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Tzedek v'Shalom News

“... Mercy and truth will meet, justice and peace will kiss.”

Psalm 85

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TvS One-Day Retreat

June 6-7 in Tyler Park
Continue the Bat Mitzvah Magic

Saturday, June 6th

- 1:00 p.m. picnic vegetarian lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Group hike
- 3:30 p.m. Pick up cosmic softball game and frisbee
("COSMIC" softball is like regular softball, except, batters don't strike out. They keep swinging until they make contact. That way everyone really gets to play fully)
- 4:00 p.m. Mincha (afternoon) contemplative, song-filled service
- 4:30 p.m. Shabbat Torah study
- 6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner with dessert provided by the Golds in honor of Arnie Gold's birthday and the Heyman's 65th anniversary

8:00 p.m.- **Give Me S'more – Havdallah in the Park**
BRING YOUR DOGS — meet "Thor," Rabbi Anna and Josh's dog!

Competitive evening of games, singing and s'mores! Play kickball, start a doggie-disc throwing competition, and explore the grounds of Tyler Park culminating in a fun and relaxed Havdallah ceremony.

9:15 p.m. Havdalah with campfire and smore's!

Sunday June 7th

7:30–8:30 a.m. Yoga, Secrets of Living a Vital Life, with Joan Plumb

8:00–9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

9:30 a.m. To celebrate our last day of Hebrew school: Scavenger hunt for children and parents!

9:30–11:30 a.m. Movie and Discussion for adults

10:00 a.m. - Horseback riding for teens (13 and over)

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Religious School Bagel

Brunch: honoring students and teachers!

The cost for the whole experience is just \$36 per person, which includes sleeping over, lunch and brunch.

Can't sleepover? Feel free to join in as much as you can...

Horseback riding is \$30.00 extra — see Debbie Bossio for H/B riding — must be 13 and over

Contact Barbara Sheckman at bgsheckman@verizon.net to register.

Contact Joan.Plumb@gmail.com for anything else.

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Anniversary Shabbat

Experience the spirit of the first Tzedek v'Shalom service at
our annual Anniversary Service

Friday, June 26 at 7:45 p.m.
at the Jampol/Lifson's home, led by Naomi Mindlin
456 Lafayette Street • Newtown, PA • 215-860-8903

It was early June, thirteen years ago. The group that had been forming what would become Tzedek v'Shalom decided we needed to gather as a spiritual community before we held another business meeting. So our first Shabbat service was scheduled for June 28, 1996 at the home of Debbie, Victor, eleven-year-old Emma, and seven-year-old Nora Chong.

Shabbat candles sat on a table, lawn chairs formed a circle in the grass, leaves rustled in the breeze, a summer garden bloomed. In this setting, we gathered to celebrate our first Shabbat as a community. Debbie lit the candles and what had been

a dream until then, became real. By the end of the evening, not only had we held a service, but we had also experienced Debbie's first leading of *Cheri Bim* and Bobbie had taught us what is now fondly called *The Up and Down Hallelujah*.

Each year, on the last Friday in June, we gather for our Anniversary Shabbat to re-experience the spirit, exuberance, and peacefulness of our first Shabbat as a community and to renew ourselves as we enter our new year.

Please join us on June 26th for our annual Anniversary Shabbat service.

High School Graduates and Their Parents
will be honored at this service.

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Please feel free to contact any member of our Board for
any additional information.

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Newsletter Editor: Naomi Mindlin 215-757-8921
To submit news to the newsletter:
email: nsmindlin@photoreview.org
News Deadline: 15th of the month (Really!)

TvS Membership Drive Now in Progress

YOU can help!

Bring a friend to a TvS event!

upcoming events

saturday
june

06



Give Me S'more – Havdallah in the Park

Have we met? Get to know your neighbors, start an impromptu doggie flying disc competition, let the kids get dirty, and meet the Tzedek v'Shalom community for an evening of games, singing and s'mores. Invite friends... we'll be playing kickball, enjoying conversation and exploring the grounds of Tyler Park culminating in a fun and relaxed Havdallah ceremony. Meet Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy who recently joined Tzedek v'Shalom as their spiritual leader and Religious School Director.

