As we enter fully into the Jewish month of Nisan and well over the 3,000th Passover celebration, we will have opportunities to dialogue, organize, learn, pray, celebrate and wrestle with the ideas of oppression and liberation in our personal lives, in our nation, and in the larger world.

We begin the month together at our Spring Community Meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. I also hope to also see you at the Shalom center’s 50th anniversary Freedom Seder, where I will join many Mishkan Shalom members and other presenters in the program. We are an official co-sponsor of this amazing program that we are blessed to be part of, thanks to Rabbis Arthur Waskow and Phyllis Berman--two of our luminary members.

We not only have a historic narrative of moving from slavery to becoming a liberated people for whom an *erev rav* or “mixed multitude of all who wished to leave” were welcome to join us - we also have modern *Mitzrayim* / Egypt, which means “narrow place” in Hebrew, and modern Pharaohs. The transformative power of Passover, the most celebrated Jewish festival within and increasingly beyond the Jewish world, calls us to move towards freedom, to celebrate our simultaneously ancient and ever-relevant Seder rituals, and to link arms with all who desire to break the shackles of any internally or externally limiting oppression.

We officially stop eating leavened bread products the morning of the first Seder of Pesach, which is Friday evening, April 19 (with your Reconstructionist Haggadah). We celebrate the Shabbat of Passover; Pesach continues through the end of April 26th or 27th (depending on whether you celebrate 7 days of Passover as in Israel, the Reform and much of the Reconstructionist Movements, or eight days as in the other streams of Judaism outside of Israel. Here at Mishkan, we have taken the opportunity of extending our communal observance to eight days on years where Pesach begins and ends with a Shabbat to allow for more communal celebration and observance. This year on Shabbat morning April 27th, we will observe the 8th day of Pesach with the additional Psalms of Praise (Hallel), Yizkor, to remember loved ones, accompanied by the Mishkan choir, Makhelat Micha’eil, Rabbis Phyllis Berman and Arthur Waskow, and Ethan Soloway, currently completing a year of study towards his confirmation.

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Sunday, April 28, I will accompany our teens on a tour of Jewish Philly in the morning and joining that afternoon in the 16th annual Interfaith Peace Walk, which Lance Laver and other Mishkan Shalom members helped found and co-lead. This is a perfect bookend to the message of freedom and spring’s rebirth that Pesach offers us, especially in light of recent violent hate crimes against members of the Jewish and Muslim communities world-wide.

I look forward to seeing you at Mishkan Shalom for one or many of the services, programs and actions in the month ahead. In a renewed spirit of opening our tables, homes and hearts to all this Passover, I offer you an alternative take on the moment in our Passover Seder where we historically called out from a place of persecution for God’s Power to intervene. It is timely to replace this part of the Haggadah with one where we call out from a place of love and hope to build the society and world we strive for:

The following remarkable passage, which is quoted in the Haggadah entitled A Different Night, by Noam Zion and David Dishon, is said to have first appeared in a medieval (1521) Ashkenazi Haggadah from Worms. This inclusion may have been since there is known to have been close contact at that time between Jewish and Christian mystics and a sharing of mystical traditions.

Pour out Your love on the nations that know You
And on the kingdoms that call upon Your Name
For the loving-kindness that they perform with Jacob
And their defense of the People of Israel
In the face of those that would devour them.
May they be privileged to see
The Sukkah of peace spread for Your chosen ones
And rejoice in the joy of Your nations.

I pray each of you finds new meaning, joy and deepened connections with those who gather with you for our annual pilgrimage out of the narrow places, even as we rekindle our commitment to the liberation of all people and the planet.

A Letter from the President

Shalom Haverim,

It’s hard to believe that Rabbi Shawn has been here almost seven years. As a community, we cannot begin to count the blessings his leadership has brought to us, which make this milestone even more special.

In our tradition, the seventh day of the week is Shabbat, time for us to replenish and renew our spirits after six days of labor, then look forward to the coming week feeling refreshed. In the seventh year of his service, our rabbi will be taking his Shabbat year sabbatical. Between early November 2019 and mid-May 2020 R. Shawn will take six months away from his rabbinic duties at Mishkan (except for the last two weeks in January 2020, when he will be with us).

