



Sha'arei Shalom

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Upcoming Events

July 17th SHABBAT SERVICE @ 7:30 p.m.

August 28th SHABBAT SERVICE @ 7:30 p.m.

All Congregation Services take place at the Ashland Community Center, 162 West Union Street (unless otherwise noted).

- Book Group – July 19th @ 10:00 a.m.
- Evergreen – July 21st @ 7:30 p.m.

We are now enrolling for the 2015-16 Religious School year.

[Click here for 2015-2016 Religious School Registration Form](#)

Please contact Lisa Clay at lcc1129@yahoo.com for more information

Rabbi's Letter by Margie Klein

Dear Friends,

Below, we are reprinting my letter to our community about the massacre of nine Black brothers and sisters in Charleston's Mother Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17th. Tragically, this event has sparked a series of hate-driven church burnings in Black churches across the South, and Black faith communities continue to live in fear of further violence.

The Torah teaches we must not stand idly by the blood of our neighbors. Churches are the lifeblood of many Black communities. I believe it is up to people of faith and conscience around the country to stand with them and insist that their communities are our communities. Their churches are sacred spaces we must care for, too, especially as a community that collectively remembers our own history of synagogue burnings and the massacre of innocent Jews.

To that end, I will be donating to the [Rebuild the Churches](#) fund, and encourage you to do the same. As you will see if you click on the link, synagogues around the country are participating in this effort. I will also be speaking about this issue at our July 17th service, as part of a nationwide [Week of Righteous Resistance](#), which dozens of synagogues are also joining. If you follow Twitter, you can read more at #WholsBurningBlackChurches and #ThisIsWORR.

See below for my reflection on Charleston, and I look forward to connecting with you soon.

Letter on the Charleston Massacre

Dear Friends,

Like many of you, I am feeling heartbroken about the events in Charleston last week, where a racist white man murdered nine of our Black brothers and sisters at Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston, S.C. This shooting feels like an event out of the 1960s' South, something that should be unimaginable in today's world.

Last Thursday, as part of my work at the Essex County Community Organization, I had been planning a training around our racial justice work in Lynn. When I learned about what happened in Charleston the night before, I wondered whether to cancel. Was this the time to train and plan, when for so many of our African American leaders, the news of a hate crime against a Black church was so fresh and so painful?

I wrote to the diverse group of clergy leaders with whom I work, and asked them whether they thought we should move forward. Rev. Viola Morris Buchanan, pastor of Bethel AME Church in Lynn (the same denomination as the church that was attacked) called me and said, "Rabbi Margie! This is exactly when we *shouldn't* cancel. We need to pray and to mourn, but we also need to redouble our efforts to confront racism in our communities."

I realized that for Rev. Viola and probably many others, coming together for prayer *and* action was a statement that those who were murdered didn't die in vein, that this tragedy must move us to change the racist system that produces this kind of violence. So we moved ahead, gathering dozens of people of faith from across the North Shore - Black, Brown, White - to express our pain and anger and think how to move forward. We prayed, we planned, and we promised each other to work even harder to uproot racism in our communities. As one woman said, "we need to pray, but we also need to do prayerful work!"

So what does this mean for us at Sha'arei Shalom? Well, as we confront this violence against our Black brothers and sisters, it would be easier just to shake our heads and say how awful it is that there are evil

racists out there. Instead, I hope we will go further, admitting that racism exists in subtler (and sometimes more insidious) forms all around us, and working to change it. We in the Jewish community remember what it was to feel targeted, excluded, and endangered for who we are. Let's stand in solidarity and compassion with those who are targeted and excluded today, exploring how we can help create a world where everyone has equal opportunity, regardless of race, ethnicity, faith, or class background. I look forward to exploring with you *how* we might do so in the coming year.

Finally, I wanted to share the ritual of lament we led on Thursday, written by Rev. Viola of Bethel AME in Lynn. I encourage you to read it, perhaps taking turns reading it aloud with your family, and feel the power of its message.

Ritual of Lament and Invitation to Action

Leader: We come tonight as one body, one community praying for the members of Mother Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church and the people of Charleston, SC. With our love we seek to comfort and dry the tears of those who have lost a grandmother and grandfather, a spouse, a friend, a shepherd, as well as the family whose son has committed this surreal tragedy and gross injustice. We cover them all in the assurance that love triumphs over hate, justice conquers injustice, and peace overcomes discord.

