



the memo

february 2008 : vol. xxii no.6

SERVICES

Friday Evenings

- February 1 7:30 pm
February 8 7:30 pm
Social Responsibility Service
February 15 7:30 pm
February 22 7:30 pm
February 29 7:30 pm
Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

Saturday Mornings

- February 2 10:00 am
Mishpatim
Bat mitzvah of Hilary Bloch
February 9 10:00 am
Trumah
Bat mitzvah of Madeline Lipton
February 16 10:00 am
Ptzaveh
Bat mitzvah of Natalie Hillman
February 23 10:00 am
Ki Tisa
Bat mitzvah of Hannah Bursack

Saturday Evenings

- February 2 5:00 pm
Trumah
Havdalah bat mitzvah
of Annie Kopp

central reform congregation
5020 waterman blvd.
st. louis, mo 63108

p: (314) 361-3919
f: (314) 361-2842

info@centralreform.org
www.centralreform.org

2008 SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

A Gift of Holy Time to Renew Our Souls

Before we had a Torah, an office or much money in the bank, CRC was blessed with the gift of twenty five thousand dollars, no strings attached. Max and Dorothy Riekes, both of blessed memory, believed in our vision and wanted to support the new community that their daughter and her family were helping to build. It was not difficult to decide what to do with the money. We put it in the bank and in the days of ten percent interest rates used the interest to bring in wonderful scholars year after year. I was so proud that our values lead us to invest in our learning. With three small children it was difficult for me to get away to rabbinic conferences to learn from scholars outside of St. Louis. Each year we would look forward to a whole weekend of great learning, building community and, of course, great food. In the beginning, it was the one event outside of the Holidays that we all came to.

Thanks to another generous gift, though we have long had to dip into the original principle, we have not missed a year of giving ourselves the gift of a weekend dedicated to spiritual enrichment.

This year, Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg will join us to help us deepen in our appreciation of Shabbat and the experience of holy time. Elliot is the Associate Professor of Jewish Thought and Mysticism at the University of Michigan and rabbi of the Pardes Hannah minyan in Ann Arbor. He received his PhD. at the Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania and taught at Oberlin before moving to Michigan. He has written two wonderful books on the kabbalistic celebration of Shabbat and is working on books on Jewish mystical prayer and meditation and on Judaism as spiritual practice.

I had the privilege of learning with Rabbi Ginsburg a few years ago. His ability to speak to head and heart made studying with him a nourishing and transformational experience. The learning was challenging and stimulating and at the same time personal and relevant. This year we will begin with Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday night and end with Havdalah Saturday evening. Our hope is that not only will we be studying about Shabbat as a gift of time, we will truly enter into the holiness of sacred time and experience her joy.

I hope that you will help us carry on this great tradition of our Spiritual Enrichment Weekend by attending as much as you can. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to spend meaningful time together with a truly great teacher. Each of our scholars over the past years has added to our common language and experience. Each one leaves us wiser, a bit more connected to each other and, in this case, better able to let the garment of our tradition give us the gift of holy time to renew our souls.

Look forward to seeing you.
Susan



Mazel Tov to . . .

- ✧ Michael Ehrlich on his bar mitzvah
- ✧ Ian Tarr on his bar mitzvah
- ✧ Isaac Ilivicky on his bar mitzvah
- ✧ Mitch Margo on winning 2nd place in the *Post Dispatch* Travel Photo contest with his photo entitled, "Royal Carribean meets Salvador Dali"
- ✧ Illene and Richard Ehrlich on the birth of their grandson, Chase Ivan Ellis
- ✧ Carole and Ken Chackes on the birth of their grandson, Parker Solomon Tonopolsky

Sincere Condolences to . . .

- ✧ Claire Jacobs on the death of her sister, Katherine Martin
- ✧ Claude Evans on the death of his mother, Maxilla Everett Evans
- ✧ Steve Fliesler on the death of his mother, Naomi P. Fliesler
- ✧ Cindy Silverglat on the death of her father
- ✧ Margie Rosenthal on the death of her mother, Marian May Bloom

Welcome New Members . . .