The Board and a wonderful Sabbatical Task Force have been working with R. Shawn, as well as R. Yael, on the best plan for us while he is away. Though we aren’t trying to replace him for that time— as if we could! – we are developing interim structures and gathering people to keep all the wheels turning smoothly.

“Six years you may sow your field and six years you may prune your vineyard and gather in the yield. But in the seventh year the land shall have a Sabbath of complete rest, a Sabbath of the Lord.”

Leviticus 25:3-4

Mishkan is blessed with R. Yael, with inspiring rabbis who are members, and with a dedicated congregation. We’re enthusiastic about new opportunities for service and leadership that this special time provides for our community.

We’ll keep you posted as plans gel. In addition, there will be time for conversation with R. Shawn and Task Force members at our community meeting, April 3rd.

With you, Ellen
Dear Friends,

As the Spring moon grows full the Pesach Festival approaches. In the Passover story we read that Pharaoh continually hardened his heart and that God hardened Pharaoh’s heart as well. The hardened heart became for Pharaoh a habitual response that made it impossible for him to act with empathy, understanding, curiosity or justice.

With all that is happening in our country and in the world it is not difficult for us to fall into the habit of hardening our hearts. Anger, fear, frustration, despair can cause us to close down, turn away and constrict our hearts. And as we harden our hearts it becomes more difficult for us to respond to each other and all we encounter with patience, love, understanding and compassion. A hardened heart makes it difficult to appreciate life’s blessings and respond well to life’s challenges.

During the Passover season it can be helpful to set an intention to engage in Tikun HaLev, the healing of the hardened heart. To do this for our own sake and for the sake of each other. Healing-Softening the hardened heart brings us back into connection with each other and the world and guides us in responding to whatever we encounter with greater love, empathy and compassion.

At our seder tables we can engage this practice with each of the four cups of wine.

**First Cup: Honoring Those Who Came Before Us**
As we begin the Seder we lift the fist cup of wine and remember those who have passed out of this world. We remember those with whom we have shared Seder meals. We remember family and friends who we love and cherish. And we remember people who have made a difference in our lives and the life of the world. Naming some of these people we soften our hearts with sadness, appreciation and love.

**Second Cup: Acknowledging the Challenges of this Time**
Each day’s news brings more information that can intensify our feelings of rage, fear and despair. We take a moment to acknowledge something that is going on in this country or in the world that is of deep concerns to us. And instead of encouraging anger or fear, we turn toward compassion and connection through the practice of “praying with the news.” We reflect on the situation that concerns us and say a prayer for the people, the land, the beings involved. We pray for the situation to be resolved justly. We say these prayers as we raise the second cup of wine and soften our hearts by encouraging our own and each other’s compassion, empathy, connection and care.

**Third Cup: Gratitude**
We lift the third cup and give thanks for the blessings in our lives. We give thanks for the people who we love and who love us, for the gifts we receive and are able to give. We give thanks for bounty and opportunities. As we raise the third cup we share our gratitude, affirming that gratitude softens the heart, encourages joy and opens our awareness.

**Fourth Cup: Goodness**
There is so much good in the world. There are so many people everyday acting with love and devotion for the benefit of each other and the earth. As we lift the fourth cup we share stories of goodness. We share acts of kindness we have witnessed. We share instances of people coming together for justice. We share moments and encounters that have been inspiring and bring us strength and hope.

May this season encourage our fortitude and love. May our hearts be strong and filled with courage. May we guide each other into the expanse of possibilities, blessings and peace.

Blessings to all,

Shalom,
Rabbi Yael
Getting to Know Gabby

by Anndee Hochman

You might know her as the kitchen doyenne of Food for Thought, a program for teens to learn about Jewish culture through cooking. Or as the creator of Celebrations!, an ongoing Shabbat program for kids and families with special needs.

Maybe you’ve encountered Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer in her alter-ego of Madame Meshugennah, swooshing theatrically through a Purim carnival with a shmatte on her head and an Old Country lilt in her voice.

