

August 2015

Av - Elul 5775

Join us for an adult
**OUTDOOR SUMMER MOVIE
and PICKIN' PICNIC**

Saturday, August 8th

Pickin' Picnic 7:00pm ♦ Movie about 8:45pm

Shir Shalom Grove* *please bring lawn chairs*

Join Cantor Sharon, Jerry Raven & Paul Colbert for a song sharing circle under the tent. Bring your instrument: string, reed, saw, voice, whatever. We will have a keyboard available. Or just bring yourself, have fun and sing along!



Bring snacks to share.

Cold main dish & beverages will be provided.

Free admission includes popcorn!

**If the weather does not cooperate,
the movie will be shown indoors.*

We will be showing
"CABARET"



Liza Minnelli stars in this musical extravaganza set in a Berlin cabaret in 1931, where the rising tide of Nazism has direct effects on the lives of several individuals.

Join Congregation Shir Shalom, Temple Beth Zion,
Westminster Presbyterian Church and
North Presbyterian Church for a

**Four Congregation Picnic
Sunday, August 23rd
4:00 - 7:00pm
Shir Shalom Grove**

A Covenant Between Presbyterians and Jews in Pursuit of
a More Just World: Israel, Palestine, Divestment, and
Longing for Peace. An Opportunity for Discussion
and Fellowship.

- All ages are welcome! • Activities for children!
- Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and refreshments provided
- Bring casseroles, desserts to share!
- Donations of paper towels/bathroom tissue, toothpaste, etc. for the Town Square Food Pantry is appreciated.

Please RSVP to the office at 633-8877 by August 21st.



Join us at Congregation Shir Shalom this Summer for
**Pinwheels & Popsicles
Story time**

for children birth to age 8 and their families

DATES: Thursdays - August 6th and August 20th

TIME: 6:30 - 7:15pm

PLACE: Under our Tent/rainy days in the Open Area (look for the pinwheels)

Program will include:
story time, snack, songs and a game or craft
This program is free and open to the community!



**Upcoming Services
August 2015**

Parashat Vaethanan
Deuteronomy 3:23 – 7:11

Saturday, August 1, 2015
9:00 AM Torah Study
11:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service
at Canterbury Woods

Parashat Ekev
Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25

Friday, August 7, 2015
6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 8, 2015
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 AM Beit Midrash
5:30 PM Mincha/Havdalah Service
Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Rosenthal

Parashat Re'eh
Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17

Friday, August 14, 2015
6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
7:00 PM Healing Service

Saturday, August 15, 2015
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 AM Beit Midrash

Parashat Shoftim
Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:19

Friday, August 21, 2015
6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Austin McCleod
(in the Sanctuary)

Saturday, August 22, 2015
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 AM Beit Midrash

Parashat Ki Tetze
Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19

Friday, August 28, 2015
6:00 PM Erev "Blue Jean"
Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 29, 2015
9:00 AM Torah Study
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 AM Beit Midrash
5:30 PM Mincha/Havdalah Service
Bat Mitzvah of Jennifer Flick

From the Desk of Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein



Well our new High Holiday Prayer Books are finally here. 700 shiny silver and gold *Mishkan HaNefesh* (Tabernacle of the Soul) are unboxed and ready to be used on Rosh Hashanah. It has been forty years since the Reform movement put out a new *machzor* and Congregation Shir Shalom is proud to be among the first to debut them this coming High Holidays.

Cantor and I received our copies in April and have been working hard with the Ritual and Liturgy Committee to craft new services based on the new books. A few thoughts on what you might expect to see:

- The prayer books are beautiful. There are two editions – a gold book for Rosh Hashanah and a slightly heavier silver book for Yom Kippur.
- The readings have been modernized and improved. In addition to poetry and reflections, there are many opportunities for study and reflection. The books are meant not only to be used in services, but also as a spiritual guide to the High Holiday experience.
- The language is much more sensitive to gender than it was in the past, even including gender neutral prayers that are meant to be welcoming to a transgender audience.
- There also is room for doubt and, with it, a recognition that not everyone comes to High Holidays fully comfortable in the Jewish tradition.

