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FRESH OFF THE PRESSES OF THE SHUSHAN TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY.....

This Hebrew year, 5771, is going to have two months of Adar. Why? Because Esther, the Jewish groundhog, did not see her shadow.

At sunrise on February 5th Tzedek v'Shalom co-President Wendy Friedman pulled poor "Esther" out of her comfortable warm hole in Tyler State Park into the windy, sub-zero early morning air. "It was decided I should be the one to 'do the honors' since I am the only one of our seven co-presidents up so early. The pre-dawn hours are when I do my best work. Plus, I know how to drag people out of bed, so a groundhog should be no sweat!" Her shivering, half-asleep family stood next to her, coffees in hand, on the make-shift podium to commemorate the first ever Jewish Groundhog Day.

February 5th, according to the Jewish calendar, is the first day of the month of Adar, the month of merry-making and frivolity. The members of Tzedek v'Shalom, a Reconstructionist synagogue in Newtown, PA, unanimously decided after a three year strategic visioning progress to create a new Jewish holiday that would be a predictor of better times to come. If Esther the groundhog sees her shadow – there will be only one month of Adar, which means only one month to be silly. But if she doesn't see her shadow, there will be TWO Adars, and that means two months

of ridiculousness, so much so that the world will effectively be turned upside down and permanently transformed.

Purim, the holiday traditionally at the center of the month of Adar, tells the story of Esther, a brave young woman who saves the Jewish people from the threat of Haman's destructive scheme. Joel Bacher, a past co-president of TvS, said the idea of a Jewish Groundhog Day came to him when he was walking along in the park one day. There he was, minding his own business, and all of a sudden he stumbled – literally – on the groundhog hole. "I almost sprained my ankle! I sat there on the cold, hard ground, and this cute little groundhog came out of her hole and just looked at me. I just knew at that moment things would get better." He named the creature Esther and brought her to the next TvS board meeting.

Said Noa Kuzma, another one of the seven co-presidents of TvS, explained the impetus for creating Jewish Groundhog Day: "This winter has been incredibly cold and snowy, and the world is suffering so much – earthquakes in New Zealand, revolutions in North Africa, and union-busting in Wisconsin – we call for Esther to give us a timetable for real change."

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March Services and Celebrations

March 4

Friday Night with TvS: One Book... By Fire, By Water

- 5:30 p.m. Community set-up for potluck
- 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat: Welcome in Shabbat with this family-friendly service integrated with kids' stories.
- 6:45 p.m. Potluck dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Clean-up shared by all
- 7:15 p.m. Ma'ariv Program: discussion of By Fire, By Water

Location: Newtown Friends Meeting House (NFMH)
219 Court St. (off State St.), Newtown, PA

March 12 Torah Study

- 10 a.m.
- Location: at the home of Anna Kitces and Seth Fishman
1015 Yorkshire Drive
Yardley, PA 19067

215-369-0997

Directions: From the Newtown Bypass, traveling toward Yardley:

1. Continue onto Schuyler Dr. (0.9 mi.)
2. Turn left at Edgewood Rd. (0.6 mi.)
3. Take the 2nd right onto Oxford Valley Rd. (0.2 mi.)

4. Take the 1st left onto Countess Dr. (367 ft.)
5. Take the 1st left onto Saxony Ln. (0.1 mi.)
6. Take the 2nd right onto Yorkshire Dr.
1015 Yorkshire Drive is on the right.

March 19

Purim! Shpiels! Action!

7:00 p.m. Newtown Friends Meeting House
Location: Newtown Friends Meeting House (NFMH)
219 Court St. (off State St.), Newtown, PA
Purim at TvS is the most famously fun-filled event of the year!

April 2

Shabbat Meditation and Service

- 9:30 a.m. Meditation
- 10 a.m. Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Anna

Location: Newtown Friends Meeting House (NFMH)
219 Court St. (off State St.), Newtown, PA
Kiddush: Ethel Kernis



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email: nsmindlin@photoreview.org

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

(fresh from the presses, continued from page 1)
Ruth Jampol, yet another co-president, added, “We at TvS believe that we need to make the world a better place. But it’s really hard to do that and all of us are so busy, so we’re creating a holiday that will step in and make it happen.”