- ✧ Joel and Barbara Schwartz
- ✧ Tracy and Daniel Sucherman

ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP SERIES

ADVOCACY 101

Wednesday, January 30, 7:00-8:30 pm at CRC

What is "advocacy" and how does it work? Why does it matter? Where does the religious voice fit? Why should Jews concern themselves with advocacy?

Guest Speaker: Martin Rafanan, Executive Director of NCCJ-St. Louis

CREATING CHANGE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Wednesday, February 6, 7:00-8:30 pm at CRC

How does a bill become a law? When can citizens impact this process? How can I lobby my legislators most effectively?

Guest Speaker: Alison Gee, Vice President-Public Policy at Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region

FIELD TRIP: "DEMOCRACY IN ACTION"

Wednesday, February 13, 6:30-8:30 pm at Harris-Stowe State University

Attend this public hearing about a proposed ballot initiative to severely limit affirmative action. This event, sponsored by a coalition of organizations such as Jobs With Justice, NCCJ-St. Louis and the ACLU, will be an excellent demonstration of some of the principles we will be discussing during the other four sessions.

BALLOT INITIATIVES

February 20, 7:00-8:30 pm at CRC

What is a ballot initiative? How is it different from a bill? How can I make a difference in supporting or opposing a ballot initiative? What ballot initiatives are coming up in the November 4 election?

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP IN ADVOCACY

Wednesday, February 27, 7:00-8:30 pm at CRC

How do I lead others to make a difference on the issues that matter to me? Learn concrete leadership skills to help you make an impact at CRC and beyond.

To participate in any of these classes, please RSVP to Jen at jennifer@centralreform.org or (314) 361-1564 ext. 116.



MY VISIT WITH RAY by Jessica Pollock

Our long-time member and dear friend, Ray Davidson, moved to the Kansas City area in September. Ray joined a son and his daughter and their families. (His daughter Cathy also chose a career in the catering business.) Cathy directed Ray to several locations in the area where she saw a niche for him to sell his famous challah. When he moved to Overland Park, Ray had a two-week deadline to have 200 fresh challot to sell at the Jewish Arts Festival. Ray got the 200 loaves made and sold all but 8 of them. He is currently doing his baking at the Kansas City Jewish Center in a Parve kitchen under the supervision of the Kansas City Vad – the Orthodox organization that sanctions all prepared items for the Orthodox community.

Ray bakes for the Beth Shalom synagogue on Mondays and Tuesdays, sometimes baking up to 48 loaves each day! He bakes for the Kansas City Jewish Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays, he occasionally bakes for Cathy's catering jobs. Between October 1 and December 30, Ray baked 1475 challot!!! Ray's challah business carries his dearly departed wife's name; *Frieda's Heavenly Challah*: "It's the yeast we could do".

Ray recently wrote an intellectual response to an article in the *Kansas City Jewish Chronicle*. Ray has not yet joined a synagogue but has found what he calls "a good prospect". He plans to visit CRC from time to time.

Meeting Times

Basic Judaism

Saturday, February 9, 12:15 pm

Book Club

Saturday, February 9, 2:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday, February 14, 7:30 pm

Continuing Interfaith

TBA

Development Circle

TBA

Drum Circle

Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 pm

Education Steering Committee

Sunday, February 3, 9:00 am

Education Tikkun Olam Team

Sunday, February 10 3:00 pm

Sunday, February 24, 3:00 pm

Environment Tikkun Olam Team

TBA

Meeting Times

Gathering the Sparks

Sunday, February 10, 10:00 am

Grief Support Group

Saturday, February 16, 1:00 pm

Healing Circle

Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 pm

Healthcare Tikkun Olam Team

Sunday, February 10 1:30 pm

Sunday, February 24, 1:30 pm

Hospitality Circle

TBA

Interfaith 101

Sunday, February 17, 12:00 pm

Interfaith 102

TBA

Israel Circle

Monday, February 11, 7:00 pm

Membership Circle

Sunday, March 2, 9:00 am

Meeting Times

Naomi Group

Friday, February 1, 12:00 pm

Religious Events Circle

TBA

Ruth Group

Wednesday, February 13, 12:00 pm

Social Responsibility Circle

Sunday, February 10, 10:00 am

Soul of the Building

TBA

Torah Study

Fridays at noon

Saturdays at 8:45 am

Yad b'Yad (Men's Group)

Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 pm

Year of Living Responsibly

Sunday, February 17, 3:30 pm

CHANGE IN DRUM CIRCLE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 pm

The CRC Drum Circle will meet once a month on the first Tuesday. Remember, all are welcome to make a joyful noise with us!



CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

Monday, February 4, 7:00 pm
Bridgton Trails Branch,
St. Louis County Library
3455 McKelvey Road

We will be showing a video about the children of the Jihad. And, we will continue our dialogue.

For more information on the programs below, contact Maggie Duwe at (314) 361-1564 ext. 112 or maggie@centralreform.org.

Discover the meaning of our service

BASIC JUDAISM

Saturday, February 9, noonish

Please join Rabbi Randy, Ed Harris, and Maggie Duwe to learn more about our Shabbat Service. We will explore the *Concluding Prayers*, discussing what we do and why we do it. Come and enjoy time with our beautiful liturgy through prayer and good teachings.

BOOK CLUB

Saturday, February 9, 1:30 pmish

For those interested in exploring conversion or those just interested!

We will continue reading our book: *The Thirteen Petalled Rose* by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz. Please read to page 136 for this gathering. All are welcome to join us.

NAOMI GROUP

Friday, February 1, noon to 1:00 pm

Naomi group is for all women interested in learning. We are changing our focus for 2008. We will study the beginnings of religion and how in the beginning God was a woman. How and why did this happen? Why did it change? We will make a year-long study of this journey. Please feel free to join us at any place in the journey.

RUTH GROUP

Wednesday, February 13, noon - 1:00 pm

Ruth Group is for any woman, not born Jewish, but connected with Judaism in some way. Together with Lorrie Kovell and Maggie Duwe, we will continue our next adventure. Please read through page 279 in our book: *The Year of Living Biblically* by A.J. Jacobs. Please join us for study and good community.



Friday, March 7 - Sunday March 9
Crown Plaza Hotel, 7750 Carondelet,
Clayton

Jewish women and teens of all ages and affiliations will gather to experience a first of its kind Shabbaton (Shabbat experience) and Conference. Women and teens participating in this weekend event will travel from local, regional, national and international Jewish communities to celebrate and connect through the spirituality of Shabbat, the Arts and Jewish Learning. The Shabbaton and Conference entitled "Kol Nashim – All Women" begins with the welcoming of Kabbalat Shabbat (beginning of the Sabbath) followed by dinner.

For further information, or to be put on the mailing list, contact Ronit Sherwin at Nishmah, (314) 862-2777 or ronit@nishmah.org; or Sara Winkleman at the JCC, (314) 432-5700 or swinkelman@jccstl.org.

LGBT SHARED SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, February 22, 6:30 pm



Our group continues and grows! Our last gathering was amazing! Please join us for a wonderful potluck dinner. All are welcome.

Please bring:

- A-G dessert and wine
- H-N vegetarian main dish
- O-Z vegetarian side dish or salad

Please RSVP to Maggie at (314) 361-1564 ext 112 or maggie@centralreform.org.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Social Responsibility Shabbat Service

Friday February 8, 7:30 pm

Hear Sue Rundblad, Director of the Jewish Food Pantry, speak about the work of the food pantry and what you can do to assist in reducing hunger in the St. Louis region.

Social Responsibility Circle Meeting

Sunday February 10, 10:00 am

Help with our projects focused on poverty, race relations/racial equality, civil rights and Darfur. For more information or to RSVP, contact Jen Bersdale at jennifer@centralreform.org or (314) 361-1564 ext. 116.



