



Strengthening Community Ties Through Committee Outreach

February/March 2020

Donna Coufal

Dear friends,

It's nearing the end of January, nominations for the new board chairs are almost complete. We are making sense of the parlor meetings--so many of you generously gave of your time and your thoughtful ideas.

Our congregational manager of four and a half years, Jean Hartz, is stepping down, but will remain with us as a member. Jean, get ready to join a committee! And new member, Jill Rook, who has grandchildren growing up in our congregation (you know those DeBenedetti kids) has volunteered to fill in for Jean, and as former Executive Director of both Beth Shalom and Adat Shalom will help us assess our needs as a growing congregation with increasing internal and external demands. We wish Jean all the best and we welcome Jill as member and in her new (short term) volunteer role.

We discovered through our parlor meetings that we need to become even more welcoming, more family friendly, more knowledgeable about our services and traditions and better partners both within the Jewish Community and with our diverse groups of Pittsburgh neighbors. We need to work even harder to end gun violence, to help immigrants feel safe and included. We need to continue to support our vulnerable members, to be there for the sick and to help those grieving. We need to have challenging conversations about controversial topics, to listen to and serve our children, teens and young adults, and to have a lot more fun.

So how do we do all these things? Well, to some extent we already are. But one of the ways that we can grow as an active, vibrant congregation is to strengthen our committees. Our committees help keep our members included, engaged, and involved in whatever ways are possible for them. They also ensure we can remain a lay-led congregation that empowers its members to be leaders and learn leadership skills.

Ritual, Social Action, Chesed (Compassion), Programming (which will include Adult Ed), Kehillah (Community, formerly social events). Working with school parents, or helping our small volunteer group bring Jewish-Interest Theater to Pittsburgh. Committee work helps us get to know each other, find out what transferable skills we have (and might not have realized) and experience the satisfaction of making a difference.

(Continued on Page 3)

New Member Welcome Shabbat & Simcha for Sweet Study



On Friday, January 24th, about 70 people attended services to celebrate and honor our newest members in the congregation and our newest students in the Religious School. It was a wonderful and warm evening. 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade Religious School students lead the congregation in song, and presented beautiful original artwork and poems throughout the service. Here the students are with their teachers, Ami Weintraub and Talia Leshko getting a well-earned sweet taste of Challah after leading the Motzi. We schmoozed & schmoozed and enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner following the service. This was truly a special evening!

In This Issue:

- ◇ Page 2 — Dor Hadash Visits Pittsburgh Glass Center
- ◇ Page 4 — Social Action Shabbat & Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network
- ◇ Page 5 — Agreement Reached on Distribution of October 27 Donations
- ◇ Page 8 — Announcements
- ◇ Pages 9 — Calendar
- ◇ Pages 10-11 — Yahrzeits list



The exhibit opens with a life-sized blown glass little girl, who represents the two year old child from Honduras whose audio went viral as she was being separated from her mother upon crossing the US border. The sculpture, along with the image and audio of this particular little girl's experience, humanizes these children, whom most of us only see as a blurb on the news. Along with this child, several other life-sized blown glass children are displayed throughout the gallery to represent different border experiences, such as that of just crossing to the other side, separation, and detainment. Guerrero has also created a series of angels to represent the children that have passed away under border patrol custody/detainment. To see glass children alongside angels to expose the living and dead in this border struggle opens up a visual and paradox that is usually withheld from the general public.

Dor Hadash Visits Pittsburgh Glass Center

On Sunday January 19 members of the social action committee and friends went for a tour of the exhibition "Cuando el Río Suena" at the Pittsburgh Glass Center. We were given a personal tour by the artist, Jaime Guerrero.

Watch this episode of PBS Craft in America which demonstrates Jaime Guerrero's amazing work:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbp7ERszcBc&list=PL8_IiaOa0FciXgThQeEdfUxhQhvmjSwng&index=6

The title of the exhibition, Cuando el Río Suena ("When the River Sounds"), is from a South American proverb: Cuando el río suena, es porque agua lleva ("When the river sounds it is because it carries water"). It relates to the danger in the journey of migrants crossing the U.S. border. Guerrero's exhibition explores the fragility of life as it relates to the current U.S. border crisis, with its influx of refugees and asylum seekers being met with fear, separation, and often times a much harsher reality than they could have imagined.

These children become real and can be felt and understood in a different light, on different terms. The exhibit also features a wall of letters written by migrants, young and old, to share their experiences of crossing the border in search of a new life. Guerrero's body of work opens our eyes and strives to connect people, building community from shared experiences, hopes and dreams, understanding and compassion.



"My work embraces the notion that art can influence social change. It is important to bring awareness to the moral inequities that exist in society today," Guerrero said.



