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Rabbi's Message

As we prepare to celebrate Purim, I share with you a D'var Torah I delivered a few years ago about the command to blot out the memory of Amalek.

Referring to this week's maftir, the maftir for Shabbat Zachor, Professor of Religious Studies and noted feminist commentator, Judith Plaskow, notes that the passage is "hard and perplexing in many ways, an embarrassment to many. No mitigating circumstances are possible," she writes in reference to the command to remember what was done to us, "no way to end the enmity short of blotting out the memory of Amalek." Indeed, many of us, I am certain, share her ambivalence regarding

this passage. On the one hand, the command is in the Torah and as such, it deserves some consideration. But, a command to blot out another people in its entirety, seems somehow cruel and unusual, dare I say contradictory, to the Judaism that we've come to know and love.

Each year as Shabbat Zachor comes around, I find myself disturbed anew by the command in this maftir. While I do not mean to imply that violence is unheard of in our tradition, I certainly do not recall another command so powerful in its nature, and so brutal. How do we make sense of the mitzvah to kill off an entire people? In an essay entitled *Jewish Relational Thinking and a Difficult Text*, Dr. Jack Bloom suggests that a different reading for this maftir not only exists but can also help us to come to terms of the command contained within it.

"To look at this angry traditional text relationally," he writes, "we need to minimize the distortion and look at the original. My own translation follows the literal sequence of Hebrew," he tells us, "adding or subtracting nothing:

Remember what Amalek did to you on your journey, after you left Egypt – How he surprised you on the way, cut down all the stragglers in your rear, and you, Famished and weary, do not fear God.

"The traditional Jewish understanding," Bloom continues, "and the translating that followed and supported that understanding is that it was Amalek that did not fear God... The New Jewish Publication Society translation of 1985...inserts the words **undeterred** by fear of God, then adds a **he** so-as-to unmistakably point the finger at Amalek...The Christian translations join the parade..."²

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Interestingly, such small changes to the language in translation, present a particular viewpoint as the 'truth,' to the exclusion of other interpretations of the text. Bloom finds this exceptionally problematic. "The move from polytheism to monotheism," he writes, "has not been without its costs and dangers. The belief that there is only One True God has sometimes led to the blessed affirmation that all humankind is equal. It has with less benign consequences also led to rejecting that there is more than one way to know the one God, especially if that way is different from what we are told that God has commanded...Monotheism," he continues, "and the quest for *ultimate* meaning, for all its truth and benefits, unfortunately has produced a dangerous by-product [Either/Or] thinking...Things, ideas, etc. are either one way or another [...] [Either/Or] thinking is at its core a fundamentalist position...[Either/Or] thinking allows no other way."3 "To think about this text in a relational [Both/And] setting is no easy thing. It is as far from you shall love your neighbor as yourself as you can get."4

For years, this maftir and its command both to remember and to blot out Amalek, has been drilled into us. We have been led, both by translations and tradition, to believe that it was Amalek that did not fear God, and therefore perpetrated such an awful crime upon the Israelites. But what if there existed another read to this text, one that agrees that the text can be read in the traditional way, but also allows for another reading? Bloom suggests it's all right there, in the sequence of the Hebrew text. "The sequence in which 'do not fear God' appears, seems different than indication by the Jewish Publication Society of America translation...which, in keeping with Jewish tradition and most translations, understands 'do not fear God' as referring to the Amalekites, who because they 'do **not fear God'** could perpetrate their unforgivable act. But, as Bloom further notes, "The Hebrew sequence has 'do not fear God' follow immediately upon and you famished and weary 'do not fear God.'...By its Hebrew location, 'do not fear God' seems to apply to the Israelites."5

To Bloom's mind, **fear of God** is something that should motivate compassion toward the helpless. Not so with Amalek, who attack the weary stragglers. "To kill them," writes Bloom, "you have to depersonalize them. Amalek attacks and kills the 'other' simply because they are the 'other.' A depersonalized other.⁶ So that brings us back to fear of God. "If **'fear of God'** applies to the Israelites," says Bloom, "it applies not the stragglers but to the in command." No one in command stood

up and suggested that they needed to protect those stragglers, who, famished and weary, were struggling to keep up. And so, the Israelites were left vulnerable to Amalek's attack, and ironically, as Bloom notes, because just as Amalek depersonalized them in order to kill them, so too, the Israelite leadership had depersonalized the famished and the weary, forgetting to take note of the "divinity in each person," as Bloom puts it. In the case of both Amalek and Am Yisrael, Bloom concludes, "Neither **feared God. Fearing God** means recognizing the ultimate personhood, the ultimate value of each human being, taking none for granted, depersonalizing no one."8