8:00 PM – Games and Conversation | 9:15 PM – Havdallah Service
Tyler Hostel, Tyler Park, Newtown



Join the Tzedek v'Shalom group on [Facebook](#) to receive event invitations and updates!

sunday
june

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Mini Mitzvah

Do you Mitzvah? It doesn't take long to share a smile, a hug or a conversation. And the benefits far outweigh the time it takes to bring some light into someone's day. Join Tzedek v'Shalom for child and adult-appropriate activities with the residents of Newtown's Chandler Hall. Are crafts your style? A pick-up game of checkers? Maybe planting some flowers? We'll have them all.

1:00 – 2:00 PM Chandler Hall, 99 Barclay Street, Newtown

Tzedek v'Shalom Bat Mitzvah

May 23, 2009

Thank you to everyone!

We did it!
And we did it together!

The three of us were the “committee” for the TvS Bat Mitzvah, but we could not have achieved such a fulfilling, fun-filled lifecycle event without the help of the many people who pitched in. The details of the process — including our Torah campaign, mantle-making, ner tamid (eternal light) creating, Mitzvah project, and the party — are chronicled in our Commemorative Book. Hopefully the *ruach*, the spirit, from our *simcha* (celebration) will remain in our hearts for a long time.

Rabbi Anna and the Spiritual Life committee sensitively personalized our Bat Mitzvah service, forming the passage of our Torahs from person to person and making certain that we honored our past and our present, while Rabbi Anna focused us on a future rooted in our expressed values. Almost every Religious School student present lead a prayer during our service and nearly every post-B’nai Mitzvah “child” had an aliyah. Four Torah readers had learned trope (the musical code for chanting) for the occasion, with Ralph Posmontier reading Torah for the first time in his life!

Our party was so beautiful, delicious, and vibrant. **Matt Adler**, with Dan assisting, barely scratched the surface of his DJ talents, sandwiching full-dance-floor selections between the twice-requested and twice-appreciated *Cotton Eye Joe*. Our entertainment afternoon was so full that Matt and company never even got to lead the classic B’nai Mitzvah games he’d planned! And Sunrise Klezmer — Bobbie Posmontier, Ralph Posmontier, Dave Posmontier, and Kenny Lipman — had prepared so much music that they could have played into the evening, rousing us to folk dance and rock ‘n roll big time.

We all kvelled at each other’s success, both in achieving learning goals and planning and carrying out our Bat Mitzvah plans. What an incredible way to launch ourselves into our next thirteen years.

Kol hakavod to each of us in our beloved Tzedek v'Shalom community. May we all celebrate our double-Bat Mitzvah together in 2022!

Fondly,
Joel Bacher,
Ruth Jampol, and
Naomi Mindlin



TvS Board

The Board has initiated a major marketing/outreach campaign targeting families with young children who might find our unique Jewish community attractive. The campaign includes revamping the TvS website, search engine marketing, online social networking, community outreach, and two remaining events designed to appeal to families with young children: a family and dog friendly Havdallah service at the retreat in Tyler Park on Saturday, June 6th, and a mini-mitzvah event at Chandler Hall.

Our annual TvS retreat (June 6–7) will include the fun and fellowship that are a part of all our TvS events. It has been shortened to be 24 hours long — a change that we hope will enable more people to participate.

We will once again be participating in the Bucks County Jewish Festival on Sunday, June 7th. Anyone who can help out with planning or manning the tables should contact Wendy Friedman or Noa Kuzma.

Please call or email Rabbi Anna or any Board member with your comments or suggestions. Our next board meeting is Wednesday, June 17th at Federation offices. Please join us then.

Ruth Jampol, Board Secretary
215-860-8903 or RJampol@aol.com



Membership News

We have two new member families! Please add their contact information to your TvS membership list and welcome them when you see them at our events.

