

HEVRAT SHALOM CONGREGATION

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

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Rabbi Arnold Saltzman
Cantorial Soloist Beth Rubens

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Cantorial Soloist Caron Dale

Next Sabbath Service is at Ingleside with Rabbi Saltzman & Cantor Dale on May 6th
With Guest Speaker, the Honorable Judge Bruce Mencher

Our Growing Community Steve Permison, President

April was an absolutely wonderful month for our congregation with two very special Shabbat Services; one with a particularly interesting guest speaker, the other featuring a marvelous sermon by Rabbi Saltzman. Rabbi's sermon will soon be posted on our website under "Most Recent Sermons". A capacity crowd celebrated the Second Nite Passover Seder with us at the Flaming Pit Restaurant, and we just received the new memorial torah cover honoring our late Rabbi Emeritus, Reuben Levine. The cover will be dedicated at a special community service later this year.

Paula Stern, our Guest Speaker on Friday, April 1st was the subject of a full page article in the Metro Section of the Washington Post the Saturday following her presentation. Finally, we are receiving an ever more embracing reception from residents of our newest

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Rabbi Arnold Saltzman

Rabbi, Hevrat Shalom Congregation,
Gaithersburg, Maryland



**Passover
Yom Hashoah
Yom Hazikaron
Yom Ha'atzmaut**

In Israel there was a debate for many years over when to commemorate the Shoah, with a Yom Hashoah, a Holocaust remembrance day. The date agreed upon was the 27th of the month of Nissan, four days after the end of the traditional observance of Passover. In fact Yom Hashoah is an historic holiday without being a day such as Yom Kippur or Passover, which requires religious observance designed by rabbinic tradition or commanded in the Torah.

Passover, a time of our liberation and redemption from Egyptian slavery and oppression, is a time of joy, celebration, family gatherings unlike other holidays. That is why we say Ma Nishtana - Why is this night different from all other nights? Why do we eat Matzah? Why do we eat bitter herbs? Why do we dip our vegetables twice? Why do we recline while eating?

In contrast, Yom Hashoah, is remembering the terrible period of time which we know as the Holocaust. There are people who say 'enough already' we have emphasized this part of history too much. Would anyone ever say that we've spoken about the Passover too much, or

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Music Speaks

Caron Dale

Hevrat Shalom Cantorial Soloist

"Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul."

While the author is unknown, the sentiment is dead on. At Hevrat Shalom we have shared so much through music this year. Our recent Passover seder with over 30 participants was filled with song, readings, discourse, questioning and delightful food and company.

And our Friday night Shabbat Service attendance has been growing exponentially. As voices fill the room in song and prayer, the sense of congregational oneness filters through each of us creating that wonderful sense of community so special to Hevrat Shalom.

I look forward to attending the 29th annual Women Cantor's Conference in June. Among its many purposes, sharing professional knowledge and experiences, and continuing education in areas related to the cantorate and Jewish music are what I am particularly looking forward to. It is my goal to bring back lots of song and spirit. I hope you'll join me at future Shabbat Services and the High Holy Days as I share them with the congregation!

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too much about American Slavery before the Civil War? We study so that we hope the educated are strong enough not to repeat the past.

As we know, not everything is under our control in a world less than friendly to the Jewish people, yet, we mustn't stand idly by to only say 'there is nothing I can do.' We must never stop writing letters and speaking up. We must even be willing to defend ourselves when necessary.

Yom Hashoah in Israel is followed by Yom Hazikaron on the 5th of Iyar which this year falls on Monday, May 9th, 2011. This is the day when

Israel commemorates all those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom Israel enjoys. Almost 2500 Holocaust survivors were killed defending Israel just during the War for Israel's Independence in 1947-1948.

In Washington, DC at the Embassy of Israel hundreds of people gather in a tent for this solemn commemoration. I believe that you can attend if you call and are willing to go through the screening process. For many years I was invited to sing at the program and on occasion we brought a children's choir. Israel's Ambassador and top brass participate as well as representatives of the United States Government.

