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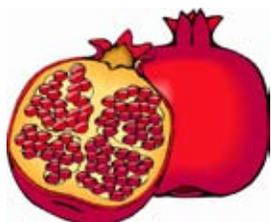
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Adult Education @ TvS

Two Ongoing Classes + One New Series



Mussar Class

The next Mussar class in Sunday, March 17th at 3–4:30 p.m. at Jennifer and Larry Garfield's home, 719 Beverly Rd., Holland, PA 18966. The Jewish tradition of Mussar holds that each of us possesses "soul traits" — such as humility, zeal, compassion, anger, awe, courage — that need to be cultivated and held in balance. Taught by Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy. Texts provided. Remaining classes are March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, and July 21.

Suggested donation: \$15 per class session.

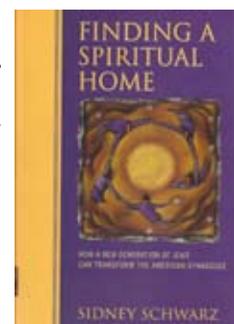
Contact Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy at 215-287-5128 or rabianna@gmail.com with your questions.

Book Discussion Starts in March

Finding a Spiritual Home: How a New Generation of Jews Can Transform the American Synagogue by Sid Schwarz

First session: March 10 at 4 p.m. at the Mindlin/Perloff abode, 301 Hill Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047. During 3–4 sessions, Naomi Mindlin will lead discussions on this "how-to" book that provides a practical and accessible guide to revitalizing congregational life by creating vibrant, spiritually resonant shuls for Jews looking both for community and a spiritual Jewish connection.

For more information or if you have questions or plan to attend, contact Naomi at 215-757-8921 or nsmindlin@photoreview.org.



Hebrew & Haftorah Study with Debbie

Thursdays at the home of Debbie and Victor Chong, 517 Edgeboro Dr., Newtown, PA
 5:30 *Aleph Isn't Enough*, for those who want to build vocabulary and roots, and basic skills of reading, grammar, and translation
 6:00 Prophets, using the Haftarah portions connected with the weekly Torah portions
 Please contact Debbie if you have questions about this weekly study session.
 215-504-9268 or weederwiz@aol.com.

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March Services & Celebrations

Friday, March 1

First Friday

Shabbat Services followed by potluck

6:30 p.m. Completely Singing Service

7:30 p.m. Dairy Delicious Potluck

RSVP for dinner: Elana Braz coordinates to ensure we have a balance of food: elanabraz@verizon.net.

Location: The Mollie Dodd Library at George School

Directions: Turn into GS at the second entrance south of the Newtown bypass. Parking is on your left; the library is across from the meetinghouse.

Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m. – noon

Torah Study

Location: at the Chong's home

417 Edgeboro Drive, Newtown 18940

Contact: Debbie or Victor at 215-504-9268 or weeder-wiz@aol.com



Saturday, March 9

Havdalah Dinners

Members gather at members's homes

Contact: Joan Amatniek at jamatniek@gmail.com

Saturday, March 16

at 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Study

Lead by Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy

Location: at Newtown Friends Meetinghouse, Court Street, Newtown



Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m.

Tzedek v'Shalom Community Seder

Location: at Newtown Friends Meetinghouse, Court Street, Newtown

Contact for organized potluck: Elana at 215-750-0836 or elanabraz@verizon.net

Contact for general information about the seder: Rabbi Anna at 215-287-5128 or rabianna@gmail.com (Community Seder flyer on pg. 5.)

Friday, April 5

First Friday

Shabbat Services followed by potluck

6:30 p.m. Completely Singing Service

7:30 p.m. Dairy Delicious Potluck

RSVP for dinner: Elana Braz coordinates to ensure we have a balance of food: elanabraz@verizon.net.



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

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To submit news to the newsletter:

email: nsmindlin@photoreview.org

BALANCING LIFE

On March 3, my daughter Adar will turn one. This is of course a very exciting milestone for our family, but it also marks a year that I've been both a rabbi and a mom. It hasn't always been easy to find that elusive balance, and I want to express my gratitude for being such a loving and compassionate community as I made (and continue to make) the adjustment.

