



# Chadashot Ha'am

May 2013

Iyar/Sivan

## A Message from Rabbi Saks

The first time I set foot in Israel was for my first year of rabbinical school. I expected that it would be a travel experience like any other. Boy, was I wrong! I arrived at Ben Gurion Airport knowing no one. Then I traveled to my hostel in Jerusalem's Old City, where I stayed until my classmate and I found an apartment. Walking through the ancient alleyways of the Old City, I found my way to the Kotel, the Western Wall, and, in the afternoon sun, pressed my forehead against the ancient stones. I could feel the sun's warmth radiating off the stones, almost surrounding me, and immediately I realized that this was a place like no other.



Over the course of that year, I began to experience the wonder of Israel and to fall in love with life there. By explaining the context of the news stories my family was seeing at home, I realized that Israel was so much more than the headlines reported in the United States.

Even when it was barely halfway through the week, I would hear people greeting each other with "Shabbat Shalom!" knowing they wouldn't see each other again before Shabbat. Though I didn't understand all of the Hebrew on the signs, there was power in

being surrounded by the language that filled my lips with words of prayer back home.

As we traveled through Israel during that year, I had the opportunity to encounter the many layers of a simultaneously ancient and modern country. From standing at the excavation of the southern steps of the Temple Mount, knowing that two thousand years ago our ancestors walked those steps to worship God, to touring the Golan Heights and learning about how Israel miraculously succeeded beyond what was thought possible in the Six Day War, to being in the hustle and bustle of Tel Aviv and learning of Israeli innovations that have improved life around the world, including top-notch medical research, cellular phone technology and drip irrigation, I learned what Israel is really about. And I realized that really the only way to understand Israel is to be there.

During my year in Israel, my family came to visit. My mother returned after three decades away, and my father and brother visited for the first time. I saw the amazement in their eyes and knew that I wanted to share that with others. I eagerly looked forward to taking others to Israel to see its wonders with their own eyes.

This is why I want you to join me in Israel next year. I have been working with Arza World to plan a congregational trip to Israel from February 13 - 23, 2014 - and I want you there with me. I invite you to take a look at the virtual flipbook for our tour at <http://www.arzaworld.com/Flipbook/Congregationbethaam/>, which includes links to registration information, and to come to the Congregational Israel Trip Informational Meeting on Thursday, May 23, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.



## President's Message - Lisa Pierce

*Shavuot*: More Than Blintzes and Cheesecake

"Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

These words from the Book of Ruth are traditionally read on *Shavuot*. As the first person to convert to Judaism, Ruth makes a conscious commitment to Jewish life and practice when she throws in her lot with the Israelites. How many of us have had the opportunity to make that choice in a thoughtful way? As Rabbi Braun points out in Rebecca Wohl-Pollack's excellent short movie, *The Jewish Community*, there are Jews by chance and Jews by choice. Each of us makes the choice about living Jewishly.

In my own life, I see this as an open door. I am a Jew by the chance of my birth. And often I am also a Jew by the choices of my actions.

Each year at *Shavuot* we get to confirm our faith in God and our commitment to Judaism as we re-enact receiving the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. It is – or it can be, if we choose – a time of introspection and optimism. It probably is not a coincidence that this holiday happens in our springtime, as the world around us is filled with renewed life.

And as we consider our own spiritual renewal, we also celebrate the future of the Jewish people with the thoughts and views of the next generation. Our *Shavuot* service combines both of these priorities for the holiday. This year's



confirmation class will lead our *Erev Shavuot* services and share their reflections on being Jewish as they consider their own commitment to Judaism.

As a teacher, this service is always a highlight for me. Having watched many of the kids in our congregation grow through our religious school program, I feel proud as I witness the interesting young people they have become. As I watch and listen to them, there usually is at least one student who surprises me with a depth of insight or a level of passion.

Some of these students will go on to study in our 11th and 12th grade program, some will lead Jewish lives at home or at Bet Ha'am, and some will continue to wrestle with their relationship to Judaism. But each has the capacity to inspire us as we ask our own questions: Who am I? What is my purpose? What is my relationship with God and with Jewish life?

Please join the congregation for *Erev Shavuot* services and Confirmation on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 PM; and *Shavuot* morning worship with *Yizkor* on Wednesday, May 15, at 10:00 AM.

Blintzes optional.

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## From the Religious School Director

### Orly Mendelson Biggie



The last month of this year's Religious School will be filled with exciting activities and events.