Sing Along Hosted by Adult Ed Committee



Anne-Marie Mizel Nelson leads the singalong

On January 26, more than 40 people enjoyed a sing-a-long produced by the Adult Ed Committee and co-sponsored by the Community of Reconciliation. Lead soloists were Ceinwen King-Smith and Anne-Marie Mizel Nelson, with backup by Deborah Prise, Harry Levinson, and Daniel Berkowitz. The focus of the songs was freedom and many were remembered from the 60's but were still relevant today. One did not have to be a singer to enjoy!

(President's Letter continued from Page 1)

A DH member on a committee can:

1. go to all the monthly meetings, give feedback, and volunteer to do lots of things.
2. go to all or some of the monthly meetings to learn about how these programs and services are put together, give feedback, volunteer when time permits or one feels able.
3. join a committee and occasionally go to monthly meetings with no obligation to volunteer, just to see how it is.

Those of us who have been active, longtime committee members need to remember to be flexible and open to new ideas. To be patient with members who do not know the ins and out of belonging to Dor Hadash. We seem to be a pretty quirky bunch of people.

If you have never been on a committee, go ahead and visit a committee meeting, no obligation. Try a couple of committees. Contact a chair to talk about their committee or ask to help out on one event at a time. Attend a board meeting (they are on Sunday mornings, usually the second week of the month). Good teamwork is satisfying and not just draining. No one is too marginal, too inexperienced or asks dumb questions. This is Dor Hadash!!

I look forward to working with you. Let me and the Executive Committee know what is working for you and what is not. We love compliments, but we can take constructive criticism, too.

See you all on the ice and enjoying meeting our Bhutanese friends at Tu B'Shevat. (By the way, volunteers are needed).

B'Shalom,
Donna

You Can Hear Me Now!

Jim Lenkner, Communications Chair

Dor Hadash recently purchased a new sound system. The technology can be reserved for all events held at Rodef Shalom and anywhere including outdoors. When scheduling events at Rodef, simply ask that the Dor Hadash PA be setup for your event. To reserve the sound system for field use, please send a request to communications@dorhadash.net. An additional capability of the new sound system is the built-in option to record the program in full fidelity.

The congregation needs a few skilled members to help fully utilize many of our growing number of communication tools. Please consider volunteering to become part of our regular tech team to help with setups, website, email and media production. You can volunteer for this via the website (<https://www.dorhadash.net/get-involved/volunteer-form>), or email me directly at communications@dorhadash.net.

If you have ideas for creative communications please send them our way as well.

An update from Dor Hadash's Social Action Committee



Barb Murock and Carl Fertman visited Las Americas Immigrant Action Center while on a trip in December to see family living in El Paso. During the High Holidays, Dor Hadash raised over \$4,000 for their legal work with immigrants on both sides of the border, including victims of the Walmart shootings. HIAS has raised funds to support members of their legal team. The Las Americas team gave us a tour of their offices and then called their staff together to take a picture with Barb and her grandson, Sami. By their beautiful mural. They expressed appreciation that Dor Hadash, who also experienced a tragic shooting, reached out with generosity and continued advocacy.

Social Action Shabbat

On Saturday, January 18 and in honor of the celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday the following Monday, Yael Engel and Pam Goldman led Dor Hadash's first Social Action Shabbat. We celebrated Jews over the years who have made a difference through their activism:

- ◇ Reuven Abergel
- ◇ Leslie Fineberg
- ◇ Leo Furgeson
- ◇ Rachelle Horowitz
- ◇ Janusz Korczak
- ◇ Aurora Levins Morales
- ◇ Rose Schneiderman

Some organizations (both local and national and Jewish and not Jewish) that do racial justice related work that we wanted to uplift and that folks might be interested in learning more about and supporting:

Jews For Racial and Economic Justice “pursues racial and economic justice in New York City by advancing systemic changes that result in concrete improvements in people's everyday lives.”

Dimensions Educational Consulting “is a women and people of color led nonprofit that provides crucial leadership and community development programs for emerging leaders within historically marginalized communities, including #JWOMarching, the Jewish Women of Color Resilience Circle, and JoC+ Allies Facing Race Cohort.”

Jewish Multiracial Network “sets out to nurture and enhance Jewish diversity throughout the community, at large, via capacity development, community development, community empowerment, and social capital.”

Black Yids Matter “is a collaborative initiative uniting and giving voice to Black Jews in the United States through transforming the community through cultural engagement, organizing and activism, education, and community building.”

Jews in ALL Hues “is an advocacy educational organization that supports multiple-heritage Jews, partners, and allies in order to cultivate an honest culture of welcoming in the Jewish community.”

SisTers PGH “is a black, trans-led organization ...uniquely situated to help trans and non-binary people in Allegheny County find the resources they need to thrive.”

