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Rabbi's Corner — Why Henry Ford is Turning in His Grave

Two days ago the front page of the Wall Street Journal featured a story about Ford Motor Company. It discussed the expected new CEO, Mark Fields.

Predictably, the WSJ is a business publication, the focus of the article was Fields' experience and likely challenges. It did not mention that he is Jewish.

Why does this detail matter?

Henry Ford, the founder of his eponymous company, was one of America's most virulent anti-Semites. He despised Jews, publishing a hateful newspaper and blaming them for America's social and economic problems.

His newspaper even published excerpts of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, a horrific document that first appeared in nineteenth century Russia, then reappeared in Nazi Germany and recently has been republished in parts of the Arab world.

While Ford's immediate successors did not share his hatred, *the company did not have a Jewish officer until 1977*. The company was—and in some circles still is—associated with an awful period in American Jewish history.

Now it will be led by a proudly Jewish chief executive officer.

At the risk of seeming melodramatic, I think we can all see in this decision the best of America. We are a country that strives, as Martin Luther King dreamed, to judge people not on the color of the skin but by the content of their character. To that we can all say *Amen*.

- Rabbi Evan Moffic



Cantor Glikin's Desk — The “Jewish Question” in Ukraine

My family immigrated to the United States from Kiev, Ukraine when I was 13 years old. While today I am far more American than Ukrainian, I have kept close ties to Kiev, visiting my friends and family, including my grandmother and father, every couple of years. My most recent trip was just a couple of weeks ago, in early April to visit my 98-year old grandmother who lives within a mile of Maidan, Kiev's central square and the heart of the civil unrest over the past six months. As could have been expected, this trip turned out to be very different from all of my previous trips. This was not only because I found the center of Kiev looking like a war zone with torn up cobblestones, blackened buildings, and barricades, but more importantly because this trip was filled with unprecedented conversations. I spoke much less and listened a lot more as the typical talk of our personal well-being was replaced by discussions of Ukrainian politics, stories of horrors and scares experienced over the past six months, and fears for what's ahead. And, there were also stories of people coming together, of admirable heroism, of new-found patriotism, and of hope.

My family members in Ukraine are Jewish, as are many of my friends. Whenever I visit, I always inquire whether they are concerned about anti-Semitism. The answer over the past two decades has been a persistent “no,” but this time around I asked the question with more caution since the current unrest has the potential to bring out the worst in people and since the media has been filled with fearful reports concerning anti-Semitism in Ukraine. Nevertheless, as our conversations unfolded it became clear that the general view among Ukrainian Jews is that anti-Semitism is not a concern. Further still, the legacy of historic anti-Semitism in Ukraine is simply not relevant at this juncture in the country's development. In as much as concentrating on issues of anti-Semitism takes attention away from the other issues associated with the crisis in Ukraine, bringing too much attention to the “Jewish Question” might actually be harmful to Ukrainian Jews.

Having followed the events of the past six months very carefully and having just experienced first-hand the mood of the Ukrainians, it is clear that the majority of the Ukrainian population wants to maintain its independence as a sovereign country. They want to have less corruption in their government. They want closer ties to Europe and a chance at a better life. As I was walking through Maidan, near the flowers and candles marking the places where people had been murdered, I saw a handwritten note that said: “Kind people, I thank you for the [brighter] future for my child!”

Since the fall of the corrupt Yanukovich government, Russia's President Vladimir Putin has time and again tried to mischaracterize the opposition movement and Ukraine's current government as “fascist,” “intolerant of minorities,” and “anti-Semitic.” In fact, the very pretext for Putin's unlawful occupation and annexation of Crimea was to “protect the Russian citizens living in Crimea from the fascist Ukrainian regime.” Putin's claims are self-serving and could not be further from the truth. The opposition is not composed of extremists. Rather, the opposition is composed primarily of middle-class, well-educated citizens who stood up on Maidan and continue standing up for their human dignity. Maidan is patriotic – its main aim is to maintain Ukraine's right for self-determination as an independent country. At the center of Maidan, I saw the following quote laid out on the ground with bricks, written in Russian and decorated with a heart and flowers: “Patriotism is the main idea of Maidan. Stop the propaganda. There's no fascism here.”

The most hardcore of the opposition members are not leaving Maidan until after the elections, which are scheduled for May 25 and which most Ukrainians fear may be disrupted by Putin. “We love Russians. We despise Putin” stated one of the oversized fliers dominating the center of Maidan, where the opposition's tents and barricades still remain assembled. Nearby is a flier of a Time Magazine cover featuring the face of Putin (or, as everyone in Ukraine is calling him these days – “Putler”), made to look as Hitler with the latter's foreboding mustache and hairdo.

