

Congregation Kehilat Shalom NEWS

A Welcoming Jewish Reconstructionist Community

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Bulletin from the Board

Hi everyone,

First, Nancy & I want to extend an extremely heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone for all the support, prayers, and good wishes extended to our family during my illness. We don't know what we would have done without the help we received in terms of car pools, childcare, "meals on wheels," etc. Knowing that so many were standing by us during this time was a real boost to our spirit and to my recovery. Thank you again.



For those who don't know, I was struck in November with a severe infection of the heart and spent late November through early January in the hospital. A large chunk of that time was under heavy sedation and I'm told it was "touch and go". I'm making good progress at this point – I'm even back to work (on a modified schedule). Doctors tell me that I'm "looking great" and that I should be "back to myself" in a few months. I'm more than grateful for the second chance.

When I was first asked whether I wanted a message about my medical status sent out to the congregation, I wanted to keep things private. I've always been the type that's been a bit embarrassed to ask for help and I certainly didn't want to "bother" anyone else with my problems. I'd rather face things or "work things out" on my own. When finally convinced to allow a message to go out, and once I shook off the effects of all the medication, I was truly overwhelmed by everything everyone did for us. Not only was all the help needed – as I said, Nancy could not have juggled all the responsibilities without the help – it brought us that much closer to the congregational community.

Contrary to my concerns about "bothering" people, I've found that most, in times of trouble, want to reach out and help. Ask for the help that's needed, and most will respond. Several congregants expressed sympathy and a desire to assist, but didn't know how. These weren't empty words – when asked for a specific favor, people were there for us. They simply needed to know what would be most helpful. Nancy & I have found the true meaning of community through this experience - real caring for one another - really being there for one another. We've seen the strong community at Kehilat Shalom. It's a community that exhibits respect and compassion for its members; a community that really cares.

When we joined Kehilat Shalom, our primary purpose was to provide our children with a Jewish education. We were slow to become part of the community ourselves. Getting involved with other activities at the synagogue – family-oriented Hebrew School activities, social events, Shabbat services, participation on the board and the choir has turned our experience into so much more than we expected. It has allowed us to form new friendships, participate in new experiences, renew and grow our spiritual beings. I encourage all to become even more active at Kehilat Shalom and take in all that it has to offer.

In closing, let me offer one last "thank you" to all. As you hopefully reflect on what the community at Kehilat Shalom means to you, remember that your participation pays big dividends for both you and for the entire synagogue. Finally, know that this community is there for you in times of trouble. All you need to do is to ask.

Mitch Javeline

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*Many thanks to Nicole Schaum who decided to do her Bat Mitzvah "service" project by helping the café this year. In the fall, she provided muffins for all our Hebrew school children to have to eat inside the Sukkah on Succot. In February she made muffins again for the Meet the Rabbi breakfast. Last week, she made sticky buns for sale at the café during the Kabbalah Adult Education program. She also helped at the café, prepared bagels for some of our smaller customers, made change, and helped check in adult ed participants. Since all the café proceeds go back into the Hebrew school and the synagogue, we definitely appreciate all her help. Todah Rabah Nicole, and Mazel Tov on your upcoming Bat Mitzvah!
The café committee*

Open House on May 4th at Congregation Kehilat Shalom

Congregation Kehilat Shalom invites the community to join us for an Open House on Sunday, May 4, 2008 from 9:30 – 11:00 am.

Potential congregants can meet our new rabbi, take a tour of our facilities, meet our Hebrew School principal and teachers and mingle with our diverse community. **Stop by to have your car washed by our youth group during the open house.**

Families can participate in the Hebrew School's Yom Haatzmaut celebration which consists of story telling, art projects, music, cooking, Jewish games such as Ga-ga and much more. It is great fun for the entire family and an opportunity to learn more about our growing community.

We encourage all CKS congregants to bring a friend, post flyers about the event in appropriate places around town and join us Sunday May 4th to meet potential members.

For information on how to help, contact:

Carrie Fischman (ladyfisch@comcast.net)

or Andrea Lass(ahlass@hotmail.com).