IHood Media “is a collective of socially conscious artists and activists [based in Pittsburgh] who utilize art as a means of raising awareness about social justice matters affecting people around the world.”

Finally, **an important word about intergenerational cooperation.** It was a complete joy to work together on designing and leading this service. The two of us brought different perspectives and resources. Our different ideas enriched the service. And, we had fun working together. If you are planning to do any task for the congregation, from leading a service to providing an oneg, to any of the other many things we do for our community, consider inviting someone from a different generation to work with you!

Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network

Laura Outnam

The Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network is an important, Pittsburgh-based group that brings together local faith based organizations to do social justice work. Crucially, PIIN members work in collaboration and in dialogue _with each other_, learning from the perspectives that different individuals and groups bring from their life experiences within our too-divided city. PIIN is also part of a broader national network, the Gamaliel Network, in which African American churches carrying forward the legacy of civil rights organizing play a leading role: <https://gamaliel.org>.

PIIN is redoubling efforts to build strong and vibrant participation from its member congregations—of which Dor Hadash is one! It's a crucial time for this kind of alliance-building and capacity building, given the panorama of needed change both locally and nationally.

We are eager to build a strong “core team” of at least 4-5 Dor Hadash members participating actively in PIIN together.

PIIN's work is currently divided into subcommittees focusing on issues of criminal justice reform; public safety (including the need for accountability for police misconduct); environmental justice (with a focus on water and air quality); and the “voters of conscience” registration and mobilization initiative. PIIN could be the ideal venue to channel your energy and commitment to advance any of these issues.

There is a PIIN leadership training coming up on February 1 open to all of us as Dor Hadash members. I am very strongly hoping there will be at least five of us there, to learn from and alongside others. You can sign up directly here: http://bit.ly/PIIN_Training But if you have a moment, also drop me a note so that I know you are attending? And if you are unsure and want to learn more, reach out so we can talk!

Dor Hadash members who are not on the social action committee email list but who are interested in learning more about PIIN and how to participate, please contact Lara.Putnam@gmail.com

AGREEMENT REACHED ON DISTRIBUTION OF OCTOBER 27 CONTRIBUTIONS

Jon Pushinsky

Congregation Dor Hadash, New Light Congregation and Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Congregation have reached an agreement regarding distribution of the money received by Tree of Life in response to the October 27 assault on the three congregations. This agreement was reached with the invaluable and caring assistance of the Independent Committee that was formed by the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh in November 2018. The Independent Committee was originally charged with deciding how to distribute the money in Federation's Victims of Terror Fund. A representative of each of the three congregations served on the Committee. The relationships and trust developed between Independent Committee members during the Committee's Victims of Terror Fund work, as well as the experience of reaching a consensus on how to distribute that Fund, enabled the Congregations to seek and accept the assistance of the Committee in making recommendations regarding distribution of the funds held by Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha.

One of the principles that guided the Committee's deliberations relative to the funds held by Tree of Life was "shalom b'bayit" - the need to arrive at recommendations that would foster healing in the congregations and harmony throughout the wider Jewish community. The world was shocked by the October 27 tragedy. The synagogue attack was branded with the Tree of Life name. Not knowing how else to show their support or otherwise respond to the loss of life and injury to worshipers of the three congregations meeting at the Tree of Life building, thousands of people and organizations made financial contributions. These contributions came from every part of the United States and from countries around the world. The great bulk of contributions sent to the three congregations was received by Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha. Tree of Life received a total of \$5.45 million through April 30, 2019. At least in part due to the branding, questions arose as to whether donors actually intended the \$5.45 million for the exclusive benefit the Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Congregation.

It became clear early on that there were significant differences of opinion between the three congregations on how to distribute the funds held by Tree of Life. The congregations could not arrive at an agreement. One complicating factor was that the Tree of Life building, owned by Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Congregation, was damaged during the attack. Funds received by Tree of Life were intended by some donors to be used for building repair/reconstruction.

The cost of repair of/rebuilding the Tree of Life synagogue will be significant. Until repair/rebuilding plans are finalized, the exact amount needed remains undetermined.

Ultimately, Tree of Life contacted David Shapira, Chairperson of the Independent Committee, to request his assistance in resolving the issue of fund distribution. David suggested convening the entire Independent Committee, an idea quickly endorsed by all three congregations. The members of the Independent Committee agreed to help. The specific task undertaken by the Committee was to come up with recommendations regarding distribution of funds. These recommendations were not to be binding on the Congregations. Rather, the recommendations would have to be accepted by the boards of Dor Hadash, New Light Congregation and Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha in order to be implemented.