In response to the claims of rising anti-Semitism, the President of the all-Ukrainian Jewish Congress, Vadim Rabinovich, stated in mid-March that there have been no anti-Semitic acts on Ukrainian territory and that any reports of anti-Semitism are provocations. Kiev's Chief Rabbi Moshe-Reuven Asman noted that not only are the Jews not fleeing Ukraine, but they are volunteering to fight in the Ukrainian army. “Ukraine is currently unified. The threat to Ukraine has united the Ukrainians and the non-Ukrainians.” In response to the anti-Semitic fliers that were passed out during Passover in Donetsk, a town in Eastern Ukraine, the Chief Rabbi of Donetsk Pinchas Vishedsky stated: “the citizens of Donetsk are tolerant people; we live side-by-side with them, practically without conflict. What happened certainly smells of a provocation. It remains an open question as to who is behind this. But, since this is only a provocation, it should garner a respective reaction: namely, to close this topic and to put a period at its end.”

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From Our President

Having recited the Four Questions during April/Adar, I turn readers' attention to the ten questions that follow.

- #1: If you have children, do/did they attend public or private school?
- #2: When was the last time you took public transportation?
- #3: Have you given blood recently? (Your next opportunity is May 4th at Solel. More about that just ahead).
- #4: Do you do volunteer work in your community?
- #5: Do you attend church or synagogue?
- #6: Have you ever served on a jury?
- #7: How many of your neighbors do you know by name?
- #8: When was the last time you checked out a book from the local library?
- #9: When was the last time you went to a free public event or amusement, like a museum or a zoo?
- #10: Do you use primarily private clubs or public parks for your recreation or exercise?

These questions were raised twenty years ago in an essay published in *The Nation* (July 18, 1994). Its inspiration belongs to Amitai Etzioni, author of *The Spirit of Community* (1993), a prolific sociologist who served in the Clinton administration in the president's office of domestic policy.

I have a hunch about this ten-item list. My sense is that our fellow congregants would score highly in answering YES to a goodly number of these ten questions. Our congregation, from its inception fifty-seven years ago, has revealed its proclivity for engagement in the community.

Take the annual blood drive on May 4th, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. A year or so ago the long-time chair of our blood drive committee – Diane Resnick – learned that Congregation Solel ranked at the very top in its level of participation. That – my fellow congregants – should tell you about the distinctiveness of our synagogue. It should make us especially proud that so many of us are inclined to participate in our twice-yearly blood drive.

But, at this point Congregation Solel needs to refresh its

corps of loyal, long-time blood donors. As our senior congregants age, some of them find themselves unable to continue as donors. **Diane Resnick and I encourage younger congregants – especially in their thirties and forties – to step forward on May 4th.**

By the way, the author of the article in *The Nation* – Jamie Stiehm – polled eight prominent Americans who have written extensively on communitarian impulses. You may recognize some of the names: Amatai Etzioni, William Galston, Michael Walzer, Mary Ann Glendon, Jean Bethke Elshtain, Roger Conner, Mickey Kaus, and Benjamin Stein. They were asked to answer the ten questions.

What surprised me then – and now – is that giving blood was a weak point among communitarian-minded Americans. Only two among the eight answered YES!

But I am fortified by the astute observation offered by Michael Walzer, the distinguished political theorist. In his book entitled, *Spheres of Justice* (1983), Professor Walzer claims that blood donors demonstrate their “communal competence.”

By the way, another finding reported in *The Nation* revealed that five of the eight respondents affiliated with a church or synagogue.

Are you inspired by these findings? If so, *please* register to donate blood on May 4th between 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM. Contact our long-time blood drive chairperson – Diane Resnick – via email – to make your appointment at DNRPHD@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday morning.

- Michael Ebner
president@solel.org
(847) 275-7441

**BE A HERO...
SAVE 3 LIVES!**

**JUST 1 PINT MAY
SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!!**

What is the Human Needs Fund, Anyway?

You've heard it mentioned, but have you ever wondered what the Human Needs Fund is all about? Simply put, its mission is to provide a congregational presence in the giving of *tzedaka* and to assist our own members who may be facing a health emergency or financial crisis.

The Fund exists *ONLY* through the generosity of our members; grants do not come out of Solel's operating budget. Perhaps you have noticed a line item for the Human Needs Fund on our annual Membership Renewal form, requesting a voluntary contribution equal to 5% of your dues. And perhaps you have responded with a contribution but had no clue what it would be used for.

Solel's Human Needs Fund supports not-for-profit 501c3 organizations reflecting Reform Jewish values and Solel's tradition of social action, where a relatively modest contribution, typically \$200 to \$1,000, can make a real difference in the lives of people in need, as well as disaster relief in the wider community.

During this fiscal year, we have been able to make grants totaling more than \$15,700! A grant to the Moraine Township Food Pantry in Highland Park enabled the organization to purchase a refrigerator, which allows them to offer fresh produce to their clients in addition to canned goods and other necessities. Other recipients include The Ark, College Bound Opportunities, Community Partners for Affordable Housing, Waukegan to College, Jewish Vocational Service, Career Resource Center, OSRUI (the camp of the Reform Movement), Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, Hands of Peace, Working Bikes and Niles Township Food Pantry.

