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From our Rabbi



By Rabbi Rachel Goldenberg

On Sunday August 2 at CBSRZ, we held a forum, followed by roundtable discussions, about the movement to boycott, divest from and sanction Israel (BDS). Lightning didn't

strike, and the walls of the synagogue didn't come crashing down. No one was attacked, verbally or otherwise — no one was even interrupted.

With presentations from our panelists, Shaina Wasserman, of JStreet, which opposes BDS, and Robert Gelbach of Jewish Voices for Peace (JVP), which supports BDS, and with questions offered by our moderator Andy Schatz, myself, and many CBSRZ members, we did something that most synagogues and Jewish organizations have thus far refused to do. We directly engaged the issue of BDS and spoke with and heard directly from one of its proponents.

I am proud that as a congregation we have developed a culture of civil discourse about difficult issues, especially regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This culture is the result of a multi-year process that began when we first brought in members of the Jewish Dialogue Group, from Philadelphia, to train us in facilitating small-group dialogues about Israel. Since then, we have created a corps of facilitators who have helped us talk about issues such as the blockade of Gaza, Netanyahu's addresses to the U.S. Congress, last summer's kidnapping and murder of the three Israeli teens and the subsequent war with Gaza, and now, BDS.

I'm not sure everyone at CBSRZ is aware of how groundbreaking this August 2nd event was. As far as I know, there may only be one other synagogue in the country that has held a panel discussion about BDS in which JVP was a participating organization.

I supported this forum because I believe that when we can speak and listen, without fear of being attacked or marginalized for our views, we can gain clarity and understanding of the issues and form well-grounded opinions. This process also helps us to build resilience within ourselves, to listen to opinions we disagree with and which may be hard to hear. From what I have gathered, this is what took

place for the congregants who attended the August 2nd event. In facilitating one of our small group discussions and then in one-to-one debriefs with congregants afterwards, I observed that folks came away with a clearer understanding of what the BDS movement stands for, with a clearer sense of where they stand on this issue as individual Jews, and of what questions still remain.

I know that I came away with much more clarity and a firmer sense of my opinion, an opinion that I have not felt completely confident articulating until now. So, here it is: I do not support the BDS movement, as it is currently configured. I don't support it for the same reasons JStreet doesn't support it — because the BDS movement does not have as its goal a 2-state solution with a Jewish state and a Palestinian state living side by side.

I also came away with a clearer understanding of the dynamics that have led to a Jewish organization, JVP, joining forces with BDS. Jews in this country, myself included, have been raised with a deep commitment to justice, human rights, equality, and love of one's neighbor. When we look at the human rights abuses and injustices that accompany Israel's occupation of the West Bank and their blockade of Gaza, many Jews cannot help but feel in our kishkes that this is wrong and that we must act to correct the injustices. We also are frustrated at the lack of progress of peace negotiations in getting us to a comprehensive solution.

My way of being part of a solution to the political problem and the human rights problem has been to support T'ruah: the Rabbinic call for Human Rights, and JStreet, both of which support a 2-state solution. I am committed to this path because I believe in a state that is Jewish, democratic, safe and secure (the motto of JStreet,) and I try my best to be patient with the political process. However, there are many Jews today for whom the call to justice and human rights resonates much more strongly than their commitment to a Jewish state, and for whom the patience with talks and negotiations has run out. For them, JVP and BDS are a tempting option that will give them something concrete they can DO about the situation.

And here lies one of my big unanswered questions. For those of us who believe in a Jewish, democratic, safe and secure state of Israel — for those of us who call ourselves Progressive Zionists — how do we take strong leadership and strong action such that those Jews who might find themselves leaning towards the global BDS movement and JVP will be convinced to work with us instead? I do not yet have an answer to this question. But before Sunday's panel and roundtable, before hanging in with resilience and listening to opinions that are deeply disturbing to me, I didn't even know what the question was.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary M. Donohue Lecture on Jewish Farmers

Join us on September 11 for Shabbat Services, starting at 7:30 p.m. and a slide-show lecture by Mary M. Donohue. The event will be sponsored by the Adult Education Committee in preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the founding of CBSRZ. Ms. Donohue's topic will be:

A Life of the Land: Connecticut's Jewish Farmers

Connecticut's Jewish farmers have been considered a novelty since they began to arrive from Eastern Europe in the 1890s. But in Connecticut, Jews carved out lives as successful farmers. The illustrated lecture will present the early history of Jewish farmers, country synagogues and Jewish resorts in the region.

Ms. Donohue has more than 30 years experience as a historic preservationist and architectural historian and is currently the assistant publisher of *Connecticut Explored* magazine. She co-authored three award-winning publications including most recently *A Life of the Land: Connecticut's Jewish Farmers* published by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford. In 2012, she was awarded the Janet Jainschigg Award for Professionalism in Historic Preservation by the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and in 2011 the Frederick

Law Olmsted Award by the Connecticut Association of Landscape Architects. She serves on the Connecticut Civil War Commemoration Commission as well as on the board of several heritage and arts organizations.

Ms. Donohue will be our bus tour guide on the October 11 historic trip through Moodus, Chester and Deep River when we will see the sites where the early Jewish farmers, boarding houses and resorts were located. We will also see the shuls which sustained the religious life in the early days.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, September 11 for Ms. Donohue's lecture and for the bus tour on October 11. You will be in for a treat!

The Jewish Genealogical Society of CT recently moved its library and meeting place to Temple Sinai in Newington. We

have pristine hardback copies of *Jewish Cemeteries of Western Massachusetts*, which was compiled by two of our members. In the 200 pages, tombstones are listed alphabetically, then by cemetery, plot, birth and death dates, parents names, and spouse.

If any congregants would like a free copy, I will gladly bring it to a service.

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THE EVENING OF
OCTOBER 3, 2015
CBSRZ
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Don't Be Afraid of CBSRZ's Social Media: Facebook, Blogs, and Twitter

Just the words alone can cause tremors for some but, like it or not, they are here to stay. CBSRZ is using one or more of these sites and invites members to come along, it's really not hard, and explore the joys of cyberspace.

Begin by clicking on www.cbsrz.org to bring up the Synagogue's site and then click away at any of the colorful sites that you want to access. Click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of the page and you will be directed to the CBSRZ Facebook page and a treasure trove of information beginning with Ellen Nodelman's blog about what it is like to be an adult Bat Mitzvah. Click on the Like icon so you can be counted as a Friend of CBSRZ and thus receive postings as quickly as they are sent.

Charles Savitt has launched a Twitter site. Be sure to follow us on Twitter @CBSRZ.
Follow Rabbi Goldenberg on Twitter @rabbing.



From our President

100 Years From Now

Stephen Davis

In case you are planning ahead, Yom Kippur in the year 2115, a century from now, falls on September 28. Sometime around then, I'm guessing, an industrious congregant is likely to fire up a twenty-second-century version of the Internet to search for what their ancestors did 100 years earlier to mark their first century as a community. Our amateur historian may even come across this very issue of *The Whole Megillah*. The purpose of his or her research? To prepare for CBSRZ's two hundredth birthday on October 4, 2115.

As we mark the high holy days way back here in 2015, and celebrate that first century, it is a good time to take stock not only of our individual lives over the past year, but our path as a community. The rabbi search committee, for instance, spent a good part of the summer painting a portrait of what CBSRZ is today in contrast to what it looked like nearly nine years ago, when the last search took place. We now mount rich cultural and educational programs, innovative youth and adult education offerings, and ambitious caring services for those in need. Plus, we hold both traditional and creative religious services. Rabbi

Goldenberg put it best: we are a 240-member synagogue that acts like a 500-member synagogue.

As the reader a century from now might have expected, we are also looking back to our earliest roots. We will be distributing to each member a DVD of Jon Joslow's perceptive documentary *We Built This House*, about the construction of our singular building, and an extraordinary book about our history, assembled by a dedicated team under Ellen Nodelman's direction. Volunteers searched not just for facts but for insights on why, in Moodus back in 1915, and later in Deep River, our predecessors founded this congregation, and what motivated their remarkable determination to pursue *zedek*, or justice, and *shalom*, or peace, amid those dangerous times of world war. An original play by Lary Bloom and Shelley Sprague promises to telescope this story into 36 minutes during the October 3 celebration, so skillfully orchestrated by Sue Fine and her team.

