

HEVRAT SHALOM CONGREGATION

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

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, January 21 at 7:45 PM we welcome Ambassador This Friday Richard Schifter as our first Distinguished Guest Speaker for 2011

President's Note Steve Permison

In place of our customary November and December Temple Board Meetings I have been working with individual groups of Board members and dedicated congregants to complete outstanding 2010 Board initiatives. I am pleased to announce the following:

• **2011 Distinguished Guest Speaker Series**

Thank you Rabbi Saltzman for putting together such an impressive program more fully described in a separate article on page 2 of this newsletter.

• **New Administrator**

Thank you Mike Trilling for agreeing to serve as our Temple Administrator.

• **Memorial Torah Cover**

A new Torah Cover will be dedicated to the memory of our late Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Reuben Levine. Thank you Jon Pfeffer, Barbara and Irv Schaeffer and Rabbi Saltzman for leading this effort.

Rabbi's Message Rabbi Arnold Saltzman

Dear Friends,

We look forward to welcoming you at services in the upcoming months for our exciting schedule of distinguished guest speakers. This Friday, Jan. 21st, we begin with Ambassador Richard Schifter who has been advisor to several presidents on Human Rights and played a significant role in the modern exodus of Russian Jews. He will be speaking about 'The United Nations and its Campaign to Deligitimize the State of Israel, and What We Can Do About It. We look forward to seeing you for what will be an interesting evening.

Services will be led by myself and Caron Dale, our cantorial soloist, and will include a selection from the repertoire of the late Jewish folk singer, Debbie Friedman. This past week programs and memorials honoring the singer/composer have been organized all over the country. She was the composer of 'Not By Might, Not By Power' and 'L'chi Lach,' as well as our favorite 'Ahavat Olam'. She was a blessing to the Jewish People, may her memory be for a blessing. She passed away during the week following the Torah reading of the Song of the Sea, known as the Shirat Hayam or Shira.

Debbie Friedman made a unique contribution to the music of the American Jewish community, and helped to transform the music of the entire Reform Movement.

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Distinguished Guest Speaker Series

Rabbi Arnold Saltzman

Our 2011 Distinguished Guest Speaker Series Begins at our Sabbath Service this Friday, January 21st at 7:45 PM. This service will feature distinguished guest speaker Ambassador Richard Schifter who will be speaking about the United Nations campaign to delegitimize Israel and what we can do about it.



Ambassador Richard Schifter who was born in Vienna in 1923 and escaped the Nazis as a teenager, tragically never saw his parents again, their having perished in the Holocaust.

Arriving in the United States he later served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1946. He was U.S. representative in the UN Human Rights Commission; Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs; assistant to the president and counselor, National Security Council; and special adviser to the Secretary of State. He is a graduate of the College of the City of New York and Yale Law School.

In 1995 he was Special Assistant To The President For National Security Affairs. He also served as Deputy United States Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, 1984 - 1985, and as the U.S. member of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, 1983 - 1986. Prior to this Mr. Schifter was a practicing attorney in Washington, DC.

Currently Ambassador Schifter is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Jewish Israel Relations Institute. He played a significant role as an advocate for Jewish emigration from the former Soviet Union. We are looking forward to our program and to welcoming you at our services. Future speakers in The Hevrat Shalom Distinguished Guest Speaker Series include:

- **The Honorable Paula Stern**

Paula Stern will speak on Friday Evening, March 18th on the subject of "Jewish Transitions."

Paula Stern has appointments from three presidents, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and Bill Clinton. She is an author and sculptor, and Chairwoman of the Stern Group, an international advisory firm on business and government strategy. She is the former *Chair of the International Trade Commission*.

- **The Honorable Bruce Mencher**

The Honorable Bruce Mencher is Senior Judge of the Superior Court of DC.

Bruce Mencher is as an attorney who has argued before the Supreme Court. He is also an accomplished musician and pianist and has accompanied Rabbi Saltzman at previous Sabbath Services for Hevrat Shalom.

- **The Honorable Paul London**

Paul London is a former Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce and President of London and Associates. He is an author and Professor at Goucher College.