Additionally, the Fund maintains a balance that is used to assist individual congregants with emergency needs related to medical emergencies or one-time help with their rent or mortgage payments. In some cases we may assist with partial scholarships to OSRUI. Anyone in the congregation in need of assistance is encouraged to speak privately with Rabbi Moffic, Cantor Glikin, or Allan Litwack. Their situation is conveyed to the Committee, but confidentiality is paramount and their identity is never disclosed. These grants are distributed by the Rabbi or the Executive Director. The Fund has already provided assistance to 3 Solel families this year.

In addition to these worthwhile efforts, the Fund also may make modest grants to support the projects of our

b'nei mitzvah students or others in middle school through college. To be considered, students (not their parents!) should apply directly to the Committee.

The Human Needs Fund also is sustained by contributions from congregants marking a special occasion, memorializing a loved one or on the occasion of a *yahrzeit*. It is administered by a dedicated group of members including Phil Kaplan, Chair, Cynthia Plouche, Board Liaison, Susan Altfeld, Holly Lichtman, Jim Rosenbaum, Carol Miller, and Dottie Zoller. Meetings are scheduled every other month. New members are welcome, and the committee welcomes input from congregants about organizations that merit consideration for support.

Please contact any member of the committee for more information.



Tell all your friends about Congregation Solel's Prospective Member Open House coming up on **Thursday, May 29 at 7:30 pm!!**

Share with us the name, email, and phone number of one or more friends and family who would be interested in joining Solel.

We would like to invite these folks so they can see what it is that we are all SO passionate about.

**Solel,
it's not a house,
it's a HOME.**

For each contact you submit by May 29, your name will be entered into a contest to win a Dairy Queen Gift Card.

FAITH JOURNEY:

A MUSICAL
EXPLORATION



Solel's Spring Concert!
Sunday, May 4, 2014 at
4:00 pm

Join Cantor Vicky Glikin,
Solel's Adult Choir,
Kol Zimrah (Chicago Jewish
Community Singers), and other
special guests on this inspirational
musical journey!

*Admission is free of charge
to members of Solel and the broader
community.*



2014 Annual Meeting & Volunteer Appreciation

Join Congregation Solel for a special evening to recognize the efforts of our volunteers and install our new Officers and Directors.

Annual Meeting, Shabbat Dinner & Shabbat Services

Friday, May 16, 2014

5:45 p.m. Annual Meeting

6:45 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

We will honor our volunteers and install our new Officers and Directors during services.

Cost: \$30/adult, \$10/child (10 & under)

Register: online at www.solel.org,
mail check, or phone (847) 433-3555
with credit card.

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The article below appeared in the The Highland Park Landmark, April 10, 2014 edition.

Solel Still Fighting for Social Justice 50 Years

by Alan P. Henry, Staff Writer



Congregation Solel Rabbi Evan Moffic says that now, more than 50 years after the congregation's inception, social justice is still front and center in its mission.
Alan P. Henry/22nd Century Media

Members of Congregation Solel commemorated six decades of social activism and the 1964 construction of a permanent home on Clavey Road during a "rededication weekend" March 21-23.

"Social action has been a part of our identity. It has been a part of the culture of the congregation since the very beginning," said Rabbi Evan Moffic, who has headed the congregation since 2009 and led five well-attended programs that connected Solel's past with its present and future.

In 1954, a group of Jewish families on the North Shore, led by Rabbi Jacob Weinstein, began meeting at each other's homes and in a small office above the Winnetka Post Office to discuss a variety of Jewish issues. The informal group, many of them formerly from Hyde Park, initially regarded itself as the North Shore branch of Congregation KAM. Congregation Solel was founded in 1957, when its members set out on a path of exploration of Judaism through prayer, education and social action.

Since the synagogue's construction in 1964, the chapel was added in 2001 and the new administrative wing in 2010.

Arnold Jacob Wolf served as the first rabbi, from 1957 through 1972, and set the tone right away. Writing in *The Reconstructionist*, Wolf said, "Our members imagined that a different kind of congregation was possible:

one that would seek instead of pretending to have found, one that would experiment with new forms of worship and study and fellowship instead of hypostatizing the tea-table and the congregational budget."

"Wolf made very clear that religion in general, and Judaism in particular, had better have something to say in challenging times, or be reduced to irrelevance," wrote Rabbi Larry Edwards, who grew up at Solel and is the Rabbi in Residence at Congregation Rodfei Zedek in Hyde Park. "It was not just that religion had to stay 'relevant' in order to survive, it was that society needed a strong infusion of ancient wisdom and prophetic passion. We had something to offer."

From its inception, Solel was involved in issues regarding the inner city and civil rights.

In 1966, Solel was the only North Shore synagogue that hosted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Twelve Solelites also traveled to Selma, Alabama to march with King in support of the voting rights movement.