On Friday evening, May 10, during the Family Worship Service, we will show our appreciation to all of our teachers and honor those who have reached a milestone in their teaching careers at Bet Ha'am. Some of our teachers have been volunteering to teach our children for more

than 10 years. Some began teaching when the school was new and have taught each year since then; others have taught on and off over the years. However their careers with us have unfolded, we are honored that they have been part of our wonderful volunteer staff. Three teachers have reached the 10-year milestone this year: Michelle Albahary, Barri Bloom and Lisa Pierce. Jodi Welch has been a dedicated teacher in our school for 15 years. We will also honor Steve Steinbock, who has taught in many different capacities during his more than 20 years with us. Many of your children learned and benefited from these wonderful teachers. We hope you will join us as we honor them.

On Tuesday, May 14, we will celebrate the holiday of *Shavuot* and honor our 10th grade Confirmation class. Our Confirmation students will lead the worship service, and we invite you to support them on this important occasion.

On our last morning of school, Sunday, May 19, we will finish up the year's theme of God's Heroes with a costume parade. Please encourage your child to dress as his/her favorite God's Hero. We will meet all of our heroes at the end-of-year assembly at 11:00 AM. We invite parents to join in the fun.

Another opportunity to show our love and appreciation for this year's faculty will be our annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, which will be at noon on May 19. Each year we treat our teachers to a wonderful lunch of goodies prepared by our school parents. Please consider helping with this event. Kerri Berman has once again graciously agreed to chair the luncheon.

All of these events let our teachers know how lucky we are to have them as part of our staff. We hope we have piqued your interest in joining us. As you know, we are always in need of people to help us in the *mitzvah* of teaching our children. There are many positions available for next year. I am always available to discuss options that would fit your schedule and experience. Please give me a call!

I wish you all a happy *Shavuot*.

## Schedule of Services

### Friday, May 3

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

### Saturday, May 4

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parsha B'har/B'chukotai

### Friday, May 10

Family Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM

### Saturday, May 11

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parsha B'midbar

### Tuesday, May 14

Shavuot & Confirmation 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, May 15

Shavuot Service with Yizkor 10:00 AM

### Friday, May 17

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

### Saturday, May 18

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

David Shuer Bar Mitzvah, son of

Martin & Sue Shuer

Parsha Naso

### Friday, May 24

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

### Saturday, May 25

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Hannah Berzinis Bat Mitzvah,

daughter of Wayne & Suzie Berzinis

Parsha B'haalot'cha

**Please join the congregation in celebration as our students are called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah.**

## Religious School News

**Thank you** to last month's substitute teachers: Jeff Schwartz, Martin Lodish, Sherri Carignan and Wendy Hayes.

### Shabbat Dinner and Service on Friday, May 10

Grades 3A, 3B, 4B and 6 will participate in the Family Shabbat service on May 10. A potluck for the students and their families will begin at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP by Friday, May 3.

This service is also *Shabbat HaMoreh*, a service to honor our volunteer teachers.

### Kiddush Club

To become a member of our Kiddush Club a student needs to chant the Friday night Kiddush and understand its meaning and vocabulary.

MAZEL TOV to our newest Kiddush Club members:

Liviah Carignan, Ben Hirsh, Hanna Kropp, Jonna Rosenthal, Rosie Saffer-Meng, Ella Stanley, Ari Stillman, Zach Stillman, Sidonia Summers, Lilliana Frantz, Eliana Goodman, Hannah Liess, Ben Moritz-Jones, Jacob Ornstein, Julian Ray, Kate Siegel, Lydia Stein, Rachel Steinberg, Ben Stone & Aaron Tabenken

### Upcoming Teacher Appreciation Events

On Friday evening, May 10, we will honor our teachers during the worship service. Please join us to show your appreciation to all of our teachers, especially those who are marking a milestone in their dedication to our religious school.

On Sunday, May 19, we will host the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. All Religious School families are encouraged to contribute to the luncheon. Please email Kerri Berman, chair of the event, [kberman@maine.rr.com](mailto:kberman@maine.rr.com), to offer your help.

### May 19 - Last day of Religious School

We will celebrate this year's morning theme – God's Heroes – with a costume parade. All of our students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite God's Hero character.

Mazel Tov to the newest members of the Kiddush Club!



