

# HEVRAT SHALOM CONGREGATION

A Reform Congregation Gathering for Jewish Fellowship, Study, and Worship

Rabbi Arnold Saltzman  
Cantorial Soloist Caron Dale

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Associate Rabbi David Kuperman  
Associate Soloist Beth Rubens

Next Sabbath Service is at Ingleside with Rabbi Saltzman  
and Cantorial Soloist Caron Dale on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## Our Growing Momentum Steve Permison, President

I am sure that many of you have noticed the tremendous jump in attendance at Sabbath Services during the past year. I am grateful to our clergy and in particular Rabbi Saltzman and Cantorial Soloist Caron Dale for creating warm, inviting, participatory and prayerful Sabbath Services. When I look around the room during services I usually see faces that tell me services are meaningful and enjoyable by most everyone present. I am also grateful to Ingleside for inviting us to meet in such a grand, central and comfortable location. I am also most grateful to our members for providing their time and financial support necessary to sustain our congregation.

On occasion I am asked how many of those worshipping with us are members of our congregation. As I said from the beama at our last service, the usual split is about fifty fifty – 50% are members and 50% are either present for a specific event, such as a guest speaker or just “checking us out.” This fifty fifty split I see as very healthy. Members are maintaining and sustaining the congregation; visitors are creating a steadily increasing pool of individuals knowledgeable about whom we are, where we meet and what we are about. It is from this growing pool of knowledgeable attendees that we are attracting a growing number of new members.

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## About our Recent Guest Speaker & Tisha B'Av

### Rabbi Arnold Saltzman

Rabbi, Hevrat Shalom Congregation,  
Gaithersburg, Maryland

At our last Shabbat Service on Friday, July 15, we had the pleasure of hearing guest speaker Rob Mitzner, a professional Jazz Drummer, who has had the good fortune to pursue his dream of being a musician in concerts, recordings, and as an educator. Thirty one years old, Rob spoke on Friday evening about how he was influenced by his experience as a student, and even as a Bar Mitzvah, when he had to learn with some accuracy the melodies of the chant we call ‘Trope.’ As a former teacher of this young man, I take pride in the fact that he had a positive and lasting experience in the process.

While I know that he had many marvelous music teachers and that he is driven by his need to create music, it is satisfying to note the connection between Judaism as a civilization and the many people who have been influenced and drawn to the arts. These include the creators of American Musical Comedy, movies, symphonic music, Jazz, visual arts, Literary works, Folk Music and Klezmer, and music for religious services.

The connection seems astonishing. Yet, a civilization produces art and is defined by its art. Judaism as a civilization (in the words of Rabbi

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Mordechai Kaplan) is truly blessed. We are grateful to Rob Mitzner for his entertaining presentation which included excerpts from his recordings. It is our hope to continue to present guest speakers who specialize in the many branches of the arts, and to take pride in the accomplishments as well as to note the influence the arts have as part of our heritage.

**Tisha B'Av** - Is the observance of the 9th Day of the Hebrew month of Av noted for its many disasters in history including the destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem and the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

Yet, in our time Yom Hashoah is 'the' great calamity. When we have so recent an event of epic proportions in many ways it eclipses the traditional holiday of the 9th of Av, so much so that the Holocaust has its own Day of Remembrance.

In the Reform movement, there is observance of Tisha B'Av by some as a fast day or partial fast day, yet there are few restrictions associated with the holiday.

Why do we observe a day such as this when we are so removed from this time in history? On one level the calamity marked the end of the ancient Jewish kingdom only to see it rise again and then fall again.

Yet, in modern times we have so much to be grateful for with the creation of modern Israel through Zionism, a love of the Land of Israel and a belief that there is an eternal connection between the Jewish People and the land. Yet, even in Israel there is massive observance by the religious community of this day and an outpouring of stirring prayers and presence at the remaining ancient wall, an outer wall of the Temple Mount.

Each year I try to understand why we keep mourning when there is so much to be grateful for in the United States and Israel. Why is it that the rabbinic instruction not to mourn forever, that life is not for mourning, does not seem to end our mourning for the Temple?

Part of the reason for its continued importance is that the observance is historic and like many prayers, it is a cry "out of the depths" for the human condition, and specifically for the predicament Jews have found ourselves in throughout history as well as currently experiencing the irrational hatred towards Jews in many parts of the world.

In contrast to this, in our moment of sacred time, we once again make a community. we discover that we are not alone in our communal concern, not alone in the world. We rise from this observance stronger.

My own answer to Tisha B'Av is Jewish celebrations: more weddings, B'nei mitzvah, and baby namings. Only by asserting the positive in our willingness to state that life is good and is worth all the 'sores,' worth the troubles, do we answer the mourning of the 9th day of Av. The Song of the Partisan says 'Do not say you are traveling on your last road...instead we resoundingly say - "We Are Here" in spite of history, hatred, prejudice, and past defeats.