Installation Ceremony Upcoming

The installation ceremony is fast approaching! You should have already received your invitation. Please send in your RSVP card so that we can better organize the catered reception. If you did not receive an invitation and you would like to come, please let Robin know.

It will be a musical evening, with songs by Kol Ahava, the children's choir, and music by Odessa Klezmer at the reception. Many of the past presidents will attend to be honored. Thanks for volunteering and for your donations. With such a large event, a few more volunteers are always welcome (contact Holly Nelson at hollygracnelson@verizon.net). We look forward to seeing you on the 25th at 7:30 for a very special Friday night service!

CKS Book Club

The April book club is at Eleanor Tillman's on 4/14, and the book is "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen

Save the date: May Book Club is scheduled for May 12. Book to be announced. Watch for the weekly newsletters.

Adult Education –

"Kabbalah: Heresy or Tradition?"

Part II

Sunday, April 6 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Presented by Rabbi Susan Falk

Sponsored by CKS Adult Education

Do you know the difference between a spiritual and a mystical experience? Did you know that the Kabbalah first made its appearance in Provence, France, of all places, in the twelfth century? Did you know that even at the peak of the mystical movement, some regarded it as esoteric and essentially non-Jewish," while others thought mystics were defenders of Jewish tradition? Come learn more about this fascinating and sometimes controversial movement which has captivated Jewish imagination and faith for almost a thousand years.

\$3 for members

\$5 non members

(fee includes materials, bagel and coffee)

Attendance at Part I in March not required

Please RSVP to robin@ksnj.org or call 908-359-0420 for further information.

SPIRITUAL SPRING CLEANING



There are many opportunities in the Jewish calendar to take stock of oneself and one's surroundings. The High Holidays are one such occasion. Another is Passover, zeman heruteinu, the time of our freedom, perhaps our most beloved of holidays, which falls in Nissan, the first month in the Hebrew calendar.

How do we take stock on Passover? We do so first by preparing our homes. A thorough "Spring cleaning", the ridding of chametz (all that contains leaven), and kashering of utensils, is capped off by a quaint ritual with a candle and a feather known as the bedikat chametz, or the final search for leaven.

There is, however, a "spiritual Spring cleaning" that can take place at this time of year as well. Removing the chametz from our hearts and minds, that is, cleaning out the emotional leaven that can lead to excessive pride or possessiveness, or the gunk that can clog up and "harden our hearts" like Pharaoh's - all this we work to remove from our midst as well. And so, on Passover, we spend eight days eating matzah, an unleavened, flat bread, as we take stock of our inner lives.

Communities can take stock of themselves too. Here at CKS, in the past eight months, we have accomplished a great deal together. We celebrated the New Year and Simchat Torah, Chanukah and Purim. We have sat shiva together for a number of relatives and friends, rejoiced in our children's b'nei mitzvah, and helped each other out in times of illness. Together, we studied about Judaism and the environment, and about the exciting topic of Jewish mysticism.

In addition, bricks have been laid in our new walkway, and our lobby has been spruced up with paint, a new rug, and furniture - all donations of time, money, and materials of congregants. A new work of art, painted by our recent bar mitzvah, Jeremy Bilotti, now graces our walls. And, our Board and committees and our staff are all working hard on policy and membership and new ideas for our Hebrew school.

Of course, in taking stock of our accomplishments, we realize how much there is yet to be done in terms of growing our membership, refining our Hebrew school and adult education programs, beautifying our property, and streamlining our organizational structure.

Any one of you can have a hand in these efforts and more, and I invite you to share your thoughts, time, and expertise.

It is Congregation Kehilat Shalom's 25th anniversary. On April 25th,

during the beautiful holiday of Passover, we will hold an installation ceremony in which we can all take stock and celebrate together both our accomplishments as a community, as well as the possibilities for future development. Imagine, if you can, in the dawn of Jewish history, the possibilities of a small band of runaway slaves who celebrated the first Passover together, met God in the wilderness, and then set off for the Promised Land. On April 25th, let us, like our ancestors, hope and dream and celebrate all of our many possibilities together.

