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SHIR TIKVAH**
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January 2011



YOU'RE INVITED



**Cantor
Jalda Reibling**

**Scholar-in-Residence
Weekend**

**Come to welcome
and get to know
Cantor Jalda Reibling
from Berlin.**

Friday, January 14
7:15 Music Shabbat

Saturday, January 15
10:00 Shabbat Morning
Service and oneg

Saturday, January 15
4:00 Pot-Luck Dinner,
Havdallah, Stories and Song

Sunday, January 16
9:30-noon, schmoozing
during Tikkun Olam

Pot-Luck Dinner Reservation on page 11

Calendar Of Services

- Saturday, January 1 Parashat-Va-eira
▶ Lay-Lead Service-10:00 a.m.
Host Trustee-Cindy Silverman
- Friday, January 7 Candle-lighting- 4:58 p.m.
▶ Lay-Lead Service-7:45 p.m.
Host Trustee- Grace Laverdiere
Oneg Team-Bernstein
- Saturday, January 8 Parashat- Bo
▶ Yoga Shabbat Service-10:00 a.m.
Host Trustee-Karen Strichartz
- Friday, January 14 Candle-lighting-5:05 p.m.
▶ Music Shabbat -7:15 p.m.
▶ Service will include Cantor Jalda
Host Trustee-Erica Peresman
Oneg Team-Randa
- Saturday, January 15 Parashat-B'shalach
▶ Service with Rabbi Arnie &
Cantor Jalda -10:00 a.m.
Host Trustee-Keith Hurwitz
- Friday, January 21 Candle -lighting-5:14 p.m.
▶ Tot Shabbat 6:15 p.m.
▶ Service-7:45 p.m.
Host Trustee-Phil Bernstein
Oneg Team-Greenwald
- Saturday, January 22 Parashat-Yitro
▶ Lay Lead Service-10:00 a.m.
- Friday January 28 Candle lighting- 5:23 p.m.
▶ Services – 6:15 p.m.
Host Trustee – Len Redmond
Oneg Team – Hurwitz
- Saturday, January 29 Parashat - Mishpatim
▶ 3rd – 6th Grade Breakfast & Service –
10:00 a.m.
Host Trustee - Beth Isola

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Dates To Remember

Family Education

Sundays, January 9, 16, 23, 30
9:30 a.m.
February 6, 13
9:30 a.m.
Mondays, January 3, 10, 24, 31
February 7, 14, 28
6:00 p.m.
Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15
4:30 p.m.

Family Activities

Tikkun Olam Day at CST
January 16th

Adult Activities

Winter Celebration
Saturday January 29th
6:30 p.m.

Adult Enrichment

Torah Study Saturdays-8:45 a.m.
Adult Beginning Hebrew
Tuesdays -4:30 p.m.
Adult Intermediate Hebrew
Tuesdays -5:30 p.m.
Shabbaton with Cantor Jalda
Friday, January 14-16
Lunch & Learn with Vern Allen
Tuesday, January 11th
Noon

Board of Trustees' Meetings

Board of Trustees
Wednesdays,
January 5th
7:00 p.m.
February 2nd
7:00 p.m.
Executive Committee
Wednesdays,
January 19
7:00 p.m.
February 16th
7:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings

Membership Wednesdays,
January 19th
7:00 p.m.
February 17th
7:00 p.m.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Board
Thursday, January 13th
7:00 p.m.
Thursday February 17th
6:45 p.m.
Sisterhood Meeting
Wednesday January 26
6:45 p.m.
Religious Rituals Sunday, January 16
1:00 p.m.

From The Study Of



Dear Friends,

I hope you will carve time in your weekend schedule to spend some time getting to know Jalda Reibling, our High Holy Day Cantor. She is coming to America for a conference and will be making a swing through Troy to spend the weekend



with us. It will be an opportunity to informally get to know this

fascinating woman who has been on the front lines of history. Between the Holocaust and the divided Germany, Jalda was witness to it all, living in Berlin, helping bring the wall down. Jalda is engaging with a lot to share. We'll pray, learn, sing, hear stories, and schmooze. Please see elsewhere in the Schrier for the schedule details.

As the days begin to lengthen, let us reflect that light through all that we do.

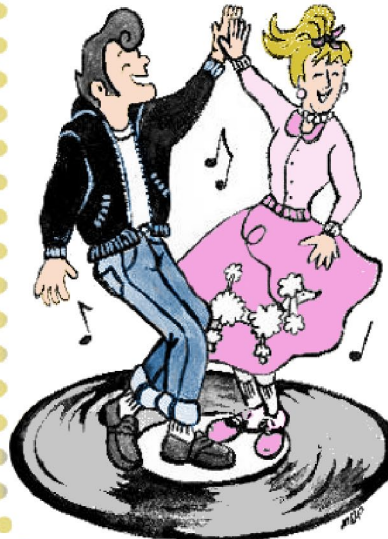
B'shalom,

Rabbi Arnie

See Schrier front page for Jalda's entire schedule.

