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Perspective *By Rabbi Michael G. Holzman*

ISRAEL IN OUR LIVES

What is the role of Israel in the life of an American Jew? I think about this question right now for a number of reasons.



First, one year ago, I traveled to Israel with 53 other members of the congregation, and one year feels too long to be away. Second, along with much of American Jewry, I am curious to see what, if anything, will emerge from Secretary of State John Kerry's aggressive work on peace negotiations in Israel. By the time this arrives in your mailbox, that entire process could produce miraculous results, or nothing at all, or a total breakdown in relations. Third, I have just finished perhaps the most amazing book about Israel I have read in 20 years, Ari Shavit's *My Promised Land* (more on this later).

All of these Israel thoughts beg the question I began with: What is the role of Israel in the life of an American Jew?

Before I attempt to provide my answer, I recognize that mine is not the only answer. I want to hear your answer, and I want NVHC to have an ongoing discussion about this question. To that end, I am announcing three major steps to raise the level of Israel activity in our congregation (a level that is already pretty high with our regular speakers on Israel, our successful trip, and the presence of youth programming about Israel).

First, I would like to host a congregation-wide book club conversation about Shavit's book. This is really the most balanced and wide-ranging Israel book in decades. Shavit gives us a window into the soul of modern Israel, and an essential narrative to understand how we got where we are, and what the likely outcomes are for the future. So mark your calendar and attend **on March 18, 2014 at 8:00 p.m., we will have a conversation about this book.** Hopefully we can bring Ari Shavit sometime soon to teach us.

Second, this month in our newsletter continued on page 14 you will notice a column by congregant Mike Baskin describing his experience at the AIPAC convention and his encouragement for other members to attend this important gathering. We are so blessed to live at a time when there are many powerful and insightful voices about Israel. Members of NVHC attend lectures and belong to organizations that can teach us a lot. AIPAC is one of the most effective and prevalent voices about Israel in the United States, and as American Jews, we ought to know about it and learn from it. Please read Mike's column and contact him if you are interested. And if you would like to share your ideas about other Israel opportunities for NVHC members, please let me know.

Third, we need to go back again and again to Israel. As a community, we have taken three trips in the last 6 years, and almost every week members approach me to ask about when our

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Camp Shabbat
Feb. 7th
6:45 p.m.
Everyone Welcome!
Wear White!
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Cantor Concert,
Duets & Delicacies,
April 26th
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A BIENNIAL EXPERIENCE

By Nancy Kruger • President, Board of Trustees

In mid-December, eight of us from NVHC spent five days (Wednesday, December 11th through Sunday, December 15th) at the 72nd General Assembly of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), commonly known as the URJ Biennial (because it's held every two years), in San Diego.

It was a wonderful event that brought together 5,000 representatives of more than 500 of the almost 900 URJ congregations to worship, study, meet, sing and celebrate with one another. It was inspiring, invigorating, educational, thought provoking, exhausting and joyous, and I was so happy to be able to experience it along with NVHC's Vice President for Membership Hannah Grausz; Treasurer Andy Cohen; Sisterhood President Isabel Einzig-Wein; Rabbi Holzman; Cantor Altshul; Director of Congregational Engagement Cookie Mandell; and Young Adult Engagement Coordinator Stacy Miller.

We had the opportunity to choose from nearly two hundred workshops and forums on spirituality, inclusion and accessibility, social justice, synagogue management, youth engagement, Israel engagement, leadership development, community, education, young adult engagement, Torah study and leadership development, and to learn with renown thought leaders, academics and other lay leaders, clergy and temple staff.

It wasn't easy to choose from the many offerings, but I think I chose really well and participated in terrific sessions on *Money Matters: New Dues Models for Your Synagogue*; *The Torah of*



Nancy with Anat Hoffman

Pluralism: An Israeli Renaissance in the Making, with Rabbi Donniel Hartman, President of the Shalom Hartman Institute; Ruth Calderon, Member of the Israeli Knesset (Yesh Atid); and Rabbi Gilad Kariv, Executive Director of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism; *Engaging with Israel: Ideas and Strategies for Jewish Education*; *Worship that Works: DO Try This at Home*, with the phenomenal musicians Dan Nichols, Shira Klein and Cantor Ellen Dreskin; and *Challenges in the Advancement of Women at Home and Around the World*, featuring one of my all-time heroes, Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center and Chairwoman of Women of the Wall, as well as Ruth Messinger, President and Executive Director of American Jewish World Services, and Ilyse Hogue, President of NARAL Pro-Choice America.

In addition to these sessions, I spent six hours in two special workshops for temple presidents where we were taught by and took part in discussions with URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs; Dr. Ron Wolfson, Professor of Education at the American Jewish University, President of Synagogue 3000/Next Dor and author of *Relational Judaism: Using the Power of Relationships to Transform the Jewish Community*; Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman, Professor of Liturgy, Worship and Ritual at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR); Rabbi Aaron Panken, President-Elect of HUC-JIR; and URJ Chairman Steve Sacks. Much of our time was devoted to membership and engagement, but many other issues arose as well.



Shabbat Dinner at the URJ Biennial – Seated: Cookie Mandell, Isabel Einzig-Wein, Stacy Miller and Cantor Irena Altshul. Standing: Andy Cohen, Hannah Grausz, Rabbi Michael Holzman, Nancy Kruger, Nir Nitzan (one of NVHC's tour guides from our 2006 & 2011 congregational Israel trip) and Leah Epstein-Steinmetz (Nir's business partner in Kedma Travel).

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I learned so much, but the strongest take-away for me was that NVHC is in fantastic shape. I already knew that we are a thriving Jewish community; our financial position continues to be strong; we have an actively engaged congregation; we have truly outstanding, talented and very highly regarded clergy (the best of the best); we have excellent staff; and we are proactively planning for our future. What I learned is that there are a surprisingly large number of congregations where this is not the case. In fact, I heard more than a few presidents lamenting with great frustration that not even one of these things is true about their temples.

There were so many other amazing moments at the Biennial that it's impossible to describe them all. But here are just a few examples.

On Thursday evening, URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs, in his plenary session keynote address, shared his vision of the future of the Reform Movement, Reform congregations and a pluralistic, inclusive liberal Judaism. This was Rabbi Jacobs' first Biennial address since becoming President of the movement two years ago. It was smart, exciting, forward thinking and spiritual. The Reform Movement is sure to thrive under his dynamic leadership. You can watch or read Rabbi Jacobs' moving speech at http://urj.org/about/union/leadership/rabbijacobs/?syspage=article&item_id=109240.

