



Remembering Rabbi David Hartman, z"l

Rabbi David Hartman, the founder of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, named for his father, died on Rosh Chodesh Adar 5773, February 10, 2013 after a long illness. Rabbi Hartman was a man who acted on his Judaism: moving to Israel, establishing the Institute, teaching rabbis and lay leaders, privileging a Judaism that is understandable and accessible. He understood, like other pluralist Orthodox theologians, that Jewish law is a bridge from Torah to life and from life to Torah; that whenever the bridge (the law) would get brittle (e.g. interpreted literally) it would break. In the face of this situation, there are two choices: leave Judaism or do what Jews have always done and evolve tradition to contemporary realities. Rabbi Hartman advocated using human intellect, as the rabbis always have, to make Judaism relevant and humane.

In 2002 I had the privilege of participating in year-long rabbinic seminar with rabbinical students in Jerusalem from HUC and the other movements. One day Rabbi Hartman addressed us. We were all excited. He said: "You know that prayer at the beginning of the services? That God created the human body with wisdom--that if one of the openings should be closed when it should be open or opened when it should be closed that it would be impossible to exist? Well NOW I know what that prayer means."

Then with a twinkle in his eye he went on to the discussion at hand for that evening. Years later, after my own recovery from illness, this is one of the many lessons that I've taken from encountering Rabbi Hartman. He was a visionary pluralist whose life's work brings together people from all walks of Jewish life (and even non-

Jewish life). He will be missed, but his teaching lives on in his books and just as vividly in the hours of teaching he did over the Internet. His legions of students—rabbis, laypeople, Jew and non-Jew alike—will continue to bring Rabbi Hartman to life. His memory is a blessing to so many!

Rabbi Novak

Festive Communal Second Night *Seder*

Celebrate our journey to freedom by joining your ICM family and friends for our annual Passover second night communal *seder* to be held Tuesday, March 26, at 6:00 pm at ICM. The cost for adults is \$18.00, and children under the age of 18 may attend free of charge. The *seder* will feature a lively mix of singing, storytelling, questions, and of course food. Reservations must be received by Friday, March 15. Reserve your spot by contacting Karen in our office at 802-362-4578 or office@icmvt.org.

To offer your help in preparing this wonderful community event, please contact **Lisa & Jon Prial** at jon@prialfamily.net or elisabeth@prialfamily.net

Pesach Worship Schedule at ICM

Passover arrives Monday, March 25 with the first *seder* in the evening. On Tuesday, March 26 at 9:30 am we will have a worship service for the first day of Passover. That same evening, at 6:00 pm, will be our annual community *seder* here at ICM. We will again gather on the 7th day of Passover, Monday, April 1 at 9:30 am for worship with Yizkor beginning at approximately 11:00 am.

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Calendar of Events

March

- 3/1 5:45 pm Preneg Reception
6:30 pm Shabbat Services led by **Rabbi Michael Cohen**; Dinner to Follow Services
- 3/2 9:30 am Shabbat Services, *Parashat Ki Tisa* Services led by **Rabbi M. Cohen**
- 3/6 4:00 pm **Religious School**
- 3/8 5:45 pm Preneg Reception
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Margaritaville Common Table Dinner
- 3/9 9:00 am **Tot Shabbat**
10:00 am Shabbat Services, *Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei*. UVM Hillel Students Join Us
- 3/10 4:00 pm **Winter Film Festival Continues**
- 3/12 10:30 am **Adult Education; Passover: Escaping the Narrow Places**
- 3/13 4:00 pm **Religious School**
4:00 pm **Adult Education; Passover**
- 3/14 6:00 pm **Annual Interfaith Seder**
- 3/15 5:45 pm Preneg Reception
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Dinner; Guest Speaker **Dr. Mark Szuchman**; *Does it Always Have to Be Anti-Semitism? The Jewish Experience in Argentina*
- 3/16 9:30 am Shabbat Services, *Parashat Vayikra*
- 3/19 10:30 am **Adult Education; Passover**
- 3/20 4:00 pm **Religious School**
4:00 pm **Adult Education; Passover**
- 3/21 7:00 pm **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 3/22 5:45 pm Preneg Reception
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & "Bubbe's Best" Common Table Dinner
- 3/23 9:30 am Shabbat Services, *Parashat Tzav*

March, *continued*

- 3/25 *Pesach; First Seder*
- 3/26 9:30 am **Pesach Service**; Office Closed
6:00 pm **Pesach Communal 2nd Night Seder**
- 3/27 4:00 pm **Religious School**
- 3/29 5:45 pm Preneg Reception
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Dinner
- 3/30 9:30 am *Shabbat Hol Hamoed Pesach Services*

