

# This Week at Etz Hayim

Week of: February 26 – March 4, 2018

## CANDLE LIGHTING & HAVDALAH TIMES

**Candle Lighting** – Friday, March 2: 5:44pm

**Havdalah** – Saturday, March 3: 6:44pm

*View our [Calendar](#) for upcoming events*

## Weekly Services

**16 Adar 5778:** Parashat Ki Tisa

- 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
- **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

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### Etz Hayim Events & Notices

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- Adult Education class “Disability and the Ethics of Inclusion: **This Sunday, March 4, 10:15am**
- Young Children’s Shabbat & Potluck: **Friday, March 9, 5:30pm**
- 9:30 Club Meditation: **Saturday, March 10, 9:30am**
- Junior Congregation: **Saturday, March 10, 10:30am**
- Adult Education class “Is Lying Ever Ethical?”: **Sunday, March 18, 10:15am**

- Monthly Mitzvah Mission – Feed the Homeless: **Thursday, March 29, 6:00-7:00pm** – **No Mitzvah Mission on Fri, Mar 30 due to First Seder of Passover** (*Location: Central United Methodist Church of Ballston*)
- Passover Siyyum Behorot Services: **Friday, March 30, 7:00am**
- Erev Passover, First Seder: Friday, March 30 – **No evening Shabbat services due to First Seder**
- Passover/Shabbat Services: **Saturday, March 31, 10:00am** (Passover, First Day)
- Passover Services: **Sunday, April 1, 10:00am** (Passover, Second Day)
- Passover Services: **Friday, April 6, 10:00am** (Passover, Seventh Day)
- Passover/Shabbat Services with Yizkor: **Saturday, April 7, 10:00am** (Passover, Final Day)
- Adult Education class “How to Chant Torah and Haftarah” with Mike Stein: **Sunday, April 29, 10:15am**
- Shavuot Services with Sefer Torah Dedication, Donated by Jerry & Laura Jacobs: **Sunday, May 20, 10:00am** (Shavuot, First Day)



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## **February Articles from the Blog**

From the Rabbi: Prayer of Responsibility

Photos: Party of the Decades

Photos: Mishloach Manot for Arlington Seniors

## **Modim Minute (*A Moment of Gratitude*)**

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

- Todah Rabah to Jill Shenk for organizing the spectacular Purim Carnival on Sunday, February 25! Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped set up, run, and clean up the carnival: Dahlia Alcorn, Benjamin Bass, Rebecca Benoff, Adam Cohen, Deb Cohen, Thomas Coleman, Harold Dorfman, Anna Edwards, Sophia Edwards, Ellie Fried, Draken Garfinkel, Jared Garfinkel, Ryan Gaynor (for photographing the event), Jeanne Howard, Melissa Kaps, Sharon Kaps, Ethan Kimelheim, Karina Lazorchak, Paula Levin-Alcorn, Molly Norrbom, Robyn Norrbom, Stuart Portman, Noah Rafky, Jenn Rosenberg, Madelyn Rosenberg (Lazorchak), Ben Rosenthal, Elisa Rosman, Aidan Shenk, Cady Shenk, Amanda Sky, Rose-Ella Slavin, Anna Steinberg, Lia Sylvester, and Stacey Viera.



# MARCH FOR OUR LIVES



## Hosting USY Teens for the “March for Our Lives”

As a USJC congregation, we are participating in hosting teens from USY chapters across the county via home hospitality for the “March for Our Lives” demonstration happening on Saturday, March 24.

To host teens you must live **ONE MILE OR LESS** from a Metro station. If you can host kids in your home during that weekend, please contact [Rabbi Bass](#).



## Join Etz Hayim in supporting MAZON this Passover

Here are some ways to support Mazon in ending hunger:

- Share this [Fifth Question Haggadah](#) insert at your seder
- Host a Hunger Seder using MAZON’s new [Haggadah](#)
- [Donate to MAZON](#) the amount you would have spent feeding one or more additional guests at your seder table

## Little Community Pantry at CUMC

*Location: 4201 Fairfax Dr, Arlington, 22203*



CUMC (Central United Methodist Church of Ballston) has created the “Little Community Pantry” – a publicly-accessible box to leave non-perishable foods and/or hygiene product donations, and for those in need to take these donations as needed.

Leave what you can, take what you need. The pantry is located on the N. Stafford St. side of the church, right off of N.

Fairfax. It may not be very waterproof, so please consider this when donating anything in cardboard packaging.