For the most part, Cantor and I labored to keep our services as close to what you have experienced in years past. However, there are a few differences that I hope will be welcome additions to our High Holidays. We will now blow the shofar on Erev Rosh Hashanah as well as during the day, one long blast to bring in the holiday. We also are planning on introducing candle lighting in our *Yizkor* service. This will be a way of recognizing people that have been lost in our own community over the course of the past year.

With a month to go before High Holidays, I encourage you to come in and check out the books on your own. And, I sincerely hope you enjoy our new prayer books as much as Cantor and I have already.

B'Shalom,

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES PARTICIPATION

**If you would like a part in our High Holiday Services,
please contact Mindy Weinman
at toothdocs2@aol.com or 689-7518.**

Requests will be granted to the best of our ability.



Please share your pictures with us

Do you have a picture of an event that you attended at temple; a picture of a family Shabbat you had at home; an interesting picture from a meeting; or other photos that you'd like to share with us?

If so, please send them to: shirshalomphotos@gmail.com along with a **very brief** explanation of the particulars for each photo (who, what, when, where, why).

We will use the best of these pictures on our website, in Chai Notes, in articles we submit to the Jewish Review, in emails, etc. Thanks for your help!!!

From Cantor Sharon Eve Colbert, M.J.S.M.



Recycling. The essence of the Jewish year. In secular life, it's the Form 1040, birthdays, tire rotations, report cards – repeating, repeating. On a private, soulful level, there are things that shouldn't be recycled and carried through from year to year – regret, guilt, grudges, bitterness. Then there are attributes that should never be forgotten: compassion, mindfulness, forgiveness, reparation, kindness, the search for knowledge and truth, the list could go on and on.

What goes round and round? A windblown beach ball, bicycle tires, whirling dervishes, a centrifuge, the Earth, the Jewish year. Every time a cycle turns, it comes back to the same point. And so here we are, once again, faced with the task of examining our lives before the beginning of *Yamim Noraim* – the Days of Awe.

The *Rosh Chodesh* of Elul the “Head of the Month” of *Elul* begins on August 15th. As I've done for the past five years, I am here to remind you that the time is here, once again, (repeat, repeat, recycle, recycle) to examine your personal life and what negative, destructive traits should be excised. It occurs to me that a small vestige of negative traits almost certainly remains, and that absolute wholeness in this life is beyond achievement. Unless you have invented a time machine, you can not reinvent the past – however, you don't have to repeat it by any means.

On Yom Kippur we observe *Tashlich* – translation: you will toss. It's a time when you literally “toss” bread onto a running body of water, and rid yourself of non-material, self-destructive burdens that you have carried with you. Those burdens that weigh you down and prevent you from being compassionate, mindful, forgiving, reparative, kind, curious, truth seeking and loving. You can actually feel lighter! Well spiritually anyway. Until the next time...

B'Shalom, *Cantor Sharon Eve Colbert, M.J.S.M.*



The Membership Committee invites you to a **SUMMER SEND-OFF BARBEQUE**

Friday, August 28th at 7:00pm
immediately following the 6:00pm Service.

We'll supply the hot dogs, burgers, veggie burgers, and drinks.

Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

Please remember, the side dishes and salads need to be parve.

The service is at 6:00pm, and dinner will be served at 7:00pm.

Please RSVP to the office by August 25th so we
can make sure we have enough food.

Come for the service and stay for dinner,
or just come for the cookout....but we hope to see you there!

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October 2015 Chai Notes Deadline

The deadline for articles to be
submitted for inclusion in the

October 2015 issue of
Chai Notes is **August 21, 2015.**

Please submit articles
to the editor at

laura.yellen@shirshalombuffalo.org

Chai Notes

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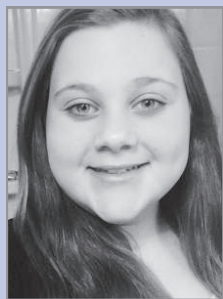
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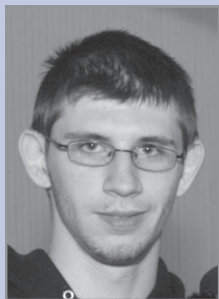
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**Mazel Tov to our August B'nai Mitzvah
and Their Families**



Rachel Rosenthal
August 8th, 5:30 PM



Austin McCleod
August 21st, 6:00 PM



Jennifer Flick
August 29th, 5:30 PM

**2015 - 2016 Religious
School Registration
Forms**

are due on August 7th.
If you have not yet returned
your forms, please do so ASAP.
If you have misplaced your
forms, call or email Laura
(633-8877 or
school@shirshalombuffalo.org)
and she will send you a set of
Registration Forms.



