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CREATING AN ECO-JEWISH THEOLOGY FOR A CHANGING PLANET



שבועות

TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD @ 7-9:30 P.M.

**LOCATION: AT THE BOSSIOS'
14 HOUSTON ROAD · YARDLEY, PA 19067**

Beginning on the second night of Pesach we count 49 days leading up to Shavuot, the awesome day on which we received Torah at Mt. Sinai. Come celebrate Shavuot at Tzedek v'Shalom!

Please bring a dairy dish to share. It is traditional to eat dairy delights (blitzes, cheesecake) on Shavuot!

- 7:00 p.m. Candlelighting
- 7:15 p.m. Kiddush/Pot Luck Dinner and Dairy Delights!
- 7:45 p.m. Creative Chanting of the Ten Commandments
- 8-9:30 p.m. Creating an Eco-Jewish Theology for a Changing Planet

RSVPs are appreciated to Rabbi Anna - rabianna@gmail.com or 215-287-5128



ECO-JEWISH RELATED WEBSITES:

- <http://www.wildernesstorah.org/> "Wilderness Torah awakens and celebrates the earth-based traditions of Judaism to nourish the connections between self, community, earth, and Spirit."
- <http://arava.org/> The environmental institute on Tali and Jon's (former members) kibbutz: "At the Arava Institute students learn the essential skills required for becoming future environmental leaders."
- <http://hazon.org/> Hazon: "We create healthier and more sustainable communities in the Jewish world and beyond." Check out the Philadelphia Environmental Bike Tour on June 8: <http://hazon.org/calendar/philly-bike-ride-2/>.

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June Services & Celebrations

Shavuot Celebration
Full details are on page 1.



Shabbat Morning Service
Celebrating Fran and Bernie's 70th Anniversary
Saturday, June 7 at 10 a.m.
Service led by Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy
Location: at Newtown Friends Meetinghouse, Court Street, Newtown

Shabbat Services followed by our potluck dinner

Friday, June 13
6:30 p.m. Completely Singing Service led by Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy
7:30 p.m. Dairy Delicious Potluck
RSVP for dinner to Elana Braz at elanabraz@verizon.net.
Location: The Mollie Dodd Anderson Library at George School



Newsletter Editor's Retirement Postponed

After 12 years, Naomi gave notice to the Board and that she would retire from her position as editor of this newsletter. June would have been her last month on the job.

BUT...

Responding to the hue and cry of the Board, Naomi has agreed to remain as editor UNTIL someone volunteers to be our new editor OR a new method of getting the news out is developed.

IF...

No one volunteers, we will probably transition to online (through emails and our website) notifications of events and news.

BUT IF...

Someone volunteers to be editor of our illustrious newsletter, the dire advent of online news will be averted.

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Fran and Bernie!



Fran and Bernie Heyman got married

70 years ago

and they want to celebrate with us!

June 7, at our Shabbat morning service @ 10 a.m.
and the kiddush lunch that follows.

Newtown Friends Meeting House

Fran and Bernie asked Debbie Chong to convey their wishes for no gifts.
Fran said, "Give donations to TVS or food banks or the like if you wish."

Board News

Norma Kaplis has agreed to join the Board! Attending our May meeting as a representative of the Liaison Committee to Kol Emet, the Board voted unanimously to draft Norma — and she accepted. When Norma cannot attend Board meetings in person, she intends to participate either by skype or phone.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, June 9th at Ralph's house, 32 N. Lincoln Avenue, Newtown, PA 18940. Debby Bossio will facilitate and Naomi will be our scribe. At this meeting, the Board will discuss our use of a student rabbi for our High Holy Days, our development as a havurah, and our relationship with Kol Emet. Our goal is to "propose an action plan that will include next steps and a timeline." This is in line with the Board's Letter to the Congregation, emailed to members on May 21st.

Please contact Naomi if you need the Board's Letter to the Congregation or minutes from either our March or May congregational meetings re-sent to you.

