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JANUARY LUNCH AND LEARN "CLIMATE REALITY: 2014 UPDATE"

IN HONOR OF TU B'SHEVAT AND OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE WORLD AROUND US

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, FOLLOWING SERVICES (12:30 PM)
AT NEWTOWN FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, COURT STREET, NEWTOWN, PA**

STEVE BACHER presents the latest science in an updated version of the slide show made famous by Al Gore in the movie, *An Inconvenient Truth*.

The year 2012 went down in history as the warmest year on record. Melting polar ice caps, catastrophic storms and prolonged droughts all point to climate change as a serious international crisis with devastating consequences for human life. In 2013, Climate Reality Leadership Corps Trainings were held in Chicago and Istanbul. There are now nearly 6,000 trained Climate Leaders in more than 100 countries educating their communities about climate change. Each of them — including Steve Bacher — has been personally trained by former Vice President Al Gore, Chairman of the Climate Reality Project. Over the next several months, groups across the world are engaging communities to discuss and learn of the realities of global climate change and how strategies can be put in place to lower carbon dioxide emissions and lessen impacts.

Steve's presentation will be about an hour long, with Q&A and discussion to follow.

For more information, visit <http://climaterealityproject.org/>.



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January Services & Celebrations

Shabbat Services followed by our potluck dinner Friday, January 3

6:30 p.m. Completely Singin' with Debbie, Seth, Fran, and director Joanne
7:30 p.m. Potluck
RSVP to Joanne Braz at elanabraz@verizon.net
Location: The Mollie Dodd Anderson Library at George School

Postponed due to snow and travel conditions.

Torah Study

Saturday, January 11 at 10 a.m. – noon

Location: Member's home TBA.

Please contact Linda Gold at lingold8@verizon.net if you can host or lead.



Saturday, January 18

Shabbat Service and Torah Study at 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tu B'Shevat Lunch and Learn on "Climate Reality," following services, at 12:30 p.m.

Service led by Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy
Lunch and Learn led by Steve Bacher
Location: at Newtown Friends Meetinghouse, Court Street, Newtown
Song-filled, contemplative Shabbat morning service with Torah reading and discussion, followed by Kiddush.
Directions: Turn into GS at the 2nd entrance south of

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the Newtown bypass. Park just beyond the library, which is across from the meetinghouse.



Havdalah Dinners

**Saturday, January 25
at 4:45–8:45 p.m.**

Location: at members' homes

Contact Joan Amatniek at jamatniek@gmail.com for more information.

Torah Study

Saturday, February 1 at 10 a.m. – noon

Location: Debbie and Victor Chong's home

417 Edgeboro Drive

Newtown, PA 18940

Please RSVP to Debbie and Victor at 215-504-9268 or weederwiz@aol.com.

Welcome Our New Members

Dr. Fred and Dorothy Solomon
1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road
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Email: sabasavta@gmail.com

Dorothy and Fred have already immersed themselves in our community. Please welcome them warmly when you meet them.



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

Newsletter Editor: Naomi Mindlin 215-757-8921

To submit news to the newsletter:
email: nsmindlin@photoreview.org

Board News

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15 at 7 p.m. at Naomi Mindlin's home, 301 Hill Avenue, Langhorne, PA. All members are welcome to attend meetings, or volunteer to join the Board.

Contact information for the Board is always on page 2 of the newsletter.



Adult Ed with Rabbi Anna

The last fall Adult Ed workshop lead by Rabbi Anna, "Stand Up and Be Present: How to Lead Any Kind of Service," was postponed. Rabbi Anna will contact those who had RSVPed to reschedule and will announce the new information to through email. Please contact Rabbi Anna at rabianna@gmail.com if you are interested in this class but had not responded initially.



TvS Romeo and Juliet Club

The ROMEO and JULIET lunch club meets every month at a location offering delicious food, with our fine company. Our next get-together will be Wednesday, January 29 at 1 p.m. at the Canal Street Grille, 27 E. Afton Ave., Yardley, PA 19067.

Everybody is welcome.

Joel Bacher carojoel@comcast.net.

* Reconstructionist Old Men Eating Out and Jewish Unorthodox Ladies Interested in Eating and Talking



Community Announcements

Lifelong Learning with Gratz Scholars in Residence: New Classes for Spring 2014 - The Gratz College Scholars Program is for adults in the community who enjoy learning in an intellectual atmosphere with instructors who are highly regarded experts in their fields. Ongoing courses are offered each semester in a variety of subjects and topics as well as Hebrew and Yiddish language. The Scholars Program also sponsors Distinguished Lecture Series, Yiddish programs, Israeli films and other special events. Visit www.gratz.edu for a calendar of events.