"Massada Will Not Fall Again" is the induction oath for members of the Israel Defense Forces. Yet, on this day we remember just as we do on Memorial Day in the United States. Freedom is maintained through vigilance, bravery, and a will to be free.

Yom Hazikaron is followed the very next day in Israel by Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, May 10th. Anyone who has ever seen the documentary footage of the pure joy of the people of Israel dancing in the streets of Tel Aviv in 1948 when the United Nations voted to recognize a modern Israel after being without a homeland for nineteen hundred years, can't help but be moved in hearing Hatikvah.

Israel faces difficult moments, terror, instability in the region, and is lacking a partner in Peace, yet, it has grown to be strong, successful, and remarkable. It is one of the leaders in the high tech industry in the world. It absorbed immigrants over and over, including one million people from the former Soviet Union just in the last twenty five years. Someone said they were welcomed to the point that each immigrant had two 'used' refrigerators. Israel made room for them and these immigrants are a vital part of Israel today.

Sixty thousand Ethiopian Jews were absorbed, finding works, serving in the military, and creating a new and rich part of Israel's diverse culture.

Now that we have remembered the ancient Exodus during Passover, let us remember these modern events. Let us honor our Holocaust survivors in our congregation knowing that they are an inspiration. Let us honor the memories of those lost, and honor those Americans who fought to end a modern slavery and genocide, while remembering those who do not take freedom for granted in the United States or in Israel.

This year we were fortunate to have seen the preview of a documentary on the rescue in France of Mina Parsont and her late sister, Dr. Nelee Langmuir, during World War II. This week Stanford University will have the official premiere of the film. We all wish that we could join Mina and her family for this memorable day. We are thinking of them and grateful that we have been able to share in this by having witnessed the preview at Hevrat Shalom Congregation of Maryland. We congratulate Mina on this milestone in her life.

From the redemption of Passover to the depths of the Shoah, to the rebirth of Israel we are grateful for our heritage and hopeful that others sitting with us at our table will continue to celebrate into the future the complex heritage which we remember as our very own Jewish heritage: *Pesach, Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut.*

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participating communities, Ingleside and King Farm. As you may know, over the past year we have held many of its Sabbath and its High Holy Day Services at Ingleside. The result is very pleasing with an ever increasing service attendance from both Ingleside residents and the surrounding community, in particular, King Farm. Rabbi Saltzman and I have met with the new Ingleside Director and we will again be holding our High Holy Day Services at Ingleside as well many monthly Sabbath Services. To assist the congregation in best serving our growing community the Board is forming an advisory committee to help us better serve Ingleside and the adjoining King Farm community.

Next year we will continue holding Sabbath Services in the different communities that define our membership. For these events we will use Community Centers such as those at King Farm and the Kentlands, and the homes of our members and friends. Our first community based event will be our annual picnic to be held at the will be followed by an "Under the Stars" home of Beth and Elihu Zimet in North Potomac. This summer service in the Gazebo at Ingleside, a Pot Luck Sabbath Service to be held at the King Farm Community Center and a Game night to be held in the Kentlands. Other special events may include a wine and cheese tasting Havdallah Service and our community Chanukah party.

Hevrat is growing and as always we extend an invitation to you to join us and celebrate Judaism with Hevrat's our passionate clergy and the growing Hevrat Shalom family.

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.

About our Religious Schools

There is very little that is "Typical" about Hevrat Shalom. We are a very small congregation but we have a large extremely talented clergy; we do not have a building but we hold services throughout our broad community and have a dedicated and passionate following, our dues structure is very modest but we offer an extensive variety of professional and social programs. In short, we have a different but successful way of doing just about everything including how we conduct our religious schools.

Rabbi Saltzman is both our Principal Rabbi and our Religious School Director, responsible for Hebrew and religious training for children and adults. While we have strict standards, use Reform Movement educational guidelines and materials and receive Initiative in Congregational Education (ICE) funding from the Washington Area Jewish Federation, all of our classes are taught in a Montessori manner, by Rabbi Saltzman, at various locations including member homes throughout our service community. In this manner we maintain small classes, a very affordable cost basis and are able to serve our broad geographic community.

