Dear Hevre,

I hope you had a wonderful High Holiday season.

I’m delighted to report that our congregation has launched “Jewish Geography by Oseh Shalom”, an app (software application) that fosters Jewish social connections around the world and strengthens the Jewish community online. The Washington Jewish Week published a story about the app in the September 6th, 2012 issue. Small amounts of money from our Publicity Committee and the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund covered the software development costs. This high tech innovation helps our congregation and contributes to the Jewish community at large.

Any user of Facebook may access Jewish Geography for free. The app helps to connect users from all locations, especially those who identify as Jewish within their public Facebook profiles. When two users share a Facebook friend in common, the app shows the mutual friend that connects them. It also offers each user a “Jewish Connection” score, measuring their relative level of connectedness to other app users and to other publicly identified Jewish Facebook members around the world. Users may work to expand their Jewish connections and improve their scores.

To find and run the app, new users can search for “Jewish Geography by Oseh Shalom”, either in the Facebook search bar or any online search engine. Please help promote the app by using it, inviting your friends to play and posting your score to your Facebook wall.

The name of the app, Jewish Geography, refers to an informal social game frequently played by Jews when they meet for the first time. Through conversation, they seek to discover mutual friends and acquaintances. They often find points of social connection even though they’ve never met before and may come from different parts of the world.

The Jewish Geography app fits well into a Reconstructionist approach to Jewish life. We view Judaism as the evolving religious civilization of the Jewish People. ‘Civilization’ implies that Judaism should include more than just classical prayer and ritual. Instead our community should seek Jewish expression through diverse cultural pursuits and new technologies. ‘Of the Jewish people’ suggests the need to bring Jewish life to Jews wherever they spend their time. Because many Jews today spend a great deal of time online, it’s fitting that we should seek ways to enrich Jewish life on the internet and not just in synagogue and in people’s (Continued on page 2)
Rabbi’s Message (continued)

For a more full explanation of the key Reconstructionist phrase, “Evolving religious civilization of the Jewish people,” please see my article from last year entitled, “What is Reconstructionist Judaism? The CORE Answer”. We’re reprinting it in this issue of The Shalom, and you can find it on our website as well.

Do you have ideas about how to expand the app, to make it more interesting or effective? Do you have other suggestions to better reach Jewish people and their family members, either online or in person? If so, I’m interested in discussing them with you.

I’d be happy for the chance to connect with you soon, either online, or better yet in person.

Best wishes for a happy Sukkot!

Shalom,

Rabbi Doug Heifetz

Tot Shabbat - 7:30 PM, First Friday Night of the Month

Tots and their parents gather in the Sanctuary for the beginning of the Family Service, starting at 7:30 PM on the first Friday night of each month. At 7:45 we invite the young children into the Quiet Room for the Tot Shabbat service. The children are invited, but of course not required, to join in the program, which lasts about 25 minutes. Afterwards, the Tot Shabbat participants may return to the sanctuary for the end of the Family Service. Please spread the word to anyone you know who has young children!
Presidents’ Report

L’ Shana Tovah,

Roberta and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and convey our hopes that the Yamim Noraim were meaningful, restorative and joyous. We would like to thank Rabbi Doug, the Religious Committee, Cantor Charlie and the choir, as well as Elie Stowe, Barry Nove, and the High Holiday Committee for working so conscientiously and effectively to arrange our usual wide array of services and activities.

The Oseh Community was very busy during the month of September preparing for the holidays and the new year. The Solomons and several volunteers baked honey cakes for the Men’s Club gift baskets, and Lynne Gaynes-Kaplan organized volunteers to prepare kugels for the Yom Kippur Break Fast. The Membership Committee hosted a congregational dinner for Back to Shul night, and the religious school, under the guidance of Principal Maryanna Harouni, commenced their new academic year.

Shortly after Yom Kippur, the Men’s Club once again constructed our community Sukkah, and some members organized a Farm to Sukkah Dinner at the end of the month. Sukkot celebrations will continue with members’ opening up their family sukkot to the congregation and with the Sukkah Dinner and Campfire on Friday, October 5, followed by a Shabbat Kiddush Luncheon the next morning. Simchat Torah will be celebrated on October 7 with a Potluck Dinner, followed by services, music and dancing.