*Are you interested in learning more about conversion to Judaism?
If so, please contact Rabbi Arnie at 248-649-4418 ex. 2 or rabbiarnie@shirtikvah.org.*

Let's go to the
HAVDALAH HOP!
Happening at
Congregation Shir Tikvah
Saturday, January 29, 2011
6:30-10:30 p.m.



- \$18 per person for Shir Tikvah members, before January 12, 2011.
- \$25 per person for non-members and CST congregants who miss the deadline.

Get your reservation in to the CST Office ASAP! (page 11)

Dance to the oldies, chow down on great eats & stroll on down to the Auction and spend your bread on crazy stuff!

Cruise on over & join the fun!
Be there or be square!

President's Message -

Random Thoughts Random Thoughts Random Thoughts

It's cold.

By now, we have probably had a few winter storms resulting in several inches of snow. But, as I am writing this to you, we are just beginning to face what will probably be a long and, for me, dreadful period of cold and dreary weather.

I'm cold.

I have a love-hate relationship with the winter season. I do not enjoy having to put on layers of clothing, including the itchy wool around my neck. All of these extra clothes always make me feel like I've put on an extra ten pounds. And who could possibly enjoy feeling good about putting on an extra ten pounds! But I also love the opportunity to put on these same clothes. It's been several months since I last saw them. How do they fit? Remember that favorite sweater? Well, here it is again. Hmm, maybe I should have washed it before I put it away. But it still looks good, and it seems to fit well. I hate the anticipation of all of the snow shoveling in the future. But I love the idea of warming up with a cup of hot chocolate and some warm cookies when I come back inside. I find that I am comforted by being with my friends and family more during this cold season than any other time of the year.

I'm beginning to feel warm.

When I am blue about the weather, I try to find something to make me feel better. Often the answer comes when I think about Congregation Shir Tikvah and the many friends and "family" that I have. As an example, after a long work week, when I come to a Friday night service, I am warmed by the welcome I always receive when I walk in the door. Many of you know that my favorite phrase for CST is, "Nobody hugs like Shir Tikvah." And it's true. In other places and venues, people often greet each other with a nod or a handshake. Apparently, we don't stand on ceremony at my favorite congregation. It's always hugs. Even when it becomes a contest to see who can hug the tightest, there's still that warmth of friendship that slips through.

I'm getting warmer.

CST has so many opportunities to get involved with activities. Whether

it's helping with a Shabbat service, participating in an event like "Empty Bowls" or planning an event in the near/far future, the relationships that develop in the process of helping adds to the good will and high spirit that is what CST is all about.

If there is an activity that you would like to do at CST, call Jeff Stewart and tell him. He will make the proper connections to get you started. If there's an activity that you would like to start that we don't have at CST, tell Jeff or Rabbi Arnie or me. We will be happy to listen and, if possible, make it happen. The important thing is to share your thoughts with us and with other members of our wonderful congregation.

A few weeks ago, I was approached by a woman who was visiting our Friday night service. She was overwhelmed by the spirit we bring to our prayers. She mentioned that she had been to some other services, not all of them Jewish in nature, and had never experienced the presence of a "family" or of God in such a unique way.

And that's what warms me, during this season. The community of Shir Tikvah provides warmth to all who participate. Let's share the warmth that we are with others. Invite your coworkers, friends and family members to join us. Let them find out for themselves the warmth that we can give to others.

B'Shalom,



SAVE THE DATE AND BE A MENSCH!

CST will host an adult-only night out at Meadow Brook Theatre on Saturday, March 19, 2011, to see the critically acclaimed Marc Camoletti farce, "Ding Dong," a follow-up to his smash hit "Boeing, Boeing." We're planning a first-rate affair to include a Pre-Glow theater tour with the Meadow Brook creative director and an afterglow to meet and greet the cast. Proceeds will benefit our own Sam and Jean Frankel Family Education Program.

Here's how you can get involved, help support CST and have a great time doing it. Please volunteer to help with: ticket sales, raffle, organizing the pre- and afterglow. With your participation, we'll have a fantastic event and provide support to our top notch family education program.

For details or to volunteer, contact Phil Bernstein by e-mail at philbernstein@comcast.net or by phone at 248-207-1733.

**Be A Mensch!
Volunteer today!**

Just A Reminder About the January Diva Dinner

Dinner will follow Music Shabbat January 14, 2011

Enjoy chicken slow baked in yummy Marinara sauce, veggies over rice with a big salad and a selection of breads. For vegetarians: Pasta Marinara & wonderful veggies! Cantor Jalda will be joining us.

New family friendly rates. Adults: \$10.00 per person, children 6-12: \$5.00 each, children 5 and younger FREE. Payment and reservations are due in the shul office by Thursday, January 6. Reservation form on page 11.