But I want the readers of 2115 to know, too, that we were not just looking back in time. We were

focused on them — that is, our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren — as Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek begins the first day of its second century on October 5, 2015. We are determined to seek justice and a better world through our *tikkun olam* programs. We are probing for fresher and richer ways of passing on our Jewish heritage to the young. We are pioneering ideas to keep our older members engaged, contributing, inspired and loved, so that generations ahead can do the same and better. We are dreaming of new ways to learn and question, for renewed spiritual paths, and for ways to keep our arms around each other in tough times. We are on a forward journey, as we have been for more than 3,000 years, to enable the Jewish people, in all our diversity, to struggle together for purpose.

I hope our transcendent dome still exists in 2115 and beyond, because it has proven a haven and an inspiration for us. If you, the congregants of one hundred years from now, are reading this, by all means pause to take the measure of what we sought to accomplish. But then, keep going. Our third century will be about to begin.

Eye on Our Congregation: Jackie Michael

by Rita Christopher

Jackie Michael says she never had to join CBSRZ – she was born into the synagogue. Her great grandfather was one of the original members of the old Rodfe Zedek in Moodus. The stained glass Ark doors that are now a part of the library were given to that synagogue in memory of her parents. After each of their immigrant families settled in the Haddam area, she believes her parents likely met each other at Rodfe Zedek. “That’s 100 percent likely,” she says.

Rodfe Zedek was then an Orthodox synagogue; the service was entirely in Hebrew and men and women sat separately. When Rodfe Zedek became a Conservative Synagogue, Jackie recalls her astonishment at the new seating arrangements. “I remember when Rabbi Bernstein said the women could sit with the men. I thought God was going to come down and kill us all,” she says.

Her childhood home preserved Orthodox values. Her mother went to a shochet, or ritual slaughterer, with a live chicken to have it killed in the proper way. “It was about a mile away and she’d come back with a dead chicken,” Jackie remembers. The family went to Colchester to buy matzoh for Passover. “Today it’s the most amazing thing to me that you can go to Stop & Shop and buy everything Kosher,” she says.

Her parents spoke Yiddish, often when they didn’t want the children to know what they were saying. But the strategy proved ineffective. Jackie recalls her great grandmother coming to visit and as she was leaving, asking in Yiddish where her cane was. Jackie scampered all over the house looking for it. “That’s how my mother found out I spoke Yiddish,” she says. Now she belongs to a Yiddish speaking group that meets periodically at CBSRZ.

Growing up in Haddam, she remembers a world in which anti-semitism was far more common. “It is incredible when I think back on it. People thought Jews had horns,” she says. An incident at school from when she was six years old still sticks in her memory. She was

wearing a new red coat with beautiful buttons. A classmate, a little boy whom she remembers didn’t like her because she was Jewish, beat her up and the coat was ruined, the buttons torn off. “Today people have become far more civilized, far less anti-semitism,” she notes.

Jackie wanted to become a lawyer but there was no money for college. Instead she moved to Hartford. “To seek my fortune in the wide world,” she explains. She worked as a legal secretary and also got involved in Democratic party politics. “I organized the Jewish kids in the North end into a democratic club,” she says. She served as a legislative aide to governors Abraham Ribicoff and to his successor, John Dempsey. Both men, she points out, attended her wedding to Jack Michael, who died in 2003. The couple had been married for 46 years. Jack and Jackie together ran a garage and auto salvage business.

Cars, in fact, were how Jackie and Jack met. Her father had told her if she ever had a problem with a car, she should take it to Jack Michael. “My car was broken so I went to Jack,” she says. The couple had two daughters, one who fulfilled Jackie’s early ambition by becoming a lawyer; the other is a bone-marrow transplant nurse. A married granddaughter now lives in Israel.

Jackie has been an energetic participant in many synagogue activities. She served in the past on two rabbinic



Jackie Michael

search committees at CBSRZ and she is a regular at Saturday morning Holy Scrollers. One of her fondest memories is of the congregation holding hands in a circle around the old CBSRZ building in Deep River at the time of the move to Chester. “We hugged the old synagogue,” she recalls.

Jackie wants to make sure the story of the early days of Rodfe Zedek is not forgotten. One of the things she is particularly eager for congregants to know about is why there are four ner tamids, or eternal lights, in our synagogue today. Usually a synagogue has just one, hung over the Ark. At CBSRZ, in addition to the ner tamid over the Ark, there are three more eternal lights that are hung over memorial plaques. All four originally came from the old Rodfe Zedek synagogue in Moodus. They honor young congregants who died; one of them was Jackie’s sister, Eleanor Adler. “I want to tell people all that history, particularly about the lights, or we are going to lose it,” Jackie explains.

SUKKOT

The Festival of Sukkot begins on Tishri 15, the fifth day after Yom Kippur (09/27/15). Sukkot is a seven-day festival so unreservedly joyful that it is commonly referred to in Jewish prayer and literature as the Season of our Rejoicing. It is during this holiday that we thank God for the harvest food and are grateful for God's protection. It is a time to feast and welcome visitors. And we are supposed to do that in the Sukkah!

We have a small committee of volunteers who work very hard to erect the Sukkah and then decorate it with lights and plantings. Children decorate with their beautiful art work. If you would like to help in erecting the structure or the trimmings, please contact the office.

We begin our Sukkot celebration on Sunday night September 27 at 5:45 pm. There is a special program for Kivvun (previously known as "Religious School") which begins at 4:45. Please come and spend the evening in our beautiful sukkah for the annual "Hang in the Sukkah" Potluck Dairy Dinner followed by Erev Suk-

kot Services at 6:45 pm. Following our tradition, we will bless our new congregants at this service. This is a rain or shine event. If the weather is not cooperating, we will eat inside.



On Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 am., Holy Scrollers will be held in the Sukkah.

Simchat Torah

Following Sukkot comes the dancing and festivities of Simchat Torah, *Rejoicing with/of the Torah*. On Sunday, October 4, we celebrate the cycle of reading the Torah. Erev Simchat Torah and Consecration Service will be at 6:30. There will be a special program for Kivvun beginning at 4:45 followed by pizza/salad at 5:45.

We gather for the Simchat Torah Service to take out the Torah scrolls and dance around the synagogue. The dancing with the Torah is known in Hebrew as *bakafot* – which means to march around. There are seven *bakafot*, so as soon as the circle around the sanctuary is completed, the Torah is handed to another person to complete a circle and the ritual begins anew.

Along with Simchat Torah, we will celebrate the consecration of new students in our religious school. This is a special way to commemorate the beginning of a child's formal Jewish education at CBSRZ and affirms our commitment and dedication to educating our children in Jewish tradition.

Following the consecration and the *bakafot* we will move to the social hall where we will unroll one of the Torah scrolls with the assistance of the congregation. The children will stand in the middle of the circle surrounded by



the Torah. Our 5 grade group, *Giv'ah* (hill, previously known as Kitah Hey) will be reading from Genesis during this festive service.

On Monday, October 5 at 8:00 am. there will be a Simchat Torah morning service with Yizkor.

Selichot

As the month of Elul draws to a close and the mood of repentance becomes more urgent, please join us for Selichot Service and the prayers for forgiveness. Six area Reform congregations will gather together starting at 7:00 pm for Havdalah, a study session and a service. This will be led by the six Rabbis, the joint choirs, and the Cantors/Cantorial Soloists of the Reform congregations. Service will be held Saturday, September 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Temple Beth David, 3 Main Street, Cheshire, CT.

L'SHANA TOVAH TIKATEIVU

"The awareness of evil's intrusion into the sphere of the good and holy has often come to expression. It may have been the meaning of one of the great acts (the ritual of the scape-goat) that took place annually in the temple in Jerusalem... the purpose of the ritual was to atone for the evil... that dwells within because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel and their transgressions... On the most sacred day of the year, the supreme task was to atone..." Abraham Joshua Heschel, *God In Search of Man*

"And, the Lord said, 'I pardon you as asked'." *Numbers 14:20.*

On Rosh Hashanah, a Hasid in Brooklyn dreamt of his Rebbe from Poland. In the dream, the Rebbe took him back to the death camps. Throughout the Days of Awe, the Hasid was anxious. When Simchat Torah came, he saw congregants dancing and he hesitated to join. "What should I do?" he asked. "Dance and think good," answered his new Rebbe. The Hasid danced, knowing that on Simchat Torah we celebrate the tree of life. Jerome Mintz, *Legends of Hasidim*

"I will lift up my voice unto God and cry; I will lift up my voice unto God that he may give ear to me," *Psalm 77:2.*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

7:30 PM WE CHANGE THE TORAH MANTLES FROM BLUE TO OUR WHITE HIGH HOLY DAY MANTLES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

7:00 PM JOINT REFORM SELICHOT TBD SERVICE AT TEMPLE BETH DAVID, CHESHIRE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

7:30 PM ELUL SERVICE WITH GUEST SPEAKER, MARY DONOHUE (SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

7:30 PM EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

9:30 AM ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE, FOLLOWED BY TASHLICH

2:00 PM ROSH HASHANAH FAMILY PROGRAM

3:00 PM CHILDREN'S SERVICE WITH APPLES & HONEY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

9:30 AM ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE, 2ND DAY

Childcare will be available for CBSRZ children from age 3 through grade 7. There is no fee for this service, but children age 3 through 3rd grade must be signed up in advance through the CBSRZ office – to ensure we have adequate staff available. Parents and children under age 3 are welcome to stay in the playroom, where they can hear the audio feed of High Holiday services. Children and teenagers are encouraged to be with their parents for parts of the service that parents deem appropriate. We will continue with our structured program geared for children in Grades 4-7 that will run during the Torah service on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. More info will be provided on the FAQ pages distributed in early September.

