

## Next Shabbat at Hevrat Shalom Congregation

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

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Below is the link for all Hevrat Shalom Zoom Events:

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**Rabbi Stan Levin**

### First and Foremost

We wish you a healthy and safe New Year. The Torah portion for the first Sabbath of 2021 is the last one for the book of Genesis. Anytime we complete a Book of the Torah, we say

**"Chazak chazak v'nitzchazek"** which means "Be strong, be strong, and let us strengthen each other." And never was such a message more relevant. We need to support each other more than ever. If it means wearing a mask, we will wear a mask. If it means that we get the COVID vaccine, we get the vaccine. Just as important, maybe even more so, reach out to another person, even if we cannot meet in person. A phone call or an email will do. A simple courtesy makes a big difference in times like this. We hope that by the Jewish New Year in September (or before) we will be able to be together in person. May 2021 be a year of peace, contentment, and good health to you and yours.

L'shalom,

-- Rabbi Stan Levin



**Rabbi Peter Novick**

### Dear Friends,

As 2020 comes to a close, we note the importance of family and to our community. This has not been an easy year. We have weathered significant

challenges of a varied and unusual variety. None of us will forget the impact of the Corona virus, not only for its' deadly assault on the lives of thousands, but also the affect it has had on our daily lives.

Throughout this pandemic, which has encompassed most of 2020, we realize the importance of our families and the community of Hevrat Shalom. Regrettably, we cannot celebrate in person, but it has been so nice to be able to connect with one another either by phone or ZOOM. Additionally, we appreciate the services and programs offered by Hevrat Shalom where hopefully we sang, prayed, and shared in spiritual uplifting. That is the blessing of family and community.

If you, or anyone you know is in need of a little uplifting due to sickness, loneliness, isolation, despair, or suffering of any type, and would like to speak with me, please contact the synagogue office and they will let me know how to contact you.

May 2021 bring all of you good health and much happiness.

**Rabbi Peter Novick**



**Cantor Caron Dale**

**Welcome 2021**

We are dream catchers and dream makers  
We are movers. We are shakers  
Hevrat Shalom beats a strong heart  
As we stand together while apart

Oh, what wonderful seeds we have sown  
Looking out for each other no one's fully alone  
With prayer, song, film a joke or two  
Our congregants and clergy have really come through

Time to pack away memories of how we coped  
Weave them into a tapestry filled with hope  
Bring on the rainbows and sunny weather  
May the new year bring us good health and together

Here's to the shot in the arm we all need  
May it come potent and with great speed  
As we turn the corner to a year of promise and plenty

We can't wait to say, "Hindsight is truly 2020!"

**Cantor Caron & Steve**



**Eugene Silverman  
Gabbi**

A couple of days ago I received a phone call from a very old friend of mine, Arthur Volkmann, with whom I shared office space almost forty-five years ago. We worked for the Navy Department, in a civilian personnel management unit. Arthur, a very devout Christian, and I would regularly, with great respect for one another, debate theology. We became close friends and, after Arthur left the Navy Department to pursue a career as a minister in Wisconsin, we maintained our friendship. My point is that a friendship based on mutual respect can transcend religious belief. While we may start at disparate points, we ultimately arrive at the same place. At Hevrat Shalom we endeavor to show the way to that better place.

Happy New Year to all. Wear your mask, socially distance and get your Covid shot as soon as you can.



**Steve Permison, MD  
President**

**Hevrat Shalom – 21 Years Old and Going Strong**

As an American living in the United States, I am excited to usher out this past year with its many dilemmas and welcome, together with you, 2021. Hevrat Shalom begins the New Year optimistically, with much to buoy our spirits and feel good about. Times are turbulent on public health, economic and political horizons. We are a dangerously divided nation. Despite this unimaginable turmoil, Hevrat continues to grow our ability to offer *hamesha* comfort, solace and respite to our Jewish community.

Joining our clergy for 2021 is Joan Wolf, our new Cantorial Soloist. Joan partnered with Rabbi Levin for our recent Hanukkah Service which preceded the very successful “Ninth Night of Hanukkah” featuring Rabbi Peter Novick and Cantor Dale. Stan and Joan, Peter and Caron will continue to partner with each other and enrich our services throughout the year. To learn more about Joan Wolf, please go to our website:

[www.hevratshalom.org](http://www.hevratshalom.org)

Now, let’s join together virtually in a moment of prayer for our community, our country, our people and our world – that it may be a better, healthier and more peaceful universe.

**Happy New Year  
Steve Permison**



**Bonni Dutcher, Ph.D.**  
**Vice President**

### **2021– A New Year, Thank Goodness**

I plan to stay awake past midnight on December 31, 2020, just to make sure that the year 2020 is finally over!! What a year!! We have lots of wonderful things to look forward to – new vaccines and getting back to the way things were! Despite the devastation, I am in awe of how people came together, virtually, to keep the human spirit alive. I hope some of these innovations, will continue.

I like to look back on 2020, and concentrate on all the positives and the things I am grateful for.

1. I was happy to attend Friday night services, from my home. It was inspiring to hear the rabbis and Cantor Caron sing. It always gave me a sense of community and feeling blessed.
2. I am so happy that I was able to continue working, from home. It gave me purpose
3. I am so thankful that I have my dog Honey, who keeps me company and insists on at least 2 walks every day. Well, I bought 5 pairs of sneakers and they all worked out.
4. I am so thankful that we found other ways to see our families, safely. Zoom Passover and Zoom Hanukkah – novel ways to see each other and stay connected.
5. I am so thankful for the resilient human spirit.

