

SERVICES

Friday Evenings

- October 5** 7:30 pm
October 12 7:30 pm
 Social Responsibility Service
October 19 7:30 pm
October 26 7:30 pm

Saturday Mornings

- October 6** 10:00 am
B'reishit
 Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Holtzman
October 13 10:00 am
N oah
 Bat Mitzvah of Chelsea Mohr
October 20 10:00 am
Lech L'cha
 Bat Mitzvah of Nina Murov
October 27 10:00 am
Vayeira
 Bat Mitzvah of Dylan Brown

Yizkor

Thursday, October 4, 8:00 am

Simchat Torah

Block Party

Friday, October 5, 5:30 pm

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Health Care for ALL

I hope that the New Year has given each of you a renewed sense of hope that this will be a better year and that there will be many opportunities for us to do the work of Tikkun/repair in effective ways that will make a lasting difference. I am excited about our Tikkun Olam Teams and can't wait to see the opportunities that they present to us to partner in the areas we have chosen as a community. I believe that when we are clear about our core values, we have a better chance that we can trust our paths of action.

I want to tell you about an effort a few of us have been involved in that depends on core values to guide a challenging effort.

In April a group of faith leaders and advocates met at CRC to hear Vinny DeMarco of the Maryland Health Care for All Coalition. Vinny described how a small group of concerned citizens grew a statewide coalition by agreeing to certain principles, and guided by those principles, created a long term plan that would provide health care for all in Maryland. Vermont, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and a few other states are also on this path. We are hopeful that we can learn from their mistakes and build on their strengths.

Our first challenge is to break down the barriers that divide us. Those on the front line of health-care provision know that there is too much suffering to let anything get in the way of growing a coalition across this state that will have the power of enough people to demand change—real change, rather than cuts followed by band-aids on the bleeding.

Please read the draft of these principles and e-mail any feedback to Lauren Hamvas, Health Policy Organizer, at lhamvas@faithbeyondwalls.org. If you are ready to accept these principles for yourself or for an organization in which you are involved, please sign on. Signing on will help us build a base of a critical number of Missouri residents who want a plan to provide health care for ALL of us. It will also build a base that will have a say in HOW we create a plan that will work for all Missourians. Like our brothers and sisters in other states, we know that we need to build a grassroots coalition that allows the voice

of the people to overcome the powerful influence of special interest groups.

This kind of change requires trust, hard work, patience and a belief that together we can make health care available to all residents of Missouri. By endorsing the principles, you are not endorsing any particular health care proposal or legislation.

Please join our coalition today if you agree with these principles. Be one of the many individuals, faith groups and organizations that will bring accessible, affordable, quality health care to all of Missouri. We need all of us now.

The Principles

The Missouri Health Care for All Initiative is a non-partisan, grassroots movement launched by faith and community leaders committed to **providing access to affordable, high-quality health care for all Missourians.**

We strongly assert that investing in health care for all is both critically important for the well-being of all Missourians and a sound economic investment. Because nearly 800,000 Missourians have no health insurance, and more than 80% of the uninsured are workers and their families, this endeavor is crucial. Based on faith and ethical values, we affirm that all persons should have the opportunity for healthcare and healing.

Missouri is struggling with significant changes in health care access including unprecedented cuts to Medicaid, declining employer coverage and major shifts in health care delivery to publicly insured and uninsured individuals. In addition, health care costs are rising for those who have insurance coverage, in part due to the ineffective and inefficient way we pay for health care for the uninsured. Insured families spend an average of \$1000 per year to pay for health care for the uninsured. These serious changes and the ripple effects they produce in our communities, congregations and families motivate

Mazel Tov to . . .

- ✧ Samantha Werdel on her Bat Mitzvah
- ✧ Jesse Diamond on his Bar Mitzvah
- ✧ Robert Cropf on the publication of his textbook, *American Public Administration: Public Service for the 21st Century*

Sincere Condolences to . . .

- ✧ Amy Post on the death of her father, Roy J. Post
- ✧ Gwen Cullinane on the death of her mother, Dorothy "Scooter" Ehrlich
- ✧ Claude Evans on the death of his father, Rev. J. Claude Evans, Sr.
- ✧ Camille Greenwald on the death of her step-mother, Lucille Duer
- ✧ Suzanne Schoomer on the death of her mother, Naomi Podolsky

Welcome New Members . . .

- ✧ Josh Goldman and Sarah Gilbert
- ✧ Doug and Sabina Holtzman and Macy, Corbin and Elisabeth
- ✧ Amy C. Rauchway
- ✧ David Cape
- ✧ Jerome and Lili Sachar and Hilary, James and Brianne
- ✧ William Appleton and Jane Donahue and Kate and Isabelle
- ✧ Fran Fisher and Drew Kwiatek
- ✧ Deborah Levine and Christopher Timmerman
- ✧ Hilda and Barney Klearman

LGBT SHABBAT POTLUCK

Friday, October 26, 6:30 pm

Join us for a lively discussion.



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

Please RSVP to Maggie.

TIPBITS

Flu Shots at CRC

Wed., October 31, noon to 2:00

Flu vaccinations through TIP Healthcare will be offered at CRC. The \$25 fee per vaccination may be covered by insurance. TIP will bill the following insurance companies if you present an insurance card from their plans: Medicare B, Mercy Premier, Advantra - GHP, Essence, Humana Gold Choice and Unicare - Security Choice. Personal checks and cash will be accepted. To assure that an adequate supply of vaccine is available, you must **RSVP no later than October 24** to Joy at CRC, (314) 361-1564, ext. 109.