"Because you are precious in my eyes and honored and I love you... For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your redeemer..." *Isaiah 43:4, 54:7-8.*

Changing Torah mantles from blue to white symbolizes our desire to cleanse our lives, beginning the New Year unblemished and full of compassion. "For the Torah teaches gentle manners." *Peskita Rabbah 17b*

On Rosh Hashanah morning we will honor George Amarant with an aliyah and a blessing, for all the ways in which he has given of his hands and heart to build our spiritual home.

"Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel; like the first fruit on the fig tree in its first season, I saw your fathers..." *Hosea 9:10*

On the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah, Rick Hornung will lead a discussion on the Akedah, the binding of Isaac.

Shema Koleinu -Hear our voice, Oh God; have compassion upon us, and with compassion, accept our prayers, High Holy Day Liturgy

One year, Rabbi Isaac of Berdichev, the head of the rabbinical court, was instructed to blow the shofar. He approached the task with awe and fear. And, as was his custom, he made a great tumult, worrying about his abilities. When he received the signal for the first trumpet blast, Reb Isaac saw great flashes of light and fainted. "I do not know what happened," he would later say. The rabbi who took the horn and blew the shofar told the sage, "The power of the Almighty comes to us in one breath, just one breath after another." *In Praise of the Baal Shem Tov*, Dan ben-Amos and Jerome Mintz, editors.

Yom Kippur afternoon services will feature Rachel Angle, Madelyn Evans, Brian Jubelirer, Andrea Roman, and Tillie Ripin, reading the Holiness Code.

"For on this day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you from all your sins.... and you shall be clean before the Lord," *Lev. 16:30*.

This year, Jim Talbott will explain how Jonah found a home in that fish's abdomen.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
1:00 PM CEMETERY SERVICE
FOUNTAIN HILL, DEEP RIVER
2:30 PM CEMETERY SERVICE
RODFE ZEDEK, MOODUS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
7:30 PM KOL NIDRE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
9:30 AM YOM KIPPUR MORNING
2:30 PM CHILDREN'S SERVICE
4:00 PM AFTERNOON SERVICE
WITH YIZKOR AND NEILAH, FOLLOWED BY THE
BREAK THE FAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
5:45 PM HANG IN THE SUKKAH POTLUCK
6:45 PM EREV SUKKOT SERVICE AND
NEW MEMBER BLESSING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
9:00 AM SCROLLERS IN THE SUKKAH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
6:30 PM EREV SIMCHAT TORAH AND
CONSECRATION SERVICE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
8:00 AM SIMCHAT TORAH MORNING SERVICE
WITH YIZKOR

"Depart from evil, and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are towards the righteous and His ears open to their cry." *Psalms 34:15-16*

"Thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning Jacob: 'Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. For when he sees his children, the work of My hands in his midst, they will hallow My name; they will hallow the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. And, those who err in understanding will come to understanding; and, those who murmur will accept instruction.'" *Isaiah 29: 22-24*

"God does not wish, according to the words of a prophet, that man should build Him a house again, for heaven is His throne and earth His footstool; it is not only in holiness and the height that He delights to dwell, but with the contrite and lowly of spirit... He who is infinitely above the domains of the mighty descends to those who lie in the dust of the earth and shares their afflictions." Martin Buber, *The Prophetic Faith*.

"Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then, it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy. Then, it was well. Is this not to know Me?" says the Lord." *Jeremiah, 22:15-16*.

ARTIST: RICHARD NEWTON

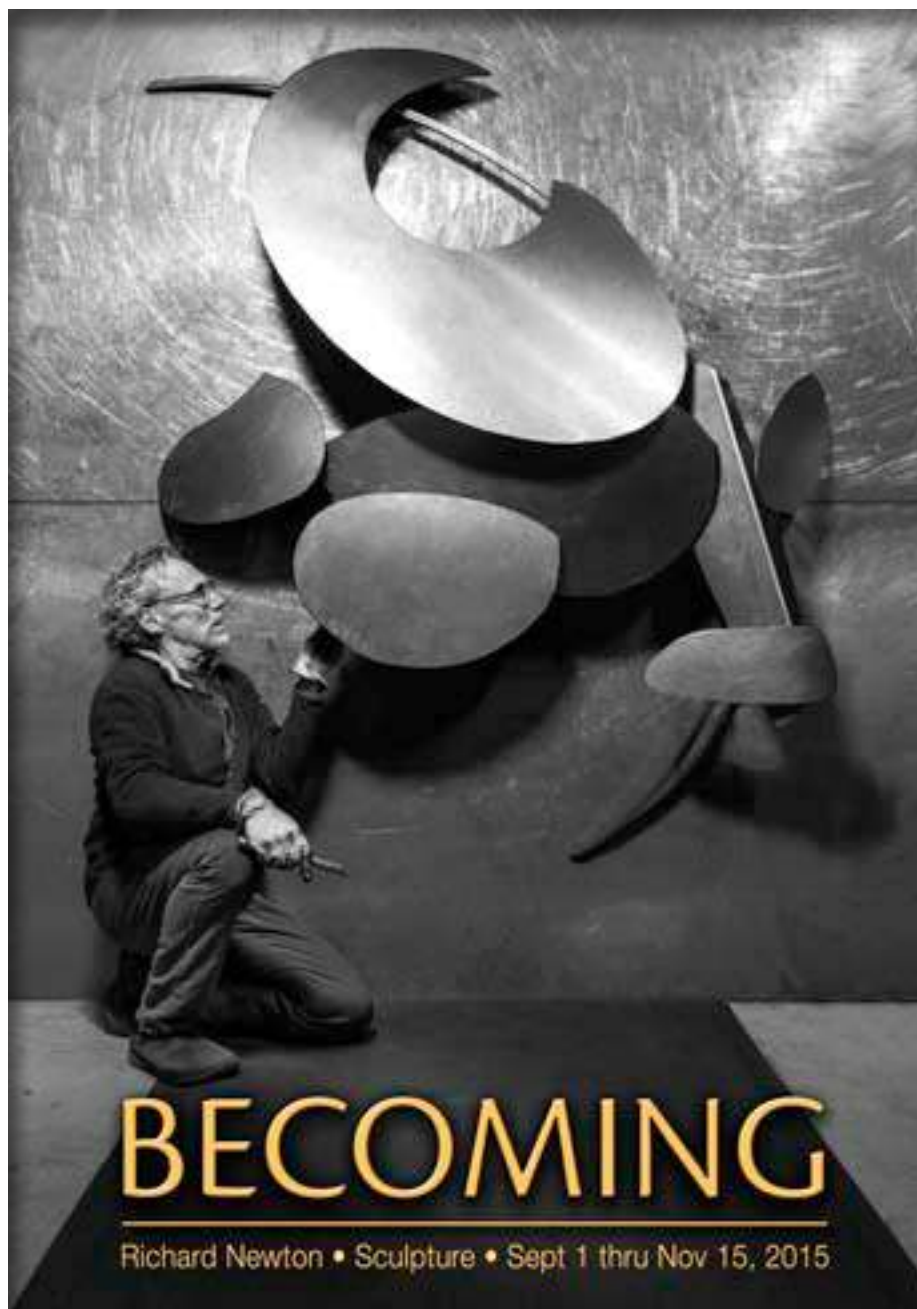
by Linda Pinn

Richard Newton has been a professional artist for over 35 years. He began his career as an illustrator, achieving rapid success and recognition in the commercial art market. His award winning illustrations have been used on magazine covers for such prestigious national publications as Newsweek, BusinessWeek, National Wildlife and Fortune and advertising campaigns for such entities as the U.S. Postal Service, Sprint, General Electric and Pfizer Pharmaceutical. Additionally, his illustrations appear on the covers of thousands of book titles distributed world-wide for such publishers as Simon & Schuster, Harcourt, Warner and St. Martin's Press, just to name a few.