**Cantor's 3rd Annual
Jonah on the High Seas
for 3rd - 8th Graders**

Please join us for a puppet making workshop as we create,
decorate, and rehearse a puppet show for the
Yom Kippur Family Service on
Wednesday, September 23, 2015 @ 3:00pm.

Workshop Days: August 11th, 13th, 18th, and 20th at Congregation Shir Shalom
from 5:00 - 6:30pm. Dinner will be provided.

Dress Rehearsal: August 27th from 5:00-6:30pm.

If your child would like to participate in the workshop, please call Cantor Sharon at 633-8877
or email her at cantor.colbert@shirshalombuffalo.org

The PJ Library presents

Mama Doni

Wednesday, August 19th at 5:30pm
Camp Centerland, Getzville

2011 Parents Choice® Award Winner!

* BBQ cookout dinner: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

* Mama Doni concert: 6:45pm-7:45pm

This program is being held at the Rein Family Amphitheater
located at Camp Centerland on the Irving M. Shuman Camp
Grounds in Getzville.

Open to the community. For more information and to
RSVP for this FREE event, call the JCC Member Services Desk
at 688-4033.

**FIRST DAY OF
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015**

Attention Parents!

Please send us names of families
who might like an invitation to visit
our Religious School and speak
with members of our school
community.

Participants on the recent community Israel trip kept everyone back home updated with frequent blog posts and pictures. Below: Rabbi Alex and the Slonim Family.



Between the Covers

Friday, August 21, 2015

Brown bag lunch at 11:30am
with book discussion at 12:00pm.
The meeting is in the Temple Library.

***Falling Out of Time*, by David Grossman**

In *Falling Out of Time*, David Grossman has created a gender defying drama - part play, part prose, pure poetry - to tell the story of bereaved parents setting out to reach their lost children. It begins in a small village where a man announces to his wife that he is embarking on a journey in search of their dead son. The man - simply called Walking Man - paces in ever widening circles around the town. One after another, all manner of townsfolk fall into step with him, each enduring his or her own loss. The walkers raise questions of grief and bereavement. Can death be overcome by an intensity of speech or memory? Is it possible, even for a fleeting moment, to call to the dead and free them from their death? Grossman's answer to such questions is a hymn to these characters who ultimately find solace and hope in their communal act of breaching death's separateness. For the reader, the solace is in their clamorous vitality, and in the gift of Grossman's storytelling - a realm where loss is not merely an absence, but a life force of its own.

Join us and participate in the discussion or just come to listen and read the book later. Whatever your choice, a good time will be had by all.



**Erev Shabbat
Services Under
the Tent
this Summer!**

**During the month
of August, Friday evening
Erev Shabbat Services will
be held at 6:00pm
outside under the tent
(weather permitting.)**



Sisterhood Donor's Luncheon was celebrated at Risotto's this year. Enjoying the festivities were Tracey and Jacqueline Shapiro, Rella Corris, Zella Glickman, Tobi Horwitz, and Janine Morris.



Wine tasting event at CSS organized by Men's Group president Dan Kester (left). Wine experts Dr. Mont and Judi Stern presented several wines selected from their personal collection to discuss and taste.

A Message From the Men's Group

What is this Reconstructionist and Reform thing anyway?

On Sunday, August 23rd, at 9:15am our own Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein will be the featured Men's group speaker. If you have been curious about the actual differences between Reconstructionist and Reform Judaism, this is your chance to find out. The Rabbi will be discussing the finer points of Reconstructionist Judaism and explain the similarities and differences between it and Reform Judaism. **Both men and women are invited to attend.** A bagels and lox breakfast will be served. We will also be discussing plans for the upcoming year. New ideas for both speakers and Men's Group events are always very welcome!