The Independent Committee met eight times between September 2019 and the end of January 2020. Differences of opinion were aired and positions were debated. All Committee members provided valuable and thoughtful input. As with the deliberations regarding Federation's Victims' of Terror Fund, discussions were respectful and open-minded. Positions often changed after listening to each other and in striving to maintain peace within the community - shalom b'bayit.

Consensus recommendations on how to distribute the \$5.45 million held by Tree of Life were reached. The congregational representatives on the Independent Committee presented these recommendations to their respective boards. All three congregational boards voted to approve the Committee's recommendations. According to these recommendations, a majority of the money will be distributed to those most affected by the tragedy: the families of those slain, those who were wounded and those in or outside of the Tree of Life building during the shooting. Congregation Dor Hadash will receive \$240,197. New Light Congregation will receive \$240,457. Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Congregation will receive \$1,275,871. Funds have also been set aside to honor first responders and for memorialization.

The Independent Committee is preparing a final report with respect to its recommendations. This report, which will detail all distributions, is to be made public once completed. The posting of the final report on the Dor Hadash website is anticipated and will be announced when available.

The congregation sends its heartfelt thanks to all members of the Independent Committee for their time, efforts and devotion to helping the three congregations resolve a very complex issue.

Religious School News

Karen Morris

December and January have been an engaging time for our school families together with our congregation. In December we had a congregational Chanukah party during the last Wednesday of classes before break. Due to construction at the Schenley Ice Rink, we were not able to have Chanukah on Ice. The fun began with preparation activities integrating our students, teachers, and members. We grated 15 pounds of potatoes, and made latkes for all! This was led by parent, Sarah Kendall! Our Mitzvah Class teacher, Nava Chernoff made sufganiot (jelly donuts) from scratch with our students. Wow - they were delicious. Everyone also got a chance to roll out dough and make chanukah shaped cookies. Once they were baked, all who wanted to could decorate with fun toppings. In addition to taking over the Rodef Shalom kitchen, there were crafts in the Aaron Court, and we also assembled birthday cake bags that we donated to the South Hills Interfaith Ministries Food Bank. The bags contained ingredients to make a birthday cake, with cake mix, frosting, and candles included! Following a delicious potluck, we enjoyed some traditional Chanukah songs. **Thank you to all who helped organize and also participated!**

Our students and teachers work hard on their studies every Wednesday, as we meet once a week.

The Mitzvah class is now preparing Shabbat morning prayers as they will help lead services on February 22nd. Our 4th/5th graders participated in a Saturday morning service in December, and shared creative posters with their interpretation of the Torah portion. Weekly they study Hebrew, prayers, what it means to be a mensch as they explore different mitzvot. Every month, our 4th/5th grade teacher, Anna Coufal engages them to explore mitzvot at home with their families, and they return with presentations to share with their classmates.



Sarah makes Latke batter



Making sufganiot (jelly donuts) with Nava

It's exciting to step into the 1st - 3rd grade class the past few weeks as the students are beginning to read Hebrew! They continue to work on decoding, and learning basic Hebrew vocabulary. Our teacher, Ami Weintraub leads the group in a spiritual and engaging T'fillah (prayer) circle during class. The students are focusing on some basic prayers, learning their melodies, the order of the service, and applying personal meaning to the prayers.

On January 23, we had a special family Friday night service. It was New Member Shabbat, and also "Simcha for Sweet Study," as we welcomed five new students to the school. They received books and certificates to mark this special moment of formally beginning their Jewish education. It was extra special this year, as all of our new students are also new members to Dor Hadash. The service and potluck were multigenerational, and everyone enjoyed being together for the evening. A special thank you to Rabbi Shelley Goldman and service leader Janey Zeilinger.

Tu Bishvat on Ice is coming up on February 12. We look forward to meeting with immigrant, Bhutanese families. This program is organized with the South Hills Interfaith Movement. We will share a cultural exchange during school on February 5, so we can learn more about their background, and they can also learn about us. Since the theme for skating this year is Tu Bishvat, participants are encouraged to bring something related to the seven species for the potluck. Creativity is welcome! The seven species are: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates.

Dor Hadash Religious School is a very special place for learning and exploring through the lenses of Reconstructing Judaism. Please spread the word so we can welcome new students and families into our school, and our congregation.

Please feel free to be in touch with me anytime via email to learn more about our school.

kmorris@dorhadash.net

The following article about longtime Dor Hadash member Esther Tucker was published in the Squirrel Hill Historical Society's January 2020 newsletter. It was written by Tree of Life member Audrey Glickman.

Founding SHHS Member Esther Tucker and The Tuckers Bookstore

Audrey Glickman



Esther Tucker as a child

Before the iconic bookstore was situated at 2236 Murray Avenue next to Harry & Joe's Barber Shop (which is next to Eyetique), The Tuckers was at 2703 Murray Avenue in a space in The Morrowfield beside a health food store, where Eartique is now.