All members are welcome to attend meetings, or volunteer to join the Board. Contact information for the Board is on page 2 of this newsletter.

TvS Romeo and Juliet Club

The ROMEO and JULIET lunch club meets every month at a location offering delicious food, with our fine company. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25 at 1:00 p.m. at Canal Street Grill, 27 E. Afton Ave., Yardley, PA 19067.

Everybody is welcome.

Joel Bacher Joel.bacher@comcast.net

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

Community News

Jeanlu Ryersbach sent us the following: Here (on page 6 of this newsletter) is an Interfaith event some of you might wish to attend. I am the treasurer of Interfaith of Lower Bucks and we are co-sponsoring this. We are great with pot lucks and filled with interpretations about light, which will be the discussion at the Sangha.

In Our Shul...

Mazel Tov...

to Ethan Leitner for becoming a Bar Mitzvah, and thank you for leading services and chanting Torah so beautifully and for sharing your wisdom with us.

Refuah Shleymah (Get Well Wishes)

Please remember Kina Leitner in your prayers.

Norma reminds us that we are holding Kina “in the light” Mondays at 9:00 p.m. Approximately 10 minutes. For those who cannot do Mondays, like Bobbie P., we thought a Tuesday option could be added. Do one or both, same time. If you want any suggestions on a format, feel free to call Norma at 267-872-5862, or just “do what comes to you”.

Please also 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 at home, still recuperating.

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

Contributions

From the Manases (which they make every month)

From the Necowitzes, “With gratitude to Diane and

Arnie Gold for taking care of Nugget while we were camping. Thank you!”

Lifecycle Events at TvS

Anniversary:

Michele & Paul Kleinbaum	June 10, 1979
Sharon Pope and Rob Weintraub	June 14
Frances and Bernie Heyman	June 17, 1944
Steve Bacher and Karen Courtney	June 22, 1996
Marilyn Silberfein and John Pawling	June 27, 1971

Birthdays:

Meryl Cohen	June 5, 1985
Tali Adini	June 6
Jake Antoniello	June 10
Emma Perloff	June 13, 1993
Arnie Gold	June 14
Cressa Perloff	June 21, 1987
D. J. Kleinbaum	June 26, 1982
Ilene Pastor	June 27

Nora Chong	June 27
Zvi Schram	June 29
Jean-Pierre Sarandrea	June 30, 1972

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.

Beverly Garfield	25 Iyar/May 25 (6/1/97)
Sam Kitces	5 Sivan/June 3
Hannah Pearson	9 Sivan/June 7
Dimon Barth	11 Sivan/June 9 (6/8/87)
Morris Sanders	13 Sivan/June 11 (5/23/75)
Sarah Hersh Gordon	14 Sivan/June 12 (6/20/59)
Max Kleinbaum	17 Sivan/June 15 (6/20/00)
Saul Abrams	18 Sivan/June 16 (6/1/47)
Zvi Granek	20 Sivan/June 18 (6/13/71)
Richard deLone	22 Sivan/June 20 (6/23/92)
Herman Cohen	23 Sivan/June 21 (6/12/85)
Jay M. Garfield	23 Sivan/June 21 (6/13/12)
Robert Gordon	23 Sivan/June 21 (6/16/71)
Jacob Moskowitz	23 Sivan/June 21 (6/23/03)
Grace Posmontier	26 Sivan/June 24 (6/27/92)
Mildred Daniels	29 Sivan/June 27 (6/21/09)
Esther Piaskovsky	30 Sivan/June 28 (6/26/06)
Harry Tarlo	1 Tammuz/June 29 (6/23/63)
Barry Cohen	6 Tammuz/July 4 (6/20/99)
Olive Levy Rosenfield	12 Tammuz/July 10 (6/27/10)
Sarah Weintraub	13 Tammuz/July 11 (6/23/02)
Sylvia and Reuben Bishoff	June

Thank You...