Our monthly poker games continue to take place. The date will be announced by email. If you are not yet on the Men's Group email list, send us an email (see address below) and we will be happy to add you. Most of our communication is through email, so get on the list to be informed of what we're doing. If you don't have email, but want to be notified of poker and other events, please call Dan at the number below, and we will keep you informed.

Daniel Kester ~ Men's Group President
 mensgroup@shirshalombuffalo.org
 (716) 536-5628

Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop

Shop at Shir Shalom

REMEMBER TO CHECK US OUT
 FOR ALL YOUR
 ENGAGEMENT AND WEDDING GIFT NEEDS

The Gift Shop is open by appointment only.
 Please call Jean at
 634-3504 to make an appointment.



Greetings From Sisterhood

Where does the time go? It's hard to believe we have already begun our new fiscal year. Join us on Sunday, August 16th at 12:00pm for Sisterhood's Annual Planning Picnic and Pool Party! Please bring a dish to pass and Sisterhood will provide meat and beverages. There will be lots of opportunity to sign up and volunteer for specific events and to socialize. We will be making challah together with Bambii as well. You can learn or relearn how to make challah, and even bring your swimsuit and towel for a swim in the pool or a dip in the hot tub. See the ad below for further information.

On Thursday, August 20th, we will gather in the temple Library to stuff envelopes as part of our membership campaign. Stop by and help us out at 4:00pm.

September will keep us busy with the High Holidays so October is our first full month of Sisterhood events. Please mark your calendars for a meeting on Thursday evening October 1st, and our Paid-up Dinner on Sunday evening, October 11th.

October also brings *My Name is Asher Lev* to the stage of the Jewish Repertory Theatre, and Sisterhood has two events connected to the show - a community book group luncheon at CSS with Adena Potok (wife of *Asher Lev* author Chaim Potok) on Thursday, October 22nd, and a trip to see the JRT matinee performance of *My Name is Asher Lev*, with a Dutch treat dinner to follow, on Sunday, October 25th.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year. Why not join us and come to a meeting or try a new event? We'd love to see you!

Marina Finkelstein
mfinkl@aol.com

Jean Messinger
jcmessinger@gmail.com



**Sisterhood's Annual
Planning Picnic & Pool Party**
Sunday, August 16th at 12:00pm
at the home of Marina Finkelstein
67 Golden Pheasant Dr., Getzville

Please bring either a side dish or a dessert to share.
Sisterhood will provide barbeque main course
and beverages.

Learn to make challah with Bambii.
Take a swim. Schmooze.
Just come and have a great time!

Please RSVP to Marina at 689-2120 or mfinkl@aol.com
and let her know what you will be bringing. Thank you.

Sisterhood needs your help!

Thursday, August 20th at 4:00pm
in the Shir Shalom Library

Please help us stuff Sisterhood membership envelopes.
The more people we have, the shorter time we work!
This will be followed by an optional dinner.
Attendees will determine the restaurant.

CONGREGATION SHALOM

Open House
Tuesday, August 4, 2015
7:00 - 8:00pm



Please join us for our Open House
on Tuesday, August 4, 2015
from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.
Current and prospective members and
their families are welcome.

You will have the opportunity to meet:

- Clergy, Rabbi Alex Lazarus Klein and Cantor Sharon Colbert.
- Religious School Director, Hope Bongiorno.
- Religious School Faculty and Staff.
- Executive Director, Joanne Marquisee.
- Parent Council Members.
- Members of the Board of Trustees.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Tour our building and Outdoor Worship Center.
- Hear about highlights of the upcoming year.
- Learn about our Religious School curriculum.
- Preview our new High Holidays prayer book.
- Hear about Adult Education options.
- Learn more about our warm and welcoming community.
- Meet new friends and see old friends!

Refreshments will be served.

Please stop by and see what Shir Shalom is all about!
If you have any questions, please call
Joanne Marquisee, Executive Director, at 633-8877.



L'Chaim Column

Mazel Tov to

Joyce & Sol Kaufman on the birth of twin grandsons *Louis Robert & Sol Francois*. Parents are *Jay & Isabel Kaufman*.

Mazel Tov to

Julia & Chris Cohan on the marriage of their son *Jonathan Cohan to Rachel Witty*.

