

HEVRAT SHALOM CONGREGATION

A Reform Congregation Gathering for Jewish Fellowship, Study, and Worship

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Cantorial Soloist Beth Rubens

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**Please RSVP quickly for our Festive Sabbath Dinner
March 4th 7 – 8:30 PM at the Lakelands Recreation Center**

Rabbi's Message Rabbi Arnold Saltzman

Dear Friends,

This week our Friday Evening Service, on February 18-2011 at 7:45 PM, Hevrat Shalom Congregation will feature The Hon. Dr. Paul London as part of our Guest Speaker Series.

Our service will be led by Caron Dale, cantorial soloist and myself.

I encourage congregants to attend and in order to be part of this exciting series of talks by guest speakers. We are truly fortunate to have the benefit of these accomplished individuals and leaders in the community and government. We invite you to join us for a beautiful Shabbat Service, fulfilling the mitzvot of studying on Shabbat, praying, and refreshing one's soul. Together, we can create a community.

Our Torah reading, Ki Tissa, from the Book of Exodus, Shemot in Hebrew, continues the theme of

creating a Mishkan, a Tabernacle or portable sanctuary in the wilderness. This

President's Note Steve Permison

Festive Sabbath Dinner Service

Please take a look at the picture below and ask yourself what is missing from the room. It looks cozy and warm and has a gas fireplace and comfortable looking furnishings and it's in a nice facility in the Lakelands on 960 Main Street in Gaithersburg. So, what's missing?

What we will add. First, we will add a few more tables, chairs, tablecloths, candles and fresh flowers. Then we will set the tables for a Sabbath Dinner with wine, challa, roast chicken, veggies and a few calorific desserts. Then we will add a lectern for Rabbi Saltzman, a music stand for Caron Dale and



candles for our Sabbath Blessings. Finally, we hope that you decide not to be missing

from the picture and join us for a festive Sabbath Dinner Service led by Rabbi Arnold Saltzman accompanied by Cantorial Soloist Caron Dale. Your invitation will be in your in box shortly. Please RSVP quickly to Debbie Greene who will be coordinating this special event. I very much hope that you join us. Questions: Call 301.528.5307.

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enabled us as a people to create a religious community and a center for worship even before we had a permanent homeland, with the simple message being that we can worship God anywhere and everywhere "the whole earth is filled with God's glory."

The beginning of the reading of Ki Tissa deals with counting the people through a census involving the Half Shekel. One purpose was to count every man eligible to fight in war; another was that the half-shekel coin was to be an offering for building the Tabernacle. Why a half shekel?

The Torah teaches us that everyone is counted and that in our endeavors, no one is considered more important because they have more or can give more. On the other hand, the Torah teaches us that by having a required half shekel, an amount that even a person who had little could give, that everyone had to be part of the community, everyone counted before God, and that everyone was equally entitled to the benefits of law and worship, while being equally responsible for the needs of the community.

We live in a world where we constantly say there is never enough. Yet, the Torah teaches us that that does not free us from trying to participate in any way we are able: Lo Alecha Hamlacha Ligmor... from Pirkei Avot "It is not for us to complete the work, yet, neither are we free from trying to complete the task." In a time of fewer resources, a community can accomplish much.

The theme of Ki Tissa is related to Dr. Paul A. London's presentation about the history of the American Progressive Movement and their goals during the early years of the 20th Century. We invite you to join us, worship with us, and to experience a fine presentation.

Distinguished Guest Speaker Series Continues with The Honorable Dr. Paul London

Our February 18th, Distinguished Guest Speaker is the **Hon. Dr. Paul London**, Professor at Goucher College. Formerly the Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce, he will be speaking about an ancestor of his who was a United States Congressman, The Hon. Meyer London, who served in Congress during WWI and represented NYC. Congressman London was a Progressive. Dr. Paul London, our speaker will be talking about the Progressive Movement in the United States and why it fell apart. This is also interesting from a Jewish perspective since many Jewish people identify as Progressives.

The **Hon. Dr. Paul London**, former Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce and President of 'London and Associates', is an author and currently Professor at Goucher College. He will be speaking on Friday Evening, February 18, following services. President, Paul A. London and Associates 2005 to present.

Research/Publications.

The Progressive Era and Cong. Meyer London – (64th, 65th and 67th Cong.) 1914 to 1922.

Co-author of "Removing Costs From The Health Care Supply Chain: Lessons from Mass Retail," Health Affairs Sept./Oct. 2009.