Judaism is a celebration of life, a celebration of being the origin of the beliefs of half the people on the earth. As the 9th of Av is observed, I can only marvel at the profound religion, beliefs, history and people which are the foundation of our tradition.

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It is with great pleasure on behalf of Hevrat Shalom Congregation that I welcome the following new members:

Estelle and Joe Hein, Ingleside  
Immogene and Leonard Lehman, Ingleside  
Diane Marcus, Potomac  
Judge Bruce Mencher, Washington DC  
Miriam Rothchild, Ingleside  
Elise and Woodie Ward, North Potomac  
Sandra and Herman Wolk, King Farm

In the coming months I hope to welcome more new members to our Hevrat Shalom family as well as more new visitors or hopefully come to see the fine, small, friendly and full-service congregation that is Hevrat Shalom.

## About our Religious Schools

There is very little that is "Typical" about Hevrat Shalom. We are a very small congregation but we have a large extremely talented clergy; we do not have a building but we hold services throughout our broad community and have a dedicated and passionate following, our dues structure is very modest but we offer an extensive variety of professional and social programs. In short, we have a different but successful way of doing just about everything including how we conduct our religious schools.

Rabbi Saltzman is both our Principal Rabbi and our Religious School Director, responsible for Hebrew and religious training for children and adults. While we have strict standards, use Reform Movement educational guidelines and materials and receive Initiative in Congregational Education (ICE) funding from the Washington Area Jewish Federation, all of our classes are taught in a Montessori manner, by Rabbi Saltzman, at various locations including member homes throughout our service community. In this manner we maintain small classes, a very affordable cost basis and are able to serve our broad geographic community.

If you are interested or have additional questions about Religious or Hebrew school training for either children or adults including B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation classes please speak with Rabbi Saltzman directly either by calling our temple line at: 301.528.5307 or emailing him at: rebsaltzman@aol.com

### **Still Wanted: A new Social Chairman**

**If you like to plan events and wish to  
help our congregation maintain an  
active social agenda please volunteer  
by leaving a message on our temple  
phone: 301.528.5307**



### **A recipe from "The Happy Cooker"**

#### **THREE BEAN SALAD**

##### **Ingredients:**

##### **Salad:**

- 2 cans Green beans
- 1 can Italian Wax Beans
- 2 cans Kidney Beans
- 2 cans Yellow Wax Beans
- 1 can LIMA BEANS
- 1 can Garbonzo Beans
- 1 can corn
- 1 large green pepper, chopped
- 4 pieces celery, chopped
- Pimentos cuts into small pieces
- 1 bunch scallions, chopped

##### **Syrup:**

- 2 cups Cider Vinegar
- 2 cups Sugar
- ½ cup water
- Celery and Caraway seeds

##### **Preparation:**

- Mix and chill ingredients
- Combine syrup ingredients and boil 5 minutes
- Immediately pour over beans

**Enjoy,**

**The Happy Cooker!**

## Please Help Us Prepare for The High Holy Days

John Lass, a founding member of our congregation and long time member of our Board of Directors has graciously offered again this year to put together, edit and publish our "Book of Remembrance" for the High Holy Days.

In past years it has been nearly impossible for John to include all names as they are often submitted late and sometimes in writing difficult to decipher without clarification from the sponsor. This year we hope the process is more timely and efficient and everyone's loved ones are included.

To improve the process John requests that Hevrat Shalom collect all names and donations for the Book of Remembrance by the end of August. You will shortly receive another email which will contain our Yiskor Information and Donation Form for the 5772 High Holy Days. Please help facilitate an accurate and timely publication by printing and filling out the form, including all names that you wish printed and mailing the form, together with your check to Hevrat Shalom Congregation, Post Office Box 3606, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

Again this year we will continue our tradition and host a community Break-the-Fast after the concluding Yom Kippur Service between 6:15 – 6:30 PM on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The well anticipated fare will include lox, bagels, whitefish and other salads and coffee, tea, other beverages and desserts. To help off-set our expenses we are requesting a donation of \$10/person or \$20/family and your RSVP if you plan to attend.

On behalf of Hevrat Shalom Congregation I would like to thank you, our members and friends, for your understanding, cooperation and generosity in helping us compile an accurate "Book of Remembrance" and John Lass, in particular, for volunteering his time and patience to put together this traditional and important part of our High Holy Day Services.