Kol Nidre Services

This year, we will be offering an abbreviated Traditional Service at 6:00pm. It will be slightly shorter than the Traditional Service at 8:00pm and will end at approximately 7:15pm. Everyone is welcome at either or both services as there will not be an alphabetical split.

“Care-Ring”

The Chesed Committee has instituted a program called “Care-Ring.” We recognize that some members, who are unable to leave their homes for one reason or another or who live alone, may appreciate a phone call once a week from another caring congregant. We are reaching out to both those who would like to hear from someone, to chat, to visit on the phone, and those who are willing to make the phone calls.

Please let us know if you want this service, or if you are able to provide this service. We will explain the details. It's easy, convenient, and it's a MITZVAH. All you need is a phone and a few minutes a week.

Please contact Adrienne Crandall at 875-7061 or email: adrienne.crandall@gmail.com.

Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe) 5776/2015 The High Holiday Services of Congregation Shir Shalom Conducted by Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein and Cantor Sharon Eve Colbert, M.J.S.M.

S'lichot

Saturday, September 5, 2015
9:00 PM Hosted by Congregation Shir Shalom
Featuring clergy from Congregation Shir Shalom, Temple Beth Tzedek, Temple Beth Zion

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 13, 2015
7:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Rosh Hashanah Day

Monday, September 14, 2015
9:00 AM Creative Service
11:45 AM Traditional Service
3:00 PM Family Service - outside, weather permitting
4:00 PM Tashlich followed by refreshments

Rosh Hashanah Second Day

Tuesday, September 15, 2015
10:30 AM Morning Service

Kever Avot

Sunday, September 20, 2015
1:30 PM White Chapel Memorial Park

Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre

Tuesday, September 22, 2015
6:00 PM Abbreviated Traditional Service
8:00 PM Traditional Service

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 23, 2015
9:00 AM Early Service (M-Z)
11:45 AM Late Service (A-L)
2:15 PM Reflections
3:00 PM Family Service - outside, weather permitting
4:00 PM Afternoon Service
5:00 PM Mincha Service
6:00 PM Yizkor Memorial Service and Ne'ilah
7:00 PM Concluding Service
Break the fast together immediately following the Service. RSVP is required by calling 633-8877. *Approximate Time

Sukkot

Monday, October 28, 2015
10:30 AM Joint Liberal Sukkot Morning Service
at Temple Beth Zion, Delaware Building

Simchat Torah

Monday, October 5, 2015
10:30 AM Joint Liberal Simchat Torah Service
and Yizkor at Congregation Shir Shalom



Song of Peace

Rabbi Alexander Lazarus-Klein
Cantor Sharon Eve Colbert, M.J.S.M.
Religious School Director Hope Bongiorno
Executive Director Joanne Marquisee
President Todd Sugarman

August 1, 2015

Dear Members and Friends of Congregation Shir Shalom:

As we approach the Days of Awe, our hearts are also filled with longing for members of our family and friends whose journey is completed, and whose memory serves to inspire our lives still. They were with us, upholding us, at difficult times; and they celebrated with us at moments of joy. Now, we remember them in this season when their strength and inspiration will motivate us to better our lives.

On these High Holidays our congregation will distribute a *Book of Remembrance* at the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur. Our *Book of Remembrance* contains the prayers, meditations and readings that are part of our Yizkor Service, along with the names of loved ones whose memory we honor. A separate section of our book is devoted to those loved ones in whose memory you wish to make a Tzedakah - charitable offering.

Please indicate, on the form on the back of this letter, the names of your relatives and loved ones, and any contribution you choose to make in their memory. Your contribution helps to cover the cost of labor and printing of this Memorial Book. Along with your contribution, please return this form no later than August 14, 2015.

Zecher Tzadik Liv-racha, may the memory of your loved ones always be a source of blessing, and may this New Year bring you and yours togetherness, joy, learning and good health.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein
Cantor Sharon Eve Colbert, M.J.S.M.

Dear Book of Remembrance Committee:

Please list the following family members and friends who have departed, for inclusion in the Congregation Shir Shalom 5776/2015 Book of Remembrance that will be handed out before the Yom Kippur/Yizkor Service on Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

Names to be remembered: **(Please Print)**

The above names are remembered by: **(Please Print)**

Please include a phone number where you can be reached if we have any questions.