## Social Action Committee News: Bet Ha'am Represented at Maine's Gun Bill Hearings

By Shoshana Hoose

Rabbi Saks and I traveled to the State House on April 8 to speak on behalf of two bills (LD 1240 and LD 267) that would strengthen Maine's gun legislation by requiring universal background checks on gun sales. I was proud to be there with our synagogue's spiritual leader, and proud to be speaking on this issue in my final act as chair of the Social Action Committee.



So many people came to testify for and against the bills that they filled three waiting rooms as well as the main hearing room. We waited 5½ hours for our turn to testify.

I have cared deeply about preventing gun violence my entire adult life. In 1975, I was held up twice at gunpoint, once in a terrifying incident when a robber entered an apartment where I was visiting a college friend. Shortly after that, I took an investigative journalism class and spent a semester delving into the politics of the gun issue in my home state of Connecticut, home of weapons manufacturers such as Colt.

In the years since then, I covered the issue as a reporter in several states, served on the board of a Maine group working to prevent gun violence and made a documentary film about a Lewiston woman's effort to get a bill passed that would require a waiting period before Maine youth could buy guns. I have seen a dramatic shift in the national debate during those years. In the 1970s, we were discussing bans on handguns. Now, the question is whether to place any limits on military-style weapons and magazines that can hold 50 or more bullets.

I often despair that we have made so little progress – and, in fact, have loosened laws despite the carnage every year from gun violence. But state and national polls show that the public wants politicians to act to strengthen our gun laws and make our country safer. If we speak out, sooner or later we can change the political debate. Connecticut politicians showed us how that can happen, even in a state once known as an NRA stronghold.

Reform Judaism has been at the forefront, pushing for measures to limit gun violence. I am proud that our synagogue is part of that effort.

### Mazel Tov!

- Asherah Cinnamon was accepted to Art Kibbutz New York's 2013 International Jewish Artists Colony. Twenty or more Jewish artists will be together for a professional residency during three weeks in May on 200+ acres of organic farm and woods, less than an hour by train from New York City. They will share their work and create Jewish community and ritual for *Shabbat* and *Shavuot*. The theme is Jews and the Earth: Jewish Environmental and Land Art. *Mazel Tov!*

- Michael Messerschmidt shared that his parents' book about the Holocaust is available through the Human Rights Center of Maine at <http://hhrc.uma.edu/>. *Mazel Tov* on this important work.

### Matzah Baking with Rabbi Wilansky



Congregation Bet Ha'am  
invites you to share in the celebration of  
the  
Confirmation of

Alexander Stankard Levy  
Jacob Gerard Sperber  
Jacob Rabin Inger  
Robie Gabriel Newman-Paris  
Zachary Lee Russell  
Charles Maxim Oliver Noiles Gardner  
Samuel Frederick Steinbock  
Isabel M. Greenblatt  
Ethan Gregory Pierce

during the Shavuot service on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 PM  
Oneg Shavuot to follow

# BOWLING

*With Bet Ha'am!*

**WHEN: Thursday, May 16**  
7:00-9:00 PM

**WHERE: Big 20 Bowling Center**  
Route 1, Scarborough

**WHO: Ages 16+**

**COST: \$7.50 per person\***  
(includes 2 games and shoe rental)

Invite your friends!

Cash bar and snacks available

\*A portion of the proceeds will benefit The South Portland Food Cupboard





## Report from the Nominating Committee

The members of the Nominating Committee are: Tim Boulette, Jeremy Moser, Lisa Pierce, Jane Snerson, Mark Stone and Rosie Wohl, chair, with input from Lisa Munderback and Rabbi Jared Saks. The committee has been meeting monthly since October 2012 and is pleased to announce the slate for the Board of Trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013. As stated in our by-laws, the congregation will vote on this slate at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

With extreme gratitude, we recognize those members of the Board who have completed a second term on the Board of Trustees and are required by our by-laws to take a minimum one-year break from Board service: Louise Abramson, Tim Boulette, Jay Geller, Ken Lehman, and Tom Rosen. We are also grateful to Michael Messerschmidt, who is stepping down after ably serving four years on our Board.

The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee is:

Lee Tabenken - for a one-year term that expires on June 30, 2014

David Butzel - for a two-year term that expires on June 30, 2015

For three-year terms that expire on June 30, 2016:

Julia Bailin

Mark Carignan

Andrew Kosak

Howard Glass (returning after a one-year hiatus)

Lisa Munderback (for a second term)

Jane Snerson (for a second term) (Note: Jane recused herself from participating in the discussion of her nomination).

Please join me in congratulating all those who have so enthusiastically agreed to serve as leaders of our congregation! Biographies of nominees who are new to our Board follow.

