

This Week at Etz Hayim

Week of: January 29 – February 4, 2018

CANDLE LIGHTING & HAVDALAH TIMES

Candle Lighting – Friday, February 2: 5:13pm

Havdalah – Saturday, February 3: 6:13pm

View our [Calendar](#) for upcoming events

Weekly Services

18 Shevat 5778: Parashat Yitro

- Thursday Minyan, 7:00am
- Friday Shabbat Services with Potluck, 6:15pm
- Saturday Shabbat Services with Bat Mitzvah, 10:00am

[CLICK HERE](#) for discussion and notes on the weekly Torah portion

– Monthly Recurring Events

- **Potluck Shabbat:** 1st Friday of each month
- **Musical Shabbat:** 2nd Friday of each month
- **Shabbat Unwrapped:** 3rd Friday *and* Saturday of each month
- **9:30 Club:** Meditation on 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30am; Parashat HaShavuah (Torah portion discussion) on 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30am.
Sponsored by the Samuel & Jean Koshar Rothstein Memorial Fund
- **Israeli Folk Dancing Classes:** 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, 8pm-10pm

+ Bikkur Cholim (Helping the ill) & Bereavement Committees

Etz Hayim Events & Notices

- Adult Education class “The Israeli Intelligence Community” with Guest Speaker Liat Lisha: **This Sunday, February 4, 10:15am**
- 9:30 Club Meditation: **Saturday, February 10, 9:30am**
- Junior Congregation: **Saturday, February 10, 10:30am**

- Adult Education class “Foods of Purim Around the World” with Guest Lecturer Laura Kumin: **Sunday, February 11, 10:15am**
- Mishloach Manot for Arlington Seniors: **Sunday, February 11, 1:30-3:00pm** (*Location: Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington, VA 22203*)
- 9:30 Club Parashat HaShavuah: **Saturday, February 17, 9:30am**
- [The Party of the Decades & Live Auction](#): **Saturday, February 17, 7:30-10:30pm**
- Monthly Mitzvah Mission – Feed the Homeless: **Thursday, February 22, 6:00-7:00pm & Friday, February 23, 5:30am-11:30am** (*Location: Central United Methodist Church of Ballston*)
- Purim Carnival: **Sunday, February 25, 11:30am**
- Purim Services with Partial Megillah Reading, Spiel & Dinner: **Wednesday, February 28, 6:00pm**
- Purim Services with Full Megillah Reading: **Thursday, March 1, 7:00am**
- Pasover Siyyum Behorot Services: **Friday, March 30, 7:00am**
- Erev Passover, First Seder: **Friday, March 30** – *No evening Shabbat services due to First Seder*



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Modim Minute (*A Moment of Gratitude*)

Recognizing those who make our congregation the wonderful community it is.

- Todah Rabah to the congregants who helped with Kitah Dalet's Tu B'Shevat seder on Sunday, January 28. Thank you to Natalie Roisman for shopping for dried fruits and other ritual foods, to Sue Hamm for helping with set up, and to Benjamin Bass and David Rosman for pitching in for cleanup. Thank you also to the families who attended and learned about this unique tradition.



Mishloach Manot (Purim Baskets)

Order Deadline: Wednesday, February 21

Purim is coming! You can share in the giving of Mishloach Manot by sending a beautiful basket created by our Purim Basket Committee to families within our congregation. [Download the order form](#)

and submit your completed form to the office by February 21.

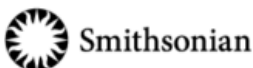
2018 Etz Hayim Member Directory

The Etz Hayim Member Directory has been updated for 2018 and is now available! Contact office@etzhayim.net for your copy.

Please inspect your listing carefully and contact the office with any corrections or changes. You can share as much or as little information as you choose! Note that the directory is only shared with the members and staff of Etz Hayim.



Two Tickets Available for the African American History & Culture Museum on February 5



Our preschool director, Alexis Joyce, has 2 tickets for the National Museum of African American History and Culture Museum for this **Monday, February 5 at 10:30am**. Please contact her at preschool@etzhayim.net if you would like to claim these tickets.

Native Novelists: Madelyn Rosenberg (Lazorchak)'s Book *This is Just a Test* Wins Sydney Taylor Honor Award!

