



Rabbi Richard Hirsh

## THE RABBIS TEACH

I'll admit it. Chanukah was a much bigger event in our family when our children were little. The anticipation – cleaning the residual wax of the prior year from the *chanukiot*, setting off the smoke detector while burning latkes in the kitchen, choosing the “big present” for the first night and the smaller gifts for the next seven days, while reminding

our children “it’s not about the presents!”

We celebrate light as we narrate the legend about the durable oil that lasted eight days, but there is a dark side to Chanukah, one whose message regrettably resonates in our own time. What we understandably don’t share with our children is that Chanukah is as much a story of Jews fighting against other Jews as it is a story of Jews fighting for religious freedom against outsiders. The saga of the Maccabees begins, after all, with one Jew attacking another for appearing (under duress) to bow down to an idol.

At the time of the Maccabees (c. 165 BCE), the Jewish community of Judea was split into factions. One extreme wanted to “circle the wagons” and keep any encounters with the wider society to a bare minimum. The other extreme wanted to abandon even the most fundamental Jewish practices, to integrate into the larger society. Each was sure the other was leading the Jewish community to disaster.

Our contemporary Jewish community often repeats these ancient animosities. The “Letters to the Editor” in many Jewish newspapers and Jewish social media sites so often feature attacks by one Jewish organization on another.

So here is a suggestion for the eight nights of Chanukah. Go online and look up a Jewish organization, find out what its mission is, and poke around a little to see the good work being done. Then, before lighting the candles, dedicate each night of Chanukah to appreciating an organization for how it helps contribute to making the world a little better. (If you need a prompt, start with Mazon, Jewish Women International, our own Reform movement’s Religious Action Center, Hillel International, or the American Jewish World Service.)

Maybe we can create a modern Chanukah miracle of appreciation rather than critique.

Best wishes for an enlightening Chanukah,  
Rabbi Richard Hirsh



## A YEAR IN THE LIFE

### AUTHOR ABIGAIL POGREBIN TO SHARE HER STORY

The Adult Education Committee of Congregation M'kor Shalom is pleased to announce that author and former TV producer **Abigail Pogrebin** (pictured) will speak about her book, **My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew**, at Congregation M'kor Shalom on **Sunday, February 25 at 4:00 pm**. Pogrebin spent a year traversing Judaism’s denominational spaces to deepen her own understanding of the Jewish year through time and documented her experiences first in a series in *The Forward* and then in her book.



photo by Leah Klags

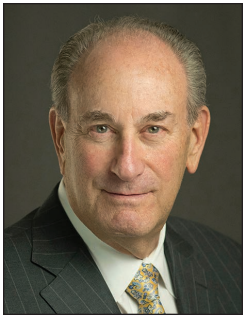
Is it possible for a novice to learn about herself and the world by observing 18 Jewish holidays in a year of personal exploration? Pogrebin’s affirmative response is personal, insightful, funny and compulsively readable. Throughout her Jewish year, she is guided by an extraordinary group of teachers – rabbis from all denominations – who provide not only the historic foundation for each holiday, but also make them relevant to her life today.

Abigail Pogrebin is the author of three other books: **Stars of David: Prominent**

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Steve Angstreich, President

## FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP

*Steve Angstreich, President*

It is difficult to believe that we are heading into winter as you read this message, that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are months behind us and that I am in the second half of my first year as President. In this short period of time, I am pleased to say that there have been some remarkable achievements for

Congregation M'kor Shalom:

- We agreed to a new five-year contract with Rabbi Frenkel, assuring us of her remarkable rabbinic leadership, as we all observed during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, for the years to come.
- We installed our new cantor, Cantor Elaya Jenkins-Adelberg, who amazes us with her voice and compassion.
- Our land sale is moving forward without any apparent issue.
- We entertained over 300 people with the groundbreaking a capella group Six13.
- We offer more adult education classes than ever before – not only Torah Study and Spice Up Your Judaism on Saturday mornings, but also on Sunday mornings, weekday mornings and now the first Thursday evening of the month – taught by Rabbi Frenkel, Rabbi Hirsh, Yossi Afek and others.
- Our Religious School began using a new and innovative curriculum, Hebrew in Harmony.
- We saw a substantial increase in the number of congregants who made a pledge to this year's High Holy Day Appeal and who increased their pledge from last year. (We are still not at 100% participation, but it is not too late to make a pledge.)