## **B’nai Mitzvah Spotlight: Cady Shenk**

*What is your name?*

**Cady Shenk**

*When was the date of your Bat Mitzvah?*

**February 3, 2018**

*How long have you been in our Religious School? What is your favorite subject?*

**I have been coming to Etz Hayim since I was 2 years old (in the Preschool). I like Hebrew.**

*What Haftarah did you chant?*

**Yitro.**

*Has anyone else in your family become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah here?*

**My sister, Aidan.**

*What are your hobbies or extra-curricular activities?*

**Dance, cooking, baking.**

*What accomplishments are you proud of?*

**Competitive dancing, and honor roll since 3rd grade.**

*Please write a thoughtful statement about what becoming a Bat Mitzvah means to you.*

**I am becoming a Jewish adult and becoming a Bat Mitzvah means that I have learned lots about Judaism and the Saturday morning service.**

# B'nai Mitzvah Spotlight: Dina Howard

*What is your name?*

**Dina Howard**

*What is the date of your Bat Mitzvah?*

**March 3, 2018**

*How long have you been in our Religious School? What is your favorite subject?*

**6 years; Jewish History.**

*What Haftarah will you be chanting?*

**Ki Tisa**

*What are your hobbies or extra-curricular activities?*

**Horses; swimming; ballet.**

*What accomplishments are you proud of?*

**I am proud of the fact that I have learned and moved up the ranks of my ballet faster than I was predicted to. I am already in 2nd year prepointe. I am proud of all the tests and projects I have received good grades on. I am proud of my good grades. I am proud that my parents trust me. I am proud of my art projects.**

*Please write a thoughtful statement about what becoming a Bat Mitzvah means to you.*

**Becoming a Jewish adult means I am old enough to contribute to the community. I can read torah/haftarah and be counted in a minyan. Because I have reached the age of Mitzvah I am closer with God through being able to fulfill all of God's mitzvot.**

## Tzedakah Touts

*The following represents contributions made to the synagogue from January 1 to January 31, 2018. We apologize for any errors or omissions.*

### Legacy Fund Donors

- 2 Anonymous Donors
- Rabbi Lia Bass
- Scott and Marceda Burka
- Adam and Deborah Cohen
- Jordan Fried and Eva Kleederman
- Joseph Goldberg
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- Jerry and Laura Jacobs
- Bard Malovany and Naomi Harris
- Phil Rosenthal



- Daniel and Elisa Rosman
- The Savada-Stevenson Family

### Annual Fund

- Mark Aarons in memory of LeRoy A. Aarons
- Laurence Evans in loving memory of Charles Evans and Min & Sol Zimmet
- Bard Malovany & Naomi Harris in honor of Mary and Jared Hendler's new baby
- Robert November in memory of Harold November
- William & Elizabeth Sager in memory of Deborah Bash's mother
- William & Elizabeth Sager in memory of David Sattler
- Ray & Roslyn Samuelson in memory of Rose Samuelson
- Alan Savada & Will Stevenson in honor of Cady Shenk's Bat Mitzvah
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- Luis & Stacey Viera – Mazel tov to the Wexler family on Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah
- Luis & Stacey Viera – Todah rabah to Morah Alexis for honoring Dagny and Stacey Viera with lighting the Shabbat candles at Kabbalat Shabbat

### Molly Sandler Children's Book Fund

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

### Prayerbook Fund

- Fred Cooper in memory of Denis Cooper

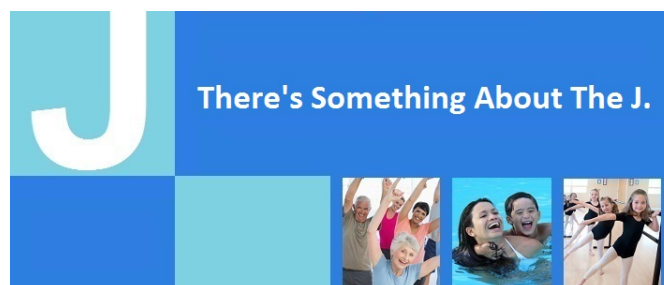
### Preschool Fund

- Perry Schlosburg in memory of Mae Shulman

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Jonathan & Ronni Arden in memory of David Sattler
- Paul & Marcia Zimmet in memory of Leon Chambers

## JCCNV Adult Outreach Program for 55+ Adults – March Programs



### *Upcoming programs:*

- Tuesday, March 6, 12:00pm: **Joint Program with Agudas Achim Congregation: Mail Fraud: Don't Be a Victim!**
- Sunday, March 18, 2:00pm: **Shattering Switzerland's Neutrality Myth: The Inside Story of the Investigation of Swiss Banks and Stolen Jewish Assets During the Holocaust**

- Wednesday, March 28, 10:30am: **The First Sound Recordings Ever Made: Come Hear for Yourself!**

[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](mailto:Shelly.Rosenstein@jccnv.org) or 703-537-3062.