Native Novelists

Published Works
by Etz Hayim Authors

THIS IS JUST A TEST, written by congregant Madelyn Rosenberg and her friend Wendy Wan-Long Shang, **received a Sydney Taylor Honor in January**. The awards come from the Association of Jewish Libraries and recognize books which "exemplify high literary standards while authentically portraying the Jewish experience." The book, a humorous, middle-grade novel geared for kids in fourth grade and up, is set in the 1980s, the time period when Rosenberg and Shang grew up amid Michael Jackson, Atari, and Cold War tensions.



This is Just a Test was also a PJ Our Way selection and a Junior Library Guild selection and was on [Tablet's list of Best Jewish Children's Books of 2017](#). Also check out the [Washington Jewish Week article](#) written about the Sydney Taylor awards, featuring Madelyn!

Rosenberg (aka Madelyn Lazorchak) has written 10 books for children. Her newest book, *Take Care*, is a picture book that will also be released as a board book for PJ Library's youngest readers. *This is Just a Test* is available for purchase through the Etz Hayim gift shop!

The Party of the Decades and Live Auction: Get Your Tickets Now!

Saturday, February 17, 7:30-10:30pm

Whether you like to **boogie to disco**, **mosh to grunge**, or **swing to big-band tunes**, you're going to have a blast at **Etz Hayim's Party of the Decades and Live Auction!** At this annual fundraiser, the **deejay** will spin jams from the 20th and 21st centuries while you enjoy nostalgically delicious **appetizers** and **desserts** from our buffet. The exciting **live auction** will feature **trips**, **gourmet foodstuffs**, a **private plane ride**, and so much more! ***New*** this year: bring cash for **song dedications** and a **50-50 raffle**.



Dust off your zoot suit, poodle skirt, or just put on your favorite timeless jeans and join us at the Party of the Decades! **Please RSVP and purchase your tickets in advance.** This party will be outta sight!

****Need to hire a trustworthy babysitter for the evening?**

Have a teen who loves to take care of kids? We can help make a *shidduch!* E-mail staceyviera@gmail.com to get matched up with sitters/kids.**

We offer heartfelt thanks to all of our generous sponsors.

DJ booth and signature cocktail sponsorship opportunities are still available!



The Party of the Decades and Live Auction Sponsors

Todah Rabah to the following party sponsors!

Decade Sponsors

- 1910s sponsored by **Delbe Real Estate**
- 1920s sponsored by **Aspect Partners**
- 1930s sponsored by Scott & Marcy Burka
- 1940s sponsored by Phil Rosenthal
- 1950s sponsored by Michael Stein
- 1960s sponsored by Laura & Jerry Jacobs and Sonya & Ric Okin
- 1970s sponsored by Jill & Tyler Foulkes
- 1980s sponsored by **Aleto, Inc.**
- 1990s sponsored by Laura & Eric Naide and Noa Ariela
- 2000s sponsored by Ronni & Jonathan Arden

Bar Sponsors

- Susan & Steve Zimmet

Photo Booth Sponsor

- Rabbi Lia Bass

Tzedakah Touts

The following represents contributions made to the synagogue from December 1 to December 31, 2017. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

8th Day of Chanukah Fundraiser

- 6 Anonymous Donors
- Giorgio Ascoli & Rebecca Goldin
- Adam & Deb Cohen
- Seth & Diane Davidson
- Barry & Marge Ginsberg
- John Goodman & Laurie Effron
- Sylvia Gordon
- Jeff Jackman, Melanie Nathanson & Sam Jackman
- Jerry & Laura Jacobs
- Michael & Rachel Jacobs
- Dean Kimelheim & Rose-Ella Slavin
- Barry & Susan Leiber
- Erika Robinson
- Phil Rosenthal
- Bob Rothstein & Christie Phillips
- The Savada-Stevenson Family
- Gary Singer & Jeannie Sklar
- Brian Stern
- Bernie & Merle Wexler
- Steve & Susan Zimmet

Annual Fund

- 2 Anonymous Donors
- Rabbi Lia Bass in honor of Beth Wolffe
- Gilbert Brown
- Scott & Marcy Burka in memory of Mimi Ginsberg's mother
- Scott & Marcy Burka in honor of Karina Lazorchak's Bat Mitzvah
- Scott & Marcy Burka in memory of Paula Levin's mother
- Scott & Marcy Burka in memory of Deborah Bash's mother
- Phyllis Cassell in memory of Ann Blumenthal
- Phyllis Cassell in memory of David Sattler
- Phyllis Cassell in memory of Irving Cassell, William Davis, Helen Davis and Ronald Grandon
- Gordon & Myra Gondos in memory of Peetie Levy
- Gordon & Myra Gondos in memory of Ann Blumenthal
- Sylvia Gordon in memory of David Sattler
- Sylvia Gordon in memory of Ann Blumenthal