People: We are the children of God

Leader: the consolation of the righteous, our grief, outrage, fear, and anger is turned in to a resolve that our brothers and sisters will not have died in vain. Our resolve is to be the answer to their prayers. We will do the good our God requires of us: *"to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God."* (Micah 6:8)

People: We are the hands and feet of God

Leader: We are part of the growing army for justice and peace. Our power is strengthened by the hands we hold and undergirded by power from on high. The decision has been made. We are a believer and a worker for the Beloved Community because all lives matter: black, brown, red, yellow, and white.

People: We are all the beloved of God.

Leader: The struggle continues! We stand against those who breed hate, ignorance, and violence; we work with those who preach truth and fight for gun control and public safety. We are relentless in the struggle against racism, political and economic disenfranchisement. We will not SLOW UP or BACK UP; we won't GIVE UP or LET UP, until we are PRAYED UP and PREPARED UP, and have TAUGHT UP and ORGANIZED UP, for the cause of justice.

People: We are the empowered people of God! Our vision is clear, our hearts determined and we do the work together!

Blessings,
Rabbi Margie

President's Corner

by Jane Greenstein

As many of you may have heard, Rabbi Margie is expecting! We are so happy for her and Jeremy and extend our prayers and good wishes for any easy end to her pregnancy. As the rabbi's due date is October 2nd, the leadership of the congregation has been busy making alternate plans for the High Holidays as well as for coverage in October and November while she is out on maternity leave.

We are pleased to announce that we have hired Rabbi Jeffrey Foust to run High Holiday services as well as cover our Friday night services in October. He will also be available for pastoral care and life cycle events for our members should they be needed. Rabbi Foust has extensive experience, having been the rabbi for Temple Beth Israel in Waltham for 12 years as well as having led High Holiday services for Northeastern Hillel. We are thrilled to have his assistance in carrying on during Rabbi Margie's leave. With Rabbi Foust on board, we are confident that members and non-members alike will feel continuity in the form and spirit of our services during this time.

In addition to planning for Rabbi Margie's maternity leave, the leadership has also been busy putting together our calendars for the 2015-16 ritual/school year. Please see below for our service and holiday celebration calendar. A link to our school calendar can be found in the Religious School section below. We look forward to seeing some of you at our July and/or August services. For those whose summer plans make it so that they can't join us, we look forward to reconnecting in the Fall.

Upcoming Services

On July 17th at 7:30 p.m. join us for a regular **Friday night Shabbat service**, also at the Ashland Community Center. As always, we also invite you to join us afterward for an oneg Shabbat.

Please also mark the date for our following **Friday night service on August 28th**, both at 7:30 pm at the Ashland Community Center.

We are currently in need of oneg sponsors. Please consider volunteering to host an oneg this year...it's easy, fun and rewarding to provide refreshments for congregants, friends and family after the Friday evening service so we can enjoy the warmth and joy of the Sabbath together. Hosting an oneg is a mitzvah, and your gift of time and effort is greatly appreciated! Please contact Jamie Sack at sack.jamie@yahoo.com or 508-627-0387 for more information. Thank you!



Sha'arei Shalom

2015-2016 Shabbat and Holiday Celebration Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Sun.	13	Erev Rosh Hashanah at 7:00 p.m. (Federated Church)
Mon.	14	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 at 9:30 a.m. (Federated Church)
Tue.	15	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 at 9:30 a.m. (Federated Church)
Tue.	22	Kol Nidre at 6:30 p.m. (Federated Church)
Wed.	23	Yom Kippur Morning Service at 9:30 a.m. and Neilah at 6:30 p.m. (Federated Church)

OCTOBER

Fri.	2	Friday Night Service – Simchat Torah and Siddur Consecration
Fri.	17	Shabbat Kids (6:45 p.m.) Friday night service— <i>Sam Freedman</i>

NOVEMBER

Fri.	6	Shabbat Circle—20 th Anniversary Celebration (6:30 p.m.)
Fri.	20	Friday Night Service—7 th graders lead

DECEMBER

Tue.	8	Town Menorah lighting (6:15 p.m. at Montenegro Square in downtown Ashland)
Fri.	11	Chanukah Shabbat in the Round – Community song celebration
Sun.	13	Chanukah Party (10:00 a.m. - noon; Ashland Middle School)