The worship experiences were incredible, from the more intimate weekday Shacharit and Ma'ariv services, to the truly awesome *Kabbalat Shabbat T'filah* and *Shabbat Shacharit T'filah* with 5,000 people. Fantastic music is a hallmark of the Biennial. There's music almost around the clock, not only during worship but also in coffee house-type settings throughout the day and in various formats every night. The legendary Friday Night Shabbat Song Session is an amazing celebration. Although nothing can compare to being there in person, you can check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a3gmHIzWRk>.

On Saturday evening, the Women of Reform Judaism (the organization of Reform temple sisterhoods), which is celebrating its 100th anniversary, presented its Jane Evans Pursuit of Justice Award to Anat Hoffman for her work on behalf of religious pluralism and progressive Judaism in Israel. You can watch the award presentation and hear Anat's acceptance speech, entitled *There's More than One Way to Be Jewish* (delivered by a colleague of Anat's as she stood by with laryngitis), at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qotsrDbt3_A; the text of Anat's speech is available at <http://blogs.rj.org/blog/2013/12/17/anat-hoffmans-biennial-address-more-than-one-way-to-be-jewish/>. Also related to WRJ, mazel tov to Isabel Wein, NVHC's Sisterhood President, on her election to the WRJ Board of Directors.

You can also watch and read about other Biennial highlights, including the video address by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the Biennial's closing plenary session on Sunday morning, on the Biennial website at <http://urjbiennial.zerista.com/>.

URJ's next Biennial is **November 4-8, 2015**, in Orlando. Even though it's almost two years away, it's already on my calendar. Please mark it on yours, too, and we'll make it a date! ♦

Duets and Delicacies

Save The Date - Saturday, April 26, 2014

Duets and Delicacies. Our own Cantor Irena Altshul will be joined by Cantor Mo Glazman of Congregation Kol Ami, for a special NVHC Dinner Theatre event. Please plan to join us for a memorable night filled with beautiful music and delicious foods from around the world. We will have a very special surprise tribute to the Cantor that evening. We hope you will mark your calendars for what's shaping up to be an extraordinary evening at NVHC. Watch for further details. ♦

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JOIN US!

By Moshe Ben-Lev • Director of Education

Yehudah HaNasi, or Judah I, the 2nd-century CE rabbi and chief redactor and editor of the Mishnah, was said to have uttered these immortal words, “I learned much from my teachers, more than that did I learn from my colleagues, but most of all from my students!”

As a teacher and Director of Education, these words have resonated with me over the years. The joy of teaching is, at its best, a blessing that fills one’s life with meaning. A mentor of mine once told me that in order to be an effective director, it was imperative that I continue to teach so that I can continue to understand what it means to stand in front of a classroom of students. Over the years, I have managed to etch out some time teaching teens, and subbing for 3-6th grade. Each time I have taught, I have enjoyed the experience.

At the end of January (28th & 29th) we held our annual, Parent/Teacher conferences for 3-6th grade students. These conferences are an opportunity for parents and teachers to

connect and share their experiences with your child. It is an opportunity for teachers to talk about your child’s progress, and for you to give some feedback and insight as to your child’s attitude and Jewish education. I urge you to share your child’s feelings about his/her experience, and for you to work with teachers to make the experience a great one for your child.

Our staff is truly dedicated, idealistic and a hard-working group, who are inspiring and wish only the best for all of our children. With your partnership, we can ensure that all of our youth receive the very best at NVHC.

In the words of the *Talmud Megillah*, “A synagogue may be turned into a school: but not a school into a synagogue.” ♦

Calendar for February

- February 8/9th *TAMID 8-12th grade Retreat at Capital Camps*
- February 9th *6th grade field trip to “Immigrant in Each of Us”*
- February 16th *No Kehilat Limmud*
- February 22nd *5th grade Shabbaton (No school for them on Sunday, 23rd)*
- February 23rd *Kindergarten Family Education program with Moshe Ben-Lev & presentation by Capital Camps for all 3-7th grade students*
- February 25th *TAMID Social Action evening*

Important Kehilat Limmud Information on Inclement Weather Closings

Sundays: Closings are announced on the temple office phone at 703-437-7733 and on NVHC’s website at nvhcreston.org

Weekdays: If Fairfax County Public Schools:

- 1.) close early for the day...then Kehilat Limmud closes.
- 2.) cancel classes for the entire day...then Kehilat Limmud closes
- 3.) open late for the day...then Kehilat Limmud opens on time

However, if inclement weather begins “late afternoon or early evening,” please check NVHC’s website at nvhcreston.org.

Tot Shabbat

COME GET THAT SHABBAT FEELING!

February 1st

Meet us in the multi-purpose room for this lively Shabbat morning service designed just for young children (up to age 5) and their families (including older and younger siblings). Miss Nell (Hirsch), NVHC’s children’s music specialist, leads the service. We sing, we dance, we pray and we learn a little Torah with the Rabbi or Cantor.

After our service, Cindi Drake, our Early Childhood Education Director, engages the children in a fun activity or craft. Our Oneg is a time for all to enjoy each other’s company – our old friends and our new ones.

We hope you and your children will be there to share it. ♦



HALF-TIME AT NVHC PRESCHOOL

By Cindi Drake • Director of Early Childhood Education

It's hard to believe that half our school year is over. We've done so much, yet have so much more ahead of us!

Thanks to our very generous Sisterhood, the Preschool has been able to bring in some marvelous programs. To date we've had the Kay Dee Puppet Show entertain us with *The Frog Prince* and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Sarah, from Curious Cabinets, explained the Scientific Method (first you ask a question – “if I hold a block up in the air and then let go, will it fall down?” Next is the experiment - drop the block and see what happens. Last is the conclusion – yes, if I drop a block while holding it aloft, it will fall to the ground). Our question for the day was “Are bubbles always round?” The children used every shape imaginable, including those made by twisting pipe cleaners into some of the oddest shapes you have ever seen, but always the bubbles emerged from these shapes as a circle. Our last program before break was Silvia from Magic Mountain Puppets. While her puppet show, *The Musicians of Bremen* was fun and interactive, the real magic was her accordion. Most of the children had never seen or even heard of an accordion. You can see in the pictures how it mesmerized the children!