- **Author and Columnist Sari Hurwitz**

Sari Hurwitz is a three time Pulitzer Prize winning author and well known Washington Post columnist.

Sari is a native of Tucson, Arizona, graduated from Bryn Mawr College and holds a master's degree in politics, philosophy and economics from Oxford University. She lives in Washington with her husband and daughter. More will follow about this captivating reporter and author.

Memorial Torah Cover

Jon Pfeffer, Initiative Chair

Dear Members and Friends,

A couple of weeks ago you received a short note requesting donations to be used to purchase a new and much needed Torah cover. This cover will honor the life and contributions of our beloved founding Rabbi, Reuben Levine. It will also provide a fitting cover for our sacred Torah.

The Board of Hevrat Shalom, Rabbi Saltzman, and the Cantorial soloists provide you with outstanding Shabbat and Holiday services as well as resources for life cycle events.

We also feature interesting speakers and enjoyable social events which are open to all of our members and friends.

At this time we are asking you to help your Congregation purchase the new Torah Cover by making a donation. We have already received an initial donation of one hundred dollars. This is a nice amount to match but all donations are welcome, such as chai or any multiple of chai.

Please take a moment to send you tax deductible contribution to:

Temple Hevrat Shalom
PO Box 3606
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Warmest regards,

Jon Pfeffer and the Temple Board

Social Calendar Suggestions

Irv Shaeffer

- Picasso at the Lapin Agile
Asbury Methodist Village
Early February, 2011
- Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat
Olney Theater
Feb 23 to March 20

- Frederick Keys Baseball Game
April, 2011
- Strangers on a Train
Asbury Methodist Village
May, 2011
- Ratner Musuem
Bethesda
Early Spring, 2011

Please email me, Irv Schaeffer, with your intentions to participate or other suggestions: irwinschaeffer@comcast.net

New Temple Administrator

Michael Trilling has agreed to serve as Temple Administrator for the remainder of our current fiscal year. Mike has already been attending Temple Board Meetings and is a familiar face at Sabbath Services. Welcome aboard Mike.

Around Town



JCRC Save-the-Dates

Insider's Briefing

Thursday, Jan 27, 2011, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax)

Learn about the top issues the Jewish community will be advocating at Virginia Jewish Advocacy Day and bone up on your lobbying skills and techniques. Experts in areas from 1st amendment religious freedoms to immigration and healthcare policy and anti-discrimination protections will be on hand to brief political activists and answer your questions. RSVP on-line at www.jccouncil.org/InsidersBriefing

Maryland Jewish Advocacy Day
Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Miller Senate Office Building, Annapolis,
Maryland (bus will leave the JCCGW at 3:15
p.m.)

Advocacy day brings together members of the Maryland Jewish community to discuss our legislative agenda. Join us for advocacy meetings with legislators followed by an evening reception. Cocktails and kosher hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Transportation fee is \$10 and you may register at

www.jccouncil.org/advocacyday2011.

Community Events

Jewish Leadership Institute (JLI) Signature Course: Become a Better Leader!
Thursdays, January 13 – February 17 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
B'nai Shalom of Olney (18401 Burfield Drive, Olney, MD)

If you are a professional or lay leader working for the Jewish community, join JLI to network, study and grow. While deepening your Jewish literacy, you will enrich practical skills such as goal setting, strategic planning, and relationship cultivation. For more information or to apply, visit www.shalomdc.org/signaturecourse.

Washington Hebrew Presents a VOICES ON ISRAEL Series Lecture With Professor Paul Liptz

Sunday, January 23, 2011 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
3935 Macomb Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016

“Looking Back to the Future: Israel in the 21st Century” is the topic for Professor Paul Liptz, who will deliver the first David Forman Memorial Lecture as part of the VOICES ON ISRAEL special lectures of WHC's Amram Scholar Series. Professor Liptz, a lecturer for the Department of Middle East and African History at Tel Aviv University, also teaches at the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem.