"We more or less ignored the jeers as we marched across the infamous bridge, talking and singing and clapping our hands down the highway and into the history books," said Law Golan, one of those 12.

Solelites also marched on Washington to end the war in Vietnam.

Rabbi Robert Marx, the principal Jewish advisor to King, was Solel's spiritual leader from 1973-1983, and continued to encourage activist congregational initiatives. Among them was support for fair and affordable housing.

"The fair housing issue is one that has always been on the Solel agenda," said former congregation president Gail Goldstein. "Dr. King's appearance dramatically highlighted this need which is, unfortunately, still with us."

In the 1970's and 80's, Solelites took up in earnest the cause of Soviet Jews attempting to emigrate to the United States.

Rabbi Dov Taylor, who was rabbi from 1984-2009, spoke in the rededication program of the importance Solel has placed on learning.

"Judaism is the only religion that elevates learning to the level of a mitzvah — a divine commandment," he wrote. "And Solel has always valued the life of the mind

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and the life of the spirit along with its commitment to social justice and tikkun olam.”

Solel’s past will continue to inform its future, Moffic said.

“The spirit of civil rights that permeated our congregation in the 1960’s is alive and well in this generation, as we help build a society with access to meaningful education for all,” he said.

To that end, Solel is in the second year of a major commitment to Waukegan High School. Under the Envision Scholars program, 18 Solel congregants are currently engaged in one-on-one tutoring with students from the school. The congregation is also raising funds to help students there pay for a college education.

“The program has grown by leaps and bounds,” Moffic said.

Congregants are engaged in numerous other social action programs, as well.

One Sunday a month, a Solel family prepares and serves a meal to families at PADS, a nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter, permanent housing and support services to families with children and individuals who are experiencing homelessness in Lake County. Solel has been committed to PADS for nearly a decade.

Solel, with a congregation of roughly 500 families, holds an annual congregational blood drive in collaboration with the Red Cross.

Mitzvah Day, an annual Solel tradition that has been recently re-instituted, is devoted to study and hands-on activities. Lectures, study sessions, and learning programs are offered, all with the theme of social justice.

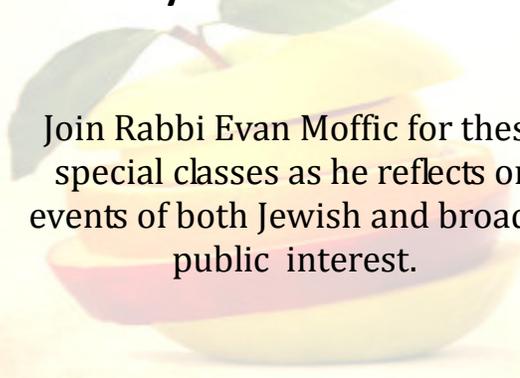
Moffic speaks as well of a strong and longstanding commitment to a welcoming atmosphere. “We are unpretentious. This is not a place where people are going to look at the car you drive. This is a place where everyone feels welcome, whatever your background, whether you grew up with a strong Jewish knowledge or you grew up with very little Judaism, whether you are an interfaith couple or both Jews, whether you are gay or not. This is a place where everyone can feel at home and you can find your own door.”

See more at: <http://www.hplandmark.com/solel-still-fighting-social-justice-50-years-later#sthash.KibhI54D.dpuf>

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Moffic

**Downtown Lunch & Learn
May 14 at noon.**

**Lunch & Learn at Solel
May 13 & 27 at noon.**



Join Rabbi Evan Moffic for these special classes as he reflects on events of both Jewish and broader public interest.

Give the Gift of Life!!!

Solel is sponsoring our Spring blood drive on Sunday, May 4, 2014, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

There is always a need for blood, and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Join your fellow congregants for freshly baked goodies, bagels and cream cheese and shmoozing.

Appointments can be made by contacting Phil Kaplan at philkaplan@sbcglobal.net, (847) 433-2315

or

Diane Resnick at dnrphd@gmail.com, (847) 926-8510.

Solelites Participate in Congregational Development Training

Thanks to the wisdom of its founders, Congregation Solel is doing many of the things identified as indicative of a strong organization. That was one of the things five Solelites learned when they recently joined representatives of other Lake County faith-based congregations for Congregational Development Training offered by Lake County United.

Lake County United, of which Solel is a member, is a non-partisan group of faith-based and secular not-for-profit organizations that research community issues brought to them by members with an eye toward making a positive difference.



Led by Michael Ebner, Solel President, the group included Sharon Stein and Meta Levin, co-chairs of Solel's Just Congregations initiative; Holly Krakow, Solel Vice President of Community and Cynthia Plouche, Solel's Vice President of Social Justice. Conducted by the Industrial Areas Foundation's Regional Director, Mike Gecan, the program took participants through exercises designed to identify the practices that both strengthened and weakened organizations.

Hosted by the Libertyville United Methodist Church, the training was designed for congregational leaders in organizations that were looking to expand their leadership and be more effective in their work.