Congregation Shir Tikvah Shabbat Prayer

Opportunities

At CST, every Shabbat contains at least one Friday night and one Saturday morning prayer opportunity

6:15pm., Friday night

Short, Sweet, Spiritual Shabbat!! Complete by 7:00pm, this service offers a full Shir Tikvah prayer experience in a condensed time; affording the rest of the evening to go home, or out with friends and family for a Shabbat meal. We begin at 5:50pm with some time to connect with others and enjoy some light snacks (cheese, hoummos, fruit etc.) to tide you over. (There is no oneg after the service)

7:15pm., Friday night

Ahhhhhhhhhh what is fondly known as "Music Shabbat". These lively services are filled with an extra large dose of singing, dancing, lively, prayer-full energy, making it perfect for both adults and children. Oneg follows.

7:45pm., Friday night

The "Shir Tikvah basic", this service is orientated to adults (though open to children). In our familiar style this is a beautiful, spiritual, singing, participative Shabbat service with a fuller liturgy and sermon or Torah discussion than the other services. Plenty of time for oneg schmoozing, noshing and visiting with your CST "family" follows the service.

10:00am., Saturday morning

When led by our bar/bat mitzvah young adults, these services offer a wonderful window into the full religious, spiritual and social experience that Shir Tikvah offers in the Family Educational Program. Each individual brings their unique gifts, talents and experience to this expression. At other times, this Saturday morning service offers a time for intimate shared prayer, with all of the warmth and spirituality that is Shir Tikvah.

All Saturday morning services are followed by an oneg.

Family Shabbat Services (various times and days)

"Family Service" is CST code for a service approximately 30 minutes long and geared toward children 8 years old and younger. Full of music, movement, and age-appropriate teaching, these services are generally scheduled for Friday nights at 6:15 or Saturday mornings at 10:00. Great fun for little ones and their families!!



Hope everyone had a Happy New Year! Thank you to all who helped with our Chanukah Spree and Latke Dinner. We couldn't have done such a great job without all our Sisterhood Members. Way to go - Sisterhood.

Sisterhood is gearing up again for some great activities. We will be having our NEW MEMBER POT LUCK Dinner on January 26, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. New members are invited to come and enjoy

a great evening. Invitations will be going out soon. The rest of the Sisterhood membership will be making some delicious dishes for everyone to share.

If you haven't joined Sisterhood, it is not too late. Contact a Sisterhood member for details. There are more events to happen, so join us.

Remember the GIFT SHOP - If you are shopping for Judaica items, please consider using the CST Sisterhood Gift Shop. Remember - the monies we earn go toward scholarships for our youth. Please join us.

Shalom -

PATTY and RUTH

SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS

The Youth Scholarship Fund of Congregation Shir Tikvah and CST's Sisterhood Scholarship Fund are for kindergarten through high school age youth who need financial help with expenses relating to a Jewish day or overnight camp, trip to Israel, and/or a NFTY kallah or camp. Please contact our administrator at 248-649-4418 x1 or administrator@shirtikvah.org to receive the application form that needs to be sent in with your request for scholarship money. (Both the Executive Committee and Sisterhood will look at all requests at one time). All requests for 2011 must be received in the office by February 28, 2011.



Last month, you had a chance to make bowls for the annual CST Empty Bowls Dinner coming up on Friday, February 11. For those of us whose creative talents are in the kitchen rather than (or in addition to) making the bowls, there's another opportunity to make an important contribution to this incredible event. Your donations of soup, bread, salad, or cookies will make the evening a rousing success once again. Donations of handmade bowls that could be sold or auctioned off would make a wonderful addition to the other bowls that have been prepared.

Of course, your presence that evening is an important element for this program to be successful. Unlike other CST dinners, reservations aren't required. However, it does help if we know how many people to expect. If you'll be joining the fun for dinner that evening, please return the reservation form on page 11.

Your help setting up, cleaning up, and selling the bowls would be gratefully appreciated—really gratefully appreciated. Everyone would like to be able to enjoy the always popular Music Shabbat Service that follows the dinner.

Donations of \$10 per person will entitle someone to choose a bowl. Families are asked to donate \$25.00, and they will be able to choose two bowls. Of course, larger donations are welcome and are desperately needed by all of the food service charities in our community. Please remember that your monetary donations for this event are kept within our metro Detroit community to support food service organizations that provide important assistance to families who are struggling in the current economy and are having a difficult time providing healthy meals for their families. You'll make out your check that evening to the organization you want designated, and it's completely tax deductible. If you'd prefer, you could make your check out to CST. It's still completely deductible, and it will be used to help defray any costs incurred.

Also available that night will be some special bird houses made by our CST High School students in the style of Detroit artist Tyree Guyton's Heidelberg Project. The bird houses will be used as table decorations and then sold to help the homeless.






If you can help, please contact Joyce Bayer or Michael Phillips to let them know. Email is preferred for Joyce (joycebayer@sbcglobal.net), but for the technologically challenged, there's always the telephone—248-855-0459. Michael's phone number is 248-443-4959.