Professor Liptz will look critically at Israel's goals and troubling contemporary realities, as he also remembers his former colleague and close friend, Rabbi David Forman, who died in May 2010. There is no cost to participate in this event. Please RSVP to Layne Weiss, 202-895-6307, or lweiss@whctemple.org. There is a poster for this event on WHC's website: www.whctemple.org

What Could be Sweeter Than Going to Paradise - Two Artists in Conversation

Thursday, January 27, 2011 7:00 p.m.
American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center (free parking in Katzen garage)
American

Artist Mindy Weisel and Israeli Artist Dafna Kaffeman discuss the connections between inspiration and the poetic and humanitarian possibilities of art. Dafna Kaffeman is head of Glass Studies at Bezalel Art Academy in Jerusalem. Her smaller, delicate pieces and dynamic, large-scale installations often deal with issues raised by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Her exhibition will be on view at the American University Museum of Art January 25 - March 13. This event is co-sponsored by AU Center for Israel Studies, American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, and Embassy of Israel. For more information, contact Laura Cutler, 202-885-3780 or cutler@american.edu.

News & Views

JCRC's 2010 Annual Report Available On-Line

The JCRC 2010 Annual Report is now available at

www.jccouncil.org/2010AnnualReport

Learn about our top activities throughout the past year and its impact on government advocacy critical to the Jewish community. We look forward to your feedback and comments at: jccouncil@jccouncil.org

President's Note

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• New Funeral Practices Policy

Thank you Jack Goldman and Rabbi Saltzman for completing this key project. The new Funeral Practices Policy is available both online at: www.hevratshalom.org and as the last article of this newsletter.

Additionally, we hope to hold several pot luck Sabbath Dinners this spring. If you are willing to help with the organization of a Pot Luck dinner please leave your name on our temple voicemail at: 301.528.5307.

Sabbath Treasures

Torah Reading:

Current Torah Readings and a weekly commentary of the Torah may be found at the following address:

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

Candle Lighting:

You will find candle lighting times at:

http://www.chabad.org/calendar/candle-lighting_cdo/aid/6226/save/1/c/448/jewish/Candle-Lighting.htm

Volunteers Needed

The congregation very much needs your help in organizing and staffing various events. Would you please be so kind to volunteer a little of your time so we can proceed with several wonderful program initiatives including our usual pot luck Sabbath Dinners which are currently on hold for lack of volunteers.

A little of your time can mean a lot to our congregational family.

Please help.

Thank you on behalf of Hevrat Shalom.

The Happy Cooker



Salmon Loaf

This is a delightful, tasty and easily prepared main course that presents well with fresh capers, mixed salad greens and/or fresh fruit, freshly prepared white or sweet potatoes and a crusty bread spread with butter or dipped in seasoned olive oil.

Ingredients:

- 1 Large Can Red Salmon
- 1/2 cup of milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp chopped onion (may be dried)
- 1/4 cup matzah meal or breadcrumbs

Preparation:

Use a 9 inch square pan or pyrex dish and a blender:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees
2. Open can of Salmon and remove/drain the liquid.
3. Place salmon in a large bowl.
4. Remove all large bones by separating the salmon and removing the bones by hand.
5. Add the milk, egg, onion, and breadcrumbs or matzah meal to the blender.
6. Blend mixture for a couple of minutes. Gradually add the salmon a piece at a time.
7. Put the lid on the blender and blend until entirely mixed.
8. Pour the blended mixture into the pan and bake for 45 minutes.

Note: The salmon loaf can be served either hot or cold.

Enjoy!

Pope John Paul II and Ecumenicism Sermon by Rabbi Arnold Saltzman

At this time of year, it is appropriate to speak about 'loving your neighbor as yourself.' This is the message of Judaism and I believe this is the essence of the season for Christians: V'Ahavta L'reiacha Kamocho - Love your neighbor as yourself...(Amar Rabbi Akiva).

Pope John Paul II is the subject of an exhibition at the Jewish Museum of Maryland. The Jewish Museum of Maryland is located in the old Jewish neighborhood of Baltimore in an area which includes a much revitalized downtown and John Hopkins University.