1. Herman and Lenore Rosen
3267 Durham Place, Holland, Pa. 18966
215-579-9522
lenherm1@verizon.net
2. Al and Eileen Goldstein
1321 University Drive, Yardley, PA 19067
215-321-3686
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School News

The last day of the Religious School year is June 7th, and we will be gathering in Tyler State Park for a scavenger hunt and bagel brunch honoring both students and teachers for a year full of meaningful learning and teaching. It will either be picnic style or in their hostel, depending on weather. Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp and will be over by 12:30. This event is part of the TvS Retreat, so please contact Barb Sheckman for infor-

mation on how you can sleep over at Tyler after the fun “Give Me S’more” Havdallah party the night before.

Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy
Religious School Director
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Mussar comes to TvS beginning Thurs., July 2, 2009

Jean Ryersbach and Zvi Schram are inviting you to study Mussar, in their home, with Gail Friedman, a student of Mussar. The \$95 fee covers materials used in the 13-week course and unused monies will be donated to TvS. The program begins Thursday, July 2 at 7:00 p.m. We have six people signed up now and if you are interested in learning more about the program, please call Jean at 215-943-4565. To learn about this powerful process and practice visit www.mussarinstitute.org.



BINGO update

We have put the BINGO fundraiser on hold until colder weather chases everyone inside (fall). The committee put together a wonderful event with good food, fun games and great prizes — so be sure to watch for the new date in the fall. Many thanks to everyone that lent a hand and everyone that did RSVP! Stayed tuned for the rescheduled event.



Community Announcements...

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation News: Ma Nishma (“What’s Happening?”): Register at the JRF website at <http://jrf.org/user/register> then click “Manage your JRF e-newsletter subscriptions” at the top left of the home page to subscribe.

Debby Bossio is running a summer camp from her home for kids, ages 7–13, “**Learn at Leisure!**” It’s a travel camp by morning and a book club by afternoon. The camp runs from 9–5, and transportation to/from camp is included (5 mile radius, Yardley). You can choose your days (3 day min. per week) and # of weeks. We are going to museums, light houses, mini golf courses and more! Books in varying genres will be discussed in small groups each afternoon. Bring a bagged lunch and off you go! Call Debby at 215-801-2005, see “facebook” or e-mail for more details: deborahbossio@comcast.net.

June 13 - **“Jewish Holidays!! How Are They All Connected?”** - at approximately 12 Noon, following services at Mikveh Israel, 44 N. 4th St., Philadelphia, PA - Shabbat Lunch & Learn Melton-style with faculty, Center City Coordinator, and the Director of the Gratz College Florence Melton Adult Mini-School - Hear about the upcoming year of Melton in Center City - You are welcome to attend the Lunch & Learn even if you cannot be at services. There is no charge for the lunch, but donations to Mikveh Israel are welcome. - RSVP to the Liz Nover at the Gratz-Melton office, 215-635-7300, x 143 or LNover@gratz.edu.

Jewish Federation News: to get email news about the Kehillah of Bucks County, contact jkraus@philafederation.org or visit www.jewishphilly.org.

Jewish Family and Children’s Service offers a variety of programs and workshops. For information on Philadelphia area programs, contact (866) 532-7669, info@jfcspilly.org, or visit www.jfcphil.org. For Mercer County programs, contact Debra H. Levenstein at 609-243-0390 or debral@jfcsonline.org, or visit www.jfcsonline.org and follow the link to “Calendar” for complete information.

In Our Shul... Member News

Our final graduating high school senior has made his decision about schools: Jake Antonello will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign this fall.

Sandi and Jack Fein are thrilled to announce the engagement of their son Seth to Natalie Black of Highlands, NJ.