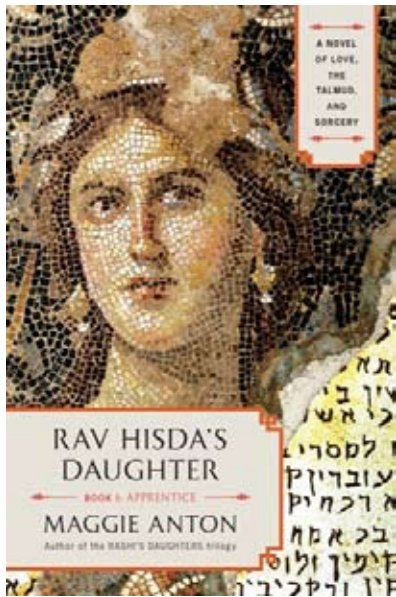
Kina, Lee, Nora, and Ethan Leitner for hosting such a beautiful kiddush luncheon in honor of Ethan’s Bar Mitzvah.

To Bernie and Fran Heyman for hosting and TvSers for attending our May Havdalah dinner.

to Max Yaffe for arranging our Zamru-style musical Shabbatot all year, including hiring our guest musical directors, rallying our central singing leaders, and doing his best to get as many people present as possible. Also, thank you, Max, for organizing our May Singing Shabbat at Kol Emet.

to Joel Bacher who hosted our board meeting in May.

to Debby Bossio who hosted our congregational meeting in May.



Book Discussion Group

Rav Hisda's Daughter, ***Book I: Apprentice: A Novel of Love, the*** ***Talmud, and Sorcery*** **by Maggie Anton**

Sunday, June 29 @ 3–5 p.m.
at Diane and Arnie Gold's home
1 Eton Road, Yardley, PA 19067

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Diane at
215-295-2028 or Agoldn1@aol.com.

Hisdadukh, blessed to be beautiful and learned, is the youngest child of Talmudic sage Rav Hisda. The world around her is full of conflict. Rome, fast becoming Christian, battles Zoroastrian Persia for dominance, while Rav Hisda and his colleagues struggle to establish new Jewish traditions after the destruction of Jerusalem's Holy Temple. Against this backdrop Hisdadukh embarks on the tortuous path to become an enchantress in the very land where the word *magic* originated.

But the conflict affecting Hisdadukh most intimately arises when her father brings his two best students before her, a mere child, and asks her which one she will marry. Astonishingly, the girl replies, "Both of them." Soon she marries the older student, although it becomes clear that the younger one has not lost interest in her. When her new-found happiness is derailed by a series of tragedies, a grieving Hisdadukh must decide if she does, indeed, wish to become a sorceress. Based on actual Talmud texts and populated with its rabbis and their families, *Rav Hisda's Daughter: Book I — Apprentice* brings the world of the Talmud to life from a woman's perspective.

<http://www.ravhisdasdaughter.com/>

A Call to Arms — And the Rest of Your Body, Too

This report is from Kathy Harr, from Newtown Friends Meeting:

On Sept. 20 and 21, the biggest demonstration in the history of the climate movement takes place in New York City. We need you there—you and everyone you can think of to bring. Here's the somewhat more formal invitation: http://act.350.org/signup/acalltoarms?t=1&referring_akid=4622.1055799.JHlckK. And if you're ready to say you'll be there, RSVP on Facebook.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has summoned the world's leaders to NYC in late September to consult about climate change. Because we think those leaders have done a lousy job, and because we're tired of fancy words and ready for real

action, we're going to go to New York, too, in our thousands and tens of thousands.

Marching doesn't solve anything by itself. But movements can shift political power—in fact, little else ever does.

We need to show just how big and unified our movement has grown, from the environmental justice advocates fighting fossil fuel pollution in our communities to the students demanding divestment on our campuses, from the scientists who have seen their warnings so far ignored to the clergy now showing real moral leadership.

If you're wondering how to react to the devastating news that the Antarctic is melting out of control: New York. If you're scared as I am by the pictures of the fire and drought across the West: New York. If you're feeling like it's time to change the trajectory of this planet: we'll see you in New York.