The theme for this year is Hineni – Here I Am. Most of us “show up” for the holiday services in September and October, and it is always a busy and vibrant time, as you can see. But there are also plenty of opportunities to show up throughout 5773, as well. Join us for Shabbat Lunch and Learn or Shabbat I’lyun. Take a class with the Rabbi, join a committee, attend Shabbat services, come to the synagogue retreat. The more that our members “show up”, the more that our schul can “show off” its abundant social and spiritual resources, and expand those resources in inventive and compelling ways.

Karen and Roberta

Theater, Anyone?

We have a theater group organized for The Book of Mormon, winner of the 2011 Tony Award for Best Musical, at the Kennedy Center on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 7:30 PM. A limited number of Orchestra seats are available at $100 each. Please email or message Lou Spevack (including how many tickets) if you are interested.

Mazel Tov!

Jay and Cindy Feinberg announce their daughter Rachel’s engagement to Tim Herrmann. A July 2013 wedding is planned. Rachel graduated in May from University of the Sciences in Philadelphia with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.
Trip to Ratner Museum

The Lifelong Learning Committee has reserved a special free tour of the Phillip and Dennis Ratner Museum in Bethesda MD for Oseh Shalom members on October 28 at 1:00 pm. Phillip Ratner, a lifelong resident of the Washington, DC area, is a well known artist and sculptor whose Jewish-themed works are found in many synagogues through the DC area. You may have seen his numerous sculptures of immigrants and immigrant life located on both Ellis Island and at the Statue of Liberty. Museum Curator Stella Bernstein will be giving our tour and sharing her expertise on Mr. Ratner’s work. The Museum is always adding new art work to its collection, and also each month there is a rotating exhibit. The October exhibit is “Light, Color, and Shape” by various Jewish artists. For more information on the Ratner Museum and its collection, see www.ratnermuseum.com.

We will meet at Oseh Shalom at noon and drive by carpool, or you can go directly to the museum. Please contact Judy Katz (301-460-6928) or judy.katz3@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Tributes

To Marilyn and Alan Riffkin In memory of their son, Andrew
Leah and Patrick Young
Sisterhood

Baruch Dayan he’Emet

The congregation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Kay Taub and the entire Taub family on the recent death of Harry Weisberg, z’l, the father of Kay Taub.

The congregation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Neal Meyerson and the entire Meyerson family on the recent death of Irving Meyerson, z’l, the father of Neal Meyerson.
Shabbat Iyyun

mindful examination, deep exploration, introspection

A series featuring intellectual inquiry woven into our Friday evening service

“Jewish Values, Marriage Equality and Maryland Ballot Question 6”

Speakers: Rabbi Doug Heifetz and Dena Greenblum from Jews United for Justice (JUFJ)

Reconstructionist values, human and civil rights, religious freedom and why Question 6 is on the Maryland ballot November 6.

Friday, October 19, 2012
Services and presentation 8-9 PM ~ Oneg and discussion to follow

Osheh Shalom
7515 Olive Branch Way, Laurel, MD 20707
301-498-5151 ~ www.oseh-shalom.org
Read To Feed Awards Ceremony & Pizza Party

November 4 2012 9:30-11:30 am

The Social Action/Community Services Committee and the Religious School will host an awards ceremony and pizza party Sunday, November 4th to award the students who accepted the challenge to read 15-30 minutes a day. Student sponsors helped generate funds to support the Laurel Advocacy and Referral Service (L.A.R.S), a local organization that provides services to the homeless and low-income individuals and families.

Please join us
There will be a surprise guest!

To sign up to attend the ceremony please go to this link:
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AACAC229-read1
(Password: awards)

Future S.A/C.S. programs

We also have a full calendar of Tikkun Olam Opportunities for the upcoming year
January 27, thru February 3, 2013- Women’s Winter Haven
February 24 thru March 3, 2013- Men’s Winter Haven
Mitzvah Day (Good Deeds Day)- Spring 2013

Anyone interested in volunteering for one of these events or who has any suggestions for additional social action and community support activities may contact Judy Swanner or Linda Bergofsky – our email boxes are always open!