And so, the text remains an eternally difficult one, but hopefully, Bloom's read helps us to come to terms with its commands. "God is at war with the Amalek present *in us* and *in others* in all generations," he tells us. "We are covenanted to overcome the tendency to depersonalize others, which has wreaked so much havoc in human history. Our task is to be counted among those who **fear God**. Our mission is to see the personhood in ourselves and in all others. Our battle is to recognize and relate to the Amalek in ourselves and in others, and with fear of God, neutralize the Amalek that depersonalizes and destroys, both others and ourselves, lest it destroy the world."9

Powerful words that are so desperately needed at this time....

~Rabbi Carmit Harari

Be sure to save this date: Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd when Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Jason Kalman, Professor at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati will be with us!

¹Judith Plaskow, "Dealing with the Hard Stuff," *Tikkun*, September/October 1994.

²Jack H. Bloom, *Jewish Relational Thinking and a Difficult Text*, Pg. 363-364

³Jack H. Bloom, Ph.D., *The Rabbi as Symbolic Exemplar: By the Power Vested in Me*, (Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press, 2002), P. 98, 179-180

⁴Jack H. Bloom, *Jewish Relational Thinking and a Difficult Text*, Pg. 367

⁵lbid, Pg. 368

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⁷Ibid, Pg. 369

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⁹lbid, Pg. 371

Presidents' Message

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our the land." Welcome to Adar-the month of happiness. Certainly, we are happy to see more light, warmer temperatures, returning birds, and blossoming crocuses. The Talmud says that "when the month of Adar arrives, we increase in joy." Adar is related to the Hebrew word "adir" which means strength and power. All of these attributes are evident when we consider that Adar ushers in a season of miracles. First we have Purim when the Jews were saved from extinction. Adar was the last month that the Jews spent as slaves in Egypt before Moses led them out. Thus we have Adar pointing the way to another joyous holiday of miracles: Passover. And Passover leads the way to another joyous holiday, Shavuot. Besides the fact that Passover and Shavuot are both pilgrimage holidays, they are intrinsically linked. Shavuot is observed 49 days after Passover. On Passover, the Jews are given their freedom, and on Shavuot, they are give the existential reason for their freedom: the Ten commandments. Thus, we go from strength to strength, from joy to joy.

We here at Shir Tikvah have been going from strength to strength, from joy to joy. Our committees have been busy all winter working on improving our congregation. We now have a kashrut policy, and our kitchens have been renamed "North Kitchen" and "South (kosher) Kitchen." The security

committee has formulated a list of policies and procedures, some of which have been implemented. For example, we request that you always enter the building by the front door. You should now have your new Shir Tikvah ad book and directory. The adult ed committee has compiled a list of speakers and activities. Thanks to the ritual committee, there is now a guideline to practices for the visitors to our Shir Tikvah community. The ritual committee has also been working with Rabbi Harari and Rabbi Zukrow on planning the High Holiday services. As we have been doing for the past two years, we will get together for Havdalah and the break fast. Hebrew school and Sunday School have been actively engaged in learning more about the language and practices of Judaism. As many of you have noticed, our building is getting much use as more and more people have been getting involved. When we travel and meet other Jews, both here and abroad, we are both proud and excited to talk about what is being done at Shir Tikvah. While maintaining Conservative and Reform minyamin, we have also had combined services to celebrate holidays and simchas. In addition to your help and participation, much of this would not be possible without Rabbi Harari's leadership and guidance. So, please join us for Shabbat, for Purim, for our movies, and for our speakers...and "put on a happy face."

~Sherry and Sherman



I want to thank our Sisterhood Shabbat chairs, Ruth Friedman, Susan Bayer, and Carole Fefferman for a lovely evening. Lenore Mass, our speaker, talked about voting in the World Zionist Congress election and the impact this has on American Jewry. Please remember to vote.

Before you know it, it will be spring! Hard to believe as there is snow on the ground as I am writing this message. The Women of Shir Tikvah are busy planning some spring events. On Wednesday, March 25, we will enjoy Passover food at our second annual Passover Taste and Tell. Bring your favorite pareve or dairy Passover dish to share. Turn in your recipe to the office because we will be compiling a booklet for all who attend. Check the flyer in this bulletin.

On Thursday evening, April 9, the Women of Shir Tikvah will host our annual second seder. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$10 for children under 10. We are busy planning for this event. If you are looking for a place to go for Passover, consider coming to this seder. All the food is prepared by Sisterhood. Read the flyer and sign up.