I have been a member of Hevrat Shalom since the start. We are community and family! I am thankful that we have been there for each other.

**Shalom,  
Bonni**



**Jay Myers**  
**Financial Vice President  
And Treasurer**

### **21 Years and Counting**

It seems like yesterday that I joined Hevrat Shalom with my young family in 2001 after moving to Kentlands. I grew up in a Conservative synagogue in NC but knew I wanted to raise my two sons Ryan and Cooper to better understand Judaism. More English in our services and more music just made sense to me at the time after my Conservative Judaism experience. It worked well for my family and my two boys Cooper and Ryan are now 21 and 25 and have both embraced Judaism into their lives.

I owe it all to Hevrat Shalom's leadership and their outstanding Sunday school program that made Judaism fun and meaningful for them and for me too. We had two wonderful Rabbi's that led those early efforts—Rabbi Levine and Rabbi Saltzman. In addition--Cantor Caron Dale showed them how music always created the backdrop for every Jewish Holiday. To this day—they still remember all the songs for Hanukkah and the Latkes made every year for the Sunday school class and the Magilla Gorilla outfit that Rabbi Saltzman wore for Purim.

Since we did not have a permanent home in those days—Hevrat Shalom's Sunday school and Friday night services was like a moving show every week. We had services everywhere from the Kentlands Clubhouse, to Rachel Carson Elementary school to Prince of Peace Church. We had Sunday school all over the county too. The bottom line is that it all worked and we are still here going strong for another 20 years—I hope.



**Sue Tubbs**  
**Synagogue Administrator**

### **Appreciated Donations**

I want to say thank you to everyone for all your prayers and goodwill throughout the year. Your support has helped me through a difficult time and is much appreciated. I very much enjoy working with all of you and also enjoy your community's spirituality which bolsters my own Catholic beliefs.

Knowing you and being aware that Hevrat Shalom has many distinguished and talented members, I would like to suggest that you share your interests and talents with the congregation. For example, you might submit an article, relating to your personal interests, background and experience for the temple bulletin. Or you might volunteer to help me on one of our committees. Anyone who would like to participate either through your writing or otherwise please email or call me. Volunteering to write or help with a temple chore will take just a little effort but yield great returns. Call me on 301.299.2592 or email me at [suetubbs@verizon.net](mailto:suetubbs@verizon.net)

## **Event Calendar**

- **Tuesday, December 29, Hevrat Shalom's New Year Celebration with Cantor Caron Dale, 8:30 pm Live-on-Zoom.**

Let's ring out the old and sing in the new

Raise a glass, play a game, share a toast or two

Hevrat Shalom is celebrating, and - We Want YOU!

- **Friday, January 1, Sabbath Service led by Rabbi Stan Levin with Cantorial Soloist Joan Wolf, 7:45 pm Live-on-Zoom, 4:00 pm on Ingleside's Channel 976.** A community Oneg (chat) with Rabbi Stan will follow the 7:45 service.
- **Thursday, January 7, Hevrat Shalom Town Hall Meeting, 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm Live on Zoom.** Please join us to offer and discuss ideas for our Winter-Spring Cultural Events Series. More music? Bible studies? Jewish Films? Join us with your suggestions. All members are invited and encouraged to participate.
- **Friday, January 15, 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.
- **Tuesday, January 26, Hevrat Shalom Fireside Chat, 8:00 pm – 8:30 pm Live on Zoom.** Meet and Greet our new Cantorial Soloist, Joan Wolf. All members and friends of the congregation are invited.
- **Friday, January 29, Sabbath Service led by Rabbi Rachel Schwartz, 7:45 pm Live-on-Zoom, 4:00 pm on Ingleside's Channel 976.** A community Oneg (chat) with Rabbi Rachel will follow the 7:45 service.

### *January Yahrzeits*

Earle Gerson	Husband of Leita Gerson
Samuel Ginsburg	Father of Miriam Rothchild
Mimi Goldstein	Member
Norbert Loeb	Father of Joan Oday
Florence Margolis	Member
Joseph Meltzer	Father of Arnold of Harriette Adler
	Father of Meltzer
Elizabeth Slolnick	Mother of Estelle Hein
Clara Swart	Mother of Mimi Goldstein
Betty Zaritsky	Mother of Irving Zaritsky

### *Year of Mourning*

<b>Ed Isaacs</b>	<b>Husband of Edith Isaacs</b>
<b>Florence Long</b>	<b>Beloved wife of Gerald Long</b>
<b>Nettie Birnback</b>	<b>Beloved Member</b>
<b>Irma Bierman</b>	<b>Beloved Member</b>
<b>Irv Perlman</b>	<b>Beloved Member</b>
<b>Ina Land</b>	<b>Mother in Law of Dorie Moses Land</b>

*May their names be for a blessing. . . .*

לְבִרְכָה זְכוּרִים חֲמִינֵינוּ אָמְרוּ ל"א חז

*If a yahrzeit is missing, please call*

*Sue Tubbs, our synagogue administrator: 301.299,2592.*