In January, we had Peter McCorry – The One-Man-



Torah Talk

Band. Again, the children were surprised and delighted. Most had never seen a one-man-band, but a few remembered the one-man-band from *Mary Poppins*.

In February, we will have Moma Doni entertain us with her Jewish music during our special Grandparents' Shabbat Morning. Moma Doni travels throughout the country entertaining congregations and preschools, so we are thrilled we are able to have her with us. Thank you, Sisterhood!

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Yoga



Accordian 1



Bubbles

Todah Rabah

The Preschool Wishes to Thank. . .

B Young K Lee, for a generous donation to the Preschool in honor of her granddaughter, Samantha Kitces.

Ellice Stern, for generously donating three copies of the next installment of her book, *Toadie the Teacher*.

Jean & Michael Horwatt, for donating a copy of the book *The Miracle of the Potato Latkes*.

The Dunlap Family, for donating stacking shapes for our two year old class.

The Finkelman Family, for donating foam blocks for classroom use.



Youth Group

THE MONTH MAY BE SHORT, BUT THE FUN IS NOT

By Beryl Trauth-Jurman • Youth Activities Coordinator

After months like December and January, it is easy to think that February might be disappointing. In December, Jr. NoVTY (grades 7-8) and NoVTY (grades 9-12) went to Rebounderz, an indoor trampoline arena. The kids had a great time, and I learned that I'm too old for that sort of thing. In January, Jr. NoVTY and NoVTY went ice skating (I'm pleased to say I fared better at that activity), and I took a few kids in grades 6-8 to a NFTY new members event called MAJYK. Kosher Pickles (grades 3-4) and Club 56 (grades 5-6) weren't left out; in January, they had a rainbow loom party, and made bracelets to donate to needy children.

Even after all the great stuff that happened in the last two months, I'm confident February will be able to hold its

own. This month, Team Rishon (grades K-2) will be having a pizza party on February 9th. As for the older kids, our TAMID program will be holding its annual retreat (grades 8-12) February 8th-9th at Capital Camps. If you like to hang out with your friends and get away from home for a couple days, then this event is for you. That same weekend, on Friday February 7th, we are hosting a Camp Shabbat service for the whole congregation! Two camps that we send children to will be participating. If you want to celebrate Shabbat like you do at camp, this is the night to come! Later in the month, on February 22nd, our Jr. NoVTY and NoVTY groups will be going to play laser tag. Like it says in the title, the month may be short, but the fun is not, and February is going to be great! ♦

Youth Group Events for February:

February 7th: Camp Shabbat Service 6:45-8:00 p.m. If you love Jewish camping, then join 6 Points Academy and Camp Harlam, as they join NVHC to celebrate Shabbat camp style!

February 8th-9th: TAMID retreat at Capital Camps. Kids in grades 8-12 are invited to join us for a weekend of peer-led learning activities, and just plain fun.

February 9th: Team Rishon pizza party and games 12:15-1:15 p.m. Please join us for a brief lunch, a chance to spend time with your friends, and get to know other students in grades K-2.

February 22nd: Jr. NoVTY and NoVTY laser tag 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For more details, please contact Beryl at beryl@nvhcreston.org.

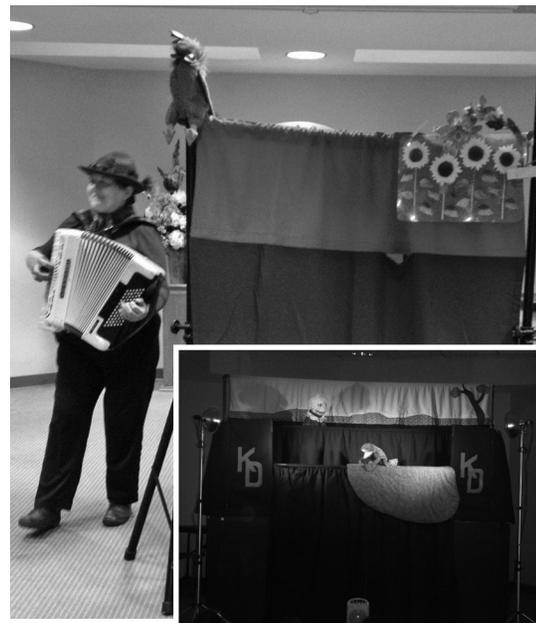
Preschool *Continued*

Our optional Creative Arts program has something for everyone. This year, in addition to Art and Tae Kwon Do, we added JumpBunch, a wonderful sports program. Beginning in February, we have added dance to the line up – by popular demand!

While the incomparable Miss Nell continues to bring joy to the classroom with her music, we have added Yoga and Zumba to the curriculum lineup. Even our two-year-olds enjoy and partake of both activities.

This year we had the great good fortune to be trained in Handwriting Without Tears. Our instructor has used this program and instructed others in its use for twenty five years. It's an amazing program, and the children are really enjoying it.

I could go on and on and on about all we are doing with your children. Torah Talk with Morah Judy, Shabbat sing-alongs with Miss Nell and our wonderful clergy, science experiments with our three-year-olds, and sign language with the two's. But I will let the photos speak for themselves! ♦



Accordion 2

Kaydee Puppets

SAVE THE DATE

*Please plan to join us on Friday, February 14, 2014
as we honor our Grandparents with a special musical...*

SHABBAT MORNING

Music by: Mama Doni Band and Our Own Nell Hirsch!

Blessings by: Our Clergy!

Love by: Our Students!

9^{am}
Coffee
& Nosh
10^{am}
Concert

NVHC Preschool is pleased to announce

The Mama Doni Band!

Mama Doni celebrates Jewish culture with irrepressible zest in its high-energy, interactive family rock concerts and acoustic Shabbat experiences. Filled with a contagious and unexpected blend of reggae, rock, disco, Latin and Klezmer, Mama Doni's performances weave together soulful energy and a super hit Jewish sensibility!

Would you like to help fund this concert?