But if you’re a kid in Gan/Alef on a Sunday morning, Gabby is the first Hebrew School teacher you’ve ever known: the one who gently calls the group to focus by saying, “All right, friends,” the one who counts slowly to ten while the glue dries on your Purim mask, the one who notices if you’re feeling shy.

Twenty years ago, Gabby was immersed in a Jewish Studies program—she’d found her way to Jewish education via playwriting and freelance arts reporting—and needed part-time work. She ended up taking jobs as a 7th-grade teacher at both Mishkan and Beth Am Israel.

“It was so intense,” Gabby recalls of her four-times-weekly encounters with kids on the cusp of puberty. “But I just really liked the feeling of the kids and the families at Mishkan.”

For the next two decades, Gabby has worn multiple hats at Mishkan: 2nd-grade Hebrew School teacher; leader of drama hoogim; originator of Tot Shabbat; b’nai mitzvah coordinator; leader of youth services during High Holidays; social media consultant.

For the last ten years, she has also worked at Jewish Learning Ventures, which works to create access for children and teens with disabilities across the entire Jewish community.

After Gabby’s kids were born—George, 16, who has autism and a cognitive disability; and June, 13, an accomplished singer who also plays drums and piano—she wanted Mishkan to become a place where kids like George, and their families, could participate in Jewish practice.

“I didn’t want to try to fit George into the box of Hebrew School,” she says. “I didn’t have any illusion that the content would be meaningful for him. I wanted to create something that would be: that’s why we focused on music and joy and having Shabbat and holidays together.”

The program Gabby pioneered—Celebrations!—started in 2011. Her aim in the monthly gatherings is to foster a whole-family experience. “I wanted families like mine, who might be totally overwhelmed by life, to have two simple songs you can sing to get your child ready for Shabbat,” she says. “My personal philosophy is that I believe in not educating the child in isolation.”

Gabby continues to lead Food for Thought, which she launched in 2007—a monthly group in which teens whip up treats like babka, matzah ball soup, Israeli salad and falafel, learning as they cook about the origins of kashrut or the range of global Jewish cuisine. It’s also a mitzvah project: the kids often make food for a shiva minyan, for a congregant who is ill or for a special oneg.

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Food? Decorations?
Bring Your Best to
Celebrate Gabby’s
20 Years at Mishkan!

Gabby has touched everyone’s lives in so many ways, so **SAVE THE DATE** and come **May 4th** to celebrate her many contributions to our community. So much is planned!

- Make sure to come with your dancing shoes on!
- Music curated by Fred Kaplan-Mayer!
- A Mediterranean Feast (Gabby’s favorite)!

We are looking for old friends and new to help with some key tasks - we need teens to help with a special room for the smaller kids, someone to help organize the food, and someone to help with decorations. If you have a teen in Food for Thought, or if you’d like to help with one of the other key tasks, please contact either Jean Brody at jeanbrody@comcast.net, or Lisagail Zeitlin at lisagail@lisagailsmiles.com

Make sure your calendar is marked for Saturday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser, so if you can’t attend, but you’d like to contribute, you’re welcome to make a contribution marked “Grateful for Gabby.”
Three Special Programs Bring Disabilities Inclusion to our Mishkan School and the Community

One of the special qualities in Mishkan’s three-times-a-year Shabbat School experiences is our minhag (custom) of fashioning the day of learning and davening around a theme. In December our theme was human rights, in January it was racial equality, and in February it was disabilities awareness.

For the third of these programs, our congregational school had three special learning events to impart the Jewish values of hesed (lovingkindness) and hakhlalah (inclusion).

On February 9th kids in grades K through 6 had a special half-hour Q&A session with Lior Liebling, a 17-year old lifelong Mishkan member with Down syndrome. Lior was the subject of an internationally renowned documentary called Praying with Lior, which followed him on his journey to becoming a bar mitzvah at Mishkan, while coping with the death of his mother Rabbi Devorah Bartnoff of cancer. Since its debut in 2006, the film has won five filmmaking awards and been shown in synagogues, churches, and schools worldwide. As Lior’s father, Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, shared, the film has become a way of transforming the relationship that organizations and communities have to their members who don’t fit into the narrow confines of what society views as “normal” or “typical.” As recently as last year, Lior and his stepmother Lynne Iser travelled to Russia to attend a viewing and accept an award for the documentary.