Deadlines

MEMO - 5:00 pm, 15th of the month
 e-announcements - noon, Wednesdays
 Shabbat bulletin - 10:00 am, Fridays

CRC Board Meeting

Thursday, October 11 at 7:30 pm

Simchat Torah

Friday, October 5 at 5:30 pm



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SHEMINI AZERET MORNING YIZKOR

Thursday, October 4, 8:00 am

Our morning Yizkor Service is somewhat different from those at other synagogues. Yes, we say the morning prayers. BUT, just the essential prayers. The CENTRAL aspect of this service is sharing stories about the loved ones we came to remember. It becomes a wonderfully moving and emotional service--a rather intimate service, so people have a chance to speak about their loved ones. And, you are free to remember any loved ones you want, not just those who died in this past year. A circle of love envelopes all who attend this service.

ROBERT "HONI" FISHBONE BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CRC

Saturday, October 20, 7:00 to 9:00 pm at CRC



"Lift your voice in chant with the rhythm of the drum" - Hebrew Psalms

Join Robert for this concert to raise funds to buy percussion instruments for CRC! Robert plays multiple and exotic instruments, tells amazing stories, and leads uplifting drum circles. Tickets are \$20 and include a drawing for a free djembe drum. Contact the office for tickets.

"If you like Honi, you'll LOVE Robert!" - Rabbi Randy

At 8:00 pm, Robert will lead a drum circle--no experience is necessary! At 8:30 pm, there's dessert, coffee and conversation--all included in the ticket price. A ticket also enters you into a drawing for themed door prizes including a beautiful Mountain Rhythm djembe drum (\$250 value). Note: you must be present at the drum circle to be eligible to win. Tickets are available in our office and at the door.

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

NAOMI GROUP

Friday, October 12, noon to 1:00 pm

Naomi Group is for women interested in re-envisioning and re-kindling their Judaism. We study Jewish women from Biblical to modern times. We will learn about the poet Yehuda Amichai (a man this time!).

RUTH GROUP

Wednesday, October 10, noon - 1:00 pm

Ruth Group is for women, not born Jewish, but connected with Judaism. We continue discussing the book: *The Autobiography of God* by Julius Lester. Please read to page 129.

BASIC JUDAISM

Discover the Meaning of Our Service

Saturday, October 13, noonish

Learn more about our Shabbat service. We will begin with the T'filah and explore what we do and why we do it.

BOOK CLUB

Saturday, October 13, 2:00 pmish

For those interested in exploring conversion or those just interested!

We continue discussing *Minyan* by Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro. We will meet after Basic Judaism at about 2:00 pm. Please read through page 145.

NEW!

HEALING CIRCLE

Tuesday, October 2
7:00 to 8:15 pm at CRC

The Healing Circle will be a monthly gathering to explore topics related to physical, emotional and spiritual healing and to offer fellowship, learning, blessings and support to those of us on the healing path.

Join Susan and Ed as we learn what Jewish tradition says about ways to support and respond to those who are struggling with illness, loss and other difficult life circumstances.

Meeting Times

A.R.T. @CRC

Thursday, October 18, 10:30 am

Basic Judaism

Saturday, October 13, 12:15 pm

Book Club

Saturday, October 13, 2:00 pm

Continuing Interfaith

TBA

Development Circle

Thursday, October 18, 6:00 pm

Drum Circle

Tuesdays, October 9 and 23, 7:00 pm

Education Steering Committee

Sunday, October 7, 9:00 am

Grief Support Group

Saturday, October 20, 1:00 pm

Healing Circle

Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 pm

Hospitality Circle

TBA

Interfaith 101

Sunday, November 18, 12:00 pm

Interfaith 102

Sunday, November 18, 9:30 am

Israel Circle

Monday, October 8, 7:00 pm

Membership Circle

TBA

Naomi Group

Friday, October 12, 12:00 pm

Religious Events Circle

Sunday, October 14, 8:30 am

Ruth Group

Wednesday, October 10, 12:00 pm

Social Responsibility Circle

Sunday, October 21, 10:30 am

Soul of the Building

Thursday, October 25, 7:00 pm

Yad b'Yad

Tuesday, October 2 6:00 pm in the sukkah

Year of Living Responsibly

TBA

Save the Date:

WOMEN'S RETREAT

January 26-27, 2008
Toddhall Retreat Center

More details later.

Note: there will be no active poison ivy at this time of year.



ISRAEL CIRCLE



POSES QUESTION ON ITS NEW BLOG

At each Israel Circle meeting, members respond to co-chair Steve Englehardt's update on current developments in Israel. At September's meeting, both Steve's report and the thought-provoking taped talk by Tom Segev led the circle to a crucial question: "How should our Circle's support for Israel include honest and legitimate criticism when warranted?" The time has come for a full discussion of how to be peacemakers and advocates while disagreeing with government policies that others in the community often support. We will base our discussion on resources posted on our blog, www.isrcl.org.

Looking ahead, two books, *Once Upon a Country: A Palestinian Life* by Sari Nusseibeh and Amos Oz's memoir, *A Tale of Love and Darkness* have been suggested for discussion in early spring. These two provocative, complementary and enlightening books about the last 60 years of Israeli/Palestinian life will be an informative background for this year's special anniversary celebration.

Those who would like to be added to the Israel Circle mailing list for information on dates for above programs and other activities of the circle should email a request to co-chair Gloria Morgenstern at Gmrg@aol.com. The circle meets the second Monday of almost every month at 7:00 p.m. in the CRC library.



