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## Dr. Michael Grodin to be ICM Scholar-in-Residence June 14–15

Renowned Jewish medical ethicist Dr. Michael Grodin will be ICM's Scholar-in-Residence from June 14 to 15. During Shabbat evening services, Dr. Grodin will speak on "Framing Jewish Bioethical Issues." After our communal dinner, he will further discuss the nature, grounding, and processing of Jewish bioethics.

Dr. Grodin will also speak on Shabbat morning about "Jewish Bioethical Issues and the Beginning and End of Life," covering issues including reproduction and end-of-life questions.

On Saturday evening, Dr. Grodin will give a concluding lecture for us, which will be an



experiential session on "Jewish Healing Using Guided Jewish Meditation." The event will take place at 6:30 and will be accompanied by hors d'oeuvres.

Dr. Grodin's visit to ICM is chaired by Merrily and Frank Lewis and is brought to our community under the auspices

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## From Rabbi Novak

*Mipneh darchei shalom*, for the ways of peace, is one of the most prominent concepts addressed in the Talmud. The rabbis thought, rightly, that adjusting one's actions for the ways of peace made sense given that it is so easy for people to misunderstand each other. These misunderstandings foster disagreements that can sometimes end disastrously.

This concept is first revealed at the very beginning of the Talmud, where the rabbis have a discussion about when is an appropriate time to fulfill the requirement to recite the evening

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## From the President

It continues to be a great honor to be part of ICM's growth of the last 12 months. We have a robust membership, and our financial situation is good. We have numerous individuals who volunteer their time and energy to keep ICM not only the center of Jewish life in the Northshire, but also a recognized partner in a variety of community activities. My thanks to all of you for what you do.

On Sunday, May 19, at 10:00 a.m., ICM will have its Annual Meeting. At that time I will be giving a more extensive report

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May

### June

- May 3 Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm  
Communal Table Dinner
- May 4 Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am  
*Parashat Behar-Bechukotai*
- May 8 92nd Street Y Lecture, 4:00 pm
- May 10 Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm
- May 11 Communal Table Dinner  
**Tot Shabbat**, 9:00 am  
*Parashat Bamidbar*
- May 14 **Shavuot study** and desserts, 7:30 pm
- May 15 **Shavuot Services (Yizkor)**, 9:30 am
- May 16 **Board of Directors meeting**, 7:00 pm
- May 17 **Student Cantor Vera Broekhuysen**  
Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm  
Communal Table Dinner
- May 18 Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am  
*Parashat Nasso*
- May 19 **ICM Annual Meeting**, 10:00 am
- May 22 **Red Cross Blood Drive** at First  
Congregational Church
- May 24 Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm  
Communal Table Dinner
- May 25 Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am  
*Parashat Beha'alotcha*
- May 31 Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm  
Communal Table Dinner

- June 1 Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am  
*Parashat Sh'lach*
- June 7 **Jacob Waters becomes bar mitzvah**  
Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm  
Communal Table Dinner
- June 8 **Jacob Waters becomes bar mitzvah**  
Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am  
*Parashat Korach*
- June 14 **Dr. Michael Grodin in residence**  
Shabbat evening services, 6:30 pm  
Communal Table Dinner
- June 15 **Dr. Michael Grodin in residence**  
Shabbat Morning Services  
*Parashat Chukat*  
Lunch & Learn with Dr. Grodin, 12 pm  
Jewish healing through guided Jewish  
meditation with Dr. Grodin, 6:30 pm
- June 20 **Board of Directors meeting**, 7:00 pm
- June 21 Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm  
Communal Table Dinner
- June 22 Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am  
*Parashat Balak*
- June 28 Shabbat Evening Services, 6:30 pm  
Communal Table Dinner
- June 29 Shabbat Morning Services, 9:30 am  
*Parashat Pinchas*

Join us each Friday for a "preneg" at 5:45 pm!

### Save the Date...

**July 4:** Barbecue & performance of *Tzofim: The Israel Friendship Caravan and Dessert Auction*, 5:45 pm  
(Chaired by Sheila Mills and Carol Goldsmith)

**July 17:** Dr. Jack Mayer, author of *Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project*, 7:00 p.m

**July 14:** ICM's Annual Tag Sale

**August 9-10:** Miller Scholar in Innovation in Judaism with Rabbi Elie Kaufner, founder of Mechon Hadar and author of *Empowered Judaism* (Chaired by Dr. David and Linda Sischy)

## Student Cantor Vera Broekhuysen

ICM is delighted to welcome Student Cantor Vera Broekhuysen to our bimah for the High Holy Days of 5774. Student Cantor Broekhuysen is a second-year cantorial student at Hebrew College in Newton, Mass. She and her husband, a graduate student at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, make their home in Sunderland, Mass. She will also be joining us to co-lead Friday night services on May 17.