More than anything in the world, Lior loves to daven. He attended an orthodox day school as a child, in part because it was a place that was ready to not just accommodate his unique learning needs, but because they embraced him with a kind of acceptance few communities can emulate.

Lior spoke about some of these experiences with our students during the Shabbat School Q&A, facilitated by Gabby Kaplan-Meyer, along with some more mundane questions like: “What was it like having your bar mitzvah?” (Awesome!) “What was it like having a film crew follow you around for a whole year (Really fun!) “What’s your favorite holiday?” (Yom Kippur), and “What do you do for work?” (Work in the back at Whole Foods in Wynnewood).

“For some of the kids, this was probably the first time they had ever simply spoken or interacted with a young person visibly different from themselves...”

explained Moreh Gabby to a small group of parents after the Q&A. “These kinds of encounters are crucial for kids to be able to develop empathy and understanding. It’s also a key way to diminishing whatever fear or nervousness a child might have.”

After the Q&A, the kids in grades 4, 5, and 6, went upstairs to join the larger congregation for the Shabbat service. Grades K-2 and 3 spent the day in their classes doing more intimate lessons related to the topic of disability.

Communal Film Viewing

Lior’s visit at the Shabbat School event was one half of a two-part teaching planned for February. Several dozen people gathered for a communal showing of the film, where the school’s Zayin (7th grade) kids joined as well, after having had some preparatory discussions with Rabbi Shawn and Moreh Solomon about some of the more emotionally challenging parts of the film.

A Day of Experiential Learning

The final experience we offered for our disabilities awareness unit was a special all-Sunday visit by a master educator in Jewish disabilities named Joanie Calem of Ohio.

Joanie began the assembly with a beautiful Jewish-Ukrainian folk tale (which you can watch below on YouTube.) She then spent 30 to 45 minutes in each of the individual grades in tailored lessons for the age group.

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In one grade, where a parent had previously voiced concern that there was a culture of judgment or exclusion against her child who has specific disabilities, Joanie designed a series of special activities to address that possible dynamic head-on – challenging the classmates to consider the ways even silence can be used to exclude or alienate a “different” child and doing active role-playing activities.

The folk tale Joanie shared at assembly is found in many varieties across the Middle East. An English version is called “The Very Hungry Coat” based on a Turkish version; a Hebrew version is called “Eat, Coat, Eat!” based on a Moroccan version. Joanie calls her version “Who Was Actually Invited?” and sets the story in a Russian/Ukrainian village.

She hopes soon to have it written in a blog post, but, in the meanwhile, she was gracious to share a live recording of her retelling the story, so you can enjoy a taste of what your children witnessed.

I hope you enjoy this small slice of storytelling. Perhaps you’d enjoy watching it with your child. Ask them first what they remember of the story; see if they can recall what the key lessons were. Then watch the video clip together and simply see where the conversation takes you!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1utpZ34Q1I

If you would like more resources on Jewish children and disabilities, you really should check out her website, she has an extensive blog, numerous published CDs, resources for parents raising children with different abilities, and so much more! http://joaniecalem.com

I extend my special thanks to the Education Committee, our treasurer Ellen Steiker, and Gabby Kaplan-Meyer, who volunteered to pitch in some Celebrations! funding to help make the visit by Joanie possible. How wonderful that these events spontaneously presented themselves to our school students and families.

My thanks also to those who generously donated funds at the film viewing on March 15. We were able to raise $50, which we passed along to Lior as an honorarium for the time he spent teaching our kids.