In late April, we will sponsor an Antique Roadshow. Bea Kamen is chairing this event. More details to follow.

The Shir Tikvah board has passed a Kashrut policy. The Women of Shir Tikvah worked on this policy. Sisterhood will take charge of both kitchens. We will be ordering supplies for both. We also have renamed the kitchens. The former Reform kitchen is now known as the North kitchen. The other kitchen is now the South (kosher) kitchen.

Don't forget to join us for our monthly birthday lunch at Aurelio's at 12:30 on March 4.

B'shalom,

Gayle Weil, Sisterhood President

Friday evening, February 21st, the Women of Shir Tikvah celebrated Shabbat with a beautiful creative service featuring the words of many Jewish women compiled by Carole Fefferman.

The service was led by Carole and Susan Bayer. Our thanks to all the members who participated: Gayle Weil, Bea Kamen, Carol Zucker, Eila Koltun, Penny Shnay, Diane Schwab, Donelle Macey, Bonnie Mosbacher, Ruth Friedman, and Rabbi Carmit Harari. A scrumptious oneg was provided by the following bakers: Eila Koltun, Helen Wolkow, Celia-Ann and Pam Toll, Bonnie Mosbacher, Harlene Friedman, Rori Narter, Ruth Friedman, Diane Schwab, Susan Bayer,

Donelle Macey, Penny Shnay. A thank you to all.

Ruth Friedman, Susan Bayer and Barbara Schwarz co-chairs.

38th World Zionist Congress Vote

The 38th World Zionist Congress is scheduled to meet in Jerusalem from October 20-23, 2020.

The elections will determine the size of the various delegations to the Congress and are scheduled to be held from **January 21 to March 11, 2020** (MLK Day to <u>Purim</u>).

Currently, the United States has 145 delegates in the WZC, the largest single delegation outside Israel. Thanks to a robust turnout in the 2015 elections, 56 of the 145 delegates (39 percent) represent the Reform Movement and, as a result, have been able to ensure that more than \$4 million a year (\$20 million over five years) is being directed to the Israeli Reform Movement. By comparison, the Israeli government annually provides nearly 4 billion NIS (\$1.1 billion) to Orthodox and Haredi institutions in Israel.

A strong election turnout among North America's Reform Jews and our supporters and allies will ensure that financial resources will continue to flow to our Israeli movement – including Reform congregations and institutions. It also will allow us to fill leadership positions in some of Israel's national institutions, including the World Zionist Organization (WZO), the Jewish Agency for Israel, and Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael – Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF).



VOTERS IN THE WZC ELECTIONS MUST:

- Be 18 years of age or older (by June 30, 2020)
- Self-identify as Jewish
- Agree to the Jerusalem Program*, the official platform of the WZO and the Zionist Movement
- Agree to pay a minimal processing fee.

*The Jerusalem Program is the platform of the World Zionist Organization. It does not favor any specific organizational or political platform. It does not encourage Settlement activity across the Green line and simply tries to espouse the central principles of Zionism today. We are asking all those who vote to simply acknowledge that this is the platform of the World Zionist Organization.

Visit www.azm.org/elections to vote.

Shabbat Service Times for March 2020

Reform Services

Friday, March 6, 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service with Nancy Friedman

Saturday, March 7, 10:15 am Shabbat Morning Service Shabbat Zachor

Parashat Tetzaveh

Torah: Exodus 27:20-28:30 Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17-19 Haftarah: 1 Samuel 15:2-34

Friday, March 13, 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, March 14, 10:15 am * Shabbat Morning Service Shabbat Parah

Parashat Ki Tisa

Torah: Exodus 30:11-31:17 Maftir: Numbers 19:1-22 Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38

Friday, March 20, 7:30 pm No Services at Shir Tikvah, we will join Beth El in Munster, IN

Saturday, March 21, 9:45 am Joint Shabbat Morning Service-Refugee Shabbos with speaker Jessica Schaffer Shabbat HaChodesh

Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei Torah: Exodus 35:1-37:16 Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

Friday, March 27, 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, March 29, 10:15 am ** Shabbat Morning Service

Parashat Vayikra

Torah: Leviticus 1:1-2:16 Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

Conservative Services

Saturday, March 7, 9:45 am Shabbat Morning Service Shabbat Zachor

Parashat Tetzaveh

Torah: Exodus 27:20-28:30 Maftir: Deuteronomy 25:17-19 Haftarah: 1 Samuel 15:2-34