In the Beginning: Three Jewish Firsts in the Rosenbach Collection - On display through Sunday, January 12, 2014, at Rosenbach Museum & Library, 2008-2010 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103 USA, (215) 732-1600, info@rosenbach.org, <http://www.rosenbach.org/learn/exhibitions/beginning>.

Reconstructionist Updates

Registration Is Now Open for Summer 2014 at Camp JRF! Recognized as one of the "Top 10 Jewish Camps," Camp JRF provides innovative, creative and engaging programs for youth entering 2nd through 12th grades. We welcome children from a wide variety of family structures, religious practices, and socioeconomic backgrounds. And it wouldn't be camp without all the fun of summer—swimming, sports, arts, music, friends, and so much more! One, two, three, and four week sessions, plus a five-day Family Camp program, all in the beautiful Pocono Mountains! For more information and to register, call 877-226-7573 or visit www.campjrf.org. Or contact our own Ethan Leitner or Bennett Garfield, both of whom are Camp JRF regulars.

Israel Is Calling You! The first Reconstructionist movement trip to Israel will run May 14–21, 2014. Learn more at <http://www.rrc.edu/Israeltrip>.



In Our Shul...

We are sad to share the news that Ira Brown, Goldie Cohen's longtime partner, passed away at the end of December. If you would like to make a donation in Ira's memory, please make a gift to your local ASPSA or the Humane Society. May Goldie and Meryl and Andrew, Ira's devoted nephew, be comforted among the mourners of Zion. May Ira's memory be for a blessing.

Refuah Shleymah (Get Well Wishes)

Please remember Arline Kessler, Paula Adler's mother.
Home Bound (and would love visitors!)

Susan Kitces, Anna Kitces's mom (lives at the Kitces/Fishman residence)

Ettie Kernis, Bobbie Posmontier's mom — now in Chandler Hall, following a fall.

Eddie Mann, Diane Gold's dad (lives at Manor Care in Yardley)

Lifecycle Events at TvS

Birthdays:

Carolyn Rose Courtney	January 1, 2009
Elana Braz	January 8
Larry Garfield	January 8
Michele Kleinbaum	January 10
Frumi Cohen	January 21
Bobbie Posmontier	January 30
Ilana Thorne	January 31, 2001

Yahrzeits:

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

Harry Heyman	11 Tevet/December 14 (1/1/77)
Bernard Myers	14 Tevet/December 17 (1/7/93)
Micheline Charpie	16 Tevet/December 19 (1/2/10)
Beatrice Mallin	21 Tevet/December 24 (1/18/90)
Steven Silberfein	23 Tevet/December 26 (1/11/99)
Fred Ryersbach MD	23 Tevet/December 26 (1/11/99)
Lucille Slansky	25 Tevet/December 28(1/21/09)
Alma Mann	2 Shevat/January 3 (1/19/99)
Jessie Silberfein	3 Shevat/January 4 (1/30/98)
Saul W. Schram	6 Shevat/January 7 (2/1/90)
Howard Fechtner	7 Shevat/January 8 (1/24/99)
Israel Kernis	10 Shevat/January 11 (1/15/62)
Ida Matlofsky Bacher	11 Shevat/January 12 (1/15/84)
Billy Abrams	11 Shevat/January 12 (2/2/85)
Rose Federman	16 Shevat/January 17
Allan Weintraub	20 Shevat/January 21 (1/31/2013)
Joseph Daniels	20 Shevat/January 21 (2/2/03)
Adele Leventhal	21 Shevat/January 22 (2/12/93)
Roberta Kronstadt	2 Adar I/February 2 (2/8/00)

Thank You

Debby Bossio filed this thank you for our December Torah Study: “Wonderful Torah Study. Great connections, and very thoughtful prayer and Torah. Jess, thank you for the Shhhhhhhh mmmmm aahhhhh and leadership, Victor and Debbie harmonize so beautifully, Meredith and Linda brought the moral and modern day themes. It was so nice to be together. I want to do it again soon! Debby”

Thank you to Holly Dannin who stepped up and offered her home for our Hanukkah party. What a warm way to welcome the holiday — so early in November!

Thank you to Max and company — Debbie Chong, Ralph Posmontier, Bobbie Posmontier, and Seth Fishman — for leading our musical Shabbat service in November. And a special thank you to Hannah Spiro for her musical direction and Robert Glatzer (who appeared without being asked!) on keyboard.

Thank you to Ralph Posmontier who shleps for EVERYTHING. Except when he was in Israel... thank you to Debby Bossio and Naomi Mindlin who stepped in to sub for him.

Thank you to Joel Bacher who organizes the Romeo and Juliet luncheons each and every month.

Thank you to Debbie Chong, Hebrew teacher extraordinaire, who teaches us each and every week.

