

# TZEDEK V'SHALOM NEWS



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## OUR FILM SERIES & US

We are having a beautiful (though hot!) summer, and I've got just the ticket for making it even better: staying connected to community at Tzedek v'Shalom. This summer, not only are we continuing with services and Shabbat morning Torah study, but you — and your friends! — can also attend an engaging and thought-provoking film and participate in the discussion that follows. Many thanks to Debby Bossio, Janis Gemelfarb, and Linda Gold for organizing our first TvS film series!

These films aren't exactly what you'd call "light and fluffy," however. The first film deals with the emotional battle over homes and neighborhoods in East Jerusalem, the second one is about how terrorism affected the lives of two American soccer moms, and the third is about facing down cancer. So, why did we choose to show these particular films?

At Tzedek v'Shalom, we often choose to delve into subjects that aren't easy, and we do so because frankly, life isn't easy. The world is a challenging, difficult, and often a dark place. We are in community together

not only for the "feel-good" moments, but also to hold one another through death and grief, illness and pain. We are in community not only to be with like-minded people, but also to listen, support, and challenge one another respectfully where we disagree. I don't believe that religion exists to supply a person with easy answers; it simply and powerfully reminds us that we are not alone.

The human spirit is an amazing thing, and that is evidenced throughout each of these films. It is awesome to witness the power of compassion, the power of faith, and the power of healing. It is inspiring to see how people come together where there is a need. I call that power God; others might say something else, but it is simply transformational.

Come see for yourselves.

Wishing you a lovely, relaxing, and uplifting summer.

Bivracha/In blessing,  
Rabbi Anna

### FILM SERIES BEGINS THIS WEEKEND!

Saturday, June 29, 8–10 pm

at the Mollie Dodd Anderson Library, at George School, Newtown, PA

#### MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Preceded by Havdalah to culminate the Sabbath

Followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy

Register at <http://tzedekvshalom.org/2013/06/16/tvs-summer-film-series-register-now>.

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# July/August Services

## Hosts & Service Leaders Needed

Please contact Arnie or Diane to volunteer:  
[agoldn1@aol.com](mailto:agoldn1@aol.com) or 215-295-2028

- Friday night, July 12, Shabbat Service @ 7 p.m.
- Saturday morning, July 27, Torah Study @ 10 a.m.
- Friday night, August 2, Shabbat Service @ 7 p.m.
- Saturday morning, August 17 OR 24, Torah Study @ 10 a.m.  
(depends on the date of Welcome Back barbeque).

## Hebrew through the Summer

Thursdays at the home of Debbie and Victor Chong

5:30–6:00 p.m.: Using *Aleph Isn't Enough*, the second book in the Hebrew for Adults series.

6:00–7:00 p.m.: We continue to read the haftarah of the week.

If you have any questions, call Debbie at 215-504-9268 and check the weekly TvS e-news for details and updates.



## Stay Connected...

## Come to a TvS Summer Event!

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## TZEDEK V'SHALOM AND NEWTOWN COMMUNITY

# SUMMER FILM SERIES

JUNE 29, JULY 21, & AUGUST 11

\$5.00/film per family

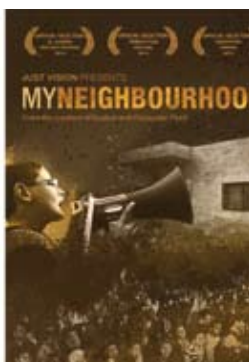
Sign up for the entire series by June 25 to receive 10% discount — just \$13.50!

Beverages and Snacks will be for sale.

at the Mollie Dodd Anderson Library, at George School, Newtown, PA

Register at <http://tzedekvshalom.org/2013/06/16/tvs-summer-film-series-register-now>.

Three films that reflect the struggles of ordinary people — their trials and how they have overcome them. Thought-provoking discussion will follow each film.



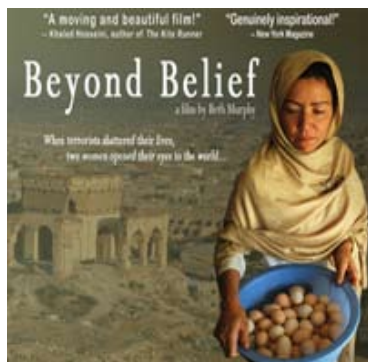
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<http://www.truah.org/issuescampaigns/justiceforjerusalem/insideneighborhoods/sheikh-jarrah/my-neighbourhood.html>

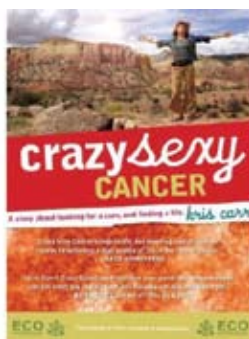
My Neighbourhood is a Peabody Award-winning documentary short, that chronicles the story of Mohammed El Kurd, a Palestinian teenager forced to share a section of his house with Israeli settlers. Mohammed comes-of-age in the midst of unrelenting tension with his neighbors and unexpected cooperation with Israeli allies in his backyard. Directed by Julia Bacha and Rebekah Wingert-Jabi.