Donations to help defray the expenses of this magical program are needed! Please consider a gift at one of the levels below:

Candlelighters	(donations at \$180 and above)
Challah Bakers	(donations from \$144 to \$179)
Manischewitz Mavens	(donations from \$90 to \$143)
Shabbat Lovers	(donations up to \$89)

Unless otherwise instructed, donations to "Shabbat Morning" will be noted in Links, the NVHC newsletter, as well as in all program literature. For questions about donations or legacy giving, please contact Cookie Mandell, Director of Congregational Engagement, at 703.437.7733, ext. 107, or via email to cookie@nvhcreston.org.



Join us for the
WHOLE MEGILLAH

It's **PURIM**...time
for groggers...and costumes...
and schpiels...and dancing...
and just general silliness!

This year, we are gathering the
entire NVHC TRIBE

All events are open to all ages!

**SAT
MAR 15
PURIM CARNIVAL
3-5 p.m.**

**GAMES...
GAMES...
MORE
GAMES...
for all ages!**

**5:00 to
6:15 p.m.**

Megillah Reading and Purim Schpiel

Let's stomp 'n' holler Haman out of the shul!
And watch our intrepid band of
thespians spin their schpiel!

Martinis and Megillahs

Remember...it's a mitzvah to imbibe on Purim!
A martini bar* will be available for all adults (21+).
Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available!

6:15 p.m.

The Queen's Own...A Dance Party

Esther wasn't into dancing alone!
So, bring your dancing shoes and let's
show Achashverosh how it's done!

Attend the dance in costume...
and get a special prize!

**6:15 to
9:30 p.m.**

Get Your Grogger On!

**Concession
foods*
will be
available!**

*Tickets are required for games at the Carnival and will be sold onsite the day of.
Food and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will also be available for purchase.

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



Zachary Davis • February 1st

Zach has chosen to participate in the FUNraise for Stroke event, in support of the American Heart & Stroke Association to honor his Grandpa, who suffered a stroke 6 months ago. Zach has learned that it is a very long recovery process for his grandfather and other stroke victims, and hopes that by raising money, he can help all stroke victims get the best care that they can. ♦

Benjamin Jules Harris • February 1st

Ben is asking people to donate any old instruments to "Hungry For Music."

Here is their mission statement: *Hungry for Music is a 501(c)(3) charity organization that supports music education and cultural enrichment, both in the United States and abroad, by acquiring and distributing quality musical instruments to underserved children with willing instructors and a hunger to play.* ♦



Joshua Mehlenbeck • February 8th

For his mitzvah project, Joshua is interested in helping seniors. He is planning a food drive to help the elderly through Herndon-Reston FISH, is collecting a list of volunteer opportunities to help the elderly to share at his Bar Mitzvah and hopes to bring a Shabbat celebration to Jewish seniors in a local nursing home. ♦



Aiden Smith • February 8th

For his mitzvah project, Aiden is raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. ♦



Joseph Kwartin • February 22nd

For his mitzvah project, Joe will be volunteering for a cat adoption/fostering agency, which is a challenge for him, since he is highly allergic to cats. ♦

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah?

To submit a picture and bio of your child, choose one of the following: email to mozelle@nvhcreston.org or mail to NVHC, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston, VA 20190. Questions? Call the temple office at 703-437-7733. Deadline is the first day of the month PRIOR to your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah date. For example, the deadline for March is February 1st.

Torah Talk

Our Shabbat Torah study class will be held on **Saturday, February 8th, 15th and 22nd at 9:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary.

The Torah is a vast collection of stories, commandments, ritual practices, and ethical standards. It is meant to be studied and understood not only to connect us to our ancestors and traditions, but also to guide us toward an ethical and spiritual life. Torah means learning. For many of us, understanding Torah is not easy. We may find the language confusing and the meaning difficult to grasp. Yet when we learn together, we are thrilled by the insights we glean and share. Whether you have studied Torah before or are new to Torah study, you will find wisdom and inspiration each time you study a portion of our sacred literature. ♦



YOUR INPUT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

By Isabel Einzig-Wein • Sisterhood President

It is February once again, and with this month comes celebrations of two very special presidents of the United States. One, George Washington, "The Father of Our Country," as the first president under our unique Constitution; the second, Abraham Lincoln, "The Great Emancipator," who helped start the process of equality for all people. Presidents come and go. We attempt to choose them wisely so they will offer us hope and better times, as well as exiting new ideas that mesh with our own values. We have a responsibility and the privilege to make this choice.

Our Sisterhood has had Sisterhood presidents since 1969. The Sisterhood has grown and developed new ideas and has offered opportunities to our members to participate wherever, whenever and in whatever way they can. Nothing has changed in the need to do this to keep us vital. This June, at our Installation Brunch, we will install several new members of the NVHC Sisterhood Board. Your input in suggesting new members is very important and it is your privilege.

We have two Nominating Committee chairs: Carolyn Wesoky and Deede Snowwhite, who will be joined by three Sisterhood members to ask for your input for the following available positions: President, Executive Vice President (or Co-Presidents), Program Chair, Fund Raising Chair

(Rummage Sale committee head needed), and Corresponding Secretary.

Just ask any Board member about how we operate. We are a team and all are empowered to be creative and resourceful to achieve our goals and vision. You, our members, are instrumental in helping us achieve all we set out to do. And we have lots of beneficial ideas still on the agenda. Be the first one to assist us in this task; just get the ball rolling and we can do the rest.

Job descriptions are available upon request: sisterhoodpresident@nvhcreston.org.

Please email Deede at: deedesnowwhite@gmail.com or Carolyn at: cswesoky@comcast.net with suggestions for filling available positions. ♦

See What You Have Been Missing!!!!

SAVE THE DATE

Planned *especially* for you: a **Prospective Sisterhood New Member Cocktail Party**.

Meet us; tell us what you would like to see Sisterhood provide especially for you.

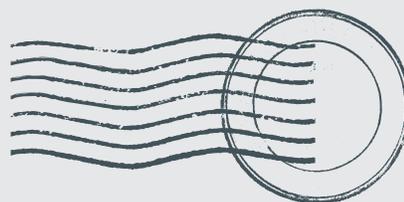
Whatever your age or interest; whether busy or bored (really), together we can work on great things to support your needs.

Sisterhood needs your interest, and we can provide support for our community.

February 12, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
12018 Canter Lane Reston, Virginia 20191

Look for our special invitation coming soon!!!!