The museum itself includes several buildings: The oldest synagogue in Maryland dating from 1830 known as the Lloyd Street Synagogue or the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation Synagogue. It wasn't until 1826, when the 'Maryland Jew Bill' passed that it became legal in Maryland for Jews to hold public office. This is remarkable considering how many years this occurred after the ratification of the Bill of Rights and Constitution (forty years). Two years later a delegate was elected to the Maryland Legislature, Solomon Etting.

Only two years after this the first congregation was incorporated - the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. Its building stands as a reminder of this time in American history, and how long and arduous the fight for equal rights for Jews has been. Up until that point it had been illegal technically for someone practicing Judaism to live in Maryland.

When this synagogue building was renovated and rededicated more than a decade ago, I was invited to give the first program and lecture on the history of Jews in Maryland, along with a recreation in concert of the music of the 19th Century Synagogue, based on research I did at the Jewish Museum of Maryland Library.

The other synagogue on Lloyd Street is a current Orthodox Synagogue, and formerly

the first home of the Chizuk Amunoh Congregation. It is designed in an Art Deco motif, with a unique pulpit and ark in the shape of a Gothic Arch surrounded by light bulbs.

The main building houses the exhibits which include the 'Immigrant Experience' and the exhibit on 'Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People, A blessing to one another.'

When I entered the exhibit space, I was surprised by the fact that one of the first things that I saw was a portrait of one of my teachers, Hazzan David Kusevitzky. Cantor Kusevitzky had been my teacher at the Jewish Theological Seminary, and probably my main reason for attending the Cantors Institute.

As a child I had sung extensively with Cantor Kusevitzky in concerts, including the UJA Madison Square Garden event known as the 'Night of Stars,' where I sang a Yiddishe Mamme, and a duet with Kusevitzky, Ani Ma'amin, with a large choir as backup, a full orchestra in the pit, and the performers on a revolving stage. Eighteen thousand people were in the audience, and even for a seasoned performer such as I was at the age of eleven, it was intimidating. Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra were on the program, yet, for this audience of supporters of Israel, Holocaust Survivors, business people, and friends, Kusevitzky was the headliner.

He represented a world that was no more, a world which had been destroyed by winds which left nothing standing, and a fire which consumed so much of the Jewish population.

Why would people be so enthralled to hear one of the great cantors, the last remnant of a destroyed world? Perhaps it was because there was hope that something could still be preserved. Like Jacob and Joseph in the Torah portion of Vayechi - David Kusevitzky lived not to be forgotten in Poland, but instead to live and to bring out part of the cultural remnant of European Jewry. His presence influenced me in becoming first a Cantor, and then a Rabbi.

So there he was surrounded in the exhibit of photos of pre-world war Poland. What did that have to do with the Pope?

Karol Wojtyła was [ordained](#) a [priest](#) on 1 November 1946, age 26, by the [Archbishop of Kraków](#). Coming from the area near Krakow, as a young man he did something that not many Catholics at that time and place would do. He attended a synagogue concert of the David Kusevitzky, who was on leave from his military duty in the army of Poland. Cantor Kusevitzky's reputation caused a sensation and people lined up outside to hear the great singer and interpreter who came from a family of four great cantors.

Following the war, in the tumult, a young teenage woman, survivor of one of the concentration camps, who could not find the strength to walk or stand, was noticed by the young priest who was on his way home, many miles away. He spoke to her, and carried her on his back. Years later when the same Karol Wojtyła was elected the leader of the Catholic Church, a woman in Israel remembered the young priest and what he had done. She wrote to him, and was invited to meet with him and witness his investiture Mass as Bishop of Rome.

This is a great story for many reasons. In 1963 he participated in the Second Vatican Council and its statement *Nostre Aetate* - which seeks to end the conflict between Catholic and Jews, and viewed Jews as elder brothers and sisters in an irrevocable covenant with God. This was something new, and some very great rabbis had worked on this, including Abraham Joshua Heschel.

He made contributions to two of the most historic and influential products of the council, the *Decree on Religious Freedom* and the *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*.

After Pope Paul VI appointed him [Archbishop](#) of Kraków he was elevated to [cardinal](#).