JANUARY

Fri.	8	Friday Night Service
Fri.	22	Shabbat Kids (6:45 p.m.) Tu B'shvat Seder

FEBRUARY

Fri.	26	Shabbat Live
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MARCH

Fri.	11	Shabbat Circle—Grade K-2 participation (6:30 p.m.)
Fri.	18	Friday Night Service – Purim and Grade 3-6 participation
Sun.	20	Purim carnival (10:00 a.m. - noon; Ashland Middle School)

APRIL

Fri.	1	Friday night service— <i>Sarah Levenson</i>
Fri.	15	Friday night service— <i>Josie Kaufman</i>

MAY

Fri.	6	Shabbat Kids (6:45 p.m.) Friday night service— <i>Emilie Clay</i>
Fri.	20	Friday night service— <i>Eva Parson</i>

JUNE

Fri.	3	Friday night service— <i>Ben Weinstein</i>
Fri.	17	Friday night service— <i>Grayson Dolin</i>

JULY and AUGUST

July	22	Friday Night Service
August	19	Friday Night Service

Unless otherwise noted, all Friday night services/events take place at the Ashland Community Center and begin at 7:30

Member Announcements

The Kaufman family wanted to wish Ari's parents Rabbi William and Nathalie Kaufman a Mazel Tov on the recent celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Leslie and Jon Jaffe are excited to announce the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Davis Jaffe, on June 28th. The baby's parents are Leslie and Jon's son, Andy, and daughter-in-law, Abby.

Religious School Update

by Lisa Clay

Planning is already underway for next year. If you are a returning family and you haven't already done so, **please send in your registration form and deposit for next year ASAP.** If you would like to discuss financial arrangements, please contact Jane Greenstein. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Clay at lcc1129@yahoo.com.

[Click here for 2015-2016 Religious School Registration Form](#)

Our 2015-16 School calendar is available. You will note that we start school on Sunday September 20th after Rosh Hashanah.

[Click here for 2015-16 Religious School Calendar](#)

Also remember to share this information with anyone you know who might be interested in our school. Feel free to send anyone my way who wants to learn more about our wonderful program.

Have a wonderful summer! See you soon.

Monica Weinstein Women's Book Group

by Leslie Jaffe

The Book Group will be meeting on Sunday, July 19th at 10 am at Bodacious Bagels. We will be discussing "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown. Everyone is welcome!

For further information, please call Leslie Jaffe at 508-881-1079 or email her at jlajfamily@verizon.net.

Elissa Naiman Evergreen Group

by Sheila Watnick

At the June 16th meeting of the Elissa Naiman Evergreen Group, members discussed presidential candidates, Caitlyn Jenner, issues with siblings, recent travel, and whatever else was on our minds.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 21st, at 7:30 p.m.** at the home of Shirley Marks. Female temple members 60 and over are welcome. Contact evergreen@shaareishalom.org.

Babysitting!

Josie Kaufman is available for babysitting. She is 12 years old and has taken the Red Cross babysitting course. She can babysit on weekends. Contact Josie with any questions at 508-881-6930

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

PJ LIBRARY IS A JEWISH FAMILY ENGAGEMENT program implemented on a local level throughout North America. We mail free, high-quality [Jewish children's literature and music](#) to families across the continent on a monthly basis.

PJ Library is a program of the [Harold Grinspoon Foundation](#), made possible through partnerships with philanthropists and local Jewish organizations. Today, families in hundreds of communities across the United States and Canada are able to explore the timeless core values of Judaism through books and music.

All families raising Jewish children from age six months of age through five, six, seven or eight years (depending on the community) are [welcome to enroll](#).

<http://pjlibrary.org/>

DO YOU LOVE TO SING? CHECK OUT SHIR JOY!

Whether you sing professionally or have only sung in your shower, this is your chance to join with other adults who love to sing Jewish music. Shir Joy is a Jewish choir that started up in the fall of 2011. We practice on Sunday evenings from 7-9 pm right at Congregation B'nai Shalom in Westborough. In our first year we had over 35 members from 14 central MA towns & cities. Rehearsals this coming year will begin on October 14 following the High Holidays. Choir participants are not required to be Jewish nor do members need to be affiliated with a Jewish organization to join. We hold several concerts over the year in the Central MA area.