They say that there is no such thing as being a part-time rabbi. Well, there is also no such thing as a part-time mom. With both a community and one's child, there is no "off switch" one can flip. Even when Adar is away in daycare, I take her with me during my work hours. And the same is true about Tzedek v'Shalom. Though I am not as able to take part in every event as I used to, and I have to compartmentalize my Tzedek v'Shalom work and be more efficient about responding to calls and email, I take you all with me wherever I go. At night I am equally likely to be wakened in the middle of the night by the cry of my child as I am by my racing mind — remembering a call that needs to be made, or a new idea for Purim.

The way I "rabbi" has changed, I think. I have to be more organized and planful — which is a good thing, but it goes against my impulse to be spontaneous and less structured. When Adar is in daycare on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (or like now, when she is napping), I have to shut out distractions and be as focused as possible in my work, because when she is home and awake, there is no finishing the article or the dvar torah, nor can I return calls or emails.

Early on in motherhood I wondered, through the haze of sleep deprivation and completely unstructured days (and nights), if it were too much to be both a parent and a rabbi. It is hard question, I know, but one that honestly needs to be faced and answered. I came to realize that though the idea of attaining a perfect balance of one's personal and professional lives is elusive if not impossible, I find I enjoy leaving one realm (removing that particular kippah, if you will) and entering the other realm. It's always hard to leave, but the reunion is always wonderful. I love using my intellect, my skills, and my passion outside the home, and I love coming home to my family.

Writing this, I know I am tremendously blessed. But sometimes the guilt creeps in... What if I am not doing enough? What if I am not present to my child or my work as I need to be?

I think everyone has these moments, no matter what their work or their family situation. We have so much, yet somehow we come to think we don't have enough or that we ourselves are not enough. The guilt, I think, is really a message to the self to stop — take a breath and remember what is important to you, what nourishes you, and what you truly enjoy. For me, when Judaism (its wisdom, its traditions, its prayers, its community) is able to make a person think, wonder, marvel, rejoice, and care, I feel so alive and happy. And when Adar reaches for me, whether to play or be comforted, I know that this is what guides me and thrills me and commits me.

Birthdays are a time to think about what matters most to us — how we lived in the past year and how we wish to live going forward. As we move toward Pesach — our birth as a people from the confines of slavery — I hope can embrace life's messiness, its meaning, and its joy.

With blessings of renewal,
Rabbi Anna

Tikkun Olam Opportunity



Buck Up Bucks County, a community-wide fundraising campaign to raise \$200,000 to underwrite the cost of renovations and improvements to the kitchen at the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter under the auspices of Family Services Association of Bucks County, is now underway. This is where we painted the dining room last year in our "Tikkun a Room" project. Max and Joan suggest that TvS might be able to help, even if it only to solicit our non-TvS friends. To find out more, visit the campaign's website at <http://www.buckupbucks.com>.

Fundraising News

TvS is participating in an Escrip “recycling” program. Details are on the flyer on page 7 or this newsletter. Look for the Escrip Recycling boxes at NFMH or request individual collection boxes through Debby Bossio.

Jewish Heritage Night! Thank you Len, and Jes, Bobbie and Ralph and the Bossio/Glass crew for making this a spirited, fun, worthwhile event! Your support means so much! TvS has \$105.00 more in our treasury!

The fundraising committee is looking to expand its horizons! Needed are two to three volunteers who would be willing to do some brainstorming with ideas and logistics for some upcoming fundraising events. Everyone wants to see TvS grow and prosper, and with your support, it will happen!

Please contact Debby for more information or to volunteer deborahbossio@comcast.net.



Havdalah Dinners

Next Havdalah dinner: Saturday, March 9th.
You should have RSVPed to Joan by February 10 — and also let her know if you can host. But is it ever too late at TvS?