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Candle Lighting Times

Friday, March 6 Friday, March 20

5:30 pm 6:45 pm

Friday, March 13 Friday, March 27

6:38 pm 6:53 pm

Candle lighting times are for Homewood, IL

^{*} Extended Kiddush following services

^{**} Bible & Bagels following services

Yahrzeits

WEEK OF 3/6/2020 Itzik Cohn Zlata Dosick Richard Dreyfus Esther Fox Muriel Ginsburg Max Gould Herman Greenberg Raymond Greenberg Mary Greenburg Morris Handler Jack Horowitz Frida Iskhakova Morris Daniel Itzkowitz Julius Kahn Leopold Kahn Jessica Kempler Irving Klein Milford Kniaz Jesse Krass Sol Levine Ida Lewis Fanny Libmann Morris Marcus Irwin Mirsky Yuly Raff Isador Rohde

Fanny Libmann
Morris Marcus
Irwin Mirsky
Yuly Raff
Isador Rohde
Nathan Roth
Irving Sadowsky
Phylis Schneider
Rose Schreiber
Ruth Sherman
Marvin Shore
Bess Soloway

Jack Stein
Louise Stein
Jerrold Wax
Tillie Weisler
Walter Wollman

Dr. Max Spangenthal

WEEK OF 3/13/2020 Mildred Abrahams Gerry Aronberg Max Berlin
Mandel Brin
Alice Cap
Joseph Crane
Harold Eisenstein
Robert Eisenstein
Isaac Escandarani
Ronald Feigenbaum
Edith Friessner

Isidore Ginsburg

Rabbi Wolfgang Hamburger David Hatchwell Benjamin Herman

Esther Hornstein Adeline Horwitz Muriel Jacobson Allen Koltun Aaron Kopstein Faye Krasny Erna Leffler Helene Levi Simon Levy Rosa Lorsch

Merol Rochel Marks Solomon Selim Masliah Mignon McDade Fannie Oseas

Celia Pattis Meyer Polunsky Albert Raab Sylvia Raab Mary Rosen Joseph Rosenstein

Sheldon Runes
Evone Sager
Dr. Jack Saleh
Sali Salm
Louis Sandack
Phylis Schneider
Abe Schwartz
Loulou Schwartz

Loulou Schwartz Ida Shlosberg Ben J. Sichel Sara Tejeda Esther Teplitsky Charles Vinik

Harry Wishnoff

Betty Wiss Henry Wolff Raphael Wolkow Alfred Zucker Marge Zucker

WEEK OF 3/20/2020 Henry Astor Joseph Barton Bashele Berkovitz

Ruth Block

Ilse Buchsbaum-Levi Irwin Buntman

Laura Solomon Cohen

Max Dunn William Elfman Ida Felton Marion Forkash Ralf Friessner

Lawrence Greenspan Jenny Hesky Elsa Koehler Sylvia Kovitz Mark R. Leibowitz Ruth Marcus Kim Miller Minnie Moline

Dorothy Nordwind Max Pollack Milton Pomeranz Gloria Rosenstein Samuel D. Rothman

Sam Mozer

Ben Sax

Max Schwartzberg Meyer Shlensky Benjamin Shore Sam Silberg

Norma Jean Simmons Gilbert Smith Amalie Tersch

Gertrude Weinberg

Henry Wolf Rachel Zand WEEK OF 3/27/2020 Louis Aisuss

Shalom Brenner Raymond Brin Ilse Buchsbaum

Therese Cohn Leo Cutler

Herman Dessauer Clara Freundlich Alvin L. Gitlitz Fern Goldsmith Margaret Hesky Arthur Hirsch Eli Kaplan

Eli Kaplan Mollie C. Kaplan Henry Koehler Sadie Kulakofsky Bernice Landy Celia Levin Wolf B. Levy Harry Lincenberg David Mintz

Moses Nussbaum Reuben Paper Max Pechter Rose Pincoffs

Katherine Rabinovitz

Anna Ratowitz
Hannah Schmidt
Philip Schneider
Hank Schwab
Ethel Seaver
Milton Seaver
Lillian Serlin
Marie Smerling
Alfred Stone
Marjorie L. Stone
Harry Sugar
David Tamarkin
Sylvia Wolf

Mollie Zalman

Solving memory

March Birthdays Jacob Schoeneman 3/3 **Edith Strauss** 3/4 Sherman Friedman 3/5 Barry Bayer 3/6 Lenny (Lenore) Zeiger 3/7 Marvin Goldberg 3/8 Harris Davis 3/8 Burt Zeiger 3/12 Dalia Podwol 3/14 Elliott Greenberg Marsie Reisler 3/16 3/19 Dan Greenberg 3/19 Samuel Gilbert 3/19 Andrea Lieb 3/21 David Schoeneman