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### Events Out & About in the Community

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## ***Code.IL Program Kick-Off: A panel of entrepreneurial experts discuss why Israel is a leading start-up nation***

**This Thursday, March 1, 6:30-8:00pm**


*Location: JCC of Northern Virginia (JCCNV), 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031*

How is it that Israel – a country of approximately 8 million people, only 70 years old, surrounded by enemies, in a constant state of war since its founding, and with no natural resources – produces more startup companies than large, peaceful, and stable nations? Join leaders from across the Israeli/American tech industry in a discussion about why “Israeliness” is a secret sauce for achievement and innovation in business.

Please register for this free event: <https://codeil.brownpapertickets.com>

For more information, contact [Liat.Lisha@jccnv.org](mailto:Liat.Lisha@jccnv.org).





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Liat Lisha, the community shlichah at the JCC, who served in the 8200 elite intelligence unit and worked for IBM in Tel Aviv for 2 years will host the panel and introduce “Code.IL”, an 8-week leadership and coding program for teens that begins March 12.

**Panelists**

**Asher Kotz**  
 Business Development Manager, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA). Asher leads the outreach marketing strategy to Israel and directs the business development strategy for the cybersecurity sector.

**Jonathan Chashper**  
 Founder and CEO of Product Savvy Consulting, a product acceleration company, that supports technology companies. Originally from Israel, Jonathan has a proven track record in planning, building, and launching software solutions.

**This is a free event. To register, visit <https://codeil.brownpapertickets.com>**  
**For more information, contact Liat.Lisha@jccnv.org.**

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# ReelAbilities

**FILM FESTIVAL**

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## ReelAbilities Film Festival

March 10-18 at venues throughout

Northern Virginia

Powered by the J, ReelAbilities Film Festival: Northern Virginia is part of the largest film festival of its kind dedicated to representing the lives, stories, and creative expressions of people with different abilities. We are proud to share our 2018 festival line up and invite you to be part of these special stories. Join the online community at [facebook.com/ReelAbilitiesNV](https://www.facebook.com/ReelAbilitiesNV) and please help spread the word.

## Israeli Dance Festival DC 2018

Sunday, March 18, 3:00pm

Location: Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854

Details here: [www.israelidancefestivaldc.com/](http://www.israelidancefestivaldc.com/)



**ISRAELI DANCE FESTIVAL  
DC 2018**

Israeli Dance Festival DC

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 18, 2018  
3:00PM  
(DOORS OPEN AT 2:15)**

**BULLIS SCHOOL**  
10601 Falls Rd  
Potomac, MD 20854

**PERFORMANCES BY:**

Zohar	Yesodat
CESJDS	Avirah
Milton	Mavrik
Kesem	Kinor
Hora-im Yeladim	

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 17, 2018  
8:30PM - 12:00AM**

**Israel Dance  
Party/Harkada!**

B'nai Israel Congregation  
6301 Montrose Rd. Rockville, MD 20852

Advance purchase with paypal on our website  
[www.israelidancefestivaldc.com](http://www.israelidancefestivaldc.com)

**ADVANCE PURCHASE:**  
Sunday Show: \$15 Adults, \$10 Students

**AT THE DOOR:**  
Saturday Party: Suggested donation \$5  
Sunday Show: \$20 Adults, \$15 Students

For more information, email [idfdcmm@gmail.com](mailto:idfdcmm@gmail.com)  
or visit our website [www.israelidancefestivaldc.com](http://www.israelidancefestivaldc.com)

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:**

## Disability Inclusion Resource Fair: Resource Fair for young adults with disabilities and their families

Sunday, March 18, 1:00-3:30pm

*Location: The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, Abraham S. & Minnie Kay Conference Center, 6101 Executive Blvd, North Bethesda, MD 20852*

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington is proud to host a resource fair, offering a wealth of information for individuals with disabilities about post-high school employment, social opportunities and recreational programs from over 35 local organizations. Pre-register for two specialized workshops led by industry experts in the fields of dating and relationships, and financial planning. Exhibit tables will also be open throughout the event.

Workshop Session One: 1:15 – 2:00pm; Workshop Session Two: 2:15 – 3:00pm

[Click here to learn more and to register.](#)



## **Bridges to Independence's Black and Gold Bash**

**Wednesday, March 21, 6:30-9:30pm**

*Location: MakeOffices, 3100 Clarendon Blvd.,  
Second Floor, Arlington, VA 22201*

Join Bridges to Independence for a night of fun music, tasty appetizers, and an exciting auction – all to benefit Bridges' work serving families experiencing homelessness.

[Click here to learn more and purchase tickets.](#)