In the early 1970s, Esther Jacobson Tucker's small, eclectic shop in The Morrowfield building sold antiques, books, and ephemera. When Esther moved up the street, she no longer sold antiques, preferring to concen-

trate on published items. She kept a file box of book titles that customers were seeking, and she would meticulously make phone calls, search house sales and flea markets, and otherwise tap every other venue she could find in her quests. Quite often she came through with the book.

The name "The Tuckers" referred to Esther and her husband, Raymond, an optometrist. Esther was an avid collector of spectacles (the kind in which an optometrist would deal) and would exclaim delightedly to all when she scored an exquisite pair of pince-nez or an intricate lorgnette. And she would find exactly appropriate words expressing her dismay when she would almost get her hands on a pair of glasses hinged inside an umbrella handle. (I am not certain whether she ever did find such a creation.)

The shop was a physical expression of the delights of its owner—one could always find the perfect book of poetry, mystery or history and the perfect gift for a friend. (Your correspondent worked there as a weekend clerk in the 1970s and learned a lot about cloisonné, Art Nouveau, pressed wood furniture, Depression glass, P. G. Wodehouse, and ephemera.)

Esther was born in London, England, on December 27, 1929. She arrived in Pittsburgh—Squirrel Hill, to be exact—at the age of ten. Her parents were Max and Emilie Jacobson. Max stayed behind to run his business (he was in textiles), and Esther and her mother joined Emilie's family here. (Emilie went on to work as a professional speaker and later portrayed Miss Emilie the Poetry Lady on WQED-TV's *The Children's Corner* and its successor, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*.)



Esther attended Wightman Elementary School and Taylor Allderdice High School and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a major in psychology and a minor in speech and English. After graduate school at Purdue, she became a speech therapist. (During those few years, she did not reside in Squirrel Hill.) Over the years, she lived on Denniston Avenue, Fair Oaks Street, Woodmont Street, and Forward Avenue.

Esther wrote poetry throughout her life. She wrote serious poems, satiric poems, and humorous poems, and she composed the odd verse for someone's birthday. Once she set the Purim story of Queen Esther (the Megillah) into rhyming light verse. It was read at services at Dor Hadash Congregation, of which Esther was an early member and active proponent. This was a woman who composed "Ode of the Passing Era of the Dog Fish Shark" and "A Psychiatrist Observes the Coming of Spring." In 1972 she gave a talk to school students entitled "What's A Nice Jewish Girl Doing in the Women's Lib Movement?"

Esther was always meticulous in her choice of words and her enunciation of them. As a freelance writer, she had many pieces published, including a story, "The Sound of the Shofar," in *Highlights for Children* magazine. She also wrote a weekly column on antique collecting for local community newspapers. She and her husband Ray—whom she always said she chased after until he married her in 1959—would go to antique shows together.

Esther was a founding member of the Squirrel Hill Historical Society. She was a nearly lifelong resident of the community. She loved history, stories, archives, and anything educational and interesting—the prototypical SHHS member! Esther remained active in the SHHS until her health was seriously failing. We lost Esther on April 11, 2016.

I can hear her now, asking me why I didn't compose this tribute in light verse!

**Old and Interesting
BOOKS
On Murray Avenue!**

<p>The Tuckers 2236 Murray Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15217 521-0249</p>	<p>Mandala Books 2022 Murray Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15217 422-6623</p>
---	---

Crown Antiques & Collectibles
2200 Murray Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
2200 Murray Ave.
422-7995

Announcements

- ◇ **Jill Weiss and David Hance** are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter **Emma Hance to Scott Meldrum** on October 12, 2019
- ◇ **Melissa and Steve Jones** are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. It was a freezing cold wonderful day Montreal day 50 years ago! They will have the oneg in honor of their milestone, Friday night, February 7.
- ◇ **Rabbi Cheryl and Mark Klein** are thrilled to announce the birth of their first granddaughter, **Eliana Aviva**, born on Nov. 26, 2019. Eliana Aviva is the daughter of Dr. Jonah and Robin Klein of Merion Station, PA. Maternal grandparents are Jessica Rudner of Wynnewood, PA and Steven Rudner of Ardmore, PA. Eliana Aviva is named in loving memory of her maternal cousin, Elaine Caplan and her paternal great grand aunt, Aleen Braslawscce.



- ◇ B'Nai Mitzvah of **Bodhi K and Talia Tru Rentschler: Andrew and Kimberley Saft Rentschler** cordially invite the congregation to the B'Nai Mitzvah of their children, **Bodhi K and Talia Tru**, on March 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Levy Chapel. Please join us for the Kiddush Luncheon following the service.
- ◇ Applications for need-based college scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year are available from the Jewish Scholarship Service (JSS) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. This program is administered by Jewish Family and Community Services. The funds are made available through the generosity of families who have established endowments through the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, Jewish Community Center, National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Women International of Pittsburgh (formerly B'nai B'rith Women), The Pittsburgh Foundation, and Rodef Shalom Congregation.