Green Team News – Nature Walk & Butterfly Garden Taking Flight

The Solel Green Team is happy to announce that the first Solel sponsored nature walk will take place at **7:00 am on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at the Fort Sheridan Grasslands**. There will be lots of birds, birdsong, flowers, and grasses and great views of the lake from the top of the bluff. The walk will be led by experienced and knowledgeable Solel members and others (depending on the size of the turnout) and is planned for about 1 1/2 hours.

Take Sheridan Rd. north from Highwood about a mile to the first traffic light, Old Elm Rd. (on the left) and Simmons Way on the right where you turn into the main entrance to the Town of Fort Sheridan. Go east a short distance to Leonard Wood N. and turn left. You'll still be going east and continue about 1/4 mile to the first place you can turn left (north) to the parking lot. RSVP & questions to Contact Cynthia at cplouche@gmail.com. Be sure to bring binoculars!

In the Bible it says "(God)..loves the stranger providing him food.." (Deut. 10:18). The Monarch butterfly is such a visitor in need. As the Monarch butterfly migrates through our area of the Midwest, development, increased corn planting, and use of pesticides have decreased the butterflies' food supply.

Because of this diminished food supply, the Monarch butterfly faces extinction. The Solel Environmental Committee has recommended planting a large butterfly garden that will attract a variety of butterflies. The garden will include a variety of native wildflowers and will be on the South side of the building. We anticipate planting by June. We hope this garden will benefit the butterfly and our children as they learn about nature, and will be a mitzvah to congregants that contribute to this effort.

Contact Andy Amend at andyamend@me.com or Harold Rafson at hrafson@sbcglobal.com to volunteer or with questions.

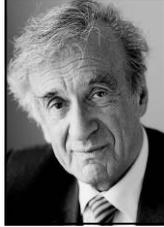


92Y Live ^{((o))} From NYC

Programs broadcast live via satellite

Eli Wiesel
Thursday, May 22, 7:00 pm

Don't miss the opportunity to learn from Elie Wiesel, founder of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity and Nobel Laureate, at 92Y.



Cost: \$10 per person

Payment options: log in to www.solel.org, check by mail or credit card by phone (847) 433-3555.

Program takes place at Congregation Solel



ATTENTION:

Tuesday, May 27, 7:00 pm we will be meeting to discuss the **Israel trip plans in further details. So if you are interested in joining the trip or considering it, please come and feel free to bring any questions you might have! See you there!**

Call the office for more details.

Two brand new Solel publications now are available to congregants -- free of charge -- who stop by the office during regular business hours.

#1: Our much-improved Solel directory for 2014-2016, containing congregants' names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

#2: A wonderful history of Congregation Solel published for the recent Rededication Weekend.

Questions? Call the office at (847) 433-3555 or email soleloffic@solel.org.

Solel's Fine Arts Committee Seeks a Chairperson

Do you have an **artistic inclination?**

Do you **enjoy the temporary exhibits** which grace our synagogue?

Do you want to **collaborate with fellow congregants** in shaping an active presence for the fine arts?

Please contact Allan Litwack,
our
Executive Director, at
allan@solel.org

Martha Minow Keynote Address

Martha Minow, distinguished alumna of the congregation's Religious School and Dean of Harvard Law School, delivered the keynote address on March 24, 2014 for the Rededication Weekend. The editor is grateful to Dean Minow for making her remarks available to The Pathfinder.



My parents disliked religious school. No, I am not being accurate: they hated it. My father, Newton Minow, told me recently, he learned nothing in Hebrew School and learned more about Judaism as the first Jewish member of the Board of Trustees of Notre Dame University than he did in all his years of Hebrew School in a

congregation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It did not help, of course, that he also recalls anti-Semitic name-calling as he and his brother walked to and from the synagogue. My mother wrote about her Sunday school experiences at a synagogue in Chicago:

"I really hated it. I came home and said that I learned the same thing every year but in larger words."

She skipped class and ran out of excuses; she concluded that she should have a note from her mother, so, as she herself explained,

"I faked a note. I wrote, "Dear Miss Kaufman, Please excuse my daughter, Josephine, from Sunday school. Three weeks ago on Sunday she had a sour [sick] throat, and the week after that she didn't come because she woke up in the morning and she was hoarse [sick], and the week after that she didn't come because she was at my mother-in-law's the night before and got up too late. Love and Kisses, Mrs. Baskin."

My mother actually discarded the letter but the housekeeper fished it out of the wastebasket and gave it to her parents, who passed it on to the Chicago Tribune, which, to my mother's embarrassment, shared it with the reading public.

But my parents have always been proud to be Jewish. My mother helped the Chicago History Museum develop its recent exhibit, "Shalom Chicago." My father chaired the board of the Jewish Theological Seminary. They have contributed to the Jewish community and to the larger society. They searched for a community where their children would have better experiences. They found it at Solel.