After decades of commercial success, Richard's evolving artistic vision required a new, more personal means of expression. In 2012, Richard dedicated himself full-time to his passion for creating sculpture. His latest work is already receiving critical acclaim for its unique style and dynamic design. Richard's sculptures will next appear in the Nassau County Museum Art & Craft Fair, Long Island, September 26–27, and in the Autumn Art & Crafts Festival at Lincoln Center, October 3–4.

When not at work in his Killingworth studio or enjoying life with his lovely wife Monya and two grown children, Richard energetically maintains his country home and grounds where he says he has the rare privilege to be living in a painting.

"The body of sculpture exhibited in our Main Street Gallery explores the philosophy of 'becoming.' In the sixth century BCE, the Greek philoso-



pher Heraclitus conceived that 'the only constant is change.' Movement and evolution produce a human being more accurately described as a human becoming. As Heraclitus wrote, 'the whole flows as a river.' Correspondingly, this exhibition is designed with a visual flow consisting of figures, portraits,

abstract expressions of emotion, and religious references in a whirl of energy. The sculpture is both abstract and figurative, the forms of figures and figures reduced to plainer shapes and juxtaposed for visual tension. The purpose of this exhibition is to create an art experience in the spirit of becoming: one

in which shapes convey thoughts, lines direct energy and designs reveal meaning.” (From artist’s statement by Richard Newton.)

Newton’s work will be displayed from September 1 through Novem-

ber 15. There will be an opening reception on Sunday, Sept. 6, from 4–7 pm to which all congregants are invited. The exhibit will be open to the public Monday–Friday, 10 am–3 pm. Please contact the Temple office for group visits. Newton will donate a generous percent-

age of the proceeds from all works sold to CBSRZ.

We are very grateful to Salem Krieger for permitting us to use his superb photographs of Richard Newton’s works.



Salem Krieger



Salem Krieger

The Whole

Letter from the Education Committee Chair

Karen Burzin

"Change is in the air, as old patterns fall away, new patterns are emerging."

—Marianne Williamson

As a congregant and parent at CBSRZ, I can't help but feel as though the familiar quote of Marianne Williamson pertains to our synagogue for the new year. I will be the very first to say that I don't do well with change — especially when I am happy with the path of progress that I or my family is traveling on. However, living in the fast paced world of today, I know change is inevitable.

As the education chair I realize that our committee has created some of the "changes in the air." However, the overall philosophy and teaching style of our school, now called Kivvun, remains unchanged. We are not reinventing the wheel in the way we educate our students, we have simply redefined the spokes that allow the wheel to continue to roll. While the names of each grade level have changed, the dedication, philosophy and classroom culture of those teaching the students remains the same.

One thing we hope to change is the number of students enrolled into our program. Overall enrollment in Kivvun is declining. The advantage of having a geographically diverse membership is that there are many towns and cities that are accessible to Chester. In an effort to increase awareness and enrollment to unaffiliated families, we have undertaken the task of marketing Kivvun in different print and online media sources

located on the Shoreline and through Middletown.

We also have changed the tuition structure. With the goal of reducing financial hardships of families enrolled in Kivvun, the education committee along with the board of directors has altered our fee structure for those enrolled in grades Kindergarten to 3. In lieu of a set fee, we have implemented a "gift of the heart" policy where each family may financially contribute at a level comfortable to their means for students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through Grades 3. Further information on this policy change of our fee structure will be mailed to families in your program registration packets.

For families with additional financial needs, please contact me at 860-767-3126 or karenburzin@gmail.com by October 1 for a confidential discussion.

In closing, please feel welcome to join us at our first education committee meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 30 at 4:15. With the exception of the month of September, our committee meets on Sunday mornings approximately every 6 weeks.



From Belinda:

This weekend I had the opportunity to attend a CAJE conference. CAJE stands for Center for Advancement of Jewish Education, an organization that supports the development, implementation and coordination of educational

services for all ages. It is a culture unto itself. For four days, classes are offered delivering cutting edge ideas on how to connect all ages of the Jewish community to its teachings and traditions. CAJE has also been the place where many well-known contemporary composers got their start. Music of all genres can be heard performed by rabbis, cantors and musicians of current and past generations.

Hosting this year was Hartford University greeting 400 attendees as they arrived on campus. I signed up for a one-day intensive session that ran just before the conference was officially underway. It was called "Praying in your own Words," taught by writer and poet Alden Solovy. For the first four hours, this group of fourteen Rabbis and Educators attempted to define the concept of prayer, spoke about who hears our prayers, wrestled with the inherent intentions within prayer and pondered Alden's conceptual map of prayer, as well as his definition of "Spiritual Intelligence." The remaining two hours were spent walking through a demonstration of how to write a prayer from scratch as a group, ultimately creating a prayer that was used in the opening ceremony of the conference.

I am not sure what floored me the most. It would have been plenty to walk away with the many pages of information that Alden distributed breaking down the components of prayer with the same finesse that a scientist breaks down the parts of an atom. If that weren't enough, he demonstrated a simple, easily replicated process that harnessed the Type A personalities of serious Educators in record breaking time to collectively produce a beautiful prayer of gratitude for the opportunity to learn together. This was no mean

Mishpacha

feat as anyone who has served on a committee can appreciate.

As I remember Alden urging us to seek out our own voice in prayer, I realize the best take-away from this class is the validation of the sacred work that has been taking place at home base, CBSRZ. For the past several years in particular, we have been grappling with how to study, hear, and discern the voices of our ancestors while at the same time adding our own voices through new, unprecedented sounds. These sounds have been heard in our Prayer Labs, in new technology from Shalom Learning, in conversations about Ethical Kashrut, essentially in every nook and cranny of temple life where folks are seeking wisdom on how to live a good life. It is awesome to witness how we are actively taking the sounds of our ancestors and adding new melodies and harmonies in ways that best incorporates our innermost, meaningful hearts' desires. If I could be so bold as to ponder what the Creator might say to all of this, I have to believe he/she is watching and saying "this is all good."

Bar Mitzvah of Max Gill

Please tell the congregation a little about yourself.

I live in Chester and I love to play soccer and squash. I have a dog named Rusty, and on my free time I enjoy riding my bike, reading, skim boarding, and hanging out with friends. I like to cook, and I design shoes (high top sneakers.)

What excites you the most about your Bar Mitzvah?

Having a party with my family and friends, getting gifts and being done with all the preparation.



Max Gill

What does becoming a Bar Mitzvah mean to you?

It means I am now a more respected and responsible member of the Jewish community, that I can contribute my voice.

Have you thought at all about your Torah portion? Any thoughts on what you will be discussing?

My Torah portion is B'reishit which gives me a lot to talk about. I will be

Happy Birthday! Yom Huledet Sameach!

September

2nd - Tillie Ripin

8th - Benjamin Rosenblum-Jones

9th - Morah Karen Evans

12th - Evan Stein

17th - Lili Kleinberg

October

1st - Jacob Schlessel

2nd - Phineas Scott

4th - Aria Sinnappen

7th - Noah Stein

13th - Rachel Gelven

17th - Phin Merriam

29th - Moreh Eric Infeld



discussing the creation of the universe and animals.

Have you done a mitzvah project? (if not, what are you thinking about doing?)

I am planning on coaching and tutoring kids who participate in an inner city squash program in Hartford.

Any advice for kids who haven't begun preparing?

I advise kids not to worry as much, anything is achievable if you work at it so just keep practicing, and you will ace it.

Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Gelven

Please tell the congregation a little about yourself.

My name is Rachel Gelven. I live in Clinton, CT. I attend Jared Eliot Middle School in Clinton. I'm in 8th grade. I love to act, sing, and dance. I have belonged to the United Girls Choir for 5 years and love it. I love watching movies. I take French. My family consists of me, my little sister, Sara, who is in 5th grade, my mom, my dad, my dog, Penny, and my sister's hamster, Nature.

What excites you the most about your Bat Mitzvah?