Shir Joy will be directed again this coming year by Jonathan Rappaport, an experienced choral conductor with over forty years of experience. Dues of \$75 per year, love of Jewish music, and ability to keep in tune with your neighboring singers are required. Although we do make beautiful music together, we also build strong community bonds. We welcome new members. If you are interested in participating or want additional information, check out our website www.shirjoychorus.com, or email ShirJoyMA@gmail.com. Shir Joy is partially funded from a generous grant from Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts.

добро пожаловать!

Engaging Metrowest Russian Jewish Families in Jewish Community Life

A grant from the Genesis Fund is enabling us to reach out to Russian Jewish families throughout Metrowest. By developing collaborative relationships, we are identifying and connecting with members of this large and vibrant community through engaging programming and activities.

As part of this program, JFN is also doing special "Privet Malish" visits -- **Welcome Baby!** visits with gift baskets and resources tailored for Russian Jewish families.

If you are interested in learning more about our programs or "Privet Malish," or if you know someone who is, please contact our Russian community connector, [Luba Olshan](#), for more information.

JEWISH FAMILY NETWORK

Metrowest Events & Activities

*A collaboration of the
Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston
and Jewish Family Service of Metrowest*



Playground Meet-Ups!

Keep Thursdays at 10:00 AM Free all Summer

For children ages 0-5, siblings & parents!

July 2: Choate Park, Medway

July 9: Walnut Hill, Natick

July 16: Goodwill Park, Holliston

July 23: Hannah Williams Park, Wayland

July 30: Cushing Park, Framingham

August 6: SMILE Tot Lot Park, Sudbury

August 13: EMC Park, Hopkinton

August 20: Walnut Hill Park, Natick

Friday, August 7: Shabbat in the Park, 5:30 PM

Framingham Village Green, Framingham

Celebrate Shabbat (welcoming the Sabbath) with a summer outdoor picnic in a relaxed setting with family and friends. Families provide picnic dinner. We will provide Challah and Grape juice. Stay for the Framingham Concert on the Green!

Sunday, July 12

Kulanu Family Fun Festival

10:00-11:30 PM

[Register](#)

Ages 0-6 & siblings

Cost: \$5/Family; Walk-Ins: Additional \$5

The whole family will enjoy the morning full of fun! Bouncy house, face-painting, crafts & known performer, The Bubble Music Man! The Bubble Music Man brings music, games & lots and lots of bubbles!!

@ Bernon Family Branch YMCA, 45 Forge Hill Rd., Franklin



The Boston Jewish Film Festival
SUMMER ENCORE SERIES

Wednesday, July 22, 7:00pm
West Newton Cinema

LITTLE WHITE LIE

Director: Lacey Schwartz



In this documentary, Lacey Schwartz, filmmaker-as-truth-seeker, uses her camera to uncover a deeply buried family secret. Daring to ask questions about her true identity, she pulls back the curtain on matters of race and domestic denial.

For tickets go to www.bjff.org

Tickets: \$12 general admission; \$10 seniors, students, members



While making your summer plans
JFS of Metrowest invites you to...

Save the Date

For our 4th annual Backpack Event!

*Bring a backpack to fill with school supplies and JFS will donate it to
the students in the Metrowest community.*

JOIN US

Wellesley Public Library

Monday, August 24th, 2015

10:00am-12:00pm

OR

Framingham Public Library

Tuesday, August 25th, 2015

10:00pm-12:00pm

Stay tuned in early August for the invitation and registration link!





PARENTING THROUGH A JEWISH LENS is a program that brings expert facilitators together with caring parents to foster greater understanding of their vital role in their children's lives.



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CLASSES ARE FORMING FOR 2015-2016 IN THE FOLLOWING MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITIES:

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Brockton
Brookline
Burlington
Cambridge
Canton
Dedham

Framingham
Jamaica Plain
Needham
Newton
Waltham
Wayland
West Roxbury

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Jewish Heritage Night w/THE LOWELL SPINNERS!



**Sunday, August 23
3:05pm**

The Lowell Spinners invite you to attend our first ever Jewish Heritage Night at LeLacheur Park Sunday, August 23. Join us as the Spinners take on the Staten Island Yankees with special promotions throughout the game.



**Class-A Affiliate of the
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**Contact Seth Distler at sdistler@lowellspinners.com or
(978) 805-5115 for ticket information**