Social Responsibility - CRC

HELP KICK OFF OUR NEW TIKKUN OLAM PLAN!

We are busily compiling the information we collected through our Tikkun Olam survey and at the Tikkun Olam Open Meeting on September 30. Please help us kick off the next phase of our Tikkun Olam Plan at one of two meetings:

Tikkun Olam Kick-Off Meetings: *Sunday, October 21 at CRC*

10:00-11:30 am

Social Responsibility Circle

Help the Social Responsibility Circle set a new and strategic direction for our Social Responsibility work! We'll be talking about what we want our Social Responsibility program to look like, as well as planning for upcoming projects. Please join us!

3:00-5:00 pm

Tikkun Olam Team Kick-off

Join one of our Tikkun Olam Teams and help CRC make an impact on the issues that matter most to us! Tikkun Olam Teams will be studying CRC's top-priority Tikkun Olam issues and creating strategic, meaningful projects that will allow CRC to make a real impact. You'll make new friends, learn new skills, and make a difference in repairing our world. The topics our Tikkun Olam teams will be working on will be announced shortly – watch your mail and e-announcements for details!



CRC AGAIN TO ASSIST HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Build Date: Saturday, November 10

As in past years, CRC will participate in constructing of new homes for first time homeowners in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers are needed to work from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 10. The homes are in the Mark Twain neighborhood at Vera and Euclid.

This is extremely rewarding work that does not require any special skills.

Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. To sign up, contact Jen Bersdale at (314) 361-1564 ext. 116 or jennifer@centralreform.org or sign the sheet that will be at the front desk with Joy.



Social Responsibility Shabbat

OPERATION PROMISE - ETHIOPIAN JEWRY

Friday, October 12, 7:30 pm

Please join us as we welcome a very special guest from Israel, Mazi Melsa.

Mazi Melesa was born in Ethiopia in 1979. In 1991, when she was twelve, she came with her family to Israel as part of Operation Solomon. For the first few months in Israel, she lived with her family at the Ethiopian absorption center in Netanya. There, she learned Hebrew and studied Israeli culture. After a few months, she enrolled in the boarding school. When she finished six years at the boarding school, she graduated with a high school diploma, and began her army service.

After completing her army service, she attended Haifa University to study occupational therapy. In the last two years of her studies, she occupied the position of chairperson of the National Ethiopian Students Organization. As chairperson, her major concern was to get involved in the affairs of the Ethiopian community, addressing the needs of Ethiopian immigrants.

Last year, after graduating Haifa University with an occupational therapy degree, she passed her responsibilities to the newly elected chairman of the Ethiopian students. Currently, she is representing the Ethiopian community through the office of NACOEJ and UJC.



TORAH STUDY

Fridays at 2:00 pm

with Maggie Duwe

and Jordan Ottenstein

Saturdays at 8:45 am

with Steve Miller

and Ed Harris

AN EVENING WITH RABBI JOSEPH TELUSHKIN

"Words that Hurt,
Words That Heal"

Thursday, October 25, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Clayton High School Commons



World renowned scholar and author of many highly-acclaimed books on topics ranging from Jewish literacy to Jewish humor, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin will speak at a program presented by the Jewish Council Against Family Violence in collaboration with Jewish Women International, Nishmah: The St. Louis Jewish Women's Project, National Council of Jewish Women and the Women's Connection of the Jewish Federation.

The entire community is invited to attend this discussion of communication for healthy relationships. The evening includes a desert reception. (Dietary laws will be observed.)

General admission is \$25, \$18 for students. You may make a \$100 purchase at the supporter level which includes 2 tickets and your name in the program. You may pay at the door or in advance by sending a check to:

Jewish Council Against Family Violence
PO Box 11804
Clayton, MO 63105

Or contact Carly Cooper, MSW/Event Coordinator at ccooper@gwbmail.wustl.edu or (314) 607-8444.

The Jewish Council Against Family Violence was organized in 1997 to address spousal, child and elderly abuse in the Jewish community. A toll-free confidential hotline refers domestic abuse victims to professionals in St. Louis for counseling, legal advice, help in finding a safe environment or rabbinic counsel. Confidential hotline: (314) 993-3636.

JEWISH COMMUNITY ORGANIZES FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE MONTH OF CHESHVAN



For the second year in a row, the St. Louis Jewish community—including congregations, Jewish community agencies, day schools, and other affiliated organizations—will promote the Hebrew month of Cheshvan as Jewish Social Action Month. This year, activities will begin the week of October 7 with Project Noah for Environmental Activism and continues through November 11, with events including a tree planting at Fairgrounds Park, a coat drive for the International Institute and an interactive poverty simulation at Temple Israel.

Project Noah (see page 6), a program of the Jewish Environmental Initiative, will feature several activities on Sunday, October 7. Other Cheshvan activities include:

- Annual JCRC Coat Drive for recent immigrants and refugees distributed through the International Institute. Coats can be dropped off at locations during the month of October. For list of locations go to www.jcrcstl.org or call (314) 442-3894.
- Participation in the CROPWalk (see page 6).
- The Annual Interfaith Tree Planting in Fairgrounds Park, coordinated by Faith Beyond Walls in partnership with the JEI, Sunday, October 21, 2:00 pm.
- A Poverty Simulation with interactive opportunities to explore the day-to-day realities of life in poverty (see below).
- An evening with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, (see left).
- An electronics recycling drive, sponsored by B'nai Amoona with the City of Creve Coeur, Monday and Tuesday, November 4 and 5.