April

- 4/1 9:30 am **Pesach Service**; Office Closed
- 4/3 4:00 pm **Religious School**
- 4/5 5:45 pm Preneg Reception
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Dinner
- 4/6 9:30 am Shabbat Services, *Parashat Shmini*
- 4/7 5:00 pm **Yom ha Shoah Commemoration**
- 4/10 4:00 pm **Religious School**
6:00 pm **Game Night**
- 4/12 5:45 pm Preneg Reception
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Dinner
- 4/13 9:00 am **Tot Shabbat**
10:00 am Shabbat Services, *Parashat Tazria-Metzora*
- 4/18 7:00 pm **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 4/19 5:45 pm Preneg Reception
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Dinner
- 4/20 9:30 am Shabbat Services, *Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim*
- 4/24 4:00 pm **Last Day Religious School**
- 4/27 5:45 pm Preneg Reception
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Dinner
- 4/28 4:00 pm **Film & Discussion: Faces of Israel**

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verb; *to be extraordinarily pleased; especially, to be bursting with pride, as over one's family*

Click on the link below or find this article on our website, www.icmvt.org, and *kvell* with me.

Ed Glazer, President

FEATURE ARTICLE: Jay Glazer on Judaism, God, and Faith

Jay Glazer, sports reporter, NFL insider, and Irene and Ed Glazer's son, talks with Rabbi Michael Cohen.

Annual Interfaith Passover *Seder*

It's time, once again, for the annual interfaith *seder* that will be held this year at Israel Congregation on March 14, 2013 at 6:00 pm. As in previous years, we expect a large turnout from the interfaith community as well as a substantial number of members from ICM. The interfaith community greatly appreciates the effort that we make to include them as part of our rituals. Come support our interfaith effort again this year.

Everyone contributes to the success of the *seder*. Each of the participating congregations bring one or more Passover dishes prepared according to recipes that we provide. The members of Israel Congregation set up the tables, prepare the *seder* plate for each table to help the others and contribute more of the desserts we all love.

We like to have some members of ICM at each table to help the others and explain the service. Rabbi Novak will be conducting the Passover service and Passover *haggadahs* will be distributed to each table. If you're interested in helping set up, bake, cook and/or attending the *seder*, contact **Micki Lisman** at 362-4332 or msloane.esq@mindspring.com. If you've never attended before, come join us for this fun night.

Tot Shabbat & Religious School

We continue to have a great time during Tot Shabbat, which takes place the second Shabbat of each month from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. Our next Tot Shabbat takes place on **March 9** and Passover will be the theme! This is our festival of freedom - make sure it is on your calendar and join us at 9:00 am.

Our school-aged children have been studying the life of Jacob. We are about to discover what happens when Jacob returns to see his elderly father and has to face his brother Esau again after many years. In addition, they are learning about the spring holidays and improving their Hebrew reading skills.

Alison Hill

Seder Match of ICM

Do you have a place at your table for an additional guest for the first night's *seder* on March 25? Do you need a place for the first night's *seder*? Let Rabbi Novak know at rabbi@icmvt.org. No one should be alone when a *seder* is happening!

Rabbi Novak is Away

Rabbi Novak is at a professional conference for the week of Thursday, Feb. 28 through Thursday, March 7. Rabbinic coverage for this period will be provided by ICM's Rabbi Emeritus, Michael Cohen. Rabbi Cohen will also be leading services on Friday, March 1 and Shabbat morning, March 2.

Bikkur Cholim

Do you know someone who is ill and would appreciate a call or visit from Rabbi Novak? Let Rabbi Novak know by calling him at our office, 802-362-4578, or on his cell phone, 802-688-3555.

Dr. Mark Szuchman Guest Speaker March 15

Congregant Mark Szuchman to Speak During Shabbat Services on Friday Night, March 15 :
*"Does it Always Have to Be Anti-Semitism?
 The Jewish Experience in Argentina"*

ICM congregant **Dr. Mark D. Szuchman**, Professor Emeritus of Latin American History at Florida International University, will speak to the congregation on the Jewish experience in Argentina. The presence of European Jews in Argentina dates back to the 1880s. Buenos Aires became home to the second largest volume of Jewish immigrants in urban America, after New York City. Yet the reputation Argentina has had since the end of World War II has often been considered to be of an anti-Semitic host society. How is this explained and what can it tell us about our North American perceptions regarding anti-Semitism?