- Jerold & Laura Jacobs in honor of the wedding of Stephanie Zimmet and Kenneth Peskin
- Jerold & Laura Jacobs in memory of Mimi Ginsberg's mother
- Deborah Kaplan
- Robert & Marcia Kerchner in memory of Stella Skrzypek
- Jeffrey & Dina Land
- Andrew & Eleanor Lovinger in memory of Mimi Ginsberg's mother
- Chana Mason in honor of Marni Corsaro
- Stephen Newman in honor of his aliyah
- Jeannie & Gerry Peskin in honor of the warm welcome at the Aufruf and wedding and for Rabbi Bass' help
- Erika Robinson in memory of Sylvia Schimerman
- Jesse & Stacy Rosenthal
- Philip Rosenthal in memory of Claire Lichtman
- Daniel & Elisa Rosman in memory of Stella Skrzypek
- Daniel & Elisa Rosman in memory of Estelle Levin
- Ray & Roslyn Samuelson in memory of Stanley Joel Samuelson
- Alan Savada & Will Stevenson in memory of Martha Shmokler's stepmother
- Alan Savada & Will Stevenson in memory of Paula Alcorn's mother
- Robert & Sheri Simon for the warm welcome
- Gary Singer & Jeannie Sklar
- David & Cynthia Starobin in memory of Ron Braunstein
- Sheryl Stein & Jim Sweetman
- Marvin & Rochelle Wolf in memory of Libby Kramer
- Marvin & Rochelle Wolf in memory of Charles Wolf
- Beth Wolffe in memory of Ann Selevan Blumenthal
- Beth Wolffe in memory of David Sattler
- Beth Wolffe in memory of Norman Robinson
- Beth Wolffe in memory of Phyllis Crane Wolffe
- Elana Wolin with thanks for Thursday morning Minyan
- Nancy Zurich in memory of Irene Balsam

Building Fund

- Ron Rothstein & Christie Phillips to help curtail the synagogue's mortgage

Celia & Saul Bash Memorial Fund

- Andrew & Eleanor Lovinger in memory of Deborah Bash's mother
- Sheldon Turetsky in memory of Anna Weinhouse Friedman

Jean Koshar Rothstein Memorial Fund

- Ron Rothstein & Christie Phillips

Molly Sandler Children's Book Fund

- Phyllis Sandler and Family in loving memory of Molly Sandler, beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother & friend
- Daniel Zimmet in honor of Marcia Zimmet

Prayerbook Fund

- Harold Novick in memory of Samuel Novick
- Harold Novick in memory of Esther Novick and Samuel Novick

- Owen & Margie Ritter in memory of Ann Blumenthal, mother of Deborah Bash
- Erika Robinson in memory of Norman Robinson
- Bernard & Merle Wexler in memory of Arnold Popkin and Mildred Wexler

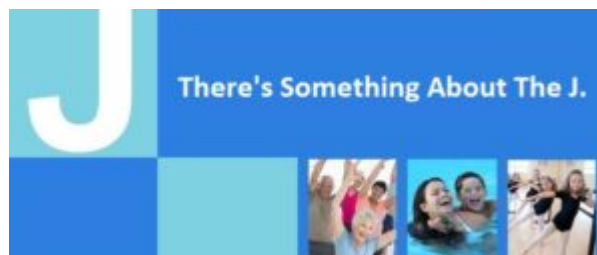
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Kenneth Ackerman in memory of Ethel and William Ackerman
- Nathan Appel
- Giorgio Ascoli & Rebecca Goldin
- Paul & Mary Ann Braunstein in memory of Ron Braunstein
- John Faith & Sharon Separ
- Kenneth Friedman
- Ronnie Ginsberg in memory of her beloved grandparents
- Reut & Philip Gruebele with thanks to Rabbi Bass
- Jared & Mary Hendler
- Madelyn & Butch Lazorchak with thanks for her help
- Rochelle Lipsitz in appreciation of Rabbi Bass and her help
- Jack & Susan Pevenstein
- Natalie & Rich Roisman
- Ron Rothstein & Christie Phillips for activities to benefit our community
- Linda Sparke in memory of Charlotte Sparke
- Paul & Marcia Zimmet in memory of Deborah Bash's mother

Torah Fund

- Joseph B & E Wolffe Foundation

JCCNV Adult Outreach Program for 55+ Adults – February Program



Upcoming programs:

- Wednesday, February 7, 10:30am: **Adult Department Winter Film Series: Iris – A Movie about Fashion Star Iris Apfel**
- Wednesday, February 14, 10:30am: **An Interfaith Program with Rabbi Isserow**
- Wednesday, February 21, 10:30am: **Protecting Your Hard-Earned Money**
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, March 18, 2:00pm: **Shattering Switzerland's Neutrality Myth: The Inside Story of the Swiss Bank Investigation**

[CLICK HERE](#) for complete program details and descriptions.