Submitted by Rosie Wohl, Nominating Committee Chair

### Julia Bailin

**Age:** 31

**Hometown and current town:** Bangor and Portland, respectively

**Family:** Husband, Dan; Kids, stay tuned; Dog, Cleveland; Cat, Moxiecat; Fish, Steve Zissou

**Education:** John Bapst Memorial High School and Dartmouth College

**Work experience:** Started in advertising just outside NYC, moved to employee benefits in Connecticut, moved again to advertising employee benefits in Maine. Recently accepted into Unum's Professional Development Program, a five-year, multi-rotational leadership development experience.

**Bet Ha'am involvement:** Garden Committee, including (and especially) the Sowing Seeds, Braiding Community wheat project; Membership Committee; Strategic Planning Committee. Also launched the Bet Ha'am Facebook page and do various ad-hoc marketing projects/tasks in partnership with Kris Dorer.

**Interests:** Growing food in my garden; being a foodie here in our great foodie city; traveling the state, the country, and the world when possible; exploring Portland's surprisingly vast green spaces; stand-up paddleboarding and other outside adventures; nurturing and growing my own knowledge of and wonder in the bright, beautiful, weighty, juicy, life-sustaining pomegranate that is Judaism.

**Long story short:** I have always been a Maineiac - I am deeply, madly in love with this state. Since the day I graduated college, I couldn't wait to come back home and put down roots again, to be part of a permanent community. While outside of Maine, I discovered Judaism (and my husband), and fell deeply, madly in love with both of them. Therefore, words cannot describe how excited I am to have the honor of serving on the Board of a place that so perfectly marries my two greatest community-based loves, Maine and Judaism. Dan and I have only just started our lives here together, and we look forward to many happy, hardworking, fulfilling, hectic, and rewarding years ahead as part of the Bet Ha'am family.

## David Butzel

I was born to a Lutheran mother and a Jewish father in New York City, but grew up moving frequently - from Chicago to Detroit to Boston.

My father's Jewish family had Christmas trees in their home. Assimilation was important to their generation. As a kid, I loved the tradition. My mother enrolled in conversion classes and completed them, but never signed the documents. She actively raised my brother and me in the Jewish faith and has been extremely active within the Jewish community of Boston.

I was too shy to even consider having a *Bar Mitzvah* at thirteen. Instead, I completed confirmation classes. The young associate rabbi who taught confirmation classes was so warm and supportive that I chose to continue my studies with him and ultimately had a *Bar Mitzvah* while in high school. This was an empowering experience.

After attending Carleton College and Colgate University, I graduated with a major in Biology. My most important classes, however were in religion and art history. This is where I first came to understand a life of balance (science - religion - art). I am just now re-balancing my life with this mix again.

I lived and worked in Mozambique as a tree planter for a year after college. This is where I learned how many shades of grey are present even amongst a group of "united liberals." On a deserted tropical island, I met a group of international physicians from the organization called Doctors without Borders. Hearing about their lives inspired me to pursue medical training.

I am a cardiologist and Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at Maine Medical Center. I enjoy treating patients with coronary artery disease, peripheral vascular disease, and valvular disease. I have recently been involved in a new technique to replace heart valves without using surgery.

I love and adore my wife, Jessica. She is a psychologist with a rare-to-find warmth and insight. She is also hilarious. We have two bright lights named Chloe (11) and Drew (9).

I love Jewish food and humor! I am fascinated by the process in which Reform Judaism is reinventing itself to become more relevant to our multi-cultural, inter-faith society. I am very excited to actively participate in that process at Bet Ha'am.

## Mark Carignan

Mark Carignan has lived in Maine since he moved here in 1969 at the age of six, and he looks forward to the possibility of having grandchildren who are natives. He is a Jew by choice, joining Temple Beth El in Bangor in 1990, where he served as a Judaica teacher and Youth Group Advisor.

In 1997 he moved to Southern Maine and joined Congregation Bet Ha'am in 2000. He has served as a Judaica and Leadership teacher, Education Committee member, supportive spouse, bartender, and member of the Strategic Planning Committee. He also earned the sobriquet "Sweet Mark" while working as a Roadie and Roustabout for the Rick Recht concert at Bet Ha'am in 2010. Mark has dedicated his professional life to improving public education and the lives of students at the middle and high school levels. His personal life is centered on enjoying and supporting his natural and chosen family members. Mark looks forward to working with his fellow congregants as we move forward to embrace the challenges and opportunities that we will face in the coming years.

