Mitzvah

If you would like to help with or sponsor a kiddush, please contact Ann Wetherbee, our Administrative Director, at admindir@jcamherst.org

Check the JCA website at: https://jcamherst.org/calendar/month/ for updated information on services.
Shabbat Naso, Numbers 4:21-7:89

June 14, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner and Danielle Kadinoff (guitar)

June 15, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Bar Mitzvah: Pearl Strong
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Pearl Strong

Shabbat B’ha-alot’kha, Numbers 8:1-12:16

June 21, Friday
SHABBAT NE’IMAH
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner, Hazzan Diana Brewer, & the JCA Shabbat Ne’ima Band

June 22, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Bar Mitzvah: Rabi Mednicoff-Misra
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Rabi Mednicoff-Misra

Shabbat Sh’laḥ L’kha, Numbers 13:1-15:41

June 28, Friday
SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service leader: To be announced

June 29, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Bar Mitzvah: Ben Wolfson
Service Leader: Rabbi Weiner
D’var Torah: Ben Wolfson
Ritual Life Calendar and Notes (continued)

Shabbat Korah, Numbers 16:1-18:32

July 5, Friday
NO FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

July 6, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leaders: Randi Stein and Marty Pepper Aisenberg
D’var Torah: To be announced

Shabbat Ḥukkat, Numbers 19:1-22:1

July 12, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES
6:15 pm
Service Leader: To be announced

July 13, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: Catherine Madsen
D’var Torah: To be announced

Shabbat Balak, Numbers 22:2-25:9

July 19, Friday
SHABBAT NE’IMAH
6:15 pm
Service Leaders: Rabbi Weiner, Ḥazzan Diana Brewer, & the JCA Shabbat Ne’imah Band

July 20, Saturday
SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
Service Leader: To be announced
D’var Torah: To be announced
**Shabbat Piniḥas, Numbers 25:10-30:1**

**July 26, Friday**  
**SHABBAT SERVICES**  
6:15 pm  
Service leader: Gordon Freed

**July 27, Saturday**  
**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES**  
10:00 am  
Service Leader: Gordon Freed  
D’var Torah: To be announced

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**Torah Reading Coordination**

If you are interested in reading Torah and would like to schedule a time to read, please contact: Marty Pepper Aisenberg, 978-249-8470, maisenberg@videntpartners.com for reading in July. For other times, please contact Aaron Bousel, abousel@comcast.net, 413-253-3544.

If you would like to learn to read Torah or would like help choosing or preparing a reading, please contact Batya Perman, 413-549-4853, or Jane Myers, 401-451-6020.

**Thank You**

The Ritual Life Committee would like to thank those who have given their time and expertise in service to the ritual life of the community:

- Torah/Haftarah readers: Aaron Bousel, Stacy Cohen, Tani Cohen, Uri Cohen, Danielle Kadinoff, Richard Fein, Sam Gladstone, Levi Hahn, Mara Hahn, Jana Kaplan Fastow, Jason Kaplan, Linda McConnell, Jane Myers, Batya Perman, Elissa Rubinstein, Randi Stein  
- Service leaders: Ruth Love Barer, Ḥazzan Diana Brewer, Yossi Charette, Richard Cohen and Eliza Gouverneur, Uri Cohen, Danielle Kadinoff, Felicia Mednick and Sara Schley, Marty Pepper Aisenberg, Randi Stein  
- D’vrei Torah: Levi Hahn, Batya Perman  
- Musicians: JCA Shabbat Ne'imah Band
THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL MITZVAH DAY!

It was a great turnout on a rainy day on Sunday, May 5. Enjoy some highlights and photos.