**BEYOND BELIEF** — Sunday, July 21, 3-5 pm

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0989618>

This documentary relates the story of Susan Retik and Patti Quigley, two soccer moms living in the suburbs of Boston until the tragedy of September 11 strikes. Rather than turning inwards, grief compels these women to focus on the country where the terrorists who took their husbands' lives were trained: Afghanistan. Over the course of two years, as they cope with loss and struggle to raise their families as single mothers, these extraordinary women dedicate themselves to empowering Afghan widows whose lives have been ravaged by decades of war, poverty and oppression — factors they consider to be the root causes of terrorism. From the ruins of the World Trade Center to those of Kabul and back, theirs is a journey of personal strength and international reconciliation, and a testament to the vision that peace can be forged — one woman at a time.



**CRAZY, SEXY CANCER** — Sunday, August 11, 3-5 pm

<http://www.crazysexycancer.com>

Here is an irreverent and uplifting documentary about a woman looking for a cure and finding her life. In 2003, 31-year-old actress/photographer Kris Carr was diagnosed with a rare, incurable cancer. Weeks later she began filming her story. Kris shared her inspirational story of survival with courage, strength, and humor. With experimental treatment as her only option, she became determined to find answers where there were none. Kris traveled the country interviewing experts in alternative medicine as she tenaciously dove headfirst into a fascinating and often hilarious holistic world. On the way, she met other vivacious young women determined to become survivors. As Kris's journey unfolds, she realizes that healing is about living rather than fighting. *Crazy Sexy Cancer* is an attitude!

## Adult Education — Beyond September

### Practical Adult Education

At the last Spiritual Life Committee meeting, a proposal for practical adult education topics was put forth. Rabbi Anna has suggested the following three one session “classes”:

- Visiting the Sick and Comforting the Afflicted
- Shiva Calls: The Rituals of Mourning
- Stand Up and Be Present: How to Lead Any Kind of Service

She tentatively proposes that the sessions all be held in the fall — on the third Sunday of October, November, and December.

### Rosh Hodesh Group

Rabbi Anna also suggests that we consider starting up our Rosh Hodesh group again. She is happy to lead a session and assist others in facilitating.

### Intro to Judaism class

At the recent Bucks County Rabbi Group, there was excitement around a proposal to have a Bucks County-based, interdenominational “Intro to Judaism” class led by ALL of the rabbis in Bucks County (the idea being that each rabbi would lead one or two sessions) for prospective converts and anyone seeking to gain a strong basis in Judaism. If it happens, the class would begin in October and continue weekly for about 20 sessions. Rabbi Anna will keep us posted on how the conversation develops.

Please contact Rabbi Anna at [rabbianna@gmail.com](mailto:rabbianna@gmail.com) with any suggestions or thoughts about these possible adult education programs.



## Spiritual Life Committee

Naomi will be heading the High Holiday committee this year. Please contact her if you would like to volunteer to help: [nsmindlin@photoreview.org](mailto:nsmindlin@photoreview.org). The first meeting will be Sunday, June 30 at 4 p.m. at her home at 301 Hill Avenue, Langhorne, PA 19047.

The next Spiritual Life committee meeting is Sunday, August 4 at 4 p.m. at Naomi Mindlin’s home.

The dates for summer services are: Friday night July 12, Saturday morning July 27, Friday night August 2, and Saturday morning 17 OR 24 (depends on date of Welcome Back barbeque). Please contact us to volunteer to lead and/or host a summer service.

Arnie and Diane Gold  
[agoldn1@aol.com](mailto:agoldn1@aol.com)

## TvS Romeo and Juliet Club

ROMEOs and JULIETs continue to meet over the summer:

- Wed., July 24, 1:00 p.m. At Oishi, Newtown (shopping center, next to Pier 1)
- Wed., Aug 28, 1:00 p.m. At Canal Street Grille, Yardley (27 East Afton Ave.)

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Joel

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



## Greenfaith

Greenfaith [<http://greenfaith.org>] is an interfaith organization that has trained religious folk, especially clergy and seminary students, to work for the right relationship between the earth and human earthlings — *adam* and *adamah*, to use the Hebrew words that teach our intertwinedness through the words themselves.

Now Greenfaith is encouraging religious folk to explore what it is calling *divestment/reinvestment* as a way to do what The Shalom Center is calling Move Our Money/Protect Our Planet (MOM/POP). In coming to that decision, Greenfaith arranged for Rabbi Lawrence Troster to write what has turned out to be a superb examination of Jewish teachings on the ethics of investment.

With Rabbi Troster’s permission, the Shalom Center is making his paper available through The Shalom Report. The idea is that the wisdom of these teachings will speak not only to Jews but also to many far beyond the Jewish community.

For information on The Shalom Center’s work along these lines, see the lead website article, “*Move Our Money, Protect Our Planet: God, Earth, & Strategy: A Spiritually Rooted, Strategically Focused Plan of Action on the Climate Crisis*” by clicking on <https://theshalomcenter.org/content/move-our-money-protect-our-planet-god-earth-strategy>.