Send Uniongrams in the New Year



You can remember friends and family in the New Year by sending Sisterhood Uniongrams. These personal messages are perfect for birthdays, holidays, anniversaries, expressions of sympathy, and other life events. They also support the WRJ YES fund that provides scholarships and support to Jewish youth. If you would like to send a Uniongram or have questions, call or email Donna Grossman at 703-437-5024 /donnajg410@aol.com.



Save the Date!

Erev Shabbat Worship Service Friday, February 21st, 6:45 p.m.

Honoring Andy Sandberg, for his many years of dedication to our B'nai Mitzvah students

Many of NVHC's members are familiar with Andy Sandberg, who has tutored children preparing for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah since 1992. He has been an essential teacher to more than six hundred students at this synagogue, and to over a thousand students in total. Those who have had the opportunity to study with him remember his sense of humor, his deep, magnificent voice, and the lessons he teaches about learning how to read and chant the Torah's seemingly myriad tropes. Please join us on Friday, February 21st at 6:45 p.m.

SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday, March 20, 2014, 8:00 p.m.

Maureen Fiedler

Speaking on God, Governments, and Interfaith Relations,

Maureen Fiedler will examine how governments around the world address religious diversity.

Maureen Fiedler is the host of *Interfaith Voices*, an hour-long radio magazine show, heard on 67 public and community radio stations.



An active participant in interfaith activities for more than three decades, she has been a guest on the Diane Rehm Show, the CBS Saturday Morning Show, and the Melissa Harris Perry Show on MSNBC. She is also the editor of two books:

Breaking Through the Stained Glass Ceiling: Women Religious Leaders in Their Own Words, and co-editor of *Rome Has Spoken: A Guide to Forgotten Papal Statements, and How They Have Changed Through the Centuries*.

She is a Sister of Loretto, and holds a Ph.D. in Government from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

The NVHC Speaker Series is free and open to the public.

Wendy Zierler

Professor of Modern Jewish Literature and Feminist Studies

Scholar-in-Residence - March 21st - 23rd

Dr. Zierler is Professor of Modern Jewish Literature and Feminist Studies at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. Prior to joining HUC-JIR, Dr. Zierler was a Research Fellow in the English Department of Hong Kong University. Dr. Zierler completed her undergraduate studies at Yeshiva University, Stern College, and was awarded her Ph.D. from Princeton University. Her publications include *Selected Works of Hava Shapiro* (with Carole B. Balin) as well as *And Rachel Stole the Idols: The Emergence of Modern Hebrew Women's Writing*.



Book Club Selections

We meet on the first Saturday of each month, except where noted, 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

For more information, contact Marjina Kaplan at: marjina2@yahoo.com

February 1st. *All Our Worldly Goods*, by Irene Nemirovsky, translated by Sandra Smith. 224 pp. Fiction. Like *Suite Francaise*, the epic account of France at war, this book was published after the (Jewish) author's death in Auschwitz. It, too, offers harrowing spectacles of mass flight from invading German forces. More remarkable, perhaps, is the fact that *All Our Worldly Goods* is *Judenrein* – there is not a hint of a Jew anywhere in the book.

March 1st. *Telegraph Avenue*, by Michael Chabon. 468 pp. Fiction. Chabon takes us to Telegraph Avenue in a big-hearted and exhilarating novel that explores the profoundly intertwined lives of two Oakland, California families, one black and one white. He lovingly creates a world grounded in pop culture—Kung Fu, '70s Blaxploitation films, vinyl LPs, jazz and soul music—and delivers a bravura epic of friendship, race, and secret histories.

JEWISH FILM SERIES 2014 A Lifelong Learning Program

All films have a Jewish theme: they may be about modern Jewish life, examine Jewish history or religion; they may be musicals or drama, funny or sad. We hope that each of them will be thought-provoking. We have allowed time for discussion after the film is shown.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted below). The film will begin screening at noon, but you are welcome to arrive at 11:30 a.m. and bring a dairy lunch (no meat, chicken, or seafood); we will provide coffee, tea, and a sweet. Films are shown in the multipurpose room on a six-foot-wide screen.

This year there will be a two-tier pricing system. The registration fee for NVHC members for the entire series of 10 films is \$18. The registration fee for non-NVHC members is \$25. The price for a single date, regardless of NVHC membership, is \$3.

In case of inclement weather, we follow Fairfax County Public School guidelines. If schools are closed, there will be no showing on that day. If the schools have a delayed opening, or the morning weather is uncertain, check the NVHC website at www.nvhcreston.org.

Date	Film	Country
February 11th	*Walking the Bible, Part 2	Companion to Bruce Feiler book
March 11th	Gatekeepers	SONY
April 1st	The Jewish Cardinal	Israel
<i>NOTE: this is NOT a second Tuesday</i>		
May 13th	Arranged	USA
June 10th	Where Do We Go Now?	SONY

*Please note that *Broken Wings*, Israel will not be shown in February, as previously published.

Jewish Film Series 2013-2014 Registration Form

Name: _____ Member: _____ Non-member: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$18 MEMBERS, \$25 NON-MEMBERS, DROP-IN FEE: \$3/PER DATE

Send registration form and check payable to NVHC to:

Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Avenue, Reston, VA 20190

Ed and Sandee Byrne Awarded the 2014 Marc Bachman Award



Ed & Sandee Byrne

When Sandee and Ed joined NVHC about 10 years ago they brought with them an ethic of tikkun olam that has inspired and enriched our community. They are active leaders and contributors to a number of NVHC's social action efforts, but I will give you two key examples of how they act on their passion for social justice.

Not long after becoming members of the congregation, Sandee and Ed initiated NVHC's involvement in the Fairfax County Hypothermia Program. For the ninth year, Sandee and Ed will be coordinating, cooking and serving meals for 25-30 overnight guests at a local hypothermia shelter during the winter months. Every other week from December through March, Sandee and Ed plan a hearty and nourishing menu. They then email members of the congregation who have volunteered to help with this program, providing the shopping list of ingredients needed to make the menu. Volunteers buy (or contribute money for) the ingredients, leave them at the temple on a Sunday and by the next evening, Sandee and Ed have turned them into a delicious hot meal for a cold night, which they transport from their home kitchen to the shelter and then serve to the guests, often with the help of other temple volunteers. Cooking a full, hot meal for 25 to 30 people is a significant effort. Doing it every other week for 16 weeks is truly a labor of love, and one that Sandee and Ed carry out with incredible grace and care. Last year they added a "make-a-scarf" project, asking congregants to knit or crochet warm scarves that were given to the shelter guests during the holiday season. Sandee is an avid knitter, and contributed to this successful endeavor as well.

