

HEVRAT SHALOM CONGREGATION

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

Rabbi Arnold Saltzman
Cantorial Soloist Beth Rubens

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Associate Rabbi David Kuperman
Cantorial Soloist Caron Dale

Next Sabbath Service is at Ingleside with Rabbi Saltzman & Cantor Dale on April 15th
Reserve tickets now for our Second Night Seder at the Flaming Pitt. Go to: www.hevratshalom.org

President's Note Steve Permison

Success, success, our Sabbath Dinner on Friday, March 6th was a great success. Thanks very much to Debbie Greene, her husband Edward and son Joseph who shopped for food, set-up and otherwise helped with absolutely everything. Thanks

also to Mara Radis and her husband Howard and son Mason – who were all indispensable. So, we proved that we like to eat and that our Sabbath traditions remain alive and well. Thank you for making the effort to attend and for your community-building participation. It does make a difference.

With spring comes Purim and Passover. We celebrated Purim at our service on March 18. Not only did we have a wonderful guest speaker, Paula Stern, but we also had a wonderful Purim Oneg with delicious Hammentashen provided by congergants, Aurora Reyes and Irwin Ansher.

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On the heels of Purim is Passover. In the past we have always had a Second Night

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Rabbi's Message Rabbi Arnold Saltzman

As I write this article for our news letter we are busy preparing for the Passover Holiday and Seders. The beauty of Jewish observance is that it has the potential to bring family and friends together to celebrate, and to elevate a dinner into a classic teaching/learning moment, a spiritual moment for all.

We are a people who remember our history, our traditions, and our ancestors. While each new spring season brings something beautiful and refreshing, we can also experience the irony of missing a loved one at our table, an empty chair. Our Passover holiday is one of the unique contributions of Judaism to the religious experience of the human family. It is a hymn of praise using all our senses in order to experience life and in order to re-experience the narrative story of our people, its origins, and its triumph at Sinai. "This is the bread of oppression which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat."

Egypt has been in the news in a remarkable turn of events. The President of Israel, Shimon Perez commented that in 1954, Egypt had 18 million people, while today it has 81 million people. Egypt's population has doubled five times since 1954, yet today it has the same resources for water and food that it had in 1954. This is the cause of the turmoil, people seeking a better life and

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modernization. Israel's President Shimon Perez also said that if Egypt moves to elect the more conservative religious minority due to their organizational skills that this will not help, as praying more frequently does increase food.

Instead Egypt needs to rely more on science and technology, as Israel has done. Israel is second or third in High Tech start ups, or new companies. A full 25% of Israel's economy is now technologically based.

Israel has been in the news in recent weeks, with a terrorist attack, and rockets again being fired from Gaza into Israel. The United Nations Goldstone Report which condemned Israel for its military action in Gaza two years ago, has been re-examined and is disavowed by the author of the report, Judge Goldstone, who now says that if he had known then what he knows now he never would have condemned Israel's actions.

On Friday, April 15, we invite you to join us for our Sabbath worship service led by myself and Caron Dale, cantorial soloist. The sermon 'The Goldstone Report' will focus on the nature of the report, its use as an anti-Israel propaganda weapon, and how Israel is reacting to the recent 'second thoughts' of the author of the Goldstone report, and whether any good can be gained from these new statements.

Wishing all of you a Hag Sam'e'ach, a Happy and Joyous Passover Holiday

Rabbi Arnold Saltzman
Rabbi, Hevrat Shalom Congregation,
Maryland

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Passover Seder led by either our Rabbi and/or our Cantorial Soloist. This year is no exception and we will again hold a second night Passover Seder at the Flaming Pit on Tuesday, April 19th from 6:15 – 8:30 PM.

Our Second Night Passover Seder will be led by our very talented Cantorial Soloist, Caron Dale. The Seder menu begins with gifilte fish and homemade matzah ball soup followed

by your choice of half roast chicken or the Flaming Pits' famous brisket with potatoes and vegetables topped-off with a "Pesadica" desert. Please consider spending a couple of hours with us to celebrate Passover with Hevrat Shalom. You may make your reservations and pay for your tickets online at:

www.hevratshalom.org/passover

Or, you may send a check to Hevrat Shalom, Post Office Box 3606, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Seder tickets are \$35.00/adult and \$25 for children 12 and under.

Please celebrate the Second Night Passover Seder with Hevrat Shalom.