Shalom,
Linda Bergofsky (bergo72@hotmail.com)
JudySwanner (swannerjudy@msn.com)
What is Reconstructionist Judaism: The CORE Answer

By Rabbi Doug Heifetz

Oseh Shalom belongs to the Reconstructionist movement of Judaism. Reconstructionism understands Judaism to be the evolving religious civilization of the Jewish people. Rearranged slightly, the key words above form the memorable acronym CORE:

Civilization
Of the Jewish People
Religious
Evolving

What do the terms of CORE tell us about the Reconstructionist approach to Jewish life?

Civilization: Jewish life can and should be rich and multidimensional, like a full-fledged civilization. Social action, art, literature, food, music, philosophy, architecture, etc, have all comprised key elements. While prayer and classical ritual--the often assumed religious modes--provide wonderful components, there are many other important ways individuals can participate in Jewish civilization and contribute.

Of the Jewish People: Judaism must serve today’s generation and the generations of the future. We need not dedicate our Jewish lives to preserving a fixed tradition from the past. Rather, we must explore the traditions we’ve received and bring them to life in ways that best invigorate us. Reconstructionists make key decisions about Jewish life not only as individuals, but as part of a community. Communal decisions help everyone connect to a greater whole and to an enduring community of Jews everywhere.

Religious: Judaism isn’t just a civilization, it’s a ‘religious civilization’. Judaism draws from a collection of central concepts and symbols. These include Torah, Shabbat and Tzedakah, to name a few. Their many layers of significance enrich our lives. They guide us and help us to share our search for meaning with one another. While we may utilize these ‘sancta’ in new and changing ways, their continued centrality helps us to maintain our powerful connection to the many generations of Jews at all other times and in all places.

Evolving: Judaism has always developed over time--and must continue to do so to meet the needs of a changing world. For example, in biblical times, our Israelite ancestors celebrated their connection with the Land and with God especially through agricultural offerings. After the destruction of the Temple nearly 2000 years ago, we ‘reconstructed’ our tradition to focus on prayer, festive meals, synagogue, study, and home ritual. We, too, like our Jewish ancestors over the millenia, must work to shape Judaism in ways that keep it relevant and meaningful. Some key modern events inspiring change include the end of strict rabbinic authority, the devastation of the Holocaust, the creation of the State of Israel, the rise of the women’s movement, and the gay rights movement. Jewish life needs to reflect and build upon the realities of the present.

Now that you know these CORE ideas about how Reconstructionism approaches Jewish life, you might also want a few additional facts and insights about the history, institutions and practices of the Reconstructionist Movement. For example:

Our movement currently includes about 50,000 individuals and over 100 synagogues and havurot, primarily in North America.

Mordecai M. Kaplan first articulated the Reconstructionist approach to Judaism, and other thinkers and teachers have greatly advanced it.

The first ever bat mitzvah took place in 1922 in a congregation of early Reconstructionists.

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) chose to fully include women from the time of its opening in 1968.

RRC decided to admit and ordain openly gay and lesbian rabbis in 1982, long before the other Jewish denominations.

Our movement has long advocated Jewish life and culture in the Land of Israel as central to the vibrancy of Judaism as a whole. Originally this stance generated controversy in North America.

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Since 2006, the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation’s summer camp—Camp JRF—has been a place where the rising generation of Reconstructionist Jews can grow, have fun, and forge Jewish connections and values for life. Oseh Shalom is again offering scholarship assistance to families who wish to send their children to a session of Camp JRF, but need financial assistance to help make that possible.

Oseh Shalom’s Camp JRF scholarships provide partial funding toward the basic cost for one session of camp (up to 40 percent). The specific amount of funding provided depends on the family’s financial need, the number of families applying for a scholarship, and the current amount in our Camp JRF scholarship fund, which is supported by contributions from our congregants.

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by John Finedore, reviews scholarship applications and determines the scholarship amounts. The scholarship application form asks applicants to include any information they feel may be relevant to help the committee make their decision. All information provided to the committee and the amount of funding provided are, of course, kept strictly confidential.