I'm most excited about the party. Now this may seem a little superficial, but I have a deeper reason for saying this. I'm most excited about the party because it will be a time when my family, school, religious school, choir, and camp lives can all come together.

What does becoming a Bat Mitzvah mean to you?

To me it means that I get to become an adult in the Jewish community and be treated differently.

Have you thought at all about your Torah portion? Any thoughts on what you will be discussing?

I think I will be talking about how Noah sent out the raven first, but when the raven failed to find anything, he sent out the dove twice. I think I will also talk about the symbolism and hope in that.

Have you done a mitzvah project? (if not, what are you thinking about doing?)

I have not completed it yet, but I've started working with A Broader Way, which is an organization that runs a camp that gives inner city girls theater experience. I'm thinking that I will do fundraisers to help them raise money for their organization. Fun Fact: It was created by Idina Menzel (or Elsa, if you're not familiar with theatre).

Any advice for kids who haven't begun preparing?

My advice is to practice like CRAZY when you get assigned some verses to practice. It really helps me!! Also, if you feel like you're really stuck on a word or a sound, just wait until your next tutoring session to ask your tutor.



Rachel Gelven

SO MUCH TO DO ... SO LITTLE TIME

Sounds like the proper title for those of us just waking up to the fact that August is here and just around the corner: school and college starting up again, fall weather setting in, the holidays beginning (and EARLY this year), and, of course,

CBSRZ's 100 Year, or Centennial, Celebration.

It certainly hasn't been a laid back summer for some of us, working on this and that and the other thing. What other things? Well, for a beginning:

The Adult Education Committee has been working hard on preparing for our session on Jewish farming in Connecticut and the CBSRZ Bus Tour, all of which will begin on Friday, September 11th, when Mary Donohue will come to Shabbat Services and give us a presentation on Jewish Farming, something few of us realized was so widespread both in our area and elsewhere in Connecticut.

Then, of course, there's the Centennial Celebration itself, on Saturday, October 3, to which you are all cordially invited. It will be a party to remember, catered by the estimable Bob Zimmel of Alforno, beginning with a Havdalah service that will usher out Shabbat and usher in the festivities, replete with entertainment (a play that will take us through 100 years of history in record time) and music,



Union Street Shul, Deep River

music, music (tunes from the 1910's through the 2010's), not to mention dancing. So polish up your foxtrot, black bottom, Charleston, jitterbug, twist and frug...disco anyone?

No Columbus Day Weekend would be complete without a bus tour, so we're providing you with one, of the farms, resorts and shul-related places in Moodus, Chester and Deep River, a little voyage back into our past, on Sunday, October 11.

And then there's The Book, which will be completed late this summer and available this fall, chronicling the life and (not-so) hard times of those who started our wonderful congregation way back when as well as of those who carried on from there and got us to where we are today.

One last event of the centennial season: we will be presenting the first Pursuers of Justice and Peace Award this November, on Friday, Nov. 14, an award recognizing someone whose actions contribute to the vital pursuit of justice and/or peace. In so doing, the Award, reflecting as it does the values of our founders, our predecessors, our religious heritage and ourselves, will serve not only to recognize those contributions but to inspire others to do likewise. The Pursuers of Justice and Peace Award will be yet another strong link between our rich past and our promising future.

Please be sure to get your RSVP's in right away to all of these events. We'll look forward to seeing you in the fall.

CBSRZ Successfully Holds First-Ever Jewish Organizations Forum On BDS

On Sunday, August 2, for perhaps the first time — ever, anywhere — two Jewish organizations with opposite views on the movement to boycott, divest from and sanction Israel (BDS) met in a forum to discuss the BDS movement in the U.S. and its implications for the peace process in the Middle East. Following short presentations by moderator Andy Schatz, chair of the Social Action Committee, that sponsored the forum, and Rabbi Goldenberg, both of which focused on the importance of dialogue and the concern about many Jewish organizations refusing to discuss or debate these issues with BDS supporters, each of the two panelists gave fifteen minute presentations, which were followed by extensive questions by Mr. Schatz and Rabbi Goldenberg, and then by the audience. Following the forum, which was extended to almost two hours, many congregants stayed for an additional 60-90 minutes for small roundtable discussions hosted by the Adult Education Committee and led by congregant-facilitators versed in the process of constructive conversation as developed by the Jewish Dialogue Group. Congregants agreed that the forum and roundtables were very effective and successful; for a personal perspective, see the Rabbi's column.

Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), perhaps the only Jewish organization that supports BDS, was represented by Robert Gelbach, a retired professor of political science at Southern Connecticut State University and co-chair of the New Haven chapter of JVP. Gelbach described JVP's participation in BDS as arising from traditional Jewish values supporting democracy, justice

and human rights and focused on the need to get the Israelis and Palestinians to negotiate, rather than support any specific political solution such as "one-state" or "two-state." Gelbach said that the goals of BDS to "end the occupation" of the West Bank (return to 1967 borders) and for a Palestinian "right of return" are not meant as requirements or conditions for any resolution but expected to be subject to negotiation, land-swaps and compensation. However, Gelbach acknowledged that although studies suggest only about 50,000 Palestinians would have any desire to return to Israel, if all heirs of Palestinians arguably displaced during 1947-49 exercised a "right of return," Jews would be a minority in Israel (even under a "two-state" solution). Gelbach repeatedly tried to make clear that neither he nor anyone he knows in JVP nor the BDS movement is anti-Jewish, anti-Israel or against the concept of a safe and peaceful "Jewish homeland" in Israel, but acknowledged that it is unimportant to them if an Israel which is democratic, peaceful and safe for Jews has a Jewish majority.

J Street, a Jewish organization that opposes BDS but has been very critical of Israeli policy, including with respect

to the West Bank, was represented by Shaina Wasserman, its regional director based in Boston. Wasserman said J Street seeks an Israel that is "Jewish, democratic, safe and secure" and supports a two-state solution with Israel as a majority-Jewish state. Her criticism was that BDS does not help get to a two-state solution, any "right of return" for Palestinians is not realistic and BDS places all the blame for lack of negotiations on the Israelis. When asked whether J Street has considered supporting some sanctions or taking other action, Wasserman responded that there have been discussions and that J Street is only seven years old.

The roundtables following the forum provided congregants with the opportunity to share their perceptions, opinions, and feelings regarding the goals and tactics of the BDS movement and possible actions individual American Jews might or should take regarding such goals and tactics. "Based on the high level of participation and the depth of opinions expressed, it was clear that the panelists, advance readings and roundtable process helped participants formulate their own perspectives on this controversial topic," said Elliot Schwam of the Adult Education Com-



Bob Trautmann

George Amarant (pictured here with his truck), Bob Trautmann and Joel Saltzman (and his truck) helped move furniture into an apartment furnished by CBSRZ and United Church of Christ Congregational in Chester, the third apartment which the two congregations have furnished as part of a program sponsored by St Vincent de Paul in Middletown to end homelessness in ten years. Debby Trautmann of CBSRZ supervised the project with Reverend Kathy Peters of UCC Chester, and many congregants supplied furniture for the move.

mittee, who supervised the roundtables.

Some consensus emerged from the discussion in the forum and roundtables. Most if not all in the room supported a majority Jewish state of Israel and therefore would oppose the BDS movement. However, many expressed that they would like to see more action taken to try to encourage the Israelis and Palestinians to negotiate, whether potential private actions or through the U.S. government. And it appeared that everyone recognized that discussion of the diverse viewpoints proved enlightening and productive in thinking more deeply and broadly about a topic that, as reported previously in the Whole Megillah, caused other mainstream Jewish organizations to refuse to participate with JVP and to try to convince CBSRZ to cancel the forum. Schatz noted: "Discussion of controversial topics has always been part of who we are as Jews and as Americans — and it leads to better understanding and decisions; rather than try to enforce unanimity, we should always recognize and celebrate diversity."

HELP WANTED

Looking for folks willing to work collaboratively and creatively, share the work and joy. No experience necessary.

The Social Action Committee (SAC) has completed another busy year, focusing on our overall themes of hunger, homelessness, mental health, children's rights, prison reform and celebrating diversity. In addition to continuing our local work, including running soup kitchens and food drives, furnishing apartments and sponsoring blood drives, we celebrated our diversity of experience and views with programs on anti-Semitism, immigration and the boycott, divestment and sanction (BDS) movement, and we worked with coalition partners, including United Action Connecticut, National Alliance on Mental Illness and Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force, for successful legislative and administrative advocacy on the state and local levels.