B’vracha,
Rabbi Joysa

Sponsored by J.PROUD, the JFCS LGBTQ Initiative and the Kol Tzedek LGBTQ Havurah

Sunday, April 21, 5:30 pm

For More Information and to RSVP:

www.LGBTQsederPhilly2019.eventbrite.com

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Post-New Zealand Insight & Hope
Join Muslim Friends at Screening of Documentary by Mishkan Member
About Centuries of Peaceful Coexistence - Sunday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.

by Jessie Stein Diamond

One way to mourn the lives lost at a New Zealand mosque and the terrible global cost of White Supremacy is to deepen understanding and connections among our Muslim and Christian neighbors.

Members of Mishkan Shalom (and our interfaith friends) are warmly invited to a free screening of the award-winning documentary, Out of Cordoba, about a little-known era of centuries of peaceful coexistence among Muslims, Jews and Christians in Medieval Europe. The film will air on Sunday, April 14, 4:00 p.m. - to 6:00 p.m. at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 624 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr Pa 19010. Please sign up for free tickets via this link and forward this invitation to anyone you think might like to join us.

Jacob Bender, the film’s director, is a new member of Mishkan Shalom who serves as executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations of Pennsylvania. After the 1 hour 20 minute film, Bender will share his insights on the relevance of his 2009 documentary to today, followed by Q & A and refreshments.

The cast includes Jacob Bender (as himself), Maria Rosa Menocal (the late author of Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Jews and Christians Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain) and many others filmed at locations that include: New York; Cordoba, Sevilla and Malaga (Spain); Venice; Paris; Venice; Cairo; Rabat, Marrakech and Fez (Morocco); Jerusalem; and Palestine.

I organized this screening in partnership with friends I’ve met through the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom sosspeace.org (which develops friendships between Muslim and Jewish women), and my interfaith book group the Daughters of Abraham daughtersofabraham.com (for Jewish, Christian and Muslim women) one of whom is a clergy member and is serving as our site host at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.
**Eliana Greenbaum**  
**April 6**

For Elli, Mishkan is the place where Hebrew School students learn about life-cycle rituals by planning a baby-naming ceremony for a potato. It’s the place where kids act out the rivalry between Jacob and Esau as if it were a day in family court, with lawyers and a presiding judge.

And it is the place where, when she began as a 5th-grader in the middle of the year, her classmates were instantly welcoming. “Everyone seemed so happy,” Elli recalls of her first day at Mishkan, which happened to be a Hanukkah party for her grade. “It felt like everybody was a family. Everyone was super-relaxed and fun.”

She wanted a **bat mitzvah.** “I feel like it’s such a big Jewish marathon, a big moment in a Jewish kid’s life, and I was always so excited: Wow, I would be able to read from the **Torah!**” She began last spring, working with Cantor David Acker to learn prayers, songs, the mourners’ **kaddish** and her **parasha, Tazria** (Lev. 12:1-13:59).

It’s a challenging portion that deals with boundaries between clean and unclean, pure and impure, with lengthy descriptions of skin afflictions that would warrant temporary separation from the community. Elli read through the text with Rabbi Yael, making notes and jotting questions. “The terms ‘tamei’ and ‘tahor’ (impure and pure) don’t translate perfectly to English,” she explains.

But a more troubling issue in the **parasha** was how people with skin afflictions were regarded and treated. “They person had to be isolated for a number of days,” Elli says. “I didn’t like that. The person needs care. They’re sick. We talked about what that has to do with the present, and how we judge people by the way they look.

“I’m kind of glad I got a **Torah** portion that’s very different, not a story we all have heard about in Hebrew School. It made me look at the **Torah** in a different way.”

Elli’s **tikkun olam** project also veers off the conventional path. She’s working with the Philly Goat Project, based at Awbury Arboretum, which offers animal-assisted therapy, goat yoga, grazing and other community events, all in the name of environmentalism and humane treatment of animals.

What I do is help train the goats. Sometimes I sit down and hang out with them so they’re not bored. I’ve gone on community walks with them. I was surprised at how trainable the goats are. I helped potty-train them! They’re so loving; they’re so fun. And they’re moody. You can tell their personalities apart. The dwarf goats are tiny and fun to hold and snuggle with.”