Families wishing to apply should contact John Finedore (finedorej@gao.gov 301-498-2354) for a 2013 scholarship application form. The deadline for submitting an application is December 31, 2012. Families are also expected to apply for financial assistance directly from Camp JRF and for other camp scholarship grants, such as CamperQuest.

Camp JRF is located on 130 acres of beautifully wooded land in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. For photos and information about the camp, go to the camp’s website at http://www.campjrf.org.
At the CORE of Reconstructionist Judaism

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While we share much in common with the Conservative movement, we differ in that Conservative Judaism believes that authentic Jewish life must adhere to halacha (Jewish law) that changes only at the hands of the rabbis. Reconstructionists believe that our development can and should happen in many ways, with the involvement of the community as a whole.

We share much in common with the Reform movement, as well. However, while we have always emphasized our primary classical symbols and concepts (‘sancta’), Reform at times has de-emphasized them in favor of a more general ethical monotheism. While Reform tends to stress individual autonomy in Jewish life, Reconstructionism advocates a critical role for communal decisions in addition to decisions made by individual community members.

Oseh Shalom voted to join the Reconstructionist movement in 1979.

We hope that Oseh Shalom and Reconstructionist Judaism will help you to:

Find satisfying and varied ways to participate in Jewish civilization (C)

Connect to a greater unity of the Jewish people (O)

Confidently explore and draw upon our classical symbols, texts and concepts for the sake of growth, meaning and connection (R), and

Offer your own experiences and insights that will impact how Judaism will develop and evolve (E)

This year’s Gift Basket Brigade did an amazing job! Thank you very much!

- Art Solomon
**Just Cranking Up**

What does it take to provide gift baskets to every member of Oseh Shalom? It starts in July when an extract from the Oseh database is performed to get the ball rolling. The online database is set up and hard copy forms are prepared for members with no email address. Emails were sent to members with their unique links to put in their orders. It all started early Sunday morning Sept 2. Linda & Art Solomon set up the kitchen at Oseh to begin 7 hours of baking. 300 cakes were being prepared to be baked and the crew began to arrive. What better way is there to spend the Sunday of Labor Day weekend? Each batch of 20 cakes required 3 pounds of honey, 3 cups of sugar, a dozen eggs, 10 cups of flour, and assorted spices and extracts (you didn’t think I’d give out this family recipe; you’ll have to join us next year). One batch cooks while the next batch is prepared. A third & fourth batch (we bought new additional pans this year so we could let the cakes cool a little longer) are on the cooling racks till we need the pans again. Once cooled, the cakes are put into the storage bags and gotten ready for the freezer.

Bakers this year included:

Valerie Kaplan, Stephen Klein, Helen Litow, Marc Litz & Allison Holtz, Melody Magnus, Nancey & Steven Parker, Stephen & Lorraine Schoenfeld, Alan Seigel, Andi Zolt.

Then comes the day of the Gift Basket assembly. Starting at 8:30 AM Art Solomon, and the Magnuses bring out all of the goodies for the baskets. Purchasing these items begins in July or August and ends on the Friday before assembly with the delivery of 10 boxes of fruit (over 1,000 pieces). By 9:30 more helpers show up and we slowly start the assembly line. Training has to be reviewed every year as we recruit more and more new congregants to help. Everyone has a job, either working independently or with a team to assemble, cut the cellophane, wrap and tie a bow on the baskets. This year we assembled 278 baskets in 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Once the baskets are assembled and ready for delivery, volunteers are needed to pick a route, take the baskets, and deliver. Mike Becker handed out the driving assignments, and the volunteers came through again this year and had all of the baskets on their routes by 11:30.

Thank you to all of the volunteers. Making the baskets together is chaotic and fun. You make this a very successful fundraiser year after year (over $100,000 profit raised since we started). Below is a list of the volunteers that signed up for assembly and delivery. I know there may have been more helpers whose names did not get on the list. Please let me know so I can include your names next month.