This list is not all encompassing. We had over 100 congregants take part in our Early Childhood Barbeque and our Havdalah Hayride; we presented an afternoon of axe throwing; we enjoyed evenings of hoagies & wings, cigars & scotch, and a dessert throwdown in the Sukkah; and we received insight from Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman of Kol HaNeshama in Israel on the challenges and struggles of the Progressive (Reform) Movement in Israel. We are, as I had hoped, offering more and more opportunities for M'kor Shalom to be not only your spiritual home but your communal home, and we continue to be a "family of families."

*B'shalom,*  
Steve Angstreich



L-R: Steve Angstreich and Rabbi Frenkel welcomed special guest Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman from Kol HaNeshama in Jerusalem, who joined us at our Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner following to discuss the challenges and struggles of the Progressive (Reform) Movement in Israel.

Photo by Irene Afek.

## CONGREGANTS IN THE NEWS

### ANNI WEISBAND

Anni Weisband – writer, producer, director, actress and daughter of M'kor Shalom members Renée and David Weisband – was recently profiled in *Among Friends Magazine*, the Moorestown Friends School alumni publication. The following is a reprint from the article, "30 Under Thirty."\*



Anni loves telling stories. Whether she is acting in them, writing them, directing them, or producing them... it doesn't matter to her, as Anni can do it all. She was recently hired as a creative assistant to showrunner Kenya Barris for the ABC Show *Black-ish*. She is simultaneously embarking on producing her first feature film, whose screenplay was awarded the Sloan Film Grant, and starring in a feature film with Frank Vincent and Vincent Pastore set to be released in 2018. Anni is the co-founder and artistic director of True False Theatre, a non-profit performing arts company committed to cultivating female theater makers. She studied acting at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and earned her M.F.A. in producing from USC's School of Cinematic Arts Peter Stark Producing Program, where she was one of 24 students selected for the program worldwide.

"Having two films premiere at Sundance Film Festival in 2015, getting to act opposite Zachary Quinto in a feature film, and collaborating with Mark Vonnegut to adapt *Slaughterhouse-Five* into a play that did an off-Broadway run are some of my proudest accomplishments to date," says Anni.

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### LARRY SIEGEL, ET AL.

Congregation M'kor Shalom was proud to receive the "Marketing Minds" award from SNJ Business People at their 4th Annual Readers' Choice Award Extravaganza held in October. We won for the *Cantorpool Karaoke* video we created for our M'kor Or event in June 2017 honoring Cantor Anita Hochman. Amazing job **Larry Siegel!** Congratulations to Larry and everyone else who participated!



*If you know of a M'kor Shalom congregant who has recently been recognized for an achievement or participated in a newsworthy activity, please let us know at [sourceeditor@mkorshalom.org](mailto:sourceeditor@mkorshalom.org).*



## HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL 5778/2017

*We gratefully acknowledge the following families who have contributed to this year's High Holy Day Appeal.*