April Birthdays

4/2 Harlene Friedman

4/2 Robert Sime

Debbie Greenberg 4/3

4/3 Adael Madrigal

4/4 Jean (Ginny) Gilbert

Sara Podwol 4/4

4/6 Ellen Kaplan

4/11 Eila Koltun

Jerry Shnay 4/11

4/13 Leo Wolkow

Rick Bloomberg 4/14

4/14 Carol Spector

Stacey DeFilippo 4/16

4/16 Judi Altman

4/16 Joshua Bloomberg

4/20 Arnie Bernstein

4/20 Michael Eisenwasser

4/20 Laurie Winkleman

4/21 Judy Fleischer

4/22 Gary Sporn

4/28 Fran Moeckler Licht

4/28 Francesca Wolf

March Anniversaries

Ellen Kahn

3/22

3/16 Drs. John & Lauren Kern



April Anniversaries

4/1 Jerry & Penny Shnay

Jerry & Harriet Levine 4/2 Edwin & Beverly Sokol

4/7

Jeff & Jodie Virene 4/11

Stacey & Tony DeFilippo 4/30

Change/Correction of Address/Phones

Joel & Gayla Cahan

Joel Cell: 708-261-7366 Gayla Cell: 708-275-5079

Amy Elias

22440 Pine Ridge Frankfort, IL 60423

Tributes

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of

Tat'yana Abramov from Stuart & Nancy Friedman

Bernard Wiss from Richard & Ellen Kaplan Hertsell Conway from Oren & Roz Conway

General Fund

In Memory of

Jack Freeman from Diane Medina Ilse Werner from Gary & Barb Schwarz Tat'yana Abramov from Jerry & Penny Shnay

Cecile Lukas from Ellen Kahn Jerome Heilbrunn from Sybelle Heilbrunn Jerome Levitt & Bobbie Levitt from Jack Levitt

Joseph Kamen & Rose Gershowitz from Bea Kamen

Mazel Tov

To Jordan Sigale on his 40th Anniversary of becoming Bar Mitzvah from Amy & Rick Bloomberg

To Helen Lincenberg on the birth of a great granddaughter from Lynn Brown

Sympathy

To the family of Tat'yana Abramov from Cathy Burnett, Penny & Jerry Shnay, Stuart & Nancy Friedman

To the family of Aaron Wishnoff from Jack Levitt, Carol & David Spector, Lynn Brown, Cathy Burnett, Ginny Gilbert

With deepest sympathy to Edith Buntman for the death of Aaron from Edith Feldmann, Carol & David Spector, Judy Lohr-Safcik

Sisterhood Tributes

Women of Shir Tikvah Sisterhood News

Gold cards are available at a cost of \$5.50. Please send your request to Carol Zucker.

When you shop—think of us!
Purchase your Jewel Cards
to benefit the Women of Shir
Tikvah



Mazel Toy!

To Dory & Larry Machtinger

On their granddaughter, Maya Aviva Heller, becoming Bat Mitzvah on February 15th!

Be sure to save this date: Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd when Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Jason Kalman, Professor at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati will be with us!

Did You?

https://azm.org/elections







Mazel Toy!

To Jodie & Jeff Virene

Gabriel Douglas Miller Ruud was born February 4th to Ashley & Jonathan Ruud and big sister Elise!



We mourn the death of
Peter Kaminsky.

May his memory forever be
a blessing to all who loved
him and may his family be
comforted among the
mourners of Zion and
Jerusalem.

We mourn the death of Aaron Wishnoff.

May his memory forever be a blessing to all who loved him and may his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

News You Can Use

It's time to VOTE!

Help us build a Progressive Jewish presence in Israel! Support ARZA or MERCAZ in the World Zionist Congress Elections! Before March 11th go to the 38th World Zionist Congress site and VOTE! **Visit**



www.azm.org/elections for the ARZA and MERCAZ platforms which support progressive Jewish life in Israel. Voting closes on March 11th.

Each month, on the 1st Wednesday, the Sisterhood gathers at the Aurelio's Pizzeria in Homewood at 12:30pm to celebrate the birthdays in the month. All WoST members are free to join them!

When you shop at Jewel — think of the Sisterhood!
Purchase your Jewel Cards to benefit the Women of Shir Tikvah.
Denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 are available through the office.



Our schools are growing, just as the trees for Tu B'shevat! We now have 6 students. We braided our own tzitzit to help us remember to perform mitzvot. Todah rabah to Larry Cohan who helped hide the Mitzvah Scavenger Hunt clues!