Student Cantor Broekhuysen, a soprano, received her bachelor's degree in Music History and Theory with a specialty in history from the University of Toronto Faculty of Music, conferred with honors, in June 2007. She brings a wealth of experience to ICM including leading High Holy Day services and serving as Torah reader (*leynner*) both internally and professionally at the Jewish Community of Amherst, a Reconstructionist synagogue; serving as a minyan leader at Temple Hillel B'nei Torah in West Roxbury, Mass.; and leading Shabbat morning services at a Conservative congregation in Springfield, Mass.

She has also performed with many groups including the Zamir Chorale of Boston; the Kol Arev choir of Hebrew College; the Jewish community choir of Western Massachusetts, Mak'hela; and the Bach Festival Singers of the International Festival in Toronto. She is the leader and founder of CIRCLE Choir Interfaith, a group of singers comprised of students from both Hebrew College and the Andover Newton Theological Seminary, which is located adjacent to Hebrew College's Newton campus.

The May 17 Shabbat is underwritten by ICM's new Music Fund, designed to bring creative individuals to our congregation who will introduce us to both new and familiar music. We are all excited to welcome Student Cantor Broekhuysen warmly.

## Celebrating Shavuot

We will observe Shavuot on Tuesday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 15. On Tuesday at 7:30 pm, we will join together for our annual *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, the study session held to honor our commemoration of receiving Torah at Mount Sinai. This year we will be reading the Book of Ruth (in English!), which is traditionally read during Shavuot. Yummy desserts will be served.

We will also have a worship service at on Wednesday at 9:30 am, including a *Yizkor* (memorial) service at approximately 11:00 am. All are welcome and encouraged to attend both Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Let us once again receive Torah into our lives!

## Lifelong Learning needs you

Over the winter and spring, ICM's Lifelong Learning Committee, chaired by Carol Goldsmith, has been working to put together a slate of programming for this summer that is sure to stimulate your mind on many levels.

The first program is Dr. Michael Grodin (read more about Dr. Grodin's ICM residency on the front page). We also will host the Israel Friendship Caravan on July 4, performing in the Rec Park and in our sanctuary.

On July 17, Dr. Jack Mayer will speak on his book *Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project*, the true story of a Holocaust hero who rescued 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw ghetto. On August 9 and 10, ICM will host Rabbi Eli Kaufner, founder of Mechon Hadar in New York City. Finally, one of our ongoing programs is the proposed bible garden on ICM's campus.

All of these programs need your support, both financially and in the planning stages; we are also looking for people to serve on the committee. Please let us know if you would like to join us in working on these exciting projects by emailing Carol at [cgoldsmith251@gmail.com](mailto:cgoldsmith251@gmail.com).

### • Pastoral Care and Bikkur Cholim

Do you know someone who is ill or in need of a pastoral call or visit? Please let Rabbi Novak know by calling the office at 802-362-4578 or contacting him on his mobile phone at 802-688-3555.

## New Additions to the Israel Congregation Library

The Library Committee has been busily at work adding important new books to our collection, among them two major works of fiction that we hope will attract readers and enrich their lives.

*By Night Under the Storm Bridge* by Leopold Perutz is new to our collection, but was written at the turn of this century and was first translated into English in 2007. Perutz lived in Vienna until the Anschluss, when he moved to Israel. He was a noted mathematician who even has an algebraic equation named after him. He wrote his first novel in 1915 and eventually completed 10 during his lifetime. Despite the accolades he received from other authors, including Luis Borges, Ian Fleming, Italo Calvino and Graham Greene, Perutz was not recognized as the literary genius he was until recently.

*By Night Under the Storm Bridge* is a series of independent stories which, taken collectively, become a historical novel spanning three

centuries. The characters are an amalgam of real-life people, folktale personalities, and fictional movers and shakers. The history of central Europe during these centuries starts with a love affair between an emperor and the daughter of a Jewish merchant and continues with more and more unlikely-but-true events.

*The People of Forever Are Not Afraid* by Shani Boianjiu is totally a story of today. The author was born in Jerusalem in 1987 and still lives in Israel. This is her first novel. Telling the story of three young girls who grew up together in an Israeli village, the book is a riveting insight into the mindset of young Israelis today. Like teenagers everywhere, the girls gossip, have crushes, pass notes to each other in class... and are conscripted into the army together. And from that point on they live inside a single, intense second before danger erupts. Their story is told with humor and intense intelligence.