Rhoda Abrams <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Shawn & Maya Fair <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Leonard & Jaye Halpern <i>in honor of David &amp; Morra Molotsky's new home</i>
Yossi & Irene Afek	Jeff & Shelly Falkin <i>in honor of our grandsons, Isaac &amp; Matthew Specter</i>	Peter & Elinor Hecht <i>in memory of the Hecht, Birnbaum &amp; Blazer deceased family members</i>
Stuart & Marylee Alperin <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Jeremy & Andrea Fau	Dan & Amy Heitzer <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>
Steven & Linda Angstreich	Dena Feinberg <i>in honor of Cantor Anita Hochman</i>	Jack & Roberta Herring <i>in memory of Herman Herring</i>
Bruce & Lesley Bachman <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Barry & Sharla Feldscher	Allen Herron & Eileen Fox
Kenneth, Pamela & Ethan Barroway <i>in honor of Jacob Hoffman</i>	Eric & Sharyl Fidoten	Cheryl Herzfeld <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>
Jeff, Celestine, David & Rebecca Berg <i>in honor of Cantor Jenkins-Adelberg</i>	Lisa Fields <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Rabbi Richard & Barbara Hirsh <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>
Larry & Caroline Berger	David & Sally Finkelstein <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Selma Hochman <i>in memory of Stanley Hochman</i>
Michael & Erin Bitman <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Paul & Phyllis Fishbein <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	John & Sara Honovich <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>
Michael & Jane Bloom	Bill & Carol Fisher <i>in honor of Gail Donner's 70th birthday</i>	Brad & Roberta Israelsky
Scott, Amy & Geoffrey Brandt	Mark Fisher <i>in memory of Francine Fisher</i>	Cory & Mindie Jacobs <i>in honor of solicitor Amy Brandt</i>
Meir, Lisa & Naomi Braunstein <i>in memory of Alan Hersh</i>	Alan & Jill Fox	Kathy Jacobs <i>in honor of the 2018 Confirmation Class</i>
Michael & Marilyn Breggar <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Rabbi Jennifer Frenkel <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Cantor Elaya Jenkins-Adelberg <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>
Bob & Michelle Bross <i>in honor of our children, Zack &amp; Sara and Ari</i>	Rick & Jaime D. Friedman <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom &amp; our children, Jordan, Hunter &amp; Jake</i>	Joel & Susan Kaber
Linda Burkett	Paul Furtaw & Patricia Barasch <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Mindy Kaufer <i>in memory of Fred &amp; Lorraine Greene</i>
Brian & Debbi Caine <i>in honor of Rolane Sunshine's M'kor Or Award</i>	Sol & Caroline Gantz <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Phil & Shari Kauffman
Bob & Janice Campbell <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Andrew & Melinda Gardner	Lewis & JoAnn Kay
Peter Carlton & Janet Berson <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Ron & Pam Gellert	Beth Kern & Rachel Kern
Larry Carroll <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Stan & Harriet Ginsberg <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Myron & Eleanor Kern
Kim, Scott, Alex, Ethan & Dylan Coffina	Ann Goffman <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Robert Kernish <i>in memory of Gail Kernish</i>
Doug & Nadine Cohen	Matt Goldberg & Ruby Tan	Henry & Rhoda Kessler <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>
Richard Cohen	Rich & Adrienne Goldenberg and Family <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Richard & Erica King
Sander & Rhona Cohen	Bruce & Carol Gooberman <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Michael & Donna Koenig <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>
Dick & Gail Donner	Daniel Gottlieb	David & Cheryl Kouser <i>in memory of Michael Kouser</i>
Joshua & Hallie Donner	Howard & Elizabeth Greenberg <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Daniel Kramer & Marci Wolfe <i>in memory of Betty Wolfe</i>
Michael Dorn <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Gerry & Meryl Greene <i>in honor of Cantor Hochman's 36-year career bringing M'kor Shalom an ongoing spiritual experience through her special gift of music</i>	Gary & Ellen Krause <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>
Steven Dowinsky & Nancy Isaacs <i>in memory of Golly &amp; David Dowinsky and Natalie "Bobbie" &amp; Stan Isaacs</i>	Norman & Myrna Grolnick <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	Michael & Randi Kresloff and Family <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>
Gary & Marlene Dworkin	Mel & Sheila Grossman	Maris & Tamara Kukainis
Morris & Joyce Dworkin <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	John & Marilyn Hailperin	Scott Kushner
Ted Eiferman	Sharon Halperin and Family <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>	David & Carol Laskin <i>in honor of M'kor Shalom</i>
Robert & Eileen Elias		Ron & Joanne Leonard <i>in memory of Sidney Goff &amp; Alfred Kurz</i>
Jim Engelman, Gabrielle Fish & Mady Engelman <i>in honor of Cantor Jenkins-Adelberg's installation</i>		
Elinor Engleman <i>in memory of Norman Engleman</i>		
Fillmore Evans & Renée Farkas		