Joan Amatniek
jamatniek@gmail.com



Newtown Friends Meeting House

Last month, Joel launched a campaign for donations to help keep TvS at the Newtown Friends Meeting House (NFMH) for our Saturday morning Shabbat services.

And now Joel reports: “I’m glad to report that our goal has been met, and we will continue to hold Saturday morning Shabbat services at the NFMH. Pledgers will be receiving reminder notes, soon. Thank you all.”

Yasher koach! (Good job!) to everyone who stepped up and made this happen.



Outreach/Membership News

Co-chairs Linda Gold and Debby Bossio, and many more, are working on ideas to bring prospective members our way. Send your ideas for events and/or publicity to lingold8@verizon.net OR deborahbossio@comcast.net.

Spiritual Life Committee

Be sure to check out the classes that run now through spring. Information is on page 1.

The next Spiritual Life meeting is March 17 at 10 a.m. at the Golds’ home at 1 Eton Rd. in Yardley. Join us!

Arnie and Diane Gold
agoldn1@aol.com



Teen Group

The next Teen Group meeting will be Sunday, March 10 at the Necowitz’s home, 1268 Harrow Crescent, Yardley 19067. They will watch the movie *Evan Almighty* and discuss it. All teens are welcome to attend.



TvS Romeo and Juliet Club

The ROMEO and JULIET lunch club meets every month at a location generally determined when the group dines. At press time, the date, time, and location of the March soiree have not been set. For more information about the group and our next meeting, please contact me.

Joel Bacher
joel.bacher@comcast.net

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



Community Announcements

T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights: Rabbis for Human Rights-North America and Rabbis for Human Rights in Israel have ended their fiscal relationship and formal affiliation. Rabbis for Human Rights-North America will now be known as T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights. T’ruah will continue the work of RHR-NA in mobilizing our multi-denominational network of 1800 rabbis and more than 10,000 American Jews to protect human rights in North America, Israel, and the occupied territories. For more information about T’ruah, visit <http://www.truah.org>.

Gratz Spring and Summer Courses: For questions or more information, please contact Barbara Rosenau, Director of Adult Jewish Learning at 215-635-7300 x182 or brosenau@gratz.edu



Please join us on the
second night of Passover for the

Tzedek v'Shalom Community Seder

Tuesday, March 26 @ 6 p.m.
@ the Newtown Friends Meeting House

Led by Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy!

- lots & lots & lots of singing
- Surprise new insights on our old story
- festive meat/pareve RSVP potluck meal*

* Please bring matzah and wine for your family.

RSVP to Elana and choose your potluck
dish to bring: 215-750-0836 or
elanabraz@verizon.net

Need more info?

Contact Rabbi Anna:

215-287-5128 or rabianna@gmail.com

In Our Shul...

Member News

Mazel tov to **Sandy and Jack Fein** who proudly announce the birth of their new granddaughter, **Seraphina Gabriella Fein** born February 26, 2013, to Natalie and Seth.

Mazel tov to **Bobbie Posmontier** for singing both the Hatikvah AND The National Anthem, a capella, on the ice, before 2,000 or more Trenton Titans fans for Jewish Heritage Night! You can share the moment through the links on our webpage at <http://tzedekvshalom.org>.

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 (lives at the Posmontier residence)

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

Contributions to the General Fund

From Sharon & Jerry Manas, for the President's Appeal

From Norma Kaplis, in memory of Rob Weintraub's father

From Linda Gold in memory of her parents, Lou and Betty Gold,

From Joel Bacher to keep TvS at NFMH

Lifecycle Events at TvS

Birthdays:

Adar Boswell-Levy	March 3, 2012
David Pastor	March 6, 1990
Daniel Adler	March 9
David Fein	March 12
Marcia Wexler	March 13
Karen Courtney	March 7, 1969
Jerry Manas	March 15
Arava Braz/Reese	March 21, 1993
Ethel Kernis	March 29
Frances Heyman	March 31

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.