- We enjoyed sharing our film on Better Together with the community and were thrilled that many of our participants joined us for mitzvah projects! Better Together is finished for the year and will start up again in the fall.
- We had a good turnout at the JCA Cemetery even in the rain!
- Our first "political" task at Mitzvah Day of letter writing for detained youth was meaningful and important!
- We pulled out a ton of invasive plants and picked up trash at Mt. Warner.
- We started many "snuffle mats" for the animals at Dakin.
- We collected diapers to donate to the Survival Center.
- Beautiful cards were made for the Chesed Committee. A selection of them is going to be scanned and printed as a set that the JCA will have available for sale in their card rack.
- Challah was baked for upcoming JCA kiddushes and events.
- The children’s books in our library are organized.
- The main sanctuary was given a good cleaning.
- Students and adults sang together at the Extended Care Facility in Amherst.
June 9, Sunday

SHAVUOT HIKE AND INTERACTIVE PUPPET SHOW
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Sugarloaf Mountain
Please join puppeteer Anna Sobel and meet puppet Moses. We will be meeting at the base of Sugarloaf mountain at 2:00 pm. We’ll find surprises hidden along the way as we hike to the top on an interactive Shavuot puppet adventure. Or feel free to drive to the top and meet us for the finale, around 2:30 pm, after which we’ll have a dairy dessert potluck. Parking is $5 or free with a state park pass.

July 1, Monday – July 5, Friday

CAMP SHEMESH WEEK 1
No Camp on July 4

July 2, Tuesday

TZOFIM FRIENDSHIP CARAVAN PERFORMANCE
2:30 pm at the Yiddish Book Center,
1021 West St., Amherst
An interactive performance of Israeli song, dance, and culture! The Tzofim Friendship Caravan is celebrating over 40 years of bringing excitement, energy and friendship to North America. Each Caravan is made up of a group of ten Israeli teens who are chosen to be members of the Caravan based on their talent in the performing arts. Scouts spend a year training and rehearsing for their exciting summer in North America. This performance is free and appropriate for all ages.

July 5, Friday

KABBALAT SHABBAT AT CAMP SHEMESH
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm at the Greenwich mods at Hampshire College
One of our oldest camp traditions is Kabbalat Shabbat. On Friday afternoons family and friends are invited to join us for this special time when campers share their projects from the week, and the camp comes together to say prayers over grape juice and challah baked by campers. We sing songs, hear stories, and/or participate in activities led by the staff. All community members are welcome! Email campshemesh@jcamherst.org with any questions.
Youth and Family Education (continued)

July 8, Monday – July 12, Friday
CAMP SHEMESH WEEK 2

July 12, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT AT CAMP SHEMESH
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
All community members are welcome!

July 15, Monday – July 19, Friday
CAMP SHEMESH WEEK 3

July 19, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT AT CAMP SHEMESH
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
All community members are welcome!

July 22, Monday – July 26, Friday
CAMP SHEMESH WEEK 4

July 26, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT AT CAMP SHEMESH
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
All community members are welcome!

July 29, Monday – August 2, Friday
CAMP SHEMESH WEEK 5

August 2, Friday
KABBALAT SHABBAT AT CAMP SHEMESH
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
All community members are welcome!
Spotlight on Committees

**Chesed Committee**

**Thank You, Volunteers!**

The Chesed Committee thanks all who have recently provided compassionate support to others in the community.

And thanks, again, to everyone who has made a meal, provided a ride, lent a sympathetic ear, visited a person in need of companionship, or performed other acts of chesed (loving kindness).

**Tikkun Olam Committee**

As part of our mission to honor and protect the earth, the Tikkun Olam Committee strongly encourages members of our community to have an Energy Audit in their home. Even if you’ve had one a few years ago you can do it again. Several of our committee members have recently had an energy audit and the follow up work. You can go on line to Mass Save (masssave.com) and do an online assessment or just call one of their contractors.

Judith Souweine, chair of the Tikkun Olam Committee, used American Installations in S. Hadley (413-552-0200). The first step was a thorough audit - they went through her whole house and identified places where there was leaking air and also gave her a ton of free LED lights and power cords. The work was done a few weeks later and they added insulation, air-sealed in the attic and basement, put up weather stripping around the doors and built a box around the pull-down attic stairs - about $2,000 worth of work - all for free!! We have already paid for this work through our rates. If you call American Installations, be sure to say you were referred by Judith Souweine of the Jewish Community of Amherst. For every five people, they will donate $$ back to the JCA for our Green Team at the JCA. Win-Win.
Donations to the JCA