Please mail your contribution and this form to:

Congregation Shir Shalom
4660 Sheridan Drive
Williamsville, New York 14221

Cowboy hats and barbeque set the mood for our
CSS Texas - style Cantor Roast and Tribute!



The committee of Bruce Corris, Debra Fine and David Berghash did a great job on the Tribute and Roast for Cantor Sharon Colbert.



Adrienne Crandall presented a bouquet of yellow roses to Cantor Sharon Colbert from the Shiru Na choir.



The shindig was a big success with over 150 people in attendance!



Attention Temple Members!

Don't forget to save and drop off your "pop tabs" from beverage and other cans in the box in the Temple office to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

Thank You to
Bagel Jays...



for the lovely challahs you donate to Congregation Shir Shalom each and every Shabbat.



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Congregation Shir Shalom -
Buffalo, NY



Get connected at CSS!
Wireless Internet
available at Shir Shalom.
No password necessary.

Cell Phones Recycled
at Congregation
Shir Shalom

*Don't toss out your
used cell phone or
accessories. Bring
them to Temple for
recycling!*



The **Second** Friday of Every
Month at 7:00 PM

"Healing Service"

A quiet time for healing prayers
for loved ones in need.

August Donations (those received by June 21, 2015)

The Congregation Shir Shalom Endowment Fund

In Memory of:

Philip Brody, by *Judith Brody*
Max Hellman, by *Susan and Jeffrey Schwartz*
Dr. Harold A. Korn, by *Charles Korn and Deborah Raiken*
Jack J. Kuritsky, by *Alan and Kathleen Kuritsky*
Adolph Lansing, by *Ruth Lansing*
Rose and Eileen Pikoff, by *Howard and Ann Pikoff*
Gerald Rosen, by *Gayle Nosenchuck*
Nataline "Nana" Stromberg, by *Neysa and Ron Davis*

In Honor of:

Zelda and Marwin Feldman, on their 60th Anniversary, by
Myra and Herb Falk
Kathy and Dick Gordon, on their 50th Anniversary, by
Marcia and Marvin Frankel
Gail and Ralph Kushner, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson,
Evan Wolfson, by *Naomi Mintzer*

The Rabbi Lazarus-Klein Discretionary Fund

In Memory of:

Milton Gabin, by *Donna and Morris Horwitz*
Molly K. Lettman, by *Getelle and Gerald Rein*
Sandra Lynne Lodge, by *Drs. Philip Glick and Drucy Borowitz*
Harvey Mandelkern, by *Norma and George Pearlman*
Irving Propper, by *Iris Propper*
Rhoda Schepart, by *Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rambuss and Family*

In Honor of:

Grace Bluestone, with appreciation for the Wednesday
Sisterhood Bible Study, by *Doris and Harvey Serota*

In Appreciation of:

Rabbi Alex, for his Thought Provoking Teaching, by
Sharon Cramer

The Cantor's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of:

Richard Horwitz, by *Tracie Zappia, Alexa and Chad*
Molly K. Lettman, by *Tracie Zappia, Alexa and Chad*

In Honor of:

Grace Bluestone, with appreciation for the Wednesday
Sisterhood Bible Study, by *Doris and Harvey Serota*

The Chesed Fund

In Memory of:

Gilda Laufer, by
Elaine and Fred Bock
Renee Klein and Cynthia Cohen
Jennie Pohl
Shifra Sweet, by *Sarah Noznisky*
Norman Sweet, by *Sarah Noznisky*
Faye Tall, by *Emily Tall*

The Education Fund

In Memory of:

Alan Glaser, by *Shirley B. Rekoon*
Deborah Zimmerman, by *Marilyn Kent*

In Honor of:

Janice Cohen, with Healing Prayers, by *Marilyn Kent*

The Landscaping Fund

In Memory of:

Julian Sugarman, by *Sonia Sugarman*

The Library Fund

In Honor of:

Zelda and Marwin Feldman, on their 60th Anniversary, by
Roz and Steve Shapiro
Mark Hamelburg, for a Speedy Recovery, by *Marilyn Kent*