Year of Living Responsibly--
Back by popular demand

Sunday February 17, 3:30 to 5:00 pm
the Galleria Build-A-Bear Store

The Second Annual Build-A-Bear event! Come and make a stuffed animal to donate to a patient at Children's Hospital. This event was a big hit last year; fun for children and grown-ups of all ages

Because space is limited and we must give Build-A-Bear a count of participants, RSVP to Sarah Marx at sarahjmarx@sbcglobal.net or (314) 989-0901 or to Gail Wechsler at gailwechsler@sbcglobal.net or (314) 727-4975 by **February 10**

(Please note: there will be a supply charge for "building" a bear; financial assistance is available upon request; we do not want cost to be a barrier to participating in this event)

gahrtzeits continued from page 6

February 26 Adar I 20

Ruth M. Hexter
 Mother of Christopher Hexter

Sylvia Hyatt
 Grandmother of Susan Kronemer

***Morris Karfeld**
 Father of Rita Gram

Dorothy Sadoff
 Mother of Judi Chapnick

Clara Chapnick Stern
 Mother of Sharon Hollander

February 27 Adar I 21

Jack Grodsky
 Father-in-law of Gloria Grodsky

Ellen Levinson
 Mother of Laura Seleman

Rachel (Rae) Portnoy
 Mother of Earl Portnoy

Louis Roggins
 Father of Bunny Shopper

Jerome S. Weinberg
 Father of Marlene Chinsky

February 28 Adar I 22

Barbara Blank
 Sister of Ira Blank

Gail Bopp
 Sister of Grace Brod

Morris Carpey
 Father of Dorothy Mayer

Harold Feldman
 Father of Kathleen Sitzer

Rachael Vogel Magidson
 Grandmother of Laura Seleman

Mick Patton
 Grandmother of Terri Grossman

Norman Trattner
 Brother of Sylvia Ehrlich

Henry Voda
 Grandfather of Nan Portnoy

February 29 Adar I 23

Maury Cohen
 Grandfather of Kathy Morris

Iris Culbertson
 Mother of John Culbertson

Evelyn B. Kelly
 Mother of Maura Kelly Leib

***Ellen Hyman Rose**
 Remembered by Albert Rose

Ernest Rosenfeld
 Step-"dad" of Beverly Berla

Sam Siegel
 Father of Eleanor Jacobs

Julie Upton
 Friend of Stephanie Kurtzman



General Fund

Marsha and Kenneth Graeber

With many thanks and much gratitude to the CRC community for all the love and support provided to our family

Bunny Gerstenfeld

In honor of Rabbi Susan's and Rabbi Randy's birthdays

Marc Hirshman and Karen Handelman

In honor of the birth of Charles Louis Davis Goldstein, son of Jonathan and Susan Goldstein

Terri, Steve, Emma, and Molly Leyton & Ilona Klein and Robert Spitz

In memory of Nancy Goldstein's brother, David Neustadt

Sheila Greenbaum and Gary M. Wasserman

In memory of Claude Evans' mother, Maxilla Everett Evans & In memory of Anna Navarro's father, Eugene Navarro & In memory of Cindy Silverglat's father

Stephanie Kurtzman, David and Lathan Levy

In memory of Steve Fliesler's mother, Naomi P. Fliesler

Lise and Lee Bernstein

In memory of Wendy Jaffe's uncle

Alan and Jo Anne Travis

In honor of Fred and Sara Epstein's 50th wedding anniversary

Renee Winter, Paul and Emma Roth

In honor of Sheila Greenbaum becoming President of the Jewish Federation & With love and appreciation to Rabbi Talve and Fleisher and the CRC school for providing Emma with the educational foundation for her successful Bat Mitzvah in Santa Cruz

Sidney and Rosalie Franklin

In memory of Claire Jacobs' sister, Katherine Martin

Joan and Don Shifter

With Mazal Tov to Morris Tamsky on his special birthday

Jeanine and Mel Newman

In honor of Matilda Winer's birthday

Liz Guthrie and Bruce Shapiro

In memory of Naomi Fliesler, mother of Steve Fliesler & In memory of Eugene Navarro, father of Anna Navarro