Elli, a 7th-grader at The Philadelphia School, loves her teachers’ interdisciplinary, creative approach: a favorite project involved making a video of an “interview” with a Neanderthal, and she’s currently doing a project on gene mutation that involves a Jenga-like game to teach younger kids about the concept.

Her **bat mitzvah** has certainly been this year’s biggest project. “I had a lesson yesterday and read through all five of my aliyyot and thought: I can do this. I’ve learned more than I thought I did. It feels like I’m becoming an adult in the Jewish eye—the stage of growth where you’re becoming that person. It’s that kind of rite of passage.”
Update: Fundraising at Mishkan Shalom? Delicious!

By Lisagail Zeitlin
Board Representative for Fundraising

As the development person on the Board this year, I am thrilled to deliver fundraising updates about the present and future of our beloved Mishkan Shalom.

Before I begin, let me tell you how I am contributing to Mishkan Shalom this year. I have completed payment of my year two commitment to the Mishkan@30 campaign. I arrived at my full five-year pledge after meeting with Keely Newman, one of the campaign chairs. Together we came up with a number I could manage that also felt meaningful for me.

In February, I attended our first fundraiser (more below) and contributed what I could to this sacred space that holds such great significance in my life. It's rewarding to know that I can help our synagogue feel more and more stable every year.

Our first fundraiser for this year was the Night of Many Dinners/Day of Many Brunches on February 9/10. Mishkan folks clearly enjoy socializing over a great meal! Over 90 members chose from ten hosted dinners and brunches. A special thank you to our hosts, and extra special kudos to Jordan Mann who managed this fun and important event. Through the Night of Many Dinners/Day of Many Brunches, we raised $12,248 – more than a bite-sized contribution!

Mishkan@30: ReGeneration is buzzing along and we are deep into year two of our five-year campaign. We have $691,466 in pledges, and $427,052 paid in at this time. Thanks to each member who has pledged and contributed, because we are all working toward ensuring the financial stability of our solid Mishkan. If you get a call from a member who wants to meet with you to discuss your pledge, please help set up that meeting! We’re definitely looking for 100% participation from our membership. Will your pledge be the one that takes us into the $700,000s? Contact our chairs, Keely Newman, Irv Ackelsberg or David Piver to learn more,

Our second fundraising event will be Grateful for Gabby on May 4, when we will celebrate Gabby Kaplan-Mayer for twenty years of loving contributions to Mishkan Shalom. More details are elsewhere in this issue of Kol Shalom - See you there!

“Walk the Talk: Knowing Nature through a Jewish Lens”
Led by Steve Jones - Saturday, April 27 - 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Meet at Mishkan after services, then we’ll carpool to the woods.

On this walk we focus on the flowering of many of the plants native to our valley. Walkers should wear sturdy shoes and sensible clothing for the woods. The walk takes about 1-1/2 hours. All ages welcome! Register online: Walk the Talk: Knowing Nature Through a Jewish Lens.

Steve Jones is president of Wissahickon Restoration Volunteers, the community’s ecological restoration program, and he leads nature walks at Mishkan’s annual Weekend in the Woods in the Pocono Mountains. Steve teaches English at Community College of Philadelphia.
Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Library Committee’s One Book Mishkan presents an afternoon of

**Yiddish Stories, Poetry and Music!**

Featuring:

Makhel’at Michael, Mishkan’s Community Choir,
Director Miriam Davidson

Judy Kleppel and Klezmer Friends
and Readers from Mishkan
Eilen Levinson, Producer

The rich world of Yiddish culture will come to life with
staged readings of stories and poetry (in English),
Klezmer music and evocative songs from our Choir.

**Don’t miss this uplifting visit to our past.**

Delightful and Delectable Reception to follow.

Suggested Donation: $10.00

In the Mishkan Social Hall, 1st Floor
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May 2nd, 6:30 - 8:30pm
The Brodsky Center -
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Dinner Provided!

To register, please visit http://tiny.cc/LGBTQTeenFocusGroup
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For more information, email ggodel@jfcsphilly.org or call 267.273.6006
Mazel Tov
We offer a hearty mazel tov to Eliana Greenbaum and her family, as she becomes bat mitzvah this month.