On February 12th, our teachers visited the Illinois Holocaust Museum for a workshop sponsored by the Midwest JEA (Jewish Educators Assembly). We toured age-appropriate areas of the Museum for future field trips. Our Hebrew teacher Carole Fefferman, Coordinator Barb Cohan.

and Rabbi Carmit Harari viewed the exhibit about "Notorious RBG" and became the "Supremes"!

Barb Cohan Shir Tikvah School Coordinator





WANTED:

Drivers to pick up senior citizens on
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, at 1:00 pm to take them to
PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE LIBRARY for a private tour of
AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST exhibit at 1:30 pm.
NOTE:

This private tour is limited to the first 20 member seniors to call Diedre at Shir Tikvah 708-799-4110.

For questions, call Ellen Kahn 708-206-1628.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8

2-3:30PM

Homewood Science Center 18022 Dixie Hwy. | Homewood, IL

Meet internationally-recognized photographer,
Erez Kaganovitz, and celebrate Tel Aviv's
multi-culturalism and all that this
extraordinary city offers with the exhibition,

Humans of Tel Aviv

Light Israeli refreshments will be served

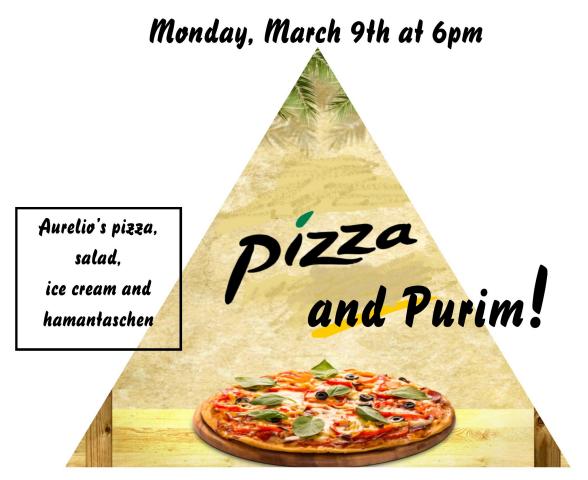
No Charge | Pre-registration appreciated iuhlmann@jccchicago.org or 224-406-9233



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Celebrate Purim with us! Wear your best costume!

Bring a personal hygiene product to donate to The Ark in the spirit of Shalach Manot.

Cost: \$10 Adult; \$5 kids 12 and under; Megillah Reading!

RSVP by March 5th to 708-799-4110 let us know if you need a gluten-free option





SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday, March 15, 2020

"Tel Aviv On Fire"

Salam, an inexperienced young Palestinian man, becomes a writer on a popular soap opera after a chance meeting with an Israeli soldier. His creative career is on the rise - until the soldier & the show's financial backers disagree about how the show should end, & Salam is caught in the middle.



"Thoughtful and well-acted, "Tel Aviv on Fire" highlights the awful absurdity of war - and proves it's possible to find humor in the midst of cultural conflict."

Doors open at 1:30, Movie at 2:00 PM

Facilitated discussion by Suzanne Patterson, film lecturer

for The Knowledge Exchange at Governors State University

Refreshments served including popcorn, Donation of \$10

Walk-in welcome; Open to the Community

RSVP @ 708-799-4110 or pay at the door

office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org

https://shir-tikvah-homewood.org/



1424 183rd Street, Homewood, IL 60430



Israelí Affairs Event

Please join us for an evening of Israeli food, music and discussion as we welcome our guest speaker, Stephanie Margolis.

Monday, March 16, 2020, 6-8 pm Michelle and Allison Stern's home 1332 Bunker Avenue. Flossmoor

Stephanie Margolis is a senior at UMass Amherst studying Hospitality and Tourism Management and Judaic Studies. She recently became the StandWithUs New England High School Coordinator. Stephanie started her journey in Israel advocacy and education through her involvement with BBYO. In college, Stephanie served two years as President of the UMass Student Alliance for Israel. Stephanie also spent a year as President of her chapter of Sigma Delta Tau and then as President of the Panhellenic Council.

Stephanie will be discussing:

My Israel story, Why I Do What I Do, Where I Come From, My Experiences on Campus – Anti-Semitism, Anti-Zionism and The Importance of Educating the Next Generation

Please RSVP by March 10 to Michelle or Allison at michelleandstu@yahoo.com or 708-365-6348

Dinner and dessert served potluck style. Please click on this link to sign up to bring an item.