If you want to help organize for MOM/POP in your own community, please write Rabbi Arthur Waskow at [Office@theshalomcenter.org](mailto:Office@theshalomcenter.org).



## In Our Shul...

We are so sorry to report the death of the Adlers’ wonderful dog, Lovely Lilly, who leaves them with 14 years of great memories. Our hearts go out to Dan, Matt, and Paula.

## 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)

## Lifecycle Events at TvS

### Anniversary:

Noa Kuzma and Frumi Cohen	July 4, 1994
Howard & Sharon Blumenthal	July 7, 1977
Kina and Lee Leitner	July 16, 1989
Al & Debby Bossio	July 22, 1989
Jennifer and Bob Abrahamson	July 28, 1991
Marcia and Marc Wexler	August 11, 1974
Ilene and Steven Pastor	August 16, 1982
Anna and Josh Boswell-Levy	August 17, 2008
Meredith and Scott Laden	August 21
Tali Adini and Jon Thorne	August 23, 1992

### Birthdays:

Kate Weintraub	July 1, 1991
Rebecca Fishman	July 10
Eileen Goldstein	July 12
Debby Bossio	July 13
Jeffrey Bossio	July 16
Marcia Gordon	July 16
Anna Kitces	July 16
Nathan Garfield	July 22, 1990
Elizabeth Manas	July 23
Emma Chong	July 24
Seth Fein	July 28
Arli Necowitz	July 29, 1999
Paula Adler	August 1
Lindsey Pastor	August 3, 1993
Josh Boswell-Levy	August 10
Victor Chong	August 11

Linda Gold	August 12
Goldie Cohen	August 14
Scott Laden	August 14
Michael Blumenthal	August 15, 1985
Anna Boswell-Levy	August 16
Lee Leitner	August 19
Joan Plumb	August 22
Diane Gold	August 24
Susan Talia deLone	August 24
Patty Sims	August 26
Owen Panick	August 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.*

Richard Netter	11 Tammuz/June 19 (7/3/09)
Sydne Boswell	16 Tammuz/June 24 (7/6/12)
Nettie Tarlo	23 Tammuz/July 1 (7/12/85)
Morris Perloff	1 Av/July 8 (7/31/92)
Sybia Pastor	5 Av/July 12 (7/16/10)
Jesse Zelnick	6 Av/July 13 (7/25/12)
Moon Hee Chong	9 Av/July 16 (8/7/03)
Jacques Spoerry	12 Av/July 19 (7/23/10)
Carolyn Bacher	14 Av/July 21 (7/25/10)
Arthur Mallin	15 Av/July 22 (8/10/87)
Reba Heyman	21 Av/July 28 (8/19/73)
Marjorie Moskowitz	23 Av/July 30 (8/5/61)
Steve Laden	23 Av/July 30 (8/13/09)
Israel Hershgordon	1 Elul/August 7 (8/12/34)
Shoshana Braz	1 Elul/August 7
Esther Fein	2 Elul/August 8 (8/25/79)
Etta Blask	4 Elul/August 10 (8/18/77)
Helene Berkowitz	10 Elul/August 16 (9/7/73)
Evelyn H. Gold	10 Elul/August 16 (9/10/00)
Roslyn Burd Walcoff	16 Elul/August 22 (9/13/03)
Jane Low	18 Elul/August 24 (9/5/12)
Elsa Maene	23 Elul/August 29 (9/2/10)
Harry Pearson	26 Elul/September 1
Ruth Kates	27 Elul/September 2

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# Bucks Knocks Out Hunger

**Friday, August 9**  
**@ Ann's Choice, 30000 Ann's Choice Way**  
**Warminster, PA 18974**

On Friday August 9th, groups from all over Bucks will have the opportunity to provide meals for many of the hungry in our county. The Interfaith Community of Lower Bucks encourages all of the Lower Bucks congregations to come together for this huge effort.

Using an assembly line system, the Bucks Knocks Out Hunger Project will bag uncooked meals that will be sent to a network of food pantries across Bucks County.

The meal-packing event takes place at Ann's Choice in Warminster and will have a party-like atmosphere. At least 268 volunteers are needed. Most will assemble meals at 14 meal-packing tables.

We want to do our part to help. Just a few hours out of your summer can make a huge difference to some.

Read this *Courier Times* news article for more details:

[http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier\\_times\\_news/ymca-holds-food-pantry-event/article\\_56a5b3e0-c27c-53e7-b929-405e9e04eef8.html](http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier_times_news/ymca-holds-food-pantry-event/article_56a5b3e0-c27c-53e7-b929-405e9e04eef8.html)

Here is the Bucks Knocks Out Hunger website ;

<http://www.uwbucks.org/bkohunger/>

**For more information about TvS's involvement,**  
**contact Jeanlu at [ryersbach@gmail.com](mailto:ryersbach@gmail.com)**



## Tzedek v'Shalom Tzedakah Opportunities

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

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