What Social Action Initiatives Grab Your Attention? Our social action projects are dependent upon our congregants getting involved. Are there any areas in which you would like to contribute your time, energy and passion? Please contact andy@andrewschatz.com or 860-202-2690.

CBSRZ High Holiday Food Drive—Making a Ton of Difference

Can we do it again? Or even better?

What has become a CBSRZ tradition for the High Holidays has made a big difference in feeding those in need, delivering over 2000 pounds of food to Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantries in each of the last three years. SSKP workers have said this CBSRZ event is memorable as often the largest single annual collection and delivery of food in the area, contributing about the amount of food that SSKP provides **each week** to those in need.

Lots of work goes into making the annual food drive a success, but the most critical is each of us setting aside non-perishable food that we can deliver to CBSRZ on Yom Kippur.

"It's easy to lose sight how important this basic food drive is to folks who literally don't have enough to eat each week," commented Andy Schatz, chair of the Social Action Committee and one of the members of the Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force which CBSRZ helped start in 2013. "Over the past two years, the Task Force has gotten the remaining school districts in

our area to provide free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch programs, we've just launched a summer kids food program and we are working on more systemic solutions, but families are still in trouble throughout this area, and the food we deliver each year is critical to helping these neighbors. It's a great way to honor our tradition and welcome the New Year."

Although all non-perishable food is welcome, the following staples are especially necessary:

- Canned soups
- Cereal & oatmeal
- Instant milk, powdered milk
- Fruit juice
- Baby items: baby food, disposable diapers, etc
- Tuna fish
- Peanut butter
- Canned tomatoes, all types—spaghetti sauces
- Rice and pasta—all kinds,
- Canned vegetables, Canned fruit, instant potatoes
- Meals in a can—ravioli, spaghetti, hash, chili
- Baking mixes, muffin or bread mix, baking basics
- Diabetic foods, "open-and-eat" foods (flip top cans)



On July 30, CBSRZ members Teri Fogel, Debby Trautmann, Lynn Coville, Johanna Schaefer and Henry Gottlieb prepared and served a meal of roasted chicken, rice pilaf, grilled vegetables, watermelon gazpacho, mixed green salad and watermelon to 35 people at the Deep River Soup Kitchen, which CBSRZ has been sponsoring quarterly for many years. **Can we count on you to volunteer at the next soup kitchen scheduled for October 22, 2015?** Please contact debbytrautmann@comcast.net.

FROM OUR COMMUNITY CARE COORDINATOR

Iris Freeman



CBSRZ Daytime Programming Goes On The Road

The musicians had just played their final note at Yidstock, the annual festival of new Yiddish music at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA, when Rita Fink turned to me and said, "Sign me up for next year's trip!" That sentiment was echoed by all of the participants in our road trip to the Yiddish Book Center in July. From among the many offerings, we chose to see Sklamberg & the Shepherds, a collaboration of traditional and newly composed Yiddish and Russian song with klezmer and southern Mediterranean music. Fol-

lowing this amazing concert, Aaron Lansky captivated us with a talk about the future of the Yiddish Book Center. He's is such an engaging speaker, injecting humor and anecdotes we felt we could have listened for another hour. Dinner at Atkins Farms Country Market came highly recommended and delivered the perfect end to our adventure.

Our next outing was closer to home, a delicious lunch at Saybrook Soup and Sandwich (thumbs up), followed by a classic Katherine Hepburn movie at The Kate. Transportation for this was provided to anyone desiring it, making it accessible to as many folks as possible. It was nice to see people sharing emails and making connections after the show.

As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words. Take one look at the big smile on Charles Savitt's face and you'll see the benefits of Laughter Yoga. I took Charles to a session in Hartford, so he could experience this wonderful method of stress and pain management. If anyone is interested in learning more about this or experiencing Laughter Yoga for yourself, let me know. I see more road trips in our future!

Please DO Call List

You may have your home phone signed up for the DO NOT CALL list to help reduce the number of nuisance calls you receive. I am now offering something that might be considered the opposite of that. I am looking for folks that would like telephone messages of selected upcoming events from CBSRZ.

This is for people who either don't have email, don't check it regularly, or would like the additional reminder that a phone call provides. I want to make sure that everyone is included in the events that are offered at the temple and nobody slips through the cracks.

SO what are you signing up for? You will get limited recorded messages from me, telling you briefly (less than one minute) about upcoming events or CBSRZ news. No other organizations will be calling you. Your number will not be given out to anyone else. If you try it and don't like it, all you have to do is let me know, and I will take you off the "Please Do Call" List.

So if you, or someone you know, would like to be part of this, call or email me. Let me know what phone number you/they would like to receive their phone calls. It can be a home, cell, or work number.

Contact Iris Freeman at irisafreeman@gmail.com or call the CBSRZ office at 860.526.8920



Laughter Yoga participants

CBSRZ Board of Directors Minutes July 9, 2015

Directors Present:

Stephen Davis, President
Sandy Seidman, Financial Vice President
Kevin Fox, Treasurer
Maxine Klein, Secretary
Tracy Kleinberg, director
Ed Pinn, director
George Amarant, director
Allie Rosenblum, director
Harvey Payton, director
Henry Resnikoff, director
Susan Sobolov, director
Melinda Alcosser, director
Belinda Brennan, Cantor and Principal, ex-officio
Wendy Baylor, Temple Administrator, ex-officio

I. Minutes

- A. BOD minutes from June 11, 2015 (attachment), motion to accept minutes by Sandy Seidman, 2nd by K. Fox, unanimously approved.
- B. Executive Committee minutes June 25, 2015: (attachment)
- C. Matters Arising: (attachment) Stephen Davis. The Executive Committee will be also appointing a Transition Committee for saying goodbye to the Rabbi, and welcoming the new Rabbi. Ideas for chair leadership of this committee are invited.

2. Leadership Reports

- A. *President*: (attachment) Two items not mentioned in the written report are:
1) A letter from Eisner Camp, acknowledging that many students from our Congregation are attending it and Crane Lake this summer, and that as a result we will be recognized at a Shabbat service on July 18th at Crane Lake. Looking for a volunteer to go.
2) URJ Biennial Nov 4-8th in Orlando, looking for interested individuals. Also, we exceeded our \$30,000 goal of fundraising for the *We Built this House* premiere. Update on the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) discussion. The new date is August 2nd. This will be restricted to congregation members.

B. *Rabbi*: (attachment). The Rabbi will update her report at the next meeting when she returns from Israel.

C. *Temple Administrator* (attachment):

- i. New Member resolution- VOTE; Nate Siegel and Lizzy Bird, motion to accept them as new members by S. Seidman, 2nd by KF, unanimously approved. So moved.
- ii. Logo Change- VOTE: Motion to change to the new logo designed by Erica Udoff, by S. Seidman, 2nd by K. Fox. Discussion reflected gratitude for the new logo and admiration for its appearance. Further discussion centered on the fact that the old logo is explicitly "Jewish" and the new logo is not. Also, discussion about the street sign and will it change. Consensus was to leave the street sign as is for now. After further discussion, S. Seidman withdrew his motion, and it was decided that we will go back to Erica and ask her to amend the design to include a Jewish-specific image, and also ask Rebecca Mead, our web designer, if she can do a place holder for the logo on the website.

D. *Treasurer*: Investment Dashboard (attachment) There was discussion about dues payments and variances. K. Fox noted that he will submit to the board a draft letter to congregants in arrears, and an updated Investment Dashboard would be prepared.

E. *Financial Vice President* (attachment): We closed fiscal year on June 30th with only a deficit of \$500. Concern is that this coming year we didn't anticipate the Rabbi search (which cost about \$25,000 the last time), and the receivables for 2015 are low so far. As far as cash flow, it would be good if dues were paid earlier in the year.

F. *Vice President: Committees Dashboard* (attachment) tabled until B. Jubelirer's return.

G. *Secretary*:

- i. Website construction update (attachment); We are working with Rebecca Mead on this project, and

she is doing a great job. Discussion. Thank you to Wendy Baylor, Dass Sinnapen, and the subcommittee of B'yachad for all of their hard work on this project.

H. *Principal/Cantor* (attachment)

- i. Kivvun brochure mockup (attachment); Discussion about the marketing campaign and the brochure which Erica Udoff, Karen Burzin, Liz Jones and Belinda Brennan have worked so hard on. There was a suggestion conveyed from New Haven Federation executive director Sydney Perry, which was agreed upon, to lead with an English translation of Kivvun on the front cover. Also, there was discussion on where we wanted to place ads in the surrounding communities.