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- Martin & Audrienne Levene  
*in memory of Fannie & Harry Levene and Rebecca & Horace Blitz*
- Sheila Lever  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Neil & Jodi Levine  
*in honor of our clergy*
- Craig & Stephanie Lewis  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Michael Liberman & Amy Herskowitz  
*in honor of Jackie & Hank Herskowitz*
- Ellen Lightman  
*in honor of Diedre Lightman's college graduation*
- David & Susan Lukaske
- Sidney & Diana Maletzky  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Penni C. Mandel  
*in memory of Buddy Mandel*
- Bruce Matez
- Jon & Lauren Maurer  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Ken & Margie Maurer  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Arthur Miller & Karen Bannett
- Robert & Jackie Mintz
- Tom Mirsen & Sari Mintz
- Donald & Deborah Mitchell
- Drew & Abby Molotsky
- Carleton Montgomery & Sarah Rosenson  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Larry Natelson & Estherose Heyman  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Brian & Karen Nevins-Goldman  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Eric, Linda, Max & Harrison Newman
- Neal & Teri Nover
- Donald O'Brien & Karen Wallenobrien  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- David & Susan Olinsky
- Michael & Kathy Perloff
- Greg, Nicole & Joshua Perr
- James & Jen Petkun  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Mark & Maxine Pinzur  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Norman & Lynne Rednik  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Jerry & Hinda Retegstein  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Alfred Ritter  
*in memory of Joyce Ritter*
- Larry & Linda Robinson
- Renée Rollin  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Michael Rosenthal  
*in memory of Paul & Silvia Rosenthal*
- Adam Roth & Eric Sherman-Roth
- David & Barbara Rothberg
- David & Susan Rush  
*in honor of our seven grandchildren*
- Burton Schaffer  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Robin Schwartz
- Paul Schweizer  
*in honor of our clergy*
- Joe & Adrienne Seligman  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- David & Gail Sell  
*in honor of Zach Sell*
- Jeffrey & Lisa Shapiro  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Roger & Ellen Sheinkin  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Larry Siegel
- Rebecca Silver  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Sam Silver  
*in memory of Arthur Z. Silver*
- Howard & Anne Simonoff  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Joseph Singer  
*in memory of Dorothy Singer*
- Robert & Natali Singer  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Edward & Gay Skobac  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Neal & Karen Slutsky  
*in memory of Abe & Thelma Slutsky*
- Stan & Lonnie Smoller  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Matthew & Alison Smyth and Family  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- David & Allison Snyder
- Barry & Beth Sokol
- Beverly Solomon
- Marlene Spector  
*in memory of loved ones*
- Jovina Spigel  
*in memory of Murray Spigel*
- Donald & Thelma Spivack
- Ina Stein  
*in honor of Neil Stein and in memory of Blanche & Phil Fromm*
- Bernie & Merle Steinberg  
*in honor of our religious school students*
- Miriam Stern & Beth Taubman  
*in memory of Nina Magil Hausner*
- Steve & Rolane Sunshine  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Ely & Sharon Swerdlin  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Chris & Lisa Taylor
- Max Taytelbaum & Shonnie Lebovitz
- Arthur & Stacy Treiman
- Jason & Sheri Turner
- Phyllis Turner  
*in memory of Simon & Jean Tanenbaum*
- Jack & Harriet Uris  
*in honor of Harriet Uris' participation in High Holy Day services*
- Gary & Marla Vecchio  
*in honor of Naomi Feldman and in memory of Stuart Feldman*
- Justin Waring & Jennifer Bloch  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Bryan & Sherry Warner  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Steve & Michelle Weichert  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- David & Judi Weinberg  
*in honor of Judi's High Holy Day honor*
- Cindy Weiner-Palmere  
*in memory of Selma Weiner*
- David & Renée Weisband  
*in honor of Rabbi Jennifer Frenkel*
- Rick & Lisa Weiser and Family  
*in honor of our family*
- Julie Wellborn
- Paul & Carol Weller  
*in memory of Bruce J. Weller*
- Adam & Susan White
- Albert & Carmella Zalcmann  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- David & Sarah Zalcmann  
*in honor of Sharon Halperin & Merle Steinberg and everyone who ensures our children receive an exceptional education*
- Aaron & Stacey Zaris
- Gilbert & Susan Zaris  
*in honor of M'kor Shalom*
- Eric & Beverly Zaum

*This list is inclusive as of press time. We apologize for any errors or omissions. Additional contributions will be listed in the next issue of The Source.*