New Family Education

A Word From Wren

Mmm... For some reason I'm stuck in the M's this month. So, instead of fighting it, I'll succumb and write only what pertains to M's! M comes smack in the middle of the English alphabet, and we are halfway through the Hebrew school year! M is also for Mensch, "a person of integrity and honor," so says one dictionary source. At CST, we are trying to teach our students that being a mensch is something to strive for; it is an important Jewish value. Have you seen our Mensch board? It's filling up with pictures of kids who have demonstrated just that. Students from Pre- K right through 6th grade are being recognized for being helpful, considerate and kind. We are recognizing, honoring, and gifting them with a "SuperMensch" T shirt. Ultimately, the lesson we wish to bestow on our students is not that when you do a good deed you will be rewarded, but rather, that is an important Jewish value. Hopefully, by reinforcing it when they are young, being a Mensch will remain in their consciousness when they are older. We're trying, how about you? Has the M word of "Mensch" been said in your house lately? I'd like to give a big "shout out" to Federation for granting us the money to purchase the T Shirts.

M is also for "Moodometer" or at least that is the word we gave to describe our next project. When students return from break they will see something different in the classrooms. On one wall will be a whiteboard with a bunch of face magnets. The faces will depict 4 different moods: happy, sad, mad and neutral. Upon entering the classroom, teachers will begin asking students to rate themselves by choosing a face to put on the board. They will again choose a face when they leave at the end of class. We are doing this for a few reasons. First, it will give teachers a view of where their students are "at" and possibly adjust their teaching based on what they see on the board. For example, say it was Halloween the day before class, many of the kids may put up a neutral face or a sad or mad face as they are feeling the effects of an overload of sugar. The teacher, seeing that, may realize that they are not going to get through their whole lesson plan and can adjust. Second, by seeing if the teacher affected the students mood, lets them know they either 1) reached the kids or 2) they didn't. If, repeatedly we see downturned face magnets at the end of the day, we know something needs to be adjusted. The "Moodometer" is a form of assessment, a way to help us better reach the students with our teachings. We'd also like to hear from you. What face do you have when you enter the building? When you leave? How can we help make you SMILE more?

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
ADULT EDUCATION						1 8:45 AM TORAH STUDY
1/9 <u>When Your Child is the "Other": Diversity and Bullying</u> Judy Lewis, Exec. Director Jewish Gay Network of Michigan Every parent dreads when their child is bullied. Learn how to take the journey with your children to a safer, more accepting life.						
1/23 <u>Shabbat: Building a Palace in Time (part of the Intro to Judaism series)</u> Rabbi Arnie Shabbat is the one Jewish holiday that comes every week! Learn how to make the most of the gift G'd has given us. We will also touch on study, messiah, covenant and chosenness.						
1/30 <u>Cooking with Elwin: Shabbat Foods</u> Elwin Greenwald, Chef and Owner of Elwin's Scones Join Chef Elwin as he shares recipes and tips for creating a family Shabbat Dinner!						
2 NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK	3 High School resumes	4 3-6 Grade Adult Hebrew	5	6	7	8 8:45 AM TORAH STUDY
9 PRE K/K FAMILY ED Noon: Junior Youth Group Pizza and Planning	10 High School	11 3-6 Grade Adult Hebrew Lunch and Learn with Vern Allen	12	13	14	15 8:45 AM TORAH STUDY
16 FAMILY EDUCATION TIKKUN OLAM DAY! 	17 NO SCHOOL	18 3-6 Grade Adult Hebrew 5:00 Tu B'Shevat Seder (Families are invited to attend)	19	20 ט"ו בשבט הגי'ע  חג לאילנות	21 PJ Tot Shabbat- 6:15 p.m. 	22 8:45 AM TORAH STUDY
23 PRE K/K FAMILY ED Noon: Gimel Hey Club	24 High School	25 3-6 Grade Adult Hebrew	26	27	28	29 8:45 AM TORAH STUDY 9:30 3-6th Grade Breakfast and Shabbat Service 
30 PRE K/K FAMILY ED Birthday Blessings! 	31	SUNDAY MORNING SCHOOL: 9:30 AM-12:00 NOON MONDAY NIGHT SCHOOL: 6:00 PM-8:30 PM TUESDAY NIGHT SCHOOL: 4:30 PM-6:00 PM			BLACK: SCHOOL BLUE: GEARED FOR ADULT LEARNERS RED: FAMILY/PARENT EDUCATION GREEN: YOUTH GROUP	

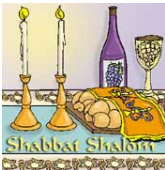
קהל Adult Education Opportunities January 2011

When your Child is the “Other”:
Diversity and Bullying
1/9/11 10:15 am



Every parent dreads when their child is bullied. Join Judy Lewis, Executive Director of the Jewish Gay Network of Michigan to learn how to take the journey with your children to a safer, more accepting life.