In the meantime, I wish each and every one of you a zissen Pesach, a sweet Passover, a season of taking stock, self-renewal, and spiritual growth.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Susan

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April 2 Wednesday music cooking
6 Sunday music cooking
9 Wednesday art
13 Sunday Passover Program
16 Wednesday music
20 Sunday *No Class* Passover

23 Wednesday *No Class* Passover
27 Sunday *No Class* Passover
30 Wednesday Mock Shabbat 5-6



Shabbat Superstars for February

Name		Grade
Anderson	Kelly	3
Anderson	Zach	5
Fischman	Jacob	4
Gartenberg	Emily	7
Goldhammer	Lea	2
Goldhammer	Josh	K
Javeline	Joanna	6
Javeline	Melissa	3
Kowalski	Tess	3
Milich	Kaela	2
Milich	Vivien	1
Murphy	Ian	4
Rosenthal	Jason	5
Rosenthal	Allison	2
Schaum	Nicole	7
Sokel	Jackie	4
Underberg-Davis	Rachel	5
Weinstein	Ben	6
Weinstein	Cecily	1
Weiss	Dorothy	4
Weitze	Jack	3

Seventh Graders made squares for a baby quilt for their teacher, Anna, who had a baby at the end of January. Arielle Starkman, our volunteer art teacher, had the students use fabric markers and Hebrew stencils to send messages of good luck and congratulations. Anna was nice enough to send me pictures of baby Liza which were shared with the class as they participated in this tradition of welcoming a new baby to the community.

The Fifth graders completed their unit on Marriage by marrying two teddy bears in the sanctuary. Many thanks to our Chuppah corner holders, Lindsey Rosenthal, Ilana Berger, Tom Berger and Sharon Underberg-Davis. The bride bear was animated by Rachel Underberg-Davis. The groom bear was animated by Paul Galkin. The service was led by Ben Applegate, Rabbi ☺. The fifth graders are also creating board games using facts and vocabulary that they have learned during the year. They have been playing "baseball" using questions created by last year's class.



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The Third grade class received their siddurim and decorated covers for them.

Fourth Graders worked on Purim vocabulary with Jonathan Yuresko.

Students in all grades loved making Hamantaschen with Josh. You can find the recipe on our website.

Sixth graders completed their puppets and monologues for the "Jewish Heroes" project. Subjects were Jewish Heroes from ancient and modern times, from Israel and the Diaspora.

K-2 class students are busily learning to identify the letters and the sounds that the letters make alone and with vowels.

Hebrew High School student, Ilana Berger, makes a difference by tutoring students one on one.

Dori



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As spring approaches there are three significant congregational events taking place at Congregation Kehilat Shalom. There are also two greater-community-based events in which our synagogue is participating.



In April, we will close the week of Passover with a special Friday night service. On April 25th, we will hold an Installation Ceremony for Rabbi Falk. Our congregation will be honored with Rabbi Jacob Staub of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College as a guest speaker as well as performances by Kol Ahava, the Children's Choir and the Odessa Klezmer band. Additionally, we will reflect on our 25 years with a presentation of a Presidential plaque honoring the guidance and efforts of the past leaders of our community.

The very next day, April 26th from 12-5 pm rain or shine, CKS will be participating in Communiversity on the Princeton campus. This fun event honoring the arts, takes place on the streets of Princeton where we will have a booth and create "Hands for Peace". We will use fabric of many different colors, styles and perhaps even texture. Please let us know if you have fabric to donate for this event or are interested in helping to work the booth at some time during the event.

On Sunday May 4th from 9:30-11:00 am Congregation Kehilat Shalom will host an Open House. We are asking for all members to help by simply bringing a friend or a family that you may know. Additional help by posting flyers around town where appropriate would also be appreciated in order to spread the word and maximize our exposure.