Books: "The Competition Solution: the Bipartisan Secret behind American Prosperity," AEI Press, March 2005.
"Merchants as Promoters of Rural Develop – An Indian Case Study," Praeger 1975.

Career:

Senior Policy Advisor at the US Department of Commerce 1997-2000.

Member of the interagency Task Force working on Privacy and Computerized Medical Records.

Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce for Economics and Statistics 1993-1997.

President of Paul A. London and Associates

1980-1993. Economic and Energy Clients.
Executive Director of Coalition of
Northeastern Governors 1978-1980.
Deputy Asst. Administrator for Conservation
Policy, Dept. of Energy 1977-1978.
Staff of Sen. Walter Mondale 1971-72.
Economist to the New England
Congressional Caucus 1973-77.

State Department: Washington, Paris, and
Viet Nam 1960-1970.

BA from Harvard College 1958. MA and PhD
(Political Economy) from Harvard's Kennedy
School 1974

Memorial Torah Cover **Jon Pfeffer, Initiative Chair**

Dear Members and Friends,

A couple of weeks ago you received a short
note requesting donations to be used to
purchase a new and much needed Torah
cover. This cover will honor the life and
contributions of our beloved founding
Rabbi, Reuben Levine. It will also provide a
fitting cover for our sacred Torah.

The Board of Hevrat Shalom, Rabbi
Saltzman, and the Cantorial soloists provide
you with outstanding Shabbat and Holiday
services as well as resources for life cycle
events.

We also feature interesting speakers and
enjoyable social events which are open to
all of our members and friends.

At this time we are asking you to help your
Congregation purchase the new Torah
Cover by making a donation. We have
already received an initial donation of one
hundred dollars. This is a nice amount to
match but all donations are welcome, such
as chai or any multiple of chai.

Please take a moment to send you tax
deductable contribution to:

Temple Hevrat Shalom
PO Box 3606
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Warmest regards,

Jon Pfeffer and the Temple Board

Social Calendar Suggestions

Irv Schaeffer

- Picasso at the Lapin Agile
Asbury Methodist Village
Early February, 2011
- Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat
Olney Theater
Feb 23 to March 20
- Frederick Keys Baseball Game
April, 2011
- Strangers on a Train
Asbury Methodist Village
May, 2011
- Ratner Musuem
Bethesda
Early Spring, 2011

Please email me, Irv Schaeffer, with your
intentions to participate or other
suggestions: irwinschaeffer@comcast.net

Temple Dues

Michael Trilling, our new Temple
Administrator, will be sending out dues and
tuition statements shortly. Please respond
quickly to his requests as our coffers are
definitely dwindling. Mike will always include
contact information and if you have
questions about your statement please do
not hesitate to inquire.

Around Town



JCRC Save-the-Dates

The Failure of the American Jewish Establishment

Thursday, February 17, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
American University's Katzen Arts Center,
Abramson Family Recital Hall

Amos Perlmutter Memorial Lecture by Peter Beinart. Beinart is Senior Political Writer at *The Daily Beast*, Associate Professor of Journalism and Political Science at the City University of New York and a Schwartz Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation. He will address the tension between liberalism and Zionism in the United States. For more information, contact cutler@american.edu.

Jewish Leadership Institute (JLI) Signature Course: Become a Better Leader!

Six consecutive Tuesday nights starting March 1, 2011, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington (6101 Montrose Road, Rockville) If you are a professional or lay leader working for the Jewish community, join JLI to network, study and grow. While deepening your Jewish literacy, you will enrich practical skills such as goal setting, strategic planning, and relationship cultivation. For more information or to apply, visit www.shalomdc.org/signaturecourse.

News & Views

JCRC's 2010 Annual Report Available On-Line

The JCRC 2010 Annual Report is now available at www.jccouncil.org/2010AnnualReport - learn about our top activities throughout the past year and its impact on government advocacy critical to the Jewish community. We look forward to your feedback and comments at jccouncil@jccouncil.org

Action Items

Join the JCRC's 'Gilad Watch' awareness

campaign and add our **Gilad Watch Clock** to your website.

Sabbath Treasures

Torah Reading:

Current Torah Readings and a weekly commentary of the Torah may be found at the following address:

<http://media.urj.org/torah/hashavua.mp3>

Candle Lighting:

You will find candle lighting times at:

http://www.chabad.org/calendar/candle/Lighting_cdo/aid/6226/save/1/c/448/jewish/Candle-Lighting.htm

Volunteers Needed

The congregation very much needs your help in organizing and staffing various events. Would you please be so kind to volunteer a little of your time so we can proceed with several wonderful program initiatives including our usual pot luck Sabbath Dinners which are currently on hold for lack of volunteers. A little of your time can mean a lot to our congregational family. Please help.