KolDor, a network of young Jewish leaders, and the Office of the Prime Minister of Israel launched the concept of Cheshvan (the Hebrew calendar month without any holidays) as a month of unity and positive action. In 2006, KolDor recognized the St. Louis Jewish community (coordinated by the JCRC Bohm Social Justice Initiative) as the most effective community collaborative in the country for Social Action Month.

For complete information on these and all other local activities for Cheshvan, go to www.jcrcstl.org or call the Jewish Community Relations Council at (314) 442-3894.

POVERTY SIMULATION

Thursday, October 25, 6:30 pm
Temple Israel



Could you survive a month in poverty? Challenge yourself to grasp the day-to-day realities of living in poverty by engaging in the Community Action Poverty Simulation, a highly interactive and informative experience.

The program is sponsored by the Jewish Social Action Network, a collaboration of St. Louis Jewish congregations' social action committees. Beth Damsgaard-Rodriguez, Project Director of Faith Beyond Walls will facilitate the program for **adults and teens**.

The program is free of charge. An optional box dinner will be available at 6:00 p.m. for \$10 per person. The Simulation will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. For more information and to RSVP call Marci Mayer Eisen at the Jewish Community Relations Council (314) 442-3894 or go on-line to register at www.jcrcstl.org.

PROJECT NOAH ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Once again, the Jewish Environmental Initiative is spending the week we read the story of Noah to spread the word about how we all can save the planet:

Noah's Ark Children's Program

Sunday, October 7, 10:00 am at the JCC Wohl Building

Learn about species diversity through this incredible program put on by the St. Louis zoo
Meet animals of all sizes!

Art Exhibit and Sale-A Celebration of Life

Sunday, October 7, noon - 9:00 pm at B'nai Amoona

Environmentally-themed art

Keynote Address: Sailing With Noah: Protecting the Animals of our Planet

Sunday, October 7, noon - 9: pm at B'nai Amoona

Dr. Jeffery Bonner, President of the St. Louis Zoo

Tour The Alberici Building - 170 and Page

Wednesday, October 10, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

A highlight last year. A truly inspirational and award-winning green building meeting the highest standards of environmental excellence

Interfaith Urban Tree Planting

Sunday, October 21, 2:00 pm at Fairground Park - Grand and Natural Bridge

Dig in the dirt, help reduce global warming and beautify the park

For information on all of these programs go to www.jcrcstl.org or contact Marci Mayer Eisen at the JCRC (314) 442-3894, meisen@jcrcstl.org. For the Noah's Ark program, please contact Marci Diamond at the JCC (314) 442-3454, mdiamond@jccstl.org.



WALK AGAINST HUNGER!

CROP (Communities Responding to Overcoming Poverty)

St. Louis Interfaith Walk for the Hungry in Forest Park

Sunday, October 14

1:00 pm Registration 1:30 pm Step-off

What is the CROPWalk? An activity in which people of all faiths, ages, and socio-economic groups can participate to impact poverty. Walkers will collect donations and participate in either a 1 or 3 mile hike to raise money and awareness. Money raised will assist people in need locally and around the world. 2,000 CROP Walks take place in the United States each year. CROP Walks raise approximately four million dollars per year for local food banks and hunger agencies.

How do we participate? For information, please go to www.crowalk.org or contact the CRC coordinator of this event, Niki Shaffer at niki.shaffer@gmail.com.

The CROP Walk is supported in the Jewish community by the Jewish Social Action Network, JCRC Bohm Social Justice Initiative, JF&CS Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry, and individual congregations and organizations. Get involved today!

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us to work diligently to improve health care for all Missourians.

We resolve that our plan must:

- ✓ **Provide timely access to quality, affordable health care to all Missourians.**
- ✓ **Assure access in all communities regardless of geography or economic base.** Access and affordability of health care will meet the unique needs of rural communities challenged by geography and communities with high rates of poverty or unemployment. We also must ensure adequate participation of health care practitioners to meet this goal, including ensuring adequate provider reimbursement throughout the system.
- ✓ **Employ both private coverage options and public insurance programs including Medicaid.** We must protect the health care of those traditionally covered by public insurance programs including seniors, low

income individuals, children and people with disabilities. In addition, we must expand coverage to everyone, including those with pre-existing conditions.

- ✓ **Achieve fair and efficient financing.** Financing health care for all Missourians will include fair contributions from individuals, businesses, and public resources. The community will explore revenue sources that other states have successfully used to expand healthcare. Wise stewardship of our resources is critical in financing health care for all.

As our coalition is forming, our work to develop a plan to provide health care to all Missourians must:

- ✓ Truly reflect the diversity of our communities working in active partnership.
- ✓ Ensure meaningful public input into each step of developing the plan, including public meetings and hearings and meaningful engagement of consumers, front-line healthcare workers, advocates, health care providers, businesses, and state officials.
- ✓ Be based on best practices that have

proved effective in providing affordable, high quality, comprehensive health care, including wellness education, preventive care and mental health parity.

- ✓ Be subject to annual review and evaluation of the impact on the uninsured, the health care system and individuals who are insured under the new plan.

We the undersigned Missourians agree to the above principles and will work together to ensure that all Missourians have access to quality, affordable, accessible health care:

I am planning to take the principles to our board in October so we can join other congregations and communities who are signing on as well.

Again I wish us all a good, sweet and HEALTHY year!

Love,
Susan

NEW SERIES OF INTERFAITH WORKSHOPS

Please join us for a series of informative interfaith workshops, including time for discussion and getting to know each other. We will meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month beginning November 18, from noon to 2:00pm. This series will be conducted by Rabbi Susan, Rabbi Randy, and Maggie Duwe. Watch for details in the November MEMO, upcoming e-announcements or contact Maggie at (314) 361-1564 ext. 112 or maggie@centralreform.org.