(See photographs on Page 9!)
Simchat Torah Potluck, Music and Dancing with the Torah: Sunday, October 8

Do you angle for aisle seats during the High Holy Days or Shabbat Services so you can touch your tallit or prayer book to the Torah? Come out to our annual Simchat Torah celebration and hold the Torah, dance with the Torah, feel the weight, hold this history, and know the joy. The Torah is our connection to more than 5000 years of history. Share the joy, drama, and celebration with your children, your parents and your friends. Everyone is invited.

We'll start the evening with a wonderful potluck dinner. Bring a dairy casserole, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Not a cook? We can use soda, juice, chips, pretzels and bread too. Or pick up a few bags of salad greens and a bottle of dressing. Of course, we welcome contributions from the many wonderful cooks. We need tuna casserole, cheese lasagna, mac and cheese, Mexican specials, Indian twists, veggie side dishes, homemade desserts and more. There are many great ways to leave out the meat. Remember, no peanut or meat products.

The potluck is free since we’re all providing the food. Before and after dinner, kids and adults can make flags to use during the Torah parade. Then we’ll all go into the Sanctuary for the joyful service and the chance to hold and share the Torah. There’ll be a live band and lots of energy.

So save the date! Sunday, October 8. Look for our Signup Genius Link in the weekly emails, school emails, bima notes, and on the Oseh website. Or write Melody Magnus at melmagnus@verizon.net or Felicia Dannick at Felicia Friedman, fldf65@gmail.com

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Art Solomon
Gift Basket Chairman
Oseh Shalom Men’s Club
Please join us for the following event
(These events are for everyone, not just Men's Club members)

Sukkot Dinner and Campfire

Starts: October 5, 2012 at 6:00 PM

Enjoy a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Men's Club. $10 for one/ $20 for families. Services and Campfire follow.
Let’s Discuss . . .

One Book, One Oseh

A Synagogue-Wide Reading Experience
Invites you to read

The Letters of Jonathan Netanyahu

A “convincing portrayal of a talented, sensitive man of our times who might have excelled at many things yet chose clear-sightedly to devote himself to the practice and mastery of the art of war, not because he liked to kill or wanted to, but because he knew that, as always in human history, good is no match for evil without the power to physically defend itself.” New York Times

Books available in the synagogue office while supplies last

Let’s Talk About It: Book Discussion Group
Shabbat Lunch and Learn
Saturday, October 27 at noon (following services)

Film: Operation Thunderbolt-The Raid on Entebbe
Tuesday, October 30

Film: Follow Me - the Jonathan Netanyahu Story
TBA
(Also Showing at the Rockville JCC on Oct. 18)

A Celebration of Heroes
Sunday, November 11, 9:30 to 11:30
Mark Your Calendar for these fabulous upcoming programs from Life Long Learning

Single Session

One Book, One Oseh - Coming together as a community through a shared reading experience: Culminating Events November 11

Guided Tour of Ratner Museum - October 28

Latke vs. Hamentasch: A Lively Debate - December 14

Top Chef Oseh: An Evening of Food, Wine & Music - March 16

Multi-Session (Dates TBD)

“How the Psalms Instruct & Inspire, Celebrate & Comfort, and otherwise comment on the Human Condition” - Partnership for Jewish Life Learning

“Exodus - A Classical Commentary Text Study featuring the JPS Commentators Bible: Midrash Gedolot” with Barry Nove

“A Deep Look at Mysticism & Kabbalah, Part II” with Rabbi Emeritus Gary Fink

“Yiddish: Past, Present, & Future” with Prof. Miriam Isaacs
KIDDUSH LUNCH

Following services the Oseh Shalom Sisterhood invites you to a complimentary kiddush luncheon in the sukkah on

Saturday, October 6, 2012

Lunch will include bagels, cream cheese, salads, fresh fruits and of course dessert.

Please call Pauline Pivowar @ 301-604-8953 or Rose Fishman @ Rosey3846@wmconnect.com and let them know if you will be attending. PLEASE RESPOND BY

October 1, 2012; we don’t want anyone to go hungry!