If you are interested or have additional questions about Religious or Hebrew school training for either children or adults including B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation classes please speak with Rabbi Saltzman directly either by calling our temple line at: 301.528.5307 or emailing him at: rebsaltzman@aol.com

Financial Update

Jon Pfeffer

Financial Vice President & Treasurer

As your new Treasurer and Financial Vice President, I will be letting you know about Hevrat Shalom's finances every couple of months. This is the second in the ongoing series. Major sources of our funding are dues, donations and grants. Grants are primarily from the Greater Washington JCC for religious school activities. While dues go towards the recurring expenses of our Congregation, donations help fill gaps and allow us to make special purchases and cover unforeseen expenses.

Most members (82%) have met their 2010/2011 obligations. History tells us to have high expectations that the other 18% will complete paying their current pledges. This is extremely important because the fiscal year ends May 31 and we need to fund the summer months and High Holidays. Again, based on past history, the Board anticipates that when it comes time to make 2011/2012 pledges we will get a good response from the Congregation. We are not large but we have a strong core of caring members and we are definitely growing.

As I mentioned, donations are a very important piece of our financial picture. Recent generous donations from members and friends have allowed us to purchase a beautiful Torah cover which honors our founding Rabbi, Reuben Levine. The cover will be dedicated during an upcoming service. Additional donations in memory of our founding member, Treasurer and Financial Vice President, Libby Elkaim, are growing and will allow us to purchase an appropriate permanent memorial to her. I hope that all of our friends and members had a peaceful and fulfilling Passover and look forward to seeing members and friends at our services and social events.

Distinguished Guest Speaker Series

Rabbi Arnold Saltzman

Hevrat Shalom's distinguished Guest Speaker Series continues On May 6, 2011 at Ingleside on King Farm @ 7:45 PM with The Hon. Judge Bruce Mencher, Senior Judge of the Superior Court of DC. Judge Mencher as an attorney argued before the Supreme Court and is also an accomplished musician/pianist.

Judge Mencher will be speaking about fifty years in law having received his JD from George Washington University Law School in 1960.

Judge Mencher recently became a member of Hevrat Shalom. Please join us in welcoming Judge Mencher as Rabbi Arnold Saltzman and Caron Dale, cantorial soloist, lead us a beautiful Friday evening service.

From your anonymous e-mail sender

As you probably know, by now, we send you e-mail to keep you apprised of all the activities going on both in Hevrat Shalom and in the Jewish Community. We send out reminders and invitations to events and services at our Temple. Our monthly Newsletters postings are sent out in an e-mail with a link to our web page so no attachments are used that may contain unwanted files.

Our web page www.hevratshalom.org hosts current and back issues of the Newsletter and is jam packed with information.

These e-mails are hidden and protected so that no one will be able to get your e-mail address. They are our secret and our secret alone. Since we started our e-mail list has grown and we now they are received and opened by a majority of the list.

If at any time you wish to be taken off the list that option appears at the bottom of the e-mail. If you are not on our list and not getting e-mail from us and wish to do so please send an e-mail to:

irwinschaeffer@comcast.net

I guess he's not anonymous anymore!

**3rd Annual Kentlands Day
Celebration
Seymour Baden
Membership Committee Co-Chair**

Just a reminder that Hevrat Shalom will again participate in the 3rd Annual Kentlands Day Celebration on Saturday, May 7 from 10 AM until 4 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, together with Rabbi Saltzman who will join us in mid afternoon.

I guarantee you a most enjoyable and fun time.

**Note from Membership Committee
Sy Baden, Co-Chair
Membership Committee**

We are a comparatively small congregation, with all the amenities of larger groups. This includes religious and Hebrew classes for children and adults, social activities, regular Sabbath services, a Rabbinical and Cantorial staff second to none, and an amazing spirit which underlies all our activities and with which we celebrate the Sabbath and holidays.

One of our greater attractions is our efficiency in keeping our costs low and this is reflected in our lower membership fees and growing membership. Please join us at a Sabbath services and see who we are and what we are about. I look forward to seeing you soon.