Nearby Jewish congregations are praising the innovative effort as “a holiday that will help bring Moshiach” (Chabad) and “a celebration of spirit and hope” (Shir Ami). Tzedek v’Shalom president-to-be Jerry Manas explained that Jewish Groundhog Day happened to be created at TvS because of the congregation’s Reconstructionist nature. “We are creative, spiritual, and deeply committed to tikkun olam – healing the world, and Reconstructionists have always been at the forefront of Jewish innovation, bringing American traditions and Jewish values together.”

For more information about what’s new in the Reconstructionist movement and for opportunities to learn more about Reconstructionist Judaism, see the inside pages of this newsletter.

Be Happy –It’s Adar!
-Rabbi Anna

Board News

Our next TvS Board meeting is Wednesday, March 9th at 7 p.m. Contact information for the Board is always on page 2 of the newsletter.



Spiritual Life News

The next Spiritual Life Committee meeting will be Friday, March 11 @ 10 a.m. We will meet at my house at 1 Eton Rd, Yardley Pa. 19067.

Please call Arnie or me with questions. See you then.

– Diane Gold, Spiritual Life Chair
agoldn1@aol.com or 215-295-2028



This Just in...

- Natalie Portman, Oscar winner, has joined Tzedek v'Shalom
- Steve jobs releases new Jewish iPhone apps. These "j-apps" will focus on food, guilt and showing up 10 minutes late to family gatherings
- Commenting on our upcoming fundraiser May 15th, Jerry Manas says "the best things in life are fleas."

Membership News

Our membership community has developed an outreach plan designed to spread the word about TvS.

The idea is to have our members carry these "business cards" and share them with those interested in learning more about our shul.

Stay tuned for more details soon.

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Community Announcements

Purim! Schpiels! Action! -

Saturday, March 19th @ 7 p.m.

Purim is coming soon, and we'll be celebrating it in our own silly, marvelous way. Our big Purim Shpiel night will be held on Sat. March 19, starting at 7:00 pm, at the Newtown Friends Meeting House. More details about the timing will be provided in the following days, but for now, please mark your calendar and start planning your family's portion of the fun shpiels.

Purim at TvS is the most famously fun-filled event of the year. To make it the success it is known to be, we need every family's participation. We invite you to choose a portion of the Megillah, outlined below, and create a 3-minute skit, song, dance, etc.

JCC Maccabi Games® and JCC Maccabi Arts-Fest® - July 24–August 5, 2011 - in Israel for the first time! Hosted by Games partner, Maccabi World Union, this landmark 12-day experience will include: five days of competition in team and individual sports, a Day of Caring and Sharing project, a weekend home hospitality experience, and five days of touring the Jewish homeland - for ages 14-17 years old (as of July 31, 2011) - for further information, contact 212-532-4949 or www.jccmaccabiartsfest.org.

Announcement: The shpielmasters/MC's for this year will be Jordyn Friedman and Michala Lewis:

Let us know your ideas, and whether or not you need any help. Your TvS Purim Committee- Joel Bacher.

Israeli Folk Dancing in our Neighborhood: Israeli dance classes in Newtown, taught by Shir Ami member Darcy Silvers — Beginner Israeli Dancing, 7:30–9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 7–March 21 (no class Feb. 21) and March 28–May 9 (no class April 18) - at Newtown Township Building, 100 Municipal Drive, Newtown, PA - Cost per 6-week session: \$42 residents, \$53 non-residents - Information: 215-968-2800.

Kehillah of Bucks County, a Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education/Jewish Outreach Partnership is now located in the Shir Ami building at 101 Richboro Road, Newtown, PA 18940. The Kehillah of Bucks County also has a new webpage and calendar at [/www.jewishphilly.org/page.aspx?id=105576](http://www.jewishphilly.org/page.aspx?id=105576). For more information about the Kehillah, contact Liz Gellis, Director, at 215-579-9300 or lgellis@acaje-jop.

In Our Shul...