## Andrew Kosak

Andrew Kosak lives with his wife and two daughters in Brunswick, where he is a teacher in the Brunswick schools. He grew up in New Rochelle, NY, and attended Temple Israel, where his grandfather, Jacob Shankman, who was the rabbi for many years, helped to develop in him a deep commitment to Jewish religious thought and the Reform tradition. He has been a teacher in the Bet Ha'am Religious School for seven years and has also served on the Education Committee. Andrew has been a member of Bet Ha'am since 1994 (with a break in the late nineties when he was living elsewhere).

## Lee Tabenken

I am a Maine native, having grown up in Bangor. In the summer of 2000, my Navy squadron from South Weymouth, MA, relocated to Brunswick, so Lisa and I moved north. I felt extremely fortunate to be able to return to Maine and settle in Falmouth. That fall we  
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## Lee Tabenken

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joined Bet Ha'am and the community has become an important part of our lives. Bet Ha'am has always been there supporting us through the joys and challenges of life cycle events.

Our daughter Emma recently became a Bat Mitzvah and continues to attend Religious School. Our son Aaron is in the fourth grade. Lisa teaches sixth grade Judaica.

I am a 30-year, retired Navy active and Reserve Captain, having served as a pilot. I flew the C-130 in diverse assignments around the globe, including many trips into Israel supporting joint exercises. My last active duty assignment prior to retiring was serving at the Pentagon in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. During fall of 2007 and 2009 I was the lead planner of the International Seapower Symposium, which brought together the heads of navies from more than 100 countries to promote mutual understanding and partnership among the world's maritime nations. People sometimes thank me for my service, but I have been grateful for the opportunities I've had.

I am also a First Officer for Delta Airlines, flying the Boeing 757 and 767 on domestic and international routes, mostly out of JFK airport.

I have been inspired by the incredible talent, work and selfless dedication of our congregational leadership and Board members. I have always had a strong desire to become more involved with the temple's operation and give back to the community.

I am thankful and honored to have been invited to join the Bet Ha'am Board and look forward to serving our community.

## Strategic Planning Update

After more than ten months of research and information gathering, the Bet Ha'am Strategic Plan has begun to take its final shape. A broad consensus on a vision for the congregation's future has emerged from congregation meetings and the 288 responses to our congregational survey. The research and discussions of our nine study circles have helped to identify innovative practices from across the country, and suggest ideas that speak to the particular needs and circumstances of Bet Ha'am. The Strategic Planning Team and the Board have integrated all of this information and begun the final phase of the process - drafting the strategic plan document.

The draft of the emerging plan outlines the congregation's vision in four interconnected parts: *Torah/Lifelong Learning, Avodah/Worship and Prayer, Kehilla Kedosha/Holy Community and Yesodot/Foundations*. Within each of these areas, the plan will identify specific goals and implementation steps. The Strategic Planning Team discussed a preliminary outline draft of the plan in mid-April and then presented the draft to the Board at its meeting on April 30. During the month of May, the Strategic Planning Team will continue to work with the Board to refine and articulate our congregation's vision and implementation strategy.

Our goal is to have a draft of the Strategic Plan ready for discussion with the congregation at the upcoming Annual Meeting. In the interim, the Strategic Planning Team continues to welcome your ideas and suggestions. Feel free to email your ideas to Elaine Falender, Strategic Planning Team chair, [efalender@gmail.com](mailto:efalender@gmail.com) or to contact any other member of the Strategic Planning Team. And please **mark your calendar** to join us at the **Annual Meeting, Tuesday evening, June 4**, to share your thoughts as we bring the strategic planning process to closure.

**Please join us for the Congregational  
Annual Meeting, Tuesday evening,  
June 4, at 6:30 PM.**

## Everyone was a winner at the *Matzah brei* competition



## Garden Committee's 4th Annual Plant Sale

Sunday, May 12

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

What better way to find that special plant than on Mother's Day at Bet Ha'am!

Our Garden Committee extends an invitation to the Bet Ha'am community to help make this a successful sale.



We need donations of flowers, veggies, herbs, seedlings, and full-grown plants. The day of the sale is always a fun event and volunteers make this happen. Whether you bring in plants, buy plants, help set up, clean up, and/or talk with customers, you are sure to make a difference.

