TZEDEK V'SHALOM

A Reconstructionist Jewish Congregation

Mercy and truth will meet, justice and peace will embrace.

– Psalm 85:11



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June at TvS...

Jordyn Friedman's Bat Mitzvah • Laura Kitces Fishman's Bat Mitzvah
Hebrew School Final Day & Picnic • Friday Evening Service • Torah Study
TvS Board Retreat • ROMEO Club • Caregivers' Support Group

From Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy...

Jewish Fill in the Blank

Last week in Religious School, I began the day with a pop quiz — sure to make me very popular with the kids! I gave them seven fill in the blank statements, such as "My favorite part of school this year was,

_______ and "I feel Jewish when I ______ "
which were all designed to help them reflect on the school year and their Jewish identity as a whole.

The last statement I asked them to fill in was, "One way I will be Jewish this summer is ______ ."
There were a few notable answers like "I'll learn more about the kabbalah" and "I'm going to Jewish camp," but many kids left the answer blank or spoke vaguely about "remembering Hebrew School" and "God."

After the pop quiz, I said to the students, "Being Jewish is not something you are just at Religious School; it's a part of you wherever you go all week long and all year round. You don't need Hebrew school do be Jewish — you can be Jewish in lots of different ways." I wonder if they understood that statement — or rather, how they understood it. When they are at home with family and friends, how is Judaism expressed? As a Religious School director, I don't really have that information. However, it has a huge impact on their

experience of being in Religious School, more than say, whether a child has a learning disability.

At Tzedek v'Shalom, are we teaching just about what "Jews out there" do and believe? Or, are we modeling a Jewish life shaped by Jewish values and concerns? Do we have an individual spiritual/religious expression, or is our practice of Judaism tied solely to what the synagogue does? What does it mean to make Jewish choices for our family and ourselves? How are we guided by Judaism?

These are not just questions for Religious School parents — these concerns affect the life and mission of what we are and what we do at TvS. I think it's great that we take the summer to let our hair down and take a break from more formal observances and education, but as I said to the students, we don't stop being Jewish over the summer.

"Being Jewish," according to a Reconstructionist definition, does not mean only through prayer and religious observances. Reconstructionist Judaism holds that Judaism is a "civilization" with its various cultural expressions — language, arts, literature, food, holidays, (Continued on page 2)

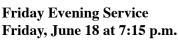
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June Services and Torah Study at TvS

Bat Mitzvah of Jordyn Friedman Saturday, June 12 at 10 a.m.

Location: NFMH
Shammus and Kiddush:
B'nai Mitzvah families



Location: NFMH

Special Oneg Shabbat in honor of Laura Kitces

Fishman's Bat Mitzvah

Bat Mitzvah of Laura Kitces Fishman Saturday, June 19 at 9:15 a.m.

Location: NFMH

Shammus and Kiddush: B'nai Mitzvah families

Torah Study Saturday, June 26th at 10 a.m.

Location: at the home of Debbie and Victor Chong 417 Edgeboro Drive, Newtown, PA 215-504-9268 or weederwiz@aol.com

Jewish Fill in the Blank

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and celebrations. So, you could "be Jewish" by eating kugel, but I think that the more ways to engage with culture and the people, the better. As parents, the more ways we model ways of being Jewish for our children, the more your family's Jewish identity will be strengthened.

Last year I wrote about "staying in touch" with TvS over the summer through attending our more informal Torah studies and services at member homes, but what I'm saying now goes beyond that. TvS — the school and the shul — offer wonderful ways of connecting with our shared religious, cultural, spiritual identities. However, they are offered not for your entertainment, but with the hope and prayer that they will affect and perhaps even transform your own life. Whatever resonates with you, bring it home, into your *neshama* (soul) and into your daily and weekly routine.

This is no easy task, but it's not impossible either. I simply ask you to fill in the blank: One way I will be Jewish this summer is ______. And if you think of more than one way, so much the better!

Have an inspiring and lovely summer, With Blessing, Rabbi Anna



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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

News Deadline: 22nd of the month. Any submissions after that date will be included in the next newsletter.

The whole Tzedek v'Shalom community is invited to share in the joy and be part of

Laura Kitces Fishman's Bat Mitzvah

There will be Friday night services on June 18th at 7:15 p.m. and an Oneg Shabbat/congregational celebration with dessert afterwards.

There will be services Saturday morning on June 19th at 9:15 a.m. with Kiddush afterwards.