Fran and Bernie Heyman have a new PO box in Texas. Their winter address is: 2727 Hwy 90 East, Box 272, Uvalde, TX 78801. And they can always be reached through email and cell phone: bernie.heyman@gmail.com, gramfram@gmail.com, or 830-421-1706.

Refuah Shleymah (Get Well Wishes)

Paula Adler's parents

Renee Desobry - also would love to have visitors!

Jim Taylor

Naomi Mindlin

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

General Operating Fund

Josephine Kleinbaum, in honor of Paul Klienbaum's "landmark birthday"

Lifecycle Events at TvS

Birthdays:

David Pastor	March 6, 1990
Daniel Adler	March 9
David Fein	March 12
Karen Courtney	March 7, 1969
Jerry Manas	March 15
Sarah Vizer	March 20, 1974
Arava Braz/Reese	March 21, 1993
Liz Basseches	March 25
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

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Adele Leventhal	21 Shevat (2/12/93)
Irving Lifson	27 Shevat
Roberta Kronstadt	2 Adar I (2/8/00)
Marga Knobloch Ryersbach	10 Adar I (2/20/67)
Benjamin Rosenfeld	12 Adar I (2/18/70)
Coleman Berg (Wendy Friedman's father)	24 Adar I (2/27/84)
Lou Gold (Linda Gold's Father)	18 Adar (3/8/07)
Ida Cohen (Bob Cohen's mom)	18 Adar II
Ada Abrams (Fran Heyman's mom)	25 Adar I (3/2/00)
Nathan Trachtenberg (deLone's Dad)	26 Adar (3/1/92)
David Kernis (Bobbie Posmontier's Dad)	12 Nisan (3/27/10)

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Jewish Reconstructionist Movement to Unify

Following more than 18 months of discussions, the boards of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) – Reconstructionist Judaism's only seminary – and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF), the congregational arm of the movement, have voted overwhelmingly to form one entity responsible for addressing all facets of Reconstructionist Judaism in North America. The new organization will also include formal participation by rabbis from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association (RRA), whose board voted unanimously to endorse the proposal. While participating in and working closely with the united organization, the RRA will remain an independent professional association representing over 300 rabbis.

The proposal will be sent to the 105 JRF-affiliated congregations and will be voted on at a special meeting scheduled for April 10th in Philadelphia. If approved, the new organization will include a united board made up of lay leaders and rabbis, a united professional staff and a single chief executive.

Reconstructionist leaders believe that combining resources will result in a more efficient use of communal funds, and that the new organization will allow for fully-focused planning to better meet the challenges and opportunities of contemporary Jewish life.

The focus of the united movement will include:

- Jewish scholarship, educating rabbis, and creating resources to serve both the Reconstructionist community and the larger Jewish community.
- Congregational services, congregational schools, adult education, teen and young adult activities and summer camp.
- Commitment to social justice activities and public leadership on issues that is important to the Jewish community, Israel and North American society.

In addition, the movement's leaders believe a united organization will support an expansion of Reconstructionism's recognized role as a laboratory for spiritual and intellectual innovation in the Jewish community, with influence that goes far beyond its numbers.

In recent years, the movement has expanded its reach to develop and sustain Jewish engagement outside of the congregational setting, working with college-age Jews as well as seniors, individuals and families who are served by Jewish chaplains. It has also created opportunities for unaffiliated individuals to connect with Judaism through online media.

Update: TvS and Shabbat Dinners

In September 2010 we launched another way for the TvS family to be connected. This was to open our homes and celebrate the meaning we each give to the Sabbath and to do so with other TvS family members.

In October, the first lovely Shabbat dinner, discussion and song was held in the home of the Kitces/Fishman family with invited guests. Each month another member opens their home and culinary delights to honor the commandment of setting aside the seventh day and to make it different and uniquely different from the rest of the week.

Joan Amatniek/Max Yaffe, Talia Delone, Jeannie Ryersbach/Zvi Schram, Debbie and Victor Chong brought the Sabbath in with laughter, conversation, banter, jokes, music, prayers and a table spread with the joy of abundance for their invited guests. One Friday evening in February Elana Braz/George Reese will have guests in their living room and around the dinner table to reflect their unique way of lifting and shifting their hearts and thoughts for their guests. We are pleased that each month, through June, has a designated host and home.