The Pennsbury Ultimate team, which included team members Nathan Pinsky and Jake Antonello, won the Eastern National Championship in a thrilling 15-11 victory over Amherst, the New England Patriots-equivalent of HS Ultimate. Mark Pinsky aided the effort in his official position as the team’s water-boy. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Contributions

General Operating Fund

From Carolyn and Joel Bacher in honor of Fran and Bernie’s 65th wedding anniversary

From Carolyn and Joel Bacher in honor of Arnie Gold’s birthday

Jordan Wallis Memorial Fund

From Rob Weintraub

From Peter and Stephanie Sabilia

Torah Fund

From Ruth Blask.

Lifecycle Events at TvS

Anniversaries:

Michele & Paul Kleinbaum	June 10, 1979
Sharon Pope and Rob Weintraub	June 14
Al and Eileen Goldstein	June 15, 1969
Frances and Bernie Heyman	June 17, 1944
Steve Bacher and Karen Courtney	June 22, 1996
Marilyn Silberfein and John Pawling	June 27, 1971

Birthdays:

Clara Pinsky	June 4
Meryl Cohen	June 5
Tali Adini	June 6
Greg Plumb	June 6
Jake Antonello	June 10
Larry Necowitz	June 12
Emma Perloff	June 13
Jenny Ornstein James	June 20
Cressa Perloff	June 21
Lenore Rosen	June 22
D.J. Kleinbaum	June 26
Ilene Pastor	June 27
Nora Chong	June 27
Rob Kall	June 29
Jean-Pierre Sarandrea	June 30

Yahrzeits:

Yahrzeit dates are listed here by the Jewish death day (according to the Jewish calendar) and its Gregorian equivalent this year. The original death date follows in parenthesis when available.

Cindy Ornstein	23 Iyar/May 17 (6/1/05)
Beverly Garfield	25 Iyar/May 19 (6/1/97)
Norman Necowitz	9 Sivan/June 1 (5/20/02)
Dimon Barth	11 Sivan/June 3 (6/8/87)
Morris Sanders	13 Sivan/June 5 (5/23/75)
Sarah Hershgordon	14 Sivan/June 6 (6/20/59)
Jack Cohen	17 Sivan/June 9 (6/20/00)
Max Kleinbaum	17 Sivan/June 9 (6/20/00)
Saul Abrams	18 Sivan/June 10 (6/1/47)
Zvi Granek	20 Sivan/June 12 (6/13/71)
Richard Delone	22 Sivan/June 14 (6/23/92)
Herman Cohen	23 Sivan/June 15 (6/12/85)
Robert Gordon	23 Sivan/June 15 (6/16/71)
Jack Cohen	17 Sivan (6/20/00)
Jacob Moskowitz	23 Sivan/June 15 (6/23/03)
Grace Posmontier	26 Sivan/June 18 (6/27/92)
Esther Piaskovsky	30 Sivan/June 22 (6/26/06)
Harry Tarlo	1 Tammuz/June 23 (6/23/63)
Barry Cohen	6 Tammuz/June 28 (6/20/99)
Sylvia and Reuben Bishoff	June
Harvey Wallis	12 Tammuz/July 4 (7/5/90)
Lillian Lande	13 Tammuz/July 5
Sarah Weintraub	13 Tammuz/July 5 (6/23/02)
Lorry Greenberg	16 Tammuz/July 8 (6/30/99)

People Working Behind the Scenes

Most of you are aware that **Joel Bacher** is the TvS Treasurer. He is a diligent guy who keeps track of our money.

But very few of you know about Joel's two secret weapons for keeping order in our financial world.

They both involve hard-working people.

The first (Ladies first) is **Jenny James**, who tirelessly visits the TvS Post Office box once or twice every week throughout the year, through rain or shine, and snow or mud. Jenny picks up the mail, extracts the checks, and deposits them in the bank (with a lot of assistance from her husband Stan). She then summarizes her bank deposits in an e-mail to Joel, who enters the incoming funds into the synagogue's books. Jenny then holds the mail for Joel, who pays the bills and distributes the other mail..