In August 1978, following Paul's death, Cardinal Wojtyła voted to elect Albino Luciani, [Pope John Paul I](#). However, on 28

September 1978, after only 33 days as Pope, John Paul I was discovered dead in the papal apartments. John Paul II became Pope.

Here we have a Pope who travelled the world to create peace. He was dedicated to bringing people together, and he recognized the terrible injustice done to the Jewish people in history, and during the Holocaust. He sought to heal that painful rift. In a sense, a Pope who was Polish in origin was a good candidate for this task, for three million Jews were killed in Poland.

John Paul II invited survivors to the Vatican to sit together listening to a concert of music as a symbol of reaching out in reconciliation. He made efforts to recognize Israel, and made an historic journey to Jerusalem. at first the Israeli press treated it as a stunt, as a Catholic effort to exert its claim on Jerusalem and its many holy places. However, the Israeli Press and world press changed their tone. The Pope met with the chief rabbis of Israel and alone, went to the Motel, the Western Wall placing a prayer in the cracks of the wall as many others do every day:

This is what it said:

"God of our fathers, you chose Abraham and his descendants to bring Your name to the nations: we are deeply saddened by the behavior of those who in the course of history have caused these children of Yours to suffer and asking Your forgiveness we wish to commit ourselves to genuine brotherhood with the people of the Covenant Jerusalem, 26 March 2000."

(Johannes Paulus.I)

There is much to say about the work of this Pope and how his work serves us as role model during the terrible time following 9/11. How will we continue to search for peace when peace as a goal seems diminished? How will we continue to work for closer understanding and brotherhood in a world where religion frequently is used to keep us apart?

How will the message of the great religious leader, Pope John Paul II continue to serve and inspire us to continue the work of peace, love and brotherhood?

In the spirit of this season, when we recently have celebrated the festival of lights, we wish our friends, neighbors, and family a merry Christmas, and commit ourselves to continue to work together as a community of caring peoples, with many histories and beliefs, yet with the goal a caring humanity. I conclude with the words of Pope John Paul II:

"The history of relations among Jews, Christians, and Muslims is marked by both light and shadow, and it has unfortunately known some painful moments...

The unanimous hope we express is that all peoples may be purified from the hatred and evil that threaten peace continuously, and so, be able to extend to one another hands that have never been stained by violence but are ready to offer help and comfort to those in need.

Yes, we must find within us the courage of Peace! We must implore on High the gift of peace! And this peace will spread like a soothing balm if only we travel unceasingly on the road of reconciliation. Then the wilderness will become a garden in which justice will flourish and the effect of this justice will be peace."

Funeral Practices

The following policy was developed by a Temple Board Workgroup led by Jack Goldman and Rabbi Arnold Saltzman. As a Temple Board Member, Jack suggested development of this policy after the death of his father. The policy is also available on our website at: www.hevratshalom.org



HaMakom Y'nat chem Etchem: May God comfort you.

This page is intended to help when a loved one passes on. Through discussion in our congregation, we have placed this information here to assist you in your time of loss.

Contacts:

Our Principal Rabbi, Rabbi Arnold Saltzman, is always available to help you with the sequence of what you must follow for your loved one according to Jewish tradition. Please call him directly at: 202-244-6871 (voicemail) or 202-669-4434 (mobile phone).

You may also contact the Hevrat Shalom Funeral Practices Committee through Jack Goldman at (202-744-0179) who will help you understand how Hevrat Shalom may be of assistance to you at this difficult time, and, if you wish, help you to notify the congregation of your loss.

Rabbinic Services:

- If someone in your family is dying, determine if you wish the Rabbi's recitation of prayers at home, in services, in hospice, or in a hospital.
- Please make of a list of family contacts with whom you would like the Rabbi to speak.
- You do need a Rabbi for funerals and burial. Please contact the Rabbi regarding his availability for the service so that you can schedule accordingly.
- The Rabbi will officiate for services even if you choose to do a memorial service instead of a burial service.
- Please contact Dr. Steven Permisson, Jack Goldman or Rabbi Saltzman in order to know what is appropriate for a honorarium for the rabbi, in appreciation for the Rabbi's assistance for officiating at a funeral.