I am thrilled that they are here with me today and that my sisters Nell and Mary and brother-in-law, David,

have flown in to join these event as well. This is a sign, I think, of why this event is so meaningful to me and to my family and I give them all my love. I give my deep thanks to Michael Ebner and Larry Mason for the invitation, to Ross, Betsy and Scott, Harold and Linda, to Cantor Glikin, to Rabbi Moffic, for his encouragement and friendship, and everyone who helped with arrangements and celebration, rededicating this building and all it represents.

At Solel, my family found and made close family friends. Elaine and Bud Levis, among the founders of the synagogue, were the first adults outside our family to take me and my sisters seriously and treat us like friends, people worthy of opinions, and we loved talking with them and their fabulous sons, Bill and Larry, about politics, poverty, movies, and more, and miss them very much. Dorie and Paul Sternberg and their children became lifelong friends. Ferried in a carpool with the Sternbergs, my sisters and I built our memories, identities, and values at Solel. Dorie schlepped here again today, and I am so grateful for your trip today and many trips before!

Although my sister, Mary, remembers kids making spitballs and learning "sheket bavakasha" as prime lessons from early days at Solel, she also had an excellent experience with Marillyn Tallman, who taught Jewish history from ancient times to the Refuseniks. Mary told me, "memories of my class came raging back to me when [my husband] and I saw the Arch of Titus [in Rome], and saw the victors' side of the equation... artwork showing the Romans carrying off the spoils from the destruction of the temple in 70 C.E." Mrs. Tallman was that rare teacher who taught not just her students but their families, as we all learned from her probing questions, insatiable intellect, and enormous compassion. In 1945 she directed the Hillel Foreign Student Service, a rescue project for young Holocaust survivors in displaced persons camps. As one of the leaders of Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry and indeed of the entire movement that proved so wrong the Soviet leaders who said only a few American suburban housewives called about Soviet Jews. "Do not stand by.

Be a part of your dynamic Jewish history. It will enrich your life. It will help your fellow Jews."

To read the remainder of Martha Minow's keynote address, please go to www.solel.org or feel free to stop by Solel to pick up a copy.

Cantor Glikin

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The members of the Jewish community with whom I interacted while in Kiev have been and continue to be involved in the opposition efforts and support the current transitional Ukrainian government. During the stand-off between the opposition and then-President Victor Yanukovich, all of the members of the opposition working on Maidan were divided into "One Hundreds." One of these was a "Jewish One Hundred," comprised of Jews and non-Jews and led by the members of the Jewish community. The Ukrainian Jewish community was also involved in the provision of supplies to Maidan, including food, medicine, and clothes, as well as the transfer of 10 heavily-wounded Ukrainians (only one of them Jewish) for treatment in Israel. Jews are very well represented in the transitional government of Ukraine. Rabbis and Jewish community leaders have addressed Maidan from the stage located in the square's center. They are also currently involved in the creation of policies meant to ensure that there will be no anti-Semitism in the new government and in modern independent Ukraine.

Given the unpredictable nature of the current situation, the Jewish community is being very vigilant and a Jewish self-defense unit is currently in formation. However, like their Ukrainian counterparts, the members of

the Jewish community are not afraid of their countrymen. In fact, the prevalent view among the Ukrainian Jewish community is that their wellbeing is directly aligned with that of the broader Ukrainian population. Just like the rest of Ukrainian residents, the Jewish community is concerned about provocations staged or sponsored by the Putin government and its agents, which are methodically chipping away at Ukraine's independence. They are concerned about the empty treasury coffers, which have been plundered by years of corruption and the currently dilatory financial assistance from the West. They are threatened by the amassing of Russian troops on Ukraine's Eastern border, Putin's incessant bullying, and the realization that they relinquished their nuclear weapons and ceased investing in the Ukrainian army in exchange for empty promises of security guarantees.

The situation is very serious, indeed, not only for Ukraine and its Jews, but for the broader world as well. Let us pray that the world community will be able to look back at this time in history with pride, knowing that it did everything in its power to protect democracy and to curtail ruthless attempts to attain power, influence, and domination at the cost of others' self-determination.

- Cantor Vicky Glikin



Pictures of the people killed on Maidan displayed in Kiev's central square with flowers and candles honoring their memory.

Mazel Tov to Sasha Cohen on her Bat Mitzvah!



Sasha Cohen, daughter of Stephen and Holly and sister of Dahlia, will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 3, 2014. She is a 7th grader at Edgewood Middle school in Highland Park. Sasha's favorite hobbies are acting, art, and dancing. For her Mitzvah Project, Sasha volunteered for Maot Chitim and built, packed, and delivered care packages to those in need. From her Mitzvah Project, Sasha learned how to help others while working as a team. Sasha's Torah portion is *Emor*, from the Book of *Leviticus*. The most important thing Sasha learned from her Torah portion was that we all are very busy in life, however we need to stop and realize that some time is needed to be spent with family. The most important thing Sasha learned from her experience becoming a Bat Mitzvah was budgeting her time between school and her Torah studies. The greatest challenge she faced in preparing for her ceremony was learning to chant the Torah and Haftorah.