There are some of us who offer the richness of this beautiful, reflective period more than the one time we signed up and there are those who make Shabbat happen every month though they are not on the list. If you are interested to become part of this, as an invited guest or as a host, please contact Jeannie/Jeanlu Ryersbach at 215-943-4565 or Ryersbach@gmail.com

Shabbat Shalom,
Jeanlu Ryersbach



Chicken Soup Brigade (CSB)



Do you believe you make the best chicken (or other) soup in Bucks County? The world? The universe? If so, sign up for the CSB, make a schissel of soup, label the container with the date and ingredients, put it in your freezer, and wait for the call.

Do you have a virus? Had enough of winter? Feeling blue? Don't be shy. Call Jeanlu or Debbie; we'll spring into action and contact a member of the brigade who will deliver soup to your door.

Any questions? Feel free to call.
Debbie (215-504-9268)
Jeanlu (215-943-4565)



RECONSTRUCTIONIST JUDAISM CLASSES

TAUGHT BY RABBI ANNA BOSWELL-LEVY

SUNDAYS MARCH 6, 13, AND 27 AT 3:30 P.M.

AT GEORGE SCHOOL, LANGHORNE-NEWTOWN RD., NEWTOWN, PA

Have you been wondering what Reconstructionist Judaism is all about and what makes Tzedek v'Shalom a Reconstructionist congregation? Rabbi Anna will be giving a three-part class series on the fundamentals of this uniquely American stream of Judaism on Sundays in March at George School.

We will explore the historical context that gave rise to Reconstructionism in the early- and mid-twentieth century, the vision of its founder Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, and the core principles of the movement — all in a safe space where we can candidly share our thoughts and questions.

This class is open to everyone in the congregation, as well as those not (yet!) affiliated with Tzedek v'Shalom. All participants are asked to sign-up in advance and to read the book, *Exploring Judaism: A Reconstructionist Approach* by Rabbis Jacob Staub and Rebecca Alpert, which can be ordered online.

For further information, contact Tzedek v'Shalom at 215-860-0119.



LUNCH AND LEARN

At the Newtown Friends Meeting House on Saturday April 2.

A light lunch follows Saturday morning services and then we will convene at 1 p.m. with our speaker.

JEWISH VIEWS OF THE AFTERLIFE IMPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

with Guest Speaker Simcha Raphael, PhD

Does Judaism believe in the afterlife? Unequivocally, the answer is yes! Unfortunately, in the contemporary Jewish community many people are all-too-often unaware of traditional Jewish wisdom on the afterlife journey of the soul. In this presentation, we shall explore Judaism's teachings on life after death, particularly in Kabbalistic Judaism. We shall also endeavor to understand the contemporary relevance of these teachings in dealing with the human encounter with death, and in the practice of contemporary Jewish rituals.

Simcha Raphael, PhD is Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Religion Department of Temple University, a Rabbinic Intern of the Jewish Hospice Network of JFCS, and in a private practice as a transpersonal psychotherapist and spiritual director, affiliated with Mt. Airy Counseling Center. Ordained by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi as a Rabbinic Pastor, he is completing a program of Rabbinical Ordination at the Academy for Jewish Religion, in Riverdale, NY, and is the author of *Jewish Views of the Afterlife*.

All members of TVS and the Jewish community are welcome to attend. Please let us know if you will be attending by contacting Diane Gold at agoldn1@aol.com or call Joel Bacher at 215-860-3565.

Donations would be appreciated to help defray the cost of this program and other adult education programs.

Please send your donations to: TvS at P.O. Box 863, Newtown Pa, 18940

We wish to thank Joseph Levine and Sons for their generous contribution to this program.



Remember the TRIANGLE FIRE

One hundred years ago on March 25th, 1911, the Triangle Waist Company in New York City erupted in flames, and the resulting deaths of 146 people, mostly Jewish and Italian women immigrant workers, many of them teenage girls, galvanized a city and a movement. The Triangle fire was a watershed moment in the history of the American Jewish labor movement and social reform.