Thank you,

Steve Permison  
President

## Sabbath Treasures

### Torah Reading:

Current Torah Readings and a weekly commentary of the Torah:

<http://media.urj.org/torah/hashavua.mp3>

### Candle Lighting:

[http://www.chabad.org/calendar/candleLighting\\_cdo/aid/6226/save/1/c/448/jewish/Candle-Lighting.htm](http://www.chabad.org/calendar/candleLighting_cdo/aid/6226/save/1/c/448/jewish/Candle-Lighting.htm)

## Hevrat Shalom Clergy and Staff

### Clergy:

Rabbi:	Arnold Saltzman
Associate Rabbi:	David Kuperman
Cantorial Soloists:	Caron Dale Beth Rubens
Gabbi:	Jon Pfeffer (Acting)
Religious School Director:	Rabbi Saltzman
Synagogue Administrator:	Michael Trilling

### Officers:

President:	Stephen Permison
Vice President for Finances & Treasurer:	Jon Pfeffer
Vice President for Executive Officer:	Sid Verner

### Members at Large:

- Seymour Baden
- Bonnie Dutcher
- Jack Goldman
- Debbie Greene
- John Lass
- Andie Pfeffer
- Irv Schaeffer
- Elihu Zimet

### Committee Chairs:

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| • Advertising:                         | Open   |
| • Chayeinu:<br>Community<br>Affairs:   | Mina Parsont<br>Open                         |
| • Education:                           | Rabbi Saltzman                               |
| • Interfaith:                          | Todd Fineberg                                |
| • Ingleside<br>Advisory Com.           | Joe Hein                                     |
| • Funeral<br>Practices:<br>Membership: | Jack Goldman<br>Bonnie Dutcher &<br>Sy Baden |
| • Newsletter:                          | Steve Permison &<br>Sid Verner               |

**Note:** The Board of Directors meet the third Wednesday evening each month at 8 PM in Ingleside's Board Room. Our meetings are public and congregants are encouraged to attend and participate.



**THE FOLLOWING NAMES ARE MEMORIALIZED  
DURING THE MONTHS OF May and June, 2011**

Harry Baden	Father of Seymour Baden
Bruce Colton	Husband of Elizabeth Colton
Naomi Danis	Mother of Elaine Garfinkel
J. Raymond Davidson	Father of Gail Fineberg
Samuel Garfinkel	Father of Charles Garfinkel
Lillie Geneslaw	Mother of Charlotte Lass
Isadore Goldman	Father of Sandra Wolk
Molly Goldman	Mother of Sandra Wolk
Samuel Gordon	Father of Meyer Gordon
Leon Raines-Lambe	Father of Mina Parsant
Max Saslow	Father of Lillian Schwartz
Jacob Verner	Father of Sid Verner
Rebecca Zimet	Mother of Elihu Zimet

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*... and others that we remember in our hearts...  
Thank you for the generous contributions that memorialize these names.  
\*Recent losses this past year.*

*Hevrat Shalom Congregation offers several ways to memorialize a loved one. Please speak directly with Rabbi Saltzman for further information and planning including listings on this Page and Rabbi's reading of names at Sabbath Services.*

The Hevrat Shalom section at the Garden of Remembrance Cemetery in Clarksburg, MD has 40 plots in it. Plots cost considerably less if purchased by synagogue members through the synagogue. Thirty-nine of the plots have been sold to temple members. If you would like information about purchasing one or multiple plots, please contact me,

Joan Pinsky, at 301-279-7889 or [pinskyj@alum.wustL.edu](mailto:pinskyj@alum.wustL.edu).

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**Sign-Up Now for Religious School**

Hevrat Shalom's religious school is very different from your typical Sunday Religious or weekday Hebrew School program. In most congregations, these programs are taught in large, rather impersonal and very formal settings. Our program is being taught in very personal venues. Our classes meet in small groups in the homes of our congregants and all classes are by Rabbi Saltzman.

We offer religious and Hebrew training and pre Bar and Bat Mitzvah training for children of all ages and for adults. We are happy to accommodate a class of one or a group of ten. Our programs follow classical Jewish guidelines and we participate in the local Washington area Council of Religious School Directors.

Whether you are preparing your child for a life cycle event such as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah or Confirmation or you are an adult wishing to study Hebrew or have an adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah, please contact Rabbi Saltzman to discuss your needs or those of a family member or friend.

**Around Town**



**Upcoming Events**

**Child Care**

If you are looking for Child Care before school starts please visit the contact the Rockville JCC and ask about our post-camp programs beginning August 15-19 & August 22-26

**2011-2012 Polinger Artists of Excellence**

Our 40th Anniversary Music Season will continue with renowned artists and rising stars, including the Daedalus String Quartet, Caroline Goulding and the Perlman, Quint, Bailey Piano Trio. Please stay-tuned for more information.