Shabbat: A Palace in Time* with Rabbi Arnie
1/23/11 10:15 am



Shabbat is the one Jewish holiday that comes every week! Learn how to make the most of the gift G'd has given us. We will also touch on study, messiah, covenant and chosen-ness.

Part of the Intro to Judaism series

Cooking with Elwin: Shabbat Foods
1/30/11 10:15 am

Join Chef Elwin Greenwald, Owner of Elwin's Scones, as he shares recipes and tips for creating a family Shabbat Dinner!





GENERAL FUND

In Honor of:

JoAnne and Cary Levy (Mazel
Tov on becoming grandparents)
Richard and Pamela Spitzer

LIBRARY FUND

In Memory of:

Edward Sieracki (Yahrzeit)
Bruce and Karen Sage

PRAYERBOOK FUND

Mark Feldstein

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of:

Michael Yendick (Yahrzeit)
Shelly and Arnold
Podolsky & family
Steve Isenberg (Yahrzeit)
Eileen Isenberg
Arthur Haley (Yahrzeit)
Sharon Curran
Freddie Berkowitz (Yahrzeit)
Susan and David Efros
Jean Silverman (Yahrzeit)
Harriett Silverman
Herbert Koenig (Yahrzeit)
James Koenig

In Honor of:

Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg
(Appreciation)
Merrill and Mark Saidman

RICHARD J. SWEET JEWISH EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of:

Mary Schwartz (Yahrzeit)
Lincoln and Dorothy Sack

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory of:

Ida Sack (Yahrzeit)

Lincoln and Dorothy Sack

In Honor of:

JoAnne Levy (Retirement)

Gloria Sternberg

James and Betty Line

Rabbi Aaron, Rebecca,

Caleb and Ayal Starr

TAUBER CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In Memory of:

Victor Hurwitz (Yahrzeit)

Keith Hurwitz and Patty

Rehfus

Rachel Nelson (Yahrzeit)

Naomi Choinard

Lunch and Learn will be held on Tuesday, January 11th with Vern Allen. Bring a bag lunch and a friend; coffee and tea are provided.

An opera in English? Nostalgic about the '70s? Watch Mao dance and relive Kissinger's gravely pontificating. James Maddalena stars as Richard Nixon in the lyrical opera "Nixon in China" by John Adams, America's foremost classical composer. When: Sat. Feb. 12th 1:00 – 4.40p.m. Where: AMC Forum, Mound Rd. Sterling Hgts. Or, meet at CST at 12:15p.m. to carpool, Cost: \$22 (seniors \$20).

Are you looking for a way to gain a sense of community at Shir Tikvah? Do you want to have a chance to make new friendships or strengthen those you already have? Would you enjoy sharing in the preparation of dinner and then relaxing in the company of your Shir Tikvah family? Well, if you join one of the Shir Tikvah Dining Groups, you can strengthen your connections at Shir Tikvah while delighting in a wonderful meal.

We have added two new groups so far and hopefully we will have a number of additional groups for 2011! If you are interested in joining/forming a group or being added to the substitute list, please contact: Rochelle Rubin at 248-737-0852 or rrubin723@comcast.net

Movie Night is January 15, 2011

Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. This month's movie is described as both a comedy and a drama, The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz starring Richard Dreyfus in English from 1974. The story: The younger son of a working-class Jewish family in Montreal, Duddy Kravitz yearns to make a name for himself in society. This film chronicles his short and dubious rise to power, as well as his changing relationships with family and friends. Along the way the film explores the themes of anti-semitism and the responsibilities which come with adulthood. One reviewer wrote, "Am I a jerk or what? I loved Duddy Kravitz. Even though he's a back stabbing, robbing crook of a shmuck, who has every right to be despised, I wound up rooting for him



anyways. Do I feel guilty? Absolutely not! And here's why." Richard Dreyfuss.

Come join us at Shul and watch the movie with us on our new screen. Except for the chairs, it's almost like going to the theatre without the price. As always, Movie Night is a free event. All we ask is that you bring a snack to share and stay after to help us clean up. Please feel free to bring a friend. Movie Night is an adult event. Evening starts at 7:00 p.m. Film rolls at 7:30 p.m. See you at the movies!

Save the date for the next Family Chavurah. Our next event will be on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 5 p.m. If you have any ideas for what your family might enjoy participating in with other Shir Tikvah families, contact either Michelle Kleiman (scottmichk@aol.com) or Faye Blatt (pfblatt@hotmail.com).

In Our Thoughts...

Our hearts go out to the following members who have recently lost loved ones...

The family of Phyllis Kolko on her passing November 26. Phyllis was a long time member and active volunteer at Shir Tikvah and will be missed.

To Jan Laurencelle on the passing of her beloved brother Mark Laurencelle.

To Steven Ratiner & Ester Sleutelberg on the passing of Steve's father, Samuel Ratiner on December 5th

Zichrona Livrachah-May the names of Phyllis Kolko, Mark Laurencelle & Samuel Ratiner be remembered for a blessing, and may their families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Israel.