Mazel Tov to Joe Rosenblum on his Bar Mitzvah!



Joe Rosenblum, son of Paul and Jennifer Rosenblum, will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 10, 2014. He is in 7th grade at Edgewood Middle School. Some of Joe's favorite hobbies are reading, biking, and running. For his Mitzvah Project, Joe will be volunteering and raising money for the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation and will hopefully help start an organic garden at Solel to donate produce to soup kitchens. From his Mitzvah Project, Joe learned how sailing can make disabled people feel abled and that trying to pick up where the Gan left off was important. Joe's Torah Portion is *B'har*, from the Book of *Leviticus*. The most important thing Joe learned from his Torah portion was that one has to sacrifice and not be selfish in order to better humanity. The greatest challenge Joe faces in preparing for his ceremony is learning his Haftorah. From this experience Joe learned that with hard work and daily practice, he could accomplish anything.

Mazel Tov to Brendan Weinberg on his Bar Mitzvah!



Brendan Weinberg, son of Brian and Elaine, will become a Bar Mitzvah on May 17, 2014. He is in 7th grade at Edgewood Middle School in Highland Park. Brendan's favorite hobbies are swimming, playing on the computer, and going to the movies. For his Mitzvah Project, Brendan volunteered to swim in a half day fundraising event to support ALS. Brendan's great grandfather passed away from ALS, and Brendan researched this disease in depth. He learned that the money he raised, which was in excess of \$1,000, would help in researching potential cures and treatments for ALS. Brendan's Torah portion is *B'chukotai*, from the Book of *Leviticus*. The most important thing Brendan learned from his Torah portion is that one earns rewards for following the Torah's commandments, while suffering consequences for failing to obey the rules of the Torah. Brendan understands that in life, similarly to the Torah's teachings, he is reaping numerous rewards for being a good, respectful person. The biggest challenge Brendan faced in preparing for his Bar Mitzvah was staying relaxed, and avoiding feeling overwhelmed with secular school homework and Bar Mitzvah preparation simultaneously.

Mazel Tov to Zoe Mason on her Bat Mitzvah!



Zoe, the daughter of Lawrence and Susan Mason, will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 31, 2014. She is in the 7th grade at Shepard Middle School in Deerfield. Her hobbies include ceramics, art, singing, and acting. Zoe's Torah portion is *Naso*, from the Book of *Numbers*. As part of this experience, Zoe learned that it is important to follow through on your commitments. Her Mitzvah Project was donating gently used stuffed animals to Loving Hugs, a charity that brings stuffed animals to children in disaster areas. She is also raising money for the March of Dimes and walking at the March for Babies. The stuffed animals in her centerpieces will be donated to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. From her Mitzvah project Zoe learned about premature babies, children in disaster areas, and how every contribution is important and appreciated. The most important message Zoe learned from this experience is that helping children is very important, and sharing stuffed animals, which have always been important to Zoe, is very fulfilling.

Check Out These Activities at Congregation Solel



Solel Bike Drive

Donate your used bike on **Sunday, May 4th, 9:30 a.m - 1 p.m.** at Congregation Solel's parking lot.

Working Bikes is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit that has redistributed more than **45,000 bicycles** since its inception.

You can donate any-size bikes, parts, and accessories in any condition at this bike drive. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information, contact Phil Kaplan at philkaplan@sbcglobal.net



Shabbat Shalom!

A Service for the Whole Congregation
Friday, May 30



With its high energy and casual atmosphere Shabbat Shalom! is the perfect way for Solelites of all ages to celebrate Shabbat.

5:30 pm - Pizza dinner

6:15 pm - Enjoy a warm and meaningful service led by Cantor Glikin and Rabbi Moffic, with participation by Solel's Youth Choir "Rimonim"

Shabbat. Friendship.
Community. Family. Song.

Pray 'n Play

Saturday, May 10
10:30 am



This isn't your ordinary Tot Shabbat!

Join other families with children 0-5 years of age for a fun, interactive "Gymboree-style" Shabbat program, featuring music, maracas, puppets, & parachutes.

Followed by a complimentary bagel brunch and playtime.

Older siblings are welcome to attend!

Come, sing, play, make friends!!

Led by Cantor Vicky Glikin

Future Dates:

June 7



Pastoral Care at Congregation Solel



Rabbi Moffic, Cantor Glikin, and your Solel community want to support you in times when you or someone close to you is in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing.

Your congregation cares about you! Please help us to know when you are in need of extra care at clergy@solel.org.