Lou Gold	18 Adar/Feb. 28 (3/8/07)
Moishe Ysef Kitsis	22 Adar II/March 4
Coleman Berg	24 Adar I/March 6 (2/27/84)
Nate Director	24 Adar I/March 6 (3/1/08)
Ada Abrams	25 Adar I/March 7 (3/2/00)
Nathan Trachtenberg	26 Adar/March 8 (3/1/92)
Edward Maene	5 Nisan/March 16
Ruth Schwalb	8 Nisan/March 19 (4/4/98)
Victor Yaffe	8 Nisan/March 19 (4/8/76)
David Kernis	12 Nisan/March 23 (3/27/10)
Lillian Mindlin	19 Nisan/March 30 (4/6/07)
Ralph Augusta Posmontier	24 Nisan/April 4 (4/11/42)



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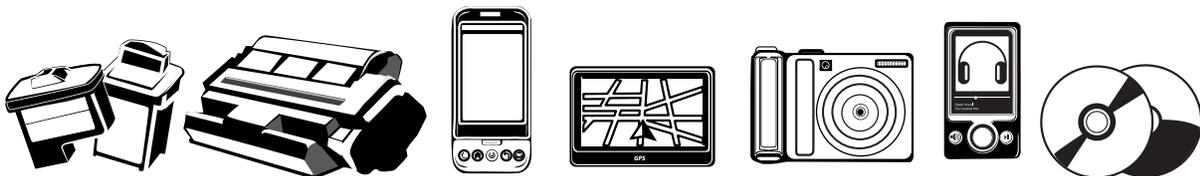
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Newtown Friends Meeting House
219 Court Street
Newtown, PA 18940

or request individual collection boxes through
Debby Bossio

C543-0812

TvS Calendar — March 2013 • Adar/Nisan 5773

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 19 Adar First Friday Shabbat Services followed by potluck 6:30 pm @ The Mollie Dodd Library at George School	2
3	4	5	6	7 Hebrew classes with Debbie @ the Chongs' home 5:30 & 6 pm	8	9 Torah Study 10 am – noon @ Chong's home Havdalah dinners @ members' homes
10 Book Discussion 4 p.m. at the Mindlin/Perloff home	11 Tentative Date Board meeting 7 pm @ the Posmontiers' home	12 1 Nisan Rosh Hodesh Nisan	13	14 Hebrew classes with Debbie @ the Chongs' home 5:30 & 6 pm	15	16 Shabbat Service & Torah Study 10 am – noon @ Newtown Friends Meetinghouse
17 Spiritual Life Committee meeting 10 am @ Diane & Arnie's home Mussar Class 3–4:30 pm @ the Garfields' home	18	19	20	21 Hebrew classes with Debbie @ the Chongs' home 5:30 & 6 pm	22	23
24	25	26 Community Seder 5:30 pm @ NFMH	27	28 Hebrew classes with Debbie @ the Chongs' home 5:30 & 6 pm	29	30 20 Adar
	Erev Passover 1st Seder	Passover 1 2nd Seder	Passover 2	Passover 3	Passover 4	Passover 5
31 20 Nisan Passover 6	April 1 Passover 7	2 Passover 8 (if observed)	3	4	5 First Friday Shabbat Services followed by potluck 6:30 pm @ The Mollie Dodd Library at George School	6

The Maccabeats* are coming! The Maccabeats* are coming! The Maccabeats* are coming!

The Gratz College Annual Gala Benefitting The Jewish Community High School
Tuesday, April 30, 2013 @ 6 pm at Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley, PA

For more info, visit <http://gratz.edu/news/entry/the-gratz-college-annual-gala>

*A Jewish a cappella group performing an eclectic array of Jewish, American, & Israeli songs.

Tzedek v'Shalom Tzedakah Opportunities

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Please make checks payable to Tzedek v'Shalom.

Send to: Arnie Gold, Treasurer

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Some suggested occasions you may wish to commemorate with your donations:

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For _____

🔗 Mazel Tov to: Name(s) _____

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| of: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> On their wedding / engagement / wedding anniversary |
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