On March 24, 2011, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish Social Policy Action Network, the Philadelphia Council of the AFL-CIO and the National Museum of American Jewish History are joining forces to commemorate this tragic event, honor those who gave their lives and discuss the evolution of the labor and reform movements that the Triangle fire inspired.

Please join us and members of your community for this extraordinary program.

The official registration and financial information of Jewish Social Policy Action Network, National Museum of American Jewish History, and Jewish Labor Committee may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

March 24th | 5:30-7:30

**National Museum of
American Jewish History**

*101 South Independence Mall East
Philadelphia, PA 19106*

\$36 per person, \$18 for students

Keynote Speaker: **Frank Snyder,
Secretary Treasurer, Pennsylvania AFL-CIO**

View a moving documentary film about the Triangle fire and its aftermath.

Join us for a reception immediately following the program.

RSVP: *mhersch@comcast.net*
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For more information, please contact Drew Martin at 215-832-0530 or dmartin@jfgp.org.



Scholarships are only available to families living in Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, and Delaware Counties. New Jersey residents should contact their local Federations about possible scholarship availability.

Check out our website at www.jewishphilly.org

Participating Camps

Camp Achim
 Camp Agudah/Bnos, New York
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 American Jewish Society for Service
 Camp Avoda
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 Camp Bais Yaakov
 B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp
 BBYO Leadership Training Program
 BIMA and Genesis at Brandeis
 Camp Bonim
 Capital Camps
 Camp Dina
 Camp Dora Golding
 Camp Emunah
 Camp Galil
 Camp Gan Israel - NY, Montreal, and Detroit
 Camp Govoah
 Etgar 36
 Golden Slipper Camp
 Camp Green Lake
 HASC
 Camp Horim
 Jewish Girls Retreat
 Camp Jori
 Camp JRF
 Camp Judaea
 Kutz Camp, URJ National Leadership Center
 Camp L'man Achai
 Camps Mogen Avraham, Heller, Sternberg (SHMA Camps)
 Camp Morasha
 Camp Nageela
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 Oorah's Camps
 Camp Pardas Chanah
 Camp Pembroke
 Pinemere Camp
 Camp Poyntelle Lewis Village
 Camp Ramah
 Camp Saginaw
 Camp Shira
 Camp Shomria
 Camp Silver Lake
 Sportstar Academy for Jewish Enrichment
 Camp Sprout Lake, Young Judaea
 Camp Stone
 Camp Tel Noar
 Camp Tel Yehuda, Young Judaea
 USY on Wheels
 Camp Yavneh
 Yeshiva Geldoah/Zichon Moshe
 Yeshiva Kayitz Minnesota
 Yeshiva Mesivta Menachem
 Yeshiva Summer Program

If your camp is not on the above list or would like more information, please contact Drew Martin at the Jewish Federation for more information.

Mitzvah Corner

February Thank You's to...

Everyone who helped with our "Friday Night with TvS" Shabbat program — especially those who brought fruit and goodies for our Tu B'Shevat celebration.

Everyone who represented TvS at the JRA program on Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend.

Anna Kitces and Seth Fishman and family for hosting and leading our Torah Study session in February.

Flea Market Help Needed

Can you help with the Flea Market in any way? We need help in setting up, breaking down, manning TvS tables, advertising, putting up signs, etc. Please contact Diane, Arnie, or Joel (numbers below) if you can help.

Baby Sitters Available!

We're certified by the Red Cross.

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**Michela and Hannah Lewis,
TvS teens!**

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8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 15, 2011

(Rain Date May 22)

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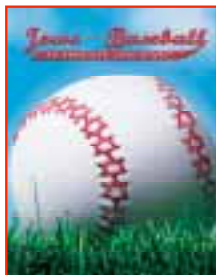
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A TvS-sponsored Event



Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story

Sunday, April 10 at 7:00pm

Hiway Theater, 212 York Road, Jenkintown, PA

Following the movie, there will be the opportunity to meet and talk with Peter Miller, the director of the movie, and Rabbi Rebecca Alpert, who is an important voice in the movie. Enjoy this fun evening and contribute to Mishkan Shalom!