—Doris Bass

## ICM staffs Community Food Cupboard in May

Manchester's Community Food Cupboard (CFC) does an exceptional job in ensuring that people who struggle to eat are able to find readily accessible food. Each month, the CFC is staffed by volunteers from Manchester-area faith communities, and May is ICM's month.

The CFC is open on Tuesday morning from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, and Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Each shift lasts for approximately two hours and fifteen minutes.

Volunteers are assigned "stations" by Martha Carey, the CFC administrator, to help the CFC clients get their food items. The CFC provides a wide variety of items — from dried goods in boxes to canned food to frozen meats to personal care items. As part of its mission, CFC also has keeps garden each year in order to raise its own produce and complement what is already delivered by area farms.

For the last few months, ICM has had the honor of welcoming the CFC board to our

## A note from the President

Israel Congregation's multitalented office administrator, Karen Dreiblatt, has decided to move on and has resigned from ICM.

I want to thank her for all of her years of wonderful and dedicated service to our synagogue and wish her the best in whatever new endeavor she chooses to follow.

—Ed Glazer

building for its monthly meetings.

ICM congregants who have volunteered in the past describe it as a richly rewarding experience. To volunteer, contact Judy Hirschberg (judyhirschberg@yahoo.com or 802-297-2662) or Micki Lisman (msloane.esq@mindspring.com or 802-362-4332), or call the rabbi and he will let you know what shifts are available.

Nobody in the Manchester area should go hungry: this is our opportunity to use our time and energy to feed those in need while building camaraderie with fellow congregants!

## Dr. Michael Grodin

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of ICM's Lifelong Learning Committee, chaired by Carol Goldsmith.

"We are delighted to have such a fine scholar as Dr. Michael Grodin coming to ICM," said Merrily and Frank Lewis. "Bioethics in medicine is a fascinating topic, and we expect Dr. Grodin to both educate and challenge us."

Dr. Grodin is a professor of Health Law, Bioethics and Human Rights at the Boston University School of Public Health as well as a professor of Family Medicine and Psychiatry at the Boston University School of Medicine. He also serves as director of the Project on Medicine and the Holocaust at the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies. He completed his B.S. at MIT, his M.D. at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and his postdoctoral and fellowship training at UCLA and Harvard. He has been on the faculty of BU for the last 34 years.

Professor Grodin is presently working on a new book, *The Role of Jewish Physicians in the Ghettos During the Holocaust*. His primary areas of interest include the relationship between health and human rights, medicine and the Holocaust, and bioethics.

## Monthly Tot Shabbat to continue

We are pleased to announce that we will be continuing to host Tot Shabbat on the second Shabbat of each month from 9:00 – 10:00 am during the summer months. Since our report in the last *Shofar*, we celebrated Passover and Yom Ha'atzma'ut together, and we look forward to exciting summer programs!

—Alison Hill

## Mazel Tov!

**Sara, Chuck and Ruthie Michelsen** on the birth of their new daughter and sister, Talia Gittel Michelsen, 6 lbs., 11 oz., on March 3, 2013.

**Jacob Waters** on his bar mitzvah, June 7-8, 2013.

## Condolences

**Yuval Sela** on the death of his father, Tzvi, in Israel on April 3, 2013.

**Karen, Michael, Tyler and Eric Dreiblatt** on the death of Karen's mother, Helene Mottes, in New York on April 11, 2013.

**Elinor and Joel Katz** on the death of Elinor's mother, Yetta Karel-Goldreyer, in Manchester on April 30, 2013.

## Religious School update

Religious School for our school-aged children concluded on April 24 with a celebration of Lag B'Omer. The school year was very productive. The students completed their study of the stories in the book of Genesis and performed plays, made craft projects, and did a variety of other activities related to the stories and the lessons we take from those stories. In addition, they completed all of the lessons in their Hebrew book and greatly improved their Hebrew reading fluency.

—Alison Hill

## Red Cross Blood Drive & Canteen needs you on May 22

Volunteers are still needed for two-hour shifts at the Red Cross Blood Drive on May 22 at the First Congregational Church in Manchester Village. Help is also needed to make sandwiches and food for this vitally important, life-giving event. Please contact Cathy Rano at cathyrano@gmail.com or call her at 802-362-4843 to pitch in.

People who donate blood require something to eat afterward; ICM is honored to be able to participate in this important community activity each year as part of our commitment to *pikuah nefesh*, the preservation of life.