The Music Fund

In Memory of:

Clara Sohmer, Max Sohmer and Pearl Sohmer, by
Suzette R. Stringer

The Social Action Fund

In Memory of:

Shirley Winters, by *Diane and Gerald Symons*

The Yahrzeit Fund

In Memory of:

Isidore Schlisserman, by *Drs. Albert and Helen Schlisserman*
Anne Zimmerman, by *Nathan Zimmerman*

The Anne Bernstein Memorial Education Fund

In Memory of:

Anne Bernstein, by *Ellen and Alan Bernstein*

The Edith and Joel L. Cohen Prayer Book Fund

In Memory of:

Edith L. Cohen, by *the Wise, Henechowicz and Cohen Families*
Gilda Laufer, by *Rhonda and Michael Wise and Family*
Molly K. Lettman, by *Rhonda and Michael Wise and Family*
Harold L. Wise, by *Rhonda and Michael Wise and Family*

The Samuel B. Cohen Memorial Fund

In Memory of:

William Rosenthal, by *Renee Klein and Cynthia Cohen*

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In Memory of:

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LIBRARY CORNER *This review was originally published in the August 2013 issue of Chai Notes.*

According to Jewish tradition, creation begins with words, as God speaks the universe into being in the first chapter of Genesis. In their book *Jews and Words*, novelist and essayist Amos Oz and his daughter, historian Fania Oz-Salzburger, assert that it is words that form the true chain linking Jews through the ages and around the world – a “textline” rather than a bloodline.

In four chapters composed of loosely linked musings about continuity of tradition, women (in which the Orthodox rejection of women’s voices – literal and metaphorical - is decisively refuted), the Jewish relationship with time, and the pull of community versus individuality, the storyteller and the scholar range far and wide through Jewish history and culture. They take the reader from the Bible through the shtetl to modern Israeli life, with glimpses along the way of God studying Talmud (commentary on the laws of the red heifer, if you must know), a Jewish grandmother kvetching at the Almighty on the beach, and Eliezer ben-Yehuda, father of modern Hebrew, speaking it to his children. Throughout, they share their intoxication with language and their Jewish heritage as well as their love and respect for one another, even when they disagree, as father and daughter occasionally must.

Jews and Words can be obtained through the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library system.

Leslie Jaszczak
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In Memoriam

Our Congregation extends its sympathy to the families of:

Gilda Laufer,
wife of Larry Laufer,
mother of Shaun Silverwood,
Dana Moore and David (Julie) Laufer

Evelyn B. Sellers,
mother of Carol Sellers

Bella Zysman,
mother of Bernard (Sharon) Zysman

**August 2015
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August 1, 2015

Minnie Becker, Morris Berman, Ellen R. Davis, Esther Debora, Estelle Etelson, Irving Faden, Oliver W. Fales, Chana Feferberg, Maynard Feldman, Elizabeth Felstein, Stephen Ira Haber, Mildred Gordon Haniford, Robert Horwitz, Louis Meyer Isenberg, Abraham Kaiser, Jack J. Kuritzky, Jack Landau, Aaron Lipman, Florence Nussbaum, Michael Organeck, Saul Ostroff, Simon Perell, David Pohl, Evelyn Rabin, Dr. Harold P. Rubin, William Segal, Bernard Silverman, David L. Stein, Chester Stricker, Morton Wakoff, Rebecca Weber, Sophie Z. Weinstein, Irving Wexler, Boris Zhebrak.

August 7, 2015

George Allenick, Roaine Balsom, Helen Barback, Paul Bercow, Jack Brody, Eva Cohn, Benjamin D. Edelman, Estelle Engel, Daniel Epter, Arthur C. Feinberg, Sam Ferris, Beatrice Friedman, Morris Garfinkel, Martha Goldenberg, George W. Harris, Arthur Hirschorn, Marie F. Jones, Abraham Kantor, Jennie Karch, Rose Katz, Emma Levinson, Suzanna Lin, Marvin Mednick, Blanche Meister, Mary Schmidman, Allen A. Singer, Marvin Steinberg, Max Sunshine, Julian M. Yood.