Ticket Prices & Payment Options:

1st Base: \$18 2nd Base: \$36 3rd Base: \$54

Home Run: \$72 Rookies (Students): \$10 Other: \$ _____

Help us plan. Kindly add \$5 per ticket to registrations received after Monday, April 4.

By Check: Payable to Mishkan Shalom c/o 4101 Freeland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128. Write *Jews and Baseball* in the subject line with the number of seats you are reserving. Guest names helpful.

Online: <http://mishkan.org/donations/donation>. Direct donation to General Fund, and specify *Jews and Baseball* in the Notes field along with the number of seats you are reserving. Guests names helpful.

Awards & Testimonials

- Best-Editing Award Breckenridge Film Festival
- West Coast Premiere San Francisco Jewish Film Festival
- International Premiere Jerusalem International Film Festival
- "Irresistible to baseball fans, Hebraic or otherwise."
-Time Out New York
- "Spectacular!" — Variety
- "Stirring, revelatory and affectionate... Jews and Baseball knocks it out of the park." — Newsday
- "A warm and enthusiastic documentary" — Kenneth Turan, The LA Times

Synopsis

This film is so much more than a documentary about Jews, sports and baseball. This is a story of immigration, assimilation, bigotry, heroism, the passing on of traditions, and the shattering of stereotypes.

The story is brought to life through **Dustin Hoffman's** narration and interviews with dozens of passionate and articulate fans, writers, executives, and especially players, including **Al Rosen, Kevin Youkilis, Shawn Green, Bob Feller, Yogi Berra**, and a rare interview with the Hall of Fame pitcher **Sandy Koufax**.

Fans including **Ron Howard** and **Larry King** connect the stories of baseball to their own lives and to the turbulent history of the last century. Their stories are inter-cut with dramatic and never-before-seen film clips and photos of great Jewish players, unforgettable games, and the broad sweep of American history.

TVS Calendar – March 2011 • *Shevat/Adar I 5771*

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:15 p.m. Midweek School	3 5:30 p.m. Beginner's Prayerbook 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Prayerbook	4 5:30 p.m. Friday Night with TvS	5
6 9:30 a.m. Religious School @ Goodnoe School 3:30 p.m. Exploring Reconstructionist Judaism	7	8	9 5:15 p.m. Midweek School	10 5:30 p.m. Beginner's Prayerbook 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Prayerbook	11	12 10:00 a.m. Torah Study at Member's Home
13 9:30 a.m. Religious School @ Goodnoe School 3:30 p.m. Exploring Reconstructionist Judaism	14	15	16 5:15 p.m. Midweek School	17 5:30 p.m. Beginner's Prayerbook 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Prayerbook	18	19 7:00 p.m. Purim Celebration Megillah Reading and Schpeiling
20 9:30 a.m. Religious School @ Goodnoe School	21	22	23 5:15 p.m. Midweek School	24 5:30 p.m. Beginner's Prayerbook 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Prayerbook	25	26
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What's more Jewish—borsht or museums?

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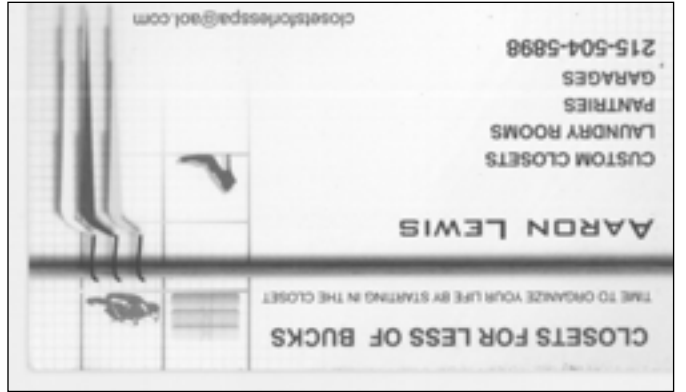
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