Linda Kridel

Maggie Duwe

Rabbi Lane and Linda Steinger

Ronald G. Fleisher

Rabbis' Tribute Fund

Shirley Poticha and Phyllis Rosenthal

In honor of Rabbi Susan's and Rabbi Randy's birthdays

David and Millie Honigberg

In honor of David's birthday

Lori Shifter-Weintrop

With thanks to Rabbis Susan and Randy for their love, care, and prayer

Bernard Rubin

With gratitude

The Schlesinger Family

With gratitude to Rabbi Randy for his support and kindness

Emily Follman and Joseph Levine

With gratitude to Susan, Sarika, and Adina for their support during Benjamin's hospitalization

Rose Lynn and Ronald Newman

With thanks to Rabbi Randy for officiating the weddings of our daughter Michelle to Thomas, and our son Phillip to Laura

The Goldstein Family

With appreciation for the magnificent way Rabbi Talve helped us celebrate our mom's life

Nicole and Nathan Overboe

With thanks to Rabbi Randy for making Eli's bris an extra special experience

Marilyn Probe

In memory of Claude Evans' mother, Maxilla Everett Evans

Matt and Emily Coen

With thanks to Rabbi Susan for guiding and helping the B'not Six

Michael DiPlacido

In grateful appreciation to Rabbi Susan and Rabbi Randy for the loving spiritual direction and nurturing they provided me as I walked the path to my conversion

David and Debbi Grebler

With special thanks to Rabbi Susan for leading Sarina to find the best within her, and for supporting us in the Bat Mitzvah process. Thanks also to Rabbi Randy, Marty, Leslie and Ed for your caring support

Sarah Kirschner and Craig Westerhold

With gratitude to Rabbi Talve for our beautiful wedding

Harvey and Francine Cantor

With gratitude to Rabbi Talve

Thomas and Amy Falke

With thanks to Rabbi Randy for being a presence at all the significant moments of our lives, including the bris of our son, Evan

Andrew and Shannon Workman

With thanks to Rabbi Randy for the naming ceremony for our son, Aiden

Gloria Sirkin

& Nancy and Andy Weigley

In memory of Steve Fliesler's mother, Naomi P. Fliesler

Dr. William and Roberta Landau

Harriet Blickenstaff

Leonard and Stacy Zeid

Education Fund

Matt and Emily Coen

With thanks to Rabbi Michael for helping make talit & With thanks to Leslie, Marty, and Ed for their fabulous music

Michael DiPlacido

In grateful appreciation to Rabbi Michael and Reb Ed for the loving spiritual direction and nurturing they provided me as I walked the path to my conversion

Interfaith Outreach Fund

Michael DiPlacido

In grateful appreciation to Maggie Duwe for the loving spiritual direction and nurturing she provided me as I walked the path to my conversion & In honor of Stan Platke who inspires us with his unbridled enthusiasm and participation at every Shabbat service

Music Fund

Laurie and Michael VanderVelde

In appreciation to Leslie Caplan for guiding our chavurah in the creation of its very own song

Library Fund

Shirley Poticha

& Phyllis Poticha Rosenthal & Stan Platke

Happy 1st birthday to Lathan, our Shabbos baby



CRC FORMS A BABY-TOT PLAY GROUP!

Saturday, February 9, 3:30 to 5:00 pm

We'll get together on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, contact Stephanie Saur at stephaiesaur@yahoo.com or Jessica Pollock at jessicapollock@charter.net or (618) 539-0203.