Mee-she-bay-rach

The following members of Shir Tikvah are in need of healing and are being included in our Mee-she-bay-rach prayer, our prayer for healing of body and spirit.

Beverly Lessen	Paula Zalesin
Dale Thayer	Art Bayer
Amie Podolsky	Pat Shaw
Rick May	Cheryl Gumenick
Theodore Golden	Linnea Bassin
Jean Herschfeld	



Tikun Olam/Caring Community

Connecting members in need of physical, emotional and/or spiritual healing to helping hands and hearts within the congregation and/or existing community resources.

If you need assistance from the Caring Community, call Wren Hack at 248-865-4414 or Pat Shaw at 248-625-1844. If you want to help please call Wren Hack or Pat Shaw.

A Time to Prepare: Purchasing Cemetery Plots with Congregation Shir Tikvah

The Book of Ecclesiastes assures us that there is a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to plant, and a time to uproot; a time to tear down and a time to build; a time to dance and a time to grieve; a time to be born, and a time to die. There is also a time for preparing for one's own mortality, and a time to ensure that one's family can fulfill the mitzvah of Kavod HaMet-honoring the deceased-rather than worrying after a loss about the unfortunate details of cemetery plot purchasing. For a price of \$1500 (financing is available), you can purchase a plot at the Congregation Shir Tikvah cemetery located at Oakview Cemetery, 1032 N. Main, Royal Oak.

For more information or to purchase a plot, please contact JoAnne Levy at 248-649-4418 ex.1

How Do We Care?

As part of the mitzvah of Bikkur Cholim, the CST Caring Community Committee can provide visits and support to those members of Shir Tikvah who are hospitalized or confined to nursing and rehabilitation facilities. We can provide a meal, if needed, for member families in crisis.

Additionally, the CST Caring Community Committee will send a shiva tray for up to 25 people to the family of a deceased congregant. However, if the deceased is not a congregant, Shir Tikvah defers to individuals to fulfill the mitzvah of Se'udat Havra'ah (the meal of condolence).

Great News for Shir Tikvah Kroger Shoppers

If you have a Kroger Plus Card, you can easily help earn money for Shir Tikvah without spending any extra except for your normal grocery shopping. Follow the instructions below and Kroger will start donating 5% of what you spend to Shir Tikvah.

Go online to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Sign into your account or create your account by entering your Kroger Plus Card number and other information they require. Don't have a card stop by the service desk at Kroger and ask for a free card.

After you are signed in, click on "View My Fuel Points" on the left.

At the bottom of that page, click on "Edit Community Rewards Program Information"

Under "Find Your Organization" type our organization number "82673."

Select Congregation Shir Tikvah by clicking on the little circle next to our name. Save your selection.

Unfortunately the card does have to be relinked every April in order for Shir Tikvah to receive money in the next year May 2010 to May 2011.

Used Ink Cartridges = \$ For CST

Did you know that used computer ink cartridges could be recycled? Not only that, CST can get money for them (up to \$5 per cartridge)! Leave the empty cartridges at the Office and CST High School students will recycle them for money. A great way to be green and earn green for your shul!



Are you one of the 43 million Americans without health insurance?

Between 5% and 10% of all Jewish households in our metro area are families without health insurance who are unable to access doctors, buy needed medications or afford the cost of health care. If you or someone you know is uninsured or unable to afford health care, contact Project Chessed, the Jewish Family Service "clinic without walls", that connects the medically uninsured to a network of volunteer providers. Project Chessed is a partnership between Jewish Family Service, The Jewish Fund, Jewish physicians and local hospitals.

Call Project Chessed at Jewish Family Service (248) 592-2300

Children at Services

Congregation Shir Tikvah loves children and encourages them to attend Friday evening and Saturday morning services.

We have added a coloring section at the back of the sanctuary for children who come to services with their parents. This special corner is set up at all services other than Tot Shabbats, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, and Purim.

Parents are always responsible for their children.

- 1 Steve Isenberg
Son, Eileen Isenberg
- 1 Helen Slyker
Mother, Louis Slyker
- 3 Abraham Mitchnick
Father, Karen Strichartz
- 5 Edward Solomon
Brother, Deborah Gibbs
- 6 Barbara Press
Mother, Heidi Press
Mother, Robin Wojta
- 8 Irene Turbow
Mother, Bruce Turbow
- 9 Arthur Silverstein
Father, Michael Silverstein
- 10 Harold Cohen
Father, David Cohen
- 10 Lynn Podolsky
Wife, Arnold Podolsky
- 12 Aaron Bayer
Father, Arthur Bayer
- 12 Miriam Friedman
Mother, Joan Slyker
- 12 James A. Logan Sr.
Father, Leslie Hacker
- 13 Edward Cardiff
Step-Father, Debra Wolson
- 13 Luba Izraelewicz
Mother, Anne Goldberg
Mother, Garry Izraelewicz
- 14 Henry Hirsch
Father, Floyd Hirsch
- 15 Gertrude Katzman
Mother, Sara Katzman
- 17 Leila Polk
Mother, Matthew Klar
- 18 Pamela Sutherland Averbach
Mother, Pauline Averbach
- 18 Florence Muskovitz
Sister, Ruth Hurwitz
- 20 David Bernstein
Father, Martin Bernstein
- 20 Samuel Bernstein
Father, Stephen Bernstein