Michael Roemer April 28 at ICM

On April 28th, Mr. Michael Roemer will answer questions following a showing of his short film *Faces of Israel* which was filmed in 1967.

Michael Roemer, born in Germany, received his B.A. in 1949 from Harvard University, where he wrote and directed the first feature film ever produced at an American University. Among other endeavors, he has written, directed and produced a series of twelve films for the Ford Foundation. With a Guggenheim Fellowship he wrote *Stone My Heart*. His film, *Nothing But a Man* was shown at the London and New York Film Festivals and was a double prize winner at the Venice Film Festival. His film, *The Plot Against Harry* was shown at the 1989 New York, Cannes and Toronto Film Festivals and opened in theaters in 1990. A published writer on plot and screenplays, Mr. Roemer has taught film theory and practice at Yale School of Drama and is currently adjunct Professor of American Studies and Film at the Yale School of Art.

Adult Education

There are now TWO adult education opportunities for you. Remember: it's not whether you are a "learned Jew" but that you are a "learning Jew." Our adult education opportunities are open to our entire congregation, including interfaith couples.

On Tuesday March 12 and March 19 at 10:30 am Rabbi Novak will lead a two-week mini course: *Passover: Escaping the Narrow Places*. These two discussions will help us reinvent the Passover story and what it means to us in this moment in time. This class will be repeated on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 pm on March 13 and March 19. Come, join others, and learn about making the story of Pesach relevant to our lives today.

Czech Film Concludes Jewish International Film Festival

Israel Congregation's International Jewish Film Festival concludes on Sunday, March 10 at 4 pm with the visually stunning movie *Protektor* (2009), a Czech film that focuses on the moral dilemmas faced by its main characters who reside in Prague in 1938. Dialogue is in Czech with English subtitles.

Protektor was the Czech Republic's Foreign Language submission to the Oscars in 2009. Despite being set in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, it frequently takes an unanticipated, lighthearted view of World War II. According to the New York Times, "bathing everything in a retro-noir sheen, Miloslav Holman's photography sings." The Hollywood Reporter observes that "young director Marek Najbrt, commendably, is not interested in wringing easy tears from the European experience of World War II. In the handsome drama *Protektor*, he brings a cool, noirish slant to a story of Czech artists and intellectuals as they accommodate and, to a lesser extent, resist the German occupiers."

All are welcome and admission is by free-will donation. Refreshments will be served. Bring your friends!

For more information or in the event of snow, call **Doris Bass** at 802-297-0167 or **Lee Fox** at 802-867-0199.

Yom haShoah Commemoration

On April 7, we will observe *Yom ha Shoah* at ICM with a brief memorial service at 5:00 pm, followed by a screening of the documentary *The Power of Good: Nicholas Winton*, a gripping documentary about the courage and determination of a young Englishman who saved the lives of 669 children during World War II.

Between March 13 and August 2, 1939, Nicholas Winton organized 8 transports to take children from Prague to new homes in Great Britain, and kept quiet about it until his wife discovered a scrapbook documenting his unique mission in 1988. Winton was a successful 29-year-old stockbroker in London who "had an intuition" about the fate of the Jews when he visited Prague in 1939. He quietly but decisively got down to the business of saving lives. We learn how only two countries, Sweden and Britain, answered his call to harbor the young refugees; how documents had to be forged and how once foster parents signed for the children on delivery, it was the last he saw of them.

This remarkable documentary was produced by ICM member **Mel Cohen**, who will, schedule permitting, be here to talk about the film and Nicholas Winton. The program is free and open to the community.

Save the Date

June 14-15, 2013: Scholar-in-Residence
Dr. Michael Grodin, Professor of Health Law, Bioethics, and Human Rights, Boston University. His topics will include: Jewish Bioethics and Modern Medicine; Healing and Jewish Meditation; Death and Dying— the Jewish Way.

Mark your calendar now—you don't want to miss this special evening.

Online Jewish Resources

For news of Israel and the Jewish world:

timesofisrael.com

For Jewish news: jta.org, tablet.org, forward.org

For the Jewish calendar: hebc.com

Game Night April 10

**TAXES ARE ALMOST DONE . . .
NOW HAVE SOME FUN**

Game Night at ICM
Wednesday, April 10 5:30-8:30pm

Scrabble, Monopoly, Poker and more. . .
Bring your favorite board game
to challenge those who come through the door.

Brown Bag supper . . . no meat* allowed here.
We provide soda and chips and lots of good
cheer.