Jewish Practice:

- Please indicate if you wish to have information circulated to the congregation for Shiva (including location), or any other mourning observance. The Rabbi will discuss with you how to accommodate your needs with Jewish practice.
- Jewish law varies on the recitation of the Kaddish. Please discuss this with the Rabbi.
- Arrangements can be made for listing of a beloved in the Yahrzeits for the year of mourning and for notifications of subsequent Yahrzeits. Tzedakah, Jewish charity, and acts of righteousness are part of the practice of mourning and remembering a loved one.

Funeral Homes:

- Please determine if you will make use of our membership in the Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington, which provides a basic funeral at a reasonable cost; if you are interested, please contact us to begin this process. You are not obligated to use the Basic Funeral provided by this committee.
- Jewish funeral homes in our area include:
 - Danzansky-Goldberg Memorial Chapels, Inc., 1170 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. 20852
(301) 340-1400
www.danzanskygoldberg.com
 - Edward Sagel Funeral Direction, Inc. 1091 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. 20852
(301) 217-9400
www.sagelfuneraldirection.com
 - Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, Inc. 11800 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Md. 20904
(301) 622-2290
www.hinesrinaldifuneralhome.com

- Torchinsky Hebrew Funeral Home
254 Carroll Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012
(202) 541-1001
(301) 495-3395
www.torchinsky.com
- Joseph Gawler's Sons, Inc.
5130 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016
(202) 966-6400
www.josephgawlers.com
- Sol Levinson & Bros., Inc.
8900 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, Md. 21208
(410) 653-8900
(800) 338-1701
www.sollevinson.com

Assistance with Funeral Arrangements:

Determine who will be assisting you with the funeral arrangements. If possible, do not go alone to make funeral arrangements.

Cemeteries:

- Garden of Remembrance:

Determine if you already own cemetery plot(s). If you do not, Hevrat Shalom is affiliated with the Garden of Remembrance and you may purchase a cemetery plot in our section. Members of Hevrat Shalom receive financial considerations through their membership. If you would like to purchase a cemetery plot at Garden of Remembrance, please contact Joan Pinsky at: (H) 410-349-4887 or (C) 301.279.7889. Joan is the Hevrat Shalom liaison with the Garden of Remembrance; mention that you are a member of our congregation.
- Other Area Cemeteries: There are other Jewish cemeteries in the

Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

- Interfaith Couples: If you are part of an interfaith couple, burial is permitted for a non Jewish member of your family at Garden of Remembrance as long as you are a member of a Jewish Congregation such as Hevrat Shalom. The Rabbi can give you information on arrangements for interfaith couples at other Jewish cemeteries.

Memorials and Unveiling:

- It is an obligation under Jewish practice to create a memorial marker for your loved one.
- Rabbi Saltzman can guide you on conducting an unveiling, which customarily occurs within a year of a loved one's death.
- At your request, funeral homes will arrange for markers, as will several cemeteries. FRAM Monument is considered reasonable and located in Rockville.

We hope that this policy better serves our congregation. Please notify Rabbi Saltzman if you would you have questions or additional suggestions.

Hevrat Shalom Clergy and Staff

Rabbi: Arnold Saltzman
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Beth Rubens

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About our 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 either taught or directly supervised 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.



**THE FOLLOWING NAMES ARE MEMORIALIZED
DURING THE MONTHS OF January, February AND MARCH, 2011**

Libby Baden	Sister of Sy Baden
Francis Rebecca Blum	Mother of Andie Pfeffer
Jon Dahlquist	Brother of Kay Permison
Solomon Danis	Father of Elaine Garfinkle
Edward Fineberg	Father of Todd Fineberg
Shirley Fineberg	Mother of Todd Fineberg
William Geneslaw	Father of Charlotte Lass
Elizabeth Gordon	Mother of Meyer Gordon
Reuben R. Levine*	Husband of Shirley Levine
Alexander Ellis Permison	Father of Steve Permison
Hilda Schwartz	Mother of John Lass
Louis Schulman	Father of Bonni Dutcher
Charlette Zaslow	Mother of Lillian Schwartz

*...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