Yahrzeits - may their memory be a blessing

February 1 Sh'vat 25

Charles E. Davenport
Father of Michael Davenport

Ida Friedman
Grandmother of Eric Friedman

Edward Knize, Jr.
Father of Patricia Denlow

Cecile Poticha
Mother of Shirley Poticha and
Phyllis Rosenthal

Samuel Teper
Father of Patti Teper

Esther Wolf
Grandmother of Marcia L. Miller

February 2 Sh'vat 26

Sarah Gillerman Chervitz
Mother of Nancy Brown
Remembered by Harold Kravin

Eva Lamberg
Grandmother of Shirley Poticha and
Phyllis Rosenberg

Joyce Shapiro
Sister of Barry Chapnick

Harriett Woods
Friend of Marilyn Probe and CRC

February 3 Sh'vat 27

Jack Blazer
Grandfather of Gail Wechsler

Irene Lederman
Dear friend of Ron and Ginny Weil

***Alexander Barker Permutt**
Son of Sally Barker and Alan Permutt

Gary Poscover
Cousin of Sharon Hollander

Joyce Ann Roberts
Mother of Michael Roberts

February 4 Sh'vat 28

Albert Carpey
Brother of Dorothy Mayer

Norman Dertke
Father of Susan Dertke Hendin

Benjamin Frauenglas
Brother of Bobby Frauenglas

Max Greenberg
Uncle of Steven Engelhardt

Mildred Loomstein
Mother of Jack Loomstein

Bernard Sirkin
Father of Nancy Weigley

February 5 Sh'vat 29

Ann Cullinane
Mother of Michael Cullinane

Solomon Feinberg
Father of Bernie Feinberg

***Solon Gershman**
Husband of Bettie Gershman
Father of Jeff Gershman and Diane Levine

Lester Handelman
Grandfather of Karen Handelman

Elaine Roth Levitt
Aunt of Hannah Roth

Jerome J. Schorsch
Father of Linda Cohen

February 6 Sh'vat 30

Hyman Binowitz
Father of Shirley Soule

Leo Frank
Father of Jill Kassander

Samuel Frank
Father of Mark Frank

Dorothy Lang
Mother of Fran Lang

Norma C. Lapofsky
Mother of Elaine Lapofsky Kesten

***Darwin Portman**
Husband of Carol Portman
Father of Bob Portman

February 7 Adar I 1

Frank Bregant
Grandfather of Mary Jo Maroney

Ebba Fagerstrom
Grandmother of Ron Fagerstrom

Sonia Gaffney
Mother of Lisa Orden Zarin

Rick Grodsky
Husband of Gloria Grodsky

I. Jack Grodsky
Brother-in-law of Gloria Grodsky

February 8 Adar I 2

Sidney Joan Fiquette
Friend of Marilyn Probe

Aaron Hendin
Father of Roy Hendin

February 9 Adar I 3

Saul "Chick" Brown
Father of Susan Piontek

Lilly Schwartz
Grandmother of Gwen-Marie Lerch

February 10 Adar I 4

Beatrice K. Schwartz
Friend of Lois Miller

Louis Silverglat
Father of Alan Silverglat

Adolf Spiegel
Grandfather of Miriam Raskin and Susan Spiegel

February 11 Adar I 5

Shirley Fishbone
Mother of Robert Fishbone

John Waters French
Remembered by Sheila Michaels

Audrey Geismar
Mother of Lori Geismar-Ryan

Golda Goldstein
Grandmother of Linda Cohen

Peggy Hellman
Aunt of Alice Senturia and Ben Senturia, Jr.