- ◆ Plants can be dropped off at the synagogue starting on Thursday, May 9. Please leave plants alongside the kitchen/outdoor storage wall near the raised beds. If you are delivering plants on the day of the sale, please drop them off by 9:00 AM.
- ◆ Please bring donations in pots or containers and, if possible, include a label with guidance about the plants, e.g. shade lover, tolerant of basketballs, good for cut flowers.
- ◆ Buy your perennials and other treasures right here!

Contact Joanie Caldwell at [jdcaldwell32@gmail.com](mailto:jdcaldwell32@gmail.com) to talk about volunteer opportunities!

### ***Zecher T'zaddik L'vrachah***

- Condolences to Andrew & Denise Mancall on the loss of Andrew's parents, Elliott & Jacqueline Mancall.
- Condolences to Rachel Simons & Don Medd on the loss of Rachel's father, Laurence (Tony) Simons.
- Condolences to Susan & Gary Caplan on the loss of Susan's father, Martin Schapiro.
- Condolences to John & Beryl Cole on the loss of John's mother, Barbara Cole.
- Condolences to Lilliana & Jon Reitman on the loss of Lilliana's mother, Karin Jodoin.

## Join the Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery

We invite you to join the Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery today! We have many needs and many ways for you to contribute. If you have an event you would like to celebrate, a person you would like to honor, a *yahrzeit* to remember, or you just want to help support our programs, please fill out the form and send it along with your check to Bet Ha'am. Include an address if you would like an acknowledgement to be sent.

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- In memory of Joel Polisner by Duane & Evie Polisner
- In honor of Mollie Stone becoming a *Bat Mitzvah* by Martin & Sue Shuer
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##### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

- In memory of loved ones by Ray & Ginger Spiro
- In appreciation of Rabbi Saks and our Passover seder by Lee & Jamie Broder

##### **Building Capital Campaign**

- In appreciation by Anne Babineau

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- In memory of Marjorie Leffler on her *yahrzeit* by Bill & Ki Leffler
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- Stanley & Emily Chaleff

##### **Sandmel Education Fund**

- In honor of Mollie Stone becoming a *Bat Mitzvah* by Jeremy Moser & Laura Kittle



# MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Membership Committee 7:00 PM	2 Library Volunteers 1:00 PM Committee Calendar Meeting 6:30 PM	3 Rabbi Alice R. Goldfinger - <i>Given Gently and With Love: Meditations on the Gift of Torah</i> 12:00-1:00 PM <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	4 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
5 9:00-Noon Grades 1-6 Religious School 10:00 AM Library Open 5:00 PM Grades 7-10 Religious School 5:00 PM Grades 11-12 Community High School	6 Office Closed	7 Part 3 of series - <i>Eat, Pray, Love: Sex and Sexuality</i> at Etz Chaim 7:00 PM	8 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Strategic Planning Steering Group 6:30 PM	9 Library Volunteers 1:00 PM Strategic Planning Team 5:30 PM Adult Learning Committee 7:00 PM	10 Grades 3A, 3B, 4B and 6 potluck dinner 5:30 PM Family <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service -Teacher Recognition 6:30 PM	11 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
12 9:00-1:00 PM Annual Plant Sale 9:00-Noon Grades 1-6 Religious School 9:00 AM Kindergarten 10:00 AM Library Open 11:00 AM <i>Shalom Yeladim</i> at Smiling Hill Farm 5:00 PM Grades 7-10 Religious School	13 Office Closed	14 Confirmation Dinner 5:30 PM <i>Shavuot</i> and Confirmation Service 6:30 PM	15 Office Closed— <i>Shavuot</i> Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM <i>Shavuot</i> Morning Service with <i>Yizkor</i> and <i>Kiddush</i> 10:00 AM	16 Library Volunteers 1:00 PM Bowling Night at Big 20 Lanes 7:00 PM	17 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service including Meditation and Healing 7:30 PM	18 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM David Shuer <i>Bar Mitzvah</i>
19 9:00-Noon Grades 1-6 Last Day of Religious School 10:00 AM Library Open 12:15 PM Teacher Appreciation Luncheon 5:00 PM Grades 7-10 Last Day of Religious School	20 Office Closed	21 Garden Committee 5:30 PM	22 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Strategic Planning Team 5:30 PM Education Committee 6:30 PM	23 Library Volunteers 1:00 PM Israel Trip Informational Meeting 6:00 PM	24 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	25 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Hannah Berzinis <i>Bat Mitzvah</i>
26	27 Office Closed Membership Committee 7:00 PM	28 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	29 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM	30 Library Volunteers 1:00 PM	31 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	