Sandee and Ed are also among the core group of NVHC members who are actively engaged in the temple's efforts to raise awareness of the need for, and preserve, affordable housing in Reston through the temple's participation in VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement).

Sandee and Ed's sustained commitment to repairing the world right here in Reston, and their hands-on leadership in helping others at NVHC get involved in the mitzvah of caring for those in need, are a real blessing to our community. They are two truly compassionate, righteous people who - with tremendous kindness, a keen sense of justice and, most of all, great humility - seek out, or create, and dedicate themselves to opportunities to make the world a better place.

From Vaudeville to Broadway: Jews & the American Theater

The class will cover the birth of the Yiddish theater with its roots in German Vaudeville through Jewish immigration to the United States in the early 20th century.

Instructor: Cantor Irena Altshul

When: Wednesdays: February 5th & 19th, 2014, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Fee: Members & Tamid Students Free, Non-members \$25.

Jewish Creativity Through the Ages

In this 3-part class, we will explore various forms of Jewish creativity, how Jews responded to the challenges of their times, and how it shaped the Judaism we know today.

- February 4th: Creativity in Hasidic Storytelling
- April 1st: Creativity Through a Modern Lens: Feminism, Zionism and Reform Judaism
- May 6th: The Creative Process

Instructor: Rabbi Michael Holzman **When:** Tuesdays: February 4th, April 1st, May 6th, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Fee: Members & Tamid Students Free, Non-members \$25.

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Please check one or both

From Vaudeville to Broadway **Jewish Creativity Through the Ages**

Name: _____ Member: _____ Non-member: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

COURSE FEE: MEMBERS FREE, NON-MEMBERS \$25

Send registration form and check payable to NVHC to:

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For questions or comments about this class, or suggestions for future Lifelong Learning offerings, please contact Elizabeth Lacher, lifeflearn-committee@nvhcreston.org

AIPAC (AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE)

By Mike Baskin

Most of us can't imagine a world without Israel. Current world events, including a nuclear capable Iran, places Israel's continued existence in jeopardy. The only guarantee for Israel's safety and security is a strong and unshakeable relationship between the democratically elected government in Israel and the democratically elected government in the U.S.

AIPAC encourages bipartisan Congressional support of Israel through lobbying and education of new members of Congress. Congressional turnover is at an all-time high, and AIPAC sponsors educational seminars to Israel to teach new members of Congress about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship. Once they travel to Israel, they return with a better understanding of the issues Israel faces every day, and become advocates for the U.S.-Israel relationship. University students generally struggle with a negative attitude toward Israel from their professors and fellow students on campus. AIPAC also reaches out to student leaders, both Jewish and non-Jewish, on college campuses across the U.S. to educate them about Israel so they can take the message back to their student body.

Israel is a struggling democracy. There are times when we may disagree with their policies; however, keeping Israel safe should never be an issue. That is why AIPAC focuses on bipartisan support in the Senate and the House. Members of Congress create policy that works to keep Israel safe, and building support for Israel across the party lines is what keeps Israel safe and secure.

Each year AIPAC puts together a Policy Conference, always at the Washington, DC Convention Center. Congressional leaders from both parties attend, along with other world leaders to speak; last year more than 14,000 attended along with more than 1600 students and over 250 SGA presidents. The speakers are a "who's who" of Congressional leaders from both the Democrats and Republicans, and often the President of the United States speaks. The Policy Conference is scheduled for March 2 - 4, 2014.

For more information on AIPAC and how you can help strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship, please give Mike Baskin a call, or text to 703 969-6043, or email at mbaskin33@gmail.com.

NVHC Brotherhood

Brotherhood Family Breakfast

Sunday, February 23rd

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the social hall



*Come and enjoy good food
and fine friends, as the
NVHC Brotherhood chefs
cook up a delicious
breakfast in the kitchen!*

Breast Cancer Support Group

If you, your daughter, mother, sister, partner or friend is living with breast cancer, we hope you'll tell them about this group. Whether a person is newly diagnosed, living several years as a survivor, battling progressive disease or a special partner of a breast cancer patient, our new support group is intended to help people to:

- Speak confidentially in a group
- Be a resource for educating other families
- Provide support and be mentors for one another
- Celebrate survivorship together

If you are interested in joining NVHC's Breast Cancer Support Group or getting further information for another person, please contact Beryl Brodsky at beryllb@gmail.com.

Social Action

WARM FOOD FOR COLD NIGHTS

Back again for the eighth year, NVHC will be preparing and serving meals for Cornerstone's (formerly known as Reston Interfaith) Hypothermia Shelter. Sandee and Ed Byrne are again coordinating the effort for NVHC's Social Action Committee. Consider assisting for one or more of these upcoming dates: **February 3rd and 17th**, and March 3rd, 17th and 31st (all Mondays). If you can help by providing materials or serving the meals, or even by making a small donation, please contact Sandee via email G14iraffe@aol.com or phone at 703-255-3454 or 703-973-3454. ♦

next trip will be. In order to plan effectively, we need to know what kinds of trips to plan. Issues of group size, age, family composition and prior Israel travel will significantly affect the type, timing and duration of the trip. To determine these issues, we have created a set of questions regarding congregational travel in our **community survey**. Please look for information on it in next month's Newsletter. Please participate in the survey (it only takes 10 minutes) and tell us about the possibility of your travel with us in the future (the survey includes a lot more than just about Israel, but that is a key part).

These three steps are intended to energize our conversation about Israel. We need multiple voices. Dissonant voices. We need creativity and cacophony. We need people coming together to explore what this place means. So when we read books together, attend conferences, and travel, we elevate our knowledge and our commitment on this crucial part of Jewish life.

And that begins the answer to my original question. Israel is where the rubber meets the road. It is the grandest attempt to live out Jewish values with all the historical and cultural baggage that entails. Israel is the idea that a group of diverse people can be on an ancestral land, connected to our historical narrative, speaking our spiritual and artistic language and solving real world problems. It is sovereignty with all the responsibility and freedom that goes with it. Israel is Judaism writ large on the streets, in the theaters, in the schools, on the hiking trails and in the cafes. So what we do here is our attempt to create a small Jewish world, but Israel is the big Jewish world.