Unless otherwise specified, all events are held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation and cost \$5/person. For programs at the synagogues, bring a dairy lunch and stay for coffee and dessert. This program is a warm and friendly group of men and women age 55+. They are funded by the JCCNV and graciously supported by Beth El Hebrew Congregation and Etz Hayim Congregation. For more information contact Shelly at Shelly.Rosenstein@jccnv.org or 703-537-3062.

Events Out & About in the Community

Celebrate Purim with Book Buddies from Growing Jewish Families

This Sunday, February 4, 11:30am-12:30pm

Location: Arlington Barnes & Noble, 2800 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201

Moms, dads, grandparents and anyone who loves books – join us for a fun-filled PJ Library® story time to learn about Purim with guest reader Rabbi Gilah Langner from Congregation Kol Ami of Arlington. Then we'll make groggers and Purim puppets, groove away to some funky beats and learn first-hand why Purim is known as such a happy holiday! [Click here to download the event flier.](#) Please RSVP with Rebecca.Greene@jccnv.org.



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This very special Purim-themed Book Buddies is being presented by the JCCNV's Growing Jewish Families program in collaboration with Kol Ami, The Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Community.

Growing Jewish Families cultivates community by connecting a large network of families raising Jewish children in Northern Virginia by sponsoring play dates and community events in your area. Go to jccnv.org to find out about all these exciting programs.

PJ Library® provides families raising Jewish children from 6 months-8 years old with FREE Jewish books and music every month. To start receiving your FREE books and music enroll at pjlibrary.org



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About Kol Ami: **Kol Ami** is a growing and caring group of Jews who believe in the continuity of Jewish spirituality in an egalitarian and interactive atmosphere that respects both the traditional and the modern. Kol Ami meets at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Boulevard Arlington, VA. The congregation is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement, the fourth branch of Judaism. For more information, please visit KolAmiVirginia.org.



Celebrate Israel's 70th Anniversary Year with Israel Bond

Honor family members and friends with Israel bonds during Israel's 70th anniversary year. eMitzvah bonds \$36, \$54, \$72, \$90 (online only) and Mazel Tov bonds \$100 (\$10 increments up to \$2500 per person per day). Additional instruments/denominations available. Invest online at israelbonds.com, contact ncc@israelbonds.com or call 888-764-2631.

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Upcoming Film and Music at the Edlavitch DCJCC



*Location: 1529 Sixteenth Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20036*

Klezmer Brunch (Concert)

Sunday, February 18, 11:00am

Our every-other-month Klezmer Brunch pairs fantastic music led by Seth Kibel, with a delicious kosher buffet. Bring the family! Kids under the age of 7 eat free and don't need a ticket.

Naples '44 (Film)

Tuesday, February 20, 7:30pm

Benedict Cumberbatch gives life to the words of British soldier Norman Lewis, whose remarkable memoir of post-World War II Naples form the basis for this haunting evocation of a ravaged land, and later a city of infinite charm. Screening followed by a conversation with Dr. Sheldon A. Goldberg, a Docent and Historian at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History.

Taking Leonard Downtown (Concert)

Monday, March 5, 7:30pm

Levine Music presents a traditional jazz organ combo performing the works of Leonard Bernstein music in a way that preserves the musical integrity of his work with a mix of funk, gospel, go-go, boogaloo, soul, and jazz.

Itzhak (Film)

Tuesday, March 6, 7:30pm

Alison Chernick's *Itzhak* showcases the life and music of Itzhak Perlman, widely considered one of the world's greatest living violinists.

28th Washington Jewish Film Festival: May 2-13

Save the date for the biggest Jewish cultural event of the DC area!

*Also, if you're a friend of the **Washington Jewish Film Festival**, help us get named the Best DC Film Festival in Washington City Paper's Best of DC Readers' Poll. You can cast your ballot [here](#) and spread the word by sharing these [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) posts.*