FROM RABBI ARTHUR WASKOW...

SHAVUOT: THE FESTIVAL OF MANY FACETS

On The Shalom Center's Website at <https://theshalomcenter.org/treasury/111> is a treasury of resources for prayer and study on Shavuot (June 3–5), Here are many facets of the jewel:

- An amazing text found at Nag Hammadi, entitled “The Thunder: Perfect Mind,” an all-inclusive Revelation.
- A midrash by Rabbi Phyllis Berman and Rabbi Arthur Waskow, of what the Ten Utterances would mean if they were addressed not to individuals (as in the Torah), but to a whole community.
- “What if Ruth came to America Today?”
- Probably the greatest American Jewish poem, “Akiba,” by Muriel Rukeyser.
- Berman and Waskow’s unfolding of the very first word of the Sinai Utterances.
- A very brief chapter from Berman and Waskow’s book *Freedom Journeys* on the starkness of the mountains of the Sinai Wilderness.
- A contemplative process for absorbing the deeper meanings of the Prophet Ezekiel’s vision of the Chariot, drawing on Jerome Rothenberg’s extraordinarily poetic translation.

Chasing
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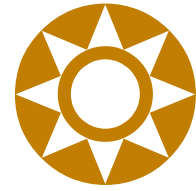
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and minority
and sometimes challenging,
as special websites connected
you can add your own baseball stories!

www.chasingdreams.nmajh.org/visit/

June 8th at the National Museum of American Jewish History

**Tzedek v'Shalom Goes on a Field Trip!
101 South Independence Mall East • Philadelphia, PA 19106**

Shine



An Interfaith Celebration of Light To Welcome the Summer Solstice

Monday, June 16, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Yardley Friends Meeting House

65 N. Main St., Yardley, PA 19067

6:00 p.m.—Potluck Meal with Reflections on Light
from Many Faith Traditions

(Please bring a dish to share and an index card detailing
the ingredients in your dish—to honor everyone's dietary
practices and needs.)

7:00 p.m.—Readings & Meditation with the Buddhist
Sangha of Bucks County

8:00 p.m.—Moderated Discussion of the Meditation,
Readings and Reflections

9:00 p.m.—Closing and Breathing Song

Sponsored by the Interfaith Community of Lower Bucks,
Buddhist Sangha of Bucks County and Yardley Friends

TvS Calendar — June 2014 • *Sivan/Tammuz 5774*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3 Sivan	2	3 Shavuot Celebration 7–9:30 p.m. @ the Bossios' Erev Shavuot	4 Shavuot - Day 1	5 Hebrew classes with Debbie 5:30 & 6 pm @ the Chongs' Shavuot - Day 2	6	7 Fran & Bernie's 70th Anniversary Shabbat Service with Rabbi Anna 10 am @ a NFMH
8	9 Board Meeting 7 pm @ Ralph Posmontier's	10	11	12 Hebrew classes with Debbie 5:30 & 6 pm @ the Chongs'	13 Musical Shabbat with Rabbi Anna followed by potluck 6:30 pm @ the Anderson Library at George School	14
15	16	17	18	19 Hebrew classes with Debbie 5:30 & 6 pm @ the Chongs'	20	21
22	23	24	25 Romeos & Juliets 1 pm @ Canal Street Grill, Yardley	26 Hebrew classes with Debbie 5:30 & 6 pm @ the Chongs'	27	28
29 1 Tammuz Book Club 3–5 p.m. @ Diane & Arnie Gold's Rosh Hodesh	30	Check your e-mailbox for Tzedek v'Shalom summer activities!				


Please stay tuned for e-mail updates from the Board about our next steps as a community.

Tzedek v'Shalom Tzedakah Opportunities

Donor (s) _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Date _____ Enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____ to the following fund:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Operating Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi's Discretionary Fund |
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Please make checks payable to Tzedek v'Shalom.

Send to: Joel Bacher, Treasurer

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

🔗 With Gratitude to: _____

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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