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We apologize for the delayed publication of this month's temple bulletin and remind our contributor's that articles for publication must be received by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Next Shabbat at Hevrat Shalom Congregation

February 1, 2021 at 7:45 PM on Zoom and 4 PM on Ingleside's Channel 976

Look for your "eVite" or use the link below:

Below is the link for all Hevrat Shalom Zoom Events:

<https://zoom.us/j/2407676518?pwd=cG5QdGRBQ0lGK1Q1ZlJUQktTc0M5QT09>

ID: 240 767 6518 Password: Hevrat21

Dial-in Phone Number for Voice Only: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID for Voice Only: 240 767 6518

Password for Voice Only: 025649#



The Story of Purim

Rabbi Peter Novick

While the origins of Purim appear clear from the Book of Esther, historians have looked in vain for any sort of extra-biblical corroboration of the events of the story. Be that as it may, Purim is a tale that purports to take place during a time when many Jews were living in Persia.

A young Jewish woman, Esther, rises to be Queen of Persia under the tutelage of her guardian Mordecai. All, however, is not right. The Jews have enemies, and a certain Haman, the grand vizier, plots the Jews' destruction. Even though Esther has hidden her Jewish identity from all, Mordecai prevails on her to risk her life by revealing her true identity to the king. She does this and denounces the evil Haman's plot.

At the end of the story, the Jews are able to turn the tables on their enemies, who are then punished in place of the intended victims. This story is one of the most beloved in the Jewish community, because of the hope that it gives a minority living in an oftentimes hostile majority culture.

Purim is a community holiday of joyful celebration. Purim has often been called the Jewish carnival, and dressing in costume and taking part in a Purim carnival heighten the levity of the day, on which one is encouraged to engage in activities that at other times of the year would be somewhat more restricted in scope, such as drinking.

The overriding theme of Purim is the saving of the Jews from a mortal threat. Even though God is not mentioned at all in the Book of Esther, from a Jewish perspective, God is the one who is pulling the strings of redemption behind the scenes. The holiday of Purim has become one of the best-loved holidays of the Jewish year. The reasons for this are easy to see. It is a joyous holiday on which everyone just lets go.

The story of Purim, however, holds out the hope that no matter how bad the circumstances, things will turn out well in the end.



"Rough Cuts 2"

Rabbi Stan Levin

Hi everyone,

I am involved in Sandy Spring Theatre Group's, one-night-only evening of short plays called "Rough Cuts 2." I appear in *Staff Meeting* and I am directing "*Anything You Want*" by Kat Wilderotter and "*Zoom Date*" by yours truly. This is our Valentine's weekend celebration. Please tune in. It's free!

Date: Saturday, February 13.

Time: 8:00 PM.

Price: Free

Access: On Saturday, February 13, between 7:30 and 8:00 PM, click on sstgmd.org/theater/

Yours,

-- Stan



A "Motown Megillah"

Cantorial Soloist Joan Wolf

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 27th at 7:30pm! Get dressed up in costume and get ready to enjoy the story of Purim, performed to the musical telling by Norman Roth of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in Manhattan, called "The Motown Megillah". Our Cantorial Soloist Joan Wolf and her daughter Leah are cooking up performances of some vocal renditions including "Dancing in the Shul" (to the tune of "Dancing in the Street"): *Calling out to ev-ry-one, Are you ready now to play it cool? Purim's here and the time is right, for DANCING IN THE SHUL!* And you're sure to love "Chai Girl" (to the tune of "My Girl"): *I got sunshine, when Esther came my way, When I'm bummed out, baby, I simply say Ov Vay.... We ask, Pray tell, What can make you feel so well? CHAI GIRL, Talkin' bout Chai Girl....* Join in the fun, see you at 7:30 on 2/27!