Mark Your Calendar

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -- UP COMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE SISTERHOOD

• Saturday, October 6, 2012: Kiddush Lunch in the Sukkah (after Services)
• Sunday, December 2, 2012: Gift Shop Hannukah Sale (during Religious School hours))
• January, 2013: Tu b’Shevat Seder and Luncheon (more to come)
Shana Tova! The membership committee would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to many special moments together in the coming year at Oseh Shalom and hope that you will join us in welcoming new members to our community. As we begin the Jewish year 5773 and with the current theme of Hineni in mind, it is the perfect time to take on a new challenge and help to spread the word about our wonderful synagogue. If you would like to work on a specific event or help promote the synagogue through the Membership Committee, please contact us at the email below.

On Friday, September 7, 2012, Oseh held their Back to Schul night. We had an amazing turnout for the Friday night service. We started with a congregational dinner, a new addition this year for Back to Schul night. It was a great way for the community to come together over a fantastic meal catered by congregant Jessie Sunshine. Thank you to the members who stepped in and helped to set up before the dinner and clean up after the dinner. We couldn’t have pulled it off without your help. The service, led by Rabbi Doug, Cantor Charlie, and our special guest, our own Carrie Quigley, was very moving and the perfect way to welcome us back to synagogue after the summer break. Carrie taught the congregation songs and phrases in sign language, and the service was truly enjoyed by all.

Please save the date for the New and Prospective Member Dinner on Friday, November 30, 2012. This is a great event to welcome new and prospective members and to show off our warm and wonderful synagogue. We’re looking for a great turnout for this event, and we would love to have some help from members to make this a memorable dinner. Please feel free to contact us if you can lend a hand.

Todah Rabah
Kelly Benton-Klein and Susan Northcutt
membership@oseh-shalom.org

Rebecca Kemp has come home to a new extended family, Oseh Shalom, along with the family she came home to be closer to. She moved from Chapel Hill, North Carolina and is now a librarian at the University of Maryland, College Park.

If you have good news to share, such as a birth in the family, an engagement, a wedding, a job promotion, awards received, grandchild born, new job...

Please e-mail all good news to Carolyn Makovi for publication in The Shalom.

oseh.shalom.editor@gmail.com
In Our Own Backyard
A Showcase of Israeli Companies in Maryland and Washington, DC

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY
Roni Einav
One of Israel’s original high-tech entrepreneurs who sold his company for $680 million and is now an active investor in Israeli high-tech startups.

Thursday, October 18, 2012
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Howard County Community College
Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center
10901 Little Patuxent Parkway | Columbia, MD

Meet the innovative Israeli companies with offices in Maryland and Washington, DC and learn about new business opportunities.

See the list of participating Israeli companies>

Israeli wine tasting and hors d’oeuvres served.
Dietary laws observed.

Visit www.marylandisrael.org/ourbackyard2012 to register.

MIDC Members $18; Non-Members $36.
Special 2013 member rates available if you sign-up before the event.
For more information, email nboguslaw@MarylandIsrael.org or call 410-767-0695.

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October 5
- Makovi family in honor of Marty’s birthday
- Ginsberg family in honor of Robert’s birthday
- Mina & Ernie Hilsenrath in honor of birthday of grandson, Zachary Arthur Russell
- Leah & Patrick Young in honor of their anniversary
- Solomon family in honor of Joseph’s birthday
- Jackie & Eric Land in honor of their anniversary

October 12
- Stone family in honor of George’s birthday
- Bers family in honor of Noah & Joshua’s birthdays
- Laura & Jody Kaplan in honor of their mother Val’s birthday
- Margrit & Maurice Assaraf in honor of their anniversary
- Maryrita Wieners in honor of Dan Glazer’s birthday
- Lynne Gaynes-Kaplan & Steve Kaplan in honor of their anniversary
- Urman family in honor of Stephen’s birthday

October 19
- Salant family in honor of Sandra’s birthday
- Sue Robbins & Lou Spevack in honor of Eve’s birthday
- Roberta Sacks in honor of her daughter Risa Hildeton’s birthday

October 26
- Litow family in honor of Leon’s birthday
- Alan Seigel in memory of his beloved wife, Karen Lee
- Ronnie Brown & Rachel Goldberg in honor of Dan Fox’s birthday
- Menyuk family in honor of Laura’s birthday
- Finedore family in honor of Paula’s birthday

Friendly Reminder:

People who are scheduled to serve as Hosts for the Oneg must respond either way—Yes or No—when they receive a reminder. We need to know as soon as possible whether or not they are available on their assigned date. If not, we need maximum time to find a replacement. Contact information:
- Lisa Karpf
  PH 301-262-5581
  Email: ERK111@comcast.net
- Beryl Kramer
  PH 301-587-8972
  Email: FibreArt@aol.com
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OSEH SHALOM CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

October

Friday night Shabbat Services
October 5, 7:30 PM—Family Shabbat Service
October 12, 8:00 PM—Shabbat Service
October 19, 8:00 PM—Shabbat Service
October 26, 8:00 PM—Shabbat Service

Saturday Shabbat Services – Every Saturday at 10:00 AM

Every Wednesday at 8:15 PM - Israeli Dancing

October 2, 6:45 PM, No Upper School
October 4, 7:30 PM, Religious Committee Meeting
October 10, 7:00 PM, Executive Committee Meeting
October 17, 7:30 PM, Life Long Learning
October 20, 10:00 AM, Bar Mitzvah of Isaiah Sneiderman
October 21, 7:00 PM, Board Meeting
October 24, 7:30 PM, Life Long Learning
October 27, 12:00 PM, Shabbat Lunch & Learn
October 28, 9:30 AM, Walk for Hunger
October 28, 9:30 AM, Religious School Teacher Professional Day
October 28, 1:00 PM, Life Long Learning Trip to Philip Ratner Museum
October 31, 7:30 PM, Life Long Learning

High Holiday Schedule
October 1, 10:00 AM— Sukkot Service
October 5, 6:00 PM— Men’s Club Sukkah Dinner, Shabbat Service & Campfire
October 6, 12:00 PM— Sisterhood Sukkah Shabbat Luncheon
October 7, 6:30 PM—Simchat Torah Pot-Luck Dinner
October 7, 7:30 PM—Simchat Torah & Shmini Atzeret Service
October 8, 10:00 AM—Simchat Torah & Shmini Atzeret Service

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This November, Marylanders will be asked to vote on two critical social justice issues. Marriage equality for LGBTQ couples and tuition equity will be put to a popular vote. The Jewish community must affirm that we stand for equal rights and opportunities for all.

- A vote for Question 4, Maryland Dream Act, offers undocumented immigrants who do well in high school the ability to pay in-state tuition at Maryland community college - and after two years there, they can pay in-state tuition at a Maryland state university. It's a step toward truly making this country a land of opportunity for hard-working immigrants like the ones from our families.

- A vote for Question 6, Civil Marriage Protection Act, would "allow gay and lesbian couples to obtain a civil marriage license" in Maryland. The act brings equality to civil marriage in Maryland and extends the freedom to marry to gay and lesbian couples, ending discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

This will be a close fight. Polls indicate that Marylanders are closely split on each of these critical issues. Every vote will matter. A large majority of the Jewish community supports both these measures. Therefore, our voices are crucial to winning. We are working in congregations and Jewish communities to educate and build the strength we need to turn out voters and win in November. Every vote will matter in this election, and we must organize our friends, neighbors, and congregations to protect equal rights and opportunities for everyone in Maryland.

JUFJ is working on these issues in Montgomery County and beyond. We need your help to build a strong Jewish base of support for immigrant and LGBTQ rights. Here’s how you can take action:

- Host a house meeting. Gather friends and neighbors to talk about these important issues and the implications of the election.

- Organize your congregation. Lead a team of volunteers in your congregation or community to hold educational events and mobilize your congregation to vote.

- Serve on the leadership team. Work with other key leaders to develop campaign resources, publicize the campaign through new and traditional media, and direct the progress of the campaign.

- Talk about the issues. This fall every person’s opinion will matter in the voting booth. Personal conversations — friend to friend, neighbor to neighbor — are the best way to persuade a friend or family member that their vote for social justice is crucial.