- 20 Sonja Goldberg
Mother, Peter Goldberg
- 21 Daniel Belenson
Father, Sheldon Belenson
- 21 Helen Sborow
Mother, Ruth Hurwitz
- 22 Sheldon Grant
Husband, Maxine Grant
- 22 Suzanne Meyer
Mother, Claire Galed
- 22 Evan Press
Brother, Robin Wojta
Brother, Heidi Press
- 24 William Hertz
Father, Steve Hertz
- 24 Grace Jacobs
Grandmother, John Ferrier
- 25 Charles Israel
Father, Larry Israel
- 25 Charles Simpson
Brother, Dave Simpson
- 26 Miriam Sage
Mother, Bruce Sage
- 27 Mary Jo Cain
Sister, Jenny Koenig
- 27 Margaret Meltzer
Mother, Barbara Cash
- 27 Allan Silverman
Brother, Harriett Silverman
- 28 Helen Steinberg
Mother, Lev Raphael
- 29 Abe Berkal
Father, Tzvi Berkal
- 29 Roberta Golding
Sister, Cheryl Racklin
- 29 Raoul Modiano
Brother, Joseph Modiano
- 30 Clara Cohen Reiha
Mother, Dennis Broadhead
- 30 Edith Deitch
Mother, Beverly Deitch
- 30 Rosaline Solomon
Mother, Deborah Gibbs
- 31 Mitchell Lee
Brother, Jordan Lee

*May Their Memory
Be A Blessing*

couple days old, but think of it this way - as of 01/01/11, spring is only 79 days away!

Lots & lots of things to do at Shir Tikvah in 2011. I hope you will participate in as many as possible and I look forward to seeing you there.

‘Til I hear from YOU.....



F.Y.I.

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649-4418 Ext. 2

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Shul Office Hours

Monday-	10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday-	10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday-	10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Thursday-	10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Friday-	10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.



Notes From Home

Another year has come and gone. Isn't that amazing? I hope that 2011 is a good and gracious year for all of you.

Oh my goodness! Seems like Mother Nature has gone 'postal' on us. Sometimes the sun comes out and tries to trick us, but don't let it fool you - "Baby it's cold outside". I actually found a letter frozen to my mailbox the other day. I know that winter is just a

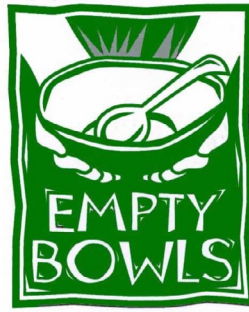
January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Torah Study-8:45 a.m. Lay – Lead Service-10:00 a.m.
2 No FE	3 FE-6:00 p.m.	4 FE-4:30 p.m.	5 Board of Trustees-7:00 p.m.	6	7 Lay-Lead Service-7:45 p.m.	8 Torah Study-8:45 a.m. Yoga Shabbat-10:00 a.m.
9 FE-9:30 a.m.	10 FE-6:00 p.m.	11 Lunch & Learn with Vern Allen-noon FE-4:30 p.m.	12	13 Sisterhood Board Meeting-7:00 p.m.	14 Shabbat Dinner-6:00 p.m. Music Shabbat-7:15 p.m.	15 Torah Study-8:45 a.m. Service-10:00 a.m. Flpopt II cxf cmj "/6-22r 0 0 Movie Night 7:00p.m.
16 Tikkun Olam Day at FE-9:30 a.m. Religious Rituals 1:00 p.m.	17 No FE	18 FE-4:30 p.m.	19 Executive Committee-7:00 p.m. Membership Committee-7:00 p.m.	20	21 Tot Shabbat-6:15 p.m. Service-7:45 p.m.	22 Torah Study-8:45 a.m. Lay-Lead Service-10:00 a.m.
23 FE-9:30 a.m.	24 FE-6:00 p.m.	25 FE-4:30 p.m.	26 Sisterhood Meeting -6:45 p.m.	27	28 Service-6:15 p.m.	29 Torah Study-8:45 a.m. 3 rd -6 th Grade Breakfast & Service-10:00 a.m. Winter Celebration-6:30 p.m.
30 FE-9:30 a.m.	31 FE-6:00 p.m.					