Adult Education
Jillian Fellerman
Mila Sherman
Leslie Lorber
Joni Beck Brewer
Caryn Markson
Hattie Nestel
Marcia Gagliardi
Catherine Alpert
Shelley Gottsegen
Sallie Deans Lake
Susan Zarchin
Ina Porth
Ronnie Williams
Phyllis Herda

General Fund
In memory of Bob Weitzman’s mother, Rose Foster (Judy & Allen Davis)
In memory of Hannah Blau’s mother, Guitta Blau (Judy & Allen Davis)
In memory of Howard Mentin (Amy Rothenberg & Paul Herscu)
In memory of Howard Mentin (Nina Mentin & Steven Palatt, Ellen Mentin, Emily & Dwayne Mentin-Chamble)
In memory of Howard Mentin (Amy & Jeff Kalman)
In memory of Howard Mentin (Linda & Daniel Reif)
In honor of Chevra Kadisha & Shomerim (Nina Mentin & Steven Palatt, Ellen Mentin, Emily & Dwayne Mentin-Chamble)

In memory of Albert Geller, Robin Diamond’s father (Amy Rothenberg & Paul Herscu)
In honor of our community (Kitty Axelson-Berry)
In memory of Albert Geller (Kitty & Ken Talan)
In memory of Ruth Lubinsky & Rose Waldstreicher Solomon (Marian & Leonard Lubinsky)
In memory of Tom Plaut (Susan Zarchin)
In memory of Howard Mentin (Susan Zarchin)
In memory of Bob Weitzman’s mother Rose Foster (Susan Zarchin)
In memory of Guitta Blau, mother of Hannah Blau (Susan Zarchin)
In honor of Janis Levy, Hebrew teacher extraordinaire, Thank You! (Ina & Eli Porth)
Henrietta Startup
In memory of Irv Howards (Frieda Howards)
In memory of my mother Marilyn Weinberg (Barbara Burkart)

High Holiday Donation
Mary & Herb Bernstein

Holiday Meals Donation
Eman Tuzman-Egan
Mark Phillips

Prayerbook Fund
In memory of my father, Irving Feldman (Allan Feldman)

Project Rehovot
In honor of Marilyn Kushick for her work as chair of Project Rehovot (Yaffa & Haim Gunner)
In honor of Marilyn Kushick (George Greenstein)
In honor of Marilyn Kushick (Estela Olevsky)
In honor of Marilyn Kushick on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah (Tara & Steve Wolman)
In honor of Marilyn Kushick’s Bat Mitzvah (Yaffa & Haim Gunner)
In honor of Marilyn Kushick’s Bat Mitzvah (Lorena & Scottie Faerber)
In honor of Marilyn Kushick’s Bat Mitzvah (Connie & Chuck Songer)
In honor of Marilyn Kushick (Shelly Cohen)
In memory of Ann Blaustein (Marilyn & Jeff Blaustein)

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
Bob Weitzman
In memory of Michael Kirschenbaum (Kirsch), husband of Lisa Joy Kirschenbaum (Jaqueline Pack Segal)

Tzedakah
Judy & Kip Fonsh
Ruth & Howard Smith
Daniel Kadinoff
In honor of Levi Hahn’s bar mitzvah (Judith Souweine)

In The Valley

Out! For Reel LGBTQ Comedy Show: The El-Salomons!
Saturday, June 22 at the Academy of Music Theatre in Northampton
Show: 7:00 pm / Social Hour: 6:00-7:00 pm
Ticket: $20 Advance / $25 Door, Info & Tickets: https://OutForReel.net, Email: info@outforreel.net

Starring the funniest, smartest, lesbian, feminist, Jewish-Palestinian, married couple on Earth (hyperbole so noted), “The El-Salomons!” is a hilarious, must-see comedy show. Talented comedians Jess Salomon and Eman El-Husseini entertain with laugh out loud humor as they bash anti-semitism, islamophobia, homophobia, and sexism. With delicious wit and satisfying political savvy, the El-Salomons inspire love across differences and open hearts with laughter. Out! For Reel’s mission is to strengthen the LGBTQ community, build bridges, and work to eradicate homophobia through the arts and entertainment. For a video trailer: https://nowthisnews.com/videos/her/jess-and-eman-el-salomon-are-defying-stereotypes-in-love-and-comedy.
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