INTERFAITH 102

Sunday, November 18, 9:30 to 11:30 am

In Interfaith 102, an extension of the Interfaith Workshop Series, we learn more about lifecycle events, holidays, Jewish traditions, cooking, how to raise a Jewish child, etc. Let's talk about and learn together about our extended families and how interfaith issues impact those relationships. Contact Maggie Duwe (see above) with questions or comments.

ST. LOUIS JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL



Actor, author, comedian Paul Reiser will open the 29th annual St. Louis Jewish Book Festival being held **November 4 through 14** at the Jewish Community Center in Creve Coeur. More than 21,000 people are expected at this year's Festival to hear Hollywood casting directors, the South Beach Diet Doctor, Miss Manners and the more than 30 other authors who will be discussing their books. All Festival programs are open to the public, run 60 to 90 minutes, include audience question-and-answer periods and are followed by a book signing with the authors.

The 2007 Festival will also feature: Leonard Nimoy, Judith Viorst, Naomi Ragen, Ambassador Dennis Ross, Jan Goldstein and plus-size model and author Emme; as well as a Concert Event with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra; the HE SAID/SHE SAID program; Missouri's Own local author panel moderated by Charles Brennan and so much more!

Too big to contain within the 11 days, this year's festival also includes a special preview event and a family event. On **Monday, October 22**, Anti-Defamation League National Director Abraham H. Foxman will discuss his book: *The Deadliest Lies: The Israel Lobby and the Myth of Jewish Control*. On **Thursday, November 15**, author Christos Nicola will discuss his book: *The Secret of the Priest's Grotto* at the St. Louis Country Library Headquarters on South Lindbergh.

Festival series tickets are good for admission to ALL Book Festival programs, including the Concert Event, Special Family Event and the Preview Event. COST is \$60 each. The St. Louis Jewish Book Festival is the largest Jewish Book Festival in the United States. For more information on the Festival and authors, visit the website at www.stljewishbookfestival.org.



Education

OFF TO A GREAT START!

Dear Families and Friends,

CRC's Religious School Program is off to a great start. The program directors, teachers and staff met all summer with the Education Steering Committee and have planned an outstanding year. We hope you will support our vision for deepening our students' Jewish knowledge and values while creating fun and exciting learning experiences for them. Throughout our program, we hope to provide opportunities for social justice and community involvement and engage our congregation, our families and our children.

Our goal is to create the best Jewish congregational school in St. Louis. We know that successful schools depend on three major strategies: *ongoing Jewish education and teacher development, family involvement and congregational commitment*. To support these strategies, the Education Steering Committee, which is composed of teachers, parents and congregational members, has been charged to expand and unite our richly diverse congregation. The following committee members welcome the involvement and assistance of all members of our congregation.

Shabbat School

Charlene Ehll (God Talk teacher/parent)
Lisa Greening (parent)

Teen Program

Karen Tameren (parent)
Melanie Seleman, Teen Representative

Teacher Liaison

Linda Cohen (teacher and parent)

Teacher Education and Development

Lori Geismar Ryan (parent)
Karen Olson (teacher, VP Education)

There will be many opportunities to support teachers, children, and programs. We need room leaders, class assistants, activity organizers, book fair volunteers, and special one time event planners. In Hebrew school we need adults who can listen to children read. We need your energy and excitement to make our goal of becoming the best Jewish congregational school in St. Louis a reality. Let's make this a congregational affair!

Shanah Tovah,
Karen Olson, VP Education
karmarv@swbell.net (314) 963-9795

Hebrew School

Bev Berla (Hebrew School teacher)
Laurel Sgan-Kibel (parent)
Janet Rodgers (6th grade parent)

Bar Mitzvah Connections

Gianna Jacobson (parent, past VP Educ.)
Toby Epstein (Hebrew school teacher)

Adult Education (Religious Events)

Steve Skrainka

Technology in Education

Marian Rosen (Hebrew school teacher)

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS *from Rabbi Michael and Jordan*

Shanah Tovah,

We are writing to let you know that the school year has gotten off to a great start and we are planning many exciting educational opportunities for the upcoming months. We are always looking for parents to help out, either with special events or in classrooms, so if you are interested please let us know.

Our teachers are working very hard to make sure that your students are receiving the best educational experience possible, but in order for them to do so, it is important for your students to be here as much as possible. If you know of an upcoming absence, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting Jordan at 314-361-1564 ext. 106 or jordan@centralreform.org, so we can inform the teachers and they can better plan their classes.

B'ahava,
Rabbi Michael and Jordan

FALL ADULT EDUCATION AT CRC

The Ghosts of Abu Ghraib
Sunday, October 21, 6:30 pm

This film looks beyond the headlines to investigate the political and psychological contexts in which torture occurred. RSVP to Jen at (314) 361-1564 ext. 116.

(Mature Audiences Only: Graphic images in film.)

Understanding Israel
Sundays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
October 7, October 14, October 28

A fun overview of "what is Israel?" It is part history, part culture and music, part politics, and part sight-seeing. "All you want to know" before your first—or your next—trip to Israel.

A Adult Hebrew
Beginning and Intermediate Hebrew classes resume on Monday October 1

Classes are ongoing and you may join at any time.

Introduction to Hebrew
Monday evenings, 6:20 to 7:30
Monday afternoons, noon to 1:00 pm

Introduction to Jewish Texts: Biblical to Post-Modern
Tuesday evenings from 6:20 to 7:30 pm

For beginning and intermediate learners.