3. Jeremy Horseman painting gift (attachment)

VOTE Motion to accept gift by S. Seidman, 2nd by K. Fox. Unanimously approved, so moved. The Design Committee will decide on placement of this painting in the building.

4. Rabbi search and transition process update

Stephen reviewed the process so far. The Search Committee will be meeting every Monday until a decision is made. All members of the committee had to sign a disclosure document, as all proceedings are confidential.

5. New Business

G. Amarant noted that there will be a new plan on relighting for the Main St. Art Gallery. He has asked the lighting company for a price for re-bulbing the whole facility, which is pending. We might qualify for funding for this under a small business grant. S. Seidman said we could use capital funds for this. The Facilities Committee will bring this to the board when a proposal is ready.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

News from the Rabbi Search Committee

As we begin our search for a new leader for our congregations, the Rabbi Search Committee needs to hear from you. The first step in our search is to get input from our congregation.

For that purpose, we will be holding two important synagogue-wide forums, one on Sunday, August 30 at 4 pm and another on Wednesday, September 9 at 7 pm. We need your ideas on our strengths, our hopes for the future as a congregation, and areas in which we could do better, and then how all that translates into the qualities we are looking for in a new rabbi.

We have arranged a weekend meeting and a weekday session, so that as many congregants as possible can attend. We will provide babysitting for the August 30 meeting if you let the synagogue office know in

advance. We will also provide transportation for anyone who needs a ride to attend. The sessions will last no more than 90 minutes.

This is an opportunity for every person in our congregation to have a voice in the process as we move forward. We hope everyone will take advantage of it.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) oversees the process of engaging a new rabbi. Rabbis submit applications to the CCAR; congregations also submit applications. Prospective candidates look at the congregational applications and decide which ones they would like to send resumes to. Once we receive resumes, we review them, go through an interview process both by Skype and then in person as well as visiting the present congregations of candidates and doing careful reference

checks. Ultimately, the search committee recommends one candidate to the synagogue's board of directors. We anticipate naming a new rabbi by February of 2016.

A separate group, the transition committee, will be formed both to help us say goodbye to Rabbi Goldenberg and to welcome a new rabbi to our congregation.

We look forward to seeing all of you and hearing from you on August 30 at 4 pm or September 9 at 7 pm.

The search committee members include: Rita Christopher, Chair, Rabbi Search Committee, Ali Rosenblum (vice-chair), Linda Sherman (secretary), Stephen Davis (ex officio), Stuart Baker, Amy Conley, David Fogel, Tracy Kleinberg, Ed Pinn, Adina Ripin, Stephen Rozenberg and Sean Konecky.



SEATED: Ali Rosenblum, Linda Sherman, Adina Ripin; STANDING: Rita Christopher, Sean Konecky, Ed Pinn, Stephen Rozenberg, Stuart Baker; NOT PICTURED: Amy Conley, Tracy Kleinberg, David Fogel, Stephen Davis (ex officio)

REMEMBRANCE

Memorial Plaques

Elul 17, 5775 - Tishrei 17, 5776

Louis Alcon
Kate Baron
Lee Baron
Belle Birnbaum Rodkin
David Bockstein
Herbert Breslow
Theodora Chaimovitz
Min Chiat
Anna Cirulnick
Milton Davis
Phyllis G. Diamond
Joseph Friedman
Hindie Gall
Lillian Goldstein
Murray Goldstein
Mortimer Hays

Lowell Klappholz
Benjamin Lake
Rose Leiwant
Cara Mager
Nat Mason
Esther Miller
Leah Katz Pear
Jean Polstein
Tillie Polstein
Morris Roffuss
Ida Sacks
Ada Sager
Max Schulman
Adele Siker
Morris Sprecher
Sophia Starr
Robert A. Tobis
Marie Waldinger
Melville S. Wein

Pauline Weinstein
Jennie Young
Morris Zelin

Memorial Plaques

Tishrei 18, 5776 - Heshvan 18, 5776

Daniel Alan Altman
Leo Amarant
Bella Astrove
Harry Baron
Isaac Baron
Celia Baum
Celia Benson
Denise Berwick
Philip Berwick
Abraham Blecher
Abraham Breitman
Sondra Burzin

Aaron Diamond
Samuel Elkin
Hyman Fink
Max Frankel
Bertram Friedman
Elizabeth Friedman
Anna Gelper
Solomon Ginsberg
Edward Glazer
Sol Goldstein
Anna Needle Joseloff
Louis Joseloff
David Joslow
Rose Kabatznick
Sam Krupnikoff
Jacob Lake
Ann Samuels Levine
David Levine

Ida Levinson
Bernard LeWitt
Bettie LeWitt
Sidney LeWitt
Nathan Luchnick
Morris Mackover
David Miller
Emma Oppenheimer
Michael Pear
Irving Pivnick
Ida Polstein
Sara Schulman
Frances Seidman
Louis Steinberg
Irving Strom
Sidney Swadosh
Matthew Wartel
Harry Zack

Yahrzeits

Elul 17, 5775-Tishrei 17, 5776

Louis Alcon—father of Hyla Cohen
Joseph Belport—father of Barbara Davis
Mene Case—mother of Lewis Case
Anna Cirulnick—grandmother of Ellen Friedman
Dorothy Cohen—loved one of Sol Tillis
Marcia Cohen—sister of Hila Rosen
Irwin Davidson—father of Shari Foley
Milton Davis—father to Jeffrey Davis
Henry Drobiarz—father of Martin Drobiarz
Esther Farber—mother of Beverly Glassman
Raymond O. Fielding—grandfather of Irving Friedman
Beatrice Fischbach—grandmother of Nancy Fischbach
Harry Fischbach—grandfather of Nancy Fischbach
Adele Fox—stepmother of Kevin Fox
Carol Ruth Goodman—sister of Linda Polomski
Beatrice Gottfried—mother of Corinne Weber
Rose Heller—mother of Betty Gilman
Irene Kemp—mother of Linda Rigono
Lowell Klappholz—husband of Lorraine Klappholz
William Konecky—father of Sean Konecky
Benjamin Lake—father of Dorothy Friedman
Caral Leboworth—mother of Alva Greenberg
Doris Levin—mother of Stephanie Arbige
Nat Mason—father of Stephen Mason
Albert Meschmar—grandfather of Rachel Goldenberg
Esther Miller—grandmother of Ellen Friedman
Rita Nirenstein—mother of Nancy Schwarz
Leah Pear—beloved wife of Joseph Pear
Doris Reiner—sister of Marilyn Kalet
Morris Savitt—grandfather of Charles and Susan Savitte
Saly Scharer—grandmother of Belinda Brennan
Eliezer Schindler—grandfather of Deb Trautman
Fannie Sobol—mother of Beatrice Case
Philip Sprague—brother of Shelley Sprague
Dale Taylor—father of Scott Taylor
Robert A. Tobis—father of Justine Redak
Aaron Weissman—grandfather of Laura Roman
Edith Weissman—grandmother of Laura Roman
Bruce White—first husband of Marilyn White-Gottfried

Yahrzeits

Tishrei 18, 5776—Heshvan 18, 5776

Leo Amarant—father of George Amarant
Sylvia Beckerman—mother of Barbara Beckerman
Mendel Bloch—grandfather of Michael Crair
Sondra Burzin—mother of Jeffrey Burzin
Annette Farber Rechtschafer—sister of Beverly Glassman
Lester Feld—father of Gail Feld
Nathan Fink—father of Hyman Fink
Hyman Fink—beloved husband of Rita Fink
Bertram Friedman—loved one of Dorothy Friedman
George Glassman—father of Ron and Richie Glassman
Norma Glassman—mother of Ron and Richie Glassman
Edward Glazer—beloved husband of Lois Glazer
Albert Goller—father of Ethan Goller
Nathan Gottlieb—father of Henry Gottlieb
Jane White Gwillim—mother of Lary Bloom
Leonora Hays—wife of David Hays
Milton Braun Hesslein—father of Laura Hesslein
Rachel Ickovics—mother of Jeannette Ickovics
David Joslow—father of Liz Archambault, father of Jon Joslow
Howard Kaplan—beloved husband of Pauline Kaplan
Max Krasner—father of Roni Berson Weiner
Lloyd Levin—father of Stephanie Arbige
Ann Samuels Levine—observed by Steven & Frani Ross
Sidney LeWitt—father of James Cohen
Maria Lopez—beloved wife of Juan Carlos Lopez
Nathan Luchnick—father of Lois Glazer
Elaine Mellion—mother of Barry Ilberman
David Miller—grandfather of Ellen Friedman
Libby Nevas—mother of Jo-Ann Price
Rhoda Patkin—sister of Marlene Scharr
Michael Pear—brother of Joseph Pear
Libby Peck—mother of Michael Peck
Paul Peck—father of Michael Peck
Marvin Radom—father of Debra Landrey
Elinor Reiner—beloved wife of Irving Reiner
David Ross—father of Louise Ross
Rita Ruzansky—mother of Susan Bush
Martin Saykin—father of Adele Saykin
Harry Schwartz—father-in-law of Irving Shiffman
Frances Seidman—mother of Sandy Seidman
Sadie Case Sharp—sister of Lewis Case
Nathan Sigal—father of Dorothy Palmer, grandfather of Peg Palmer
Herbert Small—grandfather of Lisa Connelly
Kenneth D. Stein—father of David Stein
Charles Thorpe—father of Tyler Thorpe
Milton Weintraub—uncle of Marcy Saltzman
Rose Weintraub—mother of Marcy Saltzman
Harry Zack—father of Sylvia Zack
Sarah Zomback—mother of Beth Brewer