## 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.*

*Thank you for your generous donations!*

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Galia Gulack • Norma Waters**

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*In Memory of Tzvi Sela*

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*Purim basket thanks*

**Phyllis and Robert Topchik • Marilyn Rice**

**Georgette and Albert Levis • Ruthie and Norman Ellenbogen**

*In memory of Helene Mottes*

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**Irwin Adler • Robin Bass • Mindy and Alan Bloom** in memory of Tzvi Sela and Helene Mottes

**Marion Mueller • Cheryl and Elwin Schwartz • Debra and Donald Wanamaker** in memory of

Ruth Weltman • **Anonymous** in honor of UVM Hillel

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## From the President

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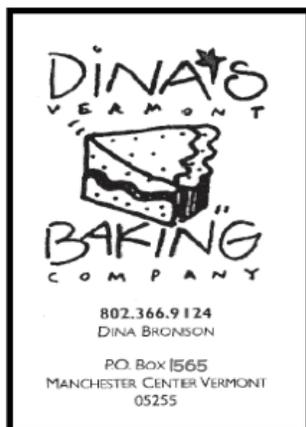
on what has transpired at ICM over the last year. You will also hear from the rabbi and committee chairs, including a financial report and the presentation of our budget for congregational approval.

The primary order of business this year is the presentation of the by-laws revisions — the first major revisions in 13 years. By now, you will have received the annual meeting packet, which includes a detailed report of the suggested revisions. The by-laws committee, chaired by Phil Goldsmith with members Frank Lewis and Micki Lisman, did an amazing job in creating the document that, if accepted, will govern ICM's structure and operating procedures for the next many years. For this reason, I urge all of you to read through the changes and attend the meeting to cast your vote.

Israel Congregation of Manchester was built and continues to thrive through the efforts of the people who give their time and energy and intellect and resources to insure its future. You, our members — through your votes — will determine how we operate in the coming years.

—Ed Glazer

- Find ICM's current by-laws at [www.icmvt.org/members](http://www.icmvt.org/members). If you would like a printed copy, please call the office.



## From Rabbi Novak

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*Shema*. In this discussion, another question arises: when one is addressed by another human being, where may one interrupt the mandated requirement to recite the *Shema*?

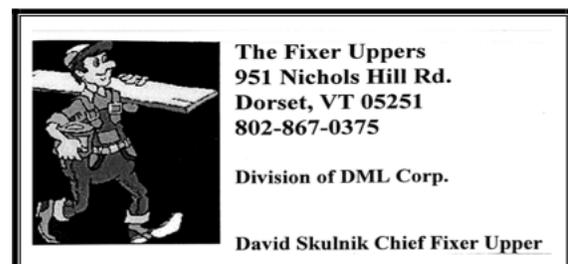
This is a fair question because the *Shema* itself is a lengthy recitation, comprised of Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Deuteronomy 11:13-21, and Numbers 15:37-41. Each is its own paragraph, and the ideal, according to the rabbis, is to recite this entire rubric without interruption.

So, the question arose: what to do when one is interrupted during the lengthy recitation? From the very beginning of the *Mishnah*, which precedes the *Talmud*, the rabbis conclude that someone who is interrupted (usually by a greeting) by another person while reciting the *Shema* is obligated to respond to the greeting *mipneh darchei shalom...* for the ways of peace.

Why? First, the person who is reciting the *Shema* may be in his or her own world while doing it, yet the rabbis prize the comity that comes from dignifying humanity. One who is greeted while praying and does not respond might at a minimum be considered impolite — the person who offered the initial greeting might feel as though the person praying ignored that greeting.

This incredible idea comes to embody the rabbi's respect for the role of human dignity — at the same time that they were reinventing Jewish worship whole cloth after the destruction of the Second Temple. The reason one is required to interrupt even the recitation of the *Shema* is *mipneh darchei shalom...* for the ways of peace.

Human dignity plays a great role in our experiencing each other. *Mipneh darchei shalom...* for the ways of peace is a concept that should allow all of us humans to understand that we honor each other by recognizing when someone addresses us — no matter what we may be doing. This is a cornerstone of the rabbi's humanity, and it should be the cornerstone of ours.



Israel Congregation has about 180 member units from diverse Jewish backgrounds, both full-time and part-time residents of southern Vermont. We provide 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.

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**Friday Evening Shabbat Services**, 6:30 pm  
Preneg at 5:45 pm  
followed by Congregational Communal Dinner  
**Saturday Morning Shabbat Services**, 9:30 am  
Tot Shabbat: 9:00 am, second monthly Shabbat (Saturday)

**David Novak, Rabbi**  
Rabbi Michael Cohen, *Rabbi Emeritus*

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