Intro. to Jewish Spiritual Direction
Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
October 16, October 23, October 30

Jewish Spiritual Direction is a process in which individuals examine their relationship with God. Through texts, music, movement and structured exercises we will look at the presence of the Divine in our lives and explore how to develop spiritual practices that bring God closer to us. Contact Ed at (314) 652-3888.

Engaging: Daniel
Tuesdays, 6:30
November 6, 13, 20, 27

A four session Hebrew/Aramaic text study and discussion group, in honor of our beloved Daniel Olberties. Beginners and up.

General Fund

Bunny Gerstenfeld

In memory of Roy Post, father of Amy Post

Patty Croughan

In honor of Dr. Alan Lyss

Lisa Graivier Barnes and Carl Barnes

In memory of Todd Oberman's father, Harvey Oberman

Barb, Harv, Ty, and Lindsay Citerman

In honor of the birth of the granddaughter of Helene and Alan Spetner

Cynthia Rothbaum

As a tribute to her aunt, Patricia Soden who devoted her work to peace, tolerance, and justice for men and women everywhere

Betty and Howard Freed

In honor of Merle Freed's birthday

Susanne K. Glazer

In memory of her son, Michael Mandel

Ray Davidson

Wishing good health to Lou and Evelyn Myers and their sister Bess

Aly Abrams and Patrick Kelly

In honor of Sheila Greenbaum's installation as President of the Jewish Federation

& in honor of Alan and Leslie and the CRC choir in appreciation for their exceptional music and contribution to our High Holiday services

& In honor of Debby Levine and Chris Timmerman's move to St. Louis and their becoming new CRC members

Stewart Halperin and Susan Spiegel

In memory of Claude Evans' father, Rev. J. Claude Evans, Sr.

& In honor of the Hospitality of the Greenbaum-Wassermans

& In memory of Camille Greenwald's step mother, Lucille Duer

Stephen and Karen Levin Coburn

& Sanford and Rosalind Neuman

& Stewart Halperin and Susan Spiegel

& Ray and Alberta Slavin

& Stanley Slosberg

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

Ava and Bill Cooper

In honor of Ray Davidson and with best wishes to him on his move

Marilyn Ratkin

In great appreciation to Roger Goldman for speaking to JCRC's African American/Jewish Dialogue group

The Jappa Family

With thanks to Ed, Marty, and Leslie for opening up our souls to beauty through your music

Rabbis' Tribute Fund

Steve and Rebecca Brown

In honor of Rebecca's conversion and the immersion of Benjamin and Sarah (in utero)

Shelly Tobin Milder

*With gratitude to Rabbi Susan for a beautiful and meaningful baby naming ceremony
& With gratitude to Rabbi Randy for conducting her mother's stone dedication*

Ann R. Husch

With appreciation to Rabbi Talve

Renee and Kirby Soffer

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Alyssa Person

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Yoni Sarason

In honor of Rabbi Talve for her generosity and hospitality

The Jappa Family

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For Rabbi Randy's peace, strength, and tenderness

For Rabbi Jim's tradition, musical beat, and hope

Nathan and Linda Cohen

Building Fund

The Jappa Family

In honor of Sharon Brown, whose organization keeps us on track and ready to go!

Education Fund

Helene Frankel

With thanks for the Jonah Class

Nancy and Andy Weigley

In memory of Roy Post, father of Amy Post

Library Fund

Michael and Kathy Davenport

In honor of Michael DiPlacido

Echad Fund

Josephine and Richard Weil

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

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October 26 Cheshvan 14, continued