On Thursday May 8th, our very own Kol Ahava will be participating in the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at the Flemington Jewish Center. Please come out and support our singers and celebrate Israel's 60th Birthday with the greater Jewish community. Later in the month on May 18th (the last day of Hebrew School), we will host a LEGO building event where we will "build" Jerusalem in our sanctuary. More on that exciting activity in next month newsletter.

I hope to see many of you in attendance for these wonderful events. Please come by and say hello to me if I don't say hello to you first. *-Matt*

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Since 1993, Kol Ahava has been a part of this synagogue's High Holiday services. We began with just four members: Karen Bartels, Peggy Fass, Sheryl Rosenberg (then Kilpatrick), and Diane Wions who directed us. Through many incarnations, we have become a much larger entity by adding many more women, including daughters of some of us, and now, a few men! Sharon Underberg-Davis has graciously and expertly conducted us for the past few years.

For all of these years, we have rehearsed throughout the summers, learned new music and freshened older pieces with new voices and new arrangements. We have added piano, flute, percussion, and guitar to some of our repertoire. We have worked very hard to enhance the High Holidays, and some services in-between. And we have done all of this as volunteers in service to CKS.

In April and May, Kol Ahava will be singing at very special events, and we invite you to come to support our efforts and enjoy the evenings. First is the installation service for Rabbi Falk on Friday, April 25. Your presence at this event will not only honor Rabbi Susan, but will also show your appreciation for Kol Ahava. Please mark your calendars and watch for other articles and notices regarding this wonderful event.

On Thursday, May 8, Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day – 60 years!) celebrations will take place at various venues. However, the only one at which Kol Ahava will be appearing will be at the Flemington Jewish Community Center's beautiful new facility. There will be booths with food, merchandise, and activities, speakers, and music, of course. Plan on arriving early to grab a bite and take advantage of all that's offered, and stay for Kol Ahava's performance around 7 p.m. More details will be available through this newsletter, our weekly e-bulletin, and other sources.

Please let the members of Kol Ahava know how much you value our efforts and our offerings. Show your faces at these wonderful events.

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Hebrew High School/Youth Groups



HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

Save these dates:

Friday, April 18 - Shabbat services led by Hebrew High School students

Friday, May 9 - Shabbat services and ceremony for graduating Hebrew High School seniors

Late February and early March brought a wealth of innovative sessions to the Hebrew High School students. Many thanks to our congregant volunteers for leading a session or two with our post b'nai mitzvah children. Thank you **Joe Wions, Susan Krisiloff, Richard Cohen, Jeremy Lerner, and Steven Weinstein** for your sessions with the 11-12th grade class and to **Lisa Kent, Larry Spinrad, and Judi Turkheimer** for their sessions with the 8-10th grade class. Rabbi Susan taught each week for the first hour of class sharing her knowledge in a wide range of subjects. Several volunteers contributed a synopsis of their sessions.

The Hebrew High School program relies on our congregant volunteers. We appreciate the many talented and generous congregants who have stepped forward to share their interests and expertise with our students. If you want to lead a discussion, please contact me at kfridkis@comcast.net.

Larry Spinrad writes: I led a discussion with the Hebrew High School students in February. The topic was Jews in Colonial America and the impact that they had. The second half of the class was devoted to a trivia contest which was enjoyed by the students and the discussion leader as well!

Judi Turkheimer writes: This month's group coaching brought questions of how we make choices and what influences our choices. As we talked, we were naturally led to a much bigger, more germane topic... personal values. It is common for people to think they know what their values are. Sometimes we do, but upon reflection, find that behavior and values don't match up. Students had some "aha" moments about what truly drives them and what they hold important.

Lisa Kent writes: In our last two sessions, the class focused on politics and careers. Topics of discussion included how to understand a candidate's platform and figure out where you best align. The class used a website called electoralcompass.com to see how personal opinions matched up against the remaining presidential candidates. This experiment yielded some surprising results. At the next session, the group discussed the pressures and ethics of Elliott Spitzer's position (pre resignation). I also presented an overview of Marketing as a possible career option and the group reviewed some fun case studies.