To take action, email organizer Katie Ashmore: katie@jufj.org

About us: JUFJ envisions a healthy, fair, and safe DC metropolitan area, where the rights and dignity of all residents are respected and their voices are heard. We believe that the only way to build such a community is for Jews to join with our neighbors and organize for change.
The Reconstructionist Movement on LGBT Issues

The Reconstructionist Movement, an American-born form of Judaism which grew out of the Conservative Movement, has been a long time supporter of both LGBT civil rights and the inclusion of LGBT people in Jewish life. The Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF, formerly FRCH) all have long histories of supporting the rights of LGBT people. In 1985, the FRCH adopted a resolution welcoming congregations serving primarily LGBT Jews into the movement. The movement began allowing its rabbis to perform marriage rituals for same-sex couples in 1993, and since then has also prohibited discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation.

Rabbinate  The policies concerning the Reconstructionist rabbinate are fully inclusive of LGBT people. In 1984, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) adopted an admissions policy that prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation. Rabbi Jane Rachel Litman was the first “fully out” person to be admitted to RRC. She was admitted in 1984. In 1985 RRC ordained Rabbi Deborah Brin, its first openly gay rabbi. In 1990, the movement established a policy of non-discrimination in rabbinic placement, and in 1991, a movement-wide policy prohibiting discrimination in the referral of rabbis for congregational positions was put into place.

Same-Sex Marriage  The Reconstructionist Movement has long supported civil and religious marriage for same-sex couples. Although the movement did not officially pass a resolution in support of civil marriage for same-sex couples until 2004, the policies and practices of the movement have reflected this position since the early 1990s. In 1993, the RRA and FRCH adopted the conclusions of the Reconstructionist Committee on Homosexuality, which included: welcoming LGBT people as full members of the Reconstructionist Jewish community, and supporting rabbis who work with LGBT Jews, particularly those who officiate at rituals and rites of passage for LGBT Jews, including same-sex wedding ceremonies.

Moreover, when the movement passed an official resolution supporting same-sex civil marriage on March 16, 2004, the recommendations for inclusion were far-reaching. In the resolution, the RRA called upon its members to: “(1) Encourage the congregations, agencies, organizations, and institutions in which they serve to extend benefits to same-sex partners of staff members and employees, (2) Monitor local and regional developments and consider ways of advocating for same-sex civil marriage in their communities, and (3) Offer tzedakah donations to organizations advocating for civil rights for same-sex couples.” In other words, the Reconstructionist Movement encourages its members not only to tolerate LGBT people, but also to fully include them in the community and take an active role in fighting on behalf of LGBT civil rights.
Sex and Sexuality  Reconstructionist Judaism takes a values-based approach to homosexuality. In other words, unlike the halachic focus on prohibited sexual acts that informs Orthodox and Conservative responses to gay, lesbian and bisexual people, Reconstructionist Judaism does not look at homosexuality primarily in terms of sex. As Reconstructionist Rabbi Joshua Lesser, explains, "[Reconstructionist Jews] recognize homosexuality as a fundamental aspect of identity that deserves to be treated with the Jewish value of b’telem elohim (respect for human beings as made in God’s image)" (from ‘Gay Judaism’ and the Struggle for Inclusion). Consequently, Reconstructionist Jews are more concerned with the well being of the individual as a person than with the specific acts that LGBT people may or may not engage in. As is the case with the other "liberal" or "progressive" branches of Judaism, the Reconstructionist Movement recognizes and accepts the tenets of modern psychology, which asserts that homosexuality is a normative expression of sexuality.

Congregations and Leadership  In addition to the 1985 resolution passed by the JRF that welcomed congregations that primarily serve LGBT Jews to the movement, both the RRA and FRCH adopted the recommendations of the Reconstructionist Commission on Homosexuality. The recommendations called for the welcoming of LGBT people as full members of the community. LGBT people may participate in Jewish communal life at all levels and in all ways within the Reconstructionist Movement.

Reconstructionist Judaism has a significantly smaller bureaucratic structure than the three major movements (the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox branches), and as a result, it does not have as large a body of movement statements. Additionally, Reconstructionist Judaism does not offer the same types of official, published rabbinic opinions that the larger movements provide. However, despite the lack of official documents relating to LGBT issues, Reconstructionist Jews, as a whole, are fully committed to the inclusion of LGBT people in Jewish life.

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