For almost two thousand years, Judaism was a mostly idea-based cultural experience. While Jews lived in real communities and had real problems to solve, we ultimately lived under the rule of other people, other cultures, other sovereigns, even other religions. But establishing ourselves again in our land means when a problem or an opportunity arises, we turn to ourselves. We rely on only our ingenuity, our ethics and our strength to move ahead. For all Jews, everywhere, this landedness changes the way we think about ourselves and our Judaism.

That means when I face Jerusalem and I pray for the rain to fall and the wind to blow in the proper season on the Israeli agricultural calendar, I am testing my convictions. I am asking myself if I am truly living up to the ideals of Judaism in a way that I would be willing to stand by if I were designing the cities and towns.

As Americans, we have the amazing ability to live out Jewish values in our civic lives. We speak up for the social and moral issues based on those values. We raise our families based on those values. We can be proud of our Judaism. But we also know that our values must be balanced by the non-Jewish values of our neighbors because America is a secular, neutral democracy.

Israel is not. Israel is a Jewish state that functions as democratically as possible with that fundamental Jewish identity. And that puts our Judaism to the test. It means we must live according to our highest ethics and our deepest commitments. Israel makes our Judaism real.

As American Jews, Israel reminds us that we are responsible for Jews all over the world. Israel reminds us that our physical security is ultimately a Jewish problem that only Jews can solve. Israel reminds us that the land, the sky and the water are ours to care for. Israel reminds us that our young people need space to grow and live and flourish. Israel reminds us that given the opportunity, we can invent and innovate and create amazing things.

But Israel also reminds us that sovereignty is hard. It reminds us that we have to make difficult, sometimes impossible choices. It reminds us that power is dangerous and costly, and never simple. It reminds us that we hold our neighbors' lives in our hands, and we must never forget that we were once slaves in Egypt.

So Israel deepens our prayers, our Torah and our actions. It helps us refine and define our Judaism. Please partake in this conversation. Fill out the survey. Pay attention to organizations like AIPAC. **Read the Shavit book and join us on March 18, 2014, at 8:00 p.m.** With these first steps, we keep Israel on our minds and in our hearts. ♦



Another Successful Season for the NVHC Golf League

By Sy Sherman

The NVHC golf league will begin its 2014 season at the beginning of April, with golfers competing in head-to-head match play. League play began in the spring of 2011 as part of an initiative to increase social networking within the temple. Although most of the golfers are temple members, non-members are also welcome. If you would like to have a great time, meet new people and improve your game all at the same time, just contact the league's commissioner, Sy Sherman (sysherman@aol.com, 571-236-6586) for all the details.

GREAT READS AND E-READER DEVICES ON WHICH TO READ THEM

By Sheila Budoff

I hope 2014 is off to a great start for everyone! If one of your new year's resolutions was to focus on YOU, staying active and engaged, enriching your mind, learning new things, and having fun with great people, then the JCCNV/NVHC Active Adults group is the place for you! We have lots of excellent programs coming up. Please join us!

If you're looking for a good book to read or would like to learn more about e-readers, our Tuesday, February 25th program will be right up your alley! Please read below for more information. I hope to see you there!

Great Reads and E-Reader Devices on Which to Read Them Tuesday, February 25th, 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Presented by James Cahill, Assistant Branch Manager of the Reston Regional Library

Looking for a good book to read? Want to read it on an e-Reader, but need some technical support? Come to the source! James Cahill, Assistant Branch Manager of the Reston Regional Library, will give us some great suggestions of new books to read. He'll also show us how to use

the library's online services to find library staff recommendations that match our interests from home. In addition, Mr. Cahill will bring a sample Kindle, Nook and i-Pad and demonstrate how to use them. You are also welcome to bring your own devices, and Mr. Cahill will answer any questions you may have about them.

Fee: \$4/\$2 JCCNV or synagogue member

RSVP: Sheila Budoff, Sheila.Budoff@jccnv.org or (703) 537-3068

A Warm Welcome to New Members

We extend a warm welcome to these NVHC newcomers who have recently become part of our family. Please add their information to your membership directory, & be sure to make them feel at home when you meet them.

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Bereavement Support Group

"When You've Lost a Loved One"

Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, February 18th, at 7:00 p.m., NVHC will hold a meeting of "When You've Lost a Loved One," a Bereavement Support Group and extension of our caring community at NVHC.

Linda Rubinstein Perls, experienced counselor in grief therapy in both secular and Jewish settings, will facilitate. It is our hope that NVHC members and friends from the wider community find comfort and care as they mourn losses among their family and immediate circle of community.

We hope that attendees will meet on an ongoing basis to draw support and insights in a group setting. Please contact Rabbi Holzman for more information at 703-471-6046, ext. 102.

Outreach

JSSA AND NVHC - SYNAGOGUE LIAISON PROGRAM CONTINUES

Thanks to the continuing partnership between Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation and the Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA), we are pleased to offer the services of our synagogue liaison. JSSA supports individuals, couples, and families through mental health counseling, services for children and adolescents, adult aging services, career programs and adoption assistance.

Do you ever need some additional parenting strategies, or referrals for other family issues? Free consultation with a trained and experienced social worker is available for

NVHC parents. Ivy Weitzner, LCSW, our JSSA Synagogue Liaison is available for individual consultations. To schedule a free appointment either at NVHC or at the JSSA office, contact her at 703-896-7903, or email: iweitzner@jssa.org.