Joe Wions writes: I met with 12th grade students to discuss "Dealing With Difficult Challenges". We began our discussion by exploring what came up for them when they thought about difficult challenges. Issues related to college dominated their thinking. We talked about selecting and applying to colleges, waiting for acceptance letters, worrying about rejections and their consequences, the increased responsibility of setting and managing your own schedule, the anticipation of more difficult course work, and more.

To help the students deal with the worry and other strong emotions that such challenges can elicit, I introduced to them to the concept of "Stories". By "Stories", I mean the various scenarios that our brains produce in reaction to what we experience, causing us to respond with a wide array of emotions. These emotions often cause us to react to circumstances in a manner that either creates or exacerbates problems and additional challenges.

For example, if you were talking to me about a topic of importance to you, and all the while you noticed me repeatedly looking at my watch, your mind would create various interpretations (or "Stories") of what that simple behavior (looking at my watch) meant. Since our brains work about five to ten times faster than our mouths do, we produce many stories in a very short period of time. "Looking at my watch", for example, could get interpreted as: I'm busy right now, I'm bored, you are making too much of this, I don't realize how serious this is for you, I have something else on my mind, I am in love with my new watch, I am an insensitive jerk, and many more. Complicating the situation even further, each of these interpretations can trigger its own series of emotional reactions. So, from observing this simple behavior of looking at my watch, you might in a matter of seconds generate a long list of stories (or interpretations) that leave you feeling angry, confused, insulted, rejected, offended, abused, amused, etc.

The trouble is that we don't know which, if any, of these stories are true, and we often react to our emotions before attempting to find out. As a result, we make other people the protagonists in our stories, and hold them accountable for actions and intentions in our minds that they don't even know about. Since others have their stories about us as well, the chasm of misunderstanding and inappropriate response to each other's fictions can build quickly, resulting in ineffective behavior and/or damaged relationships.

I encouraged the students to think about how this concept plays out with regard to their current situations and future plans. We discussed stories that they had about college applications, what might happen if they don't get into the college of their choice, and more. This, of course, led us to the logical question, "So what do I do about it?". The answer is simple, although the practice is a bit more difficult. The simple answer is: you take responsibility.

Once you have accepted the fact that the barrage of emotions you are experiencing are the product your own imagination run amuck, you empower yourself to calm down and ask a simple question: "What is the actual behavior or occurrence that I am observing?". For example, do I see someone looking at his watch? Did I get an acceptance or rejection letter from a college? Do I notice that my attention keeps drifting while my teacher is talking?

Once you have identified the behavior or occurrence - the one thing that is unequivocally true in the moment - you have empowered yourself to explore your options for improving the situation, rather than reacting to the emotions triggered by your stories. So, rather than wallowing in frustration and resentment that I have to sit through a boring class, because my teacher isn't being interesting enough to hold my attention (a powerless position), I can take responsibility for my drifting by asking more questions to draw the teacher in a more interesting direction. Rather than freaking out and imagining myself stuck in a low paying job and a dead-end career, I can observe that I got a rejection letter from one school, and focus on the schools that I have not yet heard from.

We had some good dialogue about the application of these ideas to their personal situations. My wife, Diane, provided cookies to make sure the kids would have good things to say about the evening. Hopefully, it worked! ☺

Lisa Kent adds: The Weds night class would love to hear more about these career areas: psychology, computer technology & medicine, so if you work in any of these areas and would be willing to talk with the class, please contact Karen Fridkis at kfridkis@comcast.net.

Shalom,

Karen Fridkis, Hebrew High School chair

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Upcoming Events...



Jewish LIFE



Jewish LIFE and Ohr Tikvah are pleased to present **Dr. Dan Gottlieb**, *The Wounding and Healing of the Human Spirit* on **Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m.** This program will be held at the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum JCC in Bridgewater. Dr. Gottlieb, psychologist and family therapist, hosts "Voices in the Family", an award-winning mental health call-in radio show aired in Philadelphia. The fee for the program is \$10/Jewish LIFE Member and \$15/Guest. Call the JCC at 908-725-6994 x201 to register.