Join fellow congregants for an evening of
camaraderie. Middle school and older chil-
dren welcome (if they promise not to beat us at
all the games!). Entry fee: \$3.00 per person.

**No meat, chicken, or fish (for acceptable varieties
of fish, please contact Rabbi Novak)*

July 4th An Exciting and Special Celebration

On July 4th we will be hosting the Caravan of the Israel Scouts. This amazing group consists of 10 sixteen year old scouts and 2 counselors. They will perform during the Manchester's Fourth of July events and, in the evening, inside ICM.

WE NEED HELP and SUPPORT

Help with housing - we are looking for hosts to house one or two delightful scouts for one night.

Help with arrangements and organization also needed. This is an opportunity for our community to shine! Share our enthusiasm!

To learn more go to the website
www.israelscouts.org and click on CARAVAN.

For more information or to volunteer your help, please email **Carol Goldsmith** or call our office. Carol may be reached at cgoldsmith251@gmail.com.

Ma'aser Sheni



When the Temple functioned in Jerusalem, the Jewish community supported it and its priests with a system of tithes in the form of food and/or money. Today we feed our communal needs by offering financial gifts that strengthen and enhance Jewish religious and communal life in the Northshire.

GENERAL FUND

Cathy & Saul Kimmel and friends in honor of Sandy Castelbaum's special birthday • **Sherri & Bob Alper** in memory of Carola Kubon Petzelt • **Ilana & Herb Hirsch** • **Elaine & Ronald Koenig** in honor of their inspirational cousin, Rabbi Novak • **Carroll & Frederick Tobin** • **Nancy & Larry Steinberg** in memory of Ernie Gottschalk • **Barbara & Robert Friedman** in celebration of the birth of Nancy & Larry Landis' grandson and the birth of Susan & Michael Kreitzer's grandson, in honor of Sandy Castelbaum's special birthday, Mark Aronowitz' big birthday, and Frank Lewis' big birthday • **Jeffrey Novak** • **Esta Skoburn** in honor of Ruthie & Norm Ellenbogen's kind hospitality • **Lynne & Leslie Abcug** wishing Judith Cohen a speedy recovery • **Nancy & Larry Steinberg** in memory of Sally Rummel Philips, David Rummel, Lillian Steinberg, and Joel Steinberg • **Donna Karpen** in memory of Joseph Miller • **Sandy Sheppard** in memory of Jacob Iriwing Weisman • **Sheryl & Robert Pepper** in memory of Sol & Frieda Pepper • **Helene & Len Glaser** in memory of Jacob Glaser • **Marilyn & Raymond Starker** in memory of Stanley Reiter • **Judith & Henry Kaplan** in memory of Fay Kaplan • **Devorah Goldstein** in memory of Herb Goldstein • **Laney & Larry Davis** in memory of Bertha Levine • **Lynne & Leslie Abcug** in honor of the birth of Nancy & Larry Landis' grandson • **Norma & Paul Waters** in memory of Samuel Mallis • **Sanford Mailman & Donna Burack** in memory of Donna's mother, Harriet Burack • **Judith & Michael Adler** in memory of Harriet Burack • **Irene & Ed Glazer** in honor of Linda Sischy's birthday • **Lili & Herb Kalish** with thanks to all those who sent *Mishloach Manot*

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Sandy & Marty Castelbaum in honor of Rabbi Novak's 50th birthday • **Linda Feldman** in honor of Rabbi Novak's 50th birthday • **Micki & Bob Horowitz** in honor of Rabbi Novak's 50th birthday • **Eileen Wolff** in honor of Rabbi Novak's 50th birthday • **Jeffrey Novak** • **Carole Silverstein** in honor of Rabbi Novak's 50th birthday

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Lynne & Leslie Abcug in memory of Lynne's mother, Shirely Rosenberg • **Carol & Phil Goldsmith** to Life Long Learning in memory of Phil's parents, Cora & Benjamin Goldsmith and Carol's father, Henry Cohen • **Carol & Phil Goldsmith** to Life Long Learning in memory of Donna Burack's mother, Harriet

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND

Marlene & David Skulnik in memory of Joel Falk, brother & brother-in-law of Myra & Steven Eisenberg • **Carol & David Cohen** in honor of Rabbi Novak • **Myra & Steven Eisenberg** in memory of Amy Greher's father