August 14, 2015

Albert Ban, Louis George Baumler, Blanche Bernstein, Ida Bilsky, Frances Chertoff, Aaron Diamond, Sophie Finkelstein, Frances E. Flick, Harry Gassen, Pauline Glantz, Louis Glickman, Marcus Gold, Joseph Gross, Jed Haubenstock, Alfred Iggers, George Kerman, Philip Klein, Helen Konell, Sophie Lederman, Moses Levinson, Israel Levow, Giosue Maulucci, Bess Panar, Jacob Pleskow, Paul Schneider, Louis Schwartz, Pearl Shucard, Sanford Solender, Bernice Solodky, Moses Teplesky, Rae Weinberg, Manuel S. Winston.

August 21, 2015

Bernard Alt, Leo Avrunin, Tillie Cheiffetz, Jerome Feldman, Jeanette Gerstman, Rose Gerstman, Eva Gilden, Joel Giller, Rosalind Goldberg, Lena Greenky, Sadie Grossman, Irving L. Innerfield, Rubin Katz, Rubin Kellick, Robert Klein, Abraham R. Kushner, Doris Kushner, Ruth Meyer Lewis, Stephanie Heusler Macks, Melvin Martz, Sarah Mitchell, Bessie A. Mitnik, Adele Organeck, Abraham Pearlman, Isadore Platt, Louis Pollner, Gussie Raiken, Martin Reider, Sara Rosenbloom, Anna Sakowitz, Henry Schaktman, Shirley Shero, Stella Starsky, Doreen Tubin, Elaine Weis, Moshe Zadok, Lillian Ziff.

August 28, 2015

Harlan Abbey, Herman Arbeit, Matilda Burnat-Feldstein, Yetta Churgell, Joseph DiVita, Mania Dudek, Isadore Feld, Hannah Ginsberg, Benjamin Glaser, David Glickman, Beatrice Gordon, Irwin M. Harvey, Louis Kramer, Fred Krieger, Charles Levy, Herman Levyne, Barney Marks, Warren Mitofsky, Patricia Niemyski, Adele Organeck, Pauline Reingold, Tillie Seitz, Lillian Smith, Shirley K. Sperling, Leah Sugar, Goldie Sunshine, Robert L. Victor, Helen Weil, May Wile.

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2:00 PM Shiru Na Choir Rehearsal	OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM BINGO	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Temple Open House 7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting		1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Alex 6:30 PM Pinwheels & Popsicles	<i>Religious School Registration forms due</i> 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service under the tent 7:00 PM Meet the New Machzor	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 11:30 AM Beit Midrash 5:30 PM Mincha/Havdalah Service Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Rosenthal 7:00 PM Pickin' Picnic and Movie Night
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2:00 PM Shiru Na Choir Rehearsal	OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM BINGO	5:00 PM Jonah on the High Seas Puppet Workshop		1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Alex 5:00 PM Jonah on the High Seas Puppet Workshop 7:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting	<i>Book of Remembrance Forms due</i> 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service under the tent 7:00 PM Healing Service	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 11:30 AM Beit Midrash
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
12:00 PM Sisterhood Planning Picnic and Pool Party - offsite 2:00 PM Shiru Na Choir Rehearsal	OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM BINGO	5:00 PM Jonah on the High Seas Puppet Workshop 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM PJ Library Mama Doni Concert @ Camp Centerland	4:00 PM Sisterhood stuffing membership mailing 5:00 PM Jonah on the High Seas Puppet Workshop 6:30 PM Pinwheels & Popsicles	<i>Submissions for October Chai Notes due</i> <i>RSVPs for Four Congregation Picnic due</i> 11:30 AM Between the Covers with Jewish Authors 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Austin McCleod	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 11:30 AM Beit Midrash
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:15 AM Men's Group 4:00 PM Four Congregation Program and Picnic 5:30 PM Shiru Na Rehearsal	OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM BINGO	<i>RSVPs for Summer Send-off Barbeque due</i>		1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Meet with Rabbi Alex 5:00 PM Jonah on the High Seas Puppet Workshop	6:00 PM Blue Jean Shabbat Service under the tent 7:00 PM Summer Send-off Barbeque	9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service 11:30 AM Beit Midrash
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