Save the Date:

Traditions around Jewish Burial and Consoling the Bereaved

When: Sunday, April 6, 2008, 9:00-10:30 AM

Where: Temple Beth-El, 67 Route 206, Hillsborough

Rabbi Arnie Gluck, spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El, will explore the topic of "L'vayat Ha-meit - Burying the Dead and Consoling the Bereaved." He will share Jewish traditions and provide time for questions. Members of the larger community are invited to attend this informal learning breakfast (BYOB- Bring Your Own Bagel). This learning session is co-sponsored with Jewish LIFE.

May 18th - Lag B'Omer Program

Ohr Tikvah is planning a nature walk in observance of Lag B'Omer that will combine nature, time with friends in the Jewish community and related inspiration through text. Stay tuned for details.

According to the Torah (Lev. 23:15), we are obligated to count the days from Passover to Shavu'ot. This period is known as the Counting of the Omer, and is considered a partial mourning period. The 33rd day of the Omer (the eighteenth of Iyar) is a holiday commemorating a break in the plague. The holiday is known as Lag B'Omer.

Save the date for these community-wide programs: The **Yom Hashoah Observance** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 4th at the Flemington JCC** (time TBA). The Jewish LIFE **Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration** takes place on **Thursday, May 8th** (time TBA) at the Flemington JCC. The **Salute to Israel Parade** is **Sunday, June 1st** in New York City. A bus will be leaving from the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum JCC in Bridgewater to take parade goers and marchers to New York. *Watch for more details on all of these events.* Call the JCC office at x201 to register. Additional details on Jewish LIFE programs are posted at www.ssbjcc.org.

"Building Jerusalem

One LEGO At A Time"

Belle Mead, NJ - Congregation Kehilat Shalom invites the community to a special family event "Building Jerusalem One LEGO At A Time" on Sunday, May 18, 2008 from 9:30-11:30 am at Congregation Kehilat Shalom.



Participants will be building a 400 square foot model of Jerusalem using 60,000 LEGO building blocks. The final structure will

include the walls around the entire Old City, the Kotel, the Second Temple, all of the gates into the city, David's Tower, the Montifiore Windmill and many buildings within the walls of the city. This special program will be led by Stephen W. Schwartz, Architect from Livingston, New Jersey.

"This is a wonderful family event that includes children, parents, grandparents and great grandparents who are building all together," says Matt Rosenthal, President of Congregation Kehilat Shalom. Fee is \$5 per person (maximum of \$15 per family); children under 8 yrs participate for free. Cost includes breakfast and a family LEGO brick for the Kotel.

To register, please contact Robin R. Bengochea, Community Engagement Coordinator for Congregation Kehilat Shalom at 908-359-0420.