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 FE-4:30 p.m.	2 Board of Trustees-7:00 p.m.	3	4 Service-6:15 p.m.	5 Torah Study-8:45 a.m. Service-10:00 a.m. B'nai Mitzvah of Hannah & Jonah Rzeppa
6 FE-9:30 a.m.	7 FE-6:00 p.m.	8 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Arnie-noon FE-4:30 p.m.	9 Sisterhood Board Meeting-7:00 p.m.	10	11 Empty Bowl Shabbat Dinner-6:00 p.m. Music Shabbat-7:15 p.m.	12 Torah Study-8:45 a.m. Yoga Shabbat-10:00 a.m.
13 FE-9:30 a.m.	14 FE-6:00 p.m.	15 FE-4:30 p.m.	16 Executive Committee-7:00 p.m. Membership Committee-7:00 p.m.	17 Sisterhood Meeting – 6:45 p.m.	18 Tot Shabbat-6:15 p.m. Service-7:45 p.m.	19 Torah Study-8:45 a.m. Lay-Lead Service-10:00 a.m. Movie Night 7:00 p.m.
20 No FE Religious Rituals 10:00 a.m.	21 No FE	22 No FE	23	24	25 Service-6:15 p.m.	26 Torah Study-8:45 a.m. Service-10:00 a.m.
27 No FE	28 FE-6:00 p.m.					

Empty Bowls



Family name _____

Number of adults who might be attending _____

Number of children who might be attending _____

I'd love to help by donating:

_____ soup (what kind? _____)

_____ bread

_____ green salad

_____ cookies (what kind? _____)

_____ handmade bowls

_____ financial contributions to help defray costs \$ _____.

I/We can help:

_____ set up display of bowls for sale.

_____ clean up and pack any remaining bowls for use in future Empty Bowl programs.

_____ clean up tables and kitchen following the dinner.

Return to: Congregation Shir Tikvah, 3900 Northfield Parkway, Troy, MI 48084

HAVDALAH HOP - Reservation Form -

Names(s) _____

Daytime Phone _____ No. of Vegetarians _____

No. of adult members at \$18 per person _____ x \$18 = \$ _____

No. of adult non-members at \$25 per person _____ x \$25 = _____

Additional donation to help with expenses is appreciated _____

Please make checks payable to Congregation Shir Tikvah

Total enclosed = \$ _____

Reservation deadline: Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

Limited tickets will be available after January 12 at \$25 per ticket.

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Diva Dinner January 14 with Jalda

Family name _____

Number of adults @ \$10.00 each _____

Number of children @ \$5.00 each _____

Number of children 5 and younger _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Anniversaries

- 4 Chris & Sarah Chisholm
- 5 Ken & Marilyn Biller
- 9 Paul & Janice Lefkowitz
- 18 Matthew & Karen Twomey
- 20 Mort & Cheryl Racklin
- 27 Jeff & Karen Gruca
- 27 Harry & Gayle Hirsch
- 30 Robert & Sandra Walker

Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Kousay Said | 13 Joseph Price |
| 1 Dana Stone | 15 Ron Schaffa |
| 2 Brian Granader | 15 Dave Simpson |
| 2 Debra McElroy | 16 Marilyn Silver |
| 2 Monis Schuster | 17 Lisa Askenazy Felix |
| 2 Cindy Silverman | 19 Tom Varner |
| 3 Leonard Redmond | 20 Michael Bernstein |
| 4 Mandy Mills | 21 David Hecker |
| 4 Adam Richards | 22 Philip Miller |
| 5 Jeffery Horowitz | 22 Barbara Nalian |
| 6 Robin Wojta | 24 Sharon Burns |
| 7 Karen Redmond | 24 Gail Mayer |
| 7 Michael Silverstein | 24 Deborah Stern |
| 8 Jennifer Nemeth | 26 Leslye Berkal |
| 9 Matthew Bassin | 27 Tom Burland |
| 9 Naomi Behrmann | 28 Elaine Silverman |
| 10 Elle Garfield | 29 Jamie Goldschmidt |
| 10 Ted Golden | 30 Debbie Aronson |
| 10 Garry Izraelewicz | 30 Judy Firestone |
| 11 Natalie Gagin-Kendler | |
| 12 Joshua Barron | 30 Victor Pekurovsky |
| 12 Dena Scher | 30 Karen Strichartz |
| | 31 Barbara Saul |

JUDAICA GIFT SHOP



Check out the glass mezuzah and glass heart necklaces in our show case, just \$18.00 each.

Remember, the Gift Shop has memorial candles for just \$1 and parchments for your mezuzah. New items are added every month so check the showcase for gift ideas and Judaica for yourself.

Catalogues are available in the office for shopping. Orders can be placed by calling Martha Bernstein at 248-641-9636 or e-mailing her at marti_b@sbcglobal.net.

I would like to make the following donation to Congregation Shir Tikvah:

IN MEMORY OF _____ IN HONOR OF _____

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birthday | <input type="checkbox"/> Bar or Bat Mitzvah | <input type="checkbox"/> Birth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anniversary | <input type="checkbox"/> A Speedy Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Appreciation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Yahrzeit |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Amount of Contribution Enclosed \$
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Fund to which you would like contribution made _____

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