Condolences
We send condolences to Steve Weinberg and Elisa Goldberg on the loss of Steve's mother Marjorie Weinberg; and to Barry Dornfeld and Carole Boughter on the loss of Barry's mother Ina Feidelman. May Marjorie and Ina’s memories be for a blessing and may Steve, Elisa, Carry, Carole and their families be comforted among all who mourn.

Love and Support
This month we send our ongoing love, support, and prayers for healing to Mishkan members Orly Zeewy, Steve Jones, Mindy Maslin, Lisa Auerbach, Gene Bishop, Gena Lopata, Ray Kaplan, Erica Eisenberg, Jane Lipton, Adam Tuttle, Claire Needleman, Robin Berenholz, Bernice Bricklin, Mark Goodman, Denise Kulp, Robin Leidner, George Kaplan-Meyer, Nathan Horwitz, Lior Feldman, Miriam Samuelson, and Natalie Gorvine.

We also send ongoing love, support, and prayers for healing to all those Mishkan members in need of healing but who seek to remain private.

We are keeping Carol Dombroski (mother of Brian Dombroski), Natalie Caplin (mother of Wendy Caplin), Eleazar Shimon Hakohen ben Shoshana v’Ahron Yosai (father of Rabbi Shawn Zevit), Sarah Rivka bat Elizabeth (mother of Rabbi Shawn Zevit), Sarah Bradley (mother of David Bradley), Debra Singer (sister of Karen Singer), Patrick Windle (brother of Susan Windle), Sal Berenholz (father of Robin Berenholz), Jackie Berman-Gorvine (daughter-in-law of Natalie & Harold Gorvine), Edgar Galson (father of Wendy Galson and father-in-law of Susan Windle), and Julie Post and Joseph Post (sister and father of Nancy Post) and in our prayers as well. May they all experience a refuah sheleimah (full healing).

Please notify us if you want a name added to, or removed from, our “Ongoing love, support, and prayers of healing…” list.

Are you receiving Acts of Caring via email?
Acts of Caring now goes out to all Mishkan members. It is our communication central for sharing life cycle events and community needs for help. If you are not receiving Acts of Caring, please check your spam, or if you have gmail, your solicitations folder (Acts of Caring is distributed by Constant Contact). If you unsubscribe from Ma Hadash, intentionally or accidentally, you will also be unsubscribed from Acts of Caring. Please contact the office for clarification.

Acts of Caring
Acts of Caring lets the Mishkan Shalom community learn about significant events in the lives of our members. In this way, we can reach out to one another in times of grief, illness, and joy. To reach us simply email: actsofcaring@mishkan.org.

HINENI--HERE I AM
If you could use a little help because of illness, or joy (new baby!) or you know of a Mishkan member too shy to ask, please email actsofcaring@mishkan.org and we will reach out. Hineni offers concrete support to members in need of short term help, including meals, visits, transportation, etc. If you would like some help, but do not wish a public solicitation, please contact the rabbis, or actsofcaring@mishkan.org and we will speak with you privately and seek to arrange help. Our Hineni coordinators are Lisa Mervis and Chris Taranta.

Got Nachas? Sharing your good news is a marvelous way to connect our community! Please don’t be shy - send all lifecycle events you would like to be posted to our email address: actsofcaring@mishkan.org.
Please join us for Torah Study each Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

Friday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat Service, with Rabbi Shawn, and Rosh Hodesh Celebration

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Service with Rabbi Yael; Eliana Greenbaum will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

Sunday, April 7, 5:00 p.m. – Interfaith Freedom Seder, presented by the Shalom Center

Friday, April 12, 7:30 p.m. – Kabbalat Shabbat Service, with Rabbi Shawn and Ami Yares

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Service, with Rabbi Shawn

Saturday, April 20, 10:00 a.m. – A Way In Mindfulness Service, with Rabbi Yael

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. – Shabbat Service, with Rabbi Shawn, Ethan Soloway (being confirmed), and the Mishkan Choir

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