Richard Duer

Father of Camille Greenwald

Mary Fagerstrom

Mother of Ron Fagerstrom

Sylvia Klein

Grandmother of Stephanie Kurtzman

October 27 Cheshvan 15

Myron Wally Waldman

Father of Patricia Baker

October 28 Cheshvan 17

Vera Epstein

Mother of Stuart J. Epstein

Alexandra Bank Greenberg

Cousin of Marjorie Silverblatt

Marvin Katz

Father of Marlene Katz

Leon Trivers

Uncle of Sarah Anne Patz and Andrew Trivers

October 29 Cheshvan 17

Dan Greene

Uncle of Stephanie Kurtzman

Mary Langston

Mother of Wallace Langston

October 30 Cheshvan 18

Sophia Ellis

Grandmother of Elia Ellis

Harold Marver

Uncle of Betty Marver

Evelyn Rosenthal

Mother of Shera Kafka

Max Solomon

Uncle of Toby Epstein

October 31 Cheshvan 19

Lenore Bradley

Mother of Ralph Levy



Yahrzeits - may their memory be a blessing

October 1 Tishrei 19

Tillie Brown
Grandmother of Melvyn Brown

Marvin Foler
Father of Fran Kepler

Alfred E. Hollander
Father of Robert Hollander

Leonora (Lee) Lubeck
Mother of Renee Spiegelglass

Dorothy Wolin
Mother of Karen Blank

October 2 Tishrei 20

Clark Papin
Step-father of Linda Thomson

October 3 Tishrei 21

Ruth Horowitz
Mother of Larry Horowitz

Essie Mae Mitchell
Remembered by Jill Evans Petzall

Stephanie Silberman
Our friend

October 4 Tishrei 22

Elizabeth Donato
Grandmother of Cynthia Donato

Rose Fremder
Grandmother of Lise Bernstein

Louis Lander
Father of David Lander

Joshua Shlesinger
Father of Laura Sterman

October 5 Tishrei 23

Randee Roberts
*our member

Nathan Zeid
Father of Sharon Tobin

October 6 Tishrei 24

Beverly Kalish
Step-mother of Karen Kalish

Seema Levitasova
Grandmother of Yana Hotter

Jean Sanders
Mother of Kathleen Sorokin

Edward Sterneck
Father of David Sterneck
Grandfather of Jamie Sentnor

October 7 Tishrei 25

Marion Kneitel
Grandmother of Bradley Kafka

Selwyn Polsky
Cousin of Bruce Yampolsky

Mayer Jerome Rashbaum
Uncle of Meg Selig

Andrew Stone
Brother of Julianne Stone

October 8 Tishrei 26

Murray Engelhardt
Grandfather of Steven Engelhardt

Dorothy Friend
Mother of Robert Koff

Corinne Koplar
Mother of Beverly Barron

Clara and Leo Mednik
Parents of James Mednik

Duane Puryear
Our friend

Esther Sitzer
Aunt of William Sitzer

Katarina Zavorska
Remembered by Bobby Frauenglas

October 9 Tishrei 27

Cele Handros
Sister in law of Elaine Lapofsky Kesten

Julius Klein
Grandfather of Stephanie Kurtzman

Simon S. Sohn
Great-uncle of Staci Kramer

October 10 Tishrei 28

Nancy Grant
Wife of Harold Kletnick

Pauline Mendoza
Grandmother of Howard Nathanson

Abe Portnoy
Father of Harvey Earl Portnoy

Leonard Shaw
Father of Susann Silver

October 11 Tishrei 29

Nancy Bitterfield
Sister of Eric Berla

Margaret Smith
Mother of Carl Smith

Monica Williamson
Aunt of Julia Frank-Hundman

October 12 Tishrei 30

Margaret E. (Honey) Altman
Mother of Sally Altman

Ruth Bayer
Mother of Bunny Gerstenfeld
Grandmother of Ellen Amarnek &
Pamela Lester