SHABBAT DINNER FUND

Marlene & David Skulnik in honor of the birth of Vicki & Steve Greene's granddaughter, Fran & Mark Aronowitz' birthdays, the engagement of Barbara Kane's daughter, Caryn, Rabbi Novak's birthday, Merrily & Frank Lewis' birthdays, and in memory of Jessie Meyer's mother, Carola Kubon Petzelt • **Gail Zimmer** in memory of Bessie Cohen • **Paula & Harvey Alpart** in memory of Anne Alpart • **Rebecca & Gary Fishkin** in memory of Milton Lakin • **Ruth & Stanley Gilbert** in memory of Barnet Shapiro and Irving Gilbert • **Roselyn & Nelson Zackin** • **Delane & Walter Clark** in memory of Carola Kubon Petzelt

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Ma'aser Sheni, continued

MUSIC FUND

Irene & Ed Glazer in honor of Rabbi Novak's 50th birthday, the birth of Vicki & Steve Greene's granddaughter, and in memory of Carola Kubon Petzelt • **Steven P. Goldberg** • **Mindy & Alan Bloom**
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Cheryl Ullman in memory of Peter Jannke • **Karen & Michael Dreiblatt** in honor of the birth of Cheryl Ullman's grandson, Dante

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Special Thanks

Fran & Mark Aronowitz for sponsoring our Shabbat Dinner on January 11

Our Purim Mishloach Manot Volunteers: **Lynne Abcug, Rabbi Novak, Yuval Sela, Marlene Skulnik, Mindy Bloom, Judy Katz, Jerry & Ellen Alpart, Eileen Wolff, Hayley Wolff, Ruth Kissel, Doris Bass, Rosalie Fox, Carole Gold, Phyllis Gottdiener, and Valerie Heisler**

Annual Tag Sale Sunday, July 14, 2013

Start setting aside your tag sale donations of clothing, household goods, furniture, etc. now.

More information about the Tag Sale will be available soon. Watch the Refrigerator Page and *the Shofar* for details.

Mazel Tov

Susan & Michael Kreitzer on the birth of their grandson, Nathan, born December 16

Nancy & Larry Landis on the birth of their grandson, George Eli Loewengart, born December 3

Cheryl Ullman on the birth of her grandson, Danté Maximilian, born February 10 to Charles and Nicole

Blue Book Membership Directory Online

Have you heard? Our Blue Book Membership Directory is now available online at our website, www.icmvt.org. To access the directory, simply go to our website and enter the User ID and Password which was distributed by email. If you do not know the User ID and Password, please contact Karen in our office at 802-362-4578 (we would like to keep this information confidential so that only ICM members may access the directory).

A big thank you goes out to congregant **Gary Fishkin** for putting together the online Blue Book and keeping our listings current. Changes to your contact information may be made by sending an email to Karen at office@icmvt.org.

Israel Congregation has about 190 member families of diverse Jewish backgrounds, both full-time and part-time residents of southern Vermont. We provide weekly *Shabbat* and holiday services, a religious school, adult education, life cycle events, and cultural and social programming in a warm and welcoming environment.

An integral part of Jewish life in the Northshire for almost 90 years, Israel Congregation has been at its current location on Rte 7A, 1.2 miles north of Rte 11/30, since 1985. Our building is ADA accessible.

David Novak, Rabbi

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Kabbalat Shabbat Service:

6:30 pm, Friday

(followed by Congregational Dinner)

Shabbat Service:

9:30 am, Saturday

Tot Shabbat:

9:00 am, Second Saturday of each month

Office Hours:

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CFC Announces Feinstein Challenge

This March and April, the Community Food Cupboard will again be participating in the Feinstein Challenge. For the sixteenth consecutive year, the Feinstein Foundation of Rhode Island is offering a million dollar grant to help fight hunger across the country. Donations made to CFC during March and April will help bring a portion of that grant here to the Northshire area.

The Community Food Cupboard has provided groceries to local families in need for more than twenty years. Last year, they assisted about 1,000 individuals. Your gift at this time will go even further to help them to keep their shelves stocked through spring.

If you would like to take up the challenge with CFC, please send your contribution to CFC, P.O. Box 864, Manchester Center, VT 05255. Donations of non-perishable food are counted at one dollar per pound for the grant and may be left in the collection box in the Manchester town office building, Shaw's Supermarket, or at ICM.

If you would like more information about CFC or the Feinstein Challenge please call 362-0057, like CFC on Facebook, or visit them in person in the Manchester town office building. The CFC is open Tuesdays from 10-12 and 2-4 and Wednesdays from 2-4. Thank you for helping to create a hunger-free community.

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