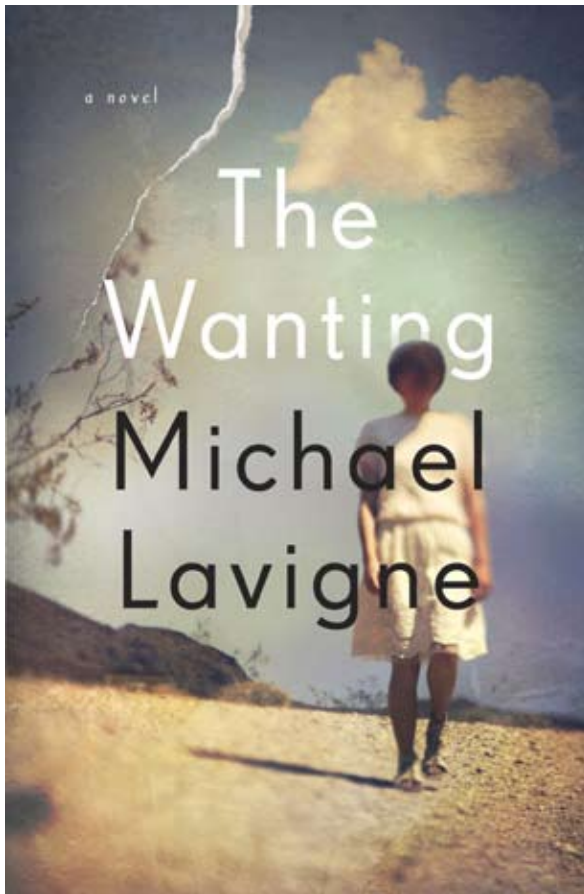
Did you know?

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For more information,
contact our treasurer, Joel Bacher, at carojoel@comcast.net.



One Book, One Jewish Community

The Wanting
by Michael Lavigne

One Book, One Jewish Community (OBOJC) is the largest community-wide Jewish literacy program in the country. Each year, Jewish Learning Venture develops rich resource materials about the selected book and partners with synagogues and agencies that adopt OBOJC as a vehicle for discussing, studying, and celebrating the book and the values and issues raised in it.

The 2013-2014 OBOJC book, *The Wanting* by Michael Lavigne, will be highlighted by more than 40 program partners in the Greater Philadelphia area and beyond. To become a One Book, One Jewish Community Program Partner, contact **Bev Cohen & Karen Hartwig**, OBOJC Cochairs.

2014 OBOJC Author Event

Seventh Annual Author Event and Book Signing featuring Michael Lavigne, author of 2013-2014 selection, *The Wanting*

Sunday, January 26, 2014 / 25 Shevat 5774 at 3:30 PM Congregation Adath Jeshurun / 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Register at <http://www.tfaforms.com/305028>.



TvS Calendar — January 2014 • Tevet/Shevat 5774

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 29 Tevet	2 1 Shevat Rosh Hodesh Shevat	3 Musical Shabbat Service followed by dinner at the Community Library George School	4
5 Spiritual Life Committee Meeting 3 pm @ the Chongs'	6	7	8	9 Hebrew classes with Debbie 5:30 & 6 pm @ the Chongs'	10	11 Torah Study 10 am – noon @ a member's home TBA
12	13	14	15 Board Meeting 7 pm @ the Mindlin/Perloffs'	16 Hebrew classes with Debbie 5:30 & 6 pm @ the Chongs' Tu B'Shevat	17	18 Shabbat Service + Lunch & Learn 10 am – noon @ a NFMH 12:15 pm Lunch & Learn with Steve Bacher
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21	22	23 Hebrew classes with Debbie 5:30 & 6 pm @ the Chongs'	24	25 Havdalah Dinners 4:45–8:45 pm @ members' homes
26	27	28	29 Romeos & Juliets 1 pm at the Canal Street Grille in Yardley	30 Hebrew classes with Debbie 5:30 & 6 pm @ the Chongs'	31 30 Shevat Rosh Hodesh Adar I	February 1 Torah Study 10 am – noon @ a the Chongs'

POSTPONED

Do a Mitzvah! Introduce a Friend to Tzedek v'Shalom

We'll send out a wonderful introductory packet of information to any of your friends who you think may be interested in membership, just exploring Judaism, or connecting with their Jewish roots. Send your referrals to tzedekvshalom@gmail.com and ask that information be sent to:

Name:
Street Address, City, and Zip:
Phone:
Email:
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AND please have friends visit the www.tzedekvshalom.org website.

OR better still... Bring them to a TvS event!

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Please make checks payable to Tzedek v'Shalom.

Send to: Arnie Gold, Treasurer

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For _____

🔗 Mazel Tov to: Name(s) _____

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| of: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> On their wedding / engagement / wedding anniversary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On becoming a bat/bar mitzvah | |

🔗 Condolences to: _____ on the recent death of _____

🔗 In memory of _____

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