Saul Lewis Nymark
Father of Niki Nymark and Kathy Steen

Michael Rochman
Brother of Andrew Rochman

Jerry Weisman
Father of Douglas Weisman

February 12 Adar I 6

Sam Horowitz
Father of Larry Horowitz

Richard Mueller
Father of Connie Mueller

Ann Shipper
Grandmother of Evonne Weinhaus

Eugene Wolf
Father of Rick Wolf

February 13 Adar I 7

Dorothy Bogard
Mother of Robert Bogard

***Frayne Bogner**
Wife of Stuart Bogner

William Kessen
Father of Anne Lowell

Bertha Litman
Mother of Ruth Block

Lillian Mentz
Aunt of Susan Schlichter

Deborah Stone
Sister of Julianne Stone

Isadore Leon Tenenbaum
Father of Carol Frumhoff

February 14 Adar I 8

Sarah Gordon
Mother of Florine Zimmerman

February 15 Adar I 9

Andrew Engster
Son of Karen Margo

Barbara Grant Lawrence
Mother of Madge Treeger

Dorothy "Dot" Neustadt
Mother of Nancy Goldstein

Dr. Elmer Wagman
Father of Paul Wagman

Sylvia Zander
Aunt of Howard Nathanson

February 16 Adar I 10

Adele Appleman
Aunt of Illene Ehrlich

Mary Brandt
Mother of David Brandt

Bernie Mayer
Husband of Dorothy Mayer
Father of Marci Mayer Eisen

David Portman
Remembered by Carol Portman

February 17 Adar I 11

Charles Binowitz
Uncle of Shirley Soule

Sylvia Chervitz
Mother of Paula Meyer

Clara Citerman
Mother of Harvey Citerman

Jacob Kreisman
Grandfather of Shirley Soule

Betty Rennard
Mother of Gary Rennard

February 19 Adar I 13

Esther Adelstein
Mother of David Adelstein
Grandmother of Cheryl Adelstein

Estelle Raskin
Mother of Larry Raskin

Greta Rosenberg
Grandmother of Richard Katz

Joseph Marsh Scammon
Father of Connie Laughlin

Seymour Weintraub
Father of Fran Weintraub

February 20 Adar I 14

Eleanor Geller
Sister of Marsha Steinback

Lester (Bud) Holtzman
Father of Ellen Langston

Mara Millman
Friend of Aly Abrams, Patrick Kelly
and Anya Abrams

February 21 Adar I 15

Michael Kraft
Husband of Loretta Kraft
Father of Stephen Kraft

Arthur Rade
Brother-in-law of Jack Oglander
and Amy Wartman

Jerome (Jerry) Scissors
Father of Carla Scissors-Cohen

Richard M. Weiss
Husband of Helen Weiss
Father of Richard Weiss

February 22 Adar I 16

Rose Franklin
Mother of Sidney Franklin

Sawyer Larson
Brother of Gene Larson

February 23 Adar I 17

Grace Finkel
Mother of Michael Finkel

Dorothy Silverberg
Mother of Alan B. Silverberg

February 24 Adar I 18

William Greenberg
Uncle of Steven Engelhardt

Jo Anne Papin
Sister of Linda Thomson

Ronnie Rosenthal
Uncle of Sherie Schild

February 25 Adar I 19

Jeremiah Gutman
Friend of Gail Wechsler

Bernard Roth
Father of Hannah Roth

Stanley Zeid
Father of Leonard Zeid

yahrzeits continued
on page 5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 12:00 Naomi Group 2:00 Torah Study 7:00 Shared Shabbat in homes 7:30 Shabbat Service	2 8:45 Torah Study 9:00 Family Service 10:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 Shabbat School 10:00 Shabbat Service and bat mitzvah of Hilary Block 5:00 Havdalah and bat mitzvah of Annie Kopp
3 9:00 Education Steering Committee	4 1:00 Mahjongg 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 6:20 Introduction to Hebrew	5 MISSOURI PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 7:00 Healing Circle 7:00 Drum Circle	6 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 7:00 Advocacy and Leadership Education Series	7 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc.	8 2:00 Torah Study 7:00 5th Grade Shabbat at Planetarium 7:30 Social Responsibility Shabbat Service	9 8:45 Torah Study 9:00 Family Service 10:00 Shabbat School 10:00 Shabbat Service and bat mitzvah of Madeline Lipton 12:15 Basic Judaism 2:00 Book Club 3:30 Baby/Tot Play Group
10 10:00 Confirmation 10:00 Teen Programs 10:00 Gathering the Sparks 10:00 Social Responsibility Circle 1:30 Healthcare Tikkun Olam Team 3:00 Education Tikkun Olam Team	11 1:00 Mahjongg 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 6:20 Introduction to Hebrew 7:00 Israel Circle	12 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service	13 12:00 Ruth Group 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 6:30 Anti-Affirmative Action Ballot Initiative Public Hearing at Harris-Stowe State University	14 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 7:30 Board Meeting	15 2:00 Torah Study 7:30 Shabbat Service	16 8:45 Torah Study 9:00 Family Service 10:00 Shabbat Service and bat mitzvah of Natalie Hillman 1:00 Grief Support Group
17 12:00 Interfaith 101	18 PRESIDENTS DAY 1:00 Mahjongg 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 6:20 Introduction to Hebrew	19 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 7:00 Men's Group	20 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 7:00 Advocacy and Leadership Education Series	21 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc.	22 2:00 Torah Study 6:30 LGBT Shared Shabbat Dinner 7:30 Shabbat Service	23 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service 10:00 Shabbat School 10:00 Shabbat Service and bat mitzvah of Hannah Bursack
24 10:00 Confirmation 10:00 Teen Programs 1:30 Healthcare Tikkun Olam Team 3:00 Education Tikkun Olam Team	25 1:00 Mahjongg 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 6:20 Introduction to Hebrew	26 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service	27 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 7:00 Advocacy and Leadership Education Series	28 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc.	29 2:00 Torah Study SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND 7:30 Shabbat Service	1 SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service 10:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 Shabbat School 10:00 Shabbat Service: Sacred Space/Sacred Time 12:30 Lunch and Learn: Shatteredness and Wholeness--Breaking the Heart Open 5:30 Et Ratzon: Teachings and Havdalah