Israeli Affairs

Temple Beth El of Munster Proudly Welcomes

Alden Solovy

Poet, Liturgist and Author

Friday Night, March 20th, 2020 at our 7:30 PM Shabbat Service



Alden Solovy spreads joy and excitement for prayer. A liturgist, poet, author and educator, his writing was transformed by multiple tragedies, marked in 2009 by the sudden death of his wife from catastrophic brain injury. The Liturgist-in-Residence for the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, his teaching spans from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem to synagogues throughout North America, as well as Leo Baeck College

in London and Limmud Conferences in the U.S., Canada and the UK. He is the author of four books, two from CCAR Press: the newly-released <u>This Joyous Soul: A New Voice for Ancient Yearnings</u> and <u>This Grateful Heart: Psalms and Prayers for a New Day</u>. His work is anthologized in multiple volumes. Alden also writes for Ritualwell, RavBlog and the Times of Israel. He's a three-time winner of the Peter Lisagor Award for Exemplary Journalism. Find his latest work at <u>ToBendLight.com</u>. In 2012, Alden made aliyah to Israel. He lives in Jerusalem.

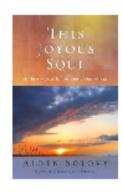
"Mesmerizing, spiritual, provocative and thoughtful, Alden was everything you would want in a guest scholar and teacher." —

Rabbi Denise L. Eger, Congregation Kol Ami, Los Angeles; Past President, CCAR

"Alden Solovy brings a unique combination of spiritual depth, accessibility and partnership to any community to which he is invited. He inspired everyone with his passion and integrity. He will be an asset to any community that is fortunate enough to welcome him."

Rabbi Joseph R. Black, Temple Emanuel, Denver





National Refugee Shabbat Saturday, March 21 at morning services

We are experiencing the most significant refugee crisis since World War II: 70.8 million people displaced from their home, including 25.9 million refugees and 3.5 million asylum seekers. An Executive Order caps the number of refugees to be resettled in the United States at an all-time low of 18,000. Policies and regulations have been put in place to deny refugees and asylum seekers of their rights to safety and protection.

The refugee experience is close to the heart of Jewish Americans. Our families tell stories of escaping from pogroms, the Holocaust, or the systemic antisemitism of the Soviet Union. That history and values of Tikkun Olam compel us to meet this crisis with a movement of welcome for all.

On Saturday, March 21 – National Refugee Shabbat – join Jessica Schaffer, Director of HIAS Immigration & Citizenship, to learn more about today's global refugee crisis and the unique ways the Jewish community is uniting in response.

Oppose of Shir Tikvah Invite You To A Passover Taste n' Tell



Wednesday, March 25th 6:00-8:00 pm Guests Welcome No charge — donations welcome

Make your favorite pareve or dairy Passover recipe and bring it to share. Please send your recipe to the office care of Susan Bayer by March 18 to be compiled into a booklet to share.



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Americans and the Holocaust – Exhibit

Prairie State College Library March 19 – April 21



On Thursday, March 26, at 1:30 pm. Shir Tikvah has arranged for a private tour of the exhibit for up to 20 senior Shir Tikvah members and drivers. Volunteer drivers will pick up seniors at home at about 1:00 pm, and drive them home afterwards (approx. 3:00 pm).

Please sign up with Diedre at Shir Tikvah 708-799-4110. For questions, call Ellen Kahn at 708-206-1628.

Limited to first 20 seniors who are members of Shir Tikvah.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) partnered with the American Library Association to bring their exhibit, Americans and the Holocaust, to Prairie State College, one of only 50 selected libraries throughout the country. This exhibit examines the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war, and genocide.

The exhibit will be open to the public March 19 - April 21, during the library's regular hours Monday through Thursday 8 am - 8 pm, Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm and Saturday 10 am - 2 pm. The library will be closed April 10 and 11.

Below are the Special Events already scheduled at PSC library and auditorium. The library is open to public from 8 am to 8 pm.

Justin Pariseau	Primary Source Workshop	4/2: 12-2pm	auditorium
NCJW	Board meeting and private tour	4/7: 6:00p	Library
Angela Hung	Holocaust, climate change and public opinion	4/4: 12:30-1:30p	auditorium
Angela Hung & Cynthia Cornejo	Evolutionary psychology of discrimination	4/8:1:30-2:30p	auditorium
Suzy Snyder - Curator USHMM	Curating and selecting museum exhibits	4/9:2:00 - 3:30p	IT Proven room
Suzy Snyder—Curator USHMM	Curating lecture	4/9: 6-8pm	auditorium
Lalinda De La Fuente	Ethical Leadership Lecture	4/16: 11-12:30p	auditorium
Dianne DeSousa	Social psychology of the Holocaust	4/21: 9:30-10:45a	auditorium
Movie Screening	Steven Pressman- 50 Children Video	4/16: 1-3p	auditorium
Closing Event	Rabbi Scott Saulson	4/21: 2-3p	Library

What makes someone a Leader? Types of Judges in the Books of Judges and Samuel

Sunday morning, March 29th at 10:00 at Shir Tikvah, 1424 183rd Street in Homewood

In this class Jane Shapiro will explore a few characters—men and women— to see how people become leaders through different pathways and roles.