Both services are at Newtown Friends Meeting House, Court Street, Newtown.

Seth and Anna (215-369-0997)

Spiritual Life News

Scheduled meeting dates and times for the next two months are June 27 and July 25, both at 7 p.m. at Diane Gold's house at 1 Eton Road, Yardley, PA 19067. All congregants are invited to attend.

For any questions or comments about Spiritual Life at TvS, please contact Rabbi Anna or me.

Diane Gold
 Spiritual Life Chair
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Caring for Our Loved Ones, Caring for Ourselves

The next meeting is Sunday, June 13, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the home of Jennifer Garfield. If you would like to attend, please contact Jennifer at 215-322-9668 or jennifergarfield@hotmail.com.



Community Announcements

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation News: Ma Nishma ("What's Happening?"): Register at the JRF website at http://jrf.org/user/register then click "Manage your JRF e-newsletter subscriptions" at the top left of the home page to subscribe.

Lower Bucks Community Building Network

There will be a **Special Workshop and Job Networking** event on Wednesday, June 2nd from 6:30 p.m.

to 10 p.m. at Shir Ami, 101 Richboro Road, Newtown. Attendees will be able to participate in two of the four 40-minute sessions being offered:

- Developing the 30-Second Elevator Pitch
- Essentials of Networking
- Revitalizing Your Personal Identity
- A Corporate Recruiter Panel Discussion

The workshops will be followed by a structured networking session and activities such as resume critiquing and career counseling. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us, and bring your resumes and business cards. For more information please contact Mitch Federman at mitchfedm@comcast.net.

Tzedek v'Shalom is one of the official participants in this program.



In Our Shul...

Member News

We are saddened to learn that Norman Glucroft, Susan Levin's father, passed away in late May. May his memory be a blessing.

Refuah shlemah - get well - to Arnie Gold who was hit by a... bicyclist. May he heal quickly and completely!

Mazel to our spring Bat Mitzvah teens — Sophie Laden, Jordyn Friedman, and Laura Kitces Fishman — and their families. May you all go from strength to strength!

Contributions

General Operating Fund

from Debbie and Victor Chong in memory of David Kernis. wishing a quick healing to Arnie Gold following his collision with a bicyclist.

wishing a quick healing to Nathan Pinsky from his recent auto accident.

in honor of Ruth Blask, Debbie's mother. wishing a Mazel Tov to Josh for his new employment.

from the Ohio Historical Society in memory of Dr. David Kernis, Bobbie's sister, Sharon E. Dean, is director of the Society's Collections Services Division.

General Operating Fund

from Debbie and Victor Chong, for books and supplies for the school library

Lifecycle Events at TvS

Anniversaries:

Michele & Paul Kleinbaum	June 10, 1979
Sharon Pope and Rob Weintraub	June 14
Al and Eileen Goldstein	June 15, 1969
Frances and Bernie Heyman	June 17, 1944
Steve Bacher and Karen Courtney	June 22, 1996
Marilyn Silberfein and John Pawling	June 27, 1971

Birthdays:	
Clara Pinsky	June 4
Meryl Cohen	June 5
Tali Adini	June 6
Greg Plumb	June 6
Marc Bloom	June 8
Jake Antoniello	June 10
Larry Necowitz	June 12
Emma Perloff	June 13
Arnie Gold	June 14
Jenny Ornsteen James	June 20
Cressa Perloff	June 21
Esther Lewis	June 26
D.J. Kleinbaum	June 26
Ilene Pastor	June 27
Nora Chong	June 27
Rob Kall	June 29

Jean-Pierre Sarandrea

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.

June 30

The TvS ROMEO Club ("Retired* Old Men Eating Out")

NEXT EVENT: Wed., June 23rd at noon

WHERE: Boston Market, 360 Oxford Valley Road,

Langhorne, PA 19047, near the Sheraton Hotel,

across from the Oxford Valley Mall

RSVP to Joel (via email, carojoel@comcast.net) if you plan to attend, so we can set up an appropriate number of tables and seats.

*Retirement not required. Substitute any other R word and it works! Totally open to all (male) TvS members and friends.





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Sunday June 6, 2010 Noon - 4 • rain or shine **Shady Brook Farm** 931 Stony Hill Road at the Newtown Bypass

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show your talents on stage or display your visual art in our art exhibit! Share your artistic ability, enjoy others' talents, and support the Philadelphia Delegation of JCC Maccabi ArtsFest! Invite family, friends & whoever else you want to show off to!