**Distinguished Guest Speaker Series
Rabbi Arnold Saltzman**

Our 2011 Distinguished Guest Speaker Series continues on Friday, May 6th, at Ingleside with The Honorable Bruce Mencher. Judge Mencher is Senior Judge of the Superior Court of DC.

Bruce Mencher is as an attorney who has argued before the Supreme Court. He is also an accomplished musician and pianist and has accompanied Rabbi Saltzman at previous Sabbath Services for Hevrat Shalom.

Best of all, The Honorable Bruce Mencher is also the newest member of our congregation. We welcome Bruce to our Hevrat Shalom family and look forward to his presentation.



Please join us for our annual Second Night Passover Seder. The Seder will be conducted by our talented Cantorial Soloist, Caron Dale and will be at the Flaming Pit

Restaurant on Route 355 in Gaithersburg from 6:15 until 8:30 PM on Tuesday, April 19th.

Seder tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children under 13. Tickets may be purchased on our website at:

www.hevratshalom.org

or by sending a check to Hevrat Shalom, Post Office Box 3606, Gaithersburg, MD. If you have a question please call the temple office at: 301.528.5307.

Memorial Torah Cover Jon Pfeffer, Treasurer

Dear member and friends,

I am very pleased to let you know that our call for donations for a new Torah cover to honor our founding Rabbi, Reuben Levine was heard and answered by many. Members and friends generously contributed enough money to allow us to purchase the cover and new matching belt.

The design was researched and then approved by the Board. The cover has been ordered and will be formally presented during a service later this year.

Rabbi Levine's son, Dr. Daniel Levine is planning to be present at the dedication.

For those of you who would like to attend Rabbi Levine's unveiling, it will be Sunday morning, April 17 at 10:00 am. The location is Judean Gardens.

3rd Annual Kentlands Day Celebration Seymour Baden, Board Member

Hevrat Shalom will again participate in the 3rd Annual Kentlands Day Celebration on Saturday, May 7 from 10 AM until PM. Last year those of us that staffed the booth had a genuine good time. We met many people that had no knowledge of the existence of our congregation who were glad to learn of an additional choice of their temple affiliation.

The celebration has been growing exponentially each year. With more people participating we expect an even greater level of interest and inquiry than last year. I would like to encourage and invite those of you willing to commit an hour or two of your time to participate with us at the booth to meet and greet people on behalf of Hevrat Shalom. I guarantee you a most enjoyable and fun time.

Kentlands Day can best be described as a downsized state fair. Bring the children, the dog, and the whole family, enjoy the celebration, and stop by our booth either just to say hello and/or to help us let our community know a little bit more about Hevrat Shalom.

"Thank You" Chayeinu Committee

If you have made a donation recently to Hevrat Shalom Congregation than you have received a very distinctive card and well written note signed by our *Chayeinu* Committee. Mina Parsont, a founding member of our congregation, is also one of the founders of this committee and often the writer and sender of these beautiful notes.

On behalf of our congregation and our Board of Directors I want to extend a very warm and heart-felt thank you to Mina and her committee for initiating and maintaining this very important committee.

Thank you.

Steve Permison for Hevrat Shalom

Passover Resources

Many interesting and creative Passover resources for your Seder or for entertaining family and guests during the Passover holiday are available at the following website:

<http://www.pjll.org/content/passover-personalesources#activitiesandarticles>

Hevrat Shalom Clergy and Staff

Rabbi:	Arnold Saltzman
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Cantorial Soloists:	Caron Dale Beth Rubens
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Note: The Board of Directors meet the third Wednesday evening each month at 8 PM in Ingleside's Board Room. Our meetings are public and congregants are encouraged to attend and participate.

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Around Town



News & Views

Japan Earthquake Disaster Relief

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington has opened an emergency relief fund to provide aid and support to the victims of the 9.0 magnitude earthquake and ensuing tsunami that struck Japan March 11, and to help those in other potential disaster zones such as Hawaii and the U.S. mainland's West Coast.

The earthquake, which was the largest in Japan in more than 100 years, struck about 230 miles northeast of Tokyo. A devastating tsunami with reported waves of 30 feet followed, submerging entire coastal towns. Resulting tsunami waves have since been felt across the Pacific, with possible damage feared as far away as Hawaii and the U.S. West Coast.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington along with Jewish Federations of North America and our overseas partner the American Jewish Joint Distribution committee will continue to closely monitor the situation and update our community as details emerge. 100 percent of donations to the fund go to support the victims of this catastrophic disaster.