Thank you on behalf of Hevrat Shalom.

Hevrat Shalom Clergy and Staff

Rabbi:	Arnold Saltzman
Associate Rabbi:	David Kuperman
Cantorial Soloists:	Caron Dale
	Beth Rubens
Gabbi:	Open
Religious School Director:	Rabbi Saltzman

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 - Jack Goldman
 - Debbie Greene
- John Lass
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Jon Pfeffer
Irv Schaeffer
Elihu Zimet

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Advertising: Open
Education: Rabbi Saltzman
Interfaith: Todd Fineberg
Membership: Bonnie Dutcher
Newsletter: Steve Permison &
Sid Verner

Update From Our Traveling Cantorial Soloist Beth Reubens

We arrived safely in Buenos Aires, where we went to our nice little apartment in the Palermo neighborhood. We love the location as we have so many restaurants and cafes within a few blocks that we couldn't go to them all in our six months if we tried! Our apartment is perfect for our family, and the kids are enjoying their room on the top level, up a spiral staircase, sleeping together cozily, playing, eating out on our roof deck, and exploring the city.

We just got back from 2 1/2 weeks traveling in Patagonia, where we visited Ushuaia, at the southernmost tip of the country, in Tierra del Fuego, El Calafate, a little northwest of there, and then Bariloche, again further north in the Argentine lake district. All spots were very different, and the scenery was simply gorgeous. We hiked, saw glaciers,

visited a penguin island, rode boats to see wildlife, and took a horseback trail ride in each place (the kids are becoming quite adept horseback riders!). The high points were the Perito Moreno Glacier outside of El Calafate, and the national park near Bariloche where we stayed on the most beautiful, serene lake where you could hike for hours and not see a soul. It was really sublime and well worth all the work and stress I had packing and leaving home in DC.

Now we are back in Buenos Aires. Brent has started working again (after a month off) and I'm doing a little home schooling with the kids in the mornings, before heading out to explore a different part of the city. It is still summer vacation here (hard to believe for you sitting in cold MD, I'm sure,) until February 28th. The kids will attend a local school and I'm so happy it is close enough that we can walk there in about 15 minutes. Everything will be in Castellano (the word for Spanish here), and they will improve their language skills tremendously once they are there, I'm sure. And I will have the time to take language classes, some yoga, start singing again, and figure out how to make some music contacts here. Now we are going to museums, and the zoo, the parks, and wandering the streets until our feet are so tired. I'm proud of my kids for being great sports about all the walking (although we do take taxis sometimes as they are so cheap).

We have not yet attended a Shabbat service but hope to soon. I'm eager to see how the Service is different and what the cantorial and congregational music is like. I'll send another update afterwards!

So that's it for now. I hope all is well there and please send my "saludos" to everyone at HS.

All the best,
Beth



**THE FOLLOWING NAMES ARE MEMORIALIZED
DURING THE MONTHS OF February AND MARCH, 2011**

Libby Baden	Sister of Sy Baden
Francis Rebecca Blum	Mother of Andie Pfeffer
Jon Dahlquist	Brother of Kay Permison
Solomon Danis	Father of Elaine Garfinkle
Edward Fineberg	Father of Todd Fineberg
Shirley Fineberg	Mother of Todd Fineberg
William Geneslaw	Father of Charlotte Lass
Elizabeth Gordon	Mother of Meyer Gordon
Reuben R. Levine*	Husband of Shirley Levine
Alexander Ellis Permison	Father of Steve Permison
Hilda Schwartz	Mother of John Lass
Louis Schulman	Father of Bonni Dutcher
Charlette Zaslou	Mother of Lillian Schwartz

*...and others that we remember in our hearts...
Thank you for the generous contributions that memorialize these names.
Recent losses this past year.

Hevrat Shalom Congregation offers several ways to memorialize a loved one. Please speak directly with Rabbi Saltzman for further information and planning including listings on this Page and Rabbi's reading of names at Sabbath Services.

The Hevrat Shalom section at the Garden of Remembrance Cemetery in Clarksburg, MD has 40 plots in it. Plots cost considerably less if purchased by synagogue members through the synagogue. Thirty-nine of the plots have been sold to temple members. If you would like information about purchasing one or multiple plots, please contact me,

Joan Pinsky, at 301-279-7889 or pinskyj@alum.wustL.edu.

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