## We Welcome Our New Members...

**Barry & Muriel Adler**  
Cherry Hill

**Jenny Matthews**  
Maple Shade

**Helene Cohen**  
Voorhees

**Jordan & Lisa Tafflin**  
*Daniel & Brooke*  
Voorhees

**Michael & Shari Donahue**  
*Jacob & Zachary*  
Voorhees

**Phyllis Turner**  
Cherry Hill

**Dave & Gail Jacobs**  
*Sophie*  
Voorhees

**Nancy Weiner**  
Voorhees

## New Honorable Steven P. Burkett Members\*

**Samuel Beenstock**  
Medford

**David Kell**  
Cherry Hill

**Josh Snyder**  
Cherry Hill

**Rebecca Berg**  
Cherry Hill

**Samantha R. Kell**  
Cherry Hill

*\*Named in memory of a beloved past president and teacher of our 12th graders, our Post-Confirmation graduates are offered the gift of free membership at M'kor Shalom for ten years following their graduation from our Hebrew High School.*

## We Remember...

**Alfred Axelrod**  
*husband of Anita Axelrod*  
*father of Nancy Axelrod*

**Richard Hymowitz**  
*father of Beth Fleischman*

**Arthur Blitz**  
*brother of Audrienne Levene*

**Roy Lerman**  
*father of Michael Lerman*

**Charles DeFalco**  
*grandfather of Natalie Potts*

**Tobia Yaffe**  
*mother of Robert Yaffe*

## We Celebrate the B'nai Mitzvah of...

**December 2** **Derrin Lerner & Talia Lerner**  
children of Scott & Olga Lerner

**January 6** **Daniel Swerdlow**, son of David & Jami Swerdlow

**January 27** **Ali Benjamin**, daughter of Jeffrey & Melissa Benjamin

**February 10** **Cassidy Barasch**  
daughter of Paul Furtaw & Patti Barasch

**February 24** **Zoey Fleischman**, daughter of Heidi Weinroth  
**Kasey Shaw & Trey Shaw**, children of Allison Weinroth

# Hineini

at M'kor Shalom

## We Wish Mazal Tov to...

**Edward & Lynne Cohen**

*on the marriage of their daughter Jennifer Grossman to Bruce Goldfarb*

**Neal & Ruth Goldman**

*on the marriage of their son Louis Goldman to Marlena Strom*

**Gary & Robin Kushner**

*on the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Joy Gadarian*

**William & Marcy Lawrence**

*on the birth of their granddaughter, Hailey Jeanne Lawrence*

**Martin & Audrienne Levene**

*on the birth of their granddaughter, Miriam Shoshanna Levene*

**Barry & Faye Mertz**

*on the naming of their granddaughter, Maya Mertz*

**Larry Natelson & Estherose Heyman**

*on the naming of their granddaughter, Maya Natelson*

**Barry & Raleigh Seliger**

*on the naming of their granddaughter, Eleanor Keenan*

**Joshua & Dana Watkins**

*on the birth of their daughter, Alexandria Diana Watkins*

**Paul & Carol Weller**

*on their 50th wedding anniversary*

## We Give Thanks to...

*those congregants who pledged at the highest levels of membership share this year.*

### Ner Tamid

Gary & Marlene Dworkin

Neil & Jodi Levine

### Tikvah Circle

Peter & Susanne Adamson

Steve & Sheryl Levin

David & Jill Akre

Michael Liberman &

Steven & Linda Angstreich

Amy Herskowitz

Seth Berk & Michele McGuire-Berk

Bruce Matez

Steven & Stefanie Cohen

Arthur Miller & Karen Bennett

James Engelman & Gabrielle Fish

Donald & Debbie Mitchell

Edward & Ruth Feldman

David & Susan Olinsky

Kevin & Melissa Harris

Robert Singer & Natali Franzblau

Gary & Robin Kushner





Merle Steinberg,  
Education Director

## 70 MITZVOT FOR ISRAEL'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

The ECC and Hebrew School are partnering in a year-long goal of performing 70 mitzvot! We are focusing on *tikkun olam* – making the world

a better place. Some of our mitzvot involve fund-raising and others are collections of goods to be distributed to those in need. We are keeping track collectively, and there will be a chart in the school lobby showing what we have accomplished. Here are some examples:

- Lemonade Stand to raise money for Houston's hurricane relief
- Collecting clothes and money for Puerto Rico's hurricane relief
- Making holiday cards to send to US troops and Israeli Defense Forces (IDF)
- Collecting items for Operation Yellow Ribbon
- All4Books collection
- Cooking for the JFCS meals-to-go project
- Alex's Lemonade Stand, raising funds for children with cancer
- Baking cookies for Operation Yellow Ribbon
- Collecting Halloween candy for Ronald McDonald House
- Bringing in frozen turkeys for Thanksgiving
- Club 3-4 Chanukah Event on December 3: collecting 70 cans of soup for the Federation Food Pantry
- 5th and 6th Grades' Family Shabbaton on December 9: collecting hats, gloves and scarves for children in Camden schools
- Family Celebration in Blue on December 17: collecting 70 books for children in Lindenwold School District

There will be many more as the year goes on. We hope you will help us achieve our goal of 70 mitzvot.

## HEBREW SCHOOL TZEDAKAH

This year we are putting a different spin on our *tzedakah* collection. Each grade was assigned a type of organization, such as medical, Israel, M'kor Shalom. The students then went to our computer center, researched different organizations and narrowed their choices down to two per class. Then, through student presentations, the class chose which worthwhile organization will receive their contributions at the end of the school year. The students feel more connected to the organization receiving their money, and donations have been a bit higher than usual. A little competition between grade levels doesn't hurt either! We will report back in May what was collected and where it was sent.

## A SPECIAL HONOR

Each year at Selichot, adult members of our community are given the special honor of changing our Torah covers to High Holy Day white. After Simchat Torah, the honor of returning the multi-colored Torah covers goes to our ECC kindergarteners. Here's what they experienced, in their own words:

*"We were put into groups of 2, 3 and 4. Rabbi Frenkel opened the ark so we could see the Torabs. We first undressed them and then put on their color covers. It was easy to slip the new covers on by using the two top holes. The new covers were beautiful and pretty. We then closed up the ark so it could be ready for Shabbat tonight. It was a very special honor for us!"*



Sharon Halperin, Early Childhood  
Education Director



## A YEAR IN THE LIFE (continued from page 1)

### Jews Talk about Being Jewish, One and the Same and Showstopper.

Formerly a producer for Charlie Rose at PBS and Mike Wallace at *60 Minutes*, she has written for *Newsweek*, *New York Magazine*, *The Forward*, *Tablet* and *The Daily Beast*. She moderates her own interview series at the JCC in Manhattan and is the current President of Central Synagogue in Manhattan. She is also the daughter of Letty Cottin Pogrebin, co-founder with Gloria Steinem of *Ms.* magazine, and co-founder with Marlo Thomas of *Free to Be You and Me*.

Pogrebin will autograph copies of her book, available for purchase at the event, following her presentation. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

This program was made possible by generous donations from Stefanie & Steve Cohen, Gail & Dick Donner, Barbara & David Rothberg, Marcia & Keith Waldman and the Helen & Leon Weinberg Scholar-in-Residence Endowment Fund of Congregation M'kor Shalom. For further information, contact **Marcia Waldman** at [marciawaldman@verizon.net](mailto:marciawaldman@verizon.net), **Gail Donner** at [AdultEducation@mkorshalom.org](mailto:AdultEducation@mkorshalom.org) or the synagogue office at 856-424-4220.



The Fall Adult Education calendar was very full – and very well attended. We offered non-stop weekday morning series led by **Rabbi Frenkel**, **Rabbi Hirsh** and **Yossi Afek**, along with our Shabbat morning Torah Study and “Spice Up Your Judaism” sessions. We launched two programs to meet the needs of those unable to attend weekday morning classes – monthly Sunday morning “**Sunday Sessions**” with **Rabbi Hirsh** and a “**First Thursday**” evening series, in conjunction with the Library Committee chaired by **Irene Afek**. As we go to press for this issue of *The Source*, we are busy planning for January-June, 2018. In addition to the program described above, our First Thursday program on **January 4** will feature a movie and discussion led by congregant **Larry Robinson**. For information on specific course offerings, check your *M'korMail* messages, *E!Minders* and the synagogue website. If you wish to be on our email list, contact **Gail Donner & Art Treiman** at [AdultEducation@mkorshalom.org](mailto:AdultEducation@mkorshalom.org).





RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPENING WEEKEND — SEPTEMBER 2017



PIZZA IN THE "WILD WEST" HUT OCTOBER 2017



SWEETS IN THE SUKKAH OCTOBER 2017



SIMCHAT TORAH OCTOBER 2017



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NEW MEMBER BRUNCH OCTOBER 2017



HAVDALAH HAYRIDE OCTOBER 2017



HARVEST DAY OCTOBER 2017



NEXTGEN BURY THE HATCHET - OCTOBER 2017



HARVEST DAY OCTOBER 2017

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# Committee News

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

**WEBCAST UPDATE** – This year our High Holy Day webcasts were accessed by 288 computers, tablets and cell phones, and it's very likely that more than one viewer was engaged via those devices. These numbers illustrate the importance of making our services available to those who want to participate but cannot do so due to illness, distance or lack of transportation. We know that the services were viewed by a number of our college students from their dorm rooms! Many viewers have said they feel very much a part of the services, especially since the rabbi actually addresses them at times. For those who want to follow the service in a prayer book, we make those available as well. To continue providing this service, we need your help! Please consider volunteering for just a few services a year. Thanks to a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation that allowed us to purchase new equipment, the system is very user-friendly and requires no experience to operate – just a little on-the-job training. To volunteer, contact the synagogue office or send an email to **Bruce Weinger** at [webcast@mkorshalom.org](mailto:webcast@mkorshalom.org).



**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – We are looking for someone to help get the word out to local media outlets about synagogue events and activities. You will be part of a vibrant, active committee that gets a lot done and has fun doing it. We have a template from which you can work. Interested? Contact **Sara Honovich** at [Communications@mkorshalom.org](mailto:Communications@mkorshalom.org).

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

At the June Board meeting, the synagogue's Board of Trustees passed a resolution supporting the signing of the Religious Action Center's *Brit Olam*, which means "Covenant with Our World." The RAC, which is the center for social justice and legislative activity for the Union for Reform Judaism, developed the *Brit Olam* to articulate its long-term vision of a strong networked Reform movement acting powerfully and together. By signing the *Brit Olam*, M'kor Shalom publicly reaffirmed its commitment to meaningful social justice work, grounded in our sacred and enduring Jewish values. M'kor Shalom is one of 76 congregations in North America (and one of only three synagogues in New Jersey) to sign the *Brit Olam* to date.

This was just one of many goals the Social Action Committee set for itself this year as part of our "social justice initiative," formed to educate ourselves and the community on issues such as healthcare, immigration and civil rights, and to advocate for change in those areas. We have been sending out weekly Action Alerts with the latest information on pending legislation, hearings and rallies, including links for contacting lawmakers and registering for events. We also launched a series of educational forums, starting with a discussion panel last spring on health care reform. This fall we held a forum entitled "Outrage Fatigue 101: Strategies for Dealing with Intolerance in 2017." In addition, we have formed partnerships with other faith-based groups in our community that are advocating for legislative changes to create a more inclusive society.

At the same time, our community outreach programs are going strong. We continue to conduct food and toy drives, cook for soup kitchens and shelters, maintain an urban garden in Camden, and provide support for the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC). Additionally, we have forged friendships with the members of a local Muslim women's group, through which we have provided support for Syrian refugees settling in the South Jersey area.

If you would like to participate in any of these activities, contact **Kim Coffina** at [SocialAction@mkorshalom.org](mailto:SocialAction@mkorshalom.org). This fun group is accomplishing amazing things – come join us!

## GIFT SHOP

Looking for that special gift? Enjoy browsing or shopping? Whether it's for your home, a life cycle event, to share with others, or even for yourself, please come check out the M'kor Shalom Gift Shop. We have many beautiful new items just in time for the holiday season. If you see an item somewhere else, check with us to see if we can get it for you. We also honor other synagogue gift shop coupons on non-consignment items (which cannot be combined with any other discount or sale).



