



Israel Congregation  
of Manchester  
*Enriching Jewish Community  
in the Northshire*

# the Shofar

29 Tevet — 30 Shevat 5774 / January 2014

## January Calendar of Events

- 1/3 5:45 pm Wine & Cheese Preneg  
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Dinner
- 1/4 9:30 am Shabbat Services, *Parashat Bo*
- 1/7 10:30 am Rabbi's Class: Pirke Avot
- 1/8 4:00 pm Religious School
- 1/10 5:45 pm Wine & Cheese Preneg  
6:30 pm **Shabbat Services with Student Cantor Vera Broekhuysen & Dinner**
- 1/11 9:00 am **Tot Shabbat**  
10:15 am Shabbat Services, *Parashat Beshalach*
- 1/12 4:00 pm **Jewish International Film Festival**
- 1/13 7:00 pm **ICM Book Club**
- 1/14 10:30 am Rabbi's Class: Pirke Avot
- 1/15 4:00 pm Religious School
- 1/16 **Tu B'Shevat**
- 1/17 5:45 pm Wine & Cheese Preneg  
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Dinner
- 1/18 9:30 am Shabbat Services, *Parashat Yitro*
- 1/19 4:00 pm **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service**
- 1/21 10:30 am Rabbi's Class: Pirke Avot
- 1/22 4:00 pm Religious School
- 1/23 7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- 1/24 5:45 pm Wine & Cheese Preneg  
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Dinner
- 1/25 9:30 am Shabbat Services, *Parashat Mishpatim*
- 1/29 4:00 pm Religious School
- 1/31 5:45 pm Wine & Cheese Preneg  
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Dinner

## Interfaith Council's Martin Luther King Day Service at ICM

Israel Congregation once again hosts the Interfaith Council's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Service on Sunday, January 19, at 4 pm. This year's service will feature Dr. Stewart Burns of Williams College speaking on "Way Out of No Way: How We Might Overcome Our Quadruple Peril." Dr. Burns is a civil rights historian and award-winning biographer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Join us in our community-wide celebration of Dr. King's legacy and how it continues to inspire us to act today. Jeff Linebeck and the Interfaith Chorus will highlight the service with their joyous music; refreshments and camaraderie will follow.

## The ICM Film Festival Continues

Israel Congregation will be presenting an exciting and varied roster of films in 2014.

On **January 12** at 4 pm we will screen *Shine*, based on the true story of pianist David Helfgott, a child prodigy who suffered a breakdown but eventually returned to international musical stage. *Shine* was nominated for seven Oscars, and Geoffrey Rush won Best Actor.

The **February 2** film will transport us to Israel for *A Bottle in the Gaza Sea*, a heart-warming story of an email exchange between an Israeli teenage girl and a Palestinian young man who share their hopes and dreams for the future.

On **March 2** we end the season with *The Other Son*, a provocative social drama that explores issues of self-identity.

As always, snacks will be served and admission is by good will donation. Please contact Rosalie Fox at 802-867-0199 with any questions.

## Rabbi Novak Away

Rabbi Novak will be attending professional development classes from January 26 to 31. In his absence, Rabbi Jarah Greenfield will be available and she can be reached at 802-442-9645 or 802-430-4079.

## Purim Baskets Project Returns

Last year's Mishloach Manot project delivered so much happiness that we decided to bring it back again. Purim falls on March 16 this year! Be on the lookout for emails and updates in the Refrigerator Page for details on how to be part of this uplifting community project.

In the meantime, your help is needed. **If you have more than one address, please contact the office to let us know where you'll be on March 16.** Sending lovely gift baskets to family, friends, members, college students or the infirm is a meaningful way to say "You are in my thoughts," and we don't want anyone to miss out on this wonderful surprise because of an incorrect address!

Lynne Abcug will again be chairing this event and will have the assistance of Lisa in ICM's office. They both look forward to working with you to fill this Purim with generosity and joy.

## Shabbat Dinners

Shabbat Dinners have been terrific this year. We have been visited by many newcomers to the area who have added to the festivities of the evenings.

Why not celebrate a birthday or anniversary by sponsoring a Shabbat Dinner? Coming up, we already have our famous "Soup-er Bowl" Shabbat, "Breakfast for Dinner" Shabbat, and a few birthday bash Shabbatot. Hope to see you all there... with your wonderful dishes to add to our communal table. Please remember — no meat or shellfish.

## Book Club Read

Join us to discuss *Henderson the Rain King* by Saul Bellow on Monday, January 13 at 7:00 pm. Marlene Skulnik will lead what promises to be a stimulating discussion, and dessert will be served.



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## ICM Library Book Review

*Thanks. I Needed That: And Other Stories of the Spirit*  
by Robert Alper

The Tonight Show, the forests of Vermont, and a tiny Polish village are among the settings for these 32 true stories by Rabbi Bob Alper. *In Thanks. I Needed That*, Bob guides the reader to places as diverse as synagogues in Kentucky and London, a small plane flying over Oklahoma, a refuse-nik's Moscow apartment, comedy clubs, Vermont towns and forests, and even a convention of rabbis. Readers meet a stained-glass artist whose granddaughter is Drew Barrymore, an elderly lady who attends services with her dog, a 5-year-old grief counselor, and an elderly Holocaust survivor who discovers that he can talk about his lost sisters for the first time.

Bob's unique experiences, from leading large congregations to performing stand-up at Toronto's "Muslimfest," make for a wealth of engaging stories that touch people of all backgrounds with warmth, humor, and wisdom. This book is in our ICM Library and we encourage you to check it out and enjoy these wonderful stories.

Other new books in our collection include: *Night Under the Stars* by Leo Perutz (1953); *Jakob the Liar* by Jurek Becker (1969); *The Middlesteins* by Jami Attenberg (2012); and *Wise Men* by Stuart Nadler (2013).

## Tikkun HaNefesh & You

Volunteers are needed to reinforce our commitment to Habitat for Humanity for both home-building and work in their resale store. Please contact Cathy Rano to volunteer: [cathyrano@gmail.com](mailto:cathyrano@gmail.com) or 917-838-1540.

### **Kabbalat Shabbat Service:**

6:30 pm, Friday (followed by Communal Dinner)

### **Shabbat Service:**

9:30 am, Saturday

### **Religious School:**

3:50 pm to 5:30 pm, Wednesday

### **Office Hours:**

8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday-Thursday

8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Friday

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