**Olivia (Libby) Elkaim Memorial
Initiative**

Hevrat Shalom Congregation was incorporated in 1999 as a tax free volunteer organization founded by Olivia Elkaim and Steve Permison. Steve was the founding President and Libby the founding Vice President and Treasurer. Both Libby and Steve had previously been active with another Montgomery County synagogue, Or Chadash, for which Steve was their congregation's founding Vice President and the founder and Director of their religious school for many years.

Unfortunately, after a long struggle with diabetes and end stage renal disease, Libby passed away this year. In tribute to Libby's founding spirit and years of dedication to Hevrat Shalom the Board has established a fund to provide a lasting memorial. If you have not already done so, please make a small contribution to Libby's memorial fund.

Thank you.
Hevrat Shalom Board of Directors



**A recipe from
"The Happy Cooker"**

"Irv's Favorite Gazpacho"

Ingredients:

- 11 oz Spicy V8
- 1 Large ripe Tomato
- 1/2 Red Pepper
- 1/2 large Sweet Onion
- 2 oz Vinegar
- 1/4 tsp Salt
- 3 Cloves Garlic
- 1 Large Cucumber

Preparation:

- Put in blender and chop until chunk (very small chunks)
- Best prepared in 2 parts depending on the size of blender bowl
- If you want it hotter use Tabasco sauce to taste, *by the drop!*
- Garnish with Celery sticks
- Serve very cold

Note: Preparation time is about 10 – 15 minutes.

**Enjoy,
The Happy Cooker!**

**Joseph Greene Makes Eagle Scout
Designation**



Left to right: Debra, Joseph & Edward Greene

Our congregation is very proud of Joseph Greene, who recently passed his Eagle Board of Review and is now an Eagle Scout. Joseph, son of Debra and Edward Greene, has been a member of BSA Troop 1760 of Gaithersburg, MD, since 2004. Joseph's Eagle project consisted of building a stairway between an outdoor pavilion and a rest room area at the Nuthatch Pavilion of Seneca Creek State Park, located off of Clopper Road just west of Gaithersburg.

Joe is keeping himself very busy these days, looking forward to graduation from Zadok Magruder High School in May and working all summer at Nationals Park for Crown Foods, Inc., the company that runs the food vending services at the ballpark. He will be attending Towson State University in the fall, with plans to study Accounting. Congratulations, Joseph!

Sabbath Treasures

Torah Reading:

Current Torah Readings and a weekly commentary of the Torah:

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

Candle Lighting:

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

Hevrat Shalom Clergy and Staff

Clergy:

Rabbi: Arnold Saltzman
 Associate Rabbi: David Kuperman
 Cantorial Soloists: Caron Dale
 Beth Rubens
 Gabbi: Jon Pfeffer (Acting)
 Religious School
 Director: Rabbi Saltzman
 Synagogue
 Administrator: Michael Trilling

Officers:

President: Stephen Permison
 Vice President for
 Finances & Treasurer: Jon Pfeffer
 Vice President for
 Community Affairs: Open
 Executive Officer: Sid Verner

Members at Large:

- Seymour Baden
- Bonnie Dutcher
- Jack Goldman
- Debbie Greene
- John Lass
- Andie Pfeffer
- Irv Schaeffer
- Elihu Zimet

Committee Chairs:

- Advertising: Open
- Chayeinu: Mina Parsont
- Education: Rabbi Saltzman
- Interfaith: Todd Fineberg
- Funeral
 Practices: Jack Goldman
- Membership: Bonnie Dutcher &
 Sy Baden
- Newsletter: Steve Permison &
 Sid Verner

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.

Wanted: A new Social Chairman

If you like to plan events and wish to help our congregation maintain an active social agenda please volunteer by leaving a message on our temple phone: 301.528.5307

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Around Town



Action Items

Support the Immediate Release of Humanitarian American Alan Gross

Alan Gross, a member of our local Washington, DC area community who was held in Cuba for fourteen months without being charged, has now been charged, tried, and convicted by a Cuban court for the crime of "Actions Against the Independence and Territorial Integrity of the State." He has been sentenced to 15 years in jail. We are deeply saddened by this unjust verdict and sentence and hope that the Cubans will release Alan for "time served" as an appropriate humanitarian gesture under the circumstances. We continue to pray for Alan's immediate release and for his family's well-being. To learn more and support this cause, please visit our Facebook site.