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		1 25 Adar II 6:41AM/7:25PM 7:30 PM - Religion Committee Meeting	2 26 Adar II 6:39AM/7:26PM Hebrew School	3 27 Adar II 6:38AM/7:27PM	4 28 Adar II 6:36AM/7:28PM Family Shabbat Services - 7:00 pm	5 29 Adar II 6:34AM/7:29PM Tazria: Levit. 12.1-13.17. Shabbat Hahodesh Exo. 12.1-20. Ezekiel 45.16-46.18. Preceding Rosh Hodesh: I Samuel 20.18-42.
6 1 Nisan 6:33AM/7:30PM ROSH HODESH Num. 28.1-15. Hebrew School 9:00 - 10:30 AM - Adult Intermediate Hebrew 9:00 - 10:30 AM - "Kabbalah: Heresy or Tradition?" Part 2	7 2 Nisan 6:31AM/7:31PM	8 3 Nisan 6:30AM/7:32PM 7:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting	9 4 Nisan 6:28AM/7:33PM Hebrew School 7:15 PM Education Committee Meeting	10 5 Nisan 6:27AM/7:34PM	11 6 Nisan 6:25AM/7:35PM Shabbat Services - 7:45 pm	12 7 Nisan 6:23AM/7:36PM Metzora: Levit. 14.1-32. II Kings 7.3-20. 9:30 AM - Shabbat Breakfast for 5-7 grades followed by services
13 8 Nisan 6:22AM/7:37PM Hebrew School - Passover Program 9:00 - 10:30 AM - Adult Intermediate Hebrew	14 9 Nisan 6:20AM/7:38PM CKS Book Club - Hosted by Eleanor Tillman	15 10 Nisan 6:19AM/7:39PM	16 11 Nisan 6:17AM/7:40PM Hebrew School	17 12 Nisan 6:16AM/7:41PM	18 13 Nisan 6:14AM/7:42PM Shabbat Services - 7:00 pm - led by Hebrew High School	19 14 Nisan 6:13AM/7:43PM EREV PASSOVER Ahare Mot: Levit. 16.1-24. Shabbat Hagadol Malachi 3.4-24.
20 15 Nisan 6:11AM/7:44PM PASSOVER I Exo. 12.21-51; Num. 28.16-25. Joshua 3.5-7, 5.2-6.1, 6.27. NO HEBREW SCHOOL	21 16 Nisan 1 L'Omer 6:10AM/7:45PM PASSOVER II Lev. 22.26-23.44; Num. 28.16-25. II Kings 23.1-9, 21-25.	22 17 Nisan 2 L'Omer 6:09AM/7:46PM HOL HAMOED PASSOVER I Exo. 13.1-16; Num. 28.19-25. 7:30 PM Religion Committee Meeting	23 18 Nisan 3 L'Omer 6:07AM/7:47PM HOL HAMOED PASSOVER II Exo. 22.24-23.19; Num 28.19-25. NO HEBREW SCHOOL	24 19 Nisan 4 L'Omer 6:06AM/7:48PM HOL HAMOED PASSOVER III Exo. 34.1-26; Num. 28.19-25.	25 20 Nisan 5 L'Omer 6:04AM/7:49PM HOL HAMOED PASSOVER IV Num. 9.1-14, 28.19-25. Shabbat Services - 7:30 PM Rabbi Installation followed by Klezmer music and dessert reception	26 21 Nisan 6 L'Omer 6:03AM/7:50PM PASSOVER VII Exo. 13.17-15.26; Num. 28.19-25. II Samuel 22.1-51.
27 22 Nisan 7 L'Omer 6:02AM/7:51PM PASSOVER VIII (YIZKOR) Deut. 15.19-16.17, Num. 28.19-25. Isaiah 10.32-12.6. NO HEBREW SCHOOL	28 23 Nisan 8 L'Omer 6:00AM/7:52PM	29 24 Nisan 9 L'Omer 5:59AM/7:53PM	30 25 Nisan 10 L'Omer 5:58AM/7:55PM Hebrew School			

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SAVE THESE DATES:

April 13 - MS Walk in Somerville. Please join us or consider donating! Registration at 9:30. 4 mile walk begins at 10:00 am. Adamsville Elementary School. Need more information? Contact Lisa Kent lisakendnj@yahoo.com Lisa is coordinating the walk for CKS participants. To Join Us or Donate: www.luminationsgroup.com and click on MS Walk button (you can then donate or join our team)

April 26 - Saturday evening

May 4 - Sunday morning - Car wash at CKS. Please help wash cars at our annual fundraiser from 9:00 - 11:30. Volunteers (adult and teen) needed.

May 10 - Saturday evening

June 22 - Sunday afternoon - canoe trip

REGIONAL RECONSTRUCTIONIST YOUTH GROUP

The regional group recently held three events: rollerskating, an evening of theater and dessert, and a community service project. They saw a new musical, The Flood, at Princeton University followed by dessert with some cast members at Thomas Sweets. For the community service project they helped clean-up and restore the Mountain Lakes area, a gorgeous piece of land in Princeton.

SAVE THESE DATES:

March 29th - shul-in at CKS

April 11 - 13th - North American No'ar Hadash convention in Philadelphia

May 3 - Hike in the Sourland Mountains

May 17 - End of the year party

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