All scholarships are distributed on the basis of demonstrated financial need. Depending on the scholarship fund, other factors such as academic achievement, field of study, school attending, and Jewish and general community involvement will also be considered. In addition, the applicant must be Jewish, reside in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Beaver, Butler or Washington County for at least two years, and need financial assistance to attend an accredited institution of higher education as either an undergraduate or graduate student. The 2020-2021 JSS online application is available at jfcspg.org/scholarships. **All applications are due February 12, 2020.**



Talia with students for Shabbat of Sweet Study



Ami and student enjoy Shabbat of Sweet Study



(left) Harry Levinson playing upright bass for the Adult Ed Committee Singalong

Services

Feb 7 – 7:30 pm **Erev Shabbat** (*Lippman*)

Service Leader: Jon Pushinsky

Cantor: Julie Newman

D'var: Rabbi Shelley Goldman

Speaker: Hal Grinberg “The Rambling Thoughts of
B'nai Mitzvah Tutor”

Feb 8 – 9:00 am **Yoga** (*Sisterhood Room*)

Kimberly Latta

Feb 8 – 10:00 am **Torah Study** (*ALCI*)

Rabbi Shelley Goldman

Feb 12 – 6:00 pm **Tu B'Shvat on Ice**

Potluck Dinner

Ice Skating

RSVP: kmorris@dorhadash.net

Feb 14 – 7:30 pm **Erev Shabbat** (*Cohen Chapel*)

Service Leader: TBD

Cantor: Julie Newman

Feb 15 – 10:00 am **Torah Study** (*ALCI*)

Feb 22 – 9:00 am **Torah Study** (*ALCI*)

10:00 am Torah Service with the Mitzvah Class
(*Lippman*)

Service Leader: TBD

Cantor Julie Newman

Feb 28 – Rabbi Shelley Goldman in town

Hosted Shabbat Dinners: please contact Janey

Zeilinger: 10jzz28@gmail.com if you can host or want
to be hosted for dinner.

Feb 29 – 9:00 am **Torah Study** (*ALCI*)

10:00 am Family Friendly Service (*Sanctuary*)

Service Leader: Rabbi Shelley Goldman
with Anna Coufal

March 6 – 7:30 pm **Erev Shabbat** (*Lippman*)

Service Leader: TBD

Cantor: Julie Newman

March 7 – 10:00 am **Torah Study** (*ALCI*)

March 9 – 6:00 pm **Erev Purim** (*Cohen Chapel*)

Service Leaders: Jon Pushinsky, Anna Coufal

Cantor: Julie Newman

March 14 – 9:30 am **B'nai Mitzvah Saft/Rentschler**

(*Levy*)

Service Leader: Barbara Baumann

Cantor: Julie Newman

March 20 – **REGGEL WEEKEND**

6:00 pm – Young Adult Dinner

(*Kamin Dining Room*)

7:30 pm – Refugee Shabbat (*Cohen Chapel*)

Cantor: Julie Newman

March 21 – 9:00 am **Torah Study** (*ALCI*)

10:00 am **Torah Service** (*Sanctuary*)

Service Leader: REGGEL Scholar

March 27 – **Rabbi Goldman weekend**

7:30 pm **Shabbat Service** (*Lippman*)

Service Leader: TBD

March 28 – 10:00 am **Torah Study** (*ALCI*)

March 29 – 1:00 pm **Congregational Meeting** (*Levy*)