Ivy can provide support and referrals about a variety of concerns including raising children of all ages, marital issues, stress management, family transitions, new babies, and aging parents. While this time is not meant for ongoing therapy, she can offer strategies, guidance, and resources as appropriate. ♦

NVHC Cares

SHOWING YOU CARE AT NVHC

By Robbie Kaplan • NVHC Cares Chair

NVHC Cares was launched just two years ago this month. Our volunteers work hard to support our members during periods of illness, bereavement, and other personal difficulties. Our member needs are diverse, and we continue to look to the congregation for help and support in times of need. We recently had members provide transportation to medical appointments, and even organized a needed play date for a child whose mom is housebound. We are so thankful to everyone who has supported our members, either through the NVHC Cares program or through personal initiatives. It is everyone's efforts that have made NVHC a caring congregation, and we are so grateful. We are always looking for volunteers to provide a meal or transportation, or to deliver challah. If you'd like more information on NVHC Cares or are interested in volunteering, please contact Robbie Kaplan, NVHC Cares Chair at robbiemillerkaplan@gmail.com. ♦

Life-Cycle Events in the NVHC Family

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Robert Vaccarino
Shana Sutton
David Wadler
Bob Wein

CONDOLENCES

To Marion Copley, on the death of her aunt Annabelle Patiky

To Ric Fleisher, on the death of his mother Rosalyn Fleisher

To Erin DiManno, on the death of her aunt Madeleine Shapiro Newhouse

To Alan Miller, on the death of his uncle Sidney Miller

To Carol Khalsa, on the death of her mother-in-law Ruth Bigelson

To Judy Baskin, on the death of her mother Tillie (Tybie) Flapan

To Michael Levy, on the death of his brother-in-law Richard Germain

To Larry Schwartz, on the death of his father Richard J. Schwartz

Submit your life-cycle events by phone to: 703-437-7733, or Email to: mozelle@nvhcreston.org.

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February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Book Club, 9:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat Shabbat Service, 10:30 a.m. B'nai Mitzvah - Zachary Davis/ Benjamin Harris
2 Kehilat Limmud K-6 Grade Students, 9:15 a.m. Adult Hebrew Classes, 9:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Derech Hashem class, 9:30 a.m. Modern Jewish History, 10:50 a.m. Forest Edge Backpack Pack, 12:15 p.m.	3 Preschool & Parent/Teacher Conferences Adult Hebrew Classes, 9:30 a.m. Brotherhood meeting, 7:00 p.m.	4 Preschool & Parent/Teacher Conferences Akeda class, 11:30 a.m. Kehilat Limmud TAMID Dinner, 6:00 p.m. Adult Hebrew Classes, 7:00 p.m. Jewish Creativity Though the Ages, 8:00 p.m.	5 Kehilat Limmud TAMID Dinner, 6:00 p.m. From Vaudeville to Broadway class, 7:00 p.m.	6 Adult Hebrew Classes, 7:00 p.m.	7 Sof Shavua Nosh, 6:15 p.m. Camp Erev Shabbat Worship Service with Kol Tsa'ir and Kol Yeladim, 6:45 p.m.	8 8th - 12th Grade Capital Camp Retreat Torah Talk, 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Service, 10:30 a.m. B'nai Mitzvah - Joshua Mehlenbeck/ Aiden Smith
9 Kehilat Limmud, 9:15 a.m. Field Trip 6 Grade Immigrant in Each of Us, 9:00 a.m. Adult Hebrew Classes, 9:30 a.m. Derech Hashem class, 9:30 a.m. Modern Jewish History, 10:50 a.m. Forest Edge Backpack Pack, 12:15 p.m. Team Rishon Pizza Party, 12:15 p.m. Adult Hebrew Classes, 7:00 p.m.	10 Adult Hebrew Classes, 9:30 a.m. Sisterhood Board meeting, 7:15 p.m.	11 Jewish Film Series, 11:30 a.m. Kehilat Limmud TAMID Dinner, 6:00 p.m. Adult Hebrew Classes, 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting, 7:45 p.m. Teacher Training for TAMID teachers, 8:00 p.m.	12 Kehilat Limmud TAMID Dinner, 6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Cocktail Party, 7:00 p.m.	13 Adult Hebrew Classes, 7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg, 7:30 p.m.	14 Mama Doni Band Concert, 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Nosh, 10:00 a.m. Concert Celebrating Grandparents Erev Shabbat Worship Service, 8:00 p.m., led by Sharron Cristotar	15 JCCNV Teen Ski Trip Torah Talk, 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Service, 10:30 a.m., led by Sharron Cristofar
16 No School K-6 Grade Students	17 Presidents' Day NVHC Office Closed	18 Kehilat Limmud TAMID Dinner, 6:00 p.m. Bereavement Support Group Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	19 Kehilat Limmud TAMID Dinner, 6:00 p.m. From Vaudeville to Broadway class, 7:00 p.m.	20	21 Sof Shavua Nosh, 6:15 p.m. Erev Shabbat Worship Service with Kol Noar, Honoring Andy Sandberg, 6:45 p.m.	22 Torah Talk, with Rabbinical Intern Rachel Silverstein, 9:00 a.m. 5th Grade Shabbaton, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service, with Rachel Silverstein, 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah - Joseph Kwartin 5th Grade Parents Study with Rabbi, 12:00 p.m. NoVTY Laser Tag, 7:00 p.m.
23 5th Grade - No Class Kehilat Limmud, 9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Family Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Adult Hebrew Classes, 9:30 a.m. Derech Hashem class, 9:30 a.m. Kindergarten Family Ed, 9:50 a.m. 6th Grade Parents meeting with Cantor, 10:00 a.m. Modern Jewish History, 10:50 a.m. Capital Camps Presentation, 12:15 p.m. Charrett, 1:00 p.m. Adult Hebrew Classes, 7:00 p.m.	24 Adult Hebrew Classes, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Photo Day, 9:30 a.m. Sisterhood Book Discussion and Dinner, 6:30 p.m.	25 Preschool Photo Day, 9:30 a.m. JCCNV-NVHC Active Adults, 10:30 a.m. Kehilat Limmud TAMID Dinner, 6:00 p.m. 7-12 Grade TAMID Social Action Classes, 6:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Classes, 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting, 7:45 p.m.	26 Kehilat Limmud TAMID Dinner, 6:00 p.m.	27 Adult Hebrew Classes, 7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg, 7:30 p.m. Charrett Follow-up, 7:00 p.m.	28 Women Who Mean Business Networking Group, 8:45 a.m. Erev Shabbat Worship Service with Kol Shirah, 8:00 p.m.	



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mark your calendar for these **Upcoming Events**

Honoring Andy Sandberg at Erev Shabbat Worship Service ♦ February 21st, 6:45 p.m.
Megillah Reading and Purim Schpiel ♦ March 15th, 5:00 p.m.
Speaker Series, Maureen Fiedler ♦ March 20th, 8:00 p.m.
Cantor Concert, Duets and Delicacies ♦ April 26th

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: Saturday, February 1, 2014

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, Wendy Zierler ♦ March 21st-23rd