Jane Shapiro has been a teacher to many over the last thirty years, in classes ranging from weekly Torah study to Jewish thought, history and literature. She is a co-founder of Orot: Center for New Jewish Learning, which is building a new model for engaging Jewish adults in the Chicago area and beyond — a holistic approach to Jewish education that is an emerging paradigm for personal and community growth. Jane received an Educators Award from the Covenant Foundation.

The program is free and open to the public.

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Join TOV on Sunday, March 29! How will YOU do good?

March 29, 2020 is Good Deeds Day! We are collecting lipsticks the entire month of March to do a secret project. Lipsticks can be donated at Shir Tikvah.

Good Deeds Day volunteers are needed! All ages are welcome to help, but younger children will need an adult with them. We will work at Shir Tikvah following the mini-grant program, starting around 12:30pm on March 29, 2020. To register please email amy at amybloomberg@juf.org!

More info needed? Call Amy at 708-249-6086 or email: amybloomberg@juf.org



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Yoga 11 am	3 Shalom Over 50s 11 am NCJW 6:45 pm Grand Prairie Singers 7 pm	WoST Luncheon at Aurelio's 12:30 pm Hebrew School 4:30 pm	5	6 5:30 pm STR 7:30 pm with Nancy Friedman Packing Shalach Manot 9:30am	7 STC 9:45 am STR 10:15 am
Sunday School 10 am CJC Program 1-4 pm @ HSC	9 Erev Purim Yoga 11 am Purim Party & Megillah Reading 6:00 pm Yahrzeit Minyan following reading	10 Purim Shalom Over 50s 11 am GP Singers 7 pm Board Meeting 8pm	11 Shushan Purim Security Meeting 10 am Hebrew School 4:30 pm Yahrzeit Minyan 7:30pm	12	136:38 pm STR 7:30 pm	14 STC 9:45 am STR 10:15 am Extended Kiddush
15 Sunday School 10 am Movie at Shir Tikvah 2:00 pm	16 Yoga 11 am Israeli Affairs Event 6-8pm, Stern home, Flossmoor	17 Primary Election Shalom Over 50s 11 am	18 Hebrew School 4:30 pm JUF Meeting 7 pm	19	Services at Temple Beth El-Munster, IN featuring poet Alden Solovy 7:30pm	21 Combined Service – Refugee Shabbos with speaker Jessica Schaffer 9:45 am Grand Prairie Singers Concert at FCC 3 pm
22 WoST Meeting 10:30 am	23 Yoga 11 am	24 Shalom Over 50s 11 am Grand Prairie Singers 7 pm	25 Diedre Out Passover Taste 'n Tell 6 pm	26 Tour at Prairie State College Holocaust Exhibit 1:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Nisan	276:53 pm STR 7:30 pm	28 STC 9:45 am STR 10:15 am Bible & Bagels
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29 Mini-Grant with Jane Shapiro 10:00 am Good Deeds Day Project after	30 Yoga 11 am	31 Shalom Over 50s 11 am Grand Prairie Singers 7 pm			Den 5	A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR

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19 Sunday School 10:00am Joan Barr Headstone Unveiling at Beverly Cemetery 1:30 pm	20 Yoga 11:00 am Luncheon & Artist Paul Margolis "Israel Impressions" 12 pm Yom HaShoah Service-Munster, IN 7 pm	21 Shalom Over 50s 11:00 am CJC Meeting 7 pm Grand Prairie Singers 7 pm	Pesach VII 22 Hebrew School 4:30 pm NCJW Mini-Grant with Debbie Zecher 7 pm	Pesach VIII 23	24 7:24pm STR 7:30 pm	25 STC 9:45 am STR 10:15 am
26 Movie at Shir Tikvah with Rabbi Harari facilitating 2:00pm	27 Yoga 11:00 am	28 Shalom Over 50s 11:00 am Grand Prairie Singers 7 pm	29 Hebrew School 4:30 pm Israeli Lunch & WoST Antique Road Show with Rex Newelle	30		