Yahrzeits February 2020

Name	English Date	Hebrew Date	This Year
Ted Pushinsky	1/24/2018	8 Shevat	2/3/2020
Sally Dickson Lupovitz	1/28/2015	8 Shevat	2/3/2020
Marcus Jacobson	1/9/2014	8 Shevat	2/3/2020
Doris Silver	1/24/2018	8 Shevat	2/3/2020
Emilie Jacobson	1/27/1969	8 Shevat	2/3/2020
John Balzer	1/30/1996	9 Shevat	2/4/2020
Norman Fox	1/15/1989	9 Shevat	2/4/2020
Howard Kellerman	1/20/2013	9 Shevat	2/4/2020
Helen Chelemer Portman	1/20/2005	10 Shevat	2/5/2020
Robert H. Friedman	2/9/2006	11 Shevat	2/6/2020
Robert Glaser	2/4/2012	11 Shevat	2/6/2020
Dorothy Goldman	1/12/2014	11 Shevat	2/6/2020
Robert Glaser	2/4/2012	11 Shevat	2/6/2020
Miriam Leavitt	1/26/1983	12 Shevat	2/7/2020
Magda Brown	2/6/2012	13 Shevat	2/8/2020
Judith Rosenberg	1/31/1999	14 Shevat	2/9/2020
Lillian Goldman	2/4/1996	14 Shevat	2/9/2020
Benjamin Goldman	2/3/2015	14 Shevat	2/9/2020
Freda Angrist	2/7/2004	15 Shevat	2/10/2020
Susan Kurtzman	1/21/2011	16 Shevat	2/11/2020
Lloyd Fisher	2/4/2007	16 Shevat	2/11/2020
Shirley Fischhoff	1/19/2003	16 Shevat	2/11/2020
Morris Schoenwald	1/21/1981	16 Shevat	2/11/2020
W. Roy Hashinger	1/28/2013	17 Shevat	2/12/2020
Ruth Clickner	1/27/2016	17 Shevat	2/12/2020
Ethel Jarvis	2/17/1987	18 Shevat	2/13/2020
Hazel Miller	2/14/1990	19 Shevat	2/14/2020
William Greenberg	1/23/1984	19 Shevat	2/14/2020
Lee A Segel	1/30/2005	20 Shevat	2/15/2020
Amir Bechor	2/13/2012	20 Shevat	2/15/2020
Saul Elinoff	1/31/2013	20 Shevat	2/15/2020
George Silverman	1/29/1997	21 Shevat	2/16/2020
Howard Lupovitz	2/11/1996	21 Shevat	2/16/2020
Irwin Fall	1/29/2000	22 Shevat	2/17/2020
Ernest Sternglass	2/12/2015	23 Shevat	2/18/2020
Janet Klein	2/20/2017	24 Shevat	2/19/2020
Orley Miriam Kantz	2/18/2001	25 Shevat	2/20/2020
Minna Segel	2/1/2000	25 Shevat	2/20/2020
Sidney Shonberg	2/21/2017	25 Shevat	2/20/2020

Name	English Date	Hebrew Date	This Year
Mildred Weiss	2/19/2012	26 Shevat	2/21/2020
Michael Friedberg	2/19/2001	26 Shevat	2/21/2020
Harriett Pushinsky	2/8/2013	28 Shevat	2/23/2020
Howard Braun	2/18/2015	29 Shevat	2/24/2020
LaVerne Davis	1/31/2014	30 Shevat	2/25/2020
Richard Tucker	3/5/2003	1 Adar II	2/26/2020
Raymond Tucker	3/5/2003	1 Adar II	2/26/2020
Alex Friedman	3/5/1965	1 Adar II	2/26/2020
David Levine	2/13/1994	2 Adar	2/27/2020
Nathan Witt	3/4/1995	2 Adar II	2/27/2020
Leonard Belov	2/28/1998	2 Adar	2/27/2020
Michael Feldman	2/22/2015	3 Adar	2/28/2020
Margaret McCardell	3/1/2017	3 Adar	2/28/2020
Robert P. Lazar	3/9/2011	3 Adar II	2/28/2020
Edna Coufal	2/25/2004	3 Adar	2/28/2020
Sadie Gertrude Lovit	2/10/2008	4 Adar I	2/29/2020
Dorothy Rothbard	2/16/2002	4 Adar	2/29/2020

Yahrzeits March 2020

Name	English Date	Hebrew Date	This Year
Irene Lupovitch	2/13/1997	6 Adar I	3/2/2020
Josephine Rickard	2/26/1996	6 Adar	3/2/2020
Muriel Narotsky	2/25/2015	6 Adar	3/2/2020
Sadie Primack	2/7/1995	7 Adar I	3/3/2020
May Soll	2/23/2018	8 Adar	3/4/2020
Raymond Clauss	3/17/1997	8 Adar II	3/4/2020
Donald Coufal	2/14/1989	9 Adar I	3/5/2020
Charles Rabinowitz	3/4/1985	11 Adar	3/7/2020
Annette Schutzman	2/20/2005	11 Adar I	3/7/2020
Sid Fineberg	3/10/1998	12 Adar	3/8/2020
Walter Lane	3/5/2004	12 Adar	3/8/2020
Istvan Brown	3/20/1989	13 Adar II	3/9/2020
Dorothy Ellis	2/14/1938	13 Adar I	3/9/2020
Sylvia Shulman	2/14/1976	13 Adar I	3/9/2020
Dora Fox	3/17/1984	13 Adar II	3/9/2020
Forrest Kent Root	2/21/1997	14 Adar I	3/10/2020

Yahrzeits (cont'd)