Sunday, June 13, 6 - 9 pm Located in Family Hall (a) the Kaiserman JCC 45 Haverford Road Wynnewood, PA 19096 \$10 at the door \$5 Children under 10

For questions, or if you want to pre-register your act, email OpenMicFundraiser@gmail.com

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Mitzvah Corner

"Shabbat in the Park" Thank Yous

We need to thank Ralph, for shlepping everything we needed for services at the last minute. And Elana, for helping coordinate the food and cooking some great desserts. We'd like to thank Josh, for leading the scavenger hunt and for wearing a shirt that said, "Real men marry rabbis." And, of course, speaking of rabbis, Rabbi Anna, for leading us through a wonderful outdoor service and some great discussion. Thank you to Noa for her support and buying last minute SMORE ingredients for the kids... a BBQ would not be the same without SMORES! Thanks for all who participated in the varied activities!

 Cindy Weiss Fisher and Jerry Manas Shabbat in the Park Coordinators

Thank you to Cindy and Jerry for coordinating such a terrific "Shabbat in the Park." Jerry kept our retreat alive when it seemed to be faltering, and Cindy thought of "all the details" (Jerry's quote).

Flea Market Report

This year's flea market was held on a beautiful day in May. I wish to thank everyone who contributed and helped. Special thanks to Arnie, Ralph Posmontier, Jerry Manas, Rob Weintraub, Julie and Charles Gromer, Marcia Gordon, Jean Ryersbach and Zvi Schram, Noa Kuzma, Carolyn and Joel, Bernie and Fran, Michele Kleinbaum and anyone I may have left off the acknowledgement list. This is the second year and we are still learning what we can do to make this a more successful and profitable event. We are looking for new ideas to make next year's event more successful. Items not sold or taken back by were donated to Greenwood House's Rummage Sale by Michele Kleinbaum. We also wish to thank McCaffery's Market and the Acme in Newtown for donations of cookies, water, and soda. We cleared approximately \$675 in profits.

- Diane Gold

Thank you to Diane and Arnie Gold for organizing our second Flea Market. They involved so many people and made this a real community event.

Even More Shul Thank You's

Thank you to Fran and Bernie Heyman for hosting Torah Study in May.

Thank you to Zvi Schram for hosting our Shavuot celebration, and thanks also to Jerry Manas, Zvi, and Rabbi Anna for preparing study sessions and to everyone who brought such delicious treats.

Thank you to Debbie and Victor Chong for hosting, and Jean Ryersbach for facilitating the first meeting of a new Caregivers' Support Group.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sivan 19	2 Midweek School	3 Midweek School	4	5
						Parshat Shelach Lecha
6 Religious School Closing Day and Picnic 9:30 p.m. Jewish Festival at	7	8	9	10	11	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Jordyn Friedman 10 a.m. at NFMH
Shady Brook Noon–4 p.m.						Rosh Hodesh Parshat Korach
Tammuz 1	14	15	16	17	18 Shabbat Service 7:15 p.m. at NFMH	19 Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Laura Kitces Fishman 9:15 a.m. at NFMH
Rosh Hodesh						Parshat Hukat
20 TvS Board Retreat Father's Day	21	22	23 ROMEO Noon at Boston Market	24	25	26 Torah Study 10 a.m. at the Chongs' Parshat Balak
27 Spiritual Life Committee Meeting	28	29	30	31		

Having a Summer Cookout?

REMEMBER

TO **SAVE** YOUR **MCCAFFERY'S** TAPES (AND EARN CASH BACK FOR TVS). **BRING** THEM TO EVENTS AND GIVE THEM TO ROB WEINTRAUB, RALPH POSMONTIER, OR ARNIE GOLD.

OR **REGISTER** YOUR **GENUARDI'S** DISCOUNT CARD TO TZEDEK V'S HALOM AND A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR PURCHASES WILL BE CREDITED TO TVS EACH MONTH. YOU CAN REGISTER AT THE STORE FRONT DESK.



Fast of 17th

of Tammuz

7 p.m. at the Golds'



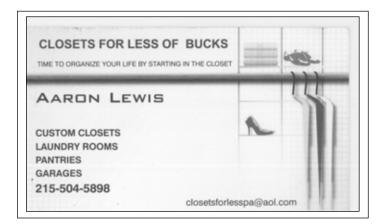
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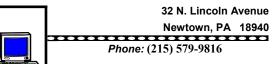
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