Thank You For Your Contributions

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Howard and Judy Friedman, in memory of Arnie Goodman

Education Fund

Sharon Weinberg

Human Needs Fund

Ken and Bobbi Brown, in memory of Herbert Friedman
Sally Maybrook, in memory of Sandra Golden, in honor of Shelley Charles' 90th birthday, and in honor of Shirley Fisher on the occasion of her granddaughter's graduation from law school

Michael and Sharon Stein, in memory of Joan Goldberg

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Harvey and Ellen Cohen, in memory of Abraham Cohen

Carol Greene, in honor of Carol's naming

Nancy Kullman, in honor of Solel's 50th Anniversary Rededication

Suzanne Meldman, in honor of Solel's Anniversary

Marcia Paley, in memory of Jerry, Mae, and Mickey Krupinsky

Tribute Fund

Edward and Jacqueline Bazon, in memory of Bill Samuels

Nancy and Don Borzak, in memory of Bill Samuels

Harold and Linda Chizewer, in memory of Jack and Esther Chizewer and in honor of Andre Leib, wishing him a speedy recovery

Joan and Warren Eagle, in memory of Bill Samuels

Darryl & Michael Ebner, in honor of Solel's Rededication

David Eichengreen, in memory of Lois Eichengreen

Lorry Field, in memory of Bill Samuels

Arnold and Judith Fox, in memory of Sarah Krause

Howard and Lois Hirschfield, in memory of Bill Samuels

Alan and Ursula Jones, in memory of Bill Samuels

Arline and David Kallick, in memory of Esther and Jack Chizewer

Sandy and David Kaminsky, in memory of Irwin Goodman and Tillie Silverstein

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Thomas Krauss, in memory of Richard Hirsch and Alexander Krauss

Elizabeth Lassar, in honor of Solel's Rededication Weekend

Roy and Janet Lipner, in memory of Marilyn Haiman

Jack and Sheila Marks, in memory of Doris Marks and Bill Samuels

Gordon and Toby Newman, in memory of Bill Samuels

Janice Ross and Martin Zabin, in memory of Sanford Ross

Farrell and Nancy Rubenstein, in memory of Bill Samuels

Fran Salpeter, in memory of Bill Samuels

Tribute Fund (continued)

Alice and Donald Schindel, in memory of Leonard and Mina Andrews

Julie and Bob Schlossberg, in memory of Bill Samuels

Cyndy Snyder Holmes, in memory of Don and Noel (Nehama) Snyder

Marlene and Marvin Wein, in memory of Bill Samuels

Richard and Susan Wellek, in memory of Louis Pollack

Sybil and Shelby Yastrow, in memory of Bill Samuels

As of April 24, 2014

Condolences to...

Karen and Eugene Finerman, on the passing of her father, Dr. Monte Jay Meldman

Suzanne Samuels, on the passing of her husband, William Samuels.

Stock Transfers to Congregation Solel

In order to make stock transfers from your accounts to Congregation Solel, the congregation works with First Mesriow Financial, Inc.

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Mesriow Financial, Inc.

847-681-2502 Jennifer Kaufmann

DTC # 0727

Account # 3318-5445

As always, your contributions to Congregation Solel are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. If there are any questions, please call Allan Litwack, Executive Director, at (847) 433-3555, ext 225.

Thank you for your continued support.

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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18 Lag B'Omer 9:45 am Religious School—Last Day	19	20 7:00 am Nature Walk 7:00 pm Jewish War Veterans 7:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal	21	22 7:00 pm 92Y Live with Elie Wiesel	23 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service	24 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan
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Shabbat Services Schedule

Friday, May 2

Shabbat Evening Service.....7:30 pm

Emor, Lev. 21:1-24:23

Saturday, May 3

Torah Study9:15 am

Sasha Cohen Bat Mitzvah.....10:30 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

Friday, May 9

Shabbat Evening Service7:30 pm

B'har, Lev. 25:1-26:2

Saturday, May 10

Torah Study9:15 am

Joseph Rosenblum Bar Mitzvah10:30 am

Pray 'n Play10:30 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

Friday, May 16

Annual Meeting5:00 pm

Shabbat Dinner6:45 pm

Shabbat Service with Adult & Youth Choirs8:00 pm

B'chukotai, Lev. 26:3-27:34

Saturday, May 17

Torah Study9:15 am

Brendan Weinberg Bar Mitzvah10:30 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Friday, May 23

Shabbat Evening Service.....7:30 pm

B'midbar, Num. 1:1-4:20

Saturday, May 24

Torah Study9:15 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

Friday, May 30

Pizza Dinner.....5:30 pm

Shabbat Shalom Service.....6:15 pm

Vayak'heil, Naso, Num. 4:21-7:89

Saturday, May 31

Torah Study9:15 am

Zoe Mason Bat Mitzvah10:30 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

Updating Your Solel Calendar with Future Events in 2014

May 4, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm: Blood Drive

May 4, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm: Bike Drive

May 4 at 4:00 pm: Spring Concert

May 22 at 7:00 pm: 92Y Live with Elie Wiesel

Want to inquire more deeply into a passage after the Shabbat service? Find the weekly parashot and commentaries at these links:

Weekly D'var: <http://urj.org/learning/torah/>

or

<http://www.reformjudaism.org/>



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