Name	English Date	Hebrew Date	This Year
David Melnick	3/4/1969	14 Adar	3/10/2020
Rebecca Silberman	2/23/2005	14 Adar I	3/10/2020
Philip Wald	3/17/1987	16 Adar	3/12/2020
Blanche Rubin	2/16/1995	16 Adar I	3/12/2020
Sharon Gabor	3/7/2007	17 Adar	3/13/2020
Beth Hydovitz	3/27/2016	17 Adar II	3/13/2020
Solomon Aizenstein	2/20/2003	18 Adar I	3/14/2020
John Nelson	3/18/2006	18 Adar	3/14/2020
Robert Weinberg	2/25/2008	19 Adar I	3/15/2020
Alex Skolnick	3/4/1945	19 Adar	3/15/2020
Freda Ordo	2/28/2005	19 Adar I	3/15/2020
Robert Hochheiser	3/27/2000	20 Adar II	3/16/2020
Julius J. Maas	3/28/2000	21 Adar II	3/17/2020
Bernard Rubin	2/24/1965	22 Adar I	3/18/2020
Eugene Fertman	2/28/2008	22 Adar I	3/18/2020
Manuel Hirsh	3/12/1977	22 Adar	3/18/2020
Rose Conway	3/15/2007	25 Adar	3/21/2020
Dorothy Grumet	3/27/1995	25 Adar II	3/21/2020
Florence Siff Zimmer	4/2/1989	26 Adar II	3/22/2020

Name	English Date	Hebrew Date	This Year
Hyman Sucov	3/9/1956	26 Adar	3/22/2020
Leah Sturt	2/28/2003	26 Adar I	3/22/2020
Margaret Prise	4/1/2011	26 Adar II	3/22/2020
Renny Selig	2/28/1995	28 Adar I	3/24/2020
Sarah Merenstein	3/1/1995	29 Adar I	3/25/2020
Clarann Goldring	3/20/2015	29 Adar	3/25/2020
David Pearl	4/1/1995	1 Nisan	3/26/2020
Louis Segel	3/15/1983	1 Nisan	3/26/2020
Grace Mary Koepsel	3/10/2016	30 Adar I	3/26/2020
Esther Tucker	4/11/2016	3 Nisan	3/28/2020
Rita Begler	4/7/2011	3 Nisan	3/28/2020
Glenn Rickard	3/16/1994	4 Nisan	3/29/2020
Avner Hovne	4/15/1967	5 Nisan	3/30/2020
Jon Harris McKibben	3/18/2002	5 Nisan	3/30/2020

Contributions

In Memory of Jerry Rabinowitz

Martin Gaynor

Chai Fund

Bruce Herschlag and Mary Korytkowski
David Eckhardt and Xiaolin Zang
Ellen Surloff
Emily Rook-Koepsel and Abe DeBenedetti
Esther Teverosky
John Ryan
Lauren and Daniel Resnick
Marjorie Carpe

In Memory of Joel Merenstein

Jenny Erwin and Rick Grah

In Memory of Margit Diamond

Ronald Rosenfeld and Ilana Diamond

In Honor of Barbara Murock becoming Jewish by Choice

Carl Fertman

General Donation

Pittsburgh Film Makers
Tree of Life Congregation

In Honor of The Board

Ruth and Seymour Drescher

Yahrzeit Fund

Linda and Allen Selig

In Honor of Cheryl Klein's Granddaughter

Rita Tauberg

High Holidays

Dee and Jeff Weinberg



ARZA* ארצה

World Zionist Congress Elections | January 21-March 11, 2020

WHY IT MATTERS THAT YOU VOTE NOW IN THE WZC ELECTION



The World Zionist Congress makes decisions about how **\$1 Billion** is spent annually. Every 5 years, Jews all over the world vote for slates that compete for seats in the WZC. If you're Jewish-American and 18+, *you can vote and have a say in how that money gets spent.*

Reconstructing Judaism has teamed up with the Union for Reform Judaism to run a slate in this election - the ARZA slate. When progressive slates like ARZA do well in these elections, more of that money is spent to support:

- **Funding & equality for all movements of Judaism in Israel**
- **Youth programs for Arab and Jewish Israelis to learn and grow together**
- **Ecological and conservation programs**
- **Civil & shared society projects that build bridges across ethnic and religious divides**
- **LGBTQ positive programs**
- **Peacebuilding initiatives**

Just as important, we can work to thwart efforts by right-wing slates to direct those funds into projects over the Green Line in the settlements.

This election is your opportunity to make progressive American Jewish voices heard in Israel, and to give support to progressive Israelis who are fighting for democracy, equality, and renewed peacemaking in their beloved country.

HOW TO VOTE: Visit www.zionistelection.org and follow the steps to cast your vote. Please vote now & ask others to as well!

(Note: they charge a \$7.50 fee, paid by credit card online, that covers election costs.)



**RECONSTRUCTING
JUDAISM**
Deeply rooted. Boldly relevant.