For more details about Joan's Purimspiel past, click on this Washington Jewish Week article: <https://www.washingtonjewishweek.com/52332/ending-on-a-chai-note/featured-slider-post/>



Welcome New Members

Allab & Leah Lipman

David Stander

Doris Bratt & David Cohen

Martin & Sandy Rush

February Event Calendar

- **Friday, February 5th**, Sabbath Service led by Rabbi Stan Levin with Cantorial Soloist Joan Wolf, 7:45 pm, *“Live” -on-Hevrat’s Zoom connection*, or, at 4:00 pm on Ingleside’s Channel 976. A community Oneg (chat) with Rabbi Stan will follow the 7:45 service.
 - **Saturday, February 13th**, Rabbi Stan Levin, An evening of short one-act plays. Join Rabbi Stan, at 8 PM, Saturday evening, free via Zoom. You may access the program, free, via Zoom, between 7:30 and 8:00 PM, by clicking on sstgmd.org/theater/
 - **Tuesday, February 16th**, Fireside chat with Cantor Joan Wolf , 7:45 PM *“Live on Zoom”* at 7:45 PM. Spend a half hour, or so, getting to know Cantorial Soloist, Joan Wolf. Joan as many interesting stories to share and discuss with you.
 - **Friday, February 19th**, Sabbath Service led by Rabbi Peter Novick with Cantor Caron Dale, 7:45 pm Live-on-Zoom. A community Oneg (chat) with Rabbi Peter and Cantor Dale will follow the 7:45 service.
 - **Saturday, February 27th**, Special musical presentation, a *“Motown Megillah”* with Cantorial Soloist Joan Wolf and her daughter, Leah at 7:30 PM
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“Live Links”

“*Live Links*” is a new addition to our temple bulletin. Here, you will find monthly listings of interesting Jewish community events available online, mostly without cost. Information for this “column” is collected and provided by Michael Chernick. Thank you Michael for joining the *eKoleynu* team. Please help make this new feature a success by sending Michael relevant internet links that you would like to share with our membership. Michael has initiated this feature with two February events from the Haberman Institute. Please go to [Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies](#) for registration details and instructions.

- **Wednesday, February 17, JESUS AND JUDAISM: WHY THE CONNECTION MATTERS, with Amy-Jill Levine 7:30 PM – 9 PM PM**, Jesus of Nazareth is often seen as rejecting a Judaism incorrectly characterized as legalistic, misogynistic, vengeful, and xenophobic. Understanding Jesus in his Jewish context corrects false stereotypes, brings new meaning to his parables, politics, and piety, and it offers a new path for Jewish-Christian relations. The Haberman Institute extends a special thank you to Andrew Ammerman for sponsoring this lecture in loving memory of Jodie and Max Ammerman and Stephen C. Ammerman. Watch the film at home, and then join us for a discussion with the director on February 24.
- **Wednesday, February 24, "THE PASSENGERS:" FILM SCREENING & DIRECTOR TALK, 7-8pm**, "The Passengers," tells the story of the final community of Ethiopian Jews and its struggle to immigrate to Israel. While on a fateful trip to America as part of a grassroots advocacy campaign, a pair of Ethiopian best friends confront culture shock, homesickness, and the pressures of representing their abandoned community. With intimate access and detailed historical context, their own journey reveals the thorny politics surrounding Ethiopian and American Jewry, and the Zionist ideal.

Register to rent the film for free, and to hold your spot for the February 24th virtual program.

February Yahrzeits

Mollie Bayliss	Mother of Susan Stromberg
Jude Berlinger	Wife of Carl Berlinger
Carl Berlinger	Husband of Jude Berlinger
Celia Blum	Sister of Irene Shapiro
Daniel Bierman	Husband of Irma Bierman
Mildred Blendman	Mother of Nina Blendman
Jon Dalquist	Brother of Kay Permison
Elaine Danovitz	Sister of Norma Dancis
Solomon Danis	Father of Elaine Garfinkel

Irwin Faibisch	Husband of Fran Faibisch
Abraham Gordon	Father of Dorothy Pocinski
David Lehman	Son of Leonard Lehman
Marcy Lehman	Mother of Leonard Lehman
Irwin Olin	Husband of Nina Olin
Alexander Permison	Father of Steve Permison
Barry Pincus	Spouse of Sandra Pincus-Rush
Mae Reese	Sister of Irene Shapiro
Morris Segal	Father of Nina Olin
Bertha Sholenksy	Mother of Sandra Crausman

Year of Mourning

Irwin Faibisch	Husband of Fran
Carl Berlinger	Husband of Judy
Ed Isaacs	Husband of Edith Isaacs
Florence Long	Beloved wife of Gerald Long
Irma Bierman	Beloved Member
Irv Perlman	Beloved Member
Ina Land	Mother in Law of Dorie Moses Land

May their names be for a blessing. . . .

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