If it's a volunteer opportunity you're shopping for, we can offer that as well! The Gift Shop is run by a group of volunteers serving as an arm of the Fundraising Committee. We are always on the lookout for others to join us, whether it's for a couple of hours a month or a weekly commitment. Please stop by and see if it is something that you are interested in doing or email us at [GiftShop@mkorshalom.org](mailto:GiftShop@mkorshalom.org)

## Upcoming Events

For program details, visit:  
[www.mkorshalom.org/calendar](http://www.mkorshalom.org/calendar)

### CHALLAH BAKE

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 pm

*M'kor Shalom Theater Group presents*

### A TRIBUTE TO MEL BROOKS

Saturday, December 9, 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 10, 3:00 pm

### MLK SHABBAT CELEBRATION

Friday, January 12, 8:00 pm

### MLK WEEKEND OF SERVICE

January 13-15

### PARTY EXPO!

Sunday, January 21, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

(Snow date: February 4)

### CANVAS & COCKTAILS

Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 pm

### CANDY BAR BINGO

Saturday, February 10, 5:00 pm

### PURIM CHARACTER BRUNCH

Sunday, February 25, 11:15 am

### PRESENTATION BY AUTHOR

ABIGAIL POGREBIN

Sunday, February 25, 4:00 pm

### PURIM DISSERVICE AND SHPIEL

Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 pm

(Meal Before the Shpiel, 6:00 pm)



## SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

On the weekend of **April 13-15**, M'kor Shalom will welcome **Rabbi Ken Kanter** as our scholar-in-residence. Rabbi Kanter serves as Associate Dean and Director of Rabbinic Studies at Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati. He is a popular lecturer and author of books, journals and articles focusing on the Jewish contribution to American popular music from the 1840's to the 1940's. Stay tuned for more details!



## M'KOR OR SHINES A LIGHT

If you've enjoyed the sunset and song at M'kor at the Shore hosted by the Sunshine family, served lately on the hard-working House or Membership Committees, or wondered who has the cheery sincere voice that answers the phone at M'kor Shalom during Wednesday staff meetings, you can appreciate the breadth of caring and continuing service of past president **Rolane Sunshine**. If, during the last twenty years, your child's early childhood teachers at M'kor Shalom were the "dream team" of **Harriet Uris** and **Judi Weinberg**, you will understand their key role in providing high quality education to our youngest students. And, if you have enjoyed innovative tot and family programs or participated in activities of M'kor Shalom's Social Justice Initiative, the outstanding organizational skills and enthusiasm of **Sarah Zalcmann** have touched your family. These deserving "leading lights" of M'kor Shalom will be honored at a warm, wonderful celebration of leadership, **M'kor Or**, to be held on **June 3**. Elegant dining, enjoyable entertainment and a "toast" to their service and accomplishments will ensure a delight-filled evening brimming with M'kor Moments. So mark your calendar now for M'kor Or, because adding your light will brighten a perfect night!



Rolane Sunshine



Harriet Uris & Judi Weinberg



Sarah Zalcmann

## ALEX AND THE KALEIDOSCOPE

On **Sunday, April 8**, we're excited to bring Emmy® Award winning children's entertainer **Alex Mitnick** to M'kor Shalom for a concert that will thrill children ages 3 to 8. Alex is the main host and adventure leader of Alex & The Kaleidoscope, an interactive entertainment group that encompasses Alex's band, which has put out six albums, as well as a TV show. The band's songs unfold like storybooks, captivating young minds, drawing them into adventure, and stirring their imaginations! The event costs \$10 per person, free for children under 3 years old. It will take place in the early afternoon on the last Sunday of spring break. (There is no Sunday School that day.)



# We Gratefully Acknowledge Your Contributions

*In times of happiness or sadness, M'kor Shalom offers a variety of ways to share your wishes and thoughts with others. **Minimum donation \$18; Silver Cards \$36; Gold Cards \$54, unless otherwise noted. Contributions may be made in the synagogue office as well as on the M'kor Shalom website (www.mkorshalom.org).***

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*To support programming for adults.*

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Teri Nover holding the Torah on Simchat Torah

The installation of Cantor Elyza Jenkins-Adelberg

The marriage of Ruth & Neal Goldman's son Louis

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Harvey Lapin's speedy recovery

The birth of Joy & Gordon Schafer's newest grandchild

The birth of Nora & Martin Salzman's grandson

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