2008 SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 1

Deepening Our Experiences of Shabbat - A Weekend with Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg, Ph.D.

Kabbalat Shabbat: Holy Ground: Entering the Mystical Sabbath

Friday, February 29, 7:30 pm

To enter Shabbat, the Kabbalists say, is to enter holy ground, to come home to the divinity in ourselves and others. It is a day of deep and joyous transformation (of time, divinity, and person) and a day of multi-tiered tikkun or restoration of relationships, ecosystem, and soul. Drawing on Abraham Joshua Heschel, the *Zohar* and Nahman of Breslov, Rabbi Ginsburg introduces the theme of Holy Pausing/Rest, and suggests several ways for more fully entering the day.

Shabbat Morning: Sacred Space/ Sacred Time

Saturday, March 1, 10:00 am - noon

A joyful worship service and text study to explore ways to celebrate the inner rhythms or "seasons" of Shabbat and the ebb and flow of Jewish spiritual life.

Lunch and Learn: Shatteredness and Wholeness: Breaking the Heart Open

Saturday, March 1, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

In this session, we explore the dialectic between shatteredness and wholeness, suffering and joy, that are part of any engaged spiritual life. As the Talmud put it, "both the whole tablets and the shattered tablets lie in the holy Ark." Drawing on midrashic and Jewish mystical texts, we examine the practice of breaking the heart open; the role of "dark moments" in spiritual growth, as well one source that points toward renewed hope: moving toward a theology of Resilience.

Et Ratzon: Teachings for Late Shabbat Afternoon and Havdalah

Saturday, March 1, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

According to the kabbalists, the waning hours of Shabbat are a time of special openness and favor, et ratzon. Through chant, meditation and texts we will extend and deepen our experience of Shabbat and learn how to take some of Shabbat's healing presence into the

week. We will move into Havdalah which we will mark both as a farewell to Shabbat and as a kiddush for the coming week.



Rabbi Elliot K. Ginsburg is Associate Professor of Jewish Thought and Mysticism at the University of Michigan, and rabbi of the Pardes Hannah minyan in Ann Arbor. He received his PhD in Religious Studies with a Concentration in Judaica from the University of Pennsylvania in 1984, and taught for nine years at Oberlin College, before coming to Michigan. Ginsburg has written two books on the kabbalistic celebration of the Shabbat and is currently working two books: a scholarly study of Jewish mystical prayer and meditation; and a multi-tiered study of Judaism as spiritual practice. He has published in an array of scholarly journals and has taught in synagogues, universities, and spiritual retreat settings in the United States, Israel, Australia and New Zealand. Elliot lives in Ann Arbor with his wife, their three wonderful children, and their three mostly wonderful cats.

5020 Watterman Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63108



NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
ST LOUIS MO
PERMIT NO 493