Condolences are extended to:

Rick Hornung and Peg Palmer on the loss of Rick's father, Bernard Hornung

Belinda and Stephen Brennan on the loss of Belinda's step-brother, Howard Fortel

Jeff and Emily Merriam on the loss of Jeff's grandmother, Rose Merriam

Joel Kent and Fern Cohen on the loss of their mother, Anne Kent

Karen Cheyney and Robert Brunell on the loss of Karen's cousin, Roland Cheyney

Corrine Weber on her loss of her mother-in-law, Frieda Stolzberg

Paula Retsky on her loss of her close friend, Jimi Boos

Marilyn and Gene Kalet on the loss of her nephew, Jeffrey Reiner

Please remember to inform Linda Sherman, chair of the Chesed Committee, if you or someone you know is ill, in need of help, or has experienced a death in the family. Our Chesed Committee is here to help.

SEPTEMBER 2015

**17 ELUL, 5775-
17 TISHRI,
5776**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 17 ELUL 5:30 pm Facilities 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Choir	2 18 ELUL 8:00 am Morning Minyan 8:45 am Religious Affairs	3 19 ELUL 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Choir	4 20 ELUL 5:45 pm Tot Shabbat (change Torah Mantels) 6:15 pm Dairy Pottluck Dinner 7:00 pm 1st Friday Erev Shabbat Service (change Torah Mantels)	5 21 ELUL 9:00 am Torah Study 7:00 pm Joint Reform Seichot Service - Temple Beth David, Cheshire
6 22 ELUL 4:00 pm Art Opening Reception - Richard Newton	7 23 ELUL LABOR DAY Office closed	8 24 ELUL 3:00 pm SSKP Board 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Choir	9 25 ELUL 8:00 am Morning Minyan 7:00 pm Congregational Meeting with Rabbi Search Committee	10 26 ELUL 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Board of Directors	11 27 ELUL 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Elul series with guest speaker Mary Donohue	12 28 ELUL No 2nd Saturday service this month 9:00 am Torah Study
13 29 ELUL EREV ROSH HASHANAH 7:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	14 1 TISHRI ROSH HASHANAH 9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Morning 2:00 pm RH Family Program 3:00 pm Children's Service	15 2 TISHRI ROSH HASHANAH 2ND DAY Office Closed 9:30 am RH Morning (Day 2)	16 3 TISHRI 8:00 am Morning Minyan 9:00 am Chair Yoga with Ava 4:15 pm Religious School	17 4 TISHRI 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee	18 5 TISHRI 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Shuvah service with Lay sermon	19 6 TISHRI 9:00 am Torah Study
20 7 TISHRI 9:30 am - 10:15 am Hachala (Birth-4yrs) 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Kadima (Gr K-7) 9:30 am Parent Program 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Geshet (8-9) 1:00 pm Cemetery Service - Fountain Hill 2:30 pm Cemetery Service - Rodfe Zedek	21 8 TISHRI 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Choir	22 9 TISHRI KOL NIDRE 7:30 pm Kol Nidre	23 10 TISHRI YOM KIPPUR No Kivun Office Closed 9:30 am Yom Kippur Morning Service 2:30 pm YK Children's Service 4:00 pm Afternoon Service with Yizkor and Neilah, followed by Break the Fast	24 11 TISHRI 12:00 pm Daytime Luncheon Program 7:00 pm Executive Committee	25 12 TISHRI 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat service	26 13 TISHRI 9:00 am Torah Study
27 14 TISHRI EREV SUKKOT No Morning Kadima (Gr K-7) 4:45 pm Learning Time (Gr K-7) 5:45 pm Hang in Sukkah Pottluck Dinner 6:45 pm Erev Sukkot Service and New Member Blessing with Choir	28 15 TISHRI SUKKOT Office closed	29 16 TISHRI SUKKOT	30 17 TISHRI SUKKOT 8:00 am Morning Minyan 4:15 pm - 5:45 pm Kadima (Gr 4-7) 4:30 pm Education Committee			

OCTOBER 2015

18 TISHRI- 18 HESHVAN, 5776

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 18 TISHRI SUKKOT 7:00 pm Executive Committee 7:00 pm Meditation	2 19 TISHRI SUKKOT 100th Anniversary weekend 5:45 pm Tot Shabbat 6:15 pm Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm 1st Friday Erev Shabbat Service	3 20 TISHRI SUKKOY 100th Anniversary weekend 9:00 am Torah Study
4 21 TISHRI SUKKOT EREV SIMCHAT TORAH 9:30 am PJ Library - Sukkot program 9:30 am Religious School	5 22 TISHRI SIMCHAT TORAH <i>Office Closed</i> 8:00 am Simchat Torah Morning Service with Yizkor	6 23 TISHRI <i>Megillah Deadline Nov-Dec.</i> 5:30 pm Facilities	7 24 TISHRI 8:00 am Morning Minyan 8:45 am Religious Affairs 4:15 pm - 5:45 pm Kadima (Gr 4-7)	8 25 TISHRI 12:00 pm Lunch and Learn 7:00 pm Board of Directors	9 26 TISHRI 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat service	10 27 TISHRI 9:00 am Holy Scrollers 10:30 am Shabbat Service and bat mitzvah of Max Gill
11 28 TISHRI 9:30 am - 1:30 pm CBSRZ Heritage Bus Tour 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Kadima (Gr K-7)	12 29 TISHRI <i>Columbus Day</i>	13 30 TISHRI 3:00 pm SSKP Board	14 1 HESHVAN 8:00 am Morning Minyan 4:15 pm - 5:45 pm Kadima (Gr 4-7)	15 2 HESHVAN 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee	16 3 HESHVAN 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat service with Choir; Presentation of art by Jeremy Horseman	17 4 HESHVAN 9:00 am Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Service and bat mitzvah of Rachel Gelven
18 5 HESHVAN 9:30 am - 10:15 am Hatchala (Birth-4yrs) 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Kadima (Gr K-7) 10:45 am Sunday Torah Study 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Geshet (Gr 8-9) 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Makom (Gr 10)	19 6 HESHVAN	20 7 HESHVAN	21 8 HESHVAN 8:00 am Morning Minyan 4:15 pm - 5:45 pm Kadima (Gr 4-7)	22 9 HESHVAN 12:00 pm Daytime Luncheon Program 7:00 pm Executive Committee	23 10 HESHVAN 7:30 pm Lay Lead Erev Shabbat service with lay D'var Torah leader	24 11 HESHVAN 9:00 am Torah Study
25 12 HESHVAN 9:30 am - 10:15 am Hatchala (Birth-4yrs) 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Kadima (Gr K-7) 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Makom (Gr 10)	26 13 HESHVAN	27 14 HESHVAN	28 15 HESHVAN 8:00 am Morning Minyan 4:15 pm - 5:45 pm Kadima (Gr 4-7)	29 16 HESHVAN 7:00 pm Adult Ed Program - Israel America Relations and Nuclear Iran with Fred Lazin	30 17 HESHVAN 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat service with lay D'var Torah leader and Piano	31 18 HESHVAN 9:00 am Torah Study



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Friendly term for anyone you like a lot

Vos hert jzich?

What do you hear around?

Tu mir tsulib

Do it for my sake

**Es iz shver tsu trogen,
un avekvarfen tut bang**

It's too heavy to carry, and too precious to
throw away