Community Events This Month

Family Stories: Daughters, Mothers, and Bubbes
Sunday, May 01, 2011 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

National Museum of American Jewish Military History (1811 R Street, NW, Washington, DC)

The National Museum of American Jewish Military History and the Washington, DCJCC invite you to portray your beloved female relatives through a skit, scrapbook, video, song and dance routine, or whatever your imagination can conjure. To submit your piece and reserve a 10 minute time slot, contact Jean Graubart, at jeang@washingtondcjjc.org / 202 777-3268. To discuss any video or audio equipment needs for that day, contact Mary Westley at (202) 265-6280 or mwestley@jwv.org.

Guided tours of the museum exhibits, including *Women in the Military, A Jewish Perspective*, will

be available for the adults, and we will offer treasure hunts for the kids (reading age and up).

B'nai Tzedek's Spring Gala with "The Second City" From Chicago

Saturday, May 7, 2011 8:45 PM

Congregation B'nai Tzedek (10621 South Glen Rd., Potomac, MD)

The gala features: Chicago's legendary "The Second City" comedy theatre; performing their famous sketches, songs, hilarious satires and improvisations. Drinks, hor'doevres, and dessert included. Tickets: \$85; \$125; or \$150. To purchase tickets and for information contact: Marcia Newfeld, 301-299-0225 ext. 307; mnewfeld@bnaitzedek.org.

Annual Carnival, Auction and Raffle Extravaganza for the Broadman-Kaplan Early Childhood Center of Tikvat Israel (To raise money for a new computer resource center)

Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
Tikvat Israel, 2200 Baltimore Road, Rockville, MD 20851

Join us for the Broadman-Kaplan ECC annual Carnival, Auction and Raffle Extravaganza. Bid on fantastic items including art, sports items, beauty treatments, event gift certificates and more. Purchase All Day Play Bracelets for just \$10 and enjoy unlimited carnival games, moon bounce and more! Individual tickets available for just 50¢ each! Use your raffle tickets to purchase food and drinks.

VOICES

Monday, May 16, 2011. 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception; 7:30 p.m. Dinner & Program
Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center (5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, MD)

Women's Philanthropy of The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington is hosting its 3rd annual VOICES event, a gathering of between 600 and 800 women from the Greater Washington area. The VOICES event celebrates the choices women have to be powerful, strong and vocal

as they make changes in their community and become philanthropists.

JCRC Save-the-Date

JCRC's Annual Gala
Thursday, May 19, 2011, 6:15 PM

Beth Sholom Congregation and Talmud Torah (11825 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, MD) Please join The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington on May 19th for our annual gala. JCRC honors The Kramer Family (Sidney & Betty Mae (z"l) Kramer, Miriam & Steve Dubin, Rona E. Kramer, Benjamin F. Kramer) and Dennis Berman with the 2011 Breslau-Goldman award and Esther B. Newman with the 2011 Community Leadership award. The reception will begin at 6:15 pm and will be followed by the program at 7:30 pm. Individual tickets are \$200 and couples are \$375. For more information, contact aremz@jrcouncil.

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 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.



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A very beautiful Shabbat Dinner*

*Susan Blumen and David Mosher in honor of
The Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Julia Mosher*



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

Harry Baden	Father of Seymour Baden
Dr. Morris Isaac Bierman	Son of Irma & Daniel Bierman
Phillip Black	Father of Lillian Schwartz
Bruce Colton	Husband of Elizabeth Colton
Laura Dahlquist	Mother of Kay Permison
Naomi Danis	Mother of Elaine Garfinkle
Libby Elkaim*	Wife of David Elkaim
Leon Raines-Lambe	Father of Mina Parsont
Rose Myers	Mother of Joseph Myers
Morris Myers	Father of Joseph Myers
Evelyn Schulman	Mother of Bonni Dutcher
Jacob Verner	Father of Sid Verner

*...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.