Then with **Arnie Gold** prodding him once a month, Joel creates billing statements from the TvS books, and emails them to Arnie. Arnie is the other secret.

Arnie then prints out the statements, stuffs all of the envelopes, visits the Post Office, and dutifully mails them out. That's a lot of stuffing and stamp-licking (not really) to do. Arnie's printer sure takes a beating.

Then we all sit back and wait for tremendous hordes of incoming checks.

That's how the system works. But it wouldn't work smoothly and efficiently if it weren't for the wonderful team working behind the scenes.

From our roaming reporter, Joel Bacher



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HELP NEEDED FOR THE BUCKS COUNTY JEWISH FESTIVAL!!

This is a good opportunity to perform a bit of community service to help Tzedek v'Shalom, and to publicize our synagogue.

The 15th Bucks County Jewish Festival is open to the public and an opportunity to showcase our synagogue to the community. Last year's festival drew over 2,500 people.

Please let us know if you are willing to put in a few hours on June 7th.

There are still many tasks that we could use help with.

PLEASE RESPOND TODAY
to Wendy Friedman at
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HARMONIYAH – RECONSTRUCTIONIST MUSIC NETWORK

SECOND HARMONIYAH MUSIC RETREAT
<http://www.jrf.org/2009-Harmoniyah-Retreat>

Adat Shalom, Bethesda, MD, October 29 – November 1, 2009

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS: APPLICATION DEADLINE – June 15, 2009

Join us for the second biennial JRF Harmoniyah Music Retreat- Thursday evening October 29th through Sunday morning, November 1, 2009 (Special evening program Wed, October 28th for local participants and early arrivals). The goal of this retreat is to continue to build a participatory, community-affirming network of rabbis, cantors, lay leaders, music directors, educators, liturgists, musicians and music lovers that joyfully celebrates our collective experiences, skills and resources in the ongoing preservation and creation of music of and for the Jewish People.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We hope to offer a range of music-related experiential workshops including: music for worship, sharing new instrumental music (electronic, klezmer, etc.), using music with families and children, folk music (Yiddish, Israeli, etc.), music connected to Tikkun Olam, and the arts. Workshop proposals should aim to meet the needs of:

- Cantors / Soloists / Rabbis / Shlichei Tzibbur/ Music Directors and Educators
- Choirs (not necessarily expert musicians, but those willing to devote time to practice)
- Congregational Singing
- Music and Congregational Life (education for families, adults, children; tikkun olam, the arts, programming outside of worship services, etc.)

Our goals are to help participants to be able to return to their home congregation with new tools, melodies, materials and ideas to enrich congregational life. We also hope this retreat will continue the task of growing and building connections among ourselves and our movement.

Time frame for each workshop: 90 minutes. (Please indicate what days of the retreat you will be attending. Preference will be given to presenters who are attending the whole retreat.)

WHO MAY SUBMIT PROPOSALS?

- 1) Presenters must be members of a JRF congregation or individual member of JRF, RRC student or RRA member, and registered on the Harmoniyah listserv (see <http://www.jrf.org/listserves>)
- 2) Presenters must participate in at least 2 days of the retreat.
- 3) Applicants may submit more than one proposal at this time, with the understanding that only one may be chosen.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

Selection of workshops will be made by members of the Harmoniyah Steering Committee and decisions will be based on both qualitative and logistical considerations, as well as the appropriateness of the proposal to the over-all Harmoniyah retreat program. Selection will be based on:

- 1) Contribution to the over-all themes as listed above
- 2) Quality, creativity and transferability back home
- 3) Appropriateness to a cohesive and well-balanced program
- 4) Technical, set-up and logistical constraints

Harmoniyah Steering Committee: Barbara Nordstrom-Loeb, Elaine Moise, Barry Brian, Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein, Hazzan Rachel Hersh Epstein (Committee Co-Chair), David Lefkovitch, Cantor Eric Schulmiller, Rabbi Margot Stein, Doris J. Dyen, Rabbi Shawn I. Zevit

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