JCRC Save-the-Date

Amram Lecture Series Presents a Talk by Stephen Tankel on *Terrorism Out of Pakistan: The Evolving Threat*

Sunday, April 17, 2011, 10:30 a.m.
Washington Hebrew Congregation (3935

Macomb Street, N.W., Washington, DC)

The April 17th Amram Scholar Series will feature a talk by terrorism expert Stephen Tankel. He will address the issue of the Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba, and its deliberate targeting of Westerners and Jews during the Mumbai attacks of November 2008. This attack has raised questions about whether Lashkar is moving deeper into al-Qaeda's orbit, and perhaps on a trajectory to displace Osama bin Laden's network. In his lecture, Tankel will use the Pakistani group as a vehicle to explore terrorist dangers facing the United States and its allies, and also discuss the many challenges involved in fighting them effectively. To RSVP, contact Layne Weiss, 202-895-6307 or:

lweiss@whctemple.org

This is a free event.

Meet Golda Meir

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

1:00 p.m., Clubhouse 2 Leisure World (Silver Spring, Maryland)

The Greater Washington Area Chapter of Hadassah presents this event which is being sponsored by the Mt. Scopus Group of Leisure World. Golda Meir is one of many famous personalities that Peter Small impersonates. Peter lived in Israel six years and developed his historical portrayals while teaching history in the Washington, DC and Los Angeles areas. He has performed for audiences of four Presidential libraries, the Hoover Dam, for television including the History Channel, and more. Tickets are \$10. Tickets available at door or send check payable to Hadassah and mail to: Barbara Eisen, 3200 N. Leisure World Boulevard, Apt. 810, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906. Tickets will be held at the door.

The American Jewish Committee: Global Forum in DC

April 27th - April 29th, 2011
The Global Forum is an incredible event

featuring expert discussions, interactive breakout sessions, world class debates, a gala evening with U.S. and world leaders, and much more! For more information visit www.ajc.org/globalforum or contact Jamie

Kamlet, Program and Development Assistant, at 202-785-5476 or

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Save the Date for JCRC's Annual Gala!

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington

honors:

**Dennis Berman, &
The Kramer Family**

with the

2011 Breslau-Goldman Award

and

Esther B. Newman

with the

2011 Community Leadership Award

Thursday, May 19, 2011

6:15 p.m. Reception

7:30 p.m. Program

Beth Shalom Congregation & Talmud Torah

11825 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, MD

Heavy hors d'oeuvres * Dietary Laws

Observed * Business attire

RSVP at:

<http://www.jcouncil.org/site/R?i=N3Kr8WFDI3AS0wQ9-OWy0Q>

Help us ensure that the gala will be a memorable and meaningful evening! Please write a personal message to an honoree(s) that will be included in an individualized tribute book. Each tribute message is \$36.

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/candleLighting_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. Please volunteer a little of your time so we can proceed with several wonderful program initiatives. A little of your time can mean a lot to our congregational family. To volunteer call the Synagogue office at: 301.528.5307.

Sign Up Now for Religious School

Hevrat Shalom's religious school is very different from your typical Sunday Religious or weekday Hebrew School program. In most congregations, these programs are taught in large, rather impersonal and very formal settings. Our program is being taught in very personal venues. Our classes meet in small groups in the homes of our congregants and all classes are either taught or directly supervised by Rabbi Saltzman.

We offer religious and Hebrew training and pre Bar and Bat Mitzvah training for children of all ages and for adults. We are happy to accommodate a class of one or a group of ten. Our programs follow classical Jewish guidelines and we participate in the local Washington area Council of Religious School Directors.

Whether you are preparing your child for a life cycle event such as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah or Confirmation or you are an adult wishing to study Hebrew or have an adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah, please contact Rabbi Saltzman to discuss your needs or those of a family member or friend.



**THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
DURING THE MONTHS OF February and March**

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Rabbi Reuben Levine Memorial Torah Cover

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**THE FOLLOWING NAMES ARE MEMORIALIZED
DURING THE MONTHS OF April and May, 2011**

Phillip Black	Father of Lillian Schwartz
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Libby Elkaim	Wife of David Elkaim
Theresa Falchick	Mother of Dottie Gordon
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Ruth Sawelson	Mother of Beth Zimet
Evelyn Schulman	Mother of Bonni Dutcher

*...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.