Bill Broomall
Father of Ginny Weil

Blanche Dubin
Mother of Richard Dubin

Florence K. Gram
Mother of Richard Gram

Martha Jo Kepler
Mother of John Kepler, III

October 13 Cheshvan 1

Anna Gliner
Mother of Eileen Tamsky

Bertha Radvin
Sister of Morris Tamsky

Marvin "Dates" Schulman
Grandfather of Debbie Monfort

October 14 Cheshvan 2

***Ellen K. Bernstein**
Our member

Isadore Dolgin
Grandfather of Melvyn Brown

Sidney Gordon
Father of Florine Zimmerman

Ann Lieberman
Grandmother of Sharon Cohn
Mother-in-law of Joy Lieberman

Gene Jerome Melman
Father of Morton Melman

Naomi Pepper
Friend of Sally Altman

Scott Schramm
Son of Paul Schramm

Alice Weissman
Grandmother of Margy Weisman
Mother of Carole Lander

Philip Weissman
Father of Carole Lander

October 15 Cheshvan 3

Fannie Shapiro
Mother of Harvey Shapiro

October 16 Cheshvan 4

Gail Frances Altman
Niece of Harold Kravin

William Fagerstrom
Father of Ron Fagerstrom

Mollie Fremder
Mother of Nada Fremder-Krauss

Samuel S. Riven
Father of Stephanie Riven

October 17 Cheshvan 5

Adolph Baron
Father of Richard Baron

Leatrice Elias
Cousin of Sharon Hollander

Jean Gale
Mother of Rose-Lynn Sokol

Meyer Persow
Grandfather of Eric Friedman

Emil Paul Probe
Father of Marilyn Probe

Carol Rothstein
Mother of Paul Rothstein

October 18 Cheshvan 6

Ida Cohen
Mother of Geraldine Albert

William R. Frank
Father of Julia Frank-Hundman

Harry Frauenglas
Grandfather of Bobby Frauenglas

Emanuel Kafka
Father of Bradley Kafka

Robert J. Ulshafer
Remembered by Steven Fliesler

October 19 Cheshvan 7

Harvey Berkowitz
Father of Ira Berkowitz

Jenny Newman
Grandmother of David Moskowitz

James Smith
Father of Stacey Smith

October 20 Cheshvan 8

Lester Cohen
Father of John Cohen

Helene Mayer
Mother of Nancy Mayer

Doris Oglander
Mother of Jack Oglander
and Amy Wartman

October 21 Cheshvan 9

Bess Borushch
Grandmother of David Baron

Max Goffstein
Grandfather of Robyn Hunter

Joe Nessenfeld
Great-uncle of Gary M. Wasserman

October 22 Cheshvan 10

Sara Lass
Mother of Kathryn Lass

October 23 Cheshvan 11

Irwin Hochberg
Father of Steven Hochberg

Paul Orden
Father of Lisa Orden Zarin
Grandfather of Max and Carsen Zarin

Joseph Rennard
Father of Gary Rennard

Constance Sweitzer
Mother of Sharalyn Saks

October 24 Cheshvan 12

Rebecca Dauber
Grandmother of Charles Ettelson

Rose Goodall
Remembered by Ron Fagerstrom

Jacob Scheinbart
Grandfather of Laurie Sperling

October 25 Cheshvan 13

Maurice T. Dubin
Father of Richard Dubin

Julie Solomon
Friend of Staci Kramer

Gregorio Vaenberg
Father of Mario Vaenberg

October 26 Cheshvan 14

Sylvia Birnbaum
Mother of Sharon Levin

Herbert Brown
Father of Melvyn Brown



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 SUKKOT 10:00 "Gathering in the Sparks" Group 10:00 Confirmation 3:00 Tikkun Olam/ Advocacy Open Meeting	1 SUKKOT 12:00 Intro. to Hebrew 1:00 Mahjongg 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 5:30 Chavurah Motek in the Sukkah 6:20 Intro. to Hebrew	2 SUKKOT 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 6:20 Intro. to Jewish Texts 7:00 Healing Circle	3 SUKKOT EREV SHEMINI AZERET 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 6:00 Hashanah Rabbah - offsite	4 SHEMINI AZERET EREV SIMCHAT TORAH 8:00 Yiskor Service 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service	5 SIMCHAT TORAH office closed 2:00 Torah Study 5:30 Simchat Torah / Holy Ground Block Party 5:30 Kindergarten Shared Shabbat Dinner 7:30 Shabbat Service	6 8:45 Torah Study 9:00 Family Service 10:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 Shabbat School 10:00 Service and Bar Mitzvah of Andrea Holtzman
7 9:00 Education Steering Committee 3:00 Understanding Israel	8 12:00 Intro. to Hebrew 1:00 Mahjongg 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 6:20 Intro. to Hebrew 7:00 Israel Circle	9 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 6:20 Intro. to Jewish Texts 7:00 Drum Circle	10 12:00 Ruth Group 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service	11 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 7:30 Board Meeting	12 12:00 Naomi Group 2:00 Torah Study 7:30 Social Responsibility Service	13 8:45 Torah Study 9:00 Family Service 10:00 Shabbat School 10:00 Service and Bat Mitzvah of Chelsea Mohr 12:00 Shabbat School Teacher Meeting / Lunch 12:15 Basic Judaism / Discover the Meaning of Our Service 2:00 Book Club
14 8:30 Religious Events Circle 10:00 Religious Events Chanukah Planning 10:00 Confirmation 10:00 Teen Programs 1:00 CROP Walk - off site 3:00 Understanding Israel	15 12:00 Intro. to Hebrew 1:00 Mahjongg 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 6:20 Intro. to Hebrew	16 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 6:20 Intro. to Jewish Texts 7:00 Intro. to Jewish Spiritual Direction	17 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service	18 10:30 A.R.T. @CRC 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 6:00 Development Circle	19 2:00 Torah Study 5:00 Congregational Retreat at Camp Wyman begins 5:30 Pre-K / Rainbow Connection Shared Shabbat Dinner 7:30 Service	20 8:45 Torah Study 9:00 Family Service 10:00 Shabbat School 10:00 Service and Bat Mitzvah of Nina Murov 1:00 Grief Support Group 7:00 Rober Fishbone Benefit Concert
21 10:00 Teen Programs 10:00 Social Responsibility Circle 10:30 Prospective Member Welcome 3:30 Tikkun Olam Teams Kick-off 6:30 "Ghosts of Abu Ghraib" Movie and Discussion	22 12:00 Intro. to Hebrew 1:00 Mahjongg 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 6:20 Intro. to Hebrew	23 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 6:20 Intro. to Jewish Texts 7:00 Intro. to Jewish Spiritual Direction 7:00 Drum Circle	24 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service	25 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Service 7:00 Soul of the Building Committee	26 2:00 Torah Study 5:30 1st and 2nd Grade Shared Shabbat Dinner 6:30 LGBT Shared Shabbat Dinner 7:30 Service	27 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service 10:00 Shabbat School 10:00 Service and Bat Mitzvah of Dylan Brown
28 10:00 Confirmation 2:00 Interfaith Tree Planting - off site 3:00 Understanding Israel	29 12:00 Intro. to Hebrew 1:00 Mahjongg 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 6:20 Intro. to Hebrew	30 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc. 6:20 Intro. to Jewish Texts 7:00 Intro. to Jewish Spiritual Direction	31 11:00 Flu Clinic 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc.	1 4:00 Hebrew School 5:30 Hebrew School Svc.	2 12:00 Naomi Group 2:00 Torah Study 5:30 5th and 6th Grade Shared Shabbat Dinner 7:30 Service	3 8:45 Torah Study 9:00 Family Service 10:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 Shabbat School 10:00 Service 5:00 Havdalah Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Rosen

SIMCHAT TORAH '07

*Block Party and Celebration of
7 Years in Our Sukkat Shalom*

Friday, October 5 at 5:30 pm

This year on the day we set aside to celebrate the Torah, we will also celebrate the our seventh year as the only synagogue in the city of St. Louis. In the Jewish tradition, the seventh year is shmitah, a time for reflection, renewal, celebration and sharing. Just as we opened our building with a festival open to all, we want to welcome our CRC family, our neighbors on Waterman Avenue, our Holy Ground family of nearby church members and all our wonderful and diverse friends in St. Louis for a block party and Simchat Torah festival.

Bring your own picnic. Together we will mingle, enjoy klezmer music, dance with and unroll Torah, and read from the very end and the very beginning of our sacred scroll. We will also welcome our kindergarten students to the lifelong path of Jewish learning with a consecration ceremony.

Our weekly Kabbalat Shabbat service will follow.

CRC HOSTS SUKKAT SHALOM NATIONAL ART EXHIBITION



The first professional, juried art exhibition to be hosted by CRC has opened at CRC.

The selected works represent artists' representations of the theme "Sukkat Shalom," or Shelter of Peace. Artists from five different states were juried into the show, including works produced by